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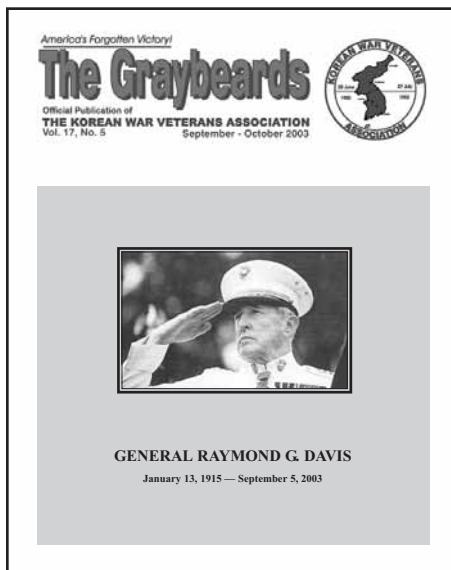
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On the cover...



Gen. Raymond G. Davis

Our hero and friend passed away, now he can tell his men that were killed at the Chosin that they did not die in vain.

Raymond G. Davis, who was the most decorated American soldier until his recent death, was born in Fitzgerald in 1915. He joined the Marines in 1938 upon his graduation from Georgia Tech and earned his first medals for valor as a Marine officer in the Pacific in World War II.

Just a few years later, he was awarded the Medal of Honor after leading the rescue of a Marine rifle company stranded in a freezing mountain pass in North Korea -- it was at least 40 below zero -- and surrounded by thousands of Chinese regulars. After fighting in Vietnam as well, Davis retired as a general and now lives with his wife near Conyers.

In addition to the nation's highest military honor, he also held the Navy Cross, two Distinguished Service Medals, two Silver Stars, two Legion of Merit awards, a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, five Presidential Unit Citations and three Naval Unit Citations.

Davis was a member of the Atlanta chapter of Korean War Veterans, which is known as the Gen. Raymond G. Davis Chapter.

Marine unit overcame cold, enemy

By the time the war broke out, Davis was a Lieutenant Colonel, training Marine

reservists in Chicago. He got orders to go to Camp Pendleton, Calif, and help create the 7th Regiment of the First Marine Division. He was to command the First Battalion -- "the First of the Seventh" -- as soon as he could find the roughly 800 men needed to form it. He remembers arriving on the West Coast from Chicago.

Davis personal recollections of the Korean war:

I was met there by the soon-to-be regimental commander, who said, "You've got five days to form a new battalion and get it on a ship and go to war."

Five days.

So the second day, when the trucks came in with my supplies, we commandeered the trucks and went around Camp Pendleton. And got 800 volunteers in four hours. The reservists had been shipped there and dumped off, as I say, no mama and no papa. So when somebody drove by and said, "Hey! You want to join a battalion?" they all jumped on the truck.

On the fifth day, we got on the ship.

It was 22 days from the time Davis left Chicago to the day his new battalion went into combat. The unit spent a short while patrolling north of Seoul and then was ordered to board ships and travel up the east coast of Korea to the northern port of Wonsan. Back in Washington, meanwhile, Gen. Douglas MacArthur was assuring President Truman that the Chinese army hadn't crossed the Yalu River into North Korea and was not joining the fight. But Ray Davis and his battalion found the reality to be somewhat different. They had marched 140 miles inside North Korea and found themselves fighting a Chinese regiment.

I had 600 dead ones [Chinese] and a hundred in the cage. McArthur's staff came over and interviewed them and dismissed it as an isolated incident. But everywhere I went, in my Jeep with my interpreter, the people were talking about Chinese, they'd seen Chinese.

They started coming across in October, and it was November before the onslaught came. They just surrounded us. The First Marine Division was outnumbered something like 10 to 1. We were split -- the divi-

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President's Message



Harley Coon
President, KWVA

Reunion 2003

The KWVA had the best reunion that we have ever had. On the 22 July my wife Sylvia and I boarded a plane to Philadelphia via Detroit, MI., due to bad weather we sat on a plane for 5 hours before taking off. We landed in Philly 5 hours late. My granddaughter had waited for hours to drive us to the Doubletree Hotel in VA.

The raffle (ran by Thomas Gregory and Howard Camp) made it possible to give the KWVA members affordable events. There were over 750 registered and the banquet had 660 in attendance. This did not happen by chance. It took many hours of meetings and planning.

On the 24th of July, 10 Korean War Veterans were presented the Korean Medal at the Rayburn Congress building in Washington, D C.

On the 25th of July we had the Executive Council meeting in the morning and the membership in the afternoon. I had to attend a very important meeting at the Department of Veterans Affairs. 1st Vice President, Jack Edwards, conducted the Executive Council Meeting.

The information from the DVA "(If you are registered with the Veterans Administration, you can go to your private doctor get a prescription and take it to VA and the VA will fill it.) You should check with your local VA for the procedure to follow.

On the 25th of July we had the Executive Council meeting in the morning. (We had short meetings because we were there to remember and honor our Korean War Veterans).

We had the General Membership meeting on the afternoon of July 25th. DOD Secretary, Jerry Jennings, gave a great report on POW/MIA issue.

After the DOD report the Korean

Dance team awarded over 350 medals to the Korean War Veterans.

The Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting and General Membership meeting along with the winners of the raffle will appear in this issue of the Graybeards.

On the 26 of July Wreath laying by Vice President Chaney took place at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Later in the day the reunion people were bussed to the MCI Center for a tribute to the Korean War Vets.

I was unable to attend these two events because I had a speaking engagement in Camden, New Jersey. There were over 5000 people in the stands of Campbell's Field for Camden County's ceremony presenting more than 1,500 Korean War Service Medals to Korean War Veterans. I was presented the first Korean War Postage stamp (framed and enlarged) by Joanna B. Korker, District Manager, South Jersey District, United States Postal Service. It was a great honor to accept this on behalf of the Korean War Veterans. After the ceremony Sylvia and I flew back to Washington D.C. for the remainder of the reunion.

On July 27th a program was held honoring all Korean War Veterans. There also was a ceremony introducing the Korean War postage stamp. The photographer (Lt. Col. John Alli, USMCR) was who was responsible for the picture on the postage stamp was



Sylvia and Harley Coon with Molly Snyder Gold Star Mother (center). Molly received a medallion at KWVA reunion. She is 94 years old.

introduced to the audience.

Twenty-one wreaths were placed at the Korean War Memorial honoring those that didn't return.

We had over 640 people at the banquet. General Ray Davis (MOH, USMC retired) presented Mrs. Mollie Snyder a medallion from Korea. Mrs. Snyder's son was killed at the Chosin Reservoir in early December in 1950.

I would like to thank Warren Weidhahn for the fine job of M.C. at our banquet. I can not say enough for Don Byers and his staff for the hospitality room. A special Thanks to all reunion committee members. I cannot forget the Armed Forces Reunion for the orderly reunion.

On the 28 of July Ed and Mary Fenton gave Sylvia and I a ride to Valley Forge, PA where the Korean Ex Prisoners of War were having their reunion. That was great seeing a lot of the guys I was in Camp with. Ray Unger (President of Korean Ex POW Association) did a great job of putting together a fine reunion.

Promoting KWVA National

After returning home I was invited to Kansas City, Mo. for the dedication of ground for a future Korean War Memorial.

September 11-14, I will be in Rock Island Arsenal, in Illinois for the Quad Cities Korean War Commemoration.

On September 20th, I will be the Keynote speaker in Columbus, Ohio at the re-dedication of the State of Ohio Veterans Memorial.

The month of November will be busy. November 7, 8, 9th, I will represent the KWVA in Charlotte, North Carolina for the Carolinas' Citizens Freedom Foundation.

November 11, 2003 I will be in Washington D. C. honoring all Veterans.

In between time Sylvia and I will be moving into our new Patio home.

Till next time I remain,

Harley

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KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOC., INC. STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES-CASH BASIS

As of 6 Months Ended June 30, 2003

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
CASH IN BANKBANK ONECKNG	\$ 9,582.54
CASHBANK ONESAVINGS	47,318.71
BANK ONE SVGS-1578460451	<u>605,830.18</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>662,731.43</u>
FIXED ASSETS	
COMMEMORATIVE ASSETS	3,000.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	1,907.00
LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	<u>(839.08)</u>
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>4,067.92</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 666,799.35

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
FUND BALANCES	
GENERAL FUND	514,835.13
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	94,139.60
CURRENT EARNINGS	<u>57,824.62</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>666,799.35</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$666,799.35

NOMINATORY ELECTIONS	0.00	16.17
CONTRACT LABOR	200.00	450.00
RENT	1,004.00	1,004.00
UTILITIES	140.51	682.26
DEPRECIATION	0.00	839.08
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	133.00	544.58
POSTAGE	336.37	776.14
REUNION	39,695.44	39,695.44
PRESIDENT TRAVEL FUND	1,646.33	3,510.30
SPECIAL DONATION	1,154.14	2,079.26
CHAPTER EXPENSE	2,670.89	5,221.17
MEMBERSHIP	6,028.64	20,541.71
GOODWILL #1 *	360.00	560.00
GOODWILL #2 *	0.00	1,000.00
GOODWILL #3 *	10,000.00	10,000.00
GOODWILL #4 *	280.80	280.80
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	106,161.34	176,156.02
REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	\$ (22,527.65)	\$57,824.62

*GOODWILL #1 - FLAG PINS, NAME TAGS, ETC.
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - CASH BASIS For the 6 Months Ended June 30, 2003

	3 Months Ended June 30, 2003	6 Months Ended June 30, 2003
INCOME		
MEMBERSHIP	\$55,445.00	\$152,143.08
DONATIONS - GRAYBEARDS	5,957.35	8,897.24
INTEREST	3,343.89	7,046.92
ADVERTISING	860.40	3,505.40
SPECIAL DONATION	<u>18,027.05</u>	<u>62,388.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	83,633.69	233,980.64
OPERATING EXPENSES		
TELEPHONE	1,235.16	1,906.46
OFFICE SUPPLIES	275.48	710.47
INSURANCE	0.00	14,174.00
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0.00	895.17
GRAYBEARDS	41,000.58	67,313.77
ACCOUNTING FEES	0.00	500.00
VA/VS REP	0.00	724.00
MEETING EXPENSE	0.00	130.07
REUNION	0.00	2,601.17

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Seventh Place

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By Charles F. Cole

KWVA National Liaison

Ten of the 212 young people who applied for college and university scholarships in the Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation's (KWVEGC) 2003 competition were selected to receive \$1000 awards toward tuition and fee expenses during the 2003-2004 school year. The awardees are:

Robert Callan, Point Pleasant, NJ; Lindsey Hanson, Crofton, MD; Benjamin Jager, Edgewood, KY; Stephanie Johnson, Elk Grove, CA; Sarah Mathis, Denton, TX; Nichole Rigby, Woodstock, IL; Tess Schrader, Colorado Springs, CO; Kallie Stewart, Gwinn, MI; Alena Vanderwerf, Overland Pk, KS; Kristen West, Bayton, TX.

Reviewers of the applications, all of whom are retired university faculty members who served in the U. S. Armed Forces during the Korean War era, reported that they were highly impressed by the strong academic and personal qualities of not only the winners, but most of the applicants. Successful applicants, and many others for whom funds were

not available, provided compelling evidence of the highest levels of academic and personal achievement to date and great potential for the future, as shown by transcripts, letters of recommendation, and personal responses to a series of detailed questions. Particularly impressive were a number of the essays on "how you would you tell America about the Korean War veteran", including many very moving personal recollections of interactions with their veteran grandfathers.

Eligibility for these scholarships is limited to the lineal and adopted descendants of individuals who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the Korean War or who have subsequently served in our Armed Forces in South Korea. For information about next year's competition for KWVEGC scholarships, and also for information about how individuals and groups might help support the scholarship fund, contact: Charles F. Cole, President, WWVEGC, 1040 Woodman Dr., Worthington, OH 43085. (email: ccole2@columbus.rr.com).

■ Northeast KWVA Chapter #59 of New York reports that a grandson of a member got a scholarship

Tyler Travis to Study at Towson University

STILLWATER—Tyler Ian Travis, son of Jane and Gibby Travis of Railroad Avenue in Stillwater, recently graduated from Stillwater Central School, a member of the Class of 2003. He is the grandson of Art and Betty Patterson, and Rose Travis and the late Gibby Travis.

Tyler was very active in sports during school, a member of the Basketball, Golf, and Baseball teams. He played Varsity Baseball for four years and was named Most Valuable Player twice. He was named to the Baseball Area Dream Team, and was the 2003 Wasaren League Baseball MVP.

Tyler worked on the Yearbook, specifically on graphics, was a Stillwater Community Center volunteer, and a T-Ball Field Representative. He achieved the highest average in Studio Art. Tyler will be attending Towson University where he will major in Graphic Design, while playing Division I Baseball.



Tyler Travis and
Grandfather Art Patterson.

(Art, I live within blocks of Towson University. I would like very much to meet your grandson and also watch him play baseball. Have him call me at 410-828-8978 (local call) Just maybe we can spend a little time together and have lunch at a local restaurant.

Tell him he can bring one of his friends. (male or female). My wife and I would enjoy being with him and his friend.. Maybe we can also give him 2 Oriole Baseball tickets if he is interested. They are great seats.—Editor Krepps.)

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Ralph C. Morgan - 8th Cav. 1950
(By Al Storm)
Richard W. Krepps - 2nd Inf. Div.
(By Vincent A. Krepps)

GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

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Book Review



Follow Me Up Fools Mountain

By Dudley C. Gould

An authentic and realistic portrayal of frontline combat

Follow Me Up Fools Mountain is a rifle platoon leader's dramatic story about the fighting in Korea over fifty years ago. But in a way, it's not about Korea at all; Follow Me Up Fools Mountain could be a platoon leader's experiences in any twentieth century war.

The grunts or dogfaces on the ground in any military action are the guys who walk, run, sprint, crouch, and crawl to take ground from the enemy and then hold it. Tank crews ride to their death, but dogfaces trudge along to their death or to face death the next day. Or the next.

Follow Me Up Fools Mountain is about fighting, about leading men, Mexican-Americans, Jews, college boys, draftees, Regular Army, Army Reservists, Italian Americans, some as young as sixteen years old, about screaming and yelling encouragement, about Chinks and gooks, about as many ways to die as Baskin-Robbins has flavors.

It's also about respect for the men on the front lines, who band together to capture Hill 1179, Fools Mountain, and hold it. It's about being overrun and playing dead, about rear-echelon screw ups, about cracking up, shaping up and throwing up. It's about Dudley C. Gould, rifle platoon leader in Korea.

The Author

Gould was a lance corporal in the Royal Canadian Infantry until after Pearl Harbor, then transferred to the American Army Air Corps where, as a tail gunner, he flew with a B-26 Bomb Group in Europe. Later he transferred to the infantry in France, commissioned a rifle platoon leader in the Yankee Division of the U.S. Third Army: Recalled to active duty in 1951, Gould spent most of that year in combat as a rifle platoon leader in the Second Infantry Division.

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- Invocation by National Chaplain Camp Irvin Sharp at 8:00 am.
- Pledge of allegiance by 1st Vice President Jack Edwards.

• Roll call was taken. Present were President. Harley J. Coon, 1st Vice. Pres. Jack Edwards, 2nd Vice. Pres. Kenneth Cook and Directors, Larry McKinniss, Joseph Pirrello, Don Byers, John (Jack) Delap, Jerry Lake, Michael Mahoney, James F. Jones Jr., William F. Mac Swain, Dorothy (Dot) Schilling, Warren Weidhahn. Absent: Director Richard Adams.

• Meeting

In the absence of President Coon (who was invited to a meeting with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi) 1st Vice Pres. Jack Edwards chaired the Executive council business meeting.

Secretary Howard W. Camp presented to the Council the minutes recorded at Branson Mo. in October of 2002. *The minutes were approved as read* by Director Jones and seconded by Director Kenneth Cook. **Motion passed**

Treasurer's report was presented by Thomas Gregory. Total cash assets on hand as of June 30 2003 is \$662,731.43. Fixed assets on hand is \$4,067.92 for a total of \$666,799.35. *A motion by Director Jerry Lake to accept the Treasurers report and seconded by Director Dot Schilling.*

Motion passed.

Charles (Pete) Coles spoke on the Educational Program concerning the scholarships that his organization issues each year. He has a group of educators who evaluates those who have ask for assistance. They are presenting ten scholarships this year at \$1000 per scholarship. Next year will be their last year for this program.

Thomas Gregory presented to the Executive Council fifteen additional names for our organization to consider giving scholarship monies to. The Executive Council approved the awarding of \$1000 each. The one main requirement to be met is: they must be a descendent of a Korean War Veteran.

Secretary Howard W. Camp presented a request from Central Indiana Chapter

#259 asking permission from the Board to strike a medal and make a certificate for presentations that their chapter makes to the local ROTC. *A motion by Director Jack Delap and seconded by Director Jerry Lake to approved this request.*

Motion passed

Introductions of past National Officers were made. Present were past Treasurer James Martin and past Directors Bob Morga and Jerry Bey.

By-Laws Committee Director James F Jones Jr. presented the proposed By-Law changes made in Branson Mo. and were voted upon along with the slate of officers. These are (They were approved and read in the General Membership Meeting) (1) Article III Section VII Paragraph J: "The By-Laws Committee be included as member of the Standing Committee appointed by the President.) (2) Article IV Section 6 (Quorum) Instead of 100 needed now for a General Meeting, by a majority vote of the membership in the ballot voting this was changed to the number of 75

There were two new requests for changes to the By-Laws. These are as follows: (1) Article V Section 3. "Changing of the name of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President to "Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander. This change is asked for in the Departments of the States and likewise for the Chapters. The recommendation from the By-Laws Committee is (and this will voted upon by the membership after publication in *The Graybeards*) that quote: After their election to office be either department or local chapter, their title can be changed to the above mentioned with the approval of the department or chapters during their time in office." *Director Don Byers made the motion to accept the recommendation and seconded by Director Jerry Lake. Motion passed 10-1.*

(2) Article V Section 6. "Terms of office" It was decided not to recommend changing the terms from one year to two years in both the departments and chapters. *A motion not to change the terms office was made by Director Larry McKinniss and seconded by Director Kenneth Cook. Motion passed 10-1*

The meeting was recessed at 9:15 am

for coffee and restroom breaks. The meeting was reconvened at 9:38 am.

Resolutions Chairman Don Byers presented two resolutions. (1) A resolution from Richard Alexander of New Jersey that Nick Pappas not be reinstated to the organization until he reimburses the organization for the \$2,000? Phone bill he has after leaving office. Director Schilling stated that at Mobile AL in 1999 Executive meeting that this matter was settled. *Director Larry McKinniss made a motion to reject this resolution. Seconded by Kenneth Cook. Motion passed 10-0.*

Director Larry McKinniss made a motion to table the issues concerning Nick Pappas and seconded by Director William Mac Swain. Motion passed 8-0

(2) A resolution from the Department of Florida calling for the resignation of Harley Coon. *A motion by Director Michael Mahoney and seconded by Director James F. Jones Jr. to reject this resolution. Motion passed 8-2*

Director William Mac Swain made a motion to donate \$88,000 to the Korean War Veteran's Museum and Library.

No second was made.

Director Dot Schilling made a motion to table said motion until next Executive Board Meeting in October. Seconded by Director Joseph Pirrello.

Motion passed 9-1

Director William Mac Swain made a motion to establish a Standard Procedure Manual.

No second was made as there is a manual now existing from 1994.

Director William Mac Swain made a motion to review all the By-Laws and correct and strengthen their wording.

No second was made. This was to be referred to the By-Laws Committee.

Director Warren Wiedhahn spoke on the revisiting programs. Explaining the requirements and procedures to go through. Membership Chairman Jack Edwards spoke on the membership IE: numbers. Chapters, new chapters being formed. A new chapter was formed in Brewster and another in Alaska.

A motion by Director Larry McKinniss to accept the report by Vince Krepps on the update on The Graybeards. Seconded

by Director Kenneth Cook. **Motion passed.**

Editor Vince Krepps announced that he is stepping down as editor of *The Graybeards* in 2004.

Treasurer Thomas Gregory announce

the opening of a satellite office in DC beginning January 1, 2004.

Next meeting will take place in either October or November. (Date and place will be announced

A motion to adjourn by Director Larry

MacKinniss and seconded by Director Jerry Lake. Motion passed

Any corrections to these minutes can be made at the next meeting.

Sincerely,

Howard W. Camp - Secretary

Korean War Veterans Association — General Membership Meeting in Arlington, VA July 25, 2003

- President Harley J. Coon called the meeting to order at 12:30 P.M.

- National Chaplain Erwin Sharp led in prayer.

- Roll call was taken by Sec. Howard W. Camp.

- Present were Pres. Harley J. Coon, 1st Vice Pres. Jack Edwards, 2nd Vice Pres. Kenneth Cook, Directors: Larry McKinniss, Joseph Pirrello, Don Byers, John (Jack) Delap, Jerry Lake, Michael Mahoney, James F. Jones Jr., William Mac Swain, Dorothy Schilling and Warren Wiedhahn. Director Richard Adams was absent.

- Head count of those present recorded 197. Quorum need was met.

There were no prior minutes read by the Secretary for a lack of a quorum at the General Membership meeting held at Branson MO in October 2002.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Thomas Gregory. Total cash assets on hand as of June 30 2003 is \$662,731.43. Fixed assets (1 M-1 Rifle and 2 45's pistols) on hand is \$4,067.92 for a total of \$666,799.35. *Joe Getz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Jim Martin seconded. Motion passed.*

Dir. Michael Mahoney VAVS Chairman gave a report. KWVA volunteers have donated for the year 2002 a total of 54,873 hours. The IRS figures this at \$16.01 per hour of time. This comes to a total in monies of \$878,516.73. Donations of magazines, clothes, games and other related items is \$136,951.87. Cash for VA programs, awards and other like items is \$98,784.54. Total value to the VAVS system from our organization is \$1,114,253.14. Great job. The Navy would say "Well done people."

Dir. James F. Jones By-Laws Chairman reported on the (2) changes to the By-Laws IE: (1) Article III Section 6 Paragraph J. "The By-Laws Committee be included as a member of the Standing Committees appointed by the President. (2) Article IV Section 6 on number needed for a quorum for a general meeting was changed from 100 to 75. Both

of these were approved on the ballot bearing the names of those running for election.

There were (2) new requests for changes to the By-Laws. Under Article V Section 3. This section refers to the names of the officers IE: President and etc. A request to change the names to Commander and etc. This change is being asked for the departments and chapters. The recommendations from the By-Laws Committee is (and this will be voted upon by the general membership after being published in *The Graybeards Magazine*.) Quote "After their election to their respective offices be either department or chapter their title name can be changed with the approval of the departments or chapters during their time in office." *Dir. Don Byers made a motion to accept the recommendation and seconded by Dir. Jerry Lake. Motion passed 10-1.*

The second request was on Article V Section 6, length of "Term in Office" IE: "From one year to two years." The By-Laws Committee decided not to recommend this change. *A motion to accept the recommendation was by Dir. Larry McKinniss and seconded by 2nd Vice Pres. Kenneth Cook. Motion passed 10-1.*

Elections Committee Chairman 2nd Vice Pres. Kenneth Cook presented the results from the ballots cast for the election of (4) new Directors. Results are as follows: James E. Ferris 1103 - Joseph Pirrello 1070 - Charles R. Wells 978 - Thomas Nuzzo 957 - Larry McKinniss 928 - Stanley J. Grogan 868 and Paul W. Sutphin 848. Messrs Ferris, Pirrello, Wells, and Nuzzo are the four new directors. Their terms run from 2003 -2006

A motion to destroy the ballots by T. Dale Snyder and seconded by Larry McKinniss. Motion passed.

A up to date active membership mailing list shows 16,306. Life members (active) 6,845. Regular members 7,464. Medal of Honor 25, Gold Star 46, Complimentary 25 for a total of 96. Associates/Auxiliary 312. POW's who pay for *Graybeards* subscription

fee is 211.

Vince Krepps (Editor of our magazine *The Graybeards*) announced to the general membership that next year in July 2004 is his final year as the Editor. Vince gave a good report on the *Graybeards*.

Vince, my man you have done a most excellent job. I know, as have many other that your performance as Editor has been tremendous. "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Deputy Secretary of Defense DPMO/MIA/POW Jerry D. Jennings presented a up date on the Department's work in securing the remains of our fallen comrades that are still listed as Missing in Action. He spoke of the ongoing work that lies ahead. I think the most memorable statement he said was Quote "We will not waiver, tire, falter, fail until our missing veterans are accounted for." Likewise Congress had also given their total support for this work.

General Raymond Davis USMC Ret. MOH spoke unto the members. Let us keep General Davis in our payers. As some may not know his health has not been the best these past few months. Likewise for the General's lady Mrs. Davis, She is a grand Lady. God bless them both.

(Editors note: As most of you may know by now Gen. Davis passed away in September well after these minutes were taken and written. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.)

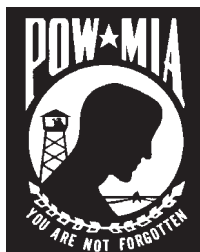
The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm by President Harley J. Coon.

A program beginning at 2:45 by the Korean Group known as Parents and Children organization. They presented to all Koreans veterans present, a beautiful medalion and certificate in appreciation for their service given to South Korea.

Any corrections or additions to these minutes can be made at the next general membership meeting.

Respectfully,

Howard W. Camp, Secretary



Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update

KOREAN WAR/COLD
WAR DOCUMENT
FAMILY RESEARCH

Sep 24, 2003

Remains of U.S. Servicemen Recovered in North Korea

Remains believed to be those of four American soldiers missing in action from the Korean War have been recovered by two teams of U.S. specialists.

A joint team operating near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea recovered two sets of remains believed to be those of U.S. Army soldiers from the 7th Infantry Division who fought against Chinese forces from November-December 1950. Approximately 1,000 Americans are estimated to have been lost in battles of the Chosin campaign.

Additionally, a second team recovered two sets of remains in Unsan County, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang. This area was the site of battles between communist forces and the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry and 25th Infantry Divisions in November 1950.

The Defense Department's Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office negotiated terms with the North Koreans in July, which led to the scheduling of two, month-long operations this year. As a matter of policy, these recovery talks deal exclusively with the issue of recovering the remains of missing Americans. POW/MIA accounting is a separate, stand-alone humanitarian matter, not tied to any other issue. The second operation will end on October 28, 2003 when these remains and others will be repatriated.

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

Since 1996, 26 individual joint operations have been conducted in North Korea,

during which 182 sets of remains believed to be those of U.S. soldiers have been recovered. Of the 88,000 U.S. servicemembers missing in action from all conflicts, more than 8,100 are from the Korean War

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

Oct 18Jacksonville, FL
Nov 22Phoenix, AZ

Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office Web Site
www.dtic.mil.dpmo



D.C. Affairs

By Blair Cross

To Fellow Korean War Veterans:

It is with a great deal of sadness that I was unable to attend the reunion in Washington for our 50th Anniversary of the truce signing. I am also disappointed that I was unable to make the trip to Korea to represent the KWVA. My hospital stays have been more frequent and I just can't do all the things I want to do or should do.

As you must know my work on the Charter issue is by phone and e-mail and as long as I can continue doing that I will.

The disappointing part about the Charter now is that I do not have the support from my fellow Korean War Veterans.

The disappointing part about the Charter now is that I do not have the support from my fellow Korean War Veterans. It has now been five years that I started working on the Charter and

telling all of you that the only way we have a shot at it is to have 219 co-sponsors on the Bill. As it now stands we have 104. I sent out a message regarding how many Chapters in a State, how many representatives each State had and the number of co-sponsors each State had. As of this writing only Florida and California have responded to that message. Gentlemen, I have told you over and over, you have to get the co-sponsors – I can't do it for you. The feeling and constant urging must come from a constituent.

Let me close by saying how much I have enjoyed working for the organization and getting to know so many good people. I have really looked forward to the traveling to many nice places to represent the organization and the 50th Anniversary events. My appointment by the Veterans of Foreign Wars to represent the State of Maryland in the Commemoration period played a big part in where I was able to go and some of the things I was able to participate in. It has been a great time.

Gentlemen let's go to work and get the co-sponsors we need and make us all proud.

Yours in Comradeship,

Blair

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

THIS ONE IS FOR JOHNNY

I recently received a letter from one of our Korean War T6 pilots who flew in and out of the valleys looking for targets to make sure the enemy never found peace on the ground wherever he could find a hole to hide in. This gent I may add always has something comical to say of his tour in that far of land of years ago.

After reading his letter I had to sit down to write this one for him as he felt left out as were the others he states of having any recognition to the assignment and the war effort. But, I have to tell Johnny that he has been reading the wrong magazines. He has not read the *Graybeards* and the stories contributed by so many from the war in Korea.

The take off after WWII placed most of these pilots into reserve status, most getting caught up in National Guard units. When the Korean War broke out they were back in the cockpit with recall. To get involved with a trainer aircraft in a war situation seemed out of proportion. This trainer with only smoke rockets for armament turned out to be the “work horse” against an enemy who at first may have wondered what the hell force would put such a puny aircraft against them. The sounds and sight of this “bird” became a nuisance to the enemy and a happy sight to see by friendly forces. Both knew an end of evil was to happen and maybe someone on the enemy side was to be short some toe nails.

Some days dual missions were the task of the day. Tired as they would be all knew that a job must be done. The back seat housed an Observer. He could be from any service and nation that was involved in the fiasco during the war. They were a volunteering force from the front lines who knowing the footing on the ground who else would have a better eye above. Some at times were experienced to the flying and brought in the aircraft themselves if the pilot was not able to.

The mission of this aircraft continued even after the war until one by one the two units were disbanded with the 6148th the last to go in 1956. The eyes no longer were vigil and the T6 went on its way to Republic of Korea forces or into Japan as trainers. The spirit carries on with the

A tribute to the boys of the 6148th Tactical Control Squadron and the sister squadron the 6149th. Both fell under control of the 6147th Tactical Control Group and from its start back in the early '50s got to be known as the Mosquitoes.

T-6 Texan (Mosquito FAC)



- Top Speed: 210 mph
- Engine: P&W R-1340, 600 hp
- Cruise: 145 mph
- Range: 770 mi
- Ceiling: 23,200 ft
- Weight: 5617 lbs loaded

The T 6 Texan was an advanced training aircraft that became one of the most widely used planes in history. It evolved from the BC-1 basic combat trainer of the late 1930s. More than 10,000 Texans (then designated AT 6s) were used to train Army Air Forces pilots during World War II. Others went to the U.S. Navy and more than 30 Allied nations, including Canada, where they were used to train Battle of Britain pilots. T -6s were introduced in the Korean War to meet the urgent need for a Forward Air Controller aircraft. They flew “mosquito” missions, spotting enemy troops and guns and marking them with smoke rockets for attack by fighter-bombers.

The U.S. Air Force in Korea Air Force History and Museums Program

rebirth of restoration for one TA 216 as she now places proudly in the US Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson AFB, OH. Here to say I am the “Puny Bird” who withheld all that was thrown at her during her missions to be an example to all the still existing T6 s that we were the workhorses of a not forgotten war.

As the ranks thin down to a few we must also recognize the troops like Johnny who came out of the flying squadrons mentioned to perform an additional function as a Forward Air Controller on the ground at the front for a period of time. His flying in the area he served, like the Observer, was an asset up at the outpost aiding the war with the T6 in the area above and the fighters directed to their targets. He not only met the flak in the air but the incoming on the ground.

To those that lost their lives, and perhaps we may hope the MIAs still alive somewhere, we are proud to have been associated to fight for the freedom which seems sometimes still in jeopardy. Some continued into the faster aircraft of the future and met their fate in Vietnam. To them, and the survivors of today like Johnny, we must tip our hats and say, “WELL DONE” we have been proud to call you the Mosquito Pilot.

In closing, I as locator for the Mosquito Association have lived the lives of those that I have found. The people I search for and find have not known of our existence for many years. Stories that they have to tell tie into with so many of their buddies that have now gone to the beyond. I sometimes feel the sadness that I too will go with all these stories in my head and feel the rush to document on paper the past of the best bunch of people that served in a far off land for FREEDOM.

As for Johnny, I hope that he finds relief in reading this that he was never forgotten with his performances in the Korean War years ago.

Richard L. Souza
79 Bradstreet Ave.
Lowell, MA 01851-4120

By Richard L. Souza

An Exhibit The 50th Anniversary of the Korean War 1950-1953 Delaware State

Visitor Center, Dover, Delaware - An exhibit to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the July 27, 1953 signing of the Armistice opens at the main gallery at the Visitor Center in Dover on September 29, 2003 and runs through July 31, 2004.

The exhibit is a joint effort with veterans and military organizations and will provide an overview of first hand accounts of the war through artifacts, letters, oral histories, uniforms and photographs loaned by Korean War veterans. Early color photographs taken of the Korean countryside in the early phase of the war by veterans will be showcased in the south gallery. The exhibit will include a timeline of the major battles of the war, explanation of foxhole combats, MASH units, winter fighting conditions and the role of women and African Americans in the war.

The Delaware State Museum Visitor Center is located at 406 Federal Street, Dover, Delaware. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Group tour reservations are required. Call (302) 739-4266 for information or check our website at www.destatemuseums.org

N.Z. Korea Veterans' Association Reunion

On behalf of my committee and self, we extend to you all a very warm welcome to attend our National Reunion from October 15-17, 2004 to be held for the first time in our beautiful city of Hamilton and our majestic country of New Zealand. Some wonderful tours have been made available. We trust your stay with us will leave you with many pleasant memories and wonderful comradeship. We very much look forward to meeting you and wish you all the very best in good health and happiness.

Roger Owen Stanley, N.Z. Korea

Veterans' Association (Inc.) Hamilton Branch. Should you require any Programme and Registration forms please contact the Hamilton Branch of the New Zealand Korean Veterans, Secretary Ian Bailey via fax, + 64 7 8439 682.

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Red Cross Solicits Donations for Walter Reed Patients

By Donna Miles,
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3, 2003 – The American Red Cross office at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here is seeking donations for patients being treated at the facility for injuries received during Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.

The three operations represent U.S. military action in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as homeland defense and civil support activities in the United States in support of the war against terrorism.

Barbara Green, Red Cross station manager at Walter Reed, said the 123 such patients who are hospitalized or undergoing outpatient treatment at the facility have the basics they need, but could use a few things to make their hospital stays more comfortable.

"We're especially in need of items like telephone cards so they're able to call home, luggage that rolls on wheels, and comfortable clothing that they can wear to make them as comfortable as possible when they're undergoing physical therapy and other treatment," she said.

The most-needed clothing items, Green said, are new men's and women's clothing in all sizes, particularly T-shirts, shorts,

sweatpants, sweatshirts, athletic socks, men's briefs and boxer underwear, and women's sports bras. Also on the Red Cross wish list are shower shoes and boxes of note cards with stamps. No food goods are requested.

Green said patients are "ecstatic" when they receive the gifts, presented by Red Cross volunteers in a gift kit that includes a phone card, prepackaged snacks, letters sent from the public, and personal hygiene items donated by the Red Cross. "Our volunteers make it clear that the donations are from the American public — a way of saying 'thank you' for their service," she said.

To participate in the drive, mail donations to: American Red Cross, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20307.

Visit the Defense Department's Web site for the latest news and information about America's response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the war against terrorism: "Defend America" at <http://www.DefendAmerica.mil>.

Visit the "Department of Defense Homeland Security" Web site at <http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/homeland/> to learn more about the Department of Defense role in homeland security.

Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul

■ For every book you purchase 20% will be donated to The Korean War Veterans Assn. or its Chapters

After the attack on America and during our country's current state of war, there is no better time to turn to those who have experienced such

troubled times for comfort and guidance. Now the legacies and stories of veterans are living on in the New York Times best-seller, *Chicken Soup for*

the Veteran's Soul, a select collection of inspiring and gripping stories of heroism, bravery, comradery, laughter and patriotism.

Tales of Gettysburg, Iwo Jima, Anzio, Guadalcanal, Omaha Beach, the Chosin Reservoir and Hamburger Hill are places woven into our national psyche because we all know someone who selflessly served their country in faraway places like these, defending the freedom we all share. Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul celebrates these extraordinary men and women who changed the course of history.

You will be overcome with emotion from these powerful true stories of veterans and their families, many of whom

are sharing their experiences for the first time. Whether they were Prisoners of War, Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, USO volunteers, loved ones who waited at home, or GIs who battled daily in the trenches, they all put their dreams on hold, held fast to their faith and overcame their fears in the name of freedom.

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

Additional new info from *Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul* Books Available \$6.50 to all Non-Profit Organizations

We have implemented a new program to assist all non-profit organizations with their on

going financial needs. Many organizations and their chapters are always looking for

new and interesting items to sell at their own fund raising events, on their web sites, or through whatever means they use to raise money for charities in their areas. Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul has proven to be a very popular item for this purpose. Most groups that have ordered the book directly from us to resell, always report back that they sold out and wished they had ordered more!

To make it financially manageable for organizations to stock the book, we are offering it for \$6.50 to all non-profit organizations. This price is 50% off retail. Let us continue to help you!

Book Purchasing Information

- \$6.50 per book plus s/h
- All books are autographed
- Minimum order required: 1 case (21 books per case)

Payment Terms: We will

invoice you with payment "Due Upon Receipt" OR we accept Visa, Master Card, or Discover.

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New Korean War Book Aimed at Young Adult Readers

I Remember Korea: Veterans Tell Their Stories of the Korean War, 1950-53

By Linda Granfield; Russell Freedman (Foreword by)

- Clarion Books
- ISBN: 061817740X; \$16.00
- Hardcover; 128 pages
- Publication Date: 11/17/2003
- Illustrations: Illustrated with black-and-white photographs
- Carton Quantity: 28
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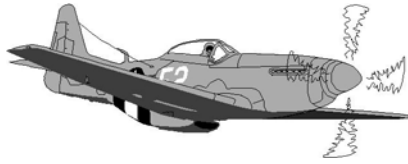
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Korea October, 1950

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General MacArthur's Operations Plan to retake North Korea was based upon a two-pronged attack against the North: General Walker was to take his 8th Army north through Kaesong and Sariwon to approach Pyongyang, the capitol.

General Almond with his Tenth Corps, was to pull off the line and load onto ships for a long sea voyage around the Korean peninsula, to assemble for a joint Army/Navy/Marine invasion, another amphibious landing ... onto the beaches of Wonsan... 'just like they used to do in the World War II movie s... !' He was then to strike inland to link up with Walker's 8th Army.

Many commanders were concerned about taking so many troops out of the fighting for the long, slow, three weeks sea voyage around Korea ... concerned because, after all, the enemy really had not yet given up...!

The landing at Wonsan was scheduled for October 20th, 1950. General Almond would not be convinced that it would be quicker, easier and safer to continue pushing east from Seoul, to take Wonsan by

land; he felt that his troops were tired and would get a much-needed rest while aboard his "cruise ships"; and would land refreshed and ready to finish the war at the heavily-defended WonsanHungnam perimeter. Besides, he reminded, an airborne invasion was planned to leapfrog the massed defenders south of Pyongyang (near Sariwon), and it was felt that the paratroops of the 101st Airborne could keep the Reds off balance for sufficient time for Almond to make his sea voyage.

But to no one's great surprise, the war would not wait for General Almond's slow moving 'cruise ships'; Wonsan was taken, instead, by a ground-based force of Republic of Korea (ROK) troops who had raced north up the coastal highway along the east coast.

Once the Wonsan airfield was secured by the ROK, Bob Hope and his troupe of Hollywood USO entertainers landed by air, and were standing on the beach to watch the "invasion force" when it finally came ashore from its long sea voyage around the Korean peninsula!

Because Marine air units traditionally worked exclusively with and for their own equivalent ground units, rather than sharing overall theater air responsibilities, our USAF area of interdiction responsibility was once again arbitrarily moved, by default, over to the west coast of the penin-

sula when the Marines moved into Wonsan.

On 11 and 12 October, 1950, I completed two long interdiction missions into the triangular target area, Kaesong-Sinwon-Pyongyang ... the notorious "Iron Triangle". During the mission on the 11th, I found and destroyed one of the few remaining North Korean locomotives as it was heading north into the yards at Pyongyang and, on the afternoon of the 12th, I experienced a unique and frustrating encounter that has long-since stuck vividly in my memory.

While flying very low through a little valley in the vicinity of Chorwon, reconnoitering the roads northeast of Kaesong, we came upon a large body of troops marching north along a dirt road. Since we'd popped onto them unexpectedly, and hadn't had time to take aim for a possible strafing pass, I pulled up to make another run on them. As I made a tight circle, I looked back over my shoulder and could see that the troops were reforming their ranks into a large "U" and "N", presumably indicating "United Nations".

I promptly called the rest of my flight over to take a look ... Bill Slater, Warren Kane and Jim Glessner. We noted that there were no extra men standing outside of the main group, as guards might, for example; they were all clustered within the big letters which occupied the full width of the road.

I interpreted their signal to indicate that they were probably UN prisoners of war being marched to the north; but it also could have been a clever ruse by the North Koreans to keep us from firing on them. We discussed the pros and cons over the radio amongst ourselves, and concluded that we were moving too fast to identify any off-color uniforms within the group, so we'd better play it safe and assume that they were UN prisoners and leave them alone.

But, what could we do to help them?

There was absolutely nothing we could do, except report their position to Mellow Control, and hope that higher headquarters could figure out some way to rescue them. We never did hear the outcome from our prisoner report.

A few days later, following the 101st Airborne paratroop near Pyongyang, a POW train was found in a tunnel. Seventy-five Prisoners of War had been executed, shot by their guards; 15 survived by feigning death. I could not help but wonder if any had been

Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War

by

Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman,

Lt Col, USAF, Ret

among the "UN" band we had seen just a few days earlier near Chorwon

The 1st Cavalry Division attacked the capitol city of Pyongyang on Thursday, October 19th, following the very successful parachute landings by the 101st Airborne on the previous day.

Our Group, which at the time was comprised of just the 12th and 67th Fighter-Bomber Squadrons, had the task of trying to soften the area with repeated air strikes during the morning, prior to the scheduled afternoon para-drop. In the process, Spud Taylor was shot down near Sukchon, but was able to bail out successfully ... only to be shot in his parachute by enemy ground forces while on the way down.

Danny Leake, our well-liked maintenance officer, was hit and falling out of control when he was forced to bail out. As he left the cockpit, the vertical stabilizer of the spinning Mustang hit him a fatal blow and, although he was able to pull his ripcord, he too was dead before he hit the ground.

We had been pounding the enemy, but getting our individual posteriors bashed for ninety-five straight days; we'd seen sixteen of our Group's pilots killed and another six severely injured during bail-outs. We were still living in tents without floors, and we

had no heat in the cold October autumn in Korea. We were still having to walk a quarter of a mile to our outdoor four-hole latrine, 'still drawing water from a Lister-bag into our steel helmets for shaving and for 'bathing' ...

I was tired; I had flown more than fifty low-altitude combat missions in those three months, many reaching hundreds of miles deep into enemy territory to their most heavily-defended cities, all the while holding down a tedious, full-time ground job. I was weary, both mentally and physically ... but I didn't fully realize just how weary I really was until the night of October 23rd 1950.

After a long, late-evening session in the Intelligence tent, when my fingers were so numb with the cold that I was hardly able to type the Group's Historical report, I finally trudged wearily back to my tent and flopped, fully-clothed onto my cot. I was hungry, but felt too tired to make the trek to the Mess tent.

A short time later my friend and flight-mate, Lieutenant Jim Glessner, the Flight Operations Duty Officer, came into the cold tent, sat on the adjacent cot, and informed me that I had been selected to lead a flight of four F-51s on a pre-dawn take-off on the

following morning. It was to be a long mission, since we were to hit the Yalu River town of Pyoktong... 150 miles north of Pyongyang, right on the Manchurian border.

I was scheduled to take a recently-assigned Major, with but two Korea missions to his credit, along as my Element leader, and each of us would have a young, newly-assigned 2nd Lieutenant flying our wings ... neither of which had yet flown any combat.

I could feel the blood draining from my face as Jim continued to read off the mission details: "airplane numbers, long-range fuel tanks, six rockets, take-off times, controller radio frequencies;"

I could no longer hear the monotone of the technical details of the briefing ... I was no longer listening.

All of a sudden the burdens ... the grave responsibilities of my assigned position as Flight Leader for that particular flight, had finally reached overwhelming proportions in my mind.

My nerves, already tensile-taut from three long, very hard months of combat flying, a tough never-ending ground assign-

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Left to right, Leroy Shook, Floyd Jordan, David Goldman, Remi F. Morin (Battery Commander 1951-1952), Charles Young, Hall Strong (Battery Commander 1952-1953) and Harold Berkshire.



Korean Veterans standing in front of Sheldon's Motel Welcome Sign.

1st Cavalry Division Reunion, Fort Hood, TX

On Friday morning at 6:00 A.M., 16,500 active duty troopers of the 1st Cavalry ran four and one half miles before breakfast with their officers. Immediately after the run, Commanding Major General Joe Peterson cut a birthday cake commemorating the 228th birthday of the United States Army and the 53 reunion of the 1st Cavalry and the Korean War.

After the short ceremony the 400 1st Cavalry veterans were hosted to a breakfast in one of the divisions new field kitchens



Frederick Schroeder (left) cutting the cake with a saber with Commanding General Peterson immediately after completing the run leading his division.

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The 801st Medical Air Evacuation Squadron to which I was assigned in 1950 was Headquartered in Tachikawa, Japan. The crew lived in Japan and flew in and out of Korea. The United Nations was in its infancy, so was the U S Air Force Nurse Corps of which I was a charter member. Being a part of the United Nation Forces fighting against communist aggression signified a togetherness with other freedom loving people. Somewhere I learned united we stand divided we fall is true in the global arena as much as in your home town.

While wearing the Army Nurse Corps uniform I earned my wings at the School of Aviation Medicine in October 1945 signifying my qualification to care for patients in the air. Immense pride in being a charter member in the Air Force Nurse Corps ignited my desire to wear the new blue uniform. I was right where I wanted to be and happy to be doing 'my thing'.

My special affinity for Marines derives from the fact that my only brother, Jack, was a Marine. During WW II he was engaged in hand-to-hand fighting on Okinawa and among the initial occupying forces in Japan. Mother stored the letters my brother and I wrote her in a large tin container.

When I reread them several years ago my memory was refreshed. Bits and pieces from my letters tell of my encounters with the 2nd Marine Division.

"Itami, Japan 17 November 1950. My first flight north of the 38th parallel was flying over enemy territory wasn't different than any other flight. No gunfire was visible except over one small island where the Navy Corsairs were in control. We landed in Wonson where I was to make plans for moving the wounded when the UN invasion begins. As it happened, Wonson harbor was so heavily mined that the invasion was made not days later, but weeks later and by that time the Navy had a hospital ship off shore which took care of most of the wounded."

"10 November, 1950 Pyongyang, Korea: I am sitting aboard a C-54 waiting for the plane to be unloaded. I'm flying with the Leathernecks. Usually I get off the plane but today it is pouring rain and I decided this is the best place to be. I 'm using the typewriter of one of the news correspondents with his consent. We flew here

What The 801st MAES Was All About

from my perspective

by Janice Feagin Britton

from Osaka with the Marines. They are not accustomed to having women on their crew and they treat me like a queen."

We have quite an itinerary today. What makes our day so long is that the Marine's C-54 picks up and delivers supplies before the plane finally returns to Japan with patients. This morning we flew from Osaka, Japan near Kobe down to Ashyia on the southern island of Japan, picked up supplies there and took them to Hamhung on the North Eastern shore of Korea. The plane then went to Kimpo Air Base, near Seoul, picked up more supplies and flew them to Pyongyang.

Once the cargo was off-loaded this C-54 was turned into a hospital ward by me and my med-tech. Before loading the patients we made a manifest which included the name of each patient and his medical condition. This manifest was left in Pyongyang so if something happened people would know who was on the plane.

We were to evacuate patients from Pyongyang to Ashyia on the southern island of Japan, where there is an army hospital, about a three hour flight away. In Ashyia as soon as the patients were unloaded we took off and flew the short hop to Osaka where we began.

"The weather in the past few days has really been cold, especially in Pyongyang. I am quite anxious to get the package of winter clothing you mailed me. Cold weather clothing for women was not then available in the Post Exchange. My blue Air Force uniform arrived in the mail yesterday but as yet I have not received the purse and blouse I ordered from Washington D. C. I am eager to wear the new blue U S Air Force Nurse Corps uniform."

"I see ambulances coming, the rain has subsided so I better go check on my patients. They have come from a first aide station so no manifest has been made, so was my responsibility—to make a list of their names and condition before we take off."

The next day I wrote from the North Korean Capital. "I'm in the holding tent near the airstrip waiting for the wounded to come from the hospital. There are so many patients right now but not enough ambulances. This is the ingenious way they manage and do their work. An ambulance takes a load of guys who have only had first aid to the hospital where they are unloaded. Immediately the ambulance is reloaded with patients who have been classified and given basic care ...casts, bandages, etc. and then the ambulances drive them to the airstrip, where they will be loaded on the plane and flown to a hospital in Japan."

"Fighting men are so badly needed that those who have minor wounds are being treated, given plenty healthy food, a nights rest and sent back into combat. Because I am flying every day I miss radio newscasts so my news is second hand. This morning at breakfast a correspondent came in the mess hall with the news that MacArthur had given the order to bomb the Chinese who are pouring across the Yalu River into North Korea."

"Later I heard pilots quoting MacArthur as saying because of the Chinese are fighting with the enemy we are suddenly fighting an entirely new war. Weeks earlier, MacArthur ignoring reports that Chinese soldiers were infiltrating into North Korea confidently promised the troops they would be home for Christmas."

Army Officers with whom I've talked with tell me that Chinese soldiers are well trained and disciplined. One Captain said they are not only superior in numbers but they know how to fight in this mountainous rocky terrain better than the U. N. troops do.

"Itami, Japan 27 November, 1950 Right now the 801st is very, very busy flying shuttle flights with wounded within Korea every day. For the past few days I've flown with patients who are French, Australian, Greek... so many had frozen feet... plus POW's, both North Koreans and Chinese. The shortage of litters means that some POW's had to crawl to get on the plane."

This was a sight I will never forget.

"The other day one of my patients was a Turk from the Turkish army. His face neck and hands were badly burned. I desperately tried to figure out how I could let him know I wanted to make him comfortable. After all, this man was fighting to defend freedom and liberty the same as American and all other allies were. To make matters worse his eyes, face and head except his mouth were swathed in bandages."

"Suddenly a thought hit me: 'water is vital to the survival of burned patients,' I took an piece of rubber intravenous tube, cut it in two and put one end in a cup of water and pushed the other end into the cavity where I thought his mouth was. He drank and drank and drank and with every swallow he took I was proud of my self."

"In flight to Korea, 2 December 1950. Again, I am on my way to Frozen Chosin but we are not sure just where we will land. Things are quite different now that we are retreating rather than advancing. We really piled stretcher patients into the plane. Like 52 patients into a C-54 with a stated capacity of 38."

"Many of the Marine pilots were called to duty from their positions as airline pilots. One, with a positive attitude, seeing so many patients being jammed into the cabin said, 'Say, we really have a pay load this flight, don't we?' The pilots had compassion and make every effort to take off and land smoothly, which isn't easy on the rough landing strips."

Mine was a great job because I was taking patients from a lousy place to a better place. Patients being evacuated these days are the most seriously wounded I have ever seen. They are too exhausted to talk. Once we took off and the heaters warmed up the cabin space the wounded men collapsed like wilted flowers."

"We were supposed to land in Pyongyang but the airstrip may be in enemy hands then we will land somewhere else. Yesterday when we landed in Hamhung there were no patients at the airstrip. There are countless number of patients to be evacuated but they aren't always where an airplane can get to them. The helicopters provided the up front evacuation of the wounded."

While we waited the crew heated cans of rations and had quite a picnic, The navigator, a Mississippian, opened a can of

sausage and gravy as I did and we talked about how good hot biscuits would taste. This led to commiserating about cold weather in the South which is "hog killing time".

"In Flight, 4 December 1951: Seeing troops moving south is a dramatic change from yesterday when we were advancing north. The word is we are not retreating, just advancing in a different direction. Yesterday the roads were filled with tanks and vehicles going north, planes carried supplies such as 59 gallon drums of fuel, ammunition and clothing. Now smoke rises as these supplies are being burned. As darkness comes, from our view in the air, lights on trucks going south make an eerie sight."

"7 December 1950, Yong Po air base near Hamhung, on the east coast of North Korea. I just arrived here and am waiting for the last patients. Two days ago there was not wait. Patients were pouring in here. Before we landed we saw long lines of ambulances headed south. Later I learned that in three consecutive days twelve hundred wounded men had been moved through this air strip."

"Mother, last night 3 Marine officers came over and cooked a steak dinner for us. It came about when several flight nurses complained about food going to waste in the refrigerator because after the long day flying we were too tired to cook. Flight Nurses lived in Resident Housing and had a commissary card. This meant that we could choose the food we bought at the Air Force grocery store while the men lived in barracks and ate in the mess hall."

The pilots didn't fly yesterday. We fly every day. We gave the guys our commissary cards and they checked the food we had and planned a menu, then went shopping. There were eight of us.

"We had pineapple and cottage cheese salad, broiled steaks, baked potatoes with cheese, lima beans, cake and coffee. Red Miller baked the cake and iced it all over with caramel icing. The uniqueness of our meal was that these men were all married and they kept saying, 'My wife does it this way, or she liked it this way. Miller said his wife taught him how to made caramel icing. The fine meal was a tension breaker and we all enjoyed the food and fellowship."

"12 December, Itami, Japan This is the first day I have not flown in three weeks,

twenty-one consecutive days of flying. Usually the nurses were busy from 04:00 or 05:00 until around 21:00 sometimes as late as 01:00 next day. Anyhow I am a really a tired chick."

In conclusion the words of Sgt. Robert L. Campbell, a Medical Technician in the 801st Squadron wrote a poignant poem entitled WINGED MEDICS.

I'm a man of the Eight-O-First
I do my best, our foe their worst.
I bring men back from the firing line
to the doc's in the rear in plenty of time.

I tend their wounds and ease their pain,
In turbulent weather sun, snow or rain.
I give them smokes and light them too,
A spark ignites when they smile at you.

And suddenly you feel so morose and blue
when so politely they ask a boon or so;
You comply, then hear, "Thank you Joe."

Then soon I land at a southern strip,
Of-load those boys and make another trip.
This goes on 'till we get them all,
The sun soon sinks and darkness falls.
My day is done and I'm all in.

I return to my tent and from deep within
I hear the laughing joking techs who really should be
such physical wrecks, from arduous hours,
the mental strain of easing and soothing
their patient's pain.

Their deep concern over the pale drawn
face, no matter their color, creed or race.
Suddenly I feel a spiritual lift, and thank
God for that American gift of humor,
sentiment and love

And then I remember that God above
will forever remain with me and thee
And those who strive to keep men free.
I realized then, I have His guiding hand
When I treat that sick or wounded man.
Let him be in pain, or hunger, or thirst,
He'll know he can call on the "801st."

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(Janice, the only thing I would have edited was the great meal you were having while the boys in the field were eating C rations and trying to keep from being killed or captured. Those POWs that included my twin brother was dying of malnutrition and trying to sleep in -40 degree weather on the ground.

I honor your service and what you and others did in Korea. It was a cute ending and you deserved a hot meal but it would have been better not said. The poem was great and told the real mission of the 801st. -Editor.)

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OPERATION SCORCH

By D. J. Harrington

I would like to describe for readers an operation that took place in the Spring of 1953. The location was at a terrain feature known as Sandbag Castle, which was being held by the 45th Division.

The peculiarity of terrain was that two ridges crossed in the form of an X. The Chicom held the two northern arms of the X, and the Americans the lower arms, with an area of "no man's land" in between. The trenches near the central peak were within hand grenade distance. (See sketch)

The Chinese, as usual, had honey-combed their side of the ridge with trenches. Whenever US troops had a "turkey shoot (just to show the enemy they were still there and had ammunition to burn) the Chinese troops could be heard running into their many trenches.

The Regimental Commander became concerned about the possibility of a whole

Chinese company pouring suddenly over our positions.

His solution was to send a truck down to Inchon and return with a depth charge gun burned out of the deck of some naval ship. He had it brought to one of the line companies of the 120th engineers and asked that it be rigged to fire napalm. The first thing tried was a 55 gallon drum of water, but the blank shell drove the crutch with such force that it split the drum. Everybody stood around scratching their heads, until some GI suggested welding the two halves of a tent stove together. This idea was adapted, and the one-eighth inch steel walls of the stove were able to stand the impact. Also the stovepipe connection made a nice place to put some C-4 explosive with a grenade fuse. The grenade handle was tied down with commo wire, allowing some brave soul to pull the safety pin (and run like hell) just before the weapon was fired. The resulting explosion was a spray of burning napalm

about twenty yards wide and sixty yards long. The doubtful aspect was that it was not very controllable; it might go 30 degrees to right or left of center. (See sketch)

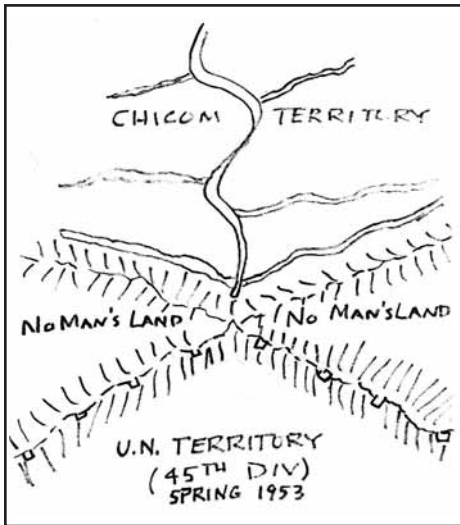
But when it was set in place near Sandbag castle it fired right down center, and there was much screaming and squalling among the Chinese troops. Must have been quite a sight, to have that barrel appear overhead, and next thing your whole world turns to flame and pain.

Like any weapon, a counterstroke soon appeared. The third or fourth shot the Chinese had every mortar in the area zeroed in on the area where the napalm barrels were coming from.

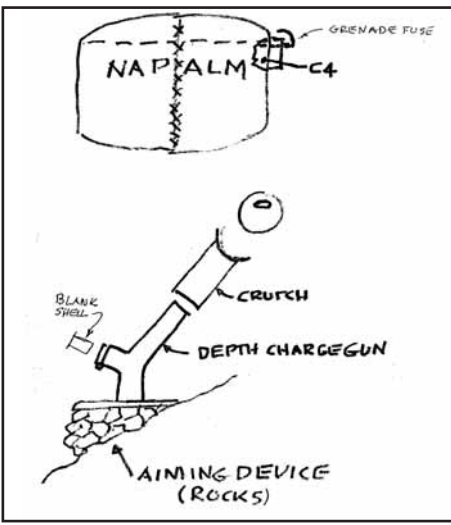
But a note to our leaders: if you ever again get into a war with the Chinese, figure out a way to kill them wholesale, not retail.

PS: Somewhere in the bowels of Army Records there are Polaroid photos of the weapon being tried out.

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sion headquarters and one regiment were east of the mountains and two regiments west of the mountains, divided by Toktong Pass. We had a rifle company up there in the pass, and they were surrounded and being destroyed. After four efforts to get to them failed, the regimental commander sent for me and told me to come up with a plan to go and save the company and open the pass.

The first four efforts failed because they tried to use the single, narrow road that went into the pass. Davis decided to skip the road and set out through the bitter-cold mountains.

We launched out. Artillery reported a temperature of 40 below zero in the valley. My brother-in-law, in the weather service, said that where we were, wind chill was like 75 below. Ice all over your face --just unbelievable. Deep snow. We went single file 'cause our radios wouldn't work -- they were frozen -- and we couldn't put out patrols. Some of our weapons wouldn't work because of the cold. The Browning Automatic Rifle, for example. When we went down south to get refurbished to come back, the regiment was missing something like 1,300 BARS, because they wouldn't work, and the troops had just thrown 'em away and found something that did work. We couldn't use our water-cooled machine guns and things like that, because they were frozen. The troops were heavily loaded. They had their sleeping bags and supposedly three days of food. Of course, the food was all frozen; they couldn't eat it. The water was frozen.

When we first started out, we had to fight our way out through a Chinese encirclement in the hills. That's when my troops got involved with some dug-in Chinese, and we had a few hand-to-hand skirmishes.

Traveling in the night, Davis' battalion got within a mile of the stranded Fox Company. Unable to contact Fox by radio, Davis was concerned that the stranded Marines would shoot at his troops if they tried to approach in the dark. He decided to set up a perimeter and bed his troops down till daylight.

Somehow my radio operator got his radio to work, and we talked to Fox



Davis as General of the Marines

Company. And Capt. Barber, the CO, his first comment was that he would send a patrol out to guide us in. Well, I could see Chinese between us, and I said that wouldn't work. I did tell him to apply artillery and air to those Chinese so we could come on in. And we got in. And we opened the pass and got the two regiments through and got the division back together and they fought their way to the sea. Somebody that said our effort had resulted in the saving of 100,000 civilians who had followed us down to the sea. The Chinese had destroyed their villages, in that weather. And there were 90,000 military -- the U.S. Army, the South Korean Army, the air, Marines -- 90,000 military, and we all got out because my Marines opened that pass. So we got on the ships and sailed south.

Actions of Davis at the Chosin

While the lead battalion fought to break through the Chinese on the MSR, Lt. Col. Raymond G. Davis maneuvered his 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, into position for his cross-country rescue of Barber. During the day of December 1, Davis put his battalion into the exact condition he wanted for his relief mission.

First, he stripped his battalion of all heavy weapons except two mortars and six .30-caliber machine guns. Each man carried one mortar round in addition to his own personal ammo. Extra mortar rounds were carried on stretchers. Personal gear, except for a sleeping bag, was loaded on company trucks. Four meals of rations

were distributed to each marine. Extra batteries for the radios were passed out. After he culled sick and weak men from his battalion, Davis was ready.

A marine since 1938, Davis had been born in Fitzgerald, Georgia, on January 13, 1915. After high school in Atlanta he attended the Georgia School of Technology, graduating in 1938 with a degree in chemical engineering. Soon after graduation he resigned the commission he'd earned in the army's ROTC program to accept an appointment as a marine corps second lieutenant. By August 1942 he was commanding an antiaircraft machine gun battery ashore at Guadalcanal. Further combat followed in eastern New Guinea and on New Britain.

Davis's exceptional skill as a combat leader brought promotion and greater responsibility. As a major he took command of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, in April 1944. Five months later he led them into the hell of Peleliu. Although wounded in the first hour of the attack on the coral island, Davis refused to leave his men. Later, when a Japanese banzai charge shattered his battalion's defensive lines, he personally rallied and led his men in fighting to reestablish the line. Davis's exceptional bravery brought him the Navy Cross.

And now, six years later, Davis was again commanding a marine battalion in a tight spot. His first objective was a hill on the east side of the MSR about a mile south of Yudam-ni. The men called it "Turkey Hill" in memory of the Thanksgiving dinner they'd enjoyed there just a few days before.

Davis expected a tough fight. Instead, Turkey Hill fell after a short firefight. He radioed his regimental commander. "I've taken Turkey Hill already," he said. "I'd like to press on. My marines are sweating from the climb. I don't want them to freeze in the night."

Though it was just about 9:00 P.M., the temperature already stood at minus twenty degrees. Davis wasted no time. He organized his battalion into a column of companies. He moved to the lead company's CO, a young lieutenant. Pointing to a bright star in the eastern sky Davis told the lieutenant, "Guide on that star." The marines started

off.

In front of them lay a trackless waste, teeming with Chinese. Except for a few rounds of friendly artillery Davis's battalion was completely on its own.

After the troops started down the first slope they lost sight of the bright star. The column began drifting toward the right, or to the MSR. When Davis realized this he left his position toward the rear of the column and headed toward the point. Struggling through the knee-deep snow he made his way forward. When he passed marines lacking alertness Davis violated his own rule against noise to bark at them to keep awake. The marines, not knowing whom they were admonishing, responded with, "Shut up, marine!" Davis chuckled to himself.

Davis got his battalion back on course, then stayed up front. A little later Chinese riflemen began firing on the battalion as it crossed a wide meadow between two ridge lines. While the enemy fire increased in intensity Davis organized his battalion into two attack columns. The mortars and machine guns were deployed to provide supporting fire. Each marine who passed the mortars dropped off his shell. Soon they were dropping among the Chinese on the hilltop with deadly precision. Davis led his marines up the hill, firing his carbine as he ran. The marines' attack was so swift some of the Chinese were caught in their sleeping bags. It was very satisfying for many of the marines to avenge their dead buddies.

Now under fire from Chinese on more distant hills, Davis moved his battalion into a protected area to treat his casualties. Under his horrified gaze the battalion collapsed in the snow, exhausted from too much fighting, marching, cold, and not enough food.

Davis, his officers and NCOs moved among the parka-clad humps, cursing, screaming, kicking at the men. "Get up! Dammit, get up," they shouted.

Soon the column was shuffling forward through the frozen night, nearly oblivious to sporadic enemy fire. Around 2:00 A.M. the column's lead elements clashed with another Chinese strong point. Davis again demonstrated his exceptional courage by leading a group of marines into the fight. These Chinese were quickly overcome.

By 3:00 A.M. Davis knew his marines were nearly beat. He ordered them to dig in. Ordering every fourth man to stand guard, and under roving perimeter patrols, Davis allowed the marines to crawl into their sleeping bags, though unzipped.

Less than fourteen hundred yards to the southeast Captain Barber's remaining eighty-five effective marines remained alert for another night of CCF attacks. Surprisingly, only light, long-range sniper fire disturbed the marines. As Barber was carried around on his stretcher he was a little disappointed the Chinese weren't attacking. He was confident his marines could lick them again.

While his marines rested Davis personally reconnoitered the terrain ahead. Until he linked up with Barber he would not rest. Already the strain was starting to tell on Davis. At times he'd be in the middle of issuing orders to his company commanders when he'd stop talking. He'd forgotten what he was saying. He'd have to force his mouth to push out the words his brain was forming. When he was done issuing his commands he'd ask his officers if what he'd said made sense. Truth was, they were so cold and tired they weren't sure either.

Finally, everyone understood what was expected of him. The battalion was awakened and made ready to move. At first light, Davis sent one company to seize a hilltop dominating the route of the other two companies. That move went off without a hitch.

Both assault companies crossed nearly one thousand yards of hilly ground without hearing one shot fired in anger. Then Company B got hit hard. As they ground forward Davis was approached by his radioman. "I've got Barber on the radio, sir!"

Barber was in good spirits. He even offered to send a patrol out to help Davis battle the last line of Chinese. Davis declined. But he did ask Barber to direct some of the marine Corsairs overhead in an airstrike on the enemy. Davis's radios couldn't reach the pilots.

Assisted by the marine air and his own mortars Davis's battalion broke through the last barrier of Chinese. The first of his riflemen entered Barber's perimeter at 11:25 A.M., December 2. The relief had been completed. Barber was quickly

moved to the aid tent while an officer from Davis's battalion assumed command of what was left of Company F.

Davis's 1st Battalion spent the rest of the day securing and patrolling the area around Fox Hill. By the next morning the rest of the Yudam-ni garrison had battled to within a few hundred yards of Toktong Pass. Even with the 5th and 7th Marine Regiments safely at Hagaru-ri, the marines' ordeal was only partially over. They were still sixty-four miles from the sea and safety. Over one hundred thousand Chinese were still intent on crushing the Americans. But before the marines could begin their march to Hungnam, they had to solidify their base at Hagaru-ri to prevent the Chinese from overrunning them. As soon as he heard that, Davis fashioned a plan to facilitate the breakout. He'd lead two of his companies against Chinese forces holding the road in the direction of Hagaru-ri. In the meantime, the remaining two companies would attack the rear of the Chinese facing the marines coming down from Yudam-ni.

The plan went off without any major problems. By noon on December 3 the lead elements of the Yudam-ni column had contacted the marines on Fox Hill. Davis, in the meantime, smashed into the CCF roadblocks, destroying them and clearing the way to Hagaru-ri.

At 7:00 P.m., December 3, Davis's forward units made contact with a tank force dispatched from Hagaru-ri. While they established an outpost to protect the rest of the Yudam-ni garrison, Davis ordered his men to dress ranks. They were tired, disheveled, dirty, wounded, and cold, but they marched the final six hundred yards into Hagaru-ri in formation, counting cadence. It was a magnificent sight.

Over the next twenty-four hours the balance of the Yudam-ni garrison made its way into Hagaru-ri. The able-bodied marines were pushed into warming tents and fed, while the wounded were treated. Next, the depleted rifle companies were fed into Hagaru-ri's line.

Captain Barber was evacuated from Hagaru-ri to Japan on December 5. He remained hospitalized until March 1951. From there he went to San Diego to serve at the recruit depot. While there he received a promotion to major and a summons to the White House where he



Lt.Col. Raymond Davis, MOH

received his Medal of Honor on August 26, 1952. He remained in the Marine Corps, retiring as a full colonel in 1970. Barber then worked in the aerospace industry as an operations analyst.

Lieutenant Colonel Davis became the executive officer of the 7th Marines on December 7. He remained in that position until he rotated out of Korea in June 1951. He spent the next two years at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

Soon after the Chosin Reservoir adventure, Davis was told by his regimental commander a recommendation for the Medal of Honor had been prepared for him. Davis didn't think he deserved the high award and put the matter out of his mind. Unknown to him, he almost didn't receive his decoration. First, a fire at 1st Marine Division headquarters destroyed all the documents relating to Davis's recommendation. Only the personal intervention of famed marine Gen. Victor Krulak resurrected the paperwork.

Then, once the recommendation reached Washington, it encountered opposition. A certain faction of senior marine officers felt Davis's actions had been only what should be expected of a Marine Corps battalion commander, a routine demonstration of command leadership. More enlightened minds, however, recalled the case of marine Gen. Alexander A. Vandergrift who received the Medal of Honor for commanding the marines at Guadalcanal. The recommendation was approved. Davis would receive his well-justified Medal of Honor on November 24, 1952.

In July 1962 Davis received the star of a brigadier general. Six years later, wearing three stars, he assumed command of the

3rd Marine Division in Vietnam. Davis's thirty-four-year Marine Corps career reached its apex in 1971 when he received his fourth star and the coveted appointment to assistant commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps. General Davis retired in April 1972. In 1988 he received a presidential appointment to the National Korean War Veterans Memorial Commission.

Private life:

Miss Knox Heafner appeared on the scene. Because of our war preparation, there was a fast, wild courtship. I've joked many times that the real reason we got married quickly was that she was teaching school 80 miles away, and it just got to the point where I could no longer survive and drive those 80 miles at two in the morning and make a five o'clock reveille. So we eloped. After that, instead of driving 80 miles, she would meet me halfway between her school in Washington, North Carolina, and my camp in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina-at a place called New Bern. It was strange about Knox being a school teacher and going with this Marine down at Camp Lejeune-she was kind of caught in the middle. She feared that this torrid courtship would somehow affect her teaching; her friends and other teachers and her principal were concerned about her time "out of town," and her possession of my car.

We met at a small hotel in New Bern, sometimes on very short notice. Knox had my car and I rode with some of the married officers who lived in New Bern. On one of our first rendezvous we ran into a problem. I arranged our room for the night, met Knox and took her to dinner. After we returned to the hotel, a loud knock was heard. Someone was at the door. By now

we were already in bed. Slipping into my shorts, I went to the door.

It was the hotel manager incensed that I had a woman in my room. He insisted that she leave and would stay right there until she did. Standing in the hall in my shorts I finally convinced him that she was my wife and would be driving back to little Washington very soon. He relented from his insistence on seeing a marriage license after I told him that we would be back frequently and that I would have the papers on our next trip. Even such a lamentable episode did not dampen the warmth of our rendezvous-we were still in honeymoon mode.

Whereas previously Knox had been involved in many civic projects, her romance now took all of her time-not good for her image as a school teacher. In the main she concealed the whole thing until school was out, then she announced that she was married and wouldn't be back the next year.

In February, 1942; I married Knox, and took her on a honeymoon trip to Georgia. Soon afterward my unit, along with its new weapons and all its men were moved across the country by troop train. Mrs. Raymond G. Davis stayed on the East Coast to await our first baby. World War II was on in earnest.

I was heading out into the Pacific again, this time to an island known as Guadalcanal, The 'Canal,' where both the 1st Marine Division and I (hopefully) would go on to greater glory for the unit, for me, and for the Corps.

Davis retired in 1972 as a four-star general of the Marines, assistant commandant of the Corps and combat veteran of three wars. He and his wife, Knox, live near Conyers. Their long married life has been continually interrupted by war. "Two of our three children were born while I was in a war."

(The Korean War Veterans Association and its members will always remember you. You were the glue that held this association together with your wisdom and honesty. Your valor in three wars will be the standard for all future veterans. Semper Fidelis!)

To Knox and the family we wish to express our heartfelt condolences. Your military family including all Korean War Veterans will always be with you in the time of need or support. God Bless You.)



Raymond and Knox Davis

DO YOU REMEMBER?

By Louis I. Miksits

Where you were on Sunday June 25, 1950. I do. I was on orders to ship out on Monday June 26, 1950. I was going to Yokohama for shipment to the Z. I. (Zone of Interior) or the good old U.S.A. It was not to be that simple. The announcement on the Base Public Address System stated that all leaves were cancelled, shipments home to the U.S.A. were also cancelled, plus all other goodies (3 day passes, TDY, etc.) are over as of now. Now I know why all those C-54 cargo planes were taking off from Tachikawa Air Base, they were off to Korea to pick up our personnel, dependents, etc. reporting back to my base at Yokota. I found out the North Koreans invaded the South under (KMAG) Korean Military Advisory Group. I already knew the people and Country. Our troops left Korea around September 1949. A statement was made by the troops, that since the U. S. Military was leaving, the North would invade the South. The North Koreans believed that South Korea was of no value to the United States at that time.

It was less than a year. Border clashes were carried out by both sides. Each side wanted to unify Korea. The Russians having a big hand in doing so to expand communism. In July 1950, it was back to the Land of the Morning Calm and Kimchi the Koreans favorite fermented cabbage, Arrirong, Arrirong or as we called it Frozen Chosin. A warning was issued to the North Koreans that they had 48 hours to withdraw their troops from the South. "Never Hoppen G. I." they were staying. The 1st Cav. from Camp Drake, Tokyo Area, 24th Div. from Kokura, 19th Inf. Div. from Beppu, all Air Forces, Navy, and Marines were preparing to fight in Korea. Task Force Smith was one of the first to make contact with the enemy at a place called Osan. Task Force Smith could not stop them. The Russian T-34 tanks were hard to knock out with the 2.5 Boozoka that we had from World War II. The rocket round bounced off like marbles being shot at a concrete wall. A tread or track or rear shot would sometimes stop them. I lost a high school friend during that holding action. Everyone was pulling back.

The 24th Div. lost Gen. Dean at Taejon. We found out later that he was a POW. God

help him. Since men were engaged in a shooting and killing match we who were there called it a war. "Excuse please." Not so, the United Nations called it a Police Action. Huba, Huba. At that time we were also informed that all personnel had a year extension added to their enlistment. It was nicknamed "The Truman Shaft" Back to the war. Opps, so sorry, Police Action. Once again I stepped on the Land of the Morning Calm, July 1950. The first thing you noticed was the heat and the stink from the rice paddies. They called it night soil. We called it what it really was. The place was called Pusan (K-9). The airfield was jammed with airplanes of all types, fighters, light bombers, cargo planes, etc. The harbor was filled with ships of all sizes to supply the troops. The construction Battalion reinforced the runways and port facilities. A short distance from Pusan was an airfield called K-1. The Marine Air Arm was taking that airfield over. This was the first time I met an enlisted pilot. The Marines called them Flying Sergeants. They were excellent pilots. A flight to a place called Taegue, (K-2). There was heavy fighting in and along the mountains by the Nakdong River. This was the perimeter in which everyone was told that the Japanese was at your back. So the alternative was to stand your ground or die. Puts you thinking about the Police Action. There were continuous take off and landings to support the men fighting in the Nakdong perimeter. The Nakdong ran red with blood from the battles going on there. Aircraft brought in supplies and troops and took wounded to hospitals in Japan. A P.S.P. (Pierced Steel Planking) runways were put in by the construction people. Waiting to cross the main runway, only one at a time, a Corsair Fighter was landing with a hung up bomb on the bomb rack. It came off when he touched down on the runway. It came skipping down on the P.S.P. Runway right toward to me. I headed in the opposite direction as fast as my feet could go. I broke the Olympic record for running. It did not explode, but could have been armed.

A group of Koreans in a 6 by 6 drove up to the bomb and threw it into the truck. The name Rock or Slope Heads fitted their description. We now heard a new phase from the troops fighting the North Koreans. It was called "Bugging Out" the South

Koreans were famous for it in the early days. In GI terms, it means hauling ass from the enemy. Does anyone remember the evening while the personnel from the 3rd Bomb Group were arming the B-26 Invaders for a night mission. Someone accidentally fired the guns on one of them, and became an instant ace, destroying and damaging airplanes of the 5th Air Force Headquarters. I wonder what his statement of charges was? Awaiting take off clearance while a squadron of F-80's were taking off, one of them running off the end of the runway, cartwheeling in a burst of fire and coming to a flaming stop in the rice field. The rest of the squadron continued to take off over the flaming wreckage of their fellow pilot because the war must go on no matter what happens. Cleared for take off and ourselves flying over the same spot. Everyone was quiet because it could be your turn next. By some miracle we heard the pilot survived with severe burns.

After the Inchon Landing and the recapture of Kimpo Airfield (K-4) my radio operator and I looked at the destruction around the airfield. We went to the end of the runway to see two yak fighters (Russian) that were shot up and setting there. Later after a few pictures, we also looked at a Russian T-34 tank destroyed by napalm setting by the Pagotta type building near the main terminal. The crew was still inside and was not a very pleasant sight. Hearing a flight of F-80's coming over the field from opposite directions the two inside planes collided over the field. One falling among a group of F-80's on the ground, the other crashing near the end of the field. Men were rushing to move airplanes away from the fires. 50 caliber ammunition was exploding in all directions. We were too far away to be of any help. All we could do is watch the courage of those men saving lives and equipment. To see all that destruction and loss of men and equipment and the enemy never fired a shot. The amazing scene of hearing the Battleship Missouri firing a salvo of one ton 16 inch shells and watching them come over the horizon sounding like a train in a tunnel while going overhead to land around Seoul was awesome beyond description.

It made the hair stand up on the back of your neck. At this stage of the war the

troops were getting the new 3.5 Bazooka. It solved the problem with the T-34 Russian tanks. Stars and Strips reporting about the Marine who knocked out 5 of them on the raid from Inchon to Kimp'o. What a can opener. Report of heavy fighting, in Seoul, the capital city. Finding more American prisoners shot with their hands tied behind their backs. I personally identified a friend of mine who was executed the same way at the Taejon prison where they were held captive. The civilian and military personnel were executed in large numbers, were thrown in wells, ditches, caves, and even in the Seoul brewery beer tanks. Everywhere you looked there were bodies, even between the walls of buildings. So much for the paradise communism promised. The Marines doing a terrific job in securing Seoul. A Marine from my hometown was severely wounded taking that city. We were later to see each other when I came home. From Kimp'o (K-14) to Seoul Municipal (K-16) at YongDung-Po. The Han River bridge being repaired. A pontoon bridge further up the Han River was the only place to cross. A water point was established at the river.

At times you could see bodies floating by. Retrieving ours for graves registration and letting theirs float by. Our mission at that time was spy drops, flare and leaflet drops, special operation missions, and others you were not allowed to talk about. Got the ok to cross the 38th parallel. When the

North Korean capital of Pyongyang nicknamed Crichton City was captured we were stationed temporarily at a nearby airfield. Everyone was advancing to the Yalu River and total victory. Some troops reached the Yalu even though the Chinese were warning the United Nations not to do so. McArthur did not listen. Chinese prisoners were being taken and giving us information of large concentrations of Chinese troops crossing the Yalu into North Korea. Hiding by day and moving by night. Our spy drops confirmed this. McArthur said this was not so, promising it would be all over by Christmas. The Chinese attacked on all fronts. Tell that to the men who were now fighting that there were no Chinese in Korea.

The human wave attacks, the bugles blowing and men dying. We were now in the 2nd retreat of the war. We advanced to the rear and held at Suwon called the Walled City, calls went out for all available C-47 transport planes to help the Marines at a place called Hagaru-ri. It was an airstrip bulldozed out of a rice field while under fire. By this time it was in the middle of the Korean winter with 20 to sometimes 40 below zero. The winter combat clothing was good, especially the shoe paks. Nothing but nothing keeps the cold from your body. You had to be there to believe it. The phase Frozen Chosin being a true fact. Our mission was to bring in supplies and bring out the serious wounded. Marines who were loaded on the plane had a look on their faces

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you will never forget. The cold, the combat, and the wounds, and not a whimper was heard. A medic was shot out of our door by a sniper. A hero all the way. He was saving lives and lost his doing so. A Marine officer was asked how it felt to retreat. His answer, retreat hell, we are advancing in another direction. Another Marine was asked if he had one wish what would it be. Answer, "Give Me Tomorrow." All I could say to them was Semper-Fi. Job well done. They walked out to find part of the road blown out at the Reservoir. Sections of a Bailey bridge was dropped by Air Force C-119's. The first time it was ever done. It was a success. They made the Port of Hungnam to be evacuated. The rear guard army outfit not getting credit for another job well done. At Pohang (K-3) taking a break between missions, an announcement was made that a jet was coming in on an emergency landing and to clear the area. Looking out to sea we seen a trail of smoke heading toward the runway. It went by us streaming smoke and pieces falling off. The Landing Panther F-9 Marine Jet was piloted by Ted Williams Boston Red Socks baseball player, who was called back to active duty. When the plane stopped, he got out and ran for his life. The plane burned up and 20 millimeter cannon shells were exploding all over the plane. Later was called to fly a V.I.P. (very important person) around Korea. It was non other than the President of South Korea, the Honorable Syngman Rhee. An honor I will never forget.

In the beginning of the war the forward air controllers called in airstrikes from radio jeeps. We delivered by airplane (C-47's) two jeeps to an airplane. Landing as close to the M.L.R. as possible, such as long wide field, riverbeds, etc. Got kind of hairy. Thanks to excellent pilots we accomplished many of those missions. Supplying Chodo Island, we landed on the beach. The island being communist territory had an important radar station and jumping off point for secret operations to North Korea. Another island off the southern tip of Korea called Koje. This is where we took all the war prisoners. This was also the place of the famous prison riots. After what they done to our prisoners, killing, starving, brain washing, etc., we should have taken care of the problem and to hell with world opinion. Another island the area called Cheju-Do, this is where we flew the orphans and civilians

away from the war. Later Communist POWs were also sent there after the prison riots. Bill Mauldin (war Cartoonist) and various correspondents, kept the troops and American public updated on the war.

Have to give credit to the Forward Air Controllers who switched from radio jeeps to aircraft trainers called the AT-6 Texan. A big improvement that was carried into the Vietnam War. The nickname (Mosquitoes), these pilots stuck their necks out to help the troops on the ground, by bringing in air sticks when they were needed most. Aircraft were based at Pyongtaek airfield. Had a friend Sgt. Jansen based with them. The interesting nights when bed check Charlie would visit the military areas with burp gun fire and saturate the area with hand grenades. There were Russian By-Planes who would cut their power and glide silently into the area and raise hell. Our night fighters being too fast and would over fly them before they had a bead on them. They figured out a way and bed check Charlie was history. An AT-6 Texan was painted black, an exhaust suppressor was added with a rear mountain machine gun. It worked until a better method came along. Bed check Charlie will always be remembered. Bringing out a wounded soldier near the Kumwa Valley and wondering why the medics were handling him very roughly. Found out he shot himself in the foot. Knowing he was leaving the combat area and they had to stay has something to do with the rough treatment. What made him do it? Who knows. Only he does, everyone has his breaking point. Some men being stronger than others. He may have had enough of combat and took the easy way out. It happens in all wars.

I remember the day a Mig-15 got below our radar and shot up the Han River bridge and making a sharp turn right over the edge of K-16 airfield. If he had kept coming, he could have shot up that airfield something terrible. No one knew he was coming. Fortunes of war. Luck for our side. I have to back track a little to January-February of 1951 to the battle of Suwon and Wonju, also a town called Chipyeong-Ni. The 2nd Div. and Turkish army stopped the advance of the Chinese at those towns. The Turks taking heavy losses at Massacre Valley when the South Korean troops (ROK) withdrew on both flanks without notifying them. A job well done by these troops. A real heavy

bit of history of the Korean War.

Back to Kimpo (K-14) the British bringing in their meteor jets to fight the Mig-15's along the Yalu River. Guess what? The Mig's had a field day. The British put them on ground support missions. Flights of F-86 Sabre Jets were passing overhead to fight those same Mig's. It was a different story with the F-86 versus the Mig-15. Mig's were going down to meet their ancestors at a greater rate than ours. The place was called "Mig Alley". Russian pilots were known to be flying some of them. They met their match. The B-29's were getting hammered by these same Mig's on day light raids. Emergency landings all over South Korea. The 29's started to fly night missions, since the Mig's could not fly at night.

As the advance was North again and the enemy was being pushed back on all fronts, the Peace talks began. (what a joke). The enemy was buying time so they could fortify positions in the Korean hills. Places like Pork Chop, Bloody Ridge, Jane Russell, all come to mind. The Iron Triangle being a major area. Who said trench warfare went out with World War I. Did you ever see those hills from the air. Looked like a picture from "All Quiet on the Western Front" movie. At night the flares and search lights flashing off the clouds. For those who were there God bless all of you.

God bless the medics who gave their all to save the wounded, sometimes costing their own lives in doing so. Every combat medic deserves the highest combat award. Then we hear about the combat cargo people who were called trash haulers. Ask the men fighting at the Chosen Reservoir, Wonju, and all the other places. They will tell you how glad they were to get those supplies, ammo, medical supplies, etc. by parachute.

To the chaplains who gave you back the courage to fight on when you thought you could not fight anymore. The last rites they gave to the many badly wounded when they needed it most.

The doctors and nurses in the MASH outfits and hospitals that saved your ass near the front lines. Many would have died if it was not for the chopper pilots who started what we now known as Dust Off or Medivac. Remember MASH and Medi-vac had its beginning during the Korean war.

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Images of Korea

Photos from Paul E. Riley, 2117 Covington Drive, Florence, AL 33630-1659



Members 7th Inf. Div. Replacement Co. near Chuncheon, North Korea.
Dale D. Garette, (left) Newark, OH –Dec. 1952: Kim Dak Il, Korean Native
attached to Div. and Paul E. Riley, Tenn.



Part of a 7th Inf. Camp in Korea 1952-3.

Photo by Bob Wickman, 720 Menlo Dr. N., Keizer, OR 97303-5867
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Photo is the improved reproduction of the fifty year old Polaroid of the
three Navy Hospital Corpsmen with Item Co., 3rd Bn., 7th Marines, 1st
Marine Div. Shown from left to right: Dwight J. (Jerry) Shauger, Harold
Sutton and Bob Wickman. Original photo was taken 27 July 1953 on the
MLR toward the "Hook". Perhaps the photo is of interest having been
taken on the date of the Cease Fire. We are still breathing.

Photo by Anthony Ammirati, 7 Ninth Avenue, Farmingdale, NY
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Korea: May 4, 1952 to May 22, 1953 780th Field Artillery Bn. No. 1 man on
8" Howitzer - biggest gun in Korea, 10 miles accurate range. No. 1 man fires
the gun, I am the No. 1 man. I received three points a month while servicing
in Korea. I received 40 points total, which enabled me to rotate (to go
home).The war ended while on my way home from Korea. Other man in pic-
ture was Prill.



Photos by Ralph Harrison &
Oscar Borson, sent in by Dick
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C Battery Howitzer, 92nd AFA
"Red Devils" Chonan (left) and
Suwan, January 1951.

Photos from D. J. Harrington, P.O. Box 791, Kimberling City, MO 65686



45th Division Rotation sign made by Thumpower.



120th Engineers cutting road up Hill 1031



Heartbreak Ridge as seen from Bloody Ridge.

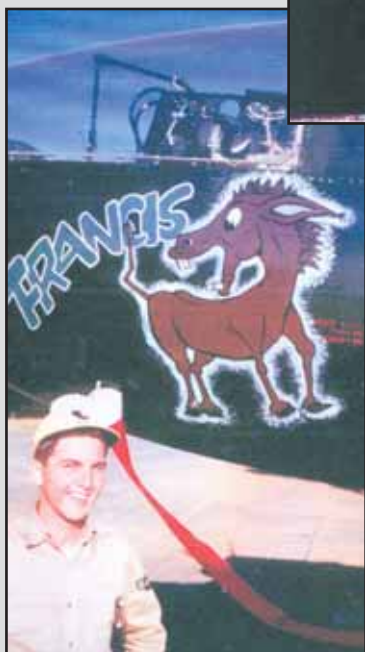


Air strike near Heartbreak Ridge.



At last, the Golden Gate Bridge.

The "Liberty Belle" was the 8th Squadron commander's aircraft. The portrait of his wife was painted by James Lamson-gunner.



Photos from James Q. Lamson
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(James photos were shown on back cover of Jan.-Feb.2003 issue back cover. I have a few more to be printed in a future issue. Editor.)

Painted by James Lamson-gunner – 1953. (James is in this photo)

Photos from Edward Pullen, 14415 Lawrence Lake Dr., Plymouth, IN 46563



Lieutenant Colonel Francois De Germigny, Commander of French Battalion with his adjutant Lieutenant Poudier checking the MLR.



Officers surveying the MLR. Left to right: Driver, unidentified; Lt. Campbell, 2nd Div. Arty. liaison officer; Lt. Pouard, French Battalion; Lt. Moore, 2nd Div. 4.2 mortar liaison officer. The hill in this photo is old Papason, which was in enemy hands.



Camp Drake, Japan, New arrivals - on the way to Korea - November 1951.



Wintertime, Front Lines facing "T" Bone Hill - December 1951 with Co. L 180th Rgt. , 45th Div.



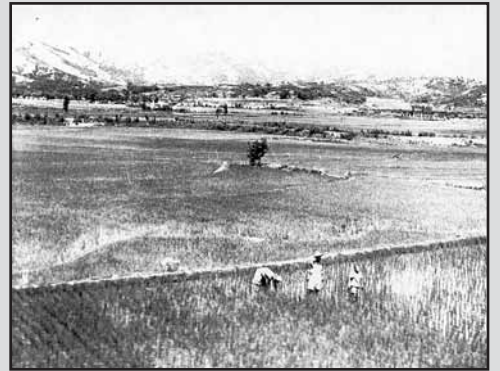
South Korean Kids, Train Stop near Seoul, February 1952.



Reserve Hut, Cpl. (Bud) Duane Burgess with 2 deer and 3 pheasants and M2



G. I. And Jeep, Glenn Ed White and good'ol L-2 and M-1 Co. L, 279th Rgt. - March 1952



Rice Farmers in Field, South Korea, July 1952, (From train).



Front Line and "T-Bone" Hill, early morning view of no-mans land towards T-Bone & enemy, June 1952.



Tank Infantry problem rear of lines - Spring 1952 45th Div. Tank Co. and 279th Infantry getting warm-up training.



See the camera kids - Smile!, G.I. and South Korean children at train depot. Co. L - 279th Rgt. - Spring 1952.



K.S.C.'s at Work Station, These men of South Korea helped Co. L. of 279 Rgt. on clean-up and varied tasks - Spring 1952.

Artillery Devastation - Korea - Can snap at tree like a twig - Spring 1952.



Photos from Glenn Ed White,
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Bunkers & M.L.R. - Korea, Spring 1952, Torn up by much shelling
West Central Front.



Relief of Friendly Fire Victims - June 1952. Outpost #6 was napalmed by 2 Marine P-51s. These men shown are out to clean up and occupy hill temporarily. Co. L - 279th Rgt.



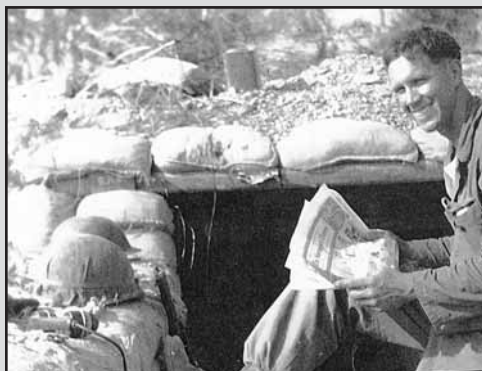
Cpl. Bill Driver and damaged equipment of Friendly Fire. Damaged by machine guns & napalm of P51s - June 1951, Co. L - 279th Rgt.



"Friendly Fire" ? - June 1951, PFC Glenn Ed White and ruined weapons & equipment caused by error of two P51 Marine Fighters on our Outpost #6 (no one killed) - Co. L - 279th Rgt.



Bunker - Felix and buddies can smile tho chaos, Front line in T-Bone Hill area - Chorwon vicinity - Shown is Felix Theus from Phoenix, AZ. At left. Other 2 not identified.



News from back home - PFC Glenn Ed White with comic section of Hometown newspaper. Taken in front of Bunker facing "T-Bone Hill" - June 1952.



USO in Korea - movie star, Patricia Neal poses for GIs at USO Show (in Reserve Area) - Spring 1952.



Our company mess tent burned to ground & we had to eat C-Rations & a cherry pie we saved. Co. Commander Capt. Jack Rose (head down), shown in center.



K.S.C's and cards, South Korean Service Corps at a little game of fun. W Co., L 279th Rgt. - 45th Div.

USO shown at Inje - 279th Rgt. watching action - Summer 1952.



KWVA National 19th Annual Re



KWVs & Families at Hdq. Hotel in Crystal City.



KWV & Families Tour U.S. Naval Academy.



July 26 Arlington National Cemetery.

From left, Chapter KWV Alfred Karchem, ROK Army Lt. Col. (S) Kil, Jin Oh, ROK Marine Lt. Col. Yeo, Seung Joo, PA Chapter Wyoming Valley KWV Martin Greenburg, KWVA National 1st Vice President Jack Edwards and Air Force Lt. Col. Ryu, Seog Oh.

(Thank you Alfred Karchem for photo and letter.)



KWVA Chapter #81 lay wreath at National KWM. Chapter founder Cathy (Rich) Storey and Chuck Freday kneeling. Back row: Don Anderson, Don Myers, Hugh Bair, Ivor Peters and John Forte.

Left to right: Don Myers, John Forte, Chuck Freday, Hugh Bair, Ivor Peters and Don Anderson.

(Thank you Don Anderson for photos.)



The uncaptioned photos above were taken at Banquet and Coctail Hour held on July 27, 2003. (I know many but the photographer called them some "interesting Korean War Veterans and guests." Thank you Thomas E. Powers for photos. Wish I had many more from all events).



Veteran Video Planned

My name is Adam Law. I am a researcher with Broadway Video here in NY. We are currently producing a Veterans Day Special for the Department of Education and the History Channel. The special will air on Veterans Day and will then be used by the D.O.E. and shown in classrooms across the country to teach students about Veterans Day and the importance of honoring those who have fought for our freedom. I spoke briefly with Pat Gualtieri last week, but I thought I would send this email out to inform the entire staff of our project. At this time we are looking to speak with veterans from all wars and conflicts from World War I through to Iraqi Freedom. We would especially like to speak with veterans from Pearl Harbor and D-Day, Korea, Gulf War pilots and Army Soldiers, Vietnam veterans who can talk about fighting in the jungle, and younger vets from Iraqi Freedom allowing our younger audience to relate more to those who fight and sacrifice. Basically, the more veterans we have with compelling stories of valor and sacrifice, the better our program will be for these students.

I understand there are veterans everywhere, but working with an organization such as yours might make my search a little less daunting. My question is whether your organization can assist me in contacting veterans in the area.

Maybe there's an email you can forward to your members. Maybe you know people off the top of your head that would be interested in sharing their stories.

Please give me a call today if at all possible so we can further discuss this. I really believe in this project as an excellent way to pay tribute to our vets as well as teach the younger generations about what it truly means to fight for freedom.

Sincerely,

Adam Law
Researcher, Broadway Video, Inc.
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Duty at Truce Talks not so great

The Marines call the little hill Toothache. It is a small advance position near the Panmunjom truce corridor. Nearby, Chinese troops occupy hill called Molar. No shots are exchanged from these lonely outposts. But for the Marines it's like living on a fused powder keg. When I first came here they pointed out the Chinese trenches to me" said 1st Lt. Richard Daley Dodgeville, Wis. "The Reds saw us right away and pointed back. "This I said was a screwy war."

The Marine's on Toothache watch and hear Chinese snipers on Molar taking potshots at another nearby outpost. The Marines can't shoot back for fear of firing into a neutral corridor. The Chinese have the advantage of fields of fire. And the Reds make every attempt to goad angry Marines riflemen into firing. A misplaced shot means added propaganda fuel and protests at the green armistice table.

The Marines say the Chinese have been known to set up guns

just outside the neutral boundary and then holler "foul" if the United Nations gunners fired at them.

Marines watch the Chinese brazenly washing their clothes and hanging them on bushes. Then, shifting their eyes, they see the big red-striped barrage balloons that mark the Panmunjom conference area. "You look east and they're fighting a war," a Marine said. "Then turn and look the other way toward the Panmunjom road and you can see an MP giving out a speeding ticket."

From the outpost you can sometimes hear shouting and singing from the village of Taesong, a small sanctuary protected by nearness to the truce zone.

It is the Lisbon of Korea, a roistering rendezvous for Chinese and South Koreans who come and go by night into the hotels and brothels.

During the day the Chinese work on their trenches.

"When the Reds are working on their trenches" said Sgt. Roberto Acosta, El Paso, TX., "all you can see is dirt flying."

Pfc. Sidney Cruise, Miami, FL., said "None of them are out now," after sweeping the position with his glasses. "They must be studying their lessons."

Cruise said the Communists hold regular classes to convince themselves that Mao Tse-tung knows best, and at night broadcast their propaganda into Marine positions.

"Last night they tied into the Truman and played cowboy music," he said. "Why don't they wise up?"

Cruise and his buddy, Cpl. Buddy Edwards, Paris, IL, can't agree on weather or not Toothache is good duty. Cruise has been on Toothache for three weeks.

He endorses the idea that "we can't shoot at them, but they can't shoot at us."

"Yeah, but you never know what's going to happen," Edwards replied. And Edwards a former marine sniper, hates to see the "Communists strutting around where they should be fair game."

"That's a fine distance for sniping," Edwards mused.

(The above was printed in the Stars and Stripes that was sent to me by W.C. Schmeltzer. Below is his response.—Editor)

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There are some clarifications, the article on the Marine outpost "Toothache" referring to MP's writing speeding tickets is inaccurate. The reason for stopping vehicles was to check credentials. The checkpoint was beyond the MLR and only priority vehicles were allowed. The reference to the village of "Taesong" is also an error. The correct name is Kaesong and it was frequented by North not South Koreans as the locale was in North Korea and served as the base camp for the Chinese and North Korean negotiators and their cohorts.

I had visited "toothache" unofficially several times and the descriptions of enemy activity in the article are factual. The "Keeping Posted" page from The Saturday Evening Post is an accurate description of the Munsan base camp and the trip to Panmunjom. The American MP's were from the 622nd MP com-

pany. As for being “nattily” dressed, the Marines at “toothache” complimented us with verbiage not fit to be repeated. Two of the photos illustrates how a “nattily” dressed MP looked. They were taken in December 1952. I was 22 years old and drafted while living in Chicago. Both of my brothers, draftees, served, one in the army the other Marines. General Nam IL is in the fancy dress uniform. I am not sure who the Chinese delegates were. The “liberated” vehicle of Nam IL was a late 40’s Chrysler sedan. The picture of Wilfred Burchett, a reporter for The Daily Worker, shows the thatched huts described in the Post article. The woman seated in the background is Marguerite Higgins of the then New York Herald Tribune. Burchett was a trouble maker, accusing the U.S. of using germ warfare and killing prisoners at Kojedo. Inside the truce hut scene is interesting, I am not sure if it is fact or fiction but supposedly the long table in the foreground straddled the 38th parallel. When the talks convened on a given day, if one item, i.e. Ashtray, flag holder, etc., was a fraction off the centerline of the table the communist delegation would immediately end the session. When the busses were stopped on departing the reporters would give us the heads up on the proceedings and the proverbial “see you tomorrow” The photo of the CG of I Corps with the division commanders was taken at I Corps Hdqrs. Gen. Clarke had just arrived and was waiting for his 3rd star. Brig. Gen. Waters was General Patton’s son in law. He was a POW in WW2. (See photos in Images of Korea page 28 in May-June 2003 issue of The Graybeards)

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(Sorry Bill that your letter and photos were not in same issue. Also thanks for Truce Signed Page from Stars and Stripes. I have a better copy sent in by Jeremy Kirk that I hope to use.—Editor)

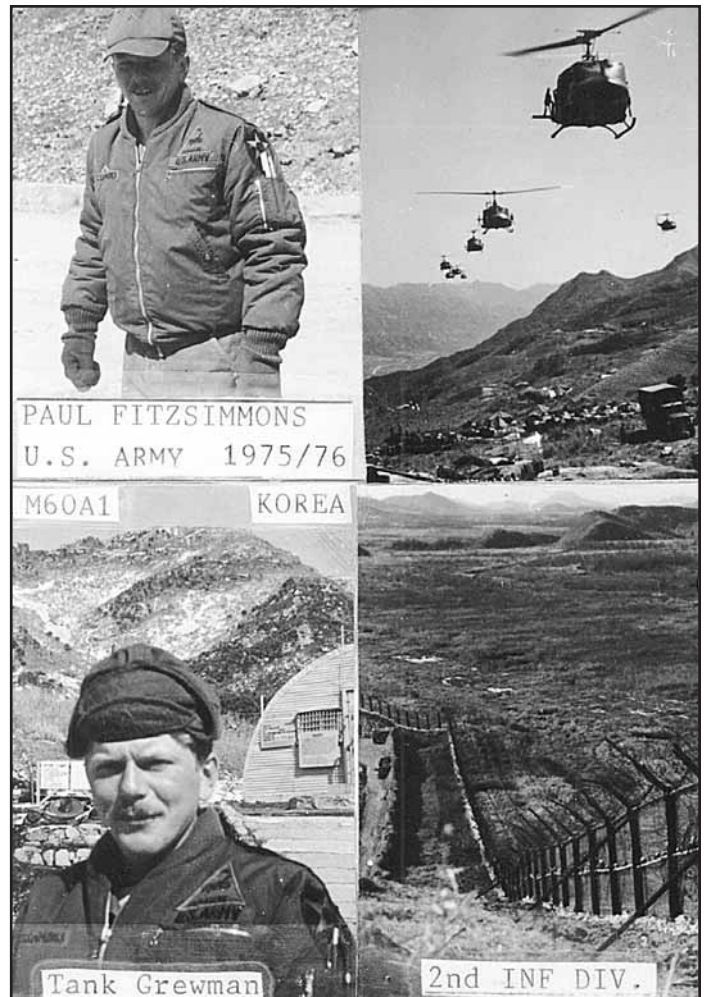
Do you remember and were you there?

The following is needed for secondary testimonial to a hospital-treated wound received in Korea as a Company A train guard of the 772nd MP Battalion. While riding in a wooden gondola car pushed in front of the diesel engine, I was showered with large wooden splinters when we surprised about twenty guerillas. The guerillas raised their hands in surrender but being a hospital train, we did not fire, and the engineer didn’t stop. If you know of, or have heard of this Sept. 1951 event, please contact me:

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Texas City, Texas.

DMZ Veteran Remembers

My name is Paul Fitzsimmons, Veteran Korea, 1975/76, 72nd tank, 2nd I.D., member of the KWVA Central L.I., N.Y. the youngest member at 50 years old. I am a VA Deputy Rep and Director and try to be of support in all event functions. I have great respect for Korean War Veterans. I am happy to help out. I work for the V.A., Northport N. Y., 16 years E.R.I.C.U. and now cardiology EKG tech. I hope by my example of being in support other young Korean veterans can do the same. The commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War in Washington, D.C., was very



heart warming. I am proud to serve and look up to the Korean War Veterans. I will not forget the experience in Washington, D. C., I will always remind the young the price that that was paid for their freedom. Paul Fitzsimmons, 12 Chester Street, East Northport, N.Y. 11731. (Paul shown in photo. Editor)

Paul’s memories of his experiences in Korea- 1975-76

During a routine tree trimming operation within the DMZ on August 18, 1976, two American officers were bludgeoned to death in a melee with North Korean border guards in the Joint Security Area, The United Nations Command tasked the division to spearhead its response to the incident, known as Operation Paul Bunyon. On August 21, a group of ROK soldiers and American infantry and engineers cut down the infamous, “Panmunjom Tree”.

Welcome to the land of the morning calm. Sand Bag Guard Post’s. Highway - checkpoints, Fully Armed.

South Korea Curfews. Shot at sight after midnight. Most, of your tour in the fields and the rice patty’s. 30 day rotation close to the D.M.Z., plenty of C-Rations and I am still proud to be a Crusader.

Camp Casey 2nd Infantry Division 1/72nd Armor Battalion Bravo Company. Second to none. 1976 August I was on overnight pass. 0500 I was awoken to very loud sirens, I put on my uniform, and ran through the village. To Camp Casey some vehicles are rolling out the gate, something is up. Still running toward the motor

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MCI Event for Korean War Veterans and Families



The Platters

The famous '50s and '60s Platters singing group entertain Korean War veterans and their families. Large screen name display photo (above) by Vincent Krepps, Editor.



The Drifters singing group entertain Korean War veterans and their families. Photo by Vincent Krepps Editor.

Korean War veterans got to hear the sound of Motown during the National Salute to Korean War veterans. The Cornell Gunter Coasters, Elsbeary Hobbs Drifters and the Platters, popular singing groups of the 1950s and 60s, joined country music star Randy Travis in performing at the National Salute to Korean War veterans in downtown Washington, D.C.

The event was part of a three-day commemoration that highlights the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Korean War armistice. All three groups were a major force in the rise of Detroit's Motown Records. The Drifters are known for such classics as "Under the

Boardwalk," "On Broadway," "Up On the Roof," "This Magic Moment," and "Save the Last Dance For Me."

The Platters sang "Only You," "The Great Pretender" and "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes."

Popular songs by the Coasters include "Yakety Yak" and "Charlie Brown."

Television star Ed McMahon, Korean folk dancers, performances by country singer Randy Travis, and '50s and '60s groups such as the Cornell Gunter Coasters, the Elsbeary Hobbs Drifters and the Platters.

McMahon also introduced vin-

tage black and white film clips of comedian/entertainer Bob Hope with U.S. troops in Korea during the war. Little did anyone imagine that the legendary figure would die the next day, July 27, at age 100.

The event's host, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi, noted, "We gather to express America's love and thanks to all who stood for right and justice" during the Korean War. Retired Army Gen. Edward C. Meyer, a former Army chief of staff and Korean War veteran, read the famous order by Gen. Matthew Ridgway, who replaced MacArthur, to the troops explaining why U.S. forces were fighting in Korea.

And actor and author James McEachin, who had served as an Army infantryman during the Korean War, shrugged off an illness to read narratives about the war and a salute to America's military.

The courage of U.S. troops fighting in Korea fifty years ago "helped to preserve the Republic of Korea as it is today - a beacon of freedom powered by the human spirit," Principi noted.

(A super program enjoyed by all. Thank You from all Korean War Veterans.)

Photos not otherwise noted are by Gerry J. Gilmore.



Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi praises Korean War Vet's for their sacrifice and courage.



Country singer Randy Travis sings his chart-topping song "Three Wooden Crosses."



TV star Ed McMahon, a Marine Corps pilot during WW II and the Korean War, performed master of ceremonies' duties.



Members of the Korean American Cultural Foundation's Kyung-Hee Univ. Dance Troupe perform in traditional Korean costume.

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s in Washington, D.C. ★ ★ ★ July 26-27, 2003



The Coasters singing group entertain Korean War Veterans and their families. Photo and large screen name display by Vincent. Krepps Editor.



Below, after placing a wreath at the National Korean War Veterans Memorial, Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, left; Ed McMahon, Marine Corps Col. (Ret.) and Marine Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, stand at attention awaiting the playing of the national anthem.

Below, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, left, and Korean War Veteran Robert F. Rider, member of the postal service's board of governors at huge photo of the Korean War Veterans Memorial that was dedicated and unveiled.



The Korean War will not really end until every American is brought home or accounted for." So stated Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz to several thousand veterans and family members about the "forgotten war" during the Defense Department's recognition of the 50th anniversary of armistice that brought about a cease-fire to the Korean War.

The deputy defense secretary was speaking to thousands of people gathered on the National Mall for the DoD commemoration and the U.S.

Postal Service's dedication and unveiling of a special stamp honoring the memorial.

But as President Bush has observed, the most dramatic impression comes from the sky, especially at night. He was referring to flying over the area, where one sees the lights of Seoul, which he called "a dazzling metropolis of freedom and prosperity and energy." Thirty miles to the north, there's no light – just darkness, "which seems appropriate for a land with no freedom and little hope, a place where

tyrants spend the nation's meager resources on nuclear weapons, while people starve," Wolfowitz noted. About 37,000 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea.

Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Ed McMahon and Korean War Veteran also took part in honoring the veterans.

Rider said "This stamp will serve as a special reminder that we must not forget the brave men and women who made the ultimate sac-

rice," Rider continued. "Nor should we forget those who returned home without fanfare."

Photo taken by Marine Corps Reserve Lt. Col. John W. Ali graces the stamp. Ali took the photo as a retirement gift to his father, Bill Ali, a Korean War veteran. The picture shows the sculptures at the Korean War Memorial shrouded in heavy snow. This photograph was used for The 37-cents postage stamp honoring the Korean War Veterans.

Mall photos by Rudi Williams. Some text edited due to space-Editor

pool, I receive orders, start your tank up. Prepare to travel. Receive Ammo from Ammo Depot. My tank is loaded up with live rounds, and my 45 Cal Pistol is loaded. Also loaded on C-Rations. I felt we were combat ready.

We just completed tank gunnery, combat qualifications. TCQC. We gave our tank the nickname The Dragon. We are on high alert. I thought we were going to war.

We found out later on that officers were killed by North Koreans on the D.M.Z. South Korea was on high alert.

We are ready to defend as Americans and to protect South Koreans from outside aggression.

This is for the troops who are stationed in South Korea. God bless You All.

Life Member Korean War Vet Association

L.I. Chapter

Paul Fitzsimmons.

(Thank you Paul for letter, photo and kind words. We value your service as much as our own and also feel South Korea owes it's Freedom to everyone that served in country in any year. Editor.)

War buddies meet again



Boris (Bob) Spiroff with Darven Aemisegger at outskirts of Pyongyang, October 1950.



Darven Aemisegger and Boris (Bob) Spiroff at St Louis, Mo. attending 7th Cav. Regiment reunion 1996.

In above 1950 photo of Bob Spiroff and Darven Aemisegger, 2nd Platoon, George Co., 7th Cav., preparing to break camp and move out toward Chinnen-Po north of Pyongyang, which is the Second Battalion's objective. Bob Spiroff is the author of *Korea: Frozen Hell on Earth. (A Platoon Sergeant's Diary)*

He did not have to go

Here is photo I took in 1953, Stan Hall and Donald Libby, both in my platoon. Donald did his stay in service like all of us.



Stan Hall and Donald Libby, 1953

Being an heir to Libby-McNiel-Libby, I am sure strings could have been pulled to keep him out but he stayed in. (Not like some we know.) I am proud of this. I even remember the private plane coming in with parents to visit.

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Women's service being ignored

For the past three years there have been many 50th Anniversary Commission Events across the country as well as abroad. It is unfortunate that none have commemorated the contributions of women who served during the Korean War. Except for a few comments regarding the Nurses now and then women's service is ignored. Do you have any idea how this makes the 120,000 women veterans of the Korean War Era feel?

I can only speak for myself, for many have passed on or have been discouraged in even admitting they have served. I feel sad and often depressed whenever the Korean War is in the media, there are events or parades, or even meetings! There are often excuses made that women are not mentioned because they weren't in combat? So what? We may not have held a gun, but many women served in dangerous areas overseas in Korea, Japan and Okinawa even if it wasn't on the front lines.

At least 18 women were killed over there, but the public never heard about them. Only about 5% of our men were in combat, but that doesn't make their service and the jobs they did any less important. Women who served, myself included worked right along side of men in offices, mailrooms and motor pools etc.

Several times while serving in Okinawa and Japan we had blackouts. On Okinawa we could see the B-52's going over to Korea on bomb runs, so don't you think it could have come the other way from Russia and China if the war had gone badly?

The 50th Comm. Organization and the KWVA have done a good job in bringing the KW and it's veterans to the forefront in the past three years, but for many women and indeed some men, there are many stories that will never be told. We have been told to get out there and get sponsors and tell our stories. Some of us who have spoken up have felt the sting of rejection from the media, veteran's groups, and the public. Unless one has been in combat or sexually assaulted, who wants to hear about that old "forgotten war," from seniors, especially women. In checking the 50th Website several months ago. I noticed an error regarding the number of women who served during the Korean Era: 7,500 is way too low. When I requested the Webmaster to recheck the numbers, her reply was very rude. Who was I to question the numbers? There are all kinds of Websites to recheck the numbers. The Website today remains the same.

Is it any wonder we don't think it's worth the time, trouble and money to attend KWVA and 50th Comm. Events. At a time in my life when I deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, I am often treated in the exact opposite way. Many Korean vets like myself have lost spouses and have disabilities. Coming to Washington D.C. can be overwhelming! One has to beg for a handicapped room as well as help getting on and off busses, and special seating tags from the KWVA or other organization. Other Veterans are rude also, pushing and shoving to get a better view or seat. I know all this because I have been there!

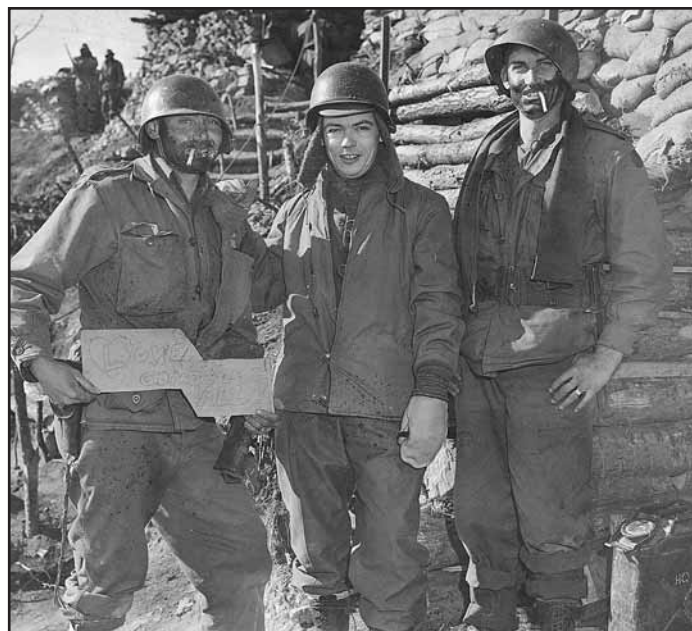
To top all this off, one year the Park Service sent my group away from the KWVA Memorial, because our group of ten was standing together reciting poetry. Months before, I applied and received all the proper permits but it still wasn't enough. Every day something new comes to light, which makes me wonder if we still live in a free and democratic republic. After all we require of our young people who serve their country, we need to care more about how we honor their service and the democratic values we live by.

Sincerely yours\\

Ms. Audrey Jean Reid, Charter Member
4385 Trenton Ln N Unit 201
Plymouth, MN 55442-2857

(Audrey, I agree with some of your comments but not all. Many of us men also went through some of your complaints so I would say most treatment was equal. As to 50th Commemoration and KWVA events they are open to all Korean War Era veterans (men and women) but very few showed up nor did they respond in any way.

I continue to look for female service stories for The Graybeards (Korean War Era) but get very few but I do print what I get. No one, men or women gets any different treatment at the National Korean War Memorial in D.C. I know that for a fact for I in many events with camera crews, etc. was told to move on. Only major events by DoD and Embassies get the red carpet treatment. I suggest if you want to improve on your treatment that you and others of our valued and highly respected veterans need to get more involved.
—Editor.)



Cartoonist Bill Mauldin, center, meets the Korean versions of his World War II characters, Willie and Joe, during a visit to the 7th Inf. Div. on Heartbreak Ridge on 2 February 1952. "Willie", at left, is Pfc. John Owens of Fount Inn, SC. "Joe", right, is Pvt. Lawrence Reid, of Hudson, NC

(US Army photo by Cpl. Donald Hodgdon, 7th Signal Co, Photo Section, 7th Inf. Div.)

Mauldin with 7th Inf. Regt. In Korea

(Bill Mauldin passed away last January. He will be remembered by GI's from many wars for his great art and since of humor. Sorry I do not recall who sent in photo. Documents and/or envelope thrown away or misplaced. Please always put name on back of photo.—Editor.)

He was my friend and forgotten by many



Cecil Bryant, KIA in Korea. 6 months in Service.

Enclosed is a picture of a friend of mine who was killed in Korea after only being in the service of our country for six months. He has been omitted in some memorial array of pictures of veterans in some of the media, even my home town paper. I have sent a picture of him to our hometown paper so they can add him to their listings. They publish four complete pages of several veterans from my home town every year on Memorial Day. I recognize many of these people in the paper.

Our new post #6 KWVA St. Charles, MO was established not long ago here in St. Charles off highway 94 south and at the VFW hall.

We attended a memorial service at O'Fallon, MO. today and many were there to represent their branches of service. Senator Chuck Gross of Missouri gave a speech.

We are planning on constructing another memorial here in St.

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Chapter Affairs

Yong Dung Po Chapter #114 of Bucks County Pennsylvania

On Friday 25 of July 2003 our Chapter had a service marking 50th. of truce at Bucks County Memorial in Doylestown.
(Thank you Frederick T. Quedenfeld for photos and letter.)



Roses for the 37 that did not come home.



Joo Hyeon Baik Consul for South Korea placing rose.



Col. Lee member placing rose.



Sister of one who did not come home places rose.
(no name given)

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: Nov.-Dec. 2003 articles must be received by editor no later than Nov. 10. We print on a first-come-first-served basis. We also have a backlog.— Editor.

KWVA South Central Chapter #245 of Wisconsin



"Andrew Sisters" - Jan Rutkowski (left), Sandi Frey (center), Sherry Johnson (right)



Gordon and Astrid Faust donated the flag pole, Waunakee, Wi



Marker indicating it is dedicated to Korean War Veterans 1950-1953.



Gordon Faust, with 1st Vice President Jack Edwards, Largo, Florida on the revisit to Korea Sept. 2002. Both are Air force veterans.



Chapter members participate in the Waunafest parade. The 50th Anniversary banner was carried by two South Korean teenagers attired in their South Korean native dress. Other South Korean youth distributed tootsie rolls (Marine nick name for mortar shells) and a hand-out explaining how the tootsie rolls provided food during the battle around the Chosin Reservoir and also provided a means of plugging bullet holes in gas tanks and radiators.



Memorial Day parade in Waunakee. Chapter members, with assistance from local Boy Scouts displayed the 50th Korean War Anniversary banner and flag. Korean War veterans present were Gordon Faust (L) and William Sprout, Jr. (R).



Chapter members with National President Harley Coon at Wisconsin Korean War Memorial, Plover, Wi., June 1, 2003.



Gordon Faust at memorial.

Dane County veteran organizations and individuals donated funds to have the name of individuals who died during the Korean War to be named on tiles installed at the Wisconsin Korean War Memorial at Plover, WI. 25 are KIA, MIA, or died as POWs, 17 died from non-hostile causes. Gordon Faust researches newspapers from 1950-1954 to obtain the names as well as DOD information. (Sorry no room for typed list.)

(Thank you Gordon Faust for photos and letter.)



Note - Gordon Faust, a Korean War Air Force veteran, was honored by the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate for his efforts in obtaining the Korean War Service Medal for the veterans of that war or their next of kin. Senator Fred Risser, President Pro Tem of the Wisconsin Senate, and a WWII veteran, made the presentation. The Chapter representing Madison Veterans Council presented Korean Veteran Service Medals to the veterans or next of kin also at the State Capitol. Major General Al Wilkening and U.S. Representative Tammy Baldwin presented the medals and letter of appreciation from the South Korean President. (No photo used showing this event because it was marked beyond use by ink from back of another photo in your mailing.)

Taejon Chapter #170 of New Jersey

Tomorrows Children

On February 4, 2003, KWVA Taejon Chapter Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole presented a donation to Kathy Ambrose, Administrative Director for "Tomorrows Children". This took place at the Hackensack University Medical Center Hospital, Hackensack, New Jersey. Tomorrows Children Pediatric Center is a center for children stricken with blood diseases and cancer. At the presentation were color Guard Captain Vincent Cupo and historian Louis Quagliero.



Taejon Chapter 170 Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole and Administrative Director for "Tomorrows Children", Kathy Ambrose receiving donation.



From left, Taejon Chapter Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole, Administrative Director for "Tomorrows Children" Kathy Ambrose, Color Guard Captain Vincent Cupo and Historian Louis Quagliero.

Cupo donates his time every Wednesday to entertain the children with his harmonica and then gives each child a harmonica. Kathy Ambrose took the members on a tour throughout the complex and explained what is done for the children who come there. Commander Onorevole presents a donation to the "Children of Tomorrow" twice a year. *(Thank you Louis Quagliero for Letter and photos.)*

Armed Forces Day April 6, 2003

Rally in support of our Armed Forces Sunday April 6, 2003. Event was held in front of the City Hall, Clifton, New Jersey. Festivities included a memorial service, prayer and tribute to our flag. The large crowd responded with enthusiasm as patriotic songs were sung by all, especially when everyone sang "God

Bless America" with Kate Smith. Jo Sherman of Channel 77 Clifton Public Television interviewed almost all Taejon chapter members on their sentiments on the war in Iraq. All responded in support of our Armed Forces and a quick victory.



Above, left to right, front, Van Brunt, Burkert, Commander Onorevole and Bruzgis.

In the back, left to right - Castaldo, DiPaola, Dilonardo, Atheras, Cupo and Quagliero.

Right, Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole and wife Cathy.

(Thank you Louis Quagliero for letter and photos)



Queen City Chapter #195 of Colorado



Memorial Day Parade in Denver. Shown are left to right Robert Graham, Nancy Millensifer, Charles Kammerer, Calvin Kiel, Robert Nelson, Gene Mauldin, Kenneth Camell, Frank Montijo, Brain Lasher and Kenneth Giese with bagpipes.



Korean Era Jeep with water cooled 30 cal machine gun mounted.



Members participating in parade.



Officers and Members participating in the Veterans Memorial Fair, held in Civil Center Park in Denver. Robert Graham, Frank Montijo, Robert Nelson, Kenneth Camell, Peter Baseflug, Nancy Millensifer, Charles Kammerer, and Gene Mauldin.

(Thank you Kenneth Camell for photos and letter.)

Southeastern Indiana Chapter #4



Chapter firing squad members shown l to r: Chapter President Luther Rice, Bill Kyle, Tom Lampert, Carroll Ammons, Chaplain Glynn Clark, 2nd vice pres Dick Fussnecker, Sgt at Arms Clarence Batchelor, Treasurer Archie Abner, and WWII Veteran Edith Callan. Event

Our Chapter provided the firing squad shown above for Memorial Day services conducted at the local cemetery. The chapter also participates in benevolent and charitable programs such as awarding scholarships on an annual basis to area high school graduates, providing aid to chapter members and/or their

families who are sick or who are in distress, supporting programs for senior citizens, donating food to the local free store, and supporting patient programs for veterans at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Cincinnati. The chapter is also active in programs such as Veterans Day ceremonies, the conduct of funeral services for military veterans, as well as other activities that support programs for and about veterans.

(Thank you Luther Rice for photo and letter.)

Rockford Chapter #272 of Illinois



The photo shows Mr. Cooo Kyu-Ho, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea on Mrs. Thorne's left and Major General Richard Mills (Ret), on her right. The general was the commander of her son's 3rd Infantry Division at the time of Mrs. Thorne's son's death. Her son, PFC Harold was a machine gunner, and was killed in action 10 days prior to the armistice. Mrs. Thorne will be 95 on November 11, 2003.

Illinois Chapters held their 2003 State Convention in Springfield, Illinois June 20 through June 22, 2003. A 50th Korean War Memorial Service was held at 10:30 A.M. on Sunday, in the Oakridge Cemetery in Springfield. During the ceremony, Mrs. Viola Thorne the oldest living Gold Star Mother of the Korean War in Illinois and member of Chapter 272 was recognized.

KWVA Chapter #210, Brevard County, Florida

A Memorial Service commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice ending the Korean War was held on Sunday, June 22nd, 2003, at the Veterans Memorial Center & Museum, located at 400 Sykes Creek Parkway, on Merritt Island, Florida. The service was sponsored jointly by the Brevard Veterans Council, Inc., and the KWVA Chapter 210.

The Service was chaired by former Air Force SSgt. Louis Rossi. After a Posting of the Colors Ceremony, former Lt. Clara Cleland, an Army Nurse in a MASH unit during the war gave a short



Chapter President Julius Farago introducing Major General John Cleland, principal speaker and Mrs. Cleland to the commemoration audience.

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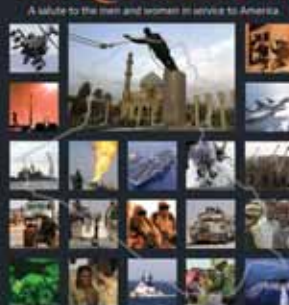
KOREAN WAR

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synopsis of her experiences as a nurse during the war.

Husband, Major General Cleland who holds numerous military decorations including the Army Combat Infantryman's Badge with 2 Stars, an honor shared by less than 500 other recipients. General Cleland spoke on his experiences in Korea, the conflict in the Middle East, and America's preparedness.

Luncheon followed the ceremony, after a rifle salute and the playing of Taps, and the benediction. Great camaraderie was in attendance.



Chapter Vice President Nick Beninate presenting plaque to the Clelands in appreciation for their respective speeches on Korean experience.



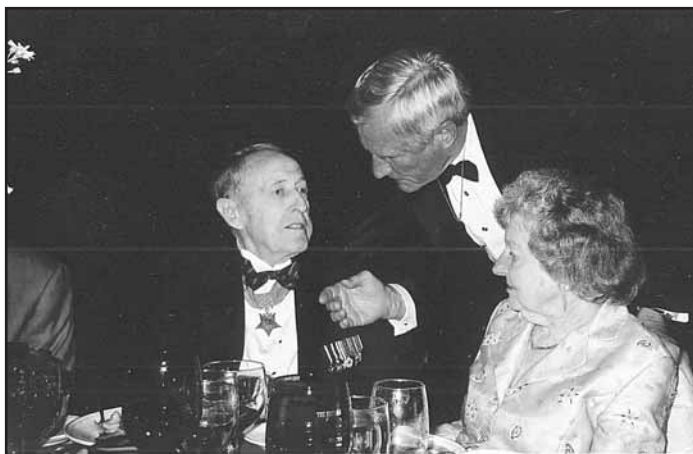
A delicious luncheon followed the Commemorative meeting on June 22, 2003 at the Veterans Memorial Center and Museum at Merritt Island.



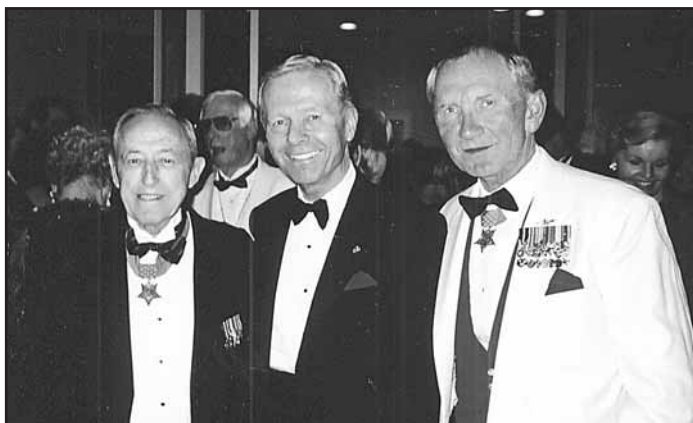
Chapter members in attendance at the Commemorative Service on June 22, 2003. (Thank you James H. Appleton for letter and photos.)

General Raymond G. Davis Chapter #19 of Georgia

The National D-Day Museum Foundation. The Third Annual Victory Ball Friday, 6 June 2003



Gen. (Ret.) Raymond G. Davis MOH, on right, wife Knox Davis



Above, Gen. Davis and on right: M/Gen. (Ret.) James Livingston MOH
At right, M/Gen. Larry Taylor and Gen. Davis



Gen. Davis being interviewed for the D-Day Museum "Living History" series.





Gen. Davis with General (Ret.) H. Norman Schwarzkopf flanked by Georgia chapter members. (Thank you James Conway for photos and letter.)

Charles Parlier Chapter #24 of Illinois



Color Guard at their memorial on Memorial Day 2003. Shown L to R are Howard Mooney, Richard Parrish and James Delaney.



Firing Squad of Macon County Honor Guard commanded by Rudy Escobar, WWII. Korean Veterans of squad shown are (L to R): Rudy Escobar, Gene Howell, Merle Sims, Wayne Semple, Frank Delgado, Richard Teike, David Mayberry and Duane Boriff.

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."



Frank Delgado (L) and William L. Williams participate in POW/MIA Ceremony of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library 's 50th Anniversary Commemoration in Tuscola Illinois. (Thank you Richard Teike for photos and letter.)

KWVA National

Bertrand, Nebraska Veterans Memorial Monument Dedication, May 26, 2003.



TOP: Jack Edwards, KWVA National Vice-President speaking to attendees. BELOW: Left to right, Richard Baxter, Jack Edwards, General Roger Lempke, Art Johnsen and Jerry Ludwig. (Thank you Jack Edwards for letter and photos.)

Hilo Chapter #231, Hilo, Hi.

Hilo Korean War Veterans Chapter 231, Photo of Members that celebrated the 50th Commemorative Anniversary of the signing of the Cease Fire July, 27, 1953. A Ceremony and the President's Candle Light Service was attended by the group of Korean War Veterans pictured below, paying tribute to all Korean War Veterans for their Sacrifices during the days of Combat A Special Candle Light Service was held in Honor of those 47, Korean War Veterans of Hawaii County who gave their lives in Combat, and all Korean War Veterans across our great Nation who paid the supreme sacrifice, so that we may enjoy Freedom and Liberty throughout our lives



Hilo Korean War Veterans Chapter #231: Left to right, First Row - Takeo Uyehara, Eugene Tan, Zack Abregano, Hiroshi Shima, Hideo Gushiken and Norman Yee.

Second Row - Richard Hawelu, Joe Kaleikini, Lino Cabral, Calvin Sueda, Tatsuo Kimoto, Bob Kita, Elgen Fujimoto, Archie Kaaua, Hisashi Morita, Bill Sibayton and Robert Montague.

Third Row - Tokio Izumigawa, Frances Harriman, Charies Ratledge, Raymond Fujikawa, Daniei Kawaiaea, William Yoeman, Marple Riley, Geraldo Guerrero and Gerard Guyad.

(Thank you Robert L. Montague for letter and photo.)

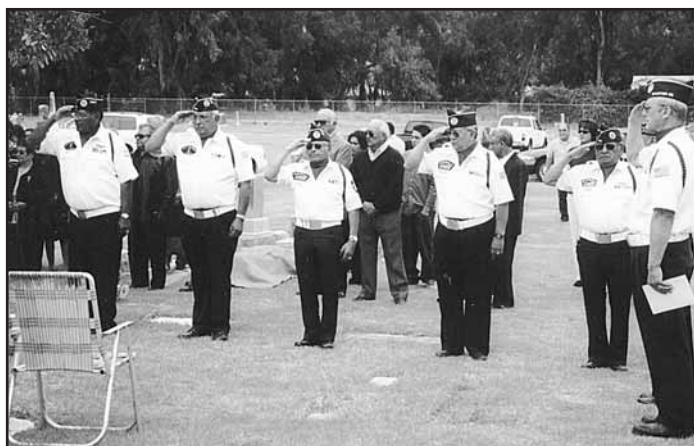
Ventura County Chapter #56

About 12 members showed up to receive their Medallions at the Grand Wilshire Hotel downtown Los Angeles. The first Medallions were given to us by the Korean National Council of churches. We also have to look forward to getting a Medallion and a certificate for each of our members.

Frank Torrez with flag, Manuel Salazav behind Frank, Mike Hidalgo and Rudy Avellano, facing Frank, Mike on right and Rudy on left. We do the flag folding ceremony and say the 12 folds, done by Commander David Lopez.



Left to right Mike Hidalgo (folding), Manuel Salazav, Rudy Avellano, Frank Torrez and David Lopez.



Left to right - David Lopez, Frank Torrez, Rudy Avellano, Manuel Slazav, Mike Hidalgo and Kenneth Niemi saluting at Flag Folding Ceremony for a deceased veterans funeral.

Rudy Avellano, John Campos and David Lopez received their Medallions from Christian Council of Korea for the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. Other veterans not shown in photo also received their Medallions.



Chapter members got Medallions from the students and citizens for their Korean War Service..(Thank you David Lopez for letter and photos.)

Sunshine State Chapter #159 of Florida

The Korean Christian Broadcasting System interviewed Korean War Veterans about their wartime experience in Korea on June 29, 2003. This program was broadcast in Korea on July 27, 2003. Korean/American Tampa Bay Chapter provided entertainment for the veterans.



Shown, left to right - Jack Edwards, Ray Smith, George Costage, Bob Dolemba, James Paek, Tom Carrick, Gene Peebles, Ted Harris Bill Baker and Korean/American Tampa Bay Chapter and the visiting Korean Christian Broadcasters.



From left, Jack Edwards, Tom Carrick, Don Denny, George Costage, Gene Peebles, Bill Baker, Ted Harris, James Paek, Ray Smith and Bob Dolemba.



Shown front row, left to right - James Paek, Tom Carrick, Bob Dolemba. Back row, Ray Smith, George Costage, Heung Lee, Bill Baker, Ted Harris, Jack Edwards, Gene Peebles and Kwang-Cho Lee-Korean broadcaster.



Korean/American Tampa Bay Chapter Korean Christian broadcasters visit to interview Korean War Veterans for broadcast in Korea July 27, 2003.

(Thank you Jack Edwards for letter and photos.)

South Central Wisconsin Chapter #245

(Brampton, Ontario, Canada)-- Retired USA Col. Clifford Borden of Madison officially represented the KWVA of the U. S. at an-historic ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the July 27, 1953 signing of the Korean War Armistice and Cease Fire. Simultaneous ceremonies were being held in Washington, D.C., in South Korea and at other locations throughout the free world.

Borden, recently served as president of the South Central Wisconsin Chapter No.245 of KWVA laid a commemorative floral wreath from the 17,000 member KWVA organization during ceremonies held at the National Wall of Remembrance by the Korean Veterans Association of Canada. The wreath was in tribute to the 516 members of the Canadian armed forces who were killed in action during the Korean War while serving as members of the British 1st Commonwealth Div. More than 27,000 Canadians answered their country's call to arms. (The U. S. wreath was hand-crafted in Madison by Choles Floral.)



Canada's observance of the July 27th - 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Case Fire was highlighted by remarks from His Excellency Ki-ho Chang, Ambassador to Canada from the Republic of Korea (center front in photo)

At right, Cliff Borden prepares KWVA ceremonial wreath for placement at CVA-Canada's National Wall of Remembrance with assistance of Canadian escort, Brampton, Ontario, July 27, 2003.

Below, The military band of the 48th Highlanders of Canada led by Regimental Drum Major, Sergeant Chris Reesor at the patriotic anniversary observance at Brampton.



Wreaths were all beautiful. Photo at right shows KWVA wreath among others. (Thank you Cliff Borden for letter and photos.)



Frozen Chosin Chapter #41, Minnesota

First chapter in Minnesota and the first Korean Memorial in the state of Minnesota. Charter members from left to right - Bob Browne, Mark Honetschlager, C. Eichers, Bill Maher, Robert Frederick and Lyle LaFavor. The last two members have a brother each on the 724 Minnesota names on statue.

(Thank you Mark Honetschlager for letter and photo.)



Imjin Chapter #95 of Southern Illinois



On May 27th, our local Chapter was the sponsoring military organization for the annual Parade through downtown Belleville. The person on the far left in photo is President Russell Klein, to his left is James Fishbein, on the far right is former State of Illinois President Ed. Musser. The church in the background is the famous St. Peter's Cathedral which is the home Parrish of Bishop Wilton Gregory. Each year a different Veterans group sponsors the parade which is considered an honor. 36 Groups participated.

(Thank you James O. Fishbein for photo and letter.)

Northwest Alabama Chapter II



New officers for the Chapter who took the oath and pledge to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the chapter at the regular meeting on July 12, 2003. These officers will serve for the chapter operative year of 2003-2004. From left to right: Ralph C. Dula, President; John T. Green, Vice-President; David Bee, Secretary; and Millard Liverett, Treasurer.

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

LETTERS from page 43

Charles soon in honor of the Korean War Veterans.

Sherman Lewis O'Guinn, Member
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Charles, MO 63301-4834
<sherm37@yahoo.com>.

We had a great reunion

The Survivors of Outpost Harry has just completed our 12th annual reunion at Fort Stewart, Georgia. The battle for OutPost Harry was one of the largest concentrated battles of the Korean war. The Outpost was defended by the 15th Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division, the 5th Regimental Combat Team, The Greek Expeditionary Force and other allied units.

The Chinese attacked from the 10th of June through the 18th, 1953. The Communist forces after suffering many thousand killed and wounded finally withdrew. The Outpost remained in Allied hands. The 3rd Infantry of Fort Stewart presented George Samuel Buck with the long overdue Silver Star for his heroic actions, which took place almost 50 years ago to the day. Sam and his family live in Winterset, IA. Many of Sam's relatives were at the ceremony.

Friends meet again at KWVA reunion

It was Thursday, July 24, 2003, Washington, DC., and our first hour arriving at Doubletree Hotel when my wife and I entered the Hospitality Room and looked around for a table with vacant seats. We found one and were greeted by a big fellow with a broad smile and a healthy handshake. His name, Anthony Melecca from N. Massapequa, NY. Two other couples and another fellow veteran were seated at the table as we exchanged greetings.

Somewhere lurking in the crowd was another veteran, Leland Fuhrman from Gillett, AR, whom we were about to meet. Anthony and I was in a heavy conversation about where we were from and our tour of duty in Korea, when this fellow walks up (Leland

Fuhrman) to Anthonys' chair and asked, "Hey, were you with the 7th Div.?" With pride on his face, Anthony responded, "Yeah sure was." Leland responded in quick order, "105 Artillery" "You bet." Anthony said. "48th Field Artillery Bn., Battery "B". By this time Anthony was already standing, "You got me."

Everyone at the table watched with tears in our eyes and savored the moment as these two fellows began to share the joy of greeting and seeing each other for the first time in 52 years. What a momentous occasion as we listened and watched the excitement coming forth in their voices and faces. It was a moving moment to remember and one that I shall cherish for the rest of my days. We were later to learn that Leland was in Survey and Anthony at #1 Gun.

Many times during the remainder of our National meeting I enjoyed seeing these two fellows together with their wives. Their experience reminded me of the many veterans across the nation who could experience the same excitement and experience if only they could come to our National Convention, after all this is one of the things we are about. Submitted by Charles Ray Wells, National Director.

I met Mickey Rooney in Korea 1952

I arrived in Korea in February 1952 and was stationed with United States Marine Corps Support Company Mun Sun Nee. While there, a USO Show came to our outfit and on October 13, 1952, Mickey Rooney and his entourage performed at our theater. The show was great.

After the show, Mickey came out to talk to all of us and came by me, so I took a picture with him. He asked where I came from and I told him. He then said to me, "If I am anywhere near you, come out and see me".

Well, it took 51 years and Mickey was performing at a High School in Bridgewater, NJ (about 36 miles from where I now live) with his wife for a 2:00 show. My wife, of 49 years, and I headed out with a full tank of gas, a camera, a blow-up of the photo of Mickey and I back in Korea, and two small American flags, because I heard the last song of this show was God Bless America. We finally got there and Mickey Rooney and Bob Judge, I went looking for Mickey. This very large man approached us and asked what we wanted, and I told him the story. He took the picture and vanished. My wife and I waited for him to return. He came back and told us that Mickey was too busy to see us. I went bananas and proceeded to tell this big lug to tell Mickey "He's a bunch of bull. I went out of my way just to thank him for coming to see us in Korea, but he was too busy to see me for a couple of minutes."

I could not stay there any longer, because I had another commitment in Rahway, NJ. We were presenting awards to three Marine



Mickey Rooney and Bob Judge,



Leland Fuhrman (left) and Anthony Melecca.

ROTC's. Honestly, these ROTC's mean more to me than Mickey Rooney.

Bob Judge
5 Harvey Ave.
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A loved EX-POW died

You may recall my wife wrote a poem "Burial at Arlington" (which you so kindly published on the back cover of The Graybeards) covering the funeral of my friend Bill Wright. He was the navigator on the B-29 crew held as a POW with me for several cold months in 1951 prior to final imprisonment in Camp 11 on the Yalu River. The flight engineer for that crew (Charles L. Mullins, Jr.) spent his last years in the Old Soldiers Home in Washington D.C. I sent a notice of his passing to the Ex-POW Bulletin for possible inclusion in their "Taps" section. I also wanted to pass the word of his death to his many friends of the Korean POW's.

Charles L. Mullins, Jr.

Chief Master Sgt. Charles Mullins known to all his friends as "Moon" Mullins was born 26 March 1922 and died 24 March 2003 at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, D.C. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery on 10 April 2003.



PRISONERS OF WAR - NORTH KOREA
SEPTEMBER 1951
305th BOMB GROUP B-29 CREW

Kneeling: * Glen W. Brown - Radioman, * Jess C. Ring - Tail gunner, * Robert L. Warner - Pilot, Ed Gibbens - Bombardier
Standing: Chinese Guard, * Charles L. "Moon" Mullins - Flight Engineer, * Burl D. Dean - Left Scanner, James R. Kiser - F-80 Fighter Pilot 8th FTR GP, 36th FTR SQ * George W. Beale - Radar Operator (*Deceased)

Moon served in World War II as a flight engineer on a B-29 and during the Korean War until late Aug. 1951 when his B-29 was shot down over North Korea. He and his crew were captured by the Chinese near Pyongyang (the co-pilot was shot while descending in his parachute). There is only one remaining member of that B-29 crew alive, the Bombardier Col. Ed Gibbens of Meridian, Idaho. After a tour of central North Korea sponsored by the Chinese Peoples Volunteer dodging bullets and bombs showered on us by our former comrades the crew was held for the remainder of the war in Camp II near the Yalu River. All of this crew was released during Operation Big Switch from July to early September 1953.

I'm not sure how much of this you may be interested in, but I personally wanted to make sure Moon was recognized because of his personal help provided to me. I was a young fighter pilot having been blown out of the sky with a 1000 pound bomb that went off under the left wing of my F-80 while on a skip bombing run on 10 August 1951. I feel rather confident that my chances for survival later on were increased considerably by Moon Mullins and the other members of his B-29 Crew. I could not walk and probably would have been buried on some North Korean mountainside had Moon and the Crew not carried me and kept me alive during some of the rough times.

I am enclosing a copy of a photo made by a Chinese officer which I managed to steal and hide for two years and brought back across our lines on 5 Sept. 1953. I want to thank you personally for printing my wife, Margie Kiser's, poem and any coverage you can provide this Old Soldier. He was important to me.

Sincerely,

James R. Kiser,
611 N. Overbrook Drive
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547

A loved brother remembered

My brother was first assign to the 38th Inf. Regt., Co. E. when he first went to Korea I believe in June of 1952 just before his 19 birthday He was awarded Bronze Star Medal with a V for distinguished actions in Sept. 1952.

I am sorry to say, that my brother will not be with us for the 50th. Anniversary of the Armistice of the Korean War, July 27th. which was his 20th. birthday when he was there. In April 1966 he was killed in a plane accident in the U.S. Air Force.



I went to Korea about 11 years after he went home, I went over The picture is of my older brother, William Richard (Bill) Carter which was take in Japan while he was on R&R. I don't know who the other two man are, but, I believe they may have been in the 38th F.A. Bn. He was in B Battery at the time this picture was taken. He is the one on the left with the C.I.B.

on the USNS Gen. Patrick in Aug. 1964 and he came home on it in Oct. 1953, I was at Camp Peterson, assign to Hq. Co. 8th. Combat Engineer Bn. 1st. Cav. Div. and on July 1st. 1965 we became the 2nd Combat Engineer Bn. 2nd. Inf. Div. I was assign to the Heavy Equipment Platoon. I took Basic training at Ft. Lewis, WA in 1957 with Co. G, 38th Inf Bn., 2nd Inf. Div.

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Korean War Veterans Thanked and Remembered



Shown (l to r) are Dr. Shin, Washington State Senator, Dr. Hubert Hojae Lee Korean American Foundation U.S.A. Guest Speaker, and Hank Sosa President 21st RCT Assn.

Stars & Stripes Headline brought back memories

Was delighted to see on the July-August cover the by-line of my *Pacific Stars and Stripes* partner in Korea, Bob McNeill, who was in the Air Force. Together, we covered the front from east to west, as well as Operations Little and Big Switch and the negotiations at Panmunjom. We also happened to have belonged to the same college fraternity, ATO. It would be of interest to our fellow KWVA veterans that in an interview with a wing commander, Bob obtained the startling "scoop" that Soviet pilots were jockeying MiGs in combat. He filed the story, which was passed by censors in Seoul. But when it reached Tokyo, Bob's story was killed at birth by the brass at FEC HQ. The rationale: We don't want to get into a confrontation with the Soviet Union. We thought that a bit chicken to suppress the news that some of our guys were getting shot down by Russians.

It's time Bob McNeill (UPI, ret.) is recognized for a major news story that finally went public after 50 years in the state of squelch.

Frank D. Praytor (USMC 1950-54), Albuquerque NM, E-mail <pra-pro@swcp.com>

Event was held at Doubletree Hotel Common Wealth Hall in Arlington, VA on July 25, 2003. The event was the 21st RCT Assn. reunion. Dr. Lee thanked the Korean War Veterans for their sacrifices to Give South Korea its Freedom, Peace and Comfort they enjoy today.

Reunion Calendar

October 2003

USS EVERSOLE DD789 Oct. 15-19 in Charleston SC. Contact Tom Trainham, 981 Garrison CT., Jonesboro, GA. 30238-4102. Tel: 678-479 8851 or E-mail <tjt1958@yahoo.com>.

Baker Co., 279th Inf. Reg., 45th Inf. Div. (Korea) annual Reunion Oct. 16-18 at Clifton, Texas (near Waco, TX.). Contact: John A. Harshbarger, 1204 South Fern St., Stillwater, OK. 74074, Tel. 405-377-6150.

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>.

Army Engineer OCS Alumni (All Classes) Oct. 16-20 at Silver Legacy Resort in Reno, Nevada Contact E. T. Mealing Tel: 404-231-3402 E-mail: <ENOCSA@earthlink.net>, Web Page <www.teocsa.org>

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>

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

72nd Engineer Combat Company, Oct. 27-31 at the Hershey Farm Inn and Restaurant, in Strasburg, PA (800)-827-8635. Special room rate for our group is \$75. Contact person is Bob Mount, 6518 Fish Hatchery Rd., Thurmont, MD

21788. Tel: 301-898-7952, E-mail <taxpreper@aol.com>.

November 2003

160th Inf./40th Div./All Companies Nov. 2-4 in Loughlin, Nev. Contact Will Brown, Tel: 661-947-6411 or e-mail: <willbrown@mac.com>.

American Association of Navy Hospital Corpsmen Nov. 5-9 at Clarion Hotel Charelston, South Carolina. Contact Dennis D Mooney, 1016 SW 103rd Terrace, Oklahoma, OK 73139. Tel: 405-692-1189 E-mail: <doret@yahoo.com>.

7th Div., 31st FA., B Battery, #3 Gun Nov. 8, the 3rd annual War Veterans dinner will be held in the Education Center at The Southside Virginia Community College. Dinner will be catered and will start at 6:00 p.m. A \$10.00 donation per plate or person. The location is on Route 40 one and a half miles east of Route 360, Keysville, VA. There will be signs for directions stating Korean War Veterans, showing the way there. Contact LeRoy Shook, 3818 Briery Rd., Keysville, VA 23947. Tel: 1-434-736-9088. You can make reservations for rooms at Sheldons Motel at 1-434-736-8434.

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

April 2004

1st Marine Div, 7th Marine Regt, 2nd Bn, Easy Co. (Korea - 50-54) April 4-6 in Tunica, Mississippi. Contact: Troy Watson. Tel: (972) 716-9928 or Email: <tsw8433@yahoo.com> or Chuck Tidwell. Tel: (843) 650-7082 or Email: <Chubar84@aol.com>.

June 2004

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September/October 2004

430th Engineer Battalion (Korea) reunion to be held in September/October 2004 location TBA later. Contact Charlie Wise, 9542 Yolanda Ave. Northridge CA. 91324. Tel: 818-993-5876. E-mail <wisekev@aol.com>

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Why didn't I wait to be drafted.
And to be led to the train by the band,
Or out on claims of exemption,
Oh, why did I hold up my hand?
Why didn't I wait for the banquet?
Why didn't I wait to be cheered?
For the drafted men get the credit.
While I was merely a VOLUNTEER.

And nobody gave me a banquet.
Nobody said a kind word.
The puff of the engine, the grind of the wheels,
Was all the good-bye I heard.
Then off to the training camp hustled,
To be drilled for the next year,
And in the shuffle forgotten,
For I'm only a VOLUNTEER.

And perhaps someday in the future
When a little boy sits on my knee,
And asks what I did in the great war,
And his little eyes look up at me,
I will have to look down into those eyes,
That at me so trustingly peer,
And confess that I wasn't drafted,
That I was merely a VOLUNTEER!

Author Unknown
Submitted by Alan Roos

LOST INNOCENCE OF YOUTH

*As friends were leaving school
For the joys of summer
A foreign war erupted
Half a world away.*

*Orders received to help comrades
Ill-equipped, ill-prepared
Against a foreign horde
Half a world away.*

*The sunshine innocence of youth
Is lost to the cold bitterness of war
Half a world away.*

*Names not learned in school
Chongjin, Wonsan, Songjin
Receive fire and destruction
From cruisers Worcester and Helena
Half a world away.*

*The pirate and brush
Feel the sting of death
While politicians speak police action
Half a world away.*

*The pride of our youth
Kept Pusan from becoming
America's Dunkirk
Half a world away.*

*Workers strike in America
As crosses multiply in Korea
Half a world away.*

*Shame and disgrace is theirs
Who did not keep faith with us
Half a world away.*

George A. McKenna

A Letter to Mom (From a soldier at war)

It's a little cold and damp, Mom,,
the food is not so good;
The mud is thick and deep, Mom,
and soaked with human blood.

There's a bullet in my chest, Mom,
but it doesn't hurt too much;
Like when I see a little orphan,
without a leg or crutch.

They' re coming down the hill, Mom,
about ten thousand and strong;
And no matter how we fight and pray,
we can't hold out for long.

But we will fight all over, Mom,
to keep this country free;
To guard our right and freedom,
and protect our liberty.

Tell my girl not to cry, Mom,
tell Dad to be real brave;

And when they send me home, Mom,
please write "glory" on my grave.

Tell my little sister, Mom,
I had to go away;
Tell her not to cry, Mom,
I'll see her again one day.

Tell her I went to heaven, Mom,
to see the Lord above;
Tell her about the world, Mom,
and how things are above.

I'm sorry I can't see you, Mom,
again before I die;
But I'd like to say "I love you, Mom,"
before I say "good-bye."

Veronica Krakovsky, January 20, 1975
(15 years old at this time)

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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 Naklong Perimeter - the shared battlefields of 1950.



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

1st Marine Division Tour:

September 13 - 20, 2003



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

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40th and 45th Infantry Division Tour:

April 14 - 22, 2004

We commemorate the two Federalized National Guard Divisions, the California (40ID) and Oklahoma (45ID). All Vets - Guardsmen and Regular Army - are welcome. Visit battles of both units - Heartbreak Ridge, Punchbowl, Iron Triangle, etc.



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Monuments and Memories

Korea, The Forgotten War..... remembered

Massachusetts Remembers



ABOVE: Massachusetts Korean War Memorial, Charleston Navy Yard, July 27, 2003. Chapter veterans and Gold Star family members lay wreaths at memorial.

(Thank you Virginia Hurley for photos. Print on back of photos was smeared when placed together for mailing, cannot read some words and names)



RIGHT: Massachusetts Korean War Veterans Color Guard.

Illinois Remembers



Plaque dedicated to the plane, its makers and the brave men who flew them in the Korean War.



F86 Saber Jet Memorial at Vermilion County Airport to honor the plane, its makers and the brave men who flew them.

(Thank you Hershall E. Lee for photos.)

Idaho Remembers



Three memorials, at a distance, for WWII, Korea and Vietnam Wars.

The monument, together with monuments commemorating other wars, is located in Veterans Park in Boise. The pictures were taken about six weeks ago, on Memorial Day. The picture with the flags shows the Korean monument together with monuments for veterans of World War II and the Vietnam War.



Korean War Memorial close up.

(Thank you Richard L. Hart for photos and letter.)

Wisconsin Remembers



National President Harley Coon (center) poses with members of South Central Wisconsin KWVA Chapter 245. President Coon was keynote speaker June 1 at 50th Anniversary of the Armistice Ceremony held at the Wisconsin Korean War Veterans Memorial, Plover, Wisconsin. (At far right of photo is Chapter 245 President Norman Moen.)



Front row - left to right Chaplain Sharon Pieper, Vice President for Ways and Means Laverl Pieper, Intl Officer/Interpreter for 25th U.S. Inf. Div. in Korean War Eui Tak Lee, National KWVA President Harley Coon, National Director and President of Wisconsin Korean War Memorial Association Dorothy "Dot" Schilling, Member, Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs Ken Wendt.

Master of Ceremonies for June 1 ceremony at Wisconsin Korean War Memorial was Col. Cliff Borden, Aus-Ret. Shown here talking with member of official Honor Guard, Scott Halverson. Col. Borden is life member of KWVA and Vice President of the Memorial Association.



Mezzo-Soprano Wendy Krause, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, shown singing "America, the Beautiful" during the Wisconsin Ceremony, June 1. She is accompanied on guitar by her brother Christopher.

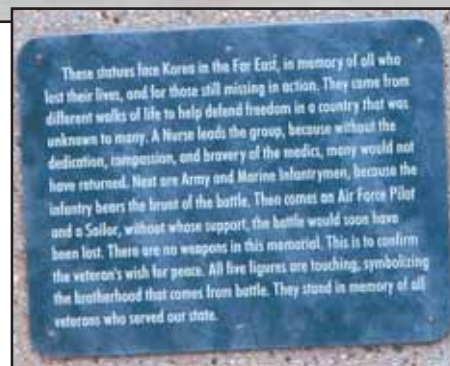


Wisconsin Korean War Veterans Memorial Complex early morning on June 1, 2003. (Photo by Don Koch, Member, Chapter #245)



Above, bigger-than-life Cast Bronze Statues - central to memorial. At right, Plaque describing the statuary (In words of memorial founder, the late Chauncey Dunday.)

(Thank you Cliff Borden for photos)



New York Remembers



Our monument, dedicated on July 26, 2003 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the armistice ending the Korean War. As you can see, it was dedicated to all who answered the call to duty during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 - July 27, 1953) from the village of Black River and vicinity. It also is in memory of a young 18 year old Marine who lost his life at the Battle of Bunker Hill, August 1952. The monument was placed in a small veteran's park in the village of Black River, New York.

Black River Memorial Post 5218, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) sponsored the entire program for the unveiling and dedication of the monument. At the dedication were several dignitaries including the Mayor of Black River, Town, County, and State leaders. The Color Guard was from nearby Fort Drum, home of the 10th Mountain Division. Twenty-three Korean War veterans received a citation from the Black River VFW. Also present was a contingent from the local Marine Corps League, the President of the 1000 Islands chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA), and other veterans. It was estimated by the "Watertown Daily Times" that approximately 125 attended the dedication.

(Thank you Dennis C. Ambrose for photo and letter.)

Alabama Remembers

Alabama Governor Bob Riley Honors Korean War Veterans

On, Monday July 28, 2003, one day after the anniversary of the cease fire in Korea on July 27, 1953, Governor Riley held a 50th year commemoration event to honor the Korean War Veterans. All Korean War Veterans were invited to attend and be part of the commemorative program. This program was held on the south side of the Alabama State Capital facing the capital's memorial flagpole.

Major General Mark Bowen, the adjutant general of the Alabama National Guard served as the master of ceremony for this event and he offered his thanks to the Korean War Veterans and families for their service. Lt. General Donald Lamontagne, commander of Air University at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base in Montgomery and a pilot also expressed his appreciation for the service of each Korean War veteran and the tradition they had help start.

Sergeant Craig Edwards of Bessemer, AL was one of the main speakers. He served in the 2nd Ranger Company, the only black airborne unit in the history of the army and the only black airborne unit to make a combat jump. His unit later was merged with, the 7th



Governor Bob Riley, speaking at Commemorative program.

Infantry Division. He discussed the difficult combat duty and the cold weather. It was so cold that it was hard to keep your weapons from freezing. He indicated that he was proud to have served our country in Korea and to be a part of this program at Montgomery.

He was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received in combat. Governor Bob Riley said that we are here today to commemorate the end of the Korean War and to show a special thanks to the veterans and families who lost loved ones in the Korean War.

The Korean War Armistice Day commemoration ceremony is one of many held throughout the last three years to honor those who served in what had come to be considered the "Forgotten War". Riley said that he wanted the veterans and their families to know they are not forgotten. He also said that a portion of Interstate 59 between Birmingham and Georgia line has been named the Korean War Memorial Highway

At right, Governor Bob Riley, places wreath at Commemorative program.



Below, Eugene Hollinder, Coy Cannon, Paul E. Riley, Carmel Olive at Commemorative program.



Governor Bob Riley, and a Korean War Veteran Coy Cannon during Commemorative program.

(Thank you Paul E. Riley for photos and letter. Please do not fold photos and photo paper would give me a better quality.)



Michigan Remembers

On Sunday, 27 July, 2003---the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Korean War, KWVA Chapter #251 dedicated its new 12 ton black granite Monument. We had over 500 persons present.

We have a 9-man Council called "Saginaw County Veteran's Memorial Plaza" at Hoyt Park, Saginaw, Michigan. The beauty of the dedication of the KWVA Monument is that our Council worked for over 2 years with the Saginaw City Council and the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners to acquire land at this Hoyt Park and transfer the WWI and WWII existing monuments to this common Plaza.

The Vietnam Vets are now generating a project to earn money to build a Vietnam Monument. The KWVA #251 will donate \$1,000 to help them. Our total Plaza cost will exceed \$344,000 and to date most labor and material is in-hand donations by contractors. We will have 3 flag poles, benches, flood lights, partial retainer walls and over 26,000 paver bricks---most of them already purchased with names engraved to honor ex-service people, and regular donors.

Besides letters and contributions, we sold over 15,000 of Roses of Sharon for this project. We are further purchasing an audio system for the Plaza to tell a few minutes of each War. (Education approach)

(Thank you Bob Simon for photos and letter. Some photos will be shown in the Chapter Affairs section.)



Historical marker in Lauderdale County and KWVA members.

Left to right Bob Norris, Jack Counts, George J. Ellis, Olon R. Patterson, Paul E. Riley, John T. Green, Carmel D. Olive, Ralph C. Dula, Eric Plunk (red cap), Bobby N. Bray, John T. Magazzu, Virgil Miles, Chester B. McClure, James C. Murphy, Bill Adomyetz.



Wheeler Rifles Drill Team with Erica Presley.



Marker.

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



Clockwise from top left, (1) Front side of Korean War Memorial, (2) Back side of Korean War Memorial. (3) Cutting of ribbon (l to r) are Jacob Klemm, Mayor Ham and Fred Bauer (4) Stan Bozick (L) and Ralph Parlborg with wreath to be placed and dedicated to those that did not return including POW Dallas Mossman. (5) From left, Lisa Balmreuter (Bugler for Taps), Bob Simon and Harry Boesenesker.



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Sacrifice not forgotten: Photo Editor Vince Krepps took at our National Korean War Memorial on July 27, 2003 prior to the main ceremony. These young Korean/American children displayed their thanks to all Korean War Veterans. Many cameras, movie cameras and major TV and other medias took the same photo. I would imagine this photo was shown nationwide and even in other countries. They posed for over an hour due to the many requests.

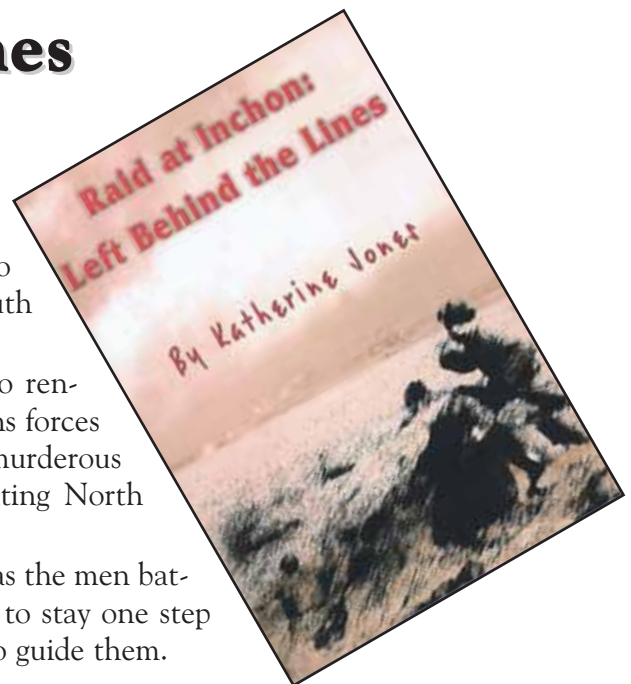
RAID AT INCHON

Left Behind the Lines

by: Katherine Jones

A Korean war story about 16 courageous men sent to blow up an ammunition dump at Inchon, South Korea, September 15, 1950. After a successful mission, the men failed to rendezvous with their rescue ship. When the United Nations forces landed later that morning, the men were caught in a murderous crossfire. They fled into the hills to avoid the retreating North Korean army.

The author/wife paints a graphic picture of raw survival as the men battle fear, the elements, and sometimes themselves trying to stay one step ahead of the communist forces without a radio or map to guide them.



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Trying to obtain information on **Bobby Shepard** from Ga., who was with me at Taegue, Korea (IC-2), the time period was July 51 - November 51. We were assigned to the Asphalt Plant. I was USAF, assigned SCAFWA. My name is Robert F. McKeever (Mac) S/Sgt at the time. The unit at K-2 was an Eng. Aviat. Batt. I cannot locate the unit number, the full unit number I need to locate my records for time assigned to this unit. I was hit in my left eye with a crank, accident., while cranking an engine to pump hot tar into a tanker. This resulted in breaking my eye socket, nose and cut on my eye lid. Contact R. F. (Mac) McKeever, P.O. Box 2285, Pine, AZ 85544, Tel: 928-476-2693.



Recently I have been trying to locate some blue **"Freedom Is Not Free" button pins**. Is there anyone able to help me find some location where they are available. Contact Oliver J. Wallace, 1403 Anvil Way, Toms River, NJ 08755. Tel: 732-370-0449.



I would like to hear from anyone stationed at **44 MASH**, Korea from July 1953 to August 1954. Contact Jules Kurtz, 16 Cherokee Ave., Rockaway, NJ 07866-1144.



Looking for **James D. Solomon** last known residence Clermont In. Was a Reservist called to active duty 1950, sent to Korea, was in 724th T.R.O.B. Have been looking for 50 yrs. Mr. Solomon was a Lens Grinder by trade in an Optical Shop in Clermont. Any information would be appreciated. Contact Walter Andrews, 2590 NYS Rte 215, Cortland, NY, Tel: 607-753-9801 or e-mail <gram72@usadatanet.net>.



I have just seen my first issue of your magazine and am intrigued and hopeful that perhaps I can after all find someone who might have known my father, **1st Lt. John W. Miller**, 67th Tac Recon Squad, who was killed in a crash landing in Korea in October of 1951. On Page 48 of the March/April 2003 issue is a chapter from "Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War" by Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman. I wonder if Dad is in there? Is the book in print and available? And what's the best way to find someone who might have served with Dad? Thanks for your help. Contact Judy Miller Hoff, 173 Mile Ridge Estates, Lebanon Church VA 22641. Tel: 540-465-4633. E-mail <NonnieHoff@aol.com>.



Seeking information about my father who was killed in Korea during the Korean War. I have very little information about him. His name was **Charles Edward Tripp**, he served in the 1st Cav. Div. and was a Staff Sergeant. He came from

Charlotte, NC. He was in Washington, D.C., before being transferred to Los Angeles, CA. I was born in January, 1950. I have a picture of him in his "office", with my baby pictures and my mom's picture on the back wall. My mom told me that he supported his mother, so don't know if he had any siblings. Given this information, any suggestions in locating more information about him. I do not have any numbers to help in this search, e.g., social security, dog tags, etc. I would appreciate any assistance you can offer. Contact

Cheryl Tripp Munsinger at E-mail <melvinm@frontiernet.net>



Looking for anyone who might have know my father during the Korean war. He passed away when I was only 7 years old and I don't know much about him. We have his medals but no idea on how or why he received them. My father's name was **Harold A. Simpson, Sr.** He served from 1952-1954. The Army tells me that all records from that time period were destroyed in a fire. Can you tell me where to find any information? Contact Joy Cozzens at e-mail <joycozzens@hotmail.com>.



Looking for anyone who served with me in Korea, especially if you were at the **Kunu Ri Pass** on 30 Nov 1950, or know where I might be able to find any memoirs, diaries, journals, or eyewitness accounts of the events of that day. I'm Robert Keiser, and was serving with the 2nd MP Co. at that time. Please call me at 760-374-2332, or email me at <seesthe-day@hotmail.com>.



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My uncle was reported KIA on 2-12-51. He served with the 38th Inf. Rgt. 2nd Inf. Div. I am desperately trying to piece together any information I can get on him. His name was **Mosco Mills**. Contact Shirley at e-mail <cmjsaml@excite.com>.



Looking for **LT. Carpenter**, Co. Hq. Det. 4th Ord. Bn. Also **Lt. J. Poe** and **Sgt. Anderson** for an upcoming reunion. Contact Kyong S. Kang, 75 Common Street, Apt. 215 Lawrence, MA. 01840. Tel: 978-725-9597



Seeking information about two brothers listed as MIA. **Sebastian, Brown 31st. Inf. Regt. 7th. Div. & Sebastian, Logan 34th. Inf. Regt. 24th. Div.** Contact Ted Edmonds, Ph.D., 1257 Beatyville Road, Jackson, KY 41339. Tel: 1-606-666-4823 or Fredrick R. Shively at <milkmanS0907@wmconnect.com>.

REMEMBER from page 31

When we had those R & R's in Japan, some called it something else R & S, you figure it out. Reminds me of that old time World War II Sergeant holding a cold bottle of beer to his cheek with tears in his eyes saying "Oh my God, a cold bottle of beer". A lot is taken for granted, except when you don't have it anymore. That was a common place in Korea quite often.

Do you remember the day they notified your commander that you were due to go home. After 2 ½ years of occupation duty and places like the Philippines, Okinawa, Formosa, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand and other Asiatic places. It was time to go home. Time in Korea from July 1950 to September 1951 said the law averages of paying the supreme sacrifice was getting too close. Time to go. I had forgotten what day, month, or year it was. They did not need me anymore. I am a survivor. Hard to say goodbye to the men you flew and worked with. Wondering who would make it and who would not come home. Getting all your filthy clothes together, turning in your equipment you used to fight with. No statement of charges. Happy yet

somehow sad. The trip to Japan aboard a C-47 that I flew many hours on during my tour of duty in Korea flew me to Tachikawa where I was the day the war started. Really ironic. From there to the replacement depot (Chigashi-Fuchu) in Japan - next stop Yokohama and the troop ship Walker—San Francisco to Camp Stoneman.

Reading the newspapers I found the Korean War on the 2nd page consisting of a small article. The Forgotten war sure. I went on to Stoneman then home. Was discharged from Langley Field in 1952. Do you remember any of these places and happenings and people? I sure as hell do. I was there. God Bless all of you who served with me and others in the Forgotten War.

Louis I. Miksits, 921 Lincoln Ave., Northampton, PA 18067.

(Thank you Louis for great story. Tough typing your 17 pages sent to me in 1998. This is why it took so long to print. I just do not have time to type written text. Your story seems to cover a lot for a little over one year in Korea and especially being an Airman. You sure kept up with all the services and the events on the ground. We all thank you for remembering everyone. Editor.)

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BOOK REVIEW from page 10

Just one partial story

The Chinese decided to open a wide breach in Noname Line stretching across the Korean neck and the 60th Army would pass through in column and fan out to the flanks in a thundering assault, hammering with its 12th Army-twelve full-strength infantry divisions screaming out of the night in a concentrated move to annihilate the Indianheads. Following them were 4th, 35th, 44th, 181st, 80th and 81st divisions. After it was over, dead from the Chinese 29th, 179th, 180th and 79th divisions were also identified.

By 0230 hours, 15 May 1951, reckless attacks by the enemy overwhelmed positions of Love and King companies of the 38th Infantry, a regiment of the US Army Second Infantry Division, X Corps, Eighth US Army of the United Nations Command in Korea (EUSAK). [Unmentioned was the fact that we were still on an outpost three miles in front of the MLR.] As dusk began to settle, the tempo of the battle sharpened as reports from across the front revealed increasingly numerous clashes and focused attention on the worsening situation to the east where units of the Fifth ROKs were falling back.

The daylight hours of 15 May saw all the usual signs of impending enemy attack including an increased number of enemy agents trying to slip through the lines. Air patrols reported more bridge construction, and enemy probing attacks grew more numerous. Van Fleet's command made ready to stand firm.

(Dudley goes into great detail of every battle telling his emotions and others along with the outcome of the battles. For cost of book contact Southfarm Press of Haan Graphic Publishing Services, Ltd. P.O. Box 1296, Middletown, Connecticut 06457. Tel: 860-346-8798; Fax: 860-347-9931 ISBN: 0-913337-47-1. 346 pages of true history and a true hero among many heroes. Editor.)



The Black Presence in the Korean War

By Robert Ewell Greene

Preface

This book will attempt to balance out the omissions which by design or other-

wise have prevented accurate portrayal in study after study and volume after volume the historical true facts of the African American's heroic and courageous performances during the Korean War 1950 - 1953. There has been minimal coverage of the Black American's positive performances during the Korean War in the majority of written literature on the War. The unfavorable reports have been magnified by some authors and allowed to remain unmodified by more commendable performances of the Black military service men and women.

African Americans during the Korean War combat, flew sorties over North Korea, many were drafted and some volunteered. They experienced the beginning of integration in the military in the Fall of 1951. The Black Americans were the victors because against the odds they survived and proved to others that their performance was superb during the Korean War.

This is the time to recapture the historical events of the Korean War and re-examine the pluses versus the minuses of the African American's presence in the War. There is also a need for non Blacks to include immigrants of all ethnic groups to become aware of some positive attributes of the Black military.

The Korean War should be remembered for the laudatory decision made by some concerned and courageous civilian and military leaders to integrate the United States Military Service in Korea. I believe that those leaders finally realized that in combat conditions:

"Fleecy locks and Black complexions cannot alter nature's claim skins may differ but affliction dwell in Black and White the same".

Robert Ewell Greene March 2, 2003

The Author

Major (Ret.) Robert E. Greene-biologist, teacher, and inventor is the author of 25 books of which 19 are in the Permanent Collection of the Library of Congress. Greene served in Korea in 1955 and 1971. He is the former Director, United States Army Europe Race Relation School, Germany.

(176 pages of great stories and photos. Many subjects like Brief sketch of Korean

History, Segregated Black Units, Reported Military Wounded, Reported Killed In Action, Ethiopian Kagnev Battalions, Thurgood Marshall and Military Justice, Integration of US Military In Korea. Other highlights of Selected Veterans, Reported Prisoners of War, Reported Missing In Action and Heroic Acts.

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Beautiful Feet & Real Peace

The Author

Private First Class Ed Reeves, US Army Retired, survived two attempted executions by Chinese Communists Forces while a 19-year-old severely wounded Prisoner-Of-War during the Chosin Reservoir Battle, North Korea. Left for dead by the enemy, Ed made an all night crawl over snow fields and reservoir ice in 36F below zero weather. 'Ice Marines', volunteers searching for our wounded, combed reservoir ice and shores miles into enemy areas within yards of watching enemy.

They rescued Ed and took him to the U.S. Marine perimeter at Hagaru-ri to be flown out. At the coast, in an aid tent beside the runway, Ed received his first treatment after being wounded eight days before. Next, a flight to a MASH in Korea for surgery, then flights between military hospitals until he was near home. An army surgeon talked to Ed's mother by phone before amputating both of Ed's black, gangrenous feet and all fingers and thumbs, "We believe your son is dying now. If we don't amputate the gangrene will kill him; the operations probably will.

If he lives, there is no way he can lead a normal life. He'll be bedbound for life and on drugs to stop pain. If he isn't addicted already, he will be. He'll probably stay drunk to forget the war. His life has ended. Don't come to the hospital. Stay home... Remember your son as he was." God overruled the doctor.

The Book

POP, SNAP! The truck warned him that ChiCom were aboard. He peeked. Bodies still in bags were pulled out. After each body was thrown to the road it was searched before being tossed on a growing pile behind the truck.

He ever so slowly closed the peek-slit. His tired mind tried to make a plan. They'd thought he was dead before... "Play dead again and think of what to do after they throw you on the pile." He again stiffened like a frozen body. The bag was unzipped. This ChiCom immediately began his search. Hands went into jacket pockets. A grunt at each; nothing found. The jacket was unbuttoned. "Good, not noticin'." Ed's breaths were very slow and shallow. More grunts at pileliner pockets.

Ed's shirt and pants pockets were being searched when the ChiCom jerked his hands out and jumped back with a warning shout to the others. This body wasn't frozen hard, it had warmth. The other two clambered into the truck. There was a quick, excited discussion. Blows to the face forced Ed to open his eyes. After another brief discussion they beat him awhile, dragged him to the tailgate, and threw him off. Hitting the frozen road added more pain and reopened wounds, but *another prayer had been answered. He was off the truck!*

Orders were screamed in Chinese while motioning for him to stand. He understood that they wanted him to stand and show proper respect. He tried but couldn't get his legs working. They screamed, kicked and pounded awhile. The loudest screamer barked an order. The other two grabbed him by the hair and clothes, yanked him to his feet, leaned him against the tailgate and held him there. Between blows to Ed's face and shouts the 'leader' searched layers of shirt and pants pockets. He found a silver cigarette-lighter-case. They ood and ahhed as the leader examined this treasure.

(The above text is a small sample of what this very brave soldier experienced and withstood using his strong faith to endure one of many previous and future tests. The story of his special wife and his life beyond the military alone makes this a must read book.

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By Katherine Jones

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The Book

September 15, 1950

At 2230 hours, Scott slipped into his rubber suit and secured his pack, and at precisely 2300 hours, a couple of miles from where the lighted sky and gun battle between the North Koreans, South Koreans and Americans was on going, four rafts hit the water. Each manned with four men paddling like hell to get ashore unseen. They rode the high tide in.

Scott was in the last raft paddling like crazy. At first it was exciting, but when the intrigue hit him, the whole mission turned scary. He stopped paddling and paused for a moment to look back at the disappearing ship. His heart sank as he watched it disappear. The choppy waves grew higher and the gunfire grew louder. Scott's breath caught in his throat as he gasped. He asked himself whether this was a dream or what, but the cold water splashing around him answered that question.

Halfway to shore, the sky lit up from a flare the Koreans fired, Scott was convinced everything was real and not imagined as spurts of gunfire and missiles continued flying overhead.

"Oh my God!" Scott said to Wesley Thompson paddling. They looked toward the flares.

"It's working. Our ships are drawing their fire. Those bastards are using mortars and they are deadly with them. The last time I was here, I saw them drop shells in the tracks of a soldier running up hill until they zeroed in on his ass, and that was all she wrote," Wesley said.

"Damn!" Scott said.

The four rafts reached the shore off Inchon, Korea, undetected. General Douglas MacArthur had picked the most treacherous site in Inchon to create a diversion that would allow the men to get ashore undetected. By paddling through the high tides they made it. The timing was just right and they did not get caught in the mud.

On shore, they rolled their rafts up and hid them in the tall grass along with their fins. Everyone gathered around Lt. O'Shaunassey for instruction. He took a map of the dump from his pocket and spread it on the ground. With a tiny flashlight, he pointed to where they would be going. He showed them the route they would travel to get there.

"You have five minutes to study the map, then synchronize your watches. It will take us 20 minutes to reach the dump, 15 minutes to set the charges, and 20 minutes to get back to the beach. Once back here, we will wait 15 minutes for instructions where to rendezvous with our mother ship.

"The explosives will be set to go off at 0130 hours, and men, we want to be out of here and back aboard our ship when the charges blow. Form a single line behind me. Stay low and keep your eyes and ears open and be quiet. By destroying the Korean ammo dump, we will keep U.S. casualties down," O'Shaun said.

(See Ad on page 37 of July-August issue and in this issue for ordering information. 141 pages of a behind the lines story many veterans never heard about. The little bit of text printed will give you a snippet of this amazing story. As we lived this history we did not know why the Inchon Invasion was so successful.

This story will give you an idea of one of the many reasons it did save the lives of many of us down at the Pusan Perimeter. Editor.)



The Golden Anthology

By Dean Papademetriou

The Book

Writings of a Greek-American Soldier in Korea

My Uncle John was killed in action during the Korean War in 1951, before I was born. John's death had a huge impact on his whole family. John had many special qualities and he was so loved that his parents and siblings felt the loss intensely. Over ten years after John's death, two of John's brothers, my father George and my uncle Evangelos, even named their children, my sister Jane and my cousin John respectively, after John.

As I was growing up, my family would often visit John's grave at Arlington National Cemetery, outside of Washington, D.C., to conduct memorial services. Sometimes, my grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins would join us. As time went by, however, the bittersweet memory of John slowly receded for those family members who had known John personally: his brothers Spyridon, George, Evangelos, and Alkiviades, and his sister Olga. For the cousins in my generation who had never met him, John was a presence in family stories, but not a real person. The Korean War in which John was killed, and even the larger Cold War, ended. His siblings had children and grandchildren of their own. From Greek immigrants, they became fully integrated into American society. Life goes on.

What now makes John feel real to me is the fact that he was a prolific writer, something about him that I never knew before. For many years, John's brothers and sister treasured his writings, and kept them safe after his death. Nevertheless, no one had read them for a long time.

The fiftieth anniversary of John's death has renewed the family's interest in John's writings. John's writings finally make him feel real to me, and to others of my generation. After reading some of his writings, I finally have a clearer picture of what he was like as a Greek-American immigrant, as a soldier in the Korean war,

and as a member of my family.

As an enlisted medic, John was qualified to give general first aid, to bandage wounds, and to give sedatives. Because of his dedication and skill, John was referred to as "Moline's Mountain Doctor" and as "Doc the Greek." In an interview after the War, another medic described his role as follows: "On the front lines, a doctor could have done little more than I. In any case, no one can complain that our forward aid station didn't give immediate service to the infantry." John would have faced a similar situation.

By May 10, an all-out Chinese offensive was imminent. In fact, there was heavy gun-fire during that entire period. This is when John showed his ultimate bravery, and paid with his life on May 12. His heroism was described on his posthumous Silver Star certificate:

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By Command of Major General Ruffner.

Acknowledgments

In compiling and editing this volume

of writings by my late uncle John C. Papademetriou, I received help from many people.

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Herald Gjura professionally laid out this book. But he went beyond the call of duty, and gave me the benefit of numerous publishing tips from his own experience.

Above all, I would like to thank my late uncle John for sacrificing his life to preserve American ideals, and for leaving us these writings as his legacy.

(134 pages of great writings about John honoring his life which included an imprisonment in a forced labor camp in Greece at age 12 during WWII. John also was writing his life story while in Korea. His friend saved his writings and also wrote a tribute to John. All stated including many photos are in the book. John was not forgotten by his family and friends. He is a true hero we should all remember by reading his book. Editor.)

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Progress Report: Sept. - Oct, 2003

It is time to introduce our directors and staff. This issue we are featuring the officers and executive secretary.

William F. O'Brien just took over the reigns as president. Bill has been a director since the inception of the KWVNM&L. Bill has also served as 1st and 2nd vice-president. He served in the U.S. Army from June 25, 1951 until June 9, 1953. After basic training, he was assigned to the 274th Armored Field Artillery at Ladd Air Force Base in Fairbanks, Alaska. He served as a radio operator, battery mail clerk, information and education NCO and athletic and recreation NCO. After leaving the service Bill was a self-employed salesman of fire fighting equipment throughout the state of Illinois. Bill belongs to the KWVA Greater Chicago Chapter in Chicago, IL, where he served as secretary for six years. Bill and his wife Adele live in Homewood, IL.

Merle Sims is currently the 2nd Vice-President. Merle has been involved with the KWVNM&L since the beginning. He was also the first treasurer of the Board of Directors. Merle joined the U.S. Marine

Corps in 1953 and was discharged in 1956. He went to boot camp in San Diego and advanced infantry training at Camp Pendleton, CA. He also took cold weather training at Pickle Meadows, CA. He was shipped to Japan to join the 3rd Marine Division in March of 1954. He was then transferred to Korea in 1955. Merle returned home to work at Caterpillar Tractor Co. from which he retired after 32 1/2 years. He belongs to the KWVA Charles Parlier Chapter in Decatur, IL of which he is serving as treasurer. Merle and his wife Judy lives in Decatur, IL.

Warren "Houston" Thomas is currently Secretary of the KWVNM&L. Warren has served as a director since the beginning. Warren served in the U.S. Army in the 116th Engr. Combat BN of the 19th Engr. Combat Group as a tractor operator. He was drafted on October 18, 1951 and left the service on August 13, 1953. His basic training was at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. He served in the 10th Corps and 8th Army during the Korean War. When Warren returned to civilian life he worked for the Peabody Coal Company, Hawthorn Mine and was a self employed

farmer. Warren and Betty live at Linton, IN.

Paul Wisovaty is the Treasurer of the KWVNM&L. He served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968, to include service in Vietnam with the 3rd Squadron, 5th U.S. Armored Cavalry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division. Upon separation from active duty, he attended and graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in history and political science in 1973. In 1986 he became the chief probation officer for Douglas County. Paul is a past Commander and Perpetual Quartermaster of Tuscola VFW Post 10009. Paul and his wife Susan live in Tuscola, IL.

Sharon E. Corum is the Executive and Recording Secretary for the KWVNM&L Board of Directors. Sharon also manages the office and museum-library. She attended Lake Land College of Mattoon, IL and received her Associate of Science Degree in Education. Following Lake Land she attended Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL, where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. Her major field of study was history and minor field was art. After graduation she was a substitute teacher for 10 years. She then worked in retail as a manager of a crystal and china department in a gift store. She also worked as crew trainer for a small restaurant before starting with the KWVNM&L. Sharon and her husband Jack live in Arthur, IL.

The museum and library has had many visitors this summer. At this time we have had 11,259 visitors sign the guest register. We know many have not signed and some sign and say family, so we do not know how many family members this includes. We have had visitors from all 50 states and 29 different countries. We receive many favorable comments and the visitors are very impressed. We invite you all to come and see our museum and library.

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ment and, probably, most of all ... watching my close friends being killed each day; I was just no longer prepared to take on the added burden of responsibility for the lives of three inexperienced pilots, on a long and dangerous mission into one of the most treacherous enemy areas remaining in the war... the rugged mountains along the Yalu!

During the previous three weeks, because of a persistent head cold, I had flown only four missions, and had not been as far North as the Yalu River but once, several weeks prior. I was completely unfamiliar with the rugged mountainous terrain so deep within enemy territory.

"It was too much", I told Jim, "I just can't hack it."

And immediately I was terribly ashamed; I was admitting to myself and, without saying so, I was telling Jim Glessner that I was no longer the self-confident, courageous All-American fighter pilot that we all considered ourselves to be.

I was frightened for my own physical well-being, ... I was suddenly scared, 'afraid for my life!

The feeling was far deeper than the sense of apprehension which I'd felt prior to my first two or three combat missions... I was experiencing, for the first time, some very serious, classical symptoms of "Combat Fatigue", and there was no one available to help me. It was a very uncomfortable, 'cage-rattling' feeling, and I couldn't shake it!

But despite my deep personal misgivings, I was able to recognize Glessner's dilemma in having to try to round up a replacement Flight Leader for the early morning mission on such short notice; I recovered my composure enough to tell him that I would fly Element Lead if he could find someone with recent experience in the Yalu River target area to fly Number One.

When Jim walked out of the tent, to see who he could find to lead the early morning flight, a deep sense of shame swept over me. I was shocked to realize that I had, or might just as well have ... admitted to a fellow officer that I was not in full control of my psyche; I was scared ... I was 'chicken'.

That was something that we 'macho' Fighter Jocks would never, ever admit to one another ... and seldom would we let

ourselves even tell it to the Flight Surgeon. It was unbearable to contemplate, even to myself! !

In my eyes, as the Chinese would say, I had just "lost face".

I found myself thinking that I really had no more fortitude than the young Lieutenant at Taegu who had shot himself in the foot with his .45 pistol early in the War, to keep from having to fly combat. He was sent back to a hospital in Japan, then back to the 'States ... he was 'shamed, but he lived.

As this was being written, precisely 35 years later, I could still very vividly feel that same sense of panic that welled up within me when Jim Glessner triggered my subconscious fear, and the shame that persisted throughout all those years because I didn't have the courage ... the 'guts' to accept without conditions, the leadership of that October 24th, 1950, combat mission to the Yalu River.

I flew the Yalu River mission to Pyoktong the next morning, taking off before dawn, with Lt. Colonel Glesner from 18th Group Headquarters leading ... he'd been up to the same area just the day before, and knew the terrain and the enemy's supply routes. It turned out to be a 'good' mission after all. The weather was marginal, but passable; we got some good hits on several enemy trucks and troop concentrations, and the two new pilots made a good showing, getting some hits despite their lack of experience in flying low altitude attacks in narrow mountain canyons.

I felt better about myself once I got into the air, but that mission, my 55th of the war, was flown with an intense conscious effort on my part; I worked very, very hard, violently 'jinxing' my airplane around the sky during the rocket and strafing attacks, trying my best to keep anyone from getting a 'clean' shot at me as I dove and climbed away from each attack.

Only now, so very many years later, do I realize the sense of inadequacy that was carried deep within my subconscious throughout the subsequent fifteen remaining years of my active Air Force flying career. Perhaps now, after finally having admitted to those pent-up feelings of shame, I will be able at long last to regain, in my own eyes, the self-esteem, the "face" that I lost that

night in the cold, sand-floored tent in Pusan, Korea in late October, 1950!

Starting in early November, the civil engineers gradually built and installed wood-plank floors in our tents and, finally, equipped each with a quaint-looking pot-bellied oil burner stove device which would cook anything within three feet of it, but would leave the rest of the tent in it's normal sub-frigid condition.

A shower facility of sorts was plumbed into the hot water system installed for the Mess tent and, if willing to stand long enough in line, with the cold wind blowing between the tent flaps., the sensation of a tepid shower felt pretty good. As the basic amenities were gradually acquired, and the community of 'Dogpatch' started to become almost livable, it also became apparent that the luxury was too good to last ... the rumors began to circulate that we were slated to move once again, to another airfield, further north, to eliminate the long two-hour flight to the front lines.

First choice for our consideration was Wonsan, on the east coast, as we had been treating the airfield there with some foresight during our attacks in the area; we purposely avoided any bomb damage to the runways and taxi strips, even held off strafing the buildings ... with the idea that it might some day be our new home.

The second option, and not nearly as attractive as the first, was to move to the beaten and battered airstrip near Pyongyang, the much-attacked North Korean capitol ... "Pyongyang East", the airfield that was covered with debris, with hardly a single complete building still standing.

It was easy to guess which site was selected for the 18th Fighter Group's next forward operations base....**Pyongyang East!**

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.)

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