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FRONT COVER: The cover is the official poster for the National POW/MIA Recognition Day. This commemoration is set aside to honor the commitment and the sacrifices made by this nation's Prisoners of War and those who are still Missing in Action, as well as their families. By custom, it is often observed in Pentagon ceremonies on the third Friday in September. However, it has been moved in the past to avoid conflicts with religious observances. In 2004, it was observed on Tuesday, September 14, 2004, out of respect for Rosh Hashanah.

From the President

Louis T. Dechert



THE ELECTION AND THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OVER, THE CONVENTION HAS BEEN HELD—AND THE GRAYBEARDS CONTINUES TELLING US ALL ABOUT IT.

Members and Friends of the Korean War Veterans Association and all of America's other veterans—Continuity is the KWVA story this year. The recently completed Department of Defense Korean War Commemoration program served us all by refocusing on a lesson learned on thousands of battlefields—FREEDOM IS NOT FREE. Our organization is continuing that momentum.

Many of you attending the Convention in Knoxville believe that it was one of the best meetings we have held in many years. Good officers, directors, departments, and chapters are moving on for the future good of our organization. Many of these leaders are considering enlisting as many younger veterans as possible, because the Korean War and Korea Service Veterans have provided a continuity of service in the defense of freedom for 54 years. From the top—and I hope it will be from every other level in the future—we are working to include all veterans in a common cause, rather than searching for ways to keep them out. This

is a matter to be addressed so we can continue to be the proud veterans service organization which our founder envisioned. I am proud to join my efforts with yours to accomplish this objective, which is the most important thing that we can do for the future of the KWVA.

Finally, at the Convention I thanked all the previous administrations—especially the one immediately preceding ours—for their maintenance of the KWVA as an association. I repeat my expression of gratitude at this time. And, I want to acknowledge the great labor of outstanding dedication which the previous editor and his wife—Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Krepps—poured into *The Graybeards* from that day when President Nick Pappas appointed Vince as editor until the end of the administration of President Harley Coon. Now, my friends and fellow veterans, the time for congratulations is over. We must set our collective efforts to the big jobs yet to be completed for the future of the KWVA. God bless you, and GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Lou Dechert, President

Many of you attending the Convention in Knoxville believe that it was one of the best meetings we have held in many years.

...see more photos on page 20



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The Editor's Desk

Art Sharp



Before I make any comments, I guess I'd better introduce myself.

First, I am not a Korean veteran. Although I spent four years in the Marine Corps, I joined a bit too late to get to Korea, and a bit too early to get to Vietnam. I served from 1958 – 1962. During that time, I achieved the three main goals I set for my military career: earn an honorable discharge, travel, and learn as much as I could.

My interest in Korea began sometime around 1953. One of my brothers-in-law came back from Korea ranting and raving—tongue in cheek, of course—about the unfairness of the U.S. government and the harshness of the Korean winters. He had been with the 1st Marine Division at Chosin when his enlistment ended, and neither the Marine Corps nor the government would charter a bus, pick him up, and send him home. Well, being an impressionable twelve-year-old at the time, I believed that his feigned disillusionment with the government and the Marine Corps was justified. So, I swore I would never join the military—especially the USMC.

A couple years later I saw the movie D.I., starring Jack Webb. That solidified my decision to never join the USMC, although I had softened my stance a bit on the military in general. After all, I come from a long line of distinguished military family members, e.g., a U. S. Navy admiral who served with distinction as a submarine commander in WWII and the captain of a ship or two during the Korean war, his brother, a blimp commander in WWII, who was shot down a few miles off Cape Cod, Massachusetts, two of my brothers who participated in Vietnam with the U. S. Army, and a sister who served with the U. S. Air Force as a nurse. (I had enough brothers and sisters to make up our own branch of the armed forces.)

Then, in 1958, a Marine recruiter in full dress blues attended a "Career Day" at my high school in beautiful Waterbury, Connecticut. One of my closest friends—who ceased being my friend shortly thereafter (just kidding)—suggested that

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we join the Marine Corps.

"Why not?" I asked. "I don't have anything to do for the next four years—or the next forty, for that matter."

That was true. Despite the fact I graduated in the top 97% of my class, I had not given much thought to my post-high school life. So, on August 15th, 1958, at 1003 hours, I swore to protect the U.S. Constitution and the citizens of our great country for the next four years. At 1004 hours, I was sorry I had, but it was too late by then.

I discharged my duty faithfully. Then, on August 14th, 1962, at 1527 hours, the USMC discharged me happily—and the country rested easy again. DD214 in hand, I set out to make my mark on the civilian world.

I had a great four years in the Marines. In fact, I have never forgotten it—and I am still active in Marine Corps affairs. As a member of the Second Marine Division Association, and the editor of its newsletter, I spend more time at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, now than I did when I was stationed there. And, my service provided me with a major benefit—as it did for so many other veterans: the G. I. Bill.

I earned B.A. and M. A. degrees, both in history, thanks to the government, and I have applied what I learned as I traveled the road to becoming your editor—and I stress the word *your*.

This is your magazine. I am aware that Mr. Krepps who, along with Col. Dechert, has been extremely helpful to me to make this changeover go as smoothly as possible, did a great job as editor of *The Graybeards*. I hope to do equally as well. At the moment, I do not plan to make any major changes—or minor ones, for that matter. You may see a few things done differently, but the format will not change dramatically, and the

whole operation will still depend on you.

I encourage comments and submissions from every KWVA member and/or reader. Let's face it: we can't publish *The Graybeards* without your input. I would like to see as many stories, photos, poems, etc., as you are willing to send me. I will try to get as much as possible into the magazine. (I have included my home address, telephone number, and e-mail address below for your convenience.)

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The material can be typed, handwritten, etched in crayons, scribbled on napkins. It is my job as editor to transform it in whatever medium it is submitted into a clear, concise, consistent, complete, accurate format. (It's not really a job: it's a pleasure for me.)

Where do those words come from? Well, in addition to my editing experience, I teach English at the university level, along with International Business, Business Ethics, Business & Technical Writing, Literature, Management, etc. And, I write.

My writing credits include six books, with two more on the way, and over 2,000 articles on a variety of topics. So, I am well qualified to edit *The Graybeards*, and I consider it a major honor to do so.

As you might have inferred, I have a great deal of respect for the veterans who have made our country what it is. That is why I am eager to work with you for as long as I can. Together, we can continue to produce a high quality, professional magazine, one that honors your service—and the Korean War Veterans Association.

Now, let's get to our first issue.

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YOUR DUES ARE PROBABLY DUE

Here's how to determine!

Please look at the mailing label used to mail this magazine to you. Your dues date appears on the label on the right-hand side of the second line, just before it says "PKG".

Sample of dues date: "01/01/05"—this means January 1, 2005.

Right above your first name is your membership number

■ If the first letter is "R":

You are a "Regular" member and "Regular" members' dues are \$20.00 annually.

If your dues are due January thru March, your dues are\$20.00

If your dues are due April thru June, your dues are 15.00

If your dues are due July thru September, your dues are10.00

If your dues are due October thru December, your dues are 5.00

■ If the first letter is "A":

You are an "Associate" member and an "Associate" member's dues are \$12.00 annually.

January thru March\$12.00

April thru June 9.00

July thru September 6.00

October thru December 3.00

■ If the first letter is "P":

You are a "Prisoner of War" and the Executive Council at its July, 2004, meeting determined there would be no further subscription fees charged for POWs. New members who are POWs must submit an application for membership. A DD-214 must be supplied to the chapter if applying through a chapter, or submitted with application when applying direct to national.

Life Membership:

Life membership for a "Regular" and an "Associate" member is \$150.00—regardless of age.

Special Notice: If your chapter collects your national dues for transmission to national, please send your dues to them. This will assist your chapter in determining which members are in good standing.

If your chapter does not collect your national dues, send your dues payment to: KWVA, PO Box 10806, Arlington, VA 22210.

Incidentally, if you move (or just head south for the winter) always notify us of your address change at least three weeks ahead of each move. The post office merely notifies us that you are "AWAY," and we do not receive a forwarding address. You are then "away" on our records until we hear further from you. This costs us 70 cents each. (We recently paid out about \$400.00 on returns for one issue, so let us know.)

To expedite your mail

● Everything regarding *The Graybeards* should be submitted to the person whose name appears on the masthead of the magazine who is identified as "Editor."

● Nancy Monson and Lynne Eldridge (Membership Office) get everything regarding dues, address changes, deceased notices, etc. This office also provides new Chapter CID numbers.

● Clyde Durham, Treasurer, gets other financial matters.

● The Membership Chairman (the masthead) gets all requests for chapter formation.

Addresses for all of the above are on the inside cover of this magazine. Sending it to the Membership Office only slows your request down, as we must then forward it to the appropriate person for handling.

Important Notice to Chapters:

Please include your chapter ID (CID) number on all applications and communications. Be sure to use the new membership application with correct dues amounts. If you don't know your CID number, drop the membership office a note and we'll be happy to provide it to you. Be sure all information is filled out on a new member application—zip code, area code, unit of service, etc.

We have developed special forms which can be of assistance to you in submitting dues payments, reporting address changes, etc. If you would like a set, please drop a note to the Membership Office.

It's important not to abbreviate on a membership application—you may know what "P'sville" is, but we don't. We then have to take additional time and look it up by the zip code. Another item sometimes missing is the telephone area code.

We are still in need of information regarding some chapter officers. Be sure that you keep the Membership Office advised when you elect new officers.

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Korean War Veterans Certificate

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

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

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



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

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

Certificate Order Form

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

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

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

I would like the following information on the certificate:

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

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

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

Mailing Information:

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Street Address _____ Apt No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 Code _____

Signature and date _____

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

Korean War Veterans Association Election Results

Life RO Total

For President (Vote for ONE)

Jack Edwards	869.....	884	1753
J. D. Randolph	195.....	231	426
Louis T. Dechert, Sr.	944.....	1163	2107 *

For 1st Vice President (Vote for ONE)

Donald M Byers	825.....	866	1691
Charles A. Stephan.....	203.....	223	426
Richard L. Adams	951.....	1175	2126*

For 2nd Vice President (Vote for ONE)

Michael E. Mahoney	802.....	814.....	1616
Bryon W. Dickerson	1151	1433.....	2584*

For Director (Vote for no more than FOUR)

Kenneth B. Cook	798.....	844	1642
Harley J. Coon	908.....	983	1891*
John (Jack) Delap.....	776.....	832	1608
Paul W. Sutphin	464	479.....	943
James K. Hall.....	599.....	682.....	1281
Harry L. Rawley	339.....	350	689
Bob Morga	909.....	1154.....	2063*
Edward L. Cutler	738.....	948.....	1686
Dean B. McClain	1027.....	1246.....	2273*
E. Lee Dauster	1081.....	1301.....	2382*

* Denotes winners.

There were 37 ballots received from members who had not paid dues and were not counted. There were 130 ballots received that did not include member label and member number, so were not counted.

32 ballots voted for more than 4 directors. 1 ballot voted for more than one referendum item. 1 ballot voted for more than one 2nd Vice President. These ballots were tabulated in the other areas that did not exceed the stipulations.

The referendum regarding maximum consecutive terms was also tabulated by member type and is summarized below:

Referendum Options

Life RO Total

No consecutive terms maximum	291	310.....	601
2 consecutive terms maximum.....	1121	1327.....	2448
3 consecutive terms maximum.....	230.....	245.....	475

Call For Election

SUBJECT: 2005 - Call For Election
TO: Members - Korean War Veterans Association, Inc

Dear Members:

The By-Laws state that a call for nominees for election at the annual meeting shall be stated in the "Graybeards" each year. This call is for any qualified member who seeks one of the positions available in the 2005 elections to submit their request.

Four Director positions are open for the 2005-2008 three-year term. Those desiring to apply will be required to meet the following requirements as stated in our By-Laws:

(Reference Paragraph C, Section 3, Article III of the By-Laws amended July 27, 2000.)

"1. Requirements:

a. Must present proof of service by submitting a copy of a DD-214 or other document notarized as a true copy showing eligible service and a statement releasing such document for verification by the Nominating Committee.

b. Must present a current photograph suitable for publication in the *Graybeards*.

c. Must submit a letter with the following:

(1) Their intent to run for an office and the office sought.

(2) A resume of their qualifications for this office, stating any experience that will be of benefit to the association.

(3) Their current mailing address, home telephone number, or other contact information and KWVA membership number.

(4) This letter will be limited to approximately one typed page.

d. A statement that they will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and that they understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for their removal from office.

e. They must sign a statement that their dues are current through the whole of the term of the office they are seeking. Payment of delinquent dues shall not be retroactive for the purpose of establishing eligibility to run for office within the association.

Send the above items by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Nominating Committee Chair to arrive not later than February 15 of that year."

Nominees are requested to contact the Nominating Committee for a check-list to assist them in completing their application.

Applications will be addressed to:

Nominating Committee
% Maurice R "Dick" Wainwright
Wainwright's, Inc
2045 E 15th St
Tucson, AZ 85719-6315

It is the duty of the Nominating Committee to receive, review and certify the nominees. The approved certified declarations will be forwarded to the Editor of *Graybeards* for publication.

The March-April issue of the *Graybeards* will list each certified nominee and the Official

Ballot. Those members in "Good Standing," those whose dues are current when the "Graybeards" is mailed, are eligible to cast their vote by mail. The instructions to cast your vote will be listed on your ballot. It is imperative that you follow the instructions, complete your ballot and mail the ballot to the selected CPA by July 10, 2005.

Nominating Committee Chairman
Dick Adams
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Submitted by: /s/ Don Duquette
Secretary, KWVA

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2004
BEST WESTERN HOTEL
DAYTON, OHIO

9:00 a.m.

The meeting of the Executive Council of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., called for by the posted notice on page 6, May/June 2004 *The Graybeards*, met at the posted place and date.

OPENING: 1st Vice President (1VP) Dick Adams called the meeting to order. 2VP Byron Dickerson offered the opening prayer. Director (DIR) James Ferris led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Honors to the Colors.

AGENDA: Before adopting an Agenda, 1VP Dick Adams addressed the group concerning the actions of the Executive Council on July 26th, the day before. The MOTION was made by DIR Lee Dauster to install President Elect Louis Dechert. The MOTION was seconded by DIR James Ferris. A roll call vote was taken:

My name is Lee Dauster and I vote yes.

My name is Jim Ferris and I vote yes.

My name is Bill Mac Swain and I vote yes.

My name is Dean McClain and I vote yes.

I am Bob Morga and I vote yes.

I am Dick Adams and I vote yes.

I am Byron Dickerson and I vote yes.

- DIR Lee Dauster: let the record show that we have a quorum.

The Presiding Officer, 1VP Dick Adams, turned the meeting over to President Elect Dechert, and became Secretary Pro Tem in the absence of a Secretary.

- DIR James Ferris administered the oath of office, swearing in President Elect Dechert.

- President (PRES) Dechert assumed the chair and called the roll. The following names were called, answered (P) or were recorded as absent (A).

P Louis Dechert, President

P Dick Adams, 1st Vice President

P Byron Dickerson, 2d Vice President

A Harley Coon, Director

P Lee Dauster, Director

P James Ferris, Director

A Stanley Grogan, Director

A James Jones, Jr., Director

P William Mac Swain, Director

P Dean McClain, Director

A Larry McKinniss, Director

P Bob Morga, Director

A Joseph Pirrello, Director

A Warren Wiedhahn, Director

A Dorothy Wenzel, Director

Note was taken of those attending as visitors, KWVA Members, and observers: Jean Dickerson, Arthur Adinolfi, and Salvatore Scarlato. They were welcomed.

- PRES Louis Dechert presented an AGENDA. Accepted without objection.

SUBSTANCE OF MEETING: The opinion of former Judge Advocate Sherman Pratt was discussed.

- DIR James Ferris: I want the record to show that this fax, that this deci-

sion from Sherman Pratt, the Judge Advocate, was received on July 26, 2004 at 2:17 p.m., which would place that within the realm of his jurisdiction under the past administration. The substance of JA Pratt's remarks: *I am at a loss to understand how the EC could believe that they could legally take such action. In the unlikelihood that I am asked for my views I will so state, but I do not contemplate that I will be further involved.*

- DIR Dean McClain: For the record, I'd like to state that Sherman Pratt is a highly respected retired attorney from Washington, D.C. area, and he's highly qualified in these rules and regulations, and I would take his word in this particular note as gospel. I just like to intervene that.

- 1VP Dick Adams: Charley Price called me and said the same thing. DIR Lee Dauster: Charley Price is an attorney too, isn't he? 1VP Dick Adams: Yes.

- DIR James Ferris requested that Former JA Pratt be contacted to make a formal ruling. SECOND, 2VP Byron Dickerson; PASSED. The new SECRETARY will be requested to contact Former JA Pratt for this purpose.

- PRES Louis Dechert presented recommended appointments. All Previous Appointments are vacated. Appointments not made today will remain open for later consideration.

- SECRETARY—Don Duquette

- ASSISTANT SECRETARY—Roger Haas

- TREASURER—Clyde Durham

- ASSISTANT TREASURER—Bill Doyle

- EDITOR, PR, AND WEBSITE—Ted Barker, subject to negotiation

- PUBLISHER—Finisterre, subject to negotiation

- POW/MIA COORDINATOR—Martin O'Brien

- KWVA PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY TO UN FORCES—Tom Clawson

- LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR—Charley Price

- VAVS COORDINATOR—Paul Fitzsimmons

- KWVA VSO—Charley Price

- KWVA LIAISON TO CANADIAN KWV—William Burns

- TELL AMERICA COORDINATOR—Larry Kinard

- MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN—Jerry Lake

- MEMBERSHIP FIELD ORGANIZER—Sam Naomi

- MEMBERSHIP ADMIN ASST—Nancy Monson, subject to negotiation

- BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN—James Ferris

- COMMITTEE MEMBERS—William Mac Swain, Bob Morga, Lee Dauster

- RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN—Ted Trousdale

- COMMITTEE MEMBERS—Dean McClain, Lee Dauster

- BY-LAWS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN—Roger Haas

- COMMITTEE MEMBERS—Bob Morga, William Mac Swain

- NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN—Dick Wainwright

- REUNION CHAIRMAN—Byron Dickerson

- REVISIT CHAIRMAN—Tom Jin

- Discussion of the appointments continued. Koreans and Korean Americans occupying current positions were continued. The position of Liaison Officer to the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library was discussed. DIR William Mac Swain was reappointed to that office.

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- DIR Lee Dauster added clarification that it was the Museum and Library at Rantoul, Illinois.
- DIR Bob Morga: Made a MOTION to abolish the Investigating Committee set up on July 26 to investigate the president-elect. SECOND: DIR Dean McClain. DIR Lee Dauster amended the MOTION so as to eliminate both the motion and the committee made by DIR Dorothy Wenzel on July 26. SECOND: 2VP Byron Dickerson; PASSED. The MOTION by DIR Bob Morga, as amended passed: To eliminate the motion and the committee established by the Executive Council on July 26, 2004, at the motion of DIR Dorothy Wenzel.
- PRES Louis Dechert introduced the RESOLUTION FOR FINANCIAL SAFEGUARDS as stated on the AGENDA. After extended discussion on and off the record, the following resolution was presented.

FINANCIAL SAFEGUARD RESOLUTION

President Louis T Dechert, Treasurer Clyde Durham, and Assistant Treasurer Bill Doyle will secure and safeguard all funds and property wherever situated attributed to EIN 14-1671031 and report same to the Executive Council. This includes, but is not limited to, the KWVA accounts on deposit in the BANK ONE branches, Savings Account # 1584670085 and Checking Account # 628997876. 1st Vice President Dick Adams and Secretary Don Duquette will also be designated signatories. Each check tendered shall have two signatures. The Treasurer shall submit a monthly Income Statement to the Finance Committee Chairman. Professional CPA assistance will be contracted by the Treasurer as required. The President is directed to establish new bank accounts as of July 27, 2004, and as of July 27, 2004, no instruments rendered by previous signatories after July 26, 2004 are valid.

- DIR William Mac Swain MOVED to adopt the RESOLUTION. SECOND: DIR James Ferris; PASSED unanimously. PRES Lou Dechert indicated that the AGENDA which he had presented to the meeting was completed.

A general discussion, on and off the record, concerning legal counsel, a JUDGE ADVOCATE, and potential legal problems occasioned by the prior administration took place. DIR Bob Morga directed the PRES to get legal counsel in Alexandria, Louisiana. The Council assented. The Council also assented to Colonel Charley Price being utilized as Acting JA until legal demands and tasks were better clarified.

- Several members discussed the problem of the funds reportedly invested in a Smith Barney Certificate of Deposit. A procedure was discussed and approved for Nancy Monson to process funds and forward all funds to Treasurer Clyde Durham, until a system could be devised to allow her to make deposits directly.
- A general discussion ensued regarding the unsatisfactory condition, status, and uses of the bylaws. DIR William Mac Swain explained that at a prior meeting of the Executive Council the Bylaws Chairman was to undertake to review and strengthen the bylaws. In that process he was to place an ad in *The Graybeards* over time requesting chapters and state departments to submit changes that they would suggest being made to the bylaws. This has not been done.
- DIR William Mac Swain also noted that the Procedures Manual now has requirements for the Editor of the magazine and for the Webmaster. PRES Dechert and DIR Lee Dauster requested DIR Mac Swain to get a copy of the Procedures Manual to Mr. Barker.
- PRES Dechert reported the correspondence which he had sent to the previously reported new editor of *The Graybeards* and to the publisher. Copies were examined by the Council as were copies of other correspondence submitted by PRES Dechert.
- Discussion continued regarding the policies of *The Graybeards*, the hard and dedicated work of Vincent Krepps over the years, and of possi-

ble new directions/features/policies for the magazine.

- DIR Dean McClain asked why *The Graybeards* doesn't contain upsetting-type news. DIR McClain continued that several years ago while Nick Pappas was President the annual meeting voted that there wouldn't be any of that type news in the magazine, that the magazine was to be a "happy magazine"—without controversy. Discussion continued regarding past and present practices in content of the magazine. There has been an overall philosophy that veterans shouldn't criticize other veterans through the years. DIR Bob Morga noted that the policy had been changed in the last two issues of the magazine. As the discussion continued it was agreed that there did need to be a mechanism for letting the readers respond or have input to the magazine and make comments on problems that they consider important. DIR William Mac Swain reiterated that the new Procedures Manual provides for greater Executive Council oversight of the magazine.

- 1VP Dick Adams asked, in connection with the magazine, what we were going to do about the masthead—General Davis, Honorary President for Life, has died. After lengthy discussion, on and off the record, DIR Dean McClain made the MOTION: I move that change the wording in *The Graybeards* about General Ray Davis, our Honorary President for Life, to these words, and I quote: "In loving memory of General Raymond Davis, our Life Honorary President, Deceased."

- SECOND: DIR Bob Morga seconded; PASSED unanimously. The discussion had included the suggestion that an annual notice or feature of General Davis' death appear in *The Graybeards* magazine.

- After discussion, on and off the record, DIR Dean McClain made a MOTION: I move that we rescind the passing of the motion by the Executive Council on July 26 of Harley Coon becoming the Interim President until the September convention. We have officially installed the new President, elected by popular vote from the membership of the KWVA, making the appointment of Mr. Coon null and void. Mr. Coon is now a Director and should be here in this meeting to vote on this issue.

- SECOND: DIR Lee Dauster seconded; PASSED unanimously. PRES Louis Dechert was directed to inform Mr. Coon.

- A long discussion ensued regarding other members not in attendance. Consensus of the Executive Council was that they were absent without authorization or excuse: unexcused absences. DIR William Mac Swain pointed out that he had attempted to make a motion at the July 26 meeting about meeting the 27th as called for in *The Graybeards*, but was stifled. It had already been reported that DIR Dorothy Wenzel was in the meeting facility this morning, and was asked to attend by DIR Lee Dauster and DIR James Ferris.

- DIR James Ferris inserted for the record that the AGENDA announcement on page 6 of the MAY/JUNE issue of *The Graybeards* is for the period July 24 through July 28, for all Executive Council members.

- PRES Dechert called for any comments for the GOOD OF THE ORDER. There being none, he requested the privilege to say that it had been a privilege to campaign for office with the other new Council members present, real men with a real mission to carry out.

- DIR William Mac Swain made the MOTION TO ADJOURN. DIR Lee Dauster seconded;

PASSED unanimously; WHEREUPON, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

/s/ Dick Adams, Secretary Pro Tem

/s/ Louis Dechert, President

Verbatim Manuscript prepared by Julie Hohenstein, Registered Professional Reporter

September 24, 2004

Knoxville Hilton

Knoxville, Tennessee

NOTE: It is important to bear in mind that this is a summary of the actions taken at the KWVA Board Meeting. An official, verbatim transcript will be available at a later date.

President Louis Dechert called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

- John Sonley, Sergeant-at-Arms, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Second Vice President Byron Dickerson offered the invocation.
- Sonley, the sergeant-at-arms, presented a prayer for POW-MIA.
- President Dechert made several announcements. He announced that the meeting will be conducted in accordance with the KWVA Bylaws and/or Roberts' Rules of Order.

Secretary Don Duquette announced that there had been no additions or corrections received for the meeting.

- The Secretary called the roll.

Present:

President Lou Dechert
 First Vice President Dick Adams
 Second Vice President Byron Dickerson
 Treasurer Clyde Durham
 Secretary Don Duquette
 Director Harley Coon
 Director Lee Dauster
 Director Jim Ferris
 Director Stanley Grogan
 Director James Jones, Jr.
 Director William MacSwain
 Director Dean McClain
 Director Larry McKinnis
 Director Bob Morga
 Director Joseph Pirrello
 Director Warren Weidhahn

Absent:

Dorothy Wenzel, excused--pending review.

- Coon: As the minutes for the July 26, 2004, meeting were never approved or published in *The Graybeards*, information has never been provided the membership that POWs no longer will be charged the subscription fee and shall be considered life members upon submittal of a proper membership application and proof of the fact that they were a prisoner of war, e.g., DD-214, etc. Coon will provide a copy of the transcript.

- McKinnis: Questioned being counted absent on the 27th of July as that meeting was not a proper meeting.

Jones: That meeting was not a legal meeting. So anything that transpired did not really take place.

- Acting Adjutant Charley Price: It is the legal opinion that the July 27, 2004, was duly called per announcement of same in the May/June, 2004, issue of *The Graybeards* and the officers proceeded with the business of the organization and shall continue forward.

- McKinnis: The meeting did not have quorum.

- Charley Price: It does not change the decision of the Judge Advocate.

- President Dechert introduced the following: Attorney Jimmy Faircloth, Don Duquette (Secretary), Clyde Durham (Treasurer), and CPA Boyle Henderson.

- **MOTION:** Jim Ferris moved to ratify the meeting of the 27th of July, 2004. Lee Dauster second.

- Grogan: I would like for legal counsel to meet with the Bylaws Chairman and make a determination as to how notification is given to members to attend meetings of the board. I understand 10 days notice is needed. No such meeting notice was given for the meeting held on the 27th of July, 2004. There are those who would have attended if given proper notice.

- An amendment to the motion was offered by Director Grogan and seconded by Director Coon. Six were in favor of the amendment and 7 were opposed.

- The motion was restated: Ferris: I move the ratification of the meeting and minutes of the July 27, 2004, Meeting. Dauster Seconded. Question called for.

- Coon: The Executive Council needs to know the appointments made.

- Jones: The bylaws say that the Secretary and Treasurer be appointed by President with the approval of the Executive Board. That was not done at the July 27th meeting.

- Dechert: That has been ruled on.

- **VOTE ON MOTION:** In favor: 7. Opposed: 6. Motion carried.

- Point of Order by Weidhahn. How many can vote?

Answer: Thirteen.

- Dechert: There are things in the bylaws which take place with no human hands; nevertheless, there has been bad talk and bad actions in various forms which have not always proved to be helpful. I have said things I should not have said, and others have done likewise. If apologies are needed, I apologize. The KWVA and its members supersedes these things--it supersedes me, Harley, Pappas, Dick Adams, and anyone else. The organization and the members have to go forward. We have about 17,000 people who are watching us and the larger community, and we have to look out for the betterment of the veterans. So, if you have an individual agenda, please talk later with the judge advocate so that we can accomplish our agenda.

- Coon: I believe that I have said some things that I shouldn't have said, but I have been brought under a vicious attack for about two years. I hope we can work together for the Korean War veterans.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Clyde Durham. He stated that the report is not complete, as the necessary documentation has not been received to present an accurate and complete report.

- Coon: I wanted to present the findings: The Executive Council voted to give then Treasurer Tom Gregory the authority to invest approximately \$450,000 in certificates. Tom is unable to make it to this meeting due to severe illness, so I would like to report that this \$450,000 is now valued at over \$485,000. What I have here will take a resolution to transfer these funds from the past administration to the present administration. If this were cashed in, it would receive a penalty. However, the interest can be used without penalties.

- Coon presented the resolution for transfer of the certificate funds to the new administration to Dechert. The forms were given to Attorney Faircloth and Treasurer Clyde Durham for review and execution.

- Coon: The previous administration is transferring to the new administration around \$570,000.

- Dechert: This is about correct.

- **MOTION:** Ferris. I move the transfer of the savings certificate to Clyde Durham, KWVA Treasurer. Adams Seconded.

- Coon: Could we add to the motion that all funds have been turned over to the new administration?

- Dechert: In the absence of an audit, we cannot make such a motion.

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• **Action on Motion:** The motion passed unanimously.

Election Report:

• Dechert: The afternoon membership meeting will have an election report. If there are any questions on this matter, they will be discussed at that time.

New Business--Resolutions:

• Dickerson: Two places have been proposed for future reunions: Pineville, Louisiana, and Fredericksburg, Texas.

Dickerson presented the following resolutions:

1. **RESOLVED**, President Louis T. Dechert, Treasurer Clyde Durham, and Assistant Treasurer Bill Doyle will secure and safeguard all funds and property wherever situated attributed to EIN 14-671031 and report same to the Executive Council. This includes, but is not limited to, the KWVA accounts on deposit in Bank One branches savings account #1584670085 and checking account #628997876. First Vice President Dick Adams and Secretary Don Duquette will also be designated signatories. Each check tendered shall have two signatures. The Treasurer shall submit a monthly income statement to the Finance Committee Chairman. Professional CPA assistance will be contracted by the Treasurer as required. The President is directed to establish new bank accounts as of July 27, 2004, and as of July 27, 2004, no instruments rendered by previous signatories after July 26, 2004, are valid.

and

2. Whereas, Central Louisiana, Louisiana, and the majority of the members of the Korean War Veterans Association joined in supporting the Take Hill 2004 Campaign which resulted in new leadership for our association, and

Whereas, the new National President is Lou Dechert, Commander of Chapter 180, the new National Treasurer Clyde Durham is the former Commander of Chapter 205, and the new Assistant National Treasurer is Bill Doyle, Chaplain and Treasurer of Chapter 180, be it therefore,

Resolved, that Chapters 180 and 205 extend an invitation for the KWVA to hold the 2005 National Convention and Annual Meeting, in Alexandria-Pineville, Louisiana, July 14-18 2005.

and

3, Whereas Sergeant Charles Robert Jenkins is alleged to have been absent himself from his assigned duties while on patrol in the demilitarized zone separating South and North Korea on January 5, 1965, leaving a note addressed to his mother stating: "I am going to North Korea," and

Whereas, Sergeant Charles Robert Jenkins appears to have made no effort to return to the United States in the almost 40 years since that time, and

Whereas, Sergeant Charles Robert Jenkins appears to have voluntarily supported anti-American activities while residing in North Korea including propaganda broadcasts directed over the DMZ at our troops and also appeared in anti-American films,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the entire membership of the Maui No Ka Oi Chapter 282 of the Korean War Veterans Association does respectfully ask the Army of the United States to promptly bring Sergeant Charles Robert Jenkins to a military trial and that there be no consideration of clemency without a trial.

So stated and subscribed to this 25th day of September, 2004.

• **MOTION:** Dauster moved that the report of the Resolutions Committee be accepted. Grogan seconded. The report was accepted without objection.

• Weidhahn: Point of order. I thought we were discussing meeting sites for reunion.

• Coon: With respect to the third resolution, I feel that that is between the army and the individual.

• Weidhahn: I believe we should not touch that issue with a 10-foot pole.

• **MOTION** (regarding the third resolution): McKinnis moved that the third resolution regarding Sergeant Jenkins not be passed. Coon second.

Price: From a legal point of view we do not have enough information to support this resolution. We do not need to become meddlesome in this matter.

• Jones: I think some of the charges are allegations, and I don't think we can support the allegations.

• Action on third resolution: Unanimous vote not to support resolution.

With respect to the second resolution to hold the 2005 meeting in Louisiana, Dauster reported that the area has sufficient hotel accommodations and many points of interest.

• Dauster: The Department of Texas has also submitted a proposal to host the 2005 reunion in the State of Texas. Dick Predmore will present this information.

• Dick Predmore: As President of the Department of Texas, I wish to invite the 2005 Annual Meeting to the great State of Texas. There are many areas of interest, e.g., the City of Fredericksburg, Texas--a small town of German ancestry which is a tourist's dream town.

• **MOTION:** Coon moved that the Texas resolution be returned to the Reunion Committee for review.

Feaster: I would like to point out that the General Membership needs to approve a meeting site, and it must be approved by the membership at its meeting this afternoon.

• MacSwain: According to the Bylaws Committee, we will need a 100 quorum. I would like to make the point that the Dallas/Fort Worth area has plenty of places to locate in. It would be a great place to hold such an event.

• Jones: We don't need 100 for a quorum.

• Coon: If we are going to make a decision, we don't need a Reunion Committee.

• Ferris: I think we are in a "Catch 22."

• MacSwain: I would like to remind Executive Council that we passed a standard procedure manual which gives us indication we need three years worth of reunions on the books so that we can function properly. We have two areas proposed. Would you approve these areas, and then the Reunion Committee can choose one of those.

• **AMENDMENT TO MOTION:** MacSwain: I move to amend the motion to present the two proposals to the membership for the 2005 reunion, and give the Executive Council the opportunity to make the selection at its next meeting after review by Reunion Committee. Weidhahn second.

• Dechert: Consideration must be given to avoiding dates after the 15th of July, as many activities are planned for that period.

• Faircloth: Read from the bylaws an excerpt which outlined that the membership could approve the two options. They would understand that they are delegating the final decision to the Executive Council.

Vote on the amendment: 10 in favor. 1 Opposed.

• Faircloth: It is recommended that the absences which occurred at the July 27, 2004, Executive Council meeting be forgiven.

• **MOTION:** MacSwain moved that the legal counsel's recommendation with respect to July 27, 2004, Executive Council meeting absences be accepted. Ferris second.

• Comment: McClain I oppose this.

• MacSwain: I would like to point out that the Executive Council approved the standard operating procedures manual. It says the Committee will determine whether an excuse is acceptable or not. We did not do that at that meeting.

• Vote on motion to excuse absences: 9 in favor. 3 opposed. *Motion carried.*

• The original motion was muted by the action of the amendment.

Vote on motion regarding meeting site: 11 in favor. None opposed. *Motion carried.*

• Faircloth: Another motion needs to be made to present to the members. Two alternatives is in conflict with bylaws.

• Dechert: we need another motion.

• **MOTION:** Ferris: I move that the membership grant the Executive Committee the right to decide the reunion sites and dates for the 2005

reunion. Morga second.

- Faircloth: The Membership has to agree that they are okay with either site and must give the authority back to the Executive Council and the option of dates.

- McClain: To abide by the bylaws, I believe that we should make a choice of whether to have it in Louisiana or Texas--depending on availability, air-lines, and dates. I think we should pick one of those spots.

- **MOTION:** MacSwain: I move that the membership be asked to grant the Executive Council authority to make a decision on when and where to hold the 2005 reunion.

- Coon: Could we amend that for the 2005 reunion to be held in Louisiana and 2006 be held in Texas.

- Dechert: Many may think that spending this much time on the reunion site is insignificant. But anything requiring approval from the members is not insignificant. We have to follow the rules and present things properly to the members.

- **AMENDMENT:** McKinniss: I would like to amend the motion to include the year 2006. Grogan second.

- Vote on Amendment to include 2006: 11 in favor. None opposed. *Amendment carried.*

- **Vote on Original motion:** 11 in favor. None opposed. *The motion carried as amended.*

- Weidhahn: Basically the Reunion Committee has to come back to the Executive Committee with further information and recommendations.

- Dauster: I have investigated transportation--international airport with four airlines about 8-10 minutes away; all hotels are adequate; tourism is excep-tional.

- McKinnis: Lots of us are getting too old for the heat in the south. I suggest that we give some consideration to the dates with respect to the heat.

- McClain: Asks that the body make suggestions for the year 2007, etc.

- Dechert: Agrees and asks for as many recommendations as possible.

- Dechert: With reference to the bylaws, Director MacSwain is attempting to secure recommendations for the bylaws for further and complete review. The next *Graybeards* will request suggestions from the members.

- Coon: I recommend that the reunion get an organization like the reunion group to handle the reunion. They do a bang-up job.

- Dechert: They have been totally cooperative with us. They have done a very good job. There are some areas where they don't host, so that this is a consideration.

Finance:

- Jim Ferris presented a proposed budget stating that he did not have complete information upon which to secure the necessary figures to prepare the budget. (The budget report as corrected appears in the General Membership Meeting Minutes.)

- **MOTION:** Ferris: I move acceptance of the budget for the upcoming year. Dauster second.

- Dauster: I would be interested in looking at the insurance policy to insure that directors' interests are covered. Who has the insurance policy?

- Dechert: We will locate that.

Comment: There are no fees for accounting.

- Ferris: We will add \$6,000 for accounting and \$4,000 for legal fees.

- Dechert: His starting point was last year's budget--it was underspent, and two, it was not in deficit. It appears income from last year was good figures. You will never know for sure what you have and what you spent. This is the best guess that we can get. It is something that we can recommend.

- Coon: The fiscal year is January through December.

- Dechert: That is a point that the Bylaws Committee needs to look at and get the lap-over done away with.

- Dechert: Accolades to the past editor of *Graybeards*. He and his wife have done an outstanding job. The publisher plans to propose a new schedule on advertising.

- Coon: The 2003 tax return would be helpful to the Finance Committee. I am happy to turn over a copy of that herewith. That is an audited tax return.

- **Amendment to the Motion:** Dauster: I move that we accept the budget proposal with the \$6,000 for accounting fees and \$4,000 for legal fees added. McKinnis second.

- Vote on motion as amended: 11 in favor. 1 opposed. *Motion carried.*

Membership Report:

- Monson: Presented the membership report. (Published in the Membership Meeting Minutes.)

- **MOTION:** Grogan moved acceptance of the membership report. McClain second.

- Vote on motion: 11 in favor. None opposed. *Motion carried.*

- Jack Edwards: I would like to state that the cooperation that I received from Nancy Monson while I was membership chairman was wonderful.

Bylaws:

- Charley Price, Acting Judge Advocate: We are operating on 2000 bylaws--we are unable to locate all changes, etc. Many have not been legally adopted. The committee will have lots of work to do.

- Faircloth: You can't cure deficiencies by ratifying. You can't operate if pro-cedures weren't followed. You have to fall back to a confirmed valid set of bylaws and that would be 2000. Now the Bylaws Committee can go back and clean up all of the matters in question. They need to be clear and res-olute.

- Discussion: There was discussion regarding proper adoption of several bylaws changes. In several instances there was question as to whether or not a quorum was present at meetings where bylaws were amended.

- **MOTION:** Ferris moved that the 2000 Bylaws be used as the functioning bylaws until the Bylaws Committee can sort through old recommendations and review new proposals for changes. Adams second.

- **MOTION TO TABLE:** Coon moved to table the motion. McKinnis second.

- Action on motion to table: 5 in favor. 7 opposed. The motion to table was defeated.

- Faircloth: This wasn't a retrospective appearance. The Judge Advocate (Sherman Pratt) said these were deficiencies we can't overcome. Anyone will say that these changes are suspect--you have a four-year gap where pro-cedures weren't clear. That's why I suggest that you fall back to what you know is valid. The Judge Advocate's opinions supported that. I can't second guess JA Pratt.

- Vote on motion: 8 in favor. 4 opposed. Pirillo abstained.

Revisit Program:

- Weidhahn: 250 veterans this last year returned. The period of eligibility to return has been extended, and this is good news for many who were there. (Details appear in the Membership Meeting Minutes.)

- Dechert: To many that means a lot.

Tell America:

- Adams: Discussed the Tell America program and the continued need for the program and the hope that use of the program will be expanded.

Nominating Committee:

- Adams: Reported that Dick Wainwright will serve on the Nominating Committee.

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- Dick Wainwright: We will have further information at the winter meeting. Be sure that you have discharge with your papers if you plan to run for office.
- Dechert: It is our policy that any DD-214 is to be used only for the purpose for which it is submitted. We are not going to change all the sins of the world at this meeting. All DD-214s will be used only for the purpose it was submitted for.
- Call for election of the next Executive Committee will be in next issue of *The Graybeards* and will follow standard procedure. Call has gone out--there will be an election of four new directors.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Clyde Durham: We have a limited treasury report. Prior to today, we only had information as of July 31, 2004. That's when we opened the account. The end of the month balance was \$19,679.54 in checking, \$44,451.82 in savings. We will be able to give a more complete accounting in the future.

- Coon: I have received no bank statement for July.
 - Dechert: Until we have all the data, we can't give you a 100% report.
 - Boyle Henderson: I have talked with the Dayton CPA. He may have that statement. I will get with him and see if he has that.
- Dechert: We will provide a copy of that to you, Mr. Coon.

Bylaws:

- MacSwain: Explained the complexity of trying to determine which bylaws would govern. My reviews were to find all changes the Executive Council had approved.
- We will take all changes passed and submit them for printing in the *Graybeards* and have them redone with Bylaws recommending that they had been passed and the Executive Council has already approved them. They will be submitted in 2005. Chapters and Departments have also been requested to submit recommendations. We can then print the bylaws with all changes and present them to the next meeting, and then we can approve them all at once. I would prefer to have them approved as line items, but we will have to determine what is the best procedure to follow.
- Faircloth: It would be cleaner to do it as separate motions.
- MacSwain: Thanked Jim Jones for a really fine job on the bylaws. His committee cleaned up a lot of bylaws matters. We hope to have this accomplished by next year.
- Jones: Are you going to publish this in the *Graybeards*?
- MacSwain: Yes. Every motion that has been approved. We will state that it will be considered at next meeting. It will all be there for the general membership to vote on.
- MacSwain: Thanked Jack Edwards for the work that his committee had done on the bylaws in the past.
- Dechert: Read changes to appointments to committees.
- **MOTION:** Dauster moved that the new committee appointments be approved. Grogan second.
- Vote on motion: 11 approved. 1 opposed.

Federal Charter:

- Bob Banker: The Maryland Chapter has not been idle in attempting to secure the Federal Charter. Legislation seems to be friendly to the cause. We must issue our strong support to Congress.
 - Banker outlined various means of accomplishing charter. The Maryland Chapter will be willing to work toward this end.
 - Adjournment:
- Dechert: Adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

WEBSITE REVISIONS

Members are requested to visit the official website of the Korean War Veterans Association at <<http://www.kwva.org>>. The new webmaster is Jim Doppelhammer of Charleston, Illinois. The site currently is under reconstruction and improving in scope daily. In the weeks to come, members can expect to see vast changes in the appearance of the website and the addition of much more material of interest to our members. We hope that you will visit often.

Meanwhile, check out the links that are already active. The site currently features a President's Official Message Board, KWVA updates, chapter information, chapter websites, casualty lists, Jack Walkers book on the Korean War, Membership information and links of interest to members – and lots more! The officers of the Korean War Veterans Association would like to express their thanks to Charlie Dearborn, of Richmond, Maine, the former webmaster. For several years, Charlie devoted numerous volunteer hours to the establishment and maintenance of kwva.org on behalf of Korean War veterans and the KWVA. Although Charlie resigned in mid-2004, his efforts will forever be appreciated by the Korean War Veterans Association.

BYLAWS REVISIONS

The Executive Council has affirmed the need to review/rewrite the Bylaws completely. In fact, the Executive Council approved the voiding of all bylaw changes made since the July 27, 2000 changes, which were done properly, and the membership at the Knoxville meeting on July 24, 2004 ratified the Executive Council's action by a 2/3 majority of the Quorum present and voting. All further changes which were voted on by ballot in the *Graybeards* were also not done per the amendment procedure. A ruling by the Judge Advocates for both the old and the new administration plus a ruling by the Legal Council now working to bring the National Office into a legal stance with our Incorporation, has also ruled that this change is necessary.

The Bylaws Committee Chairman, Bill Mac Swain, has summarized all the recent Bylaw changes approved by the Executive Council since the July 27, 2000 changes were incorporated, and will publish them as soon as possible in the *Graybeards*. The term limit change will not be included, since the General Membership, in a referendum vote, overwhelmingly voted to stay with a two (2) term limit which is now in effect with the July 27, 2000 Bylaws. He also will have the July 27, 2000 approved Bylaws placed on the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. Web Site at www.kwva.org as soon as possible.

He is requesting any changes AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, but **no later than the 15th of January 2005**, so the Bylaws Committee can work all those submitted for Executive Council approval at its next scheduled meeting after January 2005, and then have them published in the *Graybeards* edition before the next scheduled General Membership Meeting.

Bill's routing information is: Bill Mac Swain, 8452 Mary's Creek Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76116-7600; telephone: 817-244-0706; e-mail address: BillMacSwain@charter.net

September 24, 2004
Knoxville Hilton
Knoxville, Tennessee

NOTE: It is important to bear in mind that this is a summary of the actions taken AT the KWVA Membership Meeting. An official, verbatim transcript will be available at a later date.

President Louis Dechert called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

- John Sonley, Sergeant-at-Arms, called for the presentation of the colors by the Tennessee Volunteer Veterans Honor Guard, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Second Vice President Byron Dickerson offered the invocation.
- Sergeant-at-Arms Sonley offered a prayer for POW-MIA.
- The Sergeant-at-Arms counted the audience to verify a quorum. President Dechert stated he was happy to announce that the requirement for a quorum had been met. There are 113 in attendance at this meeting. Dechert asked that persons who wished to make a presentation at the meeting step to the microphone in the center aisle and state their name before beginning discussion.
- Secretary Don Duquette called the roll:

Present:

President Louis Dechert
 First Vice President Richard Adams
 Second Vice President Byron Dickerson
 Director Harley Coon
 Secretary Don Duquette
 Director Lee Dauster
 Director James Ferris
 Director James Jones
 Director William MacSwain
 Director Larry McKinniss
 Director Bob Morga
 Director Warren Weidhahn

Absent:

Director Stanley Grogan, with excused absence
 Director Dorothy Wenzel, excused--subject to review

- President Dechert introduced Charles Price (Acting Judge Advocate), Attorney Jimmy Faircloth, CPA Boyle Henderson, Assistant Parliamentarian Jake Feaster and many others.

Guests:

- Dr. Tom Kim: Welcomed the veterans to the city and thanked American veterans for their service to Korea.
- Mr. Charles Jones, Knox County Mayor's representative and Veterans Service Officer, invited attendees to visit the Korean War Monument donated by the people of Korea.
- Eugene Chin Yu: I am here to honor the Korean War veterans who fought to offer democracy to Korea against communism. You are the men who drew the line in the sand--you are the ones who made the first big step. I salute you for a job well done. Thanks, and may God continue to bless America.
- Yu introduced the designer of the Korean war Medal which was distributed. Medals were presented to all who had not previously received one.
- Dechert: Thanked Mr. Yu for the medals and the monument in Augusta, Georgia.

The meeting recessed at 2:40.

- Dechert reconvened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. The Sergeant-at-arms reconfirmed that a quorum was present.
- Dechert: Concerning our previous speaker, Korea has just completed deploying 2,900 troops in northern Iraq.

Charter:

- Robert Banker (Maryland): On trips back to Korea we were pleased to see what that country has become. I am truly impressed, and I say that our comrades have not died in vain.

He presented the following written report:

Good afternoon. I am Bob Banker, President of the Maryland Chapter, and with me is Carl Collier, our 1st Vice President. We are here as delegates from the chapter in support of all efforts to achieve a Federal Charter for the Korean War Veterans Association. Thank you for including us on your agenda. Packets of material (containing this report) were distributed to you for your review so that you can be aware of our activities in this arena. You will see that we have not been idle. Indeed, since our chapter meeting on January 21st this year, we have fully focused our determination, time and energies on keeping the Federal Charter ball rolling.

My letter to Col. Charles Price summarizes our activities. Since that time, I have received a copy of a press release from the joint offices of Senator Paul Sarbanes, MD, Congressman Steny Hoyer, MD, and Congressman James Walsh, NY. These legislators have proved themselves to be most friendly to our cause. Congressman Walsh is currently the lead sponsor of HR 1043. However, Congressman Hoyer initiated the original Federal Charter Bill in 1999. Senator Sarbanes has assisted the process by adding an amendment to the Department of Defense Authorization Bill to provide for a Federal Charter. Unfortunately, in past years a similar amendment was deleted due to the influence and recommendation of the House Judiciary Committee. This year may reflect the same disappointing pattern if we do not voice our strong support directly to Congress. I do not believe that we can afford to simply sit back and wait for approval to be given. If there is any matter before Congress that is worthy of our strong support, it is the amendment sponsored by Senator Sarbanes and approved by the Senate.

I understand that other congressional personnel have indicated that the next Congressional term may prove successful, but there are no guarantees. I also understand that there are some conflicting problems within the KWVA and, if that is the case, they should be resolved rapidly and without delay. Yet the amendment in the Senate version of the Defense Authorization Bill is here and now, and if it survives in the final version of the bill, our quest has been met.

We believe that our Maryland Chapter can provide valuable assistance to Col. Price. When we commenced work on HR 1043 in January of this year, there were 110 co-sponsors and, as of September 22nd there are 153--an increase of 39% in a seven-month period. The support of those co-sponsors on both sides of the political spectrum, forms the foundation for more fruitful discussions with ranking Members of Congress. Of course, it is possible that the proposed amendment may fail and, in that case, we should be prepared with an alternate plan.

We recommend the following:

- *make the Amendment, as described above, a priority;
- *initiate contact with the Chairman of the House Committee and the minority leader; followed by contact with their Senate counterparts;
- *review the regulations of the Judiciary Committee. They currently forego the granting of any Federal Charter, not just at this time, but at any future time. We believe that our nationwide survey, which uncovered some discriminatory rules and regulations in 24% of the states, may help to change some points of view; and

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*continue the efforts of the Maryland Chapter to solicit additional co-sponsors. The use of contacts with the ranking majority leadership, of course, could prove to be the most powerful factor of all.

Please know that whatever decision of the National KWVA in this matter, the Maryland Chapter will diligently cooperate with all concerned and do whatever necessary to work toward a Federal Charter for the KWVA. Thank you.

Revisit Program:

- Warren Weidhahn: Asked for a show of hands of those who had taken advantage of the Revisit Program. Many indicated that they had.

The eligibility requirements have been changed:

1. A veteran of the Korean War and/or a war correspondent of any of the 21 nations which came to the assistance of the Republic of Korea between 25 June 1950 and 25 October 1954.

2. An immediate family member of one who was killed in action in the Korean War.

Note: You are permitted to take a spouse or one immediate descendent with you to Korea. You may not take a sister, brother, companion or friend.

The program has been extended indefinitely in the interest of good will. Application blanks were offered.

Approval of July 2003 Minutes:

- Secretary Don Duquette: Presented Minutes of last Membership Meeting (July 2003) as previously printed in the *Graybeards*.

Dechert: Are there any additions or corrections? If there are no corrections, the minutes are correct as read.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Clyde Durham: The financial report will of necessary be brief simply because of the change over. As there are still unresolved matters from the old administration, I can only report what has happened during the new administration. Prior to today, we only had information as of July 31, 2004. That's when we opened the account. The end of the month balance was \$19,679.54 in checking, \$44,451.82 in savings. In the future we will have more accurate information as matters are turned over to the new administration.

- McKinnis: The CDs he mentioned are in government high yield.

- Walter Ade: What was the correct amount that was transferred?

- Boyle Henderson, CPA: \$1000.00 and \$57,000 were the initial accounts. The operating accounts. They were transferred to pay bills. This morning we got a Smith Barney investment account, dated August 29, 2004, which is valued at \$485,442.78. We are attempting to assemble bookkeeping through 2003 and will be transferring this information. You will get a year-end statement.

- **MOTION:** Roger Haas moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Paul Shook second. The motion carried.

Election report:

The July 12, 2004, report of Michael D. Witherspoon, CPA, who verified election results, was as follows:

This year I set up the tabulation to get separate totals for POW, PO LP, LC, LR Members which is column Life and RO, CO Members which is column RO below:

Note: The Election Results are presented on page 9

I (Witherspoon) am prepared to store these ballots for up to one year to allow time for any challenges, verifications, recounts, or legal proceedings. I still desire a written direction from the Board of Directors that said ballots can be destroyed.

It is always a pleasure to serve you. I wish each the best.

- Ed Buckman: I would like to have copy sent to each chapter.

- Dechert: Asked that the individual chapters please disseminate the information. (As the results are herewith published, all members will be informed of the official results.)

Web Site:

- Dechert: The web site is now up and running under the old name.

2005 Reunion:

- Dickerson: presented the proposals for the reunions for the years 2005 and 2006 and the action of the Executive Council.

- Roger Haas: What are the towns?

- Dickerson: Fredericksburg, Texas, and Alexandria, Louisiana.

- **MOTION:** Haas moved that the decision for the site and dates of the 2005 and 2006 reunions be granted to the Executive Council. Buckman seconded. *Approved by voice vote.*

Budget and Finance:

- Ferris presented the following budget:

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED 2005 BUDGET 1 JANUARY 2005 THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 2005

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP (DUES)	\$ 215,000.00
DONATIONS	25,000.00
INTEREST	20,000.00
ADVERTISING	<u>10,000.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME

\$270,000.00

EXPENSES

CHAPLAIN	
FINANCE COMMITTEE	
JUDGE ADVOCATE	
RESOLUTION COMMITTEE	
<i>(The above are grouped)</i>	5,000.00
ADVERTISING	2,000.00
TELEPHONE	5,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,000.00
INSURANCE	15,000.00
GRAYBEARDS	130,000.00
LEGAL FEES	4,000.00
VSVA REPRESENTATIVE	1,500.00
MEETING EXPENSES	32,000.00
NOMINATORY ELECTIONS	3,000.00
EDITOR (office expenses)	250.00
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	500.00
POSTAGE	2,000.00
CHAPTER FORMATION EXPENSE	7,000.00
NANCY MONSON	30,000.00
N. MONSON SOFTWARE UPGRADE	3,000.00
PRESIDENTS TRAVEL FUND	10,000.00
1ST VICE TRAVEL FUND	2,500.00
2ND VICE TRAVEL FUND	2,500.00
ACCOUNTING FEES	6,000.00
IFKWVA ANNUAL DUES	<u>100.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 260,350.00

The above budget was approved by the Executive Council at the annual conference in Knoxville, Tennessee and ratified by the membership on 9/24/04

MINUTES SUMMARY ♦ KWVA MEMBERSHIP MEETING ♦ KNOXVILLE, TN

This is merely a budget and can be modified at any time by the Executive Council. It is an estimate based on past history as far as I can ascertain.

Preparing the budget was difficult because I did not have previous year's actual income and expenses available. Total income will be approximately \$270,000. Some expenses were reduced because we will not have rental for Washington, DC office, Beavercreek office, contract labor, repairs and maintenance of the Beavercreek Office, etc. The Executive Council recommended increases for legal and accounting fees which are reflected in the above figures.

• **MOTION:** Blake Hill moved acceptance of the budget. George Czynewski second. *Approved by voice vote.*

Membership:

• McClain: I am excited at the opportunity to be membership chairman. We received approximately five new members in this area.

Will ask all chapters to take part expanding and forming new chapters throughout the states and asked that an all-out effort be made.

Current membership figures prepared by Nancy Monson (dated September 15, 2004) are:

Total this date on active mailing list16,896

Those who do not pay annual dues:

Life Members (active)6,915

Others:

Medal of Honor22

Gold Star44

Complimentary20

Total86

Those who pay dues annually:

Regular Members @ \$20.00 annually9,473

Associate Members @ \$12.00 annually422

Activities:

In August 2004, a letter was sent to those members we had lost during 2002 and 2003, along with a reminder for those whose dues would become delinquent at some date during 2004 (all totaling approximately 4,000). As a result, we received the following:

Life members54

Reinstating members580

• Arthur Mullins: We have a chapter here in Knoxville.

• Mahoney: Questioned the disposition of DD-214s.

• Dechert: They are a confidential document and will always be treated that way.

• Jack Edwards was commended for two years of diligent work on membership.

Bylaws:

• MacSwain: The Executive Council recommends the application of the 2000 bylaws as the rules under which we will function. This was done because the past Judge Advocate (Sherman Pratt) ruled that three previous amendments were not proper. Also, present Acting Judge Advocate Charley Price ruled the same. Legal Counsel also ruled that these changes were not proper. Therefore, a motion was passed to revert to the 2000 bylaws. We will now take all motions approved by the Executive Council and incorporate them back into the bylaws properly. The only one thrown out is the term limits. This is not because they are wrong, but because Executive Council did not approve them. It was overwhelming that the members wanted to return to the two-year term limit. You received a letter asking for any member, chapter, or state

department to submit changes for the bylaws. The 2002 bylaws will be on website so you can check them. Any library will pull it up for you to print same.

• Feaster: The September-October 2000 issue of *The Graybeards* contains the 2000 bylaws. The standard procedure manual will also be on the web page. This will be helpful for all to operate on the same wave length.

• MacSwain: We will try to take all amendments and put them in the *Graybeards* as soon as possible so you can look at them. As more are received (before January 31st) the committee will reproduce them for the next Council meeting. Then the Council can approve for presentation to you in the fall. With respect to the 75 members for a quorum, we went against the bylaws when we solicited ballot votes. We would like to have this all straightened out by next year. We need bylaws that we can read and understand.

• Feaster: Bylaws say how changes will be made, and you can't alter that.

• Jordan Czynewski: Can I tell my chapter they do not have to be a national member to be a chapter member? (No response.)

• Clyde Hooks: In minutes of previous meeting there were certain matters that were to be voted on at this meeting, such as changing Chapter "president" to "commander," etc. Is that not to take place?

• Price: It was not printed as a separate consideration "change to the bylaws." That is not sufficient for the members to recognize a change, and therefore not legal notice.

• McKinnis: You keep stating that we are under the 2000 bylaws. The membership has not voted on this.

• **MOTION:** Moved by Haas and seconded by Dauster that the action of the Executive Council to revert to the 2000 bylaws for operation be approved.

• Clyde Hook: Mr. Faircloth and Mr. Price, etc., made a good case why all these changes should be void. Majority of directors were convinced and they voiced in support.

• Ray Toleno: If the bylaws were incorrectly adopted, aren't they null and void? Then what are we discussing?

• **Action on motion:** Out of 111 quorum: 89 stood in favor. 5 stood in opposition. 5 abstained.

Tell America:

• Dick Adams: Discussed the Tell America program.

Discussion: There was considerable discussion regarding individual and chapter efforts with respect to the Tell America Program.

Other Business:

• Harley Coon: I would like to say that Lou Dechert and I had a meeting, and I would like to extend my support to the new president. I offer him my support. I believe he is on the right track. I made mistakes and he will make mistakes.

• Thomas Gregory has been very ill, and Howard Camp has also been very ill. I would like to suggest that a letter be sent to them.

• Question from the floor: Is there a KWVA uniform?

• Mahoney: The light blue jacket which is part of the uniform was advertised in the American Legion magazine as available from HaBan for the price of \$31.50.

Adjournment:

• **MOTION:** Dauster moved that there being no further business discussed, the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned with closing ceremonies and honors at approximately 5:15 p.m.

The 2004 National Reunion



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Just a Few Ideas to Get Us Started

I am sure that contributors to *Graybeards* have covered just about every story that could be covered regarding the Korean War. Or have they? Let's see if we can get a few more.

Here is a list of possible topics that we can cover in more detail. I'll present a few more in upcoming issues as they come to mind.

The Safety of Vehicles Used in Korea

We'll start with an extract from an article that a WWII veteran sent me via the Internet. The article was written by Col. David Hackworth (USA Ret.). He was discussing the weaknesses of the Humvee being used in Iraq, and Congress' slow response to replacing it with a safer vehicle. As a comparison, he wrote the following paragraph:

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Maybe then they'll develop a greater sense of urgency about what's really needed on those killer roads the same way the 88th Division commanding general, Maj. Gen. Bryant E. Moore, did with us back in Italy and then again in Korea — where he was eventually killed as a corps commander leading from the front.

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Regarding Korea, how did Moore respond? Did his concern for the troops result in fewer casualties, safer vehicles, etc? Was he the type of officer who always led from the front? How many corps commanders were killed or wounded in Korea?

Outstanding Officers or NCOs

I infer from Hackworth's comments that the troops looked up to Moore. It is a fact of military life that some leaders, officers and enlisted alike, are far more respected than others. Did you serve with anyone who fell into the "most respected" leader category? Who were they? What did they do to earn the troops' respect? Let us know. This is not a contest to nominate the "Best Officer in Korea." It's simply an opportunity to give respected leaders their minute in the spotlight, which they so richly deserve.

Not Outstanding Officers or NCOs

Reverse the topic above. Who were the worst officers, noncoms, etc? Who would you not trust to lead you? Why wouldn't you trust them? Did they make errors that led to serious consequences? We won't print their names.

Humor In Combat—or in General (or in privates, sergeants...)

War is not always comical. Yet, there are many stories involving humorous situations in combat situations that might not have seemed funny at the time, but which were later. If you have any such stories, send them in. We can all use a good laugh now and then.

The Strangest Military Person I Ever Knew

One of the ironies of military life is that the best people are not always the most stable individuals. For example, people least expected to do well in the military often excel in combat, but function poorly in other situations.

I know of one WWII Marine, for example, who was considered one of the fiercest fighters in his unit. Anyone of his buddies would have felt safe with him in a foxhole—but no one wanted to be on liberty with him. He spent most of his time in the brig in non-combat situations simply because he could not adapt to military regulations and

bureaucracy. But, when his unit went into combat—which was often—he would be released from the brig, and he would fight intensely again. Combat was his element because there were no rules. Did you know people like him? Tell us. We will not use the individuals' real names.

Mascots

Troops adopt some strange mascots in wartime—and peacetime as well. Do you have any stories of mascots—animal, vegetable, or mineral—that troops had in Korea? Did the mascots provide comfort? Why did troops keep them around? What happened to them?

Conscientious Objectors

There were 4,300 conscientious objectors (COs) in the Korean War. There are probably that many misconceptions about them. For example, some people believe that CO status exempts them completely from battlefield assignments. Others say that is not accurate: COs can be assigned to battlefield operations, but they need not carry weapons. What is the truth?

Did any of you know COs in Korea? Did they participate in battles, with or without weapons? In what capacities did they serve, e.g., as corpsmen, medics, chaplains' assistants? Did any of them refuse to fight, go to the brig, get Bad Conduct Discharges...?

Your answers might shed some light on the true status of COs

Marijuana Use In Korea

There were several references to soldiers' use of marijuana in Korea in Lewis H. Carlson's book, *Remembered Prisoners of a Forgotten War*. Was marijuana a problem in Korea? Was its use restricted to troops from other nations? Was it used at all?

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Well, that ought to get us started. I look forward to receiving your stories and photos to accompany them if available. Send your stories via snail mail, e-mail, carrier pigeon, phone them in...whatever method you prefer. Don't worry about spelling, grammar, length, etc. Our crack editorial staff will do its best to prepare them for publication—and we'll publish as many as we can.

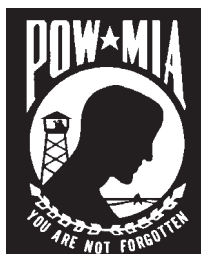
One final note

If you have any story ideas, requests to cover certain topics or books you would like to see reviewed, etc., send them in. No doubt if we work together, we can fill a lot of pages in future issues, which is, after all, our goal.

GRAYBEARDS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Articles to be published in the *Graybeards* must be sent to the editor no later than the 15th day of the first month of that issue. —Editor.

Jan-Feb	Jan 15
Mar-Apr	Mar 15
May-June	May 15
July-Aug	Jul 15
Sept-Oct	Sept 15
Nov-Dec	Nov 15



POW/MIA Update

by Marty O'Brian

I am deeply honored to have been appointed by President Lou Dechert as the POW-MIA Coordinator for the KWVA. The job also includes a responsibility for casualty updates reporting. This is a temporary appointment until we can find someone in the Washington DC area who can access the various agencies of the Department of Defense and The American Battle Monuments Commission.

In this issue we are featuring information with respect to a small group of veterans for whom I have the greatest respect. They are Art Lajeunesse, Army veteran; Ed Moynagh, USAF (Ret.); Sylvia O. Bailey-Munoz, USAF veteran; and Ray Sestak, USAF veteran, all of the KOREAN WAR MIA FAMILY OUTREACH PROJECT.

Their goal is to find family members of MIAs who have no next of kin listed in their official records, or whose family contact information is long out of date, and put them in direct contact with the Defense POW-MIA Office (DPMO).

The group has a website at <http://www.koreanwarmias.com>, maintained by Ray Sestak, webmaster. Ray is the sole point of contact for the group. E-mail him at: RaySestak@KoreanWarMIAs.com. The group works closely with Hal and Ted Barker of the renowned KOREAN WAR PROJECT (see <http://www.koreanwar.org>), and Lynnita Brown of the KOREAN WAR EDUCATOR, an equally renowned project devoted to Korean War veterans. A page has been

established for the Family Outreach Project at http://koreanwar-educator.org/topics/mia_family_outreach.htm

As long as I have the job of National POW-MIA Coordinator, I will do my utmost to respond to the wishes of the members as to what they think should be highlighted in the magazine.

Please mail me your thoughts. I can be reached at 27 Meadow Road #202, Augusta, Maine 04330. E-mail me at CavKVet50@aol.com Telephone - (207) 623-1103

In closing, a little about me. I served in the Army/Army Reserve from 1948 to 1965, including five years of active duty in the Far East, US and Europe. In Japan and Korea, I served with the 13th Signal Company, 1st Cavalry Division, from April 1949 to June 1951. Highest Army jobs held were 1st Sergeant (E-8) and Sergeant Major (E-8). I served in the Naval Reserve (Seabees) from 1965 to 1974, retiring as Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8).

I am a former member of the Burton-Goode-Sargent Chapter, KWVA, Bangor, Maine, builders of the Maine Korean War Memorial in Bangor, and co-founder and Past President of the Cpl Clair Goodblood [MOH] Chapter, KWVA, Augusta, Maine, builders of the Cpl Clair Goodblood Medal of Honor Memorial in Burnham, Maine.

As long as I have the job of National POW-MIA Coordinator, I will do my utmost to respond to the wishes of the members as to what you think I should be highlighting in the magazine.

Thanks for Supporting The Graybeards

Many members have responded to the suggestion to help underwrite the cost of publication of The Graybeards by making voluntary contributions. Remarkably, The Graybeards is still being printed despite cost restraints. Happily, a change of printers and mailers has allowed us to reduce the cost per issue—and upgrade your magazine in the process. Your heartening response has made it possible to increase the quality of The Graybeards, and make desired changes in subsequent issues.

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Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions

GHQ 1st Raider Company Members Meet

Members of the GHQ 1st Raider Company/X Corps Special Operations Company met at the Marriott Downtown Courtyard in Nashville, Tennessee, August 18 – 20, 2004. They are a prime example of the benefits of mini-reunions as practice for the larger gatherings.

The distinguished members of GHQ 1st Raider Company/X Corps Special Operations Company.



Company F, Not “F” Troop, Displays Camaraderie

Similarly, a large group of Co. F, 279th Inf., 45th Division, gathered in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, September 9 – 11, 2004, for their annual reunion. They are all proud that they did their jobs—and they proclaimed that “We love America.”

A group of “middle-aged” veterans of Co. F, 279th Infantry, 45th Division displaying their togetherness.

62nd Topographic Engineers Company

Korean War veteran Joe F. Sellers said he was able to contact ten of the men with whom he served in Korea, several of them via the Internet, for a reunion at his home in Newport, Tennessee.

Sellers reported that 9 of the 10 men from the 62nd Topographic Engineers Company were able to attend the reunion. Most of them had not seen each other since the end of the Korean War



62nd Topographic Engineers Company veterans get the lay of the land at Joe F. Sellers home in Newport, Tennessee. (L-R, Front Row) Albert Bruno, Joe F. Sellers, Dewey Reynolds. (L-R, Back Row) Henry Pirwitz, Paul Rembold, Roland Turley, Jim Thomas, Lonnie Kirkendoll. Romolo Romano and Joe Hewey were in attendance, but they missed the “team” photo. (Photo courtesy of Gary Butler, Newport Plain Talk)

Have a Mini-Reunion?

Send your photos and a short write-up to *The Graybeards* editor for publication!

Bronze Star requested for Korean War Vets awarded CIB or CMB

The Honorable Michael McNulty
2210 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-3221

Dear Congressman McNulty,

I want to thank you for taking the time to speak with me on September 7th, in hopes of having the Bronze Star awarded to Korean War veterans who were recipients of either the Combat Infantry Man's Badge or the Combat Medic's Badge.

I feel that there is strong precedence for this award that is long overdue for the veterans of what is now considered, "the Forgotten War."

In 1947, a policy was implemented that authorized the retroactive award of the Bronze Star to soldiers who were recipients of either the Combat Infantryman Badge or the Combat Medical Badge during World War II. (Attachment A).

In 1962, Executive Order 11046 was signed by President Kennedy to expand the authorization of the Bronze Star to include personnel serving with friendly forces. This has been awarded three (3) times. (Attachment B).

In the 102nd Congress, H.J. RES.367 and S.2015, "urge and request the award of the Bronze Star to Navy and Marine Corps personnel who served in the defense of Corregidor Island, the Philippines, under General Wainwright." (Attachment C)

In the 103rd, 104th, 105th, and 106th Congress, H.R. 4459, 895, 543 and 552 respectively, requests, "to provide for award of the Navy Combat Action Ribbon based upon participation in ground or surface combat as a member of the Navy or Marine Corps during the period between July 4, 1943 and March 1, 1961. (Attachment D)

I have enclosed documentation, provided to me from a Korean War veteran, concerning the awarding of the Bronze Star comparatively between past conflicts and what has been awarded in Iraq as of November of 2003. (Attachment E).

I have also included a timeline of the Korean War in 1950, where it is highlighted how the 2nd Infantry Division was relieved by the 7th Infantry Division after 103 days of continuous combat, as well as a narrative of how the 23rd Infantry Regiment survived the siege at Chipyong - Ni. (Attachment F)

I feel compelled by forwarding this information to you that you will present in a manner that is honorable of the duty of this fine group of veterans. If you have any questions or need any other information please feel free to contact me at:

Bruce Cabana
10 Lincoln Avenue
Glens Falls, NY 12801
Telephone: 518-812-0138

I look forward to your positive response in hopes that the veterans of the Forgotten War are no longer forgotten and are honored in a way befitting their sacrifices.

Sincerely,

/S/ Bruce Cabana

One Generation Of Veterans Helping Another

My husband John is a Korean War Veteran and the recipient of the Purple Heart. On Dec. 11, 2000, we lost our 38-year-old son in the Marine Corps. He was an operational test pilot for the MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft. He was killed along with three other brave Marines on a night training mission. Also on April 8, 2000, in Arizona, another Osprey crashed, killing several more Marines. These men were pioneers for this program, and eight families have formed a non-for-profit Osprey Memorial Foundation to honor them. I would appreciate it if you could do a story about what we are doing in hopes of raising money to accomplish our goal. This is the story.:

Families Spearhead Effort to Honor Fallen Marines —

Family members of eight Marines who were tragically killed while test piloting the MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft in 2000 have formed the Osprey Memorial Foundation.

Lt. Col. John A. Brow, Major Brooks S. Gruber, Staff Sgt. William B. Nelson, Cpl. Kelly S. Keith, Lt. Col. Keith M. Sweaney, Lt. Col. Michael L. Murphy. SSgt. Avelly W. Runnels and Sgt. Jason A. Buyck were handpicked to pioneer the Corps' No. 1 aviation acquisition program. Their families want to honor these men who lost their lives doing what they believed in - testing an aircraft built to replace all current troop-carrying helicopters.

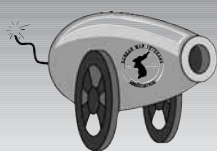
The Foundation's goal is to raise \$100,000 to erect an Osprey monument at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, VA. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution in honor of these fallen Marines, please write a check, payable to Osprey Memorial Foundation, and send it to: Osprey Memorial Foundation, 72 Hayes Street, Blauvelt, NY 10913. To learn more about the Foundation and the men who inspired it, visit the Web site: www.ospreymemorial.com

Sincerely,

Anne Murphy, Mother of Lt. Col.
Michael L. Murphy, USMC

Now Hear This:

All comments concerning, or contributions for publication in, The Graybeards should be sent to Art Sharp, Editor, 152 Sky View Dr., Rocky Hill, Ct 06067 or emailed to Sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net



Feedback/Return Fire

"Feedback" is an ongoing feature designed to generate even more feedback. If you wish to comment on a topic or article in *The Graybeards*, please send your material to the Feedback Editor at 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-2859 or e-mail it to sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net

This section of *Graybeards* is designed to provide feedback—and generate more feedback. It gives readers the opportunity to respond to printed stories, letters, points of view, etc., without having to write long-winded replies. Feel free to respond to whatever you see in the magazine. As long as it's tasteful and non-political, we will be happy to include it. If you want to submit ideas, criticisms, etc. that you prefer not to see in print—at least with your name attached to it—then we will honor that. Make sure to let us know, though.

Don't be afraid to express your opinions about anything, including the format of the magazine, its inclusions, or style. It is your magazine, and I won't have any clue regarding your likes and dislikes if you don't tell me about them.

Mail your "Return Fire" to the "Feedback Editor" at 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-2859. E-mail it to sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net, or phone it in to (860) 563-6149. Whatever the medium you choose, we welcome your input.

One more thing: even though most of the entries in this edition have "Editor's Response" attached, that will not be the case once we get used to the "Return Fire" section. I do not have to respond to everything, nor do I want to. The section should be an exchange between and among readers.

Let's get started. (Yes, I have already received some "return fire.")

I Hope You Will Be Open To Criticism

I have been a proud member of the KWVA for a couple years, even though I'm not a Korean War veteran. I qualify for membership under two different criteria: I served stateside during the Korean emergency period within the time frame of June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1954, and I served in Korea from May 1955 to August 1956 with the 24th I.D. on the DMZ.

There was a section in the *Graybeards* called Announcements For All Korean War Veterans and DMZ Veterans, but I no longer see it. Hopefully, it will return, since it was the only regular mention of DMZ service.

I have nothing but the highest respect for those who served during the Korean War, and *The Graybeards* should focus on the war years of '50 to '53. But, I feel that since the KWVA has accepted me as well as other veterans like myself to join this organization, there should at least be some mention in your magazine of Korean Defense Service.

Korea is still under a fragile ceasefire, and there have been 40,000 breaches of the armistice agreement over the last 50 years along the DMZ and at sea. A number of U.S. military personnel have been killed

and wounded during that time. Yes, the forgotten war is over, but the "second most forgotten war" is not. In fact, it's hardly mentioned anywhere.

Also, best of luck in your new position as editor. I hope that you will accept opinions and criticism. After all, that is one of the major reasons that we served: to protect the right of free expression.

CHARLES PEPIN, 1321 North 71st Avenue, Hollywood, Florida 33024

Editor's Note: *I am happy to accept opinions and criticism. As reluctant as I am to admit it, I have made judgments along the line that warrant criticism and correction. ("Judgments" is a polite way of saying "I've made mistakes.") In fact, you will discover that the longest-running section of future issues of The Graybeards will be the "Errata" column, in which astute readers correct errors. However, the one mistake I have not made is accepting the editorship of The Graybeards, which I expect to hold for some time.*

Please Proofread Carefully

Wishing you the very best on your becoming the new editor of *The Graybeards*. I only ask one thing from you: proof read all articles carefully, as little errors sometimes throw off the article.

LARRY HOCHFELD

Editor's Response: *I intend to eliminate 100% of the errors in this publication, small or large. However, there will always be some that get through, no matter how carefully the "Proofreading Editor" pores over the material. I hope that when they do, alert readers will let us know. (See previous comments RE "Feedback")*

A Kind Offer

I see in the May-June 2004 issue of *The Graybeards* that you have agreed to be the new editor. Congratulations. If I may be of any help to you, please ask. GOOD LUCK and welcome.

JACK DELAP

Editor's Response: *Thanks for the offer, Jack. Believe me, I will need all the help I can get to put The Graybeards together.*

Request Granted

I would like to see a review of the book *Remembered Soldiers of a Forgotten War*, by Lewis H. Carlson, which describes some of the atrocities committed against American POWs in Korea.

I made a return trip to Korea in the summer of 2000 and met two survivors of the Hill 303 massacre, where the North Koreans tried to execute 45 Americans with their hands tied behind their backs. Five survived. Two of the survivors had pestered the Pentagon until a monument was erected at the site, and they were there to help dedicate it. I believe all the survivors except one have since passed on.

In the book, a soldier named Melvin Rookstool describes his experience as a POW. A North Korean guard hit him on the side of his face, knocking out his eyeball. The North Koreans offered no medical help, and apparently forbade anyone else to help him. For the next 63 days he held his eyeball in his hand. When he marched, it hurt terribly, and he learned to pinch the eyeball to make it numb. Finally, after 63 days, he realized it was useless, and cut off the ligaments and optical nerve

using his fingernails.

But the North Koreans were not yet through with him. As the UN troops approached Pyongyang, he was put on a prisoner train with over 100 other American POWs. The train hid out in tunnels to avoid American fighters.

Finally, one night the POWs were told they were going outside the tunnel to be fed. The guards then began shooting and bayoneting the POWs. Rookstool was shot twice and bayoneted once, but he managed to survive until UN forces arrived the next day. Compared to these atrocities, what happened in Iraq was just so much fun and games.

D. J. HARRINGTON

Editor's Note: In his letter, Mr. Harrington was drawing a comparison between the Korean situation and the recent stories about mistreatment of enemy prisoners in Iraq. A portion of it is an excerpt from his "Letter to the Editor" which appeared in the Stone County [MO] Gazette. It piqued my interest. So, in answer to Mr. Harrington's request, a review of Remembered Soldiers of a Forgotten War appears on page 31.

Incidentally, there was an article in the June 25, 1999, Boston Globe, p. A2, titled "Hill 303 Massacre." The opening paragraph read:

Killing of enemy who were wounded and helpless was done by all sides in the Korean War, and in all wars. In the desperation of combat, particularly when there is no provision for caring for wounded and no troops to spare to guard them, this sometimes is a practical necessity, however horrible the idea.

Does anyone want to comment on the veracity of that statement from the vantage point of a combat veteran?

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There Was No Secretary Of War In 1951—Let Alone A Female Secretary

In the "Letters" column in the May-June issue of *The Graybeards*, there was a letter from Neil J. O'Connor, in which he stated that "in January 1951 the then female Secretary of War ordered up inactive Reservists to fill positions in the Korean War. These poor devils for the most part had not seen combat in WW II, nor did they have the training or experience of the active reservists." This statement is erroneous on four counts:

1. There was no "Secretary of War" in 1951. The National Security Act of 1947 created the National Military Establishment, headed by a Secretary of Defense. The separate services, the Army, Navy, and the newly-separate Air Force, were designated as executive departments headed by civilian secretaries. Thus, the former Secretary of War became the Secretary of the Army.

2. There was not in 1951, nor at any other time, a female Secretary of War or Secretary of the Army. The Secretary of the Army at the outbreak of the Korean War and in January 1951 was Frank Pace, Jr.

3. Authority to recall reservists involuntarily was granted in July 1950, not in January 1951, as Mr. O'Connor alleges.

4. Further, the early mobilization of Army reservists was disproportionately directed to the recall of reservist-veterans. "To provide sorely needed individual replacements, the Army had to look . . . to the Organized Reserve Corps . . . [that] contained World War II veterans who could be trained quickly because the Army's equipment had changed little in the five years since the end of that war. . . . The need for men with special military skills, especially in the combat arms, dictated the recall of disproportionate numbers of veterans." (Terence J. Gough, *U.S. Army Mobilization and Logistics in the Korean War: A Research Approach*, [Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1987], 29-31).

It is possible that Mr. O'Connor's unit did receive untrained reservists who "walked around in near perpetual shock and for sometime were barely functional." But, based on my personal research, I find it difficult to accept his experience as typical of that of most Eighth Army units that received reservist-veterans as replacements.

WILSON A. HEEFNER, M.D.
COL AUS (Ret)

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Let's Hold Our Criticism In Reserve

I am writing in regard to a letter written by Neil J. O'Connor in the May-June 2004 *Graybeards*, pp. 66-67.

His story was okay until he started to run down the inactive reservists, who were called months before January 1, 1951. In fact, I was called in September of 1950.

His remarks that reservists who landed in Korea were in a daze were a real insult. We were given a three-week refresher course at Camp Campbell before going to Korea.

Mr. O'Connor was wrong when he said most of the inactive reserve did not see combat in WWII. Most of them were combat veterans.

EDWARD R. SMITH

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Outpost Queen

I was a draftee assigned to the 179th Regimental Headquarters Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon that is mentioned in the book *Christmas In July*, pp. 41 and 164.

The map of Outpost Queen in the May-June issue of *The Graybeards* (p. 18) really hit home. It is exactly as I remember it. The dead and wounded would be laid along the trail behind the Aid Station. Some in my squad would volunteer to be night-time litter bearers.



Cpl. Darrell (Bill) Baumann going aboard the USNS Pope John, July 4, 1954—truly a "Day of Independence."

We could see enemy troops approaching our area from the north. Artillery officers would direct fire from our bunkers, including air strikes. Incoming rounds and our own Quad 50s firing kept us alert day and night.

One day I was startled to see our regimental commander, Col. F. R. Zierath, beside me overlooking Outpost Queen. A senior officer asked him, "Why keep that outpost so far in front of the MLR?"

He answered simply, "It adds depth to our position."

The last two months of the war, scores of our troops were killed in action and dozens more were wounded "to add depth to our position." No wonder at age 72 I still have agitated dreams of those days.

DARRELL ("Bill") BAUMANN, 736 S. Sierra, Mesa, AZ 85204, (480) 834-6365
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Let's Hear About "Boomerang"

I have read quite a bit about "Outpost Harry" and "Pork Chop Hill." How about something on "Boomerang"? It was just as bad.

JOHN SILVER, 32 Sea Street Ext., Hyannis, MA 02601
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Father Craig's Driver

There was a suggestion in the "I knew Father Craig in Korea" entry in the May/June 2004 issue, p. 67, regarding the identity of Father Craig's driver. Both men were killed on April 5, 1951. Bill Hothan has furnished the name.

He told us during a recent phone call that the driver was 19-year-old Pvt. Richard Vargo, who was from Ohio. Father Craig was 38 years old at the time.

Vargo was a member of Division Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division, USA.

Hothan also shed some light on whether or not there was irony involved in the fact that both men were from Ohio. He pointed out that chaplains were allowed to choose their own drivers at the time, so could very easily have chosen a fellow "Ohioan" deliberately.
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They May Not Have Been Moon Beams In A Jar, But They Shed A Lot Of Light

I stand in praise of the "moon beams." (See "Moon Beams Over Korea," *The Graybeards*, July/August 2004, pp. 38-39) I am a living witness, a testimonial to the value of the moon beams.

In early 1952, I was a machine gunner with the 35 RCT, 25th Division. I was somewhere in what I believe was the Mundung-Ni Valley. I faintly recall someone saying something about the ridges.

Opposite our position was a threatening enemy-held hill. I do not remember the name of the hill or its military numerical

designation. It must have been significantly important if moon beams were cast on its ominous slopes. I can attest to the safety, security, and comfort that beam of light afforded me and my pals.

A listening post, as many of us can attest, is a scary place to be. But, thanks to that beam of light, I survived.

Thanks, "Moon Beams."

PAT R. VIGIL, 317 60th Street, Albuquerque, NM 87105
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Marines On The Meigs

Reference: Article in the July-Aug 2004 Issue, "Three Stories of a Korean War Veteran," by Dick C. Nooe.

I just finished reading the above mentioned article. What caught my eye was the *General M.C. Meigs* troop ship. I thought as I started to read, "I was on this ship on my voyage to Korea as a young Marine replacement." When I got to story #2 and saw June 6, 1953, as the docking time in Kobe, Japan, I realized that this was the time I arrived in Kobe. So, Sgt. Nooe and

I were shipmates and members of the 35th replacement draft to Korea. This is the first time in 51 years I have seen or known of anyone I served with aboard ship or in Korea. This is a very sad and touching story, since Sgt. Nooe was a casualty and lost his eyesight.

I have told the story of the voyage on this old merchant marine vessel many times. I'm not sure most people believed what they heard, since it was a miserable trip. I let my wife read the story last night to confirm what I had told her many times. She said Sgt. Nooe's account of the voyage was exactly what I have told her for years, with all the gory details. I spent 4½ years as a regular Marine, and 3½ in the Reserves. I loved every minute of it, except for the time I spent on two troop ships going and coming from Korea. In fact, I vowed that if I every got off that ship, I would never get on another one—and I didn't until 1995, when I went on a cruise ship in the Caribbean.

The only difference between my experience and Sgt. Nooe's is that my group



U.S.N.S. General M. C. Meigs At Sea (Marines on the Meigs)



Last inspection for the 35th Replacement before going to Korea



White and Pfc. aboard ship in the Pacific

got off the *M.C. Meigs* in Kobe, and boarded a train for Itami Air Base, where we were flown on R4Q “flying boxcars” to K-6 in Pyongtek, Korea, as replacements for Marine Air Group 12, 1st Marine Air Wing. This base was the home of F4U Corsairs and AD Skyraider fighter bombers, which supported the 1st Marine Division on the line.

Revenge Is Good For The “Seoul”

Recollections of humor in Korea return periodically as we grow older. In September 1950, I was a platoon leader with K Company 5th RCT when it broke out of the Pusan Perimeter and slowly fought its way north to Seoul. There, we settled in a bivouac just north of the city as we prepared to attack North Korea.

Some of the men had been on occupation duty at the border with North Korea the year before, and they knew Seoul well. One day the company commander said to me, “Some of us would like to visit old friends in Seoul.” Then, he headed for town with several platoon leaders and platoon sergeants.

Before he left, he said to me, “If the battalion pulls out to attack North Korea, take charge of the company, and we will catch up with you later.” Fortunately, they came back and joined the company before it moved out.

Several months later, when we were fleeing from the Chinese and withdrawing through Seoul, our truck convoy traveled through the city. One of the streets we took passed through an area known to the “old-timers” as the 31st Circle, where some of them had been “rolled.”

As we passed this area, I could hear cheers from the back of the truck. The men who had been “rolled” anticipated that the Chinese would deal out revenge.

D. RANDALL BEIRNE, 5818 Meadowood Road, Baltimore, MD 21212

I’ll Always Remember “Pappy” Lanier—And I’d Love To Find Him

I noticed with great interest the spread on the 64th Tank Battalion in the July-August issue. I particularly enjoyed the photos of M/Sgt Charles (Pappy) Lanier.

On his return to the states after his tour with the 64th in Korea, Pappy became the platoon sergeant of a brand new second lieutenant in the 509th Tank Battalion at Fort Polk, LA—me. I consider myself very lucky that Sgt Lanier was my mentor, instructor, wise counsel, and friend, who started me off very well in my military career.

By fluke of chance, when I went to Korea a year later, I was assigned to the 64th, and I heard some good stories about Pappy there. Several years later, when I was a reserve artillery battery commander

on two weeks duty at Fort Hood, I discovered that Pappy was a first sergeant in a regular unit there.

As always happens to reserves, when we were trying to check out at the end of the tour, we were short a few items of property that had allegedly been issued to us on arrival. I paid a visit to Pappy, who called in his supply sergeant. Sure enough, we were able to find all we needed. I will always remember Pappy, and if he is still alive I would love to hear from him.

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Chaplains And Cooler Heads Prevail

I wish to add a short PS to your excellent “Remembering our Korean War Chaplains” article in the May/June and June/July 2004 issues. Chaplain Smith, our post chaplain at the HQ 24th Infantry Division at Kokura, Japan, embarked to Taejon, Korea, with the division. MajGen William Dean, who had recently replaced



RIGHT: How the North Koreans treated their prisoners

BELOW: How the U.S. treated its prisoners



MajGen Anthony McAuliffe (famed “Nuts” commander at the Battle of the Bulge in World War II), was our commander.

After numerous “strategic withdrawals,” no retreats, we ended up at the Pusan Perimeter defense where everyone was a rifleman. There were no cooks, no clerks, no drivers, etc.

After the successful Inchon landing, we finally took the offense. It was at this time that we noticed the terrible scenes where our captured soldiers and even numerous civilians were executed with their hands tied in the back with the black commo wire.

Soon, words like “no more prisoners - kill ‘em all” were heard often. At this time, Chaplain Smith gave a sermon in the rice paddy stating that “If we are to lower our moral stands to that of the enemy, we might as well pack up and go home.”

These words of wisdom were meaningful and timely. Even today, our forces in Iraq are in a similar predicament where they are trying their best with one hand tied behind their backs. God bless them all.

TED MIYAMOTO

KWVA Bylaws to be Revised

The Executive Council has affirmed the need to review/rewrite the Bylaws, completely.

The Bylaws Committee Chairman, Bill Mac Swain, has summarized all the recent Bylaw changes approved by the Executive Council, since the July 27, 2000 changes were incorporated and will publish them as soon as possible in *The Graybeards*.

He is requesting any changes AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, but **no later than the 15th of January 2005** so the Bylaws Committee can work all those submitted for Executive Council approval, at its next scheduled meeting after January 2005.

Bill's routing information is: Bill Mac Swain, 8452 Mary's Creek Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76116-7600; telephone: 817-244-0706; e-mail address: BillMacSwain@charter.net

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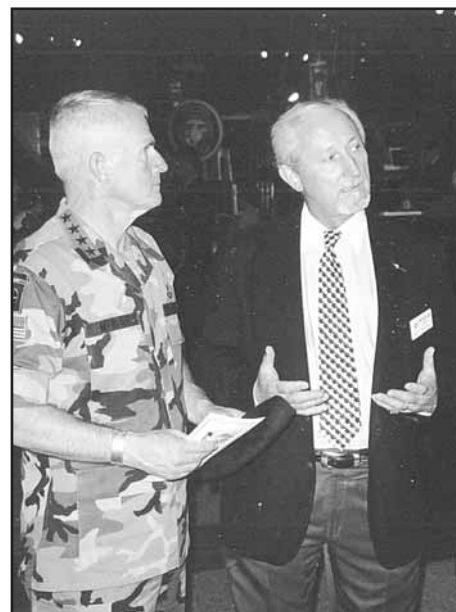
The American Patriotism Museum

You name it, there is most likely a museum for it. Peanuts? Try the oldest peanut museum in the U.S., located in Waverly, Virginia. Buttons? Go to the button museum the next time you are in Waterbury, Connecticut? Corvettes? That one is in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Pearls? Muscatine, Iowa, of all places. Now comes word of a new museum that opened recently—fittingly, on July 4th, 2004—in Atlanta, Georgia: the National Museum of Patriotism, where you can “Discover the Spirit of America.”

James R. Conway, of the Gen. Raymond G. Davis Chapter (#307) in Atlanta, told us about the new museum, which is about “educating our country's youth, celebrating personal achievement, motivating people to respect the rights of others, to help our neighbors, to inspire good, and to magnify love of one's country.” Lofty goals, perhaps—but goals worth reaching for.

The next time you are in Atlanta, visit the new museum. You can get more information about it at info@museumofpatriotism.com, or check it out on line at www.museumofpatriotism.org

RIGHT: Guests interact with displays of military service exhibits



ABOVE: General Dan McNeill (left), Forscom Commander, Fort McPherson (GA) and Mr. Nicholas Snider, founder of the National Museum of Patriotism



LEFT Desmond T. Doss and his wife (2nd and 3rd from left). As a PFC, Doss received the Medal of Honor in May 1945 for heroism on Okinawa. Seated in the wheelchair is LtCol Charles (Chuck) Dryden, USAF (Ret), an original member of the Tuskegee Airmen

Book Review



By Art Sharp, Editor

Carlson, Lewis H., *Remembered Prisoners of a Forgotten War: An Oral History of Korean War POWs*. St. Martin's Griffin: New York NY. www.stmartins.com 301 pp. ISBN 0-312-31007-2. \$14.95/\$21.95 Canadian

Here is an intriguing book. As the title suggests, it deals with the fate and behavior of the 7,140 Americans taken prisoner during the three years of fighting. One section of the "Introduction" sets the stage for the book:

In a conventional sense, there were few heroic Korean War POWs, unless one considers simple survival a heroic act. There were no successful escapes from the permanent camps, no acts of sabotage, and no jaunty, irrepressible individuals fooling a befuddled enemy. According to government figures, 7,140 Americans were taken prisoner during the three years of fighting, and 2,701 of them did not survive captivity. Several scholars, however, have pointed out that the official statistics greatly underestimated the numbers of those who died from atrocities committed immediately after capture, from untreated wounds, or during the long, deadly marches northward to the permanent camps. (pp. 2 & 3)

Having presented the statistics, author Lewis H. Carlson presents a series of arguments from supporters and detractors alike surrounding the prisoners, before he describes the conditions under which they lived—or simply survived—during their imprisonment.

Carlson discusses life in the permanent camps, injuries, diseases, medical care, "brainwashing," the possibilities of and the attempts to escape...in short, he presents a detailed look at the conditions influencing the prisoners' often miserable lives, which he supports with numerous firsthand accounts of the prisoners themselves gained through an exhaustive series of interviews.

The accounts which he quotes pull no punches. The interviewees talk about the hatred between and among different groups, e.g., the "Progressives" and the "Reactionaries," and nationalities of prisoners, the frustration they suffered while detained, the difficulties they had in adjusting to their returns to "normal" lives, the long-term effects of captivity, the good and bad sides of the captors, the humor, the pathos, the guard baiting, the punishments to which they were often subjected for little or no reason...just about every facet of the prisoners' lives.

A couple quotes from the book demonstrate the breadth of Carlson's research, and the conditions under which the POWs lived:

Many deaths [in the prison camps] were due to malnutrition and, of course, to disease. Although I was a physician, there was nothing I could do since there was insufficient food and no

medicine. All we could do was eat whatever was available, from weeds to rats. Our job was simply to stay alive.

—Gene N. Lam, M.D. and Korean War POW

Former POW Harry Falck told an amusing story about the prisoners' guard baiting practices:

One morning this guy said, "Hey, everybody get a long stick. When we go out for roll call, run that stick along the ground. If one of the guards comes by, say 'Arf, arf!'" The guard, of course, didn't know what we were doing. He would point and ask, "What you talk?" We'd bark some more. He'd walk off. Can you imagine a thousand people coming out with sticks and barking like dogs at roll call? Another time we fell out for roll call on our imaginary motorcycles. We tried to disrupt them one way or another with our little tricks.

And so it went in the camps—and the book is replete with such stories.

One word of caution: this is a hard book to read from an emotional standpoint. (The reading itself flows smoothly and easily.) It is sad to read about the inhumanity men can inflict on one another. Yet, it is a story that must be told, specifically so those of us who have not suffered the degradation the prisoners mentioned in this book did can thank our lucky stars for being blessed—and so we can do whatever we can to prevent it from ever happening again, to us or anyone else.

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Greater Love Has No Man

By Richard H. Waltner

There was nothing distinguishing about Stanley Crooks. He was not the kind of person who would stand out in a crowd.

I remember Stanley as being rather short of stature and very quiet in disposition. Stanley came to Clearing Company, 120th Medical Battalion, about one month after I arrived. By religious faith he was a 7th Day Adventist. Now Adventists almost always applied for and were granted non-combatant status, a phrase which needs to be clarified.

Most non-initiates believe it means that the person so classified will never be assigned to a combat zone or unit. That is wrong—totally wrong. That is not the case at all. What it meant, in Korea at least, was that when a non-combatant was assigned to a combat zone, he would not be required to carry a weapon. It was for this reason that those classified as IAO, non-combatants or conscientious objectors, were almost always assigned to the medics.

Seventh Day Adventists, along with many others classified as non-combatants, believed it was wrong to kill in war. However, they would accept assignment to a medical unit, where they would be able to do something constructive, rather than destructive.

I have no idea how many men in the medics were non-combatants. Suffice it to say there were many. This caused a problem for the military, since every man who refused to carry a weapon decreased the firepower of the unit, medical or otherwise.

Stanley was a tent mate, and I got to know him well. He and I had a lot in common. Both of us were the same age, both of us gave our sweethearts a diamond before shipping out for Korea, and both of us lived for that day when we would be returning to the states, to the girl of our dreams, to marriage and to starting a family. We would talk often about our hopes and aspirations. Of course, always in the back of our minds was the very real possibility that we would not be able to realize any of those hopes and aspirations—ever. We tended, as much as possible, to push those thoughts to the back of our minds.

One day a rumor started circulating that there were too many noncombatants assigned to Clearing Company, 120th

I have no idea how many men in the medics were non-combatants. Suffice it to say there were many. This caused a problem for the military, since every man who refused to carry a weapon decreased the firepower of the unit, medical or otherwise.

Medical Battalion, and that some would be singled out to be transferred to the regiments to become “line” medics. The rumor was not new; it would surface from time to time, so we didn’t give too much thought to it. However, within a few days, orders were cut for a few of the men to be transferred. Not all of them non-combatants. One of those receiving such orders was Stanley Crooks.

All of us who knew Stanley hated to see him go. However, he was philosophical about it, and the coming transfer didn’t seem to cause him much concern. Stanley was a person of deep spiritual faith. This undoubtedly played no small part in what could only be called a positive outlook. In a few days Stanley’s orders were cut, and a jeep from the 279th Infantry Regiment arrived to transport him to the front lines. We said our “Good byes,” and Stanley was gone.

As in any organization one has to have friends. In the military, in a combat situation, friendships are often short-lived, since the status of people is constantly changing. Some are transferred to other units, some rotate home, some are killed. It is always risky to form friendships that are too emotionally close, since they can be terminated abruptly.

I missed Stanley, and I missed our frequent conversations. From time-to-time he would come to Clearing Company with an ambulance containing battle casualties and men reporting in on sick call. On these occasions, we would go to the mess hall and visit over a cup of coffee and the cook’s famous string-thin raised donuts. On one occasion I asked Stanley how it was up at regimental aid station. “You know, Dick,” he replied, “it’s really not so bad. I don’t mind it at all.”

Shortly after his arrival at the front, Stanley was awarded the Silver Star for heroism. Now, Silver Stars are not handed out to just anyone. I never did find out what he did to receive that most prestigious award. In

fact, had I asked him, I’m sure he would not have revealed the real reason anyway. That’s the kind of person Stanley was.

The workday was divided into shifts. Those working the night shift put in a 14-hour shift, while those working days put in a 10-hour shift. Although there were times when the nights got very busy, most of the casualties and all but emergency sick call patients came in during the day. Although shifts rotated, at this time I was working the day shift. Stanley had been gone for some time and those of us who considered him a friend had gotten used to his absence. The fact that he rather enjoyed his duties at the 279th aid station made his absence easier to take.

On July 6th, I was working the day shift, which meant my workday started at 8:00 a.m. When I walked into the E.R. (emergency room), I was told that someone had heard that Stanley Crooks had been killed during the night. I was in disbelief. There had to be a mistake. Perhaps there was another Stanley Crooks; perhaps someone had made a typographical error. It would be 10:00 before the regimental casualty lists for the night would be received at Clearing Company. Those two hours seemed an eternity. At 10:00, the division casualty list was received. As I scanned the list, there it was. It was no error. In bold black against white, listed under K.I.A. (killed in action) was the name, Stanley Crooks, with his accompanying rank and serial number.

I was in a state of shock. It was no rumor. It was no mistake after all. Stanley was dead and with him died all of his plans, his aspirations, and his future. There was a young woman in Kansas who would not be getting married to Stanley Crooks during the summer of 1954. A plethora of questions raced through my mind: Why Stanley? How come

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Korea, Iraq—and Arlington

Lt. Tarlavsky (R) and Richard Alexander (L) exchange handshakes in 1997



Seven years ago 2nd Lt. Mike Tarlavsky received his gold bars. At the time, he was shipping out to Korea to serve with the Second Division along the DMZ. After finishing that tour, he was assigned to Afghanistan. That done, he shipped out to Iraq in early 2003. Then, he returned to the U.S. in time for the birth of his first child, a son.

Tarlavsky earned the rank of captain, then shipped back to Iraq, where he served with the 5th Special Forces Group. Sadly, while on a patrol in the holy city of Najaf in July 2004, Captain Tarlavsky incurred fatal wounds from small arms fire.

Tarlavsky was thirty years old at the time of his death. He returned to the United States as a hero, and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Our country lost not only a wonderful man, but a great soldier and patriot.

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1 Gulf Coast (Mobile, AL)

Walter Ballard



L-R Walter Ballard, 2nd Vice president; Vernon Weldy, 1st Vice president; Bill Pitt, President; Claude Amos, Chaplain; Mackie Tillman, Secretary; Sonny Willisson, Treasurer.

The Chapter installed its new officers in June 2004.

2 Kansas City, MO

Paul A. Wolfgeher

The members of our Chapter love a parade. For example, several of us—more than the eight who appear in our photos—recently participated in a parade in Sugar Creek, Missouri.



Chapter 2 Auxiliary Members "march" in the Sugar Creek July 4th Parade.



Chapter 2 members "float" through Sugar Creek July 4th Parade.

4 Southeastern Indiana, Aurora

Luther Rice

Our Chapter is active in providing the Color Guards and Firing Squads for military funerals, marching in local parades, and participating in Veterans Day programs at local schools and other functions when requested.

The photo on page 35 shows how active our members are. Pictured are some of the 23 members who participated in the 2004 Memorial Day service conducted at the local cemetery. The participants included Commander Luther Rice, Chapter Adjutant and Master of Ceremonies Lynn Weber, POW officer Clarence Vogelgesang, who presented the wreath, Archie Abner, Bill Bayless, Howard Cleeter, Carroll Love, Marvin Curlin, Bob Karp, Joe Smith, Alvin Senger, Bill Kyle, Glynn Clark, Clarence Batchelor, Bill Johnston, Bob Moore, Harry Webb, Ron Baker, Dick Fussnecker, Jim Slayback, Tom Lampert, Hubert Neff, and



Chapter 2 members have a "banner" time in the Sugar Creek July 4th Parade: (L-R) Al Lemieux, Honor Guard contingent, and Paul Wolfgeher.



Chapter 4 members at the local cemetery on Memorial Day 2004.

Richard Goble.

6 St. Charles, MO

Curtis J. Farley, Jr.

Chapter members have been very active around Missouri, as the nearby photos indicate.



ABOVE: Don Guptman of Chapter 6 and veterans at Korean War Veterans reunion at Branson, MO, June 2004.

RIGHT: Chapter 6 attendees at Korean War Veterans reunion at Branson, MO, June 2004.



LEFT: Chapter 6 veteran and his wife at Korean War Veterans reunion at Branson, MO, June 2004.

BELOW: Joe Buntan of Chapter 6 reading names of deceased Korean vets at Forest Park, in St. Louis, MO, July 2004.



Members of Chapter 6 at dedication of their Korean Monument in St. Peters, MO, July 2004.



Korean Monument in St. Peters, MO, erected by Chapter 6.



Bob Snowden and Bob Hayes of Chapter 6 at St. Peters, MO, Memorial on Memorial Day 2004.



Curt Farley (L) and LGG Hull (R) of Chapter 6 at St. Peters, Mo, Korean War Memorial dedication, July 2004.

56 Ventura County, CA

David Lopez

Chapter 56 put on a display on July 4, 2004, at the Santa Paula Train Depot. We had pictures of the Korean War, weapons that belong to our Chapter, and personal pictures and flags. We also raised the colors.



David Lopez, David Garcia, Rudy Avellano, John Campos, and Henry Guevaro on display at Chapter 56's July 4, 2004, display.

94 Hudson County, Bayonne, NJ

Larry Barulli

This is an active Chapter of 125 members. For example, we sponsor scholarships of \$1,000.00 toward recipients' tuition and bus approximately fifteen veterans from the VA hospital to Bayonne for dinner and gifts. We contribute to local food pantries and honor our heroic local police and firefighters at a yearly dinner. We speak at schools throughout Hudson County on the history of the Korean War, and we march in local parades, e.g., Memorial Day and Columbus Day.



Hudson County, NJ, members gather at the New Jersey Korean War Memorial (L - R) Owen Ballweg, John Sheren, Joe Talaious, John Burti, "Lucky" Pasqua (Commander), Jay Jablonski, Tullio Fumento, and Larry Barulli.

This past July, several Chapter members attended the 51st Anniversary Commemoration of the Korean War Armistice and Inauguration of the New Jersey Korean War Commemorative Medal ceremony on July 27, 2004 in Atlantic City.

95 Imjin Chapter, Swansea, IL

Bill Juergens

On July 1, 2004, The Imjin Chapter lost its president, Kermit Holtgrewe, to an extended illness. Holtgrewe, who was to begin his second year in office, was laid to rest with appropriate ceremonies by members of the KWVA and American Legion.

Funeral services were conducted at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Belleville, IL, by Monsignor Bernard Voss. Comrades from both organizations served as pallbearers. Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery. The ceremony included a firing squad, the playing of Taps, and a presentation of the flag to Kermit's wife, Shirley.



Injin Chapter President Holtgrewe receives a final salute as he is escorted into church.



Holtgrewe's casket is heavy in the pallbearers' arms—and his death is heavier in their hearts.



The final steps to "Taps" for Kermit Holtgrewe.

There appeared in the July-August 2004 Graybeards (p. 54) a picture of a Korean front line Christmas tree, which our Chapter erected. This tree was Kermit Holtgrewe's idea. We intend to honor his memory every Christmas, as long as we are able.

105 Central New York

Bill Burns

Jim Ferris and I, accompanied by our wives, attended a Korean Veterans Association of Canada meeting in Toronto, 10-12 September, 2004. The membership and its new president, Les Peate, greeted us cordially. Unfortunately, although Jim and I were slated to be introduced at the banquet, it never happened.

We did, however, socialize with some of the Canadian contingent during the meeting. We will try to improve communications between our groups in the future.

I am going to contact Les Peate and make him an honorary member of our local chapter, and encourage our national staff to do the same. That will give the Canadians access to The Graybeards.

The Canadian organization's next reunion will be in Quebec City in 2006. We are planning to attend it.

106 Treasure Coast, Port St. Lucie, FL

Anthony R. Ricigliano

The Treasure Coast Chapter sponsored a concert to commemorate the contributions and sacrifices of all veterans of the military services and the men and women presently serving in the military—especially those who never returned.



Treasure Coast Symphony Orchestra conductor Michael Garaci introduces "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Geraci (L) and Tony Ricigliano (R), Secretary of the Treasure Coast Chapter and organizer of the concert, get together.



Soloist Sandra McNiff singing the National Anthem.



The Treasure Coast Symphony Orchestra in concert.



The Port St. Lucie United Veterans Honor Guard prepares for a rifle salute to honor Korean War MIAs.

The Treasure Coast Symphony Orchestra provided the music. Soloist Sandra McNiff performed beautiful renditions of the "National Anthem," "Let there be peace on Earth," and "God Bless America."

The purpose of the concert was to raise money for veterans who need assistance to purchase food. The program featured military and patriotic songs, and included the Missing Man ceremony, a rifle salute, and Taps for all who are still missing and have not been returned to their loved ones.

The proceeds from the concert and other fund-raising activities were sufficient to present \$500.00 in gift certificates to the St. Lucie County Veterans Office, and an additional \$500.00 to the Martin County Veteran Services office for distribution to veterans seeking assistance.

The concert was an overwhelming success. As a result, it will become an annual event for the Chapter.

126 Canton, OH

George W. Piggott

Spring and summer are busy times for our Chapter. We start the spring selling forget-me-nots as a fund-raiser. The season is also a good time for us to get acquainted.

Each year we participate in the Memorial Day Parade in either East Liverpool, Ohio, or Midland, Pennsylvania. This year, we

John Kilcoyne peddles his allotment of "Forget-me-nots" at Salem, OH.



(L - R) Don Wolf, John Kilcoyne, and Lloyd Nalley hurry up and wait for the Midland, PA, 4th of July Parade to start.



Messrs. Nalley, Kilcoyne, and Husk carry Chapter 126's banner in the 4th of July Parade.



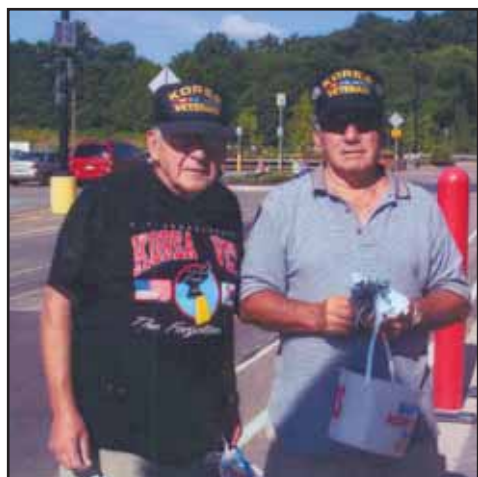
Chapter 126 members ride in style at the 4th of July Parade.



Chapter 126 members have plenty to eat and lots to laugh about at their August picnic in Ohioview, PA.



Survivors of the WWII Ranger Battalions with current Ranger Command Sergeant Major and Commanding General at the Ranger Battalion Association Reunion.



George Germusa (L) and Tony Flara (R) sell "Forget-me-nots" at Salem, Ohio.



Paul Kiger (L) receives the Korean Defense Service Medal from Chapter 133 President Marcos Botas.

marched in the 4th of July Parade in Midland, and had a picnic lunch at George Germusa's house afterwards.

We get large turnouts for our monthly meetings and picnics. The food is good, and so are the friendships and the times together that give us the opportunity to sit around and chat.

This fall we have bus trips planned to Wildwood, New Jersey, and Washington D.C. We will participate in a Veterans Day Parade as well. We keep busy—and have a great time in the process.

133 Fort Wayne, IN

Dick Loney

Indiana's Quiet Warrior Chapter has adopted the policy that anyone who is eligible for the new Korean Defense Service Medal (service in Korea after combat ended), joins our Chapter, and attends three meetings, will be awarded the medal by our Chapter.

On August 28, 2004, the WWII Ranger Battalion Association held its annual reunion at the nearby WWII Museum in Auburn, Indiana. In accordance with our philosophy that it's our turn to help others, members of our Chapter attended. They gave individual thanks to the reunion attendees. Our Chapter President, Marcos Bota, gave the opening invocation. His wife Joan joined him in singing "Taps" at the end of the ceremonies.

137 Mahoning Valley, Austinburg, OH

Joan Onstott



Chapter 137 members have more than a "fair" time at the Canfield {OH} Fair. (L-R) Milton DeLauder, Joan Onstott, wearing a white shirt for the KVAA of Australia, to which she also belongs, Rocky Anobile, and new member Frank R. Sloat.

Chapter members turned out in force at the Canfield Fair, with their own tent. They are certainly an in“tents” group.

169 Leesburg, FL

Joan Klawunn

On July 27, 2004, a special celebration was held at the Veterans Park, Lady Lake, Florida. Not only was Korean Armistice Day celebrated at Veterans Park, but it was also a special day for one Korean War Veteran, Arthur J. Dube, who is currently a member of Chapter 169.



U.S. Army Col. Walter L. Chalkley pins the Silver Star on Chapter 169 member Arthur J. Dube.



169 Color Guard honors Mr. Dube for his medal Front Row, L – R: Brooks Gusseman, Lenard Henson, Arthur J. Dube, Mary Lum, Harold Sievers. Back Row, L – R: William Simunek, Romeo Caillouette, Paul Russell.

On this day, Mr. Dube received a long overdue Silver Star medal for his heroic action while serving with the 2nd Infantry, 38th Regiment. Mr. Dube doesn't remember much of what happened that day. He did remember, however, that with just two rounds left in his bazooka he managed to disable the tank that was threatening the lives of 65 Americans.

U.S Army Col. Walter L. Chalkley did the honors of pinning that long overdue Silver Star to Mr. Dube's uniform. The Chapter 169 Color Guard was standing at his side to see him get his Silver Star. The Chapter congratulates Mr. Dube on his Silver Medal.

Special thanks also go to the Veterans Park, Chapter 169 President Harold Sievers, Past President Jackie Gleason, and Lenard Henson. They all helped in making this a special day for Mr. Dube.

170 Taejon, Paterson, NJ

Louis Quagliero

This highly active Chapter participated in or attended several activities recently. Among them were:

- Rochelle Park Memorial Day Parade on May 31, 2004. Chapter member Vincent Cupo was on the Parade Committee

- 60th anniversary of D-Day – Normandy, on June 6, 2004, which took place in front of the WWII submarine USS Ling in Hackensack, New Jersey. After the ceremony, Chapter members toured the boat.

- June 12, 2004, unveiling of Fort Lee's Korean War monument. Korean business members spent \$35,000 to erect this monument, with the backing of the VFW and American Legion from Fort Lee.

- The Korea Elders Choir's Songs of Peace performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City, July 1, 2004, to honor American friends and comrades—especially Korean War veterans and families of 9/11 victims.

The choir traveled eighteen hours from Seoul, Korea, to perform. Significantly, the Taejon Chapter was the only veterans group present among the large crowd of Koreans from the area.

The choir comprises 124 extraordinarily talented elders from the Assembly of Presbyterian Church in Korea. It was organized in May 24, 1985, after which it held over 307 periodical concerts in Army camps, churches, and hospitals.



ABOVE: Taejon Chapter members gather at the Songs of Peace performance at Carnegie Hall. (L-R) Sydell and Morton Rushfield, Frances Koppleman, Sr, Vice Commander George Bruzgis, an unidentified Korean woman, Vince Cupo, and Charles Koppleman.



RIGHT: Chapter 170 Commander John Meuser and wife Ruth in Carnegie Hall.

➤ Village of Ridgefield Park's 4th of July Parade, which has one of the longest records (in years, not number of units participating) of continuity in the U.S. Its unbroken string of continuous parades began in 1894.

Chapter 170 received two trophies: "Best Appearance, Men's Group," and runner-up in "Best All Around Appearance Group." In all, there were 21 awards in different categories.



Chapter 170 members Dinzes, Quagliero, and Cupo at the Korean Elders Choir performance.

Chapter 170 member Erwin Burkert hands out flags at Rochelle Park parade.



➤ New Jersey Korean Service Medal Ceremony on July 15, 2004, marking the 50th anniversary of the signing of the armistice. Five members of the Chapter received their New Jersey Korean Service Medals.

➤ Recently resigned governor of New Jersey James E. McGreevey authorized the issue of the commemorative medal and ribbon to honor those who served in Korea during the war. Medals were awarded posthumously to family members for those who were killed in the Korean War, or who died after receiving honorable discharges.



Chapter 170 members pose for a photo after receiving the New Jersey Korean War Commemorative Medal. (L-R) Louis DeStefano, George Bruzgis, Col. Joseph Sarama, Louis Quagliero, John Cosentino, and Raymond Cohen.



ABOVE: Chapter 170 members and dignitaries at Normandy ceremony. (L-R) DeStefano, Bruzgis, Bergen County Executive Dennis Mc Nerney, Atheras, Quagliero, Chapter Commander John Meuser, R. Cohen, Assemblyman A. Gordon, Fairlawn, NJ, Mayor David Ganz, Burn, and Burkert.

Seated is D-Day veteran Frank Nardi, of Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, the brother-in-law of Louis Quagliero. Nardi landed in the 3rd wave at Utah Beach on Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944, with the 294th Combat Engineers Battalion. From there, he went to northern France, Ardennes, the Rhineland, and central Europe.



LEFT: Chapter 170 members at the Fort Lee Monument dedication. Standing (L-R) Louis DeStefano, Louis Quagliero, and Alexander Atheras. Kneeling is Raymond Cohen.



Chapter 170 members who marched in Rochelle Park, NJ's 2004 Memorial Day Parade.



Chapter 170 members (L-R) DiLonardo, Wrocklage, DeStefano, R. Cohen, and Ottina at Rochelle Park parade.



Chapter 170 4th of July parade participants (L-R) Alexander Atheras, Harold Dinzes, and Jr. Vice Commander John DeLonardo.



Banner carried at Rochelle Park parade being carried by (L-R) Gereal Van Brunt, John Meuser, and Sr. Vice Commander George Bruzgis tells it all about Korea.



We have a winner! Chapter 170 members hold trophies at the 4th of July Parade. (L-R) Erwin Burkert, Louis DeStefano, Lou Quagliero, his granddaughter Samantha, and Alexander Atheras.



A different group takes over the Chapter 170 banner at Rochelle Park. (L-R) Ferrarini, Burkert, Holt, and Van Brunt.



Chapter 170 Commander John Meuser and Sr. Vice Commander George Bruzgis lead members in the July 5th 4th of July Parade in Ridgefield Park.



Chapter 170 Color Guard Captain Henry Ferrarini at Ridgefield Park 4th of July Parade.

209 Laredo, TX

The Korean Baptist Church in Laredo honored about 50 veterans of the Korean War at its 7th Annual dinner of appreciation. The church's pastor, Ik Y. Chun, arranged the June 25, 2004, dinner to thank the servicemen for driving the Communist forces from South Korea. Organizers believe this is the only Korean-American association that stages such an event.



L-R Pastor Gi Young Cho, David Leyendecker, Chapter 209 President of Korean War Veterans Association, Jose Luis Munoz, Chapter 1st VP, and Deacon Ik Yul Chun.



Alonzo Andrews signs the register while Deacon Chun looks on.



L-R Ramiro Martinez, Mrs. Martinez, Mary Freedman, David Leyendecker and Mrs. Leyendecker.

221 Twin Cities, Texarkana, TX/AR

J. L. Cargile

Twin Cities Chapter No. 221, located in Texarkana, TX, is a fairly new Chapter, having only received our Charter September 23, 2003. As you can see, we are not quite a year old.



ABOVE: Members of Twin Cities Chapter 221 and attendees at May 22, 2004, tribute to honor veterans of the Korean War.



RIGHT: George Ponder, guest speaker at Chapter 221's tribute. Mr. Ponder received the Silver Star for his service in Korea during the battle of Chosin Reservoir.



One of the tables displaying memorabilia belonging to Chapter 221 Korean War veterans. The memorabilia was on display at the May 22, 2004, tribute.

Despite being a new Chapter, we have been quite busy. We entered a float in the local Veterans' Day Parade last November, and we won first place. We didn't stop with that. We kept working on recruiting members for our Chapter. As of this date, we have 33 regular members and 18 associate members, for a total membership of 51. That is really great, considering that Texarkana, TX, and Texarkana, AR combined only have a population of about 72,000. Counting the smaller surrounding towns within a 30-mile radius, the population would not be increased by much more than 20,000.

But, with a first place Veterans' Day Parade plaque, and active recruitment program, we still didn't stop. We continued our efforts on behalf of Korean War Veterans by organizing and hosting a tribute to veterans of the Korean War, which was held on May 22, 2004.

There were around 100 people in attendance. May 22, 2004, was declared by the cities of Texarkana, TX, and Texarkana, AR, as "Korean War Veterans Day," and proclamations from mayors of both cities were presented to the Chapter.

The Bowie County, TX, judge introduced the guest speaker, George Ponder. Mr. Ponder was awarded a Silver Star for his service in Korea at the battle of the Chosin Reservoir. Chapter members, representing all branches of the military, displayed their medals and other memorabilia from Korea. Chapter members were available to answer any questions about their displays and their military service in Korea.

230 Baton Rouge, LA

Randy Lanoux

Chapter members gathered at the new monument in Baton Rouge recently to commemorate the Korean War.



Chapter 230 members gather at a new monument in Baton Rouge (L-R) Dr. B. R. Penn, R. J. Lanoux, N. S. Spitale, W. H. Carrier, R. E. Thomas, W. L. Massey, V. A. Sachse III, H. G. Daves, and J. E. LeBlanc.

235 Santa Barbara, CA

Jack Calderon

Chapter members continue to participate in a variety of activities, one of which is electing new officers. The officers for 2004-2005 are:

- President - Jack Calderon
- Vice-president – Sam Diaz
- Secretary/Adjutant – Jim Quinlan
- Chaplain – Tony Sandoval
- Treasurer – Dee Calderon
- Sgt.-at-Arms – Tom Loch
- Color Guard Commander – Pat Lopez



Chapter 235 Color Guard posting the colors on Armed Forces Day.



Chapter 235 members (L-R) Fernie Arevalo, Tony Sandoval, John Calderon, Pat Lopez on Armed Forces Day at the Court House, with Chapter president Jack Calderon at the mike.



Chapter 235 fund-raising goes on, with Richard Gonzales at the mike. President Jack Calderon stands at the left, while guest look on.



The "Big Band" era lives on: Chapter 235's band plays at annual fund-raiser.



Chapter 235 members Dan Rickert (L) and Jack Calderon (R) at annual Bar B-Q.



Chapter 235 Color Guard at 24th Division Reunion in Laughlin, Nevada.



Chapter 235's Color Guard participates in Korean veteran's funeral in Los Angeles (L-R) Jack Calderon, John Calderon, Jess Rodriques, Tony Sandoval, and Fernie Arevalo.



S/Sgt. Joseph O. Calderon, USMC, son of Chapter 235 president Jack Calderon. He is an associate member of the Chapter, and a veteran of Desert Storm. He is now in Pyongtaek, Korea.

251 Saginaw County, MI

Bob Simon

Each August, members of Chapter 251 are invited to the Korean Presbyterian Church Picnic in Saginaw, Michigan. This large picnic includes Korean veterans and their spouses, ex-American GIs who have Korean wives, American families that have adopted Korean children, and at least 110 members of the church. The festivities start with a church service at 11 a.m. The picnic begins at 1 p.m.

Chapter 251 donates a flowering tree each year. In exchange, the church members gives each veteran's family a unique gift.

Bob Simon, Past Commander of Chapter 251, with great food...Kim-chee, octopus, squid, rice, and hot veggies...MMM, good!



Veterans' wives at the annual Korean Presbyterian Church picnic.



Members of Chapter 251 and their spouses pose at the picnic.



Wally Weiss and Ken Heck of Chapter 251 stand by the flowering cherry tree donated by the Chapter to the Korean Presbyterian Church.



The Reverend Daniel Ahn takes time for a photo at the church picnic.



Mrs. Dorothy Suchadolski, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Hagen, and Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bresnecker enjoy the Saginaw picnic.



L-R) Ralph Parlborg, Bob Harper, and Wally Weiss highlight the "Freedom is not Free" concept at the Saginaw picnic.



Flowering Cherry Tree Committee Chairman Don DeMart and his wife have a lot to be happy about.



Coreen Klem, Jack & Shirley Burgess, and Richard & Mary Tyra have smiles on their faces—and for good reason—at the picnic.



Leon Hagen, Wally Weiss, and Rosalie Bresnecker enjoy the festivities at the Saginaw picnic.



No food yet, but lots of smiles from Saginaw picnic attendees (L-R) Ralph Parlberg, Lois Simon, Ed DeWitt, and Joan Polzin.

The Korean church gave our Chapter a substantial monetary gift toward our \$9,200.00 black granite monument, which was pictured in a previous *Graybeards*. The monument is located in the Saginaw County Veteran's \$344,000 Memorial Plaza.

259 Central Indiana, Indianapolis

Jack Beaty

One of the drawbacks to war is that some people don't survive it and get to celebrate milestones like 50th wedding anniversaries. Charter member of Chapter 259, Keith Roberts, got to observe his 50th recently by renewing his marriage vows in the company of several Chapter members.

Roberts, who won several combat medals, served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was at the Iron Triangle.



Keith and Marilyn Roberts celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.



Chapter 259 members (L – R) Amos Board, Jack Beaty, and Don Hall help Keith and Marilyn celebrate (Keith stands between Amos and Jack).

272 Rockford, IL

USMC 2nd Lt. Jason M. Fiduccia received his first salute during the Arch of Sabers and First Salute Ceremony held May 16, 2004, at the University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, from his grandfather, USAF Korean War Veteran Sergeant Charles R. Fiduccia. Charles is a member of Chapter 272, Rockford, Illinois.



2nd Lt. Fiduccia receives his first salute.

284 St. Lawrence Co, Massena, NY

Reg Mott

This is our first year of participating in our local Memorial Day parade. Since July 27th of 2003, we have become very active in parades and other activities in our community. Our Chapter is only two years old, and people are becoming more aware of Korean War veterans.

We offer special thanks to Al McGrath, owner of C and M Motor Sales of Massena, New York, for loaning us the convertible used in the Memorial Day parade.



Cecil Deshane and Herbert Spence hold Chapter 284's banner, as Howard Despaw, Ray Sweeney, Harold Derushia, Bob Morrell, and Albert Deshaies (L – R) protect their rear.



Chapter 284 member Dick Kirkey rides shotgun in the car driven by fellow member Bob Morrell. The rear-seat passenger is Betty Reynolds Decora, a Gold Star mother and Chapter member. Her son was KIA on 9/27/68 while on patrol in the DMZ. We are honored to have her as a member.

Mr. Urban Rump represents Chapter 307 at Memorial Day 2004 ceremony in Roswell, Georgia, with keynote speaker Captain Tommy Clack, U.S. Army (Ret.), in background.



307 Gen. Raymond G. Davis, Atlanta James R. Conway

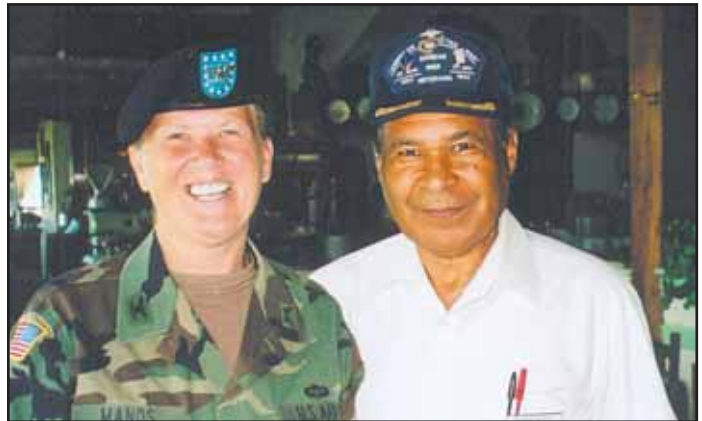
Recently, Chapter members have participated in a variety of events, e.g., the Memorial Day ceremonies in Roswell and luncheon meetings. Their meetings featured some high-powered speakers and guests, e.g., Medal of Honor recipient Michael E. Thornton, a U.S. Navy Seal, at the June gathering, and Colonel Angela M. Manos, U.S. Army Garrison Commander, Fort McPherson and Fort Gillem in Georgia, Col. Ben S. Malcom, U.S. Army (Ret.), author of *White Tigers, My Secret War in North Korea*, and Thomas J. Woods, USMC (Ret.), at the August get-together.

Thornton won the MOH in Vietnam during a reconnaissance and intelligence gathering mission.



Medal of Honor recipient Michael E. Thornton addresses Chapter 307.

Mrs. Knox Davis and USMC Major Christopher D. Thompson at wreath laying ceremony erected in the park in Roswell, Georgia.



Col. Manos and Thomas J. Woods enjoy a happy moment.



Col. Manos and Gen. Malcolm share a laugh.



New war memorial monument in Roswell, Georgia.

Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM) Update



Personnel seeking verification of their eligibility from the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) to receive the Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM) could be in for long delays and possibly disappointment taking into consideration the following:

Generally the tour of duty in Korea was for one year and the bulk of the per-

sonnel were Army. Considering 40,000 soldiers stationed there each year for 50 years means about 2 million are eligible for this medal. A typical request rate would be between 10 and 30 % of those eligible, so 200,000 to 600,000 requests are projected.

Many of these people are no longer serving on active duty, so the National Personnel Records Center will be the agency that must verify eligibility for this medal.

The implementing instructions do not

list specific source documents to verify eligibility, thus records must be screened for evidence to meet eligibility requirements. While records may contain assignment orders, many of these orders do not specify Korea. Instead, they list something like APO SF CAL 96012 or FPO 92109. Both would indicate an assignment in the Pacific area, but a list of APO/FPO zip code locations inclusive of which years they applied would be required to establish in country assignment. NPRC does not have this list.

A personnel record does not contain documentation of participation as a regularly assigned air crewmember flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in support of military operations. Each day that one or more sorties are flown counts as one day toward the 30 or 60-day requirement; so verification of this requirement will be very difficult, if not impossible.

NPRC does not have a listing of ships that were within 12 miles of Korea and the dates, so verification for Navy personnel based on the personnel records will be difficult. Generally, the Navy Liaison office in St. Louis will process requests for awards from former U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps., and U.S. Coast Guard personnel. That office may have ship location information.

Being on TDY in Korea may not meet the award criteria. TDY does not generally mean assigned, attached, or mobilized to a unit. Even if TDY is accepted as the basis for this award, it will be almost impossible to verify from the personnel records, because TDY orders are generally not permanent personnel documents.

Although verification of assignment may be possible through screening of finance records, these are not available at NPRC.

In view of the above, it is suggested that if the veteran or retiree has any supporting documentation of their time in Korea, that it be included with the request. Only one or two documents would be sufficient. Submitting more is redundant and discouraged.

[Source: NPRC E-mail 07 Jun 2004]

Massachusetts Governor Signs Bill Recognizing KDSM Recipients

Korea Veterans of America (KVA) National and Massachusetts Commander Jeff Brodeur, Vice Commander Fran Elliott, and Adjutant John Durham advised us that Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney signed Senate Bill 2136 recognizing all recipients of the Korea Defense Service Medal (KDSM)

The signing of this bill is historic. Massachusetts is the first state in the country to recognize in state law all recipients of the KDSM and the 1,200 Americans and 2,300 ROK soldiers killed in defense of Korea since the truce was signed. This will set a precedent throughout the country for individual recipients of the medal to push their legislative bodies for state recognition of KDSM holders.

Many people played a role in the passing and signing of this historic bill. Just to name a few, they included:

- ♦ State Sponsor Marian Walsh, from West Roxbury, who has been working with the KVA from the day she and her staff sponsored the bill
- ♦ Representative James Fagan, from Taunton
- ♦ Mike Rush, from West Roxbury
- ♦ Senators Nuciforo, Creedon, Murray, Sprague, Morrissey, Glodis, Hart, Tucker and Barrios, House sponsors of the bill

Credit must also be given to the entire State of Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives. The members of both bodies took the time to appreciate the service of the service members who have been killed in Korea since the end of wartime period or who served in surrounding waters.

We would like to also thank:

- ♦ Tom Daley, DAV State Adjutant
- ♦ Joan O'Connor, Veterans Services Counsel
- ♦ David O'Donnell, legal aide to Senator Walsh
- ♦ Mike Pastore, former aide to Rep. Mike Rush
- ♦ Richard Hughes, aide to Rep Fagan
- ♦ John O'Keefe
- ♦ Tom Brophy, aide to Senator Creedon
- ♦ Ted Mulvehille, Norwood veteran agent
- ♦ Thom Julian, KVA legislative officer
- ♦ Fran Elliott, KVA Vice Commander
- ♦ John Durham, KVA Adjutant
- ♦ All the KVA members who called their state senators and representatives on supporting Bill 2136

The State of Massachusetts is now in the history books as being the first state in the Union to recognize and appreciate all recipients of the Korea Defense Service Medal. Let's hope other states follow its lead—and soon.

Pictures Galore From The Iron Triangle

I have been a Life Member of KWVA since January 1988. I have met some of my old buddies through ads and correspondence through The Graybeards. But, I have never sent in any photos—until now.

Hopefully, some of my old comrades or their friends or families will see the pictures and contact me. They were all taken between the spring of 1952 and spring of 1953. Most were taken in the Iron Triangle area, between Ch'orwon, Kumhwa, and P'yonggang. I was with Able Battery of the 955th Field Artillery Battalion. Most of the time, I was a radioman working with a Forward Observation Team all along the front line.

I look forward to hearing from anybody re the photos.

THOMAS G. ("Skip") HANNON, 24 Colonel Glenn Drive, Carmel, NY 10512, (845) 225-7083

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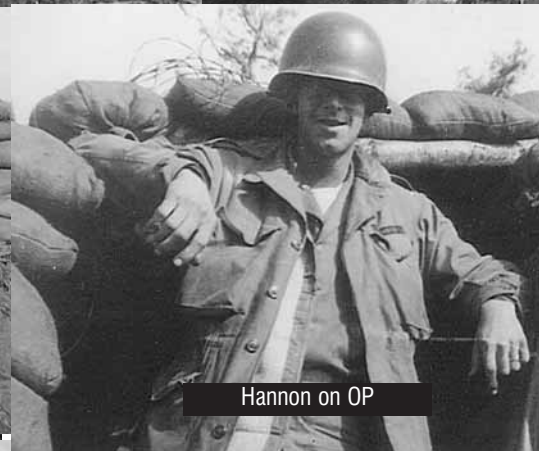
Tom Maio



Hannon, Lee, and Schumacher digging wire trenches



Hannon, on OP with ROK infantryman



Hannon on OP



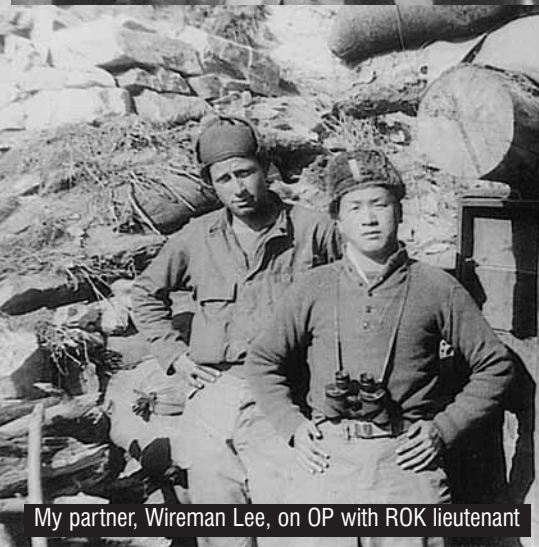
Hannon shaving at living bunker on OP



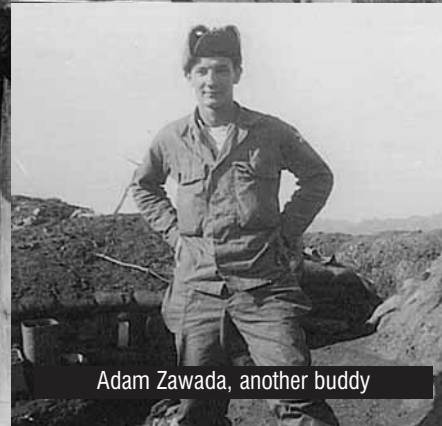
Earl Heimaral clearing out old bunker



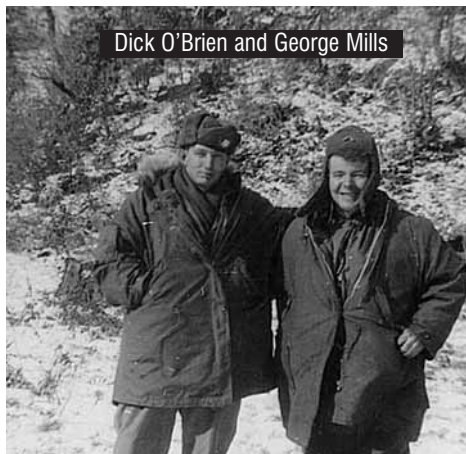
Carrier-based strafe plane shot down near us; pilot was OK



My partner, Wireman Lee, on OP with ROK lieutenant



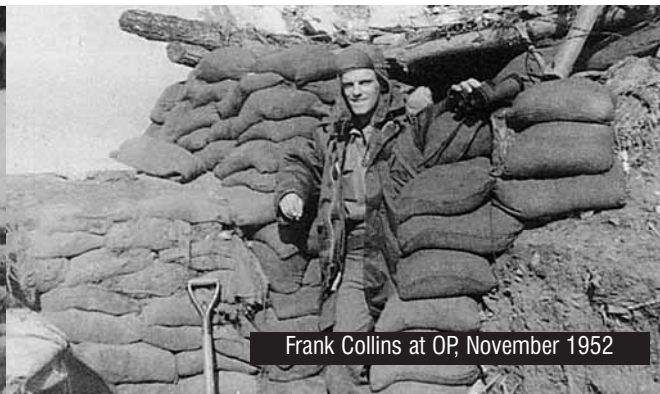
Adam Zawada, another buddy



Dick O'Brien and George Mills



Lt. Sal Canonico



Frank Collins at OP, November 1952



Dan Hommel, my buddy



'Key..key..key..Keyripes, it's cold!!!
Hannon and his Jeep



Unloading supplies at an OP



Lt. Richard Jones on OP, November 1952



Dick O'Brien, Charles Webster, and Hannon: shrapnel ripped through the tent after the photo was taken—but nobody was hit



Pulling out of Chorwon area, January 1953

EDITOR'S QUESTIONS:

Hannon's photos raise several questions readers might want to answer.

1. What happened to planes that were shot down, crashed, etc? Were they left where they landed, cannibalized for parts...? What was their fate? Were there many of them?

2. What was the camera policy in Korea? Could anyone carry a camera? Were photos censored? How easy was it to get film?

Please let the editor know.

Freeport High School Honor Students KIA – Korea

By Michael P., Sr.

On May 22, 2004, Freeport High School, in Freeport (Long Island), NY, and its alumni honored seven former students who made the supreme sacrifice in Korea. The honorees were:

★ **Corporal Wilbur L. Bond, USA,** KIA July 21, 1950, 24th Signal Co., 24th Infantry Div.

★ **Corporal Ronald A. Canfield,** USA KIA December 8, 1951, HS Company, 630th Engineer Aviation Group

★ **Corporal Clifford H. Crow, USA,** KIA August 31, 1950, 9th Infantry Reg., 2nd Infantry Div.

★ **PFC. Felix Garland, USA, KIA** September 5, 1950, 24th Infantry Reg., 25th Infantry Div

★ **PFC. Norbert F. Holter, USMC,** KIA February 25, 1953, Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines

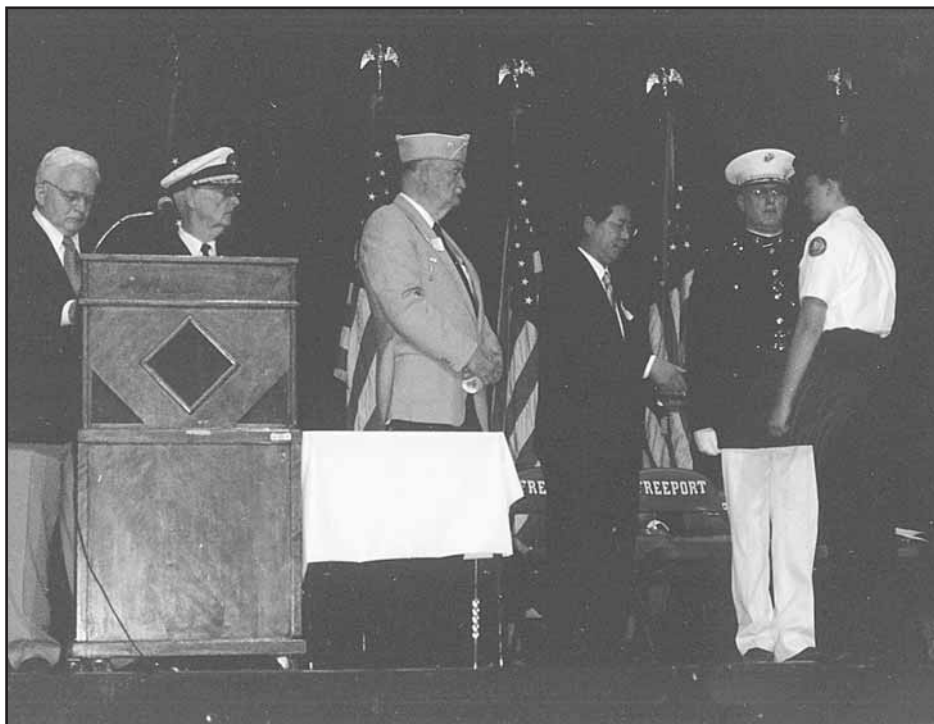
★ **PFC. Edward C. Koenke, Jr.,** USA, KIA September 28, 1950, 5th Cavalry Reg., 1st Cavalry Div.

★ **PFC. Robert E. McAllister,** USMC, KIA March 27, 1953, Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines

The genesis of this memorial ceremony occurred when Mike Keenan, from Hanover, Massachusetts, saw a request for information by Ron Keeler (Class of 51) on the “Korean War Project” website. Ron was looking for information about two fellow Freeport High School graduates who were killed in action in Korea. Ron was serving aboard the Navy destroyer USS Trathen off the coast of Korea at the time.

Mike recalled that he had a picture of one, Norbie Holter, which he had acquired when he was doing research on his brother Joseph, a Naval Hospital Corpsman with F/2/5, who was also killed in Korea.

Joseph was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross in 1999. Mike also determined that Robert “Lon” McAllister was killed in the same battle as his brother. They petitioned Freeport HS principal Dr. Michael Courtney for permission to honor these men. Courtney agreed, assigning Major



The “Good Folks” gather at Freeport High

Admiral Miller is currently putting together a display that will remain permanently at Freeport High School to remind future students of their heritage.

Donald Moore, USMC, who commands the Navy Junior ROTC unit at the school to assist.

The project took hold when alumnus Rear Admiral Floyd “Hoss” Miller (Class of 1949), USN Retired and Past President of Maritime College of New York, agreed to take charge.

Admiral Miller established a Memorial Committee consisting of Tom Riley, President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Nassau County Chapter, Steve Nicolino, representing the American Legion and the Freeport business community, Al Renken, former Freeport High School principal (Class of 1949), Angie Cullin, Nassau County Councilwoman, Joe Lisi, representing the VFW and allied veterans groups of Nassau County, and Major Moore, representing the high school. They held several meetings in

preparation for the big day.

The ceremony started promptly at eleven a.m. Mrs. Laura Jean (Vought) Dluzak, Class of 1951, traveled from her home in Florida to act as hostess and to coordinate alumni affairs. Over 70 members of the alumni from the classes of 1946 through 1952 attended, coming from all over Long Island and from Florida, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

The ROTC cadets assisted in seating the attendees, who included members of veterans groups, townspeople, students, and some family members. The Freeport Fire Department, under Chief Maguire, circled the stage, holding seven flags representing the honorees. Steve Nicolino acted as Master of Ceremonies.

There were opening remarks by Dr. Eric Eversley, the Superintendent of

Schools, Principal Courtney, Freeport Mayor Glacken, and a representative of New York's Governor Pataki.

The NJROTC provided the color guard, and Cadet Mataklier led the Pledge of Allegiance. Both the American and the Korean national anthems were sung by Ms. So Young Lee-Segredo. She sang other patriotic songs at various points in the ceremony. Freeport Fire Department Chaplain Rev. Dawley gave both the invocation and the benediction.

Rear Admiral Miller was the principal speaker. He gave a stirring speech on the importance of remembering and honoring these men. He was followed by Mr. Jong-kyoung Hong, representing the government of South Korea. After a short speech expressing the feelings of his people towards our honorees, he presented the "Republic of Korea, Korean War Service Medals" to each of the seven NJROTC Cadets representing an honoree. He was assisted in the presentation by Admiral Miller, Tom Riley, and Mike Keenan.

Dr. Al Renken brought the alumni back to the "happy days" at Freeport High, mentioning the sports, the parties and the good times our honorees left to fight in Korea. Prior to the closing ceremonies, the committee members left the stage to present to surviving members of the Holter and Garland families, their Korean War Service Medals.

Admiral Miller is currently putting together a display that will remain permanently at Freeport High School to remind future students of their heritage. The remaining medals, for which we could not find relatives, will be kept in trust there along with related memorabilia. In connection with our memorial, author and military historian Lee Ballenger donated signed copies of his two books, *U.S. Marines In Korea*, Volumes 1 and 2, to Freeport High School in memory of PFCs. Holter and McAllister. The sad irony of this gift is that perhaps Freeport High School now has in its library more history on the Korean War than do most schools in the country.

A monument at Osan

In Memory of Pfc. William Holland

I returned to Korea in 1994 and revisited the battlefield at Osan, where a fierce battle was fought on July 5, 1950.

The memories in my mind of that day were vivid. As we approached the site, everything was so different. I had rented a car and a Korean guide who spoke English and was well educated. He was referred to us by the Korean War Veterans Association, after Bill Norris, founder and past President of KWVA, and I asked to be excluded from the day's scheduled itinerary.

We dined with Bill's good friend, Chap Chong Chi, the night before. Mr. Chi, who founded the UN KOREA Allies Association, Inc. in 1963, laid out a road map and directions for our driver and guide, since we were going to visit more than one place.

The dirt road North of Osan—at least I recalled it as dirt—had become four lanes of very heavily traveled concrete. A ridge that was once part of the battlefield was gone. The saddle from where we had fired our 75 Recoilless Rifle on the T34 tanks was no longer there. But, just below what was our position on that day was a Memorial that I can only describe as beautiful, and which caused one to reflect. As I was left, I was in awe. The Korean government had truly erected a Memorial of which all Americans who fought there can be honored and proud.

A Korean teacher and her class were seated just to the right of the Memorial, learning their history on site. We were introduced by our guide to the teacher and her class. He told them that I had fought there in 1950. They thanked us, and we took pictures. It was a moment I will never forget.

Mr. Chi told us the night before, in a kidding fashion; "Don't get killed crossing that highway." We finally got across this extremely busy highway and climbed the steps where a smaller monument had been erected at the top. On the front slope, in 1992, the Koreans had dug new gun emplacements and had marked different ranges on what looked like marble. On the reverse slope, there was what resembled a C.P. There, Korean people were buried, their burial places identified with stone markers. On that spot, in 1950, our mortars had taken up positions.

While Bill and our guide were taking pictures, I walked below the mortar positions, the site of our third and final position on that day. The ridge to the south was completely gone. That was where the order to retreat came from that day. I remembered the chaos of battle, and the confusion of no order in this retreat. But, by the grace of God, I made good my escape. I found out later that everyone else had been captured.

Of the Tiger group, everybody except one person had survived the Death March and the inhumane and barbaric treatment forced on them by the North Koreans.

To you, old friend, I dedicate this letter. Your smiling face I remember as if it were only yesterday. In one brief moment in history we were separated forever. This Memorial at Osan is for your honor and glory: Pfc. William Holland, Cincinnati, Ohio. Died in captivity on 6/11/51 Nickname: "Babyface."

May you rest in peace.

Robert J. Roy, M CO, 21st Regt.

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Monumental Moments

BELGIUM

Claude Billiet, a veteran of the 3rd U. S. Infantry Division, and Korean veteran, lets us know that the Belgians remember Korea. The rifle next to the monument is the famous Belgian S.A.F.N. (Fabrique Nationale).



The Belgian-Luxembourg Korean Monument at Ardenes, July 17, 2004.



Veterans at the Belgian-Luxembourg monument: Claude Billiet stands at the extreme right.

CONNECTICUT (DANBURY)

Greater Danbury KWVA members dedicated a Korean War Veterans Memorial on July 25, 1993. The left wing of the monument includes the names of seventeen men and women from the Danbury area. They are:

John A. Barrows; Francis Bogues; Jerrold Davis; Alfred Dennis; Richard Gammie; Guido Gianfranceschi; George Griebel; Richard Mead; Kenneth Post; Thomas Ryan; Bernie Rotunda; Joseph Saleem; Joseph Sauer; James Stahley; Mark Swenson; Virginia Swenson; and Joseph Tarrant.

The stone is polished India black granite, which was quarried in five individual sections weighing approximately 20,000 pounds. The right wing contains a brief review with a statistical



Greater Danbury Korean War Veterans Memorial.

sketch of the war. It is also adorned with replicas of the United Nations and Korean Service medals, and the identities of the five U. S. military organizations that participated in the war.

The center, which is eight feet tall, is capped with a 54-inch brown eagle on a half globe. The monument features a three-dimensional hand-etched map identifying towns and battle sites.

The brown dedication plaque is located in front of the center pillar. The engraving on the granite is called "skin frosting," which produces a white image on the black granite.

MISSOURI (ST. CHARLES)

Chapter 6, based in St. Charles, Missouri, purchased a memorial from Troy Memorial Company, which presented the base free as a gift to the Chapter. The St. Peters Council and mayor were kind enough to allow Chapter 6 to place the memorial in front of the St. Peters police station.



Chapter 6 members and dignitaries salute at memorial ceremony.

The monument was dedicated on June 22, 2004, with a host of dignitaries on hand. They included Mayor Shawn Brown and Chief of Police Tom Bishop of St. Peters, State Senator Chuck Gross, Commandant Wendell Webb, Department of Missouri

Korea: the Forgotten War, Remembered



Chapter 6 members place wreath by St. Peters monument.



A blue sky smiles on Chapter 6's monument and the flags that surround it.

Marine Corps League, and Korean War veterans Robert Peitz and Frank Williams. A "fly over" by an L-4B Spotter aircraft piloted by Ken Kotick highlighted the program.

Bill Rupp, St. Peters, MO, is to be commended for his great job of helping put the program together. Jamie Hitt, a very talented singer, and her husband Gregg provided an excellent musical program, featuring a keyboard.

Chapter 6's officers are:

- Ezra Frank Williams, Commander
- Robert (Bob) Peitz, First Vice Commander
- Darold J. Woodcock, Adjutant
- Gene Stark, Treasurer
- A. M. (Don) Neff, Judge Advocate
- Elder Sherman Lewis O'Guinn, Chaplain
- Curtis J. Farley, Historian.

NEW YORK (COLUMBIA COUNTY)

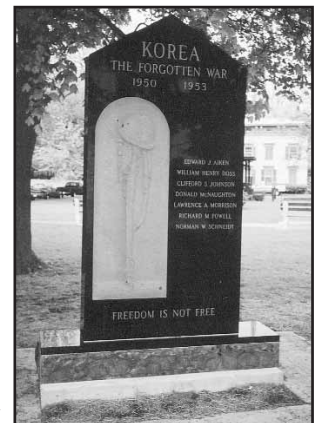
On Saturday, June 5, 2004, Columbia County [NY] Chapter #283 dedicated the newly installed Columbia County Korean War Memorial. The ceremony took place in the Memorial Park in front of the courthouse in Hudson, NY.

Chapter 283 Memorial dedicated 6/5/04.

Participating in the ceremony, in addition to KWVA, were color guards of all the veterans organizations in the county, as well as the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution. The New York State Police and the Columbia County Sheriffs Office Color Guards also participated. KWVA member and former Columbia County Sheriff Paul Proper served as Master of Ceremonies.

Former KWVA President Harley Coon addressed the large gathering, as did George Brasher, Director, New York State Veterans Affairs, and Commander Walter Doty, Chapter 283.

Chapter 283's 1st Vice Commander, Jack Hallenback, conducted the dedication. Harley Coon and Roger Bradley, 2nd Vice Commander of Chapter 283, unveiled the memorial.



Attendees gathered at Columbia County memorial. (L-R): Bob Pinto, Director, Columbia County Facilities; Everett Wachtel: Paul Proper; Walter Doty; Harley Coon; Edward Hawks; John Neary; Roger Bradley; Charles Nichols; Jack Hallenback; Jack Alger; Andrew Tomchik; John Buccheri; Thomas Flavin, New York State VP, KWVA; George Brasher, New York State Director of Veterans Affairs.



(L-R) Harley Coon, Roger Bradley, and Walter Doty at Columbia County dedication ceremony.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

On June 12th, 2004, Mash Chapter 4099 took part in the unveiling of one of the finest monuments in Northern New Jersey. After two years of planning with the school children of the Lewis Cole Middle School, history teacher Mrs. Barbara Pastore, and the generous contributions from the Korean American Association of Fort Lee, the project was finally under way.

The borough of Fort Lee donated the land for the monument, and the Fort Lee parks department cleared it for the foundation. The school children helped choose the design for the monument.



The newest Korean War monument in New Jersey is located in Fort Lee.



MASH 4099 members prepare for the start of the monument ceremony.



Principal members of the Korean-American Association of Fort Lee, Mr. Daniel Bek and Mr. Howard H. Joh, prior to the monument unveiling.



Faust Fastini, Alex Atheras, Joe Poggi, and Jerry Van Brunt precede the MASH 4099.



MASH 4099 members Vincent Arfuso and Ray Pospisil (front), followed by Sal Vasile, Joe Kennelly, and Homer Vanides en route to monument unveiling.

Mr. Howard Kim put the selections together and produced the outstanding monument. MASH Chapter 4099 Commander Gonzales was a member of the committee that worked to get this project completed.

The monument is dedicated to the men and women of Bergen County and our South Korean comrades who gave their lives to halt the spread of Communism in Asia. The monument will be a lasting tribute to the men and women of the United States' armed forces, who gave so much of themselves in the "Forgotten War."

The Chorwon Chapter and Teajon Chapter, also of Bergen County, gave dona-



MASH 4099 Commander Al Gonzales with his son Albert, a member of the New York Police Department, stand in front of the monument.

Korean War Veterans Memorial—The Video



Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War — 2000–2003



Lead Scout

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



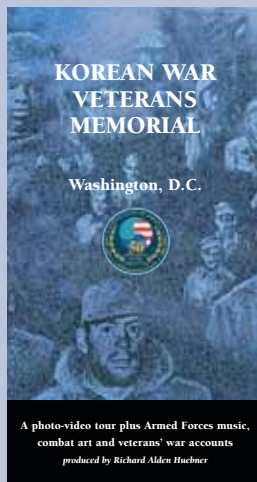
Now, with this one-of-a-kind, commemorative Video you will visit this awesome Memorial again and again in your own home. You will marvel at the magnificent steel sculptures and the monumental wall of 2400 images. And so that you never forget, casualties are imprinted over a background of combat artists' battle scenes from the Navy Art Gallery.

Hundreds of close-up and wide angle photo-video scenes record the breathtaking artistry of this extraordinary Memorial and bring back memories of the war years.

From the Architect's opening remarks to the segment about the Korean War Honor Roll, the Video leaves an incredibly unforgettable impression on those who watch it and hear its inspiring music and stories.

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

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THE VIDEO

This video treasure comes with an attractive box, a six-page brochure, a guide to the memorial statues and mural wall, and an itemized program of the video segments, the veterans' accounts and the music.

TO ORDER THE VIDEO

1) Please print or type your full name and your complete return mailing address on a stamped #10 size envelope; 2) Place this envelope inside another envelope; and 3) Mail it to: RAH Publications & Video Productions, KWVM Video Request, 23871 Meadowlark Street, Oak Park, Michigan 48237-2266. (Do *not* send payment with request.)

After the videos are made, invoices will be sent to all those whose requests are on file. After the deadline for receipt of payments has passed, the videos will be shipped in the same sequence in which the payments were received.

For USA orders, the cost of the video is \$39.95 each plus \$5 shipping and handling.

THE MUSIC

Scenes of the Memorial are enhanced throughout the Video by the thrilling, high fidelity, stereo music of *nine* highly acclaimed U.S. Armed Forces bands and choruses.

VETERANS' ACCOUNTS

Veterans' memories include: "Busting through at Kunu-ri Pass," "Lost behind enemy lines," "What it's like to lose close friends," "Johnson's POW List," and many others



U.S. Army Chorus



The Advance Party



The Mural Wall

tions towards the building fund

The ceremony was preceded by a parade comprising school children, a Korean dance group, a Korean drum and cymbal band, Fort Lee police department members, the Fort Lee police honor guard, Fort Lee fire department trucks, and members of the VFW, American Legion, and Jewish War Veterans.

Al Gonzales, of the New York Police Department, provided the bagpipe band

At the end of the ceremony, he played "Amazing Grace" in honor of our late President Ronald Reagan.

M* A * S * H 4099 is composed 100% of Korean vets who served in Korea or its coastal waters. We take great pride in that.

OHIO/PENNSYLVANIA

CHAPTER 126

Chapter members participated in a dedication ceremony for the Korean War Memorial in Beaver, Pennsylvania, which took place in November 2003.

The monument features a Sherman tank, a Corsair, and Iowa class battleship, an officer, a corporal, an M-1 rifle, a jeep, a nurse, and the 38th Parallel.

The back side of the memorial contains 62 names of Beaver County veterans who were killed in action, 13 of whom became casualties of the Korean Theater from 1950 to 1955.

As George Piggott describes it:

Many folks contributed to 126's Memorial Fund through their purchases of bricks.



The front (left) and back side of Chapter 126's imposing memorial.

Col. Richard Humphreys, keynote speaker at Chapter 126's Memorial dedication, with wife Anne.



It was a cold, sunny day, and the ceremony took almost two hours, but almost everyone stayed to the end. Col. Richard Humphreys, a member of Chapter 126, served as the main speaker. The Chapter and many members donated funds to build the memorial.

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CHAPTER 137

Members of Chapter 137, Mahoning Valley, installed benches at its monument and statue in Austintown recently. Chapter historian Joan Onstott reported that the statue will be put in place soon, at which time a formal dedication will take place.



Chapter 137 members "bench pressing" at their monument: (L-R) Harold Baringer, Bob Bakalik, Zeno Foley, Rocky Anobile, and John Pariza.



Chapter 137 members make their statue feel safe: (L-R, Front Row) Zeno Foley, Richard Koker, Bob Vitullo, Bob Brothers. STANDING (L-R): John Pariza, Paul Remias, Bob Bakalik, Richard Schulz, Joan Onstott, Bob Donelson, Steve Firment.



Holding their giant entrenching tools are Chapter 137 members (L-R): Richard Koker, Harold Baringer, Bob Bakalik, John Bariza, Zeno Foley, and Rocky Anobile. Joan Onstott looks over their shoulders

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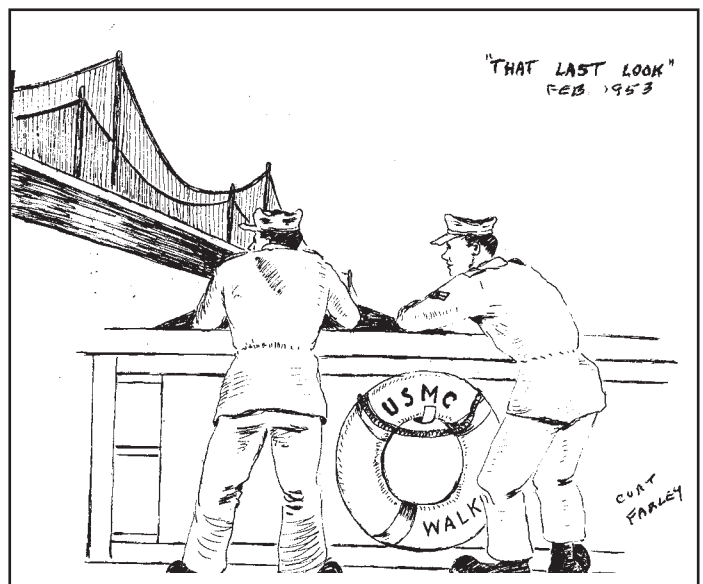
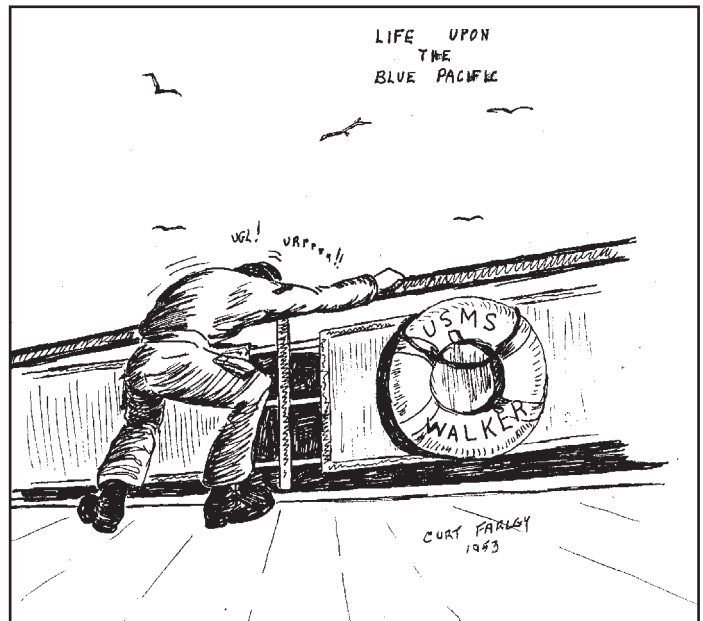
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The Wall of Honor contains the names of contributors to the construction and development of the memorial along with the names of deceased veterans and loved ones.

Members of the Utah Korean War Memorial Committee are: Don G. Reaveley, Chairman, Sanford Rosenthal, Vice Chairman, Frederick E. Peyton, Secretary, Robert E. Frank, Daniel P. Crossley, F.E. (Pete) Martinez, Ben Russo, Myles Rudd, A. J. Staker, and Mike Euerbeck, Special Advisor.

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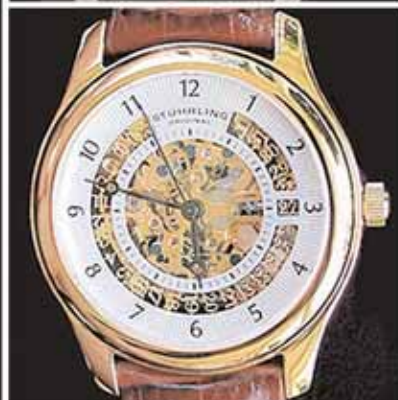
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The Last Detail

This article is reprinted from the May/June edition of *Follow Me*, the bimonthly magazine of the Second Marine Division Association (SMDA). It contains information of vital interest to veterans of every branch of the armed forces.

The author of the article, Neil Duane, died a few weeks after it appeared in *Follow Me*. It is printed here with the permission of the SMDA's managing editor.

by Neil Duane

I'm sure that all of us who served in the Second Marine Division are eternally grateful that we weren't killed before our 18th or 19th birthday, as many of our brothers were on Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, in Beirut and even now in Iraq. I know I am. In fact, many of us are probably surprised that we lasted this long.

But time is running out for all of us, especially you WWII guys, and for me as well. Although I'm much younger (63), I just got the word that I only have a few months left (fast moving cancer). Although not the best news I could have hoped for, it has given me valuable time to "put my affairs in order." I urge you to do the same. NOW.

Your passing is going to be hard on your wives and families (believe me on this), so making the funeral arrangements now, while you have the time, is going to be difficult for them. But, it will be a blessing when the big day arrives. Since I've just been through this with my wife Patty, and our daughters, I thought you would find the following information useful and start acting on it.

Both the funeral director and the pastor of our church, who have presided over many funerals, told us how extremely rare it was to have people come in to make the arrangements before the death, and how difficult it was for the families to handle these details in their time of grief. So, I know I'm not preaching to the choir here. Typical question: does your wife know where your honorable discharge certificate is? Does she even know what a DD214

It's Better To Make Arrangements While You Can—While You're Still Alive!

form is?

Burial in a National Cemetery

You, too, can be buried in a National Cemetery, with accoutrements galore—including your wife.

First of all, you're entitled to free burial in a national cemetery, providing you have an Honorable Discharge. (I chose Bourne National Cemetery on Cape Cod in my home state of Massachusetts). See <http://www.cem.va.gov/listcem.htm> for locations, or call your local veteran's agent or funeral home. For you dinosaurs who still don't use computers, get one of the grandkids to bring it up for you or call 1-800-827-1000.

In addition to the gravesite, you rate a flag for the coffin, an engraved headstone or marker, and a concrete grave liner. In private cemeteries these costs can add up. (Arlington National Cemetery, because of space concerns, is now limited to active duty deaths,

highly decorated combat veterans (Medal of Honor or Navy Cross), POWs, etc. but a Purple Heart will get you in. There are other stipulations as well. Check web site www.arlington-cemetery.com/eligib.html if you really want to go this route, or call 703-607-8000.

There is no fee for opening and closing the grave at a national cemetery as there is now at many private cemeteries, I was informed by my friendly undertaker, so you can save the family some serious money here as well. You do have to provide your own coffin or cremation urn.

If You Want To Be Buried At Sea

If you want to, you can even be buried at sea from a Navy vessel, but there are additional rules and regs for this. For instance they're not going to send a guided missile cruiser a hundred miles out just to slip you over the side. You have to wait on the Navy's convenience for a vessel to be deployed. Of course, your family won't be able to attend. But they do have the service on deck that many of you probably witnessed after an invasion, and the longitude and latitude of your burial coordinates, as well as the flag, will be sent to your family by the commanding officer of the vessel. If interested, call the U.S. Navy Mortuary



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In the cemeteries, there is also room for your wife in the same grave, whether or not she precedes you in death, and her name will join yours on the marker, as shown in the photos on page 62. HQ Marine Corps has also mandated that all former Marines are due a military funeral detail, even if it only consists of three Marines in full dress blues, usually local reservists, i.e., one to play taps and two to fold the flag for presentation to your wife or next of kin. I did arrange such a detail for a friend's father who fought on Okinawa from D-Day to the end, and was discharged, like many Marine combat veterans of WWII, as a PFC. The flag folding was performed by two reserve master sergeants from the 23rd Marines in full dress blues, who were absolutely superb to my expert eye. I can comment on this since, when I left the Division, I was assigned to Eighth and I and I participated in many of these burial details at Arlington. Made me proud to be a Marine. But don't expect the firing detail and caisson unless you are being buried at Arlington with full honors.

Making the Rounds

Your first stop is the funeral director, followed by a visit to the presiding clergy to discuss the ceremony, eulogies, music, flag handling, etc. In my experience some churches are a bit more restrictive than others on the number of people who would like to eulogize you, for example. Arrange a visit with your wife and let the undertaker know that you're doing some pre-planning. He'll ask about hymns to be sung, music, pallbearers, and costs. The funeral director will also ask you to decide on what you want to wear to your funeral.

No way I was fitting into my blues, so I opted for a dark gray civilian suit. For the lapel, Patty thought the 2nd Marine Division pin would be appropriate, so that's what it will be. They are going to hang my dress blue blouse with stripes, hash marks and medals back with the flowers, so you might want to consider that as well. The blouse is going to my grandson. I've already given my dog tags complete with c-ration can opener to my son.

If you're missing uniform parts, as I was, or you would like to be buried in uniform, you can order everything, full dress

blues, or greens, including replacement medals, or ribbons and shooting badges from the base exchange (the PX) at Quantico over the phone. Call 703-640-8800. Prices are very reasonable and service is excellent. Even though no longer regulation, you can have the Division patch sewn onto the blouse sleeve, like you wore during the war. It will cost about three bucks at the local tailor/dry cleaning shop.

Picking the Casket

You can also pick out a casket at this time. I was in the market for a basic military steel container, but these were not available, I was told. We were taken to a showroom displaying the various models. My first reaction was to stifle a laugh. These things actually come with names like "The Vintage" or "The Malibu." They can range as high as \$10,000 for polished cherry wood. I told Patty that if she liked the cherry she should put the cash into some new kitchen cabinets. They did have a nice knotty pine model for under a grand, which I liked, but Patty thought it looked like a shipping crate, which it did. I told her we could paint it green, stencil USMC on the side and maybe add a "This Side Up" arrow, but she failed to see the humor. They do offer a very nice fully embroidered Marine Corps Seal that fits neatly into the open lid of the casket, which I liked very much, and it wasn't too expensive.

At the wake, a folded flag will also be displayed on, or in, the coffin or in a triangular glass case alongside at no additional cost during viewing/visiting hours. All in all, the funeral services will set you back about \$6,000-\$8,000, depending upon options.

Make Sure You Have A DD-214

The funeral director will quote you all the costs involved, and make arrangements for the flag, Marine escort and the grave

marker. You'll need a copy of your honorable discharge and a copy of your DD214 form, if you have one. You'll be given a form to fill out for the grave marker inscription. If you don't do this, it will be left to your surviving family. Basically you get an engraved "emblem of faith" (Christian Cross, Star of David, etc.) name, rank, branch of service (for us, USMC or U.S. Marine Corps), date of birth and date of death. You can then have a personal inscription. One I saw on a Marine Master Gunnery Sergeant's marker was "WWII, Korea, Vietnam" (perfect attendance, as we used to say). Under this was "His Wife," followed by her name and dates of birth and death.

Visit the Cemetery

Depending upon the cemetery, you'll have an upright marker like those at Arlington, or a marble or bronze marker set into the ground. (Makes it easier to mow the grass.) Your family can leave flowers at any time. I saw many bouquets when I visited the Bourne site.

I highly recommend a visit to the cemetery you choose, by the way. Your actual gravesite is simply the next one in line, so you could have an Army paratrooper on one side and a Navy bosun's mate on the other. Not Marines, but pretty good company. Also, the burial may not be performed on the day of the funeral, again depending upon the cemetery.

At Bourne, my final service will be performed at a small chapel, family members will have a chance to say a few last words, and the clergy will perform the commitment ceremony. The flag will be presented to Patty, and everyone will then leave for home. Except for me, of course. I'll be reporting for guard duty, just in case the Army and the Navy ever look on Heaven's scenes. Just like it says in the Hymn.

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he was chosen to go to the 279th as a line medic? How come it wasn't me? It could just as easily have been. Why not Stanley? There were other men whose names were listed under KIA. When losing a close friend, one is not always the most rational. The night Stanley was killed, another line medic from the 279th was wounded. I was told his wounds were not serious and that he was on one of the hospital wards. As soon as I could, I went to see him with that burning question on my mind: how did it happen? How did Stan get killed? During the night Stan's unit came under heavy enemy artillery fire. A G.I. from Stan's outfit was a bit forward of the trench when he was struck by shrapnel. Not only was he calling for help, but he was calling for Stanley by name. However, the artillery attack was so intense that Stan's commanding officer ordered him to stay within the relative safety of the trench. Stan's response was that one of his men was wounded out there, and he had to see if he could help him.

In effect, he disobeyed an order, left the trench and inched his way toward the voice of the wounded man. Stan reached the man and administered first aid. The man had lost a considerable amount of blood and was in need of plasma. Stan got the man to a nearby sandbag bunker when an incoming round made a direct hit on the bunker killing Stan and the other man instantly. The wounded medic asked, "Why did he do something like that. Why did he place his life in danger when he didn't have to?"

Indeed, Stan would not have had to leave the relative safety of the trench. But, knowing Stan, he could not crouch in a trench when one of his men needed him so desperately. Not having to do so, he gave his life in an effort to save that of a friend. In contemplating his own death, Jesus said, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (The Bible, KJV, John 15, Vs 13) I have no doubt that when Stan was ushered into the presence of his Maker, he was greeted with the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

His name was Stanley Crooks. There was nothing distinguishing about him. He was not the kind of person who would stand out in a crowd. He was quiet and rather short of stature. But, inside, Stanley Crooks was a giant of a man.

A KOREAN CHRISTMAS CAROL

By Darrell T. Rathbun
DECEMBER 1951



Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the tent
Was the odor of fuel oil (the stove-pipe was bent).
The shoe paks were hung by the oil stove with care
In the hope that they'd issue each man a new pair.
The weary GI's were sacked-out in their beds,
And visions of sugar-babes danced through their heads
When up on the ridge-line there rose such a clatter
(A Chinese machine gun had started to chatter).

I rushed to my rifle and threw back the bolt.
The rest of my tent-mates awoke with a jolt.
A hard little man with a little pot belly.
"Come Yancey, come Clancey, came Connors and Watson
Up Miller, up Shiller, up Baker and Dodson!"
We tumbled outside in a swirl of confusion.
So cold that each man could have used a transfusion.

"Get up on that hill-top and silence that Red.
And don't you come back till you're sure that he's dead."
Then, putting his thumb up in front of his nose
Sergeant Kelly took leave of us shivering Joes.
But we all heard him say in a voice soft and light:
"Merry Christmas to all-may you live through the night."



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Does Anyone Remember Dave Antonacci?

Dave Antonacci took the nearby photo in 1953 aboard the USS *Floyds Bay* (AVP-40), a small seaplane tender, just after crew members rescued 3 of 4 Air Force men from their downed plane off the coast of Korea. If anyone remembers Dave—or the picture—please contact him at 1500 Milroy Street, Toledo, OH, 43605-3554, (419) 693-4236.



The Rescuers and the "Rescuees"

Editor's Question: What happened to the fourth Air Force crew member?

Looking For "Deuces"

The picture enclosed was taken May 1, 2004, in Tampa, Florida, at the 9th reunion of the 772MP Bn. We are still looking for former members of the "Deuce" from all companies of any year.



The 772MP Bn. In An Arresting Pose. (L-R) **ROW 1**, Jack Warneka, Gene Koupal, Joel Davis, Melvin Ebberts, Deane Behrends **ROW 2** Bob McGinn, Jim Chason, Wm. Smith, Richard Bianco, Joe Klinger, Vic Belson, John Nolan. **ROW 3** John Cantrall, Joe Kelly, Willis Sanford, Wes Hunter, Lowell Morgan, Edward Pedlow, Don Edwards, Bob Foss, Wayne Shireman, Phil Willemann, Edward Czarnecki **TOP ROW** Tom Gaffney, Dean Tribby, Howard Hiler, Bill McDonald, Gene Michaels, Oscar Hansen, George Gibson

The 772MP Bn. was in Korea from 1950-1955.

Anyone who was with the "Deuce" is asked to contact the editor, who will forward relevant information.

Can We Home In On Citrone?

I'm trying to find someone who served with my dad in Korea. He was in the 1745 Co K, 224th Inf Regt., 40th Inf. Division. His name was Saul Citrone, and he was from the Bronx. He served in Korea from October 1951 through July 1953.

He earned the Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

I really hope we can find someone who knew him. Thanks!

Robin Citrone, 11643 Charter Oak Ct T2, Reston, VA 20190
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For What It's "Orth"

Andrew Orth is looking for any veterans who were stationed in Pusan, Korea, from December 1951 to December 1952. He writes:

"My outfit was the 615th Quartermaster Subsistence Depot Company, in the 55th Quartermaster Base Depot, 8th Army Quartermaster Corps.

I especially remember our supply sergeant, James Sookov, Captain James McDonough, 1st Sgt. Clifford Goorin, driver Bob Tognotti, supply clerk Bill Rather, and Joe Lister."



55th QM Base Depot Troop Area



Andrew Orth



Captain James McDonough



LEFT: James Sookov, Bill Rather, Bob Tognotti, and Clifford Gorin at the Beach.

BELOW: Joe Lister

parties themselves—can reach Edwards at 10346 127th Avenue, Largo, FL 33773, (727) 582-9353.

RIGHT: Ross French (R) and "Pep" Paez, Korea '52

BELOW LEFT: Bill Butts (on right), Kimpo Air Base, 1993 AACS Squadron 1952.

BELOW RIGHT: Unidentified, but sought nonetheless, Tokyo, Japan, March 1952.



Alvin Teeters (on left), Kangnung, Korea, 1993 AACS Squadron, 1952.



Do you know these men? 1993 AACS Squadron, 1952.

Anyone who wants to reach Orth can get him at 2517 Lavender Street, New Orleans, LA 70122-4758. His phone number is (504) 947-1573.



The "Cronin" Touch

M. Cronin is seeking information regarding her father, 2nd Lt. Charles Mann McMillan, Jr., who was killed on August 12, 1950 in Korea. He served with 14th Engineers Combat Battalion. He was stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia in 1949. Please contact M. Cronin, 6655 Butlers Crest Drive, Bradenton, Florida 34203 if you can help her.

Directions to Ledbetter Lane

Lloyd Pitman would like to hear from William P. Ledbetter, Co. F. 17th Inf., 1949-1951, and Charles Lane, Co. E., 31st Inf. Ledbetter's last known address was Cedartown, Georgia. Lane suffered hypothermia in North Korea in November 1950.

He also wants information on: Lt. Phelps Womble, Co. E, 31st Inf. Regt., 7th Div, who was from Georgia; Robert Marra, Co. E, 39th Inf., Fort Dix, NJ, July to September 1948, who was from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Cpl. Robert M. Henry, Co. L, 32nd Inf. Regt., 7th Div., MIA, July 11, 1953.

Pitman can be reached at P. O. Box 128, Preble, NY 13141, (607) 749-3519.

Looking For Some Named, Some Not

Jack Edwards is interested in locating several Korea veterans who are pictured on the right. Anyone with info on them—or the

GOING BACK TO KOREA

THE WAR THEY WOULDN'T FORGET

By Christine Donohue

“Present arms!” someone from the group called out.

The old veterans sitting for a group picture on the top of Heartbreak Ridge saluted their young escorts and hosts for the day. The Republic of Korea soldiers were taking photographs and looking on in curiosity at their predecessors from more than a half century ago. Suddenly, they stopped what they were doing. As if on command, they came to attention and returned the salute.

One by one the old soldiers stood and applauded. It was a moment of respect and gratitude connecting soldiers from different generations who understood the importance of protecting and fighting for, if necessary, their country's freedom.

We were on top of a desolate, windy, infamous mountain. A lump came to my throat and tears flooded my eyes. It is April 2004, and I'm in Korea on a tour with my husband and 14 other men from the 40th and 45th Infantry Divisions who fought here between 1951 and 1953.

In July 1953 the truce ended the fighting. Unfortunately, it did not end the war. Alex, our charming guide, was especially kind to her senior tourists. She smilingly reminded

us how the Japanese and Chinese cultures are quite familiar to us, and how words like Samurai, Kamikaze, Mah Jong and Moo Shoo Pan are words that we probably know. This does not hold true for Korean words and Korean culture, she said, except to the veterans on this trip.

They're hearing snippets of language of places they haven't heard for many years, e.g., Komapsumnida, Inchon, Seoul, Chorwan, Kimchi, and Panmunjom. I notice that the group, especially the veterans, listens intently to the guide as they follow the broad itinerary on their maps: Old Baldy ... Pork Chop Hill ... The Iron Triangle ... Heartbreak Ridge ... Sandbag Castle ... The Punchbowl ... funny names for places that weren't so funny.

I had heard the stories that went with these colorful names and places many times over the years. Now, I was with the men who were a part of those stories. Who were these men? What were they like?

Why did they, these seventy year olds and an octogenarian, travel 6,500 miles a second time in their lives to revisit places of war and harsh memories that took a precious year or two out of their young lives? They had

served their time and now they are back. They were colonels, lieutenants, sergeants, corporals and a PFC. They all saw combat. They all wear their CIBs (Combat Infantry Badges) proudly. They drove trucks, commanded companies, led patrols, flew Cessnas as artillery spotters, manned machine guns, and fired rifles. They were shot at and did their share of shooting. They fought from foxholes, bunkers, and rat-infested trenches. They lived on mountain ridges and ate C-rations, earning their points the hard way to be rotated home and out of harm's way.

I was just along for the ride, but I was curious as to why these men came back after so many years. I knew why my husband Joe was here. His best friend Frank, the best man at our wedding, who is now deceased, was in the 179th Regiment of the 45th Infantry Division.

Joe was in the 224th Regiment of the 40th Infantry Division. He and Frank were drafted together, graduated from jump school, went to Korea, and came home on the same ship together. My husband came in part because of a promise made to write the book that Frank had always wanted to write for his young son about the war in Korea. He knew his buddy would have come with him to revisit battle sights and share old memories. Did these other men come for similar reasons?

We visited Pork Chop on our second morning out. Lieutenant Colonel Jack Rose, who was also a World War II veteran, was a company commander in the 279th Regiment of the 45th Division in Korea. Paul Elkins, one of his platoon sergeants, gave a moving account of the hills they were on and the battles they fought in defending their positions against attacking enemy troops.

I roamed the assembly room and the observation deck, listening and trying to understand the men and their motives as they studied the display table which showed the topography of the land out front. Hill 270, Hill 271, Hill 515... They were such powerful episodes in their lives. Now, it seemed they were trying to make sense of what it was like then and what they could piece together now.

“Hill 240: where is it exactly?” someone asked. “There, over there between the two ridges?”

“No way! It was over there,” came the reply.



Tour participants and friends gather together: the veterans include Robert Becker, Charles Brady, Thomas Branch, Joseph Donohue, Paul Elkins, Richard Fink, Dan Hughes, Dudley Hughes, Alfred Gale, Albert Juanitas, Alfred Poeppel, Jack Rose, Allen Schroeder, Arthur Sokolow, and Edward Weatherwax.

"No, no, it was right here."

I don't know why I thought it was a little bit sad to see them trying to recapture it, to relive it. Was it real? What were they trying to feel? What were they trying to remember? They had their reasons for being here, that was for sure, and I wished I knew what they were. Could they put it into words? I certainly couldn't, and I wouldn't even try. I could try to understand, though.

I cornered one vet back on the observation deck. Referring to Jack and Paul, I asked him, "Arthur, what must it be like for them? What must they be feeling returning to Pork Chop?"

"It must be eerie, and they must be excited," he said. "But, I'm not excited yet, because I wasn't here at Pork Chop. I was at Heartbreak. When we get to Heartbreak maybe I'll have an answer for you."

That gave me pause. They were all here to honor the Korean War and their fellow veterans, but could they only get excited about their own piece of turf, their own battles? Okay, weren't they entitled to that? After all, their little piece of turf, their little piece of the mountain, where they were dug in for months and months, was what they knew best of their time spent in Korea.

"Why are you here, Jack? Why did you come back?" I asked later that day. "What were you expecting?"

"To tell you the truth, I didn't know what to expect, but I guess I knew it wouldn't be the same. At least I knew the place would be covered with foliage today. It was nothing but bare root back then."

"Have you been back to Korea since you left in '53?"

"No. Never wanted to. Had no desire. I never thought about coming back."

"Why now, Jack?" I asked.

"Why not?" he responded. "I'm 81, and I don't have that many years left."

"What about you, Art?" I queried another man. "Why are you here?"

"Well, I saw the ad for the tour. Even though I never thought about coming back, I guessed this was as good a time as any."

"But why return?" I persisted.

"I guess you could say 'unfinished business,'" Art responded.

In the Punchbowl, we stopped at Air Strip A E 17, because 1st lieutenant Al Gale had taken about 80 trips in a Cessna type plane

(just pilot and observer) during his time with the 40th Division in Korea, flying over enemy territory looking for information. Al was a spotter for division artillery. My husband often said the men on the ground loved to see those little single prop planes flying overhead, because they knew it would be a quiet time on the line for a while.

Al's son Todd, who accompanied him on this trip, was equipped with a technologically sophisticated global positioning device. He had calculated the coordinates indicating exactly where his father's air field site should be. Sure enough, what looked like a small farm plot was the site, just as Al remembered it. There we were, taking pictures of Al and son Todd, and empathizing or identifying or doing whatever we do when we put ourselves in another person's shoes, and feeling delighted that we, and he, were here to tell the story. I think I know why they are here, but I can't be sure I'm right.

There go the tears welling up again.

"What were you expecting, Charles?"

"Well, I knew it would be changed, but I didn't expect the extent to which they've built up the country. I know one thing I learned while I was in the army here in Korea, and that was the thing you must always say to a sergeant."

"What's that, Charles?"

"You say, 'yes sir!'"

"Very funny," I winced.

"What about you, Ed. What were you thinking when you decided to return?"

"I don't know what I was thinking," he explained. "My daughter is the one who pushed me into coming, but I didn't object too much. As far as what I remember, I was a truck driver in the motor pool. One thing I remember well is the post with all kinds of arrows pointing in different directions right when we came out of our compound. I didn't know exactly where I was, but since I made regular trips to Seoul for supplies, I only paid attention to the arrows for Seoul and back to



Modern-day South Korean soldiers salute their predecessors

camp. Those were pretty much the only trips I made."

Our guide Alex points out as we near a city, "This is Inje, a resort town."

A roar of laughter erupts from the veterans.

Yes, it's a little different from the way you remember it, they agree. It has hotels, six-story buildings, walls of glass, terraces restaurants, and breakfast overlooking the Soyang River. Just a little different from your meals here fifty years ago.

My husband reminds me that this was where his regiment went into reserve when they came off Heartbreak.

Over wine before dinner in the Inje Skylark Hotel, we talked about Korea. I could see it was a powerful piece of their lives, a 10-12 month period where they learned to be fighting men, where they saw buddies shot up, where they bonded in ways they hadn't bonded before or since, where they faced death, mortality, and where they experienced survivor guilt—although they couldn't have identified it then.

It was poignant to see the pictures they brought along. They were fifty-year-old black and white photographs, some tattered and torn, of beautiful young men who were here in 1951, but for what?

For their country, they would probably say. Their country needed them. They were here in Korea, in a war that their government didn't even call a war—it was a "peace

action”—but their country needed them. They weren’t bitter. They weren’t even regretful. They were proud, just remembering.

My eyes welled up, but I couldn’t tell why. I confess I am someone who cries at kindergarten graduations when the CD player starts with “Pomp and Circumstance,” not to speak of my children’s high school and college graduations. Nonetheless, I was emotionally touched on our fourth day at the base of Heartbreak Ridge, when we were greeted by a platoon of Korean soldiers and a full-fledged brigade band dressed in brilliant red tunics, lustily playing the “Star Wars” melody.

The colonel of the brigade saluted each one of us and solemnly shook our hands, saying, “Thank you and welcome.” It was stirring and joyful. So why was I crying? I wasn’t a veteran. I was married to one, so I could only guess that I was living vicariously. Regardless, I was still moved to see all these veterans acknowledging the warm respectful feelings generated in the air.

One of my biggest lessons from this two-week tour of Korea and significant battle sites was to see the reverence and respect that the Korean population had for the veterans who fought in their war fifty years ago. All along the way we met South Korean people who openly acknowledged the debt they felt to the American men. The older generations remembered the pain of war and wished to show appreciation.

Everybody on the tour knew that Korea was the ‘Forgotten War.’ The Korean people did not. Sharing thoughts on this, Tom Branch said he had marched in a parade only once in New York after the Korean War. Charles Brady said that in fifty years nobody had ever said “Thank you.”

The young men of the brigade at the base of Heartbreak Ridge somehow wanted to make up for this sentiment. They were so anxious to show their gratitude that they couldn’t do enough for us. We were at a camp of about 120 soldiers spread out along the line. They were so eager to accommodate us, to get us coffee, to test their English, and they were ever so courteous helping us into jeeps for the rocky, bumpy ride up to Heartbreak.

When we reached the top, we were greeted by a colonel and a cadre of officers. They treated us the same way. They couldn’t do

enough for us.

It was somber and dramatic as we viewed the actual war site and were briefed on each hill in the area. After numerous trips back and forth from the viewing site to the topography table, a realignment of binoculars, and the clarifications and verifications, it was picture time. What a photo opportunity!

Five of the veterans on the tour, including my husband, were actually on Heartbreak Ridge during the fighting in 1952/53. We took pictures of them posing together, even though they weren’t together at that time. They didn’t even know each other until they met on this tour.

We took pictures of the South Korean soldiers, and they took pictures of us: group pictures, individual pictures...even the colonel posed with us and with his men. On our way down from Heartbreak, we got off the bus to look at a natural waterfall. Bob Becker asked us all to look up. With photo in hand, he pointed up the mountain at a broken ridge that was exactly duplicated in the old photo that he had taken of this same spot fifty years ago. That was another joyful and gratifying moment.

Our next stop was the Kenneth Kaiser Kapyong High School. My husband and I are educational consultants. We had been to the Fort Lee Public Schools in New Jersey, whose student population is almost thirty percent Korean-American.

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Anthony Cavanna, thought it might be educationally beneficial to begin a dialogue between the Korean high school students in Kapyong and the high school students at Fort Lee. With the approval of Roy Montgomery, the tour director, we brought correspondence and gifts to Kapyong. We had no idea what to expect.

At one o’clock, as we headed to the high school, our guide was talking on the phone and holding up the bus, forcing the driver to go slowly. We learned later that she was talking to the principal, who wanted us to enter the school grounds at precisely 1:05 p.m.

As we descended from the bus, a student band in uniform filled the air with lively American music. Roy asked my husband to represent the veterans. My husband was astonished when the principal presented him with a huge bouquet of flowers cascading with pink and blue ribbons.

We were led to the school building, where we sat at student desks complete with lunch trays and hot tea. We were formally greeted with a speech which the principal delivered, in English, even though he kept a translator close by. He then presented a five-minute slide show about Kapyong High School.

The principal was incredibly anxious to display his gratitude to the veterans who fought for his country. When he finished, Joe presented him with two yearbooks, a manila envelope filled with “pen pal letters” from Fort Lee students to the Kapyong students—half for male and half for female students—and a tee shirt with FORT LEE TENNIS emblazoned on the front. (It didn’t matter that the school doesn’t have a tennis team). He loved it.

On the school grounds there’s a monument to Kenneth Kaiser, the first soldier of the 40th Division to die in combat at Inje/Kapyong. The school was built by donations from the 40th Division. The interest from these funds was still being used to maintain the school, which had become the eighth highest academic scoring school in all of Korea (not bad for a school where the students go to school from eight o’clock in the morning to eleven o’clock at night). There was also a memorial for Koreans Augmenting The United States Army, also known as KATUSA.

After a somber wreath laying ceremony, it was time for fun. The students wanted to practice their English, and the veterans wanted to see the school. The veterans interacted so positively with those shy, giggling, exuberant, respectful young students that we concluded our visit with extensive picture taking - principal, assistant principal, students, veterans and visitors. All agreed it was a delightful highlight of the trip.

The crowning moment of the trip was the Farewell Dinner. The Korean Veterans Association honored their American comrades in arms with the Korean Medal for Valor. They wanted to show their appreciation to these guys for what they had endured in 1951, 1952, and 1953. The Korean veterans wanted to make sure the Americans understood that they didn’t forget. They remembered their sacrifices and they wanted them to know that they would never forget the debt they owed these elderly gentlemen. They only wished more veterans of the war would visit Korea to be honored.

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The Importance of Photos

One of the topics Lewis H. Carlson addressed in *Remembered Prisoners...* was photos. For example, he quoted one American soldier of Japanese descent:



Harold G. Palmer in Korea in Dec. 1951

When they went through my wallet, they were amazed to find photos of Caucasian girls. They [the North Koreans] would look at me and then at the pictures and they would yack, yack, yack. I could only imagine what they were saying. I more or less became a spokesman for our group of POWs for what little I could communicate. (p. 39)

Photos could also get the prisoners in trouble, as former POW Robert Schaefer recalled:

I also got in trouble with them [the Chinese] over a photograph. When I went back in the service, I had a new Buick, and my wife had sent me a picture of it and our daughter who was born less than nine months after I left. This one Chinese guard said he knew what Buicks cost, and a private could not own a Buick, so I had to be lying to him, and that I was really an officer. (p. 199)

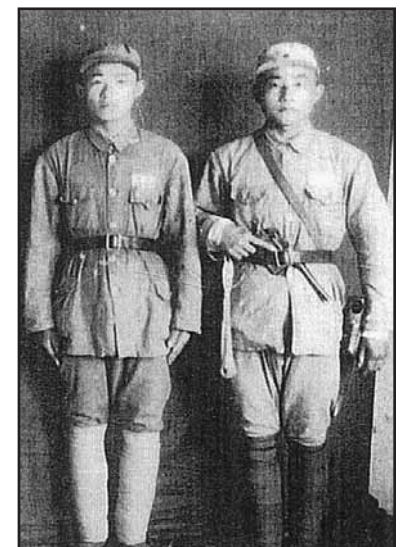
Carlson suggested that the Chinese knew the value of a camera, though. As Robert Fletcher wrote:

The Chinese had allowed an AP reporter named Frank Noel to use his camera for propaganda reasons while he was a prisoner. The Chinese had screened his photographs and now they let some of them filter out to the press. These were always photos of someone enjoying himself, sitting around playing a guitar, or group singing. They were all propaganda. There was nothing of the atrocities.... (p. 215)

The Chinese soldiers themselves cherished personal photos, as did the allies. Harold G. Palmer shared some photos he procured in North Korea in 1951. He does not remember exactly where he got them all, but he believes that he took them from Chinese prisoners or soldiers KIA. Palmer also recalled taking the Chinese soldiers pens and pencils as well.

It is apparent based on the above that photos are of significant interest to soldiers for different reasons, e.g., to remind them of home, to boost morale, and for propaganda. The fact that so many *Graybeards* readers possess and share photos of Korea is evidence of their importance.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If anyone has any thoughts about the importance of photos to share with our readers, how easy or difficult they were to take and develop during the war, whether there was any censorship involved in taking them, please send them in. The value of photos is often overlooked in war time, so you might have some helpful insights about how they affected you individually.



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1st Field Artillery Observation Bn. Assn., Oct. 7 - 10 at the Best Western Airport Midway Hotel, 5105 S. Howell Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53201. Contact Don Dust, Tel: 352-799-2426 or Ralph Mueller 724-348- 5359.

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999th AFA Bn. (Armored Field Artillery Battalion) "Never Die" Army Korea 1950-1954, Oct. 8-10 at Ramada Inn North, Dayton, OH. Contact Harold L. Spicer, 2010 Alpwoods Lane, Dayton, Ohio 45459. Tel: 937- 291-4227 or E-mail <s.rutan@att.net>.

Veterans of the Korean War Reunion, Oct. 13-16 at Virginia Beach, VA. Contact Floyd Newkirk at 757-340-9801 or e-mail <fnewkirk1@cox.net> or web page www.vkwr.org.

U.S.S. Abnaki A.T.F. 96, Oct. 13-16 in Branson, Mo. 65616. Lodge of the Ozarks Tel: 417-334-7535. Contact Pete Kingsley, 5320 N.W. 66th Place, Johnston, IA 50131. Tel: 515-276-7250 or e-mail: <p.kingsley@worldnet.att.net>.

90th F.A. BN. ASSN., 25th Inf. Div. Oct. 20-24 in Oklahoma City, OK. Contact Glen Krueger, 1813 Q St., Auburn, NE 68305-1753. Tel: 402-274-5101 or E-MAIL at <Kruegers c@gopoint.com>.

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Baker Co., 279th Inf. Reg., of the 45th Inf. Div. (Korea) annual Reunion Oct. 14-16 will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas. Contact Trent and Helon Knudson, 1511 W. 13th Street, Clifton, Texas 76624-1806, Tel. 254-675-8650 or John A. Harshbarger, 1204 South Fern St., Stillwater, OK. 74074, Tel. 405-377-6150.

44th Inf. Div. (1946-1954), October 14-17 in Peoria, IL. IL National Guard Div. (war or peace) Contact Duane Heward, 505 W Merle Lane, Peoria, IL 61604. Tel: 309-682-6519 or e-mail <dfheward1@aol.com>. Charles Munie, 465 S Linden, Decatur, IL 62522. Tel: 217-423-6265 or e-mail <camunie@aol.com>.

13th Engineer Combat Bn. Assn., Oct. 14-17 in San Antonio, Texas. Contact Levi Haire, Tel: 404-366-9891 or E-mail <Rabbit713E@Comcast.net>. Web site <http://13thEngineerBn.homestead.com>

160th Infantry, Oct. 20-23 is part of 40th Div Grand Reunion, Ventura CA. 160th HQ: Country Inn & Suites Tel: 805-653-1434 or 800-456-4000. For info contact Will Brown, PO Box 1172, St. Clarita, CA 91386. Tel: 661-947-6411 or e-mail <willbrown@mac.com>

45th Inf. Div., 279th Inf. Reg., CO-L (Thunderbirds), Oct. 21-24 in Western Hills Lodge, OK, Contact Paul Elkins, P.O. Box 348, Kasilof, AK 99610. Tel: 907-260-6612 or E-mail <p.s.elkins@att.net>.

72nd Engineer Combat Co. Oct. 25-29 at the Settle Inn in Branson, MO. Tel: 800-677-6906 and ask for Group 72E10254 for group rate of \$59 plus tax. Contact Bob Mount, 6518 Fish Hatchery Rd., Thurmont, MD 21788. Tel: 301-898-7952 or <Email taxpreper@aol.com>.

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5th Regimental Combat Team Assn., Nov. 3-7 in St. Augustine Beach, FL at Holiday Inn, 860 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach, FL. 32080. Tel: 1-800-626-7263. Contact Bill Kane, 5023 Andrea Blvd. Orlando, FL 32807. Tel: 407-275-7450.

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T. J., John Q., and Al Marchetto: Irony In Death

Marchetto had long held a desire to hold the American flag in a ceremony, but he had never been given the opportunity. He got his first chance on June 14th, 2004, when he held the flag during a Flag Day ceremony at a state cemetery in Massachusetts.



Al Marchetto, left, holding the flag at the June 14th ceremony at the Veterans' Cemetery in Agawam, MA. Next to him, L-R, are Earl Gregory, George Bratneau, Ken Usher, Al Arpin, and Jerry Roy

Thomas Jefferson, John Q. Adams, and Al Marchetto, a recently deceased member of Western Massachusetts Chapter (2000), shared two things in common: they all served their country enthusiastically, and they died under ironic circumstances—and on the same day.

Jefferson and Adams both died on July 4, 1826, fifty years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. (Actually, only two people really signed the document that day, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. The rest of the signers were off on a long holiday weekend, so most of them did not sign the document until August 2nd, 1776.) Marchetto died on July 4th as well—July 4th, 2004.

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pleased him so much that he requested to hold the flag again, this time in the 4th of July parade in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Chapter 2000 Commander Albert Arpin was glad to oblige.

Marchetto carried the flag proudly that day. About a quarter-mile into the parade, there was a pause. Someone asked Al if he was all right. He said, “Yes, but I need a little water.” It was quickly supplied to him. He was not going to let a little thirst stop him from carrying the flag in that parade. As the grateful Marchetto noted, he had to keep marching. It was an honor he had always wanted.

The parade stepped off again. Al took a few steps—and fell over. He never regained consciousness. Al Marchetto was pronounced dead shortly thereafter.

A few days after his death, the following letter appeared in an Enfield, Connecticut, newspaper. It was a fine tribute to Marchetto—and to Korean veterans in general.

Remember those who fight

On July 4 [2004], I left my home in Enfield [CT] and went to East Longmeadow, Mass., to watch the parade to help me and thousands of others show our respect and pride for the men and women who have fought and died for our freedoms.

Shortly after the parade started, one of the first groups past us was the Korean War veterans and their float. I could not help but notice the few captions on the float. One of the captions was “The Forgotten War.” Underneath this slogan was the vivid reminder that there were 33,600 soldiers killed and 92,000 wounded and 4,800 missing in action.

As the float passed, I watched my father-in-law, a lieutenant colonel, take his hat off and, with tears in his eyes, salute and thank the marchers walking directly behind this float. The lead marcher looked back and nodded his head in acknowledgement of my father-in-law’s thank you. He mentioned the hundreds of military personnel that have been lost in Iraq. The news is full of how horrific this war is. Every war is horrific. Each and every loss is horrific.

As I looked at the aging marchers walking behind this float, one specific gentleman came to mind. He was walking with two metal arm crutches that gripped his forearms. I could not help but think that every day I complain about “how bad my life is.” Then, I think about this veteran and his pride and commitment to our freedom.

Within seconds after this marcher walked by, my eyes refocused to the lead marcher as he fell to the pavement. I quickly dialed 911 on my cell phone, told the dispatcher the urgency of the call, and went over to this veteran to see if I could be of assistance. By the time I got back, a crowd of trained people from the side of the parade had already begun CPR.

On that day (our Independence Day) this brave man died.

I heard a friend of his in the crowd say that he was offered a ride, and he said, “No thank you. I will walk.” This veteran, who was too proud to ride in an automobile, wanted to walk with his comrades, one of them on crutches. I don’t think I will ever feel the same about our veterans again.

This man, this veteran, this man who risked his life for our country, wanted to march again. This man will march forever in my memory. I will forever remember those

who serve to protect our country. I won't forget Sept. 11. I will never again slander our leadership, [which] may not be able to release to the public information that would work against us. I will, in the spirit of patriotism, respect the things that we cannot always understand.

I believe there is a reason for all things. I believe this man had a desire to march again to show his pride in our country. I didn't know this man. I'll never forget these men.

Alan Lanouette, Enfield [CT]

Marchetto may not have achieved in his lifetime the same historical status that Messrs. Jefferson and Adams did, but he died the same way they did: honoring their country—and being honored by it as well. And, they all died on July 4th! What a classic case of irony!

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I welled up once again as each man was called and the ribboned medal was tenderly placed around his neck.

I'm glad I made this trip. I know why I came. It wasn't just for the ride. I came to be with my husband and the men who fought with him. I came to honor these valiant "graybeard" veterans, and I delighted in seeing them acknowledged and appreciated for what they did. I even understood to some degree why they were here. They were soldiers who fought together for their country, each in his own way, each having personal moments and memories they will never forget.

They had all left behind some memories, so part of them is still here. They came back to reconnect, they came back to remember, they came back to finish their own unfinished business.

As I write this piece, President Bush is preparing to go to Normandy for the anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944. Thousands of veterans will be returning to the beaches where they came ashore 60 years ago. I can't help but think of our men and women in Iraq. Where will they be 50 or 60 years from now? Will they go back? Will they be visiting Baghdad trying to remember and trying to piece together the time they spent there? Is this what soldiers do? I'll stop here and let the reader answer that individually.

Last Call

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



ALABAMA

★ Schowalter, Edward R., Jr.
(Colonel, Ret.) MO H

CALIFORNIA

★ Johnson, Franklin D.
★ Carlson, R. Wayne
★ Glover, David R.
★ Ratcliff, George
★ Rojas, Lenard R.

CONNECTICUT

★ Stein, Bernard G.
★ Wilson, James D.

DELAWARE

★ Rossiter, Martin J.

FLORIDA

★ Broom, William C.
★ Burton, Charles A., Sr.
★ Gaulin, Emile
★ Kessler, Kenneth C.

ILLINOIS

★ Brauer, Richard
★ Cockrell, Floyd E.
★ Vaughn, Donald E.

INDIANA

★ D'Angelo, Salvatore ("Sam")
★ Ittenback, John

KENTUCKY

★ Bowman, Robert H.

LOUISIANA

★ Crawford, John D., Jr.

MAINE

★ Drake, Richard

MARYLAND

★ Atkins, Robert E.
★ Schneider, Hubert G.

MASSACHUSETTS

★ Whittaker, Arthur

MISSOURI

★ Kibbey, Cecil L.
★ King, Paul
★ Sharp, Jack
★ Vine, Edward

NEVADA

★ McHugh, Gerald J.
★ Ream, Harley M

NEW HAMPSHIRE

★ Campbell, William F.

NEW JERSEY

★ Dallas, Willard E.
★ Fallon, Francis
★ Francavilla, Ernest
★ Messina, Edward
★ Santelli, Robert J.
★ Schutz, Wilbur L.
★ Schwankert, Albert C. W.

NEW MEXICO

★ Burris, Lloyd L.

NEW YORK

★ Becker, Fritz T.
★ Haynes, James E.
★ Hess, Edward V.
★ Mahler, Richard A.
★ Massiello, Salvatore

★ Orman, William C.
★ Shapiro, Martin G.

★ Spinelli, Joseph
★ Woxholdt, Bernhard

NORTH CAROLINA

★ Campbell, Robert M.

OHIO

★ Bennett, Keith R. Sr.
★ Cowell, Norman J.
★ Monaco, John S.

OKLAHOMA

★ Gomez, Joe A.

OREGON

★ Oglesby, Raymond W.
★ Manning, Lloyd

PENNSYLVANIA

★ Moyer, Charles H.

SOUTH CAROLINA

★ Fletcher, Charles
★ Wentz, B. A. ("Gus")

WISCONSIN

★ Hellen, Donald F.

TEXAS

★ Crowder, John C.
★ Harper, Ernest
★ Parker, Lee Roy

VIRGINIA

★ Shay, Donald E.

UNKNOWN

★ Cook, Melbourne D.

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APPLICATION FOR KWVA REVISIT TOURS

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Please check year of desired revisit tour: **Month:** ☐ April ☐ June ☐ July ☐ Sept. ☐ Nov **Year:** ☐ 2005 ☐ 2006

VETERAN'S PERSONAL HISTORY (Please print or type)

Veteran's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____
KWVA Membership # _____ Expiration Date: _____
Name of family member and relationship: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
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Veteran's Soc Sec # _____ Family member's Soc Sec # _____
Have you previously received the Korean War Medal from the Korean Veterans Assn in Seoul, Korea? ☐ No ☐ Yes
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VETERAN'S MILITARY BIOGRAPHY

Branch of Service: _____ Service Number: _____
Period of Service in Korean War, from: _____ (Month/Year Arrived) to _____ (Month/Year Departed)
Unit Assigned: _____ Location of Unit: _____
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Background and Eligibility - Official Korean Veterans Association KVA (Seoul) Revisit Program

Background

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

KVA Eligibility

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

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

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

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

Privileges Extended Courtesy of KVA

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

B. Tour of Seoul and its vicinity: itinerary

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

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

Miscellaneous

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Forgotten Battle of the Forgotten War

Christmas in July is the story of a forgotten battle in Korea, told fifty years later by twenty of those who fought it. They left for war as boys from all parts of our country. They returned home as men, changed forever. The telling of this story has released many of these old soldiers from the nightmares that plagued them all these years, and it has revitalized them as they recall and relive their youth. The reader "goes back" with them on patrols in pitch black nights, listening to every sound, and is with them in their trenches as they fight this critically important, though forgotten, battle to beat back hordes of advancing Chinese troops in what was to become, until recently, a generally "forgotten war." Not previously told, this is a moving story of fear and courage related by those who knew it best - and lived it day by day.

In brief commentaries about their lives since Korea, these men of greatly diverse backgrounds, display the same courage, commitment and American spirit they showed 50 years ago.

Christmas in July provides rarely seen data intended to preserve a basis for future historians and other writers to create an authentic voice.

Please take the wonderful opportunity to learn more about this often overlooked time in our country's military history. The authors of this living history have generously agreed that all profits will go to fund research for a cure for Fragile X Syndrome, the leading known cause of mental retardation.

TESTIMONIALS

"I am honored to have been the architect of the Korean War Memorial and proud to know one of the GI's in *Christmas in July* who is an acquaintance from our city of Barre, Vermont."

Frank C. Gaylord, Architect, Korean War Memorial



45th Infantry Division

"The young men in this story exemplify the spirit of answering one's call to serve their country. They were ordinary boys who became extraordinary men much sooner than they anticipated. In this Christmas Hill battle account, they describe unforgettable memories of horror and terror. As boys, they proved they could become the men who defended our nation's honor."

Brig. Gen.(ret) Alan H. Noyes

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Harris Hollin, President, Conquer Fragile X Foundation; Author, The Power of Honor

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Korean Battlefield Tours for 2004

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Joint Battlefield Tour for the 40th and 45th Infantry Divisions:

April 21 - 29, 2004



We commemorate the Korean War Service of the two Federalized National Guard Divisions, the California (40ID) and Oklahoma (45ID). All Vets - Guardsmen and Regular Army Veterans of these two Divisions, as well as all other Veterans - are welcome on this tour. We will visit battlesites of both Divisions, including sites in the Iron Triangle (this is the Chorwon and the Kumwha Valleys), the Yokkok-chon River Valley (this area includes Old Baldy, Pork Chop and T-Bone Hills), the Punchbowl, Heartbreak Ridge and Sandbag Castle. We will also visit Kapyong, site of the KATUSA Monument and the Kenneth Kaiser High School (built by the 40th Division during the War) where we will visit with the students and staff. All are welcome on this tour.

The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division:

September 29 - October 6, 2004



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

The 7th Division Association:

October 8 - 15, 2004



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 20 - 29, 2004



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 Naktong Perimeter - the shared battlefields of 1950.



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



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1. **Service in United States Armed Forces.** Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, said service being within Korea (September 3, 1945-June 25, 1950), within and without Korea (June 25, 1950-January 31, 1955), or who, as a member of the armed forces of the United States as defined by U.S.C. Title 10, served honorably in Korea from February 1, 1955 shall be eligible for membership. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability, so long as the individual meets the service requirements.

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The Last Battle of Pork Chop Hill



Old Baldy/Pork Chop complex



Bottom Row:
Paul Ikeda,
Peyton
Schamann; Top
Row: J. Ford,
Dave Frey, Leon
Gorczyca (BAR
Man) ➤



Sitting: Bob Klein
Kneeling: Paul
Ikeda



Bottom Row:
Leon Gorczyca
Top Row: Paul
Ikeda, Bob
Jenkins, Jim
Ford, Ed Caldel ➤



Bob Jenkins (left) and Ed Miller



Kim Pong, IC



Joseph Anzalone (BAR Man)

From July 6, 1953, to July 11, 1953, Company B, 17th Regiment, 7th Division, waged a deadly struggle against the attacking Chinese forces. Company B suffered devastating losses. In fact, only 38 of 240 men survived the six-day battle.

Leon M. Gorczyca, of Lackawanna was kind enough to provide photos of many of the survivors. He believes they should be recognized for what they went through. We are happy to oblige.

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