

# Tell America

Larry Kinard was unable to present this talk at the National KWVA Convention in Shreveport. Marvin Dunn was kind enough to present it in his stead.

### The Tell America Report

I am very pleased to be with you today to speak on behalf of the KWVA TELL AMERICA Program. It was just about a year ago that I was appointed the role of National Coordinator for this program. It has been a great experience talking with many of you about your programs.

We have a large number of Chapters which are very actively telling the story of the Korean War and emphasizing that FREEDOM IS NOT FREE. Believe me, you are making a difference, and I commend those of you who are taking the initiative to make this happen. It takes perseverance and hard work, but it is certainly a rewarding effort, for the cause is noble. And, for many students in the schools, this is the only way they will hear about what we did more than 50 years ago. This gives them a chance to gain some understanding about the precious FREEDOM we enjoy in this country.

For those of you who do not have a program going in your Chapter, I encourage you to give it strong consideration. Even though we have a very limited budget, I think we have done some good things that will help publicize the program and provide assistance to those who need help in getting started.

*The Graybeards* Editor Art Sharp has done a great job giving us recognition in *The Graybeards*. In each issue we are trying to feature at least one Chapter with a write-up and pictures. We really appreciate the chapters that are providing this information. We would like to have more. Even though we have a little back log for now, we will try to get them all published.

I hope you have noticed we have a section on the KWVA Website. There we like to show what some of the Chapters are doing as well as provide material for scripts that can be downloaded and adapted for local programs. I would like to put in a plug for David DePew, former Tell America Chairman, who provided some of this to us. We also have written material provided by Chapters in Texas, Ohio, Missouri and New York. If you have something you are willing to share, please send it to me and we will try to get it posted as well.

We have two videos that are good—an 11-minute segment of the 50th anniversary tape that works well in the classroom, and the 30-minute “Bloody Korea” that David DePew used several years ago. Let me know if you are interested in either of these.

Marvin Dunn and I also have with us some posters and maps left over from the 50th anniversary material that we will be glad to give you, as long as it lasts. Jack Walker’s book, *A Brief Account of the Korean War*, is also a great memento to leave with the schools for their

library. He sells them for \$1.00 if you order at least 50 copies.

I would like to mention 4 people and their Chapters from whom I have heard recently, who have provided some good material, and who have a lot of enthusiasm about what they are doing: Fred Shively, Western Ohio Chapter 108, Piqua, Ohio; Victor J.

Haas, Mid Florida Chapter 173, Sanford, Florida; Irwin Braun, Nassau County Chapter No. 1, Chapter 55 Long Island, New York and James Yaney, Indiana Chapter 1, Chapter 30 Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

I asked Jim Yaney to come today because he is so enthusiastic about their program and likes to talk about how great it has been for their Chapter. (Jim Yaney talked for several minutes about their visits with the schools and also their involvement in the civic community.)

Just for your information we have had a slight reorganization in the Tell America Committee. This next year we will be under Board of Directors oversight of Director Bill Mac Swain. I am now Chairman; Irving Breibart, New York and Marvin Dunn, Texas are additional members of the committee. If you need help, please call on any of these people.

One last comment—we are all getting along in years and probably don’t have too many years left to tell the story of the Korean War. We have two great opportunities right now to do something about that. One is to go ourselves and carry that message; the other is to bring in some of the younger Korean DMZ veterans about whom we have been talking and get them involved. This is certainly a great way to partner with some of the Korean veterans and to go to the schools with you and share some of their experiences.

We continue to solicit information from you about your programs and appreciate any help you can provide to help make this program better.

Larry Kinard  
Tell America Committee Chairman

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## Indiana #1 Chapter 30 “Telling” Once Again

Chapter 30 has kicked off its 2005-06 Tell America program season, with members going into our local and surrounding schools. Once again, we have wonderful things happening with new Veterans telling their stories and what they endured for the FREEDOM we share and cherish today.

I had the distinct pleasure of attending our National convention this past October. It was truly an honor for me. I shared with the entire convention about our program and what we are doing. We recently presented our program to our local public library TV station, and we have been asked to do a monthly segment on that channel in the months to come.

We also have the privilege of having Pastor Han, the pastor from our Korean community, taking part in our program and helping tell the Korean side of the war and how it affected them.

We are all looking forward to great things coming from this program



30's Tell America Team (L-R) Carl Fowler (TV moderator), Ken Roemke (TA moderator), Pastor Han, James Yaney (TA Chairman)



30's Tell America veterans at Ascension Lutheran School in Ft. Wayne, IN (L-R) Robery Myers, Pastor Han, Harold Schick, Carl Fowler, Jim Yaney, Ken Roemke, Dale Parrish, Lynn Shady, Mel Franke, Garry Sink (Bernard "Ski" Wisniewski and William Hollinger were absent for the picture)

### It May Not Always Be An "Official" Part Of The Tell America Program, But...



170 members at Passaic County Technical Institute High School (L-R) Raymond Cohen, Louis Quagliero, Cathy Pagano, Louis DeStefano

KWVA Chapter members often participate in events at schools which are not official Tell America program components, but they still get to tell their stories. One such event occurred in Wayne, New Jersey in September 2005.

Taejon Chapter 170 members were invited by History Department head Cathy Pagano to participate in a 9/11 Patriotic Assembly at Passaic County Technical Institute High School on September 12, 2005. (They had to wait an extra day beyond the actual anniversary, since the 11th fell on a Sunday.) Commander George Bruzgis solicited three members to attend: Chaplain Raymond Cohen, Color Guard member Louis DeStefano, and Historian Louis Quagliero.

The school held five different assemblies throughout the day so all students could attend. The Taejon Chapter members joined other veterans organizations as they conducted this special event called "We will never forget 9-11." The auditorium was filled with students at each session.

Students heard talks on 9-11 and the importance of never forgetting it. They saw a film about 9-11, and rang a bell at the time the planes caused so much death. One of the speakers was Sandra Graziano, who lost two sons in the disaster.

Not only did the tribute honor those who died on that fateful September 11, but it also honored all the veterans who have served—and continue to serve—our great nation.

### Our Telling Is Done—But It Was A Great Experience



Some of the great guys who have made 96's Tell America program worthwhile Front (L-R) Ed Kimble, Lee Hull, Don Kohlman (Standing L-R) Stu Ballou, George Greer, Ralph Stege, Bob Maumgartner, John Hopkins (Not shown is Charles Boyer)

Chapter 96, North St. Louis County [MO] has completed its participation in Tell America. But, as Don Kohlman writes:

The Tell America program has ended, but we have continued to tell the complete history of the Korean War and our experiences to over 3,000 people.

Our listeners were in middle schools, high schools, special interest clubs, and fraternal organizations. We have given away maps, posters, and folders concerning Korea to various schools and interest groups. We were video/audio recorded so future students will hear about the "Forgotten War." We all enjoyed giving the program. However, it is time to move on.

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### Not "Daily" Visits, But Daley Visits



54 members at Delsea High (L-R) Front: Capt. Andrew T. Jackson (Cherry Hill), Sgt. Sal Giunta (Marlton), Sgt James Butler (Marlton), Sgt Fred Connolly (Turnersville), First Sgt. Ed Walls (Delsea JROTC): Back (L-R) Major Arthur Dietz (Sr Army Instructor Delsea JROTC), Sgt Merritt (Delsea JROTC)

Members of the Thomas W. Daley, Jr. Chapter 54 visited Delsea Regional High School on November 14th, 2005. Chapter members have been visiting schools for over five years now, and the students and teachers ask us back every year.

This happens to be a Jr. ROTC class, but the majority of schools do not have Jr. ROTC. We are very proud of our vet volunteers who gladly do the visits each year.

The school district distributed the following press release after the visit:

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#### Delsea Hosts Korean War Veterans

Members of the Thomas W. Daley Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association visited Delsea High School and the JROTC program on Monday, 14 November.

Captain Andrew Jackson of the Korean War Vets had contacted Major Arthur Dietz, the commander of Delsea's JROTC, willing to share his and his comrades' experiences and sacrifices made during World War II, Korean War and the Vietnam conflict.

A total of nine veterans visited Delsea, with the oldest member age 83 who is a seasoned WWII veteran. The veterans divided up into the history classes and the JROTC classes. They were able to provide firsthand stories about what life was like for them in high school as they faced going to war.

Delsea's students face a world that is very different for the one of 50 years ago. Captain Jackson wanted the cadets who study civic and military history to be able to put a face on the Korean War and help the students understand the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice to help keep us free.

### The "Wolf" Is At The School's Door

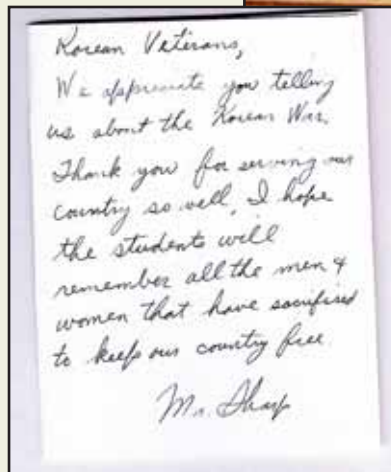
In January 2005, Chapter 126's [Tri-County, OH] "Tell America" program got off to a good start under the leadership of Don Wolf. Chapter Historian George Piggott reported that, "We went to schools in Columbus County in Ohio, Beaver County in Pennsylvania, and Hancock County in West Virginia."

The students responded enthusiastically, Piggott said. "The students reacted to our stories with some interesting questions," he observed. As a result, "We would like to expand this program to senior citizens, too."

Chapter members who participated included Don Wolf, Bob Estell, Lloyd Nalley, Ed Peters, Jim Stelts, and Col. Richard Humphreys.



126's Don Wolf speaks at Center Township School, Beaver County, PA



**LEFT:** Thank you note to 126 from the teacher of La Croft Elementary School, East Liverpool, OH

**BELOW:** (L-R) Jim Stelts, Don Wolf and Bob Estell of 126 with students at La Croft School

