

# Tell America

## Attention Chapter Presidents

### Does your Chapter Have A Tell America Program??

If you answer NO to this question, now is a good time to get one started. Organizing and planning for school programs that tell future generations about the Korean War and what it takes to protect our freedoms takes thought and time to have a good program. While school is out you can get the program organized and may even be able to talk with some of the Social Study teachers in nearby schools who are interested in such a program.

I am very pleased to say that we have a number of Chapters which have taken a big step and are getting a program underway in their communities. I have mailed suggested material, posters, videos, and pins left over from the 50th anniversary commemoration to a large number of chapters. It seems to have stimulated some to get busy make it happen for their community.

Just recently I received a letter from Gerald Rettela in Sequim County, Washington. He conducted his first presentation to a group of 5th graders using some of the material I mailed to him. Right now he is working alone on these programs, but he hopes to create some interest in forming a KWVA Chapter in the area.

James Yaney, in Indiana, continues to send pictures and information about their great program there with the TV stations and school system. He says his members are very busy, but they really do enjoy the opportunity to get their stories out to the community. He says he doesn't have to call the schools anymore for programs, because they are calling him as a result of their Korean War presentations on the local PBS station. Jim also tells me that he has a video of their program. For a cost of \$15 to cover shipping and handling, he will send you a copy.

Just as a reminder, we have committee members located around the country who will be glad to help if needed. Please call Irving Breitbart, (914) 245-6410, in New York, Jim Yaney, (260) 248-2203, in Indiana, or Marvin Dunn, (817) 261-1499, in Texas. They are all experienced with putting together programs that work well, and could be a big assist in getting started.

I am about out of posters, but I still have a few and will be glad to send them and a video about the Korean War to anyone that can use it in their presentations.

If your Chapter does have a program—and things are going well—remember that Art Sharp can always use more pictures and stories about what you are doing. We really like to give recognition to those who are working and having some success. Tell us your story and send in pictures.

If you have questions or suggestions, I would appreciate hearing from you. E-mail address is [larry.kinard@yahoo.com](mailto:larry.kinard@yahoo.com), or telephone at 682-518-1040.

## 30 – INDIANA #1 [IN]

Jim Yaney continues to have the chapter's program running smoothly. It is absolutely wonderful. Each one gets better than the one before.

*Mary Anna Roemke, Box 8795, Fort Wayne, IN 46898*



Unique wall of paper dog tags at Whitco Middle School, Larwill, IN, where CID 30 presented Tell America program. The dog tags include the names of all the members of the US armed forces who have been KIA in the Iraq War.



CID 30 President Bernard "Ski" Wisniewski presents the American flag to the principal of Whitco Middle School, Larwill, IN

**THE KWVA 2006 ANNUAL CONVENTION  
WILL BE HELD IN  
SAN ANTONIO, TX  
8-11 OCTOBER, 2006**



Whitco Middle School students assemble for CID 30's Tell America presentation

## 153 – CENTRAL FLORIDA [FL]



Members of CID 153 presented a program at Pine Ridge High School (L-R) Mr. Navarro (teacher) Ed Kent, Amelia Carafano, Charles Carafano

## 175 – LT. BALDOMERO LOPEZ (MOH) –[ FL]

Chapter members stay busy visiting Tampa Bay area schools and helping in other ways, e.g., by raising money to help place flags in classrooms.

It is a Hillsborough County law that there must be an American flag on display in all classrooms. The deadline was approaching, and money within the school system was not channeled into the schools to purchase the amount of flags needed. The chapter began having fundraisers to purchase several hundred American flags to donate to area schools.

Students eagerly welcome the veterans who come to their schools to talk about the Korean War. Chapter members often set up a POW table at the school visits.



CID 175 President Murdoch Ford speaks to students in Hillsborough County school

# Telling America—One Student at a Time

Greetings:

I thought I would share this article with you. It appeared in the 31 May 2006 *Sequim [WA] Gazette*:

Korean War veteran Gerald Rettela detailed America's first year of involvement in the 1950-53 conflict to a group of Greywolf Elementary students May 26. Rettela said he would like to see a permanent Korean War memorial built in Sequim.

The lecture was a great success and the principal and the teachers are looking forward to him coming back next year. The class was fifth-graders, and next year's group will again be fifth-graders.

These very students have been invited to attend the Korean War Memorial Service at the Sequim View Cemetery on July 29, 2006.

This ceremony will be the first in the County of Clallam, WA. The students will play an important part by being part of the hooding ceremonies. Canadian Korean War Veterans from Victoria, B.C. will also be invited.

Rettela had the opportunity to march in the Victoria Queen Birthday parade on May 22, 2006 with other members of the Korean War Veterans Association. Unit #27 had invited them to participate with them on this 2.5 mile walk. After the parade, the local KWVA members and their wives were hosted by Unit #27 and Robert Lee (owner and former member of the Canadian Navy) to Mr. Lee's restaurant in Victoria.

It was at that time that Rettela announced to the group what he intended to do on May 26, 2006. The response was overwhelming.

After the memorial service in July, Rettela has reason to believe that there may be an interest in forming a local KWVA Chapter. The memorial will be a yearly event from this time on.

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