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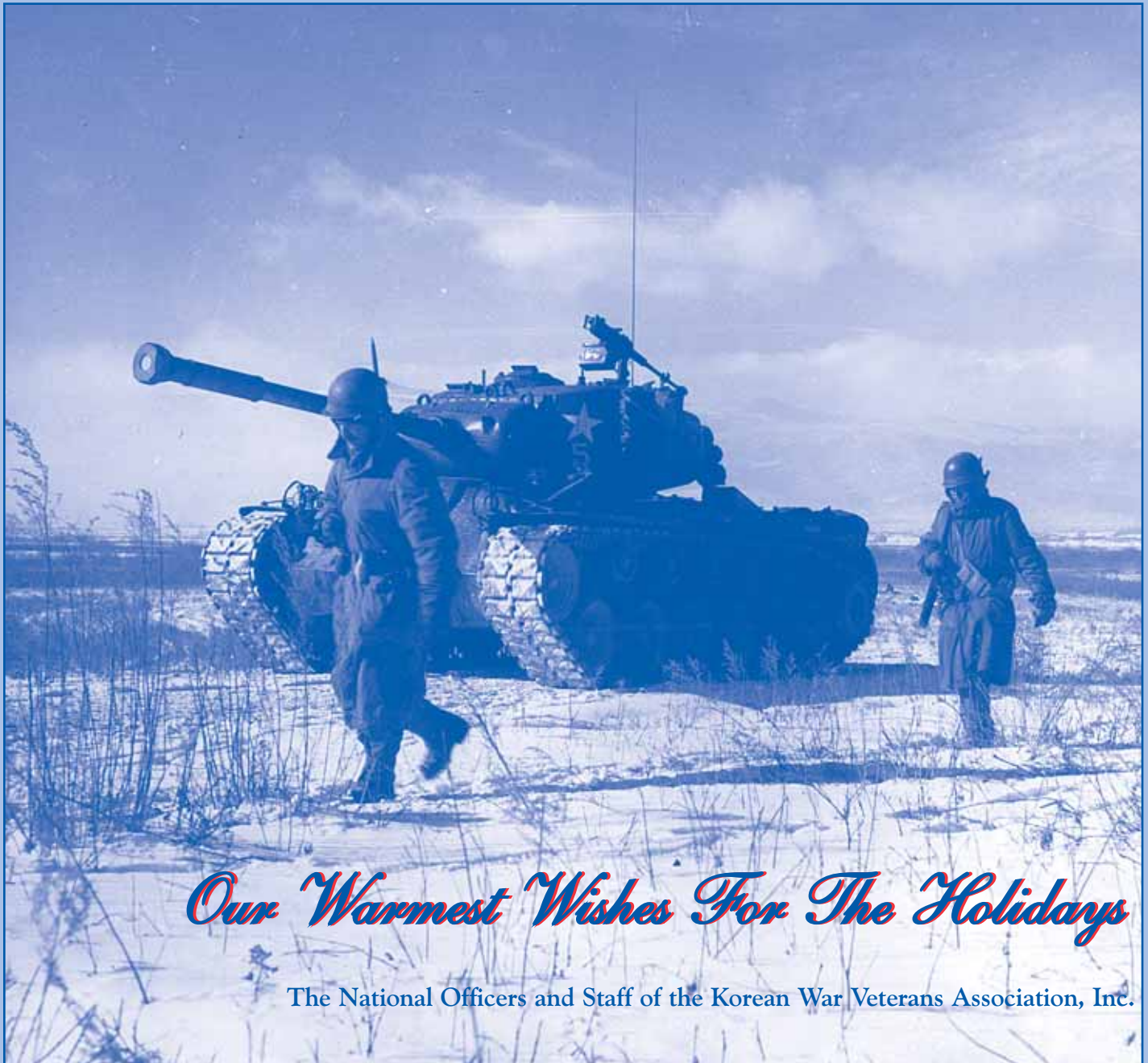
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From the President

Louis T. Dechert

Veterans, Members, Friends:

The Board of Directors and all of the Association's

Staff join with me in wishing that you had a fulfilling November and December, filled with family, fraternal, and spiritual celebrations, and that 2007 will be a banner year for you and yours—and for the Korean War Veterans Association.

As an Association we covered much terrain this past year and measured significant advances in many areas. We made progress in becoming a more worthwhile veterans' service organization, in following the Bylaws, in developing and honing our procedures, and heightening concern for the Good of the Order.

It is heartening to see more members and units at every level coming to realize that we are a *Mission*-oriented group, totally committed to the *Principles* and *Mission* formally incorporated by Bill Norris and Joe McCallion. It was heartening to listen at *The Gathering* as Ginnie (Norris) Napier spoke of the present leadership of the KWVA:

"Jack Cloman, my family KNOWS first hand what it takes to have *The Gathering*, and you have done a great job having the *Gathering* all these years.

And, President Dechert, my family KNOWS first hand what it takes to lead the KWVA, and you are doing a great job lead-

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ing the KWVA."

For many of our members the normal routine of life finished and we know that there are more vacant places in our rolls than there were last year at this time. We offer sympathy for those who are grieving their losses, just as we stand with those grieving for the young men and women who are dying in battle today.

I was—and am—deeply saddened when we lost an especially good member this year—a man who personally assisted with most aspects of my responsibilities, from calendars to Mission Statements, and everything in between: Marty O'Brien. I have dedicated several things to Marty because he either did them or had a large influence on what finally resulted.

The new 2007 Calendar which has now gone on sale is dedicated to Marty.

THE MISSION OF THE KWVA/USA

**DEFEND our Nation
CARE for our Veterans
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REMEMBER our Missing and Fallen
MAINTAIN our Memorial
SUPPORT a free Korea**

He and Don Duquette produced the 2006 calendar (our first) virtually by themselves. Marty had not yet begun work on the 2007 edition when he died. The product is not as good as Marty and Don produced last year, but we continued the project that they began and will do our best to keep it going and growing. I hope you will find the Calendar ad in this issue on page 25. You may also see it at www.kwva.org, a great website.

You will find summary reports of all the business conducted at the Annual Meeting in this issue, as well as financial reports. Our regular outstanding features are included as well. The summary reports and the "Tell America" section of this issue will impress you with the progress being made in this fundamental *mission* area of protecting our heritage and remembering our lost.

Finally, we were pleased to kick off the Korean War Veterans Memorial Challenge Fund with the last edition. The Challenge Fund *is not* a static "once and done" thing. It will be meaningful only as it continues and grows. I urge all leaders, at every level, to dedicate themselves to the growth of the Challenge Fund to care for our Memorial.

Happy New Year and meaningful futures to you all. GOD bless you, your KWVA associates, our fighting forces, and our great Nation.

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National President, KWVA/US

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**OCTOBER 10/11, 2006 EL TROPICANO HOTEL
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:21 AM by President Dechert

Pledge of Allegiance- John Sonley

Opening Prayer- Chaplain Stegman

Administrative announcements were made on the rules of conduct for the meeting and a reminder given that packets of Action Items along with the meeting agenda had been mailed to every director/key officers.

OPENING DISCUSSION

■ President Dechert asked for a motion to accept the agenda as previously distributed to attendees.

■ The President ruled that a motion from an individual from the floor was ruled Out of Order and illegal since the individual was not a member of the association.

■ Director Mac Swain made a motion which was seconded by Director Dauster to accept the Agenda as is.

■ The President announced that a Director had asked for all motions to be done by a Roll Call Vote and thus asked first for a Roll Call of all Directors in attendance.

• Roll Call: All officers and directors reported as present.

• The motion on the agenda was then voted on by a roll call vote which resulted in a tie vote with the President voting for the motion for an 8 to 7 majority for the approval of the agenda.

INTRODUCTION

Guests introduced included:

- Jimmy Faircloth, Attorney
- Jake Feaster, Assistant Secretary
- Boyle Henderson, CPA
- John Sonley, Sergeant-at-Arms
- Tine Martin, Jack Cooper, Tom McHugh; Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms
- Charles Price
- Leo Agnew, Acting Judge Advocate
- Stephen Szekely, Ethics & Grievances
- Jim Doppelhammer, Technology Director
- Vicki Garza, Federal Recorders
- Leonard Stegman, Chaplain
- J.D. Randolph, VAVS
- Clyde Hooks (South Carolina), Tom McHugh (New Jersey), Marvin Dunn (Texas), State Department Commanders

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

■ Secretary Hutton reminded the attendees that the October 4, 2005 Board Minutes were published in the Nov/Dec 05 The Graybeards, and asked for any errors or omissions: none were expressed.

• The minutes were thus approved

■ Secretary Hutton brought up the "Business without a Meeting" dated July 6th.

• Several directors were confused about the meeting, but all directors had been contacted and responded with the required ballots.

■ Director Dauster made a motion to vote on ratification of these items.

■ Director Dunn seconded.

• The Business without a Meeting was ratified by an 8 to 6 Roll Call Vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

■ Richard Hare presented the Treasurer's Report, and each Director was given a copy to follow. (The full report is published elsewhere in this edition of The Graybeards). Some of the highlights are:

- a current income surplus, which should break us even on the year.
- We netted \$ 84,064.87 from the "Weapons" Fund Raiser.
- Our total assets (as of Sept. 30) were \$497,893.54, the majority invested with AG Edwards.

■ Mr. Hare, in response to questions, explained the investment concept we have given AG Edwards, which is to be conservative. He also pointed out that we had no operating budget figures prior to 2005, but the forecasts for 2006 have been pretty accurate, and we should continue to improve our accuracy.

■ There was a discussion about the amount of income (or lack thereof) from advertising.

• Our problem is charging the rates we would like for a distribution of only 18,000 copies.

• A comment from the floor was that perhaps we should focus on Community Relations Advertising.

• Another comment was that we focus on Korean-owned and manufactured products.

■ Director McClain made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Director Edwards seconded.

• The motion carried by a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS**ELECTIONS REPORT**

■ Director Banker reviewed the 2006 Elections, which were fairly smooth, except for the glitch on the Zip Code, which, as far as we can tell, did no harm.

• He did point out that certain mailings went out as if they were in the name of the Nominating Committee, which was completely untrue.

• Mr. Banker did not even vote.

■ Director Banker also:

- pointed out that we should allow more time between the cut off time between ballot receipt and tabulation
- recommended more secure stapling of the Ballot in the Graybeards.

■ Director Yanacos made a motion to accept the written report of the Election and Nomination Committee.

■ Director Dunn seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

2007/2008 CONVENTION TIME AND PLACE REPORT

■ First Vice President Dickerson and Director Dauster reported that the 2007 convention will be held in Nevada as approved by the Membership at the 2005 Membership Meeting.

• It was agreed that the city would be decided on prior to the Annual

OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Membership Meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

■ There was some discussion about the current convention facilities and how air travel that required changes of planes affected the attendance at this meeting. Other discussion centered on:

- the general location for the 2008 Convention (time for the East Coast?)
- we need to realize we may have to increase the room rates from the \$100.00 range, which we have tried to follow.

LUNCH BREAK (12:14 TO 1:43 PM)

AFTERNOON SESSION- (Quorum Assembled)

■ Director Dunn seconded.

- The motion passed with no objection.

■ Bylaws Committee Chairman Mac Swain then made a motion that the Board of Directors has a committee selected to study and recommend to the Board if fewer Directors, Officers may be more efficient for the operation of the Board of Directors.

■ Director Dauster seconded the motion and a lengthy discussion was held.

- The motion was then voice voted and failed with no one for the motion.

STANDARD PROCEDURE MANUAL

■ Director Mac Swain reminded the Directors that a Standard Procedure Manual (SPM) was approved July 26, 2004.

- Copies of this SPM were made available to the new incoming Board of Directors for 2004.
- Assistant Secretary Jake Feaster, with assistance from Director Mac Swain, revised the SPM for clarification and consistency with the necessary changes brought about by the 2005 Bylaw changes and additions of an Ethics and Grievance Committee.
- The SPM was also checked to make sure it did not in anyway supersede the Bylaws now in effect.

■ Director Mac Swain made a motion that the revised SPM be accepted (warts and all), placed in effect, and changed as the need arises by the Board of Directors. (Note: The revised SPM was mailed to the Directors 8 days before the meeting).

■ Director Wiedhahn seconded the motion.

- Another lengthy discussion ensued.

■ Director Yanacos called for the question.

- The motion passed by voice vote to approve the revised Standard Procedure Manual for immediate use.

■ A continued discussion among the Directors included how the new SPM should be distributed to the members.

■ Second Vice President Pappas made a motion to send a copy to each member of the organization either by mailed or published in The Graybeards.

■ Treasurer Hare pointed out that the cost for (17,000 copies) could exceed \$20,000.

■ Director Morga seconded the motion.

■ After considerable discussion Second Vice President Pappas

amended his motion to wait six months before the SPM is sent out so many changes would not be required to update each one sent out.

■ Director Morga seconded his motion.

■ After further discussion on this amendment motion, Director Mac Swain made an amendment motion to place a coupon in The Graybeards in six months as a means to allow any member to get a copy of the manual by sending in a coupon and \$3 for printing and shipping, or get it free on the KWVA Website.

■ Director Dauster seconded.

- This amended motion carried by voice vote with no objections.
- The amendment motion made by Second Vice President Pappas to his original motion and amended by the final amendment was then approved by voice vote with no objection.

5 MINUTE STRETCH BREAK (3:07 PM-3: 16 PM)
quorum reconvened.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

■ Director Banker, reporting for Roy Burkhart, who has physical problems, spoke primarily about HR 3476. He:

- reported on the process used in Maryland to secure all of the congressional delegates as Sponsors of the Bill. That included 'Photo Ops' with Governor.
- stated he would split up the country, and assign Directors and Chapters to concentrate on specific States.
- asked for help from the Board, and asked if there was anyone who would not be willing to help to stand up. Since no one did, he assumes he has unanimous support from the Board.
- said in follow-up discussion that with a new congress forming in January, we will, in effect, have to start over.

■ Director Banker moved that the report of The Legislative committee be accepted.

■ Director Dunn seconded the motion.

- The motion was carried to accept the report by a voice vote with no objections.

FUND RAISER REPORT

■ Director Mac Swain reported on the Fund Raiser (referred to previously in the Treasurers Report.).

- In addition to the net of \$ 84,064.87 raised, we gained 10 new Regular Members, and about 112 new Associate Members.
- The mailing also had the effect of uncovering 74 deceased, so we can reduce the number of The Graybeards mailed.

■ Director Edwards commented that the fund raiser could have been more effective if multiple prizes were given, a point to be noted by the Fund Raising Committee for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

WASHINGTON LIASON OFFICE

■ Secretary Hutton submitted a report on a plan to change the membership services operation to an office rather than a part-time contractor operating out of her home.

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Please plan to join us. This tour "down Under" will be very popular, as was our first in 2000, so I recommend you contact our official tour organizer and register early to guarantee your spot.

Low Dechert, President - KWVA

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The signs are there. Every time I think our society is going down the proverbial tubes and our military service has been in vain, some people come along and destroy my belief. Patriotism and respect for the military are alive and well—at least in some circles.

Today, as Betsy and I sat in church, the minister asked the congregation for the names of people for whom we should offer prayers. There were a few names offered, and for each we said a special prayer. Then, one gentleman in the back of the congregation said, “For the troops.” I could have run back and hugged him, which would have been acceptable in that setting. You know, “Peace be with you” and all that. But, I didn’t. I merely offered a silent prayer “For the troops”—and for the gentleman who invoked their name.

A second example occurred at the Yale-Princeton football game on November 11, 2006—Veterans Day—which Betsy and I attended. (We go to at least one college football game every weekend.) Now, “Ivy Leaguers” do not have a great reputation for supporting the military. Yale, Harvard, Princeton, and the rest of the Ivy League schools have reputations as bastions of liberalism. (Okay, I can name the rest of the schools: Doc, Dopey, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Sleepy, Dartmouth, Bonzo, and Pennsylvania. And you didn’t think I knew them.) But, on this day something unusual happened: an impromptu singing of the “National Anthem” broke out.

Normally, when the “National Anthem” is played at the Yale Bowl the players and fans pay as much attention to it as they would a rousing chorus of “Over the River and Through the Woods” offered by the Polly-Wally-Doodle-All-The Day Choir. This day, however, a few people started singing the words to the anthem as the Yale band played. Others joined in. There was not a crescendo by any means, but there were enough people singing to make the strains of the song noticeable throughout the cavernous Yale Bowl. There were 43,000 people in attendance at the game in a stadium that seats about 70,000 folks, and they did make their presence heard. I felt proud that day as the

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fans sang to honor veterans—and honor themselves in the process.

A third event took place at Rentschler Field, in East Hartford, CT, the 40,000-seat home of the University of Connecticut’s football team. “The Rent,” as the facility is called, is only eleven miles over the river and through the woods from our home. Betsy and I have season tickets to UConn football games. (I told you we like college football.) Now, UConn fans tend to be a bit obnoxious. They have been known to treat visiting teams’ fans less than kindly at times (at least until the game is over, when the opponents’ faithful tend to be the only people left in the stadium, since their team is so far ahead). But, I digress.

During the 2006 season, UConn played both Navy and Army at home. The UConn fans were a model of decorum at both games. They did not boo the opponents as they entered the field, and they actually made the cadets and the midshipmen welcome. At the ends of the respective games, the UConn team stood at mid-field, helmets off and in silence, as the academy bands played their school songs. Even the 40 or 50 UConn fans still in the stadium listened with respect. There is still hope. (For the record, Navy beat UConn this year, 41-14. UConn beat Army, 21-7. But, you can’t beat the UConn fans, who showed a great deal of respect for the

members of both service academies.)

Now, while that type of behavior might not always be in evidence at places like Rentschler Field or the Yale Bowl, you would expect it at West Point or Annapolis. Even so, the fans at West Point surprise us some times.

We also hold season tickets to Army’s football games. Betsy and I make the 108-mile trip (one way) from Rocky Hill to West Point at least three times a year. It is worth the ride for the scenery en route and the atmosphere of civility at West Point. This year we attended the Army vs. Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and Army vs. Air Force games. We witnessed similar outbreaks of humanity and respect at those games.

Even though Army beat VMI 62-7, the players and their fans stood together as their respective bands played their school songs. The same thing happened after Air Force humiliated Army 43-7. (Believe me; the game was not as close as the final score indicated.) Final scores aside, the players and the fans demonstrated that the outcome is not all that important: what matters is the camaraderie between and among them. That is not always the case off the military reservation. That is why it is so heartening to see occasional outbreaks of patriotism like those at Yale, UConn, and the church.

All is not lost. Our military service was not in vain—and neither is that being provided by our contemporary counterparts. Perhaps our country is in safe hands after all.

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THE GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

Articles to be published in the *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
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Nov-Dec	Nov 15

- KWVA would contract with Military Historical Tours (MHT) of Alexandria to provide operating services.
- MHT has offered virtually free space for an office in a professional environment.
- Simultaneously, we are implementing a new computer system, based on standard software that should be much easier to maintain.
- Directors Wiedhahn and Hutton met with Nancy Monson and offered her the opportunity to work out of the new office, but she has declined.
- The change is expected to cost approximately the same as the present arrangement with Nancy.
- A previous Executive Council had a budget item of \$3,000.00 authorized that should more than cover the capital cost for a new computer system.
- (At the time of the meeting Mrs. Monson had indicated willingness to assist in the transition to the new operation).

■ Director Brodeur made a motion to allow the Secretary, in combination with the Membership Committee and KWVA Technical Services, to move the current Membership Operation to the MHT facilities, and contract with MHT for necessary operational and administrative services which are subject to the Board of Directors final approval.

■ Director Yanacos seconded.

• The motion carried by a voice vote.

• This action was also approved by a previous Executive Council: Director Wiedhahn did not vote on that motion, nor was the motion ever acted upon by that Administration.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Tell America Program

■ Director Yanacos introduced Larry Kinard, Chairman of the Tell America Committee.

■ Mr. Kinard:

- talked of the many tools he has been distributing to chapters for assistance in meeting with schools and other activities.
- noted that he also acts as an "exchange" for ideas across the country. These include videos, both 11 Minute and 30 Minute, and a standard "Packet" he sends, which was done for the 50th Anniversary of the War.
- said he was seeking information as to how to obtain maps and other information for distribution
- suggested that Chapters contact their local TV stations-especially PBS-type, who have been supporters.

■ A number of Directors had ideas for Mr. Kinard in tracking down materials for his distribution.

■ Director Doyle made the motion to authorize the printing of a brochure obtained from Chapter One in New York to be made available to chapters where their names may be placed on the back cover.

■ Director Dauster seconded.

• The motion carried by voice vote.

Budget and Finance

Note: The Budget for 2007 appears elsewhere in The Graybeards.

■ Director Dunn discussed and presented a number of issues.

• A primary one is the current amount charged for Lifetime Membership in KWVA of \$150. He presented a plan to raise the Life Membership to \$750, dependent on age.

■ There were lengthy discussions about the need for greater income versus the downside of turning off younger members.

■ There were many other issues, including:

- how many Life Members we have today (about 7,000)
- what other veteran groups are now charging since raising their rates because of inflation
- how payments could be spread out

■ There was considerable discussion about the annual Regular Dues and a proposal to raise those to \$26 per year.

■ Director Dunn made a motion to raise Regular Annual dues to \$26 effective January 1, 2007.

■ Director McClain seconded.

• Following the discussion a vote by voice was taken and this increased amount passed.

• More discussion followed.

■ Director McClain made a motion to reconsider who had voted affirmative on the original motion.

■ Director Brodeur made a motion to amend the amount from \$26 to \$25

■ Director McClain seconded this motion and a voice vote approved this amended amount.

■ Director Edwards made a motion to raise the Life Membership to \$300 with a six-month pay period.

■ Director Wiedhahn seconded.

• After discussion the motion failed to pass.

■ Director Brodeur made a motion to make the Life Member dues a range of \$ 600.00 at age 35 and under, \$450 at age 36-50, \$300 age 51-64, and \$150 age 65 and older.

■ Director Edwards seconded the motion.

• The motion carried by voice vote.

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BREAK- 5:17-5:27 PM
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Resume Budget and Finance

The next section of Finance and Budget had to do with expense reimbursement.

■ A motion was made to delete meal allowance of \$35 during auto travel and meals while at the meeting from \$45 to \$30 per day.

■ Director Mac Swain seconded the motion.

■ During the discussion Second Vice President Pappas offered an amendment to the motion that we pay only motel and travel, items one, three and four on the existing Action Item #2 slide.

■ Director Fountain seconded the motion.

• The amended motion carried 8 to 6.

DIRECTORS MEETING (Continued)

- The next Action Item #3 was a motion made by Director Dunn to establish a budget allocation in case the KWVA receives a Charter.
- The motion died for lack of a second, because most Directors agreed that this should be done when we finally do receive a Charter.
- The final Action Item #4 was to establish an Annual Fund Raiser under the Finance Committee.
- Finance Committee Chairman Dunn made a motion for the Board to approve an Annual Fund Raiser using a donated Korean-produced automobile as first prize, and a Korean-produced HDTV for General Membership Projects and a portion for the Korean War Memorial upkeep in Washington, D.C.
- Director Edwards seconded the motion.
- Following a discussion period, the motion carried by a counted vote of 8 to 4.

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 MEETING ADJOURNED OCT 10, AT 5:59 PM
 TO RESUME OCT 11, AT 8:00 AM

KWVA BOARD MEETING – CONTINUATION OCT 11

OPENING 8:04 AM – CALL TO ORDER

- The secretary reported all Director and Officers present.
- President Dechert acknowledged Sergeant Major Grady Thomas, NCO of the Memorial Service on Oct 10, who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Chaplain Stegman led the prayer

Budget and Finance Continued

(Budget details are included elsewhere in *The Graybeards*)

- The total income budget for the year is \$ 370,000. The \$128,000 is allocated from Fund Raising.
- A general discussion took place on whether this money could be spent in the general fund, or if it had to be allocated for The Korean War Memorial Fund.
- The consensus was that, based on the way the motion was worded, all would not have to be allocated for the Memorial.
- On the expense side, the principal cost continues to be The Graybeards at a projected \$165,000 cost.
- On fees, there was budgeting for Accounting. However, there is no budget item for a separate Audit function, being carried out by another firm.
- On operating costs, a question was asked about a \$30,000 item for Membership Secretarial Services. This amount would be replaced by “Outsourcing Services” with the new operating arrangement projected in the Virginia Office (assuming Board of Directors approval after review and approval of a contract).
- All other income and expense questions asked were answered by Director Dunn, Treasurer Hare, and CPA Boyle.

INSURANCE CLAIM ISSUE

- As part of the budget discussions, Director Dauster brought up an old issue: the claim settlement KWVA received for the loss of \$240,000 which was the result of criminal activity of Mr. Maison, the Treasurer in a previous administration.
- Under Mr. Pappas and Mr. Coon, there was no additional action

taken when Chubb Insurance determined that \$ 131,000.00 was a partial reimbursement to KWVA, and that was the last payment received.

- Under Mr. Dechert, Director Dauster has reintroduced this issue, and wants to pursue legal action to try to collect addition funds.
- There was a long discussion among the Board and Attorney Mr. Faircloth about the likelihood that KWVA could gain from legal action.
- Director Dauster made a motion to have our Attorney evaluate the merits of continuing with the claim.
- Director Yanacos seconded.
- The motion was approved by a voice vote.

BUDGET APPROVAL

- The Board went back to reviewing the remaining budget items.
- Director Dunn made a motion to approve the 2007 Budget.
- Director McClain seconded the motion.
- The discussion continued with questions from Director Morga, who finally stated he did not think we should pass this budget.
- Director Wiedhahn called for the question.
- The vote was taken by voice vote and the motion passed to approve the 2007 budget presented.

RESOLUTIONS

- Director Dauster reported that no Resolutions were submitted in time to be considered at this Board Meeting.
- There were five resolutions submitted which did not meet the time conditions stated in the Bylaws and will be considered at a later date.
- Director Yanacos moved to accept the Resolution Committees Report.
- Director Edwards seconded.
- The report was accepted by a voice vote.
- The Revisit Committee, Membership Committee, Korean War Veterans National Museum & Library Liaison, and Graybeards and Website Reports were not given at this time because of time restraints and were presented at the Annual Membership Meeting.
- There was no approval action required for these Reports.
- All Reports of the Committees are attached to the Original Copy of the Minutes on file with the National Secretary.
- Executive Session Minutes will be approved only in Executive Session and are unavailable to the general membership. However, action taken by the Board of Directors while in Executive Session after information was furnished by the Ethics and Grievance Committee is reported elsewhere in this issue of *The Graybeards*.

ETHICS AND GRIEVANCE

- The Ethics and Grievance Committee presentation and recommendations were scheduled to be held under Executive Session (closed session per Robert's Rules of Order) with limited external participation.
- The Sergeant-at-Arms cleared the room of the membership and maintained security for the remainder of this session.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP EXCUSED, 9:08 AM

CONVENED OCTOBER 11, 2006 AT 10:22 AM IN
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

SUMMARY NOTES

ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: www.kwva.org;
The Graybeards July-August

PLACE OF ANNOUNCED MEETING The El Tropicano
Hotel, 110 Lexington Ave., San Antonio, TX

- President Dechert called the meeting to order.
- John Sonley, Sergeant-at-Arms, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Chaplain Stegman gave a rousing and memorable Invocation.
- President Dechert welcomed those members in attendance.
- An announcement was made regarding the changes to the agenda
 - the Board of Directors are in recess so some items have not been completed and the results will not be available for this meeting
 - the main items for any membership approval are available and will be reported
- President Dechert asked for a quorum count from the Sergeant-at Arms and received a count of 94, which exceeded the required 75 quorum count necessary to hold the business meeting.
- President Dechert asked Secretary William Hutton to call the roll of Officers and Directors. All Officers and Directors were present.
- President Dechert introduced the following Department Commanders/Presidents and other attendees:
 - Marvin Dunn, Department of Texas
 - Clyde Hooks, Department of South Carolina
 - Thomas McHugh, Department of New Jersey
 - Ms. Vickie Garza, Court Reporter
 - John Sonley, Sergeant-at-Arms
 - Tine Martin, Jack Cooper, Tom McHugh, and Grady Thomas, Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms
 - J. D. Randolph, VAVS Officer
 - Len Stegman Chaplain,
 - Leo Agnew, Acting Judge Advocate and Parliamentarian, assisted by Attorney Jimmy Faircloth of Louisiana
 - Steve Szelkely, Chairman of the Ethics and Grievance Committee
 - Jim Doplehammer, Web Master
 - Jake Feaster, Records Manager.
- President Dechert requested Director Wiedhahn to introduce the Guest Speaker, Colonel Bob Patrick (Ret), who Director Wiedhahn had signed up as our newest member.
- Col Patrick's presentation was on the National Project to memorialize and to show gratitude to our National's War Veterans. He:
 - noted that at this time over 45,000 individual oral history interviews, written memoirs, collections of photographs and

letters documenting material of veterans from WWI through the conflicts of today are housed in the Library of Congress.

- that there were only 5,500 war time stories from Korea and there should be many more
- challenged every member of KWVA to tell their story to their family and he invited each of us to participate in the Veterans History Project.
- President Dechert stated more information will be included in the next *The Graybeards*.
- President Dechert introduced our next guest speaker and Florida Chapter 110 Commander, Ainslee Ferdie, a former Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, which was the first Veterans Service Organization to support the Korean War Memorial Project after the KWVA undertook it support.
- Commander Ferdie gave a short history on the Jewish War Veterans organization, which was formed in 1896 and is the oldest active Veterans organization in the country. He:
 - explained that this organization supported the issuance of a Federal Charter for the KWVA
 - brought greetings on behalf of National Commander Norman Rosenshein of the Jewish War Veterans.
 - mentioned the National Museum of American Jewish Military History under the banner of Jewish War Veterans USA National Memorial, Inc, which is federally chartered
 - commented that it took almost 100 years to get that federal charter, but that has given this group many secrets and the ins and outs on how to obtain a charter, and they are willing to share this information with our people as we continue to seek a federal charter for the KWVA.
- President Dechert reminded the membership of the House Rules during the rest of the meeting, which were included in the packets passed out to each member as they arrived. (These rules have been in effect for several years. They are the rules the Sergeant-of-Arms and the Judge Advocate will apply in addition to the Bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order for the conduct of this business meeting.)
- Secretary Hutton presented the Minutes of the previous meeting conducted on October 5, 2005, which were provided for the membership in the November/December edition of *The Graybeards*.
- Secretary Hutton asked for any errors or omissions to those minutes.
- President Dechert stated that since there were no corrections, the minutes stand approved as presented.
- Treasurer Richard Hare presented the Treasurer's Report for the first nine months of 2006, from January 1 through September 30, 2006.
 - The Total Income was \$294,595.34
 - Total Expenditures during this time period was \$264,290.69 for a total Net Income of \$54,269.12. This included a gross income of \$116,247 for the Fund Raiser tickets and a total expense for printing, and handling of \$32,182.14 for a Net Income of \$84,064.87. This does not include any Convention

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Expenses or Directors Travel.

- All other income and expenses were broken down and explained as well, as each member present received a detailed Financial Report.

■ Member Ainslee Ferdie asked a question: don't we have any fixed assets such as office equipment, etc?

- The answer was there is less than \$100 worth which is written off with depreciation.

- The KWVA has not purchased equipment and none was passed on from the prior administration.

■ Member Mike Glazzy asked what our overhead expense is.

- CPA Boyle Henderson answered that his hurried and unquotable calculations based on the 2005 income and expenditures showed the two greatest costs were The Graybeards and the Membership Committee.

- Based on the Income of \$248,000 and publishing costs for The Graybeards, at \$158,000, and the Membership Office of \$34,000, that will leave approximately \$2.10 out of the \$20 membership dues coming in from annual dues payers to take care of all the other expenses.

■ Member Mike Glazzy stated that is important information when you look at raising dues.

OLD BUSINESS

NOMINATION/ELECTION COMMITTEE

■ Chairman Bob Banker, gave a report on the procedure followed from placing the call in The Graybeards to checking all applicants' submittals by his committee members to see that the Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual were followed.

- Resumes of each candidate were placed in the March/April *The Graybeards*

- A CPA was placed under contract to accept the ballots and count them as specified in the Standard Procedure Manual

- Three problems occurred that should not have

- 1) The address for returning the Ballot had Tucson, IL rather than Tucson, AZ. However, the Postal Department assured Mr. Banker that the ZIP Code was right and all ballots should reach their destination with no undue delay.

- 2) Some ballots, eight (8) of approximately 17,000 in the US and seven (7) international of approximately 62, were lost during mailing since they were only attached with one staple. This information was corrected by issuing new ballots to those who did not receive one and notifying the CPA to check for duplicates. The Chairman recommended that the Nomination/Election Committee review all ballots before printing.

- 3) Information was released that said the Nomination/Election Committee released certain information recommending certain candidates and not recommending others. This was not true.

■ Chairman Banker recommended that any information given out by a candidate or their supporter should be true and accurate. If the statements are not correct or accurate, the candidate should be required to correct the information.

■ There were no questions on this report.

CONVENTION REPORT

■ First Vice President Byron Dickerson, reported that the next Annual Membership Meeting in 2007 would be held in Reno, Nevada.

- Prices are reasonable in Reno, and other areas were hard to reach by flight or the cost for the hotel was not reasonable. So far, they have had Rapid City, SD; Nashville & Knoxville, TN; Kingsville, OH; Hilton Netherland in Cincinnati, OH and Mary, FL.

- The committee will continue to look at costs and time for the 2007, 2008 and 2009 Conventions.

■ President Dechert asked for a motion to approve the Reno, Nevada site for the 2007 Annual Membership Meeting.

- Dean McClain made the motion to have Reno, Nevada site as the 2007 Annual Membership Meeting at a date to be determined by the Convention Committee.

- Ainslee Ferdie seconded and the motion carried.

BYLAWS AND STANDARD PROCEDURE MANUAL

■ Bylaws Chairman William Mac Swain reported that some Bylaw changes to the Bylaws approved October 5, 2005 had been presented to the Board of Directors and the Board had approved those changes.

- The changes will appear in a later *The Graybeards*, because Bylaws changes may still be made up to forty-five (45) days before the next Board of Directors meeting.

- He cautioned that the next Board of Directors meeting date and place has not been determined, so if you have changes it will be best for them to be submitted as soon as possible.

- The Standard Procedure Manual is now part of the Bylaws Committee responsibility. He and Member Jake Feaster have revised the Standard Procedure Manual passed by the Executive Council in July of 2004, since changes to the Bylaws in 2005 required changes in portions of that manual.

- The revised Standard Procedure Manual was presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting yesterday (October 10, 2006), where it was approved and placed in effect immediately with the following time constraint.

- The Board of Directors decided to use the manual for six (6) months and make necessary changes on any of the areas that did not make for efficient operation. Once these areas are worked out, the Standard Procedure Manual will be placed on the KWVA Website where free downloading can be made by Departments, Chapters and individual members.

- Those without computer access will be supplied with a coupon in *The Graybeards* to order a manual at a small cost for printing and postage. The coupon will give the price and where to order.

- The manual is over 52 pages. Thus, we cannot place it in *The Graybeards*.

■ Member Dean McClain made a motion to accept the committee report on the Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual.

■ Member Sam Bass seconded and the motion carried.

FUND RAISER REPORT

■ Fund Raiser Committee Member William Mac Swain reported that the Treasurer's report had covered the income and expenses from the Fund Raiser. However, there were other consequences from having this fund raiser.

- Ten individuals called saying they wanted to join the Association as full members before they received any tickets. Applications were sent and they all joined.

- There were five hundred and fifty-five (555) individuals who were eligible for Associate Membership. Each was sent a letter with two application forms: one for free Associate Membership and one to join or to renew their membership after having dropped out of KWVA from 1995 through 2003. The Application Form had to be filled out since the Bylaws state all who become members must fill out an Official Application Form. Of the 555 sent out only 112 returned an Application Form.

- Seventy-four KWVA Life Members who were deceased. were found on the KWVA database This also saved mailing out of *The Graybeards*.

■ Member Mac Swain noted that this is the Fund Raiser report and moved for approval.

■ Dean McClain seconded.

■ Mike Glazzy asked this question. Do we have a policy of more than one Fund Raiser or Annual Fund Raiser to help finance the organization?

■ President Dechert answered yes, and the Board has approved one for next year, which may turn into an annual one.

■ President Dechert called for all in favor of accepting the Fund Raiser Report.

■ The motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

■ Director Robert Banker reported on the Federal Charter Bill placed in the House of Representatives in 2005 by Member Charley Price that was strengthened in that it was for a 501(c)19 Veterans Organization Charter, not as a 501(c)3 Charitable Organization as before.

■ Director Banker explained:

- The difficulty encountered was still within the Judiciary Committee.

- The committee has had a moratorium placed on issuing Federal Charters; However, it has done it several times.

■ Director Banker will again put in the request by Representative Steny Hoyer and will have someone selected from the Senate to help also. He:

- will be requesting help again from all Chapters and Departments or anyone who knows a Senator or House of Representative member.

- is planning on success and will use KWVA Chapters in the Washington D. C. area to walk the halls of Congress.

- stated that many Congressmen or their aides do not know why we need a Charter and that will be a major task undertaken.

■ Bill Mac Swain made a motion to accept the Legislative Report

■ Ed Wuermser seconded

■ The motion carried.

The Annual Membership Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:04 PM and reconvened at 1:32 PM.

■ President Dechert asked for a quorum count and received a count of 83 present, with more expected to come in later.

■ President Dechert reported that we had the 40th Reconnaissance Group with us of approximately 38 people. Twelve are now members of KWVA.

NEW BUSINESS

WASHINGTON LIAISON OFFICE

■ Secretary Hutton reported that the Board of Directors had approved an eventual move of our National Office to the office building of Military Historic Tours in Alexandria, Virginia.

- A contract at \$1/year for 800 square feet will give us an Official Office in the Washington D. C. area. This is subject to final contract approval with security of our membership included by the Board of Directors.

- The move will hopefully be done before the end of this year.

■ During questions and answers Ed Wuermser asked if this would meet the criteria for when we get a Federal Charter

■ Mike Glazzy asked if the name would be Korean War Veterans Association.

■ President Dechert answered it would. In fact, he disclosed that it has already been listed as Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. in the Veterans Administration Directory. This is how Vice-President Cheney became a speaker at the 27th of July 2006 at the Memorial.

- This report was for information only and requires no approval from the membership body.

- The Board will have final contract approval and the cost of the operation should be no more than what is already allotted for Membership Expenses in the present Budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tell America Committee

■ Chairman Christ Yanacos introduced Larry Kinard, who discussed the very successful "Tell America Program."

■ Larry Kinard noted that:

- there is a need for more "Official" publications about the Korean War and brochures to be passed out to students. The Board had already approved some funds for this committee, but he hoped more funds would be available in 2007

- he is looking for information on who did the printing of the 50th Commemorative Committee and more copies of their pictorial and poster materials

- he is also looking to increase the number of chapters that use this program to inform schools and the public.

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- a brochure titled, The Korean War and its Historical Impact has already been approved for printing by the Board and approval of the use of this Nassau County Chapter Number. One designed by Erwin Braun has given permission for its use. It will be made reproduced and made available for those Chapters that wish to use this pamphlet by including their Chapter Name and Information on the back page.
- this report has not been presented to the Board thus it is not subject to approval by the membership at this time.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET COMMITTEE

- Chairman Marvin Dunn presented the 2007 Budget, which was approved by the Board of Directors earlier, for presentation to the membership for their approval.
- Total Budget is for \$370,000, and is based on receiving \$112,000 from a Fund Raiser and dues increase.
- The Fund Raiser will be for an automobile from KIA and a second prize of a HD/TV from Samsung. We will be trying to arrange this as an Annual Fund Raiser.
- During the preparation of the budget it was decided to cut the per diem for the Officers and Directors when they attend meetings. Payment for hotel and travel is all that will be accepted on their expense reports.
- The cost of receiving a Charter is not included in the 2007 Budget. The Board will decide how the cost of training of Service Officers and for Reports necessary, to maintain our Charter requirements the first year, will be and use the money we now have in investments if necessary.
- A dues increase has been approved by the Board from \$20 to \$25 for annual dues and Life Membership dues has been increased in increments as follows: \$600 age 35 and younger, \$450 age 36 to 50, \$300 age 51 to 65 and \$150 66 and over. You may pay Life Membership in six (6) payments in a year. This increase is necessary since the cost of everything has risen and it has been over seven years since we have had a dues increase.

■ Director Dunn answered questions from the membership with help from Treasurer Hare.

■ Lee Dauster made a motion that the dues increase and sliding Life Membership Scale approved by the Board of Directors be approved by the membership.

■ Clyde Hooks seconded and the discussion continued.

■ Warren Weidhahn called for the question.

■ The motion carried.

■ Christ Yanacos moved that the Budget be accepted.

■ Clyde Hooks seconded

■ The motion carried.

RESOLUTION/INSURANCE

■ Resolution Chairman Lee Dauster reported that he had received three (3) Resolutions. All three were submitted after the 45-day period before the Board of Directors meeting per the 2005 approved Bylaws.

- He reported that they will be held and presented at the next called Board of Directors meeting.

- He then reported on the Insurance coverage asked about during the Budget discussion. There are three policies in force continuously.

1) a Crime Policy that protects us from fraud, misuse of our funds.

2) the Officer's and Directors Legal Liability Policy that protects these individuals from lawsuits or claims of slander, libel as a results of KWVA activities.

3) Publishers Liability for *The Graybeards* Editor and Publisher for libel, slander, etc.

- The cost for all three is approximately divided equal or around \$5,333 each.

- We do not have a General Liability Policy because it is way too expensive in relation to the liability we are exposed to with volunteer people. They usually have their own liability at their own cost.

KOREA REVIST COMMITTEE

■ Chairman Warren Wiedhahn reported that 350 people are going to Korea this year after President Dechert got an increase of the quota for this year and also next year.

- He encourages any veteran to go since it was a good opportunity and supported by the Korean Government and the Korean people welcome you with open arms.

■ One question arose about who was eligible to go.

- Only those veterans who served in the area of Korea were eligible.

- This was a decision of the Korean government and not the KWVA.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS NATIONAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY LIAISON

■ Liaison Bill Mac Swain introduced four members of the KWVNM&L to the membership. Ed Valley, Bob Fitz, Bob Benson and Bob Mitchell, who are also members of KWVA Chapters located in Illinois, Minnesota and Texas.

■ He then asked Bob Mitchell, who is a Director of the Museum, to give an update on the condition of the Museum.

■ Bob reported the status of the museum move to Springfield, IL and why the move was necessary. He related that:

- They have brought drawings of the proposed museum and have a table located in the Hospitality Room to pass out brochures and answer questions.

- Bob said plans are to start the construction of the first phase of the new museum in January of 2007.

- They have a group now performing fund raising by letters, which is bringing in money each month, and have contracted with the Compass Group that does capital fund raising and have targeted people who can donate in the millions of dollars.

- They also have contacted the Korean Government and asked for a 5 million dollar donation.

- The museum was an 8 million dollar budget, but has now increased it to 15 million to insure that it is unique and has a drawing power for expected tourists in the Springfield area.

MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

• He and his group will be happy to answer any further questions during the remainder of the convention.

MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITING COMMITTEE

■ Chairman Jeff Brodeur introduced his committee members and stated they were a diverse group from throughout the country.

• The committee sponsored two events in Korea for the military stationed in Yongsan Garrison and Camp Red Cloud. They also placed posters and advertisement about the KWVA.

• The KWVA received an award and a "Thank You" letter from these soldiers.

• All of the membership expenses have been from the sale of their decal sales program. No funds from the KWVA have been spent to accomplish any of their recruitment programs.

• Membership has increased by 325 members.

• They are also placing apparel for the membership on the website, with 25% of everything bought coming back to the KWVA. There are over 1,000 items.

■ Chairman Brodeur emphasized that to the membership that if each member could recruit just one person the KWVA would double in size.

■ President Dechert called the following individuals to the podium and presented awards to them, as well as some members not present at the meeting. They included:

• Larry Kinard and James Yancey for the Tell America Program

• Bill Mac Swain, Charley Price, Richard Hare, Boyle Henderson and Jim Ferris for the Weapons Fund Raiser

• Jeff Brodeur for Recruiting.

■ President Dechert apologized for the small truncation of the program because of other matters that still had to be accomplished by the Board of Directors.

■ Bill Mac Swain made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

■ George Bruzgis seconded.

■ President Dechert asked Chaplain Stegman to give the Benediction and Sergeant-at-Arms Sonley to conduct the honors and farewell to the colors.

■ President Dechert then declared the meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Membership Report

According to the latest KWVA Membership Secretary stats, we have:

- 40 new members for the month of November
- 1,357 new members for 2006, up from 1,096 at this time in 2005—an increase of 261 new members.
- 17,013 total members for 2006, up from 16,915 at this time in 2005—an increase of 98 total members.

Jeff Brodeur
KWVA Membership Chairman

CALL FOR ELECTION (2007-2010 Term)

As required by the KWVA By-Laws, this notice is presented as a Call for Election for Four (4) Directors for the years 2007-2010. These will replace the Directors whose terms will expire at midnight on June 24, 2007.

No later than February 15, 2007, any regular members in good standing of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., seeking to run for Director shall make their intentions known to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, in writing, using the following format:

1: Requirements:

a. Must present proof of service by submitting a separate signed Official KWVA Membership Application Form (found on the KWVA Website, or in *The Graybeards*) showing eligible service years and a statement releasing the Application Form 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, telephone number and KWVA membership number.

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

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

d. They must sign a statement that their dues are current through the whole of the term of office they are seeking (2007-2010). Payment of delinquent dues shall not be retroactive for the purpose of establishing eligibility to run for office within the Association.

e. Send the above items by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Nominating/Election Chairman to arrive not later than February 15, 2007.

Nominees are requested to contact the Nominating Committee Chairman if they have any questions.

Application and Questions are to be addressed to:

Nominating Committee
Robert S Banker, Chairman
516 Millwood Dr.
Fallston, MD, 21047
Phone (410) 877-1935
Email RobertBanker@Comcast.net

It is highly recommended—although not mandatory—that the candidates have an email address. This address should be included so that any problem with a submission may be rapidly noted to the candidate. A phone call may also be made by any Nominating Committee member to inform the candidate of any problem with the submission.

EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

Layouts: "Don't Try This At Home"

We receive requests occasionally to layout a story and photos exactly the way they are submitted. We cannot do that.

Without getting too technical, space considerations, resolution and quality of photos, etc., prevent us from acceding to such requests. For example, a page of typed or word-processed text does not translate exactly into a page of material in the magazine. Or, the photos are embedded with the text. (That, incidentally, never works. We cannot work with embedded photos in any way, shape, or form. Make sure the photos are hard copies or acceptable electronic images such as jpg, bitmap, or gif.) We work in terms of column space, color vs. black-and-white photos, hi-res vs. lo res photos, run-overs from one page to another, bleeds...in short, what submitters envision is not what results from the layout process.

Some readers have told me in no uncertain terms that (and I am paraphrasing here), "I took a few hours to set this up the way I wanted it to look. I was very disappointed at the way it turned out." We (the publisher and I) may be, too. But, software packages have minds of their own sometimes, and they limit us to what we can do.

So, here is my advice: when you have a story to submit and photos to supplement it, just send us the material without instructing us what photo goes where exactly or cutting and pasting it. We (actually our publisher, since I don't have a clue about layout procedures—but don't tell him) will take care of the placement. We will, of course, ask Quark Express or Adobe PageMaker, or whatever software package we are using, to honor our requests, but I doubt if it will do any good.

Rest assured, though, that we will do the best we can, even though it is not always good enough—even for us.

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. Your heartening response has made it possible to increase the quality of *The Graybeards*, and make desired changes in subsequent issues. We greatly appreciate your help—and we invite you to continue your generous support.

Make checks out to KWVA, Support of *The Graybeards*, or to KWVA with a note in the memo (Or "for") section at the bottom of the check "Support of *The Graybeards*." Every donation will be acknowledged in *The Graybeards*.

Send checks to KWVA Treasurer Richard E. Hare, 1260 Southampton Drive, Alexandria, LA 71303.

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Last Notice

New *Graybeards* Publishing Preferences In Effect

In the two previous issues we noted that new publishing preferences have gone into effect. To date, we have deferred publication of seven chapters' submissions because they are not in compliance with membership accreditation requirements. (That is an increase of two over the previous issue.)

To avoid further actions of this sort, we repeat—for the final time—the announcement that appeared in the July/August and September/October issues of *The Graybeards*.

The Graybeards reports on the activities of accredited Departments, Chapters, members, and affiliates of the Korean War Veterans Association of the USA.

Basically, it is about national members, and published by the national organization. Significantly, it consumes over half the dues paid by national members.

The Secretary of the KWVA and his assistants are concluding an intensive two-year effort to assist each Department/Chapter to comply with the membership accreditation requirements of the KWVA pertaining to active national membership, national data base corrections, and required election, per the Bylaws. Required election, bylaws and other reports are not optional, and are required to maintain national accreditation.

There have been numerous justifiable complaints from accredited KWVA Departments, Chapters and members for their articles and pictures being omitted for lack of space, while continued space in each issue, sometimes very extensive, is being afforded to Departments/Chapters/Individuals which are still not accredited national units/members—even after two years.

As of now, accredited Chapters/Departments/Individuals of the National KWVA will be afforded priority of space in *The Graybeards*. Exceptions will be made occasionally for a limited number of articles from Korean War veterans' organizations of nations belonging to the International Federation of Koreans War Veterans Associations, and for a limited

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KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 1 – DUES

All veterans organizations are increasing their dues. The VFW is raising their dues to \$35.00 per year. KWVA dues have not changed since 1996. The Budget and Finance Committee proposes an increase to \$25.00 a year to cover increased costs for postage, paper, editing, etc. The Committee proposes a sliding scale listed below for life memberships:

Ages up to 36	\$600
Ages 36-50	\$450
Ages 51-65	\$300
Ages 66 and older	\$150

Current Life Members – no change required.

Currently, an individual of any age returning from Korea can join with a life membership for \$150 if payment is postmarked not later than Dec. 31, 2006

ITEM 2 – DIRECTORS TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

MILEAGE: Payment per mile traveled in a personal automobile is .37 cents per mile. Total payment will not exceed round trip coach airfare as determined by the treasurer.

HOTEL/MOTEL: Lodging expenses are based on a single room cost during overnight stays while traveling by automobile and actual meeting nights are based on prearranged contracted costs. Hotel/Motel cost and receipts must be attached to the reimbursement request form.

AIRLINE/TRAIN/BUS TRAVEL: Travel expense, via these methods, shall be listed and receipts attached to the reimbursement form. All travel must be by coach accommodations.

TAXI/BUS FARES: Any taxi or bus fare necessary to reach and leave the place of the official called meetings shall require receipts and be listed on the reimbursement form.

AIRPORT PARKING: A receipt for parking at the lowest rate available at the departure airport is required and is to be listed on the reimbursement form.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES: Any extraordinary expenses must be listed and receipts attached to allow determination of approval by the proper authorities.

ITEM 3 – NATIONAL CHARTER

DELETED

ITEM 4 – FUND RAISING

It is requested that the Board of Directors consider the following as a means of raising funds for KWVA, Inc. general membership projects and for perpetual care of the Korean War Veterans Memorial, The Mall in Washington, D.C., and this proposal be considered an annual fund-raising vehicle.

That the KWVA request and receive a commitment for an annual donation of a Korean-made automobile;

That the KWVA request and receive a commitment for an annual

donation of a HDTV from Samsung;

That the drawing for first prize will be the automobile and drawing for second prize will be the HDTV;

That solicitation be limited to KWVA, Inc. national members only;

If the Korean community would like to participate, they would have to independently solicit participation on their behalf;

That a bulk mailing will be made to all KWVA, Inc. national members;

That the period for participation be open from March through one month prior to the 2007 annual convention;

That ticket prices be limited to \$25 each;

Or \$5 each with a \$25 minimum;

Or \$10 each with a \$30 minimum;

That the drawing be held at the 2007 annual convention.

ITEM 5 – 2007 BUDGET

Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. Proposed 2007 Budget

INCOME

CONTRIBUTIONS-SUPPORT OF GRAYBEARDS	\$ 5,000
CONVENTIONS	2,000
DUES	208,000
DONATIONS	1,000
ADVERTISING-GRAYBEARDS	5,000
INCOME FROM FUND RAISING (one)	128,000
DIVIDEND-INTEREST	17,000
ROYALTY INCOME	2,000
AFFINITY FEES	2,000
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$370,000

EXPENSES

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
CPA	\$ 8,000
Legal Fees	7,000
SUB-TOTAL	\$15,000
FUND RAISING EXPENSES.....	16,000
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	13,200
DONATIONS-VETS, ORGS	1,000
GRAYBEARDS MAGAZINE	
• Editing	12,000
• Printing/Publishing	110,000
• Postage	43,000
SUB-TOTAL	\$165,000

EXPENSES

INSURANCE.....	\$16,000
MEMBERSHIP OFFICE	
• Membership Cards/Supplies.....	7,500
• Secretarial Services	30,000

• Postage/Telephone	7,000
SUB-TOTAL	\$44,500
BANK CHARGES	2,000

EXPENSES

MEETINGS & CONVENTION TRAVEL	
(Directors, Vice Presidents And Other Members Designated By the President)	\$50,200
Recorder.....	2,100
Miscellaneous – Copying & Other Hotel Charges	1,000
SUB-TOTAL	\$53,300

MISCELLANEOUS

• Chapter Expenses.....	1,000
• Headquarters Expenses	4,000
• Other – Reimbursement	2,000
SUB-TOTAL	\$7,000

EXPENSES

ELECTIONS	\$ 3,000
TRAVEL (Other Than Meetings & Conventions)	19,000
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT	10,000
OTHER	
• Credit Card Expense	1,900
• VAVS	300
• Tell America Program	1,500
• By-Laws and Procedure Manual Tasks	300
• VSO & Legislative Director	2,000
SUB-TOTAL	\$5,000

SUMMARY

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 370,000
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	370,000
DIFFERENCE.....	\$ 0



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To the Executive Council
Korean War Veterans Association, Inc
Alexandria, VA

We have compiled the accompanying balance sheet and income statement-cash basis/income tax basis for the twelve month period ended August 31, 2006 of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. and the accompanying supplementary information which is presented only for supplementary analysis purposes, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting, in the form of financial statements, information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles of the United States. If the omitted disclosures were included with the balance sheet and income statement, they might influence the user's conclusion about the Company's financial position. Accordingly, this balance sheet and income statement is not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

We are not independent with respect to the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

s/s Daenen Henderson & Company

November 17, 2006

A Revised KWVA Standard Procedure Manual Available

The Board of Directors approved a revised Standard Procedure Manual at its meeting on October 10, 2006 in San Antonio, TX. The Standard Procedure Manual (SPM) will be placed on the KWVA Web Site the last of April, where it can be downloaded free by any member. A coupon for ordering a SPM copy and for printing and mailing costs will be placed in the March/April edition of *The Graybeards* for those members who do not have access for downloading the manual.

The Board of Directors approved these methods for obtaining a copy, but asked for more time to make any other changes that they thought would be necessary before releasing it to the membership. The Board is to immediately begin using the manual as approved. Any changes necessary are to be suggested by those committees or individuals involved with the manual guides, and the changes suggested will be checked by the Bylaws Committee for any circumvention problems with the existing Bylaws. Approval of changes will then be made via mail ballots by the Board of Directors.

This six-month trial period should be enough time to make sure the approved SPM and any necessary changes are workable and do not cause any problems with their implementation.

Update on Membership Office Changes

The incorporation of the KWVA in New York State—and the Bylaws—has always stated that we would establish a headquarters in the Washington, DC area. There have been numerous Bylaws changes over the years. In fact, two virtual rewrites of the Bylaws have taken place during my Administration. One constant through all of the years is that the members have always voted to retain the DC Office requirement.

The Executive Council (now Board of Directors) meeting in February 2004 discussed establishing and opening the office and the costs of operations. They voted, and directed, that the office would be established and opened in the same building where we are now finally opening an office.

Concurrently, with the move of the current KWVA database operations, we are changing our computer system to a fully protected system, with a contract that will not exceed present costs. Several changes have been underway since the Knoxville Convention in 2004, when the Executive Council approved data base software improvements.

One of the most noticeable changes is that our long-time employee, Nancy Monson, has chosen not to work at the new location. We thank her for her past service to the KWVA, and wish her well in her future endeavors.

The Board has every expectation that current actions will result in greater accountability in membership and finances, as well as enhance efforts to obtain a federal charter while making better use of our very limited resources.

It is with great pleasure that I announce, effective as of now, that the KWVA Capitol Area office is open for business. Moreover, we have obtained an outstanding individual to work

with us there. Annelie Weber, wife of Colonel Bill Weber, the Director of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, has assumed her duties as the Executive Assistant in our Capitol office.

Annelie brings great experience to our organization. She has been a staffer on Capitol Hill and was the editor of The Commemorator for the Department of Defense during the 50th Commemoration Years.

The phones and FAX are now working in the new location, and we can all call and welcome Annelie as the office begins operations.

I trust that this summary of office events will assist you in having answers to some of the questions you may be receiving from members and various other sources.

New Mailing and Email Addresses:

US Postal Mailing Address:
Korean War Veterans Association,
PO Box 22857
Alexandria, VA 22304-9285

KWVA Membership Email Address: Membership@kwva.org

Use this email address to report changes in Department, Chapter and Member information or to get information concerning same.

The new office telephone and FAX numbers are:

Phone Calls: 703-461-0061
FAX: 703-461-0062

Louis T Dechert

National President and Chairman of the Board

KWVA BOARD MEETING – EXECUTIVE SESSION

OCTOBER 11 9:12AM-10:02 AM

OCTOBER 11 3:05PM- 5:04 PM

OCTOBER 11 9:58PM- 12:55 AM (12TH)

HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL

The KWVA met in closed Executive Session of the subject of presentation of evidence, review and discussion, presentment of Charges, Hearings, and findings, in the case of several members of the KWVA organization. The Board met for a total of three hours spread over two days in handling this situation.

The Board had extensive material, and presentations based on the work of the late Marty O'Brien, former Chairman of the Ethics and Grievances Committee, who carefully reviewed the charges. He recommended that there be no further action against two men. He did, however, recommend actions against other KWVA members on the basis of inappropriate behavior.

These deliberations were careful, extensive, and painful, but resulted in what the Board feels in the best interests of the order.

As a result of these actions, the following occurred:

- First Vice President Nick Pappas was expelled from the KWVA Organization

- Second Vice President Byron Dickerson is on a probationary period

- Director John Edwards resigned as a Direct, but remains a member

- John Kronenberger is expelled from the organization
- Sheila Kronenberger is expelled from the organization.

These actions were regretful, entered into without rancor, but necessary.

National KWVA Fund Raiser Flower Rose of Sharon

The Rose of Sharon is the National KWVA fund raising flower. The Rose of Sharon is sold by the dozen.

- ☐ Sample order is 4 dozen @ \$12 plus \$3.00 S/H.
- ☐ Minimum order is 20 doz. @ \$60 plus \$5.00 S/H.

Order from: Earl House
1870 Yakona Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21234
Phone 410-661-8950



Make Checks payable to: **Maryland Chapter – KWVA**

THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Income Statement For the Twelve Month Period Ended August 31, 2006 Sep '05 - Aug 06

Ordinary Income/Expense Income

Contributions - Support of <i>The Graybeards</i>	5,598.00
Affinity fees	1,900.45
Conventions	5,465.00
Dues.....	242,264.18
Donations	960.00
Graybeards Advertising	2,695.00
Fund Raiser-Net of Expenses	84,064.87
Sales - Miscellaneous Items	126.00
Total Income	343,073.50

Expense

5000 Professional services	17,476.76
5002 Bank charges	2,760.41
5007 Web site.....	14,594.40
5009 Donation - Colleges/Vets Org.....	300.00
5014 Graybeards Magazine	171,710.88
5015 Insurance	15,071.50
5017 Membership Office	38,612.10
5019 Meetings and conventions	34,564.18
5022 Miscellaneous	11,079.22
5023 Elections	2,186.63
5024 Travel.....	25,140.10
5031 Telephone/Supplies/Postage	8,755.60
5032 Credit Card expense	1,027.19
Total Expense.....	343,278.97
Net Ordinary Income	-205.47

Other Income/Expense Other Income

Dividends.....	12,871.13
Interest Income	9,010.23
Realized Gain (Loss) Investments.....	9,243.66
Unrealized Gain (Loss) Investments	35,707.99
Royalty Income	1,161.35
Income from Fund Raisers	2,600.00
Total Other Income	-821.62
Net Other Income	-821.62
Net Income.....	-1,027.09

See accountants' compilation report.

Balance Sheet As of August 31, 2006

Aug 31, 06

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	
1001 Checking -1591275795.....	1,621.31
1003 Savings -1615961735.....	75,669.14
Total Checking/Savings	77,290.45

Other Current Assets

1007 A. G. Edwards	433,045.15
Total Other Current Assets	433,045.15
Total Current Assets	510,335.60

TOTAL ASSETS **510,335.60**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY Equity

Life membership fund	94,139.60
3000 Unrestricted net assets	416,196.00
Total Equity	510,335.60

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **510,335.60**

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FUND RAISER

THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION Income Statement

For the Twelve Month Period Ended August 31, 2006

Sep '05 - Aug 06

Ordinary Income/Expense Income

4006 Fund Raiser-Net of Expenses

4006.a Income	116,247.01
4006.b Admin, Accounting & Control	-4,041.25
4006.c Printing, Postage & Mailing	-25,332.55
4006.d Other.....	-150.37
4006.e Travel & Meals	-2,657.97
Total 4006 Fund Raiser-Net of Expenses	84,064.87
Total Income	84,064.87
Net Ordinary Income	84,064.87
Net Income	84,064.87

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QUESTIONS

Questions arise in the course of preparation of *The Graybeards*. They come from many sources, e.g., Chapter newsletters and phone conversations with members, and cover diverse topics. From time to time we will present them here in the hope that readers can submit responses and help us all expand our knowledge of the Korean War.

If you have answers to the questions we present, or information about the topics, please submit them to *The Graybeards* Editor, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT, or mail them to sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net

1: Is it true that Turkish soldiers:

- carried portable, hand-wound phonographs and played Eartha Kitt's song "Yishkadar" over and over?
- lit fires at night as a dare to the enemy to attack?

#2 Was there any rhyme or reason as to which countries' units were attached to one another? For example, was it purely by chance that the Turks were assigned to the 14th Inf., 25th Div?

Please support our advertisers

You will notice that we have several new advertisers in this issue. Hopefully, our readers will buy their products so we can retain them, attract new advertisers, and use the revenues to underwrite the costs of producing *The Graybeards*.

Tell America Report at the National Meeting in San Antonio

Greetings from the Tell America Committee: Chris Yanacos, Board Oversight; Jim Yaney, from Indiana, who has a great TV program going with their local PBS station; Irving Breitbart, from New York, who has a wonderful program every year with West Point; and Marvin Dunn, who helps promote our program in Texas.

We are all pleased to report that the TA program is alive and well and making a difference to students in many parts of the USA. The committee has much to talk about, but I don't have time to do it all so will try to boil it down to three major topics.

- What we have been doing
- How the program is progressing
- The future of the program

A. What we have been doing (good news/bad news)

The good news is—

We have been emailing and talking with veterans, teachers and students literally all over the US and even some in Europe who have questions about our Tell America program. Thanks to the good support from Art Sharp, we have had articles in *The Graybeards* every month about what our Korean vets are doing around the country with successful programs. Hopefully, this encourages others to start their own program and also gives recognition to those who are doing the work.

Jim Doppelhammer has done a good job of posting information on the website to help those who need information to get started. For those who may not know, we have an outline and a script on our website that will provide words and information for those who don't want to write their own material or who just need help in getting started.

With the aid of several people, we obtained posters, maps, brochures, booklets and a video that was a part of the 50th anniversary celebration in 2003. This has served as a good resource for those who have a need, both to chapters who want more visual aids and a good boost for those who are just getting start-

ed.

The 11-minute video is an excerpt from the 50th anniversary celebration tape. It provides a great overview of the action and summarizes the historical significance of the war. Since late last year, when I came into possession of the material, I have mailed out close to 50 sets of what I call a standard packet that consists of a large map of Korea, a poster of events during the war, and a set of 4 posters that depict various activities of service personnel during the war. I have received several notes from chapters telling me how much they appreciate the material and how it is helping with their program.

I have additional items that could be of interest to someone:

- (1) 2 DVDs from Jim Yaney on their Korean Memorial Dedication and a program on the Chosin Few that is being sent to the Library of Congress.
- (2) A DVD from Roger Hathaway, in Winthrop, MA, titled "Once Forgotten/Now Remembered."
- (3) A CD and tape of "Bloody Korea: the Real Story."
- (4) A music/poetry CD by Richard Ratledge, titled "We Were Soldiers."
- (5) Norm Strickbine's book, *Red Dragon-Faces of War II*—which can be ordered from him.
- (6) "Admiral Yi Sun-sun—the story of a Korean National Hero," published by the Diamond Sutra organization. It is free to those interested.

The bad news is—

We are running out of the visual aids (posters and other printed material) that have been so very helpful for the program this past year. We need to find more or have these reprinted. I would love to have additional copies of this material, but I haven't figured a good way to replace it. If anyone knows of material like this available, I would like to hear from you. This kind of information is what encourages chapters to get started in the program.

(Note: At the Convention Bob Desmond, Member of the Board for the

Korean War National Museum, told me he thought Larry Sassarossi had some of these posters at the Museum. Since then, it has been confirmed that they do have a pretty fair supply of the material, and they will make it available to us.)

Does your chapter have a Tell America program???

We are very proud of those who do and continue to work diligently with the schools. If you don't, we would like to hear from you if you have an interest in getting started. I still think this program, which takes us into the schools/civic programs or wherever else you can go to tell about the Korean War, is one of the best things our chapters can do. It gets the members involved in a project that will make them feel good and will certainly make a difference, especially in the lives of students, when you tell them about the sacrifices that all veterans have made in protecting the freedoms in this country. It is not really difficult to start the program, but it definitely does take work, commitment and dedication to get into the schools and do it right.

B. How are we doing with this program??

The basic truth is I don't really know, but I am hoping to find out. My gut feeling from people who have contacted me is that we are doing pretty well for a bunch of old guys. Some of you may have seen the survey in *The Graybeards* and on the web site. So far, of our 247 KWVA chapters, I have received 36 responses with 23 indicating they have a working Tell America program. I am sure there are many chapters out there with programs that I haven't heard from, so my request of you is to please fill out the survey so we get some indication of how well we are doing in contacting our communities.

The most common topics that come from the survey deals with "How do you go about getting started?", and "please send more visual aids." If I can get enough information to make it worthwhile, I hope to put the results of the survey in *The Graybeards*, along with comments and suggestions that I have received. My objectives with all this are to encourage more chapters to get involved and provide support where it is needed.

The Board of Directors put \$1500 dollars in the budget this year to help with the program.

C. The future of the program—

The two basic facts about this program are (1) we have a great story to tell and (2) there is no one better suited than we are to tell this story. Unfortunately, our schools and the students get very little of the story of the Korean War in text books. We find that the teachers, unless they have a close relative who was in the war, also know very little about Korea, but they are very willing to help tell the story if they are made aware of the history.

As you look around, you can tell we are following closely behind the WWII vets with diminishing ranks, and we do not have a lot of time to tell our story. So what we do in the *near future* will determine how many of our citizens/students will really know about the Korean War from the people who know it best.

The future of this program is in your hands and your help in telling the story. Personally, I think it is a good idea to get the younger Korean vets involved with your programs if you can. They bring a little different version, but they will be here much longer to continue what we have started.

I mentioned Jim Yaney. Unfortunately he couldn't attend, but he did send his greetings in the form of a short report on Chapter#1 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. I know he will welcome your questions and be delighted to help in any way. You can call him at telephone # 260-248-2203.

Following is a portion of Jim Yaney's report:

We believe that we have created one of the most successful Tell America programs in the country. In the beginning, we found it difficult to get our program into the school system. Now, they call us. In doing so, they ask us to put them on the list for an annual visit. One year ago we dreamed of reaching a much larger audience...the only way we could do this was to try radio or television.

Today, I am proud to say, that through the hard work of our dedicated Korean veterans, in October we will celebrate our first year on Public Access Television and we are proud that we have made a great rating with the viewers on Channel 57 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to report on some of our accomplishments this year. On Memorial Day we were honored by Channel 57 in showing continuously for 24 hours a marathon of all the shows we produced this year. If that wasn't enough, we were informed by the station that they wanted to send our programs to the Library of Congress for all Americans to enjoy. Last, but not least, the Genealogy Department of one of our largest libraries has requested our programs. With the help of our veterans, they want to reach out to all genealogy departments in the nation to promote more information to go into history books for future generations to know more about the Korean War.

As we came to the call of the Korean people over 56 years ago, the time is now to answer the call of our future generations of Americans who want more information on the Forgotten War so it will never be forgotten by any American who feels freedom is not an option, but the right of all people. And it is made so by the veterans who paid the supreme sacrifice to insure that freedom will prevail always.

In closing, I would like to announce that with the cooperation of public access TV in Ft. Wayne the Director, Robert Erie (a veteran of the USMC) has given me a list of the TV stations across the nation that are interested in offering this same opportunity to chapters in their area.

Please feel free to contact me to see if a station in your area is on the list. It will be my pleasure to help in any way I can in getting the story of the Korean War out to the public.

Larry Kinard

National Tell America Program

Cry "Uncle"



Bernard Uleano (L), Frank Morello (C), and John (?) (R) in a picture taken early 1953 at Kumwha Valley, Korea.

I served with Service Company, 14th Regiment, 25th Division. I met Frank Morello who was from Corona, Queens, New York. We became friends.

When we returned home, we got together. Frank then met my Aunt Lizzie—and they got married.

This year they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. I now have to call him Uncle Frank.

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DUES INCREASE COMING

All veterans' organizations are increasing their dues. The KWVA is among them.

The Budget and Finance Committee proposes an increase to \$25.00 a year to cover increased costs for postage, paper, editing, etc. It also proposes a sliding scale listed below for life memberships:

Ages up to 35	\$600	Ages 51-65	\$300
Ages 36-50	\$450	Ages 65 and older	\$150
Current Life Members – no change required.			

Currently, an individual of any age returning from Korea can join with a life membership for \$150.

Yuletide Memories

Speaking of B-26s

These items appeared in a December 1951 issue of Stars & Stripes. The copy from which it comes is a copy of a 55-year-old copy that is a bit wrinkled, rumped, etc. (Aren't we all after 55 years?) The editor has taken a couple liberties to fill in blanks that have appeared due to the paper's age, but the gist is clear. (The blanks are indicated by parentheses.)

B-26 Crew Practices Economy on Enemy

With 3D Bomb Wing—A B-26 crew of the 3d Bomb Wing in Korea recently put the current supply and economy program to practical use by utilizing a remaining bomb and a small amount of .50 cal. ammo to destroy a locomotive, 15 box-cars, and (probably a second engine).

Returning from a bombing mission...the navigator, 2d Lt. Robert Boyd, Sheffield, Ala., spotted the two trains chugging south.

The plane's skipper, Col. Robert Hughey, Chicago, wheeled the B-26 around and started a bomb run on the first of the locomotives. Bombardier Maj. James E. Gentry, Kokomo, Ind., let the 1000 pounder drop. It was [a] dead center hit, which completely demolished the engine and wrecked several box cars.

This was followed by (several) bombing runs which knocked out more of the supply laden (box cars) and a "probably destroyed" chalked up on the other engine.

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There was another brief item on the same page commenting on turkey dinners for members of the 1st Marine Division.

With U.S. 1st Marine Div. (UP)—Marines on the Korean war front will have a heart-warming Christmas considerably different from last year's bleak Yuletide, when they were still recovering from the effects (of their suffering) at the Chosin reservoir.

Tons of hot turkey dinners will be flown by helicopter to (the Marines).

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And now for the piece de resistance from that same issue, which is seen in many versions around this time of year:

A KOREAN CHRISTMAS CAROL

by Darrell T. Rathbun

'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 GIs 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.
Outside we could hear our platoon sergeant Kelly,
A hard little man with a little pot belly.

"Come Yancey, come Clancey, come Connors and Watson.
Up Miller, up Hiller, 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 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!"

Thanks to Roscoe R. Moore, 436 Bradley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210, (276) 628-2463, for sending us a copy of his copy of *Stars & Stripes*.

He noted with the submission that, "I was with the 17th Inf. Regt., 7th Div. in the 'Punch Bowl' sector of North Korea in December 1951 when I first read this "Korean Christmas Carol." I tore it out and sent it home. Many years later I found it in some of my mother's possessions.

The original has turned brown, so I'm sending a copy of it....I'm sure that thousands of Korean War veterans would enjoy and appreciate it."

Visit the Korean War Veterans Association
Website: www.KWVA.org

Now Hear This:

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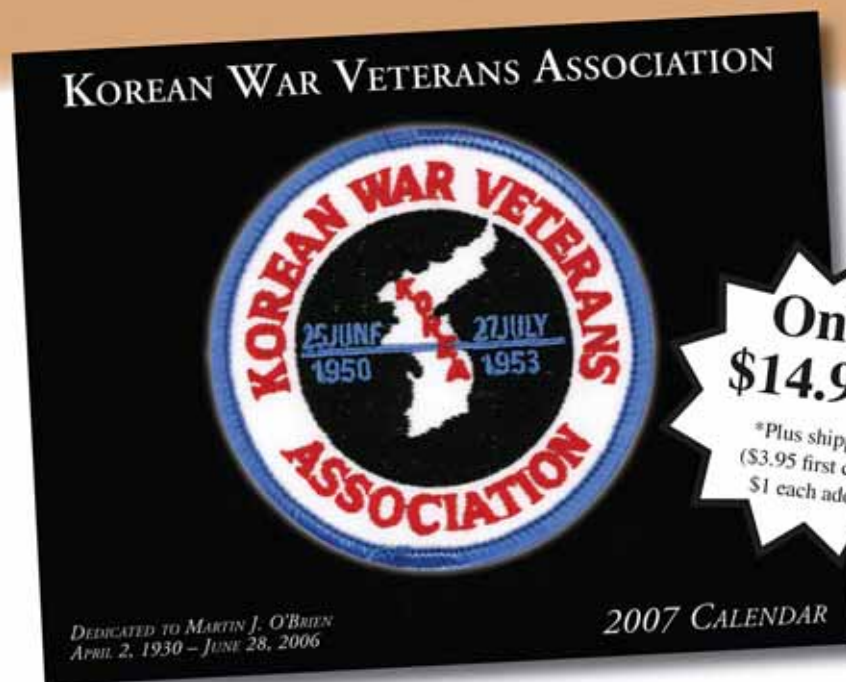


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Tell America

Diamond Sutra Recitation Group Making 'Tell America' Material Available

I hope many of you noticed the letter on page 62 of the September-October 2006 copy of *The Graybeards* magazine from the Diamond Sutra Recitation Group. This organization contacted us in August to tell us of their interest in promoting a stronger relationship with the American people, especially the KWVA, because of what we did fifty years ago. They appear to be an organization that we would like to continue to maintain contact with and utilize some of their material in the Tell America Program.

They have developed 2 websites (www.koreanhero.net and www.koreanpatriot.net) in 6 languages about Korean culture and history. For the first part of this promotion project they are featuring a booklet about one of their national heroes, Admiral Yi Sun-sin, his life and achievements. They sent 300 of these free booklets for distribution to KWVA members at the October Convention in San Antonio. They have also provided Admiral Yi's story to the U. S. Naval

Academy, Air Force Academy and West Point.

George Washington University, Wittenberg University, and several other universities are using them in their history programs. They plan to expand their program by publishing other booklets featuring King Sejong the Great and essays on other influential people in Korean history. All these booklets are free, and will be sent to KWVA chapters upon request. The Admiral Yi booklet is available now; others will be available in the near future.

Those who are interested in these booklets, especially those of you who have Tell America programs and are working with the schools, may want to contact Mr. Yon Han (www.admiralyi@hotmail.com) and ask about getting some of his booklets for your schools. If you have questions about this program you may call me at 682-518-1040 or email www.larry.kinard@yahoo.com.

Larry Kinard
National Tell America Program

I hope this story will motivate all veterans and Chapters to work hard in making a positive approach to their "Tell America" programs.

If any Chapter is interested in trying TV, please contact me.

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Reverend Han (L) and James E. Yaney make one of their many appearances together



Indiana students listen attentively to a "Tell America" presentation

Do You Want Your Tell America Program On TV?

The television show "Tell America" celebrated its first year on Access TV, Channel 57, in Fort Wayne, IN. It was a dream in the making. Today it has become a reality. Our program airs every third Wednesday at prime time—6:30 p.m.

Our TV station has informed me that it wants to forward our show to the Library of Congress for everyone to enjoy. Also, I will

be working with the Genealogy Departments to get more in our history books for our younger generations about the Korean War.

The leader of the Korean community, Reverend Han, has been touring with me to the schools and television station. He makes a hit with everyone wherever we go.

MS 201 @ WEST POINT 2005: After Action Report

The AY05 (Academic Year 2005) "Instructors for a Day" program at The United States Military Academy at West Point was a pleasant memory for those who attended it. The Point of Contact for the event was KWVA member and Tell America committee member Irving M. Breitbart.

Due to the coverage that was given to this program last year in the July-August edition of *The Graybeards*, there was a tremendous response from the membership. Breitbart is proud to say that replies came in from South Carolina, Massachusetts, and Maryland, plus those from the members in the immediate



Participants at West Point "Instructors for a Day" Program, 2005

New York and New Jersey area.

The program covered approximately 62 classes of cadets taking this session for the day. It attracted coverage by Korean War veterans from Staten Island, Central Long Island, Rockland County, and Westchester-Putnam County. The idea of the program was to have at least two veterans for each class. Breitbart's thanks go out to the Commanders of each of these chapters for their assistance in getting members to participate.

The 2005 program began on 9 November, when Breitbart received the veterans at Buffalo Soldier's Field at 0830 hours for check in. By 1015 hours everyone had appeared, and the group was ready to load the buses to go to Washington Hall, on the main part of the academy grounds.

At the unloading point for the buses, the veterans were met by officers from the Department of Military Instruction, who led them across the plain towards Washington Hall, and to Lecture Hall 5006.

Once everyone was settled in the lecture hall, Breitbart had the

privilege of welcoming all to the program. The Department Head, Col. Peter Curry, then welcomed everyone. Finally, Capt. Daphne Austin, the OIC (Officer in Charge for the Course), explained to all present what their day at the academy would involve.

A roll call was conducted. As each individual's name was called, a cadet appeared to be their escort for the day and to take them to the mess hall to eat chow (lunch) with their respective company members in the mess hall. It was an amazing sight to see how the academy was able to feed 4500-5000 people in under ½ hour.

An announcement was also made telling all the cadets present that the civilians present for the meal were all veterans present for the MS201 program. A big round of applause was given to all the veterans present. To the veterans in attendance, it was truly a great experience to be able to sit and eat a meal with the cadets in the mess hall.

Upon completion of the meal, the veterans were escorted to their respective classrooms in Thayer Hall to commence their "Instructor for the Day" role. The

mug and one of his Challenge Coins for his efforts in coordinating this program.

Since 10 November is the birthday of the United States Marine Corps, the group had to do something special for those Marines present. Maj. John Bob, a Marine attached to the academy, decided to do something special for the Marine Corps Birthday. He contacted the detachment of Marines attached to Stewart AFB. As a result, four Marines from the base carried the cake that was brought in for the celebration. A group of Marine Bagpipers performed as well.

A message was read from the Marine Corps Commandant commemorating the birthday, after which the birthday cake was cut. The first slice went to the honored guest present—who happened to be Breitbart. The next piece went to the oldest Marine veteran present. The piece after that went to the youngest Marine present.

After the cake cutting ceremony, the Marine Corps Bagpipers put on a musical show, which included appropriate melodies for all branches of service. Major Bob put on a great show.

Once everything was done in the lecture hall, and everyone present had their coffee and cake, the group went downstairs for picture taking in front of Washington Hall of those present.

Since this was the 6th year that Breitbart has been doing this program, he considered it to be a true success, thanks to all those veterans who attended.

Editor's Note: Thanks to Irving Breitbart, who contributed this report.

Another Way to 'Tell America'

What a wonderful tribute you paid in your May/June magazine to the KWVA founder, Bill Norris. He was quite an outstanding man and a patriotic veteran who did much more than most in serving his country and the

Korean War veterans.

Mr. Norris' story about his daughter Ginny reminded me of my experience two years ago when my grandson Daniel asked me to be a part of his report on the Korean War. (See 'An Early

Memorial Day') Unbeknown to me, he had read a book titled Christmas in July that I co-authored with seventeen other Korean War veterans. He and a friend decided to report on the Korean War to two eighth grade classes in his school that knew nothing about that war. (His grammar school only goes up to World War I in history. Some children learn a little bit about the Korean War in high school.)

I am enclosing the letter I wrote to my co-authors and veteran friends about my experience in helping to get the word out that there was a Korean War. I also write to various media outlets about the Korean War, because I greatly dislike the

"Forgotten War" moniker that has been laid on that terrible war. I also find that it may become "forgotten" if we don't speak out.

I might add that Daniel and Ian, like Ginny, both received "As" for their report. One of the teachers told me that she could teach until she turns blue, but when the kids see and hear someone who took part in history, it sticks with them. Hopefully, other vets will get the opportunity to get the Korean War message out in this way too.

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The Blackhawk Middle School student body assembled on Tell America Day

An Early Memorial Day

I had an early Memorial Day happening this past Tuesday, May 25th [2006], when I attended a history class at my youngest grandson's Valley Center Middle School in California.

My grandson is Daniel Gunnar Osterberg, who is an eighth grader at this school. He had asked me to take part in a project report that he and a neat kid named Ian were to give to two of their eighth grade school's history classes. He and Ian had selected the Korean War as their subject. He selected it because he had read Christmas in July, and he thought that the other students might have an interest in this almost forgotten war. The eighth grade's text book only reaches as far as World War I, so the kids know little or nothing about the Korean War.

Not known to me, Daniel and Ian used Christmas in July and the Internet for their reference in gathering information for this combined history report. I, as their guest, was to be "Exhibition A" as a real live person who had fought in this long ago war.

Barb and I arrived at the school on time, and met the two very pleasant teachers of these two particular history classes, Mrs. Freeman and Mr. Marx. All

the students of each class filed in, and the current events of the school were given over a TV screen by some of the school's students. After all that information was given, we all stood up to recite the Pledge of Allegiance—including "one Nation under God," which everyone recited. The teachers introduced Barb and me as Daniel's grandparents. Then, she asked Daniel and Ian to begin the report.

Each boy had a brief turn telling about the Korean War, when Korea became a nation, and how it became the split countries of North and South Korea after World War II. They explained how the war started and the major battles in the first year of that war. They told us of the Inchon landing, various Heartbreak Ridge battles, how the soldiers lived, the cold weather, food, ["chipped beef on toast"] weapons used [BAR, M-1 rifle], radios [PRC- 6 and PRC 10], clothing worn, e.g., Mickey Mouse boots, and the trench warfare we all knew. It was easy to pick out the parts that came out of our book, Christmas in July, like the little Korean kids scooping food out of the garbage cans, Heartbreak Ridge trench warfare, and the Outpost.

I found myself becoming

30 – INDIANA CHAPTER ONE [IN]

CID 30 kicked off its 2006-07 Tell America program in a big way.

On October 11th, at Blackhawk Middle School in Ft. Wayne, our veterans and spouses enjoyed a wonderful day. The veterans went into the classrooms and told their stories and experiences. Then, they had lunch and a beautiful cake with the students and faculty.

In the afternoon, they honored veterans from our group, as well as a Vietnam veteran and

one returning from the war in Iraq. Each veteran had their own personal escort to assist them throughout the day in getting to their proper locations.

Hearing 900 students recite the Pledge to our Flag was totally awesome.

We had several schools scheduled for November as well.

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CID 30 veterans and their escorts at Blackhawk Middle School in Ft. Wayne, IN: (Front, seated, L-R) Commander Bernard Wisniewski, Carl Fowler, Harold Schick, Bob Myers. (Standing, L-R) Garry Sink, Al Clendenen, Mel Franke, Ken Roemke, Lynn Shady, Tell America Chairman

emotionally moved as I sat listening to these two young boys talk about something I had lived so very long, long ago. It was hard to realize that I am now an old man as I listened to his grandson tell some of what I saw and lived an eternity ago. The report was quite moving and required a major gathering of my emotions. [Getting old is not easy.]

The boys mentioned things that I had long forgotten and now recalled. When they finished their portion of the report, my grandson introduced me as, "his

grandpa, who was a soldier in the Korean War."

I explained how and when I went into the Army. I quickly went from basic training, on to Korea, Outpost Queen, the end of the war, and my return from Inchon to New York City and the parade. These kids probably didn't know what I was talking about, but they sat very attentively and listened to what I had to say.

I gave the class a copy of Christmas in July after I explained how we all got together

through the Internet to tell our stories and create the book. I hope that the kids learned a little about the "Forgotten War" and that these reports will somehow go on to help inform our youth that there was a Korean War and that "freedom isn't free."

The whole event was not only a very emotionally moving and a touching experience for me, but it also made me so proud of Daniel, Ian and all these wonderful Valley Center Middle School students. It is gratifying to know that we have these fine young people to keep this country

strong, as they one day will move on to become good responsible citizens of this great nation.

Yes, my "Early Memorial Day" is something that I know I will always remember. I couldn't help but pass this event on to you, because Christmas in July, whether we know it or not, is getting the word out about the Korean War in a very subtle and constructive way.

Hats off to the kids and teachers at Valley Center Middle School!

SPECIAL REPORT

One of the things that may be overlooked in operating "Tell America" programs is just how far-reaching they may be. Note in this special report provided by CID 108, Western Ohio, for example, that the program reaches many foreign exchange students who will no doubt take the stories back to their homelands. That way, the story of the Korean War—and the universal struggle for freedom—will be spread a lot farther than western Ohio, in this case, or wherever other programs operate.

No wonder "Tell America" is so popular. Participants are actually telling a lot more than America. Proof? Look at the homes of the students in the nearby photos.

Here is an example of the time involved and the number of contacts made in one year by one Chapter. But, as is so often the case, numbers don't tell the whole story.

TELL AMERICA PROGRAM CHAPTER 108 – WESTERN OHIO

School Year 2004 - 2005
Fred Shively, Chairperson

Number of schools	19
Number of trips	31
Miles traveled	1,828
Travel time	48 hrs.
Number of classes	67
Number of periods	112
Classroom time	81 hrs.
Number of students	1,599
Number of teachers and adults	44

Combined net totals: Veterans Day & Tell America Programs

Number of schools	29
Number of trips	41
Miles traveled	2,294
Classroom, assemblies, travel time	166 hrs.
Number of students	6,043
Number of teachers & adults	289.

Nor do these letters, which have been "word processed" for *The Graybeards*. In every case the writer took his or her time to write the note by hand. And, some of the comments are really revealing regarding what young people learn about the military and the veterans who have served in it. The letters were written by students at Coldwater High School, in Coldwater, OH.

Dear Mr. Shively,

I want to thank you for the time you took out of your day to give the presentation on Korea to my Coldwater High School class. I found the presentation to be very interesting. All the visual aids and the quick pace made it easy to follow and learn. Even though I didn't try the kim-chee, I am glad we had the chance to. Thank you again for your time and I hope you will continue to give your excellent presentation to our school and area schools in the future.

Sincerely,

Kevin Abels

Dear Mr. Fred Shively,

My name is Katie Wellmar and I am in Mr. Hamberg's U.S. studies class at Coldwater High School. I am writing to thank you for coming in and talking to us about the Korean War, and also for serving and risking your life for our country.

I learned a lot and really appreciate the time you and Mr. Williamson took to come in. ...I never knew how versatile a soldier's helmet was. Now I've even tried Korean food!

Thanks,

Katie Wellman

Continued ➤

Mr. Fred Shively,

Thank you for taking time out of your day to help us better understand the Korean War. Thank you for risking your life in a fight to contain communism even when so many believe it to be a fight not worth fighting.

Your presentation showed me a different perception of the war and that the Korean War was not a worthless fight.

I greatly appreciate all you have done.

Thank you,

Lydia Raney

Mr. Shively,

Thank you so much for coming to our class to teach us about the Korean War. It was really interesting to learn about.

My grandpa was in that war. He doesn't talk about it much, but now I have some background information so I can ask him about it.

Thanks again,

Sarah Naveau

Dear Mr. Shively,

Thanks for coming in a talking to us about the Korean War. I found everything you spoke about interesting and new. You also helped me understand how hard it was to be a soldier back then. The food you had to eat sound-
ed just awful.

(Name withheld due to illegibility)

So that's what the kids were thinking. The letters alone make the "Tell America" worthwhile. Fred Shively and his colleagues in CID 108 can attest to that. Hopefully, more Chapters will emulate their efforts—and "Tell America."

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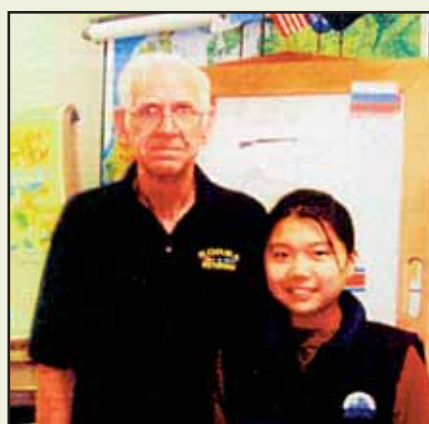
(L-R) Dinah Schuman (Berlin, Germany), Ken Williamson (CID 108), Han Kyung (Seoul, Korea) Fred Shively (CID 108) at Coldwater, OH



Ken Williamson, Hyun Jeune Cheong (Seoul, Korea), and Fred Shively



Ken Williamson, Han Kyul Kim (Seoul, Korea), and Fred Shively



Fred Shively and Chow Kit Yan (Hong Kong, China)



Lenobll Keneko (Tokyo, Japan) and Fred Shively

School Named After General Ray Davis

This way to the
General Ray
Davis Middle
School



On Sunday, 17 September, 2006, Stockbridge, Georgia, General Raymond Davis' hometown, honored him by naming a middle school in his honor. It is a well-deserved honor, since the General was a teacher as well as a national hero.

There were some 200 people in attendance, including the Davis family. The General's son, Raymond G. Davis Jr., addressed the audience on behalf of the family, and Mrs. Knox Davis received a standing ovation from all in attendance for her strength and courage as a Marine Corps wife.

A large framed display of the General's numerous medals were presented to Mrs. Davis.

The keynote address was given by Kathy Cox, Georgia State Superintendent of Schools, who praised the General for

his civic and education leadership following a distinguished military career.

Marine Colonel Douglas M. Hardison, Commanding Officer of MAG 42 at Dobbins Air Base, presented a four-star flag to the school principal, Dr. Wayne Watts, who stated that the flag would always fly with the American flag so all the students would know the General was there in spirit.

A cake cutting reception followed the dedication ceremonies.

The General Ray Davis Middle School

Six members of General Raymond G. Davis Chapter 19, Atlanta, GA were in attendance.

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Mrs. Knox Davis slices cake commemorating school naming



Col Douglas M. Hardison presents four-star flag to Davis School principal Dr. Wayne Watts



Mrs. Knox Davis stands by a display of her husband's medals



<h1 style="margin: 0;">General Ray Davis Middle School</h1>	
<h2 style="margin: 0;">Dedication Ceremony</h2>	
<h3 style="margin: 0;">September 17, 2006</h3>	
	
<p><i>Welcome and Moment of Silence</i></p> <p><i>Presentation of the Colors and Pledge to the Flag</i></p> <p><i>Greetings</i></p> <p><i>Recognition of Guests</i></p> <p><i>Remarks</i></p> <p><i>Video Presentation</i></p> <p><i>Remarks</i></p> <p><i>Flag Presentation</i></p> <p><i>Introduction of the Keynote Speaker</i></p> <p><i>Keynote Address</i></p> <p><i>Dedication Statement</i></p> <p><i>Closing Remarks</i></p> <p><i>Dismissal and The Marine Corps Hymn</i></p>	<p>Dr. Wayne Watts, Principal</p> <p>Diane Pomeroy, Assistant Cafeteria Manager, DAF IBD, BBOC, Color Guard</p> <p>Dr. Samuel Ray, Superintendent Rockdale County Schools</p> <p>Dr. Watts</p> <p>Col Douglas M. Hamilton, USMC Commanding Officer MAG 42</p> <p>General Ray Davis, An American Hero</p> <p>Raymond G. Davis Jr.</p> <p>Melba Duvona, DAF</p> <p>Diane Allard</p> <p>Railly Cox State Superintendent of Schools</p> <p>All Assembled</p> <p>Darlene E. Haskins, Chair Rockdale Board of Education</p> <p>Dr. Watts</p>
<p><i>"All Hail Thee, Great"</i></p>	

General Ray Davis

Raymond G. Davis was born January 12, 1905 in Frittsville, Georgia. After graduating from Atlanta Technical High School, he attended the Georgia School of Technology and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering with Honors in 1926. While a student, he was a participant in the Reserve Officer Training Corps and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on June 22, 1926. He then served in the Officers Reserve Training School and several months at the U.S.S. Porifera, Portland, Oregon World War I, he participated in combat operations on Guadalcanal, New Guinea, and Cape Gloucester. For his heroic actions while commanding the P Battalion in September 1944 on Fudulu, Major Davis received the Navy Cross and Purple Heart. For extraordinary service in the Korean War while commanding the P Battalion 29 Marines during the P Marine Division's famous fight to break out of the Chosin Reservoir, he received this nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor. He returned to the United States in June of 1950. He was promoted to Lieutenant General in July 1963 and his assignments included Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 Headquarters Marine Corps. He advanced to the rank of Major General in August of 1965 and was assigned as Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division, Republic of Vietnam. He advanced to the rank of Lieutenant General in July of 1970 and was assigned as Commanding General Marine Development and Education Commanding, Quang Tri, Vietnam. He advanced to General in March of 1977 and was assigned as Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. His personal decorations include the Navy Cross, Navy Cross Distinguished Service Medal, 10th Anniversary Silver Star, 10th Anniversary of Marine Corps Award, two Combat "V", Bronze Star with Combat "V", and the Purple Heart. He retired from the Marine Corps in March of 1977. In his "retirement," General Davis organized the Korea War Memorial in Washington, D.C., was the Georgia Chairman of Congressional and represented others at home and abroad. General Davis married Wilma "Knox" Davis in 1962. In 1963, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Georgia State Board of Education. He has two sons and a daughter, all of whom are second time U.S. Marines. In his home and the family, but the couple stayed close and with daily correspondence. He letters and conversation; the General and his colleagues consistently praised Major Davis for his own strength and courage as a Marine Corps wife.

General Davis was also a great officer. He supported the IDB in 1938, and many other schools. He was a hard core leader, worked with local education, and many other SPOT, and to many local groups, and was active in other civic concerns. Working with his grand-children, they studied many a Rockdale County middle. The supported County Post United Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday School. Ray Davis loved Rockdale County. General Davis passed away Sunday, March 3, 2002. He was 97 years old. He has been a Rockdale County resident, and was a great-grandfather. We are proud to have one school named in honor of this long time Rockdale County resident.

ABOVE: Davis Middle School dedication invitation.

LEFT: Six CID 19 members who attended Davis school naming ceremony (L-R) James Conway, Robert McCubbins, Edwin Murray, Robert Hendershott, Thomas Harris and Urban Rump. Mrs. Davis is front and center.



Monuments and Medals

Korea: the Forgotten War, Remembered

12 – CAPTAIN PAUL DILL #2 [DE]

Jay Weber designed the State of Delaware's Korean War Memorial, which is located in the Delaware Memorial Park by the Twin Bridges to New Jersey.

*Jay Weber, 9 McMechem Ct.
Newark, DE 19711-4806*



Jay Weber stands by the State of Delaware Korean War Memorial

56 – VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

CID 56 members who participated in the 2005 Veterans Day ceremony in Santa Paula, CA highlighted the city's monument located in Veterans Memorial Park.

*KWVA Ventura County, Chapter 56
1121 New Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060*



CID 56 members at the Santa Paula Veterans Day ceremony in 2005



Edwin Marks, CID 56 member, salutes in front of the "Roll Call of Names" in Santa Paula, CA



CID 56's rifle squad at the 2005 Veterans Day ceremony in Santa Paula, CA : David Garcia, Everett Baca, Robert Bermudez, Gregory Garcia, John Campos, Gerald Okivas (VFW), Manuel Adame, William Cobos



Waiting to start the Veterans Day ceremony in Santa Paula, CA are CID 56 members Manuel Adame, William Cobos, David Lopez, Manuel Salazar, Fred Tepesano

60 – ADIRONDACK [NY]

CID 60 has a mobile monument which Chapter members display at many area parades.

*Eugene Corsale, 59 Outlook Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-9211*



CID 60's mobile monuments at the annual Flag Day parade in Saratoga Springs, NY

131 - NORTHWEST OHIO [OH]

On the 25 June 2006 anniversary of the start of the Korean War, a crowd of some 300 people witnessed the dedication of Northwest Ohio Chapter 131's Korean War Memorial on the Civic Center Mall in downtown Toledo.



CID 131 Color Guard at Toledo Memorial: (L-R) Bill Lyzan, Dave Antonacci, Ken Cox, Glenn Cousino

Participating dignitaries included former Toledo Mayor Jack Ford, Board of County Commissioners President Tina Skeldon Wasniak, Mike Duket of the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo, and Reverend Yongjim Kim, pastor of the Hamni Korean-American Presbyterian Church, who blessed the monument.

The featured speaker was chapter member and retired Lucas County Common Pleas Judge Major General J. Ronald Bowman, U.S. Army (retired). Chapter President Ed Auerbach and Secretary Lou Streb also spoke.

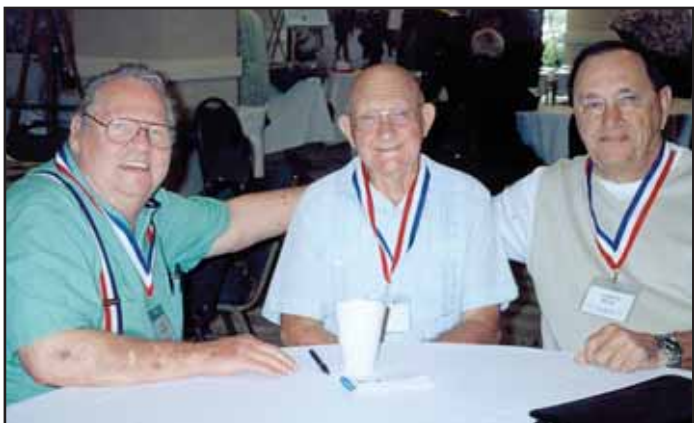
Clem Cybulski of the Veterans Service Commission was the



CID 131's Memorial project committee: (L-R) Joel Davis, Ed Auerbach, Lou Streb, Dan Draheim



CID 131 Officers: (L-R) Chaplain Dick Madrzykowski, Treasurer Joel Davis, President Ed Auerbach, Historian Bill Lyzan, Secretary Lou Streb, 1st Vice President Bob Darr, 2nd Vice President Ralph Diefenbach, Executive Council Member Dan Draheim



CID 131 members assembled at the Toledo Memorial

master of ceremonies. Chapter member Chuck Ewing rendered The National Anthem and Chaplain Dick Madrzykowski gave the invocation.

The monument was unveiled by Dan Draheim, Joel Davis, Paul Smith and Larry Kish.

The chapter color guard, Glen Cousino, Dave Antonacci, Ken Cox, and Bill Lyzan, presented the colors; the Lou Diamond Detachment of the Marine Corps League played Taps and provided the firing squad.



The Toledo Memorial

Funding for the memorial was a collaborative effort: General Motors Power Train Assembly Plant employees gave the chapter the money left over from their sponsorship of two Korean War fiftieth anniversary commemoratives. Anthony Wayne Junior High School students, to show their appreciation for the chapter's "Tell America Program" presentations, made the largest non-government contribution.

The City of Toledo and the Lucas County Commissioners provided major funding, with each entity contributing twenty thousand-dollars. Also, the generosity of the members of Chapter 131 helped in reaching the fifty thousand-dollar goal.

*Louis G. Streb, 415 Turnbury Lane
Perrysburg, OH 43551-1986*

265 – CHARLOTTE [NC]

CID 265 has been instrumental in designing a monument, as indicated by this excerpt from its newsletter.

My personal thanks to the Memorial Committee for your hard work in the design of OUR North Carolina State Memorial



A scale model of the North Carolina Memorial

Monument. Your dedication to the project is becoming a reality. As we continue to work on the cosmetic items to be added to front and rear of the design, we will be moving to the biggest and most important phase: fund raising.

My special thanks to Tom Hegg, who took our suggestion, thoughts and ideas, put them together, and built the scale model. This is not one person's effort, but the effort of the entire Memorial Committee.

We now pass the torch to you the entire membership of N.C. Chapter 265 KWVA. It is time for each of us to pitch in and solicit donations and contributions from those you come in contact with. You answered your country's call once before. We're asking you now to step forward in preserving the memory of the Korean War and the memory of the ones who did not return.

If you already contributed, please try to find it in your heart to do it again; if you have not, please give what you can. No amount is too small.

Your friends and neighbors will receive tax deductible receipts when we receive their contributions. Please mail all donations to our P. O. Box. Make checks payable to KWVA Memorial Fund, P. O. Box 690158. Charlotte NC 28227- 7002

*Don Putnam
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NASHVILLE, TN

Bernard E. Case, who served on LST 972 in WWII, then reenlisted in the Army and ended up in Korea in 1951-52 with the 336 EUD, 313 EUD, and Co. C., 116 ECB, visited this monument in Nashville, TN while attending a reunion there.

*Bernard E. Case, 6790 E. 34 Road
Cadillac, MI 49601*



Bernard E. Case stands by the Korean War Monument in Nashville, TN

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The Mighty B17 Bomber

One of the last remaining B-17s on the ground at Teterboro Airport



CID 170 members under the wing of a B-17 (L-R) Donald Rista, Louis Quagliero, Louis DeStefano, Vincent Fugarazzo, Joseph Botto, Raymond Cohen

■ How Many B17s Are There—And Were There In Korea?

By Louis Quagliero

Anyone who wants to know how many B17s served in Korea—and how many are left today—can ask members of CID 170, Taejon [NJ].

Chapter Adjutant Raymond Cohen led ten Korean War members on Saturday, August 19, 2006, in the first military “Wings and Wheels Airport Day.” The event, which took place at Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, NJ, was sponsored by the Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum of N.J. and the Port of Authority of N.Y. and N.J.

Many military vehicles were on display throughout the grounds of the Atlantic Aviation hangar, including aviation vendors. A flying B17 Fortress from WWII was the main feature. Many people boarded the bomber for a \$500.00, 30-minute flight over the Statue of Liberty and the Hudson River.

Taejon Chapter member Donald “Rocky” Rista ventured on the plane for the most historic flight of his life. Rocky travels thousands of miles each year, but on commercial airliners. The flight on a bit was an adventure.

Joining Taejon Chapter members was one of their oldest and longest friends from WWII, Vincent Fugarazzo. He was an officer on one of the B17 Flying Fortresses during WWII. On his 24th bombing mission over Germany, German fighters hit the B17. Vincent and eight



..there are only 11 remaining B17s in service throughout the United States. During WWII there were 15,000 built, and only two of them flew in service during the Korean War.

other members parachuted from the falling B17 in flames. He was captured as a POW, and was treated harshly by the Germans the remainder of the war. The officers who were flying the B17 to the airport were honored to meet a man who served on the bomber during WWII.

Vincent Fugarazzo has been a friend for years to the Taejon Chapter. In fact, he and knew its 1st commander, Walter Bray, who was a POW in North Korea for three years during the Korean War.

Just as a point of interest, there are only

11 remaining B17s in service throughout the United States. During WWII there were 15,000 built, and only two of them flew in service during the Korean War. They were painted black for night duty.

Taejon Chapter member Joseph Botto, who is a member of the Military Transport Association, supplied his Korean War jeep and other military vehicles from his organization for display.

Louis Quagliero, 142 Illinois Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07503

Thanks!

As we mentioned in the last issue, there is no shortage of "Thanks" from the Korean community. So, again, we present a special section to feature KWVA and Chapter activities in which Koreans participated to demonstrate their ongoing gratitude for their freedom—which they above everyone know is "not free."

137 – MAHONING VALLEY [OH]

The Chapter held a June 25th Memorial Ceremony at which members and Korean representatives exchanged flags and held a "Laying of the Roses" memorial ceremony at Austintown Veterans Park.

Joan Onstott, 3022 State Rt. 59 #E-6, Ravenna, OH 44266-



ABOVE: CID 137 members Robert Donalson and Dominic Lentini exchange flags with Korean guests at the Austintown OH ceremony (To the right rear is Moon Soon Park, who donated the Korean flags

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LEFT: Moon Soon Park presents CID 137's Richard Koker with a Korean flag at Austintown Veterans Park



LEFT: Then CID 137 President Zeno Foley presents opening remarks at Austintown Veterans Park. **RIGHT:** Guest speaker Dr. Paul Jong Won Lim, president of the Korean-American Community of the Mahoning Valley [OH], speaks at Austintown Veterans Park



CID 137 members salute as colors are posted at Austintown Veterans Park ceremony (L-R) Zeno Foley, Robert Brothers, Richard Koker, Frank Sloat, Rocky Anobile, John Pariza, Ken Murphy, Pete Pizzulo, Harold Baringer, Bob Donelson, Lloyd Edwards

209 – LAREDO [TX]

The local Korean community honored CID 209 veterans for their service in the Korean War. The two groups exchanged flags and enjoyed the camaraderie.



LEFT: Dr. Jae Chun, Deacon, delivered the welcome speech at the dinner honoring Korean War veterans from CID 209

BELOW: Pastor Gi Gong Cho, of the Korean Baptist Church, accepts a Korean flag from Jose Luis Munoz and Ernesto Sanchez





Pastor Gi Gong Cho displays the flag presented by CID 209

Korean Church Honors New Jersey Korean War Veterans

Korean War veterans from Taejon Chapter 170 [NJ] and other Korean War veteran chapters were honored in a special day of "recognition and thanksgiving for their sacrifice during the Korean War. Other veteran groups with Korean War members that attended were VFW, American Legion and DAV.



LEFT: CID 170 Commander Thomas Falato speaks at Korean Appreciation ceremony. **RIGHT:** CID 170 member Col Jack O'Neil (Ret) speaks about the Korean War at New Jersey "Thanks" event

The special event took place June 24, 2006 during a torrential rain fall. Large tents protected everyone from the heavy downpour. Taejon Chapter Commander Thomas Falato represented 20 members and guests who attended. Sr. Vice commander Alexander Atheras was chosen to be one of the five color guards presenting the flags in the posting of colors.

The New Jersey KWVA was represented by Taejon Past Commander George Bruzgis. During the ceremony, Purple Heart recipients were honored, including Taejon Chapter's George Job.

Reverend Peter Jechul Ko, pastor of Han Sung Reformed Church, and Reverend William Grob, president of the Greater Palisades churches, welcomed all veterans and guests. The program included worship and the singing of national anthems from both countries. Included were remembrances and reflections of the Korean War.

Lunch was served in a Korean-style buffet during the heavy downpour. It included hot dogs, chicken, beef, Korean food, and beverages. Korean Hansung Orchestra provided the music. In the after-



(Standing L-R) Past Commander William Burns, George Bruzgis, (Sitting L-R) Commander Thomas Falato and George Job, all of CID 170, at New Jersey "Thanks" event

noon, a Korean drum group gave a wonderful performance of an ancient tradition. In addition, Korean youths provided a demonstration of taekwondo.

Taejon Chapter Commander Thomas Falato spoke about the warm reception given by the Korean church and members toward the Korean War veterans.

Special plates with images of the Korean War were distributed to all veterans. It was announced that this special event would be repeated annually in appreciation of the great sacrifice in keeping South Korea free from communism.

Louis Quagliero, 142 Illinois Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07503-1638



CID 170 Color Guard makes an appearance at Korean War "Thanks" event in New Jersey (L-R) Atheras, Leonuik, Van Brunt, Poggi, Faustine, Valero



Many of the members from CID-170 who attended the New Jersey "Thanks" event (L-R) Commander Falato, Historian Quagliero, O'Neil, Job, Burns, Past Commander Bruzgis, DeStefano, Cohen, Sr. Vice Commander Atheras, Van Brunt

Chapter News

We have had numerous inquiries regarding the definition of CID, which we use frequently throughout *The Graybeards*. It stands simply for Chapter Identification.

Why do we use it? It is much more convenient for space purposes. CID 401, for example, takes up less space than Chapter 401, especially when it is used multiple times, and ultimately gives us more room for news in each edition.

2 NORTHWEST ALABAMA [AL]

We had an exhibit at the 2006 North Alabama State Fair. Our Chapter has had an exhibit at this fair for the past five years—and we have won an award each year.



CID 2 President Bill Gober (L) and North Alabama Fair exhibit creator David Brown (L)



The diorama at North Alabama State Fair

We show the colors and promote membership in the KWVA.

*George Ellis, 1020 Wildwood
Park Road, Florence, AL 35630*

11 GREATER DANBURY [CT]

Members, family members and guests attended a July 27th Armistice ceremony at Rogers Park, Memorial Drive, in Danbury. The event was held on Thursday, July 27 at 10 a.m.

*Bernie Rotunda, P. O. Box 2632
Danbury, CT 06813*



CID 11 members congregate at Danbury July 27th ceremony



CID 2's exhibit in Florence, AL

Visit the Korean War Veterans Association
Website:

www.KWVA.org



CID 11 President Bernie Rotunda with a group of youths who took part in the Danbury July 27th ceremony



Bernie Rotunda, CID 11's President, stands with members of families whose relatives' names appear on the Danbury monument

12 CAPTAIN PAUL N. DILL [DE]



CID 12 Commander Mick Schroeder presents a check for \$1,000.00 to Commandant Baldwin of the Delaware Military Academy to purchase air rifles for the schools rifle team as other school officials look on.



CID 12 members and their wives at the Everlasting Korean Church event. (Front, standing) Pastor Bill Choi (dark suit). (Front, sitting, L-R) Dave Gillan, Past Dept. Commander, Walt Koopmen, President of CID 13, Gene Rose, Department of Delaware Commander, Mick Schroeder, Commander of CID 12, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Dill, widow of Captain Dill, who is MIA from the Korean War, Nancy Russell, Past Treasurer of CID 12, Fran Daney, Adjutant of CID 12, Frank Howerton, CID 12 representative to Department of Delaware. Gathered behind are members of CID 12 and their ladies

The Chapter donated \$1,000.00 to the Delaware Military Academy to purchase air rifles for the school's rifle team.

Members and their wives attended the Everlasting Korean Church, which celebrated and honored the Korean War veterans on the anniversary date of the beginning of the war.

17 LT RICHARD E. CRONAN [FL]

Chapter members participated in Korean American Day in July. The event took place at Markham Park in Sunrise, FL. Over 500 Koreans were in attendance.



Members of CID 17 stand near their Chapter flag on Korean American Day in Sunrise, FL: (L-R) Sgt.-at-Arms Bob Spahn, 1st VP Bob Green, President Al Ratner, Treasurer Stan Gavlick.

Many of the attendees participated in various activities such as volleyball, field games, and martial arts classes. *Al Ratner*
7233 Lugano Drive
Boynton Beach, FL 33437-6084

At right, LtCol Dryden speaks at CID 19 meeting



Below, CID 19 members receive Korean Peace Medal at luncheon (L-R) Chun Nan Yu, President of the Korean Senior Association, Robert C. Hendershott, Dae Yong Mun, President of Atlanta Korean Vets, Robert M. McCubbins



(L-R) CID 19 members Robert Hendershott and James Conway with his Excellence Lee Tae-sik, South Korean Ambassador to the United States, at a dinner sponsored by the Southern Center for International Studies in Atlanta

McCubbins, received their Korean Peace Medals for their service in Korea.

Chapter members also attended a dinner sponsored by the Southern Center for International Studies in Atlanta.

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Korean guests enjoying Korean American Day in Sunrise, FL



Martial Arts demonstration at Korean Armistice Day festivities in Sunrise, FL



Activities galore at Korean Armistice Day event in Sunrise, FL, attended by CID 17 members

19 GEN. RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

The guest special at our August luncheon was LtCol, USA (Ret) Charles Dryden, one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, and the author of the book A-Train. At the same luncheon, two of our Chapter members, Robert C. Hendershott and Robert M.

30 INDIANA CHAPTER ONE [IN]

As the following photo indicates, the Chapter has new officers. It took a while to get everyone in one place in uniform for the photo.

*Mary Anna Roemke, P. O. Box 8795
Fort Wayne, IN 46898-8795*



CID 30's new officers (seated (L-R) Kenneth Roemke, Trustee; Dale Parish, 1st Vice; Bernard "Ski" Wisniewski, Commander; Garry Sink, 2nd Vice; Dean Whitesell, Treasurer; and Marian Wisniewski, Secretary. Standing in back are the rest of the great officers that serve our organization: the other Trustees, Entertainment Gal, Memorial Walkway Chairman, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Historian, Newsletter Editor, Judge Advocate, Sgt. at Arms, Publicity Director.

82 ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER ONE [NM]

We participated in Armed Forces & Veterans Day at the New Mexico State Fair, September 21, with an attention-grabbing display of posters, illustrated maps and photographs, plus a special Fair Edition of the chapter's newsletter, "Forget Hell!." More



CID 82 members who manned the all-day display (L-R) Louis Fernandez, Jerry Chapman, George Gallegos, Don Arp, and Joe Rose



George Gallegos (squatting) next to a broadside at CID 82's New Mexico State Fair presentation detailing the POW experience in Korea. Above that is a print of the photo by Frank Praytor that won First Prize in Popular Photography Magazine's 1952 international photo context (73,000+ entries)



Louis Fernandez displays his design of a monument that CID 82 intends to erect in the Veterans Memorial center in Albuquerque. The memorial center honors all armed forces veterans from New Mexico

than 300 fair goers stopped by our outdoor display and picked up copies of the newsletter. It explained who we are, why the Korean War was fought, what the intervention accomplished, and at what cost.

Many of the New Mexicans visiting our street display were unaware of the results of the Korean War and of the fact that the war was never formally concluded, despite the fact that New Mexico claims the somber record of having the greatest number of casualties per capita among the states.

Report and Photos by Frank D. Praytor

News From Korea

About 14,000 USFK (US Forces Korea) soldiers have visited the Gyeongbok Palace in Seoul since 1972.

The Korean Defense Ministry organized the event that year to give U.S. soldiers an opportunity to visit the site. In fact, according to Korea's oldest newspaper, the *Chosun Ilbo*, some 70 new USFK soldiers looked around the palace as recently as September 21, 2006.

99 TALL CORN [IA]

We had our October 2006 meeting at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, IA. Staff members gave us a 1-½-hour tour of their very nice facility. Then, they fed us in their lunch room. After that, we conducted our meeting.

The facility will be building a very nice Korean War Memorial on its driveway through its grounds.

*Bill Hartock, Apt. 29, 2301 Agency Street
Burlington, IA 52601-1986*



CID 99 members tour the Marshalltown, IA Veterans Home



The CID 99 tour continues—after a stop for a group photo



Lunchtime for CID 99 group at the Marshalltown Mess Hall

137 MAHONING VALLEY [PA]

On June 26, 2006, new Chapter officers were sworn in:

- President – Dean McClain
- 1st VP – Bob Bakalik
- 2nd VP – Peter Pizzulo
- Secretary – Frank Sloat
- Treasurer – Harold Baringer
- Trustees – John Pariza, Richard Koker, Steve Firment

*Joan Onstott, 3022 State Rt. 59 #E-6,
Ravenna, OH 44266-1673*



CID 137's new officers being sworn in (L-R) Dean McClain, Bob Bakalik, Peter Pizzulo, Frank Sloat, Harold Baringer, John Pariza, Richard Koker, Steve Firment



Bob Bakalik (R) presents CID 137's Past President Zeno Foley with a plaque honoring him for serving as Chapter President for five years

Have a Mini-Reunion?

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

Mail to Art Sharp, Editor, Korean War Veterans Association, 152 Sky View Drive., Rocky Hill, CT 06067

153 CENTRAL FLORIDA [FL]

Members of CID 153's Ladies Auxiliary held their bimonthly luncheon on July 16, 2006 at the Perkins Restaurant in Orange City, Florida.

*Helen Saccente, 1787 McFarlane Ave.
Deltona, FL 32738*



CID 153 Ladies Auxiliary members at Perkins Restaurant: Standing (L-R) Dotty Hubbard, Barbara Faas, Helen Saccente, Elsie Diaz, Mary Gaffney, Lillian Webster, Beverly McKay, Cindy Lewis. Seated (L-R) Pat Chartrand, Mary Horrocks, Liz Vergara

170 TAEJON [NJ]

Chapter members attended a service on Sunday, September 24, 2006, for veterans killed during the war. This annual event took place at St. Philip the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Saddle Brook, NJ.

CID 170 Commander Thomas Falato and his wife Wilma at the Sunday service for Korean War KIA



Veterans and family members gathered to honor not only Korean veterans killed in action, but also Taejon members who have died since the Chapter was established in 1995.

Co-chairmen George Job and Past Commander Richard Onorevole were in charge of arrangements. Color guard Captain James Lomauro led the color guard bearers in the posting of the colors as Chapter commander Thomas Falato led members single file down the middle aisle. Flag bearers Sr. Vice Commander Alexander Atheras and Jr. Vice Commander Henry Ferrarini posted the American and POW-MIA flags as members presented arms.



(L-R) CID 170 Activities Director William Burns, Sr. Vice Commander Alexander Atheras, and Surgeon Erwin Burkert at the Saddle Brook service



CID 170 members at St. Philip Roman Catholic Church service (L-R) Past Commander George Bruzgis, Commander Thomas Falato, Judge Advocate Dr. Richard Onorevole, Sr. Vice Commander Alexander Atheras



(L-R) Color Guard Captain Louis DeStefano, Historian Louis Quagliero, Adjutant Raymond Cohen of CID 170 at memorial service in Saddle Brook

Father Theemas Pankiraj, pastor of St. Philip Church, introduced the Chapter to the congregation. Richard Onorevole was lector in the readings of the scripture. At the end of the service, the congregation sang "God Bless America" as the colors were retired. Members proceeded single file to the back of the church. Photos were then taken at the entrance of the church.



CID 170 members assemble at memorial service (Front, L-R) LoMauro, DeStefano, Ferrarini, DiLonardo, Uvenio, Falato, Bruzgis, Atheras (2nd Row, L-R) Cohen, Conte, Fr. Pankiraj, Onorevole, Green, Quagliero (3rd Row, L-R) Ottina, Burns

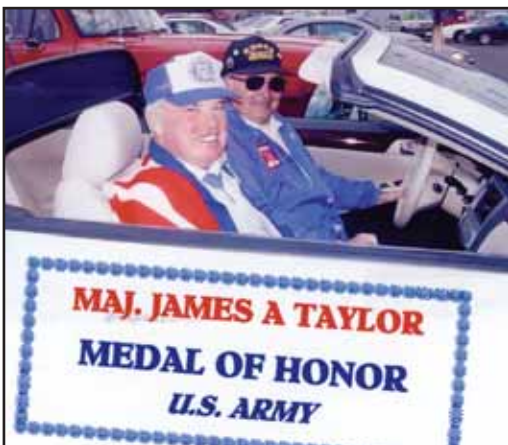
Veterans and family members then went to the Marriott Hotel for brunch. Commander Falato thanked everyone for attending the event. Col. Jack O'Neil (Ret) gave the benediction before the meal, after which everyone enjoyed the fellowship and food.

*Louis Quagliero, 142 Illinois Avenue
Paterson, NJ 07503*

176 REDWOOD [CA]

CID 176 had the honor of two Medal of Honor recipients leading its entries in the 2005 Rhododendron Parade. They were Col. James E. Swett and James A. Taylor. (See inset for a description of their actions that earned them the medals.) Both men are from Humboldt County, CA, CID 176's home.

CID 176
President Frank
C. Mendes drives
a car in the 2005
Rhododendron
Parade with MOH
recipient Col.
James E. Swett
at his side



Del Taylor, uncle of passenger and MOH recipient James A. Taylor, and CID 176 member, drives vehicle in Rhododendron Parade

In addition to being honored guests at the parade, Swett and Taylor were the Chapter's guests at an evening of festivities.

*Ray Marquardt, P. O. Box 756
Bayside, CA 95524-0756*

Two Medal of Honor recipients in same parade

CID 176 honored two Medal of Honor recipients in the 2005 Rhododendron Parade. Both were from Humboldt County. Here is how they earned the medals:

Col James E. Swett, USMC

James E Swett, United States Marine Corps, landed on Guadalcanal in the spring of 1943 as part of the Marine Fighting Squadron 221. Upon landing at Guadalcanal he learned that a major strike had been planned by the Japanese. That battle would pit 76 American planes against 150 Japanese bombers.

In that battle, Swett shot down seven of the dive bombers and was going for his eighth when a hole was punched in his wing. A Japanese plane behind him fired on him, hitting his engine and shattering his wind screen. Swett fired his last few rounds and set the Japanese plane on fire. He then crash landed in the ocean and jumped out as the plane began to sink.

In a single combat mission lasting little more than fifteen minutes, he became an ace with eight downed planes. For his action that day he received the Medal of Honor.

Lt. James A. Taylor, USA

James A Taylor was an Army lieutenant in the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry. He was the executive officer of B Troop in Vietnam in 1967.

On November 9th, 1967 the troop's armored personnel carriers were on a search and destroy mission near Que Son. Suddenly, the hillside erupted with enemy machine-gun, recoilless rifle and mortar fire.

One of the armored cavalry vehicles was hit, wounding five crew members. Taylor rushed through heavy enemy fire and detonating ammunition that was stored in the vehicle and pulled each wounded man to safety.

Within minutes, a second vehicle was hit and caught fire. Again, Taylor pulled the wounded to safety before the vehicle exploded. This time he was injured. He managed to get to his command vehicle, but suddenly it too was raked with machine-gun fire. He fired his own machine-gun and killed the crew.

As he approached the evacuation site, another vehicle was hit. Again, he ran and pulled the wounded out to safety. For his bravery on this day, he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

186 ST. CHARLES COUNTY [MO]

Several members participated in the City of O'Fallon's July 4th parade and an October 5-7 fundraising activity.

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CID 186 members who participated in O'Fallon's 4th of July parade (L-R) Harold Keiser, Charles Langele, Bob Snowden, Homer Scott, Bob Greeley, Curt Farley, Frank Williams, Chris Christifulli, Darold Woodcock, Allen Wiley



John Edwards, Virginia State Commander presents booklets and charts to John C. Hatfield, Executive Director, and Candace L Shelton, Education Specialist, of The Virginia War Museum in Richmond, VA for an upcoming high school class presentation



Chris Chrsitifulli (L) and Harold Keiser (R) at CID 186's October 6th fundraiser



Darold Woodcock (L) and Bob Greeley (R) at CID 186's October 6th fund raiser



Members of 80th Reserve Unit gather for October 10, 2006 "Welcome Home" in Richmond, VA



The "Welcome Home" ceremony for 80th Reserve Unit continues

191 TIDEWATER [VA]

John Edwards, KWVA Department of Virginia Commander, and members of CID 191 were invited to attend a "Welcome Home Ceremony" for the 80th Reserve Division (IT), of Richmond, VA—which they did gladly. The unit served in the Global War on Terror in Afghanistan and Iraq. The ceremony included a memorial service for four unit members who lost their lives during the deployment.

The Chapter presented charts and booklets to John C Hatfield, Executive Director of the Virginia War Memorial, and Candace L Shelton, Education Specialist, for a class of high school students from Hampton, VA.

259 CENTRAL INDIANA [IN]

Two Marines met in Indianapolis at our Chapter 259 October meeting. President Emeritus of the U.S. Marine Corps Association, Bill Ping, was a guest at the meeting. He came from Desert Hot Springs, CA and met his former interpreter, William Kim, a Chapter member. The two served together during the Chosin Reservoir battles in 1950.

Kim was a 16-year-old English-speaking Korean who Bill recruited to help him communicate with other Koreans.

Another Chosin veteran is our Chapter Treasurer, Everett McFarland, who was wounded during that campaign.

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Bill Ping and William Kim meet at CID 259's October meeting



270 SAM JOHNSON [TX]

Chapter members met with veterans in the library of the Hearthstone Assisted Living Center in Garland. Resident veterans enjoyed visiting with our chapter members during their monthly club meeting.

Most of the resident attendees were World War II veterans, but two were Korean War veterans and three were Vietnam War veterans.

Doyle Dykes brought a cake and red carnations for resident veterans.



Faye Roberts, Recreational Director, checking the list of attending veterans with Doyle Dykes in red cap. Gynn Harris is on the far left; Bill Carman is on the far right



Commander Richard Hartung (R) presents Tidewater Chapter 191 patch to Major Jeff Shoemaker (C), as Leo Ruffing (L) observes

Commander Richard Hartung presented a Tidewater Chapter 191 patch to Major Jeff Shoemaker, a West Point graduate, who presented A Veterans Day program, arranged by member Leo Ruffing. Jeff served in Iraq and is currently serving in the Pentagon. His experiences were presented and appreciation was expressed.

Commander Richard J. Hartung spoke at the Veterans Day ceremony at Memorial Park in Hampton, VA. As part of the services, wreaths were placed at the Korean War Veterans Monument.

The Hampton High School Junior ROTC presented the Colors. Rear Admiral Ruehe spoke of the sacrifices our troops are enduring and spoke highly of their services, both past and present.

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194 MGEN LLOYD R. MOSES [SD]

The Chapter participated at the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial at Pierre, SD, September 15th and 16th. The ceremony was attended by about 32,000 people.

The ceremony was very touching, as the memorial is long overdue for the Vietnam veterans.

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CID 194 veterans riding in the automobile at the South Dakota Vietnam Memorial dedication: Commander Darwin Buus (driver), Roger Gardner (Secretary) holding the Korean flag, LeRoy Kayser (Judge Advocate) holding the American flag, member Maynard Friederich





Six Chapter 270 members in their signature blue shirts met with a group of resident veterans in the Hearthstone library. In the blue shirts (L-R) Gynn Harris, Bob Bailley, Bill Carman

Garland area members of Sam Johnson Chapter 270 taking part in this session were Bob Bailley, Mel Bodweine, Bill Carman, Doyle Dykes, Gynn Harris, and Glen Thompson.

Glen Thompson (via email)

272 GREATER ROCKFORD [IL]

Most of the 79 members and guests who attended the 3rd annual Chapter picnic held at the Verdi Club on the Rock River in Rockford, Illinois on Saturday, August 5, 2006 assembled for a group photo. Nineteen members of the Korean community participated as well. Food served ranged from Italian beef to Kimchi.



CID 272 members and guests assemble at the annual picnic in Rockford, IL

Over 200 Illinois Korean War veterans were hosted by the Wheeling, IL 1st Korean United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 24, 2006. The church is the oldest Korean Methodist Church in the United States, having been organized over 80 years ago. It serves over 600 Korean Americans.

A celebration of Korean War veterans started at 11 a.m., followed by a traditional Korean dinner and entertainment.

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284 ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY [NY]

Commander Reg Mott presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Chapter member Leo Beudet for writing and publishing his book, Operation Remembrance of Area Combat Veterans

Leo was inspired to write this book after seeing the movie Saving Private Ryan. He said to himself, "I wonder how many Private Ryans are there out there?" After talking to a WWII veteran and hearing his stories, Leo decided that all of these stories of our combat veterans should be heard.



CID 284 Commander Reg Mott (L) presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Chapter member Leo Beudet (C), and 1st Vice Commander Dick Kirkey presents Leo with a Letter of Appreciation for writing and publishing his book, Operation Remembrance of Area Combat Veterans

Leo took upon himself a project that would take him two and one half years. At that time he never realized the time and energy that this book would take. The book covers St. Lawrence Co., New York, and a fifteen-mile surrounding area. The time period for his book is from 1941 to 2004.

Leo spent days and weeks in libraries going through old newspapers looking for names and stories of veterans and endless hours on the telephone calling all over the country in hopes of finding veterans who would tell their stories or family members who may have heard stories from their loved ones. Many veterans wanted to tell their stories; some preferred not to. Either way, Leo made sure all of the combat veterans were listed in his book.

After the book was published Leo thought his work was done, but he had a big surprise. He started hearing from people who said their father or brother or uncle or someone else they new about was not in the book. To make sure no one was forgotten, Leo had two more publications printed.

From all the veterans of all the wars, we give Leo our sincerest "Thank You" for his devotion to those whom we tend to forget.

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299 KOREA VETERANS OF AMERICA [MA]

Canada KVA National President Les Peate visited the Chapter for its June officer installation meeting, as did Fitchburg, MA, mayor Dan H. Mylott. The mayor attended in honor of Al Holden, who is a resident of Fitchburg.

Commander Peate presented awards and decorations to individuals.

The officers are:

- Commander – Alfred Holden
- Senior Vice Commander – Henry Clifford
- Junior Vice Commander – Ed Gallant
- Adjutant – Jeff Brodeur

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Canadian KVA Commander Les Peate speaks to CID 299 members before presentation of international award and plaque to KWVA National Director Jeff Brodeur



CID 299 members and guests assemble at June 2006 meeting (Sitting, L-R) KVA Awardee John Beike, Henry Clifford, Al Holden, Color Sgt. Leo Agnew, Larry Swope. (Back Row, L-R) KVA New Hampshire and Museum Liaison Bob Desmond, Director John Durham, Jeff Brodeur, KWVA POW Bob MacLean, Les Peate, Director Francis Elliott

Celebrating Veterans Day

About 1,000 veterans and their families attended Veterans Day ceremonies at Bourne National Cemetery in Massachusetts on November 5, 2006. It was a beautiful day, not only weather wise, but from a fraternal standpoint as well.

There was a lot of camaraderie among Korea veterans in attendance. Members of KWVA Chapters 35, Rudolph H. DeSilva Memorial [MA], 141, Cape and Islands #1 [MA], and 299, Korea Veterans of America [MA], participated in the ceremonies. Chapters 35 and 141 provided Color Guards, while Chapter 299 members placed the wreath.

Veterans from every VSO in Massachusetts were in attendance, and an F16 flyover took place during the "National Anthem."

CID 299 members were also present at Arlington National Ceremony. Several of them joined National President Dechert and Acting National Judge Advocate Agnew to place wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and The Korean War Memorial. They included National Director Brodeur, Commander Holden, Adjutant Larry Swope, Service Officer Art Griffith, Board of Director Color Bearer Henderson, and a guest, Iraq veteran Grandfield.

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ABOVE: James Henderson (left) and Leo Agnew represent the KWVA as Color Guards at the Arlington event



ABOVE: CID 299 members participating in Arlington ceremony include (l-r) Larry Swope, Commander Alfred Holden, Service Officer Art Griffith

BELOW: CID 299 Commander Al Holden salutes the wreath placed at the Korean War Veterans Memorial

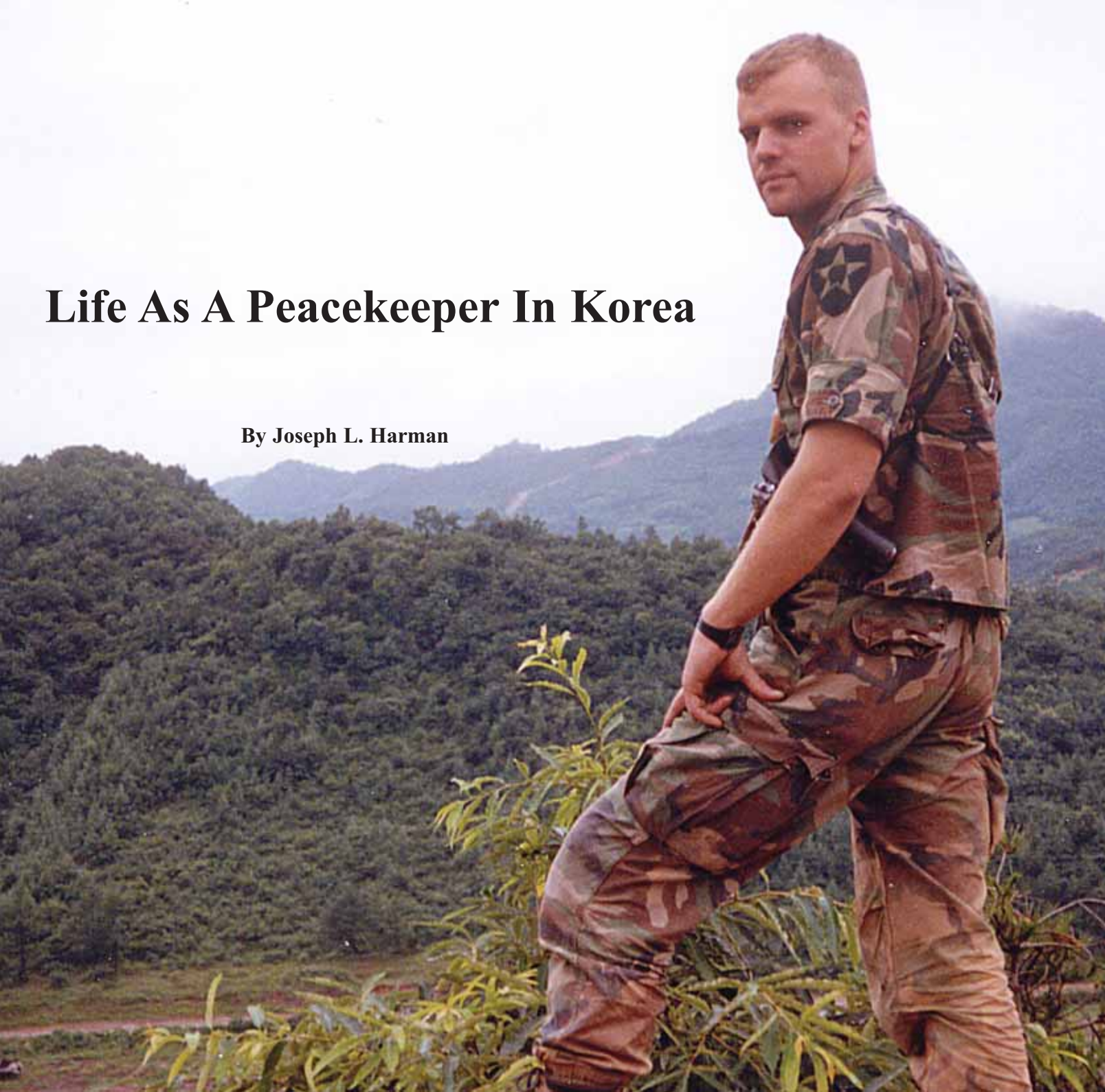


ABOVE LEFT: Cool day, warm hearts among CIDs 35, 141, and 299 at Veterans Day event at Bourne National Cemetery

LEFT: (L-R) Robert Wagner, John Durham, Jeff Brodeur, and George Bratiano placing the wreath at Bourne National Cemetery at Veterans Day ceremony

Life As A Peacekeeper In Korea

By Joseph L. Harman



I'll start by thanking Korean War vets and the KWVA for giving us (Korea Defense Veterans) a home. It is truly appreciated.

For almost twenty years now I have been silent regarding my service in Korea (1987/1988). When I was stationed in Korea, I would tell my future wife or others back home of firefights along the DMZ, infiltration attempts, soldiers picked off by snipers and riots in the streets, only to be told that

there was no word of any of it in the states.

During the first few months after returning from Korea, I attempted to tell others of my experiences in Korea, only to get a blank stare or a look of disbelief. It didn't take long for me to just quit talking about it with anyone but those who had been there. It was, and still is, a tour of duty no one understands, especially our media, who does not deem this service newsworthy.

Korea defense service remains a unique—but virtually unknown—cold war-type of duty. At times this duty goes hot. This article is dedicated to the 1,200 American soldiers who gave their lives in the line of duty from July 1954 to now in North or South Korea. To date, neither their names nor their service have been recognized by any federal memorial.

Although there are many stories, I will



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world.

If you are ready, the KPA does not mess with you. If you are not ready, KPA activities increase and can become volatile, as has happened on occasion. Volatility feeds on weakness and peace feeds on strength and readiness. The U.S. and ROK military have proven from 1945 to now that they know and understand this, and are to be feared and respected—without equal. Korea Defense veterans are part of this mission, and have never failed to accomplish it.

My Story Begins

My story begins at OCS, Fort Benning, GA, in April 1987, shortly before graduation. I got my branch designation (Armor) after they made the final cut at OCS (we started with 250 candidates and graduated 90 new officers). All the Tankers were called into a room and given a short briefing on the lengthy menu of options:

“If you are single, you will go to Korea...if you are married you will go to Germany. You will attend additional training en-route at Fort Knox before you deploy to Korea. If you are going to Korea, you will train on the M60A3 main battle tank; if Germany, the M1.”

As we exited the briefing room, there were muffled discussions as to why there were no M1s in Korea yet. After all, they were the Army’s new, and by far superior, main battle tank. Twenty some odd years later I would read a book called Tripwire that would offer a possible explanation as to why there were no M1s in Korea during my tour there, and for others that followed.

The short version of Tripwire is that Americans stationed in the ROK were there for the primary purpose of generating casualties, should the KPA attack, which would in turn guarantee that the United States would be committed to the defense of the Republic of Korea. A grim theory, but when you do the math, 40,000 U.S. plus 500,000 ROK troops vs. 8 million (1 million active and 7 million reserves) forwardly deployed KPA troops, it checks out.

only tell a few to give you an idea of what service in the “cease fire” ROK (Republic of Korea) is like. You won’t hear much about bullets flying, because defense service is not about that, even though it happens at times. Defense service is about being ready and continuously demonstrating to the KPA (Korean People’s Army) that the combined American and ROK military are to be feared and are the best military organizations in the

The ROK was one of the last duty stations to receive M1s. National Guard units received M1s and the new fire retardant “NOMEX” suits years before the Tankers in the ROK did. Hence, a byproduct of the “Tripwire” theory: why waste good equipment on Area 1 forces (troops north of Seoul). To this day, although I love my country, the “Tripwire” theory haunts me. Maybe it is not true, but arguably the concept appears to be in place today, although we have reduced our military presence in Area 1 and are no longer deployed along the DMZ. At least they have M1s and NOMEX now.

Off To Korea

Within a few months after my training, I was shipped to the ROK in late September of 1987. I was quickly in-processed at a U.S. base somewhere in Seoul. I received multiple briefings, including a force protection briefing about the increased threat level due to student riots all over Seoul.

The Olympics were coming in 1988, and there was much talk of the “reunification” of the peninsula amongst the younger university crowd. Having not been outside the gates of the base during in-processing, I was shocked at what I saw when we exited into the streets of Seoul.

I knew I was in a different place within seconds. Riot (CS) gas filled the air and ROK army and police units were subduing protestors all over the place. Gun shots could be heard, and I saw several instances of ROK soldiers and police either beating protestors or shooting them with water cannons.

The MP at the exit of our bus told us to keep our heads down until we cleared the area. It took about an hour for our bus to slowly negotiate the protestors and mayhem. I slided myself repeatedly due to the thick CS gas in the air that was being used to bring the riot under control. Honestly, it scared the heck out of me, as I hadn’t heard that anything like this was going on in Korea before I left the U.S.

This was my first introduction to “what

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Korean War Veteran's Mini-Reunions

40th Recon, 40th Div

Several members of 40th Recon Co., 40th Div. got together at the KWVA Convention in San Antonio in October. KWVA conventions are ideal places for veterans to hold mini-reunions.

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40th Recon Co., 40th Div. members at San Antonio: (1st Row, L-R) Dick Brennan, Abe Franco, Bob Gayton, Chuck Lucero, Joseph Priddy (2nd Row, L-R) Hank Reyes, Richard Madrid, Lou Montejano (3rd Row, L-R) Ray Eastman, Walter Seale, Jim Lindsey (4th Row, L-R) Bob Johnson, Bill Cave, Gus Montano

Able Co., 160th Regt., 40th Div

Members gathered in Branson, MO during the third week of September, where they enjoyed a variety of group activities. Of special significance was a Memorial Service at White River Landing on Tablerock Lake. The service was a special way of honoring comrades lost while fighting for our freedom, and for those lost in the years since.

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A Co., 160th Regt., 40th Div. veterans gather in Branson (Back, L-R) Roger Lueckenhoff (MO), Forrest Taylor (CA), John Lynn (AZ), Dick Mitts (OR) (Front, L-R) Bob Kirk (IL), Harlan Geerdes (IA), Tom Curran (RI), Pius Mathern (WY)



Ardent supporters of A Co., 160th Regt., 40th Div. mini-reunion attendees at Branson (L-R) Billie Geerdes, Shirley Mitts, Elizabeth Curran, Drusetta Taylor, Dorothy Mathern, Linda Lynn

Three Marines 55 Years Later



Lee Dauster, Werner "Tex" Rennie, and Marvin (Handsome "Marv") Dunn (L-R) get together at the KWVA National Convention in San Antonio

The 2006 San Antonio KWVA Convention was successful— even more so for three Marines who were reunited following a 55-year absence.

In early 1951, KWVA Directors Lee Dauster (Missouri) and Marvin Dunn (Texas) and Werner "Ronnie" Reininger, a member of the San Antonio, Texas KWVA Chapter were in the same hospital ward in the amputee ward of Oak Knoll Naval Hospital Oakland, CA. As Dauster reported, "We had not been together for 55 years. The KWVA Convention made it possible for these three Marines to recapture and relive those moments when they were 18-19 year olds."

Dauster also noted that the trio has "Only three legs among the three." He explained that, "Frostbite, mortar round, automatic weapon fire, and a land mine did the damage."

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Photo Section, Signal Corps, 25th Inf. Div. ("Tropic Lightning")



Photo Section, Signal Corps, 25th Inf. Div. members gather in Ft. Wayne (Front, L-R) Steve Uyehara, Roy Pinzke, Dick Wawrzniak, Jerry Sauder, Hank Babel (Center, L-R) Jay Brown, Al Seidenrose, Rollie Berens, Howie Baker (Back, L-R) Chuck Sanders, Bob Eifert, Geo Flinn, Charley Sivey, Jim Lyons, Carlton Sauder, Guest & Keynote Speaker Mark Souder

Former members of the Photo Section, Signal Corps, 25th Inf. Div. held their 7th reunion in Fort Wayne, IN on September 14, 2006. They were joined by wives, offspring, and friends. The meeting, hosted by Carlton and Joanne Sauder, of nearby Grabill, IN, was a spectacular event.

This was one of many reunions the group has held after a 47-year hiatus. It followed similar get-togethers, the first of which was in Washington DC, followed by Hawaii, Branson, MO, Tucson, AZ, Milwaukee, WI, and New London, CT. The eighth reunion will be held in Tampa, FL in October 2007.

Any past members of the unit who are interested in attending the gathering can contact Rollie Berens, 18400 Brookfield Lake Drive, Brookfield, WI 53045, (262) 797-8897)



The ladies at the Photo Section, Signal Corps, 25th Inf. Div. banquet (Front, L-R) Tooter Brown, Joanne Sauder, Sue Sanders, Kay Lyons (Back, L-R) Diane Teske, Diane Souder, Pat Baker, Pat Pinzke, Kathy Sauder, Clair Seidenrose, Joanne Calderwood, Karen Babel, Pauline Sivert

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Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions

Korean War Vets Reunite - First Time Since Korea!

Four Korean Vets of the 24th Infantry Division renewed their friendships for the first time since their days in Korea at a September 2006, get-together in Indianapolis, IN: Don Vail, who hails from McCordsville, IN, just outside Indianapolis; Tom Thiel, originally from Upper Sandusky, Ohio, but now residing in Eustis, FL; Mel Frederick, of Owatonna, MN; and Joe O'Connell of Warminster, PA.

All four served with the 24th Infantry Division's, 19th Regiment. Mel and Tom were Platoon Sergeant and Recoilless Rifle Section Sergeant, respectively, with Easy Company's Weapons Platoon. Don was an 81mm Forward Observer, while Joe was a 30 caliber machine gunner with H Company. Both Don and Joe served much of their time supporting E Company.

During their couple of days together, Mel, his wife Donna, and Tom brought each other up to date on their lives during the intervening half-century. Their paths came surprisingly close during the 1960s in St. Paul, MN, where Mel was a Senator in the Minnesota Legislature and Tom was a member of the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Campus faculty. When they departed Indianapolis, Mel and Donna took Tom to the airport in their Jaguar proudly displaying Minnesota license plate "E 19INF."

For Don and Tom this was their first meeting since they shared a cadre room in Camp Roberts, CA during the summer of 1952. At Roberts, they were both completing their military obligation after having spent most of 1951 and the early months of 1952 with 24th Infantry in Korea and Japan.

But it was only recently that they discovered their service paths were unusually parallel. They took basic training together at Camp Breckenridge, KY, and went to Japan and then Korea on the same ships, the William Mitchell and the R.L. Howze, respectively. In Korea, they were both assigned to the 24th's 19th Regiment – actually both serving E Company. And, they both returned to the states on the General William Weigel and then completed their service days together at Camp Roberts!

They all visited Don's McCordsville, IN, farm, met his lovely wife Pat, and had a thoroughly enjoyable visit trying to fill each



TOP: (L-R) Don Vail, Tom Thiel, Mel Frederick, and Joe O'Connell get together for first time in 55 (email)

BOTTOM: Pictured during Ms. Helm's interview (L-R) Joe, Don, Merry Helm, Tom, Mel, and David Derry who was in George Company's Weapons Platoon and witnessed Woody Keeble's brave actions during Operation Nomad (email)

other in on the events of their lives for the past 55 years!

While together, they examined a few relics that Don has preserved from his Korea days, including original maps of the Kumsong, North Korea area, a couple of still-working, ever-essential C-ration can openers, and a Halicrafter Radio he and Tom bought jointly at the Camp Roberts PX in 1952—which Don still has in his attic!

They especially discussed the action of October 1951, which the military called Operation Nomad, that they remember with very strong emotions! In terms of casualties, it was the worst single month in the 19th Regiment's illustrious Korean War service. That month the 19th suffered 912 casualties, of which 152 paid the ultimate price!

While in Indianapolis the group of veterans was interviewed on camera by Merry Helm, a freelance video reporter from Fargo,

North Dakota, who is especially interested in the 19th Regiment's action during October 1951 near Kumsong, North Korea.

She is preparing documentation supporting the Medal of Honor submission for Woody Keeble, a Native American from North Dakota who was with the 19th's George Company during Operation Nomad.

Ms. Helm is also compiling a video documentary of all of the 19th's actions during Operation Nomad, which she hopes to have shown nationwide by a cable channel.

If you fought in Operation Nomad, Ms. Helm would very much like to include your October 1951 experiences in her documentary. You may contact her at 701-293-5045 or (mhelm@cableone.net). Or you may contact the author.

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84th & 62nd Engineer Construction Battalions (Korea)



A total of 82 veterans and guests attended the 17th consecutive Annual reunion held in Canton, OH on May 15th through 19th, 2006. Among the attendees were people from 24 states and one couple from Guadalajara, Mexico. Regardless of where they came from, everyone had a great time.

The 62nd landed at Inchon, Korea on 25 September 1950, 10 days after the initial UN invasion force caught the North Koreans by surprise and turned the tide of the Korean War. The unit received 9 campaign and 2 decoration streamers. Among the major accomplishments of the unit were construction of numerous pontoon bridges and railroad bridges, the reconstruction of main bridges across the Hon River in Seoul, and a variety of engineering tasks.

The 84th landed in Pusan in September 1950 in support of the United Nations forces. During the war the battalion was twice awarded the U.S. Navy Meritorious Unit Citation for its work in support of the Marine Corps. It was during this period that the words "Never Daunted," the description used by South Korean President Syngman Rhee as he presented the Republic of Korean Presidential Unit Citation to the battalion for bridging the Imjin River, were adopted as the battalion motto.

Libby Bridge, the official name of the "X-Ray Project" over the Imjin River, is an outstanding example of engineering construction. This 1160-foot long, 54-feet above mean low tide concrete bridge was completed in 8 months during the winter of 1952. It is still in use by the South Korean troops on the 38th Parallel.

1st Radio Squadron Mobile



Members of 1st Radio Squadron Mobile and their families assemble in Colorado Springs, CO

Fifty members of the 1st Radio Squadron Mobile and their families attended a reunion in Colorado Springs, CO, September 17-20, 2006. The majority of the members served in Korea between 1950 and 1953.

The photo above of the group was taken by James Smestad, a well-known photographer and member from Chicago, while they

were visiting the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO.

The group meets annually at different locations. Last year the meeting was at Las Vegas. Next year it will be at Omaha, NE, and the following year it is scheduled for San Antonio, TX.

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Air Show Remembers Korea Service

On Friday, June 23, 2006, ten volunteers from CID 187 set up a display and manned a booth at the Barnes ANG Air Base, Westfield, Massachusetts. The theme for the 2006 air show was "Korea: Service Remembered."

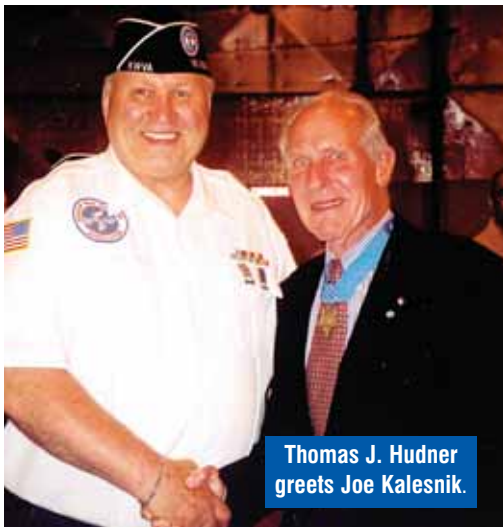
The Chapter volunteers were invited to a reception held in the base hanger, where the guest speaker was Medal of Honor recipient and KWVA member Captain Thomas J. Hudner, USN (Ret).

The event, which was hosted by the 104th Fighter Wing, ran for two days, Saturday and Sunday (June 24-25). The Barnes ANG Base Commander said that the 104th would be pleased to have Chapter 2000 KWVA participate in future air shows.

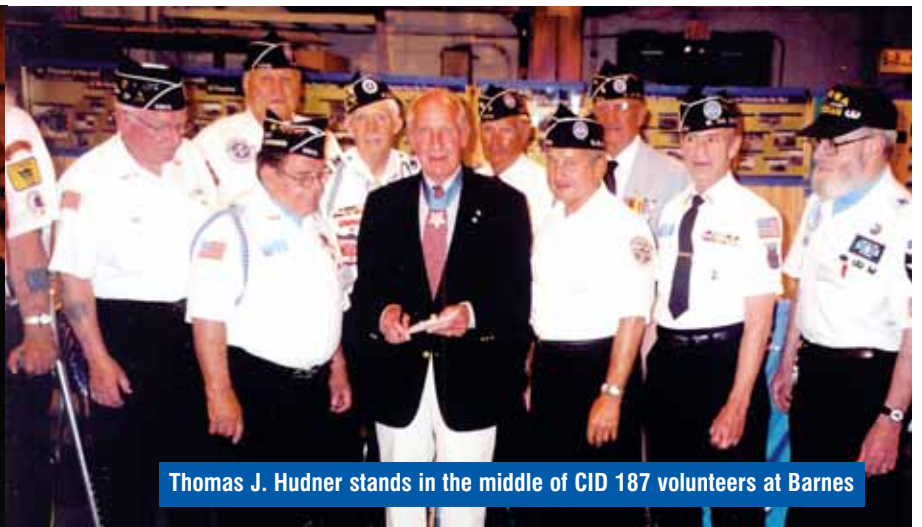
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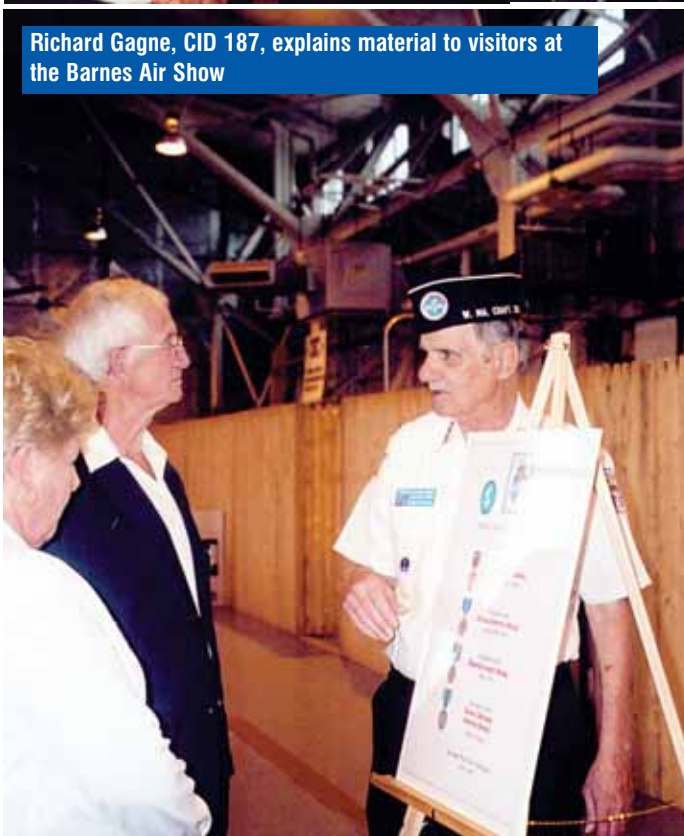
CID 187 member Rudy Kardynal monitors registration at Barnes Air Show



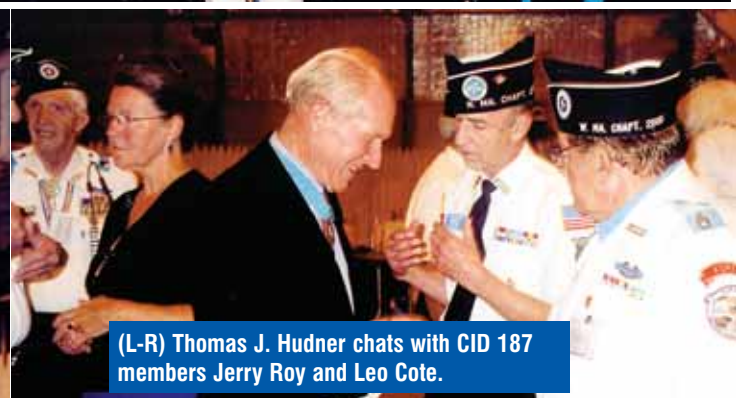
Thomas J. Hudner greets Joe Kalesnik.



Thomas J. Hudner stands in the middle of CID 187 volunteers at Barnes



Richard Gagne, CID 187, explains material to visitors at the Barnes Air Show

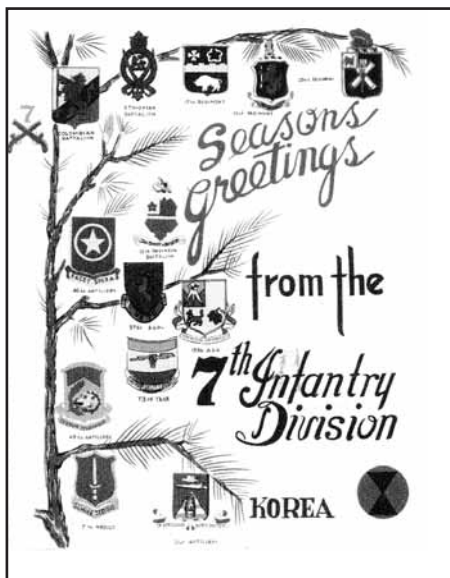


(L-R) Thomas J. Hudner chats with CID 187 members Jerry Roy and Leo Cote.



CID 187's banner is displayed prominently at the air show

Season's Greetings 1953



Olinger's Christmas 1953 card to Joe Scheuber

By Joseph A. Scheuber

While searching through my memorabilia, I found two of my most prized possessions, a Christmas card from the 7th Infantry Division in Korea and a photo of Leon Olinger and myself. They flooded my mind with memories of the past.

On March 23, 1953, I was wounded on Pork Chop Hill, and sent to the Swedish

Red Cross Hospital in Pusan, where I stayed for three weeks. When I was able to return to duty, I was sent back to Item Company in April. After a few days, I was transferred to Headquarters' Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry. There, I was in charge of manning the Battalion Observation Post overlooking Chinese positions near the front lines until the end of June. In July, I was promoted to sergeant and presented with the Silver Star



by a general for my actions on Pork Chop Hill the night I was wounded.

While serving my time on the O.P. with Robert Rossrilli, Leon Olinger, and Paul Ellington, we formed a friendship that time could not erase.

In the middle of July, I was given my stateside orders; my tour of duty was completed. Sergeant Robert Rossrilli took charge of the O.P. He rotated home a few weeks later. Because Olinger and Ellington had not been in Korea as long as Rossrilli and I, they had to stay in Korea and finish their tour of duty.

I was sitting on a ship in the harbor of Inch on when the armistice was signed.

My ship, the General Meigs, set sail for the United States a few hours later. The country that had been ravished by war for over three years was at peace, and they could start to rebuild it.

Around Christmas 1953 a card arrived. I read the contents, and then stored the card for over fifty years. While I was searching in my albums, I found the card and photo. I share the contents of the card with the readers of *The Graybeards*.

Inside the card, Olinger had written they were now in Corp Reserve at Camp

Casey, about ten miles south of Chor'won. He was now S2 Sgt., and Ellington was going to be Santa Claus for Headquarters Company. They had been on R & R in Japan in October.

The card has all the crests of the 7th Infantry Division members. In the upper left hand corner are the crests for the Colombian and Ethiopian battalions. They were attached to the 7th Division.

Over the years, I have been in contact with Olinger, Rossrilli, and Ellington. In

the last twenty years my hobby has been looking up Army buddies, other men who served in the service, collecting Korean War paraphernalia, and books written on the war.

Joe Scheuber, 108 North 6th Street, Patterson, CA 95363, (209) 892-6748, ScheuberJ@juno.com

(L-R) Leon Olinger and Joe Scheuber in early June 1953 in the supporting area 2-3 miles behind the MLR

Firefighters Race To 'Bucket' Disaster

By M/Sgt. Bill FitzGerald

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SEOUL (Pac. S&S)—The horrors of bacteriological warfare struck Seoul Sunday. The result was pandemonium. Strong men gasped and swooned. And the faithful EUSAK fire department came racing to the rescue.

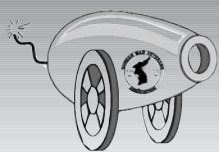
A honey bucket cart had overturned in a street near EUSAK headquarters company where the 8038th Engineers Map Reproduction detachment has its vans. It was late afternoon and the ox-borne wagon had a goodly and odoriferous load.

First Lt. Richard G. Ellas, DeSota, Mo., detachment commander, says the wagon overturned completely when the ox got restive at being tied to a tree while its owner went off on business. Maybe he went to see a man about an ox, but it would have been a good idea to have oxed his ox for permission to leave the area.

"God, but it was horrible," says Ellas. "My boys were clutching their throats and throwing up. The stuff was all over the street, and it was one helluva hot day. Well, the wagon owner came back and saw what had happened, but all he did was grab a bucket and try to scoop up his precious cargo. The ox looked as if it just didn't give a damn. It even had a sneaky sort of leer as if it was glad about the whole thing.

"Then the Korean, who had a pipe in his mouth, dropped his pipe in the muck and began groping around for it. That's when I stopped being an eye witness. We called the fire department boys and they got a crew of Koreans to hose down the street clean. It took them an hour—and what an hour that was."

Thanks to Thomas Largent, 10478 US Highway 50, Aurora, IN 47001-9162 for submitting this story—and seeking permission from *Stars and Stripes* to reprint it here. The story appeared originally in the *Stars and Stripes* in 1951 or 1952.



Feedback/Return Fire

This section of *The 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—with your name attached to it—then we will honor that. Make sure to let us know, though.

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.

Pat Tillman: The Exception To The Rule

EDITOR'S NOTE: I have received several responses to my editorial in the Sept/Oct edition regarding "The Most Misused Word In The World: Warriors" pointing out that I missed one athlete who gave up a lucrative athletic career to join the military. His name was Pat Tillman. Certainly, Tillman proved that there is an exception to every rule.

Here is a sample response:

Your editor's desk subject in the Sept-Oct 2006 issue is right on, and is needed for all of us. There is one major omission from your article. Arizona had the privilege of knowing a true warrior—athlete. His name was Pat Tillman.

Pat played football for Arizona State University, and was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals of the National Football League. He was an outstanding player for both teams. His brother decided to join the Army, so Pat did the same thing. He turned down a multi-million dollar contract to do his patriotic duty. Pat became a Ranger and was sent to Afghanistan, where he was killed by friendly fire.

The Cardinals honored Pat with a big bronze statue and placed his name in the Ring of Honor in their new stadium. I did not meet Pat, and I have never had any contact with him other than as a fan.

This past Sunday (November 12, 2006), the Cardinals honored Pat in a special ceremony.

Fred Cox
Arden A. Rowley Chapter, Arizona
via email

Do Your Own PR (See Levin sidebar file)

In response to your article in the July/August 2006 issue, in which you wrote, and elaborated on, "Yesterday's News Is Today's News," I have been acutely aware of the shortcomings of the news media regarding the "Forgotten War."

On numerous occasions I have noted, journalists, when writing about our wars in general, refer to casualties in WWII and in Vietnam. Yet, they never refer to the Korean War. This glaring omission has occurred in major local newspapers, as well as in Time magazine, etc. On each occasion I have written either to the editor or to the specific writer to point out how irresponsible and incomplete their information is. I do not always receive a response.

But, on one occasion a journalist wrote me an apology. On another, a respected local newspaper published my letter in black highlights. (See inset.) Unfortunately, it was partly abridged, but at least they felt a duty to so publish it.

This letter, written by Stanley Levin, appeared on Flag Day, June 14, 2006, in the "Opinion" section of the *Burlington [NJ] County Times*.

Unforgivable oversight: Omitting Korean vets

In your editorial "We remember" on May 30, wherein you note the casualty list for World War II and Vietnam, you omitted mentioning the casualties in the Korean War.

Too often this reader has noted journalists repeat this unforgivable oversight

Are the more than 54,000 deaths, more than 100,000 wounded and more than 8,000 missing during three years of warfare that insignificant and not worthy of mention?

I think not and I would like to believe whoever wrote this editorial might be unaware of how horrific that major war was.

Especially just after this Memorial Day holiday and in this time of crisis on the battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan and at home, I believe it is grossly in excusable not to remind readers of the casualties in that forgotten war when noting World War II and Vietnam.

As a student of history and a Korean War veteran, I would like to emphasize the complexity of that war.

Initially, we were close to being driven into the sea in South Korea by an overwhelming North Korean Army.

The war was marked by other brilliant defensive battles by our Marines at the Chosin Reservoir, and then included many major offensive battles resembling World War I trench warfare.

I do recognize your editorial was not specifically about Korea, but in the context of mentioning casualties, a gross unforgivable oversight was made by not including the statistical details of that war.

Stanley Levin
Maple Shade

As a proud Korean War veteran, and a student of our history, I never fail to take the media to task for not better educating the public regarding a major war. Probably, it is more likely that our education system has been remiss as our history books merely footnote the war.

You may be interested to know I am a man who never wore a hat of any kind for fifty years after returning home. For the past few years I have proudly worn my 24th Infantry Division hat with appropriate emblems on most occasions when I leave the house,

summer as well as winter. It is a good feeling when strangers come up to me and acknowledge recognition of the war.

Stanley A. Levin
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The Integration Was A Good Move

I take great exception to D. Randall Beirme's evaluation of "Integrating Koreans into the American Units" as "A Program that Failed (Jul/Aug, p. 17)." I, too, was a member of the 5th RCT, but our experience in "B" Co. was obviously different than that experienced by Beirme's "K" Co.

Our "B" Co. was down to roughly 100 men from a then-authorized 212. The KATUSA program was announced, and the then Col. John Throckmorton directed that a training program be implemented by each battalion. The first battalion complied and the assigned Koreans received an intensive two weeks of training, after which approximately one-third were "graduated" and assigned to the battalion companies, with one or two assigned per squad.

The "non graduates" continued training; in another week another group was "graduated" and assimilated into each company. The procedure was repeated for the last group.

The Koreans proved to be most effective and welcomed by us. They learned quickly and proved to be damn good soldiers and fighters. I know of no instances of any KATUSA being shot by our troops because they were confused as being Chinese.

James A. Johnson, MajGen USA (Ret)
11000 Henderson Rd.
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Setting The Record Straight

A Letter From James Logan Brown To Carroll Everist

Reference, *The Graybeards*, KWVA, vol 20, # 4, Jul-Aug 2006, and your article, "Sometimes It Pays To Be Insane," page 61, by you, Carroll Everist.

To set the history straight, I am not sure to whom I should send this. On page two of *The Graybeards* I see no designated historian of our KWVA. Therefore, I am sending it to President Louis Dechert, and to the DC Area National Office, Warren Wiedhahn, and to Arthur Sharp, Editor of *The Graybeards*.

To: SSG Carroll Everist, Mulvane KS.
A Christian minister of the Gospel

Carroll, very fine discussion, and you describe it is as you have told me at the 1st Cavalry Division reunions.

There is a matter that might be corrected and, on reflection, I am sure you will agree. In your second paragraph, you state that all three of the battalions of the 14th Regimental Combat Team at Camp Carson, CO, shipped out to Korea on the General Pope. In fact, one battalion was sent from the 14th RCT, but three CONUS battalions were sent to Camp Stoneman, CA, (San Francisco Bay) and from there to Pusan on the USNS *General Pope* and assigned to the First Cavalry Division in combat on line.

The battalions were from these CONUS regiments and were so assigned:

- 14th Regimental Combat Team, a separate regiment at Camp Carson, CO, assigned to the 5th Cavalry Regiment.
- 30th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, GA, assigned to the 7th Cavalry Regiment.
- 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Devens, MA, assigned to the 8th Cavalry Regiment.

The 1st Cav Div was committed to Korea in July 1950 with only two battalions in each of its then three regiments, the 5th Cav, the 7th Cav, and the 8th Cav. The 12th Cav, which had been an integral unit in WWII, had been inactivated in Japan in 1946 while on occupation duty. The Cav had two battalions in each regiment, which followed the old Cavalry TO&E/organization. Each of the "new" battalions was assigned as the third battalion of the regiments, making the 1st Cav a triangular division, which was then the Army doctrine.

I was the Platoon Leader of the Third Platoon in "L" (Love) Company/Troop, which was in the Third Battalion of the 7th Infantry Regiment at Fort Devens and then in the 8th Cavalry Regiment. I remained as such until WIA (wounded in action) on Hill 401 on the Naktong River Line on the first big push north, and evacuated through medical channels to CONUS military hospitals and there repaired.

You mentioned Lt Col Treacy, your battalion CO of the Third Battalion of the 5th Cav. He was a fine man indeed, although I knew him only slightly from one brief meeting with him on the *Pope*.

I must mention my battalion commander in the Third Battalion of the 8th Cav. He was Lt Col Harold K Johnson, who had been our CO of the Third Battalion of the 7th Infantry at Fort Devens. He later was commander of the 5th Cav, then the 8th Cav, then was Chief of Staff of the First ("I") Corps in Korea. Later, after a series of responsible positions, he was Chief of Staff of the U S Army in about 63-67. He was also commander of troops on the *Pope* as the ranking officer aboard on our trip to Korea.

As a junior second lieutenant, I had a job on the *Pope* also. I was the "sanitation" officer. That really meant trying to get details together to clean the latrines. Regarding Colonel Johnson, the way I tell the story is that we must have given him good training, because he later became Chief of Staff of the U S Army.

As the Third Infantry Division furnished units at this time, I believe a word about its commitment is appropriate. The "old" regiments of the 3ID were the 7th Inf, the 15th Inf, and the 30th Inf. The 7th Inf was at Fort Devens as a separate regiment, but was a part of the 3ID—and wore its patch, the blue and white diagonal square from the "Cottonbailers" at the Battle of New Orleans in 1815. The 15th Inf and the 30th Inf were at Fort Benning, GA, as well as Hq, 3ID.

In Oct '50 the 3ID was ordered to FECOM and took as organic regiments the 7th Inf and the 15th Inf. The 30th Inf remained at Fort Benning. The 65th Inf, an activated national guard unit from Puerto Rico was sent directly to Japan and there assigned to the 3ID. The 3ID with the 7th Inf, the 15th Inf, and the 65th Inf was committed in Dec '50 to the war in Korea on the east coast at Hungnam to extract the 31st Inf and the 32nd Inf of the 7ID, and the Marine 1st Div, from the Chosin Reservoir disaster.

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Ron Anderson Passes



Ron Anderson, Commander
Dept. of Oregon

I have the sad duty of informing the Department Commanders and our membership of the death of Department of Oregon Commander Ron Anderson on Sunday, September 24th. Sad duties such as this are more frequent these days, but they never become so numerous that I do not grieve for our fellow soldiers and warriors.

CSM Anderson had assumed the helm of the Department of Oregon just this year.

I will always remember Ron best as he and I shared the shade of a tent the next day during the ceremonies at the Memorial. It was 100 degrees and climbing, one of the hottest days in history for that part of Oregon and two old soldiers—and a lot of younger ones—shared the shade and ice water. We never know, my friends.

God bless you, Ron and encourage our brothers and sisters in Oregon to pick up the work that you had so recently and effectively reopened.

Louis T Dechert



A group of KWVA members who were attending Ron Anderson's funeral: CID 72 President Howard Myers, CID 72 former President Chuck Lusardi, Mok Yun, Jesse Moore, Freddie McBride



The Oregon National Honor Guard at Ron Anderson's funeral service in Willamette National Cemetery.



ABOVE: Ron Anderson giving an impromptu speech at a 2006 Memorial Day event at the Oregon Korean War Memorial



ABOVE: Ron Anderson's wife Bonnie and son Erin receive mementos and consolations from members of the veteran community



ABOVE: The Portland [OR] Police Highland Guard enters the New Hope Community Church sanctuary for Ron Anderson's funeral. Ron's son, Erin, is on the left.



LEFT: Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs Director Jim Willis addresses those assembled at Ron Anderson's funeral while the Honor Guard holds the flag over the coffin



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

★ Robert Baxter Boyd

CALIFORNIA

★ James J. Abel
★ Charles C. Calderon
★ Jack L. Myers
★ Earl A. Reed
★ W. G. Smallwood, Jr.

COLORADO

★ Vernon I. Bowen

CONNECTICUT

★ Joseph A. Corriveau, Sr.

FLORIDA

★ Joseph M. Armonica
★ Albert L. Bartz
★ Harold L. Brenton
★ Bill F. Collier
★ Philip J. Davis
★ Wilfred O. Fredette
★ Carl Hall
★ Gale J. Hurley
★ Ed Gerald Marmitt
★ Robert G. Pack
★ Frank Porvaznik
★ Salvatore Recupero
★ Gipson P. Sloan
★ Ronald L. Taylor
★ John W. Weimert
★ Frank Whittemore
★ Wilfred J. Wildemann
★ Curt Van Auken

MAINE

★ Ralph M. Foster

MARYLAND

★ Don H. Blank

MASSACHUSETTS

★ Gerald L. Cote, Jr.
★ Leon F. Dow
★ Everett H. Miller

MICHIGAN

★ Merle L. Carlson
★ Charles R. Cruse
★ Wesley L. Easterly
★ Donald E. Eising

★ James P. Guerincy

★ William J. Ruff

MINNESOTA

★ Donald C. Manske
★ Clayton C. Pyle

MISSOURI

★ David Hahn
★ Billy E. Orr
★ Russell D. Siegismund

NEW HAMPSHIRE

★ Richard H. Langill

NEW JERSEY

★ Daniel L. Harkins, Jr.
★ Stephen J. LaRosa

NEW MEXICO

★ Donald F. Songer

NEW YORK

★ George J. Bartalsky
★ David L. Brennan
★ Edward Fitzsimmons
★ Richard C. Graczyk
★ Theodore G. Klug
★ Pat Marrotta
★ Robert J. McCormack
★ Robert E. Piper

OHIO

★ Joseph Burch
★ Dion K. Burner
★ Robert E. Hall
★ Regis L. Kohl

PENNSYLVANIA

★ Calvin H. Lowell
★ Thomas L. Taylor, Jr.

TEXAS

★ Darrell H. Dake

★ Aniceton Delbosque

★ Joe E. Flores

WASHINGTON

★ Richard A. Gordon

MICHAEL E MAHONEY

Sadly we must report another death among past National and Department leaders. Michael E Mahoney, President of the Department of Ohio, and a Past National Director, moved on to his final muster on November 21, 2006.

Mike is possibly best known through his national leadership in the VAVS program, which he directed for six years. I last spoke with Mike on the eve of this year's San Antonio Convention, when he expressed his regrets at being prevented from attending due to health problems.

COL F. BROOKE NIHART, USMC (RET)

Col F. Brooke Nihart died on 30 August 2006 in Virginia. He was a prolific writer on USMC topics. One of his best known works, however, was the U.S. Military Code of Conduct, which has affected every one of us in the military at some point. He authored the Code in 1955, and it remains virtually the same today as it was then.

Col Nihart was more than a writer, however. He fought in WWII and Korea. He was a gunnery officer on the USS Saratoga early in WWII, where he participated in the battle of Wake Island. Later, he taught amphibious landing tactics and fought at Okinawa.

In Korea, Col Nihart led Operation Blackbird, the first night-time helicopter operation in military history. The operation involved the landing of 200 troops in September 1951 on a hill top inside North Korea at the Punchbowl. He was awarded the Navy Cross for his actions in the ensuing battle.

Death Notice of a Member of KWVA

The following notice is submitted for publication:

Name of deceased _____

Date of death _____

Department/Chapter _____

Address _____

☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Air Force ☐ Coast Guard

Other _____

Primary Unit of service during Korean War

Submitted by _____

Relationship to deceased _____

Send to: Membership, P.O. Box 101238, Arlington, VA 22210



Recon Missions

Close—But Oh, So Far

The soldiers in the picture were assigned to the Heavy Machine Platoon, Company H, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. I believe the picture was taken early in 1953, near or on Boomerang Hill, Kumwa Valley, South Korea.

Now, fast forward 53 years to 2006. My niece, Major Peggy Kageleiry, is stationed in Germany as a Public Information Officer. She had an occasion to contact Gary Beylickjian, who retired from the Army as the Sergeant Major of the Public Information Office, HQ DA. He continued to work there after his retirement.



Soldiers in the picture were assigned to the Heavy Machine Platoon, Company H, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. Looking for some names.

He asked her if she knew a Harry Kageleiry. Their conversation resulted in my receiving a telephone call from Gary. The last time Gary and I had talked on the telephone was sometime in the mid-1970s, before we both retired from the Army.

There are seven soldiers in the picture which Gary emailed to me. He is the soldier on the left and was the platoon sergeant at the time. I am in the front and facing toward Gary. The soldier on the right is Leslie L. Close. The last time Leslie and I exchanged letters was in the mid-1950s.

I am searching for the address of Leslie and the names and addresses of the other four soldiers in the picture. If anyone has any information about them, please contact me:

Harry Kageleiry, 65 Toftree Lane
Dover NH 03820-4657
(603) 742-6750, 1951hkagey@comcast.net

A "Fountain" of Information

I was recently given a copy of *The Graybeards* and I saw that a gentleman named James A. Fountain was running for the office of "National Director" or a position therein. It says in his "bio" that he had been a platoon Sergeant in K Company, 23rd RCT of the 2nd

Infantry Division.

I would like to contact him or have him contact me at the above address. I, too, was a "short-timer" with K Company during January of 1951. I say "short-timer" because the CCF tried to do me in soon after arriving with the company at the battle of Twin Tunnels near Wonju on February 1, 1951.

As is evident by this letter, I survived and returned from the 141st Gen. Hospital in Fukuoka, Japan to serve another 9 months with the 8209 M.A.S.H. as a clerk. We supported the 2nd Division & 10th Corps the rest of 1951.

It would be interesting to hear from Mr. Fountain if possible.

Lester F. Baumann
2280 Cordillera Ave.
Colton, CA 92324

Looking for...

Vernon R. Barker



Vernon R. Barker, KIA

I came across your site and am sending a photo of my uncle just in case you could print it. His name was Vernon R. Barker. His birth and death dates were 1/4/28 - 2/13/5.

Vernon was KIA near Hoengsong. He was a member of 15th Art BN, 2 Inf. Div. Army

He is buried in Tick Ridge Cemetery in Olive Hill, Kentucky.

It would be very nice if someone had personal information about Vernon they would be willing to share. I could then pass it on to his daughter and wife.

They can reach me at this email address: rbarker_2@yahoo.com If anyone does email me, please place Re: Vernon Barker in the subject line so I do not accidentally delete the message as SPAM.

Thank you!

Rosalee Barker (via email)

Editor's note: If anyone would like information forwarded to Rosalee Barker, and prefers to do it via methods other than email, please send it to the editor:

Looking For...

Members of the 83rd Ordnance Ammo Bn and Karen L. Stinson

I am writing to you on behalf of my friend Karen L. Stinson, who was adopted as an infant from the Choong Hyun Baby Home in Seoul, Korea in 1959. She was born on March 20th, 1959 and raised in Texas; she is now 47.

Karen has no connection with her Korean roots, nor does she have survivors, since her adoptive mother passed. I am helping Karen connect with her roots, and have very little to go on. In my research, I came across a site stating this:



Karen L. Stinson

Members of the 83d Ordnance Ammo Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, a unit of the Eighth Army, recently delivered belated Christmas gifts to 105 orphans of the Choong Hyun Baby Home near Seoul. When the 83d moved into their present location in September 1951, they found the Choong Hyun Baby Home almost on their doorstep. In no time at all the men of the organization had taken the children under their wing.

Karen believes her father is an American soldier who was stationed in Korea at that time.

She is trying to locate soldiers from the 83rd Ordnance Ammo Bn who might shed some light on where she is from.

The following names are from a picture that was in the orphanage home in February 1952: M/Sgt. Dave Thomas, Pfc Rivers A. Eskind, Cpl Norman J Benson Jr., and Buddy D Youngblood.

Contact Frank Cohee, Assistant Secretary for the National Headquarters of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA), coheesan@verizon.net, (863 859-1384, or DavidWLeBlanc@aol.com.

Peter Juan Flores & Patron Nine, U.S. Navy

I am looking for information on the history of Patron Nine, Golden Eagles, US Navy, during the time of the Korean War. My father, Peter Juan Flores, was assigned to that squadron for a period of time.

He passed away in 1963, when we were all very young, so our knowledge of him is limited to a few photos, a few memories, and a couple of letters he had written to his father while stationed overseas.

I recall that he finished his duty to the US Navy while stationed on Hawaii. My mother, who died in 2001, and he lived there for a while.

Thank you for your response.

Greg Flores, 6002 Perkins Rd
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
(225) 757-0250 (work), (225) 757-0310 (fax)

Copies Of Stars & Stripes

I am looking for copies of the *Stars & Stripes* from August 1951 to May 1952. I was in Fox Co., 7th Regt., 3rd Div.

Thanks for any help you can give me.

Gifford H. Parlet, 815 West Bridge Street, #25
Yerington, NV 89447
(775)463-2272

Looking for...

Clyde Kennard

I am the author of two books on American history, *Inside the Oval Office* and *An American Insurrection*. I am researching a new book about Clyde Kennard, a black Korean War veteran who attempted to register at the University of Southern Mississippi in the late 1950s

and was imprisoned at hard labor on a false burglary charge, subsequently dying from medical neglect. A full account of his ordeal is on this website: <http://www.clydekennard.org>

I am trying to locate friends who might have served in the military with Mr. Kennard for possible interviews for my book.

I have very little to go on regarding Mr. Kennard's service details, other than his Army serial # (RA 44-143-812), and the fact that he was honorably discharged from service at Ft. Jackson, SC on October 6, 1952 as a Technical Sergeant assigned to HQ Company, 279th Infantry Regiment. He was also posted at Ft Bragg in 1950-1952, with HQ, 3rd Battalion, 505th Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. I also understand that he received the Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star; UN Service medal, and a Good Conduct Medal.

He was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and attended high school in Chicago and the University of Chicago. He was, I believe, a truly great American who was martyred in the struggle for civil rights for all Americans.

Any help you might offer would be truly appreciated.

William Doyle
25 Tudor City Place, Suite 2004
New York, NY 10017
(212) 624-9242, bill_doyleus@yahoo.com

Looking for...

Richard Curry

I am looking for Richard Curry, from Cleveland, OH. He was drafted into the Army in 1951, and served in Korea with the 73rd Heavy Tank Bn., 3rd Inf. Div. We served together in Korea, but we were separated at Ft. Bliss, TX.

Ronald Demers, P. O. Box 1
Peace Dale, RI 02883-0001
(401) 284-0155, menancha@cox.net

Members Of 140th Tank Bn., Co. B

I was in Korea with the 40th Inf. Div., 140th Tank Battalion, Co. B from January, 1953 to December, 1953. I would like to hear from anyone who was there in Co. B during that time. Some of the names I remember are:

- M/Sgt Squires - Co. First Sergeant
- Cpl. Moon - Jeep driver for Co. Cmdr whom I replaced in January, 1953;
- S.F.C. Green - Headquarters Platoon Sergeant
- Sgt. Bob Bushek - Tanker
- Cpl. Bushek - Cook (brother of Bob)
- Cpl. Bill Saul - Tanker
- Cpl Rodriguez - (KIA) Tank driver

I was Jeep driver for the Company Commander, then supply truck driver, then tanker. Maybe we can plan a reunion in 2007 and renew acquaintances.

James H. Smith
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Flint, MI 48532 (810) 733-1240,
KWVA Chapter 251
Frankenmuth-Saginaw, MI
jim-colleen@sbcglobal.net,

Looking For...

Harold W. Beck

I am looking for 1st. Lt. Harold W. Beck, O-1338548. He was from Winnebago, IL. He was the CO of the "Battle Patrol, 15th. Infantry Regt., 3rd Infantry Division". He was wounded April 11, 1952.

I would like to make contact with him, as we served together in the Battle Patrol.

Don Booth
373 Stetler Ave.
Akron, Ohio 44312
(877) 478-1384, donandpat1964@aol.com

"Fight 'em with Item" Members

I am looking for Marines who served in Item Co., 3rd Bn., 7th Regt., 1st Marine Div. from July 1950 to 1953. I have located over 3000 Marines from "Fight'em with Item" from the Korean War.

Rick Suarez (I-3-7, Korea, 1950/51)
3252 16th Street
San Francisco, CA 94103, rasi37@aol.com

Korean Presentation Sets

Several years ago Chapter 86, Nashville [TN] hosted some event where the visiting Koreans gave out presentation sets of about four items. They ran out of sets and I did not get one. They said they would get me one.

I called the Korean Embassy and they said they might be able to help me get one if I could get a picture of set and send them.

If anyone has one of the sets that we can take a picture of, please contact me: Frank Dudas, 249 W 37th St., Hopkinsville, KY 42240, (270) 885-2845

NOTE: Frank is not talking about the Medallion presented by Mr. Eugene Chin Yu. He has that.

Who Did The Printing?

The "Tell America" Director Needs To Know

I have a question and so far haven't found anyone who can help me. The few posters and maps I picked up after the 2003 anniversary have served us very well in helping chapters with their Tell America programs. I have almost depleted my supply and need to find out how to get them reprinted.

I have talked with several local printers and they will do the job if I can get the original files, CDs, etc., from which they were printed. Do you have a way to find out who did the printing of the material that was used during the anniversary celebration? If we can find out they may be willing to print some more for our use.

The material still works very well for our programs, and I still get calls for visual aids from the Chapters. I think it is very important for our Chapters to have a place in the National HQ to get some help with their program.

Would appreciate any help you can give me.

Larry Kinard
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Mansfield, TX 76063, (682) 518-1040,
Larry.Kinard@yahoo.com

Members Of King Co., "Buffalo" Regt., 7th Div.

Robert J. Costa of Fall River, MA, is looking for anyone who served with him in the above unit in 1954-55. Reach him at 73 Jetson Street, Fall River, MA 02723, (508) 673-0165, or via cell phone at (508) 496-5516.

Task Force Rogers And Val John

The story about the "Sunchon Survivors" in the Sept/Oct 2006 issue, p. 18, brought back memories to Ray Davis, who was a member of Task Force Rogers, and one of the American troops who rescued them. He remembers in particular one of them, Valdor John, with whom he has lost contact. Davis, who was a member of "D" Co., 8th Regt., 1st Cav. Div., would like to hear from John or anyone else who was involved in the incident.

Reach him at 231 Murray Drive, Lakeland, FL 33815, (863) 682-2452.

A Rare Winner

By Bill Hutton

Many of us spend a lot of time trying to people who send us inquiries about lost buddies, parents, etc. A couple months ago, I asked Frank Cohee, an Assistant Secretary at the KWVA National Headquarters, to "specialize" in this area to find as many answers as he could to these requests for information, some of which contain little to no real background. The following is a rare winner!

Thomas Rohring wrote to find out his Dad's dates of service, his rank, where he was stationed while in Korea, and the unit he was assigned too. He wanted this information so it could be posted on a board at his church that has veterans' information and pictures on it. At this point there was no mention of his father's name, which made the task a bit challenging.

As Frank wrote to Thomas, "Believe me when I say that this is essentially an impossible task, more so in your case when you have very little information, but once in a while we are successful." This was one of those "once in a while."

Frank researched numerous files and sites to obtain the requested information, one of which was our own website. The site contained the name of a Kenneth Nelson Rohring, in Median, N. Y. He had been a member of the KWVA, but he has been inactive since 6/25/93. It turned out that this Kenneth Rohring was the father for whom Thomas was looking. He had moved to Median, NY 15 or 16 years ago. That was a start for Thomas.

Thomas plans to use the other people search sites that Frank recommended to continue the search for his Father's records. In response, Thomas wrote "Frank not only do I want to thank you for your help, but most of all for serving our Country and protecting our freedom, Tom Rohring."

By the way, if anyone remembers Kenneth Nelson Rohring, contact Thomas N. Rohring at 298 Woodward Ave., Buffalo N.Y. 14214.

Incidentally...nice going, Frank

Book Review

One of Millions

Gilbert Tucker

128 pp., Polyglot Press 2006. ISBN 1-4115-9981-0

By Kris Barnett

If you're looking for a book describing the brutality of combat and the dangerous missions of highly-trained infantry men during the Korean War, you'll have to look elsewhere. However, if you're looking for a more light-hearted look at the behind-the-scenes efforts and antics of the many men who served behind the front lines, Gilbert Tucker's *One of Millions* is the right book for you.

The publisher's introduction notes: "...one thing all service people know is the bureaucratic and confusing world of the armed services." Tucker's anecdotes indeed illustrate the idiosyncratic nature of the armed services, including some of the less-than-perfect processes he experienced when he was drafted in 1952. His two years in the Army, including a brief stint in Seoul, were fraught with frustrations and hijinks.

Tucker's memoir begins with his registration for the draft, and takes him through basic training and various assignments, ultimately culminating in his assignment in Korea and his anticlimactic return stateside after the truce was signed. Throughout the two years he served he was subjected to a number of typical Army rites of passage—from highs and lows in the chow line, to the dreaded monotony of KP duty, to being confined below decks for twenty-one days on a troopship full of seasick soldiers.

Tucker's memories are surprisingly vivid and are often humorous, and are sure to evoke similar memories in those who also learned to navigate the world of the armed services. Like so many who served before and after him, Tucker quickly learned a few vital lessons in self-preservation. These lessons included:

"(1) Never volunteer for anything.... Often, when volunteers were asked for, the reason given for their need was purposely misleading to hide a miserable job. (2) As previously mentioned, beware of anyone approaching with a clipboard in hand. Move away as quickly as possible because

it meant men needed for a detail."

Many times throughout the book, Tucker revisits a mistake made when he was given his MOS designation. Although a trained artist, Tucker was classified as a draftsman. This snafu resulted in more than one ill-fated assignment, since Tucker possessed no drafting skills. However, this error may have been one of the factors that prevented Tucker from being assigned to the infantry, because his perceived skills in drafting, his actual artistic skills, and his tenacity in trying to find a suitable assignment helped keep him busy and off the front lines. Of his experiences with the Engineering Technical Intelligence Team (534th ETIT) in Seoul, Tucker writes (on p. 91):

"How well I knew that all the minor discomforts we experienced were nothing compared to what the men at the front endured every day. The job that I held was one that best used what I had been trained to do as a civilian, yet I realized that I had arrived where I was through a lot of luck combined with persona initiative."

Despite the misclassification, Tucker's artistic skills were put to use, as he worked on valuable training materials and provided support to the millions of others who served in the Army.

Through his own experiences, Tucker highlights the importance of the contributions of all of the millions of men and women who served in the armed services...those whose assignments brought them to the front lines and those whose jobs combined to support the armed services in other important ways. Indeed, Tucker's experiences result in a story that is one in a million.

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number of articles from special sources, such as the Veterans Administration and various MIA/POW-oriented organizations.

Any questions on this matter should be addressed to the Secretary, KWVA, at the address listed inside the front cover of the magazine.

Lou Dechert, President, KWVA/US

Grim News For Chapter 142

It is no secret that WWII and Korean War veterans are passing on in ever-increasing numbers. There is no better evidence than this excerpt from the 12/5/06 Frederick [MD] News-Post, which puts one KWVA Chapter's losses into perspective.

Chapter 142, Korean War Veterans, lost thirteen members this year alone.

Korean War veteran mourned in deadliest year since that conflict's end

*Published on December 5, 2006
By Geoffrey D. Brown, News-Post Staff*

FREDERICK — Charles Kopelman has joined Leon L. Eyler, Oswald A. Pesuti, Charles B. Miss, Frederick W. Miller, Frank N. Renn, John P. Hess, Bernard D. Shores, Harry L. Snyder, Max A. Keyser, Owen B. Pearrell, Lawrence C. Siperak, and Walter R. Fogle Jr., all once members of the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 142.

It's been the deadliest year since the war for Frederick County Korean War veterans, whose members mourn the latest of 13 of their cadre to die this year, according to the chapter's 2006 commander, Bob Miles.

Pennsylvania Issues Korea Defense Plates

Pennsylvania
KDS license
plate



Pennsylvania has become the second state in the U.S. to honor Korea Defense veterans with a specialty license plate, the KDSM plate.

Donald R. Duffy, a veteran who served in Korea in 1955-57 with the 73rd Tank Bn, 7th Div., fought hard and long to earn this recognition for Korea Defense veterans from Pennsylvania.

Duffy invites Korea veterans to do the same in their individual states.

"It isn't that difficult," he said. "However, it is important to get Korea Defense veterans the recognition they deserve."

*Reach Duffy at 1901 N. Mercer Street,
New Castle, PA 16105, (724) 654-1961*

Official Membership Application Form

The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 22857, Alexandria, VA 22304 (Telephone: 703-461-0061)

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Assigned Membership Number: _____

KWVA Regular Annual Dues = \$25.00 ♦ Associate Membership = \$12.00

Ex-POW, Gold Star Parent or Spouse & Honorary - \$0.00

Regular Life Membership: (May be paid in lump sum or 6 equal payments by check over a 12 month period.)

Ages up to and through 35 years of age:\$600

Ages 36 through 50 years of age:\$450

Ages 51 through 65 years of age:\$300

Ages 66 years of age and older:\$150

Please Check One: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal Member # _____

Please Check One: ☐ Ex-POW ☐ Regular Member ☐ Life Member ☐ Associate Member

☐ Honorary ☐ Gold Star Spouse ☐ Gold Star Parent

(Please Print)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle/Maiden Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email _____

Name of Chapter (if applicable) _____

All Regular members please provide the following information if applicable

Unit(s) to which Assigned

Branch of Service

Division _____

☐ Army

Regiment _____

☐ Air Force

Battalion _____

☐ Navy

Company _____

☐ Marines

Other _____

☐ Coast Guard

Dates of service:

Within Korea were: (See criteria below)

From _____ To _____

Without Korea were: (See criteria below)

From _____ To _____

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes as indicated, is true and correct."

[If you are applying for membership in a category other than Section 1, par A.1., of the "Criteria for Membership," complete the "Certification of Eligibility for KWVA Membership" form.]

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to: KWVA

Mail to: Korean War Veterans Association Inc., P. O. Box 22857, Alexandria, VA 22304

Credit Card # _____ ☐ VISA ☐ MASTER CARD

Expiration Date _____ Your Signature _____

Adopted 10/04/2005

CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR KWVA MEMBERSHIP

In addition to completing the KWVA membership application form on page 1 above, persons who make application for membership and qualify under one of the categories listed below, are required to fill in the appropriate blanks, sign in the space provided below and attach this page to the completed membership application form on page 1.

Check One

- ☐ Medal of Honor: I am a recipient of the Medal of Honor for service during the Korean War and the date on which it was awarded was: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ Ex-POW: I was held as a Prisoner of War at some time during the period June 25, 1950 to the present, From: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____ To: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ UN Command/Korean Armed Forces: I served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United Nations Command or in the Republic of Korea Armed Forces during the Korean War era (June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955): From: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____ To: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ Gold Star Parent: I am the parent of : Name [print] _____, who was () killed in action, () missing in action or () died as a Prisoner of War on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ Gold Star Spouse: I am the spouse of: Name [print] _____, who was () killed in action, () missing in action or () died as a Prisoner of War on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ Associate: I have a legitimate interest in the affairs of the Korean War Veterans Association and agree to accept the terms and conditions set forth in its charter and bylaws.
- ☐ Honorary: I was elected as an honorary member of KWVA by a vote of the Board of Directors on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes indicated is true and correct."

Signature: _____ Month ____ Day ____ Year ____

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Section 1. Qualifications of Members. Membership in this Association shall consist of Regular, Associate and Honorary Members. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, or physical or mental disability, as long as the individual meets the criteria of service requirements as stipulated below. Only Regular Members as defined in A. below have a vote in National or Department matters.

A. Regular Members.

1. Service in the United States Armed Forces. Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, said service being within Korea including territorial waters and airspace (September 3, 1945 – June 25, 1950) within and without (June 25, 1950-January 31, 1955), or who served honorably in Korea from February 1, 1955 until the present time is eligible for Membership.

2. Medal of Honor. Any Medal of Honor recipient, so honored for service during the Korean War is eligible for life membership.

3. Prisoner of War. Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for life membership.

4. United Nations Command and Korean Armed Forces. Any person who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United Nations Command or in the Republic of Korea Armed Forces during the Korean War era and thereafter is eligible for membership. However, UN/Korean membership of the Association may not exceed 10% of the total membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership must be provided for approval.

5. Gold Star Parents. Any person whose son/daughter was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War is eligible for life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership must be provided for approval.

6. Gold Star Spouses. Any person whose spouse was killed in action, missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War is eligible for life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership must be provided for approval.

B. Associate Members. Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of this Association and who wishes to support its aims, and not being eligible for Regular membership and who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the charter and bylaws shall be eligible for associate membership in the Association.

C. Honorary Members. Any person of good character may be elected as Honorary Member by vote by the Board of Directors.

D. Ineligible. Any person who has been separated from the service of the Armed Forces of the United States, or the United Nations Command, or the Republic of Korea under conditions other than honorable shall be ineligible for membership in this Association.

WEB SITE: www.kwva.org

Adopted 10/10/2006

Members in the NEWS



Memorial Day Ceremony In Laredo

On 29 May 2006 the Laredo 1950 Chapter #209 of the Korean War Veterans Association hosted the Memorial Day Ceremony at Jarvis Plaza. The ceremony honored the fallen heroes of all wars.

David Leyendecker, Master of Ceremonies, extended a warm welcome to the public. He called for the Colors to be presented by the U. S. Border Patrol and the Laredo Police Department Color Guard. Leyendecker called on Reynaldo Reyna, Chapter Chaplain, to offer the prayer.

John McKeown, U.S. Navy veteran, introduced the honored guest, a retired U.S. Navy veteran, Capt Wendy Rivers. Rivers was a prisoner of war in the Vietnam War for seven years, five months

and two days. Rivers was held in the Hanoi prison complex until 1973. The decorations he received were the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with Gold Star, and Combat, and the Bronze Star with Combat V.

Jose Luis Munoz, President of the Chapter, was the main speaker. He delivered an inspiring speech. Munoz said he was very much impressed that so many attended.

"This is important," he said, "because we are not just honoring those men and women who fought for our country. We are honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice- those who died for what they believed in. They did this so that we could have certain freedoms."

David Leyendecker offered the closing remarks. He thanked the public, the honored guests, and all the participants for attending this ceremony to show their support and patriotism.

Hershall Lee Named Legionnaire Of The Year

Hershall Lee was named the American Legion Post 210's Legionnaire of the Year on November 11, 2006. He was named the Illinois Korean War Veteran of the Year in 1999. One of Lee's proudest achievements was his role in getting Illinois Route 1 designated in honor of Korean War veterans.

Thomas Hannon, CID 199 Featured In Newspaper Article

Thomas "Skip" Hannon and CID 199, Manasoto [FL] were featured prominently in an article in their local paper a few months ago. The article was an excellent recruiting tool for the Chapter and for the KWVA.

The article, "Veteran revisits Korean conflict in new book," focused on Hannon's book, *Land of the Morning Calm*, which we mentioned in *The Graybeards* several issues ago, and his service as chairman of the Chapter's Tell America program. The writer also quoted Chapter Commander Gene Gillette extensively. One paragraph, for example, was an excellent recruiting piece. The reporter wrote:

Gillette emphasized that anyone who has seen service in Korea, not just those during the conflict, can join, because "these guys are still on the line over there."

In another paragraph, Gillette spoke of membership in the Chapter and the KWVA.

"It's a place to bond," Gillette, who served in Korea from 1953-55. "We have picnics and Christmas parties, but we also do charity and speak at schools."



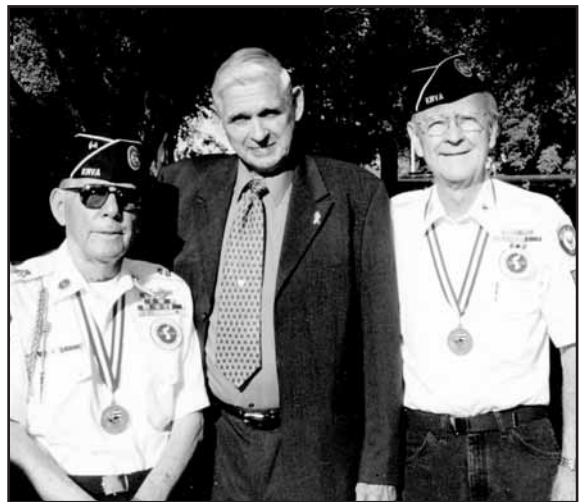
Master of Ceremonies David Leyendecker, CID 209, at Laredo Memorial Day ceremony



Keynote speaker and CID 209 President Jose Luis Munoz thanks guest for patriotism at Laredo Memorial Day ceremony



CID 209 members Jesus Gonzalez (L) and Adalberto Jaime (R) place wreath at Laredo Memorial Day ceremony



(L-R) CID 209 President Jose Luis Moniz, Captain Wendy Rivers, and Rivers' classmate John McKeown at Laredo Memorial Day ceremony

Thanks go to Hannon and Gillette for their dedication to their Chapter, KWVA, and veterans in general.

Richard Coalts, 602 Crete Ct., Bradenton, FL 34207, bbcoalts@aol.com

Urban G. Rump Receives Korean Peace Medal

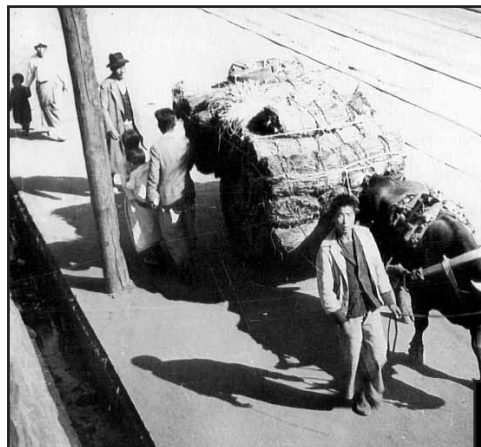


Urban G. Rump accepts his Korean Peace Medal

Urban G. Rump, CID 19, Gen. Raymond G. Davis [GA], received the Korean Peace Medal for his service as a U.S. Army corporal in the POW Command during the Korean War. He accepted the award at a 56th Anniversary dinner hosted by the Korean Veterans Association of Atlanta.

Doyle W. Dykes Named To E&G Committee

Doyle W. Dykes, one of the few KWVA members who were in Korea after WWII and before the start of the Korean War in 1950, has been named to the Ethics & Grievance Committee.



A picture of the main street of Seoul taken by Doyle Dykes in December 1947



A "honey bucket" man on the main street of Seoul, as photographed by Doyle Dykes in December 1947

Doyle Dykes (L) and ROK Col (Ret) Kim, Bong Keon, President of the Coalition of Korean American Patriotic Organizations in the USA, after the 2006 KWVA Convention banquet in San Antonio



Reunion Calendar 2007

NOTE: There is no fee required for entries to be published in the "Reunion Calendar." Entries are made on a "First-come, first-served, as space allows" basis. Korean War-related reunions are given preference. Of course, contributions to the KWVA are always welcome.

APRIL

40th Div., 223rd Regt., 4 Apr.-2 May, Las Vegas, NV, Hilton Hotel. POC: Norman Hackler, 5302 Olympia Fields Lane, Houston, TX 77069-3326, (281) 444-5279, norm@hackler.US

MAY

USS Noble (APA 218), 3-7 May, Oklahoma City, OK. POC: Bill Murphy, 98 W. Albion Street, Holley, NY 14470, (585) 638-6060, or L. B. Thompson, (580) 371-9640.

SeaBees – MCB#4 (All Eras), 7-9 May, Branson, MO, Welk Resort. POC: Nick "Mush" Marschhauser, 478 Fortsville Road, Gansevoort, NY 12831-1573, (518) 745-7753, nick@nickstents.com

84th & 62nd Engineers (Korea, 1950-54), 7-10 May, Virginia Beach, VA. POC: Ted Anbuhl, 7255 Oakbriar Dr. S, Mobile, AL 36619, (251) 666-5521, tanbuhl4@gulfnet.com

73rd Tank Bn., 73rd Armor, & 73rd Cav. (USA), 14-18 May, 2007, Louisville, KY. POC: Curtis Banker, (518) 643-2302, dmbanker-curtis@northnet.org

USS Cogswell (DD-651) Association, 17-19 May, Branson, MO. POC: George H. Overman, P.O. Box 6098, Oceanside, CA 92052-6098, (760) 889-2216, uss-cogswell@cox.net or www.destroyers.org/uss-cogswell

999th AFA Bn (Armored Field Artillery Battalion (Korea, 1950-54), May 25-27, Tallahassee, FL, Park Plaza Hotel. POC: Andrew Brown, Jr., 340 Ave. V., Northeast, Winter Haven, FL 33881, Andrew.brown@veldafarms.com

JUNE

2nd Bn., 1st Regt., 1st Marine Division (Korean War Era, 1950-1955), 11-14 June, Atlantic City, Clarion Hotel. POC: George T. Coyle Sr., 54 Price Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872-1644, (732) 254-6646, GTC1528@worldnet.att.net

21st Inf. Regt. (and attached units in war and peace time), 12-15 June, Fort Mitchell, KY, Drawbridge Inn. POC: Ezra P. Burke, 15322 Edgehill Dr., Dumfries, VA 22025-1037, (703) 730-9292, gimlet21st@comcast.net

58th Fighter Association (including World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the current 58th Wing in New Mexico), 19-23 June, San Antonio, Texas. POC: J. Kupferer, 2025 Bono Road, New Albany, IN 47150-4609, jkupferer@insightb.com

7th Inf. Div. Assn. (aka Hourglass and Bayonet Division), 28 June-1 July, Fort Mitchell, KY, Drawbridge Inn. POC: John (Casey) Stengel, 712 Griggs St. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, (616) 243-7174, execsec@7id.us, or visit www.7id.us

AUGUST

2nd Marine Division Association, 20-26 August, Washington DC (Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington VA). POC: Peter Grimes, P.O. Box 8180, Camp Lejeune, NC, (910) 451-3167, peter.grimes@usmc.mil

5th Marine Division Association, 21-26 August, Raleigh, NC, Hilton North Raleigh. POC: George Cattelona, P.O. Box 58206, Raleigh, NC 27658-8206.

OCTOBER

Photo Section, Signal Corps, 25th Inf. Div. ("Tropic Lightning") October, Tampa, FL. POC: Rolie Berens, 18400 Brookfield Lake Drive, Brookfield, WI 53045, (262) 797-8897.

APPLICATION FOR KVA SEOUL REVISIT TOUR

KVA (Seoul) Revisit Purpose: "To express the gratitude of the Korean Government towards Korean War Veterans who took part in the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to October 15, 1954."

Veteran's Personal History (Please type or print)

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____ Date of Birth _____

KWVA Members# _____ Expiration Date _____

Companion Name/Relationship _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Veteran's Passport# _____ Expiration Date _____

Companion's Passport# _____ Expiration Date _____

NOTE: If you do not have a current valid passport or have just applied to KVA, write "applied for" on # line

Veteran's Military Biography

Branch of Service _____ Service Number _____

Period of Service in Korean War (month/year) from _____ thru _____

Unit Assignment _____ Location of Unit _____

Rank Achieved in Korea _____ Highest Rank Achieved while in Service _____

Personal Military Decorations for Valor _____

Veterans' Certification

I hereby certify that I have never previously accepted a KVA (Seoul) Revisit tour and that I am a member in good standing (or have applied) with the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA).

Veteran's Signature _____ Date _____

Complete and mail this form along with a \$300 deposit per person (check, money order or Visa/MasterCard only) to Military Historical Tours. Payment in full is required for all applications submitted sixty days or less prior to departure.

Credit Card Authorization

I, _____ hereby authorize Military Historical Tours to make charges to my _____

credit card, Account#: _____ Expiration date: _____

in consideration for airline tickets and any other travel or transportation services or products as requested by me or authorized users of this credit card. Signature: _____

Mail To:

KWVA Revisit Korea Program
c/o MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS
4600 Duke Street, Suite 420
Alexandria, VA 22304-2517

Phone: 703-212-0695
 Fax: 703-212-8567
 E-mail: mht@miltours.com
 www.miltours.com

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 War and to show them the bountiful results of their sacrifices and devotion.

KVA's Eligibility Requirements

You are eligible if you are:

1. A veteran of the Korean War and /or a war correspondent of any of the 21 nations which came to assistance of the Republic of Korea between 25 June 1950 and 15 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. The family member must be lodged in the same hotel room with you in Korea.

Privileges Accorded Veterans by the KVA, Seoul

1. Hotel accommodations (two persons per room), meals, tours, and transportation, while in Korea for six days and five nights.

2. Tours of Seoul and vicinity. The visits are to Panmunjom, North Korean Invasion Tunnels, Korea 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 battle sites and/or Incheon may be made through the local tour guide.

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

Sundry Notes

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

2. Participants are required to have a valid passport: a visa is not required for visits of 15 days or fewer in Korea.

3. KVA/Seoul is not responsible for any loss of, or damage to, personal or other items, medical expenses, injuries, or loss of like due to any accident of whatever nature during the revisits. Trip cancellation insurance is available and highly recommended.

4. Transportation costs to and from Korea will be borne by each person who participates in the program.

5. Applications will be received/accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

Note: If you have previously accepted an official KVA/Seoul Revisit tour from any sponsoring association or group, you are NOT eligible to participate again. The reason is that so many veterans have not gone before so they get the "first right of return."

Because former Revisit Program participants have their name in the KVA/Seoul's computer database, please do not try to beat the system. If your name is rejected because of prior participation, all of us will be embarrassed and an eligible Korea War veteran might miss the opportunity to participate.

6. If you want to use your frequent flier miles or other "free" transportation, you will be charged an administrative service fee of \$300 per person.

Caution: Not traveling with KWVA group air contract can result in much higher post-tour costs to China and other Pacific location.

Note: Should you desire to have a single room or take additional family or friends with you, this can be arranged for an additional cost. Any such requests must be made in writing.

Revisit News

Sam Johnson Chapter 270 Member Presents Sister Chapter Proclamation to Incheon City Chapter

On September 11, 2006, Tilford Jones, Secretary of Chapter 270, presented Mr. Lee Chin Won, Incheon City Chapter Chairman, with a Sister City Proclamation at the Incheon International Airport.



▲ Tilford Jones holds bouquet presented to him by Incheon City Chapter members

Tilford Jones presents Sister Chapter Proclamation to Lee Chin Won ➤

Jones and his wife Sue were in a revisit tour group of 160 Korean War veterans, spouses, and descendants who had arrived at the Incheon International Airport on September 11. As Jones left customs, about 20 representatives of the Incheon Chapter welcomed him and his wife with a huge banner. After introductions, Jones and Incheon City Chapter members had a hurried ceremony while the tour guides insisted that the Joneses board the tour bus to their hotel.

During the ceremony, Jones presented CID 270's Sister Chapter Proclamation to the Incheon Chapter Chairman, Mr. Lee Chin Won. He, in turn, presented two huge bouquets of beautiful flowers to the Joneses.

Jones reported that he gave CID 270

Returning to Korea

patches to Incheon City Chapter members. During the Incheon Landing Anniversary celebration a couple days later, Jones again met the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Incheon Chapter. The Chairman gave Jones his chapter lapel pin, and the Vice Chairman gave Jones his paratrooper wings and a pin that

◀ CID 270's Tilford Jones greets Incheon Chapter members

Incheon Chapter members return greetings to Joneses ▼



says "Family of a Patriot."

As Jones noted, "I feel that this gesture was indeed one of friendship although we had spent so little time together. The other people on our tour witnessed the presentation ceremony and wondered why the Koreans honored us. Those in our group and the Koreans took numerous pictures of the event."

Medals And Five-Fork Meals

Angelo Rosa, who served with the 955 Field Artillery Battalion in Korea during 1951, had the opportunity to return recently on a Korea Visit Program, 20-25 May 2006. One of the highlights was a presentation ceremony on 21 May on the 19th Floor Orchid Room at the five-star Sofitel Hotel in Seoul. There, the Ministry of

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Suhor Industries to Build Korean War Memorial in Arkansas

SI Construction Services recently signed a contract to build The Arkansas Korean War Veterans' Memorial in Little Rock's MacArthur Park. The company will serve as general contractor on the project, and will work side by side with two of its sister companies: SI Veteran Memorials and SI Precast.

Doyle Herndon, President of the Arkansas Korean War Veterans' Memorial Foundation, is happy to announce the selec-

Donations are needed now to allow completion by May of 2007

tion of Suhor Industries to design and construct the Arkansas Korean War Veterans' Memorial. "Suhor Industries was selected as the contractor for this project because of their extensive experience in the construction of veteran memorials," says Herndon.

The Arkansas Korean War Veterans' Memorial Foundation broke ground on the memorial in November of 2005. It is intended to be a statewide memorial to honor the services of all of the Arkansas Korean War Veterans, and to also be a lasting remainder of the sacrifices of the veterans of the often-called "Forgotten War."

The memorial will be a plaza with a unique entryway. The names of the 461 Arkansans killed in the Korean War will be listed on granite panels forming a semi-circle around bronze statues:

- A combat soldier representing the fighting that took place in Korea to stop the spread of communism and to ensure freedom for the people of the Republic of Korea (South Korea.)

- A statue honoring the brave sacrifices that Combat Medics and Navy Corpsmen made to save the lives of others.

- One of these statues will be an African-American soldier symbolizing the end of racial segregation in the Armed Forces of the United States that resulted from the Korean War.

- A statue of two Korean Children represents the Korean people that suffered during the war and the future generations of Koreans that have rebuilt a nation that was destroyed by war. The hand of friendship being extended by the combat medic represents the humanitarian work that took place during the war, and the strong ties of friendship that exists between the people of South Korea and the people of the United States.

The Memorial will also feature a map of Korea and a display explaining the history of the Korean War. The Korean Government, Hanam City (sister-city to Little Rock) and the Korean people have given over \$400,000 for this project. The Foundation must still raise nearly \$100,000. The public can make a donation or learn more about the Memorial Project by visiting www.arkansaskorean-war-memorial.com, sending an e-mail to doyleherndon@comcast.net, or calling 501-590-6936.

The Arkansas Korean War Veterans' Memorial Foundation is a 501-C (3) non-profit foundation organized for the purpose of building the Arkansas Korean War Veterans' Memorial. Donations are needed now to permit the Foundation to complete the Memorial Project by May of 2007.

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Guests and dignitaries at the Orchid Room (L-R) Rear Admiral (Ret) Kim, Angelo Rosa, KWVA member from Guam, KWVA member from USA, MajGen Jeong's wife, MajGen Jeong



Members of 20-25 May 2006 Korea Revisit Program, including several who came from Guam (the participants in the blue shirts)

Patriots and Veterans Affairs, jointly with the Korean Veterans Association, presented each of the sixty Korean War veterans present with Ambassador for Peace medals.

The sixty participants also dined in the

"Five-Fork" SamcheongGak restaurant garden in Seoul. Several of them came from Guam to participate in the tour.

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'06 KWVA 'Fund Raiser' Grand Finale!!

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On November 10, 2006, The Korean War Veterans Association's '06 Fund Raiser' was concluded with the awarding of the three Korean War Primary Individual Infantry Weapons: an M1 Garand Rifle, an M1 Carbine and an M1911 A1 Pistol. The recipient of these weapons was LR 15701, Richard Converse, of Bowling Green, Ohio, whose name was picked from among over 4000 participants of the "Fund Raiser."

Richard reports that the M1 Carbine "saved" his life while serving with the 2nd Infantry Division's Transportation Truck Company in the early stages of the Korean War. Ms. Converse, a most gracious and poised lady, accompanied Mr. Converse for the awarding event that was arranged, staged, and supported by Ms. Marlyce Stockinger, Director of Public Relations & Advertising, Branson Veterans Task Force, Branson, MO.

Ms. Stockinger's professional response, arrangements and performance in arranging the event for presentation of the weapons, in the presence of several hundred veterans, many of several wars, must be noted with an enthusiastic debt of sincere gratitude and humble appreciation.

The many veterans in attendance showed exuberant pleasure and loud applause, as the weapons were individually presented to Mr. Converse by Charley Price, KWVA Fund Raising Task Force Member, assisted by Sherman "Dusty" Jones, Amarillo, Texas. Dusty is a Korean War Veteran and EX-POW.

The almost \$85,000.00 raised by the "Fund Raiser" will be used to support the organization and membership during the forthcoming year's many activities associated with the needs, pride and prestige of the Korean War veterans.

A Thank You Letter From Richard Converse:

Charley,

Thank you so very much for ALL you did in securing and transporting the KWVA raffle firearms to me in Branson, MO. I wish you could have stayed longer in Branson and enjoyed the restaurant's good food as well as attended a show with my wife and me.

Hope to see you during Veterans Week in Branson in '07.

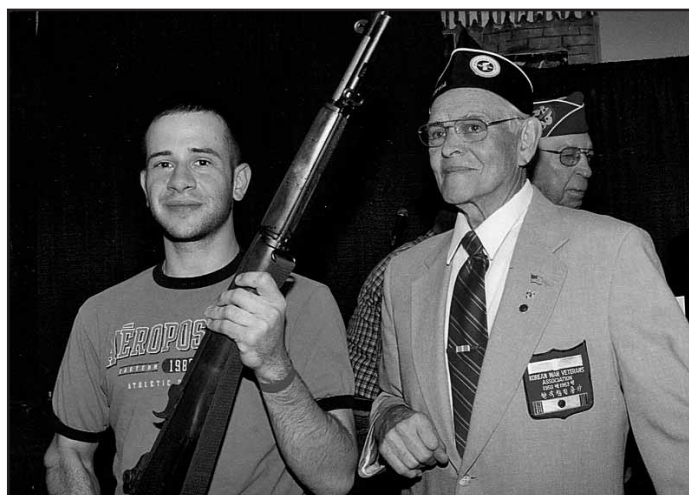
I am very happy to win these firearms. My son, here from PA, and I are planning to fire the carbine tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Richard Converse



(L-R) Richard Converse, Dave Weyher (Branson Veterans Task Force Program) and Charley Price



John Edmistan (L) just returned from Iraq, holds Dick Converse's (R) M-1 rifle. (He asked if he could see the M-1. He had heard of the rifle, but had never seen one.)



(L-R) Richard Converse, Charley Price and Sherman "Dusty" Jones at Branson award-winning ceremony



Marlyce Stockinger (C) leads crowd of veterans at Branson event



Dusty" Jones (L) and Richard Converse (R) at "Port Arms"



Charley Price shows audience the M1911 A1 pistol Richard Converse won as he and "Dusty" Jones watch



Veterans and wives select chow at lunch in Branson, MO during Veteran's Week. Approximately 800 people were served daily

Home At Last

By Luther Rice

Nearly 56 years after he died in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir in North Korea, a U.S. soldier was laid to rest Saturday, October 14, 2006 in Rising Sun, Indiana. His remains were buried with full military honors conducted by an Army ceremonial detail stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

Members of KWVA Chapter #129 conducted a memorial service at the funeral home on Friday, October 13, and were in attendance at the funeral the following day.

The bones of Corporal Floyd Pryor Tinsley were recovered during September 2002. The Army made a positive identification through a DNA sample taken from his sister.

Corporal Tinsley was serving with A Company, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He had been stationed in Japan when North Korea invaded South Korea in June 1950.

Corporal Tinsley landed behind enemy lines at Inchon on September 15, 1950. During mid-November, American forces were surrounded by Chinese soldiers at the Chosin Reservoir. Corporal Tinsley was listed as MIA on December 2, 1950. His status was later changed to KIA on December 31, 1953. His date of death is officially listed as November 27, 1950. He was 20 years old at the time.

On a spring day in 2002, a farmer plowing a potato field near Chosin unearthed a skeleton. There were no personal effects or identification near the bones. After alerting local authorities who were unable to identify them, the farmer reburied the bones in a nearby ditch.

The farmer led a recovery team from the Army's Central Identification Lab in Hawaii to the site during September 2002. The bones were later identified as those of Corporal Tinsley.

Corporal Tinsley's family expressed their gratitude to the Army for its continuing effort to find and identify the remains of those still unaccounted for.

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Memorial Maintenance A Matter Of Concern

This exchange between Urban Rump and President Dechert addresses an issue that is on many members' minds. If anyone has any thoughts on the issue, let us know.

President Dechert,

I am concerned about the cost of maintaining the memorial in Washington. As you remember Gen. Ray Davis took over the fund raising for the memorial after the original chairman either passed away or relinquished it for some reason. I don't remember exactly.

Gen. Davis was president of our chapter here in Atlanta, and we had quite a few exchanges with him concerning the fund raising, so we are somewhat familiar with what took place, although our memories may be dimmer due to time elapsed.

But one thing I do remember very well is that Gen. Davis said there was one million dollars raised and given to the Dept. of Interior, or whatever department is responsible for monuments, to maintain the monument in perpetuity.

It wasn't many months after the monument was dedicated that it began to deteriorate due to underground failures. Gen. Davis told us he was in constant touch with his friend, then Senator John Glenn, to see that this problem was taken care of - which it was after much follow up.

We hear that there have been additional problems which have arisen, and apparently they are not being attended to - or at least that is what I understand.

My question is this: why isn't the one million dollars given to the Dept. of Monuments (or whoever) being used to maintain the monument? What did the one million dollars cover: mowing of grass, cleaning of the marble, removing snow in the winter, or what? I think someone should look into this as there have been funds allocated to see that this monument is maintained to its original condition.

Your fellow Korean War veteran,

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President Dechert's response:

November 13, 2006

Mr. Urban G. Rump
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Dear Urban,

We obviously share your concern for the care and maintenance of the Memorial. *The Graybeards* presently being received by our members (Sept/Oct) has several pages dedicated to the subject—some of the concerns expressed in this issue appeared earlier this year in *The Graybeards* and on the website. One of our

Mission elements, appearing on the website and on the lead page in every issue of the magazine is MAINTAIN our Memorial; that Mission element is related to other elements of the Mission: PERPETUATE our Legacy and REMEMBER our Missing and Fallen. So you are, as they say, preaching to the choir.

I am forwarding your concerns to the GENERAL RICHARD G. STILWELL KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC. (KWVMF) which is the residual of the Federal Commission which built the Memorial, and to which I understand General Davis was an appointed member. Perhaps they can address your concerns—at any rate they are better equipped to do than I am.

I can tell you that there is not a single scrap of paper in our possession substantiating the events and provisions which you describe. In fact, no records were transferred from the administration of Nicholas Pappas to that of Harley Coon; and Harley turned no records over to us. This is not to say that you are not absolutely correct, but simply to say that there is little basis providing us any ability to assist you in your quest for answers.

It is regrettable that the federal government is such a poor steward and custodian of so many properties originally financed by private resources.

I am sorry that my response was not more helpful at this time. We will continue seeking to restore accountability for the condition and custody of our Memorial.

Louis T Dechert

National; President, KWVA/US
Chairman of the Board

You Won't Find This on snopes.com, but...

For those of you who are not familiar with snopes.com, it is a website that verifies or debunks the myriad of rumors and innuendoes that circulate on the Internet. The site probably could not keep up with the rumors being circulated by a small number of people regarding KWVA matters. So, we will quell a few rumors of our own:

JA Is Not Taking Any Complaints

False

Some disgruntled members are alleging that the Judge Advocate is not taking any complaints. This statement could not be further from the truth.

According to the new ruling from the Board of Directors, all complaints must be presented to the Judge Advocate in writing and sent via registered mail. All complaints must be provided with proof and documentation—not hearsay.

The Judge Advocate will review the complaint. If warranted, it will be forwarded to the Ethics and Grievance Committee for an investigation.

Respectfully

Leo D Agnew
Judge Advocate

goes on here, stays here.” As our bus exited Seoul, and we began traveling through the countryside, I began to calm down a little and wonder what I had gotten myself in to. The smell of human fertilizer coming through the windows distracted me for awhile, and then things became strangely peaceful. Then one soldier, who was obviously on his second or third tour, said “it is a little known fact that we are here to keep the ROK Army from going north rather than defending the ROK from the North Koreans.”

After seeing the riots I began to see his point. Over time, I learned that there was, and still is, a very strong desire in every Korean’s heart to reunify their peninsula. It is not out of the question for this passion to take hold in the South and drive them to reunify through war.

It was later estimated that KPA Special Forces had a hand in instigating the “reunification” riots, but this was never confirmed, to my knowledge. Confirmation was hard to come by, as KPA Special Forces were rarely taken alive. It is SOP for them to commit suicide before they are captured, and they were issued the means to do so.

On to the “Turtle Farm

I arrived at Camp Casey after a long bus ride, and in-processed at the 2ID’s “Turtle Farm” (in-processing center). Camp Casey is located in a town call Tongduchon, or “TDC” for short. It is situated approximately 15 kilometers south of the DMZ. Camp Casey is strategically positioned on highway three (MSR 3), one of three major attack corridors from North Korea to Seoul.

After a day or so of in-processing, I got my assignment to 1st Tank (1-72 Armor Battalion), Iron Brigade, Second Infantry Division. I was sent to the BC’s (Battalion Commander’s) office for my first and only interview. The interview process epitomized how things went in “cease fire” Korea. I went into the BC’s office with five other officers who were tagged for 1st Tank duty. The BC, a Vietnam vet, looked around the room and sized us up quickly.

He said to us, “You are in the most forwardly deployed combat division in the United States Army. We are at the tip of the spear. There are over 1 million communist

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troops locked and loaded along the DMZ behind 1 million mines, supported by 7 million reservists, 12,000 artillery pieces and rocket systems, 1,600 aircraft and 2,000 forwardly deployed tanks. Most of the weapons systems the KPA has can hit you wherever you are or will sleep for the next twelve months. The enemy has the third largest army in the world and the third largest stockpile of chemical weapons. There is no room for error here. We have no time for people who can’t think for themselves and lead right out of the blocks.”

After his introduction he went around the room and sent two people packing for reasons I was not privy to. One officer was a signal officer who the BC said openly “I have read your file and you will not cut it here...report back to the Turtle Farm...communications are critical here.”

The other officer was a new 2nd Lieutenant. I don’t know what was in his file, but he didn’t cut it either. He, too, was sent back to the dreaded Turtle Farm.

Another new 2LT was given a honeymoon period and sent to the S-3 shop for “monitoring” before he would be given a platoon. The BC ended up issuing a publicly rendered assessment for just about everyone. Mine was “you are an OCS grad and you will hit the ground running...that is what I need here...you will take 2nd platoon in A Company (Strike Force)”. Strike Force was temporarily attached to the infantry operating north of the village of Musan on the DMZ. I had wondered where my honeymoon period had gone. For a Tanker, north of Musan was truly the “tip of the spear.”

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Next Stop: Camp Howze

Within a day I was transported from Camp Casey to Camp Howze, where they maintained the tank reserve. Camp Howze was just south of Munsan, Camp Gary Owen, the Imjin River and the DMZ. At Camp Howze, my company (the only tank company assigned to that attack corridor) had the mission of providing direct support (attack reserve) to the infantry dug in or patrolling along or in the DMZ north of Munsan and/or the Imjin River.

We still had a sector on the DMZ in the 1980s, which was given up in the early 1990's. We were the first tank company the KPA would run into if the attacking force chose to take the Musan corridor (MSR 1) as their attack route. I thought briefly to myself, "One company vs....one million North Koreans." I expelled the thought from my mind as quickly as it came.

In some instances it is truly counterproductive and dangerous to think too much. Anyway, as a youthful man I thought I had a brass pair, and I figured this was not an issue I couldn't handle. Later in life I would comprehend the reality of the potential for mass casualties associated with this particular assignment and all duty in Area 1.

DMZ = Intense Duty

My tour at Camp Howze was a quick study in learning how intense DMZ duty could be. This intensity or sense of mission was demonstrated to me repeatedly as I watched other leaders make critical decisions quickly. On the DMZ there was no room or time for error, which was emphasized at all levels by the chain of command.

We were locked and loaded 24/7/365, and had the mission to defend the ROK, and on order, attack the enemy, and on order, attack all the way to the Chinese boarder, if required. I had no choice but to bond with my new tank platoon immediately to accomplish the mission. Those who weren't with me were "re-assigned."

My outgoing platoon leaders informed me that my platoon sergeant was a ROAD (retired on active duty) and also hated officers. I could deal with the second. I didn't get paid to be liked, but not the first.

It didn't take me long to figure the ROAD out, as his own men complained about him and his lack of mission focus. They didn't want to die if the balloon went

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up. Having quickly gained a grasp of the BC's sense of mission, which was in turn shared by my Company Commander, I fired my platoon sergeant within one week after taking my platoon. Unlike the states, little documentation was required to fire someone on the DMZ (although I had wondered why my predecessor hadn't already done so). There simply was not enough time to screw around with paperwork. Unfortunately, over the next four months I would go through two more Platoon Sergeants.

I will never forget my time at Camp Howze. Camp Howze had none of the typical amenities associated with stateside duty but it didn't take long to determine that there was no time for amenities anyway. At Camp Howze we maintained a constant state of readiness. No passes were allowed. At times there were exchanges of gunfire along the DMZ, but no one was hit in our sector.

We deployed frequently in response to various KPA troop movements and activities to position ourselves for possible attack in our area. The KPA moved their troops constantly to keep us thinking...we moved ours to keep them thinking.

During the last week of my duty at Camp Howze one night, on our right flank a few miles east down the DMZ, a ROK soldier was shot out of a guard tower by a KPA sniper. He gave his life for freedom and his country.

Always on the Alert

When we came back from Camp Howze, we got a little time off, as was customary. But, we never strayed out of earshot from the alert sirens—ever!

According to the policy, we had to remain at 90 percent strength at all times. Readiness and strength were tested through an alert system at least twice a month. Passes were completely controlled, and could not be given if they brought the unit

below the 90 percent level. This was pretty tough, considering that during most of my tour we only had 75 percent of the slots filled in my platoon. When you're a tankner that is bad news, as M60A3 tanks require a four man crew.

I quickly learned that "from my position" would be the most common fire command I would give. (The tank commander can fire the tank without a gunner if necessary, and the command is "from my position"). During my twelve-month tour in Korea I took two one-day passes, and never took leave. This was the case for most troops stationed in Area 1.

Shortly after I returned from Camp Howze, two HMMVs were firebombed just south of TDC near Uijeonbu. Fortunately, there were no KIAs. To my knowledge, it was never determined who was responsible for the attack.

Breaking in a "Turtle"

When we returned from Camp Howze, a new troop joined my platoon. One of my fondest memories as a platoon leader was watching my platoon break in this new guy from the "Turtle Farm."

The first day we put the "Turtle" to work was on a Saturday in the motor pool. In the ROK, you work on Saturdays when you are in garrison as the work week is a standard six-day week, unlike in the states. It became real clear that the "Turtle" was used to a stateside duty schedule.

It was 1700 on Saturday. We had pulled the pack (engine) out of the tank for service and had put it back in. All the ammo was still out of the tank, which we had to road test before we could say it was up. The new guy looked at his watch, which read said 1700, and said, "It's party time." My men knew the drill, and they knew where they were. I didn't have to say anything.

The tank commander of the tank, a man of few words, said to the Turtle, "We are in the ROK. When your tank is down, you

work until it is up. When your tank is up, you load the ammo. We don't stop work until the tank is combat ready and combat loaded."

Everyone nodded and laughed, but it was also a thing of pride for us, and it kept us together. The entire platoon worked on that tank until about 2200 hours, as it failed the road test twice. We loaded the main gun rounds back into the tank after it passed its road test. The new guy was beginning to get the idea.

Yes, after we completed the mission, we did party—but not until all four of our tanks were combat ready. Remember, in "cease fire" Korea, even when you drink, you are never out of ear shot from the alert sirens—ever! When the sirens go off, you mount up and ride despite your blood alcohol level.

There's More Sirens Here Than at a Firefighters' Convention

During my tour in Korea, my unit was alerted approximately thirty times. Sometimes, when we were deployed we didn't know it was a drill until we were ordered back to Casey. Sometimes our alerts were not drills.

On November 29, 1987, a bomb was exploded on Korean Air Flight 858, killing 115 passengers and crew en-route to Seoul. It was determined that Kim Jong-il (the son of Kim il Sung, the president of North Korea) directed his special forces to bomb the flight. The U.S. Secretary of State determined that "North Korea is a county which has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism" and places North Korea on their list of states that sponsor terrorism.

Sometime in early 1988 I was alerted and deployed to the Imjin River. The Imjin parallels the south side of the DMZ and enters the DMZ in some places. During this time period tensions increased, and several firefights took place along the DMZ. The threat level was elevated. It was apparent that North Korea had little desire to support the ROKs debut into the international community as they prepared for the Olympics.

North Korea Will Never Win An Olympic Medal

The KPA increased their activity, to include massing their forces along the DMZ to intimidate us. This action was in direct

violation of the armistice agreement, an agreement the KPA has proven repeatedly to have little regard for. In my world, under the cover of darkness, KPA forces laid a minefield in the Imjin River. By the time we got to it, all KPA forces had left, but the minefield remained.

Fortunately, the minefield was discovered by U.S. forces before anyone encountered the mines unexpectedly. My platoon provided watch for the infantry and engineers as they secured and reduced the minefield. The minefield was removed without casualties. My treads had touched the Imjin.

In June of 1988, the head of a North Korean trading company defected to the South. He revealed that North Korean embassies around the world had been ordered to do everything possible to stop other countries from participating in the Seoul Olympics.

During the rest of my tour in the ROK there would be other provocations from the North. We would address all of them, as we have done since 1945, with professionalism and resolve.

In September of 1988, the Republic of Korea hosted the summer Olympics. We held firm on the DMZ and the rest of the southern peninsula. We did our job. The Seoul Olympics went off without any serious incidents of military aggression or terrorism. Peace through strength. To snub their southern brothers the DPRK (Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea) boycotted the Olympics from behind the DMZ. They were joined by one other nation, Cuba.

Away From The ROK

In October 1988 I left the ROK. It is simple enough to say that my tour in the ROK, my first tour of duty, shaped the rest of my twelve-year military career. I was a better soldier when I left the ROK. I never needed to be reminded to have a sense of mission and duty, and I learned to always be ready.

Most of my fellow Korea defense service brothers and I would be hand-picked to be Combat Trainers and sent to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. At the time, Korea was the only place they could find seasoned veterans that had anything close to combat experience, although we never received a dime of combat pay.

We would train our students well, as if

they could go to war at any time, a concept burned into our minds. We knew what being on the brink of war was like, and we passed it on to them. In 1990 we would find out how our battle focused training had paid off. Saddam would be buried by the largest and most highly trained mechanized force the world had ever seen. We were ready, and most of us would come home.

Tunnels In Korea

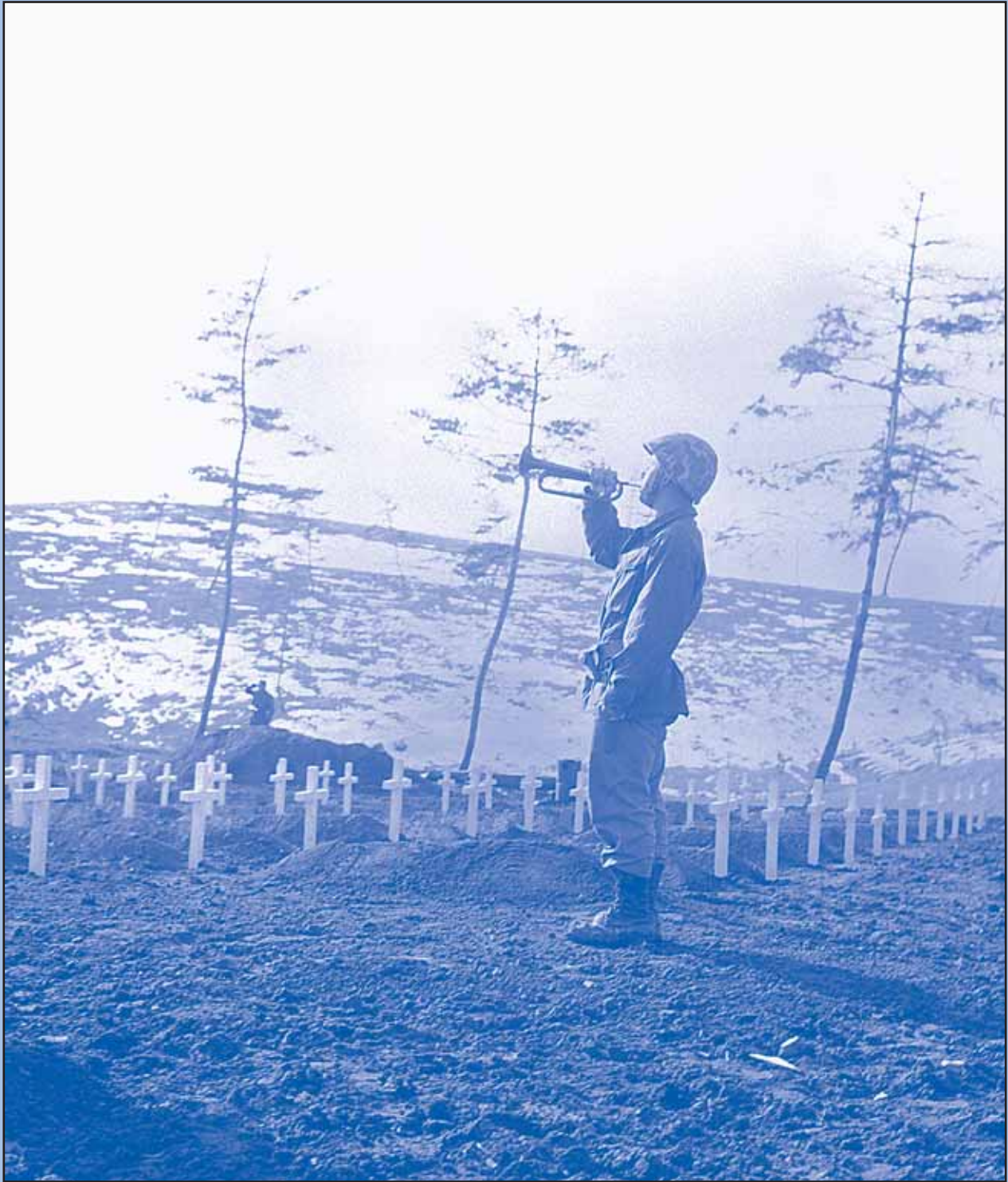
In 1990, U.S. forces discovered a KPA tunnel 26 kilometers NE of Yangku in the Eastern corridor. It was the fourth invasion tunnel discovered since 1974. The tunnel is 145 meters below the surface and over 2,000 meters long. It is determined that the tunnel could move over 30,000 heavily armed troops under the DMZ per hour. It was estimated at that time that over 20 such attack tunnels existed under the DMZ.

During my twelve-month tour in Korea, over 40 Americans gave their lives defending the Republic of Korea and freedom. Since 1954, more than 1,200 U.S. and 2,300 ROK military personnel have given their lives in the line of duty, defending the Republic of Korea. Since 1954 there have been over 40,000 documented "cease fire" violations and hostile acts. At the time of this article, only 117 of these American deaths have been classified by DOD as deaths due to hostile action. Some of us feel differently.

There are no plaques that honor these men, no documentaries, and for most, no combat pay. There continues to be no media coverage. It is as if we were never even there or accomplished anything. As for me, I still hear the sirens from time to time and grab for my mask and rifle that are no longer there.

Sometimes I think, I need to sprint to the motor pool at the base of Dragon Valley and mount up. I will always be proud that we were ready and, as a result, they never came. We achieved peace through strength and readiness and with minimal loss of life. The Republic of Korea is one of the most successful American and Korean accomplishments of in both our collective histories.

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Marine Cpl. Charles E. Price sounds "Taps" over the graves of fallen Leathernecks during memorial services Dec. 13, 1950, at the 1st Marine Division cemetery at Hungnam, Korea, following the division's break-out from the Chosin Reservoir. DoD Photo by Cpl. W.T. Wolfe, USMC.

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