

# Tell America

## Tell America Television Show Celebrates 2nd Anniversary

On 30 October, 2007, the television show "Tell America: The American Veteran" celebrated its 2nd anniversary on TV 57, Comcast cable TV. The program was presented in Ft Wayne, Indiana at the new auditorium in Library Plaza. The two-hour program was carried by Access TV and Channel 21 (ABC) news.

Indiana Senator Gary Dillon delivered the main address, along with the leader of the Korean community, Rev. Byong Cheol Han.

The United States Marine Corps Honor Guard presented a flag program directed by Korean War veteran Cpl Dale Parish.

Special awards from our President and National Chairman

of Tell America were presented by National Director Chris Yanacos to National Committeeman James E. Yaney, Sr. and his staff of Dale Parish, Wm. Hullinger, John Pequignot, and Gilbert Hoepfner for their work on the television show.

Rev. Han presented two freedom medals, to John Pequignot and Gilbert Hoepfner, for their heroics in ending Japanese control of Korea.

The highlight of the program came when Senator Dillon presented the Silver Star to John Pequignot, after it was overlooked for more than five decades. The citation was for his bravery in combat as a medic.

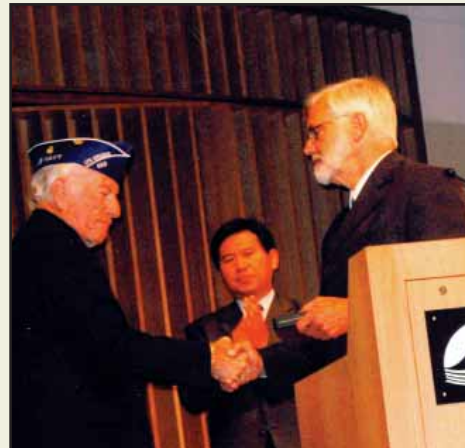
Rev. Ross Odell delivered an outstanding invocation.

There were many survivors of the Chosin Reservoir in attendance, along with numerous other veterans.

Starting their year on television, Producer James E. Yaney

Sr. said, "Our third year will be even more memorable as we continue to honor our veterans and to advocate the proclamation that 'Freedom is not free.'"

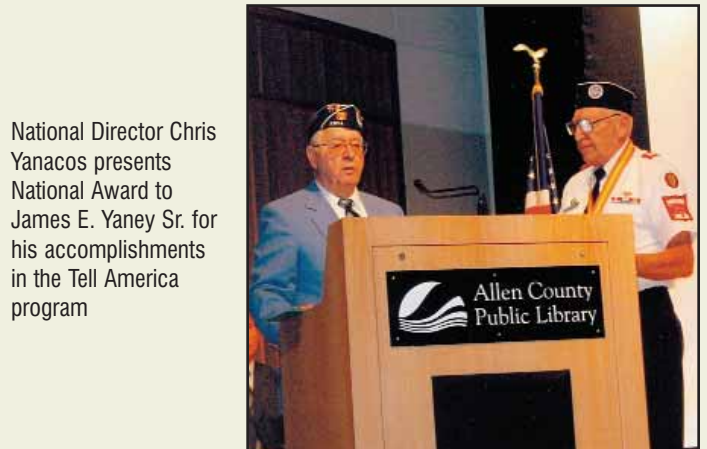
The program, which everybody in attendance enjoyed, was a huge success.



State Senator Gary Dillon presents the Silver Star to Combat Medic John Pequignot—after he waited over five decades for it



Rev. Byong Cheol Han, leader of the Korean community, presents the WWII Commendation Medal to John Pequignot and Gilbert Hoepfner for their participation in expelling the Japanese from Korea



National Director Chris Yanacos presents National Award to James E. Yaney Sr. for his accomplishments in the Tell America program



National Director of Tell America Chris Yanacos presents national awards to the television staff of "Tell America: The American Veteran"



United States Marine Corps Honor Guard of Grissom Air Force in Peru, IN retires the United States flag

### 30 – INDIANA CHAPTER 1 – [IN]

The veterans in the nearby picture all participated in our Tell America program for the 2006-07 school year. It was a busy season, and working with these men only confirmed what I felt all along: that we had the best season ever.

We visited 11 schools and presented our program to a total of 3,497 students. We are now beginning to take our program to

several retirement centers. The veterans in these centers really enjoy talking to our members.

We're all looking forward to next season and already have schools lined up.

Incidentally, Lynn Shady is our Tell America Chairman.

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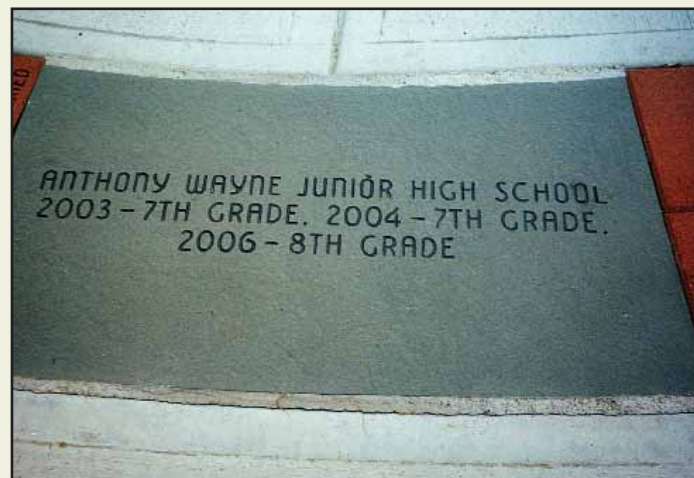


CID 30 members who participated in Chapter's Tell America program: (Front, L-R) Lynn Shady, Carl Fowler, Garry Sink (Back, L-R) Robert Myer, Bernard "Ski" Wisniewski (Chapter Commander), Harold Schick (Chaplain), Ken Roemke, Jim Winnie, Melvin Franke, Jim Leslie

### 131 – NORTHWEST OHIO [OH]

The Korean War Veterans Memorial that graces the Civic Center Mall in downtown Toledo could still be a distant dream of

Chapter 131 without financial support from the students of Anthony Wayne Junior High School.



Engraved plaque at the Korean War Memorial dedicated to Anthony Wayne Jr. High School



Members of Northwest Ohio Chapter 131, including many involved in Tell America

During the many "Tell America" presentations at the school, the students became aware of the Chapter's longing to build a memorial and in due course raised over \$6,600 to get the project off the ground. With that seed money, which was to be the largest amount received from any nongovernmental entity, enough money was soon obtained to build the \$50,000 monument.

To show its appreciation, the Chapter engraved a plaque at the memorial site dedicated to the school.

The Tell America program at Anthony Wayne was initiated in 2003 and is presented annually. The program is unique in that it supports a school research project about the Korean War. The project is part of the school's curriculum.

We are all thankful and proud of all who participated to make our relationship with Anthony Wayne a special success.

*Leonard J. Tomasik, Chairman,  
Education Committee*

*L. G. Streb, 415 Turnbury Lane,  
Perrysburg, OH 43551*

### 168 – QUAD CITIES [IL]

Chapter members made a presentation at Annawan High School and posted the colors at Bethel Wesley United Methodist Church in Moline, IL. We thank

Superintendent Rakestraw for her help with the high school presentation.

*Art Holevoet, 16801 County Highway 5, Atkinson, IL 61235*



Members of CID 168 and students gather at Annawan High School



CID 168 members post the colors at Bethel Wesley United Methodist Church in Moline, IL

## 170 – TAEJON [NJ]

I am enclosing letters from students, teacher and photographs taken at the Rutherford Union School located in Rutherford, NJ during our "Tell America" session in February. The librarian, Miss Jan Rose, also sent e-mails to various other schools telling them of our program. (A copy is included nearby.) Some of the schools that received the e-mails have contacted us. We have done one

session already, have two more scheduled for the month of May, and are still awaiting final decisions from two other schools.

Our participating members of the Taejon Chapter are pleased that our program has been accepted so well, and we hope to do many more classes.

*Sincerely, George Bruzgis  
Commander, Dept of NJ  
Chairman "Tell America" program,  
Dept. of NJ*



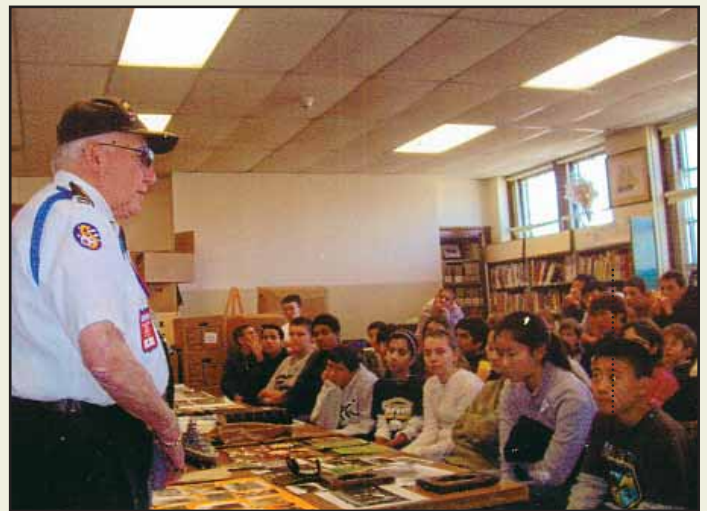
"Telling America" at Union School. CID 170 members (L-R) Tom Falato, George Bruzgis, Harold Dinzes, John DiLenardo, Red Casserly, and unidentified students



CID 170 TA presenters show exhibits to Union School students (L-R) Harold Dinzes, John DiLenardo, Red Casserly, Erwin Burkert, Ray Cohen, Ed Frye



George Bruzgis (L) and Harold Dinzes (R) talk to students at Union School



Students listen intently to Harold Dinzes during TA presentation

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