

America's Forgotten Victory!

January - February 2008

The Graybeards

Official Publication of

THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION



Vol. 22, No. 1



The Graybeards

Official Publication of
THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

In loving memory of General Raymond Davis, our Life Honorary President, Deceased.



The Graybeards is the official publication of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA), Camp Beauregard, LA. It is published six times a year for members and private distribution. It is not sold by subscription.

MAILING ADDRESS FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Administrative Assistant, P.O. Box 22857, Alexandria VA 22304-9285. **MAILING ADDRESS TO SUBMIT MATERIAL/CONTACT EDITOR:** Graybeards Editor, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. **MAILING ADDRESS OF THE KWVA:** 163 Deerbrook Trail, Pineville, LA 71360. **WEBSITE:** <http://www.kwva.org>

We Honor Founder William Norris

Editor
Arthur G. Sharp
152 Sky View Dr
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
Ph: 860-563-6149
sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net

Advertising Manager
Frank Bertulis
99 Deerfield Ln
Matawan, NJ 07747-1332
Ph: 732-566-2737
FBEB@optonline.net

Webmaster
James A. Doppelhammer
1801 Madison Ave #12
Charleston, IL 61920
Ph: 212-512-9474
webmaster@kwva.org

Publisher
Finisterre Publishing Inc.
3 Black Skimmer Ct
Beaufort, SC 29907
finisterre@islc.net

**Address Changes, Corrections,
& All Membership Questions**
Annelie Weber
P. O. Box 22857
Alexandria, VA 22304-9285
Ph: 703-461-0061
Fax: 703-461-0062
Membership@kwva.org

National KWVA Headquarters

President
Louis T. Dechert
163 Deerbrook Trail
Pineville, LA 71360
Ph: 318-641-8033
FAX: 318-640-8312
dechert@bellsouth.net

Aide: Capt. Richard H Pak
6002 Drum Taps Court
Clarksville, MD 21029-1336
Ph: 443-878-2306
richipak@gmail.com

National Capitol Area Office
4600 Duke St., Ste 416
PO Box 22857
Alexandria, VA 22304-9285
Ph: 703-461-0062
FAX: 703-461-0062
Membership@kwva.org

1st Vice President
Byron Dickerson
314 S Home St
Duncanville, TX 75116
Ph: 972-298-7462
JD1435@sbcglobal.net

2nd Vice President
James E. Ferris
4311 Lazybrook Circle
Liverpool, NY 13088
Ph: 315-457-1681
RedDogFerris@verizon.net

Secretary
Frank E. Cohee, Jr.
4037 Chelsea Lane
Lakeland, FL 33809-4063
Ph: 863-859-1384
FCohee@kwva.org

Treasurer
Richard E. Hare
1260 Southhampton Dr
Alexandria, LA 71303
Ph: 318-487-9716
HarePic@aol.com

Retired Asst. Treasurer
Clyde G. Durham
1016 Highway 3128
Pineville, LA 71360

Membership Management
Jacob L. Feaster, Jr., Supervisor
22731 N Hwy 329, Micanopy, FL 32667
HPh: 352-466-3493 Cell: 352-466-3493
FAX: 352-466-3493 JFeaster@kwva.org

Jim Doppelhammer, Data Base Develop.
(See Webmaster)

Annelie Weber, Data Base Input
(See Address Changes, etc)

Directors

Term 2005-2008

Robert S. Banker
516 Millwood Dr., Fallston, MD 21047
Ph: 410-877-1935 RobertBanker@comcast.net

Jeffrey J. Brodeur
48 Square Rigger Ln., Hyannis, MA 02601
Ph: 508-790-1898 KVAMANE@aol.com

William F. Mac Swain
8452 Marys Creek Dr., Benbrook, TX 76116
Ph: 817-244-0706 BillMacSwain@charter.net

Warren Wiedhahn
4600 Duke St., #420, Alexandria, VA 22304
Ph: 703-212-0695 JWiedhahn@aol.com

Term 2006-2009

Mike Doyle
2418 Winewood Ln, Arlington, TX 76013
Ph: 817-459-2463 M-B-Doyle@msn.com

Marvin Dunn
1721 Briardale Ct., Arlington, TX 76013-3467
Ph: 817-261-1499 MarvDunnJr@yahoo.com

James Fountain
14541 Soho Dr., Florissant, MO 63034-2653
Ph: 314-974-3579 BudFon@netzero.net

Christ Yanacos
6452 Brooks Blvd., Mentor, OH 44060-3624
Ph: 440-257-5395 ChristYanacos@kwva.org

Term 2007-2010

Charlotte Ayers
801 Mystic Drive, Beaufort, SC 29902
Ph: 843-524-8675 CMABFTSC@islc.net

Lee Dauster
15444 Camino Del Parque, Sonora, CA 95370
Ph: 209-588-1529 leedauster@aol.com

Thomas S. Edwards
P. O. Box 10129, Jacksonville, FL 32247
Ph: 904-730-7183 FAX: 904-367-8774
TSETSE28@comcast.net

Thomas M. McHugh
217 Seymour Road
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
Ph: 908-852-1964 TMMcHugh@msn.com

Appointed/Assigned Staff

Judge Advocate
Leo D. Agnew
84 Prescott St
Clinton, MA 01510
Ph: 978-733-1499 Abn187thpf@aol.com

National Legislative Co-Directors
Robert S. Banker (See Directors)

Edwin R. Buckman
216 Montreal Dr.
Hurst, TX 76054-2217
Ph: 817-498-0198
EdKWVA@gmail.com

National Veterans Service Officer (VSO)
Arthur E. Hills
4300 Esta Lee Ave., Killeen TX 76549
Ph: 254-526-6567 AHills@hotmail.com

National VAVS Director
J. D. Randolph
1523 Pinebluff Dr., Allen, TX 75002-1870
Ph: 972-359-2936 Randy9683@sbcglobal.net

Sergeant-at-Arms: (ex officio)
John Sonley
15415 S 16th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85045-1810
Ph: 480-705-8038 Jwscpd8@aol.com

POW & MIA Coordinator
Bruce Cabana
10 Lincoln Ave., Glens Falls, NY 12801-2457
Ph: 518-812-0138 Bruce.Cabana@gmail.com

KWVA Liaison to Museums/Libraries
William F. Mac Swain
(See Directors)

KWVA Liaison to Canadian KVA:
William B. Burns
105 Emann Dr, Camillus, NY 13031
Ph: 315-487-1750 bgliam@verizon.net

KWVA Liaison to Korean-American Assn.
Eugene Chin Yu
4349 Miller Dr., Evans, GA 30809
Ph: 706-399-7179
EC4u@cms-us.com

Chaplain Emeritus
Robert Personette
7136 Oak Leaf Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409
Ph: 707-539-7276 PamP@vom.com

Chaplain Emeritus
Leonard F. Stegman
7123 Thrush View Ln. #28
San Antonio, TX 78209 FAX: 210-805-9127
Ph: 210-822-4041 Hallo6@aol.com

National Chaplain
Leo G. Ruffing
3500 Doerr Rd., Portsmouth, VA 23703-3183
Ph: 757-484-8299 LRuffing1@cox.net

KWVA Committees

(ART III, Sect 1G, Bylaws)

Budget/Finance Committee
Marvin Dunn, Chairman
(See Directors)

Bylaws Committee
Bill Mac Swain, Chairman
(See Directors)

Membership Committee
Jeffrey J. Brodeur, Chairman
(See Directors)

Nominations/Election Committee
Thomas M. McHugh, Chairman
(See Directors)

Resolutions Committee
James E. Ferris, Interim Chairman
(See 2nd Vice President)

Reunion/Convention Committee
Warren Wiedhahn, Interim Chairman
(See Directors)

Tell America Committee
Chris Yanacos, Chairman
(See Directors)

Larry Kinard, Operations Director
2108 Westchester Dr
Mansfield, TX 76063
Ph: 682-518-1040
Larry.Kinard@yahoo.com

Revisit Committee
Tom Clawson, Chairman
953 Gorman Av
St Paul, MN 55118
Ph: 651-457-6653
TimClawson@charter.net

Warren Wiedhahn, Coordinator
(See Directors)

Ethics and Grievance Committee
Stephen Szekely, Chairman
1516 Laclede Rd
South Euclid, OH 44121-3012
Ph: 216-381-9080
SxDSek@sbcbglobal.net

National Ceremonies Committee
Thomas M. McHugh, Chairman
(See Directors)

2008 National Transition Committee
Russell W. Cunningham, Chairman
33161 Woodland Ct. S.
Lewes, DE 19958-9329
Ph: 302-945-3525
RuSSue1@verizon.net

**See detailed list of committees
on the KWVA website**



From the President

Louis T. Dechert

THIS WE'LL DEFEND! GREETINGS ONCE AGAIN:

Those who read these comments and thoughts as I have expressed them in this space through the months will possibly exclaim, "This we'll defend"? That was last issue!!" They are right, but not entirely so. **THIS WE'LL DEFEND** will be the impetus for the remainder of my term of office, in every media possible. We have allowed lies and distortion to go unchallenged. The vast majority of our members do not share the scornful opinions of this great organization expressed by a few miscreants.

In addition, my silence would be a disservice to the fine men and women volunteers who have given of themselves beyond measure while these harpers have done virtually nothing for the Good of the KWVA A.

Our Association is unique. A group of great veterans in complete commitment to the causes for which we fought—and are still fighting—in Korea started a new veterans organization. Even then Bill Norris and the others saw the need for a veterans service organization for all who served, were serving, or would serve the cause of freedom in Korea. That is still the unchanging commitment of those of us whom you elected to lead in our Mission, and of the many great volunteers, plus three part-time professionals, and the legal and accounting services, who we have knitted into an effective team.

There are the few—discussed by myself, Art Sharp, and George Lawhon in the last issue—who insist that we are only a fraternal group to grouse around together and, for some, to raise hell like we did back when.... We welcome and support all who voluntarily joined the KWVA and paid their dues to accomplish the Mission wherein we incorporated and for which we have IRS recognition and the trust and confidence of the US Veterans Administration.

There are a few who have taken the position that it will be their way or they will destroy the organization. The Board of Directors recently had the unpleasant task of dealing with some of this group as you have

empowered us to do. (You may read of those actions elsewhere in this issue.) Unfortunately some of you are probably getting strident messages of lies and self-justification from some of that group. They seem to believe that our members are all of a newsstand tabloid mentality, believing that the more outrageous the lie the more it will be believed. While we feel very sorry for those with such a frame of mind, we will continue to operate within and uphold the Bylaws and Good Order of the Korean War Veterans Association as we have taken an oath to do.

The 2008 KWVA elections are approaching. The next issue of *The Graybeards* will feature the profiles of those seeking your trust and support. I refer you to the article which I wrote in *The Graybeards*, Mar/Apr 2006, p.3, which is available at http://www.kwva.org/update/archives/i_update_060317_gb_election_issue.htm.

I urge each authorized voter to vote and to vote wisely.

As earlier reported on our website, there is a new president of the Republic of Korea (ROK). The Honorable Lee Myung-bak was elected in December and was inaugurated February 25. I am writing this column in mid-January, well before the inauguration. I have been invited to attend the inauguration as an official and will report on that event in the next *Graybeards* and on the website. We

certainly wish the ROK and President-elect Lee Myung-bak the best as an outpost of freedom, and light, in South Asia. We also express our appreciation to President Roh, Moo Hyun for the courtesy and care which the ROK has extended to our members through the past five years.

Regrettably, I must also relate the news of other changes which create heavy hearts for many of us. General B.B. Bell will be turning over his commands in the ROK to a new US Commander on June 3, and retiring from the US Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky, on June 9. LTG David Valcourt also has reassignment orders as Deputy Commander of Forces Command. And US 2d Division has a new commander. Major General James A. Coggin has retired. We bid these great leaders the best as they continue their service in other and/or different dimensions.

Changes in governments also mean other changes, and it is with the sadness of parting that the KWVA and our members bid farewell to Ambassador Tae Sik Lee, who has worked tirelessly to meet with Korea veterans all across the nation during his service in Washington. We shall miss this dedicated statesman and wish him the very best. Our Memorial in Washington never lacked for a floral tribute during Ambassador Lee's service at the Capitol.

Speaking of the Memorial, I received a report this past week from a member of the federal foundation overseeing our Memorial in Washington. They have added two professionals to their group and are actively con-

Continued on page

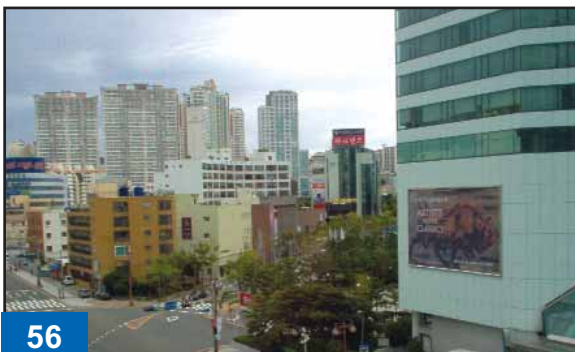
Chapters Supporting Memorial Since May 2007

Korean War Veterans CHAPTER 142	Frederick, MD	Sep 2005	\$2,000.00
Maryland CHAPTER 33	Essex, MD	Jun 2006	2,000.00
Cpl Clair Goodblood (MOH) CHAPTER 79	Augusta, ME	Jun 2006	296.00
Korean War Veterans CHAPTER 142	Frederick, MD	Jul 2006	8,000.00
KWVA Nebraska #1 CHAPTER 183	Omaha, NE	Oct 2006	175.00
Korea Veterans of America CHAPTER 299	Millbury, MA	Oct 2006	150.00
CENLA [Central Louisiana] CHAPTER 180	Leesville, LA	Dec 2006	250.00
GEN Matthew B. Ridgway CHAPTER 74	Pittsburgh, PA	Jan 2007	2,600.00
Northern Virginia CHAPTER 100 (Pending)	Falls Church, VA	Feb 2007	28.10
Mohave County AZ CHAPTER (Pending)	Kingman, AZ	May 2007	300.00
Lake Erie CHAPTER 112	So Euclid, OH	May 2007	100.00
Maryland CHAPTER 33	Essex, MD	Jun 2007	110.00
Korea Veterans of America CHAPTER 299	Millbury, MA	Jul 2007	100.00
CENLA [Central Louisiana] CHAPTER 180	Leesville, LA	Dec 2007	200.00
KWVA Sam Johnson CHAPTER 270	Allen, TX	Jan 2008	<u>500.00</u>
			\$16,809.10

CONTENTS

COVER: 1st Lieutenant Robbie "Link" Sandwith, F-16 pilot from the 80th Fighter Squadron at Kunsan Air Base, Korea (foreground), and Major Dao-Seo Park with Captain Ki-Ho Park, Republic of Korea Air Force pilots from the 11th Fighter Squadron, conduct a joint-training mission over the South Korean Peninsula. U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Quinton T. Burriss.

Source: www.usfk.mil/USFK/



Business

Thanks for Supporting <i>The Graybeards</i>	7
Management Overview: KWVA VAVS FY 2007.....	9
Ask the Secretary.....	9
Summary Minutes, Called Board of Directors Meeting	10
KWVA Management Information System	12
Chapters and Departments: Korean War Veterans Association	13
Insurance and the KWVA	17
KWVA Accounting and Tax Summary: 2004-2005	18
Korean War Veterans Association Balance Sheet.....	21
KWVA Income Statement: Twelve Month Period	22
Membership Report	23
Official Membership Application Form	69

Features

Radio Operations Company (304th Signal Battalion) 1953-54	46
Wonju and Hill 342.....	56
Images of Korea.....	58

Departments

From The President	3
The Editor's Desk	6
POW/MIA Update	12
Short Rounds	17
Thanks	25
Tell America	28
Members in the News	31
Monuments and Medals.....	32
Chapter News	38
Mini-Reunions	52
Book Review	61
Feedback/Return Fire	64
Reunion Calendar.....	69
Last Call	72
Recon Missions	74
From Our Chaplain	79

News & Notes

Navy Admiral Assumes JPAC Command	11
Airmen, Soldier Missing in Action from Korean War are Identified ..	19
Spin Code Lawsuit	21
Veteran Grave Vandals	23
How to Visit Korea Without Leaving Your Home	24
VA Voluntary Services VAVS	27
Ambassador Lee Visits Philadelphia	37
VA's National Suicide Prevention Coordinator Honored.....	60
We Don't Do Medals	61
Reasons for awarding a Korean War Victory Medal	62
Mystery Photo	68
Korean War Memorials and Monuments.....	68
Military Order of the Purple Heart Refutes ABC News Report	73
Welcome to Deer Lodge	75

EXCLUSIVE KOREAN WAR VETERANS SERVICE WATCHES

FEATURING YOUR SERVICE EMBLEM, KOREAN WAR MEDAL AND RIBBON



Korean War Service Watch (K1)
shown here with Army
Service Emblem.



We proudly present our Official Korean War Veterans Military Watches to honor your service to our Country. The unique watch dial is a replica of the Korean War Service Medal issued by President Truman on November 8, 1950, and is a powerful reminder of the bravery and sacrifice made by so many during this historic conflict.

The exclusive watch band features the Korean War Service Ribbon above the Service Medal dial. Your Service Branch Emblem, in full enameled colors, is set in the band below the dial. The caseback will be engraved with your initials and years served. Purple Heart recipients may have the year they received their award engraved.



Watch features include a precision quartz movement for accuracy within seconds per month, water-resistant case and adjustable bracelet, both decorated with 23 karat gold.

Priced at just \$125*, payable in two convenient, interest-free monthly installments of \$62.50* each. *See order form for details.*

Your satisfaction is guaranteed or you may return your watch within 30 days for replacement or refund—no questions asked. So, order yours today!

YOU HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO WEAR THIS HISTORIC WATCH.



NAVY



AIR FORCE



MARINE CORPS



COAST GUARD



MERCHANT MARINE

Also available with Korean War Service Medal & Ribbon issued by the ROK, authorized in 1998. (K2)

FOR FASTEST SERVICE CALL TOLL FREE TO ORDER: 1-800-255-3048

Monday - Friday from 9am - 5pm EST Please have Credit Card ready when ordering.

ORDER FORM

OR, MAIL TO: Veterans Commemoratives™ Watch Order Center
Two Radnor Corporate Center, Suite 120, Radnor, PA 19087-4599

☐ **YES.** I wish to order the following Korean War Service Watch, featuring my service branch emblem, Korean War Medal and Ribbon, and my initials and years of service engraved on the caseback.

☐ **Korean War Service Medal (K1)** ☐ **Korean War ROK Medal (K2)**

SERVICE BRANCH: ☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Air Force ☐ Marine
☐ Coast Guard ☐ Merchant Marine

INITIALS DESIRED (3): _____ **YRS. SERVED:** _____ to _____

☐ **I AM A PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT. YEAR RECEIVED:** _____

I WISH TO PAY AS FOLLOWS:

☐ Enclosed is my check or money order for \$125* per watch payable to "Veterans Commemoratives" as payment in full, or

☐ Charge my credit card \$125* per watch as payment in full, or

☐ Charge my credit card in 2 monthly installments of \$62.50* each.

Credit Card: ☐ VISA ☐ MASTER CARD ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

CC#: _____ exp. ____/____

Signature: _____

SHIPPING ADDRESS: (We CANNOT ship to P.O. Boxes) Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____

Phone #: (_____) _____

*Plus \$7.95 per watch for ENGRAVING, S&H.

*PA residents add 6% (\$7.98) sales tax.

©2004-2006 KCM

MEDBND-GRB-0108

FOR OTHER FINE MILITARY WATCHES & RINGS VISIT VETERANS COMMEMORATIVES™ ONLINE AT VETCOM.COM



I was talking with my friend Tom, who is a USMC Vietnam veteran, the other day. As inevitably happens when two old Marines get together, we started swapping “sea stories.” His were a lot more exciting, since he experienced plenty of combat in Vietnam. One lesson that I learned (or had reinforced) from our conversation was the need for experience, continuity, and teamwork in military operations—and life in general. That is a lesson that can be applied to the KWVA.

Tom told me several stories about his experiences on helicopters during his time in Vietnam. He had nothing but praise for the “chopper” pilots and crew members who flew into situations that tested every ounce of their courage and skills. Without them, he averred, the Marines in the field would have had limited access to supplies, impaired mobility, and increased mortality rates. Tom confessed that he was not exactly enamored with helicopters from a personal standpoint.

He allowed that he felt utterly helpless on those choppers. “We couldn’t see where we were going, and the closer we got to landing zones, the worse it got,” he said. “Bullets would come through the fuselage and we couldn’t see an enemy to fire back at. And the landings were not exactly smooth.”

I could empathize with him to some extent. The Second Marine Division had done a lot of the work perfecting helicopter assault tactics between the Korean and Vietnam Wars. We spent tedious hours in the process. I am guessing that U.S. Army troops were doing the same thing somewhere.

Second Marine Division units such as the one to which I was assigned (H&S-3-8) spent large blocks of time practicing helicopter assault tactics. I remember spending days aboard the *USS Boxer* (LPH-4) off the coast of Vieques doing just that. We would don our field transport packs, M-1s, 81mm. mortars...whatever we would carry into real combat...trudge up to the flight deck, board helicopters, take off, land on the island, play war games...and then do it all over again.

I especially recall the sinking feeling in my stomach when I was seated directly across from the open door of the chopper and realized that there was nothing but a seat

The ideals of experience, teamwork, and continuity that apply to the refinement of helicopter assault tactics apply to the KWVA...

belt between me and the ravenous barracudas lurking below in the Caribbean waiting for a good “Marine” meal. During those times I put my deep faith into God (at least until we landed), the chopper pilot, and the workers who assembled the seat belt.

Once the evaluators criticized what we did right and/or wrong (and it was mostly the latter) and offered constructive alterna-

tives, we would hike back to the beach, load onto utility landing boats, motor out to the *Boxer*, climb up the nets to the hangar deck, trudge back up to the flight deck, board choppers, take off, land, etc., etc., etc. At the time, I couldn’t see the point. (What “grunt” ever sees the point of what they are doing?) It was only later that it all came together.

We were simply working to improve

USS Boxer (CV-21, later CVA-21, CVS-21 and LP

USS Boxer, a 27,100-ton Ticonderoga class aircraft carrier, was built at Newport News, Virginia. Commissioned in April 1945, she did not complete initial training in time to participate in World War II operations, but was actively employed in the Pacific during the Post-War years, making ten deployments to the Western Pacific from September 1945 into 1957. *Boxer* had just returned to the U.S. from her third deployment when the Korean War broke out in late June 1950. She carried badly-needed Air Force and Navy planes and personnel to the war zone in a record Pacific transit during July, then was quickly outfitted for combat service and spent September and October 1950 providing air support for United Nations’ forces fighting ashore.

Boxer made three more Korean War cruises, in March-October 1951, March-September 1952 and May-November 1953. Her planes, along with those from other Task Force 77 carriers, hit transportation and infrastructure targets in North

Korea and gave close air support to troops fighting on the front lines. On 5 August 1952, while engaged in combat operations, she suffered damage and casualties when a fire broke out in her hangar deck, but was able to return to duty off Korea after two weeks of repairs. Following her last Korean War deployment, which extended into the post-Armistice period, *Boxer* served as a Seventh Fleet attack carrier (CVA) on two more cruises, in 1954 and in 1955-56. Converted to an anti-submarine warfare aircraft carrier (CVS) in early 1956, she made a final Western Pacific tour in that role during 1956-57.

Later in 1957, *Boxer* operated briefly as an experimental assault helicopter aircraft carrier, an indication of things to come for her, the Navy and the Marine Corps. In 1958, she was flagship for Operation “Hardtack”, a nuclear weapons test program in the Central Pacific. Late in that year, she was transferred to the Atlantic Fleet as an “interim amphib-



Boxer returns from first Korean War Deployment, Nov. 1950 Pilots and crew pay tribute to Korean War KIA's

what Korean War participants had started when the military began to see the value of helicopters in warfare. We were working with the Navy to upgrade amphibious assault tactics as the military began the transition from landing craft to helicopter assaults. (I have no idea of when Marines and Soldiers stopped climbing up and down the sides of ships on nets, but I am pretty sure helicopters have put an end to that practice.) What we learned would be passed on to our successors, who would apply our lessons to actual combat in Vietnam and ensuing wars.

(I cannot help but think somehow what we learned benefited two of my brothers who served in Vietnam in the U.S. Army—

one of whom was a gunner on a helicopter.)

The ideals of experience, teamwork, and continuity that apply to the refinement of helicopter assault tactics apply to the KWVA as well. Here is how.

Our goal in perfecting helicopter assault tactics was to use teamwork (Navy and Marine Corps in this case) to continue and perfect a trend that began only 6-7 years earlier in Korea. Since the Army was also working (presumably) to develop its own procedures, and exchanged ideas with the other two services, everybody benefited.

Let's face it: as much as members of the different armed forces kid one another about what they do, how they do it, who has it easier, etc., none of them would be able to function efficiently without the other. In the long run, their teamwork and experience provide continuity. Applying that same formula is the only way the KWVA can survive with its dignity intact. (See *Sherman Dantzler's letter in "Feedback."*)

Everybody in the organization has to be on the same page. There can be—and should be—dissent and criticism. That is evident in the make-up of the KWVA's Directors, the hardy, independent thinking souls (despite some people's opinions to the contrary) who work for little or no compensation with the best interests of all

Association members in mind—often without proper thanks.

The individual Directors do not always see eye-to-eye on everything. Despite their differences, they do make good faith efforts based in large part on members' criticisms and proposed solutions to address problems. However, the criticism has to be positive. People who criticize also have to be willing to offer concrete solutions to problems they see, rather than just point them out to everybody but the problem solvers and decision makers. In other words, they have to trust the people doing the actual work of maintaining the Association to make the right decisions based on teamwork.

Back in the business world we used a simple six-step process to address problems and implement viable solutions: 1) define the problem; 2) identify its causes and effects; 3) offer positive solutions; 4) recommend which of the solutions is or are most likely to work; 5) implement those solutions; 6) monitor their effectiveness. The process does not work if critics stop after step one, as so many of the KWVA dissenters do. The entire process is based on experience, teamwork, and continuity.

Anyone who wants to criticize that assessment is welcome to—as long as they can offer a better way to get things done.

LPH-4), 1945-1971

ous assault ship" and was formally redesignated LPH-4 on 30 January 1959.

For the next decade, *Boxer* and her "main battery" of Marines and transport helicopters were vital components of the United States' amphibious warfare capabilities. She mainly operated in the Caribbean area, including participation in the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis and the 1965 Dominican Republic intervention. She deployed to European waters in late 1964 to participate in Operation "Steel Pike". In mid-1965, *Boxer* served as an aircraft transport, carrying more than two-hundred Army helicopters and airplanes to Vietnam as part of the deployment of the First Cavalry Division (Air Mobile). After serving as a spacecraft recovery vessel in early 1966, she made a second trip to Vietnam, this time carrying Marine Corps aircraft. *Boxer* decommissioned in December 1969 and was sold for scrapping in February 1971.

Source: www.history.nav.mil



HUS-1 helicopters lift off during Vieques Island Operation

Thanks for Supporting *The Graybeards*

Members are invited to help underwrite the publications costs of *The Graybeards*. All contributions in any amount are welcome. Mail your donations to KWVA Treasurer Richard Hare, 1260 Southampton Drive, Alexandria, LA 71303. All contributions will be acknowledged, unless the donor specifically requests to remain anonymous. And, if you have an "In memory of" (IMO) request, include that as well. We thank you for your generous support.

CONTRIBUTOR	LOCATION	CONTRIBUTOR	LOCATION
Robert V. Bonaiuto, Sr.	CT	Terry Lloyd	England
In Memory of Joseph Bonaiuto, Sr. & Richard L. Bonaiuto		Sarah L. Lusardi	OR
John M. Border	CA	Ray T. Miskimens	OH
William Borer	NC	Harold L. Morrison	TX
Raymond J. Bosch	OH	W. Doyle NeSmith	GA
Curwood L. Chall	MI	In Memory of All those that served, 1950-1953	
Guy W. Comley	KY	John J. Ormsby	NJ
Paul Demostenes	OH	Dennis L. Phillips	VA
In Memory of Our POWs and MIAs		In Memory of Sgt. John Tiley, died 10/31/2007	
Avery A. Dieter	NY	Gasper P. Porto	PA
Anthony DiPalma	NY	Charlie M. Rawlins	TX
Samuel R. Fire	PA	LeRoy J. Schroeder	MO
Jon Heich	CA	Bob Simon	MI
Sam Johnson Chapter 270 (2)	TX	Sumi Takagi	CA
Charles E. Keone	MA	In Memory of George Takagi	
Betty A. Koch	CA	James G. Wagner	OH
Edward M. Kolbe	NJ		

Mark your Calendars! Korean War Veterans Association Annual Reunion

Norfolk, Virginia
22 - 26 October 2008
Details in March - April issue



The initial 2008 Annual National Convention meeting took place in January at the Sheraton Hotel in Norfolk, VA. Meeting are (Front, L-R) Elizabeth Kintzing, Sheraton Sales; Leo Ruffing, KWVA National Chaplain; Warren Wiedhahn, National Board; Richard J Hartung, CID 191 Commander. (Back, L-R) CID 191 members Andrew Greenwell, John Edwards, Clyde Lauder milk; Ted Dey, Armed Forces Reunions; and William J Davis, Gen Douglas MacArthur Foundation. Mark your calendar for the end of October

KWVA Decals



Courtesy of KWVA
Recruiting Task Force
Committee.

These decals are round and measure a full four inches in diameter, in full color, and adhesive backed.

Prices are: • One (1) each decal @\$3.00
• Two (2) each decals @\$5.00
• Twelve (12) each decals @ \$25.00

No handling fees, only stamp fees as delivered

To order, contact Annelie Weber, Exec Assistant, PO Box 22857, Alexandria, VA 22304-9285, Tel: 703.461.0061, email: membership@kwva.org

A Christmas visit to a fallen comrade

We are all familiar with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington DC. There is another group of veterans whose names appear on tombstones in cemeteries around the globe, but they might as well be unknown. They have no one to visit their graves or honor them. Such a man was Pfc John C. Parry, USMC, who was killed in action on 20 November 1952.



The grave of John Parry

We don't know much about Parry other than what KWVA member Carmine Bricchi revealed in a letter to Larry Busini of Chapter 64, Central Long Island. He wrote:

Mr. Larry Busini
80 Rhoda Ave.
N. Babylon, N.Y. 11703
Dear Mr. Busini,

I used to live on 14th Street, West Babylon, and my parents are long gone, but a brother is still there. I visit Pinelawn [Cemetery] every time I am up there. The last time I found the grave of a boyhood playmate who was killed in Korea.

I served in the Army in Korea. But this boy has no family and therefore no one ever visits his grave. He was a Marine, Pfc John Parry, age 22.

We grew up together, and he also went to Babylon High School. Please, if you can, keep his grave marker on your list of those that you personally tend to. He was KIA on 11/20/52, and is in grave section Q# 1670.

Please do me a favor: whenever your group tends to the markers of veterans, include Johnny Parry. I thank you in advance, knowing that Johnny Parry will have friends watch over him.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Carmine Bricchi
112 Grigg Avenue
Jarratt, VA 23867

It is a good idea for all of us to tend to the marked graves of those deceased veterans who have no one to do the job. Job? It is not a job; it is a pleasure. Commemorate those who have no one else. That is the least we can for people who gave their all—people like John Parry, USMC.

Management Overview: KWVA VAVS FY 2007

"I want to express our appreciation to all of our members who are working to help other veterans. That is what a National Veterans Service Organization is supposed to be doing, and these men and women have been doing it better and better each year

"President Reagan once observed that it will surprise you what people can do when they aren't worried over who gets the credit. J. D. Randolph has worked tirelessly, out of the limelight, simply getting the job done for three years (plus) now. Thank you, JD. Well done, to you and all of our volunteers."

Louis T Dechert

The Report

In FY 2007, the Korean War Veterans Association performed with flying colors, and the general membership should be proud of our support to all veterans. Here is a concise record of what we did:

- 502 Members volunteered in the VAVS that services both the VA Hospital System and the National Cemetery.

The number of hours volunteers served:

- 51,297 Regular Scheduled Hours.
- 1,336 Occasional Hours

That is a total of 52,633 hours—an average of 104.8 hours per person.

In addition, there were representatives and deputies who are part of the local VAVS committee attendance who served 434 hours. That raises the total number of volunteer hours to 53,067 hours.

How much is that in dollars?

- Using VA's Monetary Value, based on \$18.77 per hour, our hours saved the VA \$996,067.59.

The total of all organizations, both NAC and Non-NAC hours, was 11,616,428 hours—or 129.2 per volunteer.

How the KWVA can improve its service

We can improve by having more KWVA Representatives and volunteers in more VA hospitals. We are now in 81 facilities. Our shortcoming is that we do not have many KWVA representatives and volunteers in many of the major hospitals. I need help from the National Directors and the State Departments and Chapter to get more members volunteering.

I hope this report will help you understand how we are doing. This year I added the attendance of our representative and deputies in the local VAVS Committee quarterly meetings. I will send copies to all Director and State Departments asking for their help in getting more volunteers.

*J. D. Randolph -Director VAVS
National VAVS Representative*

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

Ask the Secretary...

I received a call today from Joan Froelich, IL, who is a registrar for the IL school system. Joan has a request from a Korean War veteran for an honorary high school diploma which he says has is authorized by a federal law for those whose education was interrupted because of their service in Korea. She has done some research; so have I. Neither of us can find any information on that subject.

Joan has contacted someone from the federal government who has no knowledge of any such law. I told her she needs to contact the requestor and ask him where he got that information.

In the meantime, I promised her that I would ask some of our "experts" and see if anyone knows of such a law.

Frank Cohee

Response from Charley Price

There are no federal statutes, rules, regulations, or other authority to grant any recognition for a high school diploma for any veterans. Several states, Florida among them, have passed legislation that grants a high school diploma to WWII veterans who left school to enter the Armed Forces during the period 1941-1945. The key is "LEFT SCHOOL TO ENTER THE ARMED FORCES."

For any veteran who entered the service from the State of Florida, who left high school to enter the Armed Forces, and who can provide such proof, the Department of Education will approve a high school diploma to be issued by the last high school attended or the high school of the veteran's home town. We have made many such presentations. In fact, one high school in Pensacola had so many veterans who qualified it held a Senior Prom and it was a smash.

I am happy to report this was one of my bills that was passed and signed by Governor Jeb Bush in 2001.

Regards,

Charley Price

PRESIDENT from page 3

sidering plans for adding names to the Memorial as many have sought for many years—some from the very start-up of efforts to build a Memorial many years ago.

PERPETUATING – REMEMBERING – MAINTAINING

There is a great need for all our Chapters and Departments to review once more their commitment to our Memorial. A good way is to re-read The Graybeards, May-June 2006, pp. 25-26. The article is also available on the website at: http://www.kwva.org/update/archives/i_update_061118_challenge_fund_sequel.htm.

I want to note especially the Chapters which have supported our Memorial since May 2006. (See the table on page 3.)

I urge all our Chapters and Departments to reconsider and evaluate their support of our National Memorial.

For the Good of our Order, and for our Mission, this we'll support.

*Louis T Dechert
National President and Chairman, KWVA/USA*

PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA, JANUARY 13-15, 2008

To: KWVA Department and Chapter Presidents
KWVA Board of Directors and Staff

As directed by President Dechert, the above subject report is released and follows.

**SUMMARY MINUTES, CALLED BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, PINEVILLE, LOUISIANA
JANUARY 13-15, 2008**

MEETING CALL: Letter from National President and Chairman of the Board, Louis Dechert, dated December 3, 2007 (cite: pp. 95-96, Verbatim Minutes, Executive Session of the National Board of Directors Meeting (Executive Session), October 23, 2007 and October 24, 2007 (CONFIDENTIAL)).

PLACE OF ANNOUNCED MEETING: Designated meeting room, Country Inn and Suites, 2727 Monroe Highway, Pineville, LA 71360. Tel: 318.641.8332, FAX: 318.641.3209

ANNOUNCED PERIOD OF MEETING: Monday, January 14, 2008, beginning at 0900 hours. The meeting will continue through noon, January 15, 2008, or until business is completed. Sunday, January 13 and Tuesday, January 15, after 1200 hours, are designated as travel times.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: In accordance with the Bylaws of the Association, this called meeting is limited to one order of business, an extension and continuation of the presentation of those cases of the Ethics and Grievance Committee moved to hearings by the Board of Directors in Executive Session, October 24, 2007, Reno, Nevada.

Each member subject to the hearings was duly notified by US Mail, Certified Return Receipt, December 1, 2007.

SUMMARY MINUTES:

January 14: The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Louis T Dechert, at approximately 0910 hours. The Board was led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Honors to the Colors by National Secretary Frank Cohee. The Chaplain of Chapter 180, Bill Doyle, Assistant National Treasurer, presented an Opening Prayer.

Administrative announcements were made regarding meals, travel, and session hours.

The Roll was called. Present were: Louis Dechert, Chairman, 1VP Byron Dickerson, 2VP James Ferris, Secretary Frank Cohee, Treasurer Richard Hare, and Directors Charlotte Ayers, Robert Banker, Lee Dauster, Michael Doyle, Marvin Dunn, Thomas Edwards, James Fountain, William MacSwain, Thomas McHugh, and Christ Yanacos.

Absent were: Directors Jeffrey Brodeur and Warren Wiedhahn. The Board excused their absences by voice vote. The quorum requirement was satisfied and declared.

The Chairman introduced the Judge Advocate, Leo Agnew; the General Counsel Mark Vilar; the Deputy Counsel, Charley Price; and the Court Recorder, Sheila Walker; the Sergeant-at-Arms for the sessions, Mr. Jesse Campos, Chapter 180; and the representative for the E&G Committee, Mr. Richard Brown.

The Chairman expressed the condolences of the Board, once more, to Director Fountain, whose wife Marilyn died on

December 11, 2007.

Mr. Vilar instructed the Board and answered questions concerning the meaning and ramifications of an Executive Session.

Motion was made and seconded to move to Executive Session. A Roll Call vote ensued on the motion. Reconfiguring the Board for Executive Session took place. Treasurer Hare, Mr. Doyle, and non-Board members other than those participating in the hearing (JA Agnew, Mr. Vilar, Mr. Price, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Walker) were excused and left the room. Mr. Campos was instructed to remain outside the room and prevent access to all but the ones authorized to be present in the Executive Session.

The Executive Session was concluded at approximately 1615 hours and recessed until 0800 hours, January 15.

JANUARY 15: The Board reconvened at 0800 hours. The Chairman led Honors to the Colors. The Chairman presented each member with a copy of the legally approved statement of the results of the Executive Session. The statement was discussed at length. Motion was made and seconded to approve the statement. The motion carried by voice vote.

Statement Approved By The Board Of Directors

On this day, January 14, 2008, at a meeting called by President Louis T. Dechert for disciplinary related hearings as directed by the Board of Directors on October 24, 2007 in Reno, Nevada, the following matters were considered and disposed of as follows:

1. George A. Ellwood

The E&G Committee presented a report today concerning a complaint it received and subsequently investigated. The E&G Committee determined that the charges in the complaint were sustained. The Board of Directors accepted the report of the E&G Committee and after due consideration of the report, all evidence presented, and all discussion, disposed of this matter as follows:

Mr. Ellwood is immediately placed on one (1) year conditional probation. If Mr. Ellwood releases any untruthful information about the National KWVA, Inc., as sustained by the E&G Committee, a vote for the expulsion by the Board of Directors, using Business without a Meeting, is authorized, and in this case, the vote must be by a simple majority only.

2. Lynnita J. Brown

The E&G Committee presented a report today concerning a complaint it received and subsequently investigated. The E&G Committee determined that the charges in the complaint were sustained. The Board of Directors accepted the report of the E&G Committee and after due consideration of the report, all evidence presented, and all discussion, disposed of this matter as follows:

Ms. Brown is immediately placed on one (1) year conditional probation. If Ms. Brown releases any untruthful information about the National KWVA, Inc., as sustained by the E&G Committee, a vote for the expulsion by the Board of Directors, using Business without a Meeting, is authorized, and in this case, the vote must be by a simple majority only.

3. Sam Naomi

The E&G Committee presented a report today concerning a complaint it received and subsequently investigated. The E&G

SUMMARY MINUTES, CALLED BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Continued)

Committee determined that the charges in the complaint were sustained. The Board of Directors accepted the report of the E&G Committee and after due consideration of the report, all evidence presented, and all discussion, disposed of this matter as follows:

Mr. Naomi is immediately placed on one (1) year conditional probation. If Mr. Naomi releases any untruthful information about the National KWVA, Inc., as sustained by the E&G Committee, a vote for the expulsion by the Board of Directors, using Business without a Meeting, is authorized, and in this case, the vote must be by a simple majority only.

4. Charles C. Smith

The E&G Committee presented a report today concerning a complaint it received and subsequently investigated. The E&G Committee determined that the charges in the complaint were sustained. The Board of Directors accepted the report of the E&G Committee and after due consideration of the report, all evidence presented, and all discussion, disposed of this matter as follows:

Mr. Smith is immediately placed on one (1) year conditional probation. If Mr. Smith releases any untruthful information about the National KWVA, Inc., as sustained by the E&G Committee, a vote for the expulsion by the Board of Directors, using Business without a Meeting, is authorized, and in this case, the vote must be by a simple majority only.

5. Robert A. Fuoco

The E&G Committee presented a report today concerning a complaint it received and subsequently investigated. The E&G Committee determined that the charges in the complaint were sustained. The Board of Directors accepted the report of the E&G Committee and after due consideration of the report, all evidence presented, and all discussion, disposed of this matter as follows:

Mr. Fuoco is immediately expelled from the organization.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 0945 hours. Remaining Board members who desired to visit the National Office in Camp Beauregard assembled at 1020 hours and proceeded with the tour. Board members continued to depart throughout January 15 and 16.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Frank E Cohee, Jr. LR11015
National Secretary*

New recruiting flyer available

There is a new recruiting Mail-Out/Hand-Out flyer available in glorious living color through the KWVA website. It is designed to be printed on an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper.

The flyer includes a complete membership application.

You can upload it as a PDF file or in an MS Publisher version. To access the flyer, visit www.kwva.org and click on New Recruiting Mail-Out/Hand-Out Flyer available.

Let the recruiting begin.

Navy Admiral Assumes JPAC Command

HICKAM AFB, HAWAII – Army Brig. Gen. Michael C. Flowers relinquished command of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command Friday, Jan. 4, at 9:30 a.m. during a ceremony officiated by Adm. Timothy J. Keating, commander of U.S. Pacific Command. Rear Adm. Donna Crisp assumed command.

The ceremony marked the end of a 30-year career for Flowers, who received his commission in 1977 as an aviation officer through the University of Kansas ROTC. During his service, Flowers served in combat during Operations Urgent Fury, Desert Storm and Desert Shield. He also took part in peace-keeping operations in Haiti and Kosovo.

Flowers is the second commander in JPAC's history. During his two-year assignment, JPAC conducted over 150 recovery missions and identified nearly 200 missing service members, to include the first-ever World War I identification and the first identification using nuclear DNA.

Rear Admiral Donna L. Crisp will assume JPAC command. Crisp, a graduate of California State University at Long Beach, was commissioned in 1974. She is the former Director for Manpower and Personnel for the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C.

This assignment to Hawaii is the fourth for Crisp during her more than 30 years of service. She was most recently stationed on Oahu with Pacific Fleet between 2002 and 2004.

Rear Adm. Crisp is a Master Training Specialist and Secretary of Defense Reengineering Excellence award recipient. Her personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with three gold stars, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, and various other unit and service medals

Just A Little Humor

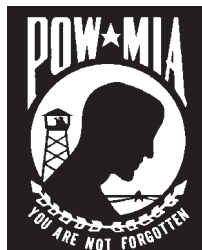
Know where you are and who your enemy is

A WWII veteran friend of mine once related the following to me: He was in the Air Force, stationed on one of the islands in the South Pacific. He said that when darkness fell on that island, all the animals and birds become quiet—so quiet, in fact, that one could hear the proverbial pin drop.

One night, while on guard duty around three a.m., he heard what sounded like birds calling to each other. He immediately informed the officer in charge, who got a patrol together and went in search of the "birds."

Sure enough, they captured some very young Japanese soldiers in new uniforms, trying to infiltrate. They were replacements, not informed or aware of the habits of the environs.

Bill Marshall, 22928 Gaukler Street, Saint Clair Shores, MI 48080-2555, (810) 778-5570, 40 INF SIG CORPS



POW/MIA Update

Soldier Missing From Korean War Is Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing from the Korean War, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is Pfc. Billy M. MacLeod, U.S. Army, of Cheboygan, Mich. He was buried Saturday in Cheboygan.

Representatives from the Army met with MacLeod's next-of-kin to explain the recovery and identification process, and to coordinate interment with military honors on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

MacLeod was a member of Company B, 32nd Infantry Regiment, then making up part of the 31st Regimental Combat Team, 7th Infantry Division, operating along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. From Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 1950, the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces overran the U.S. positions, forcing their southward withdrawal. Regimental records compiled after the battle indicate that MacLeod was killed in action on Nov. 28, 1950.

[Pfc Billy] MacLeod was a member of Company B, 32nd Infantry Regiment, then making up part of the 31st Regimental Combat Team, 7th Infantry Division, operating along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea.

Between 2002 and 2005, three joint U.S.-Democratic People's Republic of Korea teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), excavated an area with two mass graves on the eastern shore of the Chosin Reservoir. They were believed to be burial sites of U.S. soldiers from the 31st RCT. The teams found human remains and other material evidence. Analysis of the remains subsequently led to the identifications of eight individuals, including MacLeod.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from JPAC and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA and dental comparisons in the identification of MacLeod's remains.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call (703) 699-1169.

KWVA Management Information System



Jake Feaster, Supervisor Management Info System

KWVA Departments, Chapters and Presidents Information

Fellow KWVA Members,

It has been almost a year since the last listing of KWVA Departments, Chapters and Presidents Information was published in *The Graybeards*. Those of you with computers are able to view daily up-to-date listings of this information by logging on to our KWVA website at www.kwva.org and clicking on the link: List of Depts/Chapters.

If you are a KWVA member and have not joined a KWVA chapter, this listing should be of particular importance to you! Do you know where there is a chapter near you; near enough for you to attend meetings? Most chapters meet once a month. The meeting day, time and place can be found on the internet at the website and link listed above, or you may contact the Chapter president as shown in the following listing by phone or US mail.

I hear and see the question often asked, "What does KWVA do for me besides provide me six issues of *The Graybeards* each year and the ability to vote for National KWVA officers?" The short answer is, "You get what you want to get and what you look for!" But, if you have a computer, you can get much more, simply by visiting

the KWVA website and viewing the various links that are available.

You will be surprised at the volume of current and archival information, to include many old issues of *The Graybeards*, that is available and of interest to veterans and, in particular, Korean War and Korea Service veterans.

Of equal, if not of more, importance, The Korean War Veterans Association has provided the framework for the development of over 230 chapters and 16 departments nationwide. These KWVA units provide an opportunity for you to meet and associate with veterans of similar interest. They serve as a support group to those of us, in our older age, as we deal with the rigors of our past service and in our retirement years.

So, if you are not a member of a chapter, seek out one from the list on the following pages and visit one of their meetings. If there is not a chapter near you, contact one of the national officers listed on the inside front cover of this magazine for the possibility of your being involved in the organization of a Chapter in your area.

Of the 17,000+ KWVA members, there are almost 7,000 of you who do not belong to a chapter. So, why not take the next step and join a Chapter? Try it, you might like it!

Yours for a better KWVA,

Jake Feaster, LR13771 - KWVA Ass't Secretary
Supervisor - Management Information System
JFeaster@kwva.org, HPh: 352-466-3493
Cell Ph: 352-262-1845, FAX: 352-466-3493

Chapters and Departments: Korean War Veterans Association

State	CID	Name	Contact Name	Phone	Address	City	State	Zip
Alabama	DAL	Dept. of Alabama	Walter G. Ballard	251-649-2887	3775 Hardeman Rd	Semmes	AL	36575-6109
Alabama	1	Gulf Coast	Joe Bolton	251-661-3324	4304 Aldebaran Way	Mobile	AL	36693-4607
Alabama	2	Northwest Alabama II	David Bee	256-764-8476	115 Normandy Dr	Florence	AL	35630-3143
Alabama	145	Tennessee Valley	Harold Meeker	256-859-0885	2000 Woodmore Dr SE	Huntsville	AL	35803-1236
Alabama	263	Metro-Montgomery H.	Roy L. Morris	334-569-3640	2482 Possum Trot Rd	Deatsville	AL	36022
Alaska	288	SSgt Archie Van Winkle	Berkeley J. Ide	907-274-3218	PO Box 200142	Anchorage	AK	99520-0142
Arizona	DAZ	Dept. of Arizona	Les Nagy	623-815-1206	9850 W Santa Fe Dr	Sun City	AZ	85351
Arizona	3	Ray Harvey (MOH)	Carl Orth	602-620-1874	2814 W Berridge Ln	Phoenix	AZ	85017-1722
Arizona	4	Edward W. Rhoads	Lou Vukovich	520-296-6471	7401 E Calle Antigua	Tucson	AZ	85710
Arizona	122	Arden A. Rowley	Leroy Servin	480-982-1740	2208 W Baseline Av, # 133	Apache Jct	AZ	85220
Arizona	132	Richard Countryman	Wayne Krula	480-802-7354	9015 E Nacoma	Sun Lakes	AZ	85248
Arizona	295	West Valley	Bob Burns	623-546-9110	14018 Franciscan Dr	Sun City West	AZ	85375
Arizona	311	H. Edward Reeves	Charles Stohr	928-443-7371	2094 Summer Breeze	Prescott	AZ	86303
Arkansas	22	Charles L. Gilliland	Vernon 'Bob' Hudder	870-424-5108	517 Ouachita Ave	Mtn Home	AR	72653-2257
California	DCA	Dept. of California	Mike Glazzy	408-296-8282	3361 Williams Rd	San Jose	CA	95117-2579
California	5	Northern California #1	William I McKinney	530-365-3656	6907 Riata Dr	Redding	CA	96002-9725
California	6	Santa Clara County	Walter C. Schrank	510-656-4782	327 Starlite Way	Fremont	CA	94539-7642
California	7	Sonora Tuolumne Co.	Alexander J Koski	209-588-0292	10956 Green St #160	Columbia	CA	95310
California	56	Ventura County	David Lopez	310-323-8481	3850 W 180th Pl	Torrance	CA	90504
California	80	Porterville	James C. Davison	559-783-1844	268 E Oak Ave	Porterville	CA	93257-3963
California	102	Imperial Valley	Mike Singh	760-337-1060	1720 Desert Gardens Dr	El Centro	CA	92243
California	165	El Centro	Joaquin Reclosado Jr	760-357-2674	PO Box 2492	El Centro	CA	92244
California	176	Redwood	Donald Nicol	707-445-8825	2160 Albee St	Eureka	CA	95501-3653
California	179	San Diego	James J. Whelan	619-656-8186	1042 Ardilla Pl	Chula Vista	CA	91910-8029
California	184	Cent Coast of CA	John R Davis	805-349-0086	400 Garnet Way	Santa Maria	CA	93454
California	203	War Dogs	Lawrence M. Johnson	209-523-5232	1705 Wolverine Way	Modesto	CA	95355
California	211	Charles N. Bikakis	Thomas G. Lewis	661-831-4360	3608 Wood Ln	Bakersfield	CA	93309-7323
California	235	Santa Barbara	Ylario Delgadillo	805-705-9940	428 Linda Rd	Santa Barbara	CA	93109
California	264	Mt Diablo	Dave McDonald	925- 689-0672	139 Scenic Drive	Concord	CA	94518-2038
Colorado	9	Dutch Nelsen	Paul Darrow	719-237-4461	645 Jayton Dr	Colorado Springs	CO	80910
Colorado	195	Queen City	Robert Nelson	303-279-2594	608 Wyoming St	Golden	CO	80403
Connecticut	10	Connecticut #1	Jim Shelmerdine	860-528-0251	745 Tolland St	East Hartford	CT	06108-2748
Connecticut	11	Greater Danbury Area	Bernard S. Rotunda	203-744-1974	23 Highland Av	Bethel	CT	06801
Connecticut	204	Greater New Haven Area	Edward C. Shultz	203-288-7576	126 Mather St	Hamden	CT	06517
Delaware	DDE	Dept. of Delaware	Russell Cunningham	302-945-3525	33161 Woodland Court S	Lewes	DE	19958-9329
Delaware	12	Capt Paul Dill #2	Ed Pickhaver	302-328-7709	10 Lasalle Av	New Castle	DE	19720
Delaware	13	Bill Carr	Walter Koopman	302-945-7122	105 Creek Dr	Millsboro	DE	19966-9680
Delaware	92	Richard D Hutchinson	Louis Stubbolo	302-284-9511	212 Henry Cowgill Rd	Camden	DE	19934
Florida	DFL	Dept. of Florida	Frank R. 'Bob' Balzer	386-822-9068	811 Orangewood Av	Deland	FL	32724
Florida	14	Suncoast	Clarence Dadswell	727-522-6496	4810 3rd St N	St Petersburg	FL	33703-3914
Florida	15	Eddie Lyon	Joseph D. Firriolo	305-931-6535	2510 NE 209th Ter	N Miami Bch	FL	33180-1044
Florida	16	COL Alice Gritsavage	Robert A. Schloss	352-840-0142	5265 NW 21st Loop	Ocala	FL	34482-3259
Florida	17	LT Richard E. Cronan	Barry Tutin	561-685-0271	15562 Florenza Cir	Delray Beach	FL	33446
Florida	106	Treasure Coast	Peter Popolizio	772-344-2301	449 SW Horseshoe Bay	Port Saint Lucie	FL	34986
Florida	110	Miami-Dade	Ainslee R. Ferdie	305-445-3557	717 Ponce de Leon Blvd #223	Coral Gables	FL	33134-2070
Florida	124	Osceola County	David L. Conboy	407-892-7409	4945 Spiral Way	Saint Cloud	FL	34771
Florida	153	Central Florida	John Horrocks	386-740-8394	518 Leaf Cir	Deland	FL	32724-6258
Florida	158	William Charette (MOH)	William P. McCraney	863-533-7374	2215 Helen Cir E	Bartow	FL	33830
Florida	155	Florida Gulf Coast	Donald Hamm-Johnson	239-573-0122	524 SE 33rd St	Cape Coral	FL	33904
Florida	158	William Charette (MOH)	James 'Jim' Bradford	863-293-3055	1776 6th St NW, #308	Winter Haven	FL	33881
Florida	159	Sunshine State	Peter H. Palmer	727-584-7143	704 Citrus Ct	Largo	FL	33770-2756
Florida	169	Lake County	Art Canale	352-750-2505	684 Ellsworth Way	The Villages	FL	32162
Florida	173	Mid-Florida	Tom Roberts	407-657-4608	2354 Flamingo Way	Winter Park	FL	32792-1619
Florida	174	Nature Coast	Richard J. Mellinger	352-688-7196	10458 Upton St	Spring Hill	FL	34608
Florida	175	LT Baldomero Lopez	Fred Gossett	813-977-5327	14804 15th St	Lutz	FL	33549
Florida	188	South Lake County	Charles First	407-292-7837	5439 Denise Ave	Orlando	FL	32810
Florida	189	Central Fl East Coast	John R. 'Rick' Kennedy	386-761-0912	3780 Clyde Morris Blvd # 205	Port Orange	FL	32119
Florida	192	Citrus County	Herman 'Hank' Butler Jr	352-563-2496	2110 NW 17th St	Crystal River	FL	34428
Florida	199	Manasota	Gurley E. 'Gene' Gillette	941-746-4440	1407 39th St W	Bradenton	FL	34205
Florida	200	North East Florida	Henry L. Moreland	904-384-2031	2360 Lake Shore Blvd	Jacksonville	FL	32210
Florida	210	Brevard County	T. James Snyder Sr	321-455-2937	400 S Sykes Creek Pkwy	Merritt Island	FL	32952-3547

Chapters and Departments: Korean War Veterans Association (Continued)

Florida	267	GEN James A. Van Fleet	Richard E 'Dick' Davis	352-378-5560	2205 NW 19th Ln	Gainesville	FL	32605
Florida	293	West Florida	Thomas Mayhugh	850-941-2710	7800 Homestead Cir	Pensacola	FL	32526-9226
Georgia	19	GEN Raymond G. Davis	Thomas C. Harris Jr.	404-321-9636	1315 McConnell Dr, B101	Decatur	GA	30033-3527
Hawaii	20	Hawaii #1	Charles Aresta	808-537-2753	1813 Sereno St	Honolulu	HI	96817-2318
Hawaii	47	Kauai	Royce T. Ebesu	808-822-4341	4890 Lani Rd	Kapaa	HI	96746
Hawaii	144	Aloha	Jimmy K. Shin	808-286-3333	PO Box 88232	Honolulu	HI	96830-8232
Hawaii	231	Big Island	Jim Santos	808-961-2528	"RR 3, Box 1282"	Pahoa	HI	96778
Hawaii	279	West Hawaii	Thomas Leone	808-329-7252	75-5719 Alii Dr Apt 313	Kailua-Kona	HI	96740
Hawaii	282	Maui No Ka Oi	Royal G. Vida	808-871-2109	219 W Niihau St	Kahului	HI	96732
Illinois	DIL	Dept. of Illinois	Paul W. Sutphin	309-697-0659	5307 S MID CT	PEORIA	IL	61607-9537
Illinois	21	Robert Wurtsbaugh	David Thomsbrough	217-759-7321	28869 N 1800 E Rd	Alvin	IL	61811
Illinois	23	South Suburban	Arnold Feinberg	708-460-6914	8916 W Leslie Dr	Orland Hills	IL	60477
Illinois	24	Charles Parlier	John Mooney	217-872-1646	607 Arbor Dr	Decatur	IL	62526
Illinois	25	Greater Chicago	Niels Larsen	773-545-4379	5347 W Waveland Av	Chicago	IL	60641-3354
Illinois	26	Lester Hammond CMH	Robert H. Ericson	217-222-1640	1134 S 14th St	Quincy	IL	62301
Illinois	27	Sangamon County	John P. Russo	217-528-4699	1750 Fairmont Dr	Springfield	IL	62702-2928
Illinois	95	Imjin	Thomas G. McCaw	618-632-2220	PO Bx 211	O'Fallon	IL	62269
Illinois	150	Northwest Illinois	Clyde G. Fruth	815-233-0242	3060 W Prairie Rd	Freeport	IL	61032
Illinois	168	Quad Cities	Ronald Sears	309-786-5391	1301 2nd Av #3W Apt 1	Rock Island	IL	61201
Illinois	243	Peoria	William Gene Wilson	309-742-8151	8220 N McClellan Rd	Elmwood	IL	61529
Illinois	272	Greater Rockford	Jack F. Philbrick	815-226-1601	1601 Scottswood Rd	Rockford	IL	61107-2069
Indiana	DIN	Dept. of Indiana	George A. 'Don' Ellwood	765-778-8735	8770 Carriage Ln	Pendleton	IN	46064
Indiana	28	Indiana #2	John M. Rutledge	765-447-3702	208 Eastland Dr	Lafayette	IN	479054805
Indiana	29	SSgt William E Windrich	Douglas E. Handley	219-844-0676	3423 164th St	Hammond	IN	46323
Indiana	30	Indiana #1	Bernard F. Wisniewski	260-432-1106	6612 Goodrich Dr	Ft. Wayne	IN	46804-2010
Indiana	129	Southeastern Indiana #4	Luther E. Rice	812-926-2790	414 Water St	Aurora	IN	47001-1242
Indiana	133	Quiet Warrior	Richard" Dick" Loney	260-447-5296	6324 Holgate Dr	Fort Wayne	IN	46816
Indiana	259	Central Indiana	Tine Martin	317-852-2413	8 Jackson Ct	Brownsburg	IN	46112-1684
Indiana	278	Gene A. Sturgeon	John C. Porter	765-827-0448	2330 S County Rd 200 W	Connersville	IN	47331
Indiana	308	Anderson Tri-County	George A. 'Don' Ellwood	765-778-8735	8770 Carriage Ln	Pendleton	IN	46064
Indiana	309	Jackie L. Murdock	Albert L. Lowe	765-435-2304	104 Old Ford Rd	Waveland	IN	47989
Iowa	99	Tall Corn	Bill Hartsock	319-753-3478	2301 Agency St #29	Burlington	IA	52601-1986
Kansas	181	Kansas #1	Gene Tinberg	913381-9082	3920 W. 97th. Terrace	Overland Park	KA	66207
Kentucky	139	C. H. Dodd	William Diefenbach	270-769-9432	900 Winchester Blvd	Louisville	KY	42701-9167
Kentucky	219	Central Kentucky	John H. Armacost	859-233-3855	3845 Carleton Dr	Lexington	KY	40510-9709
Louisiana	180	CENLA	Louis T. Dechert	318-641-8033		Leesville	LA	71446
Louisiana	205	Crossroads	Douglas J Rhodes	318-487-1608	101 Big Lake Rd	Pineville	LA	71360
Louisiana	230	Baton Rouge	Robert E. 'Bob' Thomas	225-275-6289	10724 Shermoor Dr.	Baton Rouge	LA	70815
Maine	32	Burton-Goode-Sargent	John F Anderson	207-848-5311	200 Fuller Rd	Hemon	ME	04401
Maine	79	CPL Clair Goodblood	Philip W. Tiemann Jr.	207-623-9309	9 Glenwood St	Augusta	ME	04330-6907
Maine	277	Mid-Coast Maine	Joseph E. Wallace	207-594-5799	38 Lakeview Dr	Rockland	ME	04841
Maine	292	Crown of Maine	Norman J. Bourgoin	207-762-2391	58 Chapman Rd	Presque Isle	ME	04769
Maryland	33	Maryland	Charles J. Reed Jr	410-682-5135	2702 Franklinville Rd	Joppa	MD	21085
Maryland	107	James P. Dickel	Bernard Wenrick	304-738-9451	RR 4 Box 17	Ridgely	MD	21753-9703
Maryland	142	Korean War Veterans	Leroy Hansberger	301-874-3151	2706 Urbana Pike	Ijamsville	MD	21754-8620
Maryland	271	Aberdeen	Jerry R. Cather	410-272-5840	2400 N Post Rd #48	Aberdeen	MD	21001
Maryland	312	Antietam	Edward A. Stahl Jr.	717-597-4660	12777 Gearhart Rd	Greencastle	PA	17225
Massachusetts	34	CPL Alfred Lopes, Jr.	Richard L. Lariviere	781-834-8538	29 Woodlawn Cir	Marshfield	MA	02050-3503
Massachusetts	35	Rudolph H. DeSilva	Robert V. Simmons	508-823-0572	C/O VFW Post 611	Taunton	MA	02780-3507
Massachusetts	36	Central Massachusetts	James E. McDonald	508-753-3789	190 S Quinsigamond Av	Shrewsbury	MA	01545
Massachusetts	37	PFC Joseph R. Ouellette	John L. Hourihan	978-658-3865	55 Lake St	Tewksbury	MA	01876
Massachusetts	141	Cape & Islands #1	Bill Hennessey	508-477-7862	PO Bx 364	Centerville	MA	02632
Massachusetts	187	Western Mass 2000	Alexander Nataro	413-583-5167	8 Wedgewood Dr	Ludlow	MA	01056-1852
Massachusetts	294	Greater Haverhill	Richard J. Bilodeau	978-373-4367	40 Buttonwoods Ave #303	Haverhill	MA	01830-4367
Massachusetts	299	Korea Vets of America	Albert McCarthy	508-829-4236	15 Farnum St	Worcester	MA	01602-2101
Massachusetts	300	Korean War Vets of Mass	Nicholas Paganella	508-872-5895	20 Antrim Rd	Framingham	MA	01701
Michigan	38	Northwest Michigan	Albert C. 'Al' Ockert	231-946-4698	356 W River Rd	Traverse City	MI	49684
Michigan	39	Mid-Michigan	Donald L. Sanchez	810-653-4453	5156 N Gale Rd	Davison	MI	48423-8955
Michigan	164	Dale H. Williams #1996	Harry Ray Nelson III	231-775-0622	11 Huron St	Cadillac	MI	49601
Michigan	251	Saginaw/Frankenmuth	Jacob E. Klemm	989-791-2690	2152 N Kearney Dr	Saginaw	MI	48603
Michigan	256	Norville B. Finney	Richard Charbonneau	248-543-3577	532 W Troy St	Ferndale	MI	48220-305
Michigan	306	West Michigan	Donald H Mahoney	616-453-4518	801 Shawmut Ct NW	Grand Rapids	MI	49504

Chapters and Departments: Korean War Veterans Association (Continued)

Minnesota	40	Minnesota #1	Edward R. 'Ed' Valle	715-425-8992	1410 Foster St	River Falls	WI	54022
Minnesota	41	Frozen Chosin	William A. Maher	507-388-5577	217 Viola St	Mankato	MN	56001-4576
Minnesota	254	Fairmont	Darvin D. Cottew	507-238-2740	650 Summit Dr #2	Fairmont	MN	56031
Missouri	DMO	Dept. of Missouri	Frank Williams	636-272-5046	#2 Cedar Ln	O'Fallon	MO	63366
Missouri	43	Kansas City Missouri #2	Jack Calegari	816-761-6399	6301 E. 96th. St.	Kansas City	MO	64134-1130
Missouri	44	Missouri #1	Donald L. Gutmann	314-739-7922	11959 Glenvalley Dr	Maryland Hgts	MO	63043-1628
Missouri	78	Jefferson County	Wilbert W. Sexauer	636-586-6931	3245 Fountain City Rd	Desoto	MO	63020
Missouri	96	North St Louis County #4	Kenneth L. Hoffman	314-837-7387	25 Ridgelawn Ct	Florissant	MO	63031
Missouri	135	Harry S. Truman	Joe Bryant	417-272-0949	28 Crown Dr	Branson West	MO	65737
Missouri	186	St. Charles County	Bob Peitz	636-272-5046	3510 Truman Terrace Dr	St. Charles	MO	63301
Missouri	246	Ozark Mtn Region #8	Robert E Soden	417-350-3773	2524 S. Delaware Ave	Springfield	MO	65804
Missouri	281	Rolla #9	Leslie V. Burris	573-364-6663	15717 Co Rd 8430	Rolla	MO	65401
Nebraska	183	Nebraska #1	Samuel 'Sam' Wall	402-330-0732	15937 Dorcas Cir	Omaha	NE	68130
Nevada	198	Reno Sparks	Ralph Christie	775-331-2910	PO Box 60547	Reno	NV	89506
Nevada	305	Carson City	Angelo Defelice	775-882-0916	214 W King St.	Carson City	NV	89703
New Jersey	DNJ	Dept. of New Jersey	George Bruzgis	973-956-8672	230 Legion Pl	Haledon	NJ	07508
New Jersey	48	Chorwon	John Valerio	201-664-7669	250 Fern St	Washington (Tsp)	NJ	07676
New Jersey	49	Ocean County	Joseph 'Joe' Spinicchia	732-350-8321	4-B Monticello Dr	Whiting	NJ	08759-1824
New Jersey	52	Hong Song	John "Jack" Slattery	732-787-6286	571 Palmer Av West	Keansburg	NJ	07734
New Jersey	53	Union County	John Stonaker	908-241-0175	427 Faitoute Av	Kenilworth	NJ	07033-2058
New Jersey	54	Thomas W. Daley, Jr	Thomas W. Daley Jr.	856-983-7748	26 Knox Blvd	Marlton	NJ	08053-2930
New Jersey	87	Middlesex County	Metro Kopchak	908-755-0065	1311 Maple Av	South Plainfield	NJ	07080-4515
New Jersey	94	Hudson County	Ralph 'Lucky' Pasqua	201-858-4538	PO Box 841	Bayonne	NJ	07002-0841
New Jersey	130	Cape May County #1	Otis Jones Jr.	609-465-9797	PO Box 389	Whitesboro	NJ	08252
New Jersey	148	Central Jersey	Arnold Wolfson	609-395-7585	717A Delair Rd	Monroe Township	NJ	08831-7228
New Jersey	170	Taejon	Thomas Falato	973-928-1901	9414 Warrens Way	Wanaque	NJ	07465-1647
New Jersey	213	Hector A Cafferata, Jr	Leonard Speizer	973-691-8265	4 Prospect Av	Budd Lake	NJ	07828
New Jersey	216	KWVA M*A*S*H 4099	Albert J. Gonzales	201-461-0152	115 Irving St	Leonia	NJ	07605
New Jersey	234	KWVA of Atlantic County	John J Varallo	609-476-1916	7 Maple Ct	Mays Landing	NJ	08330
New Mexico	82	Albuquerque NM #1	Jerry Hietpas	505-831-3035	3104 Vista del Sur NW	Albuquerque	NM	87120-1510
New York	DNY	Dept. of New York	T. James Lewis	315-539-2928	P.O. BOX 176	Waterloo	NY	13165-0176
New York	55	Nassau County #1	Howard E. Plattner	516-334-3692	22 Crystal Ln	Westbury	NY	11590
New York	58	Monroe County	Frank Nicolazzo	585-865-0145	54 Lyncrest Dr.	Rochester	NY	14616-5238
New York	59	Northeastern	Kenneth Kuck	518-869-3417	6 W Meadow Dr	ALBANY	NY	12203-5349
New York	60	Adirondack	Raymond A. Waldron	518-584-4362	4 Patricia Ln	Saratoga Springs	NY	12866-2812
New York	63	Western New York	Carl J. Marranca	716-876-5528	3354 Delaware Av	Kenmore	NY	14217
New York	64	Central Long Island	P. G. 'Bob' Morga	631-286-3075	PO Box 835	Bayport	NY	11705-0835
New York	65	Eastern Long Island	Richard G. Faron	631-725-3220	135 Noyac Av	Sag Harbor	NY	11963
New York	66	CPL Allan F. Kivlehan	Joseph A. 'Joe' Calabria	718-967-1120	PO Box 120174	Staten Island	NY	10312
New York	67	Finger Lakes #1	Robert Sherman	585-396-1976	95 Tillotson St.	Canadaigua	NY	14424
New York	90	Eagle (Rockland Co.)	Albert A. Viotto	845-429-0290	1 Anna Ct	Stony Point	NY	10980-1830
New York	91	Westchester-Putnam Co.	Harlan Gerber	914-779-3792	1 Sadore Ln, Apt 2U	Yonkers	NY	10710
New York	105	Central New York	Garry Rockburn	315-656-8528	518 East Av	Kirkville	NY	13082-9706
New York	113	Thousand Islands	Joseph Hale	315-782-8752	Thousand Is VFW Post 1400	Watertown	NY	13601
New York	171	Brooklyn	Don Feldman	718-946-4175	2015 Shore Pkwy #88	Brooklyn	NY	11214-6839
New York	202	Orange County	Samuel L. Tucker	845-386-1370	2098 Mountain Rd	Otisville	NY	10963
New York	208	Putnam County	Louis Gasparini	845-278-7856	63 Oakwood Dr	Brewster	NY	10509-3825
New York	239	Skinner - Grogan	William Bruso	315-894-3252	P. O. Box 84	Ilion	NY	13357
New York	283	Columbia County	John H. Neary	518-758-7912	11 Pin Oak Dr	Kinderhook	NY	12106-1811
New York	284	St Lawrence County	Reginald H Mott	315-769-3690	46 Urban Dr	Massena	NY	13662-2702
New York	296	Cayuga County	John Barwinczok	315-253-6022	25 Leavenworth Av	Auburn	NY	13021-4552
North Carolina	265	Charlotte	James W. 'Bill' Williams	704-545-1829	6817 Wilson Grove Rd	Charlotte	NC	28227
North Dakota	68	North Dakota #1	Roger S. Smith	701-952-0893	1739 4th Av NE	Jamestown	ND	58401
Ohio	DOH	Dept. of Ohio	Robert L. McGeorge	513-923-4920	3296 Blueacres Dr	Cincinnati	OH	45239
Ohio	51	Richland County	Bobby E Shirk	419-747-4710	2040 Springhill Rd	Mansfield	OH	44907
Ohio	69	Greater Cleveland	Paul Romanovich	440-885-5101	5400 Sandy Hook Dr	Parma	OH	44134-6124
Ohio	70	Ohio Valley	Edward R. Fellabaum	740-458-1040	50000 Boltz Hill Rd St	Clarington	OH	43915-9605
Ohio	71	Western Ohio - Lake Erie	Howard 'Pat' Ryan	440-365-4960	620 Gulf Rd	Elyria	OH	44035-3647
Ohio	81	Buckeye	Hubert L. Bair	330-875-1526	716 E Main St	Louisville	OH	44641
Ohio	108	Western Ohio	Richard 'Dick' Schwartz	937-773-5399	211 Drexel Av	Piqua	OH	45356
Ohio	112	Lake Erie	Stephen 'Steve' Szekely	216-381-9080	1516 Laclede Rd	South Euclid	OH	44121-3012
Ohio	115	Johnny Johnson	Roy Miller	419-227-5209	2344 Reen	Lima	OH	45805

Chapters and Departments: Korean War Veterans Association (Continued)

Ohio	116	Central Ohio	Charles F. Cole	614-846-0326	1040 Woodman Dr	Worthington	OH	43085
Ohio	121	Greater Cincinnati	Robert L. McGeorge	513-923-4920	3296 Blueacres Dr	Cincinnati	OH	45239-6109
Ohio	125	Greene County	Howard W. Camp	937-372-6403	430 S Stadium Dr	Xenia	OH	45385
Ohio	126	Tri-State	Donald R. Wolf	330-385-7403	829 Louise Av	East Liverpool	OH	43920
Ohio	131	Northwest Ohio	Edward A. Auerbach	419- 472-5735	5911 Jackman Rd	Toledo	OH	43613
Ohio	136	Marion Ohio Chap. #136	Don Hall	740-387-2710	511 Vernon Heights Blvd	Marion	OH	43302
Ohio	137	Mahoning Valley	Zeno Foley	330-792-2735	337 S Inglewood Av	Austintown	OH	44515
Ohio	138	Akron Regional	Edward Rose	330-929-1633	PO Bx 4788	Akron	OH	44310
Ohio	151	Hocking Valley	Gerald B. Flowers	740-385-2026	10031 Opossum Hollow Rd	Rockbridge	OH	43149
Ohio	172	Hancock County	H. Weldin Neff	567-207-2010	1393 River R N TP #73	Tiffin	OH	44883
Ohio	182	Coshocton	Ivon J. Loos	740-622-7168	1870 Walnut St	Coshocton	OH	43812
Ohio	280	William J. Fantozzi	Karl W. Lynn	419-626-3421	3420 Galloway Rd	Sandusky	OH	44870
Oklahoma	89	Oklahoma	Harold Mulhausen	405-632-7351	6405 S Douglas Av	Oklahoma City	OK	73139
Oklahoma	177	Eastern Oklahoma	William G. Webster	918-683-9566	2404 Pin Oak Rd	Muskgee	OK	74401-8243
Oregon	DOR	Dept. of Oregon	Charles A. Lusardi	503-628-1847	24250 SW Rowell Rd	Hillsboro	OR	97123
Oregon	62	Linn-Benton	Jack Davis	541-258-3013	615 E Sherman	Lebanon	OR	97355
Oregon	72	Oregon Trail	James A. Arling	503-285-8118	1026 N Winchell St	Portland	OR	97217-1146
Oregon	84	Iron Triangle	Jim Richard	503-362-6951	4080 Glendale Av	Salem	OR	97305-1909
Oregon	257	Rogue Valley	Herbert E Robb	541-535-1899	3431 S Pacific Hwy #118	Medford	OR	97501-8829
Pennsylvania	73	CPL William McAllister	Theodore Scairato	215-465-9399	2934 S Sydenham St	Philadelphia	PA	19145-4923
Pennsylvania	74	KWVA of WPA	Edwin Vogel	412-921-7751	92 Kingston Av	Pittsburgh	PA	15205-4530
Pennsylvania	75	PFC Stanley A. Gogoj	John Plenskofski	215-442-1737	PO Box 2188	Warminster	PA	18974
Pennsylvania	109	Northeastern Penn	Paul Warman	570-595-2885	PO Box 297	Mountainhome	PA	18342
Pennsylvania	114	Yongdung Po	Ed Weiser	215-946-0599	9071 Mill Creek Rd	Levittown	PA	19054
Pennsylvania	178	York County	Ronald W. Busser	717-244-3680	303 Winners Cir	Red Lion	PA	17356
Rhode Island	117	Ocean State #1	Maurice Trottier	401-723-4365	20 Oakdale Av	Pawtucket	RI	02860-2512
Rhode Island	147	West Bay Rhode Is #2	Robert F. Hartley	401-821-4043	6 First St	Coventry	RI	02816-8451
Rhode Island	258	Northern Rhode Island	Herbert J. Southworth	401-331-5766	16 Home Av	Providence	RI	02908
South Carolina	DSC	Dept. of South Carolina	C. Clyde Hooks	803-278-1039	658 Hampton Cir	Belvedere	SC	29841-2531
South Carolina	255	SGT Harold F. Adkison	Lawrence E. Doolittle	803-637-9367	595 Key Rd	Edgefield	SC	29824-3202
South Carolina	301	Foothills	James H Oakman	864-246-9492	212 Overton Ave	Greenville	SC	29617-7516
South Carolina	303	Palmetto	Donald E Shea	843-681-8309	8 Yellow Rail Ln	Hilton Head Island	SC	29926
South Carolina	304	Bobo McCraw	Jackie 'Jack' Guest	864-463-7223	1316 Swofford Dr	Cowpens	SC	29330
South Dakota	160	West River	Gerald Teachout	605-787-7001	15411 Deerview Rd	Piedmont	SD	57769
South Dakota	194	MGEN Lloyd R. Moses	Darwin Buus	605-996-7113	517 N 2nd St	Mitchell	SD	57307
Tennessee	86	Nashville	Milton E. Hornbuckle	615-673-2486	920 Rexdale Dr	Nashville	TN	37217
Tennessee	289	Mountain Empire	Jimmie R Simerly	423-349-6048	1614 Pinoak Ct	Jonesborough	TN	37659-3027
Tennessee	297	Plateau	Richard 'Dick' Werderitch	931-707-9924	117 Glenwood Dr	Fairfield Glade	TN	38558
Texas	DTX	Dept. of Texas	Marvin Dunn	817-261-1499	1721 Briardale Ct.	Arlington	TX	
Texas	76	Texas Lone Star	Charles Ehrlund	713-465-5172	10035 Larston	Houston	TX	77055-6003
Texas	209	Laredo KWVA 1950	Ernesto Sanchez Jr	956-722-4288	1307 E Stewart	Laredo	TX	78040-2751
Texas	215	GEN Walton H. Walker	Larry Kinard	682-518-1040	2108 Westchester	Mansfield	TX	76063-5332
Texas	221	Twin Cities	T. Dwight Owen	903-628-5497	203 Ridge Crest	New Boston	TX	75570
Texas	222	Don C. Faith (MOH)	Ed Maunakea	254-634-7806	PO Box 10622	Killeen	TX	76549-0622
Texas	223	Victoria	Werner Lamprecht	361-578-2628	607 Berwick Rd	Victoria	TX	77904
Texas	249	COL Joseph C. Rodriguez	Roy E. Aldridge	915-581-4725	6544 Grand Ridge Dr	El Paso	TX	79912
Texas	270	Sam Johnson	J. D. Randolph	972-359-2936	1523 Pinebluff Dr	Allen	TX	75002-1870
Texas	286	East Texas	James T. Gill	903-566-8831	15716 Big Oak Rd	Tyler	TX	75707
Texas	302	Pineywoods	Jack Roberts	936-632-5376	2101 Palmore Rd.	Lufkin	TX	75904
Virginia	DVA	Dept. of Virginia	John J. Dozier	757-229-3966	805 Tahoe Trl	Williamsburg	VA	23188
Virginia	128	Edward Markart	Gene Santucci	540-972-2150	105 Locust	Grove	VA	22508-5216
Virginia	143	Greater Richmond	Wallace E Wampler	540-434-5861	221 Claremont Av	Harrisonburg	VA	22801
Virginia	161	New River Valley	Claude Newman	540-980-5912	3206 Case Knife Rd	Pulaski	VA	24301
Virginia	191	Tidewater	Richard Hartung	757-838-2267	1812 Broadstreet Rd	Hampton	VA	23666
Virginia	250	Charles B. Thacker	James L Hall	276-762-7130	P.O. Box 102	Saint Paul	VA	24283
Washington	310	Olympic Peninsula	Gerald P. Rettela	360-457-6994	72 Derrick Rd	Port Angeles	WA	98362
West Virginia	DWV	Dept. of West Virginia	Franklin 'Frank' Goff	304-722-1204	160 Riverview Dr	St Albans	WV	35177
West Virginia	146	Mountaineer	James DeCarlo	304-727-5696	22 River Park Cir	St Elbans	WV	25177
West Virginia	156	Kenneth Shadrack	Samuel Birchfield	304-255-3167	PO Box 791	Mabscott	WV	25871
Wisconsin	111	CPL Richard A. Bell	Norbert C Carter	262-675-6641	5546 Highway M	Westbend	WI	53095-3102
Wisconsin	227	Southeastern Wisconsin	Edward J. Slovak	262-534-3024	4130 Lee Cir	Waterford	WI	53185
Wisconsin	245	South Central Wisconsin	Cliff Borden	608-222-7806	4304 Drexel Av	Madison	WI	53716
Wisconsin	275	West Central Wisconsin	Don Rudolph	608-783-6082	708 Hanson Ct	Onalaska	WI	54650-2418

Insurance and the KWVA

Hank Butler, Commander of Chapter 192, Citrus County {FL} asked Lee Dauster recently about insurance policies. Lee responded with information that might be helpful to other Chapters. Here is the exchange.

What types of insurance policies are required by the KWVA National?

Does the National have liability insurance to cover members attending meetings, fund raisers, etc.? Which members does it cover?

We have a problem in our part of Florida conducting fund raisers (Rose of Sharon) in some shopping centers because of a requirement of one to three million dollars liability insurance.

Will the National ever purchase a blanket liability policy to cover all of its members? If so, it would certainly boost membership in the National.

Thanks in advance for your timely response.

Hank Butler, Commander CID 192

♦ ♦ ♦

To All KWVA Members:

The request from Hank Butler, Commander of CID 192, represents the dilemma of the KWVA chapter that wants to engage in charitable activities. Many KWVA Chapters find themselves stymied due to the limits imposed on KWVA chapters that cannot produce a copy of a General Liability Insurance policy.

In many areas of the country, selling hot dogs at the county fair, asking for Rose of Sharon donations, or even Chapter participation in city or county functions, is prohibited without evidence of KWVA Chapter Liability Insurance.

All KWVA Chapters have been advised to obtain liability insurance; many have done so. National KWVA does not—and cannot—provide blanket insurance coverage. Others indicate they have not found an insurance agent with a market that will write the coverage.

Due largely to the manner in which the Korean War Veterans Association was originally formulated and incorporated, a blanket Liability Insurance policy will not be underwritten by an insurance company. For example: KWVA cannot restrict, dictate, regulate, or control the activities of an individual Chapter. (This reasoning was related to me by a carrier that insures a major veteran group.)

The Auto-Owners Insurance Group is a company with five subsidiaries and headquarters at Lansing, Michigan. Currently, Auto Owners operates in 25 of our 50 states.

This company writes General Liability. Our Prescott, Arizona Chapter recently purchased General Liability insurance at a \$1,000,000 limit. The cost was nominal—less than \$400 annually.

Here is a list of areas of the country in which Auto-Owners currently is licensed to do business. Full service offices are found in Lansing MI; Traverse City MI; Montgomery, AL; Mesa, AZ; Westminster, CO; Lakeland, FL; Tallahassee, FL;

Duluth, GA; West Des Moines, IA; Marion, IN; Peoria, IL; Lexington, KY; White Bear Lake, MN; Columbia, MO; Charlotte, NC; Fargo, ND; Lima, OH; Columbia, SC; Brentwood, TN; and Appleton, WI.

The company operates in a total of 25 states, with hundreds of agents throughout those states. Agents are found in additional states and districts. For interested members in those areas listed, and to find Auto-Owners agents in other areas, use your computer, or have a friend go to:

Auto-Owners.com

Click on FIND AN AGENCY

Search by zip code

This info only assists those in the states mentioned, and there is no guarantee they will write coverage for your group. Each organization is separately underwritten. If your Chapter sells liquor (for example), it may not be approved.

KWVA Chapters that have found insurance in areas other than those mentioned should share the name of the company with me. We need the name of the company, your state, zip, and your agent's name and phone number.

When the House of Representatives votes favorably on our KWVA Charter issue, it will become mandatory for a Chapter to be insured. Start now to find an insurance carrier that writes General Liability for veterans chapters/posts.

Lee Dauster

KWVA Insurance Chairman

2007-2010



Wrong Chapter Name Used

In the Sept/Oct 2007 issue of The Graybeards we inadvertently used the wrong Chapter name for CID 299 (p. 44). The Chapter's official name is Korea Veterans of America.

45th Inf. Div. Museum

On p. 53 of the Nov/Dec 2007 issue we printed some erroneous information regarding Co. B, 180th Regt., 45th Inf. Div. The original wording suggested that the regiment donated the bench. That is incorrect. It was actually donated by "B Co., 180th Inf. Regt., 45th Inf. Div.

As Correspondent George Bray reported to us, the donors included: Lillard Berry, Leon Branscum, Arthur Elliott, Lynn Fry, Tommie Guinn, Kenneth Head, Kenneth Inman, Jesse Irby, Danny Khoury, Bill Odell, Bill Rains, Charles Todd, Percy Townsend, and Carmen Watts.

We thank George Bray, 212 Fremont Street, West Branch, MI 48661 for setting the record straight.

KWVA Accounting and Tax Summary: 2004-2005

Note: This summary was written in 2006. It has not been updated. Nonetheless, the history remains the same. For 2006 and 2007 information, see the letter to Directors dated October 12, 2007.

September 2004

Attended Knoxville reunion to assist President and Treasurer. Expected to receive prior financial records, maybe even boxes of records. Instead, received several pages (incomplete) of cash disbursement ledger for only one of several bank accounts. Also received copy of 2003 IRS Form 990 – annual tax return. Asked about prior years' records and was told that Lou had been shipped 13 boxes of records.

Treasurer received signed authorization to transfer signature authority over to Smith Barney investment account. I got all parties to sign form, had it notarized and forwarded it to Smith Barney. Special note: This reference is to the “\$600,000 investment account” that the previous administration accumulated and turned over. The financial records revealed that the account balance was approximately \$485,000 when Lou took over and that the investments were approximately \$300,000 when the previous administration began.

October 2004

Inventoried the 13 boxes of records shipped to Lou and found one box of membership records, which Lou sent to the Secretary. The other 12 boxes were very incomplete records of:

- Dues
- Bank statements
- Financial reports
- Tax returns
- Information about earlier treasurer's theft
- Personal information of previous president

The reality was that there were no historical financial records, or if they existed, they were scattered about the country, stored at various members' homes. It became apparent that the only complete and continuous set of records was located at the office of the previous CPA firm.

Trip to Ohio

Visited prior CPA, Andy Scholes, to review audit, tax and bookkeeping files from the past 6 years. While we were there, we requested copies of all prior year audit reports (only one for 2003), 2003 adjusting journal entries and general ledger detail. We also looked through the 2003 audit work papers. We discussed the client's past history with the prior CPA firm and asked about any issues Andy thought were unusual. Once we returned from our trip, we met with Lou to discuss our findings.

Questions to previous CPA:

- Q:** What happened to guns and other donated articles?
A: We were told to remove from the books – these were raffled off.

(Editorial note: was IRS Form 8282 required and filed?)

- Q:** How complete was your audit of the books?

A: We audited 2003 only. We prepared the bookkeeping for 2003 and for several prior years.

Q: Did you send any attorney letters? (standard audit procedure)

A: We did not. We were told that no lawsuits existed and no legal fees paid.

Q: What about the potential insurance recovery for the treasurer misappropriation?

A: We did not look into that.

Q: What fraud investigation did you do?

A: What is required by accounting standards (a checklist was found in the audit files – no other procedures were documented.)

Q: Is insurance coverage adequate?

A: The treasurer handled this and it was not an audit issue.

Follow-up from Ohio CPA meeting

Professional impression of the audit for 2003 was that it was somewhat incomplete with the omission of attorney's letters, etc. Also, under new accounting standards, I question whether or not the CPA was “independent” to do the audit since the same firm prepared monthly bookkeeping, made adjusting journal entries, etc.

Client representation letter was found in the file, but it was never signed (standard audit procedure).

In subsequent days, we had several meetings with the treasurer to discuss the cash accounts and the investment accounts. We reviewed the check ledgers from the Alexandria account and the Ohio accounts in order for Daenen Henderson & Company to prepare the monthly bookkeeping and financial statements. Discussed investment account with treasurer and broker and asked about insurance coverage.

Lou had closed and transferred funds from a savings and checking account to new Bank One accounts but there was still one checking account open with a bank balance of \$4,066. The bookkeeping records indicated a balance of about \$1,165, so there were lots of outstanding checks (Previous administration indicated a balance of \$800). This account remained open for several months to let the checks clear. Most of the outstanding checks were to students for scholarships (approximately \$16,500 total checks had been written to students). In early 2005, following months of no activity, this account was closed and funds transferred to checking.

Budget

Received a copy of the budget at Knoxville meeting. The budget for 2005 was patterned after previous budgets and my first impression was that it was incomplete and categories overly broad.

When Richard Hare took over as treasurer, I met with him to explain what items would be necessary for us to prepare bookkeeping each month. He and I designed a new way to code expenses and income on a monthly basis. I set up all accounts

on a number system that would detail each expense based on the new budget set up by the treasurer.

This new coding, proposed budget and ability to produce financial statements that compare budget to actual will bring KWVA into the modern world of information reporting and satisfy IRS requirements. (Previously, a financial statement consisted of cash balances.)

IRS Audit

Rick Elder of the IRS Exempt Organization section called Lou and then me to "audit" 2003 tax return. I listened to him and recorded a long list of items needed for the audit, including the "IRS file" that the organization was required to keep. This file should contain the original application for exemption, the IRS exemption letter, copies of tax returns, IRS correspondence, etc.

I explained to Rick that I had gone through the 13 boxes of records that were, perhaps, the only records that existed and that we did not even have a complete set of bank statements for 2003 and that no "IRS file" had been maintained or could be located. Because of the lack of records, I did not want the IRS to audit 2003, as it would wind up costing the KWVA thousands in accounting and legal fees and perhaps IRS penalties.

Rick promised to get with his supervisor and get back with me. He called back and said that they had decided to drop the audit, but that:

- a. The year 2000 tax return had never been filed, and
- b. Adequate records must be maintained.

I assured him that we were working to recreate records as fast as we could and that I would get a copy of the year 2000 tax return signed and filed. Point (a) has been done. Point (b) is a work-in-progress.

Current work

- Prepared year 2004 IRS Form 990 and filed with IRS
- Prepared IRS Forms 1099-MISC and 1096 for "contract labor"
- Prepared bookkeeping statements for July 2004 through June 2005.
- Assisted Richard Hare with budget categories.
- Research recordkeeping requirements for KWVA to maintain tax exempt status

In summary, I am breathing a sigh of relief as I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. As a practicing CPA for over 36 years, I have never seen a national organization with such incomplete records. Accounting records have been reconstructed for years 2001 through 2004 and records for 2005 are kept in a business like manner. IRS files have been reconstructed back to 1999 and an IRS correspondence file is currently under assembly.

The omissions of the past will take time and money to "fix." The amount of time and money will both be more than if the correct procedures were done on a more contemporaneous basis.

Darren Henderson & Company

Airmen, Soldier missing in action from Korean War are identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced that the remains of two U.S. servicemen, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and are being returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

They are Col. Douglas H. Hatfield, of Shenandoah, Va., and Capt. Richard H. Simpson, of Fairhaven, Mich., both U.S. Air Force. Funeral dates have not been set by the families.

On April 12, 1951, Hatfield and Simpson were two of eleven crewmembers on a B-29 Superfortress that left Kadena Air Base, Japan, to bomb targets in the area of Sinuiju, North Korea. Enemy MiG-15 fighters attacked the B-29, but before it crashed, three crewmembers were able to bail out. They were captured and two of them were later released in 1954 to U.S. military control during Operation Big Switch. The third crewmember died in captivity. He and the eight remaining crewmembers were not recovered. (See details of action below.)

In 1993, the North Korean government turned over to the United Nations Command 31 boxes containing the remains of U.S. servicemen listed as unaccounted-for from the Korean War. Four sets of remains from this group were subsequently identified as crewmembers from the B-29.

In 2000, a joint U.S./Democratic People's Republic of Korea (D.P.R.K.) team, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) excavated an infantry fighting position in Kujang County where they recovered remains which included those of Hatfield and Simpson.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from JPAC and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA and dental comparisons in the identification of the remains recovered in 2000.

KORWALD Loss Incident Summary

Date of Loss:	510412		
Tail Number:	44-69682		
Aircraft Type:	B-29A		
Wing or Group:	19th Bmb Wg		
Squadron:	93rd Bmb Sq		
Circumstances of Loss: Attacked by 15-20 MiGs, No. 2 engine and then entire wing caught fire, exploded, crashed into mountain, tail gunner of B-29 6323 observed crash, no parachutes observed			
Crewmembers Associated With This Loss			
Name	Rank	Status	Comments
AARON, George I	1LT	MIA	Remains recovered 1994
BERGMANN, Louis H.	SGT	MIA	
BEVANS, Robert W.	SGT	MIA	
BULLOCK, Elmer T.	2LT	MIA	Remains recovered 1994
ELSMAN, JR., Ralph I	SGT	KIA	
GANT, John K.	SSGT	RMC	RMC Big Switch
HATFIELD, Douglas H.	LTCOL	MIA	93rd Bmb Sq/CC
JONES, Robert W.	MSGT	MIA	Remains recovered 1994
MILLWARD, George E.	SGT	RMC	RMC Big Switch
SIMPSON, Richard H.	CAPT	MIA	
WILSON, JR., James S.	1LT	KIA	Remains recovered 1993

October 12, 2007

To the Officers & Directors
Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

Dear Officer/Director:

Finances:

Enclosed are the 3rd Quarter, 2007 financial statements. You each receive a quarterly statement and this is the third mailing for 2007. Treasurer Richard Hare will present a twelve-month statement ending September 30, 2007 at Reno.

The KWVA essentially broke even for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 in spite of increased cost of publishing and mailing the Graybeards. Your nine month 2007 vs. 2006 comparison shows the value of hard work by those who are working for the good of the KWVA. The bottom line net income improved by \$56,366.41 from 2006 to 2007. (See first page of supplementary information.)

Dues income has increased \$58,978.65 over 2006. This is outstanding and can only be attributed to the efforts of many – membership of younger veterans, the “we miss you and want you back campaign” and an increase in dues.

Insurance costs are down by almost half because of the hard work of that committee.

The KWVA is now run like a business. The financial records were less than adequate in previous years. Our firm had to play detective to piece together six years’ work of bookkeeping records (from the prior CPA). **No organized accounting records or receipts were turned over to Lou.**

- We have prepared bookkeeping records since mid 2004 and quarterly financial statements have been sent to the officers and directors.

- A CPA firm did a financial audit on 2004, 2005 and 2006 records and the KWVA received what we call a “clean opinion letter” for all three years. This is the same type opinion received by big companies (think IBM, GE).

- IRS filings were checked and a 2000 return that was never filed was filed – resulting in a \$10,000 penalty (waived by IRS after several telephone calls and letter of explanation).

The Future of KWVA

Financially you have much more to do. Membership numbers are decreasing as time marches on and expenses are increasing due to inflation.

I only see a small sample of the hate mail going around and in my opinion the nay-sayers are individuals who think they should be privy to every day-to-day decision made by any officer or director. Since they are not privy to that level of information they assume “something is going on.”

This soon escalates to “something bad is going on” because ...well... just because!

I have made many investments in my life. I make an investment in my church each week. Should I be privy to day to day decisions that my business/church leaders make? Of course not – they can’t have a committee of thousands running the business or the church. And neither can the KWVA!

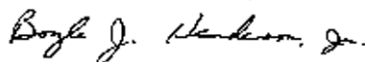
For 36 or more years, I have been a CPA. I have never seen a level of paranoia like I see in the KWVA.

Most of the directors are working for the good of the order and the future of the KWVA and I admire you. Some directors are condoning and encouraging the nay-sayers. How can you do that? I love the KWVA for what it represents. How can grown men who fought a common enemy now hate each other so much?

I’m not pro-Lou or anti-Lou. KWVA is my client and my concern. Thank you for the sacrifices you made for my country. **YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME THAT FREEDOM IS NOT FREE.**

Sincerely,

Daenen Henderson & Company



Boyle J. Henderson, Jr. CPA

Website of interest

Here is a website of interest to Korean War aficionados: www.36thfbs.com. As the intro reads:

Welcome to K-13

This site is dedicated to the pilots of the 36th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, and to those of the entire 8th Fighter-Bomber Group, who without fanfare, relentlessly pounded the enemy positions from the air on a continual basis during the Korean War.

Because of the inherent dangers involved with this type of work, many pilots in fighter-bomber squadrons never came home. One of these pilots was my uncle, 2nd Lt. Jimmy L. Escalle. He flew the F-86F Sabre with the 36th FBS in 1953. By clicking on the different pages, you will learn about the squadron’s history, as well as seeing some photos from my uncle’s collection, and several more photos from other pilots in the squadron. You will also get to read some of their stories and learn about the aircraft they flew during this period of time. I hope you enjoy your tour at K-13 and will come back often.

The site is well worth at least one visit.

Visit the Korean War
Veterans Association
Website:

www.KWVA.org

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**





JACQUELYN S. DARNEN, CPA, COFP
BOYLE J. HOFFERMAN, JR., CPA
HEATHER N. DUBNOV, CPA
LUKE H. PEARSON, CPA
CHERIE M. BARDWELL, CPA

5615-C Jackson St.
Alexandria, LA 71303-2304

318-445-4585

1-800-738-6800

FAX: 318-442-1138

www.dhac-cpas.com

MEMBERS:

Construction Industry
CPAs/Consultants Assoc.

Construction Financial
Management Assoc.

National CPA Health Care
Advocates Assoc.

American Institute of
Certified Public Accountants

Society of Louisiana
Certified Public Accountants

Board of Directors
Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.
Alexandria, LA

We have compiled the accompanying balance sheet and income statement-cash basis/income tax basis for the twelve month period ended September 30, 2007 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.

Dacron Henderson & Company

October 16, 2007

THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2007

Sep 30, 07

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1001 - Checking - 1591275795	2,335.69
1003 - Savings - 1615961735	2,229.49

Total Checking/Savings	4,565.18
-------------------------------	-----------------

Other Current Assets

1007 - A. G. Edwards	447,687.40
----------------------	------------

Total Other Current Assets	447,687.40
-----------------------------------	-------------------

Total Current Assets	452,252.58
-----------------------------	-------------------

Fixed Assets

2001 - Other Assets	5,245.22
---------------------	----------

2005 - Accum Depreciation	-3,133.51
---------------------------	-----------

Total Fixed Assets	2,111.71
---------------------------	-----------------

TOTAL ASSETS	454,364.29
---------------------	-------------------

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Life membership fund	77,023.60
----------------------	-----------

3000 - Unrestricted net assets	364,591.17
--------------------------------	------------

3900 - Retained Earnings	13,322.15
--------------------------	-----------

Net Income	-572.63
------------	---------

Total Equity	454,364.29
---------------------	-------------------

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	454,364.29
---------------------------------------	-------------------

SPIN CODE LAWSUIT

NOTE: This item may not apply to a lot of people in the KWVA, but it is interesting as an example of what lurks in our DD-214s that we don't know about.

This case was originally filed in the US District Court, Northern District of New York, Syracuse and aspects of it are still being litigated. The lawsuit began in MAR 76 when Edwin Cosby, with an Honorable Discharge, discovered he had a bad "Spin Code" (i.e. Separation Program Number). Unknown to him and most other veterans, beginning 11 JUN 56, under D.O.D. Instruction 1336.3, DOD ordered the military departments to begin putting a coded number on the main employment reference document of veterans. This document, known as the DD-214, is often used by employers of veterans seeking employment and benefits.

DoD prepares eight or more copies of a veteran's DD-214. One copy goes to the veteran; others are eventually sent to State Adjutant General, VA Data Processing Center, Austin, TX. State Director Selective Service, and National Military Records Center, St. Louis MO. At a congressional hearing in 1974, DoD told Congress that only a couple hundred thousand documents had a code number, and the "SPN" coding system would be stopped. However, in 1972, DoD started changing their "SPN" system to the "SPD" (separation program designator), and by 1977 nearly 20 million veterans with Honorable Discharges had a coded number. Congress subsequently attempted to pass a law regarding the use of the coded numbers; however, this failed to pass.

Numerous major corporations have admitted to having the codes and using them in their employment decisions regarding veterans. Banks, life insurance companies, and state government & federal government agencies have them as well. Lists of the codes were sent to the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration), HUD (Housing & Urban Development), and office personnel management. Even on an Honorable Discharge, a "Spin Code" can hurt a veteran's chance of being hired by a prospective employer, obtaining a loan, and/or obtaining insurance.

A few examples of spin codes and their meanings are:

SPN 258 - Unfitness, multiple reasons	SPN 263 - Bedwetter
SPN 41A - Apathy, lack of interest	SPN 41E - Obesity
SPN 46C - Apathy / Obesity	SPN 463 - Paranoid

A complete listing of spin codes can be found at <http://www.landscaper.net/discharg.htm>. Veterans can request a new DD-214 with the spin codes removed.

If you were in the US Army, written requests for having a SPN code removed from your DD-214 (Report of Separation from Active Duty) or earlier discharge papers should be sent to: Commander, Reserve Components Personnel & Administrative Center, Box 12479, Ollivette Branch, St. Louis, MO 63132.

Additional info on this subject is available at <http://veterancourtcodes.com>, which contains a 90-minute video on the subject.

THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Income Statement

For the Twelve Month Periods Ended September 30, 2007 & 2006

	Sep '06 - Sep 07	Sep '05 - Sep 06	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Contributions - Support of Gray	3,949.18	6,178.00	-2,228.82	-36.1%
4001 · Affinity fees	0.00	1,900.45	-1,900.45	-100.0%
4002 · Conventions	13,652.40	12,517.40	1,135.00	9.1%
4003 · Dues	292,049.21	258,651.77	33,397.44	12.9%
4004 · Donations	3,046.68	6,922.00	-3,875.32	-56.0%
4005 · Graybeards Advertising	9,785.00	2,945.00	6,840.00	232.3%
4006 · Fund Raiser-Net of Expenses	-1,820.19	84,064.87	-85,885.06	-102.2%
4007 · Sales - Miscellaneous Items	840.97	330.80	510.17	154.2%
Total Income	321,503.25	373,510.29	-52,007.04	-13.9%
Expense				
5000 · Professional services	47,371.40	19,090.03	28,281.37	148.2%
5001 · Other Fund Raisers	1,102.50	0.00	1,102.50	100.0%
5002 · Bank charges	3,418.76	3,058.79	359.97	11.8%
5007 · Web site	17,507.13	15,606.90	1,900.23	12.2%
5008 · Depreciation	2,877.66	255.85	2,621.81	1,024.8%
5009 · Donation -Veterans Org	500.00	300.00	200.00	66.7%
5011 · Goodwill-flag pins, name tags	916.00	916.00	0.00	0.0%
5014 · Graybeards Magazine	194,297.65	191,929.46	2,368.19	1.2%
5015 · Insurance	6,429.90	15,071.50	-8,641.60	-57.3%
5016 · Judge advocate	342.12	0.00	342.12	100.0%
5017 · Membership Office	40,428.54	40,740.66	-312.12	-0.8%
5019 · Meetings and conventions	59,270.32	35,554.28	23,716.04	66.7%
5021 · Headquarters Expense	40,330.57	0.00	40,330.57	100.0%
5022 · Miscellaneous	5,585.81	12,371.35	-6,785.54	-54.9%
5023 · Elections	2,225.70	2,186.63	39.07	1.8%
5024 · Travel	9,547.62	27,816.51	-18,268.89	-65.7%
5031 · Telephone/Supplies/Postage	2,175.15	9,515.78	-7,340.63	-77.1%
5032 · Credit Card expense	155.24	1,070.37	-915.13	-85.5%
Total Expense	434,482.07	375,484.11	58,997.96	15.7%
Net Ordinary Income	-112,978.82	-1,973.82	-111,005.00	-5,623.9%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
7001 · Dividends	9,195.98	15,295.93	-6,099.95	-39.9%
7002 · Interest Income	16,118.98	9,286.41	6,832.57	73.6%
7003 · Realized Gain(Loss)-Investments	0.00	9,243.66	-9,243.66	-100.0%
7004 · Unrealized Gain(Loss) Invstmnts	23,678.49	-34,235.87	57,914.36	169.2%
7005 · Royalty Income	1,500.03	1,161.35	338.68	29.2%
7006 · Income from Fund Raisers	0.00	2,600.00	-2,600.00	-100.0%
Total Other Income	50,493.48	3,351.48	47,142.00	1,406.6%
Net Other Income	50,493.48	3,351.48	47,142.00	1,406.6%
Net Income	-62,485.34	1,377.66	-63,863.00	-4,635.6%

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
July-Aug	July 15
Sept-Oct	Sept 15
Nov-Dec	Nov 15

Now Hear This:

All comments concerning, or contributions for publication in *The Graybeards* should be sent to Art Sharp, Editor, 152 Sky View Dr., Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or emailed to:

sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net

Membership Report

At this time last year we had 17,145

- New members recruited since this time last year: = +1063
- Net loss of non-renewals & deaths of active members = - 971
- As of now, the KWVA has 17,237 members in 2008

This is a net increase of 92 members.

We have flyers and posters on our website www.kwva.org to help Chapters recruit.

Jeff Brodeur, KWVA Membership Chairman

Extract of Table of New Members

START DT YR/MO	New Total	New Voting	New RO	New LR	New PO	New LP	New CO	New LC	New MH	New GS	New AO	New LA	New HO	New TO	New FO
200701	109	103	86	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
200702	95	83	68	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	104
200703	76	69	49	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	2
200704	113	107	81	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	4
200705	73	65	47	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
200706	68	63	54	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	10
200707	79	72	63	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	5
200708	79	65	54	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	11
200709	60	58	46	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
200710	86	81	65	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	11
200711	37	36	31	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
200712	54	53	40	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
2007	929	855	684	166	5	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	1	0	151
START DT YR/MO	New Total	New Voting	New RO	New LR	New PO	New LP	New CO	New LC	New MH	New GS	New AO	New LA	New HO	New TO	New FO
200801	91	87	73	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1
200802	23	20	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	6
2008	114	107	92	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7

VETERAN GRAVE VANDALS

A Texas lawmaker has introduced a bill that would make vandalizing the grave of a service member or veteran a federal crime, even if the grave is on private property. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX), comes after the grave of a Marine killed in Iraq was vandalized just two days after his burial in Liberty, Texas. "The person responsible has since been arrested and charged with a state felony, but no federal provision exists," Poe said. Federal laws making it a crime to damage or destroy a memorial, headstone or gravesite apply only to public land, not to gravesites in private cemeteries.

This is not the first time the federal government has had to stand by when a veteran's grave was damaged. Last year, American flags were replaced with Nazi flags on Memorial Day weekend at the gravesites of veterans in Orcas Island WA, but the federal government could do nothing because the graves were in a private cemetery. Poe's bill, HR 4973, was referred to the House Judiciary Committee for consideration. If enacted into law, it would apply the same penalty for the destruction of graves on public lands — a fine of up to \$10,000 and up to 10 years imprisonment — to graves on private property. [Source: Marine Times Rick Maze article 25 Jan 08]

U.S. names new commander for South Korea

On Friday, February 15, 2008, the Pentagon named Army Gen. Walter Sharp as the new commander of U.S. forces in South Korea. There are currently 28,000 American troops supporting the Korean army in defense of its country, a sharp reduction from the 37,000 it had there earlier in this decade.

Moreover, the U.S. is moving its remaining forces away from the front lines along the border with North Korea. South Korea ceded wartime command of its military to U.S.-led U.N. forces during the Korean War. The U.S. and South Korea agreed last year that Seoul would take wartime control of its forces by 2012.

Sharp has been appointed by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates to replace B.B. Bell, the top U.S. general in South Korea. The move comes as part of a major restructuring of a military alliance created during the Korean War (1950—53). It is important to note that South Korea and North Korea are still technically at war, because the Korean War ended in a truce, instead of a peace treaty.

As of now, South Korea has 650,000 troops to face the approximately 1.1 million North Korea troops. Significantly, North Korea, which tested a nuclear weapon two years ago, allocates the bulk of its resources to its military despite a struggling economy.

Website of Interest

The webmaster of www.Asbestos.com warns Americans about the dangers of asbestos exposure.

Many veterans were exposed to asbestos during their service. In order to help better educate our vets on these risks, we've created a veteran-specific section at www.asbestos.com/veterans. This covers possible exposure points, symptoms of asbestos-related diseases, and programs designed to assist vets in preventing, diagnosing, and treating these ailments. We'd like to suggest our site as a resource to your users. I think our site would be a great addition to your "Links to Websites of Interest" page.

How To Visit Korea Without Leaving Your Home

By Bob Walsh

Tremendous changes have taken place in North and South Korea since the signing of the truce in July of 1953. A few of us have had the opportunity to go back and visit South Korea, but did not have an opportunity to see what might be happening on and around some of the hills we fought on north of the DMZ.

I was a member of a Forward Observer team for B Battery of the 300th Armored Field Artillery Battalion which, before mobilization, was a Wyoming National Guard unit. The unit was federalized in 1950, and was very actively involved in the fighting from May of 1951 until the truce signing in July 1953. The unit was in combat 805 days, and we fired 514,036 rounds of 105 mm artillery rounds from our M7 105mm self propelled howitzers.

The nearby picture indicates to a certain extent just how much artillery and mortar fire was expended in Korea in many locations. The picture was taken from an outpost (OP) manned by a Forward Observer (FO) party from the 300th Armored Field Artillery Bn. I

took it in October of 1952 in the vicinity of Kumsong, Korea from OP 19, which was the northernmost OP of all UN areas of responsibility in Korea at the time. These old hilltops were pretty bare.

My tour of duty with this unit was in 1952, well after the National Guard members had rotated home. 1952 was what some called the World War One phase of the Korean War. This was a time of limited major advances, but a time of extremely active hill top fighting all along the front. The 300th was in both direct and indirect support of the 6th ROK Infantry division during this period in the Kumsong salient.

In June and July of 1953, the Chinese made their last major effort to straighten up their lines in the Kumsong area before the truce signing in July 1953. They were partially successful in this effort, and made major advances by taking much of the salient area. But, they still left a major bulge retained by UN forces well above the 38th Parallel.

I rotated in December of 1952. For many

years I have wondered just what had happened to the area lost to the Chinese. Fortunately, about three years ago I discovered a computer program called "Google Earth." I know little about computers, but I do know how to get the Google Earth program going.

The program is nothing more than recent coverage of the entire earth by way of satellite photos. This gives aerial photo coverage in remarkable clarity of any area you wish to view. My desire, naturally, was to see what the hills I fought on might look like now. They are slightly north of the DMZ, and I was able to find them without difficulty. I am sure the same would be true for any areas in South or North Korea, e.g., Heartbreak, Pork Chop, or Sniper Ridge. For that matter, any place can be viewed and examined from a vertical or near horizontal perspective.

To me it was amazing that I could see clearly some of the old trench lines on these hills. Much of the valley land is under some type of development. This development is in the nature of what looks like warehouse-type structures. Kumsong, which had been completely destroyed, has another name now and has been rebuilt. The old rice paddies are being farmed again. The only thing missing, I guess, is the smell which, fortunately, is not present. The hilltops that were almost completely laid bare by artillery fire in many instances are still mostly bare. Bomb craters can be seen in areas where no reconstruction has been attempted.

I was able, by searching a bit farther north, to see North Korean air fields with lined up military aircraft clearly seen on the runways. Of even more significance, however, was the difference to be seen in the populated areas of both South and North Korea. In South Korea, traffic is very heavy on the highways, while in North Korea you have to look closely to find a truck on any highway. This has got to tell us something concerning our efforts so many years ago.

Again, the computer program is "Google Earth." If you would like to revisit some of the areas you served in, north or south, without actually traveling, the opportunity is there. I am hooked on the program, and I have spent hours just looking and remembering.

Bob Walsh, 6925 Kingsley Drive, Ft. Worth, TX 76134, (817) 293-3164 (B Btry., 300th Armored Field Artillery Bn.)



No wonder the hills were bare; artillery made it so.

Thanks!

As we have noted in past issues, there is no shortage of thanks extended from Koreans to the veterans who fought for theirs and their own and their predecessors' freedom over fifty years ago. Here are more results.

Members OF CID 44– Kansas City [MO] Participate in Korea National Day

Korean veterans were invited to participate in Korea National Day at Fort Leavenworth on 4 October 2007. The event was hosted by Col. Yongjae Lee, Liaison Officer at Fort Leavenworth, and his officers who are attending school there.

Twenty-five members of the Chapter and their wives attended the celebration.

Paul A. Wolfgeher, 1924 South Leslie Drive, Independence, MO 64055-1224



CID 44 members Lou Ramsey (L) and Tom Walsh (R), Korean officers and wives in reception line at Korea Day event at Fort Leavenworth



All Lemieux of CID 44 greets Korean officers and their wives at Fort Leavenworth



Col Youngjae Lee (R) and taekwon do instructor at Fort Leavenworth



Korean artifacts on display at Korea Day at Fort Leavenworth



More ➤

CID 135 – Harry S. Tuman Chapter Remembers Korean War Armistice Anniversary

A colorful and proper remembrance of the Korean War Armistice anniversary was held July 27th by the Chapter at the Korean War Memorial in Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery, Branson, MO. This was the ninth annual observance in the Chapter's 10-year history.

Among the 150 who attended were friends from the area's Korean-American community and members of the 58th Combat Engineer Battalion's Treadway and Float Bridge Company. The Engineer Company held its national reunion here specifically to coincide with the ceremony, which they had seen announced earlier on a Branson website.

Respect was paid to those who gave their lives in the war: the Forsyth High School Junior ROTC color guard posted the Colors; Jana King Evans, vocalist with Les Brown's Orchestra and daughter of a Korean War veteran, sang the National Anthem and "God Bless America"; Chapter members Clint Masterson and Adjutant Rich Peters placed a wreath at the KWVA Memorial; our Honor Guard fired three volleys, and "Taps" was played by Chapter bugler Dale Bouse.

Branson Mayor Raeanne Presley reflected briefly

on the war and its toll. Both keynote speaker Tong Hyun Kim, president of the Springfield, MO, Korean-American Association, and the Rev. Young K. Yoon, senior pastor of the Korean Presbyterian Church of Springfield, paid tribute to the sacrifices and valor of American and Korean military forces which brought freedom and prosperity to their land. Chapter commander Joe Bryant saluted the spirit and endeavor of the people of the Republic of Korea, which has culminated in one of the world's strongest and most prosperous democracies.

Beauty, grace and color were added by Kyung Soon Shim and Hanna Yoon. In brilliant native costume they performed a traditional Korean dance

for long life, which they dedicated to all Korean War veterans. Following the ceremony, with the assistance of Pemberton-Jennings Post 220, American Legion, which made its post home available, the Chapter entertained the visiting reunion

unit and others at a catered lunch.

Members of the 58th CEB Treadway and Float Bridge Co. were well impressed with the ceremony and hospitality. That company built—and removed—bridges across every major river in Korea from 1950 to post-armistice days. They were with X Corps at the Chosin Reservoir and bridged a chasm south of Koto-ri which severed the Main Supply Route, using steel treadway bridging dropped by the Air Force. This span enabled 14,600 soldiers and Marines to withdraw to Hungnam.

Joe Bryant, 28 Crown Drive, Branson West, MO 65737, (417) 365-1389



ABOVE: Kyung Soon Shim (L) and Hanna Yoon (R), in native costume, perform a traditional Korean dance for long life.

LEFT: Tong Hyun Kim, president of the Springfield, MO, Korean-American Association, delivers the keynote address at CID 135's ceremony



ABOVE: CID 135 members Clint Masterson and Rich Peters place a wreath at the Korean War Memorial in Ozark Memorial Park, Branson.

RIGHT: Several members of the 58th CEB Treadway and Float Bridge Company gather around the memorial at conclusion of the ceremony



LEFT: CID 135 Honor Guard presents arms during the sounding of Taps (L-R) Lewis Carroll, Odo Burkholder, Clint Masterson, Ed Little, Bob Layton, Gordon Nelson, Leroy Schroeder and bugler Dale Bouse.

Youngstown Korean Association Holds New Years Ball

On Saturday, January 5, 2008, the Korean Association of Youngstown, OH, held its New Year's Ball at the Holiday Inn MetroPlex. Attending as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sung were Joan Onstott of Chapter 137 and her daughter, Denise Ray.

Entertainment was Korean songs and dancing.
Joan Onstott, Village Estates, 3022 State Rt. 59, #E-6, Ravenna, OH 44266



Having a ball in Ohio (L-R) Mrs. Hon, Joan Onstott, Mr. Bruce Hon (incoming Korean Association president), Mrs. Lee, Mr. Duksik Lee (outgoing Korean Association president)

Korean Baptist Community Serves 'Appreciation Dinner'

The Korean Baptist community honored all Korean War veterans with an "Appreciation Dinner," which is an annual event. This year's dinner was held at the Emperor Garden Restaurant.

Dr. Jae Choun welcomed all veterans and thanked them on behalf of South Koreans for coming to their country's aid. He stated that South Korea has experienced great freedom and prosperity under a democratic form of government.

The Chapter introduced Ernesto Sanchez as its newly elected president. Following the exchange of speeches, everyone enjoyed a great Chinese dinner.

Pedro Trevino, 3209 E. Lyon Street, Laredo, TX 78043-1908



CID 209's Korean friends enjoying dinner on "Appreciation Night"

VA VOLUNTARY SERVICE (VAVS)

VAVS was founded in 1946 to provide for our nation's veterans while they are cared for by VA health care facilities. It is a volunteer organization run by the VA which helps veterans in VA facilities throughout the country. Volunteers assist in routine administrative functions to help free VA employees to concentrate more on health care. There are also several VA cemeteries that have VAVS volunteers assisting in maintenance chores. It is one of the largest centralized volunteer programs in the Federal government. Over 350 organizations support it and volunteers have provided over 676 million hours of service since its conception. As a community service volunteers assist veteran patients by augmenting staff with end of life care programs, foster care, community-based volunteer programs, hospital wards, nursing homes, and veteran outreach centers. The program receives annual contributions of over \$50 million in gifts and donations. There are two convenient ways to sign up to be a VAVS volunteer:

1) Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs facility nearest you, ask for Voluntary Service, and tell their staff of your interest in becoming a VAVS Volunteer.

To locate the nearest VA facility, access <http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1>

2) Volunteer now by filling out and submitting the form located at <http://www1.va.gov/volunteer/volnowDB.cfm>. Someone from your local VAVS office will contact you with additional information.



Newly elected CID 209 President Ernesto Sanchez (L) and Dr. Jae Choun (R) at Laredo "Appreciation Dinner"

Tell America

17 – LT RICHARD CRONAN [FL]

Chapter 17 personnel participated in a Tell America presentation at the West Delray Beach Library on Nov.14th, 2007. Most of the audience was composed of senior citizens. They were impressed with the presentation by our members.

Chapter participants included Pres. Al Ratner, 1st VP Barry Tutin, 2nd VP Bob Green, past president Herb Dareff, Treasurer Stan Gavlick, and members Ziggy Friedman and Joe Green.

*Arnold Kempler
206 Piedmont E
Delray Beach, FL 33484-*



(Front, L-R) CID 17 presentation participants Ziggy Friedman, Stan Gavlick, Bob Green (Back, L-R) Herb Dareff: Al Ratner, Barry Tutin, Joe Green



"CID 17 members engage their audience (L-R) Bob Green, Herb Dareff, Al Ratner, Joe Green



Bob Green, Herb Dareff, Al Ratner (L-R) discuss Korean War experiences with audience at Delray Library



CID 17 members and their impressive Korean War display (Bottom, L-R) Bob Green, Ziggy Friedman (Top, L-R) Herb Dareff: Al Ratner, Barry Tutin

108 – WESTERN OHIO [OH]

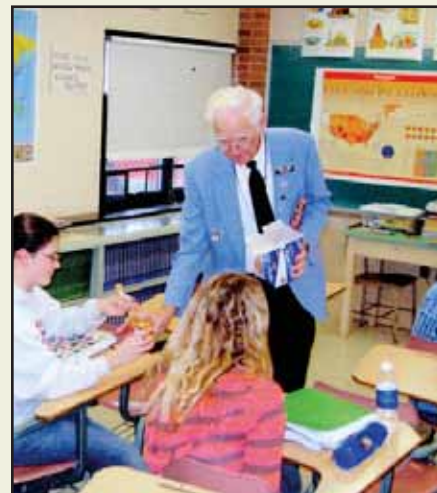
Last school year we were again kept busy. The combined totals we reached for Tell America and Veterans Day Programs were 3,588 students, 253 teachers and guests.

We amassed 76 hours of presentation time and traveled 2,267 miles. Our total travel time was 61.5 hours.

*Fred Shively, 415 Walnut St.
Covington, OH 45318
(513) 473-5345*



Fred Shively (L) holds a "steel pot" at Versailles High School presentation as Fred Williamson (R) explains its many uses, e.g., for taking a sponge bath, digging a fox hole, carrying water, holding parts when owner is cleaning weapon



Fred Shively "treats" a Versailles High School student to a bit of Kim Chee



Versailles High School student from Czech Republic, Paula Smetlachoua, tries on "steel pot" as Fred Shively (L) and Ken Williamson (R) observe

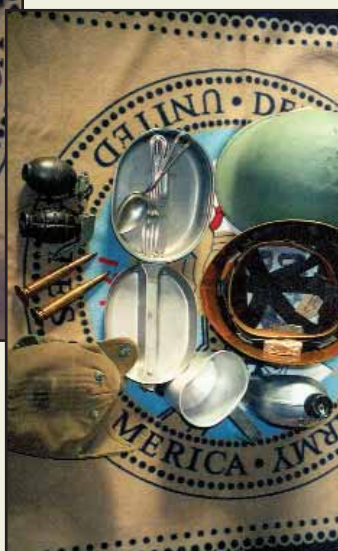


Covington High School student Heng Tsing Weng (C), from Hong Kong, with Fred Shively (L) and Ken Williamson (R)



CID 108's Tell America presentation includes a display of what veterans ate in Korea,

what they served it in, and with.



Dear Fred,

Thank-you for coming & speaking to our class about your experiences. I hope I can speak for all my fellow classmates when I say how much I appreciate you taking time out of your schedule each year. We so often sit in our classrooms & read from text books about our country's history & all the wars fought. But to have someone personally speak about it, is so much different. It made it feel so much more real than just another inanimate story in the news. Having you speak to us & allowing us to see in person someone who put their life on the line daily gives me a new respect for those who fought in past wars, & the ones fighting in war now. It's so different when you connect faces to the soldiers, especially my friends who I see going to war now so again, Thank-you you are appreciated in my eyes. Sincerely-Abbi de la Rosa

Dear Fred Shively,

I want to thank-you for coming to our classes on the 11th and 12th of April. The "Forgotten War Program" was a good program. I learned a lot about the Korean War. I now know the routes that were taken on both sides of the war. Showing it on the maps helps see why things happened the way that they did. What really helped me understand the Korean War were the pictures, maps, and examples that you brought in. Thanks again. I really enjoyed the program and your visit.

Thank-you,

Kylee Selhorst

Kylee Selhorst

Thank you letters to CID 108

121 – CINCINNATI [OH]

We made Tell America presentations at Roger Bacon High School and Monfort Heights School.

*Robert L. McGeorge
3296 Blueacres Dr.,
Cincinnati, OH 45239*



CID 121 members (L-R) Joe Celenza, Bob McGeorge, and Don Seiwert with students from Monfort Heights School



Bob McGeorge of CID 121, Dr. Lee, and students at a Veterans Day breakfast at Roger Bacon High School



Don Seiwert, Joe Celenza, and Bob McGeorge display camaraderie at Monfort Heights Tell America presentation

255 – SGT. HAROLD F. ADKINSON [SC]

The reason for a Korean War Essay Contest sponsored by our Chapter was to get the students to read about the Korean War—and they did so! The entire 8th grade at the prep school read about it and wrote essays. When I presented the cash awards and certificates, I did the Tell America Program. This is proof that you do not have to be a veteran to participate in the Tell America Program, although the students would rather have a veteran come in.

Because my Korean ROK friend, Sungku Cho, sent me information about his personal experience from the time of the invasion, I was able to pass that information along and explain why the Korean people were grateful to the American GIs. Also, as the next-of-kin of a Korean War MIA, I could go into that a bit. The essay and

awards were named for my missing soldier, SFC Homer I. May.

According to the newspaper, the winners were all 8th graders at Midland Valley Preparatory School: 1st Place – Madeline Walker, \$50; 2nd Place – Brandon Sleason, \$30; 3rd Place, NyQuan Harvey, \$20, and two honorable mentions, Priscilla Brunson and Megan Barton. Each received a Korean War Commemorative coin, along with their certificate

I cannot urge the other chapters enough to sponsor an annual essay contest. It would be great to do this on a national level too. It really got the students reading, thinking and talking about the Korean War. Isn't that the whole point?

*Judith Knight
260 Hill and Dell Drive,
Warrenville, SC 29851*

267 - GEN JAMES A. VAN FLEET [FL]

On November 8, 2007, 6 members of CID 267 made a "Tell America" presentation to a group of University of Florida Air Force ROTC cadets. The Chapter members told of their experiences in Korea.

Their presentation, which was roundly accepted, concluded with questions from the cadets and responses from the presenters



CID 267 Chapter members (Front, L-R) Dick Garfield, Ron Carbaugh, Dick Davis, Terry Fitzpatrick, Jake Feaster and Sarge McQuinn, and University of Florida Air Force ROTC cadets at Tell America presentation

Members in the NEWS

Tom Carberry

Long-time KWVA member (24 years) Tom Carberry recently received a major league umpires' jacket in recognition of

his 3,000 hours of volunteer service at the VA Medical Center in Palm Beach, FL. All of his hours are credited to the KWVA.



Sal Ferrino, Mary Phillips, Chief of Voluntary Services at VA Medical Center in West Palm Beach, and major league umpire Jerry Layne (L-R) with Tom Carberry (seated), who wears his umpire's jacket

Dean Bunn

Dean Bunn, of Minneapolis, MN, was featured in a newspaper article a while back. The article focused on his career as a magician. Bunn was in Korea in 1951-52, around the 38th Parallel, close to Chunchon. He was also on Heartbreak Ridge for a time

Bunn was a rifleman and B.A.R. man with E Co., 31st Inf. Regt., 7th Div, aka "The Polar Bear" outfit.

As the article pointed out:

Military service during the Korean War and then as a USO entertainer has taken Bunn to various parts of the world....Although magic has provided extra income, Bunn built a career with Minnesota Rubber Company in St. Louis Park [MN].

Reach Bunn at 3017 Harriet Avenue, South Minneapolis, MN 55408-2906

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



FEATURED TOUR: BATTLE OF MIDWAY "TURNING POINT IN THE PACIFIC" - 66TH ANNIVERSARY RETURN TO MIDWAY 1 - 6 JUNE 2008

Tour Hosts: ADM Ron Rags USN, LtGen "Hank" Stackpole, USMC & Dr James D'Angelo, PhD

MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS (MHT) is proud to partner with the **International Midway Memorial Foundation (IMMF)** to offer this very special tour that starts in Honolulu with attendance at the **2008 IMMF Midway Symposium**. Following island commemorations and tours, we will depart for Midway Island on 4 June, and participate in the official 66th Anniversary Commemorations. We will be joined by an official delegation representing the United States, with a memorial service at the monument commemorating the battle, followed by tours of the island.



2008 BATTLEFIELD TOURS

20 Apr - 4 May VN I Corps "Chu Lai to the DMZ"
Hosts: MajGen "Jim" Livingston, USMC MOH & BGen "Bill" Weise, USMC

2 - 15 May TBS 3-66/38th OCC Return to Vietnam

17 - 26 May 90th Anniv of WW I USMC Battlefields
Host: Gen "Mike" Hagee, 33rd CMC USMC

2 - 10 Jun D-Day: Normandy to Paris

18 - 24 Jun Battle of Okinawa

12 - 19 Jun Saipan & Tinian 64th Liberation Return

2 - 14 Jul Russia & Ukraine WWII "Eastern Front"

17 - 24 Jul Guam 64th Liberation Celebration

26 Jul - 7 Aug VN Helicopter & Artillery Operations

24 Aug - 6 Sep VN Swift Boat Operations in Vietnam

3 - 14 Sep WWII "Americans in Enemy Hands"

12 - 19 Sep 64th Anniversary Battle of Peleliu

7 - 20 Sep I Corps CAPs & Combat Engineers

Contact us for brochures and tour details:
4600 Duke Street, Suite 420
Alexandria, VA 22304-2517
703-212-0695 * 800-722-9501
mht@miltours.com * www.miltours.com



Monuments and Medals

Korea: the Forgotten War, Remembered

Building a Memorial in Danville, VA

By Dave Newman

I am sending pictures and the story of a beautiful veterans memorial we just finished building in Danville, Virginia. Let me tell a story that played a part in getting us started on this project.

A young man was doing some carpenter work at my house, and I told him that I met his dad soon after I got back from Korea. He scratched his head and, deep in thought, asked, "Korea? That was the one where they bombed Pearl Harbor, wasn't it?"



Workers from Lexington Blue Granite, Inc., Elberton, GA, place last capstone on Danville Memorial after dark in an effort to complete it in time for Veterans Day dedication service on November 10, 2007



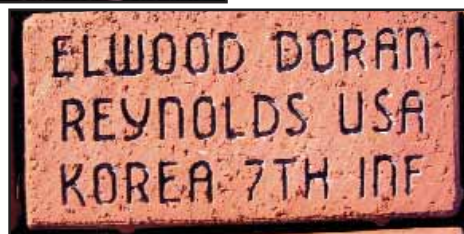
The foundation in place for the Danville Memorial walkway that now contains over 1,400 paving bricks (over 5,000 have been engraved in honor of veterans from all over the U.S.)

I told him that he had the wrong war. WWII was when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, and Korea followed WWII. This was a high school graduate and, as it turned out, his history classes passed over Korea so fast that he was not familiar with that war. This and other similar experiences were among the reasons that prompted the building of our Veterans Memorial. Incidentally, it was a Korean veterans group that spearheaded the effort to construct this memorial to honor veterans.



Still missing: Cpl. Gauldin's remains have never been found. He was a member of Co. K, 3rd Bn., 17th Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div. He was listed as missing Oct. 20, 1952

Cpl. Reynolds was killed Nov. 27, 1950, north of the Chosin Reservoir. He was a member of Co. A., 32nd Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div.

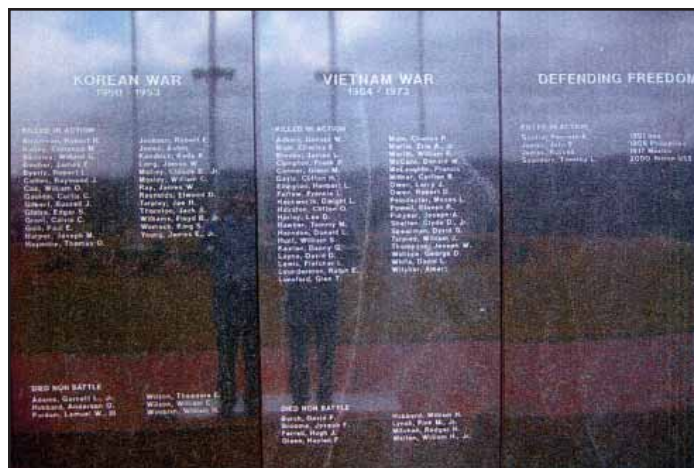


A sample from the Danville Memorial Walkway, which honors veterans from all wars, regardless of origin

With the help of a lot of generous people, we have been able to achieve our two main goals. First, please note that this is a Veterans Memorial—not a war memorial—and it is a memorial to honor all veterans of all wars. Our second goal was to leave a history lesson that would give our children, grandchildren, and generations to come a better understanding of the price of freedom.

On an acre of land in one of the prettiest parks in Southside Virginia, we built our memorial to honor all veterans of all wars. Dan Daniels Park is named for one of our senators who devoted a good part of his life helping veterans after WWII. As a matter of fact, he also served as the national commander of the American Legion.

Since the "Korean Happy Warriors," the veterans group that started the memorial, had no money, we adopted the well-used method of selling engraved bricks for our memorial walkway to fund the entire effort. Then we went to the various veterans' posts in the city and county and asked for their help. Later, we went to any club or organization that would have us to speak about the memorial in an effort to sell bricks and to raise money. Without the sale of memorial bricks, we would have never achieved our goals.



Wall of Honor at the Danville Memorial. The Wall honors veterans of all wars—from the American Revolutionary War to the present—from Danville/Pittsylvania County, VA. There is a total of 1,463 names listed on the wall.

In the approximately two years that we have been promoting our memorial, our largest single cash donation was \$25,000. We received two such donations. We had in-kind donations that have exceeded this amount on a number of occasions. As an example, all of the grading on the site was done by Marshall Construction Company, whose owner is a Korean veteran. He donated all of the equipment and labor costs for grading the entire project. From there, the list goes on.

The circular memorial walkway is 10 feet wide and more than 300 feet around, and it contains more than 14,000 special paving bricks of the highest quality. More than 5,000 of these bricks are engraved with the name, rank, branch of service, war, or service date of each veteran. If the veteran was killed in action, we have KIA on the brick. If the veteran was wounded, we have WIA. POW, MIA...we try to get as much history about the veteran on a 4" x 8" brick as we can.

A walk around this memorial walkway is a history lesson in itself. There are bricks with veterans of WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, OIF (Operation Freedom), as well as those of earlier wars from the Revolution to the present. Each engraved brick represents one of our heroes. We are still adding veterans' names and believe this trend will continue for years to come.

In an effort to teach our future generations about the cost of freedom, we have included in this walkway 13 granite plaques that give a brief history of wars from the Revolution to the



A Green Beret member parachutes from 1,000 feet to deliver the POW/MIA and American flags to the crowd at the Danville Memorial event

A Green Beret member parachutes from 1,000 feet to deliver the POW/MIA and American flags to the crowd at the Danville Memorial event

present. These include dates and casualties of each war. Visiting history students can take notes and—hopefully—understand the sacrifices made for them since the founding of this great nation.

Our Wall of Honor borders this walkway for 158 feet, and it is constructed in a semicircle of polished black granite. It is 7 feet 8 inches in height and 17 inches thick. It contains the names of 1,463 veterans from Danville and Pittsylvania County, Virginia who paid the supreme sacrifice in all of our wars. Millions of people in the United States and around the world are living free today because of their service.



Keynote speaker at the dedication was Virginia U.S. Congressman Virgil Goode (L), shown with Dave Newman (R), chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee

In the center of our memorial flies the flags of our nation, state, and the POW/MIA flag. The latter we have as a constant reminder of the more than 90,000 veterans who never returned from our wars. We will not forget these gallant ones who remain unaccounted for in the record books but who have a special place in our hearts.

The focal point of our memorial is a lasting tribute to our local Medal of Honor recipient from WWII, Sergeant Archer T. Gammon. There is an 8-foot long block of granite that will contain three plaques to his honor. The center plaque will be mounted on a raised section of granite and is made of bronze plate, measuring 30 inches square. This plaque was once mounted on a ship named after Sergeant Gammon, and it contains the wording



Veterans Memorial; Danville, VA

of the actual citation that describes his heroic action.

Mounted to the left of this piece is a bronze relief of a young Sergeant Gammon in his dress uniform. On the right side of center is a bronze plaque that has a brief description of the Battle of the Bulge where this action took place—and which cost Sergeant Gammon his life. We added this to help those who may not be familiar with this point in history to understand the importance of that battle.

Now, picture in your mind our 158-foot long Wall of Honor and in its center is the main theme of this tribute and history lesson. There, in 2-foot high letters engraved in black granite, the words “Freedom is not free” stand out as a reminder and a challenge to the future caretakers of our country. The letters of our slogan appear very bright in the daytime sunshine, but at night, with the soft lights at the base of the wall, the contrast of the gold coating against the black polished granite is simply breathtaking. Surrounded by these thousands of names who have served this country along with those who are still serving so bravely today, for our visitors and students the answer to our challenge is,

“It never has been and it never will be.”

We had the honor of dedicating this great Veterans Memorial on November 10, 2007. The service started with a fly-over of Marine Harrier Jets, followed by a Green Beret parachute team with a huge American flag floating out of the blue sky. It was truly a “Great Day.”

This service and memorial to our veteran heroes is the culmination of about three years’ work. As stated before, it sits in some of the most beautiful country in Southside Virginia. It is surrounded by evergreens and dogwoods, displaying Mother Nature at her finest. Our many visitors who wish to stop to reflect on the names in the wall and walkway have 20 memorial benches located all around the center piece on which to rest.

We invite all who are passing this way to stop and visit our magnificent Veterans Memorial. The memorial is open year round. Some visitors link this stop with their visits to the D-Day Memorial located just north of us in Bedford, Virginia, and to the largest tank museum in the world, located right here in Danville, Virginia.

We extend a warm Southern welcome to all of you if your travels bring you our way.

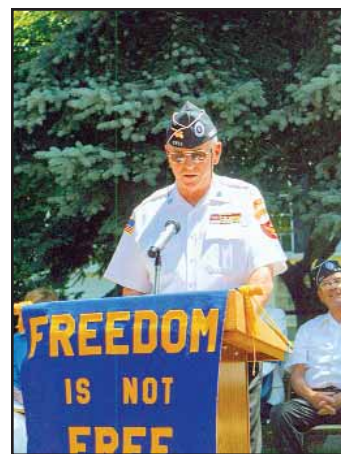
Incidentally, if anyone was with Cpl. Elwood Doran Reynolds, whose brick at the Memorial is included in the nearby pictures, please contact me. I would appreciate any information you have.

Dave Newman can be reached at 324 Cathy Drive, Danville, VA 24540, (434) 793-5828, flomo@gamewood.net

Western Massachusetts honors Korean War Veterans with memorial

Since the start of Chapter 2000 (187), one of our goals was to have a monument erected at a Western Massachusetts site to honor the sacrifices that the United States forces made to insure a free South Korean nation. With the help of our many fund raisers and the generosity of private citizens, this goal became a reality. On Sunday, June 24, 2007, KWVA Chapter 2000 (187) dedicated the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

Master of Ceremonies Capt. James P. McInerney, USMC (Ret)., speaks at Western Massachusetts dedication ceremony



The main speaker was Captain Thomas J. Hudner, Jr., Recipient of the Medal of Honor and a Korean War veteran. Various organizations and the public were invited. Honors were rendered by appropriate speakers and organizations. A buffet was held at the American Legion Post 452 in Chicopee, MA following the ceremonies.

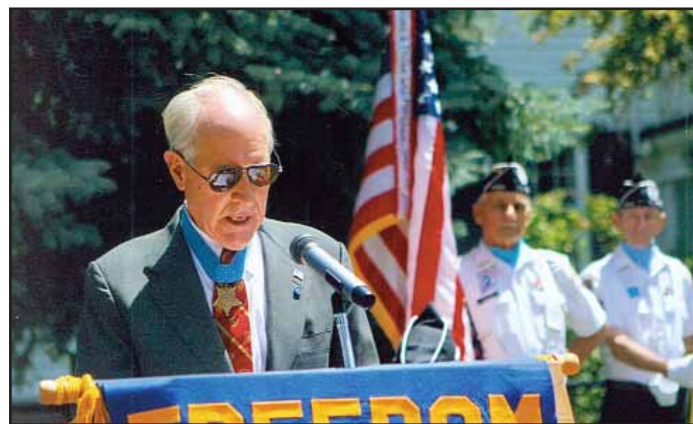


CID 187 Commander Richard Reopel offers remarks at Springfield, MA

RIGHT: Asst. Chaplain Joseph Kalesnik, CID 187, presents remarks at Western Mass. Memorial dedication



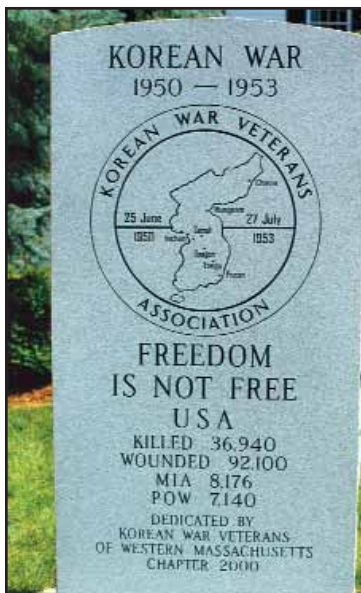
BELOW: Guest Speaker Capt. Thomas J. Hudner, USN (Ret) addresses crowd at Springfield, MA ceremony



U.S. Congressman Richard E. Neal talks to assembly at Springfield dedication



CID 187 Honor Guard stands tall at Springfield, MA memorial dedication



Firing Party from American Legion Post 260, South Hadley, MA. At Springfield dedication

Western Massachusetts KWVA Monument

James Stathis,
42 Pine Grove Dr., South
Hadley, MA 01075
(413) 535-1384,
ChefMaries@verizon.net

Gloucester Remembers

Here is a memorial in a beautiful setting by the sea, which reads, "In Memory of Korean Veterans June 27, 1950-January 31 1955. Dedicated in 1980 by the Citizens of Gloucester" (Mass.)

Jerry Kasten, jdkasten@sbcglobal.net



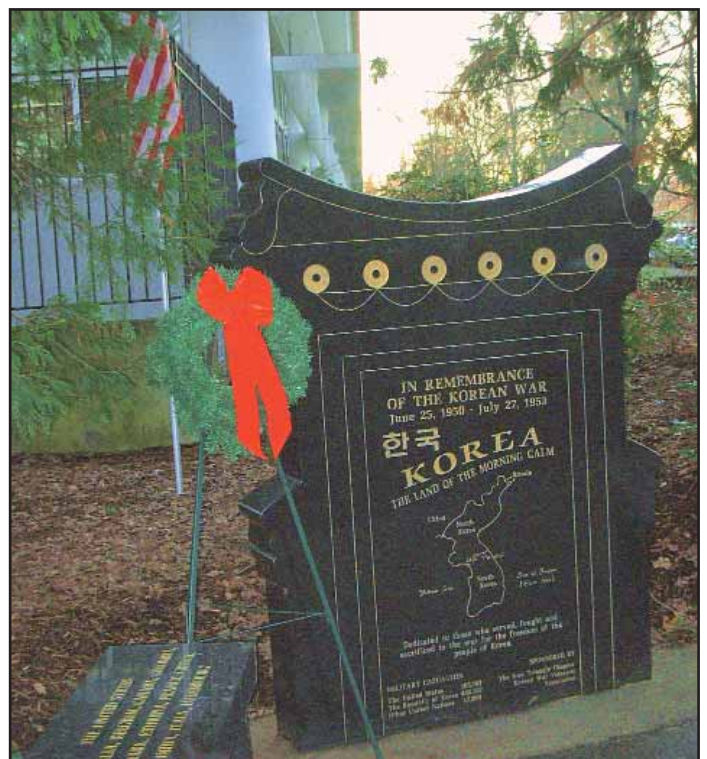
The Monument in Gloucester, MA

Oregon honors Korean War veterans

There was a wreath placed at the Korean War Veterans Memorial at the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs on 10 December, the day designated as "Wreaths Across America."

There was also a ceremony in the Capitol rotunda at 0900 that morning in which the state's governor participated.

Bob Wickman, via email



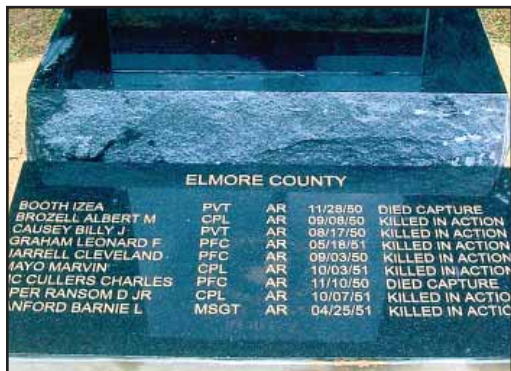
The wreath placed at the Korean War Veterans Memorial at the Oregon Department of Veterans

Memorial Dedicated in Wetumpka, AL

On April 8, 2006, a crowd of 100 people witnessed the dedication of CID 263's Korean War Memorial on the lawn in front of the Elmore County Courthouse in Wetumpka, AL. This memorial is dedicated to the nine good men from Elmore County who died in Korea. Seven of those men were killed in action; two died in captivity.



CID 263 members and guest at Memorial dedication (L-R) Bobby Powell, Gordon Shewmake, John Merrick, Ed Reynolds, John Miller, David Bates, MajGen Will Tankersley, Glenn Peddy, Bishop Thompson



The Elmore County monument with names of deceased Korean War veterans

The featured speaker was MajGen Will Hill Tankersley, U.S. Army Reserve (Ret). General Tankersley is a veteran of the Korean War. Chapter President John Miller introduced the families of our fallen comrades. Gordon Shewmake called the role of our honored veterans.

John Merrick and Glenn Peddy unveiled the monument. Chaplain Bobby Powell gave the opening and closing prayers. Mr. Pete Fuller played Taps.

The officers and members of our Chapter express their sincere gratitude to everyone who assisted in any way to make this dedication a success, especially for the monetary donations. Special thanks are extended to The Elmore County Commissioners, Ingram Memorial Company, Sonny Warner of Jenkins Brick Company, Commander Mike Venable, and Vice Commander Larry Dean, Jr., of Smith-Leonard VFW Post 4572.

John Merrick, 144 Beth Manor Drive, Prattville, AL 36066, (334) 365-3852, JSC124@aol.com



MajGen Tankersley addresses crowd at Elmore County Memorial. Seated are (L-R) David Bates, John Miller, Bobby Powell, Gordon Shewmake



A few of CID 23's honored guests stand by the Elmore County Memorial

THEY GAVE THEIR ALL

They were all soldiers
In a far off distant land
They fought for our freedom
So America would stand

It was a very unpopular war
That lasted three long years
They say it was a stalemate
And it shed a lot of tears

A lot of good men died there
Buried where they fell
Never to return
From that time in hell.

Today we're remembering others
Who made that long trip home
But only to be remembered
And never more to roam.

Their names are forever etched
At the base of this memorial
So those who come to visit
Will know those who gave all.

Poem written by John R. Miller, President, CID 263, in honor of the placement of the Elmore County Korean War Memorial.

Ambassador Lee Visits Philadelphia



LEFT: Bugler Richard Pinter plays at the Philadelphia ceremony

BELOW: The KWVA plaque at the Philadelphia Korean War Memorial



On December 7, 2007, Ambassador Lee of South Korea visited the Korean War Memorial in Philadelphia. He hosted forty Korean War veterans at a breakfast, and presented each of them with a gift.

The memorial lists the names of 629 veterans from several Pennsylvania counties: Chester, Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia. They include 627 who were killed in Korea, and two who died during the Cold War.

William Kelly, the Chairman of the Korean Memorial, presented a Korean Memorial medal to the Ambassador. The Ambassador received a gold plate as well.

*Louis J. D'Ambrosio, 35 Moyer Street,
Pine Grove, PA 17963*



Part of the sizeable crowd at the Philadelphia Korean War Memorial



Dignitaries, including Jimmy Shin from Hawaii (wearing the hat) stand with Ambassador Lee and his wife in Philadelphia



Bill Kelly points out an item of interest to Ambassador Lee

Continued on page 55

Chapter News

NOTE 1: CID = Chapter Identification

NOTE 2: If you have submitted Chapter news, and it has not appeared recently, please check with Membership Management Supervisor Jake Feaster to determine if your Chapter is included on the Noncompliant list. He will tell you if it is, why it is, and how you can get it in compliance.

New Chapter receives charter

Chapter 142 has succeeded in getting a new Chapter founded in Hagerstown, MD! Welcome to **Chapter 312, Antietam**, and Commander Edward A. Stahl. He can be reached at 12777 Gearhart Road, Greencastle, PA 17225-9102, (717) 597-4660, EAS@pa.net.

This startup is particularly praiseworthy. There are 40 charter members; 35 of them became members AFTER July 2007 when the startup began. That is the way recruiting and chapter startups are supposed to work in expanding our membership. Sadly it did not often happen that way in the past. So this is a great accomplishment for 142 AND for the members of the new chapter.

19 RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

The City of Atlanta Veterans Day Parade featured six members of the Chapter: Robert Hendershott, Thomas Harris, Ronald Clark, Robert McCubbins, Thomas Woods, and James Conway.

The Chapter experienced a sad couple of months. Four members died in that period: Jason G. Hoffman, Phillip D. Marsden,



CID 19 participants in the City of Atlanta Veterans Day Parade (L-R) Robert Hendershott, Thomas Harris, Ronald Clark, Robert McCubbins, Thomas Woods, and James Conway (behind the camera)

Martin R. Gruber, Jr., and Joe Anastasia.

*James Conway, 1184 Fourteenth Place NE,
Atlanta, GA 30309-3505, conatlanta@aol.com*

30 INDIANA CHAPTER 1 [IN]

Chapter members participate in approximately seventeen parades each year. We always have a great turnout, due largely to the large number of enthusiastic veterans in our Chapter and



Bernard ("Ski") Wisniewski, Pastor Han, Jim Martino, Soonji Han, and Eunjun Han (L-R) gather at the CID 30/45th Inf. Div Golden Corral get-together

their spouses. One of the things that boosts our numbers is our wagon, which is often accompanied by a Chevrolet Corvair painted red, white, and blue. It is owned by Chapter members Jim and Irene Winnie.

We also host the 45th Infantry Div. reunion held each September when they are in town for their own reunion. The closeness and fellowship that we all share is wonderful, and we have so much fun.

On September 9, 2007 approximately 45 veterans from the Chapter and the 45th Inf. Div. got together for another fun reunion. Dinner was held at the Golden Corral Restaurant here in Ft. Wayne. This is the 8th year that we have enjoyed doing this, and we plan to do it as long as the health of all of us allows it.

This year we had the privilege of having, at Jim's request, our Korean Community Pastor Ran, his wife, Soonji, and son Eunjun in attendance. We're all looking forward to next year.

Several of our members visited our local VA Med. Center and passed out Valentines to the patients and the hard working staff. This is a wonderful project for any KWVA organization. We also visit nursing centers. It blesses us as much as it does them. I would highly recommend it. We visited on a very cold, windy, snowy day, but the sunshine inside made it all worth being out in the cold.

Many ladies in our organization attend all the meetings and activities in support of their husbands. They are a great bunch of gals and are so willing to help in any way. One is our Secretary, one is Entertainment Chairman, one handles our newsletter alone and our Veterans Affairs, and I do our publicity. Our newsletter

and Veterans Affairs “gal” is also a Korean veteran, as is her husband.

We all enjoy so much being a part of this great organization.

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

37 JOSEPH R. OULETTE MOH [MA]

We participated in several events in July. Two significant events were the 4th of July Parade and an Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Andover, MA Korean community.

*John L. Hourihan, 55 Lake Street
Tewksbury, MA 01876*



Members of CID 37 ride in style in the Chelmsford, MA 2007 4th of July Parade



CID 37 members prepare to “march” in the Chelmsford, MA 2007 4th of July Parade



How many CID 37 members can fit into a Korean War-vintage Navy jeep?



Korean hosts and CID 37 members mingle at an Appreciation Dinner given by the Korean Community in Andover, MA

99 TALL CORN [IA]

We had our yearly picnic/informal meeting at the American Legion Post in Malcom, Iowa on July 21, 2007. We had a good turn out with loads of food and fun.



CID 99 members and their wives at the Chapter's annual picnic

Again, we had our Veterans Affairs Director Carl Martin give us some good information, especially about the possible changes with priority 8 at the VA Medical Center in Iowa City, Iowa.

We held our annual October meeting at the Veterans Home in Marshalltown, Iowa on October 20th.

*Bill Hartsock, 2301 Agency St., Apt. 29
Burlington, IA 52601*



Carl Martin speaks to Tall Corn audience at their annual picnic



Talk's over: Carl Martin and picnic attendees hit chow line at CID 99's picnic

105 CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

We presented a plaque to Tony Fallico, owner of Fremont Bakery, East Syracuse, NY. The citation pointed to Tony's donations of cakes, baked goods, and kindnesses to active duty military personnel and veterans.

*John Laura
(via email, jlaura1@tcwny.rr.com)*



Central New York Chapter members present citation to Tony Fallico (L-R—and all Korean War veterans) Doris Porgiglia, CID 105 Commander Garry Rockburn, John Reidy, Jim Ferris (2nd National VP) Tony Fallico, John Laura, Ed Grala

129 SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA #4 [IN]

Our Color Guard marched in the Aurora Farmers Fair two-hour parade, one of the oldest street festivals in continuous operation in the State of Indiana. This was the 99th year that the festival has been held.

Thousands of observers lined the marching route and applauded as our unit passed by. A member of our Chapter, Millard Rullman, along with his brother Roger, served as Grand Marshals for the event. Both are Army veterans.

The Chapter continues to recognize area high school graduates by awarding academic scholarships each year. 2007 scholarships were presented to five grandchildren of Chapter members during awards ceremonies conducted at the graduates' respective schools. The grandparent, when possible, was present in KWVA dress to present the scholarship to the grandchild on behalf of the Chapter.



CID 129 members prepare to step off during the Aurora Farmers Fair Parade. Participants include Tom Largent, J.D. Largent, Dick Fussnecker, Alvin Senger, Bob Riede, Ralph Cole, Bill Cole, Bob Weber, Billy Bovard, Bob Lowe, and Luther Rice



Ivan Chipman of CID 129 presents a 2007 Chapter scholarship to his granddaughter, Heather Verdon, who ranked 14th in her class of 221 students at Indianapolis University, during the awards ceremony conducted at South Dearborn High School



Jason Barrott (C), a representative of Aurora Casket Company, presents the keys to a donated Chevrolet van to CID 129 Commander Luther Rice, to his left. Barrott is holding a Certificate of Appreciation Rice presented to him for the generous donation. Also in photo (far left) Bob Karp, and (L-R) of Barrott, Clarence Vogelgesang, Archie Abner, Daniel Meyer

Our Chapter recently received the keys to a van that was donated by the Aurora Casket Company. We will utilize the van to transport personnel, flags, and rifles when called upon to conduct military services for deceased veterans.

Our ceremonial detail consists of approximately 25 members, all uniformly dressed. A recent addition to our funeral detail is a bagpiper, a Vietnam veteran. The "piper" plays twice: once while we "pass in review," and again at the cemetery during which time he plays "Amazing Grace," following "Taps." It is an emotional experience for the family of the deceased veteran, and adds significantly to the funeral service.

*Luther Rice, Chapter #129
414 Water Street, Aurora, IN 47001, (812) 926-2790*

133 QUIET WARRIOR [IN]

Kingston Honors Veterans Day 2007

Veterans Day provided a surprise for members of the military staying at the Kingston Health Care Center of Ft. Wayne. The Odyssey Health Care employees of Ft. Wayne presented certificates with a pin to those veterans by the Activities Director Vi Musser and Sergeant First Class James R. Clark (U.S. Army, Ret.)

Kingston honors these veterans and is very grateful for their service, as noted in the certificates, which were accepted with mixed emotions.

Sgt. Clark, who served in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars, is a member of the Chapter. Vi has been a member of the Kingston Center for 2-1/2 years. With the massive expansion of the facility, she finds herself very busy in her duties.

These are the veterans of Kingston:

Donald Timmerman – Army	Daniel Offerle – Army
Richard Sowers – Marine Corps	John Richeson – Army
Theron Kurtz – Army	Irvin Menshy – Army



Ray Knox, U.S. Navy, receives certificate from James Clark at Ft. Wayne facility

James Clark presents certificate to John Richeson, U.S. Army in Ft. Wayne



Horst Weinhold –Air Force

Ray Knox – Navy

Maynard Bosserman – Navy

Alfred Diehl – Navy

Francis Marqueling – Army

John Hosler – Army

Eldon Aldred – Navy

Donald Smith – Army

James Gailey – Army

Donald Newman – Navy

Jack Riess – Air Force

Paul Fritz – Army

Robert Raeke – Army

Thurman Morris – Navy

Thomas Stock – Army

Martin Fahlsing – Army

We salute and honor Alfred Diehl who, we regret to say, has passed away since this presentation.



Vi Musser (L) and James Clark (R) at Ft. Wayne Certificate of Appreciation ceremony

142 KOREAN WAR VETERANS [MD]

We held our annual Christmas Dinner at AMVETS Post #2 in Frederick, MD. The officers went formal!

We received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Mayor of Brunswick, MD for our participation in the city's annual Veterans Day Parade. Our Chapter received two awards: one 1st Place for Reggie Kephart's Ancient Fire Apparatus and the other for best marching unit.



CID 142 officers at their annual Christmas dinner (L-R) Commander LeRoy Hansbeger, Vice Commander Glenn Wienhoff, Treasurer Robert Mount, Secretary Kenneth Davis



CID 142 members present Certificate of Appreciation to Barquist pharmacy staff (L-R) Medical Center Commander LtCol Jeffrey Leggitt, Bradley Homman, Reggie Kephart, Charles Chipley, Sandra Kariman, Anthony Morra, Janet Fontanez, John Wilcox, Anthony Malavenda, Post Commander Mary Deutsch, and Annette Affal (not shown) Photo by permission of Photo Shop, Ft. Detrick, MD

We also presented a Certificate of Appreciation of our own. It went to the pharmacy staff at the Barquist U.S. Army Health Center at Fort Detrick, MD in appreciation for their support to the military community, both active and retired.

*Richard L. Martin, P.O. Box 1647
Frederick, MD 21702, (301) 663-6360, rimaem@comcast.net,
and Anthony J. Malavenda, 7051 Catalana Road
Frederick, MD 21701*



Thanks for marching, members of CID 142



Members of CID 142 look resplendent at Brunswick Veterans Day Parade (L-R) Commander Leroy Hansberger, Bob Mount, Glenn Iwenhoff, Eugene Rhinehart, Wendell Murphy



CID 142 members at KWVA Park in Frederick, MD, for June 25, 2006 ceremony (L-R) Reggie Kephart, Robert Mount, Eugene Rhinehart, Tony Malavenda, Bob Eader, Chip Chipley, Leroy Hansberger, Wendell Murphy, Shelle Garlock (Photo by Tony Malavenda)



Reggie Kephart's fire truck



CID 142 was well represented at the Brunswick Veterans Day Parade (Back, L-R) Jack T. Koontz, Reggie Kephart, William Klipp, Ken Davis, Richard Martin, John Wilcox (Front, L-R) Wendell Murphy, Glen Weinhoff, Gene Rhinehart, Leroy Hansberger, Bob Mount, Shelle Garlock

215 WALTON H. WALKER [TX]

Chapter member, former POW, and Medal of Honor recipient Col. James Stone received an award from the City of Arlington on December 4, 2007. City Mayor Robert Cluck designated the day Col. James Stone Day during a ceremony at Arlington City Hall.



Arlington, TX, Mayor honors James L. Stone (L-R) Jim Wetmore, Col. Stone, Jim Hall and Mayor Cluck. (Photo by Faye Landham)

Present at the ceremony were 15 members and wives of Chapter 215, who were also recognized.

Larry Kinard, larry.kinard@yahoo.com

216 M*A*S*H 4099 [NJ]

Members visited the Teaneck Family Assistance Center at the Teaneck Armory.

Commander Al Gonzales, Founder/Past Commander Don Kuehn, Financial Officer Vince Artuso, Founder/Secretary Joe Poggi, Jerry DeCicco, Faust Faustini, and VFW 8946 Commander Ed Powers delivered \$1,600 worth of groceries, diapers, and other household goods that will be distributed to families of our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This program is conducted by the New Jersey National Guard, with M/Sgt Minnie Hiller-Cousins, S/Sgt Joseph C. Collery, and S/Sgt Janice Shaw, who make sure the families are supplied with the things they need to keep their families together while their loved ones are away from home. The gifts made to the Family Assistance Center are from the donations given by local loyal and patriotic people of Bergen County who supported our annual Daisy Drive.



CID 216 members and National Guard personnel (L-R) SSgt Joseph C. Collery, Vin Arfuso, Al Gonzales, Don Kuehn, Joe Poggi, Jerry DeCicco, MSgt Ninnie Hiller-Cousins

We thank all the people who helped us reach our goal to help the program.

During the past year M*A*S*H 4099 has been very active with the Korean community. We attended wreath laying ceremonies in Fort Lee, NJ, where one of the finest monuments dedicated to the Korean War is located.

Members were invited to a dinner in honor of Mrs. Moon, wife of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a loyal supporter of Korean War veterans. We were also honored by the Hamsung Church of Cresskill, NJ. We were treated to food, gifts, and entertainment. The congregation thanked the men who served in Korea to gain their freedom.

*Albert J. Gonzales, 115 Irving Street
Leonora, NJ 07605*

221 TWIN CITY [TX]

We participate in our local Veterans Day Parade each year. (The Chapter, chartered in September 2003, is based in Texarkana, TX.) The parade covers approximately 1.5 to 2 miles through the streets of Texarkana. Our float won first place at the November 11, 2007 parade—for the fifth year.

Following the parade, local McDonald's restaurants furnish meals to all veterans organizations that participate in it.



CID 221 members and wives who helped decorate the Chapter's float and install its sound system



Lead KWWA vehicle carrying CID 221 members in Veterans Day Parade: Driver is T. Dwight Owen; Assisting him is Gene Welch; Back seat "driver" is Uncle Sam, aka Charles Terry

We have newly elected officers:

- President – T. Dwight Owen
- 1st VP – Charles Terry
- Treasurer - Herman Gilliam
- Secretary – Troy Barron

We conduct our meetings on the first Monday of each month in the Community Center at Gander Mountain. All KWWA veterans are invited to attend.

T. Dwight Owen



CID 221 members and wives riding their float in the Texarkana parade



T. Dwight Owen (L) and MIA/POW Coordinator Gene Welch (R) display CID 221's 1st place trophy

270 SAM JOHNSON [TX]

On September 20, eight Chapter members joined dozens of other patriots in greeting troops coming through DFW Airport on their way home for a two-week R&R. About 100 to 150 troops pass through DFW Airport daily from Iraq and Afghanistan for a needed recharge.



LEFT: CID 270 members preparing to greet the troops (Front, L-R) Dick Bové, Gui Jung, Tilford Jones, Dick Lethe, and Jerry Kasten. (Back, L-R) Ken Borchers, Homer Mundy, and Bill Carman

RIGHT: CID 270 greet troops as they deplane: Dick Bové in foreground and Gui Jung. Dick Lethe shakes hands with one of the returning troops



Chapter members greeting the troops were Ken Borchers, Dick Bové, Bill Carman, Jerry Kasten, Dick Lethe, Tilford Jones, Gui Jung, and Homer Mundy.

Recently we have made two contributions to the National KWVA designated for support of The Graybeards. On January 2, we made a donation of \$500.00. We made a second one on January 16.

The Chapter has entered into an agreement with the Best Buy Walk-In Tub Co. through which we receive a contribution from them for each unit they sell. The Best Buy Walk-In Tub Co. has a special 800 number that can be called by veterans. When this call results in a sale, they send us a donation.

Chapter members have in turn voted to donate these monies to various programs for the American veterans.

Glen Thompson/Tilford Jones, via email

289 MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN/VA]

Back in April 2007, when two of our members were making presentations at a JROTC program at Dobyns-Bennett High School (Kingsport, TN), they were approached by another one of the cadets, a native of Seoul, Korea. She asked to speak at one of our Chapter meetings.

She had her chance at our Christmas party held on December 20, 2007 in Kingsport. She, Su-Yong Friss, her husband, Thomas, and son Glenn were our "Guests of Honor." Su-Yong expressed her appreciation for our service to the South Korean people!

Carol Shelton, via email



Members of CID 289 at Christmas 2007 party (Back) Past Commander Bob Shelton, James Holton, Su-Yong Friss, Mack Dunford, Gayle Carpenter, Fred Himelwright (Kneeling) Arles Pease, Joe Cody, Commander Jim Simerly

296 CAYUGA COUNTY [NY]

East Middle School, Auburn, NY honoring all veterans

Cayuga County Chapter #296 KWVA took part in the Veterans Day Ceremony at East Middle School, Auburn, New York on 9 November 2007. Over 600 students were present during the general assembly.

We received this letter from history teacher Jeff Alberici.

Dear Mr. Barwinczok,

Thank you for your attendance today, it was good to see you again.

Thank you also for your service to our country. My ability to pursue my dreams and shape the young minds of our country is only possible because of men like yourself. To this I am ever indebted and you can rest assured I will teach my class about the great men and women who have worn the uniform to keep us free.

Thank you,

Jeff Alberici
History Teacher
EMS, Auburn, NY 13021

John Barwinczok, via email



Members of CID 296 and students at East Middle School gather for Veterans Day ceremony

305 CARSON CITY [NV]

We are happy to report that our Chapter just received a long-awaited letter from the IRS, dated October 30, 2007, stating that the Nevada Carson City Chapter #305 is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code.

This follows the news that the Chapter has already being recorded as a Domestic Non-profit Corporation by the Nevada Secretary of State.

Angelo De Felice (via email)

All Chapter and/or Department news for publication in *The Graybeards* should be mailed to Art Sharp, Editor, 152 Sky View Dr., Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or emailed to:

Sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net

Radio Operations Company (304th Signal Battalion) 1953-54

A dirt road at the village of Bupyong, off MSR #2 between Inchon and Yong-Dung-Po, crossed railroad tracks, and about two miles south of Ascom City came to the site of a World War II Japanese radio station. It was the central compound of the 304th's Radio Company, surrounded by rice paddies. Near it was a brick kiln and from a hill you could see Inchon harbor and the Yellow Sea at the horizon. A sign on the barbed-wire fence that caged us in warned, in English and Korean: "Come in through the gate and visit your friends - Come in through the fence and visit your ancestors."

Scattered around the perimeter of the compound were bunkers and one-and two-man foxholes. Spotted around the fence and on the roof of the main building were machine gun nests. The ammunition dump was next to a bombed-out building. An area outside the compound was mined. During alerts we took positions around the perimeter and throughout extended alert periods we worked, ate, and slept with our carbines.

Poles and antenna wires made the compound conspicuous throughout the valley. It was a favorite target of "Bed Check Charlie," the enemy pilot who flew a single-prop plane at night, lobbing grenades as he passed overhead. Charlie stopped raiding after the cease-fire of 1953.

Although the truce stopped the thunder at the MLR, fighting went on anyway. Some guys took a .45 with them when they went to Seoul (about 12 miles east of Bupyong) because it was never certain who was friend or foe.

Radio Company was previously housed in a palace in Seoul. After a fire there in December 1951, the company moved to Bupyong, where it operated until 1955. It then moved to Battalion in Seoul. Today, Bupyong, also called Kyesan-dong, has a GM Daewoo Motor Company plant, making cars like the Suzuki Verona.

Thanks to my having put everything down on paper when I got home (while it



Radio Co Administrative Building (8/54)

was fresh in my mind) and taking a lot of pictures, I am able to conjure this bit of history from factual notes and images. Some blanks have been filled and dots connected by buddies George Herschell and Bruce Bottum, with whom I reconnected just a couple of years ago.

Radio Company, like so many other small war-time garrisons, is now just a ghost in the mind of those who remember. But, during the war and post-truce standby, it was home to a bunch of guys thrown together from all walks of life, living like brothers on the wrong side of the world, doing their part to defend South Korea from its enemies to the north.

I often wonder, as I'm sure many of you vets out there do, what ever happened to the kids and older Koreans that we got to know so well. The 1st Year Class of the Sook-Myung Girl's High School in Seoul sent us Christmas cards in 1953, each addressed "To Dear U.N. Soldier." I still have mine from Kim Hyoung Ja. Bless her, wherever she is.

The card featured two women in traditional dress, one carrying a drum! It had all the wrong colors—blue, pink, orange—but somehow that card was my favorite that Christmas.

Radio Co. sign on
top of Administrative
Building (8/54)



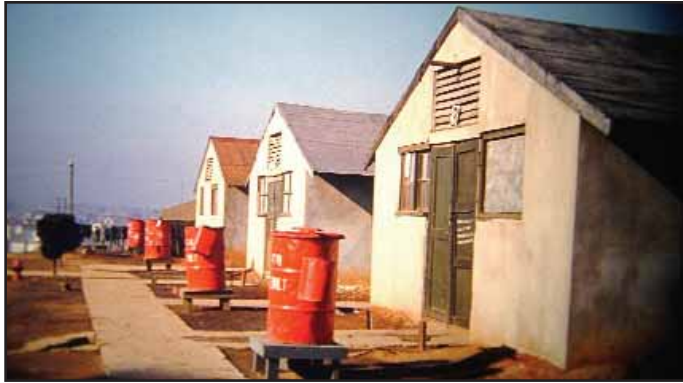
Radio Company provided radio-teletype communications for Eighth Army, in command of the ground troops in Korea. Our company and battalion came under the 22nd Signal Group, headquartered in Seoul. The logistics of its operation spread Radio Company over a geographically wide area with units scattered from Seoul to Inchon.

Radio communications were tricky on this mountainous peninsula, so point-to-point VHF (Very High Frequency) stations were sited atop mountains, rigged for best possible transmit-receive performance. At Osan, the company had an air-ground liaison unit with 5th Air Force. Other 304th Signal Battalion companies provided wire, cryptographic and photographic support.

Radio Company's communications system relied on the AN/GRC-26 ("Angry-26"), a radio teletype and voice transmission-reception rig mounted on a 2 ½ - ton truck for quick deployment. A radio repair shop kept the many components functioning.

Electronic circuits in those days were designed around vacuum tubes. Remember them? If you find it hard to

By Anthony J. DeBlasi



Huts 1, 2, 3 at Radio Co. (12/13/53)



Dan Sweeney (12/20/53)

picture a world without computers, satellites, the Internet and cell phones, then you know that we “graybeards” lived in a different world—some would say—different planet.

About 100 men operated the central unit in Bupyong, a compound small enough to cross on foot in several minutes. Areas of greatest traffic were cov-

ered with sand to keep boots and wheels from getting stuck in the mucky red clay when rain soaked the earth. A tiny brook along a ditch probably drained into the rice paddies. These had an intricate system of water ducts to regulate the water depth among the paddies. In the rainy season (midsummer), foxholes and bunkers got flooded. When the Han River flooded, AN/GRC-26 rigs took off for Seoul to assist in emergency operations.

The shabby barracks we lived in—we called them huts—were cement-stucco billets built by the Japanese during their occupation. Each had two diesel space heaters. The guys showed a talent for making themselves at

home, each man arranging his bunk area to suit himself, with what personal items he possessed. Pictures of girlfriends and wives competed with pinups. We had an R-100 radio that always worked. No excuse for it not to in this company.

Non-living quarters, such as the mess hall, radio repair shop, motor and power pools, were in Quonsets huts. The BOQ



Captain George E. Posner, CO (6/54)

was a building of Japanese origin with murals and sliding shoji. U.S. and U.N. flags flew on separate poles in front of the administrative building. An adjoining building housed a radio installation run by the Korean Ministry of Communications (KMOC). A couple locust trees and a few small evergreens grew behind the huts. Probably—and not by accident—a Rose of Sharon shrub grew on our compound. Rose of Sharon is Korea’s national flower.

A ten-minute ride by jeep (speed limit 20 mph) brought you to the busy town of Ascom City. The MLR, which became the southern limit of the demilitarized zone, was about 30 miles north of us. The men’s isolation on this tiny island in a sea of rice paddies was unpleasant, but it gave them only themselves to contend with.

With good officers, life was OK—allowance made for rice paddies that reeked of “honey” when papa-san fertilized his crops. Our best CO was Captain George E. Posner, a wonderful photographer who came to us from the 304th’s Photo Platoon. He was a gem among officers, a great inspiration to shutterbugs.

I had trained at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, as a Fixed Station Radio Repairman. That MOS (#1649) was designed for servicing large radio equipment installed in or near a major city. (You could hide inside one of the transmitters!) I’d go to Tokyo and meet a beautiful Japanese girl. Right? Well, the only things “fixed” in Korea were the mountains, although some of the smaller



William J. Claypool at BC-610 transmitter (8/54)



ABOVE: Preparing for IG inspection (1/30/54)
RIGHT: Seamon at his truck (1/30/54)



Anthony J. DeBlasi visiting MARS in Seoul (2/54) (photographer unknown)



Lorenz Wessels, Gerald Grishaber, Elmer Stegbauer (7/54)

ones got reshaped after the fighting.

Equipment not carried on foot was on wheels, in aircraft, or on sea craft. So I landed in the RTT (radio-teletype) platoon and spent time on the AN/GRC-26 mobile rig "Tokyo Dog" as a radio operator, learning to deal with unfamiliar radio and transmitter equipment that I was supposed to service. This was the extent of my "assignment in Tokyo."

Mismatches between MOS and assignment were common. In fact, though I didn't know it at the time, a guy who got the same training I did (Fixed Station Radio Repair) at Fort Monmouth ended up during an earlier phase of the war in an AA outfit!

Except for the frogs, things were quiet after the cease-fire. How long it would remain so was anybody's guess. What was certain is that we faced a determined enemy. Over a million North Korean and Chinese troops, and God

knows how many Communist insurgents in South Korea, wanted us out of there. We stood in the way of their obsessive mission to take over South Korea, which up until then they had tried and failed. Skirmish fighting continued after the armistice and civilians got killed in political brawls on the streets of Seoul. With no peace treaty and Syngman Rhee wanting to invade the north with his own ROK troops, things could get ugly.

Not the least of the tragedies was the many war orphans wandering and shifting for themselves. Americans may be proud of the countless acts of kindness by GIs to these hapless little ones and to the many older Koreans who lost home and family. Radio Company, like most other U.S. outfits, played host to an orphanage.

This Bupyong command center of Radio Company was a self-contained, self-sufficient unit, except that water

was hauled in about twice a day from an Engineer pickup point in Ascom City (native water was unsafe), and rations were picked up at a Quartermaster issue point in Inchon, where a warehouse had recently been blown up. At Ascom City, where a new and large Replacement Depot was opened (the 8057th AU), the men had access to the post office, PX, chapel, and movies.

Our compound was like a cage. At almost every hour of the day, especially at chow time, children looked in on us through the barbed wire fence, some clamoring for attention. Most had picked up enough English to make known what they wanted. I was taken aback when I first saw a small boy, no older than 7, carrying his baby brother strapped to his back like a papoose. One boy, Han, whose face looked years older than the rest of his body, bargained for my attention from the first day, calling out "Hi,

honcho!”

He asked if “honcho” wanted his mess gear and boots polished. I accepted the offer. Later in the day, when I returned to my hut, I found my mess gear shining on my bunk and my boots gleaming under the bunk.

“How much do you want?” I asked Han, when I saw him again.

“No, no, GI, presento, presento!”

“Presento” [accent on the second syllable] meant free of charge. I gave the kid candy, but I suspected that he was sweetening me up for greater favors. Han began to ask if I would get him cigarettes and other critical items from the PX. Aware of a thriving black market in Korea, I put my foot down: “NO!”

But the shrewd little dealer had not played all his tricks. For one carton of cigarettes the boy would bring me a foot-locker, an item not issued in Korea. He

had me where it hurt. It was an offer I could not turn down. The large, hand-made wooden storage chest at the foot of my bunk ended the madness of living out of a duffel bag.

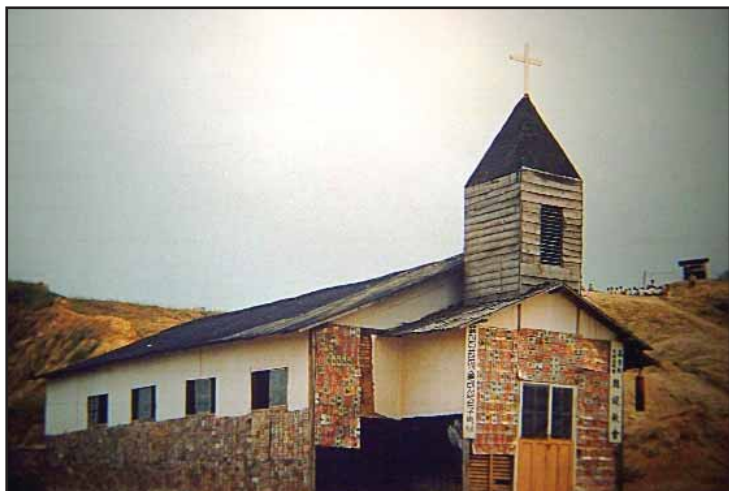
Hut 4, the “aloof hut,” was the residence of administrative wheels, the supply men, the radio and teletype technicians, and our mail man, Seamon. Hut 4 got its mail before the rest of the company, usually delivered personally. There was mail on Sunday, too—how nice. That letter from a friend or loved one was the bright spot of the day.

Since we were in a combat zone, our letters went postage-free and we were exempt from paying income tax. Another GI perk was Red Cross donuts and coffee served by pretty women.

Among the guys in the motor pool were farm boys who were cracker-jack mechanics. SFC Gatzke made a washing

machine for the company, using an empty diesel oil drum rotated by a motor. It brought the women who worked in the laundry into the 20th Century. They washed their own clothes at a brook by beating them with a stick against a rock. It took more than Gatzke’s genius, however, to keep the pump running for showers. Some of the guys lived in Guzzler’s Inn, Hut 3, and some in Peace-and-Quiet Hut 2. (These are 1954 hut personality profiles.)

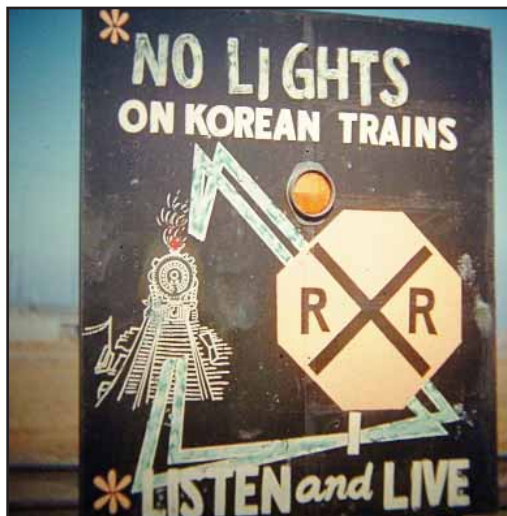
The radio repair shop, where I was assigned, had 15-inch-disk transcriptions of stateside radio programs. These records were once played over Radio Station “Dust,” which emanated from the roof of our administrative building. “Dust” was Radio Company’s pride and joy and a source of keen pleasure to its disk-jockeys. According to George Herschell, who had done his share of enlivening the air waves over the rice



“Beer-Can Chapel” - Inchon (9/7/54)



William J. Claypool, Charles E. Monroe (12/54)



Warning sign at railroad track near Radio Co.



Welcome gate for ex-Communist North Korean and Chinese POWs - Seoul (2/54)



Capitol in Seoul, built by Japanese and neglected (10/54)



Ruins at Ascom City (9/54)



paddies, the “Dust” men didn’t make required Eighth Army announcements, so the broadcasting was switched over to a group in Seoul, named “Vagabond.”

My first trip to Seoul as a “sightseer” included a visit to the main post exchange. This “department store with a post office” had crowds on its three floors that reminded me of Macy’s at Christmas time. Outside, droves of GIs augmented the already large population of the city.

With troops from other nations, as well as American servicemen, the town

bustled with a colorful mass of souls. It made finding a few square feet to park the truck next to hopeless. While he sat in a parked truck once, guarding it, buddy Bill Claypool had his camera snatched from under his nose. When he told a cop about it, the policeman went straight to the boy who took it to get it back!

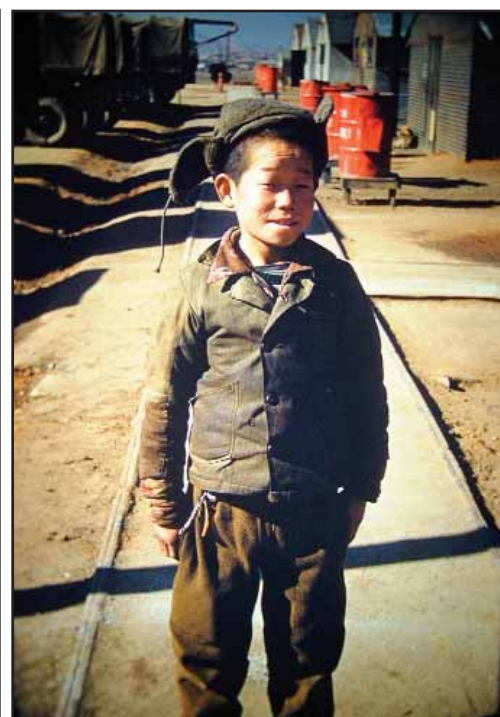
People, people, people—selling and buying everything under the sun, flooding sidewalks, spilling onto the streets between crawling vehicles, mostly Army jeeps and trucks, loading and unloading

from queer-looking buses and trolleys, women carrying large bundles balanced on their heads, a bundle in each hand, and a baby strapped to the back. Buildings, some big, some small, well built or shabby, beautiful or coarse, bomb shelled or intact.

In Seoul, Radio Company had a VFH unit on top of Hill 3 (South Mountain) with a commanding view of the Capitol, a beautiful domed building built by the Japanese and neglected. The Korean hatred of the Japanese for their harsh occupation was palpable and we heard of



Rice paddies in early summer (6-54)



Shoeshine boy Han at Radio Co. (1/30/54)



Korean tyke standing outside the Radio Co. gate



Roof-making with rice straw (11/54)

raids of shops selling Japanese goods, which were confiscated.

Chang Duk Palace and Duk Soo Palace were good places to visit with a camera, as were the Buddhist temples with their rows of sculpted monkeys lining the roof ribs. What I found even more remarkable, at Inchon, was a little wooden church with steeple and cross that was shingled with flattened beer cans. It was known as Beer Can Chapel.

A peculiar, slow thumping on a deep drum and singing that sounded like wailing signaled an approaching funeral pro-

cession. As it passed, the casket of the deceased person—which included the individual's earthly possessions—showed striking decorations made with brightly colored pieces of cloth. A similarly adorned canopy was stretched over the casket, which was carried along the road on a frame by some half dozen men.

The adult male relatives marched ahead of it, wearing brown paper hats, headed by a man carrying a wooden pole with a bright red banner. The musical accompaniment included a set of tinkling bells which followed the accents of the drumbeat and a shrill wind instrument that whined away on its own, independent track over the rest of the noise. The singing-wailing flock walked a crooked line, their blood charged with alcohol. The lately departed, wobbling along with the bearers, was carried to a grassy field to be buried under a circular mound of earth.

A tapping noise at night was the sign of a Korean walking along a path, striking the ground ahead of him with a stick to signal his presence and avoid colliding with someone or something in the pitch dark.

One night, while fellow “Brooklynite” Irving Peckler and I developed some film in the dark room, Peckler (in a nostalgic mood) wished we could go out for pizza. Well, I could make it—if I had the ingredients. It was a deal. What started as a joke grew into a plan of

action. (See the story starting on p. 25 of the March/April 2007 issue.)

Peckler sent a grocery list home. When the stuff he requested arrived, we slipped into the mess hall kitchen at night and made pizza for the boys in Hut 4! This tricky mission, pulled off in absolute secrecy, never got into the company's history log book.

While I was in Korea we got wind of trouble on another peninsula. This one was Indo-China, which includes Vietnam. In 1954, with France facing defeat in the French-Indo-China War, the U.S. sent military advisors to Indo-China to help contain Communist expansion in that area. Rumors started flying that at rotation time we'd be on our way to this new hot-spot instead of going home. Luckily for us, and terrible for the next generation of fighters, that place didn't turn red-hot until 1961.

I salute all who served, sacrificed, and suffered in Korea. I hold hat over heart for those who gave their all and offer my deepest sympathy to their families.

Reach Anthony J. DeBlasi, 455 Shady Nook Road, West Newfield, ME 04095, (207) 793-8808, tonyjdb@psouth.net
NOTE: All photos are by the author, unless otherwise indicated.



Korean elder with “honey buckets” (12/54)

Anthony J. DeBlasi is the author of a short book (55pp.), *Korea Back When... Retrospective by a Former GI in a War-torn Land*, E-Book Time, LLC, 6598 Pumpkin Road, Montgomery, AL 36108, www.e-book-time.com, ISBN 978-1-59824-462-5, \$8.95.

Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions

Co. M, 7th Cav.



Members of Co. M., 7th Cav held their 30th annual meeting in Antioch, CA.

*Andrew E. "Andy" Gandolfo
961 Chalet Drive, Concord, CA 94518.*

Co. M, 7th Cav. Members in Antioch (L-R) Gene Bartlett (Motor Pool), Mario Fiorio (.30 cal. machine gun), Ed Hinderer (Captain's jeep driver), Ratz Sangginmino (Captain's radio operator), Andy Gandolfo (Company Clerk)

Co C, 89th Tank Battalion



The unit held its 14th reunion October 4-8 2007 in McLean, Virginia, near Washington DC. The group enjoyed a day of sight-seeing in Washington, including a tour of the White House, the Capitol, the White House Visitor Center, and the Korean War Memorial. They also toured the Arlington National Cemetery and watched the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Walt Hairiston (retired Colonel) and his wife Jeanette treated the group to a crab feed at their home in Phoenix, Maryland. Everyone had a great time.

For information about the 2008 reunion, please contact Richard Vesely, 16263 Big Turtle Dr., NE, Bemidji, MN 56601, (218) 243-2005, vesfam@hotmail.com

The men (and one young lady) of Co. C., 89th Tank Bn. assemble in front of the Capitol in Washington DC

19th Inf. and 34th Inf.



Members of the 19th and 34th Infantry gathered at the Holiday Inn Express in Pigeon Forge, TN, April 25-27, 2007. Bob Taylor, who coordinated the event, noted that, "Since time passes so fast our reunions hold more and more meaning as each year we seem to enjoy being together just a little more."

He added that, "This year we had a great turnout."

Unit members will meet in the same place this year from April 28-30. Anyone interested in attending can get in touch with Taylor at (828) 884-9593 or bobnjoan@citcom.net.

Members of 19th Infantry and 34th Infantry at Pigeon Forge, TN

72d Combat Engineer Company Presents Award to Col. Winn

From September 16-21, the 72d Combat Engineer Company held its annual veterans' reunion in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. A record 36 attendees, including wives, sons, and daughters, attended.

Following the first dinner meeting on Monday, 17 September, the organizer of the reunion, Robert Mount, presented the Order of Saint Maurice Medallion-Legionnaire level to Arthur C. Winn, Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.). This medal is awarded for conspicuous contributions to the infantry, and for support of the infantry, by members of other branches of the United States military.

In October 1952, then Lieutenant Winn was a platoon leader with the 72d Engineer Company, 5th Regimental Combat Team (RCT) in the Punchbowl in North Korea. The company was committed to the Main Line of Resistance (MLR) as an infantry unit, where it defended a company position with daily ambush patrols forward of the MLR.

Robert C. Mount, 6518 Fish Hatchery Road, Thurmont, MD 21788, (301) 898-7952, (301) 898-5549 (Fax), rmount252@comcast.net



Col. Winn displays his Order of Saint Maurice Medal

630th Engineers, Light Equipment Company



630th Engineers, Light Equipment Company-Korea, reunion attendees (Seated, L-R) Harold VandenAvond, John Morris, Gerald Glemons, Bill Sanford, Tom Vanek, Marvin Hobbs, Dean Little (Standing L-R) Warren Morris, Robert Kaser, Glen Frerichs, Jasper Dettmer, Lyle Carlson, Larry Bokker, Charles Heinz, Roy Weisz, Oscar Viehland, Homer Collier, Joe Winslett, Cecil Cook, Bill Kenser, LeRoy Poulson. Not Pictured: Woodrow Tucker

Twenty-two members from 13 states attended the 2007 reunion of the 630th Engineers, Light Equipment Company-Korea, held the week after Labor Day each year in Branson, MO.

Oscar Viehland, 9587 Woodland Rd., Robertsville, MO 63072, (636) 285-4402

**Mini-reunions
continued ➤**

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

H-3-1 (USMC)

Unit members got together in Kansas City, MO at the Liberty Memorial and the Airport Hilton in October 2007.

Paul A. Wolfgeher, 1924 South Leslie Drive, Independence, MO 64055

BELOW: Paul Wolfgeher speaking on Psy Ops operation of the Korean War at the H-3-1 reunion. Poster is Anniversary of the Korean War



ABOVE: Commander Richard Pearl of Littleton, CO at H-3-1 reunion



Some of the 45 Marines of H-3-1 at their memorial service held at the Liberty Memorial and Museum in Kansas City, MO

45th Infantry Division

Veterans of the 45th Infantry Division got together in Oklahoma City from 27 to 30 September 2007. Californian Donald W. (Hank) Nicol, B Company, 179th Infantry, 45th Division, forwarded several photos from the reunion.



Sam Gann, Medical Co, 179th Inf. (Indiana)



Bill Shirey conducting memorial service for B Company, 179th Infantry



Benjamin Hamilton, B Co. 179th Infantry Rgmt., and wife Dubba viewing original Bill Mauldin drawings



Bill McSwain, B Co. 179th Infantry (Texas)



Wayne Pelkey, F Co, 180th Infantry. Vermont



Ray Kalil, B Battery, 145th AAA AW (SP) Battalion



Singalong at the Oklahoma Biltmore Hotel



Ambassador Lee (R) and Richard Pinter (L) at the Philadelphia Memorial



Jimmy Shin (L) and Ambassador Lee (R) meet in Philadelphia



Ambassador Lee presents a gift to Louis J. D'Ambrosio



Salutes and hands over the heart as the American National Anthem is sung at Philadelphia



A plaque at the Philadelphia Korean War Memorial dedicated to the nurses of the Korean War



Dedication in Philadelphia to the 1st Marine Division

Wonju and Hill 342



North Wonju, suburb of Wonju proper

By Bill Weber

Photos by Annelie Weber

Hill 342! Though I didn't know it, our hosts knew of my hope that someday I wanted to return to that hill. In my many past contacts with our ROK comrades who emigrated to the U.S., and our dealing with them and the ROK Embassy over the years concerning our Korean War Veterans Memorial, Hill 342 was known to them. As was my desire! It is in the nature of our ROK

brethren that they take note of such things and they act on them if they can.

It was in my mind and I had hoped that time could be found for me to break away from the organized activities and devote a day to make a private pilgrimage to an area that figured so prominently in my life in February 1951. In fact, my wife and I would have been "ill" one day if need be for that purpose! Unbeknownst to me, and not listed on the scheduled events for our visit, our



LEFT: Hill 342. Highest peak on left third of photo. Hill 340 to immediate left and Hill 341 in between. Picture taken from about three kilometers (1.8 miles) away and looking E by SE. RIGHT: Close up of Hill 342 (highest peak), taken about 500 yards from the E by SE side. Note the heavy tree growth and absence of any rails. "K" Co. Line Of Defense was to extreme left of photo on SW side of hill.



hosts had already made such arrangements.

They had arranged for a car, driver, and interpreter and had alerted the ROK Army 36th Inf. Div. (stationed in Wonju), to reconnoiter the area in advance, and provide an escort to the site. Our escort in Wonju was a LtCol, one of the Battalion commanders in the 36th, who had, in advance, located Hill 342 and a way to get there. **(Editor/author's Note:** Good thing he did, because the map I was using was the same old Japanese 1/20000 map I was using in 1951! Plus, Wonju was no longer the small crossroad hamlet of 1951! It has grown to a major city of several million, and the foothills of which Hill 342 was a part are now in the outer suburbs of that city! No way could I have found it! My old map was useless! It was not now as it was then.

Now, Hill 342 is almost in the suburbs of Wonju, surrounded by encroaching growth of a major city. Today there is a large metropolitan area, Wonju proper and a north, south, east and west Wonju suburban areas. Instead of the single intersection in Wonju there is today a multiplicity of such. Major interchanges of super highways running East and West, North and South and to other points of the compass.)

As we followed his vehicle, I kept trying to orient myself looking for the area where I assembled my company (K/3/187), and made the last minute preparations to jump off on a night attack to take the hill from the CCF that were dug in on it and the intervening crests leading to 342. To no avail! Nothing was as it was back then! I realized that it couldn't be so, but I had thought that something which had figured so prominently in my life would stir some hidden memories and that something would resemble what it had been then. That was not to be!

Everything that was Hill 342 in February 1951 had disappeared! There were no denuded craggy high points pockmarked with shell holes, bunkers, slit trenches and foxholes! In their place was a heavily treed and overgrown tangle of underbrush that completely covered what used to be a trail running up the ridge lines. It was impenetrable and unapproachable from the southern and southeastern approaches!

To those of you who were with me in K/3/187 in those fateful three days, I think even you may have been unable to orient yourselves. As I said above, it is not now as it was then! In 1951 Hill 342 was denuded of any foliage or forested area. It was bare! You could see the ridgeline we traversed as we attacked the night of 13/14 Feb and the intervening 340 and 341 peaks. And, you could then make out the Chicom defensive positions.

Getting to it now as when we attacked it was impossible! The ridgeline traversing 340 and 341 was impassable, filled with thorny bushes and heavy undergrowth and a thick growth of

mature trees. At the base where we jumped off from the secondary road and where there had been rice paddies, there now was a developed area of small shops and a factory.

I felt my trip had been in vain, for I had hoped I could retrace the route we took. It was not to be! But, our guide from the 36th Inf. Div had done his homework! He obviously had explored the area in advance. **(Editor/author's Note:** I later learned that he and his S-2 had surveyed the area by helicopter and on foot to ascertain if there was any way to get to the crest of 342.)

His recon revealed that there was a rarely used trail that was on the northeast side of the base of Hill 342. It ran to an old Buddhist Temple that was built in the 1600s and was now being preserved, though not used for ceremonies, by several monks. I didn't know of the temple in 1951, for it was on the reverse (NE) slope and base of 342 and was in CCF territory during the three-day battle. And, it was not marked on my map.

We followed our guide on a long circuitous route of ever narrowing roads until they terminated in an ancient stone trail that must have been the original approach to the temple. And so, we wound back and forth along that trail that followed a minor ridge-line, barely passable for an oxcart until it broke out in a clearing at the NE base of 342, at which was located the temple. That was it!

(Editor/author's Note: That temple's presence was unknown to us in 1951, at least to me, as it was within the Chinese perimeter on the NE rearward base of the slopes of Hill 342. Our escort, in talking to the old Monk who was responsible for maintaining the unused temple, said he related that, up until the early 1960s, it had been possible to go to the crest of 342 from that side. He related that he had gone to the crest several times in the late 1950s and remembered seeing foxholes etc., on the surrounding slopes. He also remembered that the CCF had used the temple as an area where they collected their wounded, which he said numbered in the hundreds. When the temple was abandoned for religious use, he stayed to maintain it and Hill 342 was considered a sacred area as it had been since the 1600s. Thus, it remained undeveloped and returned to a primitive state.)

There was no way to go any farther, because the area leading to the crest was fully overgrown and clearly a precipitous climb under the best of conditions. All I could do was to let my eyes follow the tops of the tree line and imagine what it must have been like for the CCF units trying to retake the hill we had taken from them that night. For there was no cover then except for the outcropping of rocks and shell holes that were there then.

How strange, I thought, as I gazed once again, after 56 years

Continued on page 76

Editor/author's Forenote: The ROK Disabled Veterans Association sponsored a 'Return to Korea' trip for their combat disabled counterparts from the UN countries who provided forces during the Korean War. The U.S., Australia, Canada, Turkey, Thailand and Ethiopia were represented in the group that resulted from the invitation. Other UN participants who had also been invited did not send representatives.

I was privileged to be selected to go and grateful for the courtesies extended. I won't cover the entire trip, as it is not germane to this article except to say that we were treated like royalty and there was no question as to the sincerity of that treatment! In the many years since Feb '51, I have often revisited Hill 342 in my mind's eye, but I never found time to go in person. It was not that I feared awakening long past memories for those have never faded. Rather, I would have preferred going in the company of all that are left of us. Sadly, that option never was possible. I wrote this for my comrades of 'King' Company, 187th ARCT – those who fell on Hill 342 and those, like me, who survived. You earned and deserved the PUC you didn't get

Images Of Korea

Why It's Not Wise To Flee A Flea Market

You never know what you are going to find at a flea market. Just ask Ray Williams. He wrote:

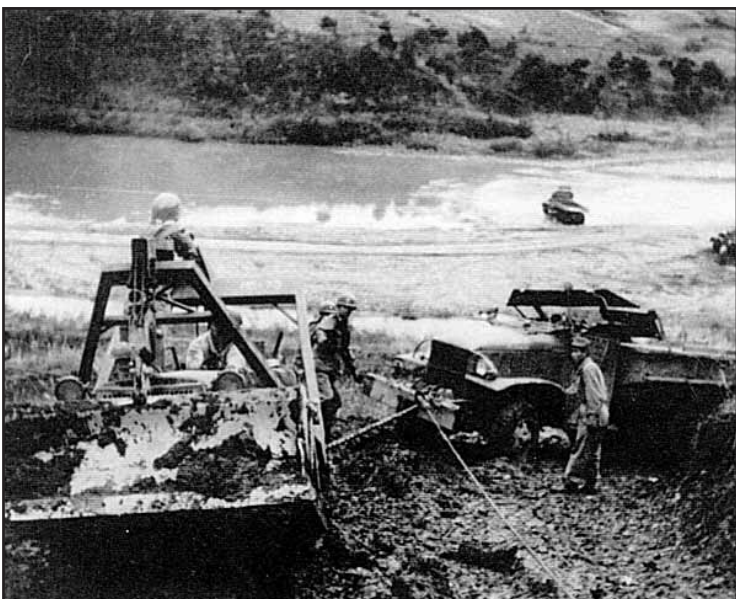
"These pictures came from a flea market. They are from the Korean War, 1950-53. I was wondering if you could put them in your magazine in the hopes that someone may know who is in the photos or something about the names or numbers on the tanks or trucks.

I am a Korean War veteran. I was there from 1950-52. "

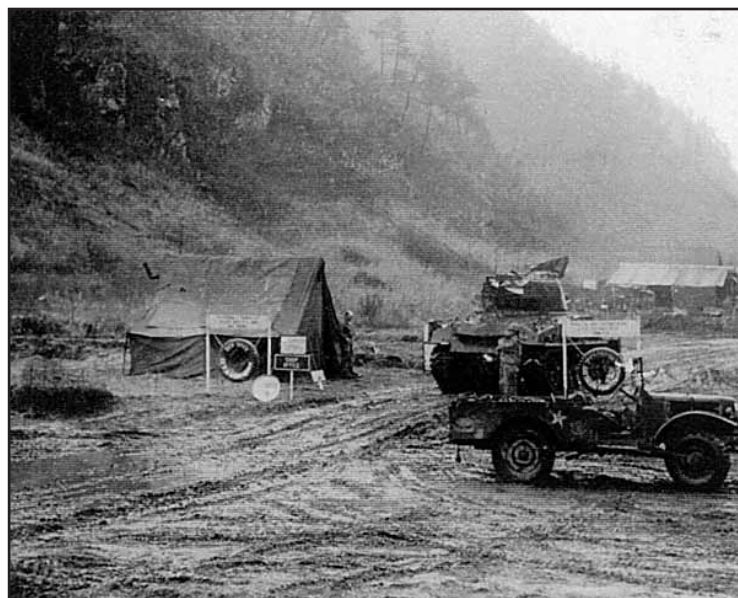
If anyone has any information, reach Mr. Williams at 28 Merlin Avenue, New Fairfield, CT 06812 or (203) 746-9381.

Please let us know at *The Graybeards* office as well if you have any information about the photos. Our readers would like to know where they were taken, when, etc.





More >



VA's National Suicide Prevention Coordinator Honored

The national coordinator for the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) recently established National Suicide Prevention Hotline has received the VA Secretary's Award for Exceptional Service.

Janet Kemp, RN, PhD, was cited for the award on Jan. 15 by VA Secretary James B. Peake, MD, in recognition of her role in setting up VA's National Suicide Prevention Hotline (1-800-273-TALK) and for her 20 years of experience working with veterans as a mental health professional.

"Dr. Kemp's leadership in VA's Suicide Prevention Program has had an immediate impact to help save the lives of veterans who were contemplating suicide," Dr. Peake said. "This award is a reflection of her commitment throughout her VA career to counsel and educate veterans about mental health issues."

As VA's National Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Kemp directs suicide prevention coordinators at each local VA and is responsible for provider and patient education in the areas of suicide awareness

and prevention, current assessment and treatment strategies and new findings in the area of suicide prevention and treatment.

VA's National Suicide Prevention Hotline, based in Canandaigua, NY, went into operation in late July. It provides 24-hour, seven-days-a-week professional counseling to veterans and their family members or friends. Since becoming operational, the hotline has received more than 19,000 calls, and has referred 1,453 veterans nationwide for additional counseling. Their work has led to more than 350 rescues of veterans who were considering suicide by providing immediate help to them.

Dr. Kemp is also the Associate Director for Education and Training at the VA's Center of Excellence in Canandaigua. She has done extensive research in the area of the experiences and effect of combat, and studies involving veteran suicide attempt experiences and the experiences of veterans with traumatic brain injuries who have committed suicide.

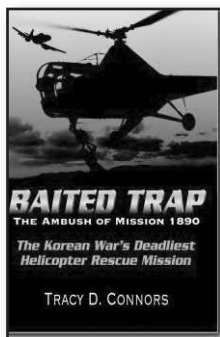
Book Review

Baited Trap: The Ambush of Mission 1890.

Tracy D. Connors

394 pp. BelleAire Press, ISBN 0-9640138-3-5

By Kris Barnett



One of the most insidious effects of war is the way unforeseen and unplanned circumstances can intersect so many lives. Baited Trap: The Ambush of Mission 1890 presents the surreal events that followed what was

hoped to be a successful rescue mission in the Korean mountains. But what happened to the pilots and the rescuers leads to long-term ramifications for the men and their families.

Tracy D. Connors, the nephew of one of the F-15 pilots from Rescue Combat Air Patrol sent to protect a downed Navy fighter pilot that day, presents the results of his extensive research regarding Mission 1890. Connors' interviews with the families of the rescuers, original documents such as military records and official correspondence, and personal letters and experiences are woven together to create a comprehensive depiction of the ill-fated mission as well as a riveting portrayal of each of the men (and their loved ones) whose lives changed on June 25, 1952.

After providing helpful background with a brief history of the procedures and equipment used in many military rescue missions, Connors introduces the men whose fate intertwined in what is described as "the deadliest helicopter rescue mission of the Korean War." Readers get to know Navy Fighter Pilot Ensign Ron Eaton, whose combat mission mishap sets in motion the rescue mission. Readers meet Rescue Combat Air Patrol pilot Archie Connors and the extended Connors family. Also profiled is Captain Wayne Lear, the pilot of the rescue helicopter sent to rescue Ensign Eaton. We also meet Elliot Ayer, flight leader for the combat rescue mission, and Bobby Dale Holloway, the medical

technician who flew the rescue mission with Captain Lear.

Connors skillfully weaves personal and professional details about each man, bringing depth and interest to the book. However, he never loses sight of his purpose in publishing the details of this little-known event in military history: to bring to light the daring mission and what it represented for the men and their families. The dramatic plot twists and turns are continually surprising, even for the reader who is most familiar with the circumstances surrounding the Korean War.

The reader may easily forget that the events depicted are not fictional. Furthermore, the men involved in the mission were never officially recognized for their sacrifices as part of Mission 1890. However, this book finally tells a story that has not been told but should have been.

After detailing the mission, Connors describes its aftermath. At the time, the whereabouts of the servicemen involved in the initial crash as well as the rescue mission were unknown. Without credible information, the families clung to hope that their loved ones were alive as prisoners of war. Each man was listed as Mission in Action, leaving the families in heartbreaking limbo.

A remarkable amount of correspondence between the families and military officials is presented in the book, capturing the frustration and uncertainty. As the men's lives did, the families begin to intertwine as they connect with one another in the years that follow the mission. Sadly, one by one, the belongings of the men make their way back to their families, as do some of their remains. Nonetheless, the returned belongings and remains are not enough to provide closure for many family members.

Connors includes final thoughts in his concluding section: "Slowly, as one set of hopes died, others would begin to grow, as Baited Trap recounts. Lives, however battered and broken, could be put back together again. All of them tried...not all were successful. The eventual toll for Mission 1890 was much greater than the three servicemen, as it turned out."

We Don't Do Medals

We mentioned in the "Editorial Guidelines" in the Sept/Oct, 2007 issue that we have no influence when it comes to procuring medals, commendations, etc., that members have earned. We would like to help, but we cannot. Our staff is not set up to do so. We can direct

...about all we can do is point you in the right direction. It is up to you to follow the path.

people to the right agencies who are, but that is all we can do. We do not have any influence with the Department of the Army,

the National Personnel Records Center, or any other bureaucratic agency inside or outside government circles.

Okay, what brought that up? Let us explain. We received this letter from a KWVA member recently. He wrote:

In the May/June 2007 issue of *The Graybeards*, on p. 21 there is an article about the Army Commendation Medal criteria. I have sent the necessary information to the Department of the Army as well as spoken to a woman in your office who gave me the address of the National Personnel Records Center. I have also sent them the information.

I have not received any reply to my request, as I am definitely a candidate for such a medal.

Thomas M. Abruzzo, 989 Riviera Pt. Drive, Rockledge, FL 32955

Here is a case in which everyone did what they have to do. Mr. Abruzzo contacted a member of the KWVA staff, who steered him in the right direction. He followed up on the information. Our staff members did all they can do. Mr. Abruzzo did what he was supposed to do. The rest is up to the Department of the Army and the National Personnel Records Center. Hopefully, they will get back to him. The wheels of bureaucracy run slow. Ours at KWVA Central are about to fall off.

Remember, about all we can do is point you in the right direction. It is up to you to follow the path.

Reasons for awarding a Korean War Victory Medal

By Achilles Anthony Granato

After reading about who should get the Korean War Victory Medal in the January February issue of *The Graybeards* magazine, I realized something was missing.

June 1950 was a stepping stone in my life. I had just received a pink slip from my construction job, and I was in the process of looking for work. Then, on June 19th, 1950, I received a letter from Selective Services (I still have it) classifying me for the draft. I was thinking of what to do next when, on June 25th, North Korea attacked South Korea. That outright act of war made up my mind for me. I immediately re-enlisted in the Air Force.

I was given a week to get my affairs in order, was sworn in, and left immediately by train to Lackland A.F.B. for processing and assignment. At Lackland, I was assigned to the 325th Bomb Sqdn., 92nd Bomb Group, Far East Air Force (F.E.A.F.) Bomber Command, APO 328, c/o San Francisco, California.

They issued us field equipment, including an M1 carbine etc., and put us on board a C-54 military transport aircraft. About 3 or 4 dozen of us airmen boarded it. After refueling stops in Hawaii, Johnston Island, Kwajalein Atoll, and Guam, we reached our destination, Yokota A.F.B., Fusa, Japan. We immediately went to work. Our group flew maximum effort and saturation bombing missions while waiting for the rest of the group to arrive.

Then, the reinforcements started to arrive, including UN Forces. With the help of the reinforcements and the impetus provided by the Inchon landings, we began to push the enemy back. At the time, we were all restricted to base. A few weeks later our sister group, the 98th Bomb Group, arrived. They were originally scheduled to go to Puerto Rico, which was a far cry from Korea. Luckily, the guys always had a sense of humor; they needed it, because many crews were lost.

Later, we found out the Russians and Red Chinese flew missions for the North Koreans. In a lull between missions, a blood mobile came around and I decided to donate blood. I was then registered as a blood donor with the 406th Blood Bank in Tokyo, Japan. I hope I helped some GIs. There was a sort of feeling with us and the ground forces—a comradeship in arms, so to speak—and it got stronger as time went on.

The missions continued as the Army and Marines worked their way north up the peninsula. Together, we were nearing the Yalu River, the border between Korea and China, and the war seemed to be nearing the end. Ominously, though, we began to hear reports from some crews that observed sizable Red Chinese forces and equipment and armor on the other side of the Yalu. I don't think they were for ornamental purposes.

All the bridges between Manchuria and North Korea were intact, which practically sent an open invitation for the presumed enemy to attack. We were all aware of this, so it seemed

Ground forces suffered thousands of casualties, many of whom were left dead and dying on the ice at places like the Chosin Reservoir. Their warm bodies melted the ice underneath them, creating small pools of water that eventually froze—effectively imprisoning them in the ice.

strange to us when we received orders for our group to return to the States, leaving the 98th Bomb Group at Yokota. This was in November 1950. What happened next is just what we figured would happen. This was the second attack in less than a year, definitely an act of war, not a police action. Regardless of what the attacks were called, they were both premeditated. When the Red Chinese came across the line, it was sudden. We were not prepared and we were greatly outnumbered.

What happened next greatly disturbed us airmen. Ground forces suffered thousands of casualties, many of whom were left dead and dying on the ice at places like the Chosin Reservoir. Their warm bodies melted the ice underneath them, creating small pools of water that eventually froze—effectively imprisoning them in the ice. Retrieving them later must have been a nightmare. They couldn't be lifted from the ice manually, but only by a combination of man and machine. We heard the details of men desperately retrieving the frozen bodies by tying ropes to the limbs of the bodies and pulling them out with the aid of motor vehicles. They virtually tore their bodies from the ice, leaving clothing and sometimes flesh embedded in the ice. We never got over visualizing these episodes after we heard about them.

Meanwhile, the 92nd was at Fairchild A.F.B. in Spokane, Washington. Shortly after the Chinese intervention, as it was called, many of us airmen had our records screened for a new mission. Those of us who passed were to be trained for the position of Electric Gunners on B-36 aircraft. This was a giant modified bomber carrying a 16-man crew. The training manuals and instructions were all dated April 1951.

I was told to fill out a form, which I did, giving power of attorney to my mother. (I still have that form from the notary public, State of Washington.) I completed my last course of electrical gunnery school at Rapid City Air Force Base in Weaver, South Dakota. I returned to Fairchild A.F.B., where for the first time I saw a B-36 bomber. The fuselage was 162 feet long, the wing span was 230 feet, and it had 6 4360 pusher type piston and 4 J47 jet engines. It had a range of 10,000 miles, and could travel at 435 mph.

There were 16 M24 20mm cannon mounted in 8 computerized retractable turrets. The tail gun used an APG 36 radar sight

that would lock on target at 1500 yards. Each gun had 650 rounds of 20mm ammo, 8 bunks—2 forward and 6 aft—and a small galley. It could stay aloft 24 hours without refueling. There hasn't been a bomber that large to this day. It could reach an altitude of 45,700 feet.

My position was right upper aft gunner. If a problem appeared in the electrical or electronic system, the flight engineer would contact me by interphone, explain and direct me to the source of the problem, and have me resolve it while in flight. I would then leave my gunner's position in the aft pressurized compartment, enter the bomb bay, walk to the entrance of the wing, unsnap my chest chute, and place it on the catwalk. I would then enter the wing and go to the source of the problem, which in one case was a 208 volt AC alternator that was out of phase, and resolve the problem. The malfunctioning alternator could have prevented us from aborting a mission and insuring the proper voltage to operate all the electrical and electronic equipment, including the 16 20mm cannon.

When the problem was resolved and adjusted properly, the engineer would say over the intercom, "Nail it." I also did well in my gunnery practice, which was 90% scorable, thanks to the thyatron (tube) controller which computed the parallax angle** from the gun sight to the target to the guns. It would not compute for breakaways, only on approaching targets. I was made a member of a selected crew with a selected target; we were combat ready in early 1952.

I remember studying my Gunner's Manual (which I still have) in all my spare time. I knew my job by heart. Nothing could or would distract me from my job or responsibility.

I couldn't wait for payback time to arrive. We could carry 86,000 pounds of conventional bombs, from 500-pounders to 2 monstrous 43,000-pounders. Each 22mm cannon had 650 rounds of ammo. There wasn't an airman who I talked to who didn't accept or acknowledge the fact that our missions were one way.

At the end of our mission, since there was no landing strip that could accommodate a B-36, we had to bail out or crash land—which was very similar to what happened in the World War II "30 seconds over Tokyo" mission.

While we were awaiting orders, we were given a packet on our mission containing, among other items, a small compass you could swallow, 2 gold coins (universal means of exchange), secret information known only to us and our rescuers, and sidearms. Later, we were given a pamphlet containing English and Russian words and phrases.

We were given our targets by word of mouth; there was nothing official. They were not in North Korea. I found out later there was a concern that the Korean War was a diversion for a Communist attack on Western Europe. It sounded farfetched to me even then. I was very disappointed when I heard this information. I mulled over this for a while then decided to put in for a transfer to the 98th Bomb Group, which was still in the process

** The angular shift, called the parallax, is one angle of a triangle and the distance between the two vantage points is one side of the triangle. Basic trigonometric relations between the lengths of the sides of a triangle and its angles are used to calculate the lengths of all of the sides of the triangle. This method is called trigonometric parallax. Modern surveyors use this method to measure great distances, so the method is sometimes called "the surveyor's method."

If the American government is concerned about the cost of the medal, think of what it cost the South Korean government and its people who awarded us the South Korean Presidential Unit Citation in 2001. They really showed us how grateful they were.

of bombing North Korea. I often wondered, if the Korean War was considered a diversion for a Communist attack on Western Europe, would it be considered an act of war?

Also, our practice of circling the Bering Sea while returning from training missions from Alaska was somewhat influential in ending the Korean War, since we were being picked up on Russian radar.

Well, my transfer to the 98th Bomb Group didn't materialize—but neither did World War III.

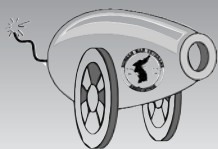
After I was honorably discharged on September 9th, 1953, U.S. casualties were 54,000 dead and 8,220 MIAs presumed dead, bringing the total to 62,220, not including U.N. forces and South Korean troops. That number remained in effect, and the Korean War was put on the back burner. Then, after the Vietnam War, the casualty list went from 54,000 dead to 37,000 and 17,000 were for non-combat deaths. The Korean War was the first and only war sanctioned by the United Nations, hence the U.N. Medal.

It was the first war that used all jet aircraft in dog fights, and it was the last war that had more than 5 aerial gunners. I also thought the war planes, weapons and many military personnel, in the form of reserves and re-enlistees, were left over from World War II. It was a very bloody and brutal war for all branches of the American military forces and their allies.

Fortunately, the cease fire has held since 1953. Thanks to America—again—our allies, and the Republic of South Korea, the war was won and South Korea is free to this day. I see no reason that a Korean War Victory Medal shouldn't be awarded to the Korean War veterans; they deserve it. If the American government is concerned about the cost of the medal, think of what it cost the South Korean government and its people who awarded us the South Korean Presidential Unit Citation in 2001. They really showed us how grateful they were. It is too bad the U.S. doesn't feel the same way. Something should be done for the Korean veterans.

Put them on the front burner again before they fade away and are nothing but a dimly recalled memory, a footnote of a time when the cold war burned hot.

*Reach Anthony Granato at 200 Grannis Street
East Haven CT 06512, (203) 469-5182*



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.

We cannot do it alone

I am a member of virtually all the national veterans' organizations, and I receive all their publications. The Graybeards is by far the best of all veterans' magazines.

All the departments are well managed, the stories from fellow vets are interesting and exciting, and the photos sent in by members bring back many poignant memories. The "Tell America" photos and stories, as well as Chapter news, bring us all up to date.

Being a news junkie, where but in The Graybeards could I learn that in Kaesong, South Korean companies employ both North and South Korean workers totaling more than eighteen thousand working together side by side? I also learned about "KORUS," the third largest free trade area in the world. I did not know of those facts from the countless news sources to which I watch, listen and read.

Thank you for keeping us informed.

Thomas G. Hannon, 4721 Mount Vernon Drive,
Bradenton, FL 34210 941, (941) 795-5061

EDITOR'S NOTE: Normally, modesty prevents us from publishing letters like this (even though we never tire of reading them). However, since we don't do it often enough, we should use this letter as a springboard to thank our many contributors.

As I have mentioned on many occasions, The Graybeards' staff comprises two people, the editor and Mrs. Editor. Most of the information we print in the magazine comes from contributors who believe it will be of interest to KWVA. That is how we learn of Kaesong, KORUS, and other interesting items of concern regarding Korea. Mr. Hannon has provided us with the impetus to thank everybody who contributes, and invites more people to join them. Thanks—and keep the information coming.

Let's fade away in dignity

Is not the KWVA nearing its twilight years? What memory do we wish to leave?

We should focus on the perpetual care of our memorial in Washington, DC, close our doors, and fade away in dignity.

Sherman S. Dantzler,
shermansdantzler@bellsouth.net

Bad review of a review

The review and evaluation of David Halberstam's work, "The Coldest Winter," was negative and offered no encouragement for veterans to read the book. It even complains that the book is too

long, too many pages. I say, if a reader requires brevity then he should read the COMIC page, not a history of war nor any part thereof.

The review says that Halberstam's views of leaders of the day are biased, but every Korean War history book gives much the same evaluations, except for official writers such as Col. Roy Appleman, who could hardly have been entirely candid about his superiors.

A positive review and encouragement for veterans to read history for themselves would have been better. I have read and kept copies of about every book on the Korean War on my shelves for reference, and none are better than "The Coldest Winter" by David Halberstam. I've worked with veterans by letter, e-mails, and reunions for years and can say that few of us know enough about that war or the times to ignore this great book.

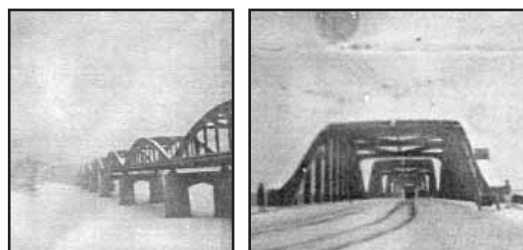
A check of amazon.com does not reveal the title of a personal account or a history of the Korean War by the review writer. Will somebody help me on this?

After Art Sharp's treatment of "The Coldest Winter," I don't feel quite so bad about his dismissal of my own book, "At Mama-san House," as fiction.

Joe Christopher, PO00569,
Japan 1948-50, Korea 1950-51

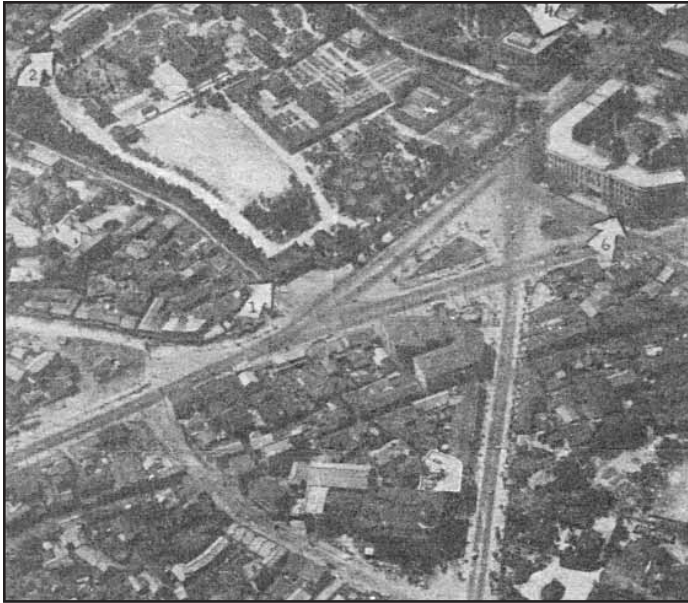
Mystery Photos

In the September-October issue, under the caption "More Mystery Photos (p. 71)," the first picture in the series of three is of the Han River Bridge on the main thoroughfare south of Seoul to Yong Dung Po and Inchon. The second picture in the series looks like the main Seoul Railroad Station identified in an earlier edition. I don't have a clue for the next.



The Han River Bridge

I copied a couple photographs from my album. I only have poor pictures of the Han River Bridge, taken during the winter period of 1947-48. They are the two smaller ones at the lower right on the enclosed page. Due to the rapid advance of the North Korean forces, the South Korean Military prematurely blew up this bridge in the early hours of June 28, stranding the bulk of



Air view of Seoul

their Army, supplies and transport north of the Han River, If I am



Post card that looks like it was photographed from the roof of the Seoul City Hall facing south.

not mistaken, it also got the nick name of “the Rubber Bridge” during the war. That is because during the daylight hours the Air Force would bomb the bridge causing damage. During the night the North Koreans would rapidly repair it.

The other pictures on my enclosed copy I find interesting; I thought you would also. The “Air View of Seoul” was cut from an 8th Army periodical published sometime in 1948. The picture directly under it is a Korean post card that looks like it was photographed from the roof of the Seoul City Hall facing south.

The pictures in the upper right were taken on South Mountain (Nam San). The Japanese had a Shinto Shrine built at the top. The view is from the bottom of the stairway leading up to the shrine. The Torii (stone gate) pictured had a duplicate at the top entrance to the Shrine. The time line would be about the summer of 1947 (I think). The picture directly under it shows what the Koreans thought of the Japanese Shinto Shrine.

The stone gates were torn down sometime during the winter of 1947-48 (again—I think). Some people who served in Korea after the war knew about the steps but not that it was built by the



Stairway leading up to Shinto Shrine (left with stone gate at bottom of stairs (below)

Japanese as a Shinto Shrine.

I find the magazine very informative and interesting. I served in the Korean occupation (1946-49) and again in the war years (1950-51). Keep up the good work.

Joseph V. Newland,
675 Sandy Avenue
Angola, NY 14006



It may have been a House of Worship

Here is a picture of the “Mystery Building” on the right in the three mystery photos mentioned above. I took it sometime in 1952. As for what type of building, I have no idea. It may be (or have been) a House of Worship.

Domenick Carrero, 525 Westminster Road
Wenonah, NJ 08090-1444
(856) 468-1097 (538th Ordnance Co., 8th Army)



Was this building a House of Worship?

The Missing Clock

Of the three “mystery photos” at the top of page 61 in the Sept/Oct 2007 issue, the center photo, I believe, is the bombed-out railroad station in downtown Seoul. I have a color slide which I took sometime between Nov. ’51 and Nov. ’52. More likely closer to May, ’52.

At that time, someone told me that was the station with the clock missing from the round opening in the center of the building. As far as I know, the information I am giving you is correct.

I was at Quijonbu, Korea at the 3rd LAS, I Corp.

John Barclay, ebarclay1@verizon.net

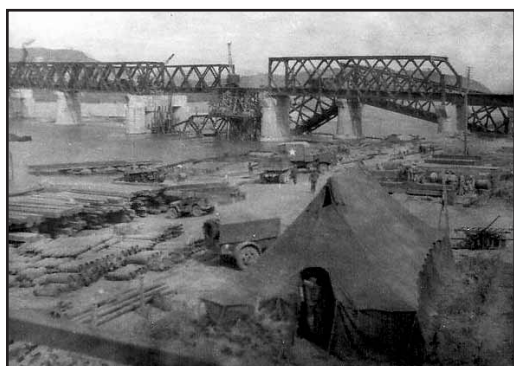
It was easy to wash the windows

Re your article on the railroad station in Seoul, here is a picture of the railroad station in September, 1950 and also a picture of the bridge over the river in September, 1950.

You will note that there are no windows in the main part of the railroad station.

J. Tilford Jones, 25th Division

35th Regiment, George Co., tilj@flash.net



ABOVE: The Seoul railroad station (email)

LEFT: Ice “floes” under the Han River bridge

Riding on the Globemaster

I just checked out the responses in The Graybeards to the “mystery photos.” The building in Seoul was a familiar sight for people shortly after entering Seoul from the west, on the extension of MSR #2—correctly placed on the left from this direction by one of the contributors. We knew it as the RTO Building (RTO: Railroad Terminal Office.) I have pictures of it, but by now you must have enough of them. As for the Globe-Master (C-124), let me quote from my autobiography:

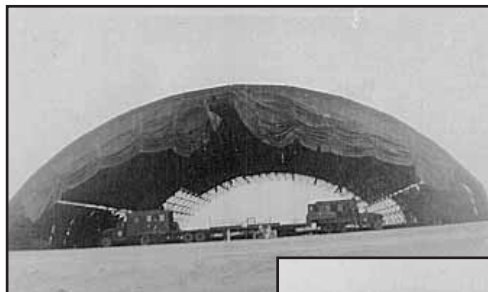
At K-16 [Kimp'o Airfield, just north of Inchon] a “Globe-Master” swallowed its cargo of men through hinged jaws below the cockpit. DeBlasi and Claypool flew sideways on OD [olive drab] canvas seats running parallel to the sides of the ship. Peep-hole windows told the eyes only that the monster was in motion, as its four grinding motors hauled some two hundred R&R candidates to Tokyo. From Tachikawa airfield the weary lambs were transported to

Camp Drake by bus caravan. After “early chow” – it was one in the morning—they slept in Building 405. It was a gray Friday morning ...with the threat of rain. Who knew that the ‘rainy season’ was in progress [in Japan]?

Anthony J. DeBlasi, tonyjdb@psouth.net

Whatever happened to the 822nd Engineering Aviation Battalion? (p 74, Sept.-Oct., 2007)

When I left Korea in October 1953, the 822nd Engineering Aviation Battalion was alive and well. Co. C was still working hard to maintain the F-84 Airbase, Taegue, Korea. We had just finished building a huge Butler hangar, which was big enough to handle a bomber. When I moved to Delaware I heard the name Butler again. Our church was also a Butler building.



LEFT: A Butler building at Taegue

BELOW: An F-84 on ptp (metal plank)



The 822nd did it all. We built water towers, Quonset huts, poured concrete, laid psp (metal plank for runways), and anything else the Air Force wanted.

We were attached to the 5th Air Force. We were Army in every sense of the word, but under the command of the Air Force. We even had airmen who lived and worked with us everyday.

Our camp was not on the airbase, but just outside of the base. If you have watched “MASH” on television, you have seen the tents we lived in.

I don't think there is much written about the F-84. This was truly the workhorse of the Korean War. They took off everyday with two 500-pound bombs to be dropped on the enemy up north.

I am sure the pilots who flew these planes could tell us some interesting stories. I watched one land on his belly when we had ten inches of snow on the ground. Neatest landing I've ever seen.

Harry E. Dice, Jr., 12 Winchester Drive
Ocean View, DE 19970

The importance of Air Observers in Korea

Most of your articles relate to ground troops. I see very little about Army Aviation. Consequently, I am sending a few pictures taken during my time in Korea. (A good reference book would be *40th Division—Army Aviation in Korea*, by Hugh Ketchum.)

During the period I served in Korea (Jan 1952 – July 1952), I submit that the most damage inflicted on our enemy was by artillery fire adjusted by Air Observers. We were in a stagnant position, with both sides dug in along roughly the 38th Parallel. Infantry, and armor activities were spasmodic, with no major



Gayle, Saunders, and Pierson, who just finished their missions or enlistments, waiting to be picked up for transport to rear area



Al Gayle during a 2002 return trip at the site of his unit's old air strip



The air strip at which Pierson served in Korea

pushes. We would "see-saw" back and forth during that period, but nothing major happened.

Air observation could engage targets deep in enemy territory that would be in defilade from ground observation points.

David R. Pierson, 4 Lariat Lane, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274, (310) 377-3031. He served with 40 Inf. Div., 143 FA Bn., AVN

EDITOR'S NOTE: We reviewed Mr. Ketchum's book in the March/April 2006 issue, p. 26. People who tried to order the book reported that they were unable to reach the author or access the publisher. We are not sure if the difficulty was ever resolved. Unfortunately, Mr. Ketchum passed away on November 8, 2006, and a December 17, 2007 search on the web for copies of the book was fruitless.



LEFT: Brozaka and Pierson standing by L-19 airplane in Korea



RIGHT: Hill 1062 near Kumwah, Korea. Black spots are artillery rounds. This was a very unfriendly area to fly over, and we never did take this hill.



Movie star Bette Davis visited our air strip in January 1952

Hampel Brothers Met in Korea

Two brothers from Elkhart, IN, Paul and Jerry Hampel, met in Munsan-ni in Korea sometime around July of 1951. Their father kept track of their whereabouts and informed them that they were only fifty miles apart.

Paul was in the 84th Engineer Construction Bn., Co A. Jerry was with the 4th Airborne Ranger Co.

Paul can be contacted at pmhampel@sbcglobal.net or (574) 679-4844, in Elkhart. Jerry is at jhamp32@mchsi.com or (260) 927-0020, in Auburn, IN.



Paul (L) and Jerry (R) Hampel meet in Korea

"Banana Boat" experience

This is a response to September-October issue of *The Graybeards* article by Tony Kondysar, "My Memories of the Korean War" (p. 16).

I was glad to find out that I wasn't the only one to make the

trip home on a “banana boat.” I left Inchon In October of ’53; eleven days later we arrived at Honolulu, Hawaii, then took the Panama Canal to the Atlantic Ocean, diverted to Colombia (South America), went up to Puerto Rico, and on to New York Harbor. I disembarked the morning of November 11, 1953 after 33 days on the water.

Shouldn’t I have gotten Navy pay for this?

Robert E. Shelton, cshelton37663@yahoo.com

EDITOR’S NOTE: Again I have sad news to pass along. Mr. Kondysar passed away shortly after his story appeared in The Graybeards.

The “Long Way” home

In the Sept/Oct issue (p. 16), Tony Kondysar wondered if his 1953 trip home from Korea to New York via the Panama Canal was unique. It may have been going in that direction, but two years before, on March 29, 1951, the 45th Division, all 18,000 of us, went the other way from New Orleans to Hokkaido, Japan.

That was a 28-day journey. We, too, made a beer stop, same as Tony, at Rodman Naval Station on the Pacific side of the Canal. The rest of the trip was uneventful, with good weather, good food, enough on-board activities, and a rousing initiation into the Domain of the Golden Dragon when we crossed the International Date Line.

Our landing, on 25 April 25 in Otaru, Hokkaido, couldn’t come soon enough.

Chet Harvey, 10701 N. La Reserve Drive, Apt. 352,
Tucson, AZ 85737-9178 (Cpl., 45th QM Co., 5th ID)

Mystery Photo

Thurman Ramey, who served in Korea from 5 Dec. 1951 to 15 Sept. 1952 with Co. E., 180th Inf., 45th Inf. Div., sent us this photo. He suggested that it might be a familiar sight to “many of us heading to the MLR.”



A train to...somewhere

Does anyone know where the “sight” was located, how it got there, etc?

Reach Ramey at 8733 Whittaker Rd., Ypsilanti, MI 48197, (734) 484-0327

Korean War Memorials & Monuments Around the Country & the World

We received this request for information from Jake Simonitsch:

I wish to compliment the organization with the stable operation that has been experienced these last few years—especially this periodical *The Graybeards*. A question: does the organization attempt to identify the Korean War monuments, etc., that exist anywhere?

The reason I ask is that there is a monument on the campus of the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS. This was sponsored by a Korean KU alumnus and designed by a Korean artist.

Jake M Simonitsch, (816) 350-7881

The answer is “Yes.” There is a section on our website, www.kwva.org, that includes several monuments and memorials. It is far from complete, though. In fact, only 34 states are represented. And, we seriously doubt that any of the states included contains a complete list of monuments within its borders. (See the list below) Perhaps we can put together a more complete collection of monuments and memorials.

Here is the write-up on the website:

We are looking for more pictures from each State as well as Korean War Memorials in existence anywhere in the world. If you have scanned pictures in JPG format, or pictures from a Digital Camera, please email them to webmaster@kwva.org

Please include information as to location, any history or “story” of this memorial, and/or a brief write-up discussing and explaining details of this memorial in your email. If you have pictures you would like to mail for scanning, please e-mail the Webmaster for mailing instructions.

Most of the photos included in this group came from Marty O’Brien, past president of KWVA Corporal Clair Goodblood Chapter, Maine. He allowed the use of these photos for web publication. Marty collected most of the pictures through requests in earlier editions of *The Graybeards*. Thank you, Marty, for your diligent efforts and support!

Webmaster Note: For now the photo collections are not matching the new web design... that will happen as soon as possible... In the meantime you may have to hit your “Back” button to return to this links page after viewing.

So, here is a list as of January 17, 2008. With your help, we can expand it considerably. Incidentally, when you see the notation NBP after a location, it means we need a better picture. In some cases, all we have is a copy of a newspaper clipping or magazine article.

UNITED STATES

National Memorial, Washington, DC

Arizona: Ajo, Phoenix

California: Cathedral City, Santa Nella, Sonora

Colorado: Colorado Springs

Connecticut: Danbury, Waterbury

Delaware: Wilmington

Florida: Pinellas Park, Tallahassee, West Palm Beach

Georgia: Atlanta, Augusta

Hawaii: Honolulu

Idaho: Boise (NBP)

Continued on page 72

Reunion Calendar 2008

To post your Reunion Dates, send your information to Reunion Editor, The Graybeards, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT, or by email to sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net. The preferred format is: Unit, Date, Place, Point of Contact (POC). Provide as much POC info as possible, e.g., name, address, phone #, email address. Many of our readers do not use email, so contact information is important. Entries are posted on a "first come, first served basis" as space allows. The KWVA is not responsible for the accuracy of the entries, nor is inclusion guaranteed. Just a suggestion: do not use *The Graybeards* as the only means of publicizing your reunion. Occasionally, reunion notices cross in the mail or get misdirected, technical glitches interfere with publication, etc. Therefore, it is a wise idea to have an alternative method of publicizing your reunion.

MARCH

USS Cowell (DD-547), all crews, 26-30 March, Greenville, SC. POC: L. D. Salley, 19 Auburn Street, Greenville, SC 29609-4043, (864) 268-3365, lsalley2@bellsouth.net

APRIL

L Co., 21st Inf. Regt., 24th Inf. Div., 23-27 April, Baton Rouge, LA, Holiday Inn South. POC: George Vlasic, 279 Ravennaside Dr. NW, Calabash, NC 28467, (910) 287-5618, geonanvlasic@atmc.net

19th and 34th Infantry, 25-27 Apr., Pigeon Forge, TN, Holiday Inn Express. POC: Bob Taylor, 302 Thunder Road, Brevard, NC 28712-7740, (828) 884-9593, bobnjoan@citcom.net.

40th Div., 223rd Inf. Regt., 27-30 April, Las Vegas, NV, Hilton Hotel. POC: Norman Hackler, 5302 Olympia Fields Lane, Houston, TX 77069-3326, (281) 444-5279, Norm@Hackler.US

USS Ault (DD 698) 30 April - 4 May 4, Branson, MO. POC: Scott McLean, (651) 253-3068, 3279 Upper 75th St. East, Inver Grove Hgts., MN 55076, enscmclean@aol.com

MAY

722nd M.P. Bn., All, 1-3 May, Columbus, OH. POC: Bill McDonald, 10009 Mulberry Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453, (708) 422-3892, wlmac@comcast.net

2nd Infantry Division, Korean War Veterans Alliance (2ID-KWVA), 1-4 May, Covington, KY (Greater Cincinnati area). POC: Ralph M. Hockley, (713) 334-0271, FAX: (713) 334-0272, rmh-2id-kwva@earthlink.net

73rd Tank Bn. & 73rd Armor, US Army, 1-5 May, St Louis, MO. POC: Curtis Banker, 73rd Tankers Assn., 44 Westcott Rd., Schuyler Falls, NY 12985-1940, (518) 643-2302, dmbanker-curtis@northnet.org

"D" Company, 223rd Inf. Regt., 40th Division (members who served with the company during 1951 & 1952), 4-7 May, Reno, NV, Circus-Circus Hotel. POC: Keith Maggini, 2970 Spring View Ln., Placerville, CA 95667-3225, (530) 295-1257, kmaggini@hotmail.com

USS Soley (DD-707), 12-18 May, Plymouth, MA. POC: Eugene Blum, 6749 San Benito Way, Buena Park, CA 90620-3741, (714) 527-4925, eblum3@juno.com, or www.usssoley.org.

8th Cavalry Regiment Association, 15-18 May, Branson, MO. POC: Margaret J. Sharples, 738 Aspen Rd., White Haven, PA 18661, (570) 443-0889, angel836@pa.metrocast.net (If you email, please put "REUNION" in SUBJECT LINE.)

67th Tac Recon Wing, 18-21 May, Rapid City, SD. POC: DeWayne Hayes, P.O. Box 806, Sturgis, SD 57785, (605) 347-3007, dhayes@rushmore.com

JUNE

728 M.P. Bn., (All veterans, Korea War to date), 26-29 June, Oklahoma City, OK. POC: Tony Anallo, 829 N. Arnold, Moore, OK 73160, (405) 794-7906

KMAG, 27-29 June, Minneapolis, MN. POC: Joe Domagala 17705 County Road 24, Plymouth, Minnesota, 55447, iidomagala@aol.com. NOTE: We are also looking for a KMAG Officer willing to attend and give a 20-30 minute speech on Saturday to the attendees.

369th EASR (all officers and enlisted men), 27-29 June, St. Cloud, MN. POC: Don Putney, 721 E. Ripley Street, Litchfield, MN 55355, (320) 693-3959, dardonp4@hotmail.com

AUGUST

USS Cavalier [APA-37], 10-14 Aug., Tacoma, WA, King Oscar Motel & Conv. Ctr. [1-888-254-KING — Advise Cavalier Reunion]. POC: Ed Kimble, (775) 751-0213, Tom Wolder (417) 345-0082, or Ralph Hall, (630) 879-5909. Website: http://www.microburmbi.net/index_0.html

25th Infantry Division Assn. (Tropic Lightning), 10-16 August, Orlando, FL. POC: Glenda Ellis, PO Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031-0007, (215) 248-5250 (fax), tropiclttn@aol.com

USS Forrest B. Royal [DD-872], 19-22 June, Lombard, IL. POC: Ron Larsen, 1240 Franklin Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494-2807, (715) 423-8905, mosbyusn@wctc.net

Chosin Few International Reunion, 20-24 Aug., Crystal City, VA. POC: Ed King, (410) 766-2797, ELKChosin@aol.com

SEPTEMBER

6th—150th Helicopter Co., 4-7 Sept., Westmont IL (suburb of Chicago). POC: Dolores Ryan, (708) 499-4599, gramstoy32@msn.com

8th Cavalry Regiment/10th Infantry Division, Basic Trainees, 5-7 Sept., Branson, MO, September 5-7, 2008. (Specifically Fort Riley Basic Training Companies HHC 1 Bn., 85th Inf., and Item Company, 87th Inf. Rgmt., Dec '53-Jan '54. Also George Company, 86th Inf Rgmt., Feb-April '54 and 8th Cav Rgmt., May '54-Nov '56, of Camp Crawford, Hokkaido and Camp Whittington, Honshu, Japan. POC: Steve Bosma, 7109 Via Portada, San Jose, CA 95135, (408) 270-1319.

VS-931, VS-20, & USS Sicily (CVE-118) Joint Reunion (U.S. Navy), 28 Sept.-1 Oct., Reno, NV. POC: J. Robert Wagner, 2996 Runnymede Drive, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462-7179 (Ph), (610) 277-4374 (Fax), bobwagner@msn.com

G-3-1 Korea Association (open to any who served with George Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st MarDiv., 15 September 1950 – 15 March 1955), 28 Sept. – 3 Oct., Dana Point Marina Inn, Dana Point, CA. POC: J. R. "Bob" Camarillo, (805) 647-9319, retired2x@sbcglobal.net

USS Meredith [DD890, 726, 434], 30 Sept.- 5 Oct., Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky. POC: Harry Wrede, 377 Conklintown Road, Ringwood, NJ 07456, (973) 839-0332, hlwcaw@aol.com

OCTOBER

ASA KOREA (Army Security Agency), 2-5 Oct., (All ASA soldiers who served during Korean War and after), Charlotte, NC. POC: Don Adair, 9800 Sao Paulo Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078, (704) 399-2200, don-adair@bellsouth.net

92nd AFA Bn., 26-29 Oct., Killeen TX. POC: Guy McMenemy, (281) 469 2819, bravecannons@sbcglobal.net

NATIONAL SUMMER MEETING OF UFVA

The National Summer Meeting of the United Female Veterans of America, Inc. will be held at the St. Louis Marriott West Hotel in St Louis, Missouri, 26-29 June 2008. We are looking forward to seeing women from across America attending this event. We are inviting all women who have and are serving in the Armed Forces (Army/Air Force/Marines/Navy/Coast Guard - Reserve and National Guard) to attend this First Annual Meeting of the United Female Veterans of America, Inc. You do not have to be a member of the organization to attend! For more information about the organization, contact Wanda L. Story at (410) 272-5040 or at OkieGirlMD@aol.com. Or, access the organization's website at www.ufva.us

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 = \$16.00

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: (_____) _____ Year of Birth: _____

Email _____

Chapter Number/Name (if applicable) # _____

All Regular members please provide the following information if applicable

Unit(s) to which Assigned

Division _____

Regiment _____

Battalion _____

Company _____

Other _____

Branch of Service

☐ Army

☐ Air Force

☐ Navy

☐ Marines

☐ 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 on next page.]

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 07/25/2007

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 previous page.

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 OR who served outside of Korea from June 25, 1950 to Jan 31, 1955 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.

WEBSITE: www.kwva.org

Adopted 10/25/2007



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

- ★ MALCOLM W. AKRIDGE
- ★ ELWOOD LEON HOGAN
- ★ JAMES L. SHACKELFORD

ARKANSAS

- ★ WILMER LYNDEL EDWARDS
- ★ DEAN J. LINDEMANN

ARIZONA

- ★ FRANKLIN J. OLIVER

CALIFORNIA

- ★ PAUL BERNARD FERREIRA
- ★ DAVE A. HARRIS
- ★ FLOYD L. HAYES
- ★ STEPHEN PINGRIN
- ★ GEORGE TAKAGI

CONNECTICUT

- ★ ROBERT A. GRANATO
- ★ WILLIAM M. HAWKES JR.
- ★ JOSEPH R.C. LEMAY

DELAWARE

- ★ A. EDWARD LASKARIS
- ★ DONALD W. MAXWELL

FLORIDA

- ★ BRUCE BENNETT
- ★ NANCY J. CROSBY
- ★ MARTIN N. FERWERDA
- ★ G. BROOKS GUSEMAN
- ★ HARVEY PERLSTEIN

GEORGIA

- ★ JOE ANASTASIS
- ★ MARTIN R. GRUBER JR.
- ★ JASON HOFFMAN
- ★ PHILLIP MARSDEN

IOWA

- ★ JAMES L. RIGGINS

ILLINOIS

- ★ JOHN W. JOHNSTON
- ★ LAWRENCE POPP

INDIANA

- ★ HOUSTON JONES
- ★ CARROLL E. LOVE
- ★ EDWARD R. SHEEDY

KANSAS

- ★ HAROLD MANN

MASSACHUSETTS

- ★ MICHAEL CAROSELLA
- ★ EDWARD J. COLLINS
- ★ EUGENE P. 'GENE' TINORY

MARYLAND

- ★ C. NORRIS HARRISON
- ★ PAUL G. KIEL
- ★ WILLIAM K. 'BUD' WAHLHAUPTER
- ★ ROBERT NICHOLAS ZAZA

MAINE

- ★ GEORGE W. FAIRFIELD JR.

MICHIGAN

- ★ MARION FRANK BALE
- ★ JOHN DUPUIS
- ★ GEORGE M. MCMANN

MINNESOTA

- ★ JOHN F. MAHLING
- ★ RICHARD L. PARROTT
- ★ ALFRED J. SCHOENTHALER
- ★ VAUGHN E. TIDEMAND
- ★ ROBERT J. BUSCH

MISSOURI

- ★ MARILYN J. FOUNTAIN
- ★ VIRGINIA G. LUCAS
- ★ ARTHUR M. RANDALL

NORTH CAROLINA

- ★ BOBBY L. 'BOB' TAYLOR

NEW JERSEY

- ★ DR. BONG HAK HYUN M.D.
- ★ WILLIAM J. REU

NEW YORK

- ★ LOUIS T. CAPUANO
- ★ WILLIAM J. GAIDO
- ★ RAYMOND F. 'RAY' GOODBURLET
- ★ ANTHONY J. KONDYSAR
- ★ LOUIS E. LEFEVRE SR.
- ★ JOSEPH B. LOWE
- ★ HERBERT J. MASON
- ★ JOHN C. SCLAFANI

- ★ GEORGE F. TRAINOR

OHIO

- ★ CLARENCE A. CAMP
- ★ ROBERT A. JARRETT
- ★ CHARLES C. JONES
- ★ JAMES L. KAY
- ★ JOSEPH C. KLINGLER
- ★ STAN POLASKY
- ★ PHILLIP P. SCHWEIGERT
- ★ RICHARD A. SMINK
- ★ JACK E. YETTER SR.

OKLAHOMA

- ★ JOE H. BROWN

PENNSYLVANIA

- ★ JOHN R. DOYLE
- ★ RUDOLPH ANTONIO GORNATI
- ★ LESLIE S. JOHNSON

TENNESSEE

- ★ LON V. BOYD

TEXAS

- ★ ELDON R. ALEXANDER
- ★ HARVEY DANNHAUS
- ★ DWAYNE R. STECK

WEST VIRGINIA

- ★ EDWARD L. SHIVES

WYOMING

- ★ DUANE S. EDMONDS
- ★ HOWARD M. SMITH

MEMORIALS from page 68

Illinois: Quincy (NBP), Springfield

Indiana: Fort Wayne, Marion

Iowa: Des Moines (NBP)

Kansas: Overland Park, Wichita

Louisiana: Metairie, Pineville

Maine: Bangor

Maryland: Baltimore

Massachusetts: Boston, Dedham, Haverhill, Marshfield, Middleborough, North Attleborough, Pittsfield, Templeton, Worcester

Michigan: Sterling Heights, Berrien County (NBP)

Minnesota: Mankato (NBP), Rochester (NBP), Winona (NBP)

Missouri: Forest Park, St. Clair, Bourbon, Lake of the Ozarks, Jefferson City, Hillsboro, Washington

Montana: Missoula

New Jersey: Atlantic City, Bayonne

New York: Albany, Auburn, Buffalo, Hudson County, New York City (Battery Park), Penfield, Suffolk County, Syracuse, Troy, Westbury (Long Island)

Nevada: Carson City

Ohio: Dayton

Oregon: Portland, Salem, Wilsonville

Pennsylvania: Ellittsburg, Lebanon, Philadelphia, York

Rhode Island: Exeter

South Carolina: Columbia

South Dakota: Pierre

Tennessee: Nashville (Bridge & Memorial)

Texas: Austin, Harlingen, Killeen

Virginia: Hampton

Wisconsin: Plover

INTERNATIONAL

Belgium: Brussels

France: Paris

Korea: Osan, Seoul, UN Memorial Cemetery

Military Order Of The Purple Heart Refutes ABC News Report

Springfield, VA.—"ABC unfairly branded the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) with an 'F' stamped across my photo on national television," said Henry Cook, National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. "The American public was shocked that a non-profit veteran's service organization would spend money on itself rather than wounded troops."

"It was all a huge error!" Cook said. "The Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation, not the veteran's service organization known as the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), is the organization spending funds on things other than providing services to veterans. Things like a half million dollars to a museum that later employed the daughter of a Service Foundation board member, excessive executive salaries; a high priced, black tie retirement party for an executive that was re-hired at the same salary, a super bowl-type retirement ring costing thousands of dollars. All of this paid for with dollars donated for the combat wounded warrior, their widows and orphans."

Cook related how the Foundation is responsible for raising funds through donations and gives MOPH an annual grant to use for operations and payroll. "But this year the amount of money needed to accomplish all our programs and projects has been drastically cut."

Cook continued to outline some of the gross expenditures made by the Foundation on items he considered outlandish. "ABC's Brian Ross is going to air the real story. Both myself and the National Adjutant, Joe Palagyi, were interviewed by ABC and asked to verify some of the questionable expenditures. We set the record straight!"

"The media has stolen our valor," Joe Palagyi told ABC. Palagyi is responsible for managing the day to day operations and the annual budget for the MOPH. "They took away our honor and the pride that our 40,000 members hold so dear. They tarnished the Purple Heart. We couldn't let that happen without responding."

ABC's Brian Ross asked if the Service

Foundation's Executive Director Dick Esau would appear on camera to relate his side of the story. "I asked him, but he declined. In fact, he warned me not to talk to the media," Cook stated.

"I want America to watch the ABC News story to be aired soon. Only then will the American public understand how MOPH strives to help the combat wounded and their families. We work hard to make life a little better for those who have shed their blood on the world's battlefields."

The MOPH consists of about 40,000 combat wounded veterans from all wars. As a service organization, they provide comfort and support and fill the void that is created when the VA or military help is stretched thin. Their members serve as volunteers, without pay in providing assistance to veterans and their families.

Families are given travel expenses to visit loved ones in military hospitals.

Backpacks filled with comfort items are given to wounded as they leave Iraq or Afghanistan military medical facilities. Weekly visits are made to patients in Walter Reed Army Hospital, Bethesda Naval Hospital and Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. In each case, patients are asked to tell MOPH members what they need to make life a little better and MOPH members work hard around the nation to do just that.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART
National Headquarters
5413-B Backlick Road
Springfield, VA 22151
703-642-5360 Fax: 703-642-1841



KWVA salutes James Nicholson



Bob Banker (L) presents plaque to James Nicholson (R)

KWVA National Director Bob Banker represented the Association on the occasion of a September 25, 2007 retirement function for outgoing Department of

Veterans Affairs Secretary James Nicholson.

He presented a plaque to Secretary Nicholson on behalf of the Association.



Recon Missions

Harry Bell/Hank Meersman

Donald L. Rathbun, originally from Fremont, OH, is looking for two men from Detroit, Harry Bell and Hank Meersman. The three served together in E Co., 31st Inf. Rgmt., 7th Div. Their photos below were taken near Chun Chon, Korea, in 1952.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the two men, please contact Mr. Rathbun at 124 Sonya Drive, Cocoa, FL 32926-8760, (321) 433-8246.



LEFT: Sfc. Donald ("Don") L. Rathbun
BELOW: (L-R) Harry Bell, Bob Beck (Fremont, OH), Hank Meersman



Kiyomi Minena

The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office is looking for any information regarding PVT Kiyomi Minena, RA 10736334. PVT Minena deployed to South Korea as a member of I Company, 34th Infantry Regiment in July 1950. Official records are unclear as to what happened to PVT Minena on or about 28 August 1950.

Please call Herb Artola at 703-699-1228 or email "george.artola@osd.mil" if you have any information about PVT Minena. Thank you.

George "Herb" Artola, DPMO, Northeast Asia Division, (703) 699-1228, george.artola@osd.mil

Bar to the WWII AAF Technician badge

I need a BAR only to the WW2 AAF Technician badge. It is the PHOTO Lab. Tech. bar. I want it to complete my WW2 and Korean War display.

I will pay for the BAR, or I will trade for shoulder patches, etc.

Jerry Keohane, 15 Hidalgo Lane
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

Recognize these shields?

If anyone recognizes either (or both) of these shields, please contact me. Also, I would like to get in touch with Kenneth Cordon (Chanute, KS), Mack Owens (Brandon, MS), and Al Nataro (Western Massachusetts Chapter).

Thanks for any help you can give me.

Russell W. Ballard, P. O. Box 549
Ellington, CT 06029-0549



Recognize these shields?

Members of 7th Div., 31st Inf. Regt., HQHQ Radio Squad (1952-53)

I've been trying to find some members of my squad, 7th Div., 31st Inf. Regt., HQHQ Radio Squad (1952-53), but I have hit a wall.

I do have a blurred copy of the "Morning Report." Unfortunately, the true names of my squad do not come to my mind. We used sobriquets, e.g., "Tulsa," "Kansas," etc. After fifty years, it is hard to remember them—or their real names.

I have been lucky, though. I have found a few men by sheer luck. Sadly, some were already dead. I have been going to Korean veterans and 31st Regt. reunions expecting to bump into some members of my squad. So far, no luck.

Hopefully, some of our members may give me some guidance on how to direct my search.

Raul F. Salinas, 8027 S. Zarzambra St., Apt. G1
San Antonio, TX 78224

B/1/1 veterans: Korea 21 Sept. 1950

I have been requested by Colonel Len Hayes, USMC (Ret) to assist in locating any Marine or Corpsman who served with B/1/1 in Korea on Sep 21, 1950. On that date the 1st Bn., 1st Marines was involved in the attack on Yongdong-po.

B Company attacked over a series of dikes outside the town and the western part of Yongdong-po, and suffered heavy casualties. One Platoon Leader, Lt Connor Hollingsworth, was severely wounded. Many people stated previously that he should be awarded an award for his heroic conduct during this engagement with the enemy.

After the Seoul engagement, the Company Commander, Captain Bland, was transferred to Wpns Co. LtCol Bland, USMC (Ret) recently passed away. Prior to passing, he sent an email to Lt Col Marvin D. Gardner, USMC (Ret), highly recommending 1stLt Hollingsworth for an award. The Awards Board at HQMC refused to accept this unsigned Personal Award Recommendation submitted by the former Company Commander, now deceased.

LtCol Gardner's recommendation was considered acceptable to the Awards Board, but we need one additional, signed and notarized statement from another Marine or Corpsman who witnessed 1stLt Hollingsworth's heroic actions during that engagement.

Captain Hollingsworth was medically separated from the USMC on Nov 1, 1950. He is being recommended for the Bronze Star Medal w/v, and we have been informed that he is not expected to live. Those who knew him would like to see him receive this award before he passes away.

1stLt Hollingsworth was the Platoon Leader of the 3rd Platoon of B/1/1. Anyone having witnessed the heroic actions by the lieutenant is asked to contact Colonel Hayes, business manager of the 1st Marine Division Assn. LtGen Dick Carey, USMC (Ret) is also working on this award.

Colonel Hayes may be reached by calling (760) 967-8561/62 (Office) or (760) 712- 7088 (Cell). Time is of the essence.

Don Greenlaw, Captain, USMC (Ret)

Yale historian/Marine seeks Korean War vets to tell their stories

My name is Major Aaron O'Connell, USMCR, and I am a PhD Candidate in History at Yale University. I am writing my dissertation on the experiences of Marines and their families in the Korean War and afterwards. I am focusing specifically on the challenges for vets and their families after the war, and I am hoping to write specifically about vets with brain injuries which, as you may know, are the most common and lasting wound of our current war in Iraq.

Most military historians write accounts of battles and politics. My dissertation talks about the long-term effects of war, i.e., the ways the war follows us home, either through injury or struggle. For that reason, I am most interested in talking with Korean War Marines or their families who found that the war presented challenges for them after the fighting ended. The type of challenges may vary. They can be physical, emotional, or even familial.

Since brain injury is such a major part of our current war in Iraq, I would like very much to talk to vets or families of vets who suffered brain injuries in the Marine Corps, but this is not a "deal breaker." I'm happy to talk to anyone: veterans, brothers, sisters, friends and even children of vets who served in Korea.

If you or your family members have letters or diaries from that time period, that would be the most helpful, since historians need written primary sources for evidence. I am a Marine myself, and am not interested in "digging dirt" or making victims of our veter-

ans. I only want to do honor to their service by telling the whole story, which didn't end on 27 July 1953, when the armistice was signed.

I know we have all been conditioned not to talk about the war, but I firmly believe that telling your story can help the young Marines now dealing with the aftermath of war to see that they are not alone.

Many thanks for your help. To reach me, I do have a mailing address here in Washington DC, where I live: Aaron B. O'Connell, 924 N St NW, Apt 1, Washington DC 20001. Email is the best method of contact, aaron.oconnell@yale.edu, but Marines may contact me by phone, which will help avoid a lot of mailing and time delays for some. My phone is (203) 641-5125.

Welcome To Deer Lodge

Deer Lodge is a small town surrounded by mountains in western Montana. Its only historical significance is a once-upon-a-time Territorial Prison. Its stony walls once held a lesser member of Butch Cassidy's Hole in the Wall Gang. Today, the prison is a museum, but Deer Lodge played a small, and for one soldier of old, a lasting memory.

Back in February of ought-five I printed a letter from Clyde Corsaro of Liverpool, New York. He was aboard a troop train in the pipeline to Korea. Four or five cars were cut off the tail of a regular passenger train in Deer Lodge. Clyde never forgot the hospitality of the citizens of Deer Lodge and went to a lot of trouble to contact the present day citizens.

He had no luck until he received an answer from a lady he knows only as Sue at the Kohrs Memorial Library. She found that the *Silver State Post* had printed Clyde's, by many years belated, letter of thanks on 25 January of this year. She also sent the *Post's* original story dated 10 April 1953. Here are excerpts.

TROOP TRAIN STOPS TO ALLOW SOLDIERS TO ATTEND CHURCH More Than 150 Army Men Leave Train To Attend Easter Services

...the soldiers were met by the Rev. Edward F. Moran, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and Frank J. McCormick. Father Moran said at least 80 Catholic boys marched in formation to his church to take part in mass, and about 50 took holy communion. Two of the servicemen served the mass.

John Mardis, pastor of the Methodist church, led about 40 men to a duplicate service of the one held in the morning. Mr. Mardis prefaced his sermon with a brief description of Deer Lodge and its claim to fame, the discovery of gold at nearby Cold Creek. The pastor preached the same sermon. Coyne G. Burnett, accompanied by Mrs. Erma Bagley, sang the same solo. A happy thought – two of the women removed the bouquets of Jonquils which had been used as decorations during both services and handed one to each soldier as he left the church.

The troop train was on its way from a Connecticut army camp to Fort Lewis, Washington.

Source: *The Skinny*, CID 176's newsletter, October 2006.



Temple outbuilding immediately at NE base of Hill 342, which runs up to the upper left

and 7 months, at Hill 342. It looks so insignificant, almost like a geophysical afterthought, something left over after the cataclysmic upheavals that created the more formidable mountains a few kilometers further north. They hovered over Hill 342 in much the same way a bully threatens the defenseless. Then, as now, the mountains dominate your view and the foothills look almost like an afterthought.

And yet, it was not so in February 1951, for those formidable mountains were barriers to movement of an attacking CCF army funneling into the valleys and lower ridgelines emanating therefrom. It was along these ridge lines and the encompassed valley through which the main road from Hohensong to Wonju ran that made Hill 342 so critical. For it was the dominant piece of terrain controlling the last possible defensive barrier protecting the Hohensong/Wonju road and the open plains around Wonju and the major road and rail networks emanating therefrom.

Hill 342 and its companion parallel ridgeline hills of similar elevation along the Chipyongni/Wonju railroad were all that stood between the Chinese (CCF) and their strategic goal of taking Wonju. And, by so doing, they would have achieved a breakthrough and the ability to enfilade the UN lines and exposing UN rear areas that were undefended.

Thus Hill 342, otherwise so insignificant that you'd not even notice it, became a place whose soil turned red with the spilled blood of American and Chinese soldiery who fought for it over a three-day period.

Why? When the battle for Wonju began the CCF committed the 39th, 40th, and 42nd PLA Armies and the NK II and V Corps to take Wonju. The U.S. X Corps' MLR was anchored on the left at Chipyongni and on the right adjoining the ROK III Corps.

The then MLR was almost 15 miles north of Wonju. The CCF



Our escort (LtCol Yung) and me at the Temple grounds. NE slope of Hill 342 is behind me.

encircled and swarmed around X Corps positions at Chipyongni and Hohensong held by 23rd and 38th Inf. They broke through the ROK III Corps, causing it to withdraw to positions south and east of Wonju. However, the 23rd held Chipyongni, though encircled and cut off.

The 38th lost Hohensong and exfiltrated back to the ridgelines overlooking Wonju, where it was reorganized and took positions to the left of the 187th, which by then had taken these foothills from the CCF to the left and right of the Hohensong/Wonju road.

Leaving forces to contain the bypassed Chipyongni position, the CCF poured troops down the minor ridge lines and the Chipyongni/Wonju railroad cut and Hohensong/Wonju major road leading to Wonju. Simultaneously, the ROK III Corps was pushed back to positions well south and east of Wonju. In less than two days, the CCF offensive was in sight of Wonju.



Trail from Temple to NE base of Hill 342 on left. When you get to the tree line, that's it! Can't go any farther, as it is all overgrown with thorn bushes. The slope is almost at a 45 degree angle.



LEFT: The old Monk (85 years of age) sounding the Temple drum in our honor. RIGHT: The huge Bronze Bell at the Temple. The monk let us strike it and the sound was deafening.

The ROK III Corps and U.S. X Corps were in danger of being enveloped.

Hill 342 was a key position, for it commanded the slopes and road/trails running south into the Wonju plains area. And, from Hill 342, observed artillery fire could be directed at Wonju and the road/rail network contiguous to Wonju. It also was a direct line leading to the Wonju plain and U.S. X Corps rear areas. The CCF, no less adept at that kind of warfare, knew the significance of Hill 342. They took and fortified it on 11 Feb. They committed a reinforced company to hold it, and later, battalion after battalion, to try and retake it! They didn't!

All that remained between the CCF and Wonju was the 187th and remnants of the 38th. Our arrival at the LOD was delayed by events beyond our control, and there was no alternative except to make a night attack. Time allowed no other alternatives. K/3/187 took Hill 342 that fateful night of 13/14 Feb and held it! That involved hand-to-hand fighting to eject the CCF from the intervening Hills 340 and 341 and finally the crest of 342.

Within the space of a half hour of securing the hill, the Chinese began a series of counterattacks that extended over a period of 24 hours. The result: the only CCF on Hill 342 left after that were their dead and the seriously wounded!

Was 342 worth the price paid? Did it matter? Yes! For during those three days, the Chinese were bottled up and still kept feeding men into the narrow passes from which they could not egress. That concentrated their forces in the narrow defile that was the Hohesong/Wonju road. More than 20,000+ were backed up in a few kilometer stretch. They got caught there and they became decimated by concentrated air and artillery bombardment. That, coupled with their losses trying to 'punch the cork out of the bottle' on Hill 342 and others, caused their offensive to fail. Had it not, their strategic objective was Taegu, and ultimately Pusan!

I didn't get to the top of Hill 342. In retrospect, perhaps it is the way it should be. It may be best that the worst of the past remain in the past. God is kind for He enables us to remember, but still mute, that which is the most traumatic of the past and, instead, relive that which was the most dramatic of the past. It is only those who have 'been there and done that' who will understand that which I say, and of that which I have written!

As we drove away from Wonju, I took one more last look at Hill 342—I won't go there again—but I'll never forget the brave troopers who made it a memorial to KING Company, 187th ARCT! I had the privilege to command them then—heroic airborne soldiers!

It seems so long ago, yet so near to mind! (Editor/author's Footnote: When RAKKASAN and historian J. D. Coleman was writing his epic book, "WONJU," he talked at length with me and other RAKKASANS about that fateful period in February 1951. I suggested to him that an appropriate subtitle for his book would be, "The Chinese Gettysburg!" That's what it was! And, in my mind, Hill 342 was "Little Roundtop.")

Prior to Wonju, the Chinese still believed they could defeat us in Korea. After Wonju they knew the best they could get was a negotiated stalemate. And, as it is so often in war, it comes down to a turning point where even a rifle company can make a difference! There is nothing that can equal the determination of an American airborne infantry rifle company that decides nothing and no one is going to take from it that which it gave so much to take! The better part of a CCF regiment found that out the hard way on Hill 342! And the CCF found that out at Wonju!

For me, the blood my brave troopers shed on Hill 342 has not dried, nor have the faces of those who died there faded from view! KING Company fought many battles in Korea—Hill 342 was its finest hour! NE DESIT VIRTUS!

(A final note: I would be remiss if I allowed those who read this to come away with the impression that I'm honoring just KING Company. There were other similar hills and other rifle companies of the 187th, and our artillery counterparts that 'did their thing' those three days. All were equally brave and all share in the victory that Wonju became.

But, I hope I can be forgiven the pride I have in what KING Company did—for Hill 342 was the pivotal point of the battle—the cork in the bottle!

NOTE: This article appeared originally in the Airborne Quarterly, Winter 2007, p. 57. It is reprinted here with the kind permission of author Bill Weber.



Don't want you to think my visit to Korea was all nostalgia. While I was there, the Koreans were celebrating a FESTIVAL OF LOVE! The photo is proof—I should be so lucky!!!!

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

Phone: 703-212-0695

c/o MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS

Fax: 703-212-8567

4600 Duke Street, Suite 420

E-mail: mht@miltours.com

Alexandria, VA 22304-2517

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.

From Our Chaplain...

Dear friends,

"I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Ettiene De Grellet

I am convinced that there are some experiences that we simply must pass on to others who we think may benefit from our experiences. Last week I had a telephone conversation with one of the case workers employed at the military records center at St. Louis, Missouri. He informed me that the records from my Army service (1948-1952) were destroyed in the fire at the records center in the early 1970's.

I joined the USAF in Feb. 1952, and the only records they have of my Army service is that which was entered in my records when I entered the USAF. They did, however, have copies of my Army DD-214 that I had submitted to them. I am in the process of sending them copies of all Army records that I have maintained all these years.

Not all records were destroyed in the fire, and the people at the record center did a remarkable job of retrieving and preserving whatever records they could. For example, I requested records on one of my uncles who served in the army with General Patton in Africa and Italy. I

received all his records from the folks at St. Louis. The records were complete, but the edges of the pages were charred where the fire almost got them.

My recommendation would be that each KWVA member who served before the fire check with the folks at St. Louis and determine if any of your records were destroyed. If they were, and you have copies of DD 214 or any other records of service, that you send a copy to St. Louis for their files. One never knows when some family member may go looking for your personal history.

Another thing that the folks at St. Louis will do for you is replace medals, awards, and decorations. They will do this at no cost to you. All you have to do is complete a Standard Form-180. You can upload the form through this website address: www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/standard-form-180.html

Or, you can write to National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132. This service is available to any veteran or to any direct descendant of a veteran.

I hope that this information proves as helpful to you as it has been to me and my family.

My wish for each of you for 2008 is contentment, fellowship and blessings on you and your family.

Chaplain Ruffing

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 22857, Alexandria, VA 22304-9285



RODRIGUEZ LIVE FIRE COMPLEX, Republic of Korea – Lance Cpl. Micah D. Haan patrols in the snow during convoy training here, March 10. The Marines and sailors of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit’s command element participated in pre-deployment training throughout the month of March to prepare for potential calls to action. Haan is a communication signals collection/manual morse operator/analyst with the MEU.

Source: www.usmc.mil. Photo by Cpl. Lionel J. Flores, 31st MEU

**Korean War Veterans Association
Membership Executive Assistant
PO Box 22857
Alexandria, VA 22304-9285
Address Service Requested**

NON-PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
QUINCY, FL
PERMIT NO. 866