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# From the President

William Mac Swain

Reminder: on October 24, 2009 we will start our three-day Annual Membership

Meeting at the Westin Hotel in Irving, TX. The membership will look at some Bylaw changes to ratify, and other required business will be brought up.

If you can stay an extra day to visit the area attractions, we will visit the new Cowboy Stadium that was constructed at a cost of over \$1.2 billion. Instead of having to stay an extra day between meeting times, which forces an extra day cost, because of the pinch on dollars for most families and the losses many have had on their retirement funds, the committee decided to leave the decision up to the membership to stay an extra day to sightsee or leave for home.

I am happy to report to the membership that our audit by the IRS has resulted in our being cleared of any problems. And, we have also been restored to deductibility status after the IRS dropped us for no known reason or informed us that we no longer met the requirement as a deductible 501(c)19 Veterans Organization. That is all a moot point now, since we also were restored to a deductible status during the audit. It did take almost seven months to resolve that problem.

I also wish to remind all our members that the Korean War Revisit Program continues—and those who had returned some 10 years ago are now eligible to go again. I made the trip back with the June 21, 2009 group and it was a very good experience. I was made an Honorary Member of the Korean Veterans Association of Korea, and also took part in the ceremonies the Koreans have when they commemorate the beginning of the Korean War on 6/25/1950. That also allowed me to represent the United States Armed Forces in honoring those from all the nations who came to the aid of Korea, and who died and are buried in the Korean National Cemetery. That was an honor

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for me to do.

I was also able to “Thank” the Korean veterans and their families for their abilities to take the freedom gained and become a great nation, which has repaid all their fellow UN veterans many times over. They have done so with their continuing gratitude even to this date. I also had the opportunity to meet His Excellency Lee, Myung-Bak, the President of the Republic of Korea, and his lovely wife.

For those who voted in our last election, you have elected some very capable Directors. I look forward to their service as representatives of the membership. Also, you need to know that two of our previously elected Directors have had to resign for health problems and I wish to publicly say we will miss the services of Leo D. Agnew and Thomas S. Edwards. I hope that their health does not deteriorate any further.

Director Agnew had two (2) years and Director Edwards had one (1) year left on their three (3) year terms. Both were

replaced per the Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual and approved by the Board of Directors at the July 25, 2009 called Board meeting.

You can see who was selected to replace both Directors in this copy of *The Graybeards* in the listing of officers on the inside cover page.

60th Commemorative Committees in all nations are now planning and coordinating what will be done for this 60th Commemoration of the War Beginning and Armistice Signing. Plans by both the 60th Commemorative Committees in the United States and Korea will be ongoing, so we have started our plans early on for the KWVA, Inc. Annual Membership Meeting for 2010 in Washington, D.C. Our Revisit Program Staff is also looking at plans in Korea, so we might take part in both committee plans as more information becomes available.

*William Mac Swain,  
KWVA President*

## KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Work has begun on your 2009 Korean War Veterans Association Membership Directory. As a preliminary action Harris has sent out an email to all of the members who have an email address on file in our data base. Attached to that email is a profile questionnaire which you are asked to complete and return to Harris. You are also asked to send two pictures.

**This is not a scam. Harris is an authorized contractor for the KWVA and their security is guaranteed.** Later on, you will receive a card asking you to call and verify your information, make changes, etc, and indicate whether or not you want to purchase the directory. There will also be a personalized “Tribute Print” available for purchase. More details will be forthcoming.

You are not required to purchase anything. That is entirely your decision, but your profile information will still appear in the directory. Please call me at (863) 859-1384 or email me at fcohee@kwva.org if you have any questions.

*Frank Cohee, National Secretary, KWVA*

COVER: Members of CID 20, Hawaii #1, carry wreath at the June 25th Korean War Memorial Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.



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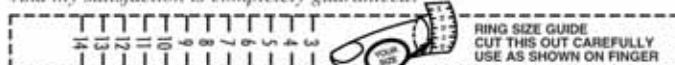
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## Win, lose or draw: does it matter?©

*"I don't know what happened. All I know is that we were winning the war when I left."* That's an old joke about a soldier who left Vietnam, Korea, Iraq (fill in the blank) and learned when he got home that we actually lost—or at best, tied—the war. But, does the outcome matter? The true outcome of a war is not who won or who lost. It's who gained the most. And that is not always known immediately. The Korean War is a perfect example.

We hear arguments frequently about whether "we" won or lost the war. In the case of the Korean War, South Korea emerged as a solid world citizen regardless of who "won." North Korea did not. Does that mean it lost? History suggests that it did. But how many North Koreans will admit that they lost the war?

Let's face it: it's hard for many people to accept losing. That is true in tennis matches, tiddlywinks contests, card games, goldfish fighting tournaments—and war. But, there are ties in these competitive endeavors occasionally. Sometimes ties are good. Again, ask the South Koreans and some of the people who survived other wars.

Look at World War II. There were definite winners and losers. The U.S., Britain, and their allies were acknowledged as winners. The Japanese and Germans were losers. But, were they? Look at their economies today. They are pretty strong. At least they are both invited to G-8 meetings. North Korea is not. They may have been the losers in a world war that ended 65 years ago, but they emerged victorious in the long run—and most of the world still has good economic and political relationships with both countries.

Vietnam was a different story. Did anyone actually win that war? Granted, we pulled out early, took our toys, and went home. Some people suggest that was the first war we ever lost. Did we actually lose the war, or did we simply cut our losses? There is a difference. The war has been over for close to forty years, and the U.S. and Vietnam are getting along with one

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another economically. To be sure, the two countries may never be as close as the U.S. and Canada or the U.S. and Britain, but at least we trade with one another.

Vietnam was our 38th largest goods trading partner with \$15.7 billion in total (two ways) goods trade during 2008. Goods exports totaled \$2.8 billion; Goods imports totaled \$12.9 billion. The U.S. goods trade deficit with Vietnam was \$10.1 billion in 2008. Vietnam was the United States' 50th largest goods export market in 2008. Both countries are benefiting from one another. So, in the final analysis, did anyone actually lose the war? The legacy of the war suggests that there was no winner and no loser.

The same is true of the Korean War. The issue of who won or who lost is moot. Yeah, the fighting ended 56 years ago with no clear-cut winner, and it could flare up again at any time. But, the facts suggest that South Korea came out of the war in much better shape than North Korea.

South Korea's economy is the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th...strongest in the world, depending on what statistics we believe. The good people of South Korea keep showering their allies with thanks in a variety of ways, e.g., government-sponsored revisits, church dinners for KWVA members, medals bestowed on veterans....What has North Korea done for anyone lately—including their own people?

We have had enough time to assess the

legacies of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. We know who won and who lost without trying to figure out who actually won and who actually lost. That is not true in our ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is too early to tell who is winning or who is losing, or if we are playing for a tie. We will not know for eons what the true outcomes of those wars will be.

Will the Iraqis and/or Afghanis be thanking Americans 40 or 50 years down the road? Or will that road still be strewn with IEDs? Most likely none of us will be around to find out, unless we find Ponce de Leon's "Fountain of Youth" in our export and import trade with Japan. Germany, Vietnam, South Korea, Iraq, etc. The legacy of those wars won't be known for decades. But, we do know who won the Korean War—even if some people have their doubts about the ultimate outcome.

Hey, there were only three possible outcomes to the wars mentioned above: win, lose, or tie. The "good guys" did not lose. And, the only tie involved is the close ties between the South Koreans and the UN troops who saved them from defeat. North Korea's legacy does not involve any of them—and its economy is not exactly robust.

Who won the Korean War? Who lost? I am sure anyone who is reading this can figure that out!

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## 2009 Annual Association Membership Meeting

The 2009 Annual Association Membership Meeting will take place with arrival on Saturday, October 24th. Sunday, the 25th, includes the Memorial Service, Board Meeting, Ladies Meeting and shopping. Monday, 26th will be the Membership Meeting and Banquet.

If you wish to look over the DFW area, you may remain an extra day or two at the same room rate. The 2009 Convention will be held October 24-26, 2009 in Irving, TX. See page 50 for registration information.



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Occasionally we receive questions regarding requirements for cover photos for our magazine. Our staff asked the publisher what he needs. Here is what he told us.

I am always pleased to get images at the proper dots per inch (dpi) resolution (at least 266 dpi--300 dpi preferred). However, if they are to be considered as cover material, they must be shot as portrait images (height greater than width) with a clear area at top, i.e., "sky," to allow for the magazine banner.

Landscape images (width greater than height) do not lend themselves to a magazine cover, because as height is increased to fit (11.25"), the width also increases to the point that subjects are forced off the page.

Unfortunately, many photographers set their cameras to produce "quantity rather than quality" images. The result is images that look good on a monitor (or printed out on an inkjet printer). Such photos have to be reduced in size considerably if used in a magazine. (Remember, dots closer together equals higher resolution).

Low resolution images must be reduced to be viewable in *The Graybeards*, which explains why some of our photos look like postage stamps in the magazine. A photographer can probably shoot 30-40 images at the low resolution, whereas he would only be able to shoot 12-15 if camera was set up to take "highest quality" rather than "greatest number."

The bottom line is this: the higher the quality of the photo, the better are the chances that it is "cover worthy." So, if possible, check the properties of your photos. If they are not at least 1 megabyte (MB) in size, or 266 - 300 dpi, they will not be suitable for our cover—and over 2MB or 3 MB is better.

### 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
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Nov-Dec .....	Nov 15

## The KWVA Members Directory

By Frank Cohee

Since the directory has drawn so much attention, both pro and con, I thought a detailed explanation might alleviate most of your concerns.

Most important, at the General Membership Meeting in Norfolk in October of last year, the General Membership approved a project for the printing of a Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) Directory. This approval, and some summary information about the project, was in the minutes printed in the Nov-Dec 2008 *Graybeards*. (I need to make a point here: not one comment was received that this was either a good idea or a bad idea.)

It was explained that this would involve releasing our data base of members' information to the company that would prepare the directory with its assurance that the privacy of the members' information would be secure and only available to the Korean War veterans who participated in the project. The directory would be prepared at no cost to the KWVA, which would benefit in several ways.

First, the company would send emails to all the email addresses recorded in our data base and include as an attachment a profile questionnaire to be completed by the recipient and returned to the company. Without going into a lot of detail, we would be able to purge our email data base, e.g., remove invalid addresses, add email addresses not in the data base, etc. A card would then be sent not only to the email addresses but to every member asking them to call and either verify the information already provided or to provide their original information for the profile questionnaire.

I will admit that this was not very clear, but that was the intent. I digitally signed the card for the company as evidence that this was not a scam. Obviously, my signature did not mean much based on the number of calls that have been received to verify that this was not a scam. Unfortunately, the

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# Report on Korean War Veterans National Museum

**O**n March 5th I visited Rantoul, IL, where the present site of the museum is located. I was unable to make contact with anyone.

On March 6th I visited the Springfield, IL site to seek some information. What I learned may or may not be true. The site in Springfield has a store front where people can buy souvenirs. I asked the clerk if she knows anything about what was happening with the museum building. She said she heard that the Rantoul site will close in the near future, and all the materials will be moved to the store front operation, for it is a large building.

The clerk also stated that someone—and she did not know who—has donated the \$40 million for the museum construction. That should take place by the year 2010.

I took the nearby pictures while I was there. I hope they will help you understand what is happening.

In addition to the above, I have written to some of the officers of the museum, but I have not heard from any of them since I was appointed in January 2009.

Hershall E. Lee  
KWVA Liaison to  
Museums/Libraries  
212 Kentucky Avenue  
Danville, IL

*EDITOR'S NOTE: To read about the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new museum exhibit, access the 26 June 2009 article by Blake Toppmeyer in the Springfield [IL] State Journal-Register: <http://www.sj-r.com/homepage/x488815300/Korean-War-Museum-opens-exhibit-on-Old-Capitol-Plaza>*



The goods inside the KWNV gift shop as of 6 March 2009.



The Korean War Veterans National Museum (KWNV) site, 303 N. 5th St., Springfield, IL



The gift shop at the KWNV is open—at least for now



"Window dressing"—the sign inside the KWNV gift shop



# Call for Membership Meeting

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# Ask the Secretary



**Frank Cohee**

In response to my articles in the May-June issue, I received two phone calls offering to help me in locating people or providing requesters with information on how to get their records even if they were allegedly destroyed in the 1973 fire. I say "allegedly," because I have been informed that a lot of those records that were supposedly destroyed were only scorched and are still readable.

Member Robert Rudolph informed me that if a Korean veteran lives in a state that paid a bonus, they had to submit their discharge papers to that state in order to receive the bonus and those records are on file in that state. He specifically stated that was the case in Michigan. The contact there is Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, 3425 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Lansing MI 48906.

Member John Mallon, of Omaha, NE, commented that he has been involved in this type of thing for many years and that there are many sources outside of the records center to get information, like the school system and many others. I definitely will be contacting John for help on future requests.

I received a request from Stanley Kennedy, Department Vice Commander of the American Legion. He was looking for a certificate that could be presented to Korean veterans acknowledging their service in Korea. Fortunately, I had such a certificate. Our webmaster, Jim Doppelhammer, was able to locate the source and I provided that information to Stan.

Troy Howard, Commander of CID 223, asked when veterans can wear their old military uniform for certain events. He knew that it is appropriate on Veterans Day, but are there any other times veterans can wear their uniforms? Here is my response to Howard: you can wear it to any military-sponsored event and any other event that is recognizing the military or in Memorial Day, 4th of July, or any other related military

parades. Those are the legitimate times.

Personally, I wear mine whenever I feel it is appropriate, e.g., at Chapter/Department meetings, Tell America presentations, at schools, etc. I have never been challenged.

Here is something a little different: how many of you remember Al Jolson, one of the greatest in entertaining our troops, along with the great Bob Hope? I do, but what I do not remember is where I saw him in Korea-Pusan, Masan or Teague? Maybe you do. If so you may want to respond to the following request:

**All Veterans of Korea!**

**We Need You!**

**Do You Remember That Great Entertainer, Al Jolson?**

Al performed before thousands of servicemen and women during your time of service. Jolson appeared in September 1950 at Tokyo, Yokohama, Pusan, Chinhae, Masan, Miryang, Taegu, Kyonsong, Fukuoka, Osaka, Kobe, Kyoto, and a final show in Hawaii.

The International Al Jolson Society, [www.jolson.org](http://www.jolson.org), is seeking contact with vets who saw Jolson entertain in any of the many shows he did. If these soldiers would write about their experiences, or perhaps tape record their precious memories, The Jolson Society would publish these accounts and share them as part of a special Jolson Service Project. Any photos of these historical shows would be greatly appreciated, too. This would be a wonderful way to honor our brave vets and to honor the memory of an entertainment legend who worked tirelessly in three wars to ease our soldiers' burdens and bring them a few hours of laughter, tears, and sweet musical memories.

Interested veterans and their families are urged to contact Mr. Kirk Estee, of The International Al Jolson Society, at [esteek@cox.net](mailto:esteek@cox.net) if they wish to contribute their respective stories/memories. He will ensure that all accounts will be lovingly reported. Any direct mailings can be addressed to: Kirk Estee, 13617 Shirley Street, Omaha, NE 68144, (402) 616-0460.

## USS Winston (AKA-94)

This is Winston's Korean War history. Additional information about the ship can be found at <http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/w10/winston.htm>. Source: the *Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*.



The *USS Winston* (AKA-94) was laid down on 10 July 1944 at Kearny, N.J., by the Federal Shipbuilding & Drydock Co. under a Maritime Commission contract (MC hull 216); launched on 30 November 1944; sponsored by Mrs. Benjamin Fairless; delivered to the Navy on 18 January 1945; and commissioned at the New York Navy Yard on 19 January 1945, Comdr. Morgan C. Wheyland, USNR, in command.

[In 1950] For the next seven months,

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Winston made training voyages out of Norfolk and conducted amphibious exercises with Marines embarked. However, the eruption of hostilities in the Far East late in June 1950—when communist North Korea invaded South Korea—took the attack cargo ship back to the Orient.

On 14 August, *Winston* stood out of Hampton Roads, bound—via the Panama Canal and the California coast—for the western Pacific. She transited the canal on the 19th and arrived in San Diego on the 27th.

On 1 September, the ship embarked upon a non-stop voyage to Kobe, Japan, which she reached on the 16th. After two days at Kobe, *Winston* continued her voyage to the combat zone off the

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# Legislative Affairs

by Ed Buckman, National Legislative Director

Our Federal Charter is now official. We thought you might like a look at it. And, we thank President Mac Swain. The acquisition of the KWVA's Charter was due in large part to his determination and follow-up.



PUBLIC LAW 110-254—JUNE 30, 2008

122 STAT. 2419

Public Law 110-254  
110th Congress

## An Act

To grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

June 30, 2008  
[S. 1692]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

### SECTION 1. GRANT OF FEDERAL CHARTER TO KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED.

(a) GRANT OF CHARTER.—Part B of subtitle II of title 36, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the following:

36 USC 130101.

“CHAPTER 1201—[RESERVED]”;

and  
(2) by inserting after chapter 1103 the following new chapter:

36 USC 120101.

### “CHAPTER 1201—KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

“Sec.

“120101. Organization.

“120102. Purposes.

“120103. Membership.

“120104. Governing body.

“120105. Powers.

“120106. Restrictions.

“120107. Tax-exempt status required as condition of charter.

“120108. Records and inspection.

“120109. Service of process.

“120110. Liability for acts of officers and agents.

“120111. Annual report.

“120112. Definition.

### “§ 120101. Organization

“(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated (in this chapter, the ‘corporation’), a nonprofit organization that meets the requirements for a veterans service organization under section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and that is organized under the laws of the State of New York, is a federally chartered corporation.

“(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with the provisions of this chapter, the charter granted by subsection (a) shall expire.

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“(e) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of New York.

### “§ 120107. Tax-exempt status required as condition of charter

“If the corporation fails to maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the charter granted under this chapter shall terminate.

### “§ 120108. Records and inspection

“(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

“(1) correct and complete records of account;

“(2) minutes of the proceedings of the members, board of directors, and committees of the corporation having any of the authority of the board of directors of the corporation; and

“(3) at the principal office of the corporation, a record of the names and addresses of the members of the corporation entitled to vote on matters relating to the corporation.

“(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote on any matter relating to the corporation, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

### “§ 120109. Service of process

“The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent is notice to or service on the corporation.

### “§ 120110. Liability for acts of officers and agents

“The corporation is liable for any act of any officer or agent of the corporation acting within the scope of the authority of the corporation.

### “§ 120111. Annual report

“The corporation shall submit to Congress an annual report on the activities of the corporation during the preceding fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101(b) of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

### “§ 120112. Definition

“For purposes of this chapter, the term ‘State’ includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The item relating to chapter 1201 in the table of chapters at the beginning of subtitle II of title 36, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

36 USC 10101.

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### “§ 120102. Purposes

“The purposes of the corporation are those provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and shall include the following:

“(1) To organize as a veterans service organization in order to maintain a continuing interest in the welfare of veterans of the Korean War, and rehabilitation of the disabled veterans of the Korean War to include all that served during active hostilities and subsequently in defense of the Republic of Korea, and their families.

“(2) To establish facilities for the assistance of all veterans and to represent them in their claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs and other organizations without charge.

“(3) To perpetuate and preserve the comradeship and friendships born on the field of battle and nurtured by the common experience of service to the United States during the time of war and peace.

“(4) To honor the memory of the men and women who gave their lives so that the United States and the world might be free and live by the creation of living memorial, monuments, and other forms of additional educational, cultural, and recreational facilities.

“(5) To preserve for the people of the United States and posterity of such people the great and basic truths and enduring principles upon which the United States was founded.

### “§ 120103. Membership

“Eligibility for membership in the corporation, and the rights and privileges of members of the corporation, are as provided in the bylaws of the corporation.

### “§ 120104. Governing body

“(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The composition of the board of directors of the corporation, and the responsibilities of the board, are as provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation.

“(b) OFFICERS.—The positions of officers of the corporation, and the election of the officers, are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

### “§ 120105. Powers

“The corporation has only those powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

### “§ 120106. Restrictions

“(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

“(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation, or a director or officer of the corporation as such, may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

“(c) LOAN.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee of the corporation.

“(d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval, or the authority of the United States, for any activity of the corporation.

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“1201. Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated .....

120101”.

Approved June 30, 2008.

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# Proposed Changes to the KWVA Bylaws

2009 Bylaw changes presented here were prepared by the KWVA Bylaws Committee for presentation to the Board of Directors at their July 25-26 Meeting in Arlington, Virginia. Following the two days of discussion, debate and additional changes recommended by the Board to the Committee's recommendations, the amendment to the Bylaws as presented here was voted on, resulting in a unanimous vote of approval by the Board, on July 26, 2009.

The changes were the result of the 2009 KWVA Bylaws Review Project, authorized by the Board of Directors at the 2008 Annual Membership Meeting. The Project plan was subsequently posted on the KWVA website and published in the 2008 November/December Edition of *The Graybeards*.

The entire KWVA membership was invited and encouraged to submit (and they did) their input for changes during a 90-day period from December 1, 2008 to March 1, 2009, many of which were addressed by the Bylaws Committee and included in the changes submitted to the Board.

As required by the current KWVA Bylaws, this amendment to the current Bylaws is submitted to the Membership for their approval at the 2009 Membership Meeting to be held October 24-26, 2009, in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas.

## Change criteria in the amended Bylaws are as follows:

- Unchanged text is in regular print format.
- Added text is inserted in **bold** print.
- Deleted text is in ~~striktthrough~~ print.
- Comments are in **bold italics** in [brackets].

In some places in the document, an extensive rewrite of a section was required. In those instances, the original section was deleted with the text ~~striktthrough~~, and the revised section placed above it, in **bold** text. That way you can clearly see the difference. An appropriate comment was placed between the new and old text.

Some renumbering has been done in the Bylaws document, for both letters and numbers, because of the addition and/or deletion of paragraphs, and for consistency in format.

I thank all those Association members who chose to participate in the Project. Your input definitely influenced how we thought and acted in our deliberations and decisions.

George E. Lawhon LR18760

Director

Chairman, KWVA Bylaws Committee

## KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED CHARTER AND BYLAWS

EFFECTIVE 001 JULY 27, 1990

Amended: July 27, 1992

Amended: July 27, 1994

Amended: July 27, 1997

Amended: July 27, 2000

Amended: October 5, 2005

Amended: October 25, 2007

**Amendment approved by Board of Directors July 26, 2009**

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**2009 CHARTER**

## ARTICLE I

### PREAMBLE

*[There were no changes to either Article I or Article II of the Charter.]*

First: The name or title by which this association shall be known shall be: **KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED.**

Second: The Korean War Veterans Association is a perpetual non-profit corporation issued a Certificate of Incorporation by the State of New York.

Third: Its particular business and objectives shall be:

1. To organize, promote and maintain for benevolent and charitable purposes an Association of persons who have seen honorable service in Korea and of certain other veterans and persons, with the qualifications for membership set forth in Article I, Membership of the Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated Bylaws.
2. To grant charters to groups of members at large of the association.
3. To provide a means of contact and communication among the members of the association.
4. To promote the establishment of, and to establish war and other memorials commemorative of any person or persons who served in the Korean War.
5. To aid needy Association members and their spouses and children and the spouses and children of persons who were members at the time of their death.
6. To establish and maintain a national headquarters.
7. To do any and all things necessary or proper for the accomplishment of the foregoing business and objectives of the association, including, for such purposes, to contract and pay for personal and other services, to contract for, buy, take by deed, gift or devise, hold, possess, manage, borrow, rent, lease, loan, assign, convey, sell, and dispose of in any manner real and personal property, and to act as trustee, or be a beneficiary of a trust.

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**CHARTER**  
**ARTICLE II**  
**OFFICE**  
The corporation may establish offices, either within or without the State of New York, as the Board of Directors may determine.  
The administrative office of the corporation shall be located in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area or such other place as the Board of Directors and the President may determine. All communications shall be directed to that office.

## END OF KWVA CHARTER

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**KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BYLAWS**  
**ARTICLE I**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
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 Association~~, Department or Chapter 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, is eligible for membership if:

- a. Said service was within Korea including territorial waters and airspace at any time September 3, 1945 to Present, or
- b. Said service was outside of Korea June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955.

*[Article I, Paragraph A. Subsection 1. was rewritten (above) after deletion (below).]*

~~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 (June 25, 1950 — January 31, 1955) is eligible for membership.~~

2. **Medal of Honor.** Any KWVA Member, ~~so honored for service during the Korean War~~ who is a Medal of Honor recipient, is eligible for **free** life membership. **A signed statement of their eligibility for membership must be provided for approval.**

3. **Prisoner of War.** Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for **free** life membership. **A signed statement of their eligibility for membership must be provided for approval.**

*[The text in Subsection 4 below was deleted because enforcement of the present IRS rules of eligibility could result in a loss of our non-profit status. Present membership will not be changed.]*

~~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.~~

4. **Gold Star Parents.** Any parent whose son/daughter was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War (**June 25, 1950 to the present**) is eligible for **free** life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership must be provided for approval.

5. **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 (**June 25, 1950 to the present**) is eligible for **free** life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership must be provided for approval.

## B. Associate Members.

1. **Must not be eligible for Regular membership.**

2. 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 KWVA Charter and its Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual (hereinafter referred to as SPM), shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the Association. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership must be provided for approval.

*[Article I, Section 1, Paragraph B. was rewritten (above) after deletion(below).]*

~~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 (hereinafter referred to as the Board).

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.

## Section 2. Membership Procedures.

A. **Application.** Any person qualified for membership, as set forth above, may present a written application ~~to any member in good standing~~, on a form prepared and approved by the Board of Directors. The application shall be an agreement that said applicant will agree, abide by and conform to the Charter, Bylaws, and ~~regular procedures~~ SPM of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as Association, or KWVA). The filled out and signed Official Application Form, when accompanied with the appropriate dues ~~may be accepted by any Regular Member, Chapter, Department or National office~~ is to be sent to the Membership Office address listed on the Official Application Form, **for processing**. Other signed proof of service information, showing dates of service and relationship, may be provided for documentation listed under the various categories of membership of, 4, 5, and 6 in Section 1 above as proof for membership approval.

## B. Termination of Membership.

1. Any member of the Association may be admonished, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled or removed from any office of the Association for "Just Cause" after an appropriate hearing, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board. Charges shall be investigated by the Ethics and Grievance Committee following the guidelines and pro-

cedures in the SPM. Facts will be referred to the Board for their discipline decision. No Chapter or Department may take action for "Just Cause" against a member, but may so petition the Board to take appropriate action. However, any such petition must show that the member complained about was served with the petition before its filing with the Secretary of the Association.

2. Any dues paying member of the Association loses all rights and privileges of membership upon non-payment of annual dues by the dues-due date. A "grace period" of extended time may (or may not) be specified and defined in the SPM.

*[Article I, Section 2, Paragraph B. was rewritten (above) after deletion(below).]*

~~B. Termination of Membership.~~ Any member of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. may be admonished, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled or removed from any office of the Association for "Just Cause" after an appropriate hearing, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors. Charges shall be investigated by an Ethics and Grievance Committee following the guidelines in the Standard Procedure Manual. Facts will be referred to the Board of Directors, for their discipline decision. The Board of Directors may, without a hearing, but upon notice to the member, suspend or terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership for non-payment of dues as set forth hereinafter. No Chapter or Department may take action for "Just Cause" against a member, but may so petition the National Board of Directors. However, any such petition must show that the member complained about was served with the petition before it's filing with the National Secretary of the Association.

**C. Resignation of Membership.** Any member may resign by filing a signed written resignation with the KWVA Secretary; but said resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to return any funds, equipment or records, and pay any dues, assessments, or other charges theretofore they have accrued and left unpaid.

#### **D. Reinstatement of Membership.**

1. If the membership termination was due to simple non-payment of annual dues, then a former member will be automatically reinstated upon receipt of dues payment for at least one (1) year's renewal.
2. If the membership termination was due to the result of a disciplinary process; then upon a written request signed by the former member and filed with the Association Secretary, the Board, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, may reinstate such former member to membership on such terms as the Board may deem fit and proper. In order for the Board to properly and fairly consider the request, it should be accompanied by written justification for the reinstatement.

*[Article I, Section 2, Paragraph D was rewritten (above) after deletion(below).]*

~~D. Reinstatement.~~ Upon written request signed by a former member and filed with the Secretary, the Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, may reinstate

~~such former member to membership on such terms as the Board may deem fit and proper.~~

**E. Transfer of Membership.** Membership in this Association shall not be transferred or assigned without proper notification to the Membership Administrative Assistant, and no dues will be transferred between Chapters or Departments.

**Section 3 Dues.** The following policy becomes effective, January 1, 2010.

**A. Amount of Dues.** The payment of annual Association dues is a condition of initial and/or continuing membership in the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. This includes any Regular member of any Chapter or Department chartered by the Association, other than those listed in Article 1 A. of these Bylaws who are not required to pay dues. No Association, Department or Chapter officer shall be allowed to conduct KWVA business or attend any meeting, or represent themselves as a member unless he or she is a current Member in good standing. Each Regular or Associate Member is responsible for maintaining their individual dues current. This may be accomplished by paying these dues through their local Chapter or directly to the Association Office. It is the duty and obligation of the Association, Department or Chapter officers to verify the standing of those present at any meeting they conduct. Dues required are published on the approved Application Form for each category of membership. Medal of Honor, Prisoners of War, Gold Star Parents and Gold Star Spouses are granted Life Membership with no payment, however they may pay dues if they so desire. The Board of Directors may, with the prior approval of the membership, adjust the dues.

**B. Payment of Dues** Association dues shall be sent to the Membership Office listed on the Official Application Form, and collected by the KWVA Treasurer. All dues shall be due and payable on the day before their Anniversary date recorded by the KWVA Membership Administrative Assistant, at the time of their initial application payment. Life Membership dues may be paid in a lump sum or in six (6) equal payments over a twelve (12) month period. All dues collected by any Regular Member, Chapter or Department shall also be sent to the Membership Office.

*[Article I, Section 3 was rewritten (above) after deletion(below).]*  
~~Section 3 Dues. Amount of Dues.~~

~~A. Payment of dues is a condition of initial and/or continuing National Membership. Dues required are published on the approved Application Form for each category of membership. Medal of Honor, POW, Gold Star Parents and Gold Star Spouses are granted Life Membership with no payment, however they may pay dues if they so desire. The Board of Directors may, with the prior approval of the membership, adjust the dues.~~

~~B. Payment of Dues. National dues shall be sent to the Membership Office listed on the Official Application Form, and collected by the National Treasurer. All dues shall be due and payable on the day before their Anniversary date recorded by the Membership Administrative Assistant, at the time of their initial application payment. Life Membership may be paid in a lump sum or in six (6) equal payments over a twelve (12) month period.~~



~~ed. All dues collected by any Regular Member, Chapter or Department shall also be sent to the Membership Office.~~

## ARTICLE II OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

**Section 1. Officers.** Members eligible to vote shall, in accordance with the procedure set forth hereinafter and, prior to the KWVA Annual Association Meeting, elect ~~a National~~ **an** Association President, ~~National~~ First Vice President and ~~National~~ Second Vice President ~~whose terms of office shall each be for two years.~~

The ~~National~~ President elected in June shall recommend ~~a National~~ **an** Association Secretary and ~~a National~~ Treasurer ~~at the~~ **a** called meeting **or by 'Business Without a Meeting' (Paragraph D., below)** following the election for the new Board to confirm. Other officials shall also be recommended as listed in **Bylaws** Article III, **Section 7, Committees.** for Board approvals. No **elect**ed officer or director ~~elect~~ed by the Membership shall also serve as Secretary or Treasurer.

**Section 2. Board of Directors.** The KWVA, Inc. ~~national corporation~~ shall have a Board of Directors consisting of seventeen (17) members: five officers, (President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer), together with twelve Directors, four of whom shall be elected annually, prior to the Annual Meeting. ~~Each Director shall be elected for a three year term.~~

**A. Voting.** All votes of the Board ~~of Directors~~ shall be by simple majority, unless stated otherwise hereinafter, ~~of with~~ a quorum of at least eight (8) elected members in attendance. Only the elected twelve (12) Directors and the First and Second Vice Presidents have a Board vote – the President has a tie breaking vote only at any called meeting. In the case of a mailed ballot vote the President is allowed to vote. Appointed officials of the Board ~~of Directors, other than those appointed to fill vacant elected positions,~~ do not have a vote.

**B. Open Meeting.** Any member of the Association may attend meetings of the Board ~~of Directors~~ and, at the discretion of the Board, may be invited to address them. **Called Executive Sessions for Ethics & Grievance decisions and/or hearings are attended only by the Board, and those members invited to attend. These meetings or sessions are closed to other members of the Association because of confidentiality requirements. Refer to Article X of these Bylaws for E&G Executive Hearings.**

**C. Special Meetings.** The President or ten (10) elected members ~~of the Board of Directors~~ may call a Board meeting for one (1) purpose only, by giving two (2) weeks written notice to all members of the Board, stating the date and time, the exact location of the meeting place and the agenda of the meeting.

**D. Business Without a Meeting.** **Business 'Business Without A Meeting' of the Board** may be called for by the President or when a previous Board ~~of Directors~~ meeting motion authorizing a mail ballot has been made. Should the President not agree to a call, a majority of the voting Board ~~of Directors~~ may call for the meeting by ballot, with a signed petition to the Secretary. The Secretary shall send a ballot by Return Receipt Mail to every voting Board ~~of Directors~~ member, stating the motion(s) or

request(s), and their vote for or against. Any such action must be ratified by a quorum at the next Board ~~of Directors~~ meeting.

**Section 3. National Association Elections.** The election of the ~~National~~ President and two ~~National~~ Vice Presidents, as well as the appropriate four Directors of the Board ~~of Directors~~, shall be conducted as follows:

**A.** Each Regular member shall have a vote for all ~~national~~ **Association** officers. Each member shall cast only their own vote. Proxy voting is not permitted.

**B.** The ~~National~~ Association Secretary shall issue a call for an election, which shall be published in the **September - October** and November – December ~~Graybeards~~ **Editions of The Graybeards** for the next election year. The call for election shall state the offices, and that any qualified member may announce for said office. The call shall state the ~~Nominating Elections~~ Committee Chair's name and address, the address for collecting the submitted declarations of candidacy, all deadlines for declaring and for voting, and the procedures to be followed in filing for office. The March-April ~~Edition of the Graybeards~~ **The Graybeards** will be the ~~"election" issue~~ **'election edition.'** The ~~Nominating Elections~~ Committee shall consist of **at least three (3)** members including one **(1) voting** officer of the Board ~~of Directors~~, who shall serve as **Committee** Chairman.

**C.** Any Regular member in good standing, as defined in the SPM of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. may run for the open offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, or Director. Candidates seeking such offices shall have their complete submittal in the hands of the Elections Committee Chairman no later than February 15th of the year when the office(s) are to be filled. The candidate submittal package must be complete, submitting a filled in pre-printed Candidate Application Form, which is included in the SPM.

*[The text in Article II, Paragraph C. (below) has been revised for brevity (see above). The content of the numbered and lettered procedural text deleted in Section 3, Paragraph C., Section 3 is now located in the revised SPM, together with additional criteria and procedural steps.]*

~~C. No later than February 15 of each year when such offices are to be filled, any Regular member in good standing of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., seeking to run for President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, or Director shall make their intentions known to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee in writing using the following format: (procedural text deleted)~~

**D. Following receipt of the complete set of the candidate submittal packages,** ~~The Nominating the Elections~~ Committee shall then certify ~~that~~ the candidates **who** are qualified to stand for office. Their declarations, in full, shall then be sent by the ~~Nomination Elections~~ Committee Chair to the Editor of ~~Graybeards~~ **The Graybeards** for publication in the following March-April ~~issue~~ **Edition.** ~~Those declarations may also be published in earlier issues of Graybeards should they have been submitted in time, providing the above requirements are met.~~

**E.** The Editor of ~~Graybeards~~ **The Graybeards** working with proper officials, shall prepare and publish a ballot for printing,

which shall appear in ~~only~~ the March-April issue Edition. ~~No other ballots will be honored or accepted.~~

F. Members shall cast their ballot by marking thereon their choices and return the official ballot to reach the specified address by June 10th, where a Certified Public Accountant shall count the ballots and render a report to the present ~~Nominating/Election~~ **Elections** Committee Chairman and others, per the ~~approved~~ **Standard Procedure Manual**, SPM by June 15th.

## Section 4. Term of Office.

A. The President, First and Second Vice Presidents, shall have a term of office of two (2) years, with two (2) consecutive terms maximum. Directors shall have a term of office of three (3) years, with two (2) consecutive terms maximum.

B. All elected officers shall assume office on June 25th.

C. A meeting of the outgoing and incoming Presidents will be held and documented. While it may be in person, it may be accomplished by other means, such as phone, fax or email. This meeting shall be called by the outgoing President for Administration data exchange when necessary.

D. The term of office of all appointed officers shall be at the pleasure of the President, with Board approval. There will be no set term of office for appointed positions.

*[Article II, Section 4 was rewritten (above) after deletion (below).]*

## Section 4. Term of Office.

~~The President, First and Second Vice Presidents, shall have a term of office of two (2) years, with two (2) consecutive terms maximum. Directors elected shall have a term of office of three (3) years, with two (2) consecutive terms maximum. All elected officers shall assume office on June 25th. This meeting shall be called by the outgoing President for Administration data exchange when necessary. The term of office of all appointed national officers shall be at the pleasure of the President, with Board of Directors approval. There will be no set term of office for appointed positions.~~

## Section 5. Removal.

A. Any official of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. may be expelled or suspended or removed from office. The procedure outlined in Article I, Membership, Section 2. Membership Procedure., B. Termination of Membership. shall be used.

B. Any official not in attendance for ~~three (3)~~ **two (2)** consecutive called Board meetings without just cause shall no longer hold such office, having been deemed to have resigned said office.

*[A new Article I, Section 6 was added (below) because the current Bylaws do not give specific authority for an Association Officer to formally resign, and the SPM does not have a procedure to carry it out.]*

## Section 6. Resignation from Office.

Any KWVA officer, elected or appointed, may resign from his or her office by submitting for filing a written, signed resignation with the KWVA Secretary. Said resignation shall not relieve the officer of the obligation to notify the KWVA President and both Vice Presidents, in writing, of any outstanding, unfulfilled obligations of the office.

*[Former Article II, Section 6 is now Section 7, with changes.]*

## Section 7. Vacancies.

A vacancy in any office for any reason whatsoever may be filled by the Board of Directors until the next election, **or not filled if term is less than one (1) year** for said office. **They may do so at the next called meeting; or Business Without a Meeting; should they choose to do so, using the next un-elected candidate from the most recent election with the most votes. In any case, a simple majority of those Board members eligible to vote and voting shall be required.**

## ARTICLE III

### OFFICERS AND POWERS

Section 1. Powers and Duties. The KWVA officers shall have powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified in resolutions or other directives of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such specification, each officer shall have the powers and authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of the officers of the same title serving in nonprofit corporations having the same or similar purposes and objectives as this Association. The duties of the elected and appointed officers shall be guided by the Board of Directors approved ~~Standard Procedure Manual~~ SPM and as outlined as follows: Note: (the use of the masculine gender in the following paragraphs should be taken to mean either masculine or feminine gender, **as appropriate**).

A. President. The President shall perform the functions conferred upon him by these Bylaws and shall generally be responsible for the execution of the policies and programs decided upon by the Board of Directors. He shall recommend regular members as Secretary and as Treasurer for approval by the Board of Directors. He may appoint Standing Committees and Special Committees composed of Board of Directors members and regular members at-large, for Board of Directors approval, to assist him in the execution of his duties. He shall have the power to call Association Membership Meetings and shall preside at such meetings, and he may call for meetings of the Board of Directors over which he presides. He shall recommend to the Board of Directors any action he considers necessary and proper for the welfare of the Association. All documentation which shall be legally binding on the Association shall be signed by him, except in the case of disbursements which will be done in accordance to the Board of Directors approved ~~Standard Procedure Manual~~ SPM.

B. Vice Presidents. The two Vice Presidents shall assist the President in the performance of his duties. The First Vice President has seniority, and in the absence of the President, shall serve as and have the powers of, the President. In the absence of both the President and the First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall be responsible to the membership of the Association. ~~The Second Vice President shall be honorary chairman for the Association Membership meetings held during his term of office.~~

C. Secretary. The Secretary shall be recommended by the President, and confirmed by the Board of Directors. He is responsible for the management of the day-to-day business of the Association, and shall perform all administrative duties required of him by the President. He shall be responsible for recording the minutes of meetings of the Association and shall keep records of the Association. He shall maintain communications with the Membership and ~~Reunion~~ **Annual Association Meeting**



Committees, offering assistance as required, to publicize their actions to include assisting in development of charter groups, and in making arrangements for reunions **Board and Annual Association Membership Meetings**. A proposed agenda for the Annual Association Membership Meeting shall be placed in the ~~Graybeards~~ **The Graybeards** for the membership to be notified of business to be conducted. Thirty (30) days prior he shall submit to each officer and member of the Board of Directors an agenda for the Association Membership Business meeting and an agenda for the Board meeting. In the performance of his duties, he may hire clerical or other assistance for the proper and expeditious conduct of the Association affairs, as authorized by the Board of Directors.

**D. Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall be recommended by the President and confirmed by the Board of Directors. He shall be responsible for collecting dues and other monies in behalf of the Association, and for making timely and proper disbursements from the funds in his charge. He shall be the custodian of all accounts, accountable for same, and shall prepare reports as directed by the Board of Directors. At the direction of the Board of Directors he is to be bonded. A maximum number of ~~four (4)~~ **five (5)** persons may have active authorization to sign disbursing instruments for the Association. Other signatures may be kept in reserve in the event an active signer becomes disabled. Each disbursing instrument will have two signatures, one of which must be an elected officer and disbursements shall be according to the Board of Directors approved ~~Standard Procedure Manual~~ **SPM**.

**E. Appointed Positions.** All appointed positions (i.e. Chaplain, Historian, Judge Advocate [who shall hold only one position], ~~Graybeard~~ **The Graybeards** Editor, ~~The Graybeards~~ **Publisher**, Webmaster, Ex-POW/MIA [who shall be ~~an a~~ **POW Ex-Prisoner of War** member if available]), VA/VS, Sergeant of at Arms, VSO, Tell America and Annual Association Membership Meeting Chairman, shall be approved by the Board. The responsibilities and duties for all Appointed Positions and Standing Committee Chairmen are included in the Board approved ~~Standard Procedure Manual~~ **SPM**.

**F. Board of Directors.** The ~~National Association~~ Board of Directors shall consist of seventeen (17) members, being the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve Directors. The President of the Association shall be the Chairman. The Board shall formulate policies and supervise the execution thereof and have the control and management of the affairs, property and funds of the Association. It shall have at least one (1) stated meeting preceding the Annual Association Membership business meeting. It shall meet at other times as required, and called by the President, and may conduct business by mail without a meeting when done in compliance with Article II, Section 2. Board of Directors., D. Business Without a Meeting, of these Bylaws. It shall establish and maintain a Standard Procedure Manual and is responsible for orderly and timely actions between its regular meetings.

All members of the Board of Directors shall be notified of the time, place and agenda for the meeting. The Board of Directors shall determine excused absence using the definitions established in the ~~Standard Procedure Manual~~ **SPM**. No person shall receive any salary for services as a member of the Board of Directors or

~~the services as President or Vice Presidents who is eligible to vote.~~ The Board of Directors may, from time to time, establish fees for services of the Secretary or Treasurer.

**G. Committees.** There shall be two types of committees, to wit: Standing Committees and Special Committees.

1. Standing Committees shall include the following: Budget and Finance; Bylaws; Membership; Elections; Resolutions committees. The membership thereof shall be appointed by the President, with the consent of the Board, for the term of one year, and subject to yearly reconfirmation from the Board except that the Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be chosen from the current membership of the Board. Having thus been chosen, he or she will continue to serve for the full term regardless of their status as a Board Member. Their responsibilities and duties are included in the approved SPM.
2. Special Committees shall be appointed by the President as needed, approved by the Board, and shall serve at his pleasure. The duties and responsibilities of each committee are defined in the charge issued to that committee and/or are outlined in the SPM.

*[Article III, Section 1, Paragraph G has been rewritten (above) to provide clarity to the roles and functions of Association committees after deletion (below).]*

~~G. Committees. There shall be two types of committees, to wit: Standing Committees and Special Committees. Standing Committees shall include the following: Budget/ Finance, Bylaws, Membership, Nominations/Election, Resolution, Reunion and "Tell America" Committee. The membership thereof shall be appointed by the President, with the consent of the Board of Directors, for the term of one year, and subject to yearly reconfirmation from the membership at large, except that the Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be chosen from the current membership of the Board of Directors. Having thus been chosen, he or she will continue to serve for the full term regardless of their status as a Board Member.~~

~~The Special Committees shall be appointed by the President as needed, and approved by the Board of Directors and shall serve at his pleasure. The duties and responsibilities of each committee are defined in the charge issued to that committee or are outlined in the Standard Procedure Manual.~~

*[Article III, Section 1, Paragraph H. has been added to include and specify the Association Information Technology Staff, whose duties and responsibilities encompass a complex set of functions, and which are spelled out in the SPM, together with the procedures they need to implement them.]*

**H. Association Information Technology** staff shall be appointed by the President and hired by the Secretary as needed, and approved by the Board, with duties and procedures as defined in the SPM.

**Section 2. Indemnification.** Provision of insurance coverage for all Association officers - Each officer, elected or appointed, and each member of the Board of Directors of the Association now or hereafter serving as such, shall be indemnified by the Association against any and all claims and liabilities to which they have or

shall become subject by reason of serving or having served as such person, for all legal expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with any such claim or liability provided. **However,** ~~that~~ no such person shall be indemnified against, or be reimbursed for, any expense incurred in connection with any such claim or liability arising out of their own willful misconduct or gross negligence. The amount paid to any Association Officer or Director by way of indemnification shall not exceed their actual, reasonable, and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the matter involved, and such additional amount as may be fixed by a special committee appointed by the Board of Directors. This right of indemnification herein before provided for shall not be exclusive of any rights to which any Director or Officer of the Association may otherwise be entitled by law.

## ARTICLE IV

### ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

**Section 1.** The KWVA Annual Association Membership Meeting will be held each year. Said date and place to be published in The Graybeards.

**Section 2.** At any Association Membership Meeting ~~seventy-five (75)~~ **fifty (50)** Regular members in good standing and in attendance shall constitute a quorum. Membership shall be checked and vote counts taken by an appointed Sergeant of Arms staff. Should no quorum be present, ballots by mail voting to complete any membership business is authorized, with ballots mailed to all Regular members eligible to vote and at least two hundred (200) votes received as a quorum requirement. Voting procedures shall be followed as outlined in the ~~Standard Procedure Manual~~ **SPM**.

**Section 3.** The selection of the site and dates of the following year's Annual Association Membership meeting shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval and ratified by a majority vote of the Regular membership as outlined in Section 2, above.

**Section 4.** A simple majority of Regular members **current in their Association dues, and in good standing** shall determine all issues, except when otherwise indicated in these Bylaws or Robert's Rules of Order quoted as the Parliamentary Authority in Article VI. Proxy votes ~~will~~ **shall** not be permitted.

**Section 5.** A special meeting of the Association membership may be called by a thirty (30) day written notice by the President, or over one-half of the Board of Directors **Members eligible to vote** or by ten (10) percent of the Regular members **current in their dues** and in good standing by affixing their names to a petition for said meeting. The notice calling the meeting shall state the business to be conducted together with the time and place.

## ARTICLE V

### DEPARTMENTS AND CHAPTERS

#### I. DEPARTMENTS

**Section 1. Location.** Each of the United States (50); which includes those that are designated as Commonwealths (4), (Kentucky, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania & Virginia); United States Territories, (American Samoa, District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands); are entitled to form a Department, requiring a majority of chartered Chapters with a minimum of three (3) chartered Chapters within a given

State, Commonwealth or Territory, hereinafter referred to as a State. The members of one (1) Chapter in a State may elect to sponsor the Department through the Department formation process, from petition through to the grant of charter by the Association. Procedures for the process shall be included in the SPM.

*[Article V, Section 1 was deleted (below) and rewritten (above)].*

~~Section 1. Location.~~ Each United State (50), United States Territory (American Samoa, District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands), as well as a Department(s) for the nations of the United Nations Command and Korea, shall be designated as a Department upon the establishment of four (4) or more certified Chapters within said Department.

**Section 2. Organization.** The sponsoring Chapter shall request the transmittal of a Department formation package from the KWVA Membership Committee Chairman. The Chairman shall send the formation package to the sponsoring Chapter.

*[Article V, Section 2 was deleted (below) and rewritten (above)].*

~~Section 2. Organization.~~ Upon Certification of four (4) or more Chapters within a Department's Jurisdiction, the National Membership Committee will supply an organizational packet and select a Chapter to proceed with an organizational meeting. A National Charter shall be applied for and Bylaws written for approval by all Chapter eligible regular members, not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

#### **Section 3. Incorporation and EIN Process**

**A.** An application shall be made during the petition process to the appropriate authorities for a Certificate of Incorporation for a nonprofit corporation known as "Department of \_\_\_\_\_, Korean War Veterans Association, Inc."

**B.** An application shall be made during the petition process for obtaining an IRS Employee Identification Number (EIN) for banking purposes.

Procedures for the incorporation and EIN application processes shall be included in the SPM.

*[Article V, Section 3 was deleted (below) and rewritten (above)].*

~~**Section 3. Incorporation.**~~ An application shall be made to the appropriate authorities for a Certificate of Incorporation for a nonprofit corporation known as "Department of \_\_\_\_\_, Korean War Veterans Association, Inc." and preparations made for a Department Convention and Officer election within 180 days. A packet will be supplied by the National Association to guide the organizers on how to make application to the appropriate authorities for a Certificate of Incorporation as a nonprofit Corporation, an Employee Identification Number (EIN) for banking purposes, and for Internal Revenue Service Exempt Status as a 501 (c) 19 Veterans Organization if the Department so desires.

**Section 4. Officers.** Each Department of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. will elect a Department President, Vice President(s), and elect or appoint a Secretary, Treasurer and if so required Directors, according to approved Department Bylaws, prior to the end of the month of June each election term year. The results of said election shall be transmitted forthwith to the National Association Secretary. The Department President shall



appoint all other officers and committees as needed with the **Department Council/Board** approval. Department Bylaws will determine ~~if~~ **which of** those who are appointed to the Council/Board will have the right to vote in Department matters. After their election to the office in the Department, the Presidents' and Vice Presidents' titles can be changed to Commander and Vice Commander(s) with the approval of the Department, during their time in office. No person may hold two elected Department offices, except for Secretary and Treasurer, which offices may be held by one person if elected or appointed. **The Department may elect to require Department dues, and shall enforce the requirement for all KWVA Members to be current in their KWVA annual dues.**

**Section 5. Department Council/Board.** The Department shall have a Department ~~Executive Council or / Board of Directors~~ consisting of the elected officers, Directors, and Chapter Presidents ~~or a Chapter member selected by the Chapter's membership~~, to form at least a Council/Board of ten (10) members who are Regular Members **in good standing** of KWVA, Inc

**Section 6. Time of Elections.** The elections of Department officers shall take place at the annual meeting of the said Department of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. ~~prior to the end of the month~~ of June, at a time and place agreeable to the majority of Chapters, and upon a minimum of sixty days written notice of said meeting, unless waived in writing by a majority of the Chapters. If the Department Bylaws so state, this does not preclude the use of a "mail-in-ballot procedure" instead of voting at the annual meeting.

**Section 7. Term of Office.** All elected Department officers shall have a term of office of one or two years **as determined by the Department Council/Board** and ~~each~~ shall take office on the day of election.

**Section 8. Vacancies.** A vacancy in any elected Department position, for any reason whatsoever, may be filled by the Department Council/Board at the next Council/Board meeting or by written request, for approval of a new Officer, received and returned by mail so long as the written vote is confirmed at the next Department Council/Board meeting.

**Section 9. Powers and Duties.** The several Department officers shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified in resolutions or other directives of the Department ~~Executive Council/Board of Directors~~. In the absence of such specification, each officer shall have the powers and authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of the officers of the same title serving in nonprofit corporations having the same or similar purposes and objectives as this association.

*[Article V, Sections 10 & 11 were added to the Bylaws, to provide clear authority for implementing procedures included in the revised Standard Procedure Manual (SPM).]*

**Section 10. Department Bylaws.** All Departments shall submit a copy of their proposed bylaws during the charter petition process. Following the grant of charter, and during their first election, the new Department members shall vote on the final bylaws, and submit the results to the Association Secretary, for filing. Department Bylaws shall not be in conflict with KWVA, Inc. Bylaws. All subsequent changes to Department bylaws, approved by their members, shall be submitted to the

Secretary for review and filing.

## **Section 11. Department Dissolution.**

A. Departments may be dissolved in accordance with the laws of the United States and the State of Incorporation. All property of the said Department will be disbursed in accordance with the United States Internal Revenue Code and the laws of the State of Incorporation.

B. Dissolution from the Association may result as a formal request from the Department to the Association Secretary, or from action(s) taken by the KWVA Board. Procedures for this process are contained in the SPM.

## **II. CHAPTERS**

### **Section 1. Organization.**

A. Initially, a Chapter shall consist of not less than twelve (12) Regular Association members in good standing who wish to form a Chapter in their area.

B. Each person who becomes a new Regular member of a Chapter must become a Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. Regular member, through the application process in the SPM, and must maintain Regular membership in the Association to remain a member of a Chapter.

C. **Dual membership** - A member of the KWVA shall not be registered with the Association as a member of more than one (1) Chapter. Yet, as long as the Member's registration is only in one Chapter, dual membership is useful when an existing Chapter sponsors a new KWVA Chapter from members within its ranks, or the Member is a periodic visitor to another Chapter in either that state or another one. As long as the visiting Member is an Association Member in good standing, and the visited Chapter's bylaws and procedures permit it, he or she can participate in that Chapter's business, other than as one of the officers mandated in the KWVA Bylaws. The procedure for transfer of Chapter membership registration shall be provided in the KWVA SPM.

D. Once a KWVA Department within a State has been formed and granted a charter by the Association, the Chapters within that state are considered to be a unit under the Department and should cooperate as a unit of the Department.

*[Article V, Section 1 was deleted (below) and rewritten (above)].*

~~Section 1. Organization. Initially a Chapter shall consist of not less than twelve (12) National Regular members in good standing who wish to form a Chapter in their area. Effective October 5, 2005 each person who becomes a new Regular member of a Chapter must first become a National Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. Regular member, and must maintain National Regular membership to remain a member of a Chapter. When a KWVA Department within a State has been formed, Chapters are considered to be a unit under the Department and will cooperate as a unit of the Department.~~

**Section 2. Incorporation and EIN Process.** Upon representation to the Department, if such an entity exists, in the jurisdiction they intend to form their Chapter, and the Association Secretary and Membership Committee Chairman that twelve (12) or more Regular members in good standing have submitted the proper documentation for the awarding of a Charter,

the Chapter members shall hold an organizational meeting to adopt Chapter Bylaws, not inconsistent with these Bylaws, and to form at least a Council/Board of ten (10) who are current Regular members of KWVA in good standing.

**A. An application shall be made during the petition process to the appropriate authorities for a Certificate of Incorporation for a nonprofit corporation known as "Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_ of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc."**

**B. An application shall be made during the petition process for obtaining an IRS Employee Identification Number (EIN) for banking purposes.**

**Procedures for the incorporation and EIN application processes shall be included in the SPM.**

*[Article V, Section 2 was deleted (below) and rewritten (above)].*

~~Section 3. Incorporation. An application shall be made to the appropriate authorities for a Certificate of Incorporation for a nonprofit corporation known as "Department of \_\_\_\_\_, Korean War Veterans Association, Inc." and preparations made for a Department Convention and Officer election within 180 days. A packet will be supplied by the National Association to guide the organizers on how to make application to the appropriate authorities for a Certificate of Incorporation as a nonprofit Corporation, an Employee Identification Number (EIN) for banking purposes, and for Internal Revenue Service Exempt Status as a 501 (c) 19 Veterans Organization if the Department so desires.~~

**Section 3. Formation Financing.** Chartered Chapters may seek monetary assistance from ~~National the Association~~ for prospective membership lists, stamps, becoming Incorporated ~~and obtaining Federal Exempt Status~~ by applying for assistance. The ~~National Board of Directors~~ will establish amounts available for Chapters at the Board's meeting for budget approvals.

**Section 4. Officers.** Each Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. shall elect a Chapter President, Vice President(s), and elect or appoint a Secretary, Treasurer and if so required Directors, to form at least a Council/Board of ten (10), according to approved Chapter **Bylaws**. ~~during the election meeting, to be held prior to the end of the month of June each election year.~~ The results of said election shall be transmitted forthwith to the ~~National~~ KWVA Secretary. The President shall appoint all other Officers and Committees with the approval of the Council/Board. Chapter Bylaws will determine if those who are appointed to the Council/Board will have the right to vote in Chapter matters. After their election to the office in the Chapter, the President and Vice President(s) titles can be changed to Commander and Vice Commanders, with the approval of the Chapter membership, during their time in office. No person may hold two elective offices, except for Secretary and Treasurer, which may be held by one person if elected or appointed.

**Section 5. Term of Office.** All elected Chapter officers shall have a term of office of one (1) or two (2) years as determined by the Chapter Bylaws, and ~~each~~ shall assume office on the day of election.

**Section 6. Vacancies.** Any vacancy in any elected office, for any reason whatsoever, may be filled by the Chapter members at the next Chapter meeting.

**Section 7. Powers and Duties.** Chapter officers shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified in resolutions or other directives of the Chapter ~~Executive Council/Board of Directors~~. In the absence of such specification, each officer shall have the powers and authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of the officer of the same title serving in nonprofit corporations having the same or similar purposes and objectives as this Association.

*[Article V, Section 8 was added to provide authority and clarity to the Chapter formation process spelled out in the SPM.]*

**Section 8. Chapter Bylaws.** All Chapters shall submit a copy of their proposed bylaws during the charter petition process. Following the grant of charter, and during their first election, the new Chapter members shall vote on the final bylaws, and submit the results to the Association Secretary, for filing. Chapter Bylaws shall not be in conflict with KWVA, Inc. Bylaws. Subsequent changes to their bylaws, approved by their members, shall be submitted to the Secretary for review and filing.

**Section 9. Chapter Dissolution.**

**A. Chapters may be dissolved in accordance with the laws of the United States and the State of Incorporation. All property of the said Chapter will be disbursed in accordance with the United States Internal Revenue Code and the laws of the State of Incorporation.**

**B. Dissolution from the Association may result as a request from the Chapter to the Association Secretary, or from action (s) taken by the KWVA Board. Procedures for this process are contained in the SPM.**

*[Article V, Section 9 was renumbered, then deleted (below) and rewritten (above).]*

~~Section 9. Dissolution. Chapters may be dissolved in accordance with the laws of the United States and the State of Incorporation. All property of the said Chapter will be disbursed in accordance with the United States Internal Revenue Code and the laws of the State of Incorporation.~~

## ARTICLE VI

### PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All meetings shall be conducted under the provisions of these Bylaws and *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*. (most current edition.)

## ARTICLE VII

### ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL AND FISCAL YEAR

The Official Year of the Association shall begin on June 25th and end on June 24th of each year. The Fiscal Year of the Association shall begin on January 1st and end December 31st of each year.

## ARTICLE VIII

### AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

**Section 1. Charter.** Any proposed amendment to the Charter may be submitted by any Association Regular member in good standing.

**A. The proposed amendment shall be sent to the Association Secretary to be read to the Board, for their**



approval or non-approval recommendation to the membership, and then shall be available for the consideration of the members when published in The Graybeards and voted upon at either the following Annual Association Membership meeting, or in other meetings as defined below in Section 2 of this Article.

B. If no quorum is present, a ballot vote shall be sent by direct mail or inserted in the following edition of The Graybeards publication, to current Regular Members. Approval of the proposed amendment will require a two-thirds (2/3) approval vote by at least a quorum defined in Article IV, Annual Association membership and Special Meetings, Section 2.

C. Once a Charter amendment is approved the Incorporation State as well as the Internal Revenue Service is to be notified for their approval.

*[Article VIII, Section 1 was deleted (below) and rewritten (above)]*

~~Section 1. Charter. Any proposed amendment to the Charter may be submitted by any National Regular member in good standing. The proposed amendment shall be sent to the National Secretary to be read to the Board of Directors, for their approval or non-approval recommendation to the membership, and then shall be available for the consideration of the members when published in The Graybeards and voted upon at the following Annual Association Membership meeting.~~

~~If no quorum is present, a ballot vote shall be sent by direct mail or inserted in the following The Graybeards publication to current Regular Members. Approval of the proposed amendment will require a two thirds (2/3) approval vote by a quorum defined in Article IV, Annual Association membership and Special Meetings, Section 2 as (75 at a meeting or 200 by mail). Once a Charter amendment is approved the Incorporation State as well as the Internal Revenue Service is to be notified for their approval.~~

**Section 2. Bylaws.** Any Chartered Department, Chapter or Regular Member in good standing may propose amendments to the Bylaws by presenting them in writing to the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee at least forty-five (45) days before the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

A. Such proposals shall be considered at that meeting and if approved by the Board, they may then be published in the next scheduled edition of The Graybeards publication for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, of at least a Regular membership meeting quorum, at the next scheduled Association Membership Meeting. Procedures for the Bylaws amendment process are provided in the SPM.

B. If no quorum is present a ballot vote shall be sent by direct mail or inserted in the following edition of The Graybeards publication and sent to current Regular Members. Ratification of the proposed amendment will require a two-thirds approval vote by a quorum defined in Article IV, Annual Association membership and Special Meetings, Section 2.

C. Alternatively, should the Board choose by a simple majority to initiate the ratification process of the amend-

ment(s) sooner, they may authorize that a ballot vote shall be sent by direct mail or inserted in the following edition of The Graybeards and sent to current Regular Members. Ratification of the proposed amendment shall require a two-thirds (2/3) approval vote by at least a quorum defined in Article IV, Annual Association Membership and Special Meetings, Section 2.

Referendum voting for any Association business information is also authorized for guidance of the Board.

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~~Section 2. Bylaws. Any Chartered Department, Chapter or Regular Member in good standing may propose amendments to the Bylaws by presenting them in writing to the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee at least forty five (45) days before the next scheduled meeting of the National Board of Directors. Such proposals will be considered at that meeting and if approved by the Board of Directors, then published in the next scheduled The Graybeards publication for ratification by a two thirds (2/3) vote, of a Regular membership meeting quorum, at the next scheduled Association Membership Meeting. If no quorum is present a ballot vote shall be sent by direct mail or inserted in the following The Graybeards publication and sent to current Regular Members. Ratification of the proposed amendment will require a two thirds approval vote by a quorum defined in Article IV, Annual Association membership and Special Meetings, Section 2 as (75 at a meeting or 200 by mail). Referendum voting for any Association business information is also authorized for guidance of the Board of Directors.~~

**Section 3. Resolutions.** Resolutions shall be proposed to the Resolutions Committee, in accordance with the SPM, no later than forty-five (45) days prior to any regular called meetings of the Board of Directors. The Resolutions Committee must present all resolutions, in whatever order it desires and may comment favorably or unfavorably upon each. Rather than reading the entire resolution, the Resolutions Committee may submit the gist of the proposal to the body. If a majority of the members voting approve the resolution, a directive for subsequent action shall be issued. **Procedures for the resolutions process are provided in the SPM.**

*[Article IX & Article X were added to the KWVA Bylaws]*

## ARTICLE IX

### LIABILITY INSURANCE

Criteria and procedures for obtaining liability insurance, if needed, for the Association, Chapters or Departments shall be developed and approved by the KWVA Board of Directors for inclusion and use in the KWVA SPM.

## ARTICLE X

### CRITERIA FOR GOOD STANDING

Criteria and procedures for the Ethics & Grievance process shall be developed and approved by the KWVA Board of Directors for inclusion and use in the KWVA SPM.

## END OF KWVA BYLAWS

# Captain Heim's 'A Team'

**2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Able Company,  
1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment**

*From the diary and camera of Frank D. Praytor. Copyright © 2008*

**T**hey were a scruffy, unlikely looking bunch of Marines, especially their squad leader, a World War Two survivor from Dallas, Sergeant Clayton J. Alverson. He'd been up and down the promotional ladder a number of times. He'd gone as high as staff sergeant and now was settled in as a buck in charge of twelve younger guys from across the continent.

Sergeant Alverson – "Al," they called him – was a study in contradictions, a man who deceptively spoke sharecropper Texan, openly proclaimed his "ignorance," but possessed the leadership know-how of someone who'd written scholarly books on combat psychology and how to motivate people and make them love it.

As a combat correspondent from the Public Information Office at Division, I had

checked into 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, and met Major Luckel, executive officer, who asked if I wanted to bunk at that level.

"A little closer to the action if you don't mind, sir," I answered. Like a lot of men my age, I thought I was immune to anything as remotely alien as death. It was my first visit to any unit close to combat since landing at Masan in November with the 14th draft. Now early January, it had taken me several months to connect with PIO. I'd been diverted to help write a huge backlog of "Operation Killer" medal citations in Lt. Wally Dibble's Board of Awards.

That done, I was eager for "action," or whatever you'd call hunkered in a shallow bunker praying a lot. I wanted to get to the MLR (main line of resistance). Okay, so I was a sucker for punishment, maybe a masochist, but an experienced newsman doesn't join the Corps to become a typist at

Division PIO.

"I know just the place for you," the major said, his sardonic tone hinting that he possessed some kind of insight he knew I didn't have. "Come on, I'll take you up to meet Captain Heim. He's got Able (Company)."

The battalion exec left me in the hands of Captain Heim, a polished, cheerful and unpretentious man who obviously was a gentleman long before Congress made it official.

"Would you like to stay here close to the CP, or with a platoon?" he asked.

To make a long story short, I was introduced to Lt. Grubbs in charge of the Third Platoon, who sent a runner to fetch the squad leader with whom I would bunk for the foreseeable future. That's when I met Al Alverson.

Al took me to his squad tent on the reverse slope of the MLR. Reflecting later, it occurred to me that these combat-savvy folks all had the same idea: To give this greenhorn at least as much as he'd asked for.

In less than a day, I learned something interesting about the infantry: The nearer you are to the enemy, the less people tended to stand on formality. An officer is just one of the guys as long as you don't get carried away and forget to inject the obligatory "sir" each time you address one. I decided I liked it up here with these friendly, democratic guys.

As we sipped coffee out of canteen cups,



Vincent Ramos, Crockett CA



Cpl. Archie Dexter, Galesburg IL



Captain Heim in reserve area. (Behind on stretcher: Cpl. Manuel Martinez, Quincy CA)



Clarence Copess, Hasty CO



Jerry Donahue, Marshalltown, IA



Kenneth Driscoll, Staten Island NY





Sgt. Clayton J. Alverson, Dallas, TX



Cpl. Dewey Davis, Lubbock TX (looking at grenade in his hand)

Corporal Archie Dexter came through the flap and I met yet another friendly guy with an easy grin. We chatted a while and both of them asked me questions about why I was there instead of in the safe and warm environment of Battalion, or even Regiment. I sensed they considered my reasons naively nut case, but they suppressed their bemusement with indulgent nods.

Whoa!

Mortar rounds started coming in. Alverson glanced at Dexter and they both looked at me, probably to see if I was freaking out. I just looked stupid.

"Right on time!" Alverson remarked as he set his canteen cup down in the dirt.

It was the enemy's way of wishing us "bad night, GIs" at dusk. Al and Archie tore out through the flap and I followed them in the ducking position to Al's bunker. We crammed ourselves in just as a mortar round exploded close enough to make us wish for something deeper and I was initiated into life on the MLR.

Al's sense of comic timing was perfect:

"If them mortars get any closer, I'm gonna let the air out of this here air mattress!" Archie and I laughed a nervous kind of



laughter. Facing death with a sense of humor, even though artificially induced, was Alverson's technique for keeping his

Interpreter Kim Yung Moon

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**Alverson looked down at his right thigh at a hole in his dungarees from which blood leaked.**

**"Oh hell, another Purple Heart!"**

**He sounded distinctly agitated. "If I get one more they'll ship me home!"**

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charges from going ape. His most cherished personal possession was his five-ribbed air mattress.

"I'm in love with my air mat," he declared. "It's got five thighs! How many women you know got five thighs?"

More nervous laughter. After the barrage I felt a surge of exhilaration.

After sun-up the next day, Alverson took me to the ridge-top delineating the MLR. He pointed to the mountain range to our north and explained that the enemy looked down our throats from what he identified as Taedok-san. It loomed large and forbidden, its top half covered in snow. We were in the eastern sector, where the landscape was rugged, capable of hiding God knows how many of those sneaker-footed, white-quilted people with mortars they knew how to use so well.

We walked casually along the ridge. Below was a jagged trench line interspersed with firing parapets and shelter bunkers.

"Since Operation Killer the lines have pretty much stabilized," Alverson explained. "This thing (the war) has started to look like World War One."

Then, he added quickly: "Hold the mustard."

He grinned, awaiting my reaction. It took a few seconds for me to get it. World War One! Mustard gas! This fellow could do stand-up comedy.

As we admired the scenery a big mortar or artillery round exploded a short distance down the front slope from us. Shell fragments whistled past my face. The "other side" had spotted us out in the open and suddenly I wondered why we were standing there. Alverson looked down at his right thigh at a hole in his dungarees from which blood leaked.

"Oh hell, another Purple Heart!"

He sounded distinctly agitated. "If I get one more they'll ship me home!"

"What? You're worried they might ship you home?"

My question was a mixture of amazement and curiosity.

"If I go back stateside, I'll (foul) up!" he groaned. "I like right where I am!"

Holy mackerel, I said to myself. I always thought "war lover" was a fictional character. This guy actually loves combat!

Days later, it dawned on me that the tour along the top of the MLR ridge had been something of a test. Alverson wanted to see how I'd conduct myself out in the open exposed to enemy eyes. He didn't arrange the round that earned him his second Purple Heart; it was an unexpected addition to my "test."

Eventually, I had the opportunity to witness his testing of a new addition to his squad in a similar manner. He wanted to make certain the men under his leadership were not



"Applejack" Chambers of Oregon



Jack Chapman, Knoxville TN

the types to grab 15 miles of southerly fresh air when they were exposed to danger.

I must have passed. Alverson and I took our respective times on watch each night with his air-cooled machinegun. Now, you might ask what an infantry squad was doing with a light machinegun.

Alverson had obtained it by "midnight requisition," along with three cans of ammo and a Browning Automatic Rifle. His was the only infantry squad in the whole of Korea, I'd bet, that had four BARs and a machinegun, all of which, by the way, would come in handy when we went on outpost in no-man's-land.

I had joined Capt. Heim's company a couple weeks after the "big raid" Al and his squad made against enemy positions, so I missed that action. But I did a lot of interviewing. The story was that Alverson and his boys were assigned to go "snooping and pooping" before daybreak until they reached enemy positions, try to take a prisoner, and come back by a different route.

They did reach enemy positions, and created no small amount of chaos. Cpl. McLaughlin even got to use his personal revolver, plugging two running NKs with it and living to tell about it. The squad was unable to take a prisoner and there were no surrender volunteers.

Bringing 'em back alive

What was remarkable about Alverson's



Israel Putman, Delta, OH



William McLaughlin, Wheeling, WV

daylight raid is the fact that the entire squad returned standing up. He and several others earned Purple Hearts as a result of minor wounds from grenade fragments. The nearest thing to disaster was a thrown grenade that tumbled down the hostile slope stopping a few inches from Dewey Davis's face. It didn't explode. Dewey insisted his dungarees remained dry the whole time.

Kim Yung Moon, civilian interpreter assigned to Able Company, won the esteem and admiration of Al and his squad when he stood up and yelled in Korean: "Surrender or die!" Moon was an atypically tall, educated Korean who had lost his loved ones when communist forces of the north invaded his town and murdered everyone in sight. He proudly considered himself the fourteenth member of Al's squad.

As signs of spring manifested along the MLR, Lt. Grubbs's platoon was assigned a week of outpost duty on a little horseshoe ridge about 700 yards beyond the MLR. The outpost was used as an observation post, as well as an early warning position in case of mass attack. We moved into it at night and relieved another platoon.

Al's squad was strung out on the eastern leg of the horseshoe which, we learned quickly, also was used by the enemy as a zeroed-in practice target for their mortar people and snipers. We set up the machinegun near the base of a grave mound, minimizing

the chance of our being silhouetted for anyone trying to sneak up the slope from the valley below.

We got more than our share of mortar barrages and party probes. One night I was awakened by our machine gun blasting away. Al was shooting at figures darting about down the hill from us. He was sure he nailed a couple. Neither of us got any sleep the remainder of that night.

When it came my time to pull sniper duty, I crawled into a coffin bunker at the top of the horseshoe parameter, removing my helmet in order to squeeze in. As I peered through binoculars at enemy lines, an eardrum-bursting explosion inches above my head informed me that a sniper's round had hit the timber.

I did a fast back-crawl out of the bunker and went to the platoon CP to advise everyone that the position was zeroed-in. A newcomer to Al's squad volunteered to go "up there" and do the sniping. I warned the yobo, but he went anyway.

Less than 30 minutes later he came back holding his bloodied right hand. That sniper's second round almost found zero. The greenie was on his way home after only two weeks in Korea, with a Purple Heart yet. He should have gotten the Purple Shaft for getting his rifle destroyed. Thereafter, our "sniper bunker" was off limits.

After outpost duty, we went south into reserve. I hitched rides back to Division to turn in my "Joe Blow" stories (for release to guys' hometown newspapers) and a story about the outpost adventure. Never knew if it ever saw the dark of print anywhere, or even if the Corps released it.

The OIC told me I'd spent too long in one outfit and to move to another, so I returned to the reserve area to pick up my gear and have one final beer with my buddies.

Years later, Dewey Davis and I had a brief reunion in Colorado. He told me something that was both shocking and eerie. Alverson had said that if he ever got shipped back stateside he'd get into trouble. Dewey said Al got his third Purple Heart and was sent home. He said he'd heard that Al was in a bar one night, stood up when he was told to shut up, and some drunk whipped out a gun and shot him dead.

His premonition about going stateside became his last reality.



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# Members in the NEWS



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*And, bear in mind that we cannot legally reprint entire articles without the permission of the original publishers. If we did we would be violating copyright laws. Therefore, we print excerpts and/or the electronic addresses of the publications or specific articles. That way, readers can access the stories themselves.*

## Belated Bronze

Bob Larsen was featured in an article in the 14 April *Janesville [WI] Gazette*. This is how it started:

### **Janesville Korean War hero to receive belated medal**

By Beth Wheelock

More than fifty years after his acts of valor in the Korean War, Robert Larsen of Janesville is receiving the Bronze Star medal on Wednesday.

Congressman Paul Ryan will present the medal with "V" device, which signifies valorous achievement in the face of the enemy. On November 6, 1952, Master Sergeant Larsen's platoon came under heavy enemy fire. He carried his wounded men to the crest of a hill amid heavy mortar fire. Under that heavy fire, he remained alone on the hill while his men safely withdrew. Larsen was not harmed, and returned to Janesville after serving three years in the Army.

Anyone who wants to access the article can do so at: [www.gazetextra.com/news/2009/apr/14/janesville-korean-war-hero-receive-belated-medal/](http://www.gazetextra.com/news/2009/apr/14/janesville-korean-war-hero-receive-belated-medal/)

Reach Robert R. Larsen at 8420 E Larsen Rd  
Janesville, WI 53546-8607

## Janice Britton

Joe Bolton, President of CID Alabama #1, Gulf Coast, told us that Life Member Janice Britton was featured in a local newspaper. Britton, an Air Force nurse who served in WWII and Korea, was also a member of the Peace Corps.

According to the article, following WWII, "...she returned to Korea in 1948 and was stationed there during the Korean War. Nurses were badly needed." She was a member of 801 Med Air Evac Sqd.

As she told columnist Hope Northington, "I worked in hospitals, but my main focus was in the air. We flew back and forth, day after day with no time to rest....There were poor medical facilities. Sometimes we just gave the wounded first aid and got them on planes."

She added that, "We flew into cities that were dangerous to be in. In Korea, flying north of the 38th Parallel, orders were 'if you see fighting and smoke, don't land.' Otherwise, we evacuated the wounded. It was really cold in North Korea."

She concluded, "When you see so much suffering and devastation caused by war...it makes a peacemaker out of you."

This "peacemaker" remains active. Bolton noted in his cover letter that Janice "participates in our Color Guard and even marches in the parades." That is the same spirit she demonstrated in her active-duty days—and continues to show.

Reach Janice Britton at 500 Spanish Fort Blvd #78, Spanish Fort, AL 36527. Or, contact Joe Bolton at 4304 Aldebaran Way, Mobile, AL 36693-4607.

Just for the record, she was also featured in a 3 February 2009 article in another newspaper. Here is the link: [www.al.com/news/press-register/metro.ssf?/base/news/123365617862040.xml&coll=3](http://www.al.com/news/press-register/metro.ssf?/base/news/123365617862040.xml&coll=3)

## Paul Schook

*The Bugle*, Livingston County, IL's "Hometown Weekly Newspaper," ran a front-page feature about Paul Schook in its 7 Nov 2008 edition. As reporter Eric Colclasure noted:

Schook entered the National Guard in Pontiac for four months in 1948, just three years after the conclusion of World War II. Upon conclusion of his National Guard duties, he returned to civilian life until hostilities broke out in Korea. Accepting the call for arms, he enlisted in the U.S. Army (sic) and served as Airman 3rd Class from 1951 to 1953. "The honor of serving our great country was huge," he said.

She added:

During his time in Korea, Schook served in the port city of Pusan, located along the Sea of Japan on the southeastern tip of the Korean peninsula. Pusan was one of the few areas in Korea that remained under the control of South Korea throughout the Korean War. Nevertheless, Schook said, "I was always looking over my shoulder."

That seemed to be common among service members in Korea back then.

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## Betty Perkins-Carpenter

Dr. Perkins-Carpenter, a member of CID 58, Monroe County [NY], is a winner of the 2009 President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (PCPFS) Lifetime Achievement Award given annually by the President's Council. The award is given to individuals whose careers have greatly contributed to the advancement or promotion of physical activity, fitness, or sports nationwide.

Winners are chosen by the members of the President's Council based on the span and scope of an individual's career, the estimated number of lives they have touched, their legacy, and the additional awards or honors received over the course of his or her career. Here is the story:

Betty Perkins-Carpenter, Ph.D....founder and president of Senior Fitness Productions, Inc., has used her auspicious career to teach people of all ages to swim and dive. Dr. Perkins-Carpenter was a diving coach for the 1976 Olympics and has also coached men's and women's diving at both the high school and college

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# Not 'A Forgotten Victory'

After many issues of The Graybeards, I finally have to disagree with the statement "America's Forgotten Victory" on KWVA's magazine.

I was a combat soldier with the 3rd Recon of the 3rd Infantry Division. I served on the MLR for almost one year in the Iron Triangle, Chorwan Valley and other areas. Fortunately, I survived some enemy ambushes and being killed or captured by the enemy.

I do not believe the Korean War was a victory. My belief is that this "conflict" was a humiliating military defeat. At best it should be called a "stalemate." As is well known, an armistice was declared, and it still is the case.

Even though South Korea was spared, we did not free North Korea. We advanced all the way to the Yalu River. We eventually retreated to the perimeter of the area of Pusan. Later on, after a bitter battle and negotiations, the war ended in a compromise.

Even though we advanced to the 38th parallel, we failed to defeat the North Korea and Chinese forces and regain North Korea. As I see it, it was the first war that America lost. This loss set the pattern as evidenced by the Viet Nam war.

I have studied many books and videos concerning the Korean "Police Action." I also write from firsthand experience, as well as reading some authors' views about the egregious mistakes by President Harry Truman, General McArthur, and some members of his Chain of Command. Their decisions caused the inexcusable loss of lives of many American and UN soldiers.

In no way are my thoughts meant to denigrate the wounded, killed, and captured soldiers who fought so bravely against such horrendous odds in this "conflict." I am sure there will be some veterans who will disagree with my conclusions, but I sincerely believe the Korean Conflict was a defeat and not a "victory!"

A very significant book, Bloody Snow, by Dr. Robert Jensen, reveals how President Truman sold the American military "down the river." On pages 51 and 52 he details how the war was lost even before it began.

President Truman made a deal with Prime Minister Clement Atlee that the UN forces would never invade China's territory. All veterans know you cannot win a war if you can't chase the enemy to their source of supplies. The UN pilots were not to bomb the bridges over the Yalu River. Our engineers, while attempting to build roads on the North Korean side of the Yalu River, could not return fire even though they were being fired upon from the Chinese side of the river.

Soon after writing this letter, I read The Graybeards and was surprised to see the top photo on page 29 of the March-April issue concerning the USAF graduation. The bottom of the photo states, "Korea—The Unresolved Conflict." Maybe this is a fairer statement than mine, "Korea—The Unforgotten Defeat."

Maybe one reason this was forgotten is because it was a defeat.

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# Tour News

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FLASH

**Remaining 2009 dates:** 13 - 19 September and 19 - 25 October

## Notes:


- September will be over the Incheon Landing Anniversary, 15 September
- Air Force veterans will have priority in October, since this is the 60th Anniversary of the ROK Air Force. A special Air Show will be included.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn,  
Revisit Korea Coordinator, KWVA

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# Tell America

## 60 – ADIRONDACK [NY]

We have just begun our program. The two high schools at which we have appeared have given us rave reviews and have extended “invites” for the next school year.

We are all very proud to have initiated this program. We have many photos, displays, flag lapel hand-outs, etc., and present copies of the Blue Book story of the Korean War to the schools’ libraries.

Our program got off to a flying start at Greenwich High School. We received this note from a teacher at the school:

Gene,

I’d like to thank you and the rest of the gentlemen for your time. As a class, a school, a community, and a country, we have benefited from your service and generosity. I hope you will all be willing to come back next year.

Sincerely,

Tim O’Brien

Gene Corsale,  
ecorsal1@nycap.rr.com



Bob Olsen, Ed Bushey, Linc Orologio, Ray Waldron, Jack O’Brien, Gene Slavin, Gene Corsale, Bill Shaw of CID 160 and teacher Joe Blair at Tell America event

Bob Olsen, Roy Conklin, Gene Corsale, Ray Waldron, Gene Slavin, Jim McConkey and Ed Bushey of CID 160



Greenwich High students at CID 160’s presentation



Members of CID 60 and guests at Tell America presentation (L-R) Col Roy Conklin, Gene Corsale (Chairman, Chapter Tell America), Commander Ray Waldron, Gene Slavin (Treasurer), John O’Brien, Ed Bushey, Bob Olsen

## 131 – NORTHWEST OHIO [OH]



Members of CID 131’s “Tell America Team” and school reps at Anthony Wayne High (L-R) Kathy Schoonmaker (Advisor), Len Tomasik (Education Committee Chairman), Bob Fuller, Jordan Floyd, Tom Baranoski, Larry Kish, Glenn Cousino

We awarded a \$1,000.00 college scholarship to Jordan Floyd, who graduated from Anthony Wayne High School with a 4.319 grade point average. Jordan, who plans to attend Owens Community College, competed with fifty other graduating seniors for the award.

To be eligible, the participants were required to graduate with at

least a 3.0 GPA, attend the chapter’s Tell America Program while at Anthony Wayne High, and write a 250-word essay explaining their lasting impressions of the Korean War veterans, the Korean War’s role in American history, and its impact on global democracy.

Louis G. Streb, Secretary, 415 Turnbury Lane, Perrysburg, OH 43551, (419) 874-7037

### JORDAN’S ESSAY

NOTE: The essay is reprinted here exactly as it was submitted.

The Korean War started out as another boring chapter in my seventh grade social studies book.

After researching this war and meeting veterans my mind set was completely changed. It made a positive and lasting impression in my mind.

The Korean War was an icon in American history as a statement of our displeasure of communism. We upheld our beliefs in democracy by taking a stand against North Korea, the Soviet Union, and the Republic of China. The



Korean War as a test of American democracy, of its ability to compete with its powerful enemies abroad, as well as of its sustainability at home in the face of that competition.

This was a monumental event in world democracy but also a forward step in the advancement of our own glorious military. The Korean War was one of the first performances of our Air Force. With the mountainous terrain of Korea planes and flight was a very effective tool in destroying the enemy. We might not have destroyed communism but we stopped the spread of the infectious disease. Our presence at the 38th parallel is a testament to our dedication to the cause of democracy.

The most significant aspect of the war in my mind was the discussion with the veterans. Sometimes the Korean War is called the "Forgotten War," however, in my mind it will never be forgotten. The sweet old men who risked their lives for my freedom in a democratic nation is something that can never be forgotten. The horrors they faced each day in battle is something that can never be erased. Their bravery and character is undeniable and I thank them for that.

So through the journey from one demerol textbook to three demerol real life veterans the Korean War has left a lasting impression in my heart.

## 297 – PLATEAU [TN]

We held a program at Martin Elementary School in Crossville, TN in 2008. We conducted a flag folding ceremony and explained each fold, asked for questions, and shared our experiences during the Korean War.

Don Eliason, Paul Whaley, Commander Dick Werderitch, and Art Krogman contributed. Dewey Walker arranged the program.

There were over 200 seventh and eighth grade students in attendance. And, the Crossville Times, a local newspaper, covered the event.

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CID 297 members at Martin Elementary School (L-R) Paul Whaley, Art Krogman, Richard Werderitch, Don Eliason

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**KWVA Bylaws Committee Project For 2009****Revision of the KWVA Standard Procedure Manual and Bylaws****Review**

In the last issue of *The Graybeards* (May - June 2009, Pages 12-13, & 29), you were given the status of the Project as the end of May. Since then, the work of the Bylaws Committee has been primarily focused on working through numerous revision markups.

The Board of Directors approved the Project Plan at the 2008 Reunion in Norfolk, Virginia last October. You can see the minutes of that meeting in the 2008 November/December Issue of *The Graybeards*. Should you want to go back over the status reviews since then, they are in each ensuing issue.

On July 9th, the Committee members received the last of the markups, which included changes from the Membership at large; from Chapter, Department and Association officers, including whatever input the Committee Members themselves had contributed to the task.

Let me pause here to name them. Like most who give a measure of their time to the Association, they do not get recognition enough, and their pay is in appreciation. Four of them are Directors,, one of whom, Glen Thompson, you elected in the recent election. The other three are Charlotte M. Ayers, Luther E. Rice, and E. Lee Dauster. The other member, Jake Feaster, manages the Association Membership Records & Data System.

On July 10th, all of them gave their consent to submit the final draft of the revised Bylaws to the Association Board of Directors. We did that, and we sent a copy to all other Association Officers and Committee Chairmen.

We had made a commitment to the Association Secretary, Frank Cohee, that the Board members would receive it by July 15, giving them ten (10) days in which to consider it before the July 25th Meeting in Arlington, Virginia. There was some personal satisfaction within the Committee that it was done five days sooner than our obligation.

**Status**

Please understand that as this is written, I do not know what the Board of Directors will do at the meeting in Arlington. Our plan is to formally present the Bylaws Revision amendment document to them as an agenda item. It will then be discussed and debated; changes may be proposed and voted on, and at the end voted on for approval.

Hopefully, the vote will be positive. Should that be the case, there is a commitment to have the final results transmitted to Art Sharp, Editor of *The Graybeards*, and you will see somewhere in this issue the minutes of the Meeting and the 2009 Revision to the Bylaws, a project to which many of you contributed. I thank you for that.

Assuming the best, the document will still have to receive approval at the Membership Meeting at the 2009 KWVA Convention in Fort Worth-Dallas, Texas, October 24-26. If you haven't already done so, make your reservations to be there. Details are elsewhere in this issue, and at <http://www.kwva.org> on the Association website.

Let me thank all of you in the Association Membership who chose to participate in the project. From its conception, I wanted to share the journey with as many of you as possible. Consequently, the basic criteria for the plan was not just to include those who are elected or appointed Association officers. Any regular Member in Good Standing was invited to participate.

The Bylaws require that any member wishing to submit a change to the Bylaws must do so no later than 45 days before a scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors. We set the input period for inputs to ninety (90) days. Since February 1, the closing day, we have received a few more; all have been reviewed along with the rest.

Here are some issues of that were addressed and/or incorporated by the Bylaws Committee:

- Membership eligibility for Korean Service Veterans. Korean Service Veterans are specifically included in the membership eligibility criteria.
- Payment of Association (National) annual

dues. If you have read my previous articles, know that my position has not wavered: Everyone pays, no exceptions.

- There may be some change needed for the eligibility date for Article I in the revised Bylaws as submitted to the Board Meeting on July 25, and I am ready for a consensus on a reasonable compromise on that point.

- Resignation of elected Association (National) officers. This was a much needed addition.

- Membership voting by mail ballot. Since the Board of Directors has the accountability for direct action, it is reasonable for it to be able to submit a Bylaws change to the membership more often than once a year

- Term limits of Association (National) officers. We decided not to change them.

- Dissolution of chapters and departments. This was a much needed revision, for specificity and clarity.

- EIN numbers for chapters and departments. Specific reasons why it is needed and how to get it.

- Incorporation for chapters and departments. Specific reasons why it is needed and how to get it.

- Liability insurance for chapters and departments. One of the Bylaws Committee members, Director Lee Dauster, has extensive experience in the insurance business.

We have added a new article (Article IX) to the Bylaws, giving authority to prepare procedural steps in the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM) for a chapter or a department to obtain liability insurance, should it be needed or desired. A proposal will be presented to the Board to consider asking for price quotes on a master insurance policy for the Association, which would include at least one for chapter and department coverage.

Various formats will be covered, for instance, one in which a chapter would not be covered unless a nominal amount was paid on an annual basis. Only about 5% of all KWVA chapters are covered at this time. The procedures will also include information about how to purchase liability insurance that is event-oriented. Some chapters employ that already, for parades, etc., since some cities require it. Whatever the result, it will be writ-



ten up for inclusion in the Standard Procedure manual.

- Complaint process. A new article (Article X) was added to the Bylaws, to give authority to the complaint process, and a separate section for it has been added to the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM), with specific criteria for a complaint, and procedures for the complaint and any subsequent hearing resulting from it.

There was more. I assure you that every received submittal was read for applicability. In the Committee's opinion; the changes that were submitted to the Board were needed, an improvement for the Association's ability to conduct its business, and of benefit to the membership.

Some reminders:

- The current KWVA Bylaws, the KWVA Standard Procedure Manual (SPM), and our Federal Charter are all available for review and/or download from the KWVA website <http://www.kwva.org> at any time.
- We have an obligation to meet the compliance requirements to the new Federal Charter, Public Law 110-254 (S.1692) granted on June 30, 2008 to the Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

## Issues

Only two issues remain on this day:

- What the Board of Directors will do with the revised Bylaws as submitted to them. That, of course will be settled by the time you read this.
- How is it going with the revisions to the KWVA Standard Procedure Manual (SPM). It goes well, I would say. By the day of the Arlington Meeting, July 25th, a very rough draft will be ready for consideration and approval by the Board of Directors of where it's going. Some of the final SPM content will be dependent on the results of that Meeting.

Assuming our best expectations for that meeting are met, work on the SPM will proceed, and a final draft will be given to the Board well before the October Meeting in Dallas - Fort Worth, Texas.

I'm hoping for the best.

With fraternal respect for all who honor the Good of the Order,

*George Lawhon, Director  
Chairman, KWVA Bylaws Committee  
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[george@lawhon.org](mailto:george@lawhon.org)*

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company proceeded with their emails without telling me; then the fun began.

I finally was able to place an explanation on page six of the May-June 2009 Graybeards of what was going on. Based on the number of calls that I have received, about 20-25 every day, and several emails, only about 10% of you read, or at least digested, what is in *The Graybeards*.

Another benefit is that we are offering inactive members a special membership dues cost of only \$10 to be reinstated as members. Also, the KWVA does get some royalties for each directory that is sold. This is all at no cost to the KWVA, except for my time, which they could not afford.

I had anticipated that someone would be appointed to head up this project, which never happened. So, I have spent many, many hours working on it, providing information, etc., because I thought it was of benefit to our members and to the KWVA. For example, the last request that I received was to provide a picture of an American Flag, cloth not nylon, with a high resolution.

This directory will be something you can pass on to your children and grandchildren as a memento of your service in Korea. There is so much more to this story, but there is not enough space to cover everything in *The Graybeards*.

I do have to mention a few comments that I have received from members who are supposed to be supporting this association, including one Department Commander who said he was going to tell all his people not to participate in this project. Two other Chapter Presidents implied the same thing.

One member called it a farce and a scam, and asked, "Why can't you people just say in simple terms this is a solicitation for \$100 to be included in this directory?" Did these people read the minutes of the membership meeting where this was approved? That was the time to express your views, not after the project was well under way.

Some have complained about the cost that amounts to about four cases of beer. According to our contract, you can purchase a hardbound directory for \$89.99, plus shipping and handling (S/H). The S/H is \$9.95. A softbound copy is \$79.99, plus S/H. They normally do not mention this unless you refuse the hardbound copy. You can also get a CD-ROM for \$89.99, a CD-ROM and softbound copy for \$99.99 or a CD-ROM and hardbound copy for \$109.99

Considering the volume, the number of people they have to contact (approximately 16,000), and the number of pages in the directory (not known this time), \$100.00 is a reasonable price. Does the company make money? Of course it does. That is why they are in business. What is \$100 today for a document that will retain one of the most important events in your life?

Lastly, I have received comments about how cordially the questionnaire people were and also comments on hard-sale tactics and, in some cases, outright rudeness. You do not have to deal with this. Get the person's name and tell them you will report them to the Project Manager. Then call me or send me an email and I will take care of it.

*Frank Cohee  
KWVA Secretary*

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Chapters are extremely active at Memorial Day ceremonies. This section covers what some chapters were doing for that holiday.

## 41 – FROZEN CHOSIN [MN]

Members gathered for a Memorial Day event at Mankato, MN.

*Allen E. Torgerson, 140 Lynx Lane  
Mankato, MN 56001*



Members of CID 41 gather following Memorial Day event in Mankato, MN

## 56 – VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

Members turned out in force for a ceremony at Santa Paula Cemetery on Memorial Day, along with a VFW contingent.

*CID 56, 1121 New Street  
Santa Paula, CA 93060*



CID 56 and VFW contingents at Santa Paula (CA) Cemetery



A great turnout from CID 56 for Memorial Day ceremony (L-R) Fred Rodriguez, William Cobos, Paul Touias, Frank Usuna, Gregory Garcia, Jr., Tim Santana, Henry Marin, Eutimeo Beas, William Duarte, Manuel Adame, David Lopez, Henry Aguilar, Henry Guevara, Robert Bermudez



Flag holders at Santa Paula Memorial Day ceremony, CID 56 members (L-R) Manuel Salazar, William Duarte, Gregory Garcia, Jr., Eutimeo Beas

## 64 – CENTRAL LONG ISLAND [NY]

Chapter members and friends placed flags on graves at Pinelawn National Cemetery in New York, as is their custom.

They made sure—as is also their custom—to place a



The members and guests of CID 64 who placed flags at Pinelawn National Cemetery (L-R) Linda & Stan Urbanowski, Bob Snider & Marge Snider, Larry Busini, Al Emanuelo





A few other folks who helped with the CID 64 project (L-R) Linda (Stan Urbanowski's daughter), Irwin Saltzman, Stan Urbanowski, Larry Busini, Al Emanueto, Cub Scout helper

flag at the grave of John C. Parry, a Marine who died in Korea on 20 November 1952.

*Larry Busini, 80 Rhoda Avenue,  
North Babylon, NY 11703*

## 90 - EAGLE (ROCKLAND COUNTY)

Our Honor Guard fired memorial rounds at the Loescher Veterans Cemetery in Rockland County, NY on 24 May 2009.

There is a street in Rockland County named "Murphy Ct" in honor of LtCol Michael Murphy (USMC), who died while flight testing the adjustable wing aircraft Osprey several years ago. His father, John P. Murphy, is a Purple Heart veteran of Korea and a former president of CID 90.

John was wounded while serving in Co. I, 19th Inf. Reg., 24th Div. He would like to hear from anyone who recognizes him, or the event in which he was wounded. Reach him at 72 Hayes Street, Blauvelt, NY 10913-1816, (845) 359-0218.

*Robert Frankl, 6 Carter Lane,  
Wesley Hills, NY 10952-1107  
(914) 354-0400, rhfrankl@gmail.com*



John and Anne Murphy standing under street sign "Murphy Ct"



CID 90's Honor Guard ready to fire memorial rounds at the Loescher Veterans Cemetery

## 133 - QUIET WARRIORS [IN]

Our members formed a work detail over the Memorial Day Weekend to install 50 American flags along the driveway of the Ft. Wayne, Indiana Veterans Administration facility. We have been volunteering for this duty for over ten years.

Chapter and family members included Commander Mel Aldridge and his wife Joan, Vice Commander Wayne A. Doenges and his two sons, Mark And Chris, Joan Botas, widow of the chapter's founder, Howard Rice, and Ken Kurtz. We even had one 'walk-up' volunteer, Nate Sappington, a Vietnam veteran.

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**More** ➤



Members of CID 133 and their families installing flags include Mel and Joan Aldridge, Wayne A. Doenges and sons Mark And Chris, Joan Botas, Howard Rice, Ken Kurtz, and Nate Sappington



## 191 – KANSAS #1 [KS]

On Memorial Day, Kansas veterans gathered at the Korean War Memorial in Overland Park (South Kansas City Metro Area) to pay tribute to fallen comrades at a special memorial service. The speaker at the ceremony was Major Jinbu Kim of the Republic of Korea Army, who is currently attending Staff and Command College at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Major Kim is a graduate of the Korean Military Academy and a fourteen-year Army veteran. He will return home to Korea with his wife and son in early summer. Kim is attached to Korea's 51st Infantry Division.

Kansas City's Korean-American Ladies laid a wreath at the Memorial Wall during the ceremony as did two young Eagle Scouts, grandsons of one of the chapter members.

*Donald C. Dyer*  
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**LEFT:** Major Kim, his wife and son at Kansas Memorial Day ceremony  
**BELOW:** The wreath layers at the Overland Park [KS] Korean War Memorial



## 258 – NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND [RI]

Members participated in a ceremony at the Salvatore Mancini Resource & Activity Center, North Providence, RI. The Color Guard raised a new flag as part of the event.

*Frank Meo, 70 Brookside Ave.  
No. Providence, RI 02911, (401) 231-3736*



**ABOVE:** Members of CID 258's Color Guard flank the emcee at the North Providence event

**RIGHT:** CID 258 members raise the new flag at North Providence

**BELOW:** Salvatore Mancini Resource & Activity Center "choir" sings at Memorial Day ceremony in North Providence







CID 258 members and guests at North Providence Activity Center

## 300 – KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF MASSACHUSETTS [MA]

We attended a Memorial Day ceremony at the Massachusetts Korean War Memorial Ship Yard Park Charlestown MA on 25 May.



Flag raising at Charlestown, MA: Jack Dowd, American flag, Fred Carnes Jr., Korean flag, Joe McCallion, UN flag. Bill Furey sings National Anthem. Committee chairman Lou Pelosi, Ed McDonald, and Jim Conway render salute.

Tom Kettell delivers Pledge of Allegiance at Charlestown



Leo Agnew, President of CID 300 and National Director, addresses attendees at the Charlestown, MA ceremony



Attendees preparing for Charlestown, MA Memorial Day ceremony.



Veterans, family members, and friends stand at attention and salute for taps and wreath laying honoring all who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom

Pictures by Al Kamishlian, member of #300, and Lou Pelosi, Memorial Day chairman.

*Leo Agnew, State House, 5th Floor, # 546-4  
Boston, MA 02133, (617) 723-1716*

## 315 – OREGON [OR]

Chapter members conducted a "1,000 Flags" event at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, our local cemetery in Grants Pass. People can purchase a flag dedicated to a living or dead veteran at the event.

*Neil M. McCain, Commander, Department of Oregon,  
(541) 660 6104, neilmccain@clearwire.net*



Robert Gilliland (L) CID 315 and Dept. of OR Historian, Vern Beck (C), CID 315 Director, and Neil McCain (R) in front of "1,000 Flags" display



# Chapter & Department News

## 19 GENERAL RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

Our Chapter President, Robert (Bob) McCubbins, was honored at the American Red Cross Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition dinner in Atlanta. Bob received the "Service of the Armed Forces Award" for his 21 years of active military and reserve duty and for his Red Cross Community Disaster Education Program work. Bob retired as a U.S. Army Major.

Gerald DeFrancisco, President, Humanitarian Services American Red Cross, presented the award.

On 24 May, members set up two tables of memorabilia at a Veterans Remembrance Day at the Atlanta History Center. All wars were represented.

At a 59th Anniversary dinner provided by the Korean community in Atlanta, Mr. Fern La Ban received the Korean Peace Medal and certificate for his service during the Korean War.

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**ABOVE:** Gerald DeFrancisco (L) presents the "Service of the Armed Forces Award" to CID 19 President Robert ("Bob") McCubbins



**ABOVE:** Mr. Jack Cota and children listen as Tom Woods, Bob McCubbins, and Ron Clark (L-R) explain military life at the Atlanta History Center

**RIGHT:** Dae Yong Mun (R) President of the Southern Korean Association presents Korean Peace Medal to CID 19 member Fern La Ban



## 49 OCEAN COUNTY [NJ]

On 3/10/09 we donated another check for \$200 to ARMS to help pay for shipping 20 -25 packages to our troops in Iraq and

Afghanistan. ARMS operates out of the Toms River National Guard Armory in Ocean County, N.J.

We have been sending packages to a soldier's unit, Co -C, 2/113th, at Camp Bucca, Iraq. The packages contain DVDs, CDs, and other useful items, including cookies and hard candy. They all appreciate the support and packages and enjoy the movies when they have some time off.

On 28 February 2009, the soldiers at Camp Bucca flew an American flag in our honor and sent it to us with a Certificate Of Authenticity.

Tony Grace, 34 Cabrillo Blvd.  
Toms River, NJ 08757, (732) 240-9456



CID 49 Commander Tony Grace and member Howard Allen present check to ARMS member Tom Zaborowsky. ARMS volunteers Evelyn Barranco and Edwina Dunne look on.

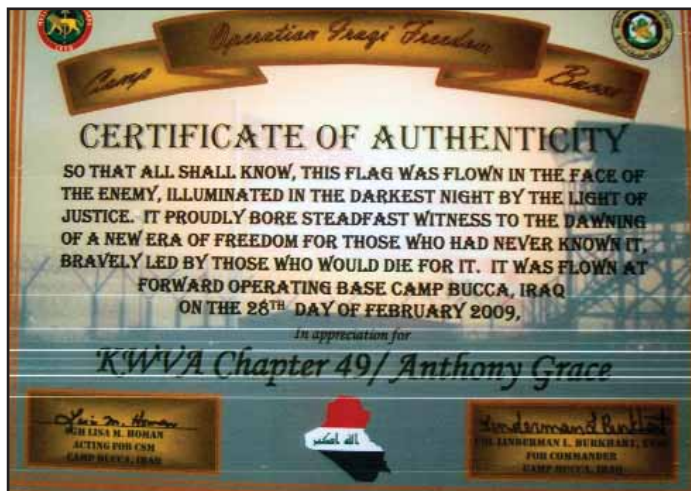


Tony Grace, Howard Allen, Nick Troisi and Dominic Pisapia (L-R) display flag and certificate from troops in Iraq



The flag presented to CID 49





This flag presented to CID 49 is authentic

## 96 NORTH ST. LOUIS COUNTY #4 [MO]

Our chapter features a group of members who assist in the burials of homeless, honorably discharged veterans. The group includes Don Kohlman (Tell America Chairman), Jack McCrady (1st Vice Commander), Ken Hoffman (Commander), Gen William Branson (founder of the program), James Fountain (National Director), Charles Rawlings (2nd Vice Commander), Ed Kimble (Finance Officer), and Bob Baumgartner.

Unfortunately, Baumgartner was absent the day the nearby photo was taken.

James Fountain, 14541 Soho Drive  
Florissant, MO 63034



Members of CID 96's Homeless Burial Program at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO, 23 June 2009 (L-R) Don Kohlman, Jack McCrady, Ken Hoffman, William Branson, James Fountain, Charles Rawlings, Ed Kimble

## 106 TREASURE COAST [FL]

Our officers have been re-elected to serve for 2009-2011. They are:

- Peter Popolizio – Commander
- Ignatius ("Chuck") Serra – Vice Commander
- Joseph DesRochers – Secretary
- John Holdorf – Treasurer
- Tony Ricigliano – Commander Emeritus
- Dick Curry – Chaplain (appointed)
- Joe Wilcox, Jr. – Fund Raising (appointed)

Dick Curry, 1126 SW Sarto Lane  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34953

## 110 MIAMI-DADE [FL]

Our chapter convened a Veteran's Forum at the Coral Gables Legion Hall co-sponsored by various units of the Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, Association of U.S. Army, Masonic Service Organization, and others.

The keynote speaker was National Commander Ira Novoselky, Jewish War Veterans, of Revere, Massachusetts.

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Coral Gables, FL 33134, (305) 445-3557  
Roslyn@ferdieandlones.com



Attendees at the Veteran's Forum in Coral Gables (L-R) Ed Fisher, Vietnam veteran; Col. Dr. Robert Pickard, M.D. N.G. (Ret), State Commander, Jewish War Veterans; Sergeant Thomas Flynn, Honorary Consul of Australia; Burton Landy, Honorary Consul, Republic of Korea; National Commander Ira Novoselky; Ainslee R. Ferdie, President of CID 110; David Magidson, Past National Commander, President of National Museum of American Jewish War Veterans (Washington, D.C.); Alex Kovacs Disabled American Veteran, Past Dist Commander; Staff of Honorable Mario Diaz Balart, U.S. Congress. There, but not pictured, County Commissioner "Pepe" Diaz, a member of CID 110.



## 126 TRI-STATE [OH]

Early in April we started our "Forget-Me-Not" program, but the weather did not co-operate. It rained the first two outings. The third time was the charm; we did well and no one got wet.

On 3 May we held our first indoor picnic and installed our new officers:

- Pres. - George Piggott
- Vice Pres. - Lindy Malignani
- Treasurer - Carl Sebrell
- Secretary - Lloyd Nalley
- Trustees - Dan Gallagher, George Germusa and Mike Kilcoyne
- Chaplain - Don Wolf
- Sgt. of Arms - Ed Peters



"Chow hounds" of CID 126, Leonard Husk and Mike Kilcoyne, in line at chapter's indoor picnic at the Midland, PA American Legion



Don Wolf swears in new officers of CID 126 (L-R) George Piggott, Lindy Malignani, Carl Sebrell, Lloyd Nalley, George Germusa, Mike Kilcoyne

On "World Prayer Day" we posted the Colors in the town square of Wellsville, OH.

We have always volunteered to put flags on the graves of veterans. This year we got some much needed help from the East Liverpool High School ROTC program. It was a beautiful day and it made us feel good just to see these young people



A member of East Liverpool High School ROTC helps place flags



CID 126 members wait to post the Colors at World Prayer Day at Wellsville, OH



Don Wolf (R) presents a \$500 check to Ron Simmons (L), head of East Liverpool Vets City Council

helping us out.

Our Chapter donated \$500 to the East Liverpool Veterans City Council to help bring the "Vietnam Moving Wall" to Liverpool. Don Wolf, representing the Tri-State Chapter, did the honors.

On Memorial Day we "rode" in the parade in Midland, PA, because we can't all go that distance on foot. I can't believe we are getting old.

George Piggott, 3720 Root Ave., NE  
Canton, OH 44705

## 131 NORTHWEST OHIO [OH]

On July 4th, five members of our chapter met with Jamie Farr at our monument in Toledo. There are over 300 bricks





Members of CID 131 and guests at chapter's monument (L-R) Marge and Tom Baranowski, Glen Cousino, Shirley and Joe Davis, Jamie Farr, Dan Draheim, Lou Streb, Carol Draheim

around our monument, and Jamie's name is on one of them.

I'm not sure who enjoyed themselves the most, our members or Jamie. Our Treasurer, Joel Davis, was the one who was able to set up the meeting.

Joel Davis, P.O. Box 342, Luckey, OH 43443

## 141 CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS [MA]

Our Chapter Commander, William Francis ("Billy") Hennessey, went on his final voyage on 29 April. He had served as Junior and Senior Vice Commander before becoming Commander.

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## 142 KOREAN WAR VETERANS [MD]

We recently elected officers for the coming year:

- John E. Wilcox, Jr., Commander
- Vernon R. Kephart, Jr., Executive Committee
- Kenneth E. Davis, Vice Commander
- Richard L. Martin, Executive Committee
- Glenn W. Wienhoff, Secretary
- Eugene F. Rinehart, Executive Committee
- Robert C. Mount, Treasurer
- Anthony J. Malavenda, Executive Committee
- Robert F. Miles, Executive Committee.

### Col Dorothy Johnson is guest speaker at May Meeting

Dorothy T. Johnson, Col., USA (Ret) was the guest speaker at our May meeting. Col Johnson spoke of the highlights of her 30+ year Army career and the interesting assignments she encountered.



Newly elected officers of CID 142 (L-R) John E. Wilcox, Jr., Vernon R. Kephart, Jr., Kenneth E. Davis, Richard L. Martin, Glenn W. Wienhoff, Eugene F. Rinehart, Robert C. Mount, Anthony J. Malavenda, Robert F. Miles



CID 142 members and guest (L-R) Treasurer Bob Mount, Commander Glenn Wienhoff, Colonel Johnson, Secretary Ken Davis, Vice Commander John Wilcox

She is a native of Frederick and the daughter of chapter member Bob Cannon.

Richard L. Martin, Publicity Chairman  
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### 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.

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## 147 WEST BAY RHODE ISLAND #2 [RI]

Our chapter's Color Guard went to New York City to visit the UN as VIPs. We got first class treatment throughout our visit.

First, we stopped at the Korean Embassy in the city for a briefing. Then, we had lunch before our UN tour.

All we could say was, "Wow."

Robert Hartley, Commander, CID 147  
P.O. Box 661, Coventry, RI 02816



Members of CID 147 and hosts gather at Korean Embassy in New York (L-R) Jee, Hong-Ki, Military Advisor in UN, Tony Tarateta, Walter Rezendes, Ralph Nonnamacher, Bob Hartley (Chapter Cmdr.), Ed Ruzzano, Jin, Jae-Kon (KVA, NY), Bob Cushing, unknown, Joe Meunier, Cy Geary, Mel Hill, Billy Bowen, Chief Belbin, two unknown KVA members (Kneeling, L-R) 3 unknown people, Lee, Yoo-Sup (KVA of Queens Board of Directors), Jeon, John K (Liaison to Korea KWVA, Rhode Island)



CID 147 members and others in UN Building delegate lobby, Lee, Yoo-Sup, unknown, Bob Hartley, Jin, Jae-Kon, Joe Meunier, Chief Belbin, Ralph Nonnamacher, Bob Cushing, Jee, Hong-Ki, 2 unknown people, Jeon, John K.

**Visit the Korean War Veterans  
Association Website:  
[www.KWVA.org](http://www.KWVA.org)**



Members of CID 147 and KVA NY gather in UN Security Council chambers



In the UN General Assembly Hall: Jee, Hong-Ki, Jin, Jae-Kon, Billy Bowen, Joe Meunier, Ed Ruzzano, Jeon, John K., Tony Tarateta, Bob Cushing, Chief Belbin, unknown, Mel Hill

## 148 CENTRAL JERSEY [NJ]

We have new officers. New Jersey State Treasurer Lee Kaczmarek installed them at a 13 May 2009 ceremony. They are:

- Charles Koppelman, Jr. – Commander
- Andrew Oslinker – Sr. Vice Cmdr.
- Bernard London – Jr. Vice Cmdr.



New officers of CID 148 (L-R) Lee Kaczmarek (Installing Officer), Harvey Weinberg, Robert D. Bliss, Andrew Oslinker, Charles Koppelman, Bernard London, Eugene Foladare, Arnold Wolfson



- Arnold Wolfson – Treasurer (and former chapter Commander)
  - Robert D. Bliss – Secretary
  - Eugene Foladare – Officer of the Day
  - Harvey Weinberg – Chaplain
- Charles Koppelman, 6 Yarmouth Drive  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

## 174 NATURE COAST [FL]

On 9 May seven members of our chapter and Auxiliary attended the Central High School Navy Jr. ROTC Medals and Awards Ceremony. Joseph Seyfried, Treasurer, presented Colonel Michael Ralph with a \$200 donation towards the program expenses.



CID 174 members and Auxiliary members at Navy Jr. ROTC awards ceremony (Back, L to R) Joseph Seyfried, Col Michael Ralph; Janet Johnson, Auxiliary Member; Robert Johnson, Vice Commander; Mel Eakley, Sgt at Arms; Robert Bestercey, Chaplain (Front, L-R) Lorraine Eakley, Auxiliary President; Kathleen Seyfried, Auxiliary Secretary

The veterans and the ladies presented 5 male cadets and 5 female cadets with \$25 each and medals.

Joseph C. Seyfried, Treasurer, 11020 Belltower Street,  
Spring Hill, FL 34608, (352) 688-1388,  
kandiS@iuno.com

## 186 ST. CHARLES COUNTY [MO]

We held our first fund raiser in April 2009.

Salvadore Christifulli,  
923 Annabrook Park  
Drive, O'Fallon, MO  
63366, (636) 294-1836,  
SChristi@mail.win.org

Members of CID 186 at first fund raiser, Gene Stark (L) and Art Minor



CID 186 fund raisers (L-R) Mill Hilliard, Allen Wiley, Frank Williams, Tony Benskin

## 209 LAREDO 1950 [TX]

Members participated in the George Washington Birthday and Celebration Parade. This is an annual celebration including the United States and Mexico.

Tony Silva, Webb County Veterans Service Officer, services more than 100,000 veterans in Webb County. He has provided excellent service to the veterans of this area. We presented him with a book, Hispanic Military Heroes, and a life membership of World War II Magazine for his dedication.

Pete Trevino, 1307 E. Stewart  
Laredo, TX 78040, (956) 723-6978



**ABOVE:** Nico Nanez, Jesus Gonzalez (front row), Reynaldo Reyna, Paulino Lucio, Arnold Gutierrez (second row), Eduardo Botello, Ernesto Sanchez, Zachary Reyna, Artemio Garza (third row), Sam Brewster (back row) on CID 209's float at parade.

**RIGHT:** Reynaldo Reyna and Paulino Lucio put the final touches on CD 209's float







Finished!!! Reynaldo Reyna and Paulino Lucio are done with CID 209's float



Andres Dimas, Hector Garza, Ernesto Sanchez, Sam Brewster, Tony Silva, Salvador Sciaraffa, Pete Trevino (L-R) at CID 209 book presentation

## 215 GENERAL WALTER H. WALKER [TX]

John Fisher and Sim Goodall received plaques for their volunteer service at the Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery. John Fisher has served 9 years and logged 1,315 hours volunteering. Sim Goodall has served 5 years and logged 1,080 hours volunteering.



John Fisher (L) and Sim Goodall (R) of CID 215 display their volunteer service plaques

The Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery is the only National Cemetery at which the Public Information Office is staffed by volunteers 7 days a week, 363 days a year.

Marvin Dunn, 1721 Briardale Ct., Arlington, TX 76013

## 251 SAGINAW/FRANKENMUTH [MI]

We meet at the Hospital Auditorium in Saginaw, MI. As Public Relations Director, I always supply a different type of speaker. We ask them to limit their presentations to thirty minutes.

The speaker at our 4 February meeting was Pam Hickey, who raises sixteen llamas on a small ranch in the town of Merrill, MI, about 25 miles away. She is called the "Llama Mama." She also is co-owner of a shop that teaches weaving all kinds of mittens, caps, and sweaters from llama yarn. Items made from llama yarn are eight times warmer than the same articles made from wool.

The Llama Mamma says llamas make better pets than dogs, kittens, or horses. Yes, a llama will spit in your face if it does not know you.



CID 251 Finance Office Don Twietmeyer (L) presents check to guest speaker Pam Hickey (C), as Bob Simon (R) and llama friend (not a real one) looks on

Mrs. Hickey is extremely entertaining as she speaks. Her style of talking is like Bill Cosby's. She actually makes fun of herself and her husband. It was truly neat to see the faces on the 35 members present the night she talked.

Our chapter has about 107 members. On average, about 35-45 of them attend our meetings. We serve no meals or coffee. But, we involve many of the members in different functions, like attending the Korean Presbyterian Church picnic in August, the Christmas Party in December, etc. (Wives attend both of these functions.)

We have a large turn-out to sell Roses of Sharon twice a year, and we run food drives. In March, 2009 we were the guests of Independent Village (for elderly) for a meal and a tour of the facilities.

Our secret to a successful chapter is to keep all the members involved.

Bob Simon, Public Relations Director  
7286 Spring Lake Trail, Saginaw, MI. 48603



## 270 SAM JOHNSON [TX]

We installed elected and appointed officers during our 11 July meeting.

- President - J. D. Randolph
- First Vice-President - Paul Pfrommer.
- Second Vice-President - Keith Fannon
- Secretary - J. Tilford Jones
- Treasurer - Ed Wuermsen
- Directors - Bill Carman
- Chaplain - Ralph Smith

We also donated a popcorn machine to the Dallas Fisher House.

Glen Thompson, gthomp@tx.rr.com



The installed officers of CID 270 (L-R) J. D. Randolph, J. Tilford Jones, Ed Wuermsen, Keith Fannon, Bill Carman, Cliff Platt, Ralph Smith, Paul Pfrommer. Photo by Charles Buckley



CID 270 Secretary J. Tilford Jones (L) and President J. D. Randolph (R), with the donated popcorn machine in front of the Fisher House. A metal plaque in the upper left corner of the popcorn machine identifies KWVA Chapter 270 as the donor.



The new officers of CID 270 take the oath of office

## 289 MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN]

We've had a busy couple months. On June 13 (the day before Flag Day) fifteen members held a fund raiser at a Wal-Mart Super Center in Johnson City/Jonesborough, TN. We set up charts and table displaying news about the Korean War and gave "Rose of Sharon" flowers to each donor.

On June 25th we held our second annual "Watermelon Party" at the Mountain Home V. A. Hospital (nursing home wing) in Johnson City. We cut up ten watermelons and delivered them to the rooms of those veterans who could not make it to the recreation room.



CID 289's fund raiser at Wal-Mart: Ralph Yelton (in wheel chair), Harold Webb, James Holton, Al Ford, Bill McCoy, Bob Shelton and Fred Himelwright



Members of CID 289 at their BBQ at the Mountain Home VA: Arles Pease, Mack Dunford, James Holton, Bob Shelton and Fred Himelwright



Then, on July 4th, for the fifth straight year, we participated in the American Legion-sponsored parade in Kingsport, TN. Eleven members marched/rode the 1-½ mile parade route.

Finally, on July 10th members helped serve approximately 60 veterans and their families meals at a BBQ Picnic sponsored by Mountain Empire Chapter at the Mountain Home V.A. Hospital's nursing home wing.

Carol Shelton, cshelton37663@yahoo.com

## 311 H. EDWARD REEVES [AZ]

Our chapter has been active recently. We conducted our Rose of Sharon sales, participated in a Patriots Day event, and continued our visits to the Prescott VAMC, which we do once a month.

We also installed new officers:

- Commander – Chuck Stohr
- 1st Vice Cmdr. – Jim Johnston
- 2nd Vice Cmdr. – Ed Katz
- Adjutant – John McKinney
- Treasurer – Pete Buscaino
- Directors – Bob Wittman, Paul Hoffman

Judge Advocate Tom Bratzman installed the officers.

Charles B. ("Chuck") Stohr  
2094 Summer Breeze Drive, Prescott, AZ 86303



New CID 311 officers (L-R) Tom Britzman (Installing Officer), Chuck Stohr, Jim Johnston, Ed Katz, John McKinney, Pete Buscaino, Bob Wittman, John Paul Hoffman



Three members of CID 311 display a "getaway" vehicle at their Rose of Sharon event



LEFT: "Thank you for the donation" to the CID 311 Rose of Sharon drive

BELOW: CID 311 members thank another contributor to the Rose of Sharon fund

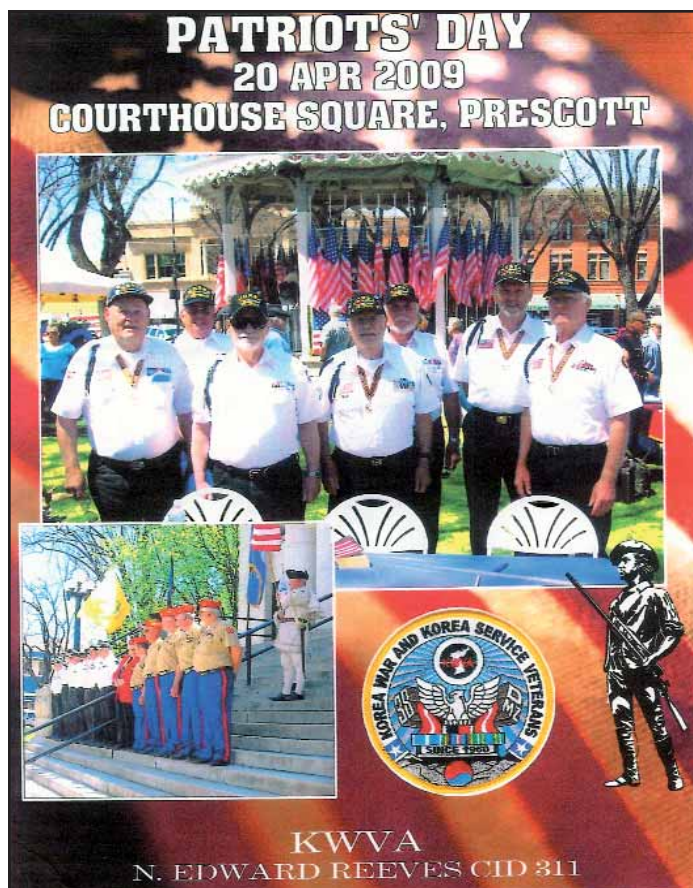


Members of CID 311 visit with veterans at the Community Living Center at Prescott VAMC (L-R) Chuck Stohr, Korean War veteran and patient Navy LT Bill Powell, Jim Johnston, George Krob



Jim Johnston, Chuck Stohr, and George Grob (L-R) visit with Korean War veteran Maj Lee Dortsch (USAF)—who was also a U.S. Marine in WWII





CID 311 members gather at Patriots Day event in Prescott, AZ

## 312 ANTIETAM [MD]

CID 312, in cooperation with the local county library, sponsored a Korean War display featuring pictures and narrative of the 1950-1953 war years. The display ran from June 24th to July 27th.

In addition to the large display unit, several military posters were mounted on the wall and a glass display case containing memorabilia from the war made up a comprehensive display story of the Korean War.

On June 24th, at the opening of the event, the chapter and the library jointly held an invitation-only reception. Among those in attendance were local politicians, public school officials, chapter members and other visiting KWVA members. There were over sixty guests in all.

The featured speaker at the reception was Col. William E. Weber, U. S. Army (Ret), who enthralled the audience with his presentation. The Colonel's remarks were clearly the hit of the night.

Refreshments were served by the library staff at a social hour to round out the evening. It was a great event for the chapter.

### Put Your Korean War Service on Display (Revisited)

We thank the individuals and chapters who responded to the article about using our mantle displays as a fundraiser. This display item makes a good souvenir for chapter members.



ABOVE: CID 312's display at the county library

RIGHT: Memorabilia in CID 312's library display



RIGHT: Col Bill Weber enthralled the crowd at CID 312's library presentation.

BELOW: A sizable crowd turned out for CID 312's presentation





We are pleased that some of you have ordered them for your chapters. Several of you have said that you are going to use them as “thank you” gifts for members who have gone “above and beyond” for their volunteerism. What a great idea!

The mantles can still be ordered. They can be purchased with the name of your chapter on the front and a short statement about the chapter on the back, or in a more generic version with “America’s Forgotten War” on the front and nothing on the back.

This attractive display is 4 inches wide by 5-1/2 inches tall. The shield is a brilliant blue with the circle in red. The base is gray. The cost for these items is \$12 each in quantities of 25 and shipping is included in that price.

For more information about the display, or to order mantle displays for your chapter, please contact:

Antietam Chapter #312, Les Bishop, Secretary  
P. O. Box 868, Funkstown, MD 21734  
(240) 420-3755, lbishop@myactv.net

## 315 SOUTHERN OREGON [OR]

We participated in the annual Boatnik Parade this year with upgraded transportation. It was the third time we have participated. The first two years we used a lawn tractor to pull a trailer. There were two veterans in the trailer; another one drove the tractor. This year we had twelve people in the back of a truck, plus the driver and one passenger.

Neil M. McCain, Commander, Dept. of Oregon  
(541) 660 6104, neilmccain@clearwire.net



Members of CID 315 ride in style in the Boatnik Parade



Neil McCain (L) and Vern Beck (R) of CID 315 greet the crowd at the Boatnik Parade

## 317 SGT. BILLY FREEMAN [GA]

Even though the chapter is not active yet, members are. They received a Korean flag from members of the Korean community on 23 May 2009. The presentation, made by Mr. Keon Lee of the Korean community, took place at the Rotary Club Veterans

Memorial Wall.

Members also participated in the Rome, GA Memorial Day Parade on 25 May 2009.

Their local newspaper, the Rome News-Tribune, provided the chapter with a significant amount of coverage following the flag presentation.

Charles Patterson, 545 N. Avery Rd., N.W.  
Rome, GA 30165



Members of CID 317 accepting flag from members of the Korean community (L-R) W. Brock, Leonard Pilgrim, N. Money, James R. Mehaffey, B. Burchett, Charles Patterson, Mr. Keon Lee



Charles Patterson (L) and Wilson Adams (R) of CID 317 at Memorial Day Parade in Rome, GA

## DEPARTMENTS

### FLORIDA

Past Department President Bob Balzer presented a custom-framed medal case to Emory L. Bennett Veterans Memorial Nursing Home chief administrator Belkis-Pineyro Wiggins.

Balzer made the case, which honors Korean War Medal of Honor recipient Emory L. Bennett.

Incidentally, CID 189, Central Florida, meets at the nursing home each month.

Bob Balzer, 811 Orangewood Ave.  
Deland, FL 32724





Bob Balzer, in blue jacket, presents medal case to Belkis-Pineyro Wiggins, as Robert Hawes (L) and Hans Wolfer (R) assist

### MOH Citation: Emory L. Bennett

**Private First Class, U.S. Army**  
**Company B, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division**

Pfc. Bennett, a member of Company B, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action against an armed enemy of the United Nations. At approximately 0200 hours, two enemy battalions swarmed up the ridge line in a ferocious banzai charge in an attempt to dislodge Pfc. Bennett's company from its defensive positions.

Meeting the challenge, the gallant defenders delivered destructive retaliation, but the enemy pressed the assault with fanatical determination and the integrity of the perimeter was imperiled. Fully aware of the odds against him, Pfc. Bennett unhesitatingly left his foxhole, moved through withering fire, stood within full view of the enemy, and, employing his automatic rifle, poured crippling fire into the ranks of the onrushing assailants, inflicting numerous casualties.

Although wounded, Pfc. Bennett gallantly maintained his one-man defense and the attack was momentarily halted. During this lull in battle, the company regrouped for counterattack, but the numerically superior foe soon infiltrated into the position. Upon orders to move back, Pfc. Bennett voluntarily remained to provide covering fire for the withdrawing elements, and, defying the enemy, continued to sweep the charging foe with devastating fire until mortally wounded.

His willing self-sacrifice and intrepid actions saved the position from being overrun and enabled the company to effect an orderly withdrawal. Pfc. Bennett's unflinching courage and consummate devotion to duty reflect lasting glory on himself and the military service.

## NEW YORK

The Department held its spring convention on 6 May 2009 at Longfellows Hotel, Saratoga Springs, NY. About 100 "gray-haired" Korean War veterans shared remembrances of the bloody war that started 59 years ago.

Attendees took a tour and a Memorial service was held at the

Gerald Solomon National Veteran's Cemetery. A flower was placed on the KWVA Monument for the deceased members from each of the 20 NY State chapters.

Our honored guests included Mrs. Clara Norris, widow of National KWVA founder William T. Norris, Founder Arthur Patterson, and James "Red Dog" Ferris, KWVA National 1st Vice President.

The poet Henry Longfellow lauded the nature of the crossing of life and sad moods in his poem, "The Meeting." Our meeting at the Longfellow Inn seemed to bring to us ever so strongly the sentiments that the poet perceived on the River Charles.

Here is a poem I wrote about "Remembrance."

The day we met and the day we departed,  
 The day we will meet again and the day we will bid a goodbye.

The time we will enjoy and the time we remember,  
 The year we will look back and the year we will find it happy.

The people we met and the people we will forget.  
 The heart we left behind and the heart we will keep.

The love we started, and the love we abandoned,  
 And the love we will carry.

Remembering us in yesterday, today, and tomorrow, I dream a  
 dream of plunging  
 Ourselves into the Black Hole in the space.

Dr. Hubert Hojae Lee, 1st VP, CID 202  
 Orange County, NY, 2 Neeley Street  
 Middletown, NY 10940(845) 342-6694 (fax),  
 drhlee@frontiernet.net

Thanks to Gene Corsale and Ray Waldron for their contributions to this account.



At Dept of NY spring convention (L-R)  
 Pres. Irving Breibart,  
 National 1st VP, Dr.  
 Hubert Lee, 1st VP,  
 CID 202

Dr. Hubert Lee (L) and  
 Col Tony Waterston at  
 Dept. of NY convention





# 25 June

## We would like to take your picture

How often does a newspaper seek Korean War veterans to take their picture?

Association of Northeast Region U.S.A.

Other chapters from Central Long Island [NY], Long Island Nassau [NY], State Island [NY], College Point [NY], and Rhode Island were represented.



Members of CID 7 pose for The Union Democrat photographer, Maggie Beck (Back, L-R) Roland Elliott II, Lee Dauster, Earl Bailey, John Poorbaugh, Charles Phillips, Bob Evans, Spencer Lamb, Robert Loll, Gary Van Den Bergh (Front, L-R) Louis Reyes, Bill Tolar, Bill Dunlavy

Well, that is what happened to members of CID-7, Sonora Tuolumne County [CA].

Lee Dauster reported that the local paper, The Union-Democrat, wanted to photograph a group of Korean War veterans to observe the 25 June anniversary date of the North Korean invasion and the beginning of the UN/U.S. effort to save South Korea.

Chapter members were happy to oblige, as the nearby photo suggests.

*Lee Dauster, 15444 Camino del Parque  
N, Sonora, CA 95370*

## Chapter members commemorate start of Korean War

Members of CID 170, Taejon [NJ], in conjunction with other chapters and dignitaries, observed the annual commemoration of the start of the Korean War. The event was sponsored by the Korean Veterans

CID 170 Commander Thomas Falato received the invitation to attend this special event, held 29 June at Kissena Park, Queens, NY. He and eight other chapter members attended.

After the U.S. and South Korean National Anthems were sung, a wreath placement ceremony ensued. Commanders of various Korean War chapters participated. Commander Falato placed a wreath near the large bronze statue of a Korean War GI in full combat uniform.

VIPs from the community, the South Korean government, and the Turkish Consul spoke about the Korean War. After the impressive ceremony, lunch was served at Kum Gang Korean Restaurant in Flushing, NY.

*Louis Quagliero, 142 Illinois Ave.,  
Paterson, NJ 07503.*







Department of New Jersey Commander George Bruzgis stands with CID 170 members (L-R) Raymond Cohen, Thomas Falato, Richard Onorevole, Edwin Burkert, Louis Quagliero, Edward Frye. Thomas Boyle (back) at 25 June ceremony in New York



Members of CID 170 at 25 June event (L-R) John DiLonardo, Richard Onorevole, Erwin Burkert, Edward Frye



Thomas Falato, CID 170 Commander, speaks about the Korean War at 25 June event

## Frank E. Clovis, Jr. Awarded Bronze Star



Judge Craig Doran (L), and Frank Clovis at Bronze Medal presentation ceremony

**F**rank E. Clovis, a member of CID 67, Finger Lakes #1 [NY], received a Bronze Star on 12 June 2007 for his actions in the Battle of Wansom in 1951. The Medal was presented in a ceremony at the Ontario County [NY] Court House in Canandaigua.

His citation reads:

The United States Congress takes pleasure in providing the Bronze Star for presentation to Frank E. Clovis, Jr.

The Bronze Star is being presented to PFC Frank E. Clovis, Jr. for his actions of heroism during the Korean War in the Battle of Wansom in 1951 Korea. PFC Frank E. Clovis, Jr. did in fact risk his own life in saving several of his fellow wounded comrades' lives, while all the time still fighting the Communist forces. Because of the lack of ammunition and weapons, he also risked his life gathering weapons and ammo from the enemy and from dead bodies of North Korean soldiers. Such actions helped to stop the spread of Communism.

Actions of complete disregard for his own safety and the determination to save his fellow comrades have earned the respect that all heroes deserve. Therefore, after over 50 years, we hereby present PFC Frank E. Clovis, Jr. with the Bronze Star.

### Frank Clovis' Memory of the event

After 56 years, I am having a hard time remembering descriptions of battles and locations that have been blocked out of my mind for many years. I will try to give you as close to exact dates as possible, as I didn't know one day or week from another.

I arrived in Korea in November 1950. After fighting on the front lines for 9

months with no R&R, I left on rotation on points in August 1951. To the best of my knowledge, these are some of the offensives and battles I was engaged in. I was awarded three Bronze Battle Stars.

- December 1950 - My Company (A, 32 Inf. Reg. 7th Div) fought in the Taebaek Mountains in 30 degree to 40 degree below zero weather. As we fought our way up various mountain tops we were running out of ammo so we took ammo from our dead buddies. Sometimes we even took guns and ammo from the dead enemy. At that time I was Lead Scout on patrol to find location of enemy. Many times I was pinned down under enemy fire until the rest of the patrol could move up.

- February 1950 - I participated in the Battle of Hoengsong and Wonju area. At this time the Chinese counter-attacked. It was a bloody battle with fixed bayonets and hand-to-hand combat. We lost many men.

I fought in the Han River area driving the Chinese back to the 38th and retook Seoul. We fought to secure the 38th. On March 26, 1951, in this area, we were on top of the Taebaek Mountains and my closest buddy was with me fighting.

As we moved forward, the enemy opened fire and my buddy was shot in the chest. He went down; I dropped down to aid him while being fired upon. At the same time, I was firing back at the enemy.

I started to drag my buddy over the ridge of the Taebaek with complete disregard for my own safety, while still under fire, but he died in my arms. This area was a barren treeless area all blown up from artillery bombardment. I marked his location, all the while confiscating ammo and weapons from enemy bodies. What was left of our company carried on the fight in this area.

I was relieved in August 1951 to come home.

Reach Mr. Clovis at 7540 Cty RD 33 Naples, NY 14512, (585) 374-2075.

*Submitted by Robert Sherman,  
95 Tillotson St., Canandaigua, NY 14424,  
(585) 386-1976*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: We have had this article in our file for an overly long time. We apologize to Mr. Sherman, a CID 67 member, and Mr. Clovis for the delay in reporting it.*



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**Registration deadline is October 3, 2009** (MOH members no registration or banquet fees)

Activities and Fees Due with form

Date	Activity	Cost Per Person	# of People	Total
Sat. 24th .....	Arrival- Registration .....	\$25 .....	_____	\$ .....
Sun. 25th .....	Board Meeting .....			
Sun 25th .....	Ladies Brunch .....	\$10 .....	_____	\$ .....
Mon. 26th .....	Memorial Service .....			
Mon. 26th .....	General Membership Meeting .....			
Mon. 26th .....	Banquet (choices below) .....	\$35 .....	_____	\$ .....
Mon. 26th .....	Banquet (for non-registered) .....	\$45 .....	_____	\$ .....
	Roasted Beef Sirloin: Number. _____			
	Pan Seared Breast of Chicken: Number. _____			
	<b>TOTAL .....</b>			<b>\$ .....</b>

Please print your name as you want it on your badge.

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

KWVA Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Names \_\_\_\_\_

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To receive a Meeting refund you must cancel by October 3, 2009, or before. Hotel reservations or cancellations are to be made direct with the hotel. There will be a \$25 charge for returned checks.

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Activities on Tuesday, October 27, will include a trip to see the new Cowboys Stadium and the Ranger Ballpark.



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Our rate is \$89.00 per night plus taxes single or double. The rate is good for two days prior to the convention and two days after. Reservations must be made no later than October 9th at 5:00pm Irving time to receive this rate. We have 100 rooms blocked. Make your reservations early; we may not be able to secure more at this rate.

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- Denney's Restaurant is directly across the street
- We will have two large Hospitality Rooms (across the hall from each other)
- For the sightseers we will have brochures, directions, suggestions and any cost involved.

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### From DFW Airport:

Exit DFW Airport from the north exit. After exiting the tollbooth, continue to the first right, HWY 114 East towards Dallas. Proceed on Hwy

114 to the Esters exit. At the stop sign, go left over Hwy 114. Stay on Esters and turn left into The Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport.

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# Monuments and Medals

Korea: the Forgotten War, Remembered

## Ocean State #1 Chapter Attends Ground-breaking in Pawtucket

Members of CID 117, Ocean State #1 attended an 18 June ground-breaking ceremony for a Korean War Memorial at Pawtucket, RI. We received permission to build our memorial in Wilkinson Park, better known as Park Place, in Pawtucket.

Maurice P. Trottier  
20 Oakdale Ave.  
Pawtucket, RI 02860  
(401) 723-4365, koreamoe50@cox.net



CID 117's Memorial Committee (L-R) Jr. Vice Jack Keenan, Sr. Vice Joseph LaFountaine, Cmdr. Maurice P. Trottier, Secretary Antero Martins



Members of CID 117 and ground-breaking ceremony guests at Pawtucket (L-R) Ken LaFountaine, Jack Keenan, John Pina, Joe LaFountaine, Leo Courtois (rear), Peter Paul Boyd, Moe Trottier, Roland Watts, Jack Carney (city public works official), Antero Martins, John Giarusso

## CID 199, Korea Veterans of America, Celebrates Anniversary of Monument

The Korea Veterans of America Chapter celebrated the 5-year anniversary of its Middleboro Monument. It is the first monument in the country to honor all past and present Korea veterans.

The Korea Veterans of America is the largest chapter in the



The Korea Veterans of America crew at the 5-year anniversary of its Middleboro Monument

KVA chaplain Larry Swope reads names of KVA deceased members at Middleboro event. Color Guard Sgt Otis Mangrum rings bell after each name.. KVA Vice Cmdr Art Griffith, KVA Jr. Vice Cmdr Ken McKenna, KVA webmaster Ron Kreusel look on



Cmdr Al McCarthy, Don Hall, KWVA Nat'l Director Jeff Brodeur, KVA Director Bob Joy, Iraq War vet Vincent Mannion-Brodeur, KVA Monument Designer Maura Brodeur, KVA Treasurer Bob Wagner, KVA Member Jim Lewis at event

KWVA today. We thank all members who participated in this historic day. The KVA is here to stay and carry on the legacy of the Korean War and its aftermath.

Ken McKenna, 40 Newtonville Ave.  
Fitchburg, MA 01420, (978) 345-6259,  
kenneth.mckenna@verizon.net

## Memorial Dedicated to 780th Field Artillery Battalion

There was only one Army Reserve unit from Virginia that served in Korea. That was the 780th Field Artillery Battalion. A memorial to the unit was dedicated on 30 May 2009 at the Salem Veterans' Administration Medical Center in Salem, VA to honor the 780th's service.

This letter to me from the Department of the Army tells the story.

George J. Ellis  
1020 Wildwood Park Road  
Florence, AL 35630

27 May 2009  
Army Reserve Communications



Dear Mr. Ellis:

On behalf of today's Army Reserve, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and recognize the Soldiers of the 780th Field Artillery Battalion. The 780th was Virginia's only Army Reserve unit to see combat in Korea. This unit served our country proudly from April 1951 until December 1953, earning seven of ten campaign streamers and two Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations. There were twelve Soldiers from this unit who gave their lives for America during the war and 65 others sustained injuries.

The outstanding painting by Don Spaulding appropriately depicts the heroic accomplishments of the 780th in the Korean War. Mr. Spaulding captured a very powerful moment in combat—the firing on enemy positions. Depicting this moment in the etching on this memorial is indeed a great way for the Army Reserve to honor our comrades who served before us.

Patients and visitors alike will be able to enjoy this work of art at the Salem Veterans' Administration Medical Center located in Salem, Virginia, and take a moment to honor those whose service we greatly admire and respect.

I am confident today's Army Reserve shares the same drive and spirit of the 780th Field Artillery Battalion. While much has changed over the years in terms of the size and operations of the Army Reserve, our Soldiers' dedication and commitment to the pursuit of liberty and freedom around the globe is as much a part of us as it was during this unit's Korean deployment. We thank the 780th for paving the way and for setting the bar high for our young Soldiers. And, in return, we promise to work hard to leave an equally powerful legacy to the next generation of men and women of the Army Reserve.

Jack C. Stultz, Lieutenant General,  
Chief, Army Reserve



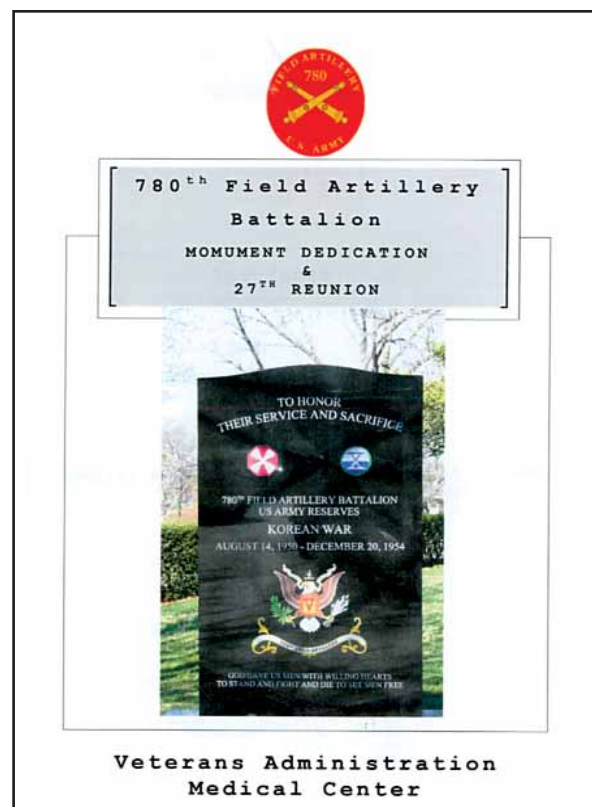
**LEFT:** Frank Kirk opens Memorial dedication of 780th FAB



**BELOW:** Members of the 780th FAB stand beside memorial at dedication ceremony in Salem, VA



The reverse side of the 780th FAB memorial at Salem, VA, which depicts the Army Reserve painting (**ABOVE**) and presents the names of those who never came home



Front pages of 780th FAB dedication program

## Reunion Calendar – 2009

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 including mailing addresses and phone numbers 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.

### SEPTEMBER

**38th Ord. Association**, 11-13 Sep., Fort Wayne, IN, Hall's Guesthouse. POC: Bill Smith, (260) 485-6369/cell (260) 418-5667, oakhurst468@verizon.net

**343rd General Hospital**, 12 Sep., Port Byron, NY. POC: Bernie Long, 40 Indian Hill Drive, Waterloo, NY 13165, (315) 651-4205

**630th Engineers**, Light Equipment Co., 14-16 Sep., Branson, MO. POC: Oscar Viehland, 9587 Woodland Rd., Robertsville, MO 63072, ogvccv@att.net

**40th Inf. Div., 160th Regt., Co. A** ( Korea ), 14-16 Sep., Laughlin, NV, Edgewater Hotel/Casino. POC: Roger Lueckenhoff, 208 Steeplechase, Rd., Rolla, MO 65401-3784, (573) 364-4145, lueck@fidnet.com

**538th Ordnance M.A.M. Co.** (Korea, 1950-55), 14-17 Sep., Oklahoma City, OK. POC: William Yow, (580) 225-0810 or Beverly Petross, (580) 821-0234, bevbears@att.net

**58th Float Bridge Co.**, 14-17 Sep., Nashville, TN, Holiday Inn Opryland/Airport. POC: Alta & Wes Stubert, (205) 631-6678, (205) 903-5866 (cell), awassoc1@bellsouth.net

**USS Essex** (CV-CVA-CVS-9-LHD-2), 14-19 Sep., Branson, MO. POC: Robert Peters, (248) 548-6452 or Bruce Sims, (770) 707-1812.

**58th Fighter Association**, 15-20 Sep., Albuquerque, New Mexico (includes WWII, Korea, Viet Nam members of 58th Fighter & 58th Fighter-Bomber Wing, as well as current members of the 58th Special Operations Wing). POC: J. Kupferer, 2025 Bono Road, New Albany, Indiana 47150-46, jkupferer@insightbb.com

**USS Colonial** (LSD-18), 16-19 Sep., Ft. Mitchell, KY. POC: Loren Kerby, 3013 Emerald Ct., Platte City, MO 64079, (816) 858-3158, kerbyplatte@aol.com

**765th TRSB** (Korea), 16-19 Sep., Bremerton, WA. POC: Billy F. Hill, 101 Graham Road, Jasper, TN 37347, (423) 942-2644

**USS Hornet** (CV-8 and CV-12, CVA-12, CVS-12), 16-20 Sep., Buffalo/Niagara Falls, NY. POC: Carl/Sandy Burket, (814) 224-5063, Fax (814) 224-0078, hornetcva@aol.com, or USS HORNET Association Inc., PO Box 108, Roaring Spring, PA 16673. All Ship's Company, Officers, Air Groups, Crew, Marines and their families welcomed.

**Society of the Third Infantry Division** and attached units (in wars and in peacetime), 16-20 Sep., Springfield, MO, Clarion Hotel Springfield, 3333 S. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO 65804, (417) 883-6500. POC: Linda Irvine, (360) 663-2521, info@theReunionBrat.com

**2nd Chemical Mortar Bn.** & successor units 461st Inf. Bn. & 88th Bn. HM, 16-19 Sep., Green Bay, WI. POC: Bob McGeorge, (513) 923-4920.

**3/7, 1st Mar. Div.** (Korea. 1950-53), 16-20 Sep., Davenport, IA. POC: Sondra & Tommie Tompkins, 1533 Broadview Drive, Bettendorf, IA 52722, (563) 355-6912, Sondra\_t@hotmail.com

**Anti/Tank Co., 5th Marines** (Korea ), 17-19 Sep., Quantico, VA Marine Base. POC: Chuck Batherson, (734) 721-0764, chuckandbarb51@sbcglobal.net

**1503 Air Transport Wing**, Pacific Division, Tokyo (1946-1966), 17-20 Sep., Chester, NY. POC: Bill Teichman, 4338 5 St., East Moline, IL 61244, (309) 796-2084, billsal@mchsi.com

**75th Air Depot Wing**, Korea, Japan, Europe 1952-1955, 17-20 Sep., Washington D.C.. POC: Walt Walko, 13616 Paradise Villas Grove, Colorado Springs CO 80921, (719) 488-1106, wawlaw2@juno.com

**96th Field Artillery Bn.** (Korea, 1950-58, all batteries), 20-23 Sep., Indianapolis, IN. POC: Arnold Anderson, 12470 Lizzie Lane, Custer, SD 57730, (605) 673-6313

**44th Engineer Battalion Association** (Brokenheart Battalion), 22-26 Sep., Fort Leonard Wood MO. POC: Ken Jobe, (757) 428-0328, kejo425@aol.com, or Bernie Resnick, (603) 434-6406, BigBMR@aol.com

**1st Bn., 7th Marines** (Korea), 22-27 Sep., Buffalo, NY. POC: Jim Hannon, 67 Norman Ave., Buffalo, NY 14210, (716) 822-2733, b17jim@aol.com

**Korean War Recon Marines** (24th Annual), 23-26 Sep., Pigeon Forge, TN. POC: Ed Tacchi, (516) 488-3137, edtac@aol.com

**USS Furse** (DD/DDR-882), 23-26 Sep., New Orleans, LA, Chateau Le Moyne French Quarter Hotel, (800) 465-4329, www.hi-chateau.com, code FRS. POC: Maurice C. "TUT" Tuttle, P O Box 890, Shelter Island, NY 11964, (631) 749-0274, ussfurse@aol.com. (Anyone who served aboard the Furse from 1945 - 1972, including their family and widows, is welcome.)

**USS Ozbourn** (DD-846), 23-27 Sep., St. Louis, MO. POC: Ray Loney, P.O. Box 58, Washougal, WA 98671, (360) 835-0699 or Ken Keene, 9995 Perry Highway, Meadville, PA 16335, (814) 337-3197

**USS Cascade** (AD-16), 23-27 Sep., Norfolk, VA, Sleep Inn Hotel, (757) 623-4400. POC: Barb Kennovin, 176 Teal Drive, Millsboro, DE 19966, (302) 945-2719 or Bob Croghan, 7827 Cassia Court, St. Louis, MO 63123, (314) 954-7801

**All Korean War Veterans**, 23-27 Sep., Eden Resort, Lancaster, PA. POC: Charles Egresitz, 6 Rosewood Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17109, (717) 497-6971, apebble@aol.com

**USS Leyte** (CV-32), All crew members., 23-27 Sep., New London, CT Radisson Hotel. POC: Clark Farnsworth, (518) 346-5240, clarede@msn.com

**51st Fighter Interceptor Wing Assoc.**, 24-26 Sep., St. Louis, MO, Crowne Plaza Hotel, (314-291-6700). POC: Jerry Zeilman, 11 Forest Lake Dr., Wright City, MO 63390-2437, (636)-745-2437, jzeilman@centurytel.com (The Assoc. is made up of all units and ranks that served in Korea 1950-54. Further info is available at www.keithfannon.netfirms.com or Keith Fannon at kfanon@gte.net.)

**6147th Tac Con Gp**, (5th AF/KOREA), The Mosquito Assn and all units, 29 Sep.-4 Oct., Nashua, NH, Radisson Hotel, (603) 888 9970. POC: Dick Souza, (987) 453 3887, SkeeterloC@aol.com

**32nd Inf. Regt. Assn.** ("The Queen's Own") 30 Sep.-3 Oct., Columbus, GA. POC: Helen Dyckson, (727) 697-2135, heland@verizon.net

**USS Monrovia** (APA-31), 30 Sep.-4 Oct., Branson, MO, Lodge of the Ozarks. POC: Ion Tharp, 13916 Elm Drive, Plato, MO 65552, (417) 458-4481.

### OCTOBER

**Army Security Agency Korean War and Post-War Veterans** (ASA KOREA), 1-4 Oct., Buffalo, NY. POC: Paul Bellet (716) 825-8662, www.asakorea.org

**USS Sicily** (CVE-118, VS-20, VS-931, VMF-214, VMF-323), Joint Reunion, 1-4 Oct., Chicago, IL, Radisson Hotel at Chicago O'Hare. POC: J. Robert Wagner, 2996 Runnymede Drive, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462, (610) 277-4374 (Ph/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), 2-5



Oct., Rapid City, SD, Ramkota Best Western Hotel, (605) 343-8550. POC: Bob Harbula, VP, G-3-1 KOREA Association (412) 462-8537, bobbyjuly@yahoo.com

**15th RSM & 6922nd RSM**, 3-6 Oct., Seattle, WA, Best Western Executive Inn. POC: Jim Bramwell, 108 President Ave., Rutledge, PA 19070, (610) 544-5143, m.jbrampres3@verizon.net

**A-1-7** (Korea, 1950-53), 4-7 Oct., Oceanside, CA. POC: Arty King, (760) 434-5688, hugarty@roadrunner.com

**Korean War Veterans National Reunion-All Services** (1950-53), 5-8 Oct., Tropicana Express Hotel/Casino, Laughlin, NV; Rooms @ \$20.00 per night. POC: Dick Gallmeyer, 1125 Evert Dr., Virginia Beach, VA. 23464 (800) 523-4715.

**Camp Breckenridge** (All veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam—including family and friends), 5-7 Oct., Camp Breckenridge Museum & Arts Center, Camp Breckenridge; 1116 N Village Rd., Morganfield KY 42437. Lodging at Hometown Inn, 55 Hwy. 60, Morgantown KY, (270) 389 9848. POC: (270) 389 4420; (270) 389 3546 (fax), campbreckenridge@bellsouth.net

**21st Inf. Regt.** and all attached units, 5-9 Oct., St. Louis, MO. POC: Phyllis L. Burke, 15322 Edgehill Drive, Dumfries, VA 22025-1037, (703) 730-9292, swingingate@gmail.com

**USS Soley** (DD-707), 8-12 Oct., Mobile, AL. POC: Eugene Blum, 6749 San Benito Way, Buena Park, CA 90620-3741, (714) 527-4925, eblum3@juno.com, or www.ussoley.org

**67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing** (All units), 8-12 Oct., Washington, D.C. area. POC: Lyle Cate, 59120 Hayes Rd., Ray, MI 48096, (586) 781-5786, leroycate@hotmail.com

**MCB1/MCB9 Seabees**, (All eras and active), 9-12 Oct., Las Vegas, NV. POC: .Peter Dowd, (781) 837-0393, mcb1reunion@verizon.net

**92nd Armored F.A. Bn.** (Korea) 11-14 Oct., Covington, KY, Radisson Hotel, Cincinnati Riverfront. POC: Guy McMenemy, 281-469-2819, bravecanons@sbcglobal.net

**Navy Amphibious Forces Veterans Association** ("NavaGators"), 11-16 Oct., San Antonio, TX, El Tropicana Riverwalk Holiday Inn. Open to all USN, USMC and USCG amphib vets from WW2 to the present who ever went over the side of an APA on a cargo net into a landing craft, were in the crew of a P-boat, LCAC, or assault helicopter, or were or are now in the crew of an amphibious craft from a LCM to a LPH; it is not required that you be a member to attend. POC: Don Wright, 4289 Alex Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45211, (513) 481-8317, apa227donw@cs.com or John Walsh, 2745 Dalton Ln., Toms River, NJ 08755, (732) 367-6472, apa224vp16@aol.com

**398th AAA AW Bn.** (Korea), 12-15 Oct., Branson, MO. POC: Arlie Schemmer, 4195 Cappeln-Osage Rd., Marthasville, MO 63357, (636) 228-4474

**USS Lenawee** (APA 195), 14-18 Oct., Tucson, AZ. POC: Mac McCarty, 1911 E. Pole Start Place, Tucson, AZ 85737, (520) 297-9814, mccartyml@aol.com

**USS Tingey** (DD-539), 15-17 Oct., Decatur AL. POC: Evan Plyler, 5708 Antioch Church Rd., Matthews, NC 28104, (704) 821- 8572

**1st Field Artillery Obs. Bn. Assn.**, 15-18 Oct., Coralville, IA. POC: John T. Palla, 3930 Garden Ave., Western Springs, IL 60558, (708) 246-2140, jtinspal-la@hotmail.com

**USS McNair** (DD-679), 15-19 Oct., Pensacola, FL. POC: Arthur Underwood, 215 E. 8th Street, Vinton, IA 52349, (319) 472-2724/(319) 540-2314, und121230@msn.com

**MTACS-2/MASS-2** (All years), 19-22 Oct., Las Vegas, NV. POC: George Macartie (858) 566-5303, mass-2@sbcglobal.net (NOTE: These are actually the same unit. In 1954 MTACS-2 became MASS-2)

**"A" Co., 578th Engineer Combat Bn.**, 40th Div., 20-23 Oct., Branson, MO. POC: John E. Foerst, 8861 Jackson Street, Mentor, OH 44060, (440) 255-6104

**Veterans of the Korean War** (all branches), 21-23 Oct., Virginia Beach, VA. POC: F. D. Newkirk, (757) 340-9801, fnewkirk1@cox.net, www.VKWR.org

**USS Eversole** (DD-789), 21-25 Oct., San Antonio, TX, Holiday Inn Riverwalk.

POC: Tom Trainham, 18 Whistle Way, Locust Grove, GA 30248, (770) 320 7511, tjt1958@yahoo.com

**USS Renville** (APA-227), 21-25 Oct., Charleston, SC, Holiday Inn Riverview. POC: Lynda Rumble, 187 Lakeshore Drive, Mooresville, NC 28117, (704) 906-7622, Lyndahd01@aol.com (Open to everyone with a connection to the ship, crew, and Marines from all eras)

**1st Radio Broadcasting and Leaflet Group**, 23-25 October, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL. POC: Thomas Klein, 4008 Ingersol Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20902-2318, (301)949-0036, tom.judith.klein@mindspring.com

**502nd Tac Cont Gp**, 605th, 605th, 607th and 608th A C & W Sqs (Korean War), 24-28 Oct., Nashville TN. POC: Bill Aylward, (703) 715-0448, waylward1@verizon.net

**USS Wasp** (CV/CVA/CVS-18), 25-30 Oct., Lowell, MA. POC: PH1 Richard G. VanOver, 6584 Bunting Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127, (716) 649-9053. (We are looking for members of the Ship's Company, Air Groups, and Marines who served aboard Wasp between 1943 and 1972 for membership and attendance at the reunion.)

**Engineer OCS Association** and participating classes, Atlanta, GA, 28-31 Oct. POC: E. T. Mealing, PO Box 14847, Atlanta, GA 30324, (404) 231-3402, TEOCSA@comcast.net or enocsa@earthlink.net

## MEMBERS from page 26

levels. She started Senior Fitness, Inc., Perkins Swim Club, Inc., and the internationally known Fit-by Five, Inc., a fitness program for pre-school aged children. Perkins-Carpenter has authored many books and articles, including *How To Prevent Falls: Better Balance, Independence and Energy in 6 Simple Steps*, an innovative system to help seniors reduce injuries and the fears associated with falling.

Dr. Perkins-Carpenter continues her work as a consultant, lecturer, teacher and advocate on issues related to fitness and safety for senior citizens.

This seems to me to be a very newsworthy article, especially with the emphasis that Dr. Perkins-Carpenter places on Senior Fitness through her "Keep From Falling" program. She is also a Regular member of Department of NY, Chapter CID 58, Monroe County of NY.

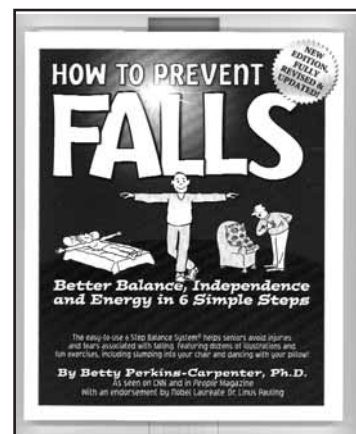
The book is complemented by a DVD that includes the steps to preventing falls.

Needless to say, Dr. Perkins-Carpenter was happy to learn about her award. "I was so excited to receive mine by a two-star female admiral," she told us. And, she noted that her uncle had a ship named after him.

If anyone wants to get in touch with Dr. Perkins-Carpenter, her contact information is 1780 Penfield Road, Penfield, NY 14526-2104, (585) 586-7548, bpc@senior-fitness.com.

We thank Joe Vogel for sending us the info about Dr. Perkins-Carpenter's award.

Joe Vogel, 1432 Leicester Road, Caledonia NY 14423, (585) 538-6162, joebirdv@hotmail.com





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# Recon Missions

## Elmouth Leroy Krause & Veer (Worth) M. Krause

Both my father and my uncle served with the Army in Korea. I would love to locate someone who served with them. My father died when I was a young child and my uncle was killed in Korea before I was born. I am searching for information or pictures anyone may have.

My father, Elmouth Leroy Krause, from Belhaven, NC, served in Korea in the early 1950s. My uncle, PFC Veer M. Krause (also known as Worth Krause), was killed in Korea in 1950. He was 20 when he died. He was from Norfolk, VA.

I would appreciate anything you or your members can do to help me with my search.

Judy Krause Mobley, 212 Church Street  
Gurley, AL 35748, (256) 337-1708,  
judy.mobley@echotaresearch.com

## Delbert Ebert

Anyone know the whereabouts of M/Sgt Delbert Ebert, Co. E, 31st Inf, 1950-51? He was from Oklahoma.

Lloyd Pitman, P. O. Box 71, Preble, NY 13141  
(315) 751-4396

## Members of Medical CO., 35th Inf. Regt., 25th Inf. Div.

The photo below of the enlisted personnel at the Regiment's First Battalion Aid Station in the sector called the Iron Triangle was taken in August 1951, the day before I was rotated home after thirteen months in Korea with the Medical Company, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division.

Note that I have my arm around my replacement—whose name I did not even know—so he would not get away.



Members of Medical Co., 35th Inf. Regt., 25th Inf. Div. (Standing, L-R) Unknown, William Proctor's replacement, S/Sgt Bill Proctor, S/Sgt "Moon" Mullins, M/Sgt Nabors (Seated, L-R) S/Sgt Tony Podrbik, Cpl Barber

Proctor, Mullins, Podrbik, and Barber all had 13 plus months in country. Desegregation of the races had come to our company in October 1950.

Sgt Nabors had been with us only a few weeks. I would certainly like to hear from these "old" buddies.

William F. Proctor, 2163 Lima Loop 130217  
Laredo, TX 78045, RXMed35@aol.com

## Who is this officer?

I arrived in Pusan, Korea at the end of July 1950 with the Second Infantry Division, an all-African American 3rd Battalion, "M" Company. In my first combat battle on August 10, 1950, I was wounded during Task Force Bradley in the Pusan Perimeter in the area of Pohangdon.



Who is this officer with Alfred Forde?

After returning to my unit following treatment, I was transferred to Second Infantry Division, 1st Battalion, "C" Company. On September 18, 1950, I was wounded on Hill 201, also in the Pusan Perimeter. Both times after I was wounded, I was taken to the military hospital in Osaka, Japan.

Can anyone identify the officer on my right in the nearby picture? I met him while convalescing, either in August or September. I would like to contact him if possible.

Alfred Forde, Sr., 501 W. Horseshoe Ave.  
Gilbert, AZ 85233, (480) 813-5838

## 840 EAB, Osan, Korea (1952), K-55

I am enclosing copies of photographs I made during my service in the Army while I was stationed in Osan, Korea. I am hoping to locate some of the soldiers who were in my company (Hq & Sv. Co., 840 EAB).



A group photo at K-55

# THANKSGIVING



Hq: Sv. Co. 840 EAB  
OSAN KOREA  
1952

Thanksgiving at K-55



The story of the first all-concrete runway in Korea



"Soils Lab," 840 EAB, Osan, Korea, K-55, 1952 (L-R): Morris Pattyn, Curtis Allin, Ernest J. Kjellson, Henry D. Schimpf, Edmund Brazil, Robert Tomczak



Part of the equipment at K-55

Auto body shop, anyone?



A shovel ready project in 1952 at K-55



Building the airfield at K-55



Jan Sterling with the troops at K-55 in 1952



I was with the company from the beginning of the construction of the airstrip. I have many photographs of the area and somebody might recognize a father, son, or brother.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at the below address or via email, CSAJR@juno.com.

Curtis S. Allin, Jr., 1309 Lodwick Drive  
Louisville, TN 37777

## Ronald Anderson

My mother-in-law passed away recently. In her personal effects we found a Christmas card from Headquarters, 45th Inf Div, 700 Ord Maint Co., Korea 1952. On the inside it is simply Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From a friend in Korea, PFC Ronald Anderson.

We are wondering if you could help us get in touch with this soldier. I am sorry I don't have any other information, but anything you can do to help us will be greatly appreciated.

Jean Beggs, 900 W. Whitelake Dr  
Twin Lake MI 49457, (231) 893-0408  
jmbeggs@hotmail.com

## Someone to write a foreward to a book

I work for Michelle Steel, the highest elected Korean-American in the country. Her mother, Connie "Harmony" Cheong, is an accomplished Korean writer. She has written an award winning memoir about the Battle for Seoul in the summer of 1950. The book is in Korean, but is now being translated into English.

Mrs. Cheong would like a Korean War veteran to read her book and write a foreward or blurb, or both, to be included in the English edition. I would appreciate your help in finding a veteran who would be willing to read the book and write a foreward or blurb.

I greatly appreciate the work your organization does to support Korean War veterans, and especially to educate the nation about the history of the Korean War. Any help you could provide would be invaluable.

Arie Dana, (310) 617-9455, aricdana@gmail.com

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## WINSTON from page 10

coast of Korea. On 26 September, she and the other units of Transport Division (TransDiv) 11 landed reinforcements at Inchon where, only 11 days before, the American Navy had landed troops in a classic combined operation which forced communist forces to withdraw from much of South Korea. She continued participation in that operation for five days before retiring to Sasebo, Japan.

Two weeks later, she returned to Inchon to reembark Marines for the landings at Wonsan carried out between 25 and 31 October. Completing her part in that operation, the attack cargo ship began a shuttle service between Pusan and the combat areas ferrying fresh troops and supplies—first to Wonsan and, later, to Hungnam.

Late in November, Chinese communist forces entered the conflict and began an all-out drive against United Nations (UN) forces to drive them out of North Korea. By early December, most UN troops were pushed across the 38th parallel into South Korea, but a few held coastal enclaves at Wonsan and Hungnam. *Winston* participated in the evacuation of troops from both areas. That operation occupied most of the final month of 1950.

During the first eight months of 1951, the attack cargo ship continued her duty running troops and supplies between various points on the eastern coast of Korea. When UN forces began their push back northward, the naval forces along the eastern coast supported their advance by elaborate feints at amphibious landings far behind enemy lines. *Winston* participated in three of those diversions between April and June. Otherwise, her mission remained one of cargo and troop transportation.

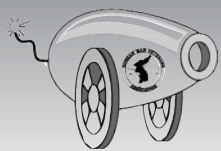
After visits to Sasebo and Hong Kong in June and July, respectively, she departed Hong Kong on 14 July and shaped a course back to the United States. She arrived in San Diego on 1 August and began operations along the California coast. At the beginning of 1952, she left the coast for a voyage to Hawaii and an overhaul at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. At the conclusion of this refurbishing work, she resumed operations along the west coast out of San Diego.

In November, *Winston* loaded ammunition at San Francisco and, on the 12th, headed out to sea to return to the western Pacific. She arrived in Yokosuka, Japan, on the 29th; but, instead of heading back to the Korean coast immediately, the attack cargo ship made a circuit of port visits, stopping at Sasebo, Hong Kong, Subic Bay, and, returning to Japan, at Naha and Kobe before reentering Yokosuka. Between 12 and 14 February 1953, she made her first return visit to Korea, carrying troops and equipment from Japan to Pusan.

From then until the armistice in July, shuttle missions between Japan and Korea remained her sole mission. Then, as the diplomatic offensive replaced military operations, the issue of prisoner exchange came to the fore, and *Winston* was chosen as one of the ships to participate in Operation "Big Switch." She made four trips between Koje Do, Cheju Do, and Pusan repatriating over 3,000 prisoners of war and civilian internees between August and

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# 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.

## Special Project

In the Nov/Dec 2008 issue of *The Graybeards*, p. 18, there was an article entitled "Special Project." The subject was a membership directory for our Association. The details stated that some royalties from every directory sold would be received by the KWVA National Organization.

At the time, I paid little attention to this article. In the May/June 2009 issue, p. 6, Frank Cohee wrote that, "This is not a scam." After receiving a post card with a return address of Chesapeake, VA, and listening to the "sales pitch," I suggest that those who may wish to respond to the "free 800 telephone number" that they should be prepared to hear a very hard sell for a directory that will cost, with shipping and handling, \$100. There is no definite date for publication, only a "target date" of early next year.

I was so concerned about the National KWVA providing the names and addresses of our approximately 17,000 active members (plus a list of those no longer active) to a third party who is attempting to make a profit for a not-yet-guaranteed-to-be-published book at a \$100 price that I took the following action.

I had a pleasant chat with Frank Cohee, who agreed that the "hard sell" that I heard was not appropriate. I found out that Jamie Reynolds, the Administrative Assistant in the Membership Office, located in Charleston, IL, has received phone complaints concerning this same solicitation attempt.

I also took the time to telephone George Lawhon who, besides being a Director, is the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee and had an excellent article on page 12 of the current issue of *The Graybeards* about non-dues paying members posing as official members of the KWVA. My concern is that the response to this hard sell solicitation will be a negative when attempting to get those qualified non-members to join our group.

I certainly did not expect the National Membership Committee to "sell my name" to a third party for some, as yet, unspecified royalties when I paid my dues. Frankly, I am disappointed with that decision having been made. If the quality of the solicitation had been less "hard sell" and more informative, this letter and my telephone calls would not have been necessary.

I like to think the Membership Committee did not know how the attempted sale of the directory would be made when their decision was voted upon. I would expect that much more detailed investigation would be conducted prior to any further release of our membership information to any third party.

With fraternal respect for all who honor the Good of the Order,

Tom Britzman, 5798 Goldenrod Way  
Prescott, AZ 86305-3767, CID 311

*EDITOR'S NOTE: I, too, received numerous calls about the Directory project. All I could tell the callers was that I had nothing to do with it, which I suspect some of them did not believe.*

*I did manage to inform some people that I have seen finished directories done for other organizations by the company, and that they are professional. Only you can determine whether they are worth the price if you choose to order one. Ordering is optional!*

*At any rate, read the article by Secretary Frank Cohee on page 7. He provides a fuller explanation of the project.*

## What I missed the most

What I missed the most was my son, Allen Michael, who was born on September 30, 1950, while I was recovering from a leg wound incurred while retaking Seoul, Korea on September 26, 1950.

He was six months old before I saw him.

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Wever, IA 52658, mrichart@lisco.com

## There were Canadians in Korea

As a member of the KWVA (CID 159, Sunshine State), I remember the 27,000 Canadian volunteers in Korea from 1950-55. I was one of them, along with two of my buddies, Billy Masky and Merv Keogan. We were in Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, 1952-53.

In 1951 the 2nd Battalion P.P.CLI received the Presidential Citation (Distinguished Unit Citation) for the Kap Yong battle. The last hill I was on was 355. The U.S. Army called it Little Gibraltar. That is where the nearby photos were taken.

Joseph H. Daley, 108-737 Deveron Cres  
London, ON N5Z 4X9 (Canada)



Joe Daley at Hill 355





## Does anyone speak Canadian?

Tom Kittrell's response to a previous letter from my good friend Mike Czuboka points out one of the few linguistic difficulties that the Commonwealth Division encountered in dealing with our U.S. allies.

A "slit-trench" was in fact our hastily-prepared fire position - the equivalent of your "fox-hole." On arriving at an objective, we first dug "shell-scrapes" - shallow trenches to provide cover - before expanding to slit-trenches, weapon slits and eventually (if we stayed long enough) more complex defensive positions reminiscent of World War I!

Winston Churchill once remarked that "Britain and the U.S. are two nations divided by a common language." Amen to that.

Incidentally, when I came to Canada I found out the hard way that, although calling a lady "homely" in England is a compliment, it is not the case on this side of the Atlantic!

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## Jane Russell Hill

I read the article "The Colombians' role in the battle for Triangle Hill (Hill 598)," Jan-Feb 2009 issue of *The Graybeards*, p. 30.

If memory serves me correctly, the "Jane Russell" Hill referred to was called "Witches Tit" when we (Mike Co., 223rd Regt., 40th Inf. Div.) were in the sector in April and May 1952. It would be my guess that the higher echelon decided the reference to the female anatomy was inappropriate, which explains the change to Jane Russell.

The hill at that time was a beehive of activity, and we suspected a large cache of ammunition and supplies was there. I was a Forward Observer for the 81mm mortar platoon with an outpost directly across from the hill. I am sure one of our gunners, Cpl Milton Corn, from Chicago, IL can attest to the many rounds we dropped on and around that hill. It was apparently well fortified and we did little damage.

I might add that Cpl Corn was an exceptional gunner. Once he was given the necessary data from the Fire Direction (FDC), he was on the aiming stake and had the gun leveled ready to fire. I have never known a gunner as fast and efficient as Milton.

Anyway, I did enjoy the article, and I do enjoy your magazine. Unless I have "old timers," I do believe Jane Russell and Witches Tit are one and the same.

Richard J. Doro, P. O. Box 107  
Berlin, WI 54923, (920) 361-0373

## Kudos to MOH recipient Capt Thomas Hudner

I am writing in reference to the photograph of the late Ens. Jesse L. Brown on the back cover of the March-April issue of *The*

*Graybeards*. Ens. Brown and LT (j.g.) Thomas Hudner were flying armed reconnaissance missions in support of Marines and Army troops who were surrounded and besieged by Chinese Communist troops in the vicinity of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea, in December 1950.

On December 4, 1950, approximately 15 miles north of the Chosin Reservoir, Ens. Brown's plane was hit by ground fire. He was forced to make a crash-landing. LT Hudner noted that Brown was trapped in the wreckage of his plane, which was emitting a line of smoke.

Even though Brown's plane was miles behind enemy lines, Hudner was concerned that his flight mate's plane might burst into flame, so he made a hard landing about 450 feet from Brown's stricken plane.

Hudner worked heroically to free Brown, who was trapped in his plane's wreckage. He labored in subzero temperatures with nightfall approaching. Despite his efforts, Hudner was unable to liberate his friend, who had lost consciousness as his life slowly ebbed away.

With a heavy heart, Lieutenant Hudner boarded a rescue helicopter and was flown to friendly lines and, eventually, to his carrier, *USS Leyte*. For his heroic efforts to save the life of his friend, Lieutenant Hudner received the Medal of Honor from President Harry Truman on April 13, 1951.

We in the New England Chapter of the Chosin Few are very proud that CAPT Hudner USN (Ret), served ably and honorably as the first President of the New England Chapter of the Chosin Few.

Norman J. Deptula, Secretary/Treasurer, The Chosin  
Few/New England Chapter  
P. O. Box 922, Webster, MA 01570

## It's an Eagle, not a Phantom

Please note that the aircraft identified on page 48 Unsan Air Base as an F4e Phantom is in fact an F15 Eagle.

Dick Lampitoc, USAF, Korea 52-53, Teeithipa@aol.com

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The caption and the photo were supplied by an official USAF source. We are grateful for the correction.*

*Incidentally, member and Army veteran Dick Pecha is looking for information about air bases in Korea during the Korean War. He lives in Seminole, FL. I told him I don't know much about the subject, but I would try to find someone who does.*

Reach him at 7055 119th St N  
Seminole, FL 33772-5644, (727) 204-9686.

## Remember the P-38—not the plane?

In the March 2009 issue of *Milwaukee Magazine*, I read an article about the GI Can Opener fondly known to literally millions of American service members as the P-38. It brought back to me thirty years of mostly pleasant memories that I may not otherwise have had reason to recall.

Many of our members undoubtedly will recall the many times the P-38 came into play in peace and war. Often times the P-38 was hung on a chain with service members' dog tags so as to be readily available at meal time.

It took me a bit of rummaging in my memorabilia to find my surviving P-38. I was thankful to have been reminded.

Fremont Piercefield, Colonel. U.S. Army (Ret), 5692  
Cedar Beach Lane, Belgium, WI 53004

*EDITOR'S NOTE: According to the article, an estimated 750 million P-38s were produced for WWII, and "at least a billion" were made from Vietnam to the present." The P-38 was phased out beginning with the first Gulf War.*

## **RE: "Remember This." *The Graybeards*, May/June 2009, p.57**

Yes, I remember Operation "Comeback," the effort to transport to Formosa 14,600 ex-Chinese Communists of the Korean War who did not want to go back to Red China. My Platoon Leader, Lt. Hedlund (sp?), of Minnesota (I think), was killed in the operation to return POWs to China.

I was stationed at Camp Nara, and served in Weapons Co., 2nd Bn., 4th Regt., 3rd Mar Div., June 53/Dec 54. Luck smiled on me during that time. I was scheduled to go on that operation along with Lt. Hedlund. I was the Ammo Sgt (actual rank at the time was PFC).

I believe the entire 4th Regiment was made up mostly of "green-horns" with little or scant service. Many of us served at positions higher than their actual rank. I was "saved" because, on the day of departure, I had developed a severe throat infection and was taken off the list of those who were sent on the mission. I cannot recall any of the others—or if there were others—who went with Lt. Hedlund.

A week or so after he left, we went on a firing mission somewhere north of Nara. Again, I have no recollection of the place, or even the general area, where the firing took place. It was my first field assignment as the Ammo Sgt., and I was in the forward group to the firing area. We set up the camp, the tent for the Co. Hdqtrs., and the tent area for the ammo tent. We also staked out the areas for the four platoons.

Sometime, at about 1000 hours, during the first night, snow began to fall. By daylight there was about 12-15 inches of snow. By about 1300 hours, the remainder of the 2nd Bn arrived. There was a serious discussion among the Bn Commander and all the Officers/Senior NCOs on whether, in view of the weather, to stay or pull out. The decision was to stay!! The weather got worse. In the end, there was about 45/50++ inches of snow.

We tried for several days to complete the mission, but no one, except the flamethrower unit, could determine whether they hit their targets or not.

During these few days, word came that Lt. Hedlund, along with several others, had been killed in an accident, but details were sketchy. I was privy to the discussions, because the ammo tent was the only place where all the ranking personnel could gather, and I stayed put.

After about three days of attempting to wait out the storm and complete the exercise, the Command gave the word to close down and move out. There had been some further information on the plight of Lt. Hedlund et al, but no specifics.

Shortly after our return to Nara, we received final word that the Lieutenant and others had been killed. But, there were no specifics, and I heard nothing further, nor did I ever learn anything else.

This will probably not be of much help to you. But, I have spent a lot of time wondering what actually happened, specifically about the disposition of Lt. Hedlund's remains, if found. What little I can furnish may help you fill in some gaps.

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## **RE: *The Graybeards*, Jan/Feb 2009, "Bombs from the B-26," p. 26**

I was in the 8th Bomb Squadron Communications from June 1952 to June 1953. There were two other 8-26 Squadrons: the 13th and the 90th. All of the 26's were parked in a 'T' formation near one end of the runway. The squadron shops were spread along one side of the parking area, and our shop was in a tent with the 90th planes parked in front of us.

I remember when a 90th 26 parked after returning from a night mission. The pilot climbed out of the cockpit, looked at a hole at least the size of a basketball in his wing, shrugged his shoulders, climbed off and left. Of course, he had completed his mission and returned to base: those were his two priorities.

We had one USO show with Jon Hall, Frances Langford, Wally Vernon and a gorgeous young dancer who, along with Frances, got the most applause.

My friend and mentor, William A. Hauden (Toledo, OH) and I did most of the pre-flight on the radio and intercom on each plane prior to each mission. We never had an aborted mission.

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## **If you're in the St. Augustine, FL area in November...**

Thank you very much for your help with our "Jacksonville Salutes Korean Veterans" documentary premiere. It was so well received that we are going to show it again a few days before Veterans Day in St. Augustine, FL.

I have attached the below Press Release for your information.

### **A Veterans Celebration**

The St. Johns County Veterans Council will be hosting a free Veterans Celebration on Sunday, November 8th, in the Flagler College Auditorium, 14 Granada St., St. Augustine, FL at 3:00 p.m.

The celebration will kick off a week of veterans-related events at Francis Field and at the St. Augustine Lighthouse.

The Flagler College Celebration will feature a local documentary featuring the stories of five local First Coast Korean War Veterans, "Korea: Forgotten War, Remembered Heroes." This entertaining event will have patriotic singing, dancing, comedy and the stories of our local veteran heroes.

The Veterans Council invites everyone to this free event to honor all our veterans. Tickets are not needed; please tell all your friends.

For further information call Michael Rothfeld at (904) 829-0381.

### **Is Camp Breckenridge a Coal Mine?**

I have received 2 phone calls and 1 letter in reference the article in the May/June edition of *The Graybeards*, p. 26, re Camp Breckenridge. One member from Girard, IL, Harold Huston; (217) 204-2010, called and said that he was informed that the camp is now a Coal Mine. Can anyone verify this.?

There was another letter from Jim Wagner, from Vandalia, OH. He did a Revisit to Korea. Len Warner, a member of Chapter 55, Nassau County, NY, called. His number is (516) 799-5544. All three seemed excited about the article.

Reggie Kephart, reg.mar@comcast.net



# The Role of the Signal Corps

By Bill Marshall

I have been reading *The Graybeards* for a long time. I have never read anything about the Signal Corps and the communications support they provided during the Korean War.

While in Korea in 1952, I was in the Radio Section of the Signal Corps and a Radio Operator in the 40th Infantry Division commanded by General Daniel H. Huddleson. To help you better understand the makeup and duties of the Corps, made up of highly trained specialists, we consisted of:

- Message Center: Processed messages to and from Division Headquarters.
- Telephone Lineman: Laid wire, put in poles, and installed phones.
- Radio Repair: Kept all equipment operating.
- Photography Section: Provided map overlays of the terrain.
- Radio Operators: Coded and decoded priority messages for Division Headquarters and the General's staff, sent by Morse code.

Because of the mountainous terrain, many of the radios normally used were not powerful enough to get through. The Signal Corps used much stronger radios and, with the proper antennas, was able to do the job.

There were many other Divisions with Signal Corps in the country, but I can only speak for mine. Every unit played an essential part with the Division Headquarters and the General's staff.

The Signal Corps would assign four- or five-man radio teams and radio trucks on

TDY to various units within the Division to assist them with their communications. The operators were able to provide air strikes, artillery support, medical help and orders to and from Headquarters or between units. The radios were monitored 24 hours a day, and a signal check was made every hour with Division Headquarters Company.

In May, June and July, I was a Sergeant First Class on a radio team assigned to the 40th Tank Battalion, "A" Company in the Kumwha Valley. The tanks went on a tank shoot two or three times a week and our radio truck went with them. They would fire a certain amount of rounds and return.

On Friday the 13th, while on a tank shoot, the Chinese were waiting for us and all hell broke loose. We lost 6 tanks in 12 minutes due to land mines, artillery and mortar fire. Six were killed and many were wounded.

The company commander jumped into our radio truck and requested a napalm drop on a certain hill, artillery support, and all available ambulances. Our radio team at the air base patched me through to the pilots of three jets flying overhead and the company commander directed them to the hill for the drop. I'll never forget one pilot's call sign—"Bingo."

The artillery support and 12 ambulances were a most welcome sight when they arrived. Our radio team then assisted in removing the wounded from their tanks. It was not pretty. Many of them were in shock.

For our help, the tankers showed their appreciation the next morning when we lined up for breakfast. They shouted, "Radio



Sgt. Bill Marshall at Camp Cook, CA

Operators to the front of the line!" I'll always remember that. I heard later that the tank company "A" got a well-deserved citation for this battle.

Another incident with the 40th Recon Company occurred just before the spring thaw when they moved to a new location. When it started to thaw, several of their tanks and trucks were damaged from land mines.

The company commander ordered all movement stopped. He went to one of our radio teams assigned to them and requested them to contact a Mine Detector Team to check the area. Within hours a team was there checking, and discovered that they were in a minefield.

If any of you tankers out there are reading this, I'm sure you can relate to it. I salute you and our Radio 1st Lt. Frank Gaillard for a job well done.

I hope this offers a clear description of how the Signal Corps operated and the services it provided during the war.

In closing, I say "Hi" to "Bingo." He's probably grounded by now.

I welcome all correspondence.

Bill Marshall, 22928 Gaukler, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080, (586) 778-5570



Sgt. Bill Marshall protects "Amorous Annie," one of 40th Tank Bn., A Co.'s tanks

## Korea Pictures

# Signal Corps with the 25th Division

**Y**ou might be interested in these Signal Corps photos of units of the 25th Division. I was a combat correspondent and often partnered with Signal Corps photographer Tom Nebbia, who subsequently worked with the

National Geographic for many years. He is now retired and lives in Horseshoe, NC.

I was a "Truman Trooper." When discharged from the Regular Army in 1948, I was persuaded to join the "inactive" reserves. I could not be recalled unless

there was a war declared. Police actions didn't count.

Of course, the need for bodies changed the rules. but we all got a three-week refresher course at Fort Lewis, WA before going over as spare parts.

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**THE BEST PIO IN FAR EAST COMMAND** – Members of Public Information Office, 25th Infantry Division in Korea, assemble for picture before rotation begins to deplete ranks.

**Front row, left to right:** Capt. Billy J. Tucker Sr., 3913 South Shields, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Capt. Hendrick G. Stone, 1224 Market Street, Jacksonville, Fla.; Lt. Theodore P. Fox, PO Box 5187, Elizabethtown, N.C.; Lt. Col. Ralph M. Marley, 4809 East 75th Street, Portland, Ore., Public Information Officer.

**Second row:** Hyon Bong Chin, 172 Chin-Kwan Oeri, Sin-Do-Mion, Koyang-Gun, Hyong-Ki-Do, Korea (so help me, that's his address - we called him John Olsen); Chung Kwong Oke, 63 Unhaen-Dong, Il-Ku, Taejon, Korea (Charlie); Cpl Billy B. Burns, 4470 Maryland, San Diego, Calif.; Col Donald E. Bowers, 1103 New York Avenue, Martinsburg, W. Va.; PFC Robert L. Foote, 456 B Taylor Road, Alameda, Calif; Sgt. Edward F. Kolpack, Gilman, Wis., chief clerk; Cpl Dan M Lane, 2236 Carson Street, Fort Worth, Texas; Pvt Norwin E. Austin, 1007 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California.

**Back row:** PFC Kenneth B. Weber, Rt 4, Chippewa Falls, Wis., Cpl Richard P. Dalton, 240 Vennum Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio; Cpl Frederick W. Clifford, 43 Hession Avenue, Woodbury, N. J.; PFC Eugene A. Jouglet, Stonington, Ill.; Cpl Donald B. Moyer, 122 Fifth Street SW, Waverly, IA; Cpl William L. Christensen, 215 Lafayette Avenue, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Cpl Thomas Nebbia, 400 Elm Grove Road, Rochester, N.Y.; and Cpl Lee L. LaCombe, 17401 Lincoln Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

U.S. Army Photo by PFC Charles Fabiszak (This is exactly how the caption read, mistakes and all.. Nebbia took the picture: Fabiszak is back, right. Bowers was a corporal, not a colonel.)

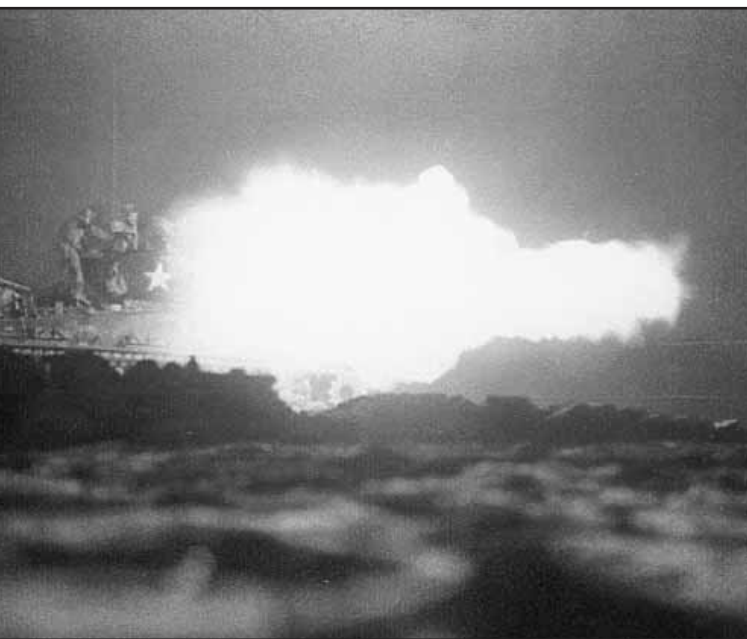




**Task Force "Punch"** - Member of the 27th Inf Regt, 25th Inf Div fires 57mm Recoilless rifle at enemy position as Task Force "punch" is launched by UN troops near Seoul, Korea. U.S. Army photo by CPL Tom Nebbia



**Men of the Heavy Mortar Co.**, 27th Inf Regt, 25th Inf Div, open fire on enemy positions on the north side of the Han River, Korea. U.S. Army photo by CPL Tom Nebbia



**Conflict in Korea** - Tanks of Co "C" 39th Tank Bn, 25th Inf Div fire at enemy positions along the Han River, Korea, as UN troops cross the Han during assault against the Chinese Communists in that area. U.S. Army photo by Charles Fabiszak



**Task Force "Punch"** - Wolfhounds of the 27th Inf Regt, 25th Inf Div go into action against the Chinese Communist forces, as Task Force "Punch" is launched by UN troops, 10 miles southwest of Seoul, Korea. U.S. Army photo by CPL Tom Nebbia

**Elements of the 2nd Bn**, 27th Inf Regt, 25th Inf Div prepare to move out against the enemy, as Task Force "Punch" is launched by UN troops against the Chinese Communist forces, 10 miles southwest of Seoul, Korea. U.S. Army photo by CPL Tom Nebbia



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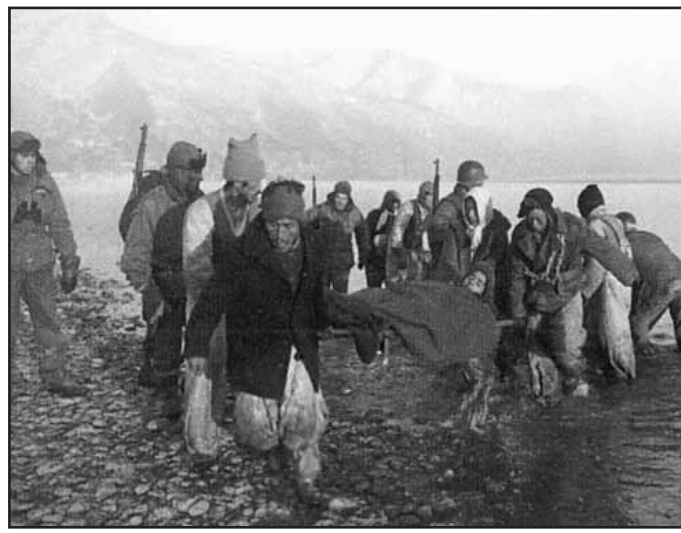
**Elements of the 2nd Bn, 27th Inf Regt, 25th Inf Div** enjoy a few moments break in action against the Chinese Communist forces, as UN troops continue Task Force "Punch", 10 miles southwest of Seoul, Korea. U.S. Army photo by CPL Tom Nebbia



**Wounded in Korea** – Medics of Co B, 24th RCT, 25th Inf Div remove a wounded American to a medical clearing station in Korea. US Army photo by PFC Charles Fabiszak



**Han River Crossing:** Initial assault troops for the Han River crossing offensive, at dawn – Men of the 27th Inf Regt, 25th Inf Div load boats for the Han River crossing in Korea. US Army photo by PFC Charles Fabiszak



**First casualty returns:** Korean volunteers carry wounded soldiers of the 27th Inf Regt, 25th Inf Div across the Han River to aid station behind the front line of fighting. US Army photo by PFC Charles Fabiszak



**The pontoon bridge** was operating before 10:00 hours on 7 March 1951



**Correspondents** prepare to file their stories after the briefing for the crossing on the Han River on 7 March 1951. There were more than 30 wire service writers at the briefing at the 25th Inf Div headquarters prior to the action





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# 630th Engineer Light Equipment Company APO 301

26 February 1953

Prior to coming to Korea, our company was stationed at Fort Campbell, KY. As part of the 19th Engineer Combat Group at that time, the 19th Engrs. consisted of Headquarters Company 19th Group, the 185th Engr. Combat Battalion, the 630th Engr. LE Co, the 76th Engr. Dump Truck Co., and the 984th Engr. Maint. Co. Colonel Gilbert Linkswill was Group Commander.

The 630th was commanded by Capt. Randell Biles until 29 March 1950, by 1st Lt Thomas Roberson until September, and by 1st Lt William Berswill the rest of the time. During their stay at Fort Campbell, personnel of the 19th Group built and repaired roads and ranges at Fort Campbell and most other Army posts in that section of the United States.

Personnel and equipment from the 630th supported construction teams sent out by the group and also did many jobs by themselves. In April and May 1950 the group participated in Operation Swarmer. At that time it was the largest peacetime Airborne operation ever held. The 630th built many roads and airstrips in the vicinity of Camp Mackall, South Carolina during the maneuvers.

On 6 August, the 630th departed Fort Campbell to join the Korean hostilities.

All the units of the 19th Group, except the 984th Engr. Maint. Co., left Fort Campbell during August and September 1950. The company arrived by train at Camp Stoneman on 11 August and departed on 13 August on the USNS Pvt. S. Munemori.

The 630th showed their traditional colors during the trip to Japan. The *Pvt. Munemori* was on its first trip after being taken out of mothballs. In mid-Pacific it had a boiler failure. After drifting helplessly for a day, the ship's Captain called on the 630th, whose personnel machined necessary parts, welded the boiler, and put their ship on the way to Japan again.

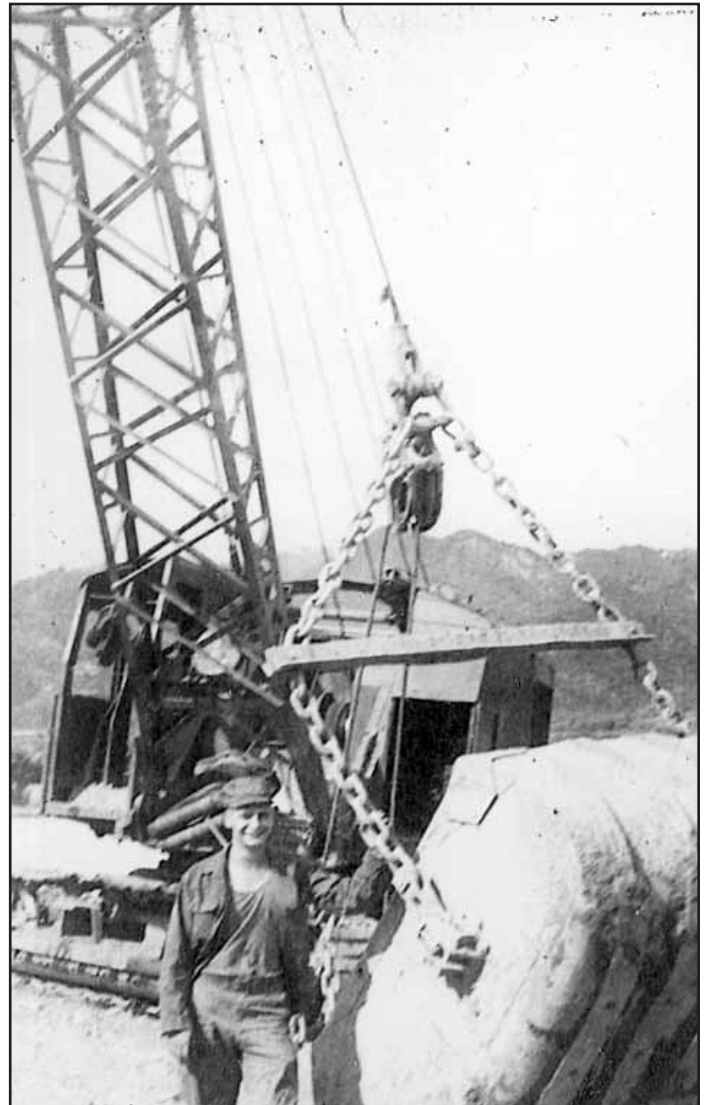
The company arrived in Yokohama on 28 August 1950 and went to Camp Zama, where it rejoined the 19th Engr. Combat Group that day. While at Camp Zama, the company trained, processed equipment, and worked on the dependent housing area.

On 1 October 1950, the 630th left Camp Zama and the 19th Group. The personnel, with about a third of the equipment, boarded LST Q OIS and sailed for Inchon. The remainder of the equipment was loaded by port personnel on the *Meredith Victory*, which followed.

The LST Q OIS, with all personnel, was diverted at sea because of the unfavorable military situation and landed at Pusan, Korea on 7 October, 1950. Under Provisions of GC 190 CHQREC Dtd. 51, the company was considered to have been in the combat zone since 12 September 1950. The *Meredith Victory* arrived with the remainder of the equipment on 12 October 1950.

On 14 October, the 630th, was attached to the 8224th Engineer Construction Group. Colonel Leigh Fairbank Jr. was the Group Commander.

The original 19th Engr. Combat Group had been split to form the new 19th Group and the 8224th. While in Pusan, the 630th worked



Floyd King operating a 2-yard Northwest dragline in June 1952

on PW #2 & #3, maintained roads in and around Pusan, set up a rock quarry, established an LST landing area, and unloaded engineer supplies.

On 22 November 1950, the company departed Pusan for Hungnam, Korea on the LST Q 071 and two other LSTs. They arrived on 25 November and moved northeast to Hamhung, about 13 miles north. Personnel from the 630th started work there, building an airfield (GC-37.2—14.2) 50-foot by 2800 feet with 2 parking aprons, 75 X 150 feet in a day and a half.

After that, they built an airstrip, (GC- 70.9—27.9) 50 feet X 1200 feet on the 7th and 8th of December 1950. A C-54 airfield (GC—70.9—27.9) was started 11 December 1950 and was 97% completed on the 17th December, when it had to be abandoned because of enemy action. Besides this, they resurfaced the airfield at the 121st Evacuation Hospital.



In addition to their airfield work, the unit constructed and maintained many roads in the Hungnam area, constructed an area for the 79th Engr. Construction Battalion, an LST landing strip for the 2nd Engineer Special Brigade, loaded engineer supplies at the engineer dump, and supported with equipment the 73rd Engineer Combat Battalion with an equipment platoon.

Prior to the withdrawal from Hungnam, the unit was made responsible for the evacuation of all engineer supplies there. The whole company worked on the evacuation mission until it had to be evacuated on 17 December 1950 on the *USS Winston*. Capt. Bereswill and 25 men stayed behind to complete the job. Seventy-two hours later, they sailed, having evacuated all engineer supplies except nine clamshell buckets that were well covered by enemy fire.

The *USS Winston* reached Pusan, Korea on 20 December 1950 and the company moved to Kyongju, 65 miles north of Pusan. On the 21st, the equipment and men who had stayed behind at Hungnam arrived at Ulsan, Korea.

The company was quickly organized and started to lengthen the 10th Corps airstrip into a C-47 airfield on 23 December 1950. This project was completed on 28 December 1950. On 29 December, another C-47 airfield, (GC—19.5—67.5) was started; it was completed 21 January 1951.

On the 3rd & 4th of January 1951, a small airstrip was built at Chungju. This proved an interesting little job, as it was built overnight. The first plane to land on the morning of the 4th contained a general who asked, "This is a new strip, isn't it?"

Capt. Bereswell replied, "Yours is the first plane to land on it."

The General then asked "When did you start it?"

He looked rather shocked when Capt Bereswell nonchalantly replied, "Last night."

On 5 January 1951, the 2nd platoon started for Chungju, but was diverted to Andong because of enemy action. The 3rd platoon left on the 6th to join the 2nd. Together they built a C-47 airfield with a bituminous surface at Andong and rebuilt the roads from Andong to Punggi, Andong to Hamchang, and Andong to Yongchon.

On 24 January 1951 the company CP was moved from Kyongju to Andong, and the 2nd was sent to Yoju to lengthen an L-17 airstrip. This 2nd platoon job was done 27 January. On the 30th the 1st and 3rd platoons finished the Andong airfield, which the 2nd and 3rd had started on the 6th.

The same day the 3rd platoon went to Chochon to lengthen the L-17 strip. While at Andong, Colonel James Walsh replaced Colonel Fairbanks as Group Commander.

On 1 February 1951 the CP was moved to Chungju. The following day the company was ordered on to Chochon. The first General arrived there just in time to see the 3rd platoon finish the strip there on the afternoon of 3 February.

On 5 February 1951 the company began the reconstruction of the Wonju airfield and started on a new L17 airstrip at Hengsong. However, on 8 February, orders were issued to construct a second airstrip at Howngsong. Men were pulled off the first airstrip and this second strip was rushed through by 10 February. Effort was again put on the first strip and this was completed on 13 February. That same day our personnel were driven from the Wonju airfield by

enemy action.

On 15 February 1951, the 1st and 3rd platoons started rebuilding the road from Chupori to Wongol. That same day the all clear was given for Chungju, so the 2nd platoon moved there and started reconstruction of a C-46 airfield. They finished this and an L-17 strip there, also on 13 March. Two days later, the 3rd platoon was sent to support the 9th Corps. They were attached to the 19th Group. The first platoon finished the Chupori to Wongol road alone. This was on 20 February.

On 23 February the 1st platoon started an emergency C-47 field at Chunchon. The project was interrupted in early March 1951, in order to build on ASP at Chunchon, to resurface the L-17 strip at Chunchon, and to rehabilitate the Chunchon RTO.

On 6 April, the company, with the 1st platoon and the 2nd, which had returned from Chungju, moved to Wonju. On the same day a detail started an L-17 strip at Hongchon. They finished it on 14 April 1951.

The following day Cpl. James Norris was killed at Mudori, Korea. The unit had a detail supporting the 10th Corp. Engineers ASP there, and a Bailey Bridge panel was dropped on Norris. Norris Field, K-51, which the company later built, was named after him.

On 12 April the company, less the 3rd platoon, which was at 9th Corps, moved to Hongchon. While at Hongchon, the 3rd platoon returned, and the whole company was engaged in building ASPs, access roads, road maintenance, and in operating a quarry and a gravel pit.



Floyd King operates Latourne machine—a rough beast—in April 1952



**Floyd King operates Bucyrus Erie 2-yard shovel to load a Euclid 18-yard belly dump in February 1952**

On 26 April, they moved to Changbong-Ni, Korea. They immediately set up a quarry and sent the 2nd platoon to Saemal to build an L-17 strip for the 10th Corps. This strip was finished on 2 May 1951. On 27 April, the rest of the company started the Changboni-Ni Defile, which was finished in June.

By the end of May the Chinese were falling back and the company moved up to Chogutan. They started the Norris Field, K-51, the first airfield constructed in North Korea since the Hungnam evacuation. The 1st Marine Division Engrs helped with building the airfield. The airstrip was completed 22 June 1951.

Meanwhile, elements of all platoons were working on the Hang Ye Pass. They relocated the pass between Chogutan and Hang Ye. The project was started 11 June and completed 14 July 1951.

On 1 July the CP was moved to Areadamuri. On 3 July the 3rd platoon was sent to reconstruct a section of the Inje Defile. The Border Patrol Road was opened in early July, but the Inje Defile wasn't completed until 20 August 1951.

On 4 August 1951, the company received its first section on Yanggu Pass. They were to reconstruct the section from Kwandae-Ri north to the foot of the pass, where the road leaves the Soyang River. On 20 August, this section was completed. Also on the 20th, the 1st platoon returned after completing their section of the Inje Defile, and the company was assigned the construction of the North Lateral, and the reconstruction of the southern pass of the two Yanggu Passes. Both these jobs were completed in early September 1951.

On 22 August the CP was moved north to Pusogogac. On 26 August the company received a Meritorious Commendation for the outstanding services in Korea from 1 November 1950 to 30 April 1951. The first day it didn't rain, Colonel Giles Evans, who assumed command of the Group, made the presentation on 24 August.

On 5 September the 1st platoon departed to improve the Border Patrol road. The 3rd platoon started a new Jade Main Area at Kwandae-Ri, leaving the 2nd platoon on the Yanggu Pass. On 9 September the 2nd platoon completed the New Jade Area. That

same day the CP was moved to Shanghanjon-Ni. The 2nd and 3rd platoons started the Kobangeang-Ni pass the next day.

On 15 September, the company started its largest project, the K-52 airfield at Yanggu. However, as the 1st platoon still was working on the Border Patrol road, and the 2nd and 3rd platoons had just started on the Kobangsang-Ni Pass, a major effort wasn't put on the project until late November, 1951. This was unfortunate, because it left the winter time, with its frozen ground, in which to make the large cuts and fills.

On 26 September the 1st platoon completed the Border Patrol road. They went to work on the Yanggu airfield, K-52. The Kobangsang-Ni Pass was completed in late

December 1951.

On 14 December, the 19th Engineer Combat Group was deactivated and the 8224th Engr. Construction Group was re-designated the 19th Engineer Combat Group.

On 29 December 1951, Capt. Bereswell left for the ZI and 1st Lt. James Kennedy assumed command (now Capt. Kennedy). The following 7 months were spent with the entire company on the airfield. This was a 6,500-foot airfield, 250 feet wide. It had 2 warm-up aprons, 450 feet by 300 feet, a taxi way 120 feet wide by 4,600 feet long, and 2 adjacent parking aprons, one 300 feet X 850 feet and one 500 feet X 700 feet.

It was designed for 40,000-lb. wheel loads, but actually was built stronger, 80,000 lb wheel load, as a safety measure because most sub-grade and base courses were of necessity placed and stabilized during the winter time. Unfortunately, the most satisfactory location available was one that spanned rice paddies and hills. Consequently, it was necessary to make cuts as deep as 30 feet for thousands of feet and hundreds of feet wide and to follow these with fills as deep as 16 feet for thousands of more feet.

The completed job required the movement of 2 million yards, the construction of 3,375 feet of culvert with a cross section area as large as 64 square feet, the destruction of a rock hill containing about 100,000 cubic yards, and the crushing of about 40,000 cubic yards of rock. Most of the work was done under the worst of weather conditions. The field was completed 28 July 1952, except for the spreading of about 10,000 cubic yards of surfacing material. This last item had been delayed as the dump trucks (555th Dump Truck Company) had to be pulled off the job to take care of flood damage.

In the middle of the K-52 construction project, the CP was moved from its location to one by the airfield at Andae-Ri on 14 March 1952. Upon completion of the airfield, the 1st platoon departed for Kwandae-Ri, 10th Corps HQ, to repair the La Due Bridge abutment, as it was damaged by the flood. They started that job on 3 August 1952; it was completed on 14 September 1952.

The remainder of the company worked on minor jobs and sup-



ported other 19th Group units with equipment. These minor jobs and equipment support were missions that the company had done to varying degrees throughout its tour in Korea.

On 22 September the 1st and 2nd platoons started work on a new Chesty Puller Lateral. The summer rains had washed out the existing valley floor road and a high level route was needed. The project was completed by both platoons on 22 December, 1952. In the meantime, the 2nd platoon had another job.

On 30 October 1952 the company received a very high priority job—the construction of an access road to nearby Hill 915. The 2nd platoon and some of the dozers from the 1st platoon were moved to the vicinity of Tumudong-Hyon on 6 October 1952 and the construction was started with two-shift operations. The roads were completed on 28 October, 3 days ahead of schedule. The Corps Commander, Lt. General I. D. White, wrote a letter of commendation for the job.

The 1st platoon set up operations at Kwandae-Ri on 18 February 1953 in order to relocate the MSR there. The new location was between K-52 and the river. They planned to finish the project on 28 February, 1953. All equipment platoons and the Service platoon were supporting the Battalions in the Group with earth moving and earth processing equipment at various locations throughout Korea.

On 18 November 1952 the 3rd platoon moved to the vicinity of Sohiva-Ri to work on the Sohiva-Ri road in conjunction with the 185th Engineer Combat Battalion. The platoon was still there, though some of the equipment had been pulled out and put on other jobs. The 2nd platoon spent the first three weeks of February 1953 widening a section of the Chesty Puller Lateral.

Later in the year of 1953, the 630th left the site overlooking the K-52 Yanggu airfield (Andae-Ri) in July or August and moved south to Kwandae-Ri. The K-52 Yanggu was then turned over in 1954 to The Republic Army of Korea. I may add that the airfield is still being used today after some reconfiguring by the Korean military.

Sometime in April or May of 1952 ~ the 8209th MASH and the 629th Medical Clearing Co set up their tents alongside the runway to perform their role of saving lives.

#### **SUBMITTER'S NOTE:**

My name is Floyd King, I came to the 630th on 27 December 1951, directly From Eta-Jima, Japan, after my training to be a crane and shovel operator. I arrived with another trainee, Robert Meyers. Bob and I were put on a Lorain 1-1/2-yard shovel. Bob was later put on a 2-yard Bucyrus Erie shovel.

As the work of loading trucks, Athey wagons, and belly dump Euclids progressed, it became slow. I was put on a LaTournue Super "C" scraper. A newly Rebuilt Northwest dragline 1-1/2 yard came to camp. This was mine the rest of my tour. I left Korea 3 February 1953.

If anyone wants to add to this or to contact me, my address is 8 Mason Street, Johnstown, New York 12095. My phone number is (518) 762-7633, and my e-mail is fking001@nycap.rr.com.

I am sure that former members of the 630th will relish this history of the 630th. It will bring back memories and will be interesting reading. Incidentally, our former commanding officer of the 630th, Capt. James B. Kennedy, CE, died in 1996. He is buried in Big Bear, California

## **Book Review**

### **Too Young for a Forgettable War**

*William Edward Alli*

331 Pages, ISBN: 978-1-4415-1078-5

*By Dr. Kris Barnett*

Often, the "war stories" told by veterans include not only the war, but its aftermath. William Alli's *Too Young for a Forgettable War* chronicles a familiar war story – that of a young man who joins the Marines, has some experiences that border on the surreal, and then returns stateside to a life that is impacted, sometimes subtly, by his combat experiences overseas.

The man, having tried to repress his memories, matures and learns to come to terms with his experiences. As part of the process of coming to terms, a book is written, which is cathartic for the writer and is fortunate for the many readers who clamor to learn more about the Korean War as seen through the eyes of the men who fought in it. In many regards, Alli's book follows the formula of the typical war story. Yet, his candor and distinctive perspective and experiences break the mold to offer an engaging narrative of the good, the bad, and the ugly regarding the Korean War.

The book, described as "a coming-of-age story in the most dangerous of environments," offers a glimpse at Alli's experiences as a young man in Detroit, to basic training, deployment to Korea, through combat, and home again. In addition to relating personal glimpses of the war, Alli includes information from military records.

The supplemental text, although brief, creates a juxtaposition of the objective and the subjective. Noting this juxtaposition in regard to the official and dispassionate description of a lethal battle, Alli writes:

No paper record can convey the intensity of men at war as they fight and die in bloody struggles for summits and hilltops named for their height in meters, such as Hill 676. Shouldn't we know more about the report writer, whose effusive praise and adulation for his troops might be masking some feelings of anguish over the death of so many young men? (p. 147).

One of the most profound personal experiences occurs when Alli undertakes a goodwill mission to visit a nearby camp of Turkish soldiers to bolster goodwill. With his Turkish heritage and slight command of the language, Alli believes he is the perfect man to breach the divide between allies. However, through a turn of events that are humorous only in hindsight, Alli is temporarily mistaken for a potential enemy agent, and a tense situation results until the Turkish officials determine that Alli intends no harm.

While the envoy to the Turkish regiment provides a light-hearted anecdote, not all experiences are as light. In fact, Alli recounts his fair share of carnage and of questionable activities, not just on the part of the enemy. Indeed, the dangers of friendly fire, the disorganization of the military, and the lack of decorum and judgment on the part of some soldiers suggest Alli's true and unfiltered reality of Korea. No doubt this reality shaped Alli and countless others.

The book draws to a close with some thoughts on the lingering effects of the war, as Alli writes:

America's Korean War veterans returned with neither a bang nor a whimper. Unlike their older brothers, the World War II veterans, they had no victory parades.

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# Welcome Aboard!

## New Members of the Korean War Veterans Association

We will publish a list of new members in each issue. Possibly, some of our veteran members will recognize the names of new “recruits” on the list, get in touch with them, and renew old friendships—or start new ones. (Hopefully, we will provide more detailed information about new members in future issues to facilitate the “getting in touch” process.)

For now, we offer a sincere “Welcome Aboard” to our new members—and urge them to recruit a friend or two to join them and the rest of us.

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R041199 ROBERT G. KING  
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LR41161 ROBERT F. SINGER  
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## BOOK REVIEW from page 71

And why should they? No one but an incurable chauvinist could proclaim the cease-fire to be a victory for America. The cease-fire line was close to the original border between North and South Korea, the Thirty-eighth Parallel. Both countries were still the prewar size. The massive loss of life had lasted thirty-seven months, apparently ending in a draw. Death seemed to be the sole victor. (p. 248).

Perhaps what is most regrettable is that the significance of personal sacrifice of young men like Alli, and especially those who did not return, has been lost on many Americans. Alli notes:

The war was in Korea... [and] it met the test of violence and death that could provide veterans with enough experiences to affect them for the rest of their lives—even if they went too young, like me, and the war would soon be forgotten by most Americans. (p. 32).

Fortunately, books like *Too Young for a Forgettable War*, whether perceived as coming-of-age memoirs or war stories, will ensure that readers will not completely forget what Alli laments is a forgettable war.



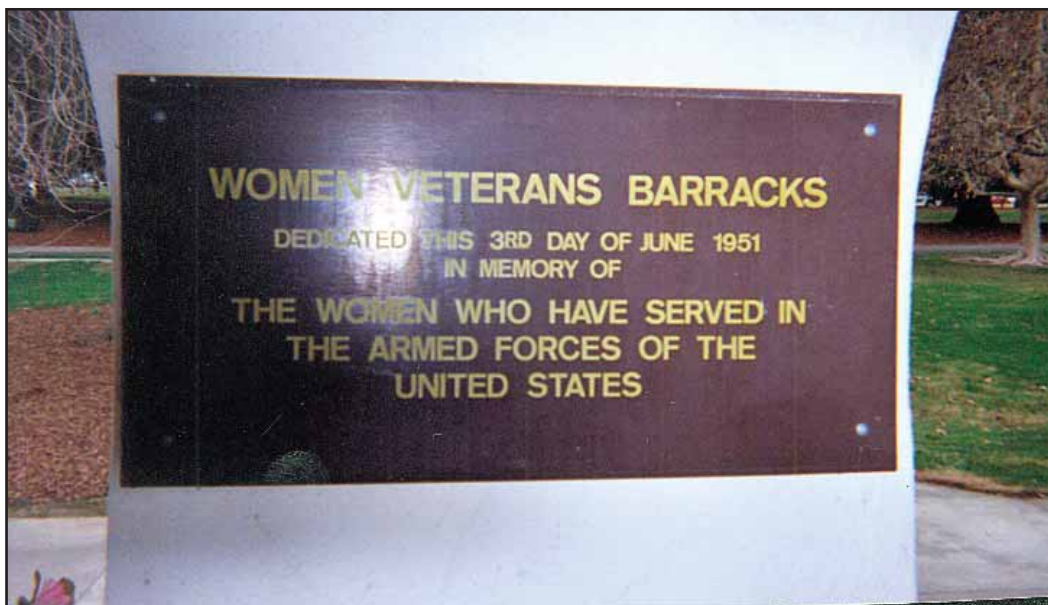
# California State Veterans Home Celebrates 125th Anniversary

Women veterans and widowed spouses of veterans gathered outside the Women Veterans Barracks at the California State Veterans Home recently to help celebrate the facility's 125th anniversary.

They were joined at the event by members of CID 264, Mount Diablo, including Bob and Terry Hooker, Ron Silva, Bill Flaherty, Don Welsh, Norman LaFlure, David McDonald, Don Sharp, and Bob Witbeck.

Doris ("Dory") Hastings, 260 California Drive, Yountville, CA 94599-1412, (707) 944-8172

*(Thanks to Stanley Grogan for providing additional information and photos about the event.)*



Women Veterans Barracks sign at California State Veterans Home



Members of CID 264 at veterans home (L-R) Norman LaFlure, Bill Flaherty, Dave McDonald



The Women Veterans group at California State Veterans Home



A piece of history at the California State Veterans Home



Members of CID 264 distributing ice cream at Veterans Home event

## Official Membership Application Form

### The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407 (Telephone: 217-345-4414)

**DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE** Assigned Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

KWVA Regular Annual Dues = \$25.00 ♦ Associate Membership = \$16.00  
MOH, 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 ☐ Medal of Honor ☐ Regular Member ☐ Regular Life Member ☐ Associate Member  
☐ Ex-POW ☐ Honorary ☐ Gold Star Parent ☐ Gold Star Spouse

(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

#### Branch of Service

Division ☐ Army  
Regiment ☐ Air Force  
Battalion ☐ Navy  
Company ☐ Marines  
Other ☐ Coast Guard

#### Dates of service:

WithIN Korea were: (See criteria below)

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

WithOUT Korea were: (See criteria below)

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes as indicated, is true and correct."

**[If you are applying for membership in a category other than Section 1, par A.1., of the "Criteria for Membership," complete the "Certification of Eligibility for KWVA Membership" form on next page.]**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: KWVA

Mail to: **Korean War Veterans Association Inc., P. O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407** (Telephone: 217-345-4414)

(Or you may pay by Credit Card)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ VISA ☐ MASTER CARD (only)

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ V-Code \_\_\_\_\_ Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted 10/23/2007



## 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](http://www.kwva.org)

Adopted 10/23/2007

# Thanks!

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

## 1 – ALABAMA #1 - GULF COAST [AL]

Each year the Korean Presbyterian Church invites us to services a couple times. We all have a great time at these events.

The Koreans are the most grateful people I have ever met—and they feed us well.

The church pastor is Rev. Bang, originally from Pusan.

*Joe Bolton (5th year President)  
4304 Aldebaran Way, Mobile, AL 36693*



Attendees at the Mobile, AL event to thank members of CID 1



Members of CID 1 and guests at chow call in Mobile

## 181 – KANSAS #1 [KS]

The Korean-American ladies of Kansas City recently hosted another of their semi-annual lunches to honor area Korean War veterans. The lunch was one of a long series which the ladies have sponsored over several years.

Over 100 veterans and their wives, from both Kansas and Missouri Chapters, attended this latest event. The featured speaker at the event was retired Army LtGen Robert Forman. General Forman captivated the KWVA veterans and their ladies with his wit and wisdom.

The Korean-American Ladies, sponsors of the lunches, have been supporters of Kansas Chapter 181 for many years. They were very helpful in creating the beautiful Memorial to Korean War veterans in Overland Park, KS, a suburb in the South Kansas City Metro Area.

*Don Dyer, [ddyer15@everestkc.net](mailto:ddyer15@everestkc.net)*



An "exotic dancer" entertains members of CID 1 and guests







Members of CID 174, hosts, and guests at the Korean Presbyterian Church USA in Pinellas Park (Top, L-R) Won Tae Cho (Church Pastor), Mel Eakley (Sgt at Arms), Richard Mellinger (Cmdr.), Roger West (member), Bob Johnson (Vice Cmdr.) Kimi Springsteen (Asian American Affairs Liaison, Board of County Commissioners for Hillsborough County;), Joseph Seyfried (Treasurer), Eddie Ko (Korean War Hero) (Front, L-R) Kathleen Seyfried (AUL Secretary), Lorraine Eakley (AUL President), Barbara Mellinger (Aux. Chaplain), Dotty West (Aux. Treasurer), Janet Johnson (Aux. Member), Isac Kwak (Church Asst. Pastor)

## 174 – NATURE COAST [FL]

The Korean Presbyterian Church USA in Pinellas Park, FL invited our chapter to their annual dinner and show at their church on Saturday June 27, 2009. The food was prepared and served by the ladies of the parish and the entertainment consisted of Korean dancers and a Tae Kwon Do exhibition.

*Joseph Seyfried, Treasurer, 11020 Belltower Street  
Spring Hill, FL 34608*



Gen Forman chats with the commanders of Kansas and Missouri chapters at "Thanks" dinner

A large crowd listens raptly to Gen Forman at Kansas City "Thanks" dinner

Thanks in Lexington, KY (L-R) B. J. Hu, Jack Armacost, President of CID 219, the restaurant's crew, chapter members Joe Brown, Ray Bradbury, Carl Tungate, W. B. Stiles, Paul Brooks, Chester Care, Jim Fenell, Jim McKinney, Ken Colebank, Harry Walsh, Dick Wengert, Earl Buckler, Stan Jozephzowicz, Ed Morrow, Sarah Booth, Jack Hall, Bob Niles, John Marsh at the Hananoki Japanese Steak House

## 219 - CENTRAL KENTUCKY [KY]

### Korean War Veterans Honored

"We will never forget what you have done for our country," Mrs. B.J. Huh told a group of Korean War Veterans gathered at her Hananoki Japanese Steak House for the fifth annual Memorial Day luncheon held in their honor at the restaurant on May 14.

Mrs. Huh stated that she wished to recognize the veterans for their service in Korea during the "Forgotten War." Her daughter, Michelle Lim, sang both the American and Korean National Anthems as the two flags stood tall in the room. The crew took individual orders and cooked delicious meals on the Hibachi grill.

The 19 veterans in attendance represented the 70-member chapter, which meets the second Thursday of each month at the American Legion Post #341, 1493 Leestown Road, Lexington, KY 40511.

*Audrey Stiles, 2621 Cashel Ct, Lexington, KY 40509  
(859) 268-4459, AudreyStil8@aol.com*



## 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 Member's # \_\_\_\_\_ 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: 703-590-1295  
**c/o MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS** Fax: 703-590-1292  
**13198 Centerpointe Way Ste. 202** E-mail: mhtours@miltours.com  
**Alexandria, VA 22193-5285** 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.

## The Spirit Of Armed Forces Personnel Continues

Former Army Medic Sam Gann, 120th Med. Bn. [attached to A Co.] 179th Inf., 45th Div., died on 18 April 2009. He was a member of the "Christmas in July" group who served on Outpost Queen "...on a war-ravaged 4,000 foot mountain ridge named Christmas Hill" in July 1953 and ultimately wrote a book of the same name about their experience.

Another member of the group, Gunnar Osterberg, wrote this message to Gann's daughter Kelly after learning of his death. It is a sterling example of the camaraderie soldiers share until they part, and a tribute to one medic's life.

Wayne Pelkey, also a member of the group, supplied the photo.

To the Sam Gann Family:

Precious memories, how they linger

How they ever flood my soul.

In the stillness of the midnight

Precious memory scenes unfold

We all are blessed with precious memories. However, many memories are more precious than others and I have a precious memory that happened to me on November 29th in the year of 2001.

On that day, I received a letter from a man who introduced himself as a medic who served in Korea, on the same outpost, at the same time as I. From that day on, this man and I became good friends through letters, telephone calls and some computer correspondence. Through that first letter I found that this decorated Korean War veteran was Sam Gann, sometimes known to his wonderful family as "Peepaw."

Sam was to re-introduce me to the wonderful world of gospel music. He sent me gospel CDs of Gaithers Group and other CDs of gospel groups, including Sam "the warbler" himself. I found Sam to be an expert on gospel and gospel singers. Not only did Sam know gospel, but he also sang it and he sang it well.

I've listened to his singing, "Lord Help Me Jesus," "Amazing Grace," "Jesus Loves Me, Yes I know," and other great gospel songs. He also sang popular songs in Korea after the armistice, when he entertained the troops by singing songs such as,



Sam Gann sings "Crying in the Chapel" at a USO show

"Your Cheating Heart," "Why Don't You Believe Me?" and others. He loved his music; he loved singing; he loved gardening. Most of all, Sam loved the Lord.

In the year 2007, Barbara and I got to meet this fine man and his fun-loving wife, Maggie, at our 45th Division reunion in Oklahoma City. After six years of correspondence, it was great fun to meet this man in person. And, oh yes, he did sing for us at the reunion too.

We kicked around our days in the war where Sam, as a combat medic, tended to the wounded and dying. He was decorated for his bravery during that period of the war.

He told me of his singing the song "Crying in the Chapel" to a group of soldiers on Christmas Eve in 1953—and there wasn't a dry eye in the audience. Yes, it was a most enjoyable first meeting and reunion.

It is hard to realize that my pal is not with us any longer. There will be a large void left in many people's lives in not having him with us. But, what pleasant, precious, memories we all have of this man.

I found Sam to be a fine husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. I also found Sam to be a loving, sensitive, generous, pleasant, and a kind Christian man who loved the Lord.

Yes: pleasant memories how they linger, how they ever flood my soul. Farewell my good friend, for I know you are with the Lord who you so greatly love, and I say goodbye until we meet again.

Gunnar "Guns" Osterberg

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Korean Air Force Veterans Association of Hawaii members prepare to place wreath at the June 25th Korean War Memorial Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.