

1954. My service in Korea was from November, 1952 until April, 1954. West Virginia, my home state, paid a bonus to all Korean War veterans. As best I recall, I received \$200.

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I noted in the current issue of the magazine that no information has been provided to you on veterans' bonuses in West Virginia. Here is a rundown:

The West Virginia Legislature approved bonuses for veterans of WWI, WWII, KOREA, Vietnam, and Lebanon, Panama, Granada,

and Desert Storm. The application deadline has expired for all of these.

Recently the Legislature added to this list: Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kosovo. The application period is still open for all.

West Virginia has provided the highest percentage of its population to the armed services than any other state. Needless to say, we have a very large veteran population and are proud of it.

The bonus info is from the West Virginia Division of Veterans Affairs website, [www.wvs.state.wv.us/va/](http://www.wvs.state.wv.us/va/).

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## Directory Update

I know that I commented in the Jan-Feb issue that it was my last report on the Membership Directory. But, there were so many interesting things that happened after the Directory and the Tribute Print were received that I could not help making a few final comments.

First of all, fourteen more inactive members decided to rejoin the Association. That adds up to 1,410 reinstated members and \$14,010 in the Treasurer's books. I still do not have the final figure for the royalties, but it is going to be a substantial amount. Most importantly, all of this cost the KWVA nothing except my time and the time for the membership department to post the reinstatements.

As for the Directory, I have received more favorable comments than I have space for here, but I am going to mention a few. There were very few negative comments, so I will list all of those.

Past President Lou Dechert wrote, "I received the KWVA 2010 60th Anniversary Directory today. It was an unusually informative, factual publication. Each member can be proud of what was produced under your supervision. The publication adds to the prestige of the organization."

Member Stan Wisniewski, San Dimas, CA, wrote "The directory was received this week. It was spectacular. It is so detailed with information, so much more than was expected. Thank you for the beautiful book; it was worth the wait."

Ian Blissett, our only member in New Zealand, wrote, "I have received my copy of the KWA Directory 2010 and I am very pleased with both the quality and the contents. The directory is more than I hoped it would be. I am writing to Army buddies Stateside that I served with in Korea, including a Katusa Sgt. who now lives in Snohomish, WA to join up with the KWVA. It is well worth while to belong."

Finally, there was a telephone call from Life Member W. E. Broader, from Syracuse, NY. He wanted to know if there were separate medals for each phase (campaign) of the war. Of course, there are not. (Not that I think that maybe there should have been).

His comment about the Directory was, "If I did not have a \$100 to buy the book, I would have borrowed it. It is the most concise book that I have ever read."

Now for the negative comments. (If I received any in writing I must have thrown them away. But, I do not recall receiving any in writing.) I recall receiving a call or email from a lady veteran who had submitted her husband's name and information after he was deceased, and the information was entered under her name. (It was not our intent to include information on deceased veterans.)

Another veteran's name was misspelled. A third member's information included an award for the Silver Star which he had not received. He and I figured out what happened there. He had been in five phases (campaigns), and he was authorized a Silver Star, or five Bronze Stars, to be worn on his Korean Service Medal.

As for the Tribute Print, I have more complaints on that than I should have. As a matter of fact, even mine was not correct. They had the phases (campaigns) wrong. And, rather than the 2nd Division, they had the 12th Division. They are correcting that and sending me a revised Tribute Print.

Aside from those few complaints and errors, the Membership Directory is a professional document that can be passed down to our descendants.

In closing: if there are any errors, please let Harris Connect Customer Service know at 1-800-877-6554. They can not do anything about correcting the directory, but they have been very generous in refunding some of your costs. So please call them, not me. I can only refer you to them.

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Without duty, duly performed, there is no honor, and I appeal, especially to elected chapter and department officers, to do your duty, as required by the Bylaws and your oath to support them.

Without honor given to the Order, there is no country. That applies not only to the service in which you served; it is a standard just as meaningful to the fraternal order named the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. Lease do your duty.

Respectfully and fraternally to all,

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