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From the President

William Mac Swain

As a reminder, July 4th, 2011 will be a time for most Chapters and our members-at-large to celebrate our day of independence, won in 1776 and maintained for all these years by veterans. Without the veterans who have fought to maintain the freedom won many years ago, the United States might not now be the only power that has freed many nations from dictatorships and fostered elections and rule by the people—and is still at work doing so today.

It is indeed a time to again celebrate and be proud as a nation. The Korean War veterans will again assemble in Washington, D.C. and celebrate the remembrance of the Armistice signed on July 27, 1953 to end the Korean War. This armistice allowed the South Korean government to continue its great change toward a democracy that was started after the end of World War II.

We now realize that the armed forces of the many UN nations stopped communism from taking over Asia. A victory was won; all you have to do is look at the miracle of South Korea to prove that point. Remember, also, that communists never attacked another nation. Communist aggression was stopped where it started, when it attacked South Korea.

On April 29, 2011, I attended a meeting in Washington, D.C. with a joint group to talk about the possibility of resuming the search for POWs and MIAs in the North Korean area. As you know, politically we have not been in North Korea for a few years. Many of our MIAs and POWs are known to be buried at battle sites and North Korean Prisoner of War locations. I met, along with some other Veteran Service Organizations, with present administration personnel and suggested that we consider looking for our missing Korean MIAs and POWs as a humanitarian project, rather than playing politics that keeps us from searching in North Korea.

Before we were Congressionally chartered, we would not have been invited to attend such a meeting and give our opin-

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ion. This problem will not have a quick fix, but it is at least a first step toward arranging a way to start our searching in which political posturing and propaganda are not parts of this humanitarian project.

It was suggested that it is becoming more important now, as our war veterans grow older and their families are becoming extinct, that we resume looking for these veterans who are still in North Korea. We will remain available for meetings or to answer any questions that arise as the administration looks into forming a plan to return to North Korea to search for our personnel.

In May, I attended the Florida State Department Meeting, which was very successful. The meeting engendered many memories among all who attended. Also, the Korean War Monument was visited during the visit for Memorial Day ceremonies at the National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., where wreaths were presented in honor of our fallen buddies, MIAs and POWs.

I will be in Korea in June to represent the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. at many functions there. A Board of Directors meeting in conjunction with the Gathering in Washington, D.C. will be held. Ceremonies will take place on July 27, 2011 at the Korean War Monument area and Korean Bench at the National Cemetery. Wreaths will be laid at the Korean War Monument and the Tomb of the Unknowns during this visit.

I have received information from my contact in Congressman Sam Johnson's office that a rough draft has been formulated to present to Congress to allow those veterans who have met the requirements

for being awarded the Korea Defense Service Medal to be considered war veterans. This will mean the service veterans who have served in Korea will not count against our IRS Tax Exempt status of maintaining a ratio of 90% war veterans, so donations given to the KWVA will remain deductible for the donors income tax. If this is accomplished, the KWVA can recruit service veterans, who served in Korea after January 31, 1955 until the present time, and not worry about how many are recruited.

I received a phone call from one of our members who asked me if I knew that the Vietnam Unknown Soldier who was buried at the Tomb of the Unknown was later identified and removed. The caller asked if another Vietnam unknown was buried in his place. I told him I did not know, but would check it out. Here is the answer.

The remains of the unknown Vietnam soldier were interred on May 28, 1984. Later investigations revealed that he was Air Force 1st Lt. Michael J. Blassie, who was shot down near An Loc, Vietnam in 1972. His remains were exhumed on May 14, 1998. The crypt that held the Vietnam Unknown was replaced with no remains in it and the dates of the conflict were replaced with "Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen." Why?

With improvements in DNA testing, it is possible, though unlikely, that every unknown soldier killed in the Vietnam War will eventually be identified. As Paul Harvey would have said, "That's the rest of the story."

*William Mac Swain
President*

COVER: DORA MOUNTAIN STATION, Republic of Korea – A railroad sign at the incomplete train station represents hope that a train will one day travel between North and South Korea. The train station is the northernmost end of South Korea and it was one of the sites Kunsan Airmen saw during a demilitarized zone tour May 13. (U.S. Air Force photo/Capt. Sheryll Kinkel)



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From the Secretary

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For example, when I use Windows to compose a message and then send an e-mail, the message does not show up in my gmail sent file and I have yet to figure how one determines that it has been sent. There are other pros and cons, but I do not want to waste space by discussing them here. Call me if you have questions.

You can still send me e-mails using my old address, fecohee@kwva.org. They will automatically be sent to my new address. They (whoever that is) should not make it so complicated for us old folks.

Liability Insurance

From one of our Chapters: "We are amending our bylaws, and we need clarification about indemnification. Are we covered by insurance from National KWVA?" I get this question often and here is the answer: no. Each Chapter is responsible for obtaining its own liability insurance.

Sons Of Korean Veterans: Good Idea Or Not?

My name is Jerry Charles from Washington State. My father was a Korean War veteran. He passed away at a young age: only 51. I spent 20 years of my life in the military after high school. I retired in 1999. I entered the military in the so-called delayed entry program in 1974. It has been a blessed time for me in the military.

I am now at home fighting for the rights of all our veterans, young and old. I have joined ten different veterans

organizations and started some in my home town. I want to do what I can to keep all groups going.

I know our veteran population is getting smaller. They are hitting around my age group now; it is a scary thing, but that's life. I did spend a few weeks in Korea in 1989 and I enjoyed my time there.

Question: can the organization amend its By-Laws to include sons of Korean veterans. Maybe this way the organization can stay up and running even longer.

Sir, thank you for your service. God bless our troops and America.

Scholarships Update

I have been your Secretary for going on four years now. One would think that I would have learned my lesson when I took on the 2010 Membership and Personal History Directory Project. But, obviously, I am so dedicated to this organization that I took on yet another project; the Korean War Veterans of the Korean War (FAVKW) Scholarships available for Direct Descendants of Korean War veterans.

As was published in the Jan-Feb 2011 issue of *The Graybeards*, there are only 12 scholarships available, and only one recipient for each state. Well, here are some statistics about that project: number of requests received, 49: number of states represented, 42: number of multiple requests from more than one state, 34.

My job is to select 12 from different

states out of those 49. That is definitely not an easy task. At least one member says that I should select them by the highest GPA (the requirements are to have at least a GPA of 3.5). That would not be fair because schools differ in their ratings and some do not even use, or at least do not release, the student's GPA.

Some schools use 4.0 as the maximum. Others give extra credit for other accomplishments. I have several over the GPA of 3.5, the highest being 5.4. My youngest daughter, a school teacher, says I should make the selection based on the information the student submitted. That, too, is a problem.

Some applicants sent recommendations from their school counselors. A few even sent letters of recommendation from their Senators and Representatives. So, that would not be fair either.

This is how I selected the recipients of the scholarships. At my Chapter meeting on May 21, 2011, I held two drawings. The first was for those applicants who were from their same state. The second was for the 12 recipients from 12 different states. How much fairer can that be?

The drawing went as planned and the twelve scholarship recipients were selected. Unfortunately, their names and documentation have to be previewed by the Korean sponsor and will not be available for this issue. They will be published in the Jul/Aug issue.

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“Do you ever wonder what military equipment will look like fifty years from now?” I asked several young Marines at the 2011 Beaufort Marine Corps Air Base air show.

Most of them looked at me like I was a senile dude who had been out in the blazing South Carolina sun far longer than doctors deem advisable. I could sense what was on their minds.

“We’ll be lucky if we are around fifty days from now at the rate we are rotating in and out of Iraq and Afghanistan,” they were thinking. They had a point. They could ill afford to look ahead fifty years. Heck, I didn’t when I was their age. Why should they?

One of the last things on my mind when I left active duty in 1962 was what military weaponry would look like fifty years later. I wasn’t even sure what I would look like fifty years later or if I would be around to gaze into a mirror to find out. Well, here it is fifty years later and I now know what 2011 weaponry looks like. Most of it is more advanced than the equipment we were using in the mid-20th century. Surprisingly, some is pretty much the same, such as the 81mm mortar.

I was an 0341 (mortar man in USMC MOS parlance) in my active days. I noticed immediately that the base plate is now one piece, as opposed to two when I was an FDC/gunner. And, the mouth of the tube now flares out. Back in the 1950s it had a mouth like a cup. But, as we compared notes, the Marine mortar man (who is still an 0341) assured me it is still tough to clear a round that is hung in the tube, which we called “hang fires.” Some things just don’t change, regardless of technological upgrades.

Mortars aside, the equipment on display was astounding. All the major services were represented. There were unique aircraft on the tarmac and in the air. At one point a stealth bomber cruised over the air base. (At least I think I saw one. Was I supposed to?) Then, a V-22 Osprey (not the fish hawk type) rose

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straight up, hovered above the ground—and left for parts unknown (maybe to chase the stealth bomber)

There was a B-52 parked in a very large corner of the base. I am not sure if people appreciated its huge footprint for anything better than the shade it provided. Hundreds of people sat beneath its wing and partied, safe from the sweltering South Carolina sun. (I am sure that is not the Air Force’s primary use for the venerable B-52.)

The highlight of the day for most people was the Navy’s “Blue Angels.” They performed a 45-minute show that wowed the crowd, as they always do. That raised a question in my mind as I watched the “Blue Angels” fly and compared their planes to the new equipment on display.

Who in his or her right mind would perform the maneuvers they did knowing that the planes they flew were castoffs? The “Blue Angels” F/A-18 Hornets are received from the fleet at the end of their carrier arrestment functionality! That’s like going to war in Afghanistan with a WWII M4 Sherman tank. You would have to place a lot of faith in your maintenance crews, which the “Blue Angel” pilots do—which is well justified

The pièce de résistance for me was the static display of weapons manned by Marines from Camp Lejeune. Military veterans from the 1950s would marvel at what their successors work with today. Almost everything is computerized. Nothing, from body armor to canteens, resembles anything we used back in the “old days,” when we had to charge across moat bridges into burning oil to attack the enemy hiding high up on castle walls. Well, one thing did: the troops’ comments.

I spoke with one young Marine about

the field radios they were using today. I mentioned the bulky, often useless field radios such as the AN/PRC-6/10s we used a half-century ago. He knew how to hurt me. He said, “Oh, yeah, sir, I saw a couple of them in a museum once.”

A museum? “Sir?” Why did he keep saying “Sir?” Anyway...

He allowed that the radios they used in Afghanistan, from where he had returned recently, weren’t the most reliable items in the military’s array of equipment. “We had to resort to hand signals and voice communications on occasion, because the radios didn’t work,” he said. Other Marines voiced similar criticisms of different pieces of equipment. That’s another thing that hasn’t changed in the past fifty years, nor will it in the next fifty. No matter how good the equipment, training, leaderships, etc., is, the troops will always have something to bitch about.

“So,” I asked them, “do you think the equipment will improve in the next fifty years? And, wouldn’t you like to see it?” I received some pretty quizzical looks.

Well, I sure would. The air show gave me a chance to see what has evolved militarily in the past fifty years. The advances have been tremendous. Our military successors are in good hands, equipment and talent wise.

I can’t wait for the 2061 Beaufort Marine Air Base air show to see what the next fifty years bring. Hopefully, some of the young men who gave me the quizzical looks at the 2011 show will be there with me, asking their successors, “Do you ever wonder what military equipment will look like fifty years from now?” And, they will get those same quizzical looks in return, no doubt.



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Fellow KWVA Members,

It has been one year since we published a list of KWVA Departments, Chapters and Presidents in *The Graybeards*. Those of you with computers can view daily up-to-date listings of this information by logging on to our website at www.kwva.org and clicking on List of Depts/Chapts, on the upper-center of the Home Page. If you are a KWVA member and have not joined a KWVA chapter, the listing which follows should be of particular importance to you!

Do you know where there is a KWVA Chapter near enough to you so you can attend its meetings?

Most Chapters meet once a month. The meeting day, time, and place can be found on the internet at the website and link listed above, or you may contact the chapter president as shown in the following listing by phone, email, or U.S. mail.

What does KWVA do for me besides provide me six issues of *The Graybeards* each year and the ability to vote for KWVA officers?

I hear the above question frequently. The short answer is, "You get what you want to get and what you look for!" If you have a computer, you can get much more simply by visiting the KWVA website at www.kwva.org and viewing the various links that are available. You will be surprised at the volume of current and archival information, to include many old issues of *The Graybeards* that are available and of interest to veterans and, in particular, Korean War and Korea Service Veterans.

What benefits come with joining a chapter?

Of equal, if not more, importance, the KWVA has provided the framework for the development of 237 Chapters and 16 Departments nationwide. These KWVA units provide an opportunity for you to meet and associate with veterans of similar interest. They serve as a support group to those of us in our older age in our homes, hospitals, nursing homes and hospices as we deal with the rigors of our past service, currently, and in our retirement years.

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

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Special Note to Chapter Presidents

The information on the following listing is as up-to-date as the data I have been provided from you and/or your staff. Please let me know if there are any corrections that should be made, to include your latest election report, if it has not been submitted.

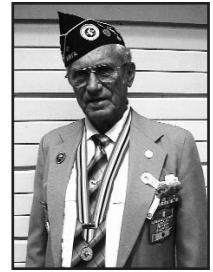
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Occasionally, we make mistakes in *The Graybeards*. We try to be as accurate as possible, and we apologize for any errors that slip through. We do not have the funds for a fact checker, so we miss a fact or two now and then. Here are a couple clarifications. Incidentally, we rely on readers to inform us of any "misfires" that need correcting. We will print corrections in the next available edition.

Wrong Date

The caption under the photograph of LtCol Bert Santora on page 64 of the March-April issue is in error. It states "American POWs repatriated in August 1953." The photo, however, was taken November 1950 by the Chinese and released to U.S. publications December 1950, with no POW identified. Bert was listed as missing for nearly a year before allowed to write. When released, he had lost a lot of weight and was much thinner than shown in the November 1950 Chinese photo.

Of those shown, other than LtCol Bert Santora, how many others survived the 33 months as a POW? A few years ago I heard from the son of one of them. Unfortunately, the father, who also served in the WWII ETO, died shortly after his capture.

I have no information on the others shown in the 1950 photo.

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Three Korean Women

In the Jan-Feb 2011 issue, page 31, there is a picture at the bottom left of the page titled "Three Korean Women." Those ladies are more than likely Japanese. My Korean wife of 55 years pointed this out to me.

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Editor Returns To Northern Office

The winter is officially over when *The Graybeards* editor returns to his northern office. By the time you read this, he will be there.

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DoD 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee

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The 2011 Defense Authorization Bill authorized the establishment of the Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee (DoD 60th AKWCC). The Committee is dedicated to thanking and honoring all the Veterans of the Korean War, their families, and especially those who lost loved ones in that war.

During the next three years, the Committee will honor the service and sacrifice of Korean War veterans, commemorate the key events of the war, and educate Americans of all ages about the historical significance of the Korean War. The Committee will also honor the service and sacrifice of Korean War veterans, commemorate the key events of the war, and educate Americans of all ages about the historical significance of the Korean War.

The commemorative committee's programs and activities will work to accomplish the following objectives.

- To thank and honor veterans of the Korean War, including members of the Armed Forces who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States.
- To thank and honor the families of veterans of the Korean War for their sacrifices and contributions, especially families who lost a loved one in the Korean War.
- To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Korean War and the contributions of federal agencies and governmental organizations that served with, or in support of the Armed Forces.
- To pay tribute to the sacrifices and contributions made on the home front by people of the United States during the Korean War.
- To provide the people of the United States with a clear understanding and appreciation of the lessons and history of the Korean War.
- To highlight advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Korean War.
- To recognize contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Korean War.

Why is this important?

The Korean War was the first test of the United Nations' resolve to stand against tyranny in all its forms. Twenty-one nations banded together with the United States and South Korea in a remarkable display of solidarity to turn back naked aggression and stem the tide of communism. The Armistice signed in 1953 that remains in effect today reminds us that we must remain vigilant against the forces of tyranny and oppression.

The Korean War also saw the advent of aeronautical, med-

ical and societal change. Helicopters were introduced to transport casualties to field hospitals; jets became the new "standard" for aircraft; leading-edge radio technology allowed better coordination of troop movements; and Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals (MASH) units placed experienced medical personnel closer to the front, improving a wounded Soldier's chance for survival.

Perhaps the most lasting impact of the Korean War was the social change that was manifested to American society. In 1948, President Harry S. Truman had signed Executive Order 9981, implementing the full integration of America's Armed Services. Thus, America went to war in Korea for the first time in its history with a military that reflected its diversity.

The selfless sacrifices of the veterans who fought in Korea to

ensure the freedom and prosperity we enjoy today must always be remembered. The veterans who shivered in the trenches, tracked through knee-deep mud, flew combat missions over rugged mountainous terrain, and stood watch over hostile seas set aside their own comfort, safety and aspirations to answer the call to arms at a time when our nation was still exhausted from the horrors of World War II. These patriots halted the tide of communism that threatened to sweep over the Korean peninsula. Today the Republic of Korea stands as a modern, prosperous, vibrant democracy because of their courage and selfless sacrifice.

Join Us! Help us Thank All Korean War veterans!

The DoD 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee is committed to locating and recognizing Korean War veterans. The Committee is partnering with various government departments and agencies and working with all of the Military Service components. Together, we will thank and honor Korean War veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.

Reaching across America and through communities, we welcome the opportunity to partner, collaborate and recognize all Korean War veterans. Our schools, civic and veteran organizations all across this nation can be part of this effort to pay tribute to these heroes. If you or your organization would like to assist the Committee in honoring Korean War veterans, please contact us at (703) 545-0522 or go online to <http://koreanwar.defense.gov>

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The names listed here are U.S. military service members who were once missing and are now accounted for. Additional information may be seen by visiting the respective Vietnam, Korean War and WWII databases on this site.

These names are displayed in chronological order based on the dates of their identifications.

★ **Pfc. Peter Kubic**, U.S. Army, K Company, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, was lost on Feb. 12, 1951, after enemy forces overran American positions near Chowon-ni, Republic of Korea. His remains were identified on Feb. 1, 2011.

★ **Pfc. Samuel K. Watkins**, U.S. Army, 2nd Reconnaissance Company, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, Infantry Division, was lost on Feb. 14, 1951, when his unit was attacked near Chuam-ni, South Korea. His remains were identified on Jan. 18, 2011.

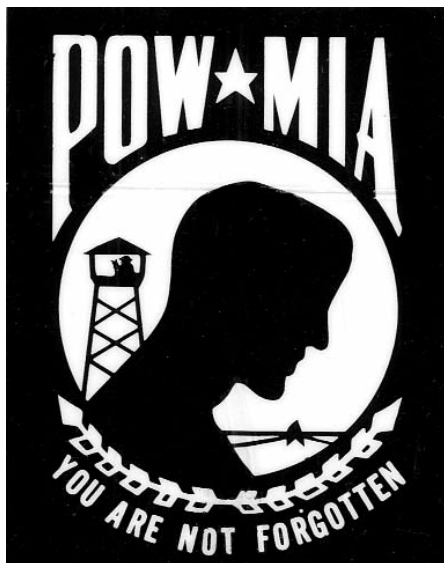
★ **Sgt. Wyatt H. Belton**, U.S. Army, C Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment was lost on Nov. 28, 1950, while engaged in combat operations near Unsan, North Korea. His remains were identified on Jan. 13, 2011.

★ **1st Lt. Robert F. Dees**, U.S. Air Force, 474th Fighter-Bomber Wing, was lost on Oct. 9, 1952, near Sinyang, North Korea, when his F-84E Thunderjet aircraft failed to return following a bombing mission. His remains were identified on Nov. 16, 2010.

★ **Pfc Arthur L. Hodapp**, U.S. Army, A Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment was lost April 24, 1952, while engaged in combat operations near Ukalgye and Undanjang, South Korea. His remains were identified on Nov. 15, 2010.

★ **Cpl. Primo C. Carnabuci** U.S. Army, 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, were lost on Nov. 1, 1950, near Unsan, North Korea. Their remains were identified on Nov. 3, 2010.

★ **Master Sgt. Clifford L. Ryan**, U.S. Army, 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, were lost on Nov. 1, 1950, near Unsan, North Korea. Their remains were identified on Nov. 3, 2010.



★ **Sgt. Brunko R. Miljus**, U.S. Army, 3rd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, was lost on Feb. 12, 1951, in South Korea. His remains were identified on Oct. 28, 2010.

★ **Master Sgt. Michael C. Fastner**, U.S. Army, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, was lost on Nov. 30, 1950, after enemy forces attacked his unit in the vicinity of Kunu-ri, North Korea. His remains were identified on Sept. 21, 2010.

★ **1st Lt. Jack J. Saunders**, U.S. Army, B Battery, 15th Field Artillery, was lost on Feb. 13, 1951, in South Korea. His remains were identified Sept. 15, 2010.

★ **Pfc. James R. Stroup**, U.S. Army, M Company, 3rd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, was lost Feb. 12, 1951, after enemy forces attacked his unit near Hoengsong, Republic of Korea. His remains were identified on Sept. 7, 2010.

★ **Cpl. Charles Arce**, U.S. Army, M Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, was lost on Nov. 2, 1950, after enemy forces overran American positions near Unsan, North Korea. His remains were identified on Aug. 31, 2010.

★ **Cpl. A.V. Scott**, U.S. Army, A Battery, 503rd Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, was lost on Feb. 12, 1951, while engaged in combat operations at Changbong-ni, Republic of Korea. His remains were identified on Aug. 12, 2010.

★ **Sgt. 1st Class Melvin R. Musgray**, U.S. Army, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, was lost on April 23, 1951, when his unit was overrun by enemy soldiers, northeast of Seoul, South Korea. His remains were identified on June 14, 2010.

★ **Cpl. Frank H. Smith**, U.S. Army, 5th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, was lost on July 25, 1951, in South Korea while under enemy attack. His remains were identified on May 25, 2010.

★ **Pfc. Junichi Fujimoto**, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, was lost on Feb. 15, 1951, near Chip'yong-ni, South Korea. His remains were identified on May 24, 2010.

★ **Cpl. Nehemiah E. Butler**, U.S. Army, C Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, was lost on Jan. 1, 1951, in South Korea. His remains were identified on May 3, 2010.

★ **Sgt. Carl B. George**, U.S. Army, A Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, was lost on Feb. 12, 1951, when his unit was attacked by Chinese and North Korean forces near Hoengsong, South Korea. His remains were identified on April 14, 2010.

★ **Sgt. 1st Class Wallace L. Slight**, U.S. Army, M Company, 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, was lost on Nov. 1, 1950, during an enemy attack along the Nammyon River in North Korea. His remains were identified on Apr. 13, 2010.

★ **Pfc. Joseph A. Terrell**, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, was lost on Nov. 2, 1950, near a bend known as the "Camel's Head" along the Nammyon River in North Korea. His remains were identified on April 12, 2010.

★ **Sgt. 1st Class James C. Caldwell**, U.S. Army, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, was lost on Nov. 2, 1950, in North Korea. His remains were identified on April 12, 2010.

★ **Cpl. Patrick R. Glennon**, U.S. Army, G Company, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, was lost on Nov. 1, 1950, near Unsan County, North Korea. His remains were identified on April 5, 2010.

Medal Of Honor Awarded To Two Korean War Soldiers

President Obama awarded two belated Medals of Honor to Korean War heroes on 2 May 2011. They are PFCs Henry Svehla, of Belleville, NJ, and Anthony T. Kaho'ohanohano [KA ho OH hano hano] of Pukalani, Hawaii.

The President described them as "hometown kids who stood tall in America's uniform."

Here are their citations:

Medal of Honor Citation for Pfc. Anthony T. Kaho'ohanohano

Pfc. Anthony T. Kaho'ohanohano displayed extraordinary heroism near Chopra-Ri, Korea, Sept. 1, 1951, while assigned to Company H, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. Because of the enemy's overwhelming numbers, friendly troops were forced to execute a limited withdrawal. As the men fell back, Kaho'ohanohano ordered his squad to take up more defensible positions and provided covering fire for them.

Although painfully wounded in the shoulder during the initial enemy assault, Kaho'ohanohano gathered a supply of grenades and ammunition and returned to his original position to face the enemy alone. Kaho'ohanohano delivered deadly accurate fire into the ranks of the onrushing enemy. When his ammunition was depleted, he engaged the enemy in hand-to-hand combat until he was killed.

Army history file:

Pfc. Anthony T. Kaho'ohanohano [KA ho OH hano hano]

- Killed in Action Sept. 1, 1951 in Chupa-ri, Korea
- Age: 21 years, 2 months
- Unit: Company H, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division

• Years of Service: 3 years, 3 months, prior service with Hawaii National Guard. Enlisted with the U.S. Army Feb. 5, 1951

• Awards: Purple Heart (posthumously), Army Good Conduct Medal (posthumously), National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korean-Korean War Service Medal, The Republic of Korea's Wharang Distinguished Military Service Medal with Silver Star (posthumously), Combat Infantryman Badge, Republic of Korea-Presidential Unit Citation

Source: <http://www.army.mil/-news/2011/04/22/55395-medal-of-honor---pfc-anthony-t-kahoohanohano/index.html>

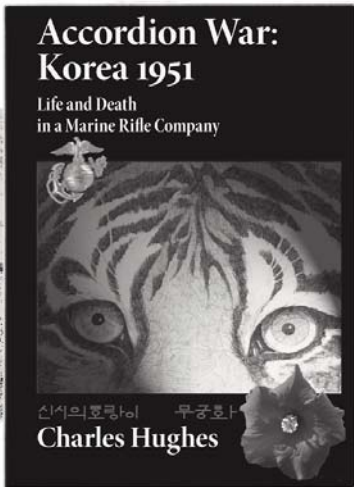
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For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty:

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Source: <http://www.army.mil/-news/2011/04/22/55393-medal-of-honor-citation-for-pvt-1st-class-henry-svehla/index.html>

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Wendell Murphy Discovers the Benefits of a

By Priscilla Rall

Few men today exemplify the spirit of the American soldier who fought sixty years ago in a distant place called South Korea as well as Wendell Murphy. When South Korea was faced with annihilation, the United States joined other countries from the United Nations to preserve the freedom of South Korea and its people. Americans from all walks of life fought and died in a place few had ever heard of.

Wendell Murphy was one of those Americans. He was born in the small, rural community of Barthlows, Maryland, in 1932. He was raised by his grandparents after his mother was sent to a sanatorium for TB, and his father abandoned their seven children. When Wendell was nine, he began working on the farm, plowing with horses and working weekends at a Washington, DC farmers' market. The family raised chickens, hogs, beef and horses as well as produce. His grandmother only went to the store to buy sugar, salt and flour.

When Wendell was fifteen, he quit school and began working as a salesman at the farmers' market. Ironically, his rural upbringing was little different from life at that time in Korea. Both were filled with unceasing work from childhood on and with scant opportunities for education.

In 1949, Wendell joined the Maryland National Guard, 29th Div. 115th Inf. Battery B (an artillery unit) in Westminster, MD. Wendell's brother, Kenneth, had been in the Navy during WWII in the blimp service. Influenced by his brother, Wendell tried to enlist in the Navy, but was rejected. He was finally accepted by the U.S. Army on April 3, 1951 and ordered to active duty from his National Guard status. Within weeks he was in Korea!

Initially, Wendell was with the 143rd Field Artillery. But, on his first day in Korea, he was ordered up to the front lines with a Forward Observer team (FO). He was TDY—and never saw his outfit again.

A jeep took him to his position on



UN allies meet once again in Korea—under more peaceful conditions

Heartbreak Ridge, where Sgt Kelly, a veteran of WWII, was in charge. The first day Murphy saw two soldiers hit by mortars and lose their legs. It was a grim introduction to combat. Sadly, Sgt. Kelly was later mortally wounded. As he lay dying, he made Murphy promise to kill every enemy soldier he could for him.

Over the next 16 months, Murphy was in 5 major battles, including Heartbreak Ridge, Old Baldy and Hill 917. On September 19, 1951, Murphy was severely injured by a land mine on Heartbreak Ridge. He was barely conscious with leg and chest wounds when his radio operator helped tie him onto a chopper. He was placed in a body bag with only his head sticking out so as to protect him from the elements while he was being transported.

He vaguely remembers being at a MASH unit located in a burned-out school. There a nurse pried his rifle from his side. "Murph" then reached down to his leg and the nurse said, "It's still there." She then asked how long it had been since he had had a bath.

He retorted, "Lady, they don't have

no baths on the front line."

"Well," she said, "you stink!"

After two months in the 52nd Field Hospital, instead of being sent home as he anticipated, he was returned to the front lines, still bandaged from his wounds. He was then placed with the 2nd ROK Div., with an FO team, and had an interpreter assigned to him. He continued as their FO, usually being placed 50 yards in front of the infantry. He would call in strikes at suspicious targets.

Murphy, now a Sergeant, would also go on night patrols. Several times his Lieutenants were hit and Murphy took over as the FO acting Lt. He never was recognized for this.

He would change his OP (Operations Post) often, as many as five times a week, to escape snipers, covering OP with fallen trees and sand bags for protection. As the FO, Murphy and his radio operator were the eyes of the infantry.

Murphy would call in the artillery, and often call for illumination. He didn't mingle with the infantry. His was a lonely place, always on the move, basically

Korean Visit

in front of the line and a prime target for enemy snipers.

Although many soldiers griped about the food, Wendell had no complaints. He grew up in a family that was simply thankful for what they had and no one ever complained. His hardscrabble childhood prepared him well for the deprivations of this war. There were plenty of C rations, and he can still name all the combinations which were often traded to get the “best” ones.

Cigarettes, which were plentiful, were also a popular trade item. But ammunition was another matter. In April, due to a steel strike in the U.S., the troops were limited to the amount of shells they could use. The word was that our troops were to “stick them” with bayonets if the enemy came over the top.

Wendell saw many civilians fleeing the carnage. Like most GIs, he often gave cans of food to the children who would cluster around the friendly troops. Wendell, like all those who fought in South Korea, never forgot the suffering of the people of South Korea and their sacrifice.

Sgt. Murphy was well aware of the international support for the war and the unique nature of the United Nations troops. On one side of his unit were



A multi-national force in modern-day Korea

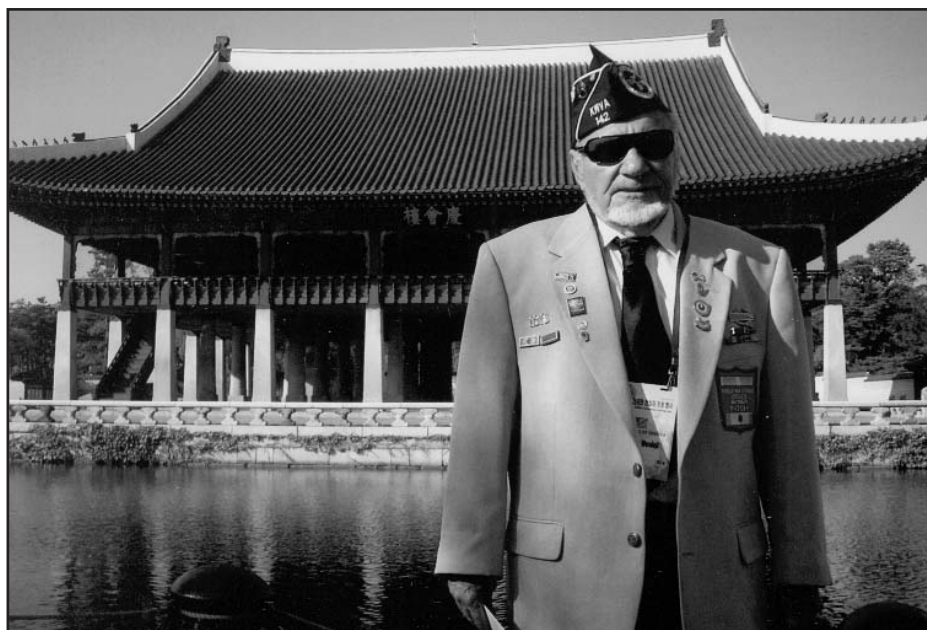
Turkish troops, who brought their own standards of warfare to the front, often carrying grisly trophies as they marched. On the other side were Ethiopian soldiers. Here, troops from three continents were fighting side by side for the freedom of South Korea. The people of South Korea saw these armies from distant countries, fighting for their right to govern themselves. To this day, they have not forgotten their sacrifice.

When Murphy’s time was finally up, he went first to Seoul, then to Japan, and finally to California. It was good to get

back to the U.S. after a total of 16 months on the front line. He had even met General MacArthur twice, in 1952 (when MacArthur toured the front lines), and then again in 1957 in Washington DC. To his surprise, Wendell found him to be very approachable and appreciative of his combat troops.

From California, Sgt Murphy went to El Paso, Texas, to work on guided missiles until he was discharged. He quickly reenlisted in 1953 because he “loved the Army.” He was then stationed in Japan. Then, in 1957, Sgt Murphy got the devastating news that he was to be discharged, along with all other enlisted men who did not have a high school diploma. Without regard to his combat experience or time served ... he was out. Ironically, in 1965 the army approached him about reenlisting for Vietnam and offered him a lieutenantcy. He told them he was not interested.

Settling back in Maryland, Wendell had several different jobs before going into the roofing business for himself. He married Frances “Sue” Taylor; they had three children. He built his own home, with no help from the government. In addition, he continued working in the fruit and vegetable stand that his family had started in 1940. It continues to this day, now being run by Wendell’s daughter and son-in-law.



A wondrous scene in Korea behind Wendell Murphy

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A Memory And A Tribute

IMO Pvt Vernon I. Whorley

Action On Hill 431

By Charles Scott

Day 224 - Saturday, 3 February 1951

As the day began to dawn over the frost-covered landscape, revealing the frozen stubble from last fall's rice harvest, the First Platoon of "C" Company, 35th Infantry Regiment was slowly coming to life. Just before dark last night, our platoon got the order to attack Hill 431, a horseshoe shaped hill with the closed end facing south.

The hill, covered with patches of snow, is steep and rugged; the enemy has fortified the hill with bunkers and connecting trenches. We have had very little information from intelligence reports, line crossers or prisoners as to the disposition of the CCF Fiftieth Army out in front of us.

We have advanced about forty miles since jumping off on the attack up Highway One on January 20th. Since leaving Chonan, we have taken Pyongtaek, Osan-Ni, the walled city of Suwon...and now Anyang is just beyond Hill 431. We still have about twelve miles to our final objective, the Seoul-Inchon Highway and the City of Yongdung-po on the south bank of the Han River across from Seoul, the capitol of South Korea.

So far, our attack north has been executed against light opposition. Evidently, some of the slack has been taken out of our advance as the Turks and a company from our Third Battalion were unable to take and hold Hill 431. Any ground taken was vigorously contested and followed by swift enemy counter-attacks.

As I gave my foxhole buddy a shake, he awakened once again to what life is really like in the Regular Army. Reluctantly, he began to show signs of life and asked if it was his turn to go on guard. We slipped on our earthly possessions of pack, cartridge belt,

My wife and I have just returned from a two-week tour of the Republic of South Korea that surpassed our greatest expectations. Now the impossible task confronts me as I seek to find words and expressions that will convey the gratitude we owe for the wonderful experiences of each day from October 5th through the 19th for Christian fellowship, the Korean people, Korean food, Korean hospitality, attending a Korean wedding of two young Christians, the Icheon Pottery Village, an escorted tour to The Blue House, and seeing the infrastructure of super highways, tunnels, bridges, high rise buildings and a world class international airport at Inchon.

During the Korean War, sixty years ago, I served as a rifleman in the 1st Platoon, C Company, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division from August 6, 1950-August 10, 1951—for my average pay during the Korean War of about \$4.67 per day.

During the break out of the Pusan Perimeter, I was wounded by an enemy hand grenade while taking a hill near Tangsong-ni. After 45 days in Tokyo Army Hospital, I returned to my unit near Unsan, a city about 100 miles north of Pyongyang in North Korea. I rotated to the States on August 10, 1951 from near Kumwha in central Korea.

During this time I could see firsthand the misery, distress and pain the people of Korea had suffered from foreign oppres-

sion from the early 1900s to 1945 and the devastation wrought by the Korean War. That has all changed—at least in South Korea.

In 1980, I visited South Korea with my wife Janet and our daughter Ruth Ann while on sabbatical leave from Glenville State College and witnessed a tremendous change from 1950. On October 6, 2010 we arrived at the International Incheon Airport and were met by Douglas and HoSook Neiswender, Christian missionaries who took us to their condominium on the 19th floor of a 24-story high rise.

Many of the changes have come about by sacrifice, hard labor and the determination of the Korean people for a better tomorrow. While many changes have occurred during the past sixty years, some things have not changed and I hope they never do: the friendliness and hospitality of the Korean people.

We could not have had a better host and hostess than Doug and HoSook. They spent much time planning and reading detailed maps to locate many battle sites where our unit was involved. Janet joins in sending love and thanks to all who made our stay profitable and enjoyable.

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I asked Vernon Whorley, a new replacement, where he was from. He said he was born in Kegley, West Virginia, and attended Matoka High School. He was surprised to learn that I was from Athens, West Virginia.

grenades, canteen, entrenching tool and first aid kit. I slung my BAR (Browning Automatic Rifle) over my shoulder and we stumbled over the frozen ground through the semi-darkness to eat our breakfast alongside a paddy dike near the road.

I asked Vernon Whorley, a new replacement, where he was from. He said he was born in Kegley, West Virginia, and attended Matoka High

School. He was surprised to learn that I was from Athens, West Virginia. We were surprised that we were both the same age (19) and knew some of the same students from each school who attended the Mercer County Vocational School at Glenwood Park.

He asked how long I had been in Korea. I replied that I joined the First Platoon in the Pusan Perimeter as its first replacement on August 7th at "The

1st Platoon, C Co., 35th Inf. Rgmt., 25th Inf. Div. troops on Hill 1046, June 1-3, 1951, including (L-R) KATUSAs, Gerald Deeter, Tadashi Hashimoto, and Charles Scott

Notch,” a road cut in the mountain pass. I added that I was wounded by a hand grenade while taking a hill on the 27th of September. When I was discharged from Tokyo Army Hospital, I rejoined the First Platoon in the last days of November at Kunu-Ri in North Korea.

Vernon said that he and his twin brother joined the army on the 7th of August and took their basic training at Fort Knox. As we were moving out to take Hill 431, we were informed that two carrier-based Navy Corsairs would arrive about noon to give us air support, if needed.

We crossed the wide valley on the rice paddy dikes that crisscrossed the frozen rice fields to the base of the finger ridge leading up to the top of Hill 431. The climb was gentle in the beginning, but became steep and tedious as we progressed up the snow-covered ridge. The BAR weighs nineteen pounds and four ounces, twice that of an M-1 rifle and a lot more cumbersome to carry.

When we were about 400 hundred yards from the top, we stopped to wait for the two Navy Corsairs. Though the air was cold and crisp, we were wet with sweat. While we waited for the Corsairs, some of us ate our noon meal of C-rations to lighten our load. We enjoyed the faint warm rays of the sun when it pierced through the broken clouds.

From our position, we had a beautiful view of the valley below. In the far distance we could hear the rattle of small arms, tank and artillery fire as the ROK (Republic of Korea) outfit was attacking a hill to the right of the road. I finished my C-rations with a pack of cherry Kool-Aid, which I sprinkled on



the snow, using my spoon to scoop it up for dessert. We had just licked our spoons and returned them to our field jacket pockets when the two Navy Corsairs arrived and circled overhead.

The arrival of the Corsairs was the signal to commence our assault on Hill 431. We resumed our tedious trek up the treacherous ridge, the two scouts well in advance of the platoon. I didn't envy the two scouts, having served in that position when we broke out of the Pusan Perimeter.

All of a sudden there were two loud explosions that shook the earth under our feet, accompanied by the dull thud and whine of machine gun bullets hitting the ground and ricocheting off the rocks. At first, I thought the enemy had opened up with small arms and mortar fire to check our assault when we heard the loud deafening roar of a Corsair that had pulled up from his strafing run. We all looked for available cover, but

there was none. Our platoon sergeant struggled to pull the air panel from a GI's pack straps with his left hand while waving the second Corsair off with his right hand, but to no avail. The second Corsair gave us the same amount of ordnance before pulling up so low that we could feel its prop wash.

The first pilot had banked sharply and was coming in for another strafing run. When he saw our air panel, he rocked the Corsair back and forth indicating he was sorry. I am glad they were not P-51 Mustangs of the Air Force loaded with napalm that strafed us. The P-51 is the most effective aircraft for close combat support. A quick check



A map of Hill 431



A modern view of Hill 431 (In February 1951 there was no city and very few houses in the vicinity)

radio for us to withdraw and join the company. Three of us were assigned to stay and cover the platoon's withdrawal.

The platoon started down the hillside, dragging the four dead men, assisted by the POW. About an hour later a shot was fired by our platoon sergeant to signal our withdrawal. We fired several rounds into the horseshoe and made our way down the slippery slope to join the platoon. At the base of the finger ridge we were met by grave registration, who had brought stretchers to transport our dead.

My assistant BAR man went with some others into the village in search of straw and rice bags to line the inside of our foxhole. We joined the company and took our assigned positions. I started digging our foxhole; the sound of digging continued well into the night. We had cold C-rations brought to us.

My foxhole buddy put his C-ration inside his clothing to thaw them with his body heat and went to sleep. As he slept, I sat in our hole, taking my two-hour turn at guard, watching, listening, and looking at the night sky for the Big Dipper to point me to the North Star so I could get my bearing in case we had to move. During that time I was eating my C-rations, thawing each bite in my mouth, a bite at a time, and pondering today's action on Hill 431, including the air strike and the four men killed in action, and thinking in amazement that no one was wounded.

I thought of something I had read or heard: "No man has tasted the full flavor of life until he has known poverty, love and war." I have no way of knowing if Vernon experienced poverty or love, but I do know that he had experienced war, though briefly, but fully, giving his life as the supreme sacrifice.

From the south bank of the Han River in Yongdung-po, I wrote in a letter to my sister Margaret Ann Scott on February 15th: "We have a boy in our squad who lives about three miles from Princeton on the Beckley Road. He went to school at Matoka. We knew some of the same boys at Glenwood Park Vocational School. He was killed while taking a hill about a week ago."

As we moved around the hill, a rifle cracked inside the curve of the horseshoe. The spent round found its intended mark with a dull thud as it hit Vernon in the chest.

was made and to our surprise, no one was wounded: makes one wonder just how effective air strikes are.

As the scouts neared the top of Hill 431, the enemy opened up with small arms fire. The platoon went into action, quickly pinning the enemy down. At closer range, they began to lob grenades (potato mashers) down the hill, but these were ducked or sidestepped as they tumbled down, exploding harmlessly behind us. Each time a grenade was thrown, Gerald Deeter would take off his pile cap, bow slightly, announce "grenade" and then return his pile cap in a very casual manner. Gerald was so close to the enemy trench that the enemy could have handed him a grenade.

A young enemy soldier jumped up out of the trench with his hands up and ran in among us. I was surprised he was not shot; his timing was perfect. Our platoon leader directed four of us (Tadashi, Hank, Vernon, and me) to move to the left inside the horseshoe and assault the enemy position from the flank. As we moved around the hill, a rifle cracked inside the curve of the horseshoe. The spent round found its intended mark with a dull thud as it hit Vernon in the chest.

Vernon went down without a whimper, sliding down the hill and leaving a bright trail of glistening blood in the snow. His body came to rest against a rock on a patch of ground where the snow had melted, about thirty feet below me. We took what cover we could find; I shouted for the medic and swept the ridge in the direction of the enemy sharpshooter with my BAR.

The medic did not hesitate to risk his own life in rushing to Vernon, our first casualty. After examining Vernon, he dashed back around the hill to safety. Minutes later, an attached South Korean stood up where he thought he was safe. I shouted "abunai" ("danger, look out") in Japanese as the rifle cracked and he took a hit in the chest. He died a few minutes later. As the medic and two other attached Koreans tried to save him, he drowned in his own blood.

Our objective had been achieved but not before the sharpshooter had shot dead four men, narrowly missing the fifth.

The valley had filled with darkness, but Hill 431 was still receiving the last of the sun's warm glow. A defensive perimeter was being formed for the night when an order came over the

Canadian Veterans Holding 'Last Hurrah'

Sadly, the Canadian Korean War Veterans Association is holding its "Last Hurrah," in August. Here is a composite letter Mike Czuboka wrote to us, based on several announcements:

Dear KWVA Members:

I am writing to invite you, your executives, and all members of KWVA to "The Last Hurrah," a final major gathering of Canadian Korean War veterans that will take place at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada from Sunday, August 28th to Wednesday, August 31st, 2011.

Why "The Last Hurrah"? Our Canadian Korean War veterans are now in their late seventies and eighties and beyond. We used to have annual conventions until recently, but we now find that many of our members are in poor health and no longer able to attend. Of the approximately 26,000 Canadians who served in Korea from 1950 to 1953, only about 12,000 survive. This event in Winnipeg will be the last national event that we will hold.

No formal application is needed to attend this event. Once you register at the Fairmont Hotel in Winnipeg, you will be recorded as a delegate. The Fairmont will provide us with a nominal roll of all who have registered. However, if you or anyone else attends as an official representative of KWVA, we would like to be informed. Please read the article that follows for more information. Unfortunately, due to a limited budget, we cannot provide financial assistance for any of our delegates or guests.

I served with the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Korea in 1950 and 1951, and was present at the Battle of Kapyong, where we were surrounded by the Chinese Army, and where we received a U.S. Presidential Citation. I have many American



The vehicle shown here is a U.S. "half track," the kind used by our 81 mm Mortar Platoon. Sitting at the top of the half track and next to the mounted 50 cal machine gun is Harry Brydon, a friend of Mike Czuboka's, who was killed by a Chinese shell in October, 1951. The three men at the bottom are (L-R) Rail, Baker and Belanger. I have forgotten their first names.

born cousins who live in Pennsylvania, and I am very familiar with your country! I am told that I have a Minnesota accent!

The article below includes information about various tourist places of interest that are available in Winnipeg, as well as information about The Last Hurrah itself. We recognize that wives and other guests of our veterans may want to pursue activities beyond those taking place at the Fairmont Hotel.

If you or any other members of KWVA are able to attend, we shall be very honored. We are expecting guests from Australia and Britain, and look forward to seeing good representation from the United States.

You can also obtain information by accessing www.kvacanada.com. Under the heading "Events" you will see The Last Hurrah listed. Click on The Last Hurrah and then on the information line in this section.

Incidentally, the Canadian dollar is approximately at par with the American dollar, so no complex currency conversion is required! The costs listed are in Canadian dollars which are almost of the same value as American dollars.

RIGHT: This is a photo of a typical Chinese bunker. Note the heavy overlay on the roof. These bunkers could withstand a lot of artillery and mortar fire, but were vulnerable to napalm, a jellied gasoline that resulted in temperatures of up to 1,200 C.

LEFT: Chinese prisoners of war. Note that they are wearing summer clothes and not the padded jackets they wore in the winter. One carries a bag that is probably full of seeds, a basic food they seemed to depend on. Another is smoking a cigarette, probably given to him by a Canadian



Mike Czuboka in the interior of a C-47 winging its way from Kimpo Airport in Korea to Japan for a five-day R&R leave. The photo is of poor quality, but it brings back pleasant memories. I loved Japan! It was a very exciting experience!

The Canadian dollar today is worth about \$1.02 in U.S. dollars

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Mike Czuboka, who edits our Canadian counterpart to The Graybeards, titled The Rice Paddy, has also furnished us with some photos that he found. He explained:

"I recently came across some old Korean War photos in an album that had been lost for many years. They were all taken when I was with the 2 PPCLI 81 mm Mortar Platoon in Korea in 1950-51. These photos were produced by an ancient, black and white box camera and are not of the highest quality. They may be of interest, however, to my fellow veterans of the Korean War."



Memories of Hill 1051

Reference "Request for Info: Battle for Chaun-ni/Hill 1051," Nov/Dec 2010, p. 19.

I was on Hill 1051 from 16-18 May 1951. I was a squad leader in the 2nd Platoon, 2nd Squad of F Co., 2nd Bn., 38th Inf., 2nd Div. My memory of events may not be in chronological order, but I am sure someone will straighten that out.

F Co. was placed in Corps Reserve on 16 May 1951, I believe. We were there to refit as there were only 85 men left in the company. We arrived at a location and started to set up camp. Mail was distributed and we started to relax when word came to "saddle up."

Two-and-a-half trucks took us to an area close to 1051, on the east side. As we started up the hill, the Dutch battalion was coming down, saying (in Dutch) "many Chinese, many Chinese." I have never been able to understand why the Dutch battalion left the hill only to be replaced by a way-under-strength company.

Upon reaching the top of the hill, where we were to set up, we learned that the 1st Battalion was ahead of us and would come through us. We were instructed to hold until they did. Several years later, in 1985 or 1986, I revisited Korea with Col Conley Clarke and we went to Hill 1051. He showed me his Command Post, which was already behind us.

Back to 1951. I had returned recently from the hospital in Japan. While I was processing back to the company, Sgt Bill Roberts of the 702nd Ordnance issued me a sniper rifle. We had gone to Hill Military Academy in Portland, Oregon together.

On 1051 I could see soft-capped troops on a hill to our left, south (I believe) of where we were set up. They were basically behind us. My company commander, Capt Postan, told me they were Rangers holding that hill. I knew better; I could see them with my scope.

My position on the hill was right flank man. My four-man squad was deployed before nightfall. In the dark, we could see movement across the hill above us. Our company could only cover the lower part of the hill. We assumed those people were members of the 1st Bn.—until Capt Postan came up and advised us they were Chinese.

We opened fire, which caused them to go higher on the hill. Trying to acquire a target at night with sights on an M-1 is difficult, to say the least. We did fire, though, which drove them even higher up the hill.

The next morning more men had joined us. We were now on the right. Two of the Soldiers with me were Dan Cohen and the eponymously named Norman Deathridge. We enjoyed watching a strafing and rocketing run by our Air Force as we waited. One rocket hit a man 20-30 feet in front of me. There was nothing left of him.

Our wire communications to Bn. went out. Because I had been Commo Sgt prior to my hospital stay, Capt Postan wanted me to go fix the line. I explained to him that I did not have any test equipment, tools, or tape. I assured him that someone would be on the way as soon as they realized that the line was out. I believe now that was when Bn. was overrun.

Word came to us that we were to evacuate the hill at 5:50 p.m. on 18 May 1951. The artillery was going to saturate the hill at 6 p.m. It started five minutes early.

At 5:55 p.m. the artillery started raining down just as we were starting off the hill. It was hectic as we tried to get ourselves and our wounded off the hill during the shelling. Capt Postan was killed, several other men were wounded, and many were captured—including me and Dr. Graveline. (I met Dr. Graveline after our capture and I remember well his fondness for Fanny Farmer white chocolates.)

The responsibility for Dr. Graveline's death rests with a GI who accused him at the "mine camp" (Suan) of the one who was "responsible for the deaths of all the men on the hill." He made that statement during a Kangaroo Court for the doctor. As a result, Dr. Graveline was placed on hard labor and forced to dig ditches and latrines with others, including two Rangers, Lester V. McPherson and Thomas A. Ward.

Franklin Pierce was in F Co. on Hill 1051. He escaped capture. He told me when we met later that only fifteen men were left in the company after 18 May 1951. I can account for six of us captured. I am sure there were more. I just don't know of them.

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More on Moore

Here are a few photos I took in 1953 while serving with Hq Co., 2nd Bn., 279th Regt., 45th Div.

There is an interesting story behind Terry Moore's photo. When she visited us, she was invited to the Officers' Club. Ms. Moore asked for a jeep driver to join her at the club. She was told that since he was not an officer, he was not allowed in.

Ms. Moore replied that since she was not an officer, either, she would not be allowed in. That response (aided no doubt by her good looks), made us all fall in love with her—especially after she joined us in the mess hall instead!

Jim Smith, 9 Linden Street, South Glens Falls, NY 12803, 518-793-0565, CJSII@verizon.net



The last day of shooting, July 27, 1953. We were in formation turning in our flak jackets—which drew incoming rounds that started an exchange that lasted until the final seconds before the 10 p.m. truce



Several members of Jim Smith's unit circle the Stars & Stripes issue proclaiming the "Truce" in headlines. He has long forgotten their names.



Movie actress Terry Moore



Modesty shield for "piss" tube—which was introduced by a female member of Congress



Setting up the DMZ with the Philippine 14th BCT on our flank. They had hot food and San Miguel beer delivered to them, which they graciously shared with us.

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Though indelibly marked by his time in combat, Wendell has not been able to share his experiences with his wife and children. He wonders if they are really interested. They, in turn, wonder if it is just too painful for him to recollect those times.

Eventually, he joined CID 142, Col. William E. Weber, based in Frederick, Maryland, where he can share the comradeship of other veterans. There Wendell has been a mainstay of the Honor and Color Guard. He carries the rifle in parades, community events and at an increasing number of funerals. Despite poor health, the Sgt is still straight and proud, reminding all of us of the Korean War and educating the young about a proud moment in U.S. history.

In 2009, Wendell Murphy was chosen to return to South Korea and represent the American veterans of the Korean War. He toured old battlegrounds, but this time as an honored guest of the democratic government of South Korea. It was a healing time for him and the others who represented their countries. Without a doubt, he symbolizes the spirit of his comrades in arms, many who gave their last full measure. These warriors have insured that, for the past sixty years, there has been peace for the brave people of this far away land.



Wendell Murphy leads Ch 142 Color Guard at Ft. Dietrich, MD service for veterans, accompanied by Bob Mount, John Wilcox, Glen Wienhoff, Jim Miller, Tony Marra (L-R): Photo by Tony Malavenda

These warriors have insured that, for the past sixty years, there has been peace for the brave people of this far away land.

Wendell Murphy and a comrade on their Korean Revisit



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.....		Guest	\$25.....X.....	\$.....
Sat 29 Oct	Board Meeting (9:00 AM)			
Sat 29 & Sun 30	Mall Trip (On Your Own – Hotel Shuttle Free)			
Sun 30 Oct.....	Memorial Service (9:00 AM)			
Sun 30 Oct.....	General Membership Meeting (10:00 AM)			
Sun 30 Oct.....	Ladies Brunch (10:00 AM)	\$16.....X.....		\$.....
Mon 31 Oct	USS Constitution & State House	\$20.....X.....		\$.....
Mon 31 Oct	Reception (5:45 PM)			
Mon 31 Oct	Banquet (6:30 PM – meal choices below)	\$45.....X.....		\$.....

Beef: Number. _____ Chicken: Number. _____

TOTAL\$ _____

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To receive a meeting refund, you must cancel by October 3, 2011, or before. **Hotel reservations or cancellations are to be made direct with the hotel.** There will be a \$25 charge for returned checks. Special hotel rate for KWVA members: \$109 plus tax. Registrations accepted after the cut-off date will incur a \$5 administration fee.



Monuments and Memorials

Korea: the Forgotten War, Remembered

Stephenson County, Illinois

Members of Chapter 150, Northwest Illinois [IL] were instrumental in building the million dollar All Veterans Memorial Park of Stephenson County, Illinois, which is located in Freeport. It includes The Gold Star Family Memorial.

KWVA officers of the park include Clyde Fruth (President), William Wienand (Vice President), Herb Currier (Director) and Kenneth Shons (Treasurer).

Clyde Fruth, 815-233-0242 (home), 815-291-9337 (cell), farklr@comcast.net



All Veterans Memorial Park of Stephenson County, IL



The Gold Star Family Memorial at All Veterans Memorial Park of Stephenson County



Ch 150 members at All Veterans Memorial Park of Stephenson County

Retella Gets Washington Highway Named For Veterans

Beaufort, SC - Staff Report

In January 2011, the Washington State House of Representatives approved a joint memorial to name a stretch of State Highway 110 between Forks and LaPush for veterans of the first Gulf War. The highway is called "Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial Highway," in honor of those who fought in the 1990-91 campaigns against Iraq. It was dedicated in Forks on 16 April 2011.

Gerry Retella, a member of Ch 310, Olympic Peninsula, organized a memorial ceremony to recognize officially the dedication. According to an article in the 4 May 2011 Sequim [WA] Gazette:

"For Gerry Rettela, naming highways has become a habit... One of his missions came to fruition last month when a section of Highway 110...was named for those from Washington who served in Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield."

He also succeeded in getting portions of Highways 112 and 113 named for Korean War veterans. Another section of Highway 112 later was named for Vietnam veterans. Rettela is not through yet. The article in the Sequim newspaper pointed out that "He's working to get the Truck Route in Port Angeles, which is Highway 117, named for Medal of Honor winners from Washington."

For more information, access:

www.sequimgazette.com/news/article.exm/2011-05-04_highway_names_onor_hose_who_served or <http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2011304059995>



Members of Quileute tribe at the Desert Storm/Desert Shield Highway Memorial ceremony



Attendees at the Desert Storm/Desert Shield Highway Memorial ceremony listen to speaker



Members of Ch 310 at recent meeting


68th Fighter Interceptor Squadron

Stanley Grogan at 68th Fighter Squadron gathering



Members got together at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The Squadron donated a bench that was initiated by Lt. Bob Bottoms (deceased).

Stanley Grogan, 2585 Moraga Dr., Pinole, CA 94564



Korea: 1950

From Pusan to Chosin

“As a navy corpsman assigned to the 1st Marine Division, I lived what this novel is all about. Reading ICE MEN took me back to that first year of the Korean War. The characters are so real I fell in love with the MASH nurse. Many of us who fought to keep the people of South Korea free are still around. If you want to know what we remember, read this book.”

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In 1995, Steven Spruill received the Catholic University of America’s award for “Outstanding Achievement in Literature.” ICE MEN is Spruill’s sixteenth novel. An associate member of KWVA, he lives in Arlington, Virginia with his wife, Nancy, a senior executive at the Pentagon, and two outstanding cats—Bebop and Lula.

The author will be pleased to donate to KWVA 10% of royalties up to \$100,000 he receives from sales of ICE MEN by Amazon.com to Korean War veterans. Simply buy the book new from Amazon, then email stevenspruill@me.com, stating “book” or “Kindle,” how many copies, and the date(s) purchased.

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TASK FORCE ZEBRA - 18 MAY 1951

I was born in Aalborg, Denmark on April 8, 1922 and immigrated to America with my mother and two older brothers, Kaj and Poul, in 1924. My father, Niels Christian, had come to America the previous year in 1923. After a two-week sea and train journey through Ellis Island and Canada, we finally arrived in Chicago, where we settled in a Danish neighborhood in the Humboldt Park area.

Our family suffered greatly during the depression years, but with the help of the Danish community we survived. When the United States entered World War II, my brothers enlisted and served with distinction in Europe with the United States Army. During World War II, I was a medical student in Chicago and was, therefore, deferred from military service.

When the Korean War began in 1950, I was drafted as a Medical Officer. At the time, I was married, a father, and was in general practice on the north side of Chicago. I was given an intensive, but short, medical/combat training course at Brook Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. I was then sent to Korea via the emergency airlift out of Travis Air Base in California. I ultimately ended up in the front lines as a Battalion Surgeon, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Regimental Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division.

In May of 1951, I was assigned to Task Force Zebra, which was composed of the 23rd Regimental Combat Team plus additional special units. We moved to the eastern sector of the 38th parallel to a town called Chaun-ni at Hill 1051. This narrative is about a great battle I witnessed and participated in. It erupted on May 18, 1951 between Chinese, North Korean and United Nations Forces.

One cold, damp, spring day my medical battalion settled in along the main road adjacent to the foundation of a small school ravaged by the war. We set up a squad tent that was dug deeply into the ground for protection as casualties were already coming in on May 16th. Task Force Zebra took a defensive position on the east central front behind several South Korean units. Our aid tent was large; probably 10-20 stretchers could be

**BY ERIK LARSEN, M. D.,
F.A.C.S.**

accommodated. The sick and wounded were brought down to the aid station by my "boys" (the medics), given appropriate treatment and care and then evacuated, if possible. Medical personnel, myself included, were armed with carbines and pistols. None of us had Red Cross identification and our tent was camouflaged to avoid detection by infiltrating enemy soldiers. This ensured or added to the safety of the wounded and ourselves, as being conspicuous was unwise for this made us targets. It was not a gentleman's war.

On the night of May 16th, the Chinese began making contact in our area. On that same night the South Korean forces began a disorderly withdrawal ... in spite of orders to remain and fight. I personally witnessed their troops fleeing past my unit without weapons while our officers encouraged them to stop. The following day, May 17, the big push started in our sector. All day and all night we worked taking care of the wounded. This included completion of amputations, resuscitation procedures and evacuation when possible. In the early hours of 18 May (about 2 AM) a Chinese patrol got into our area, killing two men and wounding eight others outside my aid tent. Approximately ten enemy soldiers were then killed there. They were armed with "burp" guns, which caused gruesome injuries when used in close encounters. We took care of the injured throughout the night and at about 6 AM when it got light, the Chinese could be seen swarming over and down the hills to the south. All morning our mortars, tanks, machine guns and infantry riflemen fought the enemy on the hills. Bullets were whizzing everywhere around the aid station. Then Chinese mortar started coming in. Before noon our task force was completely surrounded by hundreds of Chinese. I saw them swarm like ants down the hills towards our position. Many Chinese were killed at my aid site. Task Force Zebra was completely cut off from the rest of the United Nations

Forces as the only road out for many miles was in enemy hands.

Major Lloyd Jenson (who happened to be of Danish extraction), 2nd Battalion Commander, ordered that we remain and fight until relief could get to us. When it was recognized that relief would not be forthcoming, it was decided that Task Force Zebra would run the "roadblock" with tank escort. But this plan also came to grief — the two lead tanks crushed a bridge making it impassable and then hit mines thus blocking the road completely. I had been ordered by Major Jenson to follow the lead tanks in my litter jeep assuming this would be a safe position in the convoy. (The convoy consisted of a total of several hundred vehicles of which 117 were trucks and jeeps, and 76 were trailers.) There were two wounded Chinese prisoners on the litters in my jeep who fell off during the ensuing fighting. Chinese infantrymen were alongside the road on the right side embankment firing at us with burp guns, machine guns and rifles. I had given my carbine to an unarmed medic and had only my 45 pistol, but I managed to participate in the combat. As I remember, the lead tank hit a mine about a quarter of a mile down the road and was pushed aside by the other tanks so as not to block the road. We continued on. About a half-mile down the road, the lead tank and our jeep hit mines. In the confusion, dust, smoke, noise, etcetera, I stumbled out of what remained of the jeep and hid in a crater on the right hand side under a hill swarming with Chinese. The withdrawal was completely stopped. I could see the line of vehicles with dead and wounded GIs in and under the vehicles. The tank, which hit the mine and obstructed the road, had its track off and the men inside were being killed in the process of trying to escape through the hatch. The sight was horrible and depressing. It was a moment I will never forget.

The attempt to run the roadblock occurred in the early afternoon of Friday, May 18, 1951. As I sat in my hiding place, shocked and alone in the midst of battle, I suddenly saw two GIs run to where I was and jump down beside me.

The shooting continued so I ran, waded, crawled and swam across the river, which was in its spring high. Bullets were hitting the water all around me. My adrenalin must have kicked in. All I know is that I kept going ... I fell ... I crawled ... I got up ... I crawled ... I fell ... I rolled ... I got up.

Now there were three of us separated from the Task Force, but my new comrades were young, energetic and well armed. There was a brief introduction and I instinctively felt their disappointment when they realized I was only a doctor and not a well armed knowledgeable infantry Captain. A Chinese machine gunner was shooting at us from a hillside several hundred yards away. He couldn't quite hit us but the bullets were too close for comfort. I spotted the gunner and exchanged positions with my friends so they could get proper aim. They silenced the gunner but there were many more all around us keeping us pinned down.

I remember thinking the end is near. My friends said, "this is it." We were expecting the Chinese to jump down on us at any minute. We were in the crater approximately thirty minutes when we made a decision to get up and run rather than wait to be killed. The plan was that we would meet on the other side of the river, which ran parallel to the road. These wonderful men offered to not leave me alone but I felt our odds would be better if we separated. The GIs respected my rank and my decision to separate and run across the road to diminish the target. Later on I heard they made it to American lines and inquired about me, but I never had the opportunity to meet and thank them. I offered to treat them to a royal feast if we survived but this can only occur if we find each other.

After the GIs left, I waited until the shooting diminished, ran across the road, and dived headfirst into the gully along the riverbank. At this point I lost my glasses which added to my despair and confusion. My friends were nowhere to be seen. The shooting continued so I ran, waded, crawled and swam across the river, which was in its spring high. Bullets were hitting the water all around me. My adrenalin must have kicked in.

All I know is that I kept going ... I fell ... I crawled ... I got up ... I crawled ... I fell ... I rolled ... I got up. Luckily, I was not hit except on my helmet. I staggered across rice paddies filled with spring rains and eventually collapsed on the far side of the valley. At one point during this frantic escape I did compose myself and tried to use reason to solve my dilemma. I had my 45 pistol and contemplated shooting myself, a subject which had been discussed earlier with my comrades who told frightening stories about capture and death, especially by North Korean soldiers. I thought about home, my parents, my wife and child, my family — how would they react upon receiving the dreadful news? I thought about life in the hereafter — now I'll know the truth! I did say The Lord's Prayer to myself and even contemplated going north through enemy lines rather than south through minefields and the ongoing battle. Totally exhausted, I collapsed in a rice paddy.

Luckily an escaping American tank spotted me lying there. It came alongside, hauled me in through the turret and continued its escape going south while stopping at intervals to fire its gun. We were probably twenty miles north of the new United Nations lines where massive artillery stopped the Chinese advance. That night we reached safety and I was treated and evacuated to a hospital in Pusan. Part of my recuperation was on the Danish Hospital Ship, *Jutlandia*.

This beautiful ship was a converted freighter and was Denmark's main contribution to the United Nations during the Korean War. The *Jutlandia* was moored in Pusan harbor for most of the war and cared for wounded UN soldiers and civilian casualties. Later in the war, The *Jutlandia* was the site of peace negotiations with North Korea and China. At the time I was in Pusan, the chief medical officer was Dr. Schoitz from Aalborg

Kommune Hospital and he knew several members of my family in Aalborg. Several times I was invited as his personal guest to dine on board in the private officers salon and had several wonderful meals, including Aalborg Aquavit, Tuborg Beer, frickedeller, et al. The meals were wonderful and I'm sure that they contributed greatly to my recovery.

After recuperating in Pusan I was reassigned to the 2ID which was in pursuit of the fleeing enemy. Then I was fortunate to be transferred to the 1st MASH (8209) as a surgeon where I had many exciting experiences until I was rotated home in 1952. I am forever indebted to the two brave infantrymen who shared those horrific moments with me in the crater along the road. I also appreciate the heroic medics of the 23rd Regiment, 2 Battalion Medical Company and Major Lloyd Jenson, my commander, who watched after my medics and me like a father to keep us out of harm's way. I am sorry that I cannot recall the name of the driver of my jeep. I do know that he was a young medic from the 2nd Battalion but I cannot say whether he survived or was rescued. It was very difficult for me to get any follow-up information because of the confusion at the time and the transfers to different units. Perhaps more information will be available with the renewed interest in the Korean War and the use of the Internet.

Just a comical note: the two Chinese wounded prisoners who fell off my litter jeep in all the excitement kept running down the road after the jeep apparently preferring to be with us than their attacking countrymen, but we were in no position to help them under the circumstances. I often wonder what happened to them in their short or long lives.

Captain Ernest L. Graveline, Jr., from Pawtucket, Rhode Island, was the other medical officer assigned to Task Force Zebra. He was an experienced combat surgeon, dedicated to the task of treating the sick and wounded. Captain Graveline was captured on the 18th of May in the area of Hill 1051 while attending to the wounded. I subsequently learned that he was treated harshly and died while under internment. It was he who gave me the encouragement to survive the rigors of front line duty.

Chapter & Department News

19 GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

At a recent American Korea Friendship Society Annual Banquet, General James D. Thurman was honored on the announcement of his nomination to take command of U.S. Forces in the Republic of Korea.



Members of Ch 19 with General Thurman, Bob McCubbins, Bob Hendershott, Bob Moore, Jim Conway (L-R)



Anthony Kim, Channing Moss, LtCol Oh and Dr. Tom Kim James (L-R) with the grenade LtCol Oh removed

Also honored at the banquet was LtCol John S. Oh, U.S. Army. LtCol Oh, a General Surgeon, was born in Korea and reared in the States. He received the Soldier's Medal for his heroic actions in Afghanistan, where he removed an unexploded rocket propelled grenade from the chest of Army Soldier Channing Moss. The soldier recovered and was reunited with his family in Georgia shortly afterwards.

Jim Conway, Conway.conatlanta@comcast.net

56 VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

At our general meeting on March 26th, we voted to donate \$200 to help the Japanese people after the devastating earthquake

that hit their country.

David Lopez, 3850 W 180th Pl., Torrance, CA 90504



Mike Hidalgo (L) and Fred Rodriguez share a moment at Ch 56 meeting



David Garcia, Ch 56 Rifle Commander (L), Treasurer Rudy Arellano (C), and Commander David Lopez of Ch 56 model jackets at March meeting



A large crowd turned out for Ch 56's general meeting (L-R) David Lopez, Mike Hidalgo, Martin Vazquez, Fred Rodriguez, Manuel Salazar, Henry Nava, Fina Arellano, Rudy Arellano, Manuel Adame, Henry Guevara, Alice Guevara, Ann Campos, David Garcia, John Campos, Rachel Beas, Eutimeo Beas

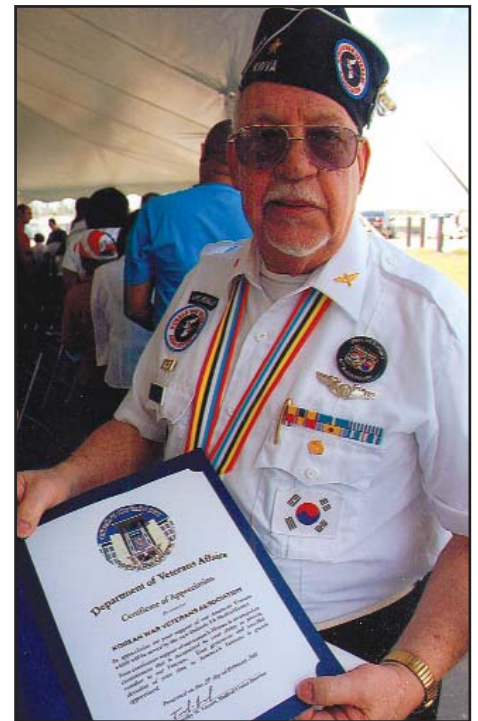
159 SUNSHINE STATE [FL]

Members attended a memorial ceremony for deceased comrade W. E. ("Bill") Baker on 19 February 2011.

Peter Palmer, President, palmerp@verizon.net



W. E. 'Bill' Baker



Charlie First, President Elect of Department of FL, receives award from VA in appreciation of his service to veterans

173 MID-FLORIDA [FL]

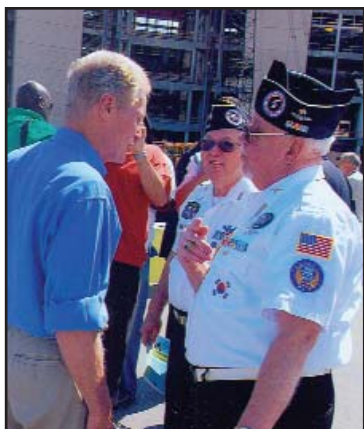
Thousands of veterans, including several chapter members, signed a board that was placed on a steel beam hoisted into place during a topping out ceremony at the Orlando, FL VA Medical Center in Lake Nona, FL. The new complex is said to be the largest VA hospital complex in the United States.

Among the dignitaries at the event were U. S. Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL), a former astronaut and a friend of all veterans, and U.S. Congressman John Mica (R-FL), who represents the state's 7th District. He, like Nelson, is a strong advocate of veterans.

Charles V. First, 5439 Denise Ave., Orlando, FL 32810



Rep. Mica, a third generation veteran, Sen. Nelson, John Stelling, Charlie First (L-R) gather at Orlando event



Senator Nelson, John Stelling, Charlie First of Ch 173 (L-R) parley at VA hospital signing

181 KANSAS #1 [KS]

As March rolled around once more, even with a few more gaps in our ranks we conducted our annual pancake breakfast. The well-attended breakfast is a major fund raiser for us. It financially supports the Platoons Forward Program, Wounded Warriors Program, and Quilts of Valor. This year, we will contribute some of the proceeds to the new roof at the VFW post where we meet.

We have eighty members on the current roster and an active program of outreach to local schools. We have dedicated a Memorial Site in Overland Park (Kansas City Metro) which is used on Veterans Day and Memorial Day for services which are



Volunteers of Ch 181 prepare for their annual pancake breakfast

open to the public. We also maintain an active social schedule through the year.

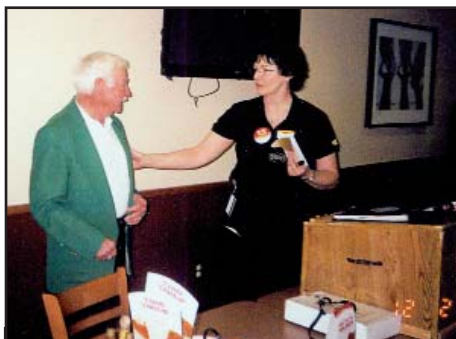
Don Dyer, ddyer15@everestkc.net

198 NORTHERN NEVADA [NV]

We held our Christmas dinner at our December meeting. Spouses are always invited and it is always a good time for all. This is an annual event. This year we had a special guest, Jim Snyder. Jim, with his mother, holds a coat give-away for homeless veterans.

A collection was taken, and our chapter made a significant donation

Ralph Christie, Past President, Chapter 198, 1855 Baring Blvd #2115, Sparks, NV 89434, 775-331-2910



Bob Wallace, Ch 198 President, with server at Christmas dinner



Members of Ch 198 and guests enjoy Christmas dinner

221 TWIN CITIES [TX]

Chapter Earns Two Trophies

The 12th annual Veteran's Benefit Chili Cook-off was held at Texarkana College on February 18th. We earned 2 trophies in the competition among 14 teams.



Proud members of Ch 221 display two trophies they earned at benefit chili cook-off (L-R) 1st VP Gene Welch, Chris Terry (auxiliary member), Charles Terry, Vance Scott, Joe Kososki, Martha Welch (auxiliary member)

We received the "People's Choice" award for the second consecutive year, and placed second for the judge's award in the Civic Group category. We had earned first place in the Civic Group last year.

Several of the auxiliary members assisted with setting up the display area, which featured colorful peppers. The cooks labeled their chili "Good Ole Guys and Gals."

All proceeds raised will go toward helping the Texarkana Area Veterans Council buy a new transport van that will be used to take local disabled veterans to the Veterans Hospital in Shreveport, LA.

Dee Reece, Chapter Historian, 500 Cavite Pl., Wake Village, TX 75501

251 SAGINAW/FRANKENMUTH [MI]

We conducted our selection of Scholarship Applications for graduating high school students for 2011. Our Committee selected 7 winners from 13 applications, all from Michigan:

- Alison M. Corby (Birch Run)
- Brett Farnsworth (Marysville)
- Margaret R. Lubis (Haslett)
- Marie Reimers (Saginaw)
- Shannon Theisen (Lowell)
- Daniel Weiss (Grand Rapids)
- Margaret A. Yurgens (St. Charles)

Each winner will have \$750.00 sent to the college or university of their choice. Their names and amount of the scholarships will be forwarded to their high school principals so the students can be

recognized in the event their schools hold honors banquets.

Members of our Committee are Richard Rosa, Richard Peters, and Richard Hunter. Bob Simon is Chairman. All of these students are grandchildren of chapter members.

Bob Simon, 7286 Spring Lake Trail, Saginaw, MI
48603, 989-792-3718

270 SAM JOHNSON [TX]

Members Log 6,935 Volunteer Hours in 2010: Chapter Names and Awards Members with over 100 Volunteer Hours

Chapter 270 named and honored thirty chapter members who had logged 6,935 volunteer hours at the Dallas VA Hospital in 2010. During the February 12 meeting we handed out awards and certificates to members who had logged over 100 volunteer hours at the Dallas VA Hospital. (Numbers of hours per member are in parentheses.)

President Randolph Leads by Example with 545 Volunteer Hours

J. D. Randolph, Chapter President, topped all chapter volunteers by logging 545 volunteer hours at the Dallas VA Hospital in fiscal year 2010. Bob ("Ski") Wojciechowski followed close behind in second place with 542.

One Chapter Member Logged Over 400 Volunteer Hours in FY 2010

Jim McCrary took third place in volunteer hours by logging 401 volunteer hours in fiscal year 2010.

Volunteers with 300 to 399 Hours

Two members, Homer Mundy (314) and Keith Fannon (301), logged between 300-400 hours.

Volunteers with between 200 and 299 Hours

Four members, Morris Chambers (295), Bill Carman (261), Tilford Jones (255), and Ken Borchers (211), logged between 200-300 hours.

Volunteers with 100 to 199 Hours

Six members logged between 100 and 199 hours at the Dallas VA Hospital: Jimmie McGee (188), Dick Bové (174), Grace

Borchers (Ken Borchers' spouse) (164), Doyle Dykes (155), Michael Steig (155), and Cliff Platt (126)—before his death on June 28, 2010.

Volunteers with Fewer than 100 Hours

Fourteen members logged fewer than 100 hours at the Dallas VA Hospital in 2010. Paul Pfrommer (61), Pat Haug (Joe Haug's spouse) (60), Ernest Bousquet (55), Bobby Medford (52), Joe Haug (46), Dick Lethe (46), Ed Wuermsier (32), Don Bates (27), Glen Thompson (18), George Kraus (12), Bill Lovas (8), Richard Sanchez (5), Freeman Dunlap (4), and Wayne Neely (1).

Glen Thompson, gthomp@tx.rr.com

281 ROLLA #9 [MO]

Members participated in the Missouri University of Science & Technology's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on 12 March 2011. This event has been staged every year for over 100 years.

For the first time members of the Pulaski County Korean Association joined KWVA members in the parade.

This was the first in a series of parades we will appear in this year.

Walt Timson, 112 Fairburn Dr., Rolla, MO 65401



Members of Pulaski County (MO) Korean Association join Ch 281 contingent at Rolla Parade



Recipients of Ch 270's 2010 Volunteer awards (Standing L-R) President J. D. Randolph, Robert ("Ski") Wojciechowski, Jim McCrary, Keith Fannon, Ken Borchers, Tilford Jones, Bill Carman, Jimmie McGee, Doyle Dykes, Dick Bové



Family and Ch 281 members prep their trailer the day before the Rolla Parade



Jackie Mace, daughter of Ch 281 member Jim Vitali, puts finishing touches on KWWA trailer for St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rolla



Ch 281 members "float" through St. Patrick's Day Parade



Rolla parade participants from Ch 281 and Pulaski County Korean Association mingle at St. Patrick's Day Parade



Fred Krueger leads fellow Ch 281 marchers in Rolla, MO St. Patrick's Day Parade



Guests from Pulaski County Korean Association and Fred Krueger prepare for start of Rolla St. Patrick's Day Parade



Past Commander Les Burris of Ch 281 and young recruits get ready for Rolla Day Parade

301 FOOTHILLS [SC]

We have begun a fund raising drive to erect a new Korean War Veterans Memorial with the help of other local veterans. Joining us are the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 845, The American Ex POW's Upstate Chapter, and the DAV Alvin Wilson Chapter #1.

All the combined members will use their e-mail lists to encourage donations with a credit card. They will also send personal letters to family and friends, as well as realize some donations from the sale of engraved bricks. Single bricks sell for \$50.00 and double bricks for \$75.00.

The Memorial plans include several pieces of engraved and polished Georgia Granite, and will be enhanced by an Honors walkway of engraved bricks and appropriate flags. The memorial committee says it is a real boost and thanks those members from other chapters for the donations that have already come in. All help is welcome; no donation is too small.

For more information, contact us by e-mail at foothillskw-va301@aol.com or mail to Foothills Chapter of SC #301, P.O. Box 6903, Greenville, SC 29606.

Lew Perry

315 SOUTHERN OREGON [OR]

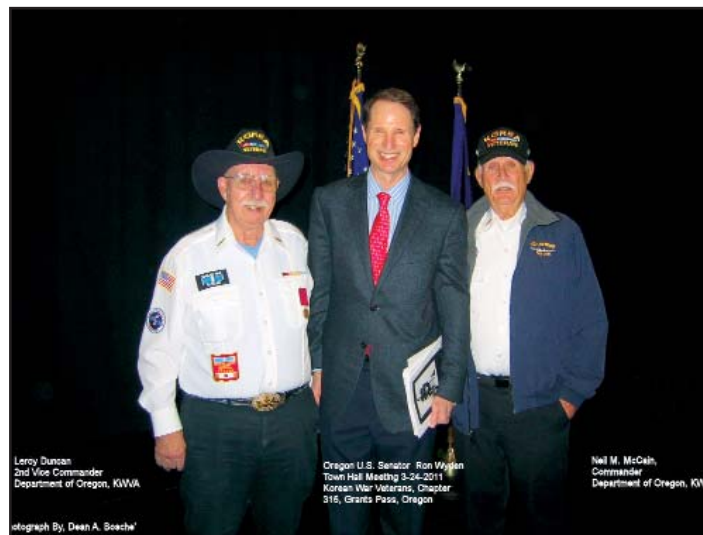
Korean War veterans, including members of our chapter, were honored in a ceremony at a local college in Grants Pass, OR. Neil McCain, the Department of Oregon Commander, organized the event.

Oregon Korean War veterans honored at Grants Pass public assembly (R-L) Bruce Pence (Ch 315 Secretary), Vern Beck (Ch 315 Director), Neil McCain, Dean Bosche (Ch 315 member and photographer), Leroy Duncan (2nd Vice Commander of the Dept. of Oregon), Dan Warden (Ch 315 Commander), Mrs. Warden



We presented a Certificate of Appreciation to U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) for his service to the Department of Oregon. As mentioned in a previous issue, I have created a booklet in which was listed the name of every Korean War veteran from Oregon killed in action. Senator Wyden has read the names from each county as he holds meetings in them.

The senator has promised to go to each of our 39 counties,



Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Sen. Wyden

read the names of each KIA from that county, and hold a moment of silence for them. We have been honored by sitting in seats reserved for us right up front.

Our part in each ceremony is to administer the Pledge of Allegiance. We do not participate in the Q&A from the audience.

Neil M. McCain, 541-660-6104

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Be Prepared To Run

By Lucas Hoffman

Recent events in Korea look to re-open old wounds. The victory of preserving South Korean freedom has demanded 60 years of vigilance; the resolve of which is currently being tested under the highest tension. In July 2010, I arrived in Korea only a few months after the sinking of the ROKS Cheonan, which killed 46 South Korean seamen. Now the world's attention again focuses on the two Koreas, and events which lead us back to 'the brink of war.' In this case, time has changed things very little.

I found it eerie as we proceeded north along the Han River, towards the DMZ, that the banks were fortified with continuous and unending lengths of barbed wire, interspersed with guard towers. My naïve American thinking led to the supposition that maybe this was some military training ground...perhaps a high security prison...maybe even some weird idea of a wildlife preserve. After about 10 minutes I realized the obvious: these were defenses and fortifications against an invasion from North Korea.

The Demilitarized Zone is no historical park or quaint tourist destination; rather, it is the frontline of a still-brooding conflict. When I visited the Joint Security Area at Panmunjom, our military guides told us to be prepared to run for our buses if something were to 'happen.' The military



The American contingent at the War Memorial opening ceremony with the Republic of Korea's Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs Yang Kim

The 2010 Peace Camp For Youth travels to South Korea

would then cover our retreat and get us to safety. Those words were a bit shocking at the time that I heard them. And it wasn't that I didn't believe them; I think it was hard for me to wrap my head around the reality of the situation that is Korea.

I definitely was not oblivious to the signs; I like to think I am a pretty bright guy, but the thought of a modern battle-

field being on the outskirts of a major city was totally foreign to me. You wouldn't know it from being in Seoul, because it is just as bustling and diverted by commerce and entertainment as New York or Chicago; yet Seoul is only 30 miles south of what is effectively a war zone.

Now, I am no stranger to living near a border; Toledo is right on the Ohio border



A small multinational contingent at Gyeongbokgung Palace displays the "We are Peacemaker" fist (Lucas Hoffman in middle row, 2nd from left)



The Military Historical Tours group outside the War Memorial Building on the pavilion where they met Hillary Clinton and Robert Gates



The American group with Hillary Clinton and Robert Gates outside the War Memorial (Lucas Hoffman is third from right in the front row)

has life in abundance, and the people are beautiful.

Seoul itself contains 10 million inhabitants. Incheon has what many consider the world's finest airport, and the city of Busan is building what will become the world's third tallest building. As the descendants of those who fought for the South Koreans' existence, we were treated with great honor and were given many gifts. On your behalf we accepted the deepest of gratitude from the Republic's officials in government and the people we met on our travels.

Should you return to Korea yourself, as a veteran of the war, you would be received as a king, or a lost son now returned. If I could make any request of Korean War veterans, I would ask that you please look into returning to Korea one last time, so you may see with your own eyes what your blood, sweat and tears, shed so long ago, have produced in the world. You will not be disappointed. Rather, I think you will find a great peace will come to dwell in your own heart.

We have very generous friends in the Korean people. Not only were there 41 Americans, but there were 127 other young men and women from 16 other

with Michigan, but the closest thing we have to war is a Saturday football game in late November. A real war with real guns is kind of hard for a 20-year-old civilian American to grasp. At least it was for me.

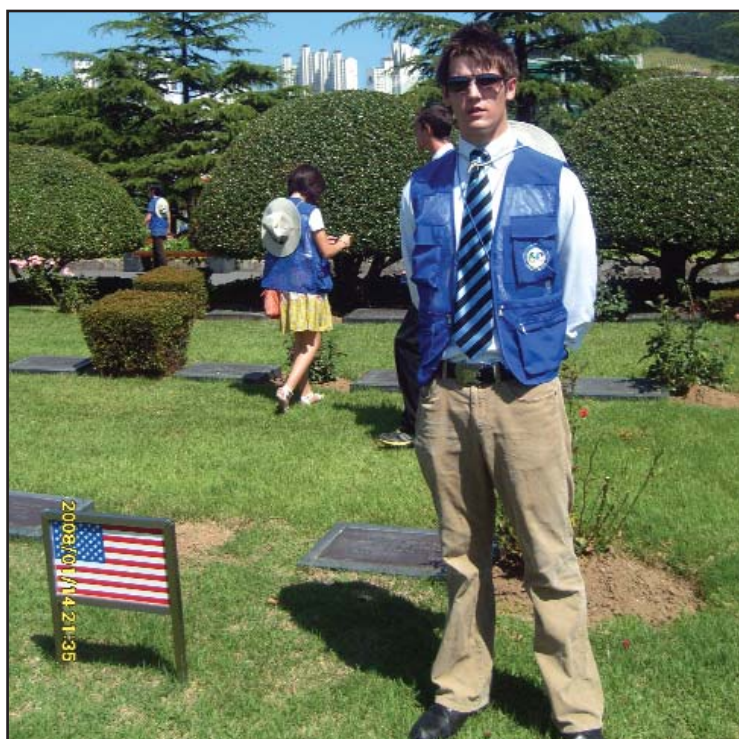
Looking back now, and looking at the news of today, I do understand the urgency of, "Be prepared to run." Those words gave us all a bit of a chill and definitely caused us to stop and think about what we had gotten ourselves into. My first thought was, "Wow, this really is serious, isn't it?" It was. And it still is.

Back in late July of this past summer 2010, I was privileged to take a unique trip; the like of which I will probably never be able to do again. The Korean people, through the Republic of Korea's government, afforded me and 40 other

young Americans a nearly all-expenses-paid trip to visit Korea to learn what our grandfathers helped accomplish—and what has since become of their struggle.

What has become is something quite amazing. Today, South Korea is an international power in manufacturing, research and technology. The South Koreans take great pride in having gone from an aid recipient to a donor country that can now lend assistance to others in need. Their cities are massive and bright, the country

Lucas Hoffman in the U.S. area of the UN Cemetery in Busan



Lucas Hoffman (lower right) with some of his newly made friends from America, New Zealand, and Belgium in the back of their bus

United Nations countries that aided South Korea in the war. Each one of us, wherever we were from in the world, had the distinction of their grandfather having served in the Korean War. It was an interesting little point of commonality among us that fostered a growing sense of camaraderie.

Even to this day, when I think of the friends I made in Korea, I will take a minute to remember that my grandfather and their grandfathers were in the same place, fighting the same war. I find that to be uniquely special. Our grandfathers may have never known each other, yet it is because of them that we made the friends we did. For that, too, I am grateful.

Making new friends and interacting with so many people of different nationalities was by far my favorite aspect of the entire journey. I am just a guy from Toledo, Ohio, which is not a very large or particularly noteworthy city on the global stage. And the only foreign country I had ever been to was Canada, which doesn't really count for me because I have been there so many times and it is very much like the United States geographically and culturally.

Flying across the world and interacting with people from at least 17 different countries was quite an immersive experience. I will admit that I was apprehensive at first. I assumed, even hoped, that this event would just be me and seven other Americans, learning about the Korean War. I couldn't have been more wrong. Ultimately, I was very happy to be so incorrect.

The diversity of people, the different



Lucas Hoffman and his grandfather, Laurence Kish

flavors of nationality and accent, the expressions and jokes that were hard to understand across cultures...they all served to make my time in Korea much more enjoyable. It was a truly international event. Countries that sent grandchildren were: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Columbia, Ethiopia, France, India, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and South Korea. We all stayed at the same hotel on the south side of Seoul. It really felt like some sort of UN conference—with one difference: we all got along much better than the UN does.

It was called "Peace Camp for Youth"

(PCFY), and it was peace, not war, that was emphasized. Our motto for the duration of the event was, "We are Peacemakers," accompanied by the gesture of a raised fist, meaning that, as individuals, we held the power of peace in the world.

On our first full day, we were given tours of the War Memorial in Seoul, which serves as the central remembrance to the war and to Korean conflict over the years. The Memorial is also a gigantic museum with a large number of exhibits, life size dioramas and genuine artifacts ranging from small hand-held weapons to very big intercontinental ones. A complete B-52 had to be the largest piece in the collection.

Naturally, to include such oversized items, the building itself was quite sizable; enough so to accommodate tanks and small aircraft, though the larger aircraft and vehicles were in an outdoor pavilion. One piece of artwork in particular at the Memorial caught my eye: a collection of dog tags constructed in the form of a falling teardrop and wrapped in barbed wire. The black thorns of the barbed wire really contrasted the shimmering beauty of the tear; coating the humanity of war with the callous hardness of death. It served fittingly as a bittersweet tribute to the young men whose lives were ended before their time in Korea.

We were scheduled to attend proceedings at the National Cemetery after visiting the War Memorial, but all of the Americans were told that we would remain behind so we could meet Secretary



PCFY members have fun in Seoul



PCFY members exhibit a bit of spirit at gathering



A couple of PCFY Teams at the DMZ with North Korean Pavilion in background



Young ladies from PCFY tour at World Cup Stadium

of State Hillary Clinton and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates. They happened to be in Seoul on a diplomatic tour of the East. We waited for some time in a wide square outside the War Memorial with a large contingent of U.S. and ROK soldiers in dress uniforms and their respective military bands. After making a circuit of the square, Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Gates came over to our group and said a few words and took some pictures. I was fortunate to be standing in the front row, only third to the right of Mrs. Clinton.

Back at our hotel, we attended a number of Peace Seminars. We learned quite a bit about the subjects of peace and reunification as they relate to North and South Korea. These meetings brought firsthand insight to the situation in Korea and the prospects for a lasting peace between the North and South. It was our privilege to have several Koreans from high academic and political circles present us with their expert knowledge and analysis on the subject.

I am very certain that I speak for everyone at PCFY when I say that our most compelling speaker was a man who defected to South Korea from North Korea. Unfortunately, I do not have his name. Otherwise, I would credit him, but this man offered a unique perspective that we were all very curious about: what is North Korea like and why do people try to get away?

His account of the persistent Korean conflict was summed up in a story of personal revelation that put him in great dan-

ger. Speaking through a translator, our North Korean defector relayed his experiences to a very captivated audience. He and a couple of his friends wrote for a newspaper at their university in North Korea. In time, they grew dissatisfied with the government and its limits on their freedom of speech, which showed through in their publications.

One friend was arrested and executed for his sentiments. So, our speaker and another friend decided to flee the country (which is illegal). They planned to escape to South Korea via China. While in the midst of their escape, they were found out and his friend was captured. The friend was taken back to North Korea and subsequently killed. Our speaker barely made it out himself, and was the only one alive to tell of it.

Besides telling of his own life, our speaker told us much of North Korea as it is today: their practices, laws, what life is like for the people and how the government views South Korea and the rest of the world. He told us that he is but one of the hundreds of thousands who have fled North Korea and that there are about 20,000 former North Koreans living in South Korea today.

A couple interesting facts he gave us about North Korea were that hairstyle and dress are monitored by the police and that the handicapped are not allowed to live in Pyongyang, the capital. The subways in Pyongyang are 100 meters below ground and double as bomb shelters. There are only three churches in North Korea, which

are really 'show' churches; meaning they do not actually practice religion. The participants, and even the reverends, are ordered to attend, much like a call for jury duty.

He gave us many more examples which were tremendously interesting, so I took very detailed notes. However, the rest would be far too much to recount here.

When the time came for questions from the audience, I offered one: "What advice would you have for a country that is on the road to socialism?" He responded by saying, "Good luck in trying, because it does not work in the end." He went on to explain that the system of governance which socializes industries and increasingly regulates individual choices will also very quickly take away a person's desire to be better. He said that socialism and statist regimes, like North Korea, seek to force people to deny their human nature. When the government isn't there to enforce the laws, selfishness and greed show up even stronger than before.

Appropriately, after hearing this defector speak, we set off on our own trip northward to the Demilitarized Zone and Panmunjom. The DMZ is a buffer area between North and South Korea that was established on July 27, 1953 to be governed by international law. It is a strip of land stretching 248 kilometers (150 miles) from the Sea of Japan in the east to the Yellow Sea in the west, dividing the peninsula in two. The DMZ is 4 kilometers (2.4 miles) thick, with the North and

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Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions

398th AAA AW Bn. (Korea)

Several members got together recently, and will meet again this coming October in Branson, MO. (See the Reunion Calendar for details.)

Anyone who wants to join them can contact Arlie Schemmer, 4195 Cappeln Osage Rd., Marthasville, MO 63357, 636-228-4474



398th AAA AW Bn. (Korea) members at recent reunion (Front, L-R) Bill Brassfield, Arlie Schemmer, Onis Tillman, Don Dougherty, Earl Bell (Back, L-R) Reenlee Kotas, Bill Hendrix, David Harber, Richard Derse, Chuck Irvin

Marysville, TN

Several area veterans get together in a variety of circumstances throughout the year. Some of them who correspond by email got together at the local Cracker Barrel restaurant along with their wives to enjoy a meal and comradeship. They included Emsley E. Hatfield, formerly from Illinois, who served with the 1st Cavalry and landed in Korea in July 1950, Dick Melsack, a former Wisconsin resident, and Leroy Rogers, 7th Cavalry, of Marysville, TN. Hatfield and Melsack are both residents of Crossville, TN now.

Rogers noted that they all keep in touch daily, and share many memories.

Rogers also rode on a float in the Veterans Day parade at Cades Cove, TN, one of the most picturesque spots in the region. He joined with veterans from other wars aboard the float. According to Rogers, "The streets were lined by cheering thousands, waving flags and taking pictures with camcorders, cameras and other modern methods of photography." Rogers even had his picture taken with the Tennessee State President of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

Another person with whom Rogers holds frequent "mini reunions" is Dr. Tom Kim who, along with his father, escaped from North Korea on top of a train in temperatures around -20°. He is now a proud American medical doctor. Dr. Kim paid for 60th Anniversary medallions out of his pocket for anyone who served in Korea from 1950-53.

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Maryville, TN 37803*



Emsley Hatfield, Dick Melsack, Leroy Rogers (L-R) get together at Cracker Barrel

Leroy Rogers and Dr. Tom Kim (R): Photo by Lynn Tittsworth, USAF veteran



Veterans riding on float at Cades Cove, TN include Leroy Rogers (R) and Walt Green, to Rogers' right

Pals Pelletier And Peterson Palaver

Merle Peterson and Joe Pelletier got together recently after a 60-year hiatus. As Peterson explained, "After almost sixty years, we were able to make contact with each other. We last saw each other in Korea in July of 1951."

He noted, "We were best of friends and assigned to Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 7th Cav. Regt., 1st Cav. Div. in Aug. 1950-July 1951."

Peterson is still looking for some members of the unit. "The only members that I have been able to locate are Elwin Easton of MN and Joseph Pelletier," he said. "I would appreciate any help in locating the other men."

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Merle Peterson (L) and Joe Pelletier on 26 February 2011 in Florida

BELOW: Members of Hq. Co. 3rd Bn., 7th Cav. Regt., 1st Cav. Div. in Korea (Top, L-R) Elmer Glenn (WI), Phil Matthews (GA), (?) Miller, Joseph Pelletier (MA, but now FL), James Edwards (MN); (Front, L-R) Howard Towner (MI), Merle Peterson (MN), Cecil Lundsford (FL)



LEFT: Elwin Easton (MN), William J. Law (?), James Edwards (MN), Merle Peterson (MN) in Korea (L-R)

Korean War MIS Veterans Group

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This is a group of Korean War veterans who served in Korea and Japan during the Korean War as part of the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Service (MIS). The MIS personnel collected enemy information, translated captured enemy documents, interrogated Prisoners of War (POWs) and recoverees (pro-west North Korean POW), or provided linguistic support to all echelons of US Armed Forces.

A great majority of the MIS personnel were Japanese-American Japanese and Korean linguists. Some of them had been educated in Japan or were graduates of the Army Language School in Monterey, CA and U.S. Army Intelligence Course.

Their primary duties were to interrogate POWs, write reports, or read and analyze captured enemy documents. This was possi-

ble because the entire Korean country was occupied by Japan from 1910 to the end of World War II (September 1945) and then was divided into North and South Korea as part of



MIS reunion attendees include Shuji ("Bob" Miyaski) (Front row, 2nd from left). Two guest speakers from the old ROK Army, General Keon Kim Bong (Ret) and Dr. Song Won Suk (Lt. Col. Ret), are in Front Row, center. Many of the women are wives of the men in the KWMIS Veteran Group.

the peace treaty agreement with Russia. Some of the captured North Korean soldiers were fluent in speaking Japanese, but their captured documents were written in the Korean Hangul language.

Toward the end of 1951, these MIS personnel first discovered captured soldiers who were wearing different kinds of winter clothing than the other POWs, and they didn't respond to questions in Japanese. After a while they found that these new POWs were from the Communist Chinese Forces (CCF).

Until the United Nations Armed Forces had enough trained U.S. MIS personnel to do the interrogation in Mandarin, POW interrogations were conducted by these same U.S.

Army MIS personnel by using friendly North Korean civilians who lived near the Yalu River region (border between China and North Korea) and conducted interrogations in Japanese and Chinese, via civilians, for military information. U.S. Army MIS also used tri-lingual South Koreans as interpreters. These Koreans had grown up in Manchuria and spoke fluent Korean, Chinese, and Japanese.

Tactical military information was put to immediate use on the battlefronts and the strategic information was sent to G-2 Far East Command in Japan. Depending on the level of interrogation, some of the MIS personnel were in a combat zone attached to a company, battalion, or regimental level.

Some of the assigned units were: IPW Team, 2nd Div, 163rd IPW Team 41st Regiment, 302nd MI Co, 521st MISD, 508th MISP, 507th MISP, 511th MI Co, 523rd MI Co, 308th CIC, 521ST MISD and 163rd IPW, USMC.

Many MIS veterans were brought together for their 12th Annual Reunion by retired MIS Sergeant Major, Shuji "Bob" Miyasaki, who served in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Throughout his military career in the Military Intelligence Service, he worked with many different personnel. In retirement, he kept in touch with many of the men he knew. He eventually got some of them together for an annual reunion.

Korean War Medics Have 'Last Hurrah Reunion'

The 180th Infantry Regiment Combat Medical Company of the 45th Thunderbird Infantry Division had their "Last Hurrah" Reunion at the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK, Sept. 23-25 2010. It was co-chaired by Patrick ("King") Sbarra and Col. Bat Shunatona (Ret), who were assisted by Jane Sbarra. We sent invitations to 76 veterans; only 10 were able to attend.

The first activity was attending the 180th Infantry Regiment Association B-B-Q Dinner Thursday evening, where Clarence G. Oliver, Jr. was the featured speaker. He had served as a Master Sergeant in a Rifle Company in the 180th Infantry Regiment during the second winter of the Korean War. He also wrote a book about the war entitled *Tony Dufflebag and Other Remembrances of the War in Korea*.

On the 24th, the Combat Medics visited the memorial site of the bombed-out federal building in Oklahoma City, and then attended the "Last Hurrah" luncheon, which was recorded by a professional cinematographer. That evening there was a reception hosted by the 45th Infantry Division Association.

On Saturday, attendees visited the 45th Division Museum, one of the best in the coun-



Attending the 180th Regiment "Last Hurrah" Combat Medic Reunion were (L-R) Loyd Wilburn (OK); Wayne Pelkey (VT); Col. Bat Shunatona, Co-Chair (OK); Vicki Conklin (OK); Val Simonds (PA); Deborah Park (OK); Betty Lyles (OK); Captain Roy Lyles (OK); Gerald Pop (MI); Leland Farlow (KS); Raymond Coffin (MA); Anna Lee Farlow (KS); Jane Sbarra and Patrick "King" Sbarra, Co-Chairs (NJ); Not in photo are Barry Tucker and Ted Tucker (OK)

try, where there are many relics and artifacts of the Korean War, WWII, and other wars in which the United States has fought.

That evening, members and their families attended the Banquet Dinner in the Grand Ballroom, where the Master of Ceremonies recognized the 180th Combat Medics and asked them to stand to the applause of a filled-to-capacity ballroom.

On Sunday morning, we all attended a "Goodbye Breakfast" at which "King" Sbarra advised that a copy of the DVD would be sent to the Combat Medics who attended the "Last Hurrah" Reunion, as well as to the 66 Combat Medics who were not able to be there.

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Louisiana Veterans Coalition Elects Dechert As Chairman

Col Louis T. Dechert was elected the Coalition Chairman for 2011-2012 at the Tri-Annual Coalition meeting, Camp Beauregard (Pineville, Louisiana), on 26 February.

Dechert, a retired member of the U.S. Army Special Forces, is a Korean War veteran and a four-tour veteran of the Vietnam War. He is the founder and Co-Chairman, US Federation of Korea Veterans Organizations, and has held multiple national leadership positions with the combined KOREAN-US veterans organizations. Currently, Col Dechert represents KWVA CID 180 (CENLA). He is a Past Commander of the Louisiana Department of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The Louisiana Veterans Coalition comprises 30 state veterans organizations. There are over 400,000 military veterans throughout the state, representing all branches of the service. The Coalition continually updates its membership on National and State veteran-related issues.

Since 1995, the Louisiana Veterans Coalition has coordinated with the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs (LDVA) in the interests of Louisiana veterans. Ms. Robin Keller, Press Secretary for LDVA, presented a review of LDVA activities that directly affect veterans at the February 26 meeting.

The Coalition is an active supporter, and contributor, to the Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund (Act 151, 2005 Legislature).

Nick Mishimoto

Nick Mishimoto, a member of CID 20, Hawaii #1, spoke at the annual POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony at the Punchbowl in Honolulu, Hawaii on 11 April 2011. SSgt Mishimoto was a POW at Camp 5, North Korea for 33 months.

Also speaking was MSgt Clarence Young, who was a POW at Camp 1.

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Nick Nishimoto speaks at Punchbowl POW/MIA ceremony

Don Nabors

Don Nabors' picture appeared on the front page of a VFW Magazine. The photo showed a tank with the caption, "Pushing back the Chinese: Infantrymen of the 17th RCT, 7th Inf. Div. M-4 tank during an attack against Chinese Communists on June 13, 1951 offensive—Operation Piledriver—was the final major push of the war."

SSgt Nabors recognized himself as the driver in the photo.

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Hawaiian Korean War Veterans Service Office Processes 1,000th Claimant

MSgt (Ret) Ken Moyer was the 1,000th veteran processed with a combat-related, service-connected disability by LtCol Robert Montague's Veterans Service Office in Hawaii. His office has prepared disability claims and assisted 162 veterans who have been awarded 100% disability compensation. Several hundred have been awarded from 10% to 90% disability compensation. Seven veterans' spouses have been awarded Dependent Indemnity Compensation (DIC), and 22 Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) Awards have been granted.

Col Montague's office has at the present prepared and submitted 1,059 disability claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs, not only in the Hilo and Hawaii County area, but also on Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and the mainland United States.

The Korean War Veterans Service Office, located at 142 Kinooale St. (the old Milo Hotel), is there to serve the veterans.

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Robert Montague (R) and Ken Moyer display document

Arthur A. Marshall, Jr.

Arthur A. Marshall, Jr., who died on 13 January 2011, earned a Purple Heart for wounds he incurred at the Battle of Pork Chop Hill. He never regained the use of his leg after those wounds. Actor Martin Landau portrayed Marshall in the 1959 movie Pork Chop Hill. It was Landau's movie debut.

Marshall was a 1st Lieutenant at the time the battle was fought. He went on to be almost as famous as Landau, especially after he successfully prosecuted Arthur Bremer, who shot presidential candidate George Wallace in 1972.

The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

Tell America

The education continues...The program expands

In response to Larry Kinard's "Tell America" article (Jan-Feb, p. 54), I submit the following: after our Chapter 58 received a request for an 'email interview' from a middle school Korean-American girl in California, I shared the request with our other members.

I expressed my opinions on the interview sheet, and returned it to her, along with a copy of the book Larry sent out and a copy of that great little blue book written by Jack Walker, *A Brief Account of the Korean War*.

The project she was working on in school was an effort to provide more information to her classmates on what American

GIs' ideas were on the way the war had been handled by both Generals and politicians! The tone of her questions seemed to be very similar to the opinions expressed by Dr. Hubert Lee in his After Action Report, "Trip to Ji Pyung-Ni Battlefield," which appeared on Page 60 of the Jan-Feb issue of *The Greybeards*.

He is a remarkable man who works very hard raising funds to make life easier for the handicapped and homeless children in Korea.

Joe Vogel, CID 58, Monroe County, NY, 1432 State St. Route 36, Caledonia NY 14423

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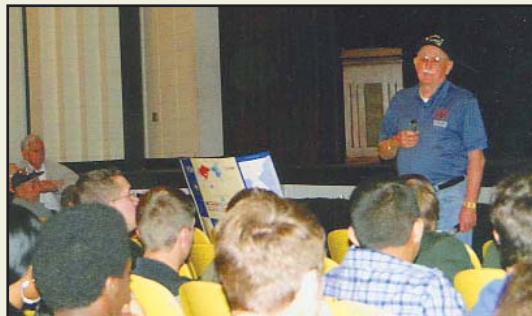
We completed our Tell America program for the current school year. We visited 8 schools; 16 veterans participated at these schools and

spoke to 2,124 students, compared to 1,200 students the previous year.

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Bob Norris of Ch 2 explains his service as part of a B-29 crew over Korea at Waterloo AL school



James Taylor explains his duties aboard a minesweeper off the coast of East North Korea at Russellville HS in Russellville, AL during Ch 2 Tell America presentation



James Taylor, Bill Gober, David Brown, Lee Makinson, and Juanita Makinson, a Gold Star Mother from Vietnam War (L-R). Ch 2 Tell America presenter Bill Gober of the "Chosin Few," relating experiences at Chosin Reservoir, points to Lee Makinson, holding an M-1 rifle like the one Bill carried during those days



David Brown of Ch 2 shows helmet and liner to students at Wilson Middle School in Sheffield, AL

19 - GEN. RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

Urban Rump arranged a Tell America program at the Acworth Elementary School in Acworth, Georgia. Four classes of 5th graders sat in rapt attention to hear about the Korean War and watch two short films. The question

and answer session was enjoyable.

We also presented material to students at Big Shanty School in Kennesaw, GA.

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Urban Rump of Ch 19 speaks to Acworth Elementary School students



Ch 19 Tell America presenters speak to Big Shanty School students



Tell America presenters from Ch 19 at Acworth Elementary School: Bob Moore, Bob McCubbins, Urban Rump, Bob Hendershott and Jim Conway, with portrait of General Davis



Big Shanty School students sit enraptured by Ch 19 Tell America presenters

54 - THOMAS W. DALEY, JR [NJ]

On 23 February, chapter member Clarence Williams visited Orchard Friends School in Camden, New Jersey to talk about his experiences in the Korean War. He also gave the students glimpses into what life was like in Camden before and after the war.

The highly-decorated Williams wore his uniform and medals to "class" to emphasize his military duty. His grandson, Dwanye, is a ninth-grade student at the school, which made the presentation all the more meaningful for both men.

Veterans Day 2010

By Kali Staman

Before us you stand,
Your definition of duty shadowed in wizened eyes.
We search for it as you speak,
Try to understand it with our hearts.

A million stories of foreign lands,
Your hands shake.

Before us you stand,
Your bravery pinned to your chest.
We attempt to convey our gratitude,
Two words don't seem to be enough.

Tales of heroism we ask for,
But you tell us those who are heroes can't be here.

Before us you stand,
Your definition of duty shadowed in wizened eyes.
We search for it as you speak,
Trying to understand how to say thank you with all our hearts.

Kali Staman was a student at Williamstown [NJ] High School. Kali wrote this poem in response to a Tell America visit by members of Chapter 54, Thomas W. Daley, Jr.

We also received a great letter from a young lady named Sima Cordner. It is nearby.

*Submitted by Chapter 54
Commander Andy Jackson
captjack71@comcast.net*

Clarence Williams
of Ch 54



Letter from Sima Cordner

Dear Korean War Veterans,

Capt. Andy Jackson
Sgt. Fred Connolly
Sgt. Joseph Macmichael jr.
Sgt. William Keys
Mrs. Dotty Coffee-Trout
Sgt. Walter Trout
Sgt. Stan Levin

Thank you for coming in and speaking to our classes about your experiences in the Korean War. It must be very difficult to talk about what happened to you and the things you have seen. You taught us a lot about the circumstances of the war, and from the stories you told it amazes me how you all remained so strong. I will be honest, I had very mixed feelings about war in general, and I never understood why some soldiers joined the war to put their lives in danger. You all completely changed my mind, because you showed me that you are all strong men and women who stood up for what you believed in, to fight for freedom not only for us but for other nations around the world. I also enjoyed being a volunteer and putting on the gear you had to wear everyday through your training and battles. It was very heavy, and it showed me how strong you all had to be. Thank you again for speaking to our classes.

Sincerely,
Sima Cordner

Sima Cordner

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Sima Cordner displays Korean War gear displayed by Ch 54 Tell America presenters



Chief Master Sergeant Dan Dixon, who leads the Leesburg JROTC, welcomes Alta Yohn at the John A. Yohn Award Ceremony. Photo by Keri Rasmussen-Bekier, Leesburg FL Daily-Commercial



Cadets saluting at the end of the presentation of the John A. Yohn Award. Photo by Keri Rasmussen-Bekier, Leesburg FL Daily-Commercial

The Award honors John A. Yohn, past Chapter President, Director, and member of the Color Guard, who passed away last August 24.

We are especially pleased that John's widow, Alta, is able to join with us today for the award.

John was born Nov. 18, 1928, in Canton, OH, where he graduated from Lincoln High School in 1946. Shortly thereafter, John joined Company A of the 987th Armored FA BN, Ohio National Guard.

With the start of the Korean War in June 1950, the 987th found its status changed to active duty and it very soon left for Korea, where John served as a gunnery Sgt. from 1950-52.

John saw heavy hand-to-hand combat, especially after the Chinese Peoples Volunteers' inter-

vention in North Korea in November 1950.

He heard the sounds of the attacking CPV—their bugles and whistles in the pitch black of the night. He saw their red and green tracers soon followed by wave after wave of human attackers. And he saw their bodies often piled several deep where they fell. John lost many friends, too!

When his term was over, John came home. And, like his fellow Korean vets, without fanfare, he blended back into the "normal" life of being a productive American citizen. At first, he did not talk much about his service. However, little by little, he began to realize that what he and his fellow Korean Vets had done now 60 years ago was one of the most significant such efforts in our nation's history for it drove one of the first nails in

169 - KWVA of Lake County [FL]

As a part of our Tell America effort at St. Paul Catholic School in Leesburg, FL, we asked the students to write essays. We thought the response was out-

standing.

To view the essays, go to the following website: http://cid169.kwva.org/tell_america/Images/St_Pauls/essay_2011_all.pdf



Students at St. Paul Catholic School Tell America presentation (L-R) Lindsey Pinder, Jessica Heroux, and Augusto Useche; KWVA Tell America team (L-R) Tom Thiel, Charlie White, Dick Pfahler

Ch 169 Presents John A. Yohn Grant To Leesburg High [FL] Air Force Junior ROTC Program

On March 17th Chapter 169 presented its \$500.00 "John A. Yohn Award" to the Air Force Jr. ROTC program at Leesburg High School. This is an extension of our Tell America program that we presented to them on February 3, 2011. Here are chapter President Tom Thiel's remarks.

Welcome. I am Tom J. Thiel, President of the Korean War and

Service Veterans Association of Lake County, Chapter 169, Inc.

Ted Jansen, our Chapter's Scholarship Committee Chair is also here with me.

Our Chapter is very pleased to present its 2011 John A. Yohn Grant to the Leesburg High Air Force Junior ROTC Program in recognition of your very high achievements and in support of your many programs.



Tim Parrish, Jr. (L) accepts the John A. Yohn Award on behalf of the Leesburg High AF Jr. ROTC from Chapter 169 President Tom Thiel (R) and Ted Jansen (C). Chief Master Sgt. Dan Dixon is in background. Photo by Keri Rasmussen-Bekier, Leesburg FL Daily-Commercial

the coffin containing communism—whose goal was to capture minds, bodies and souls of freedom-loving people everywhere!

Unfortunately, North Korea remains as one of the two surviving communist nations on earth, and our country is ever vigilant by keeping some 30,000 troops on alert along the DMZ separating a very depressed North Korea from its freedom loving and quite prosperous brothers and sisters in the south.

John became active in the Chapter's efforts to tell America

about the Korean War, and spent a great amount of time with students.

He was buried with honors at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell on Thursday, September 2. We miss John.

The Korean War and Service Veterans Association of Lake County, #169, is most happy to present this \$500 check to the Leesburg High Air Force Junior ROTC Program in recognition of our brother, John Yohn!

Congratulations!

*Tom Thiel, President,
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175 - LT BALDOMERO LOPEZ (MOH) [FL]

We worked with school officials at Twin Lakes Elementary School to put together a Veterans Day ceremony in November 2010. The guest speaker was South Korean Army LtCol Hyungsuk Kim, who is stationed at MacDill Air Force Base. He described for the students his country's government, climate, and economy. He also provided details for them about the Korean War.

Students wrote essays on what Veterans Day means to

them. Here are three (unedited) samples:

By Nhi Huynh

Veterans Day is important for many reasons. It's a day to honor and remember all who have served in our armed forces, especially those who have given their lives for our country. It's our duty to remember and thank them. After all, you're alive it could be because of them.

Veterans' Day to me it's about honoring all service members of



Sam Hayes (L) of Ch 175 presents plaque to LtCol Kim at Twin Lakes Elementary School

Ralph Hawkins and Sam Hayes of Ch 175 (Back, L-R) stand behind essay winners at Twin Lakes Elementary School as LtCol Kim (R) looks on



the present and past. Also I want to thank for those who served and died or were wounded mentally or physically in wars. I remember the heroes, those who have offered and those who gave their lives to America's freedom. Many fought through blood, sweat, tears, and lost their lives so that I may have the freedoms you have today. So next time you see a veteran, your dad or your grandpa, express your appreciation to them whether they're from World War I or II or freshly back from Iraq or Afghanistan.

But, overall freedom means a lot to me. Looking back at people from Haiti, they don't have the same privileges as us so appreciate what you have. So thank you veterans!! Because you make me feel proud and make me feel safe to live in the U.S.A.

Thank You!

By Gavin

"What Veteran's Day means to me" is when the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and the Coast Guard are fighting for our country.

When I think of Veteran's Day I think of when you have to stand up or sit down to have a moment of silence anywhere we are. And I bet everyone, even your mom or your dad honors them. And this is how we love the military.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under god indivisible with liberty and justice for all".

By Paolo

What Veteran's Day means to me is about celebrating all the types of people who fought

in the war for other people that they don't even know. Some people that fought in the war made it but some people that weren't prepared died. Those people are special because they saved our community and that's a nice thing to do for other people. I have a friend named Nicole and she told me story about her grandpa. Her grandpa worked in the U.S. navy, it was a year since he had been

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Reunion Calendar: 2011

Mail your info to Reunion Editor, The Graybeards, 895 Ribaut Rd. #13, Beaufort, SC 29902 or email it to sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net. Include Unit, Date(s), Place, and Contact's name, address, phone #, email address. Entries are posted "first come, first served." *The Graybeards* is not responsible for the accuracy of the information published.

JULY

USAF 1503rd Air Transport Wing, Pacific Division (1944-1966), 14-18 July, Amery, WI. Bill Teichman, 4338 5th St., East Moline, IL 61244, 309-796-2084, billsal@mchsi.com

91st MP Bn., 289th, 58th, 512th, 560th, and 563rd Companies, 54th Trans. Co. (U.S. Army), Pusan (1952-54), 26-28 July, Frankenmuth/Birch Run, MI. Bob Simon, 7286 Spring Lake Trail, Saginaw, MI 48603, 989-792-3718, robsimoncondo@charter.net

Korean War EX-POW Assn., 31 July-7 Aug., Norfolk, VA. Bill Norwood, 909 Whisperwood Trail, Cleveland, TN 37312, wnorwood909@charter.net

AUGUST

I-3-1 (Korea), 24-28 Aug., Quantico, VA. Susan Woodward, 22 Waterhouse Lane, Chester, CT 06412, 860-262-1334, Suzie11111@aol.com

The Marine Corps Tankers Assn., 24-28 Aug., Quantico, VA. C. R. "Casey" Casey, 434-577-2346, casey@telpage.net

Second Indianhead Division, 24-29 Aug., St. Louis, MO. All former or current 2 ID veterans welcome. Bob Haynes, 224-225-1202, 2idahq@comcast.net or 2ida.org website

17th Bomb Wing & 452nd Bomb Wing, 28-31 Aug., Las Vegas, NV, Orleans Hotel and Casino. A. (Tony) Fucci, 805-491-0686, afucci@msn.com

SEPTEMBER

Korean War Veterans 7th Cavalry Assn. (1950-51), 6-9 Sept., Gatlinburg, TN, Glenstone Lodge. Richard Mitchell, 311 Southbrook Circle, Houston, TX 77060, 866-722-8598, rjmitchell3@hotmail.com

712th TROB, 7-10 Sept., Indianapolis, IN. Robert Shannon, 17 Sandpiper Dr., Whispering Pines, NC 28327, 910-949-3920, rgs1@embarqmail.com

424th Field Artillery Bn. (Korea, 1950-1954), 8-10 Sept., Burlington, NC. Catherine Michael, 336-228-1664 or Robert Highlands, 717-243-8705, rehigh@juno.com

14th Inf. Regt., 25th Inf. Div., (Korea), 8-11 Sept., Rochester, MN, Best Western Soldiers Field. Ron Sandvig, 3796 McKnight Rd., White Bear Lake, MN, 651-429-2935

10th Inf. Div./8th Cav. Regt., 9-11 Sept., Branson, MO. For veterans of infantry training at Ft. Riley, KS, Nov. 30, 1953-Apr., 1954 and/or who served at Camp Crawford and Camp Wittington, Japan 1953-1956. Alan Sanderson, 319-283-4043, a.wsanderson@q.com, or Steve Bosma, 408-270-1319

630th Engineers Light Equipment Company, Korea, 11-14 Sept. (Site to be determined). Oscar Viehland, 9587 Woodland Rd., Robertsville, MO 63072 (636) 285-4402, ogvccv@att.net

84th and 62nd Engineering Construction Battalions, 12-15 Sept., Dubuque, IA. Carol Nelson, 401-738-0693, cen21255@verizon.net

1st Bn., 7th Regt., 1st MarDiv (Korea, 1950-53), 13-18 Sept., Seattle, WA. W. D. ("Pete") Hale, 425-337-0621 (h) or 425-327-3341 (c), pierre-hale@aol.com

Veterans of VI Corps; Seventh Army; 6th Army Group; 3d, 36th, and 45th Infantry Divisions; 1st Allied Airborne Task Force; 1st Special Service Force (1944-45) 13-24 Sept., (family members, friends, and military historians are welcome). Reunion/Tour of Southern France invasion beaches (ANVIL/DRAGOON) and Rhone Valley area of operations. Wilson A. Heefner, 7205 Park Woods Drive, Stockton, CA 95207-1409, 209-951-4748, w.heefner@comcast.net

USS Tingey (DD 539), 14-17 Sept., Minneapolis, MN. Ron Cavanaugh, 3866 Majestic Lake, NW, Prior Lake, MN 55372, 952-226-2785, slca-

vana@integra.net

USS Colonial (LSD 18), 14-17 Sept., Buffalo, NY, Adams Mark. Loren Kerby, 3013 Emerald Ct., Platte City, MO 64079, 816-858-3158, kerby-platte@aol.com

USS Hornet (CV-8, CV-12, CVA-12, CVS-12), U.S. Navy/Marines, 14-18 Sept., Washington, DC, Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Alexandria, VA. Carl & Sandy Burket, PO Box 108, Roaring Spring, PA 16673, 814-224-5063, hornetcva@aol.com. <http://www.usshornetassn.com/>

11th Engineer Bn. Marine Assn., 14-18 Sept., Reno, NV. Charles Luhan, 773-585-9629, CL11engrnb@sbcglobal.net

MCB1/MCB9/MCB10, 15-18 Sept., Gulfport, MS. Peter Dowd, 781-837-0393, MCB1Reunion@verizon.net or MCB 10, Bill Annett, seabeebill@cox.net

USS Montague (AKA 98), 22-25 Sept., Kansas City, MO, Embassy Suites. F.C. ("Fred") Machado, 5445 S. Blythe Ave., Fresno, CA 93706, 559-266-2978, fcm@unwiredbb.com, or Bob Raftis, 2025 Timbercreed Dr., Marion, IA, 319-377-5815

780th Field Artillery Bn. (Korea 1951-1955), 22-25 Sept., Kerrville, TX. John J. Derry, 9630 FM 337E, Medina, TX 78055-3670, 830-589-7721, jjdranch@htc.net

11th Eng. Bn. Assn., 22-26 Sept., Branson, MO. (All past or current members of the 11th Eng. Bn. are invited to attend.) Fred Boelsche, 54 Edstan Dr., Moonachie, NJ 07074, 201-641-5828, fredb11theng@yahoo.com or Ron Smoker, 9413 Thorndike Dr., Gaithersburg, MD 20882, 240-683-5812, ronald.smoker@gte.net

USS Cascade (AD 16), 25-30 Sept., Branson, MO, Lodge of the Ozarks. Larry Countryman, 417-581-2926, ldcountry@centurytel.net

25th Inf. Div. Assn., 25 Sept.-1 Oct., Honolulu, HI. Sarah Krause, P.O. Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031, TropicLtn@aol.com, website at www.25thida.org

USS Charles P. Cecil (DD/DDR-835) Association, Inc., 25 Sept.-1 Oct., Chicago/Deerfield, IL. Greg Wells, (405) 365-1926, glw513@yahoo.com

USS Leyte (CV 32), 28 Sept.-2 Oct., Nashville, TN. Van Wagenen, 732-727-5993, leyte1956@aol.com

Air Force, Korea, 4th Ftr. Int. Wing, 334, 335, 336 Ftr. Int. Sqdns. & All Support Personnel, 28 Sept.-2 Oct., Baltimore, MD. Andrew ("Andy") Whipple, 610 St. Andrews Blvd., Lady Lake, FL 32159, 352-259-7792

32nd Inf. Regt. Assn. ("The Queen's Own"), 28 Sept.-2 Oct., Branson, MO. Helen Dyckson, 727-697-2135, heland@verizon.net

Korean War Recon Marines, Sept. 28-Oct. 1, Springfield, MA. Glenn Kasdorf, N32 W23910 Rough Hill Court, Pewaukee, WI 53072-4093, 262-691-7505, glennandrona@gmail.com

Johnson Air Base, Japan (All Units) 1950-1955/closing, 29 Sept.-1 Oct., Nashville, TN. Keith Swinehart, 644 Stonemont Dr., Castle Rock, CO 80108, 303-668-4420

OCTOBER

194th Eng. Combat Bn., 2-6 Oct., Laughlin, NV, Tropicana Express. Bob Sanford, 432 Walnut Hill Rd., Woonsocket, RI 02895, 401-766-8262, BobLorSan2@aol.com or Charles O. Havey, 715 West Saint Moritz Dr., Payson, AZ 85541, 928-472-6956, cshavey@msn.com

G-3-1 Korea Assn., (Those who served with or were attached to George Co., 3rd Bn., 1st Marines, 1st MarDiv in Korea between 15 Sept 1950 and 15 Mar 1955), 3-7 Oct., San Antonio TX, El Tropicano Riverwalk Holiday Inn. Carleton "Bing" Bingham, bingbingham@msn.com, 775-265-3596

2nd Bn., 1st Marines, 1st MarDiv. (Korea), 3-7 Oct., Quantico, VA. George Coyle, 732-254-6646, korea2bn1mar2011@yahoo.com

Veterans of the Korean War (All branches welcome), 4-7 Oct., Virginia

Beach, VA. Floyd Newkirk, 757-340-9801, Fnewkirk1@cox.net, www.VKWR.org (website)

58th Fighter Association, 4-9 Oct., Savannah, GA (Includes WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and all units of the 58th Fighter Group, 58th Fighter Wing, and 58th Fighter Bomber Wing). J. Kupferer, 2025 Bono Road, New Albany, IN 47150, jkupferer@insightbb.com

USS Renville (APA 227), 5-9 Oct., San Antonio, TX. Lynda Rumble, 704-906-7622, lyndahd01@aol.com or ussrenvilleapa227.com

1st Field Artillery Observation Bn. Assn. (WWII / Korea), 6-9 Oct., Louisville, KY. Ralph Mueller, 724-348-5359, ltrcjm@Verizon.net or Wally Bracich, 219-972-2354, waljang@gmail.com

398th AAA AW Bn. (Korea), 10-13 Oct., Branson, MO. Arlie Schemmer, 4195 Cappeln Osage Rd., Marthasville, MO 63357, 636-228-4474

USS Meredith (DD434/726/890) 11-16 Oct., Jacksonville, FL. Richard Kutschbach, 1071 Marietta Rd., Chillicothe, OH 45601, 740-774-3894, dk62@roadrunner.com, www.yourmeredith.com

D-2-7, 1st Marine Div. (Korea), 12-16 Oct., Quantico, VA. Ric Barron, P.O. Box 96, Hamburg, NJ 07419, RicBD27@gmail.com

151 Combat Engineer Bn., 13-16 Oct., Lebanon, TN, Comfort Suites. Jack & Ruth Cato, 212 S Maple St., Lebanon, TN 37087, 615-444-9273, rmca-to@charter.net

187th Airborne RCT, Korea (1950-53), 17-23 Oct., San Antonio, TX. Sonny Cool, 330-848-3136, 187@earthlink.net

Army Security Agency Korea (asakorea.org), 19-23 Oct., Columbus, GA, Doubletree Hotel; tour of Ft. Benning included. Ron Klein, 706-563-4218, klein_ron@charter.net. If not a member of ASA Korea, application at www.asakorea.org.

USS COWELL (DD-547), 20-23 Oct., Fort Worth, TX. Larry Salley, 19 Auburn St., Greenville, SC 29609-4043, 864-268-3365, lsalley2@bell-south.net

92nd Armored Field Artillery Bn. (Korea), 23-26 Oct., Branson, MO. Guy McMenemy, 12027 Westover Dr., Cypress, TX, 281-469-2819, bravecanons@sbglobal.net

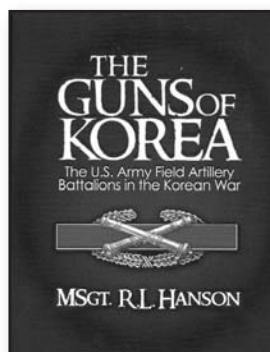
USS Rendova (CVE-114), 27-30 Oct. Ft. Myers, FL. Dick Garthwaite, 704-573-4472, dickgarthwaite@webtv.net

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Book Review

R. L. Hanson (MSgt, USA), *The Guns of Korea*, Perfect Paperback, 617 pp., ASIN: B004JD3YBQ



We often mention different artillery units in Korea without giving any more information than what writers provide. That is often because there is (or was) no one source available that provides the history of artillery units in Korea during the 1950-53 period. There is such a source available now.

Robert L. Hanson has compiled the histories of the Regular Army, Army Reserve, and National Guard artillery units that served in Korea. This invaluable handbook includes an overview of the units, the personnel, the guns, and the supplies. For each unit the author provides its Korean war timeline, campaign participation and unit citations, list of casualties, and a bibliography. There is also a "Beyond the Call of Duty" section for Soldiers who earned medals such as the Distinguished Service Cross.

The "All Gave Some...Some Gave All" sections are particularly poignant. They provide data on the Soldiers who died in Korea, which is a grim reminder that artillerymen are no safer in combat than are their comrades on the front lines.

The Guns of Korea is a handy reference for historians, veterans, and anyone else who wants a concise resource for the artillery units that served in Korea between 1950-53. Granted, it's an overview. But, it gives researchers a place to start learning about the artillery's role in Korea, what units participated, where they were and when, etc. The book fills a needed gap in Korean War history.

Interested parties can order the book through amazon.com, eBay, and lulu.com. Or, they can order it directly through the author, who is a KWVA member. Reach him at: Robert L. Hanson, 10777 Pointed Oak Ln., San Diego, CA 92131, 858-695-0407, ngoldsarge@att.net

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ABOVE LEFT: Col David J. Clark, executive director, DoD 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, addresses the 21D Korean War Veterans Alliance reunion banquet.

ABOVE RIGHT: LtCol Seung-Hak Kim, Assistant Defense Attaché, Republic of Korea Embassy, addressed 21D Korean War veterans.

2nd Infantry Division Korean War Veterans Reunion Held in New Orleans

The 2nd Infantry Division of the Korean War Veterans Alliance (2ID-KWVA) held their last formal reunion the week of April 18 with 79 Korean War veterans and family members from around the country in New Orleans, LA. The

Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee was present to mark this historic event and to honor these 21D Korean War veterans for their selfless service and sacrifice in the pursuit of freedom

for the people of the Republic of Korea.

The culminating events of the week took place on April 20 and included a Memorial Service with remarks delivered by BG Kelly Thomas, Assistant

Division Commander Support, 2nd Infantry Division, United States Forces Korea noting the continued importance of the legacy they share with yesterday's 21D Soldiers. The service was followed by a reunion banquet that was kicked off



COL David J. Clark, executive director, DoD 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, recognizes Korean War Veterans with official Certificate of Appreciation signed by Secretary of Defense, Robert M. Gates, and 21D CPT James Harvie presented the 21D Commanders Coin to each veteran. Shown here: Kenneth E. Stead, Dallas Mossman Sr., Glen Medeiros, Milo Haines, Leslie Burris and Jim Warrender. In the background, to the right, President Chuck Hankins.



CPT James Harvie, 2nd Stryker Brigade, 2ID, Ft. Lewis, WA, presents 2ID Commanders Coin to Korean War veteran Sol Jamerson.

with a special video message from MG Michael Tucker, Commanding General, 2ID, USFK.

The formal program included remarks by Congressman Cedric L. Richmond (D-LA); greetings from CPT James Harvie, 2nd Stryker Brigade, 2ID, Ft. Lewis, WA; CPT Richard Knox, 2nd Engineers, 2ID, White Sands Missile Range, NM; and LTC Seung-Hak Kim, Assistant Defense Attaché, Republic of Korea Embassy, Washington, DC presenting a "Thank You" video on behalf of the people of the Republic of Korea.

COL David J. Clark, Executive Director, DoD 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, delivered the keynote address emphasizing the many contributions and sacrifices made by the Korean War veterans. A special presentation was made to honor and thank the 2ID Korean War veterans—each received an official Certificate of Appreciation signed by Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense, Army Veteran lapel pin, and the official 2ID Commanders coin.



BG Kelly Thomas, Assistant Division Commander Support, 2ID, USFK, delivered remarks to the 2ID Korean War veterans attending their memorial service.

The Department of Defense Korean War 60th Anniversary Commemoration Committee, authorized in the 2011 Defense Authorization Bill, is dedicated to thanking and honoring all the veterans of the Korean War, their families and especially those who lost loved ones in that war. Over the next three years the Committee will honor the service and sacrifice of Korean War veterans, commemorate the key events of the war, and educate Americans of all ages about the historical significance of the Korean War. <http://koreanwar.defense.gov>

Contact: Barbara Foelber, 703-545-0522 or 703-973-4417, Barbara.foelber@conus.army.mil



Last Call

All of us in the Korean War Veterans Association extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

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Department/Chapter _____

Address _____

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

Other _____

Primary Unit of service during Korean War

Submitted by _____

Relationship to deceased _____

Send to:

Membership, P.O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407

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working for the Navy. But one day Nicole and her family got a weird phone call. When they answered the phone, they said that they had a emergency for Luis. They said that he just got shot by a gun in his stomach and that there was no possibility that he was alive. Nicole said that it was a painful moment for her she said that she was crying

for hours and hours. I knew that her grandpa was a great person and I knew that he would go in wars to save our community. He was a very brave grandpa that Nicole had and I'm so thankful that he served our country.

Sam Hayes, 7209 N Richard Ave, Tampa FL 33614-2661
813-886-4038
SHayes50@tampabay.rr.com

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We have participated in the "Tell America Program" for nine years. We have carried this program to schools at all levels, including grade, high school, and universities. We also recently displayed a Korean War exhibit during the month of January

2011 in the Kenosha, WI public library.

Jim Becker,
Secretary/Treasurer
3709 Candle Ct., Apt. 3,
Racine, WI 53402,
Jbecker625@wi.rr.com



Part of Ch 227's display at the Kenosha Public Library



Marquette University ROTC Major Howard April and Ch 227 members Bob Boulden, Ed Slovak, John Kamperschroer, Jim Becker (L-R)



"Lest We Forget," part of Ch 227's message at Kenosha library display

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Recon Missions

"You'll Be Out Of The Hospital In A Half-Hour"

In 1952 I was with the 140th Tank Battalion. While on a "Tank-shoot," we ran into an ambush, lost several tanks, and suffered many wounded tankers.

When it was over, I assisted in removing some of the wounded men. I was on top of a tank, pulling up a wounded tanker, who was no more than 18 or 19 years old. I observed red blood spots all over his white t-shirt. They resulted from shrapnel wounds he had incurred.

"Am I hurt bad?" he asked.

"No," I reassured him. "You will probably be in and out of a hospital in a half-hour."

I may have exaggerated somewhat when I told him that, but I didn't want him to go into shock.

With that, the scared look on the young Soldier's face faded. He gave me a big smile. I will never forget that smile.

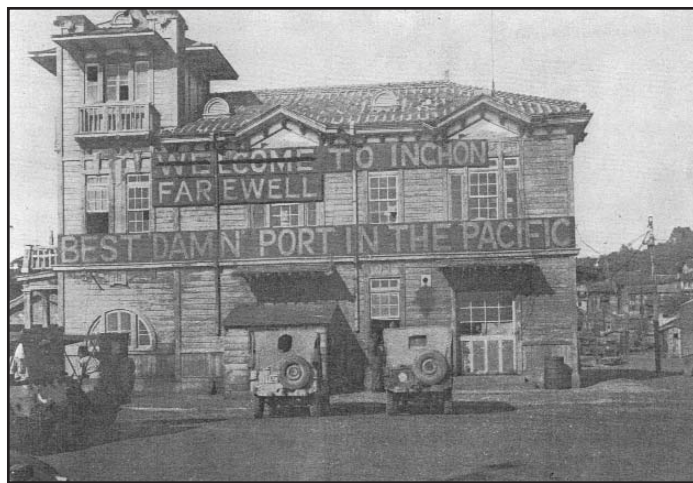
If you are out there, young Soldier, give me a call. And remember, keep smiling.

Bill Marshall, 22928 Gaukler St.
Saint Claire Shores, MI 48080-2555, 586-778-5570

Year And Month?

Is anybody familiar with the month and year the nearby Inchon photo was taken? Please let me know.

Don Roberts, P.O. Box 219
Howland, ME 04448, 207-732-3616



What month and year was this photo taken?

Seeking Information About AKLs

I am looking for information about AKLs during the 1950s. I was a crew member of the USS Hewell (AKL 14) during the 1950s. We are trying to get some data from your readers that will help us with our research on AKLs.

Tom McGuire, 11290 80th Ave. SE Unit 6
Clear Lake, MN 55319-8608, 813-788-7394
bentpipe.1@gmail.com

Photos For Book

I am putting together photos for a book I have written on Korean War veterans entitled *Standing in the Shadow of the Greatest Generation*. It will be published by New York University Press next spring.

In particular, I am hoping to find a photo/copy of someone's draft notice. I interviewed and surveyed many veterans for my study, but so far this has proved very elusive! Hopefully, someone in your organization might be willing to provide me with a photo of their draft notice.

Currently, my family is living in Tokyo as my husband has a Fulbright Scholarship. But, I can always be reached by email at blue5@mindspring.com and we have a computer phone with a NC number (910-534-1794).

Melinda Pash

Monte "Skip" Millman

My father, Monte "Skip" Millman, served aboard USS Boxer (CV 21) from March 1950 to March 1954. He passed away in 2001. Did any of your readers know him? He worked with ordnance. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew him or can tell me about life aboard the ship during that time.

Dad was from Kewanee, IL originally. He was only 16-20 years old during his time on Boxer, as he was born in October 1933. He said he lied about his age to get in the Navy.

Monica Heil, 2301 N. Prospect Rd., Apt. D
Peoria, IL 61603, 309-299-8990.

The Guy Who Ran Over The Horse

I would like to hear from people I served with in Korea (1950-1951) with 34th ORD Depot Co. Just in case you don't remember, I was the guy who ran over a small horse in a village when I ran into a stall while we were being strafed. It was the one and only outside shower we ever saw. There were 25 of us at a time. Remember?

I would also like to hear from people I served with in the States who came to Korea in 1950. They were the Hq&Hq Co., 7th Transportation Port Co., Ft. Hamilton, Brooklyn NY. I saw you briefly 1950-1951 in Seoul, Korea.

It would be great to hear from you.

Rueben Harrison, 10816 Hillbrooke Lane,
Potomac, MD 20854, 301-315-2063 or
240-994-2465. Email: bretonharrison@comcast.net.

Combat Artillery Badge

Wallace G. Ethier Sr. is looking for information about the Combat Artillery Badge. He wrote:

I can't seem to find out who is allowed to wear the Combat Artillery Badge. Is there even such a badge?

I was in Korea from December 1950 to September 1951, on the line with the 3rd Inf. Div. BTC, 10th Field Artillery. It was called then a "four-point post."

At the time I was there we got \$50.00 combat pay a month. We earned the Korean Service Ribbon with three bronze battle stars. We fired our 105 Howitzers 24-7 while we were on the central front.

Reach Ethier at 241 N. 38th Ave.
Yakima, WA 98902, 509-972-2078

EDITOR'S NOTE: Preliminary research suggests that the Combat Artillery Badge is one of many unofficial decorations, i.e., badges or emblems, that are not included in United States military regulations but which are worn or displayed by individuals serving in U.S. armed forces. Unofficial badges may be awarded for single actions or by local commanders.

Congressman Mark Green (R-WI) introduced a bill in 2004 (H.R. 3950) seeking the official establishment of a combat artillery badge. It did not make it out of committee.

William ("Billy") D. Harrell

I am looking for William ("Billy") D. Harrell. He was stationed with 6167th Ops Sqdn., K-16, Seoul Air Base, Korea (1952-53).

John ("Jack") Terrell, 5432 E. Nithsdale Dr.
Salisbury, MD 21801, 410-546-5976
JackandMaryAnne@comcast.net

Looking For Marines of H-3-1 Who Fit The Bill

I am trying to find some Marines who served in Korea. I have a dollar bill (silver certificate) signed by members of the same platoon during their tour of duty. There are at least six names, plus some others that are unreadable. There are also unit designations written on the dollar.

I want to give credit where it is due. The dollar bill (silver certificate) actually belongs to a co-worker of mine who gave it to me because he had no idea where to begin to look for the names on it. I spoke to him yesterday and he absolutely wants to get it to one of these Marines.

What I can make out is the following:

H-3 Bn., 1 Mar. Div., Arrived March 5, 1951, Departed March 16, 1952
Charles Revels, Mike Garrity, Harold Jones, Bob Leeman, Arthur Waller (Walter, Walker?), Larry L. Heureux

There are other names that I can't make out. It also has another date written:

JAN. 12 1952

I would really like to get this dollar back to one of these men. If you have any way for me to find them, please let me know. Thank you for your time.

Josh Eberle, 306 W. Lima Street, Findlay, OH 45840, 419-306-3161, eberle27@yahoo.com

Warrant Officers In Korea

I retired in July 1988 as a Chief Warrant Officer 4, United States Army, Aviation. Now, I am doing research on the Warrant Officers who served in the United States armed forces during the Korean War.

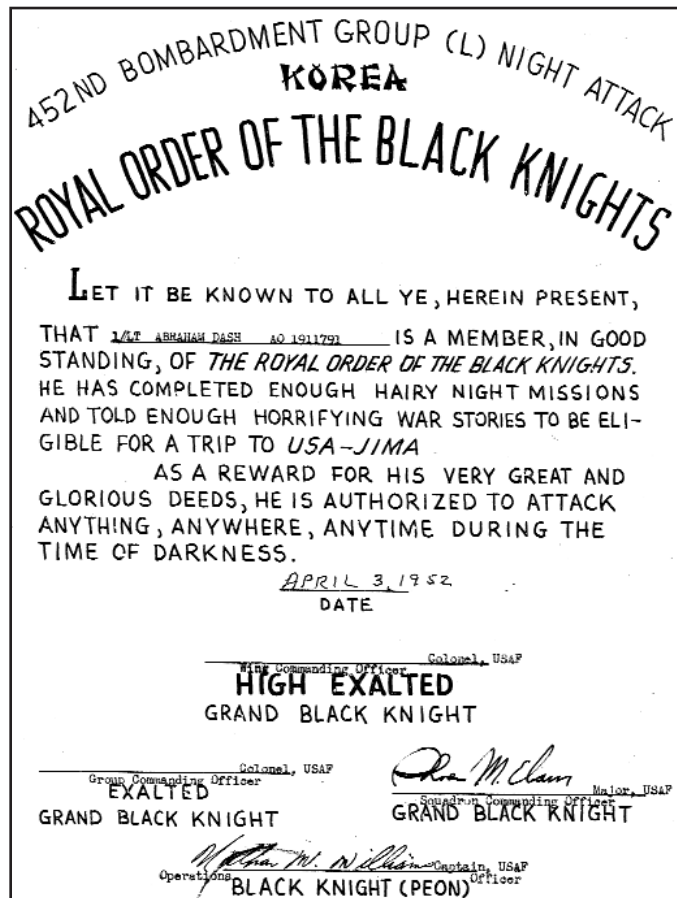
I would like information from members who were Warrant Officers during the Korean War. There were not very many, so I am not even sure it this is possible.

Dwight Brown, kaydees@embarqmail.com
352-205-8536

NEWS from page 45

Professor Emeritus Abraham A Dash, University of Maryland School of Law, noted that historian S.L.A. Marshall, in his book about the battle, Pork Chop Hill, mentioned Lt. Marshall's (no relation) courage in the battle. (Lt. Marshall is mentioned on pages 115, 118, 120, and 132.) Dash, who served as a 1st Lieutenant with the 452nd Bombardment Group (L) Night Attack at K-9, earned a "Royal Order of the Black Knights" designation.

Reach Dash at 12909 Brunswick Ln., Bowie, MD 20715-2408, 301-267-1906, Adas@law.umaryland.edu



Lt. Dash's "Royal Order of the Black Knights" certificate

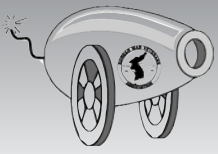
An Unannounced Quiz

Who Were The Non-Supporters?

The UN met in a historic session in 1950 to vote on whether to protect world peace by aiding the Republic of Korea in repelling the communist invasion. Of the 59 U.N. members at the time, 53 voted to support Korea. Ironically, one of them was China.

Five opposed it. One of the five was the Soviet Union. Four of its satellites also voted against supporting the Republic. Who were they? And what happened to the 59th member?

Send your answers to U.N. Editor, The Graybeards, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.



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; 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.

Picture This

Richard L. Ross, 565 W 41st St., Shadyside, OH 43947-1170, 740-676-9244 said in a phone conversation with the editor that he recalled the correct name of the USNS General Robert L. Howze by looking at an old photo. He noted that when he and other Soldiers boarded the ship there was a commercial photographer on the dock who offered to take their pictures for a fee and mail them later.

Do any of you remember that as a common practice when you were boarding ships coming and going to Korea (or anywhere else)? What was the fee for the photos? Were they always sent as promised? What happened to them if the recipient was on the front line, in a hospital, etc? Were they forwarded? Did any of you ever try to find the photographer if the photos were of poor quality, weren't received...?

Please forward any information you have about these dockside photographers to Arthur G. Sharp, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. (See more below about the Howze.)

The Atomic Cannon Was Not A "Split Tail"

I appreciated seeing my contribution to the Atomic Annie story in the March/April issue. The pictures of an artillery piece on pp. 65-66 are not of the atomic capable cannon.

The atomic cannon was not a split tail, but was a gun inside a metal box similar to a railroad car. The article in a previous issue by "Ski" Sherman (Jan/Feb 2011, p. 15) has a very good description of the gun and its transporters.

During my 1958 tour of Korea, we fired close to 100 rounds of HE from our battalion's six guns. This was a very accurate weapon, with a terrific muzzle velocity (MV). In fact, when we attempted to measure the MV using electronic rings, the first shot broke the rings. So, we continued shooting all of the guns with the allotted ammunition. I later did a "fall of shot" calibration for the battalion.

I would be interested in hearing from anybody who served in my battalion (1 CAVD 8 REG 3 BN I).

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The Chinese Attacked Through Their Own Artillery

I read in the Nov-Dec 2010 issue an article about a "forgotten battle in a forgotten war," written by Wayne Pelkey. Our Company K, 180th Regt., 2nd Bn., 45th Div. went up on

Christmas Hill in the middle of the night with a piece of toilet paper in each man's pack so the Soldier following could stay on the path.

We were in action as soon as we got there. I was the Forward Observer for the 60mm mortars, giving fire missions trying to stop the attack, which was useless. The Chinese came up through their own artillery, shooting our men in their trenches.

I was on my PRC radio screaming for men to get up. I can't remember much after that, other than carrying wounded men out. I stayed up on Christmas Hill. I believe two more companies came up. It fell on a handful of guys, including me, to make a last stand on the fourth day, when the sky cleared and the Air Force planes came in and stopped the attack.

When I got back to my company I learned that K Co. was KCL (Korea Combat Loss). I know that I came down from the hill with three other guys. To this day I don't know how many guys lived.

I received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star; only God knows why I lived. Maybe the U.S. didn't want people to know how many men were killed. I thank God for blocking from my memory what I did and saw on Christmas Hill.

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Like Sending Cattle To The Slaughterhouse

I watched Richard Mosoglo's King Company regularly send fresh replacements to fill in for the heavy losses of Easy Company who were on the finger leading down to the valley and right under the higher observation of the CCF. The finger had CCF fire coordinates plotted all along the trenches and their mortar fire was merciless.

Then and years later I questioned why our brass did not pull back to our own 1190 ridgeline where we could have reversed the strategy and zeroed in the CCF if they tried to occupy the finger.

The decision by our 45th was deeply flawed as the E Company (as well as my Fox Co.) was mauled and King Company continued sending "raw replacements," which was analogous to sending cattle to the slaughter house at the Kansas City stock yards. My thoughts then are still in our minds 58 years later and will be carried by many of us until our last muster. My good friend Jim Hood spoke of this during our last conversation prior to his passing on.

Graybeards stories and information have enabled me to connect with many vets and or their families of that OP Queen battle to "hold the ground at any cost"!

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Gen. Patton's Death

Re Mike Czuboka's comment regarding General Patton's death in a jeep accident, "Canadian casualties in the Korean War," Nov/Dec 2010, p. 67, I have heard that the General did not die in the accident. He was going on a hunting trip and having a conversation with another General in the back seat of a sedan when a "six by" made a sudden left turn in front of the sedan.

The driver of the sedan instinctively hit the brakes, which threw General Patton against the front seat, severely injuring his spinal cord. Following a long stay in the hospital, General Patton developed pneumonia and died. His last thoughts probably were, "What a hell of a way to go after all I have been through."

Having ridden in jeeps quite often, I agree with Mike they were quite dangerous. By the way, the sedan had no seat belts either.

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Did Anyone Get An "Extension" Bonus?

There was a letter in the 28 February 2011 Air Force Times written by "Former Staff Sgt. Robert McKeever" commenting on the "stop-loss" pay of \$500 per month for current service members extended beyond their discharge dates. He commented for *The Graybeards* as well.

I know a lot of us were in Korea on extended tours. I, for one, was extended ten months. I did not get a bonus for those additional months.

Did any of our members get a bonus? (I am not talking about a state bonus here.) In fact, how many of you were in the three-year "Truman Police Action" on extended tours?

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"There Is No Valid Reason..."

I am a Korean War veteran who never went to Korea, but served stateside.

In the Jan/Feb 2011 issue, the editor eloquently expressed the mistake of inter-service rivalries. The Marines under MajGen O. P. Smith were magnificent in their withdrawal from the Chosin Reservoir. The 1st Marine Division will always be remembered for that.

The Army's 2nd Division was punished severely at Munsu-ri while going through the "Gauntlet." But, don't forget the Division's superb 23rd Regiment under Col Paul Freeman, who ended up a four-star General. Their fights at the Naktong Bulge and later at Chip'yong-ni will never be forgotten.

Like the editor said, "There is no valid reason for people who served in one branch of the armed forces to lash out at their counterparts in another."

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Anyone Remember Maurice Micklewhite?

I was interested in the correspondence regarding Clint Eastwood's "Korea service." I recall that the script had to be re-written, as the original version had Eastwood's character awarded the Medal of Honor as a Marine on Heartbreak Ridge. Instead, he became an Army veteran who re-enlisted in the Marine Corps.

We British veterans can claim a Korean War vet in a Korean War

role. Royal Fusilier Micklewhite was hired as a consultant for a low-budget movie, "A Hill in Korea." He was later given a small role in the film. That was the beginning of the screen career of Sir Michael Caine!

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The 1956 movie was released under the title "Hell in Korea." It was filmed at Shepperton Studios in Surrey, England. Here is a short bio of Maurice Micklewhite...uh, Michael Caine.

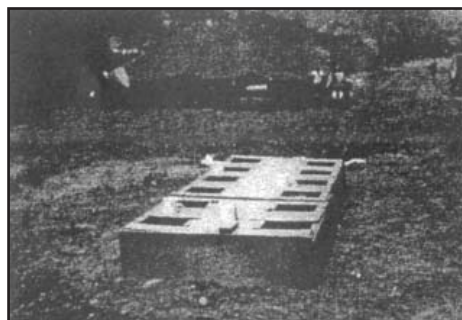
Born Maurice Micklewhite in London, Michael Caine was the son of a fish-market porter and a charlady. He left school at 15 and took a series of working-class jobs before joining the British army and serving in Korea during the Korean War, where he saw combat. Upon his return to England he gravitated toward the theater and got a job as an assistant stage manager. He adopted the name of Caine on the advice of his agent, taking it from a marquee that advertised The Caine Mutiny (1954). Source: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0049302/locations>

The Only 12-Holer...

The 430th Engineers, H&S Co. had a significant claim to fame in Korea: it built the only 12-hole, square, out-of-doors bathroom in the country.

It gave new meaning to "sit with your friends for a while."

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The largest outdoor bathroom in Korea

"I Shot An 'Errol' Into The Air..."

In regard to the letter by Norman Deptula, "U.S. show featuring Jack Benny and Errol Flynn," p. 62, Jan/Feb 2011, Mr. Benny and his troop played at the 2nd Inf. Div. HQ area east of Honchon, somewhere in the July 1951 time frame.

The 2nd ID was in reserve at this time, after having stopped the Chinese attack, which was known as the "May Massacre." I and many of my fellow Soldiers had the privilege of being there that day. Mr. Benny and his troop were American heroes as far as I am concerned.

Errol Flynn was not there. (Maybe he had a previous engagement?)

One incident happened before the show began. Someone's rifle discharged in the waiting crowd. Fortunately, the rifle was pointing skyward. Maybe someone remembers this little incident, which just demonstrated that accidents of war were always something to be concerned about.

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Were There WWI-Vintage 155s In Korea?

There were two good articles about the “Atomic Cannon” in the Jan-Feb issue. The gun’s existence seems like a great mystery. Was the Atomic Cannon in Korea? I saw it!!

As the character “Radar” of the MASH TV series proved, getting lost on the MSR was easy! There were NO road signs—and sometimes not much road. The Batteries moved often to different areas during the 1952-53 period when the MLR was fairly set moving back and forth.

Often, us motor messengers in our Jeeps would come to the end of the road onto the MLR! The Artillery was back farther. (I served with the 40th Div. Arty, Hq & Hq Btry Message Center.) We didn’t belong up front, and left in a hurry.

I wish I could remember where the large piece was when we came upon it. Central Front, maybe? It would have to have been away from the MLR or the “Chinese” would have tried to capture it (or them). Some FA BNs were overrun; the 555 FA Bn. in the “Punchbowl” comes to mind (“The Triple Nickel”).

The articles also give the impression that few people knew of the Atomic Cannon, where it was, or when, in Korea. Maybe we’ll learn more of the puzzle in future issues. The topic is interesting, to say the least!

Incidentally, Hq & Hq Btry had no firing pieces, just a quad 50mm mounted on a half track to protect from air attack. Each firing battery had one of the same for protection (the 140th AAA Btry.)

Until I got out on the road, all I saw was many tanks moving past our area along the MSR. Once on the road we saw many artillery pieces—even tanks dug in and used as artillery, along with the 105s and 155s. During one of my few trips out we saw a 155 “Long Tom” with an extended barrel. Was that for more range? The breech was stamped “Mfg. 1917.”

The piece looked well taken care of and in fine condition. It certainly looked as if it had spent a long time in service. (WWI, perhaps?)

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Haven Was Not A Safe Haven

I attended high school with Lonnie Guin. We both joined the Navy for the Korean War. He went to school as a Corpsman. I was a Sonarman on a destroyer (*USS Lofberg*). Lonnie was stationed on the hospital ship *USS Haven*, where he met his future wife, a Navy nurse, LTjg Lois Miller. They served together at Inchon during the war.

Lonnie passed away recently. I have been in e-mail contact for the last three years with him and Lois, his wife of 57 years. In our last contacts, she emailed me a story about an incident aboard Haven in Inchon. Here it is.

While we were anchored in Inchon Harbor in the 1950s, we were fired on a number of times because we were anchored among ammo and troop ships, etc. Our commanding officer was an old merchant mariner who liked to do things his way. Because he wanted to anchor in close to shore instead of obeying the Geneva Act re medical ships, we could not light up our large red cross that would identify us as a medical ship, since that would also show up the other ships around us.

We had a “partner” of sorts anchored nearby: the Danish hospital ship *Jutlandia*. Oh, the stories we could tell about our experiences there! One especially vivid one is about when I was pulling duty in the operating spaces and a North Korean soldier was brought aboard with a head injury requiring brain surgery. As we were prepping him for surgery inside the operating room spaces, but just outside the ORs, he pulled the pin from a grenade that he had managed to bring aboard.

One of the staff had the swift presence of mind and agility to grab the grenade and race topside to toss it overboard before it went off. (The ORs were several levels below deck and the water line, so there were no portholes available; the patient was a North Korean soldier who had planned to blow us up.)

That’s what happens when you mention the war to an old salt: all the old war stories start coming come out.

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The Haeundae Dump Explosion

I see one of my photos made the back cover of *The Greybeards* (see Nov/Dec 2010 issue). That Gwang An Bridge is really something to see from that viewpoint. The photo was taken around 6:00 p.m., near the Nurimaru (APEC) House. I had just finished walking along the boardwalk from Haeundae Beach and was heading back towards Haeundae to catch a bus back to the Busan RR station and my train back to Seoul.

Re the photos in the March-April issue of the Army dump going up in June of 1952: some EOD guys from my outfit were there later to dispose of some of the stuff that was not destroyed in those explosions. I recall a T6 flying towards the area suddenly making an upside down u-turn when there was one of the big blasts.

The guy just pulled up and over, flying upside down back towards K9. It must have been a bit rough up there.

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Was She a Nurse?

While reading *The Graybeards*, Jan/Feb. 2011, I noticed you were looking for any info about the photos on page 30. In the photo down in the right corner, the girl is wearing the Regimental Crest of the 23rd Inf. Rgmt. On the other side she has a pin for the French Bn. with “Nations Unies” on it.

The French Bn. served with the 23rd Inf. Rgmt. in the Korean War. I am wondering if she may have been a nurse.

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“Lousy Howze” (See Howze sidebar)

I just received my March-April, 2011 *Graybeards* with the article on Picture ID by Arthur Cheek on page 67. You asked if anyone could identify the name of the transport that Cheek named “Howtz.”

I believe Mr. Cheek is referring to the “USNS General Howze,” which was the transport that brought me and 3,000 other replacements to Yokohama from Seattle in April, 1953.

Unfortunately, during our voyage the General Howze had a 15 degree list to starboard the whole 17-day trip. Of course, it earned the sobriquet of “Lousy Howze.”

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USNS General R. L. Howze

General R. L. Howze (AP-134) was laid down under Maritime Commission contract 22 July 1942 by Kaiser Co., Inc., Yard 3, Richmond, Calif.; launched 23 May 1943; sponsored by Mrs. W. C. Gardenshire; acquired by the Navy 31 December 1943; converted to a transport by Mat-son Navigation Co., San Francisco; and commissioned at San Francisco 7 February 1944, Captain L. H. Baker, USOG, in command.

After shakedown off San Diego, the transport loaded supplies, embarked troops at San Francisco, and sailed 20 March 1944 for New Guinea. General R. L. Howze carried troops to Milne Bay and Lae to support the American buildup of pressure in the southwest Pacific returning to San Francisco 2 May 1944. Subsequently, the ship steamed to Guadalcanal, Manus, Eniwetok, and many other islands as the rising tide of the Navy's amphibious offensive swept toward Japan. She carried troops, supplies, and even Japanese prisoners of war on a total of 11 voyages to the combat areas of the Pacific, before returning to San Francisco 15 October 1945, after the Japanese surrender.

In November, General R. L. Howze steamed to the Philippines to bring home veterans, and sailed 10 January 1946 for England with 3,400 German prisoners. After touching at Liverpool 31 January, she brought American troops from Le Harve to New York 16 February, and made a final voyage to France for more returning veterans. General R. L. Howze decommissioned at New York 1 April 1946 and was returned to WSA for transfer to the War Department. She was placed in reserve in the James River 6 August 1947, and returned to the War Department as an Army Transport in 1948.

The veteran transport was reacquired by the Navy 1 March 1950 and joined MSTs with a civilian crew. For the next year General R. L. Howze sailed to and from Europe for the International Refugee Organization, bringing displaced persons from Eastern Europe to the United States. In mid-1951, she was transferred to the Pacific, and steamed between San Francisco and the Far East with troop replacements for U.N. fighting in Korea. She continued this vital role helping to defend freedom in Korea, both during the active fighting and after the armistice.

However, in September 1954, General R. L. Howze was diverted from her normal pattern of sailings to take part in Operation "Passage to Freedom." For 5 months she and other Navy ships brought tens of thousands of refugees from North to South Vietnam as that unfortunate country was partitioned.

General R. L. Howze made two more voyages to the Far East supporting America's important readiness forces before returning to Seattle 31 December 1955. She remained inactive until entering the reserve fleet at Astoria, Ore., 15 July 1957. The ship was finally returned to the Maritime Administration 17 July 1958 and placed in the Maritime Defense Reserve Fleet at Astoria, where she remains.

General R. L. Howze received six battle stars for Korean War service.

Source: http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/g3/general_r_l_howze.htm

My Certificate Was Worthless

While reading through the "Feedback/Return Fire" section of the March-April 2011 issue, I came across the paragraph titled, "Picture ID" on page 67-68, with a picture of Inchon. I left Korea in this same timeframe from Inchon, on a ship called the *USNS General Robert L. Howze*. We reached Camp Stoneman in time to be processed in and given leave to go home for Christmas, before returning to be discharged.

With the approximately 17 days it took to cross the Pacific, it has to be the same ship referred to in the article. Howtz is too close to Howze not to be the same one.

I am enclosing a copy of a picture of the *USNS General Robert L. Howze* I have had since 1953 and a copy of a 180th Meridian Certificate handed out to all of us on board at the time. You will note the reason I carried this card all these years is the authority noted at the bottom right of the card that states: "Bearer Has Full Privileges, including Osculation Rights of the Order of the Golden Dragon."



The USNS General Robert L. Howze



Richard Jenkins' 180th Meridian Certificate

After being with the 2d Infantry Division in Korea for so long, I tried to use the authority vested in me by virtue of holding this card soon after I got on solid ground. Unfortunately, I found out this authority was not universally recognized.

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Did One Of Those Pine Boxes Have My Name On It?

In response to your inquiry as to the name of the ship's proper name of "Howtz:" the name was General Howze—and quite a ship she was. I had to be one of the first ones to board the ship along with 7,500 others on the last day of July 1950. As I watched pine box after pine box being loaded, I wondered if one had my name on it. The ship itself was supposed to have something like 5,000 on board, but with 7,500 it was a bit crowded, to say the least.

We had two meals a day and the chow lines were so long the guys coming back from breakfast met the guys going to supper, one continuous line. After supper we went to our bunks that were, I think, at least three high. From there we "enjoyed" our salt water showers before retiring for the evening.

The decks were crowded with bodies as it was hotter than all get-out below. So, we all staked out our own deck space and took in the warm, but cooling, Pacific breezes.

If you were a first three grader, they did not pick you for any kind of detail and you never saw more stripes in all your life. Some guys even had them pinned on with their brass. I have to believe that some of these stripes were borrowed from their non-com buddies. Nah! As we were nearing the coast of Japan, "Seoul City Sue" was on someone's radio and she was rattling off names of GIs on their way to Korea. Someone said that she mentioned my name among many others. She, of course, was a propagandress like "Axis Sally" and "Tokyo Rose" during WWII.

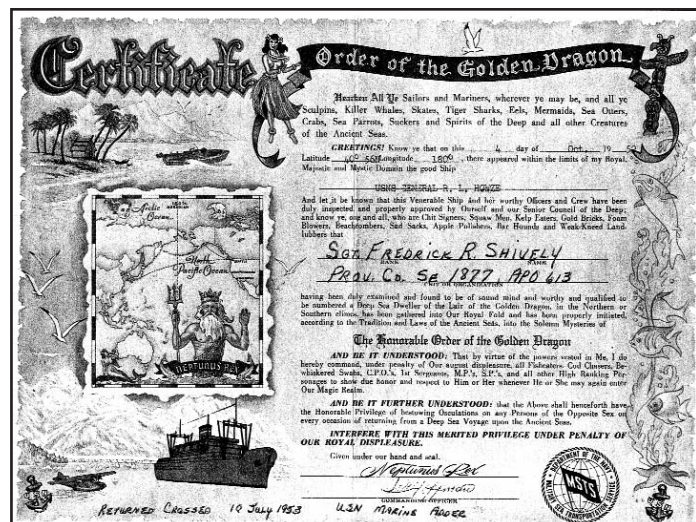
We arrived in Yokohama August 12th. What I remember most vividly was the awful smell of, I think fish, as opposed to the fresh smell of San Francisco's harbor. I hung around Japan until February of 1951, did my year in Korea, and went back to the good old USA.

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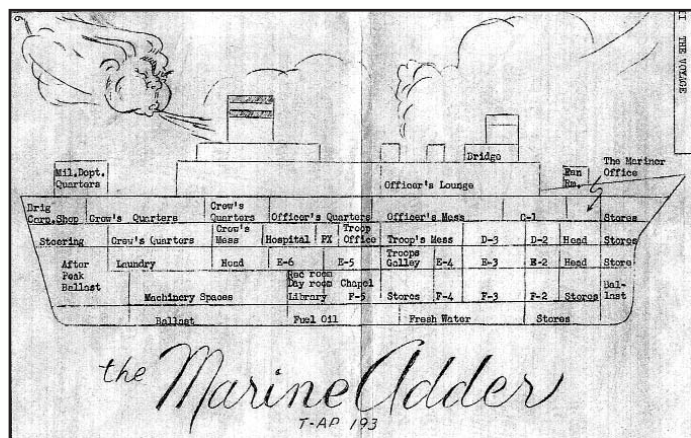
Howze and The Adder: Sounds Like A TV Show

EDITOR'S NOTE: The names Howze and Marine Adder seem to be synonymous. Many Soldiers who sailed aboard Howze to Korea made the return voyage on the USNS Marine Adder—or vice versa. Among them was Frederick Shively, who reported that he sailed out of Seattle Bay on 28 September 1952.

We crossed the International Date Line on October 4, 1952,



Frederick R. Shively's "Order of the Golden Dragon" certificate



The USNS Marine Adder's layout

arrived in Yokohama Bay on October 10, 1952. I then boarded the General Howze on October 12, 1952 and arrived in Inchon on October 16, 1952.

I served in the 7th Inf. Div., 31st Inf. Regt., 2nd Bn., Co. F.

I returned from Korea July 4, 1953 on the USNS Marine Adder, and arrived in Seattle on July 17, 1953.

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Another Korean War Snub?

The United States Mint has issued three commemorative coins honoring the U.S. Army. They include \$5 gold, silver dollar, and half dollar coins. According to the brochure:

The design on the obverse of this uncirculated \$5 gold coin represents the U.S. Army's war service from the Revolutionary War through today, symbolizing its continuity of strength and readiness. It features, from left to right, Continental, Civil War, modern,

World War II and World War I soldiers. Inscriptions are LIBERTY, 2011 and IN GOD WE TRUST.

There is no mention of representatives from Korea or Vietnam!

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Chaplains Felhoelter and Hyslop

I met Father Felhoelter and a Protestant chaplain whose last name was Hyslop at Beppu, Japan in the spring of 1950. I was a young Lieutenant in "B" Company, 19th Infantry, 24th Division. On weeknights and on weekends at Beppu, all the officers went to the Officers' Club, and some drank in excess. Not wishing to indulge, I made friends with the Catholic priest, who was also uncomfortable in the drinking environment.

Father Felhoelter and I soon became friends, playing ping pong for hours on end in the Officers' Club. He was a much better player than I was.

Later, while I was in Korea, my infantry platoon took up positions on the Kum River dike North of Taejon. Then, on July 16, 1950, we were overrun and forced to withdraw.

Several days later, while discussing the Kum River battle, I heard the story of our two chaplains. Father Felhoelter and

Chaplain Hyslop flipped a coin to determine who would remain with the wounded. Father Felhoelter stayed, while Chaplain Hyslop departed. Father Felhoelter was later murdered by North Korean soldiers, who also executed many of the wounded.

I was captured by the Chinese army several days after they entered the war. Incoming POWs told me that Chaplain Hyslop was later captured. On the march northward, Chinese soldiers threw him in a shallow ditch beside the road when they recognized the cross on his uniform. Several of them lined up as if they were playing “follow the leader” and took turns running up an embankment and then jumping on the body of Chaplain Hyslop as he lay in the ditch. I don’t know if he died then or later on the march northward. He never arrived at Camp 5.

Both Father Felhoelter and Chaplain Hyslop are heroes who should be remembered forever.

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Please Play Nice

EDITOR’S NOTE: We included in the March/April 2011 “Feedback” section a letter from Capt. Walt Larsen, USA (Ret.) captioned “If Only Marines Could Earn the CIB.” In it he included this sentence: “I wish Marine Infantry could be awarded the CIB once they are in battle. Then, I could identify them as Infantrymen, and shake their hands.”

Mr. Larsen received a considerable amount of feedback from Marines who explained to him—not always in the most pleasant terms—that all Marines are indeed infantrymen regardless of MOS. One caller berated his wife. That upset him, and rightly so.

We include the names and contact points for “Feedback” submitters to verify their identity and to give other members a chance to get in touch with them and exchange ideas. It would be a good idea for callers and e-mailers to keep their comments civil—and to refrain from delivering them to the wrong people!

Anyway, here are letters of explanation from Marines that sum up nicely the philosophy that every Marine is a rifleman and suggest that Marines do earn an equivalent of the CIB.

All Marines Are Riflemen

Regardless of MOS, all Marines are riflemen first and expected to be combat-ready at all times. Makes no difference if you are a cook or a pilot: if the need arises Marines are expected to be able to man the front line.

Marines have no CIB; however, all Marines who have served in combat qualify for the Combat Action Ribbon. The CAR can be identified by its color pattern: Blue field on the left, Yellow field, narrow Red, White and Blue stripes, Yellow field, Red field on the right. Please shake the hand of any Marine you see wearing the CAR.

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A Primer On Marine MOSs

I just read the letter from Army Captain Larsen in the March-April issue of ‘The Graybeards,’ wishing the Marine Corps issued Combat Infantry Badges to distinguish the infantry Marines from all the other Marines with different MOSs so he could shake our

hands. I thank him for his concern, but Marines have a badge that identifies us: it’s the Eagle, Globe and Anchor. And we have been wearing it with pride since 1775.

My intent in this letter is not to be critical, but educational. We Marines say, with valid justification, that every Marine is a rifleman. A review of history, particularly of the Chosin Reservoir in 1950, shows that after the Army troops on the east side of Chosin were overrun and sustained almost 75% casualties, the Marines who came out on the frozen ice of Chosin to bring them into our lines were probably not infantry Marines. But those Marines at Hagaru defending the perimeter were just as much combat troops as the infantry regiments.

There was the 1st Division HQ with cooks and bakers, the Division band members plus engineers who built the airstrip, and supply people and others—all of whom were on the perimeter at night fending off Chinese attacks. Later, as we fought our way out of the Chosin area, there were artillery men assigned to rifle companies to fill the vacant ranks.

I was a Sergeant in a rifle company then, and I had “cannon cockers” assigned to fill the gaps in my under-strength unit. They fought quite well and I never inquired about their MOSs.

In Iraq, when artillery was not needed, the artillery units provided provisional rifle companies to serve as the infantrymen did.

Every Marine receives infantry training. After completion of recruit training, each enlisted Marine goes through Marine Combat Training at the School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton, CA or Camp Lejeune, NC. If they are destined to go to an infantry unit, then they receive advanced infantry training and the others get training in other Occupational Specialties.

So, irrespective of ultimate assignment, they are infantry trained. All Marine officers, upon receiving their commissions, are sent to Quantico, VA to attend the Basic School, where they are taught infantry tactics from squad up to company level combat. I know this because, as a Captain, I taught Tactics of a Rifle Company to the Basic School students. They get this because, in most cases, they don’t know to what field they will be assigned until graduation. This includes aviators as well as artillery, tanks, supply, IT and all other fields.

Several years ago, a ribbon was devised to differentiate Marines (and Sailors) who have been in combat from those who have not. But, the ‘Combat Action Ribbon’ is awarded regardless of MOS and a gold star is awarded for each subsequent award, e.g., Korea, Vietnam, WWII, or any other combat action.

Am I qualified to talk on this subject? Yes! I have been 0300, 0311, 0316, 0369, 0301, and 0302. Those MOSs cover the gamut of the infantry field from Private through Lieutenant Colonel. We have no need for any kind of badge to separate us in the infantry from other Marines.

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The CIB Rightfully Belonged To The Army

After reading Captain Larsen’s letter in *The Graybeards*, I just had to respond. I know how he feels about the infantry. I do too! Until I made First Sergeant I always carried an infantry or infantry unit leader MOS.

Captain Larsen is right to a certain extent. Not every Marine is an infantryman. However, every Marine, regardless of MOS, is a rifleman first and then a specialist in his or her MOS second. This includes aviators, air crews, clerk typists, cooks, bakers, truck drivers, etc. You get the idea.

Upon graduation from Boot Camp, every Marine is sent to the School of Infantry, either at Camp Pendleton or Camp Lejeune. There they receive basic infantry training. Those going on for training in a different MOS are then transferred to their schools. Those going into the infantry remain at the School of Infantry and receive advanced infantry combat training. Upon completion, they are transferred to an infantry regiment.

Every year, every Marine has to re-qualify with the service rifle and pistol, regardless of rank or time in service. Also, all MOSs annually receive refresher training in the infantry basics. This is why in combat, when push comes to shove, replacements from all MOSs temporarily fill the depleted ranks of the infantry units. Once new replacements arrive from the states the temporary replacements—at least the ones who have survived—are returned to their original outfits. If they desire to remain in the infantry, they are often allowed to do so.

On the night of March 26/27, 1953, my company, C/1/5, lost 41 men KIA, 40 WIA, and 6 taken POW, all in the space of about 8 hours. Later in the day of the 27th we were brought up to TO strength with Clerk Typists, Cooks, Truck Drivers, etc. When new stateside replacements arrived, not one of our temporaries opted to return to their old units.

We never wanted a CIB. That rightfully belonged to the Army. The Marine Corps has always frowned upon insignia and badges, other than our emblems on our caps and collars and shooting badges and aviation wings. In the Naval Service we now have the CAR (Combat Action Ribbon). Ground combat units can earn it. The Navy can earn it for naval sea action.

When we see another Marine, we don't have to know what his MOS is or what unit he is in. We only care about the fact that he or she is a Marine! We all went through the same boot camp and basic infantry training, and we all know it. All Marines are brothers and sisters! It's that simple!

I enjoyed reading Captain Larsen's letter and hope that I have been able to help clear up a few misconceptions for him.

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Chosen, Not Chosin

I overlooked mentioning this the other day during our telephone conversation. Taking your editor's prerogative, you corrected my intended spelling, Chosen, the archaic name of Korea to Chosin, the reservoir. I was not at Chosin Reservoir, from where Marines and Soldiers withdrew to the North Korean port of Hamnung (sp?).

Korea was known as "Frosen (sic) Chosen" among the troops due to the severe cold along the MLR in North Korea, where we were located winter of 1951-52.

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Let's All Go To The Movie

I am a retired Army officer who spent 1952 in Korea, where I

took a lot of 8MM movies. I edited them into a movie that is just over an hour long.

The Korean Broadcast Co. purchased the broadcast rights in Korea. There is a copy in the Library of Congress. I think a lot of our members would like to see it. If so, they can go to this site and download it: http://www.armysignalocs.com/video_korea_01.html

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is a copy of the description from the website:

Korea During The War

This page updated 18 March 2011

Filmed by LTC Kermit Parker, Class 12-42, copyright 1954. Originally submitted by Glenn Dean, Class 18-52.

The video below is an updated version that LTC Parker sent us from Issaquah, WA, on March 7, 2011. It includes new scenes at the very end that compare Korea today to the Korea shown in the early part of this video. The entire video is well worth the time it takes to watch it. In fact, your whole family will benefit from knowing what Korea was like during the Korean War.

No war footage. Shows life during Korean war, scenes of Seoul, daily life of Koreans. Length 67:56 minutes.

Our many and sincere thanks to LTC Parker for allowing us to post his video for all to see. We've had many kind comments from older Korean folks now living in America, people who enjoyed watching this video and having their memories stirred back to what life was like when they were young, living in their homeland during the debilitating Korean War.

Thank you Colonel... for your video, and your service to both our country and the Korean people.

Train Crews Were Armed

In reference to an article in the March/April *Greybeards*, "Feedback," p. 68, Ben Raphael, LTC, USAR (Ret), asked if Transportation Corp (TC) members carried weapons. Well, due to having worked on the New York Central Railroad prior to being drafted, I got pulled off infantry orders in Sasebo and assigned to the 714th TROB (Transportation Railway Operating Battalion). After a couple months in Pusan, I moved with the outfit up to Seoul, where we became the 3rd TMRS (Trans Military Railway Service), the Regimental HQ for the TROBs.

I kept my M-1 all the time in Korea, but while with 3rd TMRS, I was assigned to man a Heavy .30 Machine Gun, along with two other infantry trained guys. Our mission was to cover the escape route for the unit in case of a "bug out."

As it turned out, Seoul was safe territory after that. I wondered later, if it ever came to 'bug out time,' would a Jeep would be left running in the motor pool for our use???

The bottom line was that we were armed with M-1s. Train crews carried .45s or carbines, since the trains carrying supplies to the front were subject to guerilla-type raids while moving slowly up grades.

When I first arrived in Korea, all power was steam, with Korean engineers and firemen. We soon shipped in some Diesel

locomotives, but still had to keep a Korean in the cab, even though the engine was run by GIs, most often trained at Fort Eustice, VA.

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Truckers Were Armed, Too

I was assigned to the 55th Transportation Truck Battalion in Chunchon, Korea from November 1951 to October 1952. All members of the battalion were armed with carbines and many of our Deuce and a Half trucks were outfitted with 50 caliber machine guns—which they actually used occasionally.

There was an incident in 1951 when a convoy was ambushed by the enemy. The NCOIC stopped the convoy. The troops repelled the enemy soldiers, then continued on their way and completed their mission.

I am interested in whether there are any members of the old “Double Nickel” who are active in the KWVA.

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Al Coots outside 55th
TT Hq Supply Room

We'd Be Dead Many Times Over

I have some information that might be useful to Frank Imperato and Stan Jones, who wrote in the March/April edition, and for others who might be interested. While serving as a squad leader in King Company of the 17th Inf. Regt., 17th Inf. Div. during May or June (I forget exactly when) of 1953, we were manning a defensive position on Hill 200 (also called Hotdog) on the MLR.

One night a corporal was brought to my bunker. I was told that he would be assigned to me for seven days in order to qualify for a Combat Infantry Badge (CIB). I was informed that in order to qualify, he had to serve in a front-line position for seven consecutive days. (Sorry, I don't remember his name.)

Turns out that this guy was an MP. This was a common occurrence for various people from the rear who wanted a CIB. This is not said to pass judgment. It is just presented as fact and to let Frank know that there might be another way for him to proceed. In actuality, had the MP chosen the second week of July to join us, he would have wound up in the middle of a counterattack to retake Pork Chop Hill.

Out of 182 of us who were in King Co. on the 9th of July, only 62 survived that counterattack—and only 12 of those were not wounded. We were only up there about 36 hours, beginning at daylight on the 9th. A person could more than earn a CIB in a

week in certain situations. (If any of the guys from King Company who were on Pork Chop Hill for the July fight read this, it would be good to hear from you.)

Also, there was a Second Lieutenant, an artillery forward observer, who I got together with on the 9th. We hung out for a while. Thanks for the company and the help. I know that you will remember me as well as I do you, even though we never gave each other our names. I'm sorry we got separated. Things were going hard for us right there. Hope you got out okay. It would be special if I heard from you.

Related to Stan's comments about Bed Check Charlie dropping mortar rounds: upon returning to the States, even though I had limited training with mortars at that time, I was assigned as Section Sgt. of a 60mm mortar section. From education gained from leading a mortar section and subsequent experience as a weapons platoon Sgt., I can put to rest the stories that Stan and I (and many others) had previously heard about Bed Check Charlie maybe just tossing out mortar rounds.

A mortar round is armed by dropping it down the tube of a mortar. The explosion that sends it underway and its subsequent flight is what arms the mortar round. It is armed about 15 feet after leaving the tube. The next thing that bumps the nose of the round causes it to explode. Regardless from what height its dropped, it does not explode if it is simply dropped without being armed. If it did explode from being dropped, many of us who handled mortar rounds would be dead many times over.

If Charlie had somehow managed to arm some mortar rounds before taking off, or during flight, he would almost certainly have killed himself from bumping them around.

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Bon Voyage Photo

There was on p. 67 of the March/April issue a picture including the words “Bon Voyage.” You wanted to know where it was taken. It was Inchon Harbor, 21st Trans Med Port. When we finished our tours of duty in the Korean War this is where we boarded ship and sailed out.

We went out to the ship by amphib, since Inchon Harbor is the second highest port with tidal rises. Only the Bay of Fundy surpasses its tides.

I returned to the States aboard the *USNS General C.C. Ballou*, which I boarded in February 1954. It was crowded, to say the



Goodbye from Inchon

least. We sailed from Inchon to Hawaii, then through the Panama Canal to Staten Island, NY. The 11,000-mile voyage took 36 days. It was a long trip, with a lot of people in one space, but the experience was worth it.

For example, when we transited the Panama Canal we passed a ship going the other way. It was higher than us because our lock was still filling with water.

We stopped in Hawaii, where we visited Waikiki Beach. There were only two hotels in Hawaii at the time, the Royal Hawaiian and the Mona. My buddy and I had a beer at the Royal Hawaiian—at 75 cents a bottle! Wow!!! At that time, that was expensive.

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Room for one more? Life aboard Ballou



Looking up at ship going the other way through the Panama



Bob Porvaznik enjoying Waikiki Beach in 1954

M*A*S*H VS. M.A.S.H

By Birney Dibble

Nineteen years after the Korean War ended, a TV program began that became one of the most watched series in history. In fact, its final episode was watched by 125 million people, the most in TV history at that time. It was, of course, M* A * S *H, which ran from 1972 to 1983.

I looked forward to the first episode with great anticipation. But, I almost turned it off after just a few minutes. I gritted my teeth and watched it to the end, then vowed never to watch it again. But I did. One more time.

It was just so far from the reality that I had lived through with the First Marine Division in Korea from January 1952 to February, 1953. I was a battalion surgeon with the Third Battalion of the Fifth Marines for six months, then a surgeon (and Commanding Officer) of Easy Medical Company for the rest of my tour.

Most veterans will remember that a Medical Company was the Navy/Marine equivalent of an Mobile Army Surgical Hospital. Hawkeye Pierce distilling martinis in the doctors' tent? Hot Lips Houlihan selecting who to invite to her tent? Klinger cross-dressing? Enlisted man Radar O'Reilly standing up to the commanding officer, a colonel? All the Koreans speaking English? I couldn't stand it!

But, after a couple years of shunning the program, I attended a medical conference in Boston and met a young man who had been in the First Marine Division in Korea. He asked me if I was enjoying the M* A * S*H series on TV. I told him what I thought and why.

He thought for a moment, then asked, "Do you enjoy watching 'Hogan's Heroes'?"

"Yes, I really do!" I said.

He replied, "Do you think that was really the way it was in a German prisoner of war camp?"

I thought that over for a moment, then laughed out loud, and said, "OK., I see what you mean."

From then on I could watch the program and enjoy it without trying to compare it to the reality I had known. I could laugh with Hawkeye Pierce and all the other nutty characters, realizing that this was parody, not supposed to be realistic.

And there were some really poignant scenes that could have been from real life in a battlefield hospital.

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Were These Real Names?

Many veterans of the Korean War are familiar with the "invitations" from the North Koreans and Chinese to join them. We received a batch of them from Elizabeth Venturini, who found them in her father's collection of war mementos.

She said, "I have so many photos of my Dad over there, in Okinawa, Fort Carson, being shipped out to SF, all of his discharge papers, passes, medals...you name it I have it. His letters to my grandparents were the best. They were immigrants and their English was fair, but they kept every letter as if they were a piece of art."

In an understatement, Ms. Venturini noted, "I believe there is some historical value to this information. My Dad is 80 years old and I know he won't be around forever." And, she added in an all-too-familiar statement, "Dad is so private about his time over there."

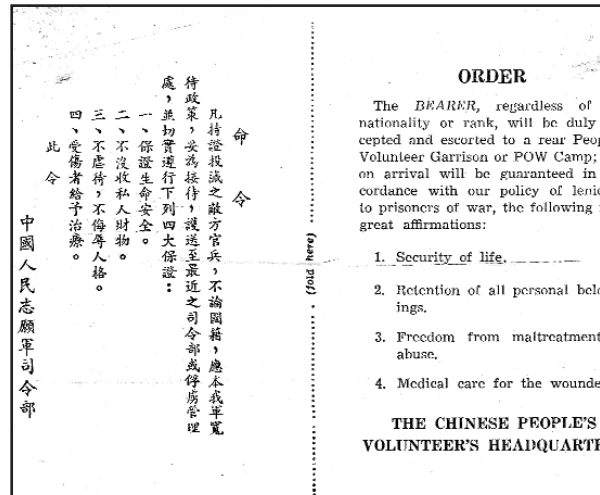
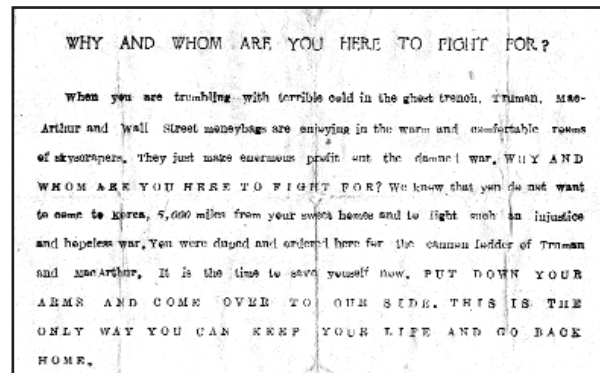
Hey, every little bit of veterans' memories that are saved in whatever format they appear in is helpful. That is particularly true concerning this type of information.

The propaganda the communists disseminated claimed that the only people profiting from the war were major businesses, and that the people actually doing the fighting were victims of corporate greed. On occasion, the propaganda took a different tack.

Two of the nearby flyers included American Soldiers' names and hometowns. Were these actual Soldiers' names? Who received these types of flyers? How were they distributed? Did anyone actually believe the claims on them? What were UN Soldiers' reactions to the flyers? Were the flyers ever sent to the homes of the Soldiers whose names were on them? Did U.S. military administrators make attempts to verify these POWs' names, places of birth, and status, e.g., MIA, KIA, POW?

Please let us know. Send your thoughts to Propaganda Editor, The Graybeards, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

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IT'S MONEY AND YOUR LIFE

Total American casualties in Korea amounted to ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY ONE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FIVE persons, according to Omar N. Bradley, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, in his testimony before the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees, reported by a Washington AFB dispatch, May 24, 1961.

This is equal to nearly half of all American casualties in the four years of American fighting in World War Two.

AND THE BIG CORPORATIONS GET THE GRAVY.

	Profile 1949	Profile 1959
General Motors	\$659 million	went up to \$834 million
Du Pont	\$218 " "	\$307 " "
U.S. Steel	\$185 " "	\$215 " "
General Electric	\$125 " "	\$173 " "

(Figure from the Economic Notes of Labor Research Association)

Listen! This is how a business man talks to your mother: "Some persons have to sacrifice, madame. In war, you lose your son; in peace, I lose money."

(from *Artisan's Guardian*)

STOP AND THINK!

Why should you risk your lives for the profiteers? It's your life for their money.

STOP AND THINK! You too have parents, wife, and children, to them, your life is a most valuable thing.

Quit this dirty and unjust war.

Come over to us, you are welcome and will not be harmed!

THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEER'S HEADQUARTERS



Anyone Familiar With The Monash University Study?

We asked Les Peate, the former president of the Korean Veterans Association, our Canadian counterpart, about the Monash University (Australia) study showing that a significant incidence of early deaths and certain ailments could be attributed to Korea service. (The Australian government produced its report in 2005, comprising a Korean Veterans Mortality Study, Review of SAS Veterans' Health Concerns, and Korean War Veterans Cancer Incidence.) Here is Les Peate's response to our query:

Regarding your enquiry on the Australian health study:

It was conducted by Monash University in Australia. We had been trying to get our Veterans Affairs to conduct a similar study earlier, but for some reasons (including a change in government) this never happened.

I heard about the Aussie study from my contacts in "Kangaroo-land" and obtained copies of the report, which I passed on to our VA. To my surprise they accepted the findings. As a result, many ailments, including respiratory, arterial problems, many forms of cancer and other ailments are now attributable on a "prima facie" basis to Korea service. The onus is no longer on the veteran to establish a connection.

My attempts to exchange similar information with the KWVA and the British KVA were less successful. I DID find out that your VA accepted frostbite as a Korea-related disability and tried to have our people do the same thing.

I used the U.S., the U.K., and Australia as comparisons, as we more or less have the same living standards and the figures could not be attributed to other factors.

And we welcome you to our "Last Hurrah" reunion in Winnipeg. (See the details about The Last Hurrah on p. XX.)

Regards,

Les Peate

EDITOR'S NOTE: The report is available at <http://jech.bmj.com/content/63/5/359.full>

The abstract reads:

Abstract

Background: Military service is considered to be a hidden variable underlying current knowledge about well-being in the elderly. This study aimed to examine life satisfaction and quality of life in Australia's surviving male Korean War veterans and a community comparison group, and to investigate any association with war deployment-related factors.

Methods: Participants completed a postal questionnaire which included the Life Satisfaction Scale, the brief World Health Organization Quality of Life (WHOQOL-Bref) questionnaire and the Combat Exposure Scale.

Results: Korean War veterans reported significantly lower Percentage Life Satisfaction (PLS) and quality of life scores on four WHOQOL-Bref domains, compared with similarly aged Australian men (each p value <0.001). These outcomes were most strongly associated with severity of combat exposure and low rank. Mean PLS was approximately 15% lower in veterans who reported heavy combat compared with those reporting no combat, and approximately 12% lower in enlisted ranked veterans compared with officers.

Conclusions: Fifty years after the Korean War, life satisfaction and quality in Australian veterans is poor relative to other Australian men, and is associated with deployment-related factors including combat severity and low rank. In order to respond effectively to current and projected population health needs, nations with large veteran populations may need to consider the impact of military service on well-being in later life.

Why 'Forgotten?'

By Gunnar Osterberg

I have been concerned for a long time as to why the Korean War is referred to as the "Forgotten War." I have a hard time accepting this moniker for so costly a war.

A few years ago I asked some of my 45th Division veteran buddies and others why the Korean War is labeled as "Forgotten." I have read various writings on the subject, and followed up with some research of my own. The current label is hard to digest in light of the large numbers of KIA and maimed young men that were the result of this war. It was interesting to learn what answers I came up with in my search.

While reading Donald Knox's book, *The Korean War*, I found his explanation for the label. He wrote: "To most Americans, Korea is a forgotten war. To many, it was unreal. Ordinary lives were unruffled by the distant echoes of battle. The home front made no sacrifices. If neither one's friends nor one's family were directly involved, the war could have been fought on Mars."

David Halberstam explained in his book, *The Coldest Winter*, that:

So many of them had for so long kept it inside themselves. No one wanted to hear about the war when they had first come home, so they never talked about it, not to their families or to their oldest friends. Or when they did, no one understood - or worse, wanted to understand. Their children would most often grow up knowing only that their fathers served in the war, but almost nothing else. They would complain to their fathers, that they were never willing to talk about the war. They mourned those who had not come back, but they shared it with only one another.

Halberstam added, "Unlike Vietnam, the Korean War took place before television news came into its own. Given the state of technology, the footage from Korea, usually making it into the network newsrooms back in New York days late, rarely moved the nation."

He also noted the disparity of books written on the Vietnam and Korean Wars: there were 88 on Vietnam and only 4

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South each maintaining the 2 kilometers (1.2 miles) closest to their national borders.

Looking out from the hilltops that our buses traveled on, I could see into North Korea. The clouds seemed to hang a little lower over there, and be a little darker; the ominous look was not lost on any of us. The long lines of mountainous terrain and dark valleys continued to rise and fall into the distance, much like the pictures my grandfather, MSgt. Larry Kish (40th Inf. Div., 223rd Inf. Reg.), a member of Chapter 131, Northwest Ohio, had shown me.

It was pretty easy to imagine myself in his shoes; commanding a mortar company on some far off ridge in the “Punchbowl,” under constant threat from North Korean and Chinese soldiers...maybe sharing some of my American chocolate with a South Korean comrade, or putting beer in my helmet to shave with because there just wasn’t enough water.

Soon, our transports passed the checkpoints and we were officially in the DMZ. Once we arrived at the Joint Security Area (JSA) in Panmunjom, we got out of the buses and passed silently in single file through a large, modern building called the Freedom House. We exited through glass doors at the rear and came outside to descending concrete steps and a paved road stretching from right to left in front of us.

Standing across the road were three long, blue buildings. They didn’t look like much, but as I stood before them I realized I was standing in history, and this place was a seamless fusion of past and present. Farther beyond the blue buildings was a larger concrete structure with a wide flight of stairs and dimly overhung windows, called Panmungak, North Korea’s main building in the JSA. In the quietness I know we all felt a distinctly tense presence. The surrounding buildings, though devoid of visible life, made one feel as though you were being watched. And I am quite sure we were.

North Korea always maintains a guard standing outside the door to Panmungak, in all weather and at all times of day. Unfortunately, for the curious among us, that guard was the only North Korean we

saw on our trip.

Understandably, there were a number of rules we were required to follow while in the Demilitarized Zone, and in the JSA particularly. A dress code stipulated that no blue jeans or tee-shirts were allowed, because the North Koreans would take pictures and use them as propaganda displaying Western-capitalist decadence. No open toed shoes, sandals or flip-flops were allowed either, so that we might have something reliable to run in, should we need to make a quick getaway. Pictures would only be allowed in certain areas and behind lines marked on the ground. Any pointing or sudden gestures were also prohibited.

Our U.S. military escort took us in groups of 30 across the road into the middle blue building, called the MAC Conference Room. There were two intimidating South Korean soldiers guarding the interior of the building. You may recognize these distinctive guards by their dark sunglasses, green helmets and fists clenched in a modified Tae Kwon Do stance. Four more stood guard outside the buildings.

Within was a large wooden table where North and South Korea conduct diplomatic negotiations. Apparently, when it was first used an argument ensued over who got to sit at which end of the table. When I passed the center of the room, I crossed over officially into North Korean territory. Entering North Korea in the MAC room is the only safe way to do so in the DMZ. It was very cool to be allowed in such a historical place and to be able to move around so freely, although we couldn’t do just anything.

We were told that we might take pictures with the guards while inside, but not to touch or get too close, as they were on duty and would react forcibly to any advances. As a precaution, one of the guards inside stood in front of the door that led outside and to the North Korean side. We were told that when a routine check on the door’s lock is made it must be done with two guards. One soldier will check the lock and the other will push on the door to keep it closed. In the past, the North Koreans tried to abduct a guard by pushing the door open and dragging him

through. The attempt was unsuccessful, but resulted in additional precautions.

After we re-boarded the buses, our tour resumed as we continued the circuit around Panmunjom. We were told a number of stories and given highlights in the 57-year history of the JSA. Rounding a corner, we came upon a clearing through some trees and saw the Bridge of No Return where the “Little Switch” and “Big Switch” prisoner exchanges took place. After the Axe Murder Incident (1976), in which two US Army officers were killed in an attack by North Koreans, international law demanded strict enforcement of the demarcations for the bridge. Its usage was soon ended when North Korea built its own bridge.

We also stopped at an observatory to view the only two villages in the DMZ, one North Korean and one South Korean, separated by only 1.4 miles. In the 1980s South Korea built a 323-ft-tall flagpole in its village. North Korea was then compelled to construct an even taller pole at 525 feet, which was at that time the world’s tallest. North Korea’s massive flag weighs nearly 600 lbs. Even though South Korea’s flag is of similar size, it weighs a mere 287 lbs.

After leaving the DMZ and returning to Seoul, calmness returned and we all relaxed a bit. That night we were afforded a short time out on the town to eat dinner, explore and visit some. After our excursion in the Shopping District, our buses dropped us off for a trek up to Seoul Tower. Known as the most beautiful tower in Asia, Seoul Tower is 776 feet tall and situated on a hill overlooking the city. The view at night was spectacular, with the combination of the Tower’s changing lights and the expanse of Seoul all lit up underneath it.

We were also privileged to travel in the countryside away from the city on a couple days. One of those outings included a day-long trip south to visit the United Nations Cemetery in Busan (formerly spelled Pusan). As many of you may know, Busan is at the southern tip of the Korean peninsula and is some distance (200 miles) from Seoul. To get there and back to Seoul in one day we took KTX high speed rail, which makes the trip in

slightly over two hours.

Twenty-three-hundred men from 11 different countries are interred in the UN Cemetery, as are some unknown Allied soldiers and non-belligerents. After an introduction in the chapel and wreath laying ceremony beneath the UN flag, we were allowed to move about the grounds and pay our individual respects with a single white rose given to each of us. I placed mine in the American section after saying a quiet prayer.

In wandering the grounds I found that the cemetery was a good deal larger than it appeared from the entrance. In the lower region was a reflecting pool surrounded by a tall black wall, very reminiscent of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C. The names of those who died fighting in the war are engraved up and down the wall, with the Americans being listed state by state.

The next morning, in Seoul, we participated in what was called a bicycle ride for peace at Yeouido Han Riverside Park. We each had a balloon in the form of a white dove tied to the handlebars of our bikes which we released, in unison, into the air. Our ride around the bike path then commenced. Afterwards, we took a short cruise on the Han River. On the way to our next stop we toured the soccer stadium that hosted the 2002 FIFA World Cup.

That next planned event was a few hours at Seoul's Sang'am Digital Media City, which showcases Korea's cutting edge technological industry. Then came my favorite part of the day, and easily in my top three favorites of my entire time in Korea: a performance of the stage show called Fanta-stick. I would describe it as a mix of comedy-theater and the show many people know as Stomp. The program was visually stunning and absolutely hilarious. It included beautiful music, which was a tasteful combination of traditional Korean and modern music.

We spent one night away from our hotel in Seoul. That was at the Cheonan National Youth Center. Its mission is the training of Korean youth in leadership, network building and hosting international youth interchange activities; a perfect fit for Peace Camp for Youth. Its rural setting was a quiet and restful break from the speed and sounds of Seoul. We were able to learn traditional Korean cultural practices there,

including mask making and dance.

My choice of free time activity at the Youth Center was soccer. But it was unlike any game of soccer I had ever played before, or likely will again. Since our Peace Camp was a regular international event, I got to play soccer with about 50 guys from all over the world. Since soccer is unofficially the world's sport, I just thought it was the coolest thing to be able to play some 'football' with other guys from England, Columbia, Ethiopia, Turkey, Canada, Korea, Belgium, France and others.

Our last full day saw us return to Seoul for one more outing and the closing ceremonies later that night. In the afternoon we visited the historic Gyeongbokgung Palace and the National Folk Museum of Korea. The Palace, built in 1395, was destroyed by a fire in the early 1500s, but was later restored in the early 1900s. The Palace itself was only one of many buildings within the outer walls. The structures were beautifully ornate and drew heavily from what most Westerners would call Chinese or Japanese architecture.

Later that evening we had dinner and the Peace Camp for Youth closing ceremonies. The food was first class: steak, wine and gourmet dessert. Several dignitaries attended this formal event, including a representative from the South Korean government and the Defense Minister of New Zealand. Speeches were given and many thanks were exchanged. Recently made memories were lived again as video of our time was put up on screens for us to watch.

After dinner came what was easily my favorite part of my experience in Korea. We were ushered into forming a large circle around the room which broke and began making a line to shake hands. The line was such that after the last person in the line shook your hand you followed the line and were able to shake the hands of all those with whom you had not yet done so. In this manner, each one of us 170 or so participants could personally meet each other.

The concept itself was the embodiment of what the Peace Camp was about. It was tremendously moving to see the gratitude and pleasure everyone had in sharing each other's company: how people from different cultures and all corners of the Earth

could be united in peace and common purpose. Shaking hands with each of those people was my greatest pleasure and honor. While fun, it was also consciously bittersweet to know that most of us would be departing in the morning and our short time together would end. But not before we partied a little bit.

During this time, different cultural performances took place, including dances and skits put together by each country's participants. The members of my bus group, with whom I rode for the duration of the trip, also put on a skit. Many people brought small gifts from their countries to share; I received many presents from places and friends around the world.

The government of the Republic of Korea was especially generous. Four volumes of Korean history books were left in our hotel rooms in addition to a gift bag with a number of useful items inside. We were also provided with a wonderful memorandum DVD with video of our time in Korea and over a thousand pictures taken by photographers.

My memories of Korea and the friends I made there remain quite vivid, even without pictures or videos. And, with everything considered, it would be easy for me to describe each moment to you, in great detail. But I think what I have said covers all that would be meaningful to another person.

Much of what I remember about my time in Korea is personal; that is, it is probably significant or entertaining only to me. I am sure that for those of you who were in Korea fighting, or aiding the fight, there are some events you just can't forget either. Time just cannot dim some memories, be they good or bad.

My grandfather has shared much with me of his experiences in the Korean War. In that, I am fortunate, because I know that not every veteran is quite open to sharing. I can hear the stories and imagine places, think what it must have sounded like, but I cannot experience it in my mind as he has in the flesh. That doesn't stop me from trying, though.

Going to Korea provided me with an experience that, in my family, only my grandfather and I share. It is something that I cherish and will hold special all my

life. I am honored, beyond what I can describe, to be a part of his legacy, and likewise a small part of yours, too.

I think it is my duty to carry on your memories and make sure that they do not die with your generation or my own. Being a student of history at the University of Toledo, I have both a professional and personal interest in what you have done. And I want to share that interest with others during my lifetime, especially my children when I have them.

I feel the way I do because I am grateful for your sacrifice. I recognize it was a sacrifice to be away from your wife, your girlfriend, your children, your parents, your home and your own warm bed, knowing your life was in danger at all moments of day and night. It is no ordinary job to be a soldier, far from home and living closer to death than most people ever will.

Some good friends went to Korea with you, but did not come back; others who did return have become good friends. I, too, made many of my own good friends in Korea and some I talk to pretty regularly, even though they are far away or in other countries. I look upon them as my own "war" buddies, people with whom I share distinct and special memories. I know there is that sense among you and your comrades from Korea, because an experience like war does that to you.

Peace Camp for Youth was an experience I will never forget. It was certainly unique, an experience I never expected to have. I know we all want another conflict like that of the 1950s to be averted and peace again to cover the Korean peninsula. We hope and pray that the two separate countries may again be joined as one, under freedom and democratic government by the people, not communism or dictatorships.

I owe my thanks to the Republic of Korea and the generosity of their people. A program like this is evidence of how grateful they still are, after 60 years, for their freedom and all it has allowed them to accomplish. Without the Republic's sponsorship and organization of this event, I would probably never have gone to Korea in my life

nor gained such a respect for the Korean people and their culture. I very much hope they continue to see the value in Peace Camp for Youth and I look forward to its continued success. "Kamsamnida."

Thanks also to my friends from Peace Camp 2010. Everyone was spectacular and made my time in Korea so much more fun. We are all different in some way, by nationality or personality, but the differences made for a great time and I am so glad to have known, and know, all of you. Thank you also to Bill McCulloch from Military Historical Tours for his guidance and great help in getting me safely to Korea and back again. I would definitely encourage any grandchildren of Korean War veterans to think about applying to go to Peace Camp for Youth. It is an opportunity you only get once in a lifetime.

Lastly, I thank you Korean War veterans again. Thanks especially to my grandfather, Larry Kish, who has given me a legacy of family and country. Whether you are a veteran or one who carries the torch for them, I owe you my most sincere thanks for the preservation of freedom and liberty around the globe and here at home. To all other grandfathers of Korea, World War II, Vietnam and all veterans of foreign wars: thank

you. I promise to keep your story alive, to uphold our nation and live in a manner worthy of your honor.

Maybe you didn't even really know why you were there, fighting for a bunch of people you had never seen before. I can tell you one thing – they are mighty glad you fought for them, and damned proud of you.

Again, if I may ask one thing of you, it is that you look into returning to Korea once more. If you are able to, it would be, I believe, the best form of closure to an event that has defined your life for the past 60 years. There are numerous groups in existence for this type of return trip, even one similarly sponsored by the Korean government. I would highly recommend considering it - when you are ready. (And for the record, Korean Air has to be the best in the world, so you are in for a treat going there and coming back.) May the Lord bless and keep you, and our great country.

With deepest gratitude and admiration,

Lucas S. Hoffman, Toledo, Ohio, grandson of Laurence Kish, 40th Infantry Division, 223rd Infantry Regiment, K Company, 44 Birkhead Pl., Toledo, OH 43608-2321, 419-241-9446. Punchbowl & Heartbreak Ridge; August 2, 1952 –



PCFY students posing for final picture and saying goodbye at Farewell Banquet

Official Membership Application Form

The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE Assigned Membership Number: _____

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Please Check One: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal Member (# _____)

Please Check One ☐ Medal of Honor ☐ Regular Member ☐ Regular Life Member ☐ Associate Member
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From _____ To _____

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"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.]

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Check One

- ☐ Medal of Honor: I am a Medal of Honor recipient 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 ____.
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on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
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on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.

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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.

- 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.
- Medal of Honor.** Any KWVA Member, who is a Medal of Honor recipient, is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
- 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 [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
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B. Associate Members.

- Must not be eligible for Regular membership.
- 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, shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the Association. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

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D. Ineligible. Any person who has been separated from the service of the Armed Forces of the United States under conditions other than honorable shall be ineligible for membership in this Association.

U.S. Army 235th Anniversary Ball A

By Robert Banker

June 14th is a special day in the history of the United States Army. This was the day in 1775 when the Continental Congress formed the Continental Army. In 2010 its existence had covered 235 years. In commemoration, a United States Army Ball was scheduled for June 12, 2010 at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center at The National Harbor in Axon, Maryland, overlooking the Potomac River.

Planning included inviting veterans from different wars and operations to provide a toast at the beginning of the evening events. My name was given to the Ball Committee. On April 15th, I received an invitation to attend from event planner LTC Karla Brischke. She advised that another Korea veteran could be included, since they wished to have two veterans for each war time period. I spoke to my friend, comrade and fellow member of Maryland Chapter #33 Ralph Nasatka and asked if he would like to attend with his wife, Regina. Ralph agreed that they would attend. My daughter, Katharine Steinwandel, accompanied me.

We completed arrangements with LTC Brischke, who informed me that they expected approximately 3,000 attendees. Ralph and I were extremely proud to rep-



resent all the veterans of the Korean War from its onset to those who have served and are now serving in Korea from the time of the armistice on July 27, 1953 to the present day.

When we arrived at the hotel, we were escorted to our table. Sitting with us was Major General Douglas L. Carver, the Chief of Chaplains in the U.S. Army. After some introductory remarks, the veterans were escorted to their places in the center of the ballroom, so that each unit could

propose a toast. Our toast was "To Our Fallen Comrades." We all were the center of attention and, at the conclusion of the toasts, we received a warm round of applause.

Some of the speakers who followed were John M. McHugh, Secretary of the Army, George W. Casey, Jr., General United States Army, Chief of Staff and Kenneth O. Preston, Sergeant Major of the Army. A special event was the appearance of the United States Army Drill Team.

To quote from the schedule, "The soldiers use the 1903 Springfield Rifle, 40 inches long, weighing 10.5 lbs. and fixed with a sharp, chrome-plated bayonet. Marching cadence at 60 steps a minute the timing must be letter perfect, as all routines are performed without vocal cadence or musical cues." It was a sort of "hold your breath" performance!



Regina and Ralph Nasatka (L), Katharine Steinwandel, Bob Banker having a ball at the Ball

'Ball'

Bob Banker (C) exchanges Army stories with four on-duty Soldiers at Army Ball

Later in the evening, my daughter and I took a little break and walked the hallway. While we were chatting, I noticed an officer dressed in a natty tuxedo also with the artillery-red cummerbund. He informed me that he was with the 8th Field Artillery, B Battery. A remarkable coincidence, since I was with the 25th Infantry Division, 8th Field Artillery and also Battery B. He talked of the remarkable accuracy and range of their current weapons, taking into consideration the rotation of the earth, etc. My IOSs seemed even smaller in comparison.

A little later I met the Secretary of the Army, John M. McHugh. I asked him if he would be kind enough to allow a picture to be taken and he graciously agreed.

The entertainer was Trace Atkins, a country music star who, over the past number of years, has given his time to attend many functions in support of the United States military. When the stage was made available to him and his band, the interest in his music was remarkable—hundreds of people circled the band stage, moving in time with his music and songs.

As Ralph has said, it was an honor to represent all those who served in Korea, truly a humbling experience. Ralph and his wife Regina had a great time exchanging stories of their time in the service with their fellow comrades. It brought back memories of when he was in Korea in 1953 and 1954.

In October 1954 Ralph was offered a promotion to Sergeant or going home with the 3rd Division a month later. As he said, "I didn't have to think about that." Of course, he came home.

All too early, at 10 p.m., my daughter and I said goodbye. On the way out of the hotel, I met four active duty troops in their combat fatigues; they were on duty. I shook the hand of each and then we left. On the way to my daughter's home, she made a comment that I had never considered.

Although I served for almost two years, I always considered myself to be a



Bob Banker (R), John M. McHugh, Katharine Steinwandal (L) at Army Ball

drafted serving my country. Her comment was, "You know, Dad, you are a member of the Club!" Through her eyes, she could see and feel the respect all personnel, from the Secretary of the Army on down, gave to all the veterans.

It was a remarkable evening, to be remembered for all time. It was a great

honor for Ralph and me to represent those who served or are presently serving in Korea.

Robert S. Banker, Maryland Chap. #33, 516 Millwood Dr., Fallston, MD 21047.



U.S. Army Colonel (L), whose name escapes Bob Banker, reminisced at Army Ball

APPLICATION FOR KOREA REVISIT & PEACE CAMP FOR YOUTH (PCFY) TOURS

(UPDATED 01/16/11)

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

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NOTE: If you have not yet received your membership # from KWVA please insert "applied for."

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Korea Revisit Only

Veterans Passport# _____ Exp Date _____ Date of Birth (DOB) _____

Companion Name/Relationship _____ DOB _____

Companion's Passport# _____ Exp Date _____

NOTE: If you do not have a passport with 6 months validity after last date of return to USA and have applied for a new one, please insert "Applied for" in the space provided and contact MHT when you receive it.

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Veterans / family member signature _____ Date _____

Complete and mail this form along with the \$450.00 deposit / service-fee per person (check, money order or Credit Card) to Military Historical Tours. Payment in full is required for applications submitted within sixty days of tour departure.

(PCFY) Peace Camp For Youth (Only)

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Background

The Korea Revisit program was begun by the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA/Seoul) in 1975 for the 25th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War to express the **Republic of Korea (ROK's)** government's gratitude to Korean War veterans and their families also to show them the bountiful results of

their sacrifices and devotion.

MPVA's Eligibility Requirements

Korean War Veterans who served in or supported ground, naval, or air operations in the Korean Theater between June 25, 1950 and October 15, 1954. **Family members** of deceased or disabled Veterans are eligible to participate in the "Korea Revisit Program." An eligible applicant is allowed

to bring a family member or friend as a "travel companion."

Expanded Eligibility

- 1) For the 60th anniversaries (2010-13) there will be more quotas available. In addition, those who have been on a Revisit prior to 2006 can apply to return again. (Call MHT for more details)

2) Widows and family members of deceased veterans or those unable to travel are also eligible for the Revisit as **Veteran Representatives**.

Benefits & Schedule

Free hotel accommodations for the veteran their companion or veteran representatives, meals for 5 nights and 6 days in Seoul for 2 people. If you want to bring more people you may at your expense. Accommodations are based on (2) persons per room, if you want your own hotel room you may at your own expense. All of the above items need to be requested in writing. Tours of Seoul and its vicinity, banquet hosted by the MPVA and KVA with presentation of the "Ambassador for Peace" medal, tours of the DMZ, Pan-Mun-Jom, War Memorial Museum, and the National Cemetery.

Peace Camp For Youth (PCFY) Program for Grandchildren of Veterans Purpose is to express the sincere gratitude of the Korean people and to build a network for future collaboration among **Families of Korean War Veterans**. Grandchildren must be at least 18 years old.

Benefits & Schedule for (PCFY)

Same as the Veterans tour with an extra day of events and subsidizes are per person, with no companions.

Sundry Notes

1. The MPVA Revisit Program privileges are provided for scheduled groups only.
2. Participants are required to have a valid passport that does not expire until 6 months after return to the USA.
3. Neither MPVA Seoul nor MHT Virginia U.S.A is responsible for any loss of or damage to personal or other items; medical expenses, injuries or loss of life due to any accident of any nature during the tour.
4. Hospitalization, Evacuation and Trip Cancellation Insurance is required by MPVA for all veterans, companions or veteran representatives. Insurance costs are included in the admin service charge for Korea only.
5. Transportation costs to/from Korea will be borne by each person who participates in the program. The Korean government is now subsidizing airfare for persons traveling with the MHT administered group.
6. Applications will be received/accepted on a "First-come, first-served" basis.
7. Use of frequent flyer miles or other "free" transportation is allowed, but the administrative service fee of **\$450.00** per person is still required for the insurance and administration.

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books about the Korean War.

Wikipedia haughtily describes the Forgotten War this way:

The Forgotten War is occasionally applied by historians to other wars and conflicts.

Historically speaking, the term typically implies that public recognition of said war is considered to be disproportionately low in relation to the perceived relationship historical significance of a conflict in the eyes of the historians in question. There is thus no definitive definition of the criteria that a war or conflict must have in order to be classified as 'forgotten,' and thus it is a subjective historical term."

One of my Korean War veteran pals was the late Dick Rode, who gave this answer to my question:

Most likely, the reasons for the Forgotten

War title were that there was never a clear-cut victory. The war only affected a small portion of our country, and there was no enemy threat to our shores. People were enjoying prosperity and good times. And the biggest reason is, we tried to forget and we succeeded. Maybe we should have been more in the face about our accomplishments."

These are all good answers to my question. Maybe they are not the final answers, but I will take what has been offered. I will leave it there because I now feel that I have a much better understanding of my often-asked question "Why?"

Reach Gunnar Osterberg, 23 Monarch Bay Dr., Dana Point, CA 92629-3401, 949-499-1512, gunsbabs@cox.net

Looking Forward To At Least One More Reunion

Get To Them While You Can

As we make our advance reservations for the 45th Thunderbird reunion this coming September, we remember Dick Anderson, Dick Rode, John McLain, Bill Oelkers, and Andrew Terry (the "Opera Singer"), all of whom have departed our group since the 2003 reunion.

Medic John McLain passed on to a more peaceful place while he was making plans to attend the 2005 reunion. John and his close medic friend Sam Gann served under battalion surgeon Dr. "Bob" Schorr; both were at the 2005 reunion.

John, Sam and Dr. Bob always lamented on the casualties that were beyond their help in saving, but they should have an everlasting feeling for the many who they patched up for a future longer life.

By the way, where was Christmas Hill? I am glad that I detailed four years ago the location of OP Queen (Christmas Hill) as many have inquired in recent years about "where was I back then?" The *KoreanWarProject.org* has since combined their military maps with Google Earth so you can retrace your old steps sitting by your computer instead of the "burning lungs" from that long struggling walk up the mountain.

Christmas Hill is on Mundung-Ni grid

map at 41-05 and now located midway in the DMZ. The MLR behind us was at Hill 1220 40-04. You will note on map Hill 1090 and an adjacent twin that we identified as "1090 South" and the finger extending north to a diamond marker "1090 north" was OP Queen; just north was the mountainous mass of Christmas Hill at 1277.

Our 2nd Bn. of 180th were at the 1090N-1090S area July 2, 1953 until July 19, when the 1st Bn. of 179th relieved us as we were beat to hell from an onslaught of CCF on July 15. Meanwhile, the 1st Bn. of 180 was located to our west at 42-03 at a location called OP Texas, overlooking steep terrain down to the destroyed village of Pau-Gol. They also were replaced on July 19 by 2nd Bn. of 179, who weathered the CCF mortars and artillery until the cease fire of July 27, 1953. We had the 14th BCT (Philippines) to our east flank and the 5th RCT to our west flank. Christmas Hill was previously held by ROK 5th & 7th and lost to 60th CCF late June.

We all should have a memorable reunion while our minds and bodies are up to the cause.

Peace and God Bless,

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The USA Group at Farewell Banquet. See story on page 38.