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From the President

William Mac Swain

I went to South Korea during June and I was amazed at the changes I saw in just one short year. When I was there in 1951 and 1952 there were no paved roads. Yet, as I traveled to different areas in June I traveled on modern highways, through cities that now have modern buildings that line the streets and through at least fifty tunnels blown through the mountains.

I sat on a bench along a plaza outside a McDonald's and watched as teenagers came out, mounted themselves on motor scooters, and delivered hamburgers to the businesses around the area. Inside the McDonald's there were individuals with their computers using Wi-Fi hookups to surf the web and look at their e-mails. It was like being in my hometown, only they were talking in a language that I could not understand.

Here were individuals going about their business in a free atmosphere, yet having an enemy only a few miles away who would like to become like them, but does not have the freedom to do so. It was a miracle I was looking at that was hard to realize after having seen South Korea in the 1950s era.

I thought at one time that South Korea had succeeded in becoming a great nation in just 57 years after the so-called armistice because they began to teach their citizens how to read and write—and their education process was very successful. However, I learned while talking to a young college student that it could have been a different reason. The student said that it was because the South Korean people are competitive. He mentioned that they decided to compete against the Asian countries close to them, and that Japan was the model they wanted most to compete with.

We can now see that South Koreans have caught up with their competition and are equal or greater in the auto, steel, electronic, ship building and many other industries. They are really proud of that accomplishment. However, they recog-

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nize that this would not have happened if they had not had the help of all the nations that came to their rescue. That is why they say many times to us veterans of the Korean War, "If you hadn't helped, we would not be here today."

They are sincere when they say that. As a matter of fact, they are one of our best allies at this time. That is why we could count on them for help in the Vietnam War, Iraq War, and in Afghanistan. That is also why every American Korean War veteran should be proud of what was accomplished in South Korea, when freedom was won. More importantly, it has been maintained for these past 57 years, allowing South Korea to become a helper nation, just like America.

I remind you of some important dates coming up in September, October and November to make sure everyone gets the information in a timely manner before the events are over and you have not yet received our magazine. We recognize Patriots Day on September 11, 2011. That is what we used to call "9/11." Patriot's Day is now Public Law 107-89.

All American flags of individuals, the White House, and all government offices are to be flown at half-mast. A time of silence is to be observed at 8:46 a.m. EST, which is the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Following that date comes September 16, 2011, which is POW/MIA Recognition Day. This is to honor all the POW/MIAs who are still not accounted for. We Korean War veterans must remember those POWs and MIAs during our war as our missing buddies, who never got to complete their lives as we did, and to remember their families also.

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Finally, on November 11, 2011, Veterans Day will occur. There will be ceremonies in towns and cities across the nation. I will be in Washington DC for the National Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony. I will place wreaths at our Korean War Monument and the Tomb of the Unknown. My Ceremonies Chairman and Chapter 33 Color Guards will accompany me.

We have received 5,000 books on the Korean War for our "Tell America Project" from the Korean government. We expect to notify soon those chapters and individuals on our waiting list who did not receive any of the first 7,000 books. Unfortunately, we still have to ask for those who want the books to pay the postage for us to send them out.

I also remind each member that the Legacy of the Korean War Foundation has donated funds to help pay for the editor's cost on *The Graybeards*. This is one of the purposes of this Foundation. I suggest that you visit the website at www.legacykw.org to learn more about it. It is operated by Korean War veterans as volunteers. All funds donated will go toward educating the American public about the Korean War and what its accomplished.

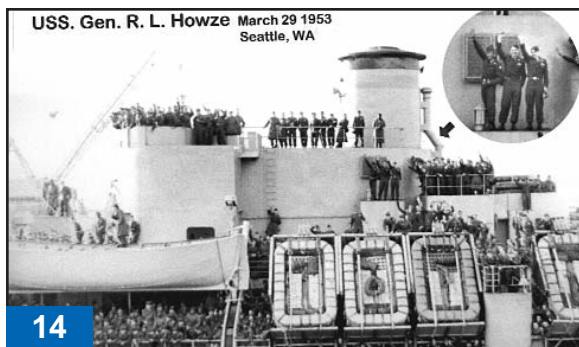
Good news! South Korea has been selected to host the 2018 Winter Olympics at the host city of Pyeongchang, located in Gangwon Province. It is approximately 110 miles due east of Seoul.

William Mac Swain,
President

COVER: Spring flower festival in Seoul.
Every year more than 4 million people visit the National Assembly Building. This year was no different and this was one of the photos captured by the 51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs office during their day of exploration, April 16. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Chad Thompson)



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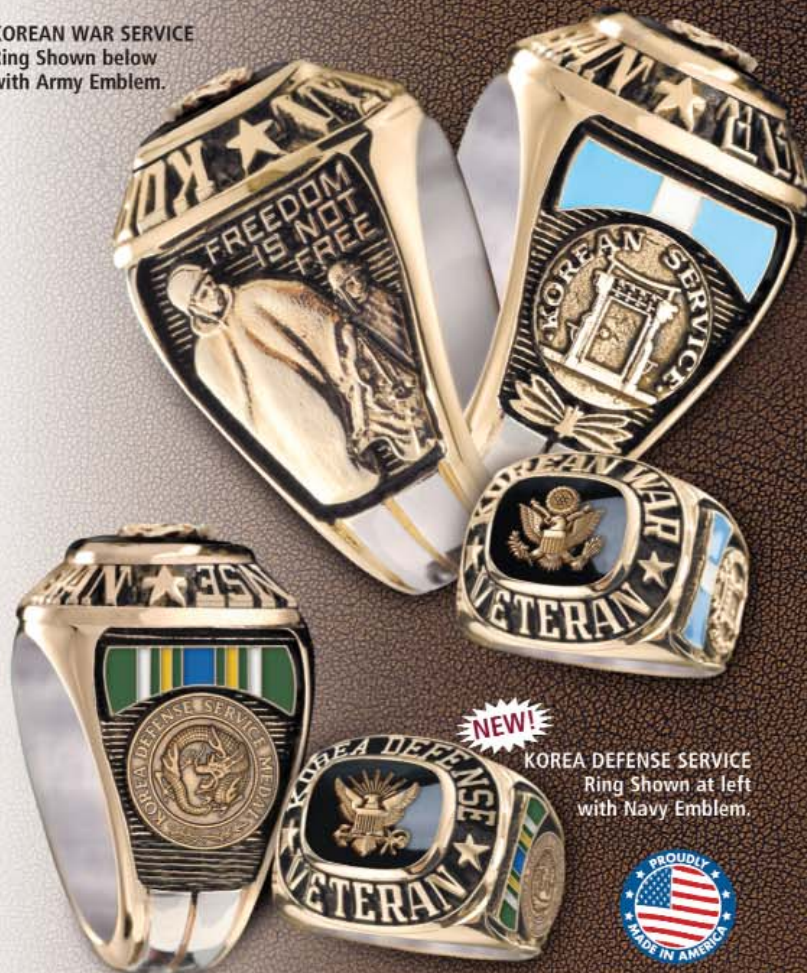
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From the Secretary



Frank Cohee

Recipients Of The FAVKW Scholarships

Those of you who read my articles may recall that in the May/June 2011 issue I said I would give you the names of the twelve FAVKW scholarship recipients in the Jul/Aug issue. Here they are: Thomas J. Hall (NY); Grant M. Gilmour (AL); Kaitlyn N. Childress (SC); Benjamin M. Siehoff (WI); Daniel Kish (MI); Austin R. Dietrich (CA); Viktoria V. Grindle (ME); Jessica T. Lake (IL); Jason M. Byers (VA); Alexander P. Branch (NJ); Shelby L. Watson (KY); Colin D. Sweeney (OH).

All 52 students who applied were qualified for a scholarship. Unfortunately, only 12 scholarships were available. I have to say this: the Korean War veterans have some smart grandchildren.

Ironically, I live in Florida—and there are no recipients from my home state! I do know the grandfather of one of the recipients, LTC, USA, (Ret) Donald Byers, from VA. Don works for our revisit coordinator, Warren Wiedhahn. I mention this only because his grandson, along with one other person, took the time to express their appreciation on being selected by the KWVA as a recipient of the scholarship.

The other person was Jessica Lake, from IL. She sent me a nice appreciation card and also a picture of her and her grandfather. What a beautiful lady, and a smart one at that. Her GPA was 4.51. Her grandfather is member Bruce Wilke.

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I received a handwritten letter from member Guy Comley, who was reading the 2010 Membership and Personal History Directory. He had read that pictures of the old man and the boy on page 11 of the directory were available through requests to the editor. Well, that picture and article were on the cover of the May-June 1998 issue.

Vince Krepps, not Art Sharp, was the editor at that time. I received a request a couple years ago and had talked to Vince, who said that he still has several copies of that cover, and that they are “suitable for framing.” So, I called Vince again after I read Mr. Comley’s letter. He brought the copies that he had to the “Gathering” in Arlington, VA, 24-27 July 2011 and gave them to me.

I turned them over to our membership department for resale to any members who would like one. Look for the advertisement on the website. If you do not have access to the website, call the membership department at the number listed on page 2 in *The Graybeards*.

*Frank Cohee,
National Secretary, KWVA*

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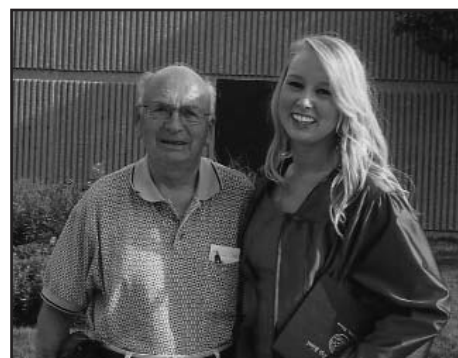
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Jessica Lake and her grandfather



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One Wednesday night not too long ago I was attending a concert featuring a Neil Diamond sound-alike singer on the town green in Southington, CT. This was small town America at its best.

About 300 people, most of them, like me, older than the coal that eventually forms diamonds, sat on a variety of lawn chairs, blankets, cardboard boxes...whatever they could find...to listen to the faux Diamond belt out tunes. They were a hardy group.

The concert was scheduled to start at 7 p.m. Unfortunately severe thunderstorms and heavy rain invaded the town exactly at that hour, so everyone had to wait an hour and a half for the band to set up, practice, and start playing. That was okay with me: I had a sideshow to watch.

Our little group was sitting about ten yards from the flagpole, which was illuminated by a brilliant light focused on the flags atop it. Once the wind and rain stopped and the skies cleared, the breeze took a rest. The U.S. flag and the POW/MIA flag, thirty feet off the ground, were as limp as my hand after keyboarding eighty pages for *The Graybeards*. They were not moving. But that was not the whole show.

There was a hawk sitting on the top of the flagpole. Two mockingbirds kept harassing the larger bird, which had apparently done something to anger them. There is nothing more formidable than a mockingbird scorned. I have seen them attack garden hoses and cats with equal abandon—and no fear. Apparently, the hawk was related to a hose or a cat, judging by the mockingbirds' ferocity.

There was something symbolic to me about their attack. At first, the hawk pretty much ignored the two mockingbirds, which flew around it relentlessly in a coordinated attack just above the flags. The scene reminded me of a warlike government intent on using the flag as a symbol to justify its attacks on a weaker enemy, e.g., North Korea invading South Korea in 1950.

Granted, I would not have thought that way were I not the editor of *The Graybeards*. I would have thought about the ongoing battle in terms like NATO attacking

The real Neil Diamond sang about an America that is revered by immigrants and residents alike, one that does not have to concern itself with attacks from North Korea, Libya, or any other aggressors....What a world it would be if that were always the case.

Libya or Japan attacking the United States. In this case, the roles were reversed. The mockingbirds symbolized the aggressor and the hawk represented the attacked side. The flags lying limply below the opposing sides could have represented either, since POWs and MIAs from all sides are one of the unfortunate results of conflicts between hawks and mockingbirds.

Finally, the hawk gave into the mockingbirds. It left its perch on the flagpole, pursued by the feisty mockingbirds. They all flew off into the gathering dusk and I refocused on the upcoming concert. I could not but help think I was the only one in the crowd who tied in the hawk, the mockingbirds, and the juxtaposition of the flags resting after their battle with the long-gone wind and rain.

Well, "Neil Diamond" finally began his long-delayed concert. I never knew that the real Neil Diamond had so many hits to his credit. Neither did one young person nearby, who I overheard asking his grandfather, "Who was Neil Diamond?" I took that personally, as I suddenly realized that Neil Diamond was my contemporary—and we were both almost as old as the flags on the top of that pole.

Anyway, we got to the end of the concert. Apparently, the crowd knew from previous concerts that "Faux Neil" always saved his major hit, "America," for last. (The song is also known as "Coming to America" or "They're coming to America.") This paean to immigration was a major hit for the real Diamond in 1981, reaching number one on at least one chart. Even the flags responded!

Those flags had not stirred since the concert began. Then, when the crowd began singing in unison with Faux Diamond, the flags began whipping in the wind which arose suddenly. By that time the hawk and the mockingbirds had disappeared, taking with them the symbols of war and aggres-

siveness. There existed nothing in their absence but the patriotic singing of the pro-American crowd and the spotlight on two flags extending outward ostentatiously as if to epitomize a society without hawks and mockingbirds, living in peace and harmony.

Hey, it could happen. The real Neil Diamond sang about an America that is revered by immigrants and residents alike, one that does not have to concern itself with attacks from North Korea, Libya, or any other aggressors. The people in small town America believed in that ideal on a Wednesday night in small-town Southington, CT. The hawk and the mockingbird were off someplace else continuing their never-ending battle. What a world it would be if that were always the case.

Let's run that wish up the flagpole and hope the ideals expressed by either the real or the faux Neil Diamond can make it come true—especially in the case of North and South Korea.

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Requirements:

Applicants must:

A. Present proof of service by submitting a separate signed Official KWVA Membership Application Form showing eligible service years and a statement releasing the application form for verification by the Elections Committee (no fee required).

B. Present a current photograph, suitable for publication in The Graybeards.

C. Submit a letter, signed and dated, limited to approximately one (1) page, including the following:

- 1) Your intent to run for an office and the office sought.
- 2) A resume of your qualifications for this office, stating any experience that will be of benefit to the Association.
- 3) Your current mailing address, telephone number and KWVA membership number.
- 4) Your email address, if available.
- 5) Alternate email address and alternate phone number, if available.
- 6) A statement that you will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and that you understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for your removal from office.
- 7) A statement that your dues are current through the whole term of the office that you are seeking. **Note:** Payment of delinquent dues shall not be retroactive for the purpose of establishing eligibility to run for office within the Association.

D. Send the above items by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Elections Committee Chairman, to arrive not later than December 15, 2011.

Applicants are requested to contact the Elections Committee Chairman if they have any questions.

Address application packages and questions to: Thomas M. McHugh, Election Committee Chairman, 217 Seymour Road, Hackettstown, NJ 07840: Ph: 908-852-1964 Email: TMMcHugh@msn.com

The KWVA election process is as follows:

- The Elections Committee certifies the candidates who are qualified to stand for office.
- The candidate declarations are sent to the editor of The Graybeards for publication in the January-February 2012 edition.
- The ballots are also published in that edition.
- Members cast their ballots by June 10th and mail them to the KWVA-approved CPA.
- The CPA counts the ballots and reports the results via certified tally sheets to the Elections Committee.
- The results reported by the CPA are verified by the Elections Committee.
- Copies of the completed and verified tally sheets are sent by certified mail to each of the 15 Board Members, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and to each of the candidates for office, regardless of whether they are a winner or loser.

Frank
KWVA National Secretary

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NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

KWVA Bylaws Change

The following change to Article II, Section 3 of the KWVA Bylaws was approved by the Board of Directors at their Meeting on July 25, 2011. Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2, Bylaws Amendments the Membership is hereby notified that the change will be presented for ratification at the next scheduled Membership Meeting.

The motion to amend the Bylaws that was approved requires changes in the dates and event sequences that will define and extend the election process to allow sufficient time, beginning with an earlier Candidate submittal date.

The revised Bylaws text is inserted below in ***bold italics***.

Section 3. Association Elections. All criteria and procedures for the election of the President and two(2) Vice Presidents, as well as the appropriate Directors of the Board, shall be developed and approved by the KWVA Board for inclusion and use in the KWVA Standard Procedure Manual (SPM).

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

B. The Association Secretary shall issue a call for an election, which shall be published in an Edition of The Graybeards as specified in the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM).

C. Any Regular member in good standing, as defined in the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM) of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., may run for the open offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, or Director.

Respectfully,
George E. Lawhon LR18750
Director
Chairman, KWVA Bylaws Committee

Was It Death By Execution?

By Arthur G. Sharp©

There are mysteries of war that might never be answered. How can a Soldier volunteer time in an orphanage one day and kill his enemy ruthlessly the next without a second thought? How can a Navy fighter pilot shoot down an enemy plane without remorse, yet fraternize with his former enemy aviators as soon as the war ends? How can a Marine shoot and wound a foe in close combat and then render first aid to him when the fighting ends?

Why, at times, does it take a family member so long to learn the precise circumstances of how his brother died in action or for the Army to award the medals due the fallen Soldier? It is the last questions in particular that have bothered 84-year-old Randy Wilson for sixty years.

For six decades Edwin (“Randy”) Wilson of Pineville, LA has wondered why it took the U.S. Army so long to determine exactly how his brother Louis died. As he said, “Nothing about my brother’s death elicited any respect on the Army’s part for his service to his country.”

The uncertainty put a tremendous strain on the Wilson family after Louis was killed on September 26, 1950 at Chamgam, Korea. Randy is still searching for answers about the real circumstances surrounding Louis’ death. He does not hold a particular grudge against the Army. All he wants to know is exactly how Louis died, so he can go to his own grave in peace.

“I would like to find out exactly how Louis died before I pass on,” he avers. “It has been heartbreaking for me all these years not knowing the details of his death.”

Louis Wilson, a member of Hq Co. 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. Regt. (The “Wolfhounds”), 25th Inf. Div., at the time of his death, joined the Army when he was only sixteen years old. He served with the Army Air Force in WWII. After the war, Louis and the Army parted ways, but only for a short while. He re-enlisted on May 26, 1948 and joined the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan. Slightly more than two years later, in early July 1950, he was assigned to Korea—and consigned to death.

The 27th Regiment was engaged heavily with the North Koreans in late September. According to the 35th Regiment’s history, the 27th Regiment was assigned to establish a bridgehead and go on the attack.

In a move to reposition the 27th Regiment from the 25th Division’s south flank to its north flank, General Kean formed Task Force Torman, a special task force under Capt. Charles J. Torman, commanding officer of the 25th Reconnaissance Company. The task force moved through the 27th Infantry on the southern coastal road at Paedun-ni the evening of the 23d. The 27th Regiment then began its move from that place to the division’s north flank at Chungam-ni. The 27th Infantry was to establish a bridgehead across the Nam River and attack through Uiryong toward Chinju.

On the morning of 24 September Task Force Torman attacked along the coastal road toward Chinju. North of Sach’on the task force engaged and dispersed about 200 enemy soldiers of the 3d Battalion, 104th Security Regiment. By evening it had seized the high ground at the road juncture three miles south of Chinju. The next morning the task force moved up to the Nam River Bridge, which crossed into Chinju. In doing so one of the tanks hit a mine and fragments from the explosion seriously wounded Captain

Torman, who had to be evacuated.

At some point during that operation, Louis Wilson died.

The circumstances surrounding his death are clear, at least on the surface. Army records reveal that Cpl. Wilson was killed near Chamgam, shot in the right side of the head. His body was discovered buried in a shelter half, and his ID tags were found in his mouth. He died a hero, as the details provided by Randy of his final action suggest:

The company commander ordered a withdrawal as the enemy threatened to encircle and isolate the company. As his unit withdrew Private Wilson assisted wounded men to safety and assured himself that none were left behind. After the company had pulled back he learned that a comrade previously thought dead had been seen to be moving and attempting to crawl to safety.

Despite the protests of his comrades, unarmed and facing a merciless enemy, Pfc. Wilson returned to the dangerous position in search of his comrade. Two days later a patrol found him lying beside the man he returned to aid. He had been shot several times while trying to shield and administer aid to the wounded man.

Pfc. Wilson’s superb personal bravery, consummate courage and willing self-sacrifice for his comrades reflect untold glory upon himself and uphold the esteemed traditions of the military service.

(Editor’s Note: There are some inconsistencies between the above report and official Army records of his death. The official cause of his death according to Army records was “Gun shot wound right side of head.” The above report does not mention that the patrol found him buried, as his “Report of Interment” indicates. And, for some reason, the reports indicate “Fingerprints: Not Possible.”)

Indeed, an October 8, 1950 letter written by Col J. H. Michaelis, Infantry, Commanding, to Wilson’s mother depicts Louis as an ideal Soldier.

I extend to you my deepest sympathy over the recent loss of your son corporal Louis R. Wilson, whose death occurred as a result of



Louis Wilson in a lighter moment

wounds which he received while engaging the enemy on 26 September 1950, at Chamgam, Korea.

As a member of this command your son was liked by all of his associates. He was an excellent soldier performing all tasks assigned to him in a cheerful and efficient manner, thereby winning the commendation of his immediate superiors and the respect of his comrades. News of his death comes as a real shock to all who knew him, and his loss will be felt keenly in the organization.

I sincerely hope that the knowledge that your son was an exemplary soldier and died while serving his country will afford you some consolation in your bereavement.

No doubt the Colonel's standard words of bereavement were meant to provide solace to a grieving family, as was the Purple Heart that accompanied the letter. But, at least one member, Randy, had lingering doubts about the circumstances surrounding his brother's death.

A Soldier's death in battle is a strange thing. For his comrades, he is one more casualty, often missed but soon forgotten. He does not, as the poet Wallace Stevens said in his poem printed on page 73, "The Death of a Soldier," "...become a three-days personage, imposing his separation. Calling for pomp." The war goes on, and he becomes a distant memory.

For the family, it is a different story. The Soldier does become the "three-days personage" to which Stevens alluded (referring to the days of yore in which a deceased person was often waked for several days). Unfortunately, in the case of a slain warrior, that traditional three-day ceremony is often delayed because the Soldier's remains are not recovered and sent home immediately—or ever, which is a cause of concern for so many families. Louis Wilson did not return home until nine months after his death.

His body was not recovered until September 29th 1950, after which he was buried in the United Nations Cemetery in Masan, allegedly on 26 September 1950 at 1600, according to the Report of Interment dated that same day. That was the same day he was killed—and three days before his body was recovered. (In fairness, the report does not make it clear whether the date of burial was his original interment on the day he died or his re-burial at Masan.)

The discrepancy highlights a third result of a Soldier's death in combat: it generates a mountain of paperwork for the Army, which can be completed haphazardly at times due to extenuating circumstances, e.g., a sudden wave of battle deaths and executions. That can be a good or a bad thing, depending on individual perspectives.

Even though Louis' remains were positively identified in September 1950, evidence of death was received by the War Department in early October 1950, and the family was notified on 7 October 1950, it was another eight months after his burial at Masan before Louis' remains were exhumed and sent to his hometown for yet another interment. Funeral services were held on June 30, 1951 in his home town of Tioga, LA. That did not provide a great deal of closure for Randy, who did not accept fully the Army's account of Louis' death.

Randy Wilson used the Freedom of Information Act to seek information about Louis' death. He received his brother's Individual Deceased Personnel File (IDPF) to clear up some of the mysteries pertaining to the tragedy. The IDPF records proved beyond a doubt that Louis had died, although they created some questions in Randy's mind, such as why it was not possible to get his fingerprints. They did not help him much regarding the exact circumstances. He could not dismiss the idea that his brother may have been executed by North Koreans, rather than killed as described in the official reports.

For years the truth gnawed at him. There is no doubt that the North Koreans did have a large number of American POWs in their control in the area in September 1950, and did execute many of them. In fact, as the excerpted sidebar from the 35th Regt., 25th Div. history suggests, the division formed a task force specifically to rescue those prisoners. Then, in 2000 the Naval Institute Press published a book titled *Korean Atrocity! Forgotten War Crimes 1950-1953*, by Philip D. Chinnery, in which the author revealed that North Koreans had executed in cold blood large numbers of American and South Korean Soldiers and Korean civilians and police at the same time and in the same area that Louis had died.

Chinnery reported that as UN forces closed in on Taejon in late September 1950, the North Koreans decided to "liquidate" their prisoners. He wrote on p. 46,



Louis Wilson, Soldier, U.S. Army

"Commencing 23 September, several groups of between 100 and 200 prisoners were quietly removed from their cells each night, their hands tied behind their backs with each person bound to the others."

Next, he noted, "They were transported to previously selected sites, placed in open trenches or ditches dug for the purpose and summarily shot." They were then buried under a light layer of dirt.

The process continued through at least 27 September 1950. Chinnery described on p. 47 even more heinous executions, including additional U.S. POWs. They, too, were shot execution style and buried en masse in trenches. There were a few survivors of the executions. Louis Wilson was not among them, nor was there any concrete evidence that he was one of the POWs. But, Randy believed that he could have been.

After all, the "shot in the right side of the head" cause of death was consistent with an execution. But, the North Koreans did not bury their victims in shelter halves and insert the ID tags in their mouths. Still, Randy could not dispel the notion that Louis was a victim of the North Koreans' treachery.

One entry in the book in particular caught his attention. On 30 September 1950 at Taejon, U.S. Army Soldiers captured Moon Byong Ho, a Chinese Soldier attached to the North Korean Army. He described to them executions he carried out on 25 and 30

September 1950, which Chinnery included in his book on p. 50:

On or around 1700 hours, 30 September 1950, I killed one unidentified young man who looked about twenty-nine years old, under the bridge which is located about five miles north of Taejon, by order of the junior lieutenant [name unknown]. The reason why he was killed by me was because he didn't show us the road. I shot the young man from a distance of about three metres in his back with a 'model 45' pistol", firing one round. The young man was not blindfolded and his hands were not tied. I left the dead body unburied there."

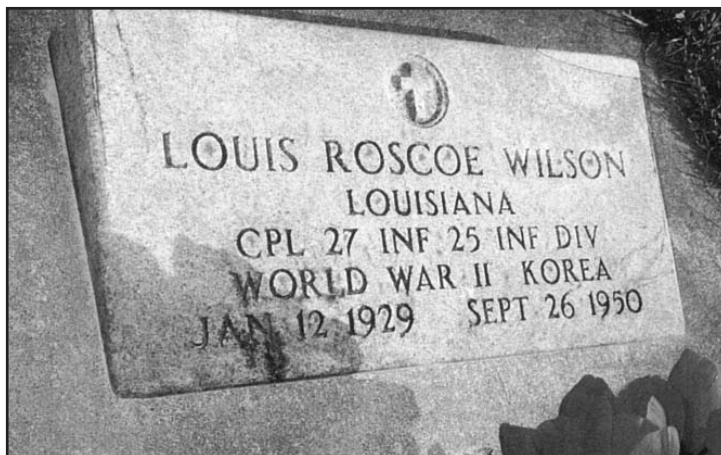
Ho did not say the young man was a Soldier, and the shot in the back was inconsistent with the original cause of death included on the U.S. Army's forms, but...Randy Wilson could not help but wonder if that could have been Louis.

Finally, Chinnery reported on page 51 that thousands of other bodies had been recovered by UN forces who occupied Taejon late in September. There were at least 43 American Soldiers among them, although the 24th Division grave registration team did not identify Louis Wilson as one of them. Still, Randy could not dissuade himself of the notion that with all the executed U.S. Soldiers discovered in the area Louis could have been one of them. Sixty years later he is still wondering.

Randy has done what he can since 1950 to ascertain exactly how Louis died and to create a legacy in his honor. He enlisted the aid of congressional representatives and government officials to acquire the medals for which Louis was eligible and to solve the mystery of his death. He was successful with the former, at least.

In 1999, then U.S. Representative John Cooksey (R-LA) handed Randy a collection of medals earned by Louis. (Cooksey served in Congress from 1997-2003.) They included the Bronze Star, WWII Victory, United Nations Service, and Korean Service Medals. Randy created a Shadowbox in Louis' honor, which is housed in his home. Although he was happy to have the medals, Randy admitted it was a case of "too little, too late."

"The Army should have seen to it years ago that the authorized medals were delivered to the family," Randy said. "I only wish they had been presented when our parents



The gravestone for Louis Wilson

Task Force Matthews On A POW Rescue Mission

On 24 September Eighth Army had altered its earlier operational order and directed IX Corps to execute unlimited objective attacks to seize Chonju and Kanggyong. To carry out his part of the order, General Kean organized two main task forces with armored support centered about the 24th and 35th Infantry Regiments. The leading elements of these two task forces were known respectively as Task Force Matthews, formerly Task Force Torman, and Task Force Dolvin.

Both forces were to start their drives from Chinju. Task Force Matthews, the left-hand column, was to proceed west toward Hadong and there turn northwest to Kurye, Namwon, Sunch'ang, Kumje, Iri, and Kunsan on the Kum River estuary. Taking off at the same time, Task Force Dolvin, the right-hand column, was to drive north out of Chinju toward Hamyang, there turn west to Namwon, and proceed northwest to Chonju, Iri, and Kanggyong on the Kum River.

Three blown bridges west of Chinju delayed the departure of Task Force Matthews (formerly Task Force Torman) until 1000, 27 September.

The task force, made up of A Company, 79th Tank Battalion and the 25th Reconnaissance Company, was followed by the 3d Battalion, 24th Infantry, with the rest of the regiment behind it. Matthews reached Hadong at 1730.

In a sense, the advance of Task Force Matthews became a chase to rescue a group of U.S. prisoners that the North Koreans moved just ahead of the pursuers.

Korean civilians and bypassed enemy soldiers kept telling of them being four hours ahead, two hours ahead-but always ahead. At Hadong the column learned that some of the prisoners were only thirty minutes ahead. From Hadong, in bright moonlight, the attack turned northwest toward Kurye. About ten miles above Hadong, at the little village of Komdu, the advanced elements of the task force liberated eleven American prisoners. They had belonged to the 3d Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment. Most of them were unable to walk and some had open wounds.

The next day, 28 September, the task force rescued 86 American prisoners in Namwon from their Korean captors. Bearded and haggard, most were barefooted and in tatters, and all were obviously half starved. They had caught up with the American prisoners.

Task Forces Matthews and Blair cleared Namwon of enemy soldiers. In mid-afternoon Task Force Dolvin arrived there from the east. Task Force Matthews remained overnight in Namwon, but Task Force Blair, the main 24th Infantry group, continued on toward Chongup, which was secured at noon the next day, 29 September. That evening Blair's force secured Iri.

There, with the bridge across the river destroyed, Blair stopped for the night and Task Force Matthews joined it. Kunsan, the port city on the Kum River estuary, fell to the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry, without opposition at 1300, 30 September.

Source: <http://www.cacti35th.org/regiment/history/korea/1950-09b.htm>

were alive and could appreciate them.” And, he still wonders why it took so long for the Army to send a casket from Korea to Louisiana supposedly containing Louis’ remains.

Randy Wilson acknowledges that he has an advantage over some relatives of the thousands of Korean War veterans whose family members are still missing. He at least knows that his brother is included officially among the approximately 34,000 American service members who were killed in action during the Korean War. Yet, that does not stop him from wondering exactly how Louis died.

“My brother could have been included in the sad ending of so many Soldiers’ lives discussed in Mr. Chinnery’s book,” Randy Wilson laments. “I may never know the truth.”

That is the saddest part of his brother’s death as far as Randy is concerned.

Reach Randy Wilson at 5671 B, Hwy 107, Pineville, LA 71360, 318-308-5559



Randy Wilson's tribute to his brother

Chapter 131 Awards Scholarship

Northwest Ohio Chapter 131's annual \$1,000 college scholarship was awarded to Anthony Wayne High School graduating senior Ethan Miller, who will enter Ohio Dominican University or The Ohio State University.

To be eligible for the award, Miller was required to participate in the Korean War research project and work with the chapter while in eighth grade and write the adjacent (unedited) 250-word essay that explains his lasting impression of the Korean War veterans, the Korean War's role in American history, and its impact on global democracy.

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Leonard Tomasik, Ch 131's Education Committee Chairman, congratulates Ethan Miller

The Not-So-Forgotten War

By Ethan Miller

Sitting in my classroom desk was a typical male eighth grader. At the very mention of the Korean War my conflict-stimulated mind began whirling with imaginative images of the machines of war doing their tasks on the “bad guys” while muscular G.I. Joe look-alikes manned them. I pride myself as being a war-mongering history buff and was quick to absorb any new information my teacher, Mrs. Schoonmaker was prepared to dole out. At first my teachings were just as I had anticipated, maps of shifting battle lines were shown as the progression of war was played out. Troop movements such as MacArthur’s “home by Christmas” campaign and the intervention of the Chinese placed vivid images of waves of chaotic troops being decimated by American might. I assumed that her teaching for me at least would be over

with the not-so-concluding cease fire on July 27th 1953, but in all actuality my learning had just begun.

She began shifting the attention from the battles themselves and instead focused on the most important questions, Why? What were the conclusions? Who were the soldiers I had generalized as guntoting action figures? Well, she answered everything. The war was initiated to stem the flow of communist ideals and protect the most beautiful and true form of representative governance ever conceived: Democracy. A democracy that was twice saved from a red tidal-wave by freedom loving carpenters, farmers, husbands and fathers; not G.I. Joe look-alikes looking for some action. A democracy that has blossomed into one of the wealthiest free market economies in the world and that has/will outlive the oppressive forces that threatened it 61 years ago.

Home Is Where The Howze Is

By Louis P. Horyza

We left Sasebo on Sunday, 15 March 1953. Five days out of port we hit a terrific storm during which 90% of the troops were sick, including me and half the crew. The able bodied troops had to help run the ship.

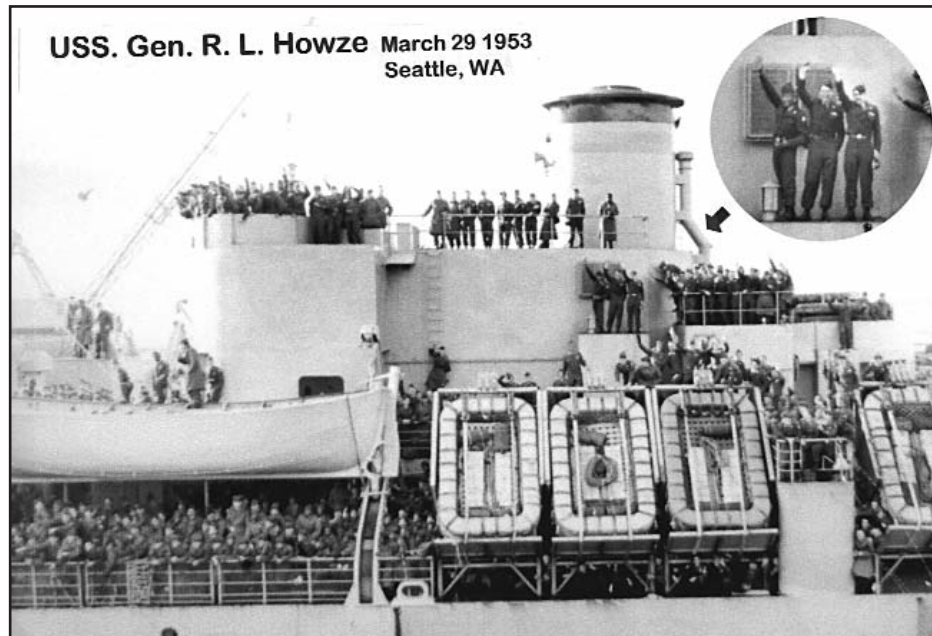
After the third day of being sick in my cabin, I went up on deck to get fresh air and to hit the railing to relieve my stomach. I looked aft; all the potato crates had burst open and loose potatoes were rolling back and forth on the deck. They would head for the side about to go over. Then, the ship would pitch back and they would roll back to the bulkhead. I am not sure if we did lose any potatoes—at least not over the side before they were eaten.

I was a Sergeant First Class, so I was in a cabin with the top three graders. There were nine of us to a cabin in three triple bunk beds. A separate bathroom was shared by two cabins. We had fresh water showers three days a week. But, in the troops' compartments below decks they got fresh water showers once a week. The other times were salt sea water. But it was heated.

We were to be the first to chow, but we found out we got to stand in the line for those who didn't have to stand in line. Such is rank. All the other troops were below decks in compartments in bunks stacked five high.

To eat in the mess hall, we stood at long tables and placed the mess tray in front of us and ate that way. During the storm the ship rolled and pitched so badly the mess trays would slide from one side of the long table to the other. We kind of followed our trays back and forth. After a few meals like that, with coffee or other drinks slopping all over, we found that if we placed a piece of bread on the table first and mashed our mess trays into it, they would stay put so we didn't have to chase them back and forth.

After the second day of the storm, not many troops were even making it to the mess hall. They pretty much stayed near the heads or bathrooms. To get Dramamine to relieve the seasickness, we had to report to sick bay at the medical



Can you find Lou Horyza and his buddies?

center. Sadly, not many could make it that far. We tried to get the doctor to just go around the ship distributing the pills, but that isn't the military way.

We got to Puget Sound late in the evening on the 14th of March and dropped anchor across from Port Orchard to wait for the tide and all the welcoming committees to prepare for our docking the next day. Many of the troops were crying and/or on their knees praying, thanking the Almighty for our safe returns home. I don't think anyone slept that night. Besides, with the lights of Seattle and other cities shining across the water, and many motor craft from Port Angeles with girls in swimsuits aboard circling our ship waving and throwing kisses, who could sleep?

The next morning, when we docked at Fort Larson, a lot of people were there to greet us. There was a band playing and dancing girls from the burlesque theaters in town were performing for us. We were waving from the deck when I saw an open spot in an area below us. My buddy Gene, me, and one other fellow hopped down there. About then the photographer from the *Seattle Post Intelligencer* took the picture above. It made the *Seattle* paper the next day, and the *Spokane* paper picked it

up. My folks saw it and wrote to the *Seattle* paper for a copy of the picture, which I have to this day.

The Red Cross was there to greet us with free donuts, but the coffee cost ten cents. So, a lot of fellows loaded their pockets with donuts but didn't drink the coffee. It was odd, because in San Francisco, before we shipped out to Korea, the Red Cross had free coffee but the donuts were ten cents.

We marched up the hill to Fort Larson, where they fed us steak and all the trimmings and milk—real milk—of which we could drink all we wanted. Boy, did I put that down. From there we loaded onto trucks to Fort Lewis. There, they held us for processing and to complete our full tour of duty for veterans' benefits.

We were given many nights off to go into town. Tacoma sure saw a lot of us, but the curfew back to catch the bus was 11 p.m. if we wanted to be on post by midnight. During the long days we mostly sat around on the lawn and played cards or spread eagle, a game played with the bayonet that you would throw near a person's feet. Each time you threw you had to move your feet out to the spot where the bayonet landed until you were so spread

eagled you could not stand. That made the thrower the winner of the game.

After a few days they took our bayonets away from us. Then, we started using our pocket knives. I became a very good knife thrower and mostly was the champion thrower.

They finally gave us our discharge papers and released us on the 11th of April 1953. A number of us went by train to Spokane arriving on the 12th of April, exactly two years to the day we left Spokane.

Homecoming was rather bitter sweet. All the gang that we ran with was gone, with a number being killed in Korea. Others had married, so we had to start over making new friends. Going back to work was not easy, either. Fellows asked what it was like over there. We could not answer, because we knew they couldn't comprehend it. We simply responded, "It was pretty bad."

That was it. You were home...
HOME...at last.

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Did Seattle Hire Seagulls As Part Of Its Welcome Home Committee?

Seattle, WA, was a busy port in the 1950s as American troops sailed back and forth from Korea. According to an article in a 10 August 1954 Seattle newspaper (possibly the Post-Intelligencer), General R. L. Howze arrived at the Seattle Port of Embarkation that day with 3,042 passengers, including 39 Soldiers from the State of Washington—which did not coincide with the passenger list.

Allegedly, there were 2,875 U.S. Army enlisted men, 187 U.S. Army officers, and 1 Republic of Korea officer. That totals 3,063 people, 21 more than the original list. So, maybe 21 Soldiers boarded in mid-voyage, there were stowaways aboard, some clerks could not count....Anyway, Howze was the 284th Military Sea Transportation Service vessel to arrive in Seattle with rotation troops from Korea aboard.

The unnamed writer boasted that Seattle was well-known worldwide for the welcomes it provided for returning Korean War veterans: "One of the warm receptions for

which the Queen City has become noted all over the globe greeted the returning troopship."

The writer described the scene as if seagulls were trained to be part of the welcoming committee: "As tugs nudged the big, gray transport into her berth, the crowd cheered, whistles blew and seagulls soared overhead."

The praise for city residents continued, although the words were seemingly at odds with stories about the sometimes less-than-warm welcomes home for Korean War veterans: "Seattlelites waved a continuing welcome to the returning troops as the buses carrying them to Fort Lawton rolled through downtown streets."

But, the final paragraph was most telling—and heartwarming: "For most of the homeward-bound veterans Fort Lawton was the last real stop before the most important place in the world—HOME!"

Thanks to Wayne A. Schild, 7205 Carew Cove, Austin, TX 78759 for sending us the article about Howze in Seattle.

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THE STORY OF MY ARMY DAYS

My story is that of a fairly typical American boy enlisting in the U.S. Army. I was born and raised on a farm in central New York State, introduced to guns and hunting before I was 10, and learned to love the outdoors and all that it offered. After high school my folks spent some of their scarce dollars sending me to college for two years. I recognized that this was a real financial strain for them and in the fall of 1948 I enlisted in the Army for two years.

I learned quickly that the Army required a discipline to which I was not accustomed. As a consequence, in basic training I served a lot of time on KP. I realized finally that they were always right and I was always wrong. So, I began to conform to the rules and regulations, and found in that discipline a path to maturity that helped me all the rest of my life.

I grew up in the Army. By the time six months of my enlistment was completed, I was happy in my job in an anti-aircraft unit in Ft. Bliss, Texas. Later assignments at Ft. Ord in California and Ft. Richardson in Alaska had me located fairly close to the Russian mainland when the Korean War commenced. We went on full alert, and my two year enlistment quickly was extended into three years.

Based upon my clean record up to that point, I was asked if I might want to attend Officer's Candidate School at Ft. Riley, Kansas. I accepted that opportunity, and in June of 1951, I was discharged as a Staff

By David W. Keefe

Sergeant, and commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant.

My next stop was the old familiar grounds of Ft. Bliss, where I spent three months in an officers training program in AAA defense based upon 120 mm and 90 mm anti-aircraft guns, and turret mounted 50 caliber machine guns. For me, this training was a breeze since I had been assigned to these AAA units in all my enlisted days.

As it happened, I paid particular attention to machine gun training, which turned out to be fortunate. After completing three months of training at Ft. Bliss, I was assigned to Ft. Tilden in New York. That, too, turned out to be a most fortunate assignment I ever had both in the Army and as a civilian. At Ft. Tilden I began to date, and fell in love with, a girl who I married after my Army days were over—and to whom I am still happily married after 56 years.

From Ft. Tilden, I was ordered to Korea. It seems that they were a little short on young officers in Korea at that time because they flew a bunch of us out of Washington-Tacoma airport to an airfield just outside of Tokyo. From there, we went by train to Yokahama and then by boat to Pusan. We boarded a train there and traveled to a rail-head replacement depot up near the front lines.

On the way up, our train was fired on a

couple of times, apparently by North Korean troops who were left behind the American lines when our forces took the offensive and moved on northward. At the “repo-depo,” I ended up being assigned to the 15 AAAAW Battalion of the 7th Infantry Division and was delivered by truck to the Division Headquarters.

At the time of my arrival in the spring of 1952, the Air Force had clear air superiority throughout the Korean Peninsula, and there was almost no need for AAA defense. We were quickly converted into automatic weapons support for the infantry units. Our units were dug in side by side with the infantry platoons. For all intents and purposes, we were under the command of the infantry regiments to which we were assigned.

My first assignment was as an assistant platoon leader under a 1st Lieutenant who was due to rotate back to the States in about two weeks. This was to give me a chance to get my feet on the ground; it proved to be much needed. Our platoon consisted of four M15 Half Track Vehicles with quad .50, turret mounted machine guns in the bed of the vehicle, and two M20 Tanks with twin 40 mm cannons.

We were attached to the 31st Infantry Regiment dug in along an old railroad bed in Kumhwa Valley. We could look across the valley and see the enemy forces dug in on the foothills of the mountains on the other side. These forces were Chinese, assisted by Soviet officers who we spotted



One of the great advances in the Korean War was the use of choppers to evacuate casualties to M.A.S.H. unit 20 miles south of the MLR. This saved many lives. This photo of a chopper was taken near Kumwha in 1952.



Personnel bunker and infantry unit CP immediately behind MLR in Kumwha, 1952. It survived lots of shelling, but a direct hit always meant casualties in any bunker.

on occasion with our optical equipment.

Three days after arriving in the platoon, I was on a high ridge behind the old railroad bed. I was keeping under cover, but looking across the valley toward the Chinese forces. For some dumb reason I moved down a trail, which got me clearly silhouetted for enemy observers. They sent a few well placed artillery rounds in my direction.

We had already been shelled a few times in my first two days, but nothing this close. I dove for cover off the trail and landed in a patch of razor wire which had been laid as a deterrent to enemy ground patrols. One of those rounds hit very close to me. I was bleeding pretty badly, so I assumed I had been hit in my legs and back.

After my heart stopped racing, I crawled out of my barbed wire bed and hugged the ground until I was on the other side of the

ridge away from the enemy. I then made my way down to an aid station. The medic on duty cut off my torn fatigues and examined my wounds. He concluded that all my bleeding was from cuts I had sustained from the barbed wire. I had only been there three days, and I am a little superstitious, so when he asked me if I wanted him to write me up for a Purple Heart, I said no thanks.

I figured that if this has happened in just three days, I had better just thank God and hope I go on being this lucky. I can tell you one thing for sure; never again was I foolish enough to get myself silhouetted against the skyline.

Although, I don't believe you ever get really used to being shelled, after a while it becomes sort of routine. There never was a day that we didn't have some incoming fire during all the time I spent in Kumwha Valley positions. At times it was scattered

up and down the main line of resistance (MLR). At other times it was much more concentrated in a particular area. Some of it was 76 mm artillery fire, probably from their tanks dug into the mountains on the other side of the valley. Some of it was heavier artillery fire.

But, for me, the most troublesome and frightening fire was from Chinese mortars, which consisted mostly of 80 to 120mm mortars. When this happened it would usually be quite concentrated and often deadly.

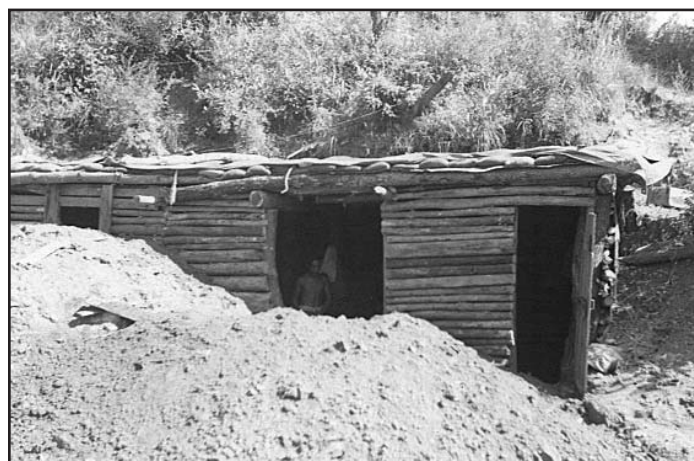
There was an interesting story connected with this mortar fire. In the rear of the MLR we had Korean houseboys who would be around all the time helping the cooks and doing laundry and other odd jobs. They all seemed to be named Kim. We used to kid around with them a lot, and provide them with food, candy, and a place to sleep. From time to time they would



1st Lt Hedgepath and 2nd Lt Keefe, Btry A, 15 AAA AW Bn., on 2nd platoon Recon vehicle



2nd Plt Quad 50 on M15 Half Track on AAA defense. We had six in our platoon with Btry A, 15 AAA AW Bn., Kumwha 1952



Bunkers were dug into ridges behind MLR, Kumwha 1952. This one was poorly constructed. It sustained a direct hit during the fall of 1952, which resulted in a high number of casualties.



2nd Platoon jeep driver Cpl Beasley. The jeep had no heater, and the 1952/53 winter was darn cold for Btry A, 15 AAA AW Bn at Kumwha

sneak up to the front line and take cover in the bunkers with my men and with the infantry bunkers as well. This was strictly against the regulations and the officers would usually run them off and send them back behind the MRL.

In all of this, there came a time when we were getting the hell knocked out of our units by mortar fire, particularly 120mm mortars. It became apparent that this fire was very accurate—particularly for positions without a direct line of sight from the enemy area. We reasoned after a period of this—and a bunch of casualties—that this mortar fire was too accurate to be random firing into the area. Therefore, this had to be directed fire from some forward observer.

It didn't take long after that brilliant dis-

covery that we realized that some of these forward area houseboys were really North Koreans that had been posing as houseboys and directing the mortar fire using small radios they had hidden in their clothing. That was the end of houseboys anywhere near the front lines in our area.

In every area that I was in—especially in Kumhwa Valley—we worked closely with the infantry units to set up lines of fire and coordinate all firing activity. In these types of operations it is essential that everybody firing knows where everybody else is—and where fire will generally be directed. This relates particularly to enemy patrols.

In most areas we would set up interlocking fields of fire using our quad 50s as known bases of fire that would be capable

of sweeping all of the territory in front of us with rounds of fire that were about chest high to the average man. In the belts of 50 cal. rounds, every fifth round was a tracer bullet so we could see where the fire was going and where it was hitting. By having interlocking fire among my four units we could cover a large area with devastating fire whenever we detected the presence of an enemy patrol out in front of our lines.

Of course, we also knew exactly where the mine fields were that the infantry had established to ward off enemy patrols. If they tripped a mine, we would know it immediately and open up with all of our fire power. This system also served a very useful purpose in supporting our own infantry patrols.



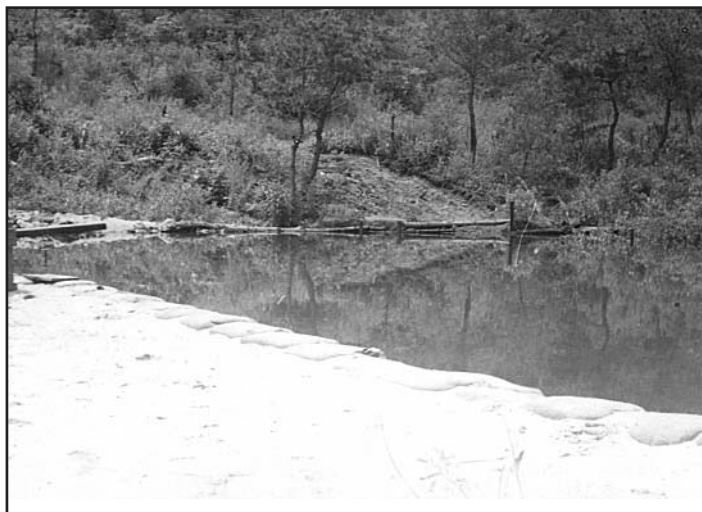
Headquarters area for Btry A, 15 AAA AW Bn., commanded by Charles Douthite, Kumwha 1952



1st Lt Tomlinson, WO Harrison, 2nd Lt Carvahal, Capt Douthite, 2nd Lt Keefe, 1st Lt Hedgepath (L-R), Btry A, 15 AAA AW Bn., Kumwha 1952



2nd Lt David Keefe, Asst. Platoon Leader, 2nd Platoon, Btry A, 15 AAA AW Bn., Kumwha 1952



Pond from dam on small stream. It was good for a cool dip—until the water moccasins arrived

We would coordinate support with the patrol leader, and would meet with him before the patrol moved out. We would have a copy of the patrol plan and a map of where the patrol intended to operate. Most of these patrols had a mission of probing the enemy front line to determine what they were preparing to do, and, if the opportunity arose, to take a prisoner or two.

One of the interesting elements in detecting the Chinese troops was smell. The patrols could often detect the strong smell of garlic when the Chinese troops were nearby because they used it heavily in their food. More than one prisoner was taken because patrol members smelled him before they saw him.

If the patrol was detected and came under fire, we would get a signal and lay down our quad 50 fire in their plan area. They would hug the ground and crawl back to our lines under our covering fire. This system worked pretty well, and we had a lot of success in supporting those patrols.

In my platoon, we also had two M20 tanks with a twin 40mm cannon turret on top. These were originally intended as an anti-aircraft weapon, but in Korea we found another very useful mission for them. We would scout out positions where this 40mm fire could be directed as enfilade fire running in the same direction as enemy trenches on the other side of Kumhwa Valley. When we saw movement in these trenches we would pump a couple of dozen rounds right down the trench. That was very effective fire and proved to be very beneficial during the Battle for Triangle Hill, which I will comment on in a separate story.

As I mentioned earlier, after a period of time, even getting shelled on a daily basis becomes routine. In time, we returned to being normal human beings. Although we were not completely relaxed, we could experience humor, fear, and depression. On the humorous, or near humorous side, there are a few instances that have long hung in my mind.

Toward the end of the Truman Administration in 1952, there was a woman serving in a high capacity in some Department, perhaps Labor, who decided that it was essential for her to tour the front lines in Korea. We were all made painfully aware that she was coming and that we should be on our best behavior when she came into the area.

Our military leaders were so sensitive to avoiding anything offensive to her that each unit was instructed to conceal the slit trenches we used for nature's calls so that she not be offended by seeing a GI's bare butt. In the case of one of my squads, we placed a piece of canvas supported by short poles in the ground around the slit trench so the GI using the facility would be concealed.

In that squad we had a young soldier of Mexican birth who joined the Army to accelerate his path to citizenship. He was a nice young man and a good soldier. But, as luck would have it, during the lady's tour of the area Private Montezuma had the urge and went out to the slit trench only to find that our modesty canvas had attracted a Chinese sniper who proceeded to shoot him in the buttocks. Fortunately, the wound was not life threatening, and after a hospital stay for a few weeks, he returned to us in good shape. He paid a strange price for his citizenship.

I recall another incident that was amusing to us, though probably not to taxpayers had they known. We had another front line visit from some female entertainer and her group, who we as front line soldiers always appreciated, though we normally did not often see.

On this occasion, preparations began a few days before with an engineering company reinforcing an observation bunker on one of the ridges that formed the MLR in our area. On the day that the group arrived, we were informed early on that there would be what in artillery terms was called a "TOT," which means time on target.

In this type of exercise, artillery pieces from all of the Division, and in this case some Corps units, were oriented to fire on a particular target area using timed fuse ammunition. The objective is to have all of these artillery projectiles arrive at the target area at the same time and explode simultaneously in the air over the target area.

This kind of barrage can be devastating when fired on enemy troops in an open area. However, in this case there were no observed enemy troops in the area, and the objective was obviously to produce a great show for the visitors in the spruced up observation bunker. Now, I like a good show as much as anybody, but I sure wondered what this exercise had cost for a display of a few seconds to entertain our visitors in the observation bunker.

...to be continued

From DPMO

Johnnie Johnson Prisoners List

In October 1950, a North Korean Army major referred to as "The Tiger" took command of more than 700 American service men who had been captured and interned as prisoners of war (POWs). In August 1953 following the signing of the armistice, only 262 of these men returned alive. One of the survivors, Army Private First Class Wayne A. "Johnnie" Johnson, risked his life during his imprisonment by secretly recording the names of 496 fellow prisoners who had died during their captivity.

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The Department of Defense debriefed all returning American POWs concerning their knowledge of those who did not return from the Communist prison system. Private Johnson's painstakingly written record was a major contribution to this effort and helped to determine

or confirm the fate of many POWs.

In 1995 a Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) analyst learned about Johnson's Tiger Survivors List while attending a Korean War Ex-POW reunion in Sacramento, California. DPMO analysts then located intelligence archives which contained Johnson's original debriefing report as well as other POW reports corroborating his information. Among these records was also found a debriefer's handwritten memorandum recommending that Private Johnson be recognized for his bravery. This information was forwarded to the Department of the Army, and in 1996, Private Johnson was awarded the Silver Star, the nation's third highest military combat decoration for valor.

A document examiner was able to recover almost all the names from Private Johnson's original wartime list. Some entries, however, could not be saved. Thus, there are fewer than 496 names on the typed listing, which is available on http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/korea/johnnie_johnson_list/

Korean, Vietnam War Plaques Stolen, Recovered

■ Bizarre Theft Occurs in New Jersey

By Rego Barnett

Stolen valor is one thing. Stolen plaques is quite another. Both are bizarre transgressions against veterans.

As Louis Quagliero, the historian of Ch 170, Taejon [NJ] reported, bronze plaques honoring Paterson, New Jersey residents who died in the Korean and Vietnam Wars were stolen 9 September 2010 from Hayden Heights Veterans Memorial Park. Fortunately, the Paterson police recovered them the next day.

The plaques, which were mounted on large stone monuments, weighed about fifty pounds each. Apparently, the thieves used a crowbar to pry them off the monument.

Members of the chapter were present on Veterans Day 2009 when the Korean War plaque was unveiled. The plaque includes the names of the nineteen Paterson residents who died while serving in Korea. (There were 32 Vietnam War veterans listed on the second plaque.)

Tony Vancheri, president of the Paterson Veterans Council and a Vietnam veteran, invited Korean War veterans from the Taejon chapter to be present at the Veterans Memorial Park to mark the recovery and return of the plaques. Chapter president Dr. Richard Onorveole accepted the invitation. He, several chapter members, and KWVA Department of New Jersey Commander George Bruzgis joined the Vietnam veterans in a short ceremony.

The veterans from the two wars prayed for the 51 service members whose names were on the plaques. They also remembered in their prayers all the veterans of the two wars who did not return home. The "brothers" from the two wars formed a stirring group as they prayed together.

Sadly, the Korean War plaque sustained some damage, which cost \$170.00 to restore. Both plaques were replaced in time for the 2010 Veterans Day ceremony honoring WWII veterans. (Korean War veterans were honored at the 2009 ceremony.)

Henceforth, cameras and additional lights will be installed at the park to provide more security.

Vietnam veteran/chaplain leads group in prayer at plaque recovery ceremony. Ch 170 veterans present in blue jackets included (L-R) Chaplain John Leonhard, George Bruzgis, Richard Onorevole. Tony Vancheri stands at far right with hand over heart.



Members of Ch 170 surround stone monument from which bronze plaque was stolen



Ch 170 members in blue jackets at plaque recovery event (L-R) Pasquale Candela, Raymond Cohen, Louis DeStefano, Sr. Vice Cmdr. George Rothfritz, Kenneth Green, John Leonhard, George Bruzgis

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Sun 30 Oct.....	General Membership Meeting (10:00 AM)			
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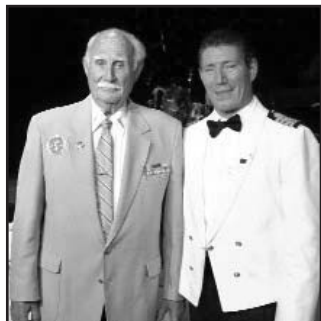
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Sailor Honored On Pleasure Cruise

By Staff Writer Rego Barnett

Neil McCain, Commander of the KWVA's Department of Oregon, spent a considerable amount of time as a Sonarman aboard *USS Lofberg* (DD 759) during the Korean War. The accommodations were as nice as they are aboard any naval vessel, but not quite as plush as those aboard the *Golden Princess*, a cruise ship on which he spent seven days recently. Fortuitously, Memorial Day fell in the middle of the cruise.



Neil McCain (L) and Captain Vincenzo Lubrano aboard the *Golden Princess*

"This was a special time for me," McCain said. "Captain Vincenzo Lubrano wanted to show special appreciation for veterans on the cruise." McCain was happy to get involved in the celebration of veterans.

There were several meetings each evening which allowed him to wear what he calls his "Dress Blues."

"It seems like everyone on the ship recognized me, since I was the only passenger dressed as a veteran," he recalled.

He was by no means the only veteran aboard the *Golden Princess*. "Several people wore caps at our small meetings. Most of the attendees were Vietnam vets. There were some from WWII, but only a few claimed to be Korean War veterans," he revealed.

Regardless of what war passengers served in, McCain appreciated the attention he and the other veterans received. "I was honored and humbled, as for the entire seven days the captain and the crew made my trip very special," he commented.

The trip was a gift from McCain's oldest son and his wife in celebration of his 78th birthday in 2010. That in itself was an honor. The treatment rendered to him and his fellow veterans aboard the *Golden Princess* was an unexpected—and greatly appreciated—expansion of that honor.

Loran Stutz Becomes "Hero" In Son's Eyes

Loran Stutz, a veteran of 7 INF 31 INF TK, and his son Doug visited South Korea recently. Doug, a graduate of West Point, wrote an article for 27 Oct. 2010 *The Daily Jeffersonian* (Cambridge, OH) to describe the trip and praise his father, who served at Old Baldy and Pork Chop Hill, among other places.

Loran said that the revisit was "a most memorable and mind-altering trip." He added, "It's a great way to really under-

stand the Korean culture...[whose] mind-set is to thank you for the freedoms provided."

Doug apparently learned about a lot more on the trip than the fact that South Korea has changed considerably. He also learned something about his father. He wrote:

"As I watched [the veterans], you could tell this trip was a validation that their sacrifice and the sacrifice of their buddies who did not come back was worth it.

"They had done one [of] the best things anyone could do for another—put your life on the line to give another human being a chance to be free. These men and women were heroes and finally received the recognition they deserved."

His closing statement was telling:

"This trip was a reminder to all that freedom is not free. I went to Korea with my dad. I came home with a hero."

Unfortunately, the entire article is not available unless you want to subscribe to the newspaper. The website address is <http://daily-jeff.com/news/search>. You can reach Loran F. Stutz, however, at 70964 Rainbow Rd. S, Lore City, OH 43755-9766, 740-489-5454

Korean War Veteran Dies In Unusual Situation

James Catron, of Richville, OH, died on Memorial Day 2011 while trying to replace a torn flag on a twenty-foot TV tower pole outside his home. He apparently passed away of natural causes while climbing the tower. Fire department paramedics retrieved his body from the structure.

Catron, who was not a KWVA member, exemplified the patriotism of veterans everywhere. The 83-year-old veteran, who had earned two bronze stars according to his daughter, died still serving his country, in a way.

In an interesting side note, Perry Township firefighters returned to the tower later on Memorial Day and replaced the flag.

Floyd Takeuchi

The *Fresno [CA] Bee* printed a copy of a letter by Floyd Takeuchi in its July 3, 2011 issue, p. B8. This is what he wrote:

June 25th marked the 61st anniversary of the Korean War. Our thoughts focus on the 33,739 who died as a result of hostile action. A truce was signed on July 27, 1953, with conflicts ongoing.

With the fierce fighting from the main line of resistance against the communist forces, the odds were against us, but we fought bravely and courageously. They came like a swarm of ants.

A clear distinction was made between Korea and other areas. That's why a Korean Service Medal was awarded only to actual war veterans and a National Defense Service Medal to all others.

Although Japanese Americans were a minority in the Korean War, there were 256 Americans of Japanese Ancestry who paid the ultimate price. A granite memorial honoring those soldiers was funded and built by the Japanese-American Korean War Veterans and dedicated on Wednesday May 15, 2001, at Imjin-Gak, Paju-City, Kyonggi-do, Republic of

Korea, along the 38th Parallel between North and South Korea.

The Medal of Honor was awarded to Corporal Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura (POW). He is alive and well.

The ROK soldiers taught me Chinese and Korean. In return I taught them Japanese. The scary part was the enemy looked so much like me. I survived "By the Grace of God."

Yours in Comradeship,

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Melvin Schriefer Featured in Illinois Newspaper

The Champaign, IL *News-Gazette* included an impressive profile about Mel Schriefer in its 26 June 2011 edition. The article, "Living History Lesson," looks at Schriefer's Korean War history, describes his personal museum collection, gives readers insights into his significant lifetime accomplishments and experiences, and tells a story that should be replicated in a lot of other newspapers.

As the reporter, Tony Bleill, notes, Schriefer "has kept every photo, every scrap of paper, every piece of history relating to his life." Those items comprise the contents of his museum, which is quite large as personal collections go.

Bleill also reports on some of the salient events in Schriefer's life. For example, Schriefer:

- Spent six years in the Army, including serving in the Korean War (1951-52)
- Sat in a trench in Nevada during the 15-kiloton blast of "Atomic Annie" in 1953
- Was bumped from an airplane that crashed—and all the passengers aboard perished
- Ran every one of the 2,2026 miles of state, county, and township road in Champaign County, for which the Illinois House of Representatives awarded him a resolution

The article was a revealing story of a Korean War Soldier as an individual, not just a veteran. In the long run, all veterans are individuals with stories to tell—and the profile of Mel Schriefer demonstrates that their stories are worth telling.

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A Bushel Of Medals For Lt. Clark



By Thomas Moore

The Far East Command (FECOM) needed accurate information on the Inchon, Korea area, its water approaches, tides, mud flats, and enemy defenses. They dispatched Lieutenant Eugene Franklin Clark, a 16-year Navy veteran, who joined the Navy as an enlisted man, earned a commission, and commanded an LST and a transport ship in World War Two. At the time he was a geographic specialist on Gen. MacArthur's intelligence staff.

Lt. Clark had participated in clandestine operations with the Nationalist Chinese against the communists after World War Two. He assembled a small team of South Koreans and landed on Yonghung-do island on 1 Sept. 1950. Clark organized a force of local men and boys, obtained a motorized sampan, armed it and his force, and began acquiring information on the enemy and the whole area.

His team also infiltrated Inchon, Kimpo Air Base, and even Seoul. The North Koreans sent troops to destroy the force. On 14 Sept. 1950 they executed over fifty men, women, and children who helped Lt. Clark.

Clark activated the beacon atop the Palmi-do lighthouse at the entrance of the harbor after midnight on 15 Sept. 1950, to guide the advance U.S. attack group safely through the treacherous approach to Inchon. For his heroic work, the Navy awarded Lt. Clark the Silver Star. The Army awarded him the Legion of Merit medal.

Lt. Clark served with Special Operations Group, G-2 Headquarters, and began infiltrating agents into North Korea. In Oct. 1950, in the Yalu River area, Lt. Clark noted that large numbers of Chinese communist troops were crossing the Yalu River into North Korea. He informed the FECOM in Tokyo of this information, but they ignored it. Nevertheless, he received another Silver Star for the mission.

In his last mission, in Sept. 1951, Clark escorted Brigadier General Crawford Sams, one of the U.S. Army's top doctors, into enemy-held Wonsan on Korea's east coast to investigate a reported outbreak of bubonic plague. Killing enemy sentries, Lt. Clark penetrated a small hospital, and General Sams was able to conclude that the outbreak was a type of smallpox.

For his actions on 13 and 14 Sept. 1951, Lt. Clark was awarded the Navy Cross. He retired from the Navy in 1966 as a Commander, and died in 1998, at age 86.

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First Prize



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Second Prize



A Garand M1 Rifle in Mint Condition!

Donated by Wayne Doenges in memory of Marcos Botas Chapter 133

Third Prize



A 17" Toshiba Lap Top Computer!

To enter this exciting fund-raiser, complete the enclosed order form. Winner announced at 2011 National Membership Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts in October. You need not be present to win.

Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions

25th Div., Signal Corps Photo Section Combat Photographers

We held our 12th mini-reunion, hosted by George Flynn and his daughter and her husband, Karen and Hank Bable.

Next year's event will be held at the "Lake on the Ozarks" in Mallard Point, Missouri. It will be hosted by Roy & Pat Pinzke and their daughter and her husband, Sue and Chuck Sanders.

Everyone from the 25th Div. Photo Section is welcome to attend. Our people served from 1951-54. Reach Roy and Pat Pinzke at (573) 280-2962.

*Roland Berens,
18400 Brookfield Lake Dr., Unit 42,
Brookfield, WI 53045*



ABOVE: Korean War veterans of the 25th Div. Signal Corps Photo Section (L-R) Richard Wawrzyniak, George Flynn, Bob Eifert, Jay Brown, Howie Baker, Roy Pinzke, Carlton Sauder (not present for photo were Steve Uyehara, Joann Calderwood, Rollie Berens)

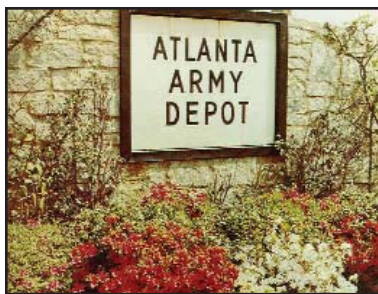
RIGHT: Folks at the 25th Div. Signal Corps Photo Section gathering (L-R) Chuck Sanders, Sue Sanders, Carlton Sauder, Joanne Sauder, Pat Baker, Howie Baker, Richard Wawrzyniak, Roy Pinzke, Pat Pinzke, Bob Eifert, Dianne Teske, George Flynn, Hank Bable, Karen Bable, Tooter Brown, Jay Brown



Have a Mini-Reunion?

Send your photos and a short write-up to
The Graybeards editor for publication!

Fort McPherson Closing Its Gates



Welcome to Fort McPherson

By Staff Writer
Rego Barnett

Members of Ch 19, MGEN Raymond G. Davis, Atlanta, GA, attended a bittersweet event on 17 June 2011: the inactivation ceremony of Forts McPherson and Gillem in Atlanta, GA in anticipation of the official closing in September.

Fort McPherson, which opened in 1885, is home to U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM). After WWII it was a separation and relocation center for almost 200,000 Soldiers. Fort Gillem, formerly known as the Atlanta Army Depot and the Atlanta General Depot before that, is a satellite installation of Headquarters, U. S. Army Garrison, Fort McPherson.

Korean War veterans might remember Fort McPherson as a trainer and supplier. It served in that capacity not only through the Korean War, but World War II, the Berlin Airlift, the Cuban Crisis, and the Vietnam War. Thousands of Soldiers trained at the installation's facilities, and tons of equipment destined for the war zones processed through the warehouse system.



Fort McPherson was also known for another reason by Korean War veterans. It was the home of the Third United States Army Soldier Show. According to the history of the show included in the 1963 LP Album liner notes:

It was during the early stages of the Korean War that the present concept of a highly mobile Soldier show was born. Because of extremely difficult combat conditions in Korea, travel by civilian entertainers was limited. On the other hand, live entertainment was eagerly sought by the troops as an essential morale booster. These two factors combined to generate the development of touring Soldier shows of superior quality.

In order to do the job, these traveling units needed to be completely self-contained and capable of performing under the most adverse circumstances while concurrently maintaining professional stage presence and Soldierly conduct.

In 1951 the 10th Special Services Company was activated with its headquar-



Presenting the Colors for the final time at Fort McPherson



Casing the Colors at Fort McPherson

ters located in Korea. Platoons of the company were organized into Showmobile units, produced in Japan and rotated to Korea. As each tour schedule was finished a new show was organized.

The production and direction of the entire program was under the supervision of the Japan Logistical Command. <END>

Oh well, "forts" come and go. Their names fade into history, as do the men and women who served at them. Forts McPherson and Gillem did their duty. They are now part of Army lore, but Korean War veterans with links to either post will never forget them.

Thanks to Jim Conway, conatlanta@comcast.net, of Ch 19 for the photos of the inactivation ceremony.

And The Ch 299 JROTC Awardee Is...

Each year, Ch 299, Korea Veterans of America, presents a plaque and a check for \$100.00 to the most outstanding cadet in the JROTC program at Wareham [MA] High School. The school is located in the town next to where the KVA erected the first monument in the nation honoring Korea Service as well as Korea War veterans.

This year's recipient was Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Taylor G. Nelson.

Al McCarthy, Commander, mccarthy.albert@live.com



Wareham [MA] High School Principal Scott Paladino, JROTC Instructor Wayne Chasson CW4 (Ret), SFC Sheri Hudson (Ret), Cadet LtCol Taylor G. Nelson, Ch 299 members Donald Hall, James Newman, Treasurer Bob Joy at presentation ceremony (L-R)



Monuments and Memorials

Korea: the Forgotten War, Remembered

24 – CHARLES PARLIER [IL]

We dedicated a refurbished memorial recently.
Jerry Seymour, gearshift3a1@yahoo.com



LEFT: Entrance to refurbished memorial
RIGHT: Sgt. Baughman Memorial Urn



ABOVE: President Mechling's opening address
LEFT/BELOW : KWVA Memorial Stone

RIGHT: South Entrance



ABOVE & BELOW: Left and Right Cannons



ABOVE: New sidewalk donated by Mrs. Stolz in honor of her husband Virgil

LEFT: Mrs. Baughman, Mrs. Stoltz, and escorts

BELOW: Chapter 24 Color Guard

198 – NORTHERN NEVADA [NV]

The chapter's monument, a work in progress, is progressing nicely, as the three nearby photos show.

Bob Wallace, rrsur@juno.com



Northern Nevada Chapter 198's monument under construction.



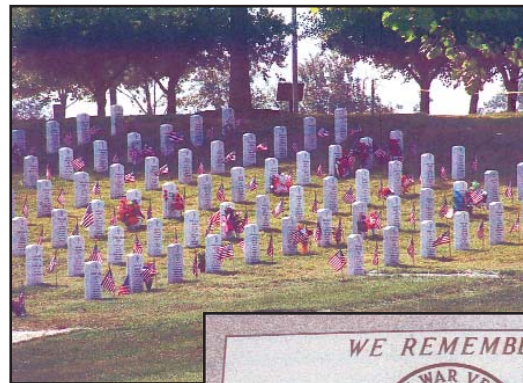
219 – CENTRAL KENTUCKY [KY]

We attended the dedication of the Korean War Monument at Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville, Kentucky on 30 May 2011. Our chapter sponsored the monument.

There are currently more than 14,000 people buried at the cemetery in about 12,000 sites. (Some graves are double occupancies that hold husbands and wives.) There are plans to make room for 2,500 additional grave sites by inserting pre-placed concrete burial crypts into the ground.



Members of Ch 219 at Korean War Monument in Nicholasville, KY (L-R) John ("Jack") Armacost, Charles Flora, Edward Morrow, Chester Care, Commander James Fennell, Marion ("Buddy") Rankin, Ex-POW, Wayne Stocker, Larry Elder



Korean War monument sponsored by Ch 219 at Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Nicholasville, KY



Part of Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Nicholasville, KY

Preset lawn crypts mean less digging at burial time, because a backhoe takes off only 24 to 30 inches of soil instead of digging a new 5-foot hole.

Harry Walsh, 619 Shaftsbury Rd.,
Lexington, KY 40505, 859-299-4002

227 – SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN [WI]

We have been installing Korean War Memorial plaques in various military and civilian parks in southeastern Wisconsin to honor all veterans who served in the fight for freedom against communist forces on the Korean peninsula.

We want to make sure "You are not forgotten."

Robert F. Young, 27103 Waubeesee Lake Dr.,
Wind Lake, WI 53185-2052, 262-895-6067

12" x 20" KWVA plaque mounted on wall at Milwaukee War Memorial, installed under Ch 277's aegis on 10 May 2006

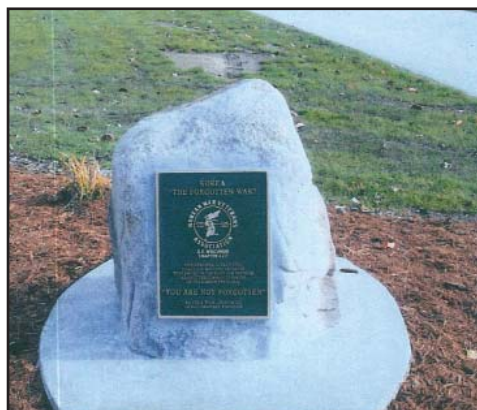


Brass plate on plaque in office foyer at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Union Grove, WI, 10 January 2004 placed by Ch 227

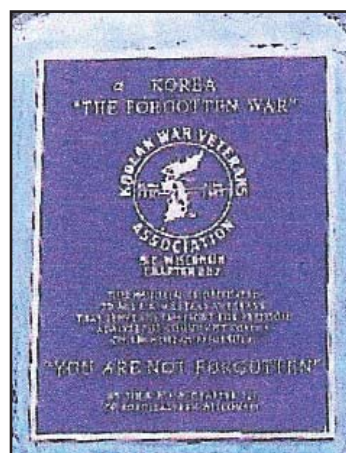
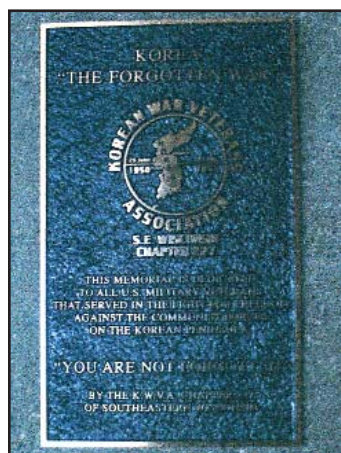


12" x 16" plaque mounted on rock by Ch 227 at Kansasville VFW Park, Kansasville, WI, 27 July 2009

12" x 16" plaque mounted on rock by Ch 227 at Prairie Springs Park, Pleasant Prairie, WI, 8 Nov. 2009



Commemorative stone placed by Ch 227 at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Union Grove, WI, 27 July 2003



ABOVE LEFT: 12" x 16" KWVA plaque mounted on a rock at Echo Lake Veterans Park, Burlington, WI, sponsored by Ch 227 and installed on 9 Oct 2005

ABOVE RIGHT: 6" x 6" plaque installed on 25 June 2008 by Ch 227 at Caledonia – Mt. Pleasant, Franksville, WI. Dedication on the back reads, "In memory of Pfc Michael E. Foley Killed In Action January 29, 1951"

294 – GREATER HAVERHILL [MA]

The Haverhill Korean War Memorial was dedicated on November 23, 2002. Many improvements have been made since, culminating with a memorial service on June 10, 2010 in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the Korean War.

The memorial is located in the Grand Army of the Republic Park on a lot donated by the City of Haverhill. Design and construction began with a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Additional funding came from private and business donations and through the efforts of Korean War veterans who collected donations from motorists and on local tag days.

Another major source of income is from the sale of bricks and granite stones that surround the monument. The funds currently are used to maintain and improve the monument and fund two scholarships given to children and grandchildren of Korean War veterans.

The memorial was designed and built by two local sculptors, who were assisted by chapter members. The memorial consists of a nine-foot bronze statue of a soldier carrying an M-1 rifle. The monument is surrounded by eight flag poles with the American flag prominent. It is followed by the Massachusetts state flag, the Korean flag, and the flags of each of the separate branches of the U.S. armed forces.

The City of Haverhill donated a cast iron fence that was in disrepair. The fence, which at one time enclosed Haverhill's Civil War



Dropping the statue on the base of the Haverhill Korean War Memorial in 2002



Members of Ch 294 adjust flags and flagpoles prior to Haverhill's 60th Anniversary remembrance



The Haverhill, MA Korean War Memorial



Ch 294 members at their Korean War Memorial (L-R) Jim Rogers, Rich Bilodeau, Don Aimaro, Myles Marcus, Ken Bilodeau, Russ Chaput, Ray Deroche

monument, was repaired with new castings. It now surrounds the monument and flags. Eighteen yards of concrete were also donated for the base.

The City of Haverhill donated a cast iron fence that was in disrepair. The fence, which at one time enclosed Haverhill's Civil War monument, was repaired with new castings. It now surrounds the monument and flags. Eighteen yards of concrete were also donated for the base.

A decorative walkway with bricks and granite stones memorializing many veterans of all wars and services forms the perimeter of the memorial, while lights illuminate the flags and memorial, making it a spectacular sight day and night.

The sixtieth anniversary celebration of the Korean War we sponsored was a major event as witnessed by the many dignitaries and the relatives of the sixteen local veterans killed during the Korean War. Chapter members spend many hours maintaining the memorial. We will continue to expand the project, which will be the center of many veterans' events.

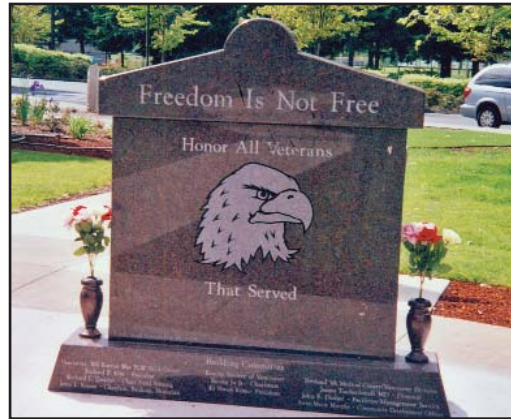
Incidentally, the mold for the infantry soldier is available for lease for other organizations planning a memorial. This is a highly detailed monument, and re-using the mold would represent a substantial savings.

Donald Amairo, 2 Alfred Park,
Haverhill, MA 01835, 978-372-8865

VANCOUVER, WA

The Korean War Memorial and bench were relocated at the VA Medical Center in Vancouver. Two KWVA Life Members, Dick Kim and Dick Quatier, did much of the work

Richard P. Kim, 1205 NW 132nd St., Apt A
Vancouver, WA 98685-1929, 360-573-6887,
RsKimpray4u@comcast.net



The Clark County, WA Korean War Veterans Memorial (front view)



The Clark County, WA Korean War Veterans Memorial (back view)



Front view of bench at the Clark County (WA) Korean War Veterans Memorial



The back of the bench at the Clark County (WA) Korean War Veterans Memorial

Chapter & Department News

11 GREATER DANBURY AREA [CT]

We participated in Danbury's 2011 Memorial Day Parade, winning the "Best Color Guard – Most in Line of March" award.

Bernard S. Rotunda, 8 Reynolds Rd.,
Bethel CT 06801



Members of Ch 11 at Danbury, CT Memorial Day Parade (L-R) Sam Krizan, Bernie Rotunda, Brendan Sniffin, John Mattone, Jim Derwin, Ed Clawson, Sam Jacobellis, Joe Rotella, Dick Shannon, Joe Nash, Dick Nutting, Tom Cassidy

19 GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

On 26 May, the State of Georgia had a Memorial Day Ceremony at the State Capitol to honor the 22 Georgian Fallen Heroes in this year's military battles. Chapter members attended, including James Conway, Thomas Harris, Urban Rump, Robert Hendershott, Robert McCubbins, and Ronald Clark.

On the Veterans Remembrance Day at the Atlanta History Center, Ron Clark showed some of the chapter's military equipment to the visiting public.

At two recent lunches we held drawings for the Samsung cameras donated by the Samsung Company and The Korea Society in New York City. Our luncheon speaker, Atlanta businessman Jay Eun, drew the winning names from a hat.



On the Veterans Remembrance Day at the Atlanta History Center, Ron Clark of Ch 19 shows some of the chapter military equipment to the visiting public



Ch 19 members at Georgia Memorial Day Ceremony (L-R) James Conway, Thomas Harris, Urban Rump, Robert Hendershott, Honorable Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia, Robert McCubbins, Ronald Clark



Camera winners and Ch 19 members Bill Hall, George McCauley, Frank Petraglia, Jack Robinson, Edwin Johnson, Bill Keoho, and Don Byers (L-R) surround Jay Eun (in gray suit) at drawing



More camera winners from Ch 19, Bill Massey, John Whiting, Bob Balfour, Bobby Wall, Rufus Mullikin, Jack Sells, and Norman Board, stand with guest speaker Susan Copeland

Another group of members won cameras at a second luncheon. The speaker at the second luncheon was Susan Copeland, who is presently working on the script of a documentary about General Raymond Davis.

Jim Conway, conatlanta@comcast.net

24 CHARLES PARLIER [IL]

We participated in the 4th of July Parade this year.

Jerry Seymour, gearshift3a1@yahoo.com



Ch 24 members demonstrate their pull in the July 4th parade



A fine 4th of July weather-wise for Ch 24 parade marchers

30 INDIANA #1 [IN]

Our members had a busy Memorial Day weekend. We held a wonderful program, after which we enjoyed a picnic on the grounds where our beautiful monument is located. We wound up the weekend by participating in our local Memorial Day parade.

Happily, we are off to a great start for a busy summer that will involve lots of fun and fellowship. We hope all the other KWVA chapters do as well.

Mary Anna Roemke, P. O. Box 15102,
Fort Wayne, IN 46885, 260-485-7627



Members of Ch 30 assemble on Memorial Day weekend (Sitting, L-R) Carl Horn, Cletus Rumschlag, Bernard Wisniewski (Past Commander), Ken Roemke (Present Commander); (Standing, L-R) Carl Fowler, Harold Schick, Bud Mendenhall, Lynn Shady, Don Coombs, Don Perkins, Ron Barnhart, Garry Sink, Jim Leslie, Earl Warstler, Ed Goshert, Dale Parish, Charlie Comstock, Bob Rose, Allen Clendenen

41 FROZEN CHOSIN [MN]

Members attended a Memorial Day observation ceremony at the Korean Veterans Memorial in Mankato, MN.

Allen E. Torgerson, 140 Lynx Ln., Mankato, MN
56001, 507-387-4927, TorMade@hickorytech.net



Frozen Chosin members gather at Memorial Day ceremony



The Mankato,
MN Korean
Veterans
Memorial

54 THOMAS W. DALEY, JR. [NJ]

In 2002 we planted a Pin Oak tree in memory of the Korean War. The original tree, donated by Robert Scully in 1991 and dedicated on October 25th that year, had been cut down by van-



Fred Connolly, Korean Church member, Charles Jackson (L-R) at Ch 54's tree dedication

Fred Connolly (L) blows taps and Charles Jackson salutes in memory of the Korean War as Ch 54 and church members dedicate replacement Pin Oak tree



dals. It had been located on church property located on Rte. 70 East in Cherry Hill, NJ. With this re-dedication, members of both the chapter and the First Korean United Methodist Church made a pledge to watch over the tree as it grew.

For the last nine years, we have placed wreaths on Memorial Day and June 25th each year in memory of those who sacrificed before, during, and after the Korean War. The tree is now 25 feet high, healthy, and still growing.

We also placed a large plaque a few feet from the tree so all of the traffic passing by on the busy highway knows that the memorial is a KOREAN WAR memorial.

Andrew T. Jackson, 117 Kingsdale Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003, 856-424-0736, captjack71@comcast.net

55 NASSAU COUNTY #1 [NY]

On 26 March 2011, 26 men from downstate New York who did not return to Korea on revisits were presented with the

Ambassador for Peace Medal and Proclamation at the Bible Korean United Methodist Church, Dix Hills, NY.



Korea Consul, Ch 55 Commander Howard Plattner, Salvatore Scarlato (L-R) at Ambassador for Peace Medal and Proclamation presentation



Jack Leff, Bob O'Brien, Hank Nowicki, John Hoolahan, Al Culen of Ch 55 (L-R) at Ambassador for Peace Medal and Proclamation presentation

Five men from our chapter were involved: Al Culen, John Hoolahan, Jack Leff, Hank Nowicki, and Bob O'Brien.

State Commander Salvatore Scarlato was instrumental in making this possible.

Bob O'Brien, 408 Fifth Ave., Cedarhurst, NY 11516

58 MONROE COUNTY [NY]

During the Department of NY Spring Convention in Saratoga Springs, NY, many Department members received the "Ambassador for Peace" Medal, Ribbon and Pin from Deputy Consul General, Honorable Nak Young-Joo, and Consul Economic Affairs Byoung-Sun Choi. Chapter Presidents/Commanders were asked to have presentations made to their eligible members who had not attended the convention.

At our meeting on May 26th, the three members of our chapter who had not attended the convention, Past President' Frank Nicalozzo, Past President Gordon Pike, and Treasurer Paul Wurzer, received the Medal, Ribbon and Pin from Mrs. Byoung Baek, Past President of the Korean American Community in Rochester, NY. She is also an associate member of our chapter.



Joe Vogel, Gordon Pike, Frank Nicalozzo, Mrs. Baek, Paul Wurzer, Roger Hill (L-R) of Ch 58

President Roger Hill and 1st Vice President Joe Vogel received their awards on May 5th at the convention in Saratoga Springs.

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



Mrs. Byoung Baek places Ambassador for Peace Medal on Ch 58 member Paul Wurzer



Linc Orologio, Mert Eggleston, Bill Shaw, Paul O'Keefe, Gene Slavin (L-R) form the Ch 60 Honor Guard at Prospect Mountain



Ch 60 Commander Ray Waldron and Terry Waterston display her Certificate of Appreciation

Frank Nicalozzo of Ch 58 receives his Ambassador for Peace Medal



Paul O'Keefe of Ch 60 at Prospect Mountain



Past President Gordon Pike of Ch 58 displays his Ambassador for Peace Medal

Portable monument, formerly used in parades by Ch 60, now at the VFW in Saratoga Springs, NY



60 ADIRONDACK [NY]

Members attended the Prospect Mountain Memorial Service, which honors POWs/MIAs from all our past wars. Chapter member Terry Waterston, a Marine veteran of the Korean War, has organized the event for nineteen years. The 2011 service was the 42nd anniversary of the event.

We presented Terry Waterston with a Certificate of Appreciation for her nineteen years of service.



Honor Guard from Ch 60 at Flag Day Parade in Saratoga Springs, NY (L-R) Mert Eggleston, Gene Slavin, Paul O'Keefe and Bill Shaw

We also marched in the Flag Day Parade in Saratoga Springs, NY. Our Honor Guard participated, as it did at Prospect Mountain.

Gene Corsale is leading a petition drive to get the new bridge over Lake Champlain between New York State and Vermont

named the Veterans Memorial Bridge. He reported that as of 8 July 2011 over 700 people had signed a petition seeking the name designation, and more are signing on every day.

"Patriotism is alive and well," he averred.

Ray Waldron, Commander, EXADRAY@aol.com

99 TALL CORN [IA]

Edward Wittig, our Secretary/Treasurer, received an air medal and plaque for service from 26 September 1952 - 15 December 1952. Capt. Randy Larson awarded the medal and plaque at our spring 2011 meeting.

Mindy McGregor, Director of the Iowa Veterans Cemetery near Van Meter, IA, presented a program regarding what is available at the facility for veterans and their families.

Photos and Text by Leland E. Rogal,
382 6th Ave., Marion, IA 52302



Capt. Randy Larson (R) presents Edward Wittig of Ch 99 with medal and plaque

Mindy McGregor speaks to Ch 99 assembly



105 CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

May 23, 2011 was the date of the tenth annual USA Day at the Gillette Middle School, North Syracuse, NY. The school's military support group hosted the affair. The day is set aside to honor all the services and units like the police, Red Cross, and other groups that aid the community.

At the event the sides of the gymnasium are lined with tables



Jim Low, Barry Lashomb, Commander Ed Grala of Ch 105 (L-R) at the end of a long day at Gillette Road Middle School in North Syracuse, NY

which class by class pass by to view the displays. Military and police vehicles occupy the parking lot for student perusal.

Our chapter has participated from the time the event started. For some reason, we are the only veterans group that participates.

Jim Low, 114 Wembridge Dr.,
E. Syracuse, NY 13057, 315-437-0833

110 MIAMI-DADE [FL]

We received a proclamation from the county commission on June 14, 2011—both Flag Day and the U.S. Army's birthday—naming June as Korean War Veterans Month in Miami-Dade County.

This is the seventh year the chapter has been recognized.

Ainslee R. Ferdie, 717 Ponce de Leon Blvd.,
Coral Gables, FL 33134, 305-445-3557



Presentation of the proclamation to Ch 110 (L-R) County Commissioner Esteban Bovo, Chaplain Harry Reinfenberg, 1st VP John Uhrich, President Ainslee R. Ferdie, County Commissioner & VP Pepe Diaz (a veteran), County Commissioner District #4 Sally A. Heyman

117 OCEAN STATE #1 [RI]

We celebrated our fifteenth anniversary on 25 May 2011.

Several members attended an event at the International Hotel in Boston last December to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Korean War. The Consulate General of the Republic of Korea sponsored the event. We were very lucky to have been invited.

Antero ("Ted") Martins, 54 Ferncrest Drive,
Pawtucket, RI 02861, 401-724-4664,
tedmartins30@gmail.com



Ted Martins, Ken LaFontaine, Joe LaFontaine (L-R) of Ch 117 with Jennifer Park at Boston commemoration event



Maurice Trottier, Past Commander and founder of Ch 117 (L), and current Commander Antero ("Ted") Martins at chapter's anniversary celebration



Ch 117 President Antero Martins (R) presents Joseph LaFontaine with a plaque thanking him for his hard work as chairman of the chapter's 15th anniversary dinner



Past Commanders of Ch 117 gather: (L-R) Jack Keanan, Maurice Trottier, Roland Watts, Norm DeRosier, Antero Martins

129 SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA #4 [IN]

We gathered at the Aurora American Legion Post in November 2010 to celebrate the 236th birthday of the Marine Corps. Two WWII Marines, one of whom, Bob Myers, is a survivor of Iwo Jima, cut the traditional cake.



Marines mustered at the Aurora, IN American Legion Post to celebrate the USMC's 236th birthday in 2010. Post Commander Ken Cash of Ch 129 was Master of Ceremonies. Seated are WWII Marine Corps veterans Peter Eberhart and Bob Myers.



USMC retirees Luther Rice, Commander of Ch 129 and GySgt Dennis Kinnett (seated, L-R) were recognized for their community involvement during the 2010 Marine Corps Birthday recognition. Presenters (standing, L-R) were David Jones and MSgt Bob Karp, USMC (Ret)



Ch 129 members assemble prior to conducting military graveside services (L-R) Luther Rice, Bob Karp, J.D. Largent, Seb Walston, Archie Abner, Mike Blevins, Tom Largent, Clarence Vogelgesang, Bob Weber, Al Bamberger, Howard Cleeter, Paul Lelli, Phillip See, Bob Oelker, Ralph Cole, Alvin Senger, Bob Riede, Ivan Chipman



Fundraisers from Ch 129 on the a.m. shift at Walmart (Front, L-R) Bob Oelker, J.D. Largent, Richard Goble, Lynn Weber (Back, L-R) George Niemeyer, Ken Cash, Hank Schmeltzer, Carl Zimmer, Glynn Clark, Bob Carp, Clarence Vogelgesang



P.M. shift at Walmart for Ch 129 fundraisers (Front, L-R) Alvin Senger, Bob Lowe, P. G. Gentrup, Al Bamberger (Back, L-R) Bill Cole, Don Stoll, Paul Lelli, Ralph Cole, Tom Lampert, Archie Abner, Mike Blevins, Marvin Curlin, Phillip See

We provide an Honor Guard for military graveside services for local deceased veterans. Our Honor Guard also travels to Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky, when requested, to render military honors for departed comrades.

Members recently conducted a successful fund raiser at the local Walmart store. Funds collected are used to award scholarships to

local high school graduates, provide aid to veterans who are sick or in distress and programs for senior citizens, support the VA Medical Center in Cincinnati, OH, and other worthwhile causes.

Luther Rice, 414 Water St., Aurora, IN 47001, 812-926-2790

142 COL. WILLIAM E. WEBER [MD]

Recently, the Wounded Warrior Association and the Frederick County, Maryland Cattlemen's Association sponsored a picnic for recovering Iraq and Afghanistan War veterans. We provided the Color Guard.

Richard L. Martin, Publicity Chairman, 301-663-6360, rlnaem@comcast.net

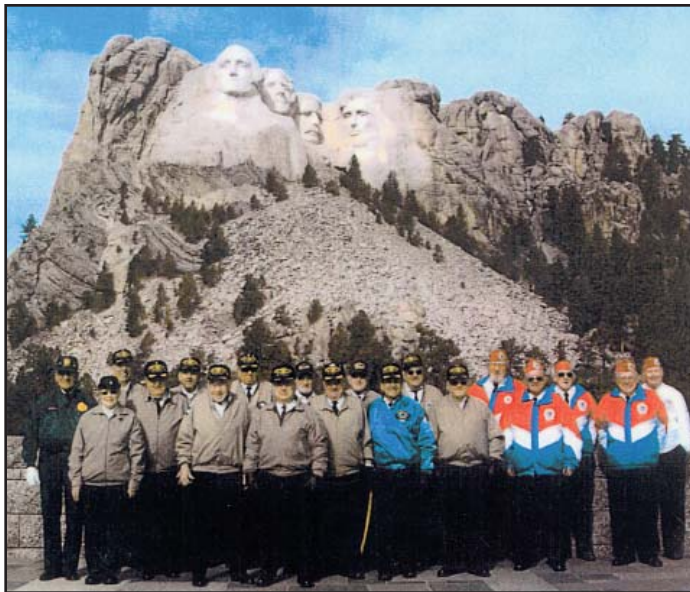


Color Guard from Ch 142, flanked by two U.S. Marines, at picnic for Iraq and Afghanistan War veterans

160 WEST RIVER [SD]

"Great Americans" of Ch 160 stand in front of another group of Great Americans, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln at Mt. Rushmore, in Keystone, SD.

Marvin Knapp, 31 Centennial St., Rapid City, SD 57701, 605-721-5818



Members of Ch 160 and "friends" in background at Mt. Rushmore

173 MID-FLORIDA [FL]

We have new officers:

- Bob Johnson – Treasurer
- Tim McKenna – 2nd VP
- Cathy Allessandri – 1st VP
- Charles Travers – President

Charlie First of the Department of Florida swore them in.

We presented Certificates of Appreciation to Eli Jennings, the Manager of Albertson Grocery Store, and to Maitland Breakfast Club.



Charlie First swears in new Ch 173 officers (L-R) Bob Johnson, Tim McKenna, Cathy Allessandri, Chuck Travers



Ch 173 members present certificate of appreciation to the owner of Maitland Breakfast Club

Members also collaborated with agents from the Orlando Veterans Hospital to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War and to present a picture to Bill Crevier, the commander of VFW Post 2093.

Charles R. Travers, 250 Mira Way, #208
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
407-252-7447



The certificate presented to Albertson Grocery Store by Ch 173 (L-R) Bob Johnson, store manager Eli Jennings, Tom Cullerton, Ron York



VA agent Mary Lou Williams (foreground) and unidentified woman help Ch 173 commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War

Sandra Mayhe presents a picture to Cmdr. Bill Crevier, VFW Post 2093, as Ch 173 President Chuck Travers (R) looks on



199 MANASOTA [FL]

Our Color Guard posted the Colors at a Pittsburgh Pirates spring training game.

Thomas G. ("Skip") Hannon,
4721 Mount Vernon Dr., Bradenton, FL 34210,
941-795-5061, colonelglenn@verizon.net



Color Guard from Ch 199 at McKechnie (Front) Terry Willis (Standing, L-R) Joe Manna, Dick Roehr, Jim LaFreniere, Roy Robertson, Hank Buhlinger

179 SAN DIEGO [CA]

We commemorated Memorial Day with the Korean Association of Korean War Veterans of San Diego at the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial in La Jolla.

James J. Whelan, President, 1042 Ardilla Pl., Chula Vista, CA 91910, 619-656-8186, OmCeltic@cox.net



ROK Veterans with Jim Whelan of Ch 179 and a visiting Korean War veteran from Philadelphia on Memorial Day

183 NEBRASKA #1 [NE]



Chapter President Bill Wirges presented a certificate to Purple Heart recipient Ned Sortino to recognize his action in the Korean War.

Bill Wirges,
15010 Holmes St.,
Omaha, NE 68137

Bill Wirges of Ch 183 presents certificate to Ned Sortino

188 SOUTH LAKE COUNTY [FL]

One of our chapter founders, Joe Madeline, passed away on 23 April 2011. He served as the First VP then, and later as our chapter President. He was also the VP of the Department of Florida and the Chairman of our annual antique auto show.

Don Krolak, 1148 Mesa Verde Dr., Clermont, FL 34711, 352-243-2792, 3601@embarqmail.com



The late Joe Madeline introducing a speaker at Ch 188's car show



Ch 188 Honor Guard prepares for rites at Joe Madeline's funeral (L-R) Don Krolak, Tommie Weathers, Thomas Ritten, David Litz, Bill Shibler, Carl Hogue, Maxine Parker

191 TIDEWATER [VA]

On 23 May 2011, four members of our chapter prepared and served lunch to 135 homeless people at the Portsmouth, VA Oasis, Social Ministry. Chaplain Leo Ruffing, who is a "regular" at Oasis, extended the invitation for the rest of us to be of service.

Tim Whitmore, twhit35@gmail.com



Chaplain Leo Ruffing gives some reverential advice to Tim Whitmore. Dept. of Virginia Commander John Edwards (L) and Clinton Capeheart (background) look on at Oasis meeting



John Edwards and Tim Whitmore chop onions for homeless diners

Leo Ruffing, Oasis Staff Member and Vietnam veteran Joe Johnson, Clinton Capehart, John Edwards, Tim Whitmore (L-R) at Oasis



Oasis Chef Gerry Mattoon (kneeling) with Tim Whitmore, Leo Ruffing, John Edwards, Clinton Capehart (in background) at meal

John T. ("Sonny") Edwards, Clinton Capehart, Oasis Staff Members Caroline McGrath and Charleston Brooks, Leo G. Ruffing, and Joe Johnson work together



192 CITRUS COUNTY [FL]

We participated in an Independence Day presentation entitled "Celebrating Freedom," an annual program by the First Baptist Church in Crystal River, FL. We presented the Army, Navy,



Ch 192 members and military officers at July 4th event (L-R) Navy CPO Reggie Thurlow, Air Force Col Jim Hembree, Coast Guard Lt Kerry Keith, Marine Corps Sgt Chuck Spikes (First Vice Commander), Marine Corps Sgt Walt Malowski, U.S. Army Lt Col Hank Butler

Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard flags during the one-hour program.

Hank Butler, Commander, hankrita@tampabay.rr.com

215 GEN WALTON H. WALKER [TX]

Chapter members met with Texas State Senator Brian Birdwell on April 29, 2011 while attending the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, during which the Texas Senate honored Korean War veterans. The event took place at 9:30 a.m. on 29 April at the Senate Gallery, Austin, TX.

Alves Key, alveskey@sbcglobal.net



Members of Ch 215 at Texas State House (L-R) Annette White, Byron White, Larry Kinard, Jr., Senator Birdwell, Larry Kinard, William Hoyle

250 CHARLES B. THACKER [VA]

A good number of our members showed up for a regular meeting—and a good meal. We traveled out of town this time to Pine Mountain Grill in Whitesburg, KY.

We were too busy eating to get much official business done.

Bruce Shell, 9902 Coeburn Mt. Rd., Wise, VA 24293



Ch 250 members at dinner/meeting in Whitesburg, KY

251 SAGINAW/FRANKENMUTH [MI]

On Memorial Day 2011 several chapter members attended the celebrations at the Saginaw County Veteran's Plaza. Over 450 people attended the ceremony. There were 32 military units and their Ladies Auxiliaries, Boy Scouts, Purple Heart groups, Marine Corps League groups, and various high school bands present.



Fred Bauer, Ron Lubis, Jacob Klemm, Ken Gerte, Bob Simon (L-R) of Ch 251 at Saginaw County, MI Memorial Day event



LEFT: Dallas Mossman, Jr., of Ch 251, POW for 3-1/2 years in North Korean prison camps, sells Roses of Sharon. **RIGHT:** Bob Simon, Ch 251 Public Relations Director, does his part to sell Roses of Sharon



James Smith, Chuck Wenzel, Rose of Sharon program co-chairman, Howard Oosterheert of Ch 251 sell roses

We sold Roses of Sharon at Wal-Marts/Sam's/Pats Food Center in shifts of 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Members invested a total of 176 man hours to sell Roses of Sharon. We sell Roses of Sharon during two days near Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

We enjoy donating to various causes, as well as providing seven \$750.00 KWVA Scholarships to graduating high school seniors.



John Rosebrock and Commander Wally Trinklein of Ch 251 sell Roses of Sharon in front of a sign that informs purchasers where the proceeds go

Ken Gorte (L) and Don Lyons of Ch 251 sell Roses of Sharon on 28 May 2011



Co-chairman of Ch 251's Rose of Sharon program Lydia Davis and Stan French participate in sales in Saginaw

Tom Keller (R) of Ch 251 completes a Rose of Sharon sale with an unidentified "Captain"



Hiel Rockwell (L) and Art Neville of Ch 251 fill their Rose of Sharon shift at recent sales event



Fred Bauer, Chairman of Ch 251's Rose of Sharon program, works with Bob Wodarak and Richard Rosa to sell roses

Bob Simon, 7286 Spring Lake Trail, Saginaw, MI 48603, (989) 792-3718 or (989) 821-1280

256 NORVILLE B. FINNEY [MI]

Thirty-two members and their wives participated in the Sterling Heights, MI Memorial Day Parade honoring our fallen brothers and sisters from all wars. This is one of the largest parades in Michigan.

One of the participants was U.S Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), who is a great supporter of all veterans.

James E. McCarthy, 2159 Parliament Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48130, 586-464-4223, jimsshop@com-cast.net



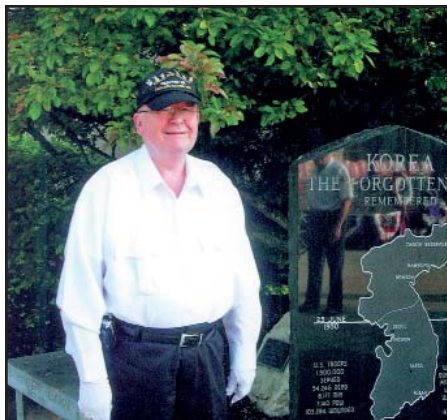
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schornak at Ch 256's Korean War Memorial



John Hanley with his restored jeep that carried many Ch 256 members during the Sterling Heights Memorial Day Parade



Above, Dominic Marzicola (L), Joe Cicci, and James Douglas, left, at Ch 256's Korean War Memorial



U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow and Ch 256 PR Director Jim McCarthy



John Hanley, Donald Bouffard, Edward Kwiecinski (L-R) at Ch 256's Memorial Day festivities



259 CENTRAL INDIANA [IN]

At the recent Indiana State meeting, we were privileged to have two unannounced charming visitors. Kris Shallenberger and her daughter Erin dropped by to thank us for our service in the Korean War. She told us about her deceased father who served on Navy submarines in that operation. Kris wanted Erin to meet some of the men who were involved at that time.

She mentioned that being with us for a few minutes made her feel close to her Dad, Stanley R. Ewy, USN, a Communications Officer, who could never reveal all that his duties were.

MajGen Richard Chastain, IN NG (Ret), was guest speaker at the April State KWVA meeting, in Lebanon, IN, at the American Legion Post. The General discussed world events and the connection to artillery in the conduct of the various wars, past and present.



Erin and Kris Shallenberger enjoy a bit of cake at Indiana meeting



Tom Shepherd, Vice Cmdr Paul Dickerson, MGen Chastain, State Cmdr Tine Martin and 2nd Vice Cmdr Jack Beaty (L-R) at Indiana State meeting

He noted the improvement in accuracy and effectiveness of current weaponry and gave background on the use of National Guard troops in times of conflict. His interesting lecture included mention of his daughter serving in Afghanistan in her 31st year of active duty.

She is a Colonel assigned to agricultural project supervision. His son also served as an Army officer.

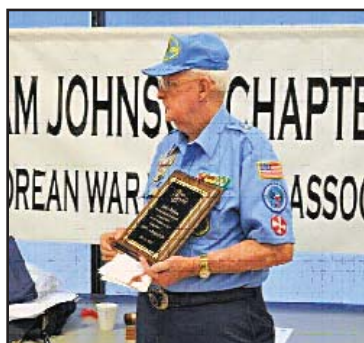
John M. Quinn, Saggi32@aol.com

270 SAM JOHNSON [TX]

Chapter Recognizes 2010 Membership Drive Winners

100% of our members are also KWVA members. That shows that we know how to build chapter membership while following KWVA bylaws.

During our 10 March 2011 meeting, we recognized our members who had sponsored our seventeen new chapter/KWVA members in 2010. Members who sponsored the new additions in 2010 were Doyle Dykes (10), Tilford Jones (3), Ed Arnett (1), Ernest Bousquet (1), Bill Carman (1), and Billy Joe Denton (1).



Doyle Dykes holds a plaque showing he has won the membership drive for eight consecutive years. He recruited ten new members in 2010

Doyle Dykes has led the chapter in recruiting new chapter/KWVA members for eight consecutive years. New KWVA members sponsored by Doyle Dykes were Harold Davis, Daniel Vendegna, Kelcer Franks, Harry Grounder, Dale Whitsitt, Joe Emanuele, Jesse Freeman, Gene Wells, Tom Boyte, and David Martinez..

The three new members sponsored by Tilford Jones are W. Thomas Gregg, Herschel Nochols, and Ed Miller. Ed Arnett recruited Thomas Jacobs, Ernest Bousquet signed up Joe Seiling, Bill Carman sponsored Norman Callahan, and Billy Joe Denton signed up James Cawyer.

Because Doyle Dykes and other members actively seek out new members, we now have more active KWVA members than any other chapter south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Glen Thompson, gthomp@tx.rr.com

286 EAST TEXAS [TX]

Memorial Medal of Honor Ceremony Held In Tyler, Texas

At noon on 26 March, we began our 5th annual Memorial Ceremony honoring recipients of the Medal of Honor at the Gladewater Memorial Cemetery. Former Navy Boatswain Mate Bill Watson piped those assembled to attention. The chapter's Color Guard posted the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Assistant Chaplain Steve Ditmore offered an opening prayer.

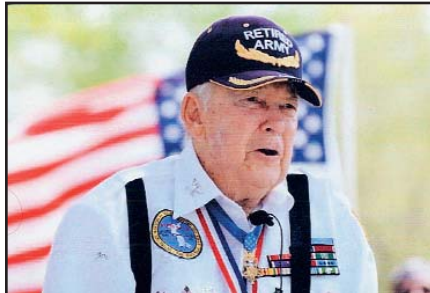
The Tyler "Welcome Home Soldiers" and the "Patriot's Guard" groups formed a guard around the perimeter of the area, each holding an American flag. Members of the choir of the International ALERT Academy of Big Sandy, TX sang the National Anthem. The choir of the Tyler Korean Baptist Church then sang the National Anthem of the Republic of Korea.



Members of the choir of the International ALERT Academy of Big Sandy, TX perform at Ch 286's MOH event



LtCol Seung Hak Kim, Korea Marine Attaché, members of the Tyler Korean Baptist Church choir, and LtCol In Woong Yeo, Korea Army Attaché



Col James L. Stone at Tyler, TX



Gravesite of MOH recipient Travis E. Watkins in Gladewater Memorial Cemetery

Gladewater, TX Mayor Walter Derrick (R), James Gill, Ch 286 President at Tyler cemetery



LtCol Yeo (L), KWVA Dept. of Texas President and former POW Roy Aldridge (C), LtCol Kim at Ch 286 event

James Gill, chapter President and a retired Navy Senior Chief, coordinated and narrated the event. We were there to honor all recipients of the Medal of Honor, in particular MSgt Travis E. Watkins, U.S. Army (posthumously) and former POW Col James L. Stone, U.S. Army (Ret). Both Watkins and Stone served in the Korean War. Col Stone, who now resides in Arlington, TX, was a speaker. The event was held at the gravesite of Travis E. Watkins.

A proclamation honoring Medal of Honor recipients was read by the Honorable Walter Derrick, Mayor of Gladewater. Two representatives from the South Korean Embassy in Washington DC were in attendance: LtCol Seung Hak Kim, Korea Marine Attaché, and LtCol In Woong Yeo, Korea Army Attaché. Col Kim delivered a speech of recognition and thanks; Col Yeo accepted the flag presented by our chapter that had flown over the site since the last memorial celebration.

Col Stone placed a wreath on the gravesite, assisted by National KWVA President William Mac Swain and Col Yeo. Chapter bugler Richard Perkins played "Taps," which our Honor Guard followed with a gun salute. Paul Watson played bagpipes during a fly-over of three vintage aircraft provided by the Flight of the Phoenix Aviation Museum of Gilmer, TX. Former combat pilots flew the planes. Steve Dean of the museum coordinated the flight.

Members of Cub Scout Pack #207 of White Oak, TX, with their leader William Darby, assisted with the flags surrounding the Honor Table. The Travis E. Watkins Post 281 of the American Legion helped us with the ceremony. Immediately following, the

American flag which had flown over the gravesite for the previous year was retired and presented to Col Yeo.

We were dismissed following the benediction by Assistant Chaplain Steve Ditmore.

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LtCol Kim, James L. Stone, Ch 286 Treasurer Jack Fields, National KWVA President Bill Mac Swain, LtCol Yeo (L-R) at MOH ceremony



Lt Col Kim, Il Sim (wife of CWO Don Turner, Ch 286), LtCol Yeo (holding flag presented to him by Ch 286)



Honor table staffed by Cub Scout Pack #207 at Tyler, TX ceremony



Vintage aircraft fly over Ch 286 assembly

289 MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN]

We had a busy couple of months. In March and April we had our election and installation of new officers. Then, during April and May, members presented 19 medallions and certificates to JROTC cadets at 10 local high schools in our area.

We held a fund raiser at our local Wal-Mart on May 28. Two days later we deployed contingents to memorial services at the VA Hospital in Johnson City and memorials in Unicoi County, Kingsport, and Rogersville, TN.



Commander Jim Simerly of Ch 289 at a local JROTC Awards ceremony

William Porter and Gayle Carpenter at Ch 289's fund raiser on May 28, 2011, at which "We received so many donations we had to call Brinks for help!"



Chapter members had a busy couple of weeks in the later part of June. We held our annual Watermelon Party at the VA Community Living Center (nursing unit). The watermelons were donated by several local Food City Stores.

Several days later we set up a booth at the 2nd Annual Vietnam Veterans Homecoming at the local fair grounds. Several

Korean servicemen visited our booth and showed an interest in joining the chapter.

Finally, 13 members in uniform and 3 women auxiliary members took part in the annual 4th of July Parade in Kingsport. Five men marched: 2 with the chapter banner, 1 each with the American and Korean flags, and 1 pushing another member, Ralph Yelton, in his wheel chair. The rest rode in four cars. It should be noted that as of June, Ralph Yelton became the oldest surviving combat wounded paraplegic veteran.

Carol Shelton, cshelton37663@yahoo.com



Watermelon Party volunteers from Ch 289 (L-R) Arlen Hensley, Fred Himelwright, Bill Reed (with his five-year-old grandson), Bob Shelton

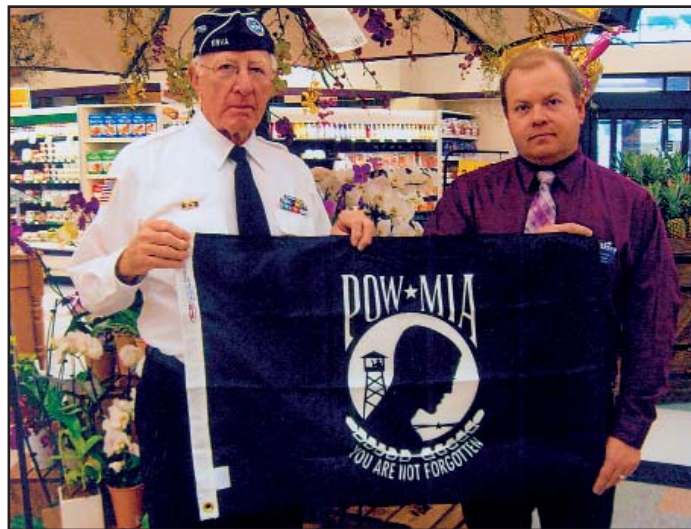
Ch 289's booth at the fairgrounds, staffed by Bob Shelton (L) and Bill Reed



Ten of the 13 members of Ch 289 who took part in the 4th of July parade (L-R) Bill Reed, Joe Cody, Jim Simerly, Commander Mack Dunford, James Holton, Earl Christian, Bill Lewis, William Porter, Bob Shelton, Arlen Hensley. Missing for the photo: Arles Pease, Fred Himelwright, Ralph Yelton

297 PLATEAU [TN]

We presented a new POW/MIA flag to the Crossville Kroger store. The store partners with us in appreciation of our support for POWs and MIAs as we make sure that they are not forgotten. As a gesture of its support, the store flies the flag at its entrance.



Commander Chan Smith of Ch 297 (L) presents a new POW/MIA flag to Kroger Assistant Manager Ben Brown

Several of our members visited the replica of the Vietnam Wall that was on display recently in Cumberland County and Crossville, TN. Bob Johnson, Bill Carlo, and Joe White presented the colors at the opening ceremony.



Visitors ponder at the Vietnam Wall in Cumberland County, TN



Ch 297's Scholarship Committee stands literally behind Taylor Davis (L) and Kendra Carey. Members include (L-R) Russ Uboldi, Bill Bateman, Chan Smith, Roger Vanreckom

We presented \$1,000 scholarships each to Taylor Davis and Kendra Carey as they enter their freshmen years in college. Miss Davis will study at the University of Florida to be a veterinarian. Miss Davis will study nursing at Tennessee Tech University.

The committee members who determined the recipients were Russ Uboldi, Bill Bateman, Commander Chan Smith, and Roger Vanreckom.

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Bob Johnson,
Bill Carlo, and
Joe White of Ch
297 present col-
ors at Vietnam
Wall



Can you find the Ch 301 members at the "Massing" in Greenville, SC?

In South Carolina the event has grown considerably over the years. Now there are over 150 South Carolina ROTC units and many service-related flag teams that vie to participate in events in Columbia and Greenville each year.

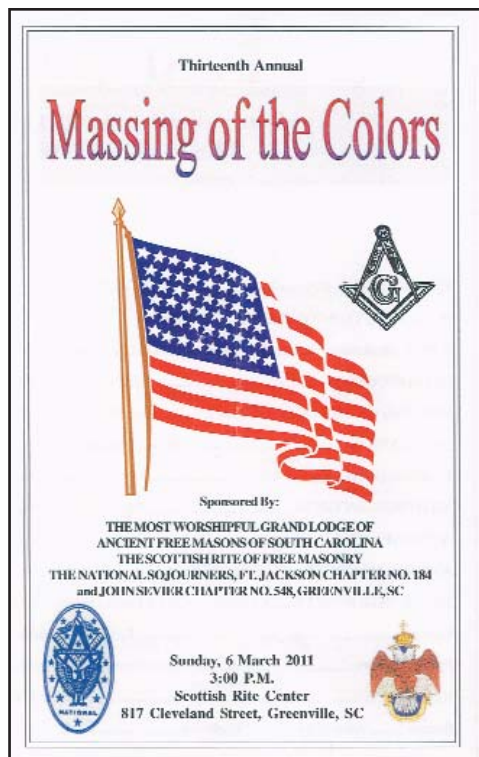
This year's "Massing" included 28 ROTC and Junior ROTC units, along with 6 others—including Ch 301. The 2011 event was the thirteenth in Greenville.

Nell A. Thompson, Secretary,
P. O. Box 6903, Greenville, SC 29606

301 FOOTHILLS [SC]

We participated in the annual "Massing of the Colors" held on 6 March 2010 at the Scottish Rite Temple in Greenville, SC.

The history of the event is intriguing. It began as an innovation by the Military Order of the World Wars in conjunction with the National Sojourners and the Scottish Rite, which morphed into the Massing of the Colors.



Front page of the
Greenville SC
"Massing of the
Colors" event

303 PALMETTO [SC]

The chapter's guest speaker at Parris Island on April 5th was *The Graybeards'* editor, Art Sharp. The stop was the first and, to date, his only talk on his national speaking tour.

The chapter members enjoyed learning firsthand about how *The Graybeards* is produced.

Bob Schweickart, 5 Airy Hall Ct.,
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928



Art Sharp makes a point at Parris Island talk to Ch 303

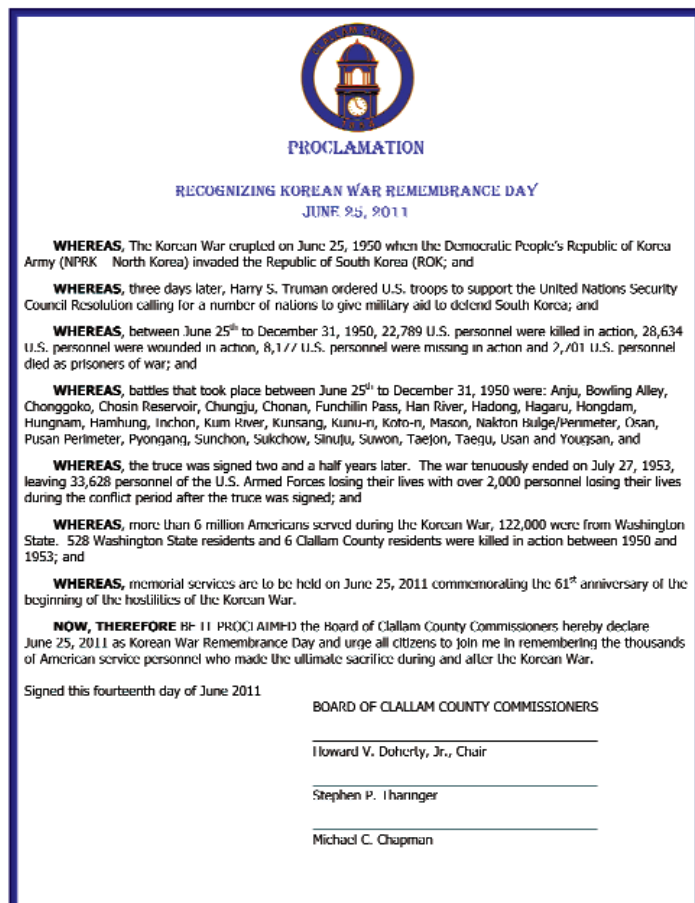


"Here's how things mesh," speaker Art Sharp explains to Ch 303 members

310 OLYMPIC PENINSULA [WA]

A "Korean War Remembrance Day" proclamation was presented on June 13th at the City of Sequim Council meeting and on June 14th at the Port Angeles County Commissioners office.

On June 25th we were the guests of State Senator Paul Shin and the Korean Ambassador to South Korea-Seattle, Hanyong Lee, for the 61st Anniversary of the Korean War at the State



The Chapter 310 proclamation recognizing the start of the Korean War

Capitol in Olympia. Prior to the ceremony we marched and paid homage before the Vietnam Memorial prior to advancing to our own memorial.

Since we are the only KWVA chapter in the State of Washington, we have the greatest organized numbers of Korean War veterans. Our presence is quite welcomed at various events.

We visited Olympia for the June 25th recognition of the beginning of the Korean War. After the ceremony we trooped down to the Vietnam Memorial and paid our respects there as well. The timing was right since the Department of Veterans Affairs was also doing a dedication for the 26 flag poles they were donating. The flag poles are to be placed around the Vietnam monument

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Veterans including members of Ch 310 gather at Olympia, WA commemoration of the start of the Korean War



A large crowd attended the event at Olympia, WA



Veterans mingle at Vietnam War Memorial in Olympia, WA

314 WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA [NC]

A Hot Memorial Day Service

As temperatures rose into the upper 80s, Frank Enos and Carl Bigham placed wreaths for the Korean War veterans, POWs, and MIAs at the Honor Roll memorial. Frank and Carl, along with several other chapter members, were present to honor those who gave their lives for freedom.

Capt Fielding Lucas, also a chapter member, told the assembled crowd that, "We must always honor those who obeyed the call and paid the ultimate price."

Bernie Nagel, Commander, 828-698-8631,
BernieNagel@bellsouth.net



Frank Enos (L) and Carl Bigham of Ch 314 pay respects at Memorial Day service



Capt Fielding Lucas speaks at Ch 314's Memorial Day commemoration

319 LAWTON [OK]

The Lawton/Ft. Sill, OK Armed Forces Parade is deemed to be the largest in the nation. We participated in this parade for the first time this year.

As the Korean War veterans' van passed by, spectators stood and cheered. Commander Bud Arenz, Ralph Melcher, Roy Arenz, and Mrs. Arline, the widow of POW Don Periot, rode in the van, which was driven by chapter member Lewis Reeder. Next year we plan to enter a float to compete for a trophy.

We held our first fundraiser on 7 May 2011. Volunteers raised over \$800.00 that will go to raising a memorial to the Korean War veterans of Lawton. The volunteers included Pat Miller, Aaron Boone, Bud Arenz, Larry Campbell, Darrel Houghton, Lewis Reeder, George Green, O.C. Williams, and Rudy Trujillo.

Cecil D. 'Bud' Arenz, 2807 NW Lynn Cir.,
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Members of Ch 319's van contingent pose by their chariot



Volunteers from Ch 319 raise funds for Korean War memorial

DEPARTMENTS

MISSOURI

Missouri 15th Reunion

Missouri Chapter #1 (CID 44), commanded by Don Gutmann, hosted this year's reunion held in metropolitan St. Louis. Frank Williams, the State Commander, opened the festivities with an



Missouri Chapter commanders with Consul Minhun Song of Consulate General Republic of Korea-Chicago at the Dept. of MO's reunion

invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and a tribute to the POWI MIAs by Milt Herrick.

Ms. Kim Song, Vice President of the Korean America Association of St. Louis, gave a short dissertation of her life in Korea and America, followed by reports from national directors Frank Williams and Jim Fountain and the legislative report by Bob Osborne.

Mr. Harry Hope, Vice Commander of Chapter 1 and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Honors Flight Program, gave a status report of the program in which they hope to start sending Korean veterans to Washington DC in the near future.

After lunch, retired Major Ronald Jones gave a short speech regarding his experiences in Korea. Entertainment followed with music by the band "Willie and The Poor Boy's" and Ms. Ann Parks, with her Korean Dance Group from The Korean Cultural Center.

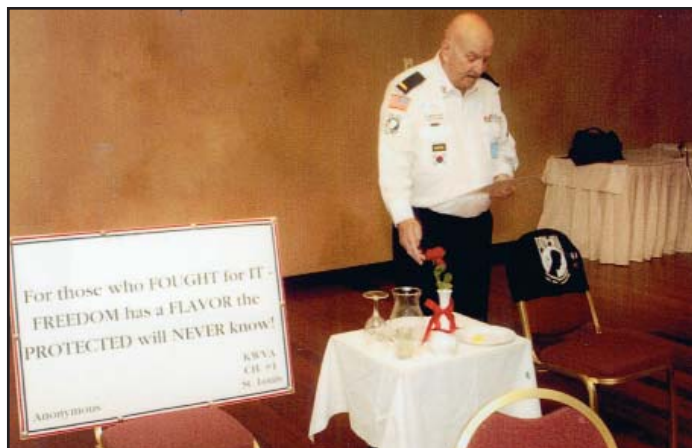
The final formal action of the meeting was the awarding of the Korean Ambassador's Peace Medals to all Korean veterans in attendance by Mr. Minhun Song, the representative of the Consulate General of the Republic Of Korea, from Chicago.

Prior to closing the meeting, Delores Henderson, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of Chapter 1, held a raffle and awarded attendance prizes. A prayer closed the meeting.

Kenneth L. Dawley, MO State Public Info. Rep., 382 Autumn Creek Dr., Apt. A., Manchester, MO 63088



Folk dancers from the Korean Cultural Center, St. Louis, MO, entertain attendees at the Dept. of MO reunion



Milt Herrick, Ch 44, presents the POW/MIA Empty Chair ceremony at Dept. of MO reunion

VIRGINIA

Department members gathered on 12 May 2011 at the Joint Meeting-Korean War Veterans hosted by Chapter #100 at the American Legion Post #176 in Springfield, VA. They planned special events such as a June 24-25 Appreciation Event with the Korean American Association, presented gifts, and elected new officers. The new officers are:

- Commander - John ("Sonny") Edwards
- Sr. Vice Cmdr. - B. J. Scott
- Jr. Vice Cmdr. - Don Beyers
- Secretary/Treasurer - Lew Ewing
- Directors at Large - Charles Hoak and Don Swegert
- Chaplain - Leo Ruffing

L. T. Whitmore, twhit35@gmail.com



Department of Virginia Commander John Edwards discusses the Appreciation Event with Ms Sami Lauri, Vice President of the Korean American Association



ABOVE: Department of Virginia Commander John Edwards presents BGen Lee Seo Young with a can of Prime Virginia Peanuts



RIGHT: Leo Ruffing, National KWVA Chaplain, greets Brigadier General Lee Seo Young, recently appointed ROK Defense Attaché



New Department of Virginia Officers take the Oath of Office: (L-R) Charles Hoak, Don Swegert, Leo Ruffing, Lew Ewing, Don Beyers, B. J. Scott, John Edwards

ILLINOIS

The department held its annual convention recently.

Jerry Seymour, gearshift3a1@yahoo.com

KWVA Department of Illinois State Convention July 23-26 2011



Ch 24 checking MIA-POW table prior to ceremony



Norb Bentele MC Ch 26



Social Hour



Swearing in of new department Officers



Same



After Dinner



Consulate General Heechang Woo presents the "Ambassador of Freedom" medal to VP Paul Sutphin.



Cmdr. John H. O'Brien USN, Pentagon, presents "Letters of Appreciation" from Sec. of Defense Gates to all Korean War Veterans (1950-1953)

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 - 1 – 6 Jun '12 70th Commemoration of the Battle of Midway
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Tell America

Latest Tell America Honor Roll Additions

The Tell America Honor Roll is still growing. Within the past few months I have had calls from six chapters asking for their names to be added to our Honor Roll. I have also noticed Tell America reports in The Graybeards magazine from chapters I didn't know about.

Listed below are the chapter names recently added to our Honor Roll. These chapters, along with the 91 previously listed, bring our total to 99 chapters that have active Tell America programs and are making presentations in their communities about the Korean War. It is tremendous that we have so many members willing to educate the public on what we did 60 years ago.

CID	NAME	CONTACT
58	Monroe County	Joe Vogel, Caledonia, NY
95	Imjin	Billy Gray, Oakawville, IL
195	Queen City	Bill Baldaccini, Littleton, CO
227	Southeastern Wisconsin	Ed Slovak, Waterford, WI
230	Baton Rouge	T. O. Perry, Baton Rouge, LA
264	Mt. Diablo	Stan Grogan, Concord, CA
279	West Hawaii	Joe Nimori Ocean View, HI
299	Korean Vets of America	Paul Sanborn, Ipswich, Mass

A Flexible Tell America Program

By Staff Writer Rego Barnett

Neil McCain, of Grants Pass, OR, offered a Tell America presentation at a Rotary Club meeting recently. He used Larry Kinard's "Tell America" program and made a few additions of his own, which he has placed on a DVD that will also work as a Power Point presentation.

"Not everybody has the equipment to handle either Power Point or Acrobat, so I have converted the program for different types of presentations," he explained. "For

My thanks to all the chapters that are developing programs, contacting schools, and making an effort to tell what we did in Korea sixty years ago.

I would appreciate hearing from any chapter, not listed, that has a program in place and is making presentations in the community. Your name should be on this list.

Also, if you are interested in starting a program, please let me know at my email, larry.kinard@yahoo.com.

A complete listing of the Honor Roll is on the national website.

*Larry Kinard,
National Tell America Chairman*

ior living facilities...anywhere that is amenable to my presentations," he said. "As of now I have not been invited to schools, but I still have some radio spots and TV, along with the program on the end of my Tag with the TV Station which made the 27-minute interview, 'Better Life TV,'" McCain noted.

He also revealed that on June 25 this year at least three radio stations were scheduled to broadcast the names of eleven servicemen killed in the Korean War from two Oregon counties: Josephine

County, in which he lives, and adjacent Jackson County.

"The chaplain for CID 315 has written the scripts for all the radio broadcasts," he stated. "My goal for this year is to have all radio stations have these scripts for their counties," he concluded.

That is a laudable goal.

Incidentally, if anyone wants to get in touch with McCain about his program, he can be reached at 4315 Lower River Rd., Grants Pass, OR 97526-9014, 541-479-9489 (H), 541-660-6104 (C), McCain@clearwire.net



Neil McCain presents a Tell America story to Rotary Club

17 - LT RICHARD E. CRONAN [FL]

We presented a Tell America program for about 35 seniors at our local library. We also present our

program at Palm Beach College.

*Al Ratner, 7233 Lugano Dr.,
Boynton Beach, FL 33437*



Group from Ch 17 at Hagen Ranch Library (L-R) Seymour ("Ziggy") Friedman, Al Ratner, Joe Green, Charles Koppelman, Harry Rosenstein

19 – GEN RAYMOND DAVIS [GA]

Members presented programs at two local schools, Big Shanty and Hightower. Bob McCubbins, Bob Hendershott, Bob Moore, and Urban Rump talked about their

experiences during the Korean War.

Jim Conway, conatlanta@com-cast.net



Students at Hightower School try on Ch 19 presenters' equipment



Urban Rump of Ch 19 speaks to students at Hightower School



Bob McCubbins, Bob Hendershott, Bob Moore and Urban Rump (L-R) of Ch 19 talk at the Big Shanty school in Atlanta about their experiences during the Korean War

138 – AKRON REGIONAL [OH]

We have been active in the Tell America Program for several years, and the past school year was no exception. We presented our program to five Akron area high schools: Chippewa, Norton,

Garfield, Wadsworth, and Copley.

The program was presented to four classes comprising approximately 150 students at each school. The program has been well received by the teachers and

students at the various high schools since we initiated the program in 2008.

Carl Canon, Secretary, 4512 Conestoga Trl., Copley OH 44321



At Norton High School, Akron, OH Ch 138 Tell America presentation (L-R) Carl Thornton, Arnon Cool, American history teacher Miss Dutton, John Stiles, Donald George



Bill Christensen (Front) and Ch 183 "Tell America" Coordinator Dale Griffith present program in Omaha

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199 – MANASOTA [FL]

We completed a presentation at Richard Milburn Academy, Charter High School.

Thomas G. ("Skip") Hannon,
4721 Mount Vernon Dr.,
Bradenton, FL 34210, 941-795-
5061, colonelglenn@verizon.net



Richard Milburn Academy students gather with "Skip" Hannon (L) and Roy Robertson



"Skip" Hannon (L) and Roy Robertson of Ch 173 at Richard Milburn Academy

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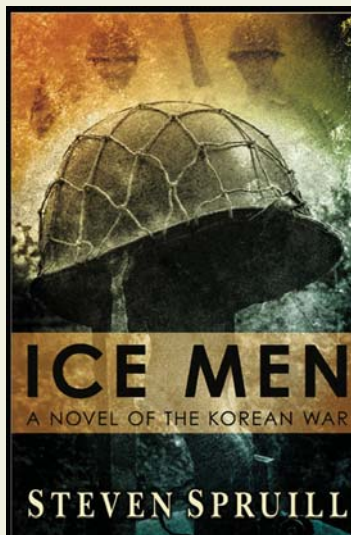
Chapter Vice President Bill Christensen and program coordinator Dale Griffith spoke to students at Westside High School in Omaha. They talked about their

experiences during the Korean War.

Bill Wirges, 15010 Holmes St.,
Omaha, NE 68137



Four members of Ch 138 flank Chippewa High School 10th Grade American History Teacher Mr. Steve Liptak (C): John Stiles, Arnon Cool, Carl Canon and Donald George (L-R)



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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.

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Recon Missions

Empire Ships

I am writing to you as a member of the British Korean Veterans Association. I was a member of the British merchant ship Empire Marshal. The ship was chartered by American military sea transport. Our mission was to transport American tanks and heavy equipment to Inchon.

The equipment was loaded at Yokohama and American troops came aboard. The ship arrived at Inchon on 17th September after severe weather. All the troops and equipment were landed safely and the ship returned to Japan to reload other supplies.

December came and the ship had orders to go to Wonsan and Hamhung and embark the American troops and equipment. This we did, and sailed to Pusan.

I have often wondered how many American servicemen the ship transported. If you could give me some idea of numbers I would be very pleased.

I joined the Empire Marshal on 10 Jan 1950 and left it on 19 Jan 1952, after which I left the ship and flew home to England with many memories.

Laurence Rouse, 7 Hamble Court, Park Road,
Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B736BY, England

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please let us know if you recall traveling on British Empire ships or know anything about their use. Send info to Empire Marshal Editor, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

Empire Ships

The Empires were a series of ships in the service of the British Government. (Their names were all prefixed with "Empire.") Mostly they were used during World War II by the Ministry of War Transport (MoWT), which owned the ships but contracted out their management to various shipping lines.

Some ships requisitioned during the Suez Crisis were also given the Empire prefix. They were acquired from a number of sources. Many were built for the MoWT, others obtained from the USA. Still others were captured or seized from enemy powers.

Heavy Lift Ships

The design of the heavy lift ship was based on a Norwegian design with a prefix - Bel- (Belmoira and Belpareil were two of this type) intended to carry bulky and heavy cargo such as locomotives and tugs. The ships had three large unobstructed cargo holds and heavy lifting equipment.

The first pair of ships built for the MoWT, Empire Charmian and Empire Elaine, were diesel powered. The remainder, Empire Admiral, Empire Athelstan, Empire Byng, Empire Canute, Empire Ethelbert (launched as Beljeanne in 1946), Empire Marshal, Empire Viceroy and Empire Wallace, were powered by steam turbines to provide more speed and power. These ships were able to carry smaller vessels, such as tugs and landing craft, to support combat operations around the world.

7th Div. Platoon

I was in Korea 1950-51. At first I was assigned as Platoon Leader to a 7th Division platoon in Japan after they were moved out of Korea. Later, I was a Platoon Leader in D Co., 179th Regt., 45th Inf. Div.

I came across the nearby photo of my platoon with the 7th Div. They were mainly combat veterans. I was not at that time. I cannot identify anyone in this photo. If anyone can, please let me know.

Edward Kenney, 9720 Spring Ridge Ln., Vienna, VA
22182, 203-759-0606, audubonprints@aol.com



Anyone recognize the members of this 7th Div. platoon?

420th Engineer Dump Truck Co.../504th Transportation Truck Co.

I am looking for anyone who served with me in the 420th Engineer Dump Truck Company in Fort Bragg, NC from February 1951 to August 1951 or in the 504th Transportation Truck Company, which was in the 70th Truck Battalion and part of the 351st Transportation Highway Transport Group, in Wonju and Sokchori, Korea during November 1951 to January 1953.

I would love to hear from you.

Larry Hochfeld, 9537 Weldon Circle #408,
Tamarac, FL 33321, hochfeld2@aol.com

Anyone Know Where to Get a Copy of a "Golden Dragon" Certificate?

I was aboard the *USS Quincy* (CA 71) going across the Pacific to serve in the 7th Fleet. Late after leaving Quincy for shore duty in Yokosuka, I came home on a thirty-day leave, then returned to Japan on an APA. All in all I crossed the equator several times, twice on a ship and four times in the air aboard C 124 Globemasters. Yet, I don't have an "Order of the Golden Dragon" certificate.

Does anyone have the name, address, etc. of wherever I can get a blank copy of a certificate?

Warren D. Plaster Sr., 864 Old Hollow Rd.,
Buchanan, VA 24066-4937, 540-254-1970

People In Wonson Landing

I would like to hear from anyone, airmen or otherwise, who was in on the Wonson landing or served at Yonpo Airport (K-27) Korea. I have heard from one man who was in our outfit, 1973 AACCS Sq. Detachment 13, and would like to hear from others.

The LST I was on was leased from a Japanese shipping company and had a Japanese crew. The Americans on the ship were either U.S. Marines or we 13 USAF men. We only stayed at Wonson a few days and then were flown to K-27 to set up a control tower and radio station.

I was told by a man who called me the other day that the tower guys were just kids. I suppose we were, since I was twenty then and the others were about the same age. But, my caller is now 83 and I am 81, so we were not so far apart!

I would like to hear from you.

Byrl Harlan, 323 Acre Ave., Brownsburg, IN 46112,
317-440-3444, harlan.byrl@gmail.com

No One In Hqs Btry, 99th FA Bn, 1st Cav Div Had First Names

I served in the Hqs Btry 99th FA Bn, 1st Cav Div wire section as a field wireman. I got to Japan in early 1949 and left there when I boarded an AKA landing ship with the 8th Cav Regt on July 15, 1950. I made the amphibious landing with the 8th Cav on July 18th at Pohang Dong on the east coast of Korea. The rest of the wire section landed from an LST at the same time.



Hqs Btry, 99th FA Bn wire crew (plus a few others)

Our wire section was a closely knit group of buddies who had been together for a few years. After I left Korea in June of 1951 I only saw one guy from Hqs Btry until 2005. I talked to one guy by phone and that was it.

In 2002 I went on line and Rich Van Giesen and I started finding wiremen. In 2005 five of us got together in Springfield, MO for a weekend, which was great. Now, I would like to find some more of our buddies before it's too late.

I was in charge of the wire team that ran Spirit Forward, and I had some really good guys with me. We went through a lot during our stay in Korea. Our ¾ ton truck had been captured on July 26 when we were overrun. When we recaptured it a few days later, it had no windshield and it had holes in the gas tank, muffler, and rear panels. We ran it with five-gallon gas cans and no muffler while we were there. We sometimes had 3.5 Bazookas pointed at us at night. Those were tough days and nights.

Anyway, here are some of the guys we are still looking for: Earl Cooper (our driver), Howard Hayes, Charles Ellis, John Womack, and James Mahoney. So if you know any of these 1st Cav Troopers or their whereabouts, please let me know. I know their first names now because Richard Meyer, a clerk, sent me a copy of a January 1950 roster. Otherwise no one in our section had first names; it was just, "Hey, Cooper, etc."

If you, or anyone you know, served in Hqs Btry, 99th FA Bn during this time period, please contact me. I write the 99th FA Bn column in the 1st Cav newspaper, "The Saber."

S/Sgt Jim Miller, 819 W Howard, Winona, MN
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20th and 21st Century Allen County [IN] Veterans Honor Rolls

John Hannigan, a member of Chapter 30, Indiana #1, notes that the Allen County Genealogy Society of Indiana is collecting names of personnel who served in the United States military service between January 1, 1900 and December 31, 1999 [20th Century] and from January 1 2000 into the 21st century.

Any person who was born in or has lived in Allen County or Indiana qualifies while serving in the Active Military, Army National Guard, Air Force National Guard, Army Reserves, Air Force Reserves, Marine Reserves, Navy Reserves, Coast Guard, or Merchant Marine.

The Society is recording the information on a secure database to preserve the Allen County and Indiana Military commitment for those who served, were wounded, or gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country in time of war, peace, insurrections, and conflicts during both these centuries. The veterans' information will be on file for genealogy research.

If you had a loved one serve during this period, consider having his or her name added to these Honor Rolls. Check these websites to see if someone you know is listed on the rolls.

– the 20th Century website is: www.acgsi.org/20thvet/

– the 21st Century website is: www.veteranshonorroll.org

There is no cost for adding a name to the Honor Rolls, and there is no distribution of names to other activities or organizations. The Society will not release your information.

The following data collection of information to be provided for the 20th and 21st Century Honor Roll is:

- Veteran's Name
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- Rank
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- Unit/Base/Ship
- Conflict, e.g., WWII, Korea, Cold War, Vietnam, Kosovo, Panama, Iraq, or Afghanistan

- Theater/country served in
- CONUS (Continental United States)
- Allen County Residence
- Status, e.g., K = Killed in line of duty; W= Wounded in line of duty; POW = Prisoner of War
- Source Document, e.g., Obit, Discharge, Veterans Organization, Fraternal Organizations, Campaign Ribbons/Medals

Send your data via e-mail to naginnahj@yahoo.com or by "snail mail" to 20th Century Allen County or 21st Century Allen County Veterans Honor Roll, 5523 Sable Court, Fort Wayne, IN 46835

The websites are www.acgsi.org/20thvet and www.veteranshonorroll.org

For more information, contact John Hannigan, 5523 Sable Court, Fort Wayne, IN 46835-4192, 260-557-7775, naginnahj@yahoo.com.

508 Signal Company

I'm working on a family tree for a family member and have discovered a relative who served in Korea from 1960-1962 as part of the 508 Signal company. I believe the location is Pinchon?

I haven't been able to find a lot of info on this unit, and I was wondering if you might be able to help. This might sound strange, but I'm unsure of his name. I believe it's Frank Baluca. I was hoping to find a roster of the unit in the years 1960-1962.

Any help you might be able to provide would be greatly appreciated!

Blair LeMire, 925-918-0365, lemirefh@gmail.com

Security Guard At Hialeah Compound

We would like hear from anybody who served in the Security Guard at Hialeah Compound in Pusan from September 1953 to June 1955.

Richard McHaffie, 4079 Capland Ave., Clermont, FL 34711, 352-394-5314 or Leland Davis, 3942 S.E. Yuma Rd., Prineville, OR 97754, 541-416-1615

What Ship Was I On?

I am looking for the name of the ship that took me from Yokohama to Inchon with an overnight stop in Sasebo. To the best of my recollection, we made the trip in the last week of April 1953.

I remember that when we were unloading at night in Inchon there was an air raid and all the lights went out. The only visible lights in the sky were from the hospital ships in the harbor.

I left Seattle, WA on 7 April 1953 aboard the General R. L. Howze. That trip took approximately seventeen days, with only one 18-20 hour stop in Yokohama.

Anyone who remembers the name of the ship can reach me at:

Emil DeLuccia, 82 East 25th St., Paterson, NJ 07514, 973-897-8636, emil0408@msncom

Plane Crash Survivors

I'm looking for fellow survivors from the plane crash in Riverton, Washington State on November 17, 1955. We left the

troopship coming from Korea in Seattle and went to Boeing Airfield. The plane crashed shortly after takeoff.

There were 74 GIs on board en route to New Jersey, so I assume most of the GIs were from the eastern United States. Twenty-seven of them were killed; 47 survived. Do any of you remember the crash?

I would like to hear from any survivors. To this day, I don't know how I got out of the plane. I spent two to three weeks in the Fort Lewis hospital before coming home.

Contact Robert Oberg at 603-776-8161 or nhtoy@tds.net.

Co. "A", 15th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div. Members

I was in Korea from the end of 1952 to sometime in 1954. I was waiting on a hill with Co. A, 15th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div. somewhere waiting for the truce to be signed on 27 July 1953.

I was a platoon sergeant, and I am trying to remember some of the men who were with me. Among those I remember were Lt Grant and Lt Henry. Some of the others were Ken Griggs, Jim Uncapher, Marion Bowman, and Medic "Doc" Wright. I can't remember any more.

Hopefully, some readers might be able to help me identify more of the men with whom I served. I would be so thankful to hear from anyone.

Chris Trost, 4846 W. Melrose St., Chicago, IL 60641, 312-286-3317

Korea, Colorado: Same Sound, Same Parallel

My wife and I were going to Monte Vista in the San Luis Valley on U.S. Highway 285 in Colorado when we stopped and took the picture below. We had seen similar signs the previous year and for some reason thought they were miles apart on both sides of the highway.

I checked with the Colorado Department of Transportation. Its representatives told me the signs are located where the 38th Parallel goes through the San Luis Valley, directly across from one another.

Michael R. Skerik, 425 Calle Entrada, Fountain, CO 80817



The 38th Parallel in Colorado

USS Bremerton (CA-130)

Bremerton saw action from 12 May 1952 until 8 August 1952 in numerous gun strikes on the East Coast of Korea, including Kojo, Wonsan, Hungnam, Songjin, and Rashin, and participated in the siege of Wonsan.

Bremerton was the bomb line heavy support ship for the ROK First and Tenth Corps. Its eight-inch and five-inch guns destroyed enemy bridges, locomotives, staging areas, supply dumps, warehouses, railroad tunnels, bunkers, trucks and troop concentrations.

The ship received this message on 16 July, 1952 from the First ROK Corps Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer: "Please accept and pass on to all hands the heartfelt appreciation of this Corps for the outstanding support given us during the recent six day period of intense fighting. Without your effective round the clock fire support the retaking of lost positions would have been impossible. The promptness and accuracy of fire reflects the type of men in your task element."

And, this message arrived on 25 July,



USS Bremerton (CA 130)

1952 from the Tenth ROK Corps Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer: "This afternoon's firing is the best example of Naval Gunfire that I have ever witnessed. It has been a pleasure to work for you and I hope to work

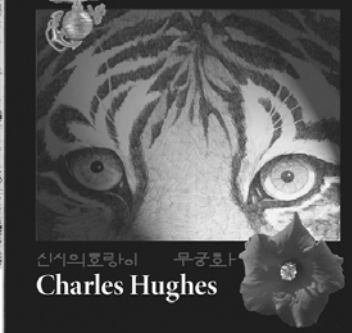
for you again in the future."

The officers and crew received the South Korean Presidential Unit Citation for their accomplishments in the Bremerton's cruise of 1952.

Life and Death in a Marine Rifle Company

Accordion War: Korea 1951

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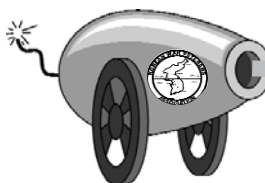
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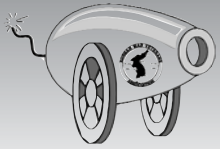
Occasionally, we make mistakes in *The Graybeards*. We try to be as accurate as possible, and we apologize for any errors that slip through. We do not have the funds for a fact checker, so we miss a fact or two now and then. Here are a couple clarifications. Incidentally, we rely on readers to inform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

Last Call Notice Rescinded

The name of Jean Yaney included in the Last Call column, p. 54, was reported in error. She is alive and well in Indiana.

Wrong Phone Number

The telephone number provided for Don McIlrath, President of Chapter 74, Western Pennsylvania, 5727 Saltsburg Rd., Verona, PA, on page 13, May/June 2011, is wrong. The correct number is 412-793-1603.



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.

If Only We Had That Equipment In 1952

How fortunate we of the 546th Engineer Fire Fighting Company in Pusan, Korea would have been to have the equipment photographed on the cover of the March/April 2011 edition when we battled the Haeundae ammo dump fire in June 1952. (See the front page cover photograph of the March/April 2011 issue.)

As a former Enlisted Fire Chief of that unit, I would suggest that fire equipment of the period of the Korean War would have been much more authentic than such ultra-modern equipment.

We fought the ammo dump fire as well as the many hundreds of fires in the greater Pusan area with converted CCKW-2 1/2 T fire trucks that were Army issue. And, as there were no water lines and hydrants, we trucked all of the water needed away from the waterfront and utilized fire boats when near the water.

Just a note to explain what really went on.

Wes Stapleton, wesstap8647@netzero.net

Year and Month?

The photo on p. 58 of the May-June issue rang a bell, because Inchon was my first assignment during my first 1948-49 tour in Korea. In late 1948 I met and began courting Army nurse Lt. Lucy Davis, who was then in Seoul and later at the hospital at Ascom City. (We were married in Tokyo on 29 July 1949.)

As for the year and month of *The Graybeards'* photo, I'd guess it was made shortly after Korea was occupied after WWII and the establishment of the 3d Medium Port at Inchon.

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The Power Of *The Graybeards*

In the March/April issue of *The Graybeards*, you published pictures of our chapter's memorial (CID 227, Southeastern Wisconsin). Our main speaker at the ceremony was Grant L. McMillin, who spent 33 months as a POW in Korea. A former POW saw the pictures and contacted me. I was able to put him in touch with Grant.

They were in the same squad in Korea. Just thought you might like to hear this bit of good news, which is a testament to the value of *The Graybeards*.

Jim Becker, Secretary-Treasurer, jbecker625@wi.rr.com

The Graybeards As An Educational Tool

I was stationed as a WAC in Fort Mason – Port of Embarkation in 1950 when the Korean War began. I was working as a switchboard operator.

When the war broke out, many of our Soldiers with critical MOSs were literally picked up every day and flown to Korea. In September that year I married Cpl Chuck Fox, who was stationed at Fort Baker.

Because Chuck was a "short timer," he was not sent to Korea. We felt exceedingly lucky. He got discharged eight months later, but he became an unhappy civilian after experiencing eight years with the Army in Europe and the Pacific. So, he re-upped in February 1953. The Army sent him to Korea, where he served with the 90th Artillery. We accepted the assignment because we knew how lucky he was after not being sent there in 1950.

Okay, now for the reason for my letter. It's to thank *The Graybeards* staff. Chuck died on 17 February 2001. When he wrote to me from Korea during the war, he never told me what was going on there. In fact, on 15 July 1953, during the Chinese breakthrough, he got shot in the thumb—and he didn't even tell me about it until he got home. As I read *The Graybeards*, I understand why he didn't tell me anything.

Reading the magazine teaches me what he and his buddies experienced in Korea and explains why, rather than taking about it, he kept it inside. That made him difficult to live with at times, but we did stay married for fifty years and loved one another. I feel that I completed a psychology course by sticking with him, and I learned a lot about human behavior.

I thank *The Graybeards* for giving me more of an education.

Elizabeth J. Fox, 48 Circle Dr.,
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"Worms In 'The Bomb'"

Discussion in the March/April issue ("Were There Worms In 'The Bomb?', p. 67) omitted a couple vital points that led to the war and its conduct.

1. Russia was in it from the time Stalin gave Kim the green light to attack the south.

2. MacArthur's battle plans were funneled to the North Koreans, China, and the USSR through the United Nations. One can never win with that handicap.

So much for "dereliction of duty," egoism, etc. Many of us appreciate a commander on the same side of the fight.

Robert W. Robinson, P. O. Box 1693,
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A Slow Boat From Japan

Many people have pointed out that the correct name of the ship mentioned in the Jan/Feb issue was the *USNS Howze*. It was a one-stacker.

I left Inchon on 11/28/1953 aboard *Howze* for the ship's final run. It stopped in Sasebo, Japan to take on fuel. En route to the U.S. we stopped in the middle of the Pacific Ocean to take aboard a sick person from another ship.

We arrived in San Francisco on 12/22/53, disembarked the next day, and went to Treasure Island. We were the last passengers the *Howze* carried. Shortly afterwards, the slow ship was cut up for junk.

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Ever Heard A Steel Plate Screaming?

I was on *Howze* out of San Francisco when we got caught in a typhoon for two days. En route to Korea we were tossed around on the Pacific so badly that I heard the ship's steel plates screaming from stress.

We rode at a 10 degree list to starboard for two or three days afterwards, until the ballast was balanced again. We made that voyage in mid-September of 1950, arriving in Pusan on September 24th after 14 days at sea, with a one-day stop in Yokohama.

The Navy history has the *Howze* traveling the Atlantic in 1950, but it was taking my 607th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron and 502nd Tactical Control Group to Korea at that time.

John M. Quinn, 608th AC&W Sqdn.,
Korea, Sept. 1950 – Mar. 1952, Saggi32@aol.com

Steaks? Tied To The Stake, Maybe

I sailed on *Gen. Howze* on August 1, 1953—a few days after the cease fire was signed on July 27th, 1953. The first thing we noticed on the main deck was a chain preventing us from entering certain parts of the ship. Housed here were the American prisoners of war, quartered in a separate section.

We were told not to fraternize with them. However, that did not prevent the ex-POWs from hopping over the chain to talk to us. And one, a GI from West Virginia, did.

"You must be getting the royal treatment...great medical care, steaks," I said.

"Are you kidding," he replied. "We are being interrogated by the Counter Intelligence Corps to see if we are still loyal to the United States."

It was no secret that the Chinese had lectures in the POW camps about the benefits of communism, and prisoners were labeled "pro" (for communism) or "con" (against). And their food rations and treatment depended on what side they were on.

This GI also told us how wonderful the Soviet Union was, particularly coal miners, who were paid higher salaries than in the U.S.

A lot of these POWs faced all kinds of charges when they returned to the U.S. But how can you judge someone else unless you have traveled in their boots?

Irwin Z. Braun, 9989 Harbour Lake Circle,
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"Checkertails"

Hope you'll pass this along to the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing Association for their consideration. I was assigned with the "Checkertails" on Naha Air Base, Okinawa, R.I. (Japan) from spring 1963 to fall 1965. The unit is now at Osan Air Base, South Korea, as a "tip of the spear!"

My recollection was that on deployment from Okinawa to Korean Peninsula, when the DMZ was breached, the 51st FIW was commanded by Col. Benjamin O. Davis, a founding commander of "Tuskegee Airmen."

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Looking Through The "Hase"

EDITOR'S NOTE: We determined two issues back (p. 67, March/April 2011) that the name of the USNS transport ship originally identified as the Howtz may in fact have been the Gen R. L. Howze—or was it? There was also a ship named the USNS Gen W.F. HASE (pronounced "Hawzee") (APA 146). Here's the Korean War part of its history:

General W. F. Hase steamed to San Francisco 3 to 4 May decommissioned there 6 June, and, simultaneously, was returned to WSA for use as a transport by the Army Transportation Service. She was reacquired by the Navy 1 March 1950 and assigned to duty with MSTs. Manned by a civilian crew, she operated out of San Francisco, carrying more than 75,000 troops and their combat cargo to the Far East in support of the struggle to repel Communist aggression in Korea. Between 1950 and 1953 she made 19 round-trip voyages to Japan and Korea, and she returned to San Francisco from her final Far East deployment 29 August 1953. Towed to San Diego in June 1954, she was placed out of service in reserve in July and remained inactive until returned to the Maritime Administration 8 January 1960. At present she is berthed in the National Defense Reserve Fleet at Suisun Bay, Calif. <END>

Howze? Hase? Tomato? Potato? (Our crack research crew determined that there was neither a USN Tomato nor a USN Potato.) In either case, we have an entry regarding the Hase.

In August 1952 we left Ft. Mason, San Francisco aboard General Hase, bound for Tokyo/Yokohama. We got off for 36 hours in Japan, then re-boarded Hase to Pusan. At the end of August 1953 we were in Inchon Replacement Company awaiting a ship for the U.S.

It seems that we were there for two weeks or more. Rumor had it the ship we were due to go home on was for returned POWs. During this waiting time buses drove through the company area with returned POWs. We later boarded Marine Lynx, bound for Seattle with 3,500 troops aboard. I don't recall hearing if there were any returned POWs aboard.

Incidentally, I don't remember any "Bon Voyage" sign in Inchon. Maybe Hase left from Inchon on a special trip?

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More On Hill 931

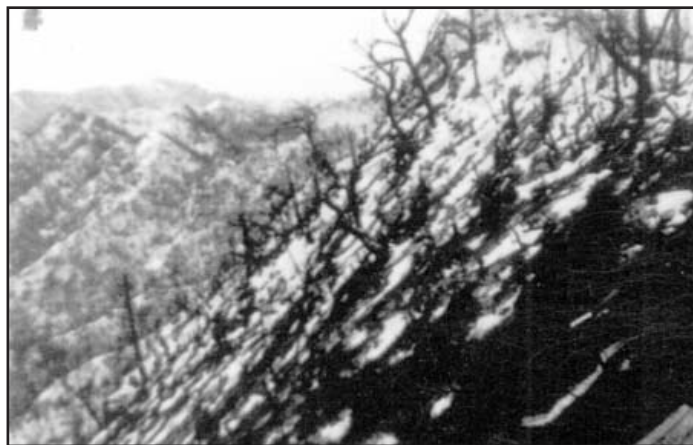
This letter is in response to an article in the July/Aug 2010 issue by Fred Frankville, "Death By Truck."

I arrived in Korea September 13, 1951, and was assigned to B Battery, 48th Field Artillery Bn., 7th Inf. Div. On November 5th our Survey Section, along with a Sgt Boykin from FDC, was sent to man an outpost 24/7 on Hill 931, the highest point on Heartbreak Ridge. This was three weeks after 2nd ID had finished taking the ridge.

Heartbreak Ridge runs north-south and is perpendicular to the ridges just to the north. It was vital in establishing a stable MLR. 2nd ID suffered 597 KIA and 3,064 WIA. Two Soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously. Anyone who has seen this terrain knows no vehicles could be involved in these assaults.



Northern end of Heartbreak Ridge



East slope hill on 931, looking south



Southern part of Heartbreak Ridge: Sgt. "Andy," 31st Regt. I & R



Looking North from OP on 931

Looking north from OP on Hill 931: we were taken to the valley on lower right by truck

I have great respect for the men of 2nd ID. They were involved in many of the major battles and suffered more casualties than any other division. The bashing of 2nd ID is uncalled for.

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Gillett, AR 72055

Were Those Names Real?

Regarding the surrender leaflets article in the May/June 2011 issue, "Were These Real Names?", p. 69:

I brought some surrender leaflets back when I returned from Korea, and donated them to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. I, too, have often wondered if the names and addresses were authentic and if they had any idea their names were used in these surrender leaflets. I did keep some copies.

I was with A Co., 3rd Combat Engineers, attached to the 24th

Division, from 7/1950 to 8/1951. (I would like to know if there is anybody around who may have served with me and recognize my name.) I don't remember exactly how I obtained these leaflets; I think I just picked them up off of the ground.

There were surrender leaflets inviting both sides to surrender and have a safe and comfortable ending to their fighting. I don't remember anybody I knew or heard about who used these leaflets to surrender. Nor do I remember any North Koreans or Chinese waving these leaflets to surrender.

Incidentally, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum preserves everything you donate and makes a CD of everything you can remember of your military service. The museum makes your material available to anybody who is interested in finding out about somebody's military service.

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A Sample Of Propaganda Leaflets

Among my Korean War service mementoes are several propaganda leaflets I collected during my time in Korea from November 1951 to October 1952. The majority of the leaflets were directed at the Chinese, although some of the nearby samples were directed to our troops.

I was with Company "D," 10th Engineer Combat Bn., 3rd Inf. Div.

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Don't believe a word of it. It's all propaganda.

Please Display Medals Correctly

Seldom does an issue of *The Graybeards* arrive that does not contain photos of Korean vets strutting their stuff (in good faith, I'm sure) at public events and ceremonies, proudly wearing their military decorations **WRONG!**

The wearing of your medals/ribbons properly should be a matter of personal pride in yourself and your service. Probably the wearers are misinformed regarding the arrangement of military awards. What bothers me just as much is that no one of their fellow veterans takes the time to correct them, especially before they display themselves to the public. It should be a requirement of every chapter/post/veteran to provide guidance to their fellow members in the proper sequence of medal/ribbon display.

I frequently see photos of prominent indi-

viduals who should know better, wearing their ribbons upside down, backwards, and otherwise out of place. The ribbons we received for Korea are not that numerous and should not be difficult to wear properly. I am proud of my service in Korea, and can find no excuse for this conduct.

The most common array of ribbons includes the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal (Korea) and the ROK War Service Medal. They should be worn in that order, left to right, top to bottom, e.g., GCM – NDSM - KSM - UNSM – ROKWSM.

Naturally, Bronze Stars, Purple Hearts, etc. are worn ahead of those in the example given. Commemorative medals and state awards are not to be mixed with or ahead of U.S. medals. These may be worn after the U.S. medals. Please encourage our veterans to tighten up their act.

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The Status Of The Combat Action Badge?

The Combat Artillery Badge inquiry in the May/June 2011 issue, "Combat Artillery Badge," p. 58, makes me wonder about the status of the Combat Action Badge. (See the nearby sidebar.)

I also received several months of combat pay working as a radio operator alongside those who have CIBs. I hope the CAB is official, since attached personnel are exposed to the same dangers as riflemen.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: According to the Army's website (see sidebar on page 67), the creation of the Combat Action Badge was done officially on 2 May 2005.

Answer To The Satellite Quiz

We asked in the May-June 2011 issue which four of the Soviet Union's satellites voted against aiding the Republic of Korea in repelling the communist invasion. Harry Patneau, 29836 Long Lake Rd., Webb Lake, WI 54830, provided the answer: Poland, East Germany, Romania, and Czechoslovakia.

Everyone Should Go Back To Korea

My wife and I just returned from a Revisit Korea trip. I can't say enough about it. Veterans who have not taken such a trip yet should not put it off any longer.

We went from June 21st to June 27th. We had two banquets and attended a fabulous performance of a play, *The Legend of the Flower*, at the Sheraton Hotel.

We attended one banquet at which the hosts gave us Medals of Freedom, which they say are gold. There were so many presents, including one watch with a black face, nice four teacup and saucer sets, manicure sets for my wife and me, towels, a certificate with my name as an Ambassador of Peace, written in English and Korean, and another plaque to hang on the wall thanking America and the United Nations for their help in the war.

There were only two of us from the Navy on the trip. We met with the Admiral of the ROK Navy, who was in charge of all affairs. He shook our hands and presented us with a pair of Equus watches.

They were beautiful watches, including diamonds in the numerals and a ruby in the crown in the sun light. We could see the fire from the diamonds. The watches had bigger diamonds in the twelve o'clock symbol—and the Admiral's trademark on their faces.

It has been sixty years since I was last in Korea. I am sorry I did not go back sooner. It was a great trip!

Adolph C. Polte, bissetpolte@yahoo.com

Thanks To A Wall Locker

The May-June issue had in it a letter from Charles Pearson of New Boston, MI. A crowd of GIs had gathered for a USO show featuring Jack Benny near Honchon in July 1951. A rifle went off accidentally, but no one was injured. Pearson said, "Well, accidents should be of great concern." I agree 100%.

I was assigned to the 29th AAA Bn., First Cavalry Division, stationed at Chitose, Hokaido, Japan. In August 1954, the day I received orders to come home, some friends and I were preparing to go to town. As I walked past a wall locker I heard a gun go off. I turned to see the smoking end of a .45 cal "grease gun."

A new replacement assigned to guard duty had out of curiosity placed a live round in the gun as he cleaned it. His finger slipped off the oily bolt and sent the slug flying through the wall locker I had just passed. It went through the locker and the heavy steel wall, then ricocheted off the next steel roof. No telling where it landed.

I've often wondered what happened to that unlucky GI. I was extremely lucky to get home. I'm sure there are lots of similar stories.

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WWII and Korean War Veterans Are Leaving Us Fast

We are losing our WWII vets, of whom I am one, quickly. Korean veterans are not too far behind.

I was at Holiday Hill, 38th Parallel, in December 1950, with I Co., 21st Regt., 24th Inf. Div, after the withdrawal in Nov/Dec. We were in a holding action until the second Chinese offensive in January 1951.

Fielding R. Magness, P. O. Box 436,
Plainfield, OH 43836



Four Soldiers in Korea: (L-R) Fielding Magness, Sgt Sullivan, Lt Prichard, Legasse

Combat Action Badge Information

Source: www.army.mil/symbols/CombatBadges/action.html?story_id_key=7285

I. DESCRIPTION

A silver badge 2 inches (5.08cm) in width overall consisting of an oak wreath supporting a rectangle bearing a bayonet surmounting a grenade, all silver. Stars are added at the top to indicate subsequent awards; one star for the second award, two stars for the third award and three stars for the fourth award.

II. SYMBOLISM

In keeping with the spirit of the Warrior Ethos, the Combat Action Badge provides special recognition to Soldiers who personally engage the enemy, or are engaged by the enemy during combat operations. The bayonet and grenade are associated with active combat. The oak wreath symbolizes strength and loyalty.

III. AWARD ELIGIBILITY

The Combat Action Badge (CAB) may be awarded by any commander delegated authority by the Secretary of the Army during wartime or the CG, U.S. Army Human Resources Command and will be announced in permanent orders.

The requirements for award of the CAB are Branch and MOS immaterial. Assignment to a Combat Arms unit or a unit organized to conduct close or offensive combat operations, or performing offensive combat operations is not required to qualify for the CAB. However, it is not intended to award all soldiers who serve in a combat zone or imminent danger area.

Specific Eligibility Requirements:

- May be awarded to any soldier.
- Soldier must be performing assigned duties in an area where hostile fire pay or imminent danger pay is authorized.
- Soldier must be personally present and actively engaging or being engaged by the enemy, and performing satisfactorily in accordance with the prescribed rules of engagement.
- Soldier must not be assigned/attached to a unit that would qualify the soldier for the CIB/CMB.
- May be awarded to members from the other U.S. Armed Forces and foreign soldiers assigned to a U.S. Army unit, provided they meet the above criteria.
- Award of the CAB is authorized from 18 September 2001 to a date to be determined. Award for qualifying service in any previous conflict is not authorized.

Subsequent awards:

- Only one CAB may be awarded during a qualifying period.
- Second and third awards of the CAB for subsequent qualifying periods will be indicated by superimposing one and two stars respectively, centered at the top of the badge between the points of the oak wreath.
- Retroactive awards for the CAB are not authorized prior to 18 September 2001, applications (to include supporting documentation) for retroactive awards of the CAB will be forwarded through the first two star general in the chain of command to CG, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471.

Wear policy is contained in Army Regulation 670-1.

Soldiers may be awarded the CIB, CMB and CAB for the same qualifying period, provided the criteria for each badge is met. However, subsequent awards of the same badge within the same qualifying period are not authorized.

IV. DATE APPROVED

On 2 May 2005, the Chief of Staff, Army, approved the creation of the CAB to provide special recognition to soldiers who personally engage, or are engaged by the enemy. HQDA Letter 600-05-1, dated 3 June 2005, announced the establishment of the Combat Action Badge.

V. SUBDUED BADGE

Subdued badges are authorized in metal and cloth. The metal badge has a black finish. The cloth badge has olive green base cloth with the bayonet, grenade, oak wreath and border of the bar embroidered in black.

VI. MINIATURE BADGES:

A dress miniature badge, 1 1/4 inches (3.18 cm) in length is authorized for wear on the mess uniforms. A miniature badge, 1 3/4 inches (4.45 cm) is also authorized in lieu of the regular size badge.



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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Date of death _____

Department/Chapter _____

Address _____

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Chapter 66 Holds 20th Anniversary Ceremony

EDITOR'S NOTE: Publication of this entry has been delayed due to document mismanagement. The file was misplaced temporarily. I apologize to the chapter for its lateness.

On 25 June 2010 New York Chapter 66 (Cpl Allan F. Kivlehan) held their annual ceremony at the Korean War Memorial in Battery Park, Manhattan. This year was special; it was the 60th anniversary of the start of the Korean War and our chapter's 20th anniversary.

Over 75 of our members attended the ceremony. We were greatly honored by a visit from the Honorable Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations. He told of being seven years old when the war started. He recalled escaping to the mountains with his family. From there he could see his village being destroyed by the North Koreans.

He has dedicated his life to the cause for peace, and will never forget the American Soldiers and their sacrifices.

We were also honored to have Mehmet Samsar, Consul General of the Republic of Turkey, in attendance. Many members of our Korean community also honored us with their presence.

*George E. Parsons, 56 Boyce Ave.,
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Members of Ch 66 gather around Ban-ki Moon at 60th Anniversary ceremony



Left, Joseph Calabria (L) and George E. Parsons (R) welcome Ban-ki Moon to Staten Island. **Below**, Members of the Korean Community of Staten Island, NY and Ch 66 members assemble at Korean War/chapter anniversary event



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SEPTEMBER, 2011

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, rehig@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), pierrehale@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/DRA-GOON) 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, slcavana@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, kerbyplatte@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, hornetcv@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

SCARWAF, 21-25 Sept., Hampton, VA. Bob Fulton, 724-935-4276, bopat@consolidated.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 Raffis, 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@hctc.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

5th Comm. Gp./934th Sig. Bn. (Korea 1950-1954), 25 Sept.-2 Oct., Oklahoma City, OK, Best Western-Saddleback Inn. Chuck Siegmund, 1400 Foxwood Dr., Jacksonville, AR 72076

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

3rd Bn., 7th Marines (Korea 1950-53), Sept. 28-Oct. 1, Las Vegas, NV, Fitzgerald Hotel and Casino. Tom and Sondra Tompkins, 1533 Broadview Drive, Bettendorf, IA 52722, 563-355-6912, sondra_t@hotmail.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

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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

Korean War Veterans (All Services), 3-6 Oct., Las Vegas, NV, Circus Circus Hotel/Casino. Dick Gallmeyer, 1125 Evert Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23464, 800-523-4715, msg1gal@aol.com. NOTE: Dick Gallmeyer has located over 33,000 combat buddies. Anyone who is looking for a buddy or wishes to be added to the list can contact him.

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

F-2-7 (Korea 1951-1953), 6-8 Oct., Las Cruces, NM. Robert L. Gaines, 320 McClure Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88005, 575-526-8624, gigaines90@juno.com

USAFSS 15th RSM/6922 RGM, Japan or Korean Detachments (1951-58), 8-12 Oct., N. Myrtle Beach, SC. Jim Bramwell, 108 President Ave., Rutledge, PA

19070, 610-544-5143, m.jbrampress@verizon.net

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

USS Meredith (DD 434/726/890) 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

18th Fighter Wing, 2nd South African Sqdn., 12th Fighter Sqdn., 39th Fighter Sqdn., 67th Fighter Sqdn. (All ranks and support units). 12-16 Oct., Orlando, FL, Embassy Suites Hotel. Tom Chapman, 7039 S. Clay St., Littleton, CO 80120, 303-794-3747, chapman7039@comcast.net

151 Combat Engineer Bn., 13-16 Oct., Lebanon, TN, Comfort Suites. Jack & Ruth Cato, 212 S Maple St., Lebanon, TN 37087, 615-444-9273, rmcato@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, lsalley2@bellsouth.net

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

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

USS Jarvis (DD 749), 24-27 Oct., Laughlin, NV, Riverside Resort. Tony Kubat, 10908 W. Tropicana Cir., Sun City, AZ 85351, 623-876-0482, tjkscaz@cox.net

FEBRUARY, 2012

15th Special Basic Class (1952), 6-9 Feb. 2012, San Diego, CA. Neil Reich, 139 Ramona Drive, Fullerton, CA 92833, 714-526-0627, neilnr@yahoo.com (All Korean Era SBCs (#1-#27) June 1950-July 1953, Officer's Special Training at Quantico, VA. are invited to attend.)

Welcome Home, Samuel Kelly Watkins

Members of Ch 314, Western North Carolina, welcomed home with great love and honor POW/MIA U.S. Army Pfc Samuel Kelly Watkins. His remains were returned to his home in Hendersonville, NC on 25 May 2011.

Watkins was designated a POW/MIA on February 14, 1951, and presumed dead March 3, 1954. He was identified through a match with family members' DNA. He was buried on May 26th with full military honors at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Hendersonville, NC.

Watkins, a member of the 2nd Reconnaissance Company, 2nd Infantry Division, was taken prisoner in South Korea on February 14, 1951, when about 5,000 Chinese soldiers overran his unit. His family was notified in 1951 that he was missing. He was presumed dead a year later, in keeping with military protocol.

His two sisters and brother at last experienced "closure."

Bernie Nagel, Commander, 311 Greystone Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28792, 828-698-8631, BernieNagel@bellsouth.net

For a complete story, access:

<http://www.fortmilltimes.com/2011/05/21/1566082/remains-of-korean-war-veteran.html>



TOP: The flag-draped casket of Pfc Watkins. **BELOW:** Members of Ch 314 "Fall In" to pay respects to Pfc Samuel Kelly Watkins

A Most Enjoyable Tour

By Earle "Bruce" Stone

On May 8, 2010 I flew to Los Angeles, where I met with fifteen other Korean War veterans and their wives. On the 9th we left Los Angeles for Korea, landing 13 hours later at Incheon. The Koreans have built a beautiful international airport right in the harbor.

Our hosts, the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, met us at the airport with two buses and an ambulance. It was obvious that they realized the age bracket of us veterans (late 60s to early 80s). The buses were decorated with large banners welcoming us in English and Korean.

Once on the bus, we were introduced to our guide (Clair Chin) and given a plastic packet which contained our meal tickets and itinerary for the week, and our hotel room keys. They had us already checked in.

We stayed at the five-star Lotte Hotel World in downtown Seoul. We didn't even have to handle our luggage; it was delivered to our rooms. They took care of everything.

Tuesday May 11, 2010

We were given an orientation on Korean culture and spirit, after which we visited the National Cemetery, where we laid a wreath. We then toured the War Memorial. In the evening, we enjoyed a formal banquet at which we met some Korean dignitaries and were presented with an "Ambassador for Peace" medal and individual official proclamations.

The Korean people are extremely pro America, and they are teaching their young students to be the same.

Wednesday May 12, 2010

This day was without a doubt the highlight of the trip for us. We went up to Camp Bonifas on the DMZ. Halfway up to the DMZ we stopped and each couple was assigned a Korean student for the day. Our student was a fifteen-year-old girl named Sun Young Kim. She was a lovely girl and we exchanged email addresses. She is now exchanging emails with my thirteen-year-old granddaughter, Jamie.

We observed the buildings where the peace talks take place and came within fifty feet of the North Korean guards. We could feel the tension in the air as the North Koreans observed us with their binoculars and took pictures of us with their cameras. We were told to turn our I.D. badges over so they couldn't record them.

There are incidents going on all the time. The only weapons the guards are allowed to carry are 45 cal. pistols per the truce.

The United Nations has a large three-story brick building facing North Korea. Directly across the DMZ the North Koreans have an identical three-story building facing South Korea. The third floors of both buildings are loaded with surveillance equipment.

While at the DMZ we visited the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission (NNSC), where we had lunch. The commission is made up of five Swiss and Swedish officers. We then visited Imjingak, where we laid a wreath at the U.S. monument.

It was a great feeling to be in a foreign country where you are respected because you are American. THEY WILL NEVER FORGET US!

Thursday May 13, 2010

They took us to a folk village, which was pretty much how the Korean people lived when I was a young Marine serving there. In the evening we were taken to the Sheraton Walker Hill Hotel, where we enjoyed an excellent dinner and a top notch stage show called "Legend of Flower."

Friday May 14, 2010

We went to the Incheon Landing Operations Hall. The massive monument there is built on the side of a hill. In the hall there are many war artifacts. They have a cap General MacArthur wore and one of his com cob pipes. This visit was somewhat emotional for some of the vets.

After that we went on to Itaewon, after which they took us to a shopping area and then back to the hotel.

Saturday May 15, 2010

It was time to pack and head for home.

Final Impressions

South Korea has come a long, long way in 60 years. Their cities are very modern and they are the most wired country in the world. Their economy is ranked 14th in the world. Most of the electronic technology we enjoy today is coming out of South Korea.

Their cities consist of factories and 30 to 40 story residential skyscrapers. Seoul has 10.5 million people, and that number is growing. Their highways are 4 or 5 lanes in each direction. However, I see South Korea as extremely vulnerable.

If North Korea were to shoot a few missiles down range into South Korea, the death toll would be in the millions. I do not believe that will ever happen, because the end result would be all-out war, which North Korea cannot afford. Their people are all in abject poverty. There is no hope for the North Korean people; they are helpless to do anything about their form of government.

The South Korean people and their government will never forget what America and the United Nations did for them in 1950 and for the past 60 years since then. The United States was the biggest contributor of men and materials during the war. The South Koreans know exactly how many men we lost and every man's name is inscribed on the walls of the memorial. They have them all listed by states, so it is easy to look someone up.

It was a great feeling to be in a foreign country where you are respected because you are American. THEY WILL NEVER FORGET US!

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Have You Ever...?

On June 17, 2010, I, my son Mark, his wife E.J., and grandson Jason were privileged to revisit Korea for the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War, hosted by the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs and the Korean Veterans Association Republic of Korea. Nine nations were represented among the 291 veterans: UK, Australia, Canada, Ethiopia, Greece, New Zealand, Netherlands, Luxemburg, and the U.S. Most of the group, 157 people, came from the U.S.

Tours and events included the Incheon Memorial Freedom Park, Incheon Memorial Hall, wreath layings at the National Cemetery and the U.S. monument at Imjing AK, the War Memorial, DMZ (JSA) Zone, a 60th Commemoration Ceremony at the Olympic gymnasium, and the Korean Folk Village.

We received the Ambassador for Peace Medal and a Korean War Anniversary Medal with an official proclamation of "Thank You" from Lee, Myungbak, President, Republic of Korea.

I was proud to be in the 1st Marine Division and be able to help a proud, courageous, passionate thankful people restore their nation.

*Robert Maguson, 21037 W. Snowberry Ct.,
Plainfield, IL 60544*

Have You...©

By Robert Maguson

Have you ever tramped with men in the rain,
With an aching back and feet in pain,
For hours on end with no rest in sight,
In the dismal soak, and the fury of night?

Have you watched as a plane made its strike,
Felt what the trembling, exploding ground was like,
As rockets and napalm plunged thru space,
Carrying destruction at a furious pace?

Have you ever seen men charging a hill?
They move ever upward, thru to the kill.
Their objective to take regardless of cost,
With thoughts of victory to be won—not lost.

Have you lain in a fox-hole in the dead of the night,
Watching and waiting and shaking with fright?
The darkness is grim, it holds many fears.
For you and your buddies, the hours seem like years.

If you haven't seen strife as the cannons thundered,
Bodies piled high because someone blundered,
If you haven't stood on the steps of hell's door,
Then give thanks to your god, because you haven't seen war.



Two Korean soldiers, Robert Maguson, and his son Mark at the wreath laying at the USA Memorial

'The Death of a Soldier'

By Wallace Stevens

**Life contracts and death is expected,
As in a season of autumn.
The soldier falls.**

**He does not become a three-days' personage,
Imposing his separation,
Calling for pomp.**

**Death is absolute and without memorial,
As in a season of autumn,
When the wind stops.**

**When the wind stops and, over the heavens,
The clouds go, nevertheless,
In their direction.**

Korean War POW buried after 60 years

By John O'Connor - The Associated Press

FREEPORT, Ill. — For 60 years, Artie Hodapp's family agonized over a heart-rending mystery: Where had the young man, known for his rollicking sense of humor, come to rest after dying in the Korean War? For the rest of the story, go to:

<http://www.armytimes.com/news/2011/05/ap-korean-war-pow-buried-60-years-052711/>

Thanks to Art Lajeunesse, ALajeun314@aol.com, for letting us know about this story.

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From _____ To _____

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From _____ To _____

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From: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____ To: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
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on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
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() killed in action, () missing in action or () died as a Prisoner of War
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- 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.
- Gold Star Parents.** Any parent whose son/daughter was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
- Gold Star Spouses.** Any person whose spouse was killed in action, missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

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.

C. Honorary Members. Any person of good character may be elected as Honorary Member by vote by the Board of Directors. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

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.

Memorial Day

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Members of the chapter's Honor Guard participated in Memorial Day ceremonies at Washington DC. Art Griffith, KWVA Director, was present at all the events, even though he was not 100% healthy due to the weather conditions and recent hospitalization. The weather was awful, with 99 degree temperatures and 96% humidity.

Incidentally, our chapter's official photographer, Cheryl DiPasquale, took the nearby photos.

Al McCarthy, mccarthy.albert@live.com

RIGHT: At the Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington, VA (Front, L-R) (?) Glock, VFW Honor Guard and KWVA member, William Mac Swain, Thomas McHugh, Unknown VFW Honor Guard member (Back, L-R) Otis Mangrum, George Bruzzis, Albert McCarthy, Mark Tiilikkala

BELOW: Memorial Day at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial ("The Wall") in Washington, DC (L-R) Mark Tiilikkala, Albert McCarthy, George Bruzzis, Thomas McHugh, William Mac Swain, Otis Mangrum



At the Korean War Memorial in Washington DC (L-R) Ch 299 Commander Albert McCarthy, Ch 299 Honor Guard member Mark Tiilikkala, Ch 299 Honor Guard Sgt. Otis Mangrum, KWVA President William Mac Swain, National KWVA Chair of Ceremonies Thomas McHugh, NJ State President George Bruzgis, Ch 299 Sr. Vice Cmdr. & KWVA Fundraising Chair Arthur Griffith



Hawaii Holds Memorial Day Ceremony

The 2011 Annual Governor's Memorial Day ceremony was a memorable event. Former Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs Ladda "Tammy" Duckworth, a graduate of the 1986 class of McKinley High School in Honolulu, was in attendance, as were U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI), U.S. Congresswoman Mazie Hirono (D-HI), and Governor Neil Abercrombie (D).

KWVA Life Member Robert K. Young is also a graduate of McKinley High School, Class of 1949. He was the Cadet Captain of the JROTC.

Robert K. Young, 1329 Akalani Loop, Kailui, HI 96734-4121, 808-263-9315



"Tammy" Duckworth, MajGen Darryll D. M. Wong, Sen. Daniel Akata, Gov. Neil Abercrombie, Rep. Mazie Hirono and other dignitaries in front of Hawaii Youth Challenge Academy students and staff members



Members of Combat Infantry Men's Association at Hawaii ceremony (L-R) Henry Rasua, Nelson Manzanillo, Thomas Mastin, Petroullo Montera, Robert K. Young

Military Order of Purple Heart Korean War combat veterans (L-R) Thomas Tanaka, Al Wager, Roy Sugiyama, Joe Lopez, Kuro Tomasa, Francis Yasutake



APPLICATION FOR KOREA REVISIT & PEACE CAMP FOR YOUTH (PCFY) TOURS

(UPDATED 01/16/11)

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

KWVA Member, # _____ Expiration Date (Exp date) _____

NOTE: If you have not yet received your membership # from KWVA please insert "applied for."

List all your addresses, (seasonal/if more than one per year) and dates of residence, no P.O. Boxes.

1. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Dates _____

2. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Dates _____

Phone # _____ Fax _____ E-Mail* _____

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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.

Veteran's Korean Service Information (Both Tours)

Branch of Service _____ Unit _____

Period of Service in the Korean Theater (month/year) from _____ thru _____

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)

Grandchild: Last Name _____ First _____ DOB _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail¹ _____ Passport #² _____ Exp Date _____

NOTES: 1- CRUCIAL FOR IMMEDIATE TOUR UPDATES 2- If no passport put Applied for in this block and call in when received.

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I authorize Military Historical Tours by my signature above to charge my Visa, Master Card or Amex \$450.00 Per Person,

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Korea Revisit related material please send to:

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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.

How Can We Help?

The DOD 's 60th KWV Anniversary Committee Director Colonel David Clark and Outreach Manager Director Jean Davis came to Boston to pass out certificates of appreciation to KWVA members and discuss the possibility of sponsoring the KWVA National Convention in Boston.

The committee met with Ch 299 Korea Veterans of America [MA] members Art Griffith and Otis Mangrum at the Quincy Marriott to go over the layout of the hotel and discuss what role the 60th KWV Anniversary Committee could play in the

KWVA National Convention.

Prior to the meeting, a wreath was laid at the KWV South Boston Memorial at Castle Island with Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans Services Coleman Nee and Ch 299 members Ken Cook, who served with the US 8th Army Korea 1951-52, and Jeff Brodeur in attendance.

They later passed out certificates to Ch 34, CPL Alfred Lopes, Jr./Lt. Ronald R. Ferris [MA] members at their memorial in Marshfield, MA.

Jeff Brodeur, 48 Square Rigger Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601



Jeff Brodeur, Col David Clark, Ken Cook, Coleman Nee (L-R) at the award presentation at the South Boston MA Korean War Memorial

Col David Clark (L) presents Ch 34 founder and past KWVA National Director Rusty Tramonte a certificate of appreciation from the 60th KWV anniversary committee



Col David Clark, Ken Cook, Jeff Brodeur (L-R) place wreath at the South Boston MA Korean War Memorial

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Guests at Olympia, WA gather in front of flags of different nations for “Korean War Remembrance Day.” See Chapter 310 news, page 49.