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From the President

William Mac Swain

We have completed our Board of Directors and Annual Membership Meetings. The meetings were

hosted by Chapter 299; they did an excellent job on the arrangements.

The Standard Procedure Manual changes were approved by the Board and ratification of some Bylaw changes was made by the Membership. A new budget for 2012 was approved by the Board and Membership.

The Korean War National Museum announced its move to the New York City area. Information was given on JPAC operations to find and identify POWs and MIAs and their schedule for the next few years. A Virtual Museum and how it will work on the internet was also shown. (See the stories in this issue.)

Plans about what is in store next year by the VA were presented and The Cold War Families explained their purpose and what they would like for the public to know about some of the problems they have noticed in the way that our MIAs have been looked for. Other Committee Reports are included in the Minutes of the Board and Membership Meetings on pp. 10 and 16 respectively.

The flag that we lost some years ago has been replaced by a replica presented to the KWVA by Chaplain Angel and the VA Hospital in Indianapolis as a gift. It will be used at the Memorial and Veterans Day Ceremonies each year when the flags of the VSOs enter and leave the National Cemetery Rotunda.

The DOD Anniversary Committee sponsored a reception on the Annual Meeting opening date so they could introduce themselves to our members and hand out information about their plans for the next couple years. They also sponsored an evening at the movies at which they showed two movies. The first one, called the Real Mash, featured the actual doctors and nurses who commented on the TV M.A.S.H. show, while the actors from the show commented on their roles. It was highly interesting and a good time for

The membership approved the Board's recommendation to have the Annual Membership Meeting in the St. Louis, MO area, October 10-14, 2012 at the Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westpoint.

all—with popcorn and drinks furnished.

A second movie, Hold At All Costs, about Outpost Harry, was also shown. It was typical of many battles and was narrated by Army personnel from both the United States and China. I imagine that many who saw it could really relate to other times and battles.

Members attended a reception hosted by the Korean Ambassador. Unfortunately, he had a prior commitment, but three of his Attaches attended. A reception line was set up so all who attended the banquet could meet the Generals present and Col. Clark, the head officer of the DOD 60th Anniversary Group.

Our guest speaker was the recently retired four-star General Walter L. Sharp. He gave his perspective on how prepared the South Koreans are in case of an attack. General Lee, Seo Young represented the Korean Ambassador and said a few words to the membership about how much the Korean Government and people appreciated the help given his nation.

Col. David J. Clark also spoke. He gave the members more information about the DOD 60th Anniversary Committee's mission through 2013.

The Board of Directors decided to meet in Washington DC in conjunction with "The Gathering" in July 2012. The membership approved the Board's recommendation to have the Annual Membership Meeting in the St. Louis, MO area,

October 10-14, 2012 at the Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westpoint. A chapter has already contacted the hotel and a contract has been signed.

Also, the membership approved the Board's recommendation to have the 2013 Annual Membership Meeting in Washington DC. "The Gathering" will also be invited to be a part of this 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice on July 27, 1953. It is planned to use the same hotel that "The Gathering" will use in 2012 when it hosts the KWVA Board meeting.

The Annual Meeting in Quincy, MA was my last Annual Membership Meeting as the President of the KWVA, Inc. I must say that it has been such an honor to have served as your President. I have had many opportunities to represent Korean War veterans. I hope that I have fulfilled those times with honor and in a satisfactory way.

I thank my staff members who have supported me. As I complete my last six months of my term, I hope that the path established will have been completed and the next administration will have something it can build on.

In other news, I am happy to report that the United States and North Korea have signed an agreement to return to North Korea in April 2012 to renew the search for MIA/POWs who were missing in action inside North Korea. I can report that the KWVA representative at an April

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Articles to be published in the *The Graybeards* must be sent to the editor no later than the 15th day of the first month of that issue. —Editor.

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From the Secretary



Frank Cohee

More examples of e-mail letters received and my response:

Can anyone identify this regimental pin?

My name is Jeff Packard. I am Dorothy and Dale Packard's son. My father served in the 187th Airborne during Korea, then returned home and served 6 years in the reserves in Indiana. I don't know what unit he was with, but I have a picture of the regimental pin on his uniform. I am trying to identify the crest that is on his unit epaulet for a Christmas present I am making him, but no one knows what it is.



Dad mentioned something about the 414th artillery, but I can find no record of it. Do you have any idea what the attached pic's regiment was? Thanks for any help you can give!

No Luck From Here

I have not had any success in finding the regimental pin that you are trying to identify. The 187th, of which I am a honorary member, has its own association and website. You might contact them. Also, call Medals of America at 1-800-407 8640. They may be of some help.

Frank

Losing Home Of 57 Years

My dad is a Korean War veteran. He purchased his current home of 57 years with his VA loan and now he is losing his home due to eminent domain by Caltrans. He is 81 years old and now disabled due to a hip disease and is confined to using a walker/wheelchair/cane. He suffers from a mobile disability.

California Department of Transportation has failed to accommodate him in finding a comparable home free from any barriers. They are trying to give him homes with no heat, lots of stairs, small tiny rooms (not comparable to his current home), no running water to parts of a home, in gang infested areas. Please read my email I sent to all the management at Caltrans.

Can you put pressure on Caltrans to address his needs and provide a home to him which suits his disability. He is a proud Korean War veteran. Can you help him? You can send emails to this woman Jody.Jones@dot.ca.gov. Her number is (916) 654-3167 to send a message to her. Thank you. My father fought for his country. I will not stop fighting for his rights.

I sent Ms. Jones the following e-mail:

Ms. Jones:

I believe that your company is violating several statues against disabled veterans and that the company is subject to be investigated and if found to be guilty will be fined and possibly some of its officials may be facing incarceration.

As you can see, I have copied Mr. Kevin Secor on this email. Kevin is assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs and I am sure he will bring this situation to the Secretary's attention.

*Frank Cohee, National Secretary.
Korean War Veterans Association*

Here is the response I received.

Frank Cohee, Kwvasec@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Surane (sic):

This is in response to your e-mail regarding the relocation of Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Hernandez. Please be assured that the California Department of Transportation is dedicated to facilitating the acquisition of their residence in as kind a way as possible. Our relocation office is consulting with Americans Disabilities Act specialists to assure the replacement property meets their need and complies with federal regulation. Thank you for expressing your concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew P. Nienperg,
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Too Late

I received at least five requests in response to the article in the Sep-Oct 2011 issue of The Graybeards about the 1951 Year Book of the 5th Armored Div., Camp Chaffee, AR and other items that were available for anyone interested. After receiving the first request I sent an e-mail to the person that made the offer and below is what he wrote back.

Frank Cohee:

I have donated all of these items to a non-profit organization called Invest In America's Veterans Foundation, located in Cape Coral, FL. They have a small museum displaying several hundred items and several thousand more in storage awaiting their new building. They offer a free lunch to the Korean War Vets every Tuesday and these items have been a cause of great interest. Thank you for your time and please thank Mr. Aubrey E. Smith for his interest and service to this great country of ours...sincerely, Al Oman

News From The VA: Have You Heard?

Helping a Homeless Veteran is only a phone call away.

VA's Homeless Veterans Program Office is on a mission to ensure that everyone from VA employees to first responders and civilian personnel know who and where to call should they encounter a homeless veteran or a veteran at-risk of becoming homeless. A major homeless outreach and awareness campaign is under way in 28 cities across the nation as part of VA's commitment to eliminate veteran homelessness by 2015.

The initial phase of the massive outreach effort is designed to inform and educate those in frequent contact with homeless veterans and have them serve as messengers by directing veterans to three primary channels: the National Call Center for Homeless

Veterans (1-877-424-3838); the VA Homeless Veterans Website at <http://www.va.gov/homeless/> and local VA medical centers.

These major events will include brochures and other information as well as advertising posters at bus stops and radio and TV ads to promote "Make the call."

Your Secretary,

Frank Cohee

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I will return to Connecticut when the last snowflake has melted, which should be in late May or early June 2012. I will keep you posted.

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We handle book reviews in house. Authors submit copies to us for review and possible inclusion in *The Graybeards*. So, if you would like to send us a copy of your book for review we will be happy to consider it. (Send a copy to Book Reviewer, 895 Ribaut Rd. #13, Beaufort, SC 29902.) There is no guarantee that a review will be published, however.

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meeting informed the current administrative personnel that the KWVA certainly supported a plan to return to North Korea as a humanitarian endeavor.

We will be contacting all our Life, POW, MOH and Gold Star members to check on them so our database can be brought up to date. We have found that many times we do not receive any information about a death, especially of those members who are not in a chapter.

At our Memorial Service, a list by states was presented that contained the names of 1,451 members who had passed away since the July 2010 Annual Membership Meeting. Many of the deaths were reported years after the members died—and had continued to receive their magazines during the interim. All those members contacted will be asked to return a special request card mailed to them so we know they are still with us.

I wish the membership a very Happy New Year. Our election process has begun; the resumes of those candidates for the various open offices will be presented in the January–February 2012 edition of *The Graybeards*. Voting will be completed by May 15, 2012. Those candidates elected will take office on June 25, 2012.

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"I hate being a veteran."©

Father Jeff opens every sermon with this caveat: "May the words that I will say, and the words that you will hear...." Clearly, he recognizes a universal truth: not everybody interprets words in the same way. His 20 November 2011 sermon was proof of that. (Incidentally, I am not using the good priest's real name. It's not actually Father.)

He talked about a community function he had attended two nights earlier. At one table there sat alone a WWII veteran in his 90s who everyone in town knew—and avoided. He had a reputation for being the most negative person in town, one who believed that the U.S.'s reign as a world power was over. Many people joked that he was so negative he didn't even want to sit with himself at social functions. Nevertheless, he attended local political and social events regularly, if only to let anyone who would—or would not—listen know how much he hated government at all levels and to warn that the U.S. was falling out of the "Top Ten" list of influential nations.

The good priest, despite internal misgivings, opted to sit with the veteran at the event as an act of random kindness—even though the gentleman was not one of his parishioners. There they sat, just the two of them, shunned by everyone else in the hall. As he expected, Fr. Jeff got an earful about the failures of government, the country's decline, and the woeful state of world affairs. "I hate them all," the veteran averred. One rant in particular gave the good reverend cause for ponderation (good word, huh? I just made that one up.)

"Most of all," the curmudgeonly gentleman emphasized, "I hate being a veteran." Fr. Jeff's reiteration of that statement in his sermon awakened—and shocked—many members of the congregation.

Whoa! "I hate being a veteran?" Where does that come from? How many of us hate being veterans—and why would we?

He explained his statement to Fr. Jeff, who stressed in his sermon that the veteran had been "in the thick of things in Europe for a long time during the brunt of the fighting." The old gentleman revealed that he had become disenchanted with governments and

Korean War veterans fought to keep free from communist domination a group of people they did not know who were living in a country many of them had never heard of.

wars as a way to settle differences as he saw what was happening to the people. The Germans—his enemy—were starving as the end of the war drew near, and the hungry civilians he encountered were tearing out his heart, piece by piece.

At one point a young German mother carrying her baby begged the veteran to kill her child, because she could not feed it. He demurred, and vowed to help her. He went hunting, but not for enemies. Since he had been a hunter back home, he sought some sort of game in a local forest. His hunt was successful; he killed and field dressed a deer and presented her with the meat. Then, the Americans moved on and he lost track of her.

As a result of that experience, he lost faith in government and grew disenchanted with his status as a veteran, as he had in his mind contributed to the destruction of people, peace, and property through his role as a Soldier. (Here is where the difference between what is said and what we hear comes in.)

The inferred consensus among parishioners discussing the story after the service ended was that he had begun justifiably cultivating his ever-growing dislike of government from the point when he shot the deer to save a starving enemy. (How does he think the deer felt?) Of course, there were dissenters: that is not what everybody heard.

Agreement or lack thereof aside, I

inferred that the veteran was ashamed of being a Soldier and contributing to the downfall of the U.S. as a world power. Ergo, he hated being a veteran, without taking into account all the good he had done as a Soldier. But, should veterans be ashamed of what they did as Soldiers? We did what we had to do when we were asked to do it. Can we be responsible for what happened afterwards politically?

Korean War veterans fought to keep free from communist domination a group of people they did not know who were living in a country many of them had never heard of. That was sixty years ago. At the time, the U.S. was the strongest country on Earth. Whether or not it is today is debatable.

Times have changed since the Korean War Armistice was signed on 27 July 1953. Today, South Korea is in the ascendancy. The U.S. is allegedly losing its dominance on the world stage. That is history: empires come and empires go. Perhaps we as a country have strutted and fretted our hour upon the stage, and then will be heard no more. (My apologies to William Shakespeare, who used those words in Macbeth, Act 5, Scene 5.) Who knows?

Either way, how many of us hate being veterans? We did what we had to do without worrying about our country's status among world powers. That is a Soldier's job—and it is not subject to interpretation.

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MINUTES: KWVA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, QUINCY, MA

OCTOBER 29, 2011

Call for the Meeting: E-mail from the Secretary, dated August 22, 2011

Place of Announced Meeting: Boston Marriot Quincy, 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy, MA 02169

Call to Order: President Mac Swain called the meeting to order at 0902 hours. He asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, to be followed by the Invocation by Chaplain Leo Ruffing.

Roll Call and Introductions: President Mac Swain asked Secretary Cohee to call the roll.

KWVA Board Members:

- William F. Mac Swain, President
- James E. Ferris, 1st Vice President
- Larry Kinard, 2nd Vice President
- Frank E. Cohee, Jr., Secretary
- J. Tilford Jones, Treasurer
- Richard E. Brown, Sr., Director
- George Bruzgis, Director
- Luther Dappen, Director
- Marvin Dunn, Director*
- Lewis Ewing, Director
- James A. Fountain, Director
- Arthur S. Griffith, Director
- George E. Lawhon, Jr., Director
- Thomas M. McHugh, Director
- Luther E. Rice, Jr., Director
- Thomas W. Stevens, Director
- Ezra "Frank" Williams, Director

** Secretary Cohee declared Director Dunn's absence, and that he had received a letter to the President from Director Dunn, who asked that he be excused from the meetings, because of scheduled surgery. President Mac Swain asked for a motion to excuse Director Dunn. Director Lawhon made that motion. It was seconded by Vice President Kinard, and it passed unopposed, excusing Director Dunn.*

New Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Approval by the Board of Directors:

President Mac Swain gave some administrative announcements, the first of which was to present his appointment of Director Ewing as the new Budget & Finance Chairman, to replace Director Dunn, who is unable to fill that seat at this time. He asked for a motion to accept the appointment. The motion was made by Director Brown, seconded by Director Griffith and passed unopposed. Director Ewing is a former banker and will be an asset to the Korean War Veterans Association.

Rules of Decorum and Debate: President Mac Swain informed the Board it would not have to vote on the adoption of the Rules of Decorum and Debate because that was done just three months earlier. He asked Director McHugh if he still wanted to make a motion concerning the rule to rise when speaking to the Board. Director McHugh said yes and made the motion that those who speak have

the choice as to whether or not to stand when speaking. The motion was seconded by Director Brown. It passed with a two-third majority.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda: Director Brown made the motion. It was seconded by Director McHugh and passed unopposed.

President Mac Swain introduced KWVA Staff and Guests: "I would like to introduce some of our distinguished visitors and major staff members that are with us today and ask as their names are called for them to stand. I'll start with the fact that I look out in the audience, and the first thing I see is Miles Brown. He is a member of Chapter 270 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and he also is the President of the Legacy Foundation, which has been formed to help the KWVA in their Tell America Program and receiving some additional funds that help pay for The Graybeards and what have you. They're in operation now, and of course they're in the first year of trying to raise funds and they're still figuring out how they're going to publicize it. They've already paid a part of our editor's pay for one donation that they've made."

President Mac Swain continued:

- "Sal Scarlato, Commander of the Department of New York"
- "Jim Doppelhammer, Webmaster. His daughter, Jamie Reynolds, Membership"
- "Jake Feaster, Assistant Secretary and Supervisor of Membership Management"
- "Mrs. Kusa-Ryll is our Recorder today."
- "John "Sonny" Edwards, Department Commander of Virginia and Sergeant at Arms"
- "Director George Bruzgis, Department Commander of New Jersey"
- "Director Frank Williams, Department Commander of Missouri"
- "2nd Vice President Larry Kinard, Chairman of the Tell America Program"
- "Director Luther Dappen, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee"
- "Director George Lawhon, Chairman of the Bylaws/ Standard Procedure Manual Committee"
- "Billy Scott, Judge Advocate"
- "Leo Ruffing, KWVA Chaplain"
- "Tilford Jones, Treasurer and also First Vice President of the Department of Texas"
- "Director Tom Stevens, Chairman of the Membership Committee"
- "Director Tom McHugh, Chairman of both the Elections and Ceremonies Committees"
- "Frank Cohee, Secretary"
- "Director Art Griffith, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee"
- "Dr. Jongwoo Han, presentation on a digital museum website"

Approval of previous Board of Directors Minutes of July 25, 2011 Meeting: Director Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as published in the September-October 2011 edition of The Graybeards. Director Fountain seconded the motion. It was approved without opposition.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jones commented that we have continued to have a reduction in our dues income. This is partially caused by many of our members becoming life members and, of course, more and more of us are departing this world.

The stock market and the bond market also have reduced considerably all of our income. But, even with this poor performance of the markets, our investments have risen and we are now worth over \$360,000.

Our interest and dividends are \$13,352 annually. We continue to reinvest these funds into the fund that generated that dividend. In July, we discussed the investment that we made into a new fund in June. Now, this new fund is paying a dividend right now of 5.81 percent, while our other funds are paying dividends of 3.3 to 3.7 percent. Our recent new investments have grown from \$274,000 back in 2008 to the \$360,000 that we had last week.

Art Griffith is the Chairman of our Fundraising Committee that has raised a gross of \$64,424 this year, and it appears that we will have a net of approximately \$50,000 after all expenses. Overall, the Association continues to be on sound financial ground. As you can see from the nine month financial statement, we have a total of \$447,048 in cash and in investments, which has grown even more in the past few days.

How much did we have at the end at this time last year? We had \$416,444. So we've tried to continue to grow your money.

President Mac Swain asked for a motion to approve the report. Director Griffith made the motion. It was seconded by Director Bruzgis and passed with no opposition.

Dr. Jongwoo Han - Presentation of a Digital Memorial Website: Dr. Han, a professor at the Maxwell House School at Syracuse University, gave an audio/video presentation of considerable length on the Korean War Veteran Digital Memorial Website.

President's Report: President Mac Swain discussed a lawsuit that has been filed against the Association as well as one of the Chapters. The lawsuit involves an automobile accident where a Chapter member was on his way to a funeral to participate in a color guard and ran into another car, killing a kid that was driving the other car. It would appear that the suit is not valid because the Chapter does not have a color guard and the member was representing the VFW. The plaintiffs were suing for \$4 million.

There was also a State Department problem that has now been resolved. President Mac Swain stated that he received a letter that some ROK Americans believe they should be allowed to become Regular Members of the KWVA: "The problem is there is no one that is eligible for being a member in the KWVA that has not served in the Armed Forces of the U.S.A." They can be Associate Members, but not Regular or Life members."

He then discussed the situation with the IRS: "Our problem will help the American Legion also because they are a 501(c)(19) group like we are. But they have 2 million members, so they can take in a lot of Korean War veterans that are service veterans and never hit

the 90 percent problem. The American Legion has not answered yet.

"We're waiting for their answer, and then that would allow the House of Representative Sam Johnson and his staff to get to work on trying to get that bill passed through Congress. Our position is that we want to allow any person who has been awarded the Korean Defense Service Medal to be eligible to be defined as war veterans by the Internal Revenue Service. Although there is an Armistice, we are still at war with North Korea, and it's not going to be over very soon, I'm quite sure."

President Mac Swain also reported that we will be back in North Korea in 2012: "I went to an April 29th meeting at the Administration to talk about our MIA and POW people, and they asked what the Korean War Veterans Association thought about them getting back into North Korea. I told them that I thought that was a humanitarian thing to do and that we needed to get back in there as soon as we could, because if we didn't there wouldn't be anybody left to welcome those POWs and MIAs home. They took that quite seriously, and the North Koreans have already signed up to allow us to be back in North Korea in 2012. We will be there looking for our missing in action."

VAVS - J.D. Randolph: President Mac Swain recognized J.D. Randolph as the President of Chapter 270, but more important as our Volunteer Service Representative (VAVS). The President commented: "He is the one that makes sure that all of the hours that KWVA members put in at the hospitals and the cemeteries and what have you, that we get credit with the VA doing that particular kind of service. Last year, although our number of volunteers has fallen some, we still saved the Veterans Administration over 800 and some odd thousand dollars with volunteering in their hospitals, saving the VA and the taxpayers' money. So, we're also looking at the fact that maybe what we need to do is look at the Tell America Programs. You're also telling the public about what's going on and the kids about what's going on and maybe we can have that volunteering kind of thing also used as volunteer hours to the VA to let them know that we're out there really doing good work."

More Introductions: President Mac Swain said, "I need to introduce two other gentlemen that have come into the meeting. Albert McCarthy, President of Chapter 299. He's also on the color guard that comes to Washington, DC on Memorial Day when the other color guards that come on Veterans' Day are out doing their thing in Virginia and Maryland.

"I also want to introduce the secretary/treasurer of Chapter 100, Don Byers. Don was also a director when I first got in the KWVA National office and he worked very diligently as a director."

National Flag: President Mac Swain commented that "I wanted to be sure that you recognize the fact that we now have a KWVA Korean national flag. If you look up in the front, you're going to see that we have the old KWVA Korean national flag back. In July I got a call from Chaplain Angell in the Indianapolis VA Hospital. They had a Korean flag amongst all of those flags of all the chapters, and he asked if that was the KWVA national flag of Korea? I said no, but we had one that was lost a long time ago. I found picture of it, with the help of Mr. Cohee, and I sent it off to the Chaplain. I'll be doggoned if he didn't have two of them made, \$500 each, so that they can have one in the VA of the proper

KWVA national flag, and he gave the other one to the KWVA. So it will now be the flag that we carry at the Memorial Day parade, and also at the Veterans Day ceremonies.

"I would like to introduce two more guys that just came in. Roy Aldridge, in the blue shirt, is the Department Commander of Texas and Jeff Brodeur was a director for six years underneath Mr. Dechert and I think for a couple years under me. He's also one of the people that helped put this meeting together."

Approval of changes to SPM Section 3.6 – Elections Procedure: Director McHugh made a motion to accept the wording in SPM Section 3.6 to change the dates of the election process. It's to change the date of candidate submission, which will now be December 15th instead of February 15th. The date of submission of ballots will be in May. Director Fountain seconded the motion and it was passed without opposition.

Approval to Form Changes to SPM 4.9.1: Director McHugh made a motion to revise SPM Form 4.9-1, the form used by a member to submit an application for election. The form itself spells out the new dates. Director Lawhon seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

Approval to Travel & Per Diem changes to SPM 4.5.1: Director Lawhon made a motion to increase the per diem and increase the mileage when traveling to Washington, DC. The motion was later amended by Director Lawhon to be effective at any location. The motion was seconded by Director Bruzgis and the amended motion was seconded by Director Brown.

After some discussion, the decision of the Board was that effective this Meeting, SPM 4.5.1 be revised as follows: Travel: To be changed to 50 cents per mile anywhere, not to exceed coach fare, Per diem: To be changed to \$20/travel days and \$30/meeting days. The location to be changed from Washington, D.C. to anywhere. Both motions were approved without objection.

Approval to changes to SPM 2.4.1.1 and 2.5.1.2, Board Access to Verbatim Minutes: Director Lawhon made a motion that the Secretary make available the verbatim minutes to voting members of the Board of Directors and others to be determined by the President and the Secretary in accordance with Association needs. The motion was seconded by Director Brown.

Webmaster Jim Doppelhammer commented that "Most of you know that if you ask me a question and I can't comment on it it's because it is something that I can't comment on. I respect that tremendously. Nobody is going to have access to this if it's not authorized by the President or the Secretary. It would be locked, not printable, and it's easily done." The motion was passed without objection.

Approval to allow Committee chairs to have the Secretary revise the listing of members on the website without requiring approval of the Board: At the last meeting, Director McHugh submitted that motion and it was approved by the Board. Approval of the change in the text in the SPM that will take place is requested. Director McHugh made a motion to accept, seconded by Director Lawhon and approved without objection.

Request to rescind the motion to place "Postpone Indefinitely" in the Decorum and Debate Rules: Director Lawhon made the motion. It was seconded by Director Brown and passed without opposition.

Request to make the Immediate Past President an Advisor to the Newly Elected President: Director McHugh made a motion to give the newly elected President an option to choose the Immediate Past President as an advisor, whose duties will be outlined in the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM), Section 2.0. The Advisor would attend all called meetings as a non-voting member, and would not be counted as part of the quorum. The selection of the Immediate Past President Advisor and his duties as described in the SPM will be subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Director Bruzgis, followed by a lot of discussion. The motion was finally approved, nine for, four against.

Request for the President to explain postage costs for *The Graybeards*: Director Lawhon stated that this motion is actually a request to discuss exploration of the mailing costs of the mailing to overseas individuals. The discussion of this issue was extremely long.

Director McHugh finally made a motion to notify all of the recipients of complimentary copies and let them know they are going to be stopped unless we hear back from them. Second Vice President Kinard suggested that the notice be put in *The Graybeards* and seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

Fundraisers - Art Griffith: Director Griffith made a motion for the approval of a 2012 Fundraiser Budget of \$16,500. It was seconded by Director McHugh and passed with no objection.

2012 Budget: Treasurer Tilford Jones presented the proposed 2012 Budget of \$316,710, compared to \$325,225 for 2011. He commented that we expect a decrease in dues revenue of around \$30,000, explaining that in addition to members passing, a lot of them are signing up for life membership.

Donations are up and the recent fundraiser has raised \$64,000. The cost of printing *The Graybeards* is down some because our printer got our ink price down and we are printing fewer copies. Past Director Lee Duster has done an excellent job on keeping the cost of our insurance down, and he thinks that we'll stay at about that same amount this year.

The membership office expenses are going to be a little more, primarily because of the increase in postage rates. Any other changes are insignificant. Director Ewing made a motion to adopt the 2012 Budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Director Fountain and was passed without opposition.

Abstentions: Director Lawhon made a motion to disallow abstentions in the Board voting process by approving the addition of 3.9.3.1 to SPM 3.9.3. The addition would read "Voting members present shall not abstain from voting, and must give their vote in either the affirmative (yes) or negative (no)." Director Brown seconded the motion and it was passed without objection.

Reinstatement of a former member: Director Lawhon made a motion for a change to the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM) to approve the addition of SPM Paragraph 3.2.2, Subparagraph 3: "...3. Should an application for renewal of membership be received from a former member who had previously resigned, for any reason, then that application and any other information that might be informative, shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for review, discussion and consideration..." Director Brown seconded the motion.

Director Lawhon explained that his reason was that a former member who had resigned while under probation was reinstated while the former member had a pending complaint against him. He explained that KWVA Bylaws state unequivocally that anything that affects the business of the associations should be discussed and voted on by the Board of Directors.

President Mac Swain explained that the former member's probation was long past and that he should be treated as would any other applicant for membership in the KWVA. After considerable discussion, a vote was taken and the motion failed.

SPM Section 3.9 - Revise to schedule minimum of two scheduled meetings: Director Lawhon made a motion to revise SPM Section 3.9 to include a minimum of two scheduled annual meetings: "...The Board shall have at least two (2), scheduled meetings between Annual Association Meetings, the second (or last) during the days immediately preceding the Annual Association Membership business meeting. All Scheduled Board Meetings shall be considered portal to portal return; with scheduled travel days, scheduled meeting days, and in the case of the meeting occurring immediately preceding the Annual Membership Meeting, includes attendance at the said Association meeting, and return travel. All Board meetings shall provide sufficient duration to complete all Association business placed before them for consideration..." Implementation of the change was predicated on ratification of the change, approved in July 2011 by the Board of Directors and scheduled in the October 30, 2011 Membership Meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Griffith and was passed without objection.

National Dues payment by chapters: Director Stevens made a motion to change the Association dues date to January 1 of each year. The reason being it would make the collection of National dues by chapters much more convenient. However, Director Stevens commented that Tilford and Jim discussed this with him and apparently this would cause undue problems in the membership office. For that reason he withdrew the motion.

National Ceremonies Committee Report: Director McHugh, who is also the National Ceremonies Chairman, made a motion for the Board to approve the purchase of two extendable flag poles, two carry cases, two white harnesses, and a new American flag. He explained that they were needed for Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies in Washington, DC.

Director Griffith commented that the motion should include the term "'Korean Defense Service Veterans'" to be added to the flag. Director McHugh amended his motion to include the embroidery, if feasible, done while the flag is in his possession. Both the motion and the amendment were seconded by Directors Bruzgis and Griffith, respectively. Both the motion and the amendment were passed without objection.

Request to establish an exploration committee for a new print house for The Graybeards:

Director McHugh made a motion to form a committee to look into cost savings of a new print house for The Graybeards. It was seconded by Director Brown, discussed, and passed, unanimously. President Mac Swain asked for volunteers; Directors McHugh, Bruzgis, Brown, Secretary Cohee and Treasurer Jones volunteered.

Request to send a letter to National parks about signage concerning the Korean Memorial: Director McHugh told the Board, "... the National Park Service has changed their signage on their kiosks. They started with the Korean War Veterans sign and at that time they even had a big huge banner up on it saying Samsung, but nothing saying Korean War Veterans Memorial. There's no signage telling people when you're near Lincoln Memorial where the Korean War Veterans Memorial is. Director McHugh made a motion that our organization send a letter to the Park Service saying we want better signage. It should be on our kiosk, accessible and informative. The motion was seconded by Director Dappen and passed unopposed.

Ceremonies Committee Report: The national ceremonies at the Korean War Memorial and Arlington Tomb of the Unknown were again supported by the same chapters as in the past, 33, 142 and 299. National President Mac Swain and National Director McHugh presented wreaths, along with some of the chapter members.

Revisit Committee Report: President Mac Swain introduced Revisit Korea Program Coordinator Warren Weidhahn. Colonel Weidhahn began by announcing that he had three very important things to report:

"Number one, in the past, the Revisit Program has been fantastic, very well received. Two, the good news is that it will continue, and it will grow. Three, the really good news is that in 2014, they're going to open it up to Cold War Veterans, and that's a real stroke of goodwill and judgment on the part of the Korean government.

"The combat veterans, or I say the veterans of that era, will come first, as long as we're still alive, but if they have a quota of a hundred, and they only have 50, then 50 will go to post-war service veterans. But you must have served in Korea and be members of the Korean War Veterans Association."

Colonel Weidhahn went on to report on upcoming meetings regarding revisit quotas and also details regarding our return to North Korea and the recovery teams that will serve there. It may be possible for some veterans to accompany them.

VAVS Report: J.D. Randolph reported that of all our chapters around the United States, the hours and the numbers we have accumulated are going down and a lot of it is due to the age of the veteran that's volunteering. However, we have many places where we have no coverage, and they have a big amount of Korean War veterans and one is California. There is no representation, no chapters to get people in, but there are a lot of veterans who use the VA and all the VAs sent me email that say, "We need representation from the Korean War Veterans to support the Veterans that are using the hospital." So we need your help and the help of the chapters and state departments to maximize as many as we can in the high users.

Membership Committee Report: Jake Feaster, Supervisor of Membership Management, asked Director Stevens, Membership Chairman, to give a brief introduction. Director Stevens stated that our membership is now 16,355. Last year, at this same time, it was 17,170, a reduction of 815. In 2010, the average new member number per month was 94 and this year so far, the average new member number per month nationwide is 78.

Jake handed out a listing of all departments and chapters along with the status of each one. He commented that he would like to encourage every Board member and department/chapter President to log

in to the website using their password and look at the various options that our webmaster Jim Doppelhammer has developed.

Jake covered the handout in detail, commenting that it shows 87 chapters that were started at one time but were never completely formed. Those chapters are identified as inactive or not activated. Some of those are chapters that could possibly be reactivated. We are now in the process of reactivating one of them in Texas.

We have 236 active chapters and 16 active state departments. It requires three or more chapters to be able to form a department, and there are a number of states that have more than three chapters. So there are possibilities out there of forming more departments.

We have 16,355 paid-up KWVA members and of that group, 9,435 are in chapters, which leaves 6,920 paid-up members that are at large. A number of those could be in a chapter if someone could help, or that's interested in helping, to get a chapter formed. It just takes some help and some effort to do that. So, Tom and I would appreciate any of you helping us to move along in those areas because it's more of a job than two or three people can handle.

For the Good of the Order: President Mac Swain commented that he appreciates the reports that we've got in and you can see that people are really working on all this stuff. As a business that got behind a long time ago, it's very hard to catch up. When I look at that membership stuff, it's mind-boggling. We have chapters that have only six and in one case only one member. Now, I'm down to: For the good of the order. For the good of the order is an opportunity for any of our people out there in the audience that would like to say anything to the Board of Directors. Is there anybody out there that would?

Jim Doppelhammer - KWVA Website usage: Mr. Doppelhammer reported that for the benefit of the Board, any members that don't know how to use the website or would like to have a little assistance, ask him to show you what some of the bells and whistles are. There is a lot of information there. If you've never really looked at it, or would just like a little handholding, just flag me down.

Legacy Program: JD Randolph said that one thing that has not been mentioned is the legacy of the Korean War 501(c) (3) program. We have had that approved by IRS for one year now, and we have got over \$10,000 donated into this educational fund-raising 501(c) (3). Tilford is our accountant for that legacy because the legacy is there to support the Tell America Program and *The Graybeards*. It teaches children, both American and Korean, in our schools about the legacy of the Korean War, all part of Tell America program.

The New Found Church in Dallas had a summer school and we went there to tell them about the Korean War. They had 200 kids about eight-nine years old in this school. When we got through talking to them they gave us a big banner and every student in that school signed it to thank us for coming to speak to them. After that the junior pastor for education gave us a nice donation for the legacy. I'm sure we could get the same thing around the country. It's no different. And they invited us to be there to do that. When it was over with all the kids had to come up and have a picture taken with the guys that were talking to them.

Treasurer Jones commented that he wanted to also put an accolade to Director Frank Williams, who has been one of our best contrib-

utors to our legacy. Thank you again, Frank. JD continued stating that any donations from any chapters and members will be appreciated. Right now we're trying to work through the problems of having to ask for donations in different states because they have different rules. We have a few states that are quite easy to work with, and we've got other states where it is almost impossible. Some of them want a thousand dollars just to do business in their state. So we have to pick and choose what states we can go to and ask for donations.

What we would really like to do is go to the states that have a lot of large Korean companies that have been in the United States. For example, California has many of these corporate companies like the Kia car company, Honda and Samsung. So we're going after those companies and trying to get on their budgets to donate to the legacy where we can get more money in the legacy to have more money available for both Tell America and *The Graybeards*.

Location for 2012-2013 Meetings: President Mac Swain commented that as the president this year and not the president of the following year, we still have the requirement that we get approval from the membership, especially where we are going to have our next meeting. Tomorrow I'll be presenting them with the fact that our next membership meeting will be in St. Louis in 2012. I want to also tie-up the 2013 membership meeting being in Washington, DC, since that's the big 60th commemorative. I need the Board's approval of having the next Board meeting in 2012 in Washington, DC and then we'll be in Washington, DC again in 2013.

We want to take over the Korean Memorial ceremony. We would go ahead and have our ceremony at the cemetery first, including the bench. Then we would go that afternoon back to our memorial and have a wreath laid. We are going to try to get some higher-ups to get things settled for 2012 and 2013.

In 2012, I do think that you ought to have the Board meeting in Washington, DC, because you need to be there. That's still a 60th commemorative. It's very important thing to go to the Capitol or whatever you get to do and meet some of those representatives as Korean War veterans and you can tell them that you're on the Board. They do remember seeing people more than by writing to them. I think you should be with The Gathering next year in July and then in 2013 we should let The Gathering come to us. We have our membership meeting there in July and maybe we'll have both of the 2012 and the 2013 ceremonies done by Korean War veterans. I would like somebody to make a motion that we have a Board meeting in 2012 in Washington, DC.

Director Brown made that motion. It was seconded by Director Bruzgis and passed without objection. President Mac Swain stated that the membership has to be told that we would like to have the membership meeting in Washington, DC, for July 2013. I need that motion. Director Brown made the motion. It was seconded by Director Ewing and passed without objection.

Adjournment: Director Dappen made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Director Brown. Chaplain Ruffing led us in prayer, followed by a salute to the flag.

The meeting was adjourned at 1554.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Cohee, Secretary

2011 Fundraiser Winners

The winning 2011 KWVA Fundraiser tickets were drawn on 30 October 2011 at the annual membership meeting at Boston, MA.

- ◆ 1st prize: \$2,500.00, Carl Baswell (LR20526) Heber Springs, AR
- ◆ 2nd prize: M1 Garand Rifle, Joseph Drozd (LR38261) Albrightsville, PA**
- ◆ 3rd prize: 17" laptop computer, Robert Weymouth (LR13993) Brockport, PA



Gen. Walter Sharp (L) and Art Griffith at KWVA fundraising announcement

Congratulations to the winners.

President William Mac Swain and the KWVA officers and the board of directors thank every member who participated in this very successful fund raiser. Thanks to those who took part in this event, the Association took in \$64,420. After operating expenses of \$14,430, the association realized a net profit of \$50,000. (There was a 22.4% operating expense.)

It takes fundraisers of this type to help the association with operating expenses. Dues alone can't support the organization's total expenses. (Mailings represent nearly 50% of this year's fundraiser expenses.)

Your committee is proud to announce another fundraiser for 2012. We plan to kick it off in the first week of April. Watch for your March-April 2012 issue of KOREA VETERANS GRAYBEARDS. I will be sending out FLYERS and PRIZE TICKETS.

The drawing will be held in St. Louis, MO at the KWVA Annual Meeting in October 2012. Good luck—and let's make 2012 even more successful.

Special Thanks to:

Jamie Reynolds	Administrative Assistant
Jim Doppelhammer	Web Master
Art Sharp	Editor Graybeards
J. Tilford Jones	Treasurer
Wayne Doenges	Chapter 133 KWVA
Otis Mangrum.....	Co-Chairman
J. D. Randolph	Committee Member
Miles Brown	Committee Member

Art Griffith, National Director/Fundraiser Chairman,
Artarmy299@yahoo.com

*** Sadly, Joseph Drozd, the winner of the M1 rifle passed away on 15 July 2011. We received this letter recently:*

Below is a picture of Irene Drozd holding the rifle and a photo of her late husband, Joseph Drozd, who won the rifle in a fundraiser. The photo depicts Joseph as a young soldier, home on leave from the Korean War.

Irene picked up the gun on Veterans Day at a local gun shop (American Sport Shooting, Route 209, in Brodheadsville, PA, 570-992-4450).

The family is very happy to have the rifle, which no doubt Dad would have been proud and happy to own. Thank you so much for providing us with a treasured family heirloom.

Sincerely,

Shelley Drozd (on behalf of Irene and the late Joseph Drozd)



Irene Drozd displays the rifle won by her late husband, Joseph, and a picture of him

The Graybeards Cost Reductions In The Offing

The Graybeards magazine has the reputation for being one of the best of all the Veteran Service Organizations' publications. We are very proud of how it has improved over the years, and participation by members is at an all time high. However, it is the single largest expense we have in the annual budget.

The KWVA Board of Directors has examined areas where the cost for publication and mailing can be reduced. As a result, we have decided to eliminate all complimentary copies, except for a few select locations. We also plan to clean up our mailing list to Life Members and several other member categories to verify addresses and status of the recipient. Those who will be impacted will be contacted within the next few months.

Additionally, we are looking into developing a subscription process that will cover printing and mailing costs for anyone who is interested in receiving the magazine, but does not qualify to be a member.

It is anticipated that these actions will result in a savings of several thousand dollars annually.

Bill Mac Swain, President KWVA

MINUTES: ANNUAL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, QUINCY, MA

OCTOBER 30, 2011

Call for the Meeting: KWVA Website and The Graybeards, July-August 2011 Issue

Place of Announced Meeting: Boston Marriot Quincy, 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy, MA 02169

Call to Order: President Mac Swain called the meeting to order at 1007 hours, followed by the Presentation of the Colors, the Pledge of Allegiance led by John "Sonny" Edwards, and the Invocation, led by Chaplain Ruffing.

Roll Call and Introductions: President Mac Swain asked Secretary Cohee to call the roll.

KWVA Board Members:

William F. Mac Swain, President • James E. Ferris, 1st Vice President • Larry Kinard, 2nd Vice President • Frank E. Cohee, Jr. Secretary • J. Tilford Jones, Treasurer

- Richard E. Brown, Sr. Director
- George Bruzgis, Director
- Luther Dappen, Director
- Marvin Dunn, Director
- Lewis Ewing, Director
- James A. Fountain, Director
- Arthur S. Griffith, Director
- George E. Lawhon, Jr. Director
- Thomas M. McHugh, Director
- Luther E. Rice, Jr., Director
- Thomas W. Stevens, Director
- Ezra "Frank" Williams, Director

Secretary Cohee declared that all officers and directors were present, except for Director Dunn, and that there was a quorum. Director Brown made a motion that Director Dunn be excused; the motion was seconded by Director Fountain and was approved unanimously. A count was taken of the members in attendance, including the board members. The total count was 55, resulting in a quorum for voting.

Adopt Meeting Rules of Decorum & Debate: President Mac Swain read and explained the rules. Director Brown made a motion to accept the rules. It was seconded by Director Griffith and approved without objection.

Adopt Meeting Agenda: Roy Aldridge made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda; it was seconded by J.D. Randolph and approved without objection.

Introductions of Department/Chapter Commanders/ Presidents, Major Staff Members and Others:

- Roy Aldridge, Commander, Department of Texas
- John "Sonny" Edwards, Department Commander of Virginia (also Sergeant of Arms)
- Sal Scarlato, Department Commander of New York
- Frank Williams, Department Commander of Missouri
- George Bruzgis, Department Commander of NJ
- Lew Ewing, Chapter Commander of CID 313, MO

- Warren Wiedhahn, Chapter Commander of CID 100, VA (also the Washington, DC liaison and coordinator for the Revisit Program)
- J. D. Randolph, Chapter Commander of CID 270, TX (also the National VAVS Director)
- Albert McCarthy, Chapter Commander of CID 299, MA
- Tom Stevens, Chapter Commander of CID 181, KA
- Leonard Speizer, Chapter Commander of CID 213
- Conrad Perreault, Chapter Commander of CID 320, NH
- John Weidenhof, Chapter Commander of CID 13, DE
- Luther Rice, Chapter Commander of CID 129, IN
- Joe Calabria, Chapter Commander of CID 66, NY
- Billy Scott, KWVA Judge Advocate
- Tilford Jones, KWVA Treasurer
- Frank Cohee, KWVA Secretary
- Jake Feaster, KWVA Assistant Secretary and Supervisor of Membership Management
- Jim Doppelhammer, KWVA Webmaster
- Jamie Reynolds, KWVA Membership Administrative Assistant
- Larry Kinard, KWVA, Chairman Tell America Committee
- Kusa-Ryll, Recorder
- Miles Brown, President of the KWVA Legacy Foundation
- Lt. Col. Kang, KWVA liaison to the Korean Ambassador and Korean Marine
- Johnnie Web, Guest Speaker on POW Issues
- Dr. Jongwoo, Guest Speaker on Digital Museum Website
- Kevin Secor, Assistant to the Secretary of VA Affairs
- Jeff Brodeur, Past National Director, CID 299
- Art Griffin, CID 299, Fund Raiser Chairman and Coordinator for this Annual Meeting

Approval of the Minutes for the previous Annual Association General Membership Meeting: The meeting was held in Arlington, VA, July 25, 2010. The minutes of that meeting were printed in The Graybeards, September-October 2010 issue. Secretary Cohee said he could read the minutes or a motion could be made to approve them as printed in The Graybeards. A motion was made by Conrad Perreault, CID 320, that the minutes be approved as printed in the magazine. The motion was seconded by Don Hall, CID 299, and approved unanimously by the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tilford Jones said that, as we all know, there are some bad things and some good things. "First, I will present the bad things. Our income this year for membership dues has dropped again. Many members have decided to take life memberships. We are having an increase in deceased members, and the stock market has declined. Nevertheless, the good things are that our investments have increased from \$274,000 in 2008 to \$360,000 as of October this year. Art Griffin and his fund raising committee have raised \$64,420 so far, and allowing for the expenses we should end up with at least \$50,000 profit. Overall, the KWVA is very sound financially. In comparison, the nine

months figures from 2010, we had assets of \$416,444, whereas at the end of nine months in 2011 we had \$447,048.”

Don Byers made a motion that report be accepted; it was seconded by Marvin Timm and approved without objection.

Guest Speaker: Johnnie Web, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. “The mission of this organization is to search for, recover, and identify those missing from past conflicts, starting with WWII to the present day. There are well over 70,000 Americans still unaccounted for as a result of those conflicts. If you look at our five year running average, it is about 85 to 90 identifications a year. Congress says that they need to do more. There are still 7,975 individuals missing in Korea, over 5,500 of them in North Korea.”

Guest Speaker: Rick Downes, President POW/MIA Coalition of Families of Korean and Cold War POWs and MIA. Rick commented that his father is still MIA. He was in the Air Force and was lost January 13, 1952. Rick said for all of us to get with our local congressmen and put in a word that you want your MIA fellow servicemen identified.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jongwoo Han, Digital Museum Website. Dr. Jongwoo is a member of the faculty in Political Science at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University. He commented that he has collected about 40 hours of interviews and 1,800 artifacts from members of CID 105 (NY) in a month. Dr. Jongwon then presented a slide show and showed one slide of the names of Korean Katusa who fought with us, along with several other slides of the interviews. One of the comments was “There is no war that was any good, but this was a terrible one.” Another one was “Stay away from war, if you can. It was a violent war.” The Korean War has not been forgotten, and will never be forgotten.

Guest Speaker: Kevin Secor, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Veteran Affairs. Kevin stated on behalf of Secretary Shinseki that he sends his best wishes for all for a successful meeting and to thank all of you for all that you are doing for your servicemen or women, veterans, and their families and survivors. In his closing remarks Mr. Secor commented that “Our mission, ladies and gentlemen, is the same as yours: to care for those who have served the families and survivors. We—I am talking about the KWVA and the VA—are a team and must continue working together.

Korean National Memorial: Because of inclement weather, Col. Bill Weber, USA (Ret.), was unable to attend the meeting. So, President Mac Swain called on Retired Col. Warren Weidhahn to speak about the Korean Memorial’s Wall of Remembrance. Col. Wiedhahn’s first comment was that nobody can replace Col. Weber: nobody. Bill Weber was one of the originals on the dedication committee to build our memorial. He has been the leader, as some of the other leaders have passed away. It was this committee that decided it was about time that we had our names on our wall as well. In essence, that is the Wall of Remembrance. It has gone through several committees in Congress and has been approved by the Association’s Board of Directors. Please write down H. R. 2563, which is the legislation going through the House of Representatives right now in regards to our proposed Wall of Remembrance. Your support of this legislation is needed. Please write to both your Representative and Senator and ask them to sign on for H. R. 2563.

Korean War National Museum: Tony Enrietto, current President and CEO. Tony commented that he was also a West Point graduate. Therefore, he has a distinct interest in making sure that the museum becomes a reality.

Since taking over the project five and a half months ago, he has heard from a number of Korean veterans. He said that his guess was that the first and foremost question is: “What the heck has happened? What’s going on, and what are you guys going to do?” You want to know where the money went. In the last 13 years, the organization raised \$9 million. Currently, it owns one piece of property in Springfield, IL. It also has a 7,000-square-foot pre-view museum there. The money that was raised went to support that operation and to keep the current operation in existence.

As for the current state of affairs, we had an entire leadership change about 18 months ago. We have a brand new chairman of the board, Denis Healy. He is also a chairman for the Turtle Wax Corporation. He has started to restructure the entire organization. Incidentally, he is also a Korean War veteran.

He gave me three distinct tasks: clean up the operation, stabilize everything that is happening and get it done. So that’s what I need to do. When I came on board, Chicago had been selected as the site location. However, it became very clear that it wasn’t going to happen there, so the decision was made to look at New York. We are now looking at two different sites in New York City and are in negotiations on those two sites. These two sites were chosen because of the integration into the Korean community itself. More specifically Koreatown is close to both sites.

My objective is to have a 15,000-square-foot museum built for you. It is my intent to have a letter of intent signed for at least one of two buildings before the end of this year and to have the designs and operations finished between 18 and 24 months from that point.

President’s Report: President Mac Swain discussed a lawsuit that has been filed against the Association as well as one of the Chapters. The lawsuit involves an automobile accident where a Chapter member was on his way to a funeral to participate in a color guard and ran into another car, killing a kid who was driving the other car. It would appear that the suit is not valid because the Chapter does not have a color guard and the member was representing the VFW. They were suing for \$4 million.

There was also a State Department problem that has now been resolved satisfactorily among all the parties. The President reported that he gets a lot of letters stating that a Chapter has a ROK soldier who fought in the Korean War and has now come to the United States and has become an American citizen, so why can’t he belong to the KWVA? The answer is that he can, but only as an Associate Member, because he did not serve with our armed forces in Korea.

If you recall there were two speakers earlier that talked about POWs and MIAs. If you also recall, if you read my “From the President” articles that are in every issue of The Graybeards, I told you that I had attended a POW/MIA meeting in Washington on April 29th. At that meeting I told them that the KWVA definitely wanted to see us get back into North Korea as soon as possible and to not worry about making it a political thing, but to make it a humanitarian thing.

We need to get these people out of North Korea while there are still some people alive to receive them when they come home. He then reported that an agreement between North Korea and the United States had been made and we will resume searching sometime in April 2012.

Old Business:

Motion from the membership to ratify the Board's approval for the selection of St. Louis, MO for the October 2012 Annual Membership Meeting: Roy Aldridge so moved; it was seconded by William Britt. The motion was approved without objection.

Motion from the membership to ratify the Board's approval for selection of Washington DC for the Annual Membership Meeting in July of 2013: Roy Aldridge so moved. It was seconded by Bob Wessa, CID 299. The motion was approved without objection.

Motion from the membership to ratify the Board's approval of a bylaw change, set forth in *The Graybeards*, Nov-Dec 2010 to change how Association offices are filled: J. D. Randolph so moved. It was seconded by Al McCarthy, CID 299. A voice in the audience asked, "What happens if there is a tie vote?" President Mac Swain commented that would be covered in the SPM. The motion was then approved without objection.

Motion from the membership to ratify the Board's approval of a bylaw change, as set forth in *The Graybeards*, Nov-Dec 2010 issue. This change will require at least two scheduled Board meetings before the Annual General Membership Meeting: Warren Wiedhahn so moved. It was seconded by Robert Joy, CID 299. The motion passed without objection.

Motion from the membership to ratify the Board's approval of a bylaw change, as set forth in *The Graybeards*, Jul-Aug 2011 issue. This change will require changes in the submission dates of applications and ballots for all future elections. J. D. Randolph so moved. It was seconded by Roy Aldridge. The motion passed without objection.

New Business:

Motion from the membership for approval of the 2012 Budget from the Budget and Finance Committee: President Mac Swain introduced Director Ewing as the recently approved Budget and Finance Committee Chairman. But, since he was just approved yesterday, he has not had the time to review the budget in detail so Treasurer Jones will present it to you. The proposed budget was projected on a screen for everyone to see. Treasurer Jones pointed out that the expected income from the membership dues has been reduced. Also, the expected donations for *The Graybeards* have fallen off so that has been reduced. Donations to the KWVA, the ads in *The Graybeards*, and the fundraisers have increased. So, the budgeted income for 2012 is \$316,000, compared to \$325,000 for 2011. As for expenses, travel in our headquarters has been cut back quite a bit, but a President's discretionary fund has been added. Among other things this fund is to cover gifts that he must give to dignitaries of foreign governments when he attends their functions. A gift is always expected. So, the expenses are budgeted at \$316,700. Marvin Timm made a motion to accept the budget as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Speizer. The motion passed without objection.

Fundraiser Raffle Drawing: Art Griffith, Fundraiser Chairman,

conducted the drawing by getting various members to draw a ticket out of the box. The winner of the \$2,500 was Carl F. Baswell, LR 20526, from Arizona. The winner of the M-1 Garand Rifle was Joseph J. Drozd, LR 38261, from PA. The final winner, for the laptop, was Robert C. Weymouth, LR13993, PA.

Other Committee Reports:

Membership: Chairman Stevens commented that "The numbers I have pretty much reflect the story that Tilford [Jones] has been talking about as far as a reduction in the membership. This month in October we have had 38 new members and 740 new members for the year to date, whereas last year there were 78 new members in October and 961 at this point last year. As of now, the total membership is 16,355, as compared to 17,170 at this time last year. This is a reduction of 815, or minus 5 percent.

National Ceremonies: Chairman McHugh reported that the ceremonies at the Korean War Memorial and Arlington Tomb of the Unknowns were again supported by the same chapters as in the past several years. President Mac Swain and Director McHugh presented wreaths, along with chapter members. On Veterans Day, CID 142 [MD] and CID 33 [MD] supplied the Honor Guard for the massing of the colors. On Memorial Day, CID 299 [MA] supplied the Honor Guard for the massing of the colors. CID 299 is the only chapter that offers to supply the Honor Guard on Memorial Day. Any interested chapters that would like an opportunity to present the colors are asked to contact Chairman McHugh. At yesterday's Board meeting, the Board approved adding to the KWVA flag the words "Korean Service Veterans."

Revisit Korea Program: Coordinator Wiedhahn commented that some of the Board members asked him to give a little background on the program and the changes that have taken place in the last five years.

"The revisit Korea Program was started in 1975. At that time the veterans and their spouses or a relative were invited to visit Korea. The Korean government paid for everything except the airfare. Around the year 2000 the program began to expand and develop further. There was a lady at that time referred to as Lt. Honey who administered the program from her kitchen table. In 1990, Lt. Honey decided she could not do it anymore, and I was asked by Harley Coon if I would do it. At first I said I would not, but Harley pleaded with me and I finally agreed to do it.

In 1998 it expanded again and now they also have a grandchildren program.

"The best people to sell the revisit program are those that have been on one. Luther Dappen can give a testimony on the success and how the Koreans thank us for coming back and as we all get older, we really owe it to ourselves and to our family. Now, if the veteran cannot go he can send a family member, like a son, daughter or grandchild. They can also take a companion with them. We have asked for some time if the program could be expanded to include Cold War veterans and the answer has always been no, because they want to be sure all Korean veterans have priority. Just this year, the Korean Government has said that we can start sending Cold War veterans on the revisit tours in 2014.

"When we talk about the members, every person who goes on a

revisit tour must be a member in good standing of the KWVA. A lot of new members have joined for that reason. A recent addition to the program is that if you have not been back for five years, you can now go back again. The out-of-pocket expense is the \$450 administrative fee. The Korean government is now paying one half of the airfare. And, the veteran's cost is difficult to calculate, because it varies from location and from the time of year."

VA Volunteer Service (VAVS): Chairman J. D. Randolph reported that we are doing well, "But we are losing hours every year because our veterans cannot volunteer as much as they did when they were younger. There are many hospitals across the country that have no representatives. We do have members, both the national members only and from the chapters, who volunteer at hospitals. We get credit for their hours but we do not get credit for serving that hospital.

"We have to be in 30 hospitals to be a voting member of the National Advisory Committee that advises the Secretary of changes. So we need more people. The Chapter or Department has to submit to me the names. They must be a member in good standing of the KWVA, and a regular volunteer of service to be a representative or a deputy."

Note from the Secretary: I realize that this is quite confusing, so call J. D. at 972-359-2936 with your questions.

Tell America Program: Chairman Larry Kinard commented that all of the Chapters should have active Tell America Programs, "Because this is our way for Korean veterans to put forward our legacy. He believes that 96 of the 236 Chapters currently have active programs.

Syracuse University and its website are going to be another way to carry forward the legacy. The other thing that is happening right now is working with our partners in the Department of Defense. The DOD staff that is here with us are very interested in doing what they can to help the Korean War veterans. I welcome their help. We were pleasantly surprised to receive 7,000 books from the Republic of Korea. Once we got the notice in The Graybeards and on the website, all the books were gone. Col. Kang, our new liaison with Korea, has another 5,000 books for our use."

Legacy Foundation: Tilford Jones, Treasurer of the Foundation, commented that it is a 501 (3) (c) organization, a foundation to promote the education of young people and adults about the Korean War. It was founded to support the Tell America Program and *The Graybeards*. At the present time \$10,000 has been received in contributions, which have paid for one issue of the magazine.

The Legacy Foundation is completely separate from the KWVA, and it is strictly for educational purposes. Miles Brown is the President, and J. D. Randolph is a Director. So, call any us if you have any questions. We would just like you to keep us in mind if you have so much money you do not know what to do with it.

Membership Records: Supervisor Jake Feaster handed out a report on the status of all of the chapters and departments. Jake explained the contents of the KWVA website and suggested that everyone use it to keep informed of the status of their Chapter. All chapter and department Presidents should have a password to access more detailed information than is available to the general

membership. If you do not have a password, call Jake and he will tell you why.

For the Good of the Order: President Mac Swain introduced Lt. Col. Kang, the attaché for the Ambassador to Korea. He is an officer and gentlemen and is in the Marines. President Mac Swain commented that he has done some miraculous things for the KWVA, and "I will keep those private, other than you have a reception before the banquet tomorrow night sponsored by the Ambassador and his Attachés. General Lee will also be at the banquet.

First Vice President Ferris commented that this is President Mac Swain's last meeting, and that we should all give him a big hand. Whereupon there was a standing ovation. President responded that it was an honor to serve Korean veterans.

President Mac Swain then presented several plaques to the officers, directors, staff and others that supported him during his term in office.

A motion was made by Roy Aldridge to adjourn. It was seconded by J. D. Randolph.

The Chaplain gave the closing prayer and President Mac Swain gave the salute to the flag.

The meeting was adjourned at 1532.

Respectfully submitted.

Frank Cohee, National Secretary, KWVA

New novel about the Korean War: PUBLIC INFORMATION

Written by a sergeant from the 7th Infantry Division,

PUBLIC INFORMATION



it tells the story of a young soldier who arrives in Korea during combat in 1953 and follows his adventures during a 16 month tour of duty. He becomes a combat correspondent and writer for the *Pacific Stars and Stripes*, travels widely, associates with a number of indelible characters (which will be familiar to veterans who were there), engages in combat, gets in trouble and even finds love.

The book is carefully researched and includes recently discovered information about the conflict. The characters speak military jargon, including colorful curses, and issues arising from both sides of the 38th Parallel are examined – prison camps, repatriation,

activities of the U.N. Forces, the "Army Way," and leave in Japan. Basically, it's a coming of age story under harsh circumstances.

Readers have called it "hilarious...moving...poignant."

The soft cover 380 page book retails for \$25.

A special 20% discount is offered to readers of *The Graybeard*.

Visit www.frogworks.com and enter the coupon code "KVET" for the discount. The first 50 pages of the novel are available free there, too. Also available from Amazon.com for download.



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.

Ref: September – October 2011 issue of *The Graybeards* – page 72.

At the top of the proposal there is PL 99-572. Below JUSTIFICATION and under House of Representatives there is PL 99-527. Also under JUSTIFICATION it reads – The Korean War remains "The Forgotten War".

I'm not a nitpicker but thought I would bring this to your attention.

Verlon H. George, vhg@cfl.rr.com

EDITOR'S NOTE: To all our readers, thanks for pointing out these errors. Sharp-eyed readers help us detect such errors, and we are grateful when people point them out.

Incidentally, if anyone wants to follow the progress of the bill proposing the establishment of the Wall, here is some info:

H.R.2563

Latest Title: To authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance.

Sponsor: Rep Hall, Ralph M. [TX-4] (introduced 7/15/2011)
Cosponsors (20)

Latest Major Action: 10/4/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d112:h.r.2563> top follow up on the bill.

National KWVA Fund Raiser Flower Rose of Sharon

The Rose of Sharon is the National KWVA fund raising flower. The Rose of Sharon is sold by the dozen.

☐ Sample order is 4 dozen @ \$12 plus \$3.00 S/H.

☐ Minimum order is 20 doz. @ \$60 plus \$5.00 S/H.

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Reunion Calendar: 2012

Mail your info to Reunion Editor, The Graybeards, 152 Sky View Dr., Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or email it to sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net. Include Unit, Date(s), Place, and Contact's name, address, phone #, email address. Entries are posted "first come, first served." *The Graybeards* is not responsible for the accuracy of the information published.

FEBRUARY

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.)

Korean War Ex-POWS: We are going on a cruise starting 26 Feb. 2012. Since many ex-POWS could not make the July reunion, we hope to see them on this cruise. Billy Brown, 713 465 1362, or billy@brown711.com

APRIL

USS Ault (DD 698), 22-26 Apr., Branson, MO. Reunion Website:

www.reunionproregistration.com/ussault.htm

OCS Alumni Assn., 12th Biennial. 25-29 Apr. Ft. Benning/Columbus GA. www.ocsalumni.org (Website) or www.army@ocsalumni.org

MAY

772nd Military Police Bn. ("The Deuce"), 3-5 May, Nashville, TN, Holiday Inn Opryland/Airport. Phil Willemann, 5300 Pheasant Dr., Orient, OH, 43146, 614-877-9844, pwillemann@att.net

All 3 Wars Veterans Assn. Inc. (WWII, Korea, Vietnam), 11-12 May, Louisville, KY, Crown Plaza. Clint Corpe, 6400 W. Kelly Rd., Lake City, MI 49651, 231-839-3096, barbcorpe@yahoo.com

USS Bataan CVL29/ LHD5 Association, 16-19 May, Portland, ME, Best Western Merry Manor Inn. Sando Cosenza, 4448 East Cheyenne Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85044, 480-753 4771, scosenza1@cox.net

Army Chaplains and Chaplains Assistants, 30 May-2 June, Tampa, FL, Hyatt Regency. Lamar Hunt, P.O. Box 463, Candler, FL 32111, 352-687-1559, lamarhunt@comcast.net (Open to all currently or formerly serving)

Quiz

This dispatch appeared in a July 26, 1953 newspaper:

No Indians in South Korea

Washington, D.C., July 26 (U.P.)—The U.S. and Communist negotiators have agreed to keep Indian troops off South Korean territory while guarding Korean war prisoners, it was announced today.

The agreement meets objections of South Korean President Syngman Rhee, who had said his nation would never allow Indian forces to enter the republic of Korea.

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Questions:

1. Why was Rhee opposed to Indian forces?
2. Didn't India supply medical support units to the UN coalition in Korea?
3. Weren't the Indian medical support units part of the military?

Please send your answers to GB Editor, 895 Ribaut Rd. #13, Beaufort, SC 29902

Brothers Killed In The War

Back in 1998, the late Ken Page, Bob Hall, and I started sending in photos and information on the Korean War dead to be posted on the Honor Roll data base at the American Battle Monuments Commission for the Memorial in Washington. After Ken died in 2002, Bob and I kept working on this project.

We have found photos for most of the brothers listed below. I need photos for some of the others. If any of you can provide photos or information about these brothers who died during the Korean War, or about brothers we may have missed, please contact me at 73 Broadway, Latham, NY 12110-3132, 518-783-8564, alajeun314@aol.com

Brothers who lost their lives during the Korean War, with hometowns in parentheses.

1. • **Sgt. Cleveland Perry**, KIA 11/27/50; Co. C, 2nd Eng. Bn., 2nd Inf. Div.
• **SFC. Albert A. Perry**, KIA 12/12/50; Co. C, 21st Inf. Rgt., 24th Inf. Div. (Washington, VA)
2. • **M/Sgt. Otis Edward Ward**, MIA 8/12/52; 9th Inf. Rgt. 2nd Inf. Div.
• **PFC. Robert Ward** (USMC), Non-hostile death 1/19/54 (Harlan KY)
3. • **PFC. Kenneth Carroll Hamilton**, KIA 9/12/51; Co. C, 1st Bn. 7th Marines, 1st Marine Div.
• **PFC. James Thomas Hamilton**, KIA 9/17/51; Co. F, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Div. (Amarillo, TX)
4. • **1st Lt. Robert Milton McGovern**, KIA 1/30/51 (Received the Medal of Honor); Co. A, 5th Cav. Rgt., 1st Cav. Div.
• **2nd Lt. Jerome F. MC Govern**, KIA 2/11/51 (Received the Silver Star); 9th Inf. Rgt., 2nd Inf. Div. (Washington DC)
5. • **PFC. John Richard Barnett**, KIA 3/16/51; Heavy Weapons Co., 5th Cav. Rgt., 1st Cav. Div.
• **PFC. Melvin H. Barnett**, KIA 3/16/51; Heavy Weapons Co., 5th Cav. Rgt., 1st Cav. Div.- (Batesville, AR)

6. • **PFC. Dale Duane Crow**, KIA 9/9/50; Co. G, 38th Inf. Rgt., 2nd Inf. Div.
• **PFC. Darrell Crow**, Non-hostile death 6/6/56
• **PFC. David Franklin Crow** (Cousin), KIA 9/9/50; Co. G. 38th Inf. Rgt., 2nd Inf. Div. (Lemmon. SD)
7. • **PFC Marvin L. Borrer**, KIA 2/14/51; 9th Inf. Rgt, 2nd Inf. Div.
• Sgt. Walter O. Borrer, KIA 12/12/50; Co. K, 31st Inf. Rgt., 7th Inf. Div. (Petersburg, WV)
8. • **Krebs, John Gerald**, MIA 7/11/50; Co. L, 3rd Bn., 21st Inf. Rgt., 24th Inf. Div.
• **Krebs, George Joseph**, KIA 7/12/50 Co. L, 3rd Bn., 21st Inf. Rgt., 24th Inf. Div. (Sterling, IL) NOTE: The Krebs brothers were twins.
9. • **Heichel, Homer A.**, KIA 7/12/50; 21st Inf. Rgt., 24th Inf. Div.
• **Heichel, George D.**, KIA 7/12/50; 21st Inf. Rgt., 24th Inf. Div. (Clearfield County, PA)
10. • **Serate, Manuel**, Non-hostile, Died 3/30/51; Co. L, 3rd Bn., 19th Inf. Rgt., 24th Inf. Div. (Oakland, MI)
- **Serate, Salvador J.**, Non-hostile, Died 3/30/51 Co. I, 3rd Bn., 19th Inf. Rgt., 24th Inf. Div. (Royal Oak, MI)
11. • **Parks, Donald Lynn**, KIA 9/6/50; 9th Inf. Rgt., 2nd Inf. Div.
• **Parks, Jack Frederick**, KIA 7/11/50; 218th Inf. Rgt., 24th Inf. Div. (Watertown, NY)
12. • **Fisher, John Theodore**, DOW 7/27/52; Co. D, 2nd Bn., 5th Marines, 1st Marine Div.
• **Fisher, Robert**, Jr., KIA 7/24/52; Co. I, 3rd Bn., 5th Marines, 1st Marine Div. (Lima, OH)
13. • **Laird, Donald Earl**, KIA 8/6/50; Co. C, 34th Inf. Rgt., 24th Inf. Div.
• **Laird, Harold Loyd**, KIA 7/20/50; Co. B, 34th Inf. Rgt., 24th Inf. Div. (Oswego, NY)
14. • **Poole, George W.** Died August 20, 1951, non-hostile Battery B, 26th FAB, Fort Dix, N.J.
• **Poole, Robert W.** Died: August 20, 1951 non-hostile Battery B, 26th FAB, Fort Dix, N.J. (Camden, NJ)

Korean War Memorial Declared Unconstitutional

"9th Circuit won't rehear Calif. park cross case"

That was the headline of an October 17, 2011 article on the Sign On San Diego website. The AP article written by Julie Watson began:

SAN DIEGO — A federal appeals court declined to rehear the case of a war memorial cross in a public park in San Diego that was deemed unconstitutional, but a group trying to preserve the monument vowed Monday to appeal to the Supreme Court.

<http://web.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/oct/17/9th-circuit-wont-rehear-calif-park-cross-case/>

An October 22, 2011 follow-up explained what led up to the decision:

A nonprofit legal firm wants to go to the U.S. Supreme Court to fight a lower court decision that found a war memorial cross in a San Diego public park unconstitutional.

The Liberty Institute filed a motion Thursday with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals seeking to appeal, saying the Mount Soledad Memorial honors American veterans.

The 29-foot cross was dedicated in 1954 in honor of Korean War veterans.

To read more about the situation, access the website at: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/search/?q=war+memorial+cross>

Air Force National Museum

Korean War Gallery now interactive on Virtual Tour

by Bryan D. Carnes,
National Museum of the U.S. Air Force

DAYTON, Ohio — The Korean War Gallery just went virtual at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

The gallery is now fully embedded with audio, video and interactive hotspots, and touch-screen devices located throughout the gallery also have been incorporated.

"The Korean War Gallery recalls the birth of the modern U.S. Air Force as a separate combat service. It explains the many missions Airmen had to perform in difficult circumstances shortly after the U.S. Air Force became independent," said Dr. Doug Lantry, Museum Curator. "The Air Force matured quickly during the Korean War, and the virtual gallery—especially its interactive and video content—provides an engaging way of helping online visitors learn what Airmen and our allies accomplished during the war."

Located at www.nmusafvirtualtour.com, the Korean War Gallery is now fully interactive with initial materials. These areas consist of over 165 hotspots where users can click on the artifact or exhibit, and be provided with more information on that item. Also accessible are 14 audio tour podcasts with printable transcripts, seven videos and three interactive touchscreens.

The Korean War Gallery features 14 of the most important aircraft of the conflict, including the gigantic C-124 transport and agile fighters like the famous F-86 Sabre and its dangerous adversary, the MiG-15. The story is explained in 15 chapters, including themes such as air superiority, special operations, air rescue and many more.

The museum's Virtual Tour consists of 92 high-definition panoramic nodes. All of the nodes are available online but not all areas are interactive. In addition to the Korean War Gallery, visitors can experience the World War II, Presidential, Research & Development and Early Years Galleries, the Holocaust Exhibit and Memorial and Air Parks. Within the next few months, the museum plans on having the Southeast Asia Gallery completed.

The museum offers online visitors various ways to experience the tour, whether it is downloading podcasts from iTunes or accessing the tour through handheld devices such as the iPad, Smartphone or other mobile technologies. Each node eventually will contain clickable images to the aircraft and artifacts, which will be hyperlinked to factsheets, supplemental information and educational materials.

The National Museum of the United States Air Force is located on Springfield Street, six miles northeast of downtown Dayton. It is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day). Admission and parking are free. For more information about the museum, visit www.nationalmuseum.af.mil.

The Only German Recon Patrol In Korea

By Tom Moore

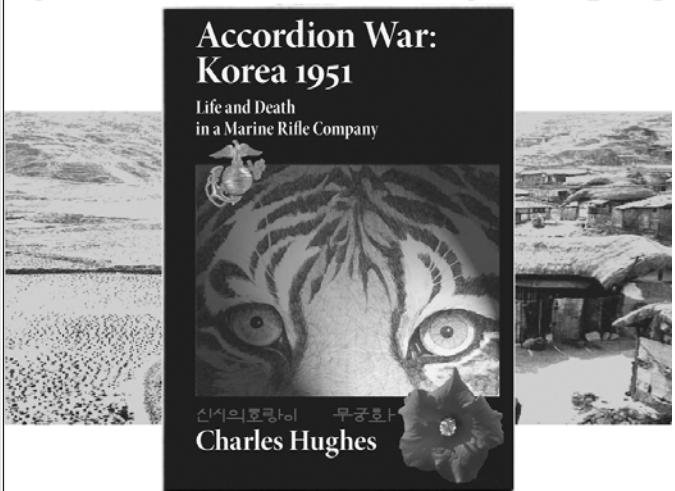
Lt.Col. Jay Vanderpool, USA, a man with a sense of humor, was inspecting warehouses scattered around Seoul and Inchon when he discovered many stacks of WWII German SS uniforms, complete with helmets and boots, as well as racks of Mauser rifles and machine-pistol 38/40s, the 9mm submachine gun known incorrectly as the Schmeisser. No one had any idea where these came from.

A few days later he visited the island of Kyodo-do. There, Capt. George Lamm mentioned that he was planning a reconnaissance raid with his special forces partisans on the North Korean mainland. This gave Lt.Col. Vanderpool the idea of equipping the raiding party in German SS uniforms and weapons.

The more he and Cpt. Lamm thought about the idea, the better they liked it. "We can confuse the enemy, and blow the communist commanders' minds," they thought.

The raid occurred a few miles from Haeju, North Korea. At dusk on the next high tide the partisan force in the SS troopers' uniforms withdrew into waiting boats, with twelve very confused North Korean prisoners. At the United Nations ten days later, the Soviet Ambassador handed a very mystified West German Ambassador a formal complaint charging German troops were being used in Korea.

Life and Death in a Marine Rifle Company



"...A gifted writer...This book is hard to put down. The writing is terrific...Well done, "Doc" *GySgt John Boring, (Ret) Leatherneck Magazine of the Marines, Sept. 2007*

"Flags of Our Fathers" came close but you nailed it!" *Maxwell Baker, Vietnam, Korean Vet, HMCM*

"...A quality read. Your descriptions... Are like paintings without the sounds; however, your recounting of the artillery barrages was deafening." *Bob "Doc" Wickman, Korean vet.*

"This is one of those rare books that begs to be read in one reading... The reader can smell both the gunpowder and the kimchi... Well done, "Doc." *Pof. Andrew Lubin, Military Writers Society of America*

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POW News

U.S.-North Korea Conclude POW/MIA Talks

The Department of Defense announced October 20, 2011 that the United States and Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) officials reached an arrangement to resume recovering the remains of American servicemen missing from the Korean War.

The three-day talks held in Bangkok were led by Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs Robert J. Newberry. His negotiating team included representatives from across the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the U.S. Pacific Command and the United Nations Command-Korea.

The arrangement calls for U.S. teams to work in two areas in North Korea—Unsan County, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, and near the Chosin/Jangjin Reservoir—where more than 2,000 soldiers and Marines are believed to be missing.

The arrangement includes details on logistics and matters that will ensure the effectiveness and safety of remains recovery teams operating in the DPRK. Accounting for Americans missing in action is a stand-alone humanitarian matter, not tied to any other issue between the two countries.

The operations in North Korea are expected to begin next year and will mark the first since 2005, when the U.S. halted missions due to increased tensions on the Korean Peninsula. Prior to that time, U.S. specialists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command conducted operations in that country for 10 years, recovering remains believed to be more than 225 servicemen since 1996.

Of the approximately 83,000 Americans missing from all conflicts, more than 7,900 are from the Korean War, with 5,500 of those believed to be missing in the DPRK.

U.S. Has An Ongoing Korean War Obligation

U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar (R-IN) made the following statement on the release of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) Report regarding identification of American

Service Members from the Korean War:

Earlier this year, I submitted questions to the Congressional Research Service for review and investigation related to the status of efforts to identify remains of American service members from the Korean War interred in the National Memorial Cemetery (Punchbowl) in Honolulu.

The comprehensive report provides answers to my questions and consequently raises others. It reveals that while progress has been made, so much more work needs to be accomplished. Soon I will ask the CRS for further review of this topic.

The government of the United States has an ongoing obligation to American personnel listed as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action in all wars. As more persons are identified whose remains are interred in the Punchbowl and as the U.S. – North Korea joint recovery operation eventually restarts, more American families will be informed about their loved ones listed as missing in the Korean War for six decades.

However, any negotiations between North Korea and the United States on the joint recovery operation are incomplete if they do not also

include American POWs from the Korean War. South Korean officials estimate that an unknown precise number of South Korean military personnel from the Korean War continue to be held in North Korea against their will.

Become an Ambassador

DOD Committee Offers Local Volunteer Opportunities

The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee (KW60), a three-year program authorized by the U.S. Congress in the 2011 Defense Appropriations Bill, seeks to be a voice of sincere appreciation for all the selfless service and sacrifices that our Korean War veterans made on behalf of all Americans. Through September 2013, KW60 plans to thank and honor as many veterans as possible in a heartfelt and meaningful way.

The KW60 Ambassador Volunteer Program takes on an integral role in fulfilling the Committee's mission to find and recognize Korean War veterans and raise local awareness.

For KW60 Ambassadors, there are countless ways to highlight and honor the sacrifices of Korean War veterans. Whether it's planning a special event at an American Legion Post, coordinating a Korean War veterans float in your local parade, or creating a Korean War history display at your local library, our Ambassadors play a critical role in recognizing the contributions of our veterans.

Would I be eligible to become a KW60 Ambassador? Anyone interested in honoring our Korean War veterans as a volunteer is welcome to apply to become a KW60 Ambassador. KW60 Ambassadors must have a willingness to seek out opportunities to include Korean War veteran outreach in their local community. Staying connected to local veteran communities is also helpful, as it can serve as an outreach platform.

What is the level of involvement required? Your level of activity is up to you. To remain active, we ask that you correspond with KW60 staff and let us know how you are reaching out to supporters of Korean War veterans in your community.

To apply to become a KW60 Ambassador, call us at 703-545-0009 or visit us online at: <http://koreanwar.defense.gov/contact.html>.

See Application on page 28

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Recon Missions

Dogs in Korea?

I am a writer who is currently working on a book about the role of dogs in American warfare. The book, *Dogs of War: The Unsung Canine Heroes of the U.S. Military*, is a history, but mostly it is a collection of personal stories of veterans and the dogs they loved in war.

I have collected oral histories from several veterans who have expressed the way dogs comforted and supported them and even saved their lives. A problem I am having (a common problem, I think) is finding Korean War veterans with stories specific to my topic. I know that they exist, because I have some beautiful photos of soldiers and veterans from that era.

So, I am looking for stories. My main objective is to record these stories for posterity and to honor the service of these veterans, canine and human.

Thanks so much for your time and attention. My contact information is Rachel Reed, 540-939-4241, wrreed1@gmail.com. My web address is www.jrachelreed.com

Chitose, Japan

I do not see many articles in The Graybeards from veterans who were not assigned to Korea. We are still Korean War veterans.

I would like to hear from those veterans, especially if they served in 1953-54 and were stationed in Chitose, Japan. I was assigned to HQ Battery, 29th AAA AWSP, attached to the First Cavalry Division.

James E. ("Jim") Couch,
1115 Houston St.
Tupelo, MS 38804, 662-842-3503

K. B. Endholz

At a flea market down here in the Florida Keys, I came across a pewter-like beer tankard with the following inscription on it.

Mr. K. B. Endholz
Tai Moon Club
Kimpo AB Korea

It also has a square with the emblem of the club on it.

If anyone knows of this gentlemen or his family, and they would like to have this mug, please contact me at:

Phyllis Angrick
1000 James Ave.
Marathon, FL 33050
phyllal@bellsouth.net

Donald F. Page

My father, Donald F. Page, is a new member of the KWVA. He resides in Burlington, WI. He served in the US Army from March 1952 to March 1954, and was with the 24th Division during the Korean War.

David Page in his Army days and David Page at age 80

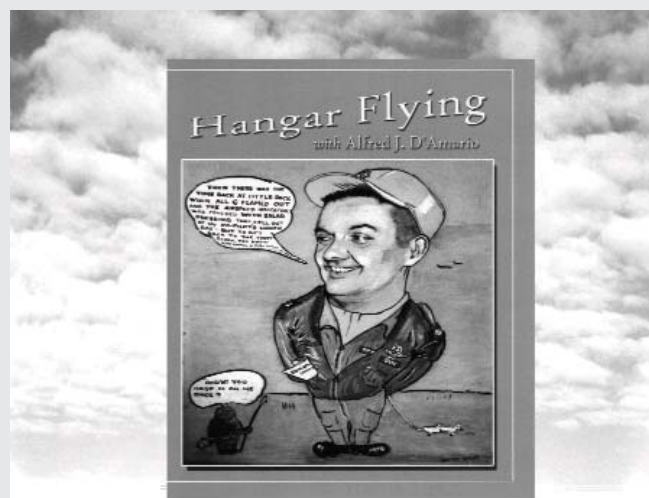


Dad received the Korean Service Ribbon w/1 Bronze Service Star, the United Nations

Service Medal, and a National Defense Service Medal. He was honorably discharged and is a very proud veteran.

Dad celebrated his 80th birthday in December. His loving family wishes him a very happy birthday! He would welcome any correspondence. His email is dpagel0@wi.rr.com

Davina Barlow, dpagel0@wi.rr.com



Flying is often described as "Hours and hours of sheer boredom punctuated by moments of STARK PANIC." In *HANGAR FLYING*, A.J. ("Joe") D'Amario describes many of his moments of stark panic during Air Force pilot training, close support, and interdiction missions in Korea (1952), and later in heavy bombers in Strategic Air Command. His non-technical, easy reading style and wit make *HANGAR FLYING* a pleasure to read (270 pages).

About "Hangar Flying: " For a signed copy from the author, send \$15.00 (paperback) or \$20.00 (hardcover), payable to Alfred J. D'Amario, 15201 Beeler Ave., Hudson, FL 34667. Or, order unsigned copies directly from the publisher at www.authorhouse.com or other websites.



Monuments and Memorials

Korea: the Forgotten War, Remembered

Troy, NY

On 9 November 2011 a ceremony was held to dedicate Hoosick Road/Route 7 in Troy, NY as the "Rensselaer County Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway." Due to weather concerns, the ceremony was held indoors at School 18, Hoosick St., Troy, NY, which is located directly across the road from the west-bound sign.

The School 18 band and chorus provided the Star Spangled Banner and the Pledge of Allegiance. Local dignitaries from city, county and state levels joined in the celebration of this long-awaited event.

Jim Busher, Commander of Northeast New York Chapter 59, opened the ceremony by stating: "On behalf of all Korea War veterans, I thank you for being here for this long awaited event. This is a very special day of Dedication of Hoosick Road as the Korea War Veterans Memorial Highway.

"When we started to seek this honor six years ago, it was with the intention of honoring the 22 young men from Rensselaer County who were either killed in action or who died while being held in a prisoner of war camp. One of those killed was a close friend of mine who was one of my childhood companions.

"We enlisted in the Army on the same day. The difference is that I came home and he did not. This highway is not only dedicated to those 22 men from Rensselaer County, but to all Korea War veterans."

Members of both the Northeast New York Chapter 59 and of the Adirondack Chapter 60 of the KWVA participated in the dedication ceremony.

Jim/Marie Busher, P.O. Box 360,
Lansingburgh Station, Troy, NY 12182,
518-237-9367, jbushers2@aol.com



Members of Chapters 59 and 60 at the Troy, NY ceremony



Rev. Christian Lambertsen of Ch 59 provides the Invocation Prayer at School 18 in Troy, NY

Jim Busher opens the Hoosick Rd. dedication ceremony



Unveiling of the Route 7 road sign by Korean War veterans, local dignitaries, and students from School 18 in Troy, NY



Rensselaer County Executive Kathy Jimino and NY State Assemblyman Ron Canestrari congratulate Jim and Marie Busher on their success after their six years of work in obtaining the honor of renaming Hoosick Rd.

Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions

84th/62nd Eng. Const. Bn

We held our 2011 reunion in Dubuque, IA, September 12-15. Our gathering included several great activities, featuring tours of the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium, the Field of Dreams movie set, National Toy Museum, a lunch cruise on the Mississippi River, and a visit to the Veterans Memorial at Schmitt Island.

Jim and Judy Kolker and family hosted the reunion.

*Andrew C. Barilla,
1220 Vermont Rd., Bel Air, MD 21014*



84th/62nd Engineer Construction Bn. veterans at Dubuque, IA gathering



The ladies at the 84th/62nd Engineer Construction Bn. reunion

Co. M, 7th Cavalry

We held a gathering in Lafayette, CA recently. Four members, Gene Bartlett, Ratzi Sangimino, Andy Gandolfo, and Mario Fiorio, met for a photo taken by Andy Gandolfo at the Iraq/Afghanistan War Memorial.

There is one cross for each service member killed in those two countries. As of the time the photo was taken, there were 6,245 crosses.

*Andy Gandolfo, 961 Chalet Dr.,
Concord, CA 94518, 925-825-4098*



Gene Bartlett, Ratzi Sangimino, Andy Gandolfo, and Mario Fiorio (L-R) of M Co., 7th Cav. At Lafayette, CA Memorial

6th Helicopter Co. & 150th Maintenance Co.

The 19th Annual Reunion of the 6th Helicopter Company and the 150th Maintenance Company was held in Smyrna, GA, a suburb of Atlanta, in September, 2011. During the Korean War these two companies were assigned to the 45th Transportation Battalion, 8th Army, and were located at Chunchon, Korea in an area east of Seoul.

Although the numbers were down due to illnesses and other commitments, we had another great reunion this year as we toured the cities of Atlanta and Marietta. In Atlanta, we visited the Atlanta Cyclorama and Civil War Museum, including the rotating Cyclorama Theater, where we found ourselves in the middle of the Battle of Atlanta through a narrated account of the intense battle on July 22, 1864 in which, by the end of the day, the injured, dead and missing totaled nearly 12,000 men.

On Sunday, September, 11th, we visited the Kennesaw Mountain Civil War Battlefield, where we witnessed a "Field of Flags" consisting of over 3,000 American flags displayed to honor our fellow Americans who perished on September 11, 2001.

The 6th Helicopter Company and the 150th Maintenance Company hold their reunion in early September each year in various locations throughout the country. They will hold their 2012 reunion in Chicago, IL, the site of our first reunion.

We are always looking for men who served in Korea with either of these companies. So, if you served in, or you know someone who served in, either of these companies, we would encourage you to contact us for information regarding next year's reunion.



6th Helicopter & 150th Maintenance Co. members in front of the "Field of Flags" at the Kennesaw Mountain Civil War Battlefield (Kneeling, L-R) Valta Ross, Ralph Snyder, Lew Ewing (Standing, L-R) Bill Leamon, Ken Montgomery, Warren Smith, George Westmoreland, Bob Lefkowitz, Charlie Pech, Herb Trimble

*Lewis M. Ewing, 310 Clay Hill Drive,
Winchester, VA 22602, 540-678-1787, lewewing@comcast.net*

8221st A. U. Field Artillery Topo & Met



Members met in Wichita, KS in September to observe the 60th anniversary of their return from Korea.

*George B. Pakkala, 10401 Wystone Ave.,
Northridge, CA 91326*

Mini-Reunions continued on page 73



Become a KW60 Ambassador

Help pay tribute to your local Korean War Veterans

Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee Ambassadors, known as KW60 Ambassadors, help raise awareness in their local communities about the sacrifice and contributions made by Korean War Veterans. Their efforts are vital to the growth and success of the KW60 program.

What will I do as a KW60 Ambassador?

- ★ Organize events that honor Veterans
- ★ Participate in media activities such as letter to the editor campaigns supplied to you for signature or assist in placing supplied articles with your community papers
- ★ Volunteer at local Veterans Administration hospitals and homes
- ★ Participate in educational outreach at local schools, libraries, museum exhibits, etc.
- ★ Enhance community activities & events by including commemorations of the Korean War or by recognizing Korean War Veterans

Is volunteering right for me?

Ambassadors should have a willingness to seek out opportunities to include Korean War Veterans in their local community events. Anyone interested in honoring our Korean War Veterans as a volunteer is welcome to apply.



Yes, I want to be a KW60 Ambassador

To apply to become a Korean War 60th Anniversary Commemoration Committee Ambassador Volunteer, please provide your information below. You can return your completed form to a member or mail it to:
2530 Crystal Drive, Suite 1400, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

You can also email us your information to koreanwar@conus.army.mil.

First Name _____ Last Name _____





Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____

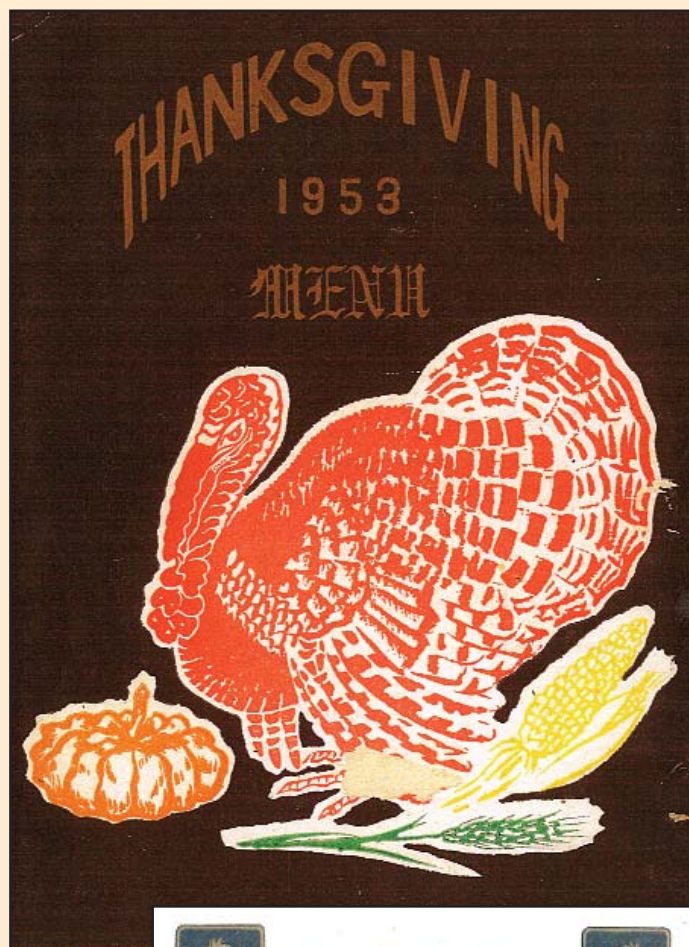
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Happy Holidays 1953



			
Christmas Dinner			
Korea			
1953			
Shrimp Cocktail	Crackers		
Roast Young Tom Turkey			
Sage Dressing			
Giblet Gravy	Cranberry Sauce		
Snowflake Potatoes			
Buttered Corn			
Green Peas	Hearts of Celery		
Carrot Sticks			
Cole Slaw			
Olives	Mixed Candies		
Pickles	Mixed Nuts		
Mince Pie			
Fruit Cake			
Assorted Fresh Fruits			
Parker House Rolls			
Oleomargarine			
Coffee	Milk		

Friday, 25 December 1953



	Thanksgiving Day Dinner		
	Korea		
	1953		
	Shrimp Cocktail		
	Roast Young Tom Turkey		
	Poultry Dressing		
Giblet Gravy		Cranberry Sauce	
Snow Flake Potatoes			
Candied Sweet Potatoes			
Fresh Lima Beans	Buttered Fresh Corn		
Stuffed Celery Hearts			
Lettuce Wedges			
with			
French Dressing			
Pickles		Hard Candy	
Olives		Mixed Nuts	
Apples			
Oranges			
Mincement Pie			
Parker House Rolls			
Bread		Fruit Punch	
Butter		Coffee	

Thursday, 26 November 1953

I was surprised to locate the Korean War menus for Thanksgiving and Christmas 1953. They were located at the bottom of my old Army footlocker. I served proudly with "D" Co., 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., 25th Inf. Div.

Louis Ross, (USA, Ret.)
137 Walker Rd. NW,
Cartersville, GA 30121

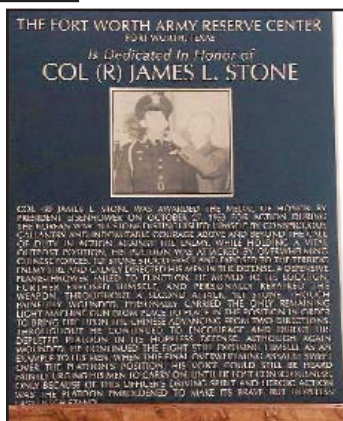
Reserve Center Named For MOH Recipient James L. Stone

On November 6, 2011, the Colonel James L. Stone U.S. Army Reserve Center (90th Aviation Support Battalion in Fort Worth, TX) was dedicated in honor of Col. Stone for his heroic service in November 1951 near the town of Sokkogae in South Korea.



LEFT: Col. Jack Stone (L) at Reserve Center dedication

BELOW: Col. Stone's MOH citation



The building dedication plaque contains the Medal of Honor award citation detailing Col. Stone's heroism. The event received one-half page of coverage on page 3A of the November 7th edition of the Fort Worth Star Telegram. The article can be viewed at the following link: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2011/11/06/3504791/decorated-veteran-of-the-forgotten.html#ixzz1dF6fWlQv>

Article submitted by Alves J. Key, Jr. Ch. 215, General Walton H. Walker [TX]. Photographs taken by Ch 215 photographer Joseph Arnosky

Don Van Beck receives Community Service Award for Veterans Memorial in Leesburg, FL

By Tom Thiel

Donald L. Van Beck, Chapter 169 [Lake County] member and executive director of the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park (VMFP), Leesburg, FL, recently received the coveted Leesburg Partnership's Community Service Award for 2011.

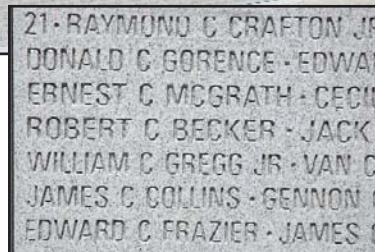
Van Beck, originally from Aurora, IL, and now a resident of Lake County, FL, is an active member of the KWVA and a regular contributor to Ch 169's Tell America program. Don served with the 34th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Infantry Division in Japan in 1946-47. As a part of this service, Van Beck visited Hiroshima shortly after the end of WWII. He was called back to duty during the Korean War.



Don Van Beck (R), with Wylie Hamilton, (L) and Phil Braun, past and current Presidents respectively of the Leesburg Partnership



Artist's rendition of the Veteran's Memorial at Fountain Park, Leesburg, FL



General view during construction of VMFP, Leesburg, Florida and (L) Close-up view during construction VMFP, Leesburg, Florida

There were about 150 people attending the awards banquet. Of his award, Van Beck said, "I was surprised that I received the award; I thought it was for the Veterans Memorial!"

In presenting the award, Master of Ceremonies Greg Padgett thanked Van Beck for his tireless work to get the memorial located near Fountain Lake, directly across from City Hall, a reality.

The memorial, which is nearing completion, will be dedicated on February 20, 2012. At 60 feet in diameter and 7 feet high, and covering 2,800 square feet of lakeside parkland, VMFP is one of the largest such memorials in the entire southeast U.S. It honors all veterans of Lake, Sumter and Marion Counties, Florida, including The Villages.

All veterans who have served in the armed forces and received an Honorable, Medical, or, in some cases, a General, discharge can have their name engraved on the wall. In addition, there will be 12,500 bricks on the floor of the Memorial available to honor others.

If you are a veteran who now lives in the tri-county area, or if you left for service from this area, the VMFP needs to hear from you at <http://www.lakeveterans.com/>, 352-314-2100, or Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park, Inc., 411 Main Street, Leesburg, FL 34748. A 501c3 organization, the VMFP is also seeking donations to help complete the final phase of the Memorial.

The Leesburg Partnership (<http://www.leesburgpartnership.com/>) assists the city of Leesburg, FL with preservation and revitalization, including special events and historic building restoration. Its mission is to restore, promote, and maintain the historic character and viability of Leesburg for the enjoyment and education of residents and visitors.

It is an association of residents, government, business people and resources that are focused on aiding in the physical, economic, and social revitalization of the Leesburg Community.

Tom Thiel, Pres., Ch. 169, P.O. Box 491428, Leesburg, FL 34849, 352-357-3943, kwva169@gmail.com

"Bud" Collette

Membership in any organization for sixty years is a milestone to be recognized. Clarence Alfred ("Bud") Collette recently attained that distinction as a six-decade member of Free and Accepted Masons. His status with the KWVA offers proof that longtime membership in an organization is not a fluke: he is a Charter Member of the KWVA.



"Bud" Collette (C) receives congratulations from D. Brook Cunningham (R) and Michael Meier, Deputy Grand Master of Arizona

As D. Brook Cunningham, Grand Master of Masons in Arizona, wrote in his congratulatory letter to Collette: "Thank you for your loyalty to Freemasonry. The example you have set for others exemplifies your dedication over a long and honorable lifetime. You are a living embodiment of our great fraternity...."

Those same words might apply to his membership in the KWVA.

Contact "Bud" Collette at 507 E Timber Dr., Payson, AZ 85541-4077, 928-474-9312, jbtimber@pocketmail.com

Gene Corsale

Gene Corsale, a member of Ch 60, Adirondack [NY], is the first person to receive the "Key to Saratoga County." The honor was accorded to him by Board of Supervisors Chairman Thomas Wood in a ceremony on 5 October at Saratoga Springs City Center.

Corsale, a Navy veteran (1950-54), received the key "for his advocacy and tireless efforts on behalf of veterans." In addition, each of the 45 Korean War veterans from throughout Saratoga County received a New York State Assembly Citation, a New York State Senate Liberty Medal, and a letter of congratulations from their congressman.

Read the entire article in The Saratogian, 5 October 2011 at: <http://www.saratogian.com/articles/2011/10/05/news/doc4e8d23c197ac3177248092.txt>

Reach Gene Corsale at 59 Outlook Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, 518-584-4715, CCorsale@nycaprr.com

Ben Malcom

Ch19 [GEN Raymond G. Davis, GA] member Col. (Ret.) Ben Malcom, author of the book *White Tigers*, was interviewed recently by KBS TV, the largest station in Korea. The interview and video by Moses Choi and Pil Lee will appear as a KBS Documentary in the near future.

James Conway, Conatlanta@comcast.net



Korean correspondents interviewing Ben Malcom (R) of Ch 19

Ray Nasser

Ray Nasser, a resident of Danville, IL and a member of Ch 21, Robert Wurtsbaugh [IL], wrote a letter that was published in the "My Turn" section of the city's 8 October Commercial-News. In it, he pointed out that "I, and so many of my fellow warriors, prefer editors, pundits and others to use the term 'war' in references to our efforts to destroy the communists in Korea. This is becoming quite a thorn in our sides."

He explained that there are many reasons for his request. "We do recognize that war is a conflict," he wrote. "However, the term may also be used to indicate a simple disagreement among friends."

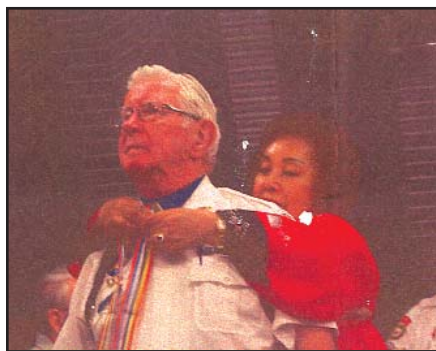
Nasser said, "Many do not realize what an ugly, horrible and

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14 SUNCOAST [FL]

On 27 July 2011, at the Armed Forces Military Museum, Largo, FL, we hosted a program highlighting the cessation of the Korean War. This event was also attended by members of CID 175, Baldemero Lopez MOH, Tampa, FL.

Mr. and Mrs. Kim, of Kim Industries, presented the Peace Medallion from the President of South Korea to eight chapter members and Col. Cline from Ch 175.



Ted Sutherland of Ch 14 receives Peace Medal from Mrs. Kim on behalf of the President of South Korea

Eddie Ko of Ch 175 was the guest speaker. Joan Arcand of Chapter 14 read a letter from a GI on the "FINAL HOUR."

The mayors of Largo and Pinellas Park spoke briefly of the importance of the museum and the KWVA to their respective communities.

A light luncheon was served, and the museum director, Mr. Piazza, thanked all the attendees and invited them to visit the museum.

Joan Arcand, 5674 Bay Pines Lakes Blvd.,
St. Petersburg, FL 33708, 727-392-5648

17 LT RICHARD E. CRONAN [FL]

We attended a ceremony at our Veterans Memorial Park in Boynton Beach in September.

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



Honor Guard members from Ch 17 stand at attention at Boynton Beach, FL Veterans Park



Congressman Allan West (R-FL) on the left at the Memorial for Black Soldiers at Boynton Beach, FL, with Ch 17 President Joe Green (R) and unidentified guests



VFW members at Boynton Beach, FL Black Soldiers Memorial



President Joe Green of Ch 17 (L) and Col. Charles Winn, U.S. Army (Ret.), at Boynton Beach Veterans Park



Raindrops miss Ch 17 guests under tent at Boynton Beach, FL memorial



An unidentified U.S. Navy Korean War veteran at Boynton Beach, FL stands by memorial to lost submarines and crews "Still on Patrol"

19 GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

There was a Change of Command ceremony of the Georgia National Guard for retiring Maj. Gen. William T. Nesbitt, Outgoing Adjutant General, Georgia Department of Defense, and Maj. Gen. Maria L. Britt, Outgoing Commander, Georgia Army National Guard. Chapter members were involved in the ceremony.



James Conway, Robert Hendershott, Robert McCubbins, Thaddeus Sobieski of Ch 19 with Korean Consulate General, Republic of Korea He Beom Kim, Chairman of SKC, Inc., Shin Won Choi, President/CEO, SKC, Inc. Ho Jin Kim (L-R) at ribbon cutting event



General (Ret.) Thomas L. McCullough and wife Mary, Joe Garrard, Commander, Georgia Army National Guard, Ch19 President Robert McCubbins (L-R) at Change Of Command ceremony

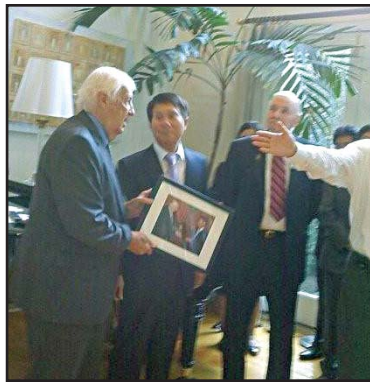


LTC John ("Jack") W. Seibert (Ret.) discusses new city for U.S. Soldiers in Korea



MajGen. Maria Britt and James Conway, Ch 19 Secretary/Treasurer, at Georgia ceremony

James Conway (L) and Robert McCubbins (R) of Ch 19 present a framed photograph to Consul General Hae Jin Chun



We were invited to the Grand Opening Ceremony of the SKC, Inc. EVA plant in Covington, GA. SKC, Inc. is the second largest Korean company in Georgia, second only to KIA Motor Works.

A ribbon cutting was followed by a tour of the EVA plant, commemorative tree planting, lunch, and gifts to the Korean War veterans.

The featured speaker at our October lunch was Ret. LTC John (Jack) W. Seibert. He gave a very interesting power point program on Garrison Humphreys, "Constructing a new City for our U.S. Soldiers in Korea," which was a \$10.2 billion project!

Mr. Seibert served as the Operations Officer of the 802nd CBT Heavy Construction Battalion for Camp Humphreys.

At a farewell party at the Korean Consul home, Secretary/Treasurer James Conway and President Robert McCubbins presented a framed photograph to Consul General Hae Jin Chun, who is returning to Seoul for future assignment.

James Conway, conatlanta@comcast.net

38 NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN [MI]

We recently put ourselves on the internet, and we extend an invitation for readers of The Graybeards to check us out. The web address is <http://www.cid38.kwva.org/>

We are building the site as time permits, adding pages and photos as they become available.

Eugene W. Dixon, dixong@charter.net

41 FROZEN CHOSIN [MN]

Two units comprising several members took part in several local parades this past summer.

Allen E. Torgerson, 140 Lynx Ln.,
Mankato, MN 56001



No mistaking that these parade marchers represent Ch 41 and the KWVA at a parade



A marching unit from Ch 41 at a local Minnesota parade

44 MO CHAPTER #1 [MO]

At a 28 July 2011 meeting, Commander Don Gutmann presented to Vice Commander Harry Hope a United States Marine Corps NCO Sword with USMC etched on the blade. The honor was to recognize Harry for his long, tireless effort and dedicated service to all veterans.



Don Gutmann, Ch 44 Commander (L), presents sword to Harry Hope

Harry is a Korean War veteran with 39 years of service in the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps. He is currently President of the Gateway Chapter of the Chosin Few, and was personally responsible for raising the funding and the building of a beautiful special monument to the Chosin Few located next to the Korean War Memorial in St. Louis' Forest Park.

In addition, Harry has been elected recently to be Board Chairman of the Saint Louis Honors Flight program.

Kenn Dawley, Public Relations Director,
11959 Glenvalley Dr., Maryland Heights, MO 63043

54 THOMAS W. DALEY, JR. [NJ]

Eight members visited the Air Victory Museum in Lumberton, NJ. We set up a table with Korea-era military gear and weapons. We sold hats and tee-shirts to families of Korea veterans and their families. Not only did it help our treasury, but it helped us make contact with Korea veterans for membership.

There were as many as 300 people attending the museum that



Visitors from Ch 54 at the Air Victory Museum (Standing, L-R) Clarence H. Davis, Charles Jackson, Andy Jackson, Fred Adolph, Fred Connolly, Bill Millison (Seated, L-R) James S. Morrell, James E. Krysztoforski

day, and we had a very successful day talking to all who stopped by our table. We were complimented on our uniforms and display by the museum staff.

Andy Jackson, captjack71@comcast.net

56 VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

Several members attended the 17th Korean War Veterans National Reunion held in Las Vegas, NV, 5-7 Oct. 2011. The primary purpose of the reunion is to remember combat buddies.

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



David Lopez (L) and Henry Guevara of Ch 56 at Korean War Veterans Reunion in Las Vegas, NV



Contingent from Ch 56 at Las Vegas reunion (L-R) John and Ann Campos, Henry and Alice Guevara, David Lopez, Manuel and Christal Lopez



In the foreground, Korean War veterans from Hawaii (L) and San Jose (CA) join Ch 56 members at Las Vegas event

60 ADIRONDACK [NY]

Astronaut Buzz Aldrin visited Saratoga Springs for the NCAA Sprint Army-Navy Allegiance Bowl game. It is the lesser known version of the classic contest, in which the players can't weigh more than 172 pounds.

Before kickoff, skydivers parachuted onto the field. One carried an American flag; another toted the game football. Our chap-



Ray Waldron, Ch 60 Commander, Linc Orologio, Roger Calkins, Buzz Aldrin, Mert Eggleston, Paul O'Keefe, John McConkey, Congressman Chris Gibson (L-R) at Allegiance Bowl

Color Guard of Ch 60 (Front-Back) Linc Orologio, Roger Calkins, Mert Eggleston, Paul O'Keefe, Jim McConkey enter field at Allegiance Bowl contest



Congressman Chris Gibson (L), Marine Jim Smith (C), Astronaut Buzz Aldrin at Saratoga Springs Army-Navy game



Bob Garland, a new member of Ch 60 who served in Korea 2/2/1951 - 1/21/1953 with HQ Co., 187 Airborne RCT, arrives at meetings in style

ter Color Guard presented the colors. U.S. Congressman Chris Gibson and Buzz Aldrin presented the flag to Jim Smith, a WWII Iwo Jima veteran.

Ray Waldron, EXADRAY@aol.com

66 STATEN ISLAND [NY]

About 150 members and guests attended our annual picnic at Nansen's Park in Staten Island. There were plenty of hot dogs, hamburgers, and beer for everybody. Everyone had a good time.

George E. Parsons, 1st Vice Cmdr.,
56 Boyce Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306,
718-667-8052



The large crowd at Ch 66's annual picnic

71 WESTERN OHIO - LAKE ERIE [OH]

We held a spaghetti dinner on 16 October 2011. The proceeds will be used to benefit KWVA charities.

Joseph Moss, 1036 Rosealee Ave.
Elyria, OH 44035



Members of Ch 71

99 TALL CORN [IA]

We had two speakers at our fall 2011 meeting. Kathy Hawkins, of the League Tours of Dechora, IA, outlined a fall 2012 bus tour to Gettysburg and Washington DC.

Sherrie Colbert, Director of the Iowa War Memorial of the Iowa Monument Division, gave a short presentation.

Leland E. Regal, 382 6th Ave.,
Marion, IA 52302



Kathy Hawkins outlines tour to Ch 99 members

Sherrie Colbert addresses Ch 99 members at fall 2012 meeting



102 IMPERIAL VALLEY [CA]

California Assembly member for the Eightieth District, V. Manuel Perez, presented us on 13 September 2011 with Accumulated Resolution Number 60, which he introduced and was passed unanimously in the State Assembly and Senate. It reads:

“On the anniversary of the Korean War Armistice Day” - Calling all Californians to observe with appropriate ceremonies and activities that Honor and give thanks to our distinguished Korean War Veterans and urge Governor Jerry Brown to proclaim July 27, 2011 as Korean War Armistice Day and fly the U.S. Flag at half-mast on July 27, 2011 in memory of the Californians who died as a result of their services in Korea.

N. O. Benavidez, President, Ch. 102,
P.O. Box 5, El Centro, CA 92243



Board of Directors of Ch 102 display July 27th proclamation (L-R) Treasurer Hector Pompa, Assemblyman Perez, President N.O. Benavidez, VP Stanley Martinez, Secretary Bill Farris



Ch 102 members gather to accept July 27th proclamation (Front, L-R) Max Uzarraga, Hector Pompa, Assemblyman Perez, N.O. Benavidez, Stanley Martinez, Marvin Lyon, Edmund Gee, Ray Downs (Back, L-R) Mario Llanos, Albert Moralez, Tom Landrum, Merrill Andrews, Jim Hamilton, Albert Newton, Bill Farris

131 NORTHWEST OHIO [OH]

We held our annual “indoor picnic” in September, with 68 people in attendance. The crowd included Pastor Jin Seung Kim and his family from the Hanmi Covenant Presbyterian Church.

The menu included barbeque ribs and chicken, with several side dishes.

Louis G. Streb, 415 Turnbury Ln.,
Perrysburg, OH 43551



A large crowd enjoys the food at Ch 131's indoor picnic



Waiting for the food at Ch 131's indoor picnic

148 CENTRAL JERSEY [NJ]

We have been involved in several activities. Among them, we:

- Toured the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in New York City

- Conducted a Rose of Sharon drive for hospitalized veterans outside Stop N' Shop Supermarket Monroe Township, NJ

Ch 148 members at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum (L-R) Arnold Wolfson, Charles Koppelman, Harvey Weinberg



- Visited veterans at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park

- Elected new officers: Chaplain Harvey Weinberg, Secretary Robert Bliss, Sr. Vice Commander Andrew Oslinker, Commander Charles Koppelman, Jr. Vice Commander Bernard London

Charles Koppelman, Commander,
6 Yarmouth Dr., Monroe Township, NJ 08831

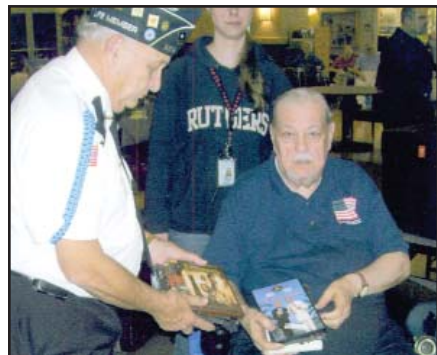
(Photos courtesy of Charles Koppelman)



Rose of Sharon solicitors from Ch 148, Robert Bliss (L) and Harvey Weinberg



Members of Ch 148 collecting for hospitalized veterans at the Rose of Sharon Drive, Vice Cmdr. Bernard London (L) and Sr. Vice Commander Andrew Oslinke



Charles Koppelman presents DVDs collected by Ch 148 members to Korean War veteran David Dulack, Resident Council President at New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park



Visitors from Ch 148 at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home (L-R, Seated) Jr. Vice Cmdr. Herbert Picker, Ch Liaison to Menlo Park Thomas Curry, Jr., Bernard London, Charles Koppelman (L-R, Standing) Max Mandis, Walter Murphy, Harvey Weinberg, Edward Rappleyea



Officers of Ch 148 (L-R) New Jersey State Treasurer Leon Kaczmarek, Harvey Weinberg, Robert Bliss, Andrew Oslinker, Charles Koppelman, Bernard London, Eugene Foadare, Past Cmdr. Arnold Wolfson

181 KANSAS #1 [KS]

We held our annual fall picnic at Shawnee Mission Park in Lenexa, Kansas on 8 October. The event was well attended and the weather cooperated.

Chapter members also participated in the annual Overland Park Fall Days parade from the back of a deuce-and-a-half owned by member Pete Gomez. Once again there was a good turnout of membership.



Ch 181 Commander Tom Stevens (C) shows his KP stuff (which he hasn't forgotten), under the watchful eyes of Don Ulrich (L) and Don Dyer



Members of Ch 181 salute at Korean War Memorial dedication in Kansas City, MO



"Marchers" from Ch 181 at Overland Park [KS] Fall Days parade

I don't know how other outfits find it, but it seems like when we're out in public these last few years there is a genuine warm feeling expressed by the general public towards veterans that was not there before. Maybe we just remind them of their grandpas?

Twenty plus Kansas members joined Missouri comrades at the recent dedication of their new Korean War Memorial in Washington Park in Kansas City, MO. Some 400 dignitaries and well-wishers attended the ceremony. The park is opposite the old Union Station and the World War I Museum, which is well worth a visit.

We have about eighty members and remain active. We meet at the VFW Post at 95th and Pflumm in Lenexa at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

Don Dyer, ddyer15@everestkc.net

191 TIDEWATER [VA]

Each Christmas the burial sites of the more than 3,600 veterans at the Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, VA are decorated by a memorial wreath provided by volunteers of the Horton Wreath Society. Wreaths are obtained by contributions of organizations and private citizens.

This year's Wreath Laying Ceremony was on 10 December. Mrs. Jeanne Banks, wife of retired Army Chaplain Joe Banks, is President of the Horton Wreath Society.

A Pearce Family Tradition

PFC Aaron Pearce was a medic with the 25th Infantry Division who was killed while tending wounded during action against the Chinese in the Chorwon Valley. He was first listed as MIA and later as Missing and Presumed Dead. His family needed to know what had happened to their hero from the small town of Kenly, NC.



Decorated graves at the Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, VA

Cmdr. Tim Whitmore, Ch 191, presents to Mrs. Banks a \$500.00 check for the Horton Wreath Society



Jeanne Banks addresses Ch 191 meeting



Sylvia Frazier, First Sergeant, USA(Ret.) joins members of Ch 191 to honor PFC Aaron Pearce, Army Medic killed in action in 1950, and only recently identified

Pearce's cousin, Ms. Sylvia Frazier, never met Aaron, but her family held his memory in such reverence that she was inspired to follow his footsteps. During her career as an Army Medic she contacted and stayed connected to the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office.

Over time she learned that in 1952 the U.S. Graves Registration Service recovered human remains and personal effects, but as they could not be identified, they were interred as "Unknown" in the UN Cemetery in Tanggok, South Korea. In 1954, further investigation failed to make an identification. He

was reinterred at the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii.

Recent re-analysis positively identified Private Pearce. There are no remaining members of Pearce's immediate family, but Sylvia Frazier, now a retired First Sergeant of the Army Medical Corps, and four other cousins held a memorial service in his honor, which some of our chapter members attended.

LT Whitmore, twhit35@gmail.com

192 CITRUS [FL]

We held our annual picnic on 19 October 2011, with 23 members and 23 guests in attendance. Fifteen guests were our Korean friends; we all enjoyed the Korean dishes they prepared and the other great dishes put together by the wives and guests of our members.

Commander Hank Butler fried fish and hushpuppies; his wife, Rita, furnished cheese grits.

Hank Butler, 352-563-2496,
hankrita@tampabay.rr.com



Guests and members of Ch 192 at annual picnic: Commander Hank Butler and his wife Rita are at right in front row

Mr. Rhee, spokesperson for Korean guests, addresses attendees at Ch 192's picnic



198 NORTHERN NEVADA [NV]

We staffed a booth at the Freedom Fair in commemoration of 9/11.

U.S. Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) sent us a commendation in honor of the dedication of the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery.

Our new officers include Paul G. Weller (First VP), Burt H. Anderson (Chaplain), Leo Preciado (Sergeant-at-Arms), Robert (Bob) R. Wallace (President), and Stahly W. Brown (Secretary/Treasurer).

They gathered for a photo at our Korean War monument, at



Members of Ch 198 staff a booth for 9/11 commemoration



Senator Reid's commendation to Ch 198



Ch 198's officers at their Korean War monument (L-R) Paul G. Weller, Janet & Burt H. Anderson, Leo Preciado, Camille & Ralph O. Christie, Past President Robert ("Bob") R. Wallace. Missing from photo is Sec/Treasurer Stahly W. Brown

which we fly several flags. They include all six service flags, including one for the Merchant Marine, and the U.S., Nevada, POW, and South Korean flags.

Bob Wallace, rrsur@juno.com

221 TWIN CITIES [TX]

Ray A. Hannon, Veterans Services Officer for Miller County, AR, and Bowie County, TX, was featured speaker at our October meeting. His presentation primarily concerned the Veteran Aid and Attendance program, which benefits veterans and their families.

Vicki Westbrook, representative of a local independent living center, also participated in the program.

The goal of the program was to better educate the chapter members about the non-service connected pension program for eligible veterans and their surviving spouses. Hannon said that aid is based on a number of factors, including dates of military service and income. He stressed that many veterans do not realize that the benefit also applies to the surviving spouse.

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



Ray A. Hannon (L) and Vicki Westbrook, speakers at Ch 221's meeting



New officers of Ch 251 (R-L) Bob Simon, outgoing Commander Wally Trinklein, Chuck Wenzel, Jacob Klemm, Harry Boesnecker, Rick Anderson, Dick Suchodolski



Attendees at Ch 251's August 2011 meeting (L-R) Wally Trinklein, Jacob Klemm, Bob Simon, Tony Blasy, Sheriff Bill Federspeil, Wally Weiss, Frank Licht, Bob Trinklein, Ken Heck

251 SAGINAW/FRANKENMUTH [MI]

We swore in new officers on 3 September 2011: Commander Bob Simon, 1st Vice Cmdr. Chuck Wenzel, 2nd Vice Cmdr. Jacob Klemm, Adjutant Harry Boesnecker, Finance Officer Rick Anderson, and Board Member Dick Suchodolski.

The Korean Presbyterian Church of Saginaw, MI honored us at their picnic on 21 August 2011. Among the people honored were chapter members and their wives, families that adopted Korean children, and ex-GIs who married Korean women.

Sheriff Bill Federspeil was our guest at the August 2011 meeting. We also had as a guest speaker Ed Langhan, from the VA Hospital clinic. He works with ex-GIs suffering from PTSD.

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



Bob Simon (R) shakes hands with guest speaker Ed Langhan at Ch 251 meeting



Several members of Ch 251 gather for camaraderie at recent meeting (L-R) Ralph Parlberg (historian), Wally Weiss, Ken Heck, Harry Boesnecker (Adjutant)



Caroline Fordyce, Phyllis Averill, and Dallas Mossman enjoy the Korean Presbyterian Church picnic in Saginaw, MI

robsimoncondo@charter.net

256 NORVILLE FINNEY [MI]

Chapter members sold Roses of Sharon to fund our operations. The sales of these flowers are the lifeblood of our chapter. The proceeds allow us take on many of the projects we undertake

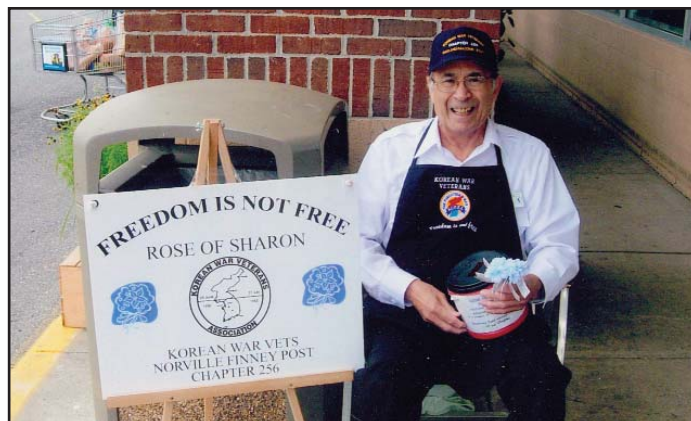


Jim McCarthy accepts a contribution at Ch 256's Rose of Sharon sale

each year.

The projects in which we get involved include helping veterans who are returning home with serious wounds, "Wreaths Across America" at national cemeteries, scholarships for needy students, and various social functions.

James E. McCarthy, 2159 Parliament,



Phil Trupiano offers Rose of Sharon and a smile at Ch 256's Rose of Sharon event



J.J. Osborne takes a turn at Ch 256's Rose of Sharon sale



Don Bouffard sells Roses of Sharon on Ch 256's behalf

258 NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND [RI]

Members attended a 9/11 memorial mass at St. Eugene's Church in Chepachet, RI and their annual picnic.

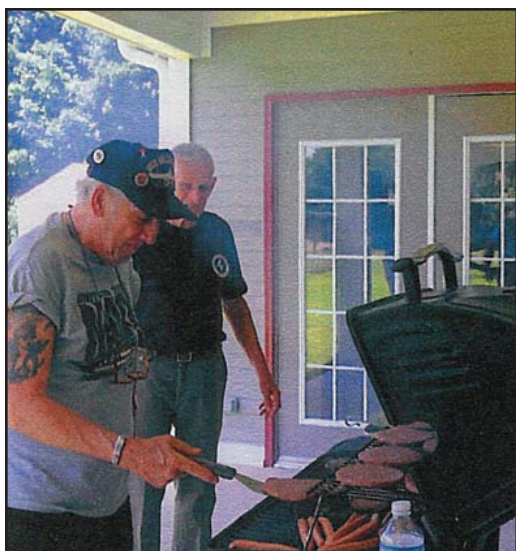
Norman J. Paiva, Sr., 42 Morgan Ave.,
North Providence, RI 02911,



Members of Ch 258 file out of St. Eugene's Church after 9/11 mass



The Most Rev. Ernest B. Boland greets Ch 258 members after mass



Eugene Pezzullo
and Richard
Mende of Ch 258
cook for the
"troops" at their
annual picnic



Frank Meo serves folks at Ch 258's picnic



Attendees pay respects at Rhode Island 9/11 memorial attended by members of Ch 258

401-231-9176, Cell: 401-573-8338

259 CENTRAL INDIANA [IN]

We had a special event in Indianapolis on 20 September at which a new hand-sewn KWVA flag was placed on display in the Gallery of Flags at the VA Hospital in Indianapolis.

Two flags were made. One was presented to President William F. Mac Swain during a ceremony at the hospital. VA Medical Center Director Tom Mattice delivered it at the meeting attended by KWVA members from the Central Indiana and Aurora chapters, as well as veterans of the Vietnam and



Ch 259 members at Ropke Museum (L-R) William Kim, Donald Seib, Bill Ensign, Edwin Wade, Les Adams, Terry McDaniel, Jack Beaty, L. Nicholson, Tom Shepherd

OEF/OIF Wars.

Through the efforts of Chief of Chaplain Services Clyde Angel, the flags were made in Watertown, MA. Samples for the emblem design and flag size were provided by President Mac Swain and ex-POW Melvin Butler, a Korean War veteran. Chapter member Jack Beaty also coordinated efforts to obtain design elements.

One flag is now among those of other Veteran Services organizations on the balcony of the Medical Center entrance.

Chaplain Angel had a special interest in seeing the KWVA flag included in the Gallery. His father, now deceased, was a Korean War veteran. His efforts were in his father's memory, as well as to pay respect to other veterans.

President Mac Swain had the new flag on display during the KWVA Annual Meeting in Boston in October.

See photo on back cover

The flags can be obtained at a cost of approximately \$500.00 each from New England Flag and Banner Company, 165 Dexter Ave., Watertown, MA 02472, (888) 922-1892. The contact person is Steve Viola.

Members took a trip back in time when they visited the Ropke Armor Museum near Indianapolis. With hundreds of pieces of military equipment, from guns, tanks and planes dating back to World War One, this treasure is located about thirty miles northwest of Indianapolis.

Memories came back to life as veterans of wars past walked by the Jeeps, tanks and weapons that were once vital to many in their daily duties. The helmets, uniforms, and other personal items brought back memories, both joyful and sad, during this September 16th visit.

The visit was made while members of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association were holding their encampment on the spacious museum ground. Fred Ropke, a Korea veteran and owner of the facility, was host to the public gathering. He has even added some modern equipment to his inventory.

John M. Quinn, Saggi32@aol.com

270 SAM JOHNSON [TX]

10th Anniversary Luncheon — September 10

On September 10, 2011 we celebrated our chapter's 10th anniversary. Approximately 150 individuals gathered at Joe's Italian Villa in North Dallas to celebrate the occasion. Attendees included members, their spouses and guests, and members of the local 6.25 ROK chapter.

Named after Korean War veteran and former POW, Congressman Sam Johnson of Texas, the chapter received its charter on September 11, 2001 and started with 15 charter KWVA members.

Growth with Integrity

Today, our membership has reached 120, making it the largest KWVA Chapter south of the Mason-Dixon Line. Our first class chapter has always abided by local, state, and federal laws as



President Randolph (R) of Ch 270 announces that Young-Ho Son (C), assistant to Consulate General of ROK in Houston, agreed to pay for both the meal and the tip



Chaplain Ralph Smith (L) led the invocation at the Ch 270 gathering



Attendees en masse at Ch 270's luncheon

they pertain to 501 (c) (19) Veterans Organizations. We also strictly adhered to KWVA bylaws requiring every new member to first become a KWVA member. In fact, all CID 270 members have always been required to be KWVA members.

Generosity Distinguishes Chapter 270

Thirty generous Chapter 270 members have logged 5,622 volunteer hours at the VA Hospital for the fiscal year ending September 20. We believe we will again top all KWVA chapters



Chapter 270 co-founder Miles Brown (R) shakes hands with Congressman Sam Johnson

Chapter 270 President J.R. Randolph presents plaque to Congressman Sam Johnson during the 10th Anniversary ceremonies (Photo by Charles Buckley)



Celebrate Success

Notable individuals attending the 10th Anniversary Celebration were co-founders Ed Buckman and Miles Brown, Congressman Sam Johnson, Young-Ho Son, assistant Consulate General of the Republic of Korea, and William Mac Swain, National President of the Korean War Veterans Association.

Chaplain Ralph Smith led the invocation, and then President J. D. Randolph introduced distinguished guests. Congressman Sam Johnson read an article he placed in the Congressional Record, Saluting Chapter 270.

We thank Young-Ho Son, assistant Consulate General from Houston of the Republic of Korea, for picking up the tab for the magnificent luncheon.

297 PLATEAU [TN]

Our new officers were sworn in at a recent business meeting. They include Ted Hirabayashi (Master of Arms); Jim Douglass (Jr. Vice Cmdr.); Monte Pepperell (Secretary); Paul Whaley (Chaplain); Joe White (Sr. Vice Cmdr.); Bob Johnston (Commander); Herb Kornguth (Quartermaster); Dick Malsack (Public Information Officer).

Dick Malsack, 146 Anglewood Dr.,
Crossville, TN 38558



New officers of Ch 297 (L-R) Ted Hirabayashi, Jim Douglass, Monte Pepperell, Paul Whaley, Joe White, Bob Johnston



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PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 112th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

House of Representatives

Saluting the Korean War Veterans of America: Chapter 270 - Richardson, Texas

By The Honorable Sam Johnson
September 8, 2011

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to recognize before the United States House of Representatives today a group of over 100 American heroes, the members of the Korean War Veterans of America (KWVA) Chapter 270, on the occasion of the chapter's 10th anniversary.

In June of 1950, North Korea invaded the Republic of Korea, sparking the start of the Korean War. Just days later, President Harry Truman ordered American troops deployed to the Korean peninsula to fight alongside our ally. Nearly 2 million valiant Americans served during the conflict. Yet, because of the war's end in 1953 through an armistice and its historical slot between World War II and Vietnam, many refer to Korea as the Forgotten War.

In September of 2001, a number of Korean War veterans from the Dallas, Texas area joined forces to create a local organization which would "provide a means by which the 'Forgotten War' will never be forgotten." They have fulfilled that mission for a decade now, also working "to respect and honor brothers-in-arms who served during the Korean Conflict and/or afterwards in Korea; to further friendship and respect between South Korea and the United States of America; and to serve fellow veterans in need of aid and assistance."

The chapter's generous members conduct donation drives, repair veterans' wheelchairs and, by the end of this month, will have donated 5,000 hours of their time volunteering at the Dallas Veterans Administration Hospital *this year alone*.

To my fellow members of KWVA Chapter 270, I consider it a high honor and true privilege to be a part of this first-rate organization. The fact that this group bears my name makes me proud - proud to be a veteran of Korea, proud to be a Texan, and proud to be an American.

God bless you, God bless America, and I salute you!

in volunteer hours for fiscal year 2011. We also donated \$1,500 to Korea War - The Graybeards, \$1,000 to Volunteer Services at the Dallas VA Hospital for comfort items for veteran patients, and \$1,000 to LKWF.

299 KOREAN VETERANS OF AMERICA [MA]

We presented a Good Citizen Award to Donna Allard for Conducting the Chorus of 30, which is composed of WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans from the "twin cities" of Leominster and Fitchburg, MA. They sing all patriotic songs at a lot of the functions in the two cities.

At a Veterans Day ceremony in Fitchburg, MA, National Director Art Griffith and Honor Guard Sgt. Otis Mangrum presented the Ambassador for Peace Award to KVA Director Henry Clifford. Henry was unable to attend the KCG Luncheon in Boston on 7 November 2011 to receive his medal.

Art Griffith, artarmy299@yahoo.com



Donna Allard (C) displays award presented by Ch 299 Director Henry Clifford (L) and KWVA National Director Art Griffith



Art Griffith (L) presents Ambassador for Peace Award to Henry Clifford



Otis Mangum (R) congratulates Henry Clifford (C) upon presentation of award as Art Griffith observes

310 OLYMPIC PENINSULA [WA]

Members attended a Veterans Day Memorial that took place at the Coast Guard base in Port Angeles. It was held inside a hangar for helicopters.

Our piper piped us into our seats. The members stood up as their branch of service was distinguished. The anthem was played by the Port Angeles High School band.



Piper pipes veterans to seats at Port Angeles, WA Veterans Day observance



Mark Lomax of Ch 310 and unidentified VFW member in Port Angeles hangar

Dignitaries on the stand included the commanding officers of the base, as well as the guest speaker.

The attendance at the event usually averages over a thousand former service members and wives, as well as active Coast Guard personnel.

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U.S. Coast Guard personnel address crowd at Port Angeles event



Members of crowd stand as their branch of service is recognized at Port Angeles event. Note Mark Lomax and William C. ("Mac") McIntyre of Ch 310 in foreground)

A Piper of a different kind in a Coast Guard hangar at Port Angeles Coast Guard base



Flags line entrance to the Veterans Field of Honor on 11-11-11 in Lawton, OK

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

John T. ("Sonny") Edwards, who was elected as Commander of the Department of Virginia in June, 2011, made his first official visit to Ch 250, Charles B. Thacker, located in Norton, VA on 27 September, 2011. The visit was part of Commander Edwards' plan to visit all of the KWVA Chapters located in the Commonwealth during his first year in office.



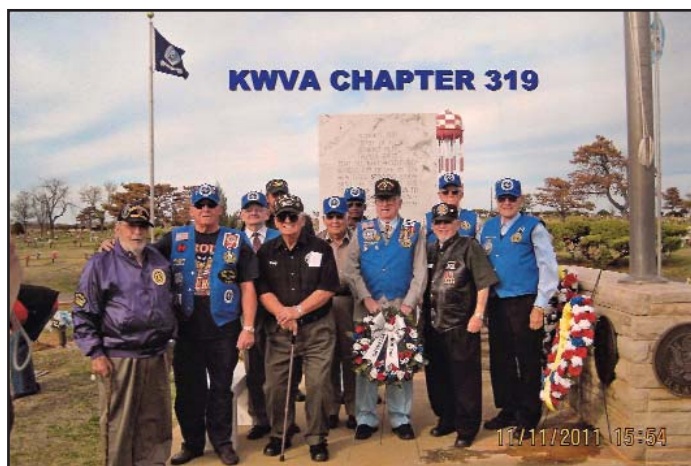
Kenneth Fannon (L), Commander of Ch 250, Charles B. Thacker [VA], greets the Dept. of VA Commander, John T. ("Sonny") Edwards at meeting

319 LAWTON [OK]

Veterans Day Observance in Lawton

Members of Ch 319 participated in the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Sunset Memorial Gardens "Veterans Field of Honor" in Lawton, OK. They joined Lawton Mayor Fred Fitch and other veterans organizations from the Lawton-Fort Sill community to pay respect to our veterans.

Randy Dunham, rcdunham@sbcglobal.net



President Bud Arenz and members of Chapter 319 gather at the Veterans Field of Honor after the Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony

The meeting provided the Commander with an opportunity to meet the members of the chapter and to inform them of the help available to them through the Department of Virginia.

On 3 October 2011, Commander Edwards presented a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Department to Matt Hyde a member of Boy Scout Troop 7, sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church in Smithfield, VA. The certificate was given in recognition of Matt's outstanding dedication and accomplishments in meeting the requirements to receive his Eagle Scout Award.

Commander Edwards assisted Matt in his fundraising efforts to fund his Eagle Scout project. We congratulate Matt on receiving his Eagle Scout Badge.

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Matt Hyde accepts his Certificate of Recognition from John T. ("Sonny") Edwards

NAVY PLANE DOWN

The crash of the carrier based “Skyraider” mentioned on p. 58 of the Sept/Oct 2011 issue, “Is This Pilot Or His Family Still Alive?”, occurred between December 26, 1952 and January 18, 1953. In the process, it destroyed a ROK Army bunker.

Based upon my records, the crash site was south of the MLR.

I was a member of the 21st E.O.D. (Explosive Ordinance Disposal) Squad that defused and removed the bombs and belts of 20mm cannon ammo from the plane and site. The bomb load consisted of 13 bombs: one 1,000 Lb., two 500 Lb., six 250 Lb., and four 100 Lb.

I have been reading *The Graybeards* for many years hoping an issue would contain the name or names of squad members with whom I served. Thus far, no luck.

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Carrier-based Navy Skyraider on frozen river, early January 1953, south of MLR

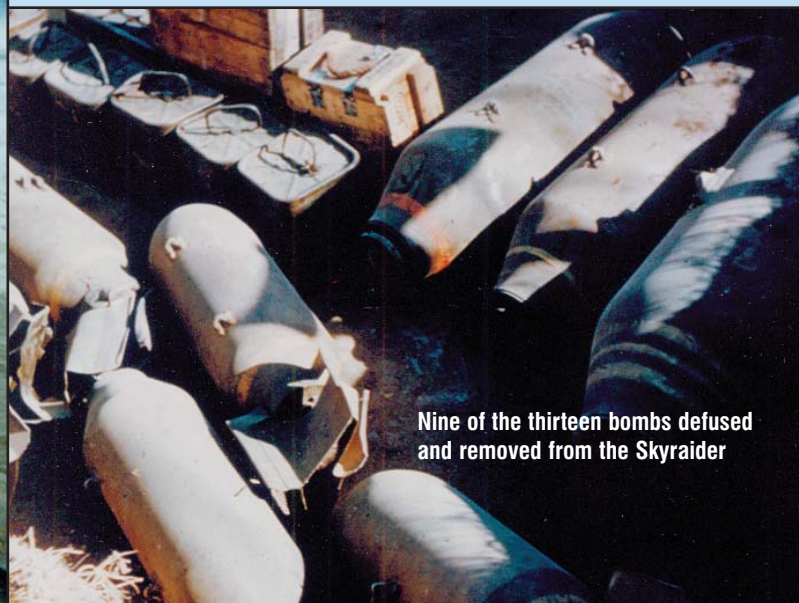


At 21st E.O.D. Squad facility Gravatt displays 20mm bombs from Navy Skyraider



The crashed Skyraider and its engine lie some distance apart

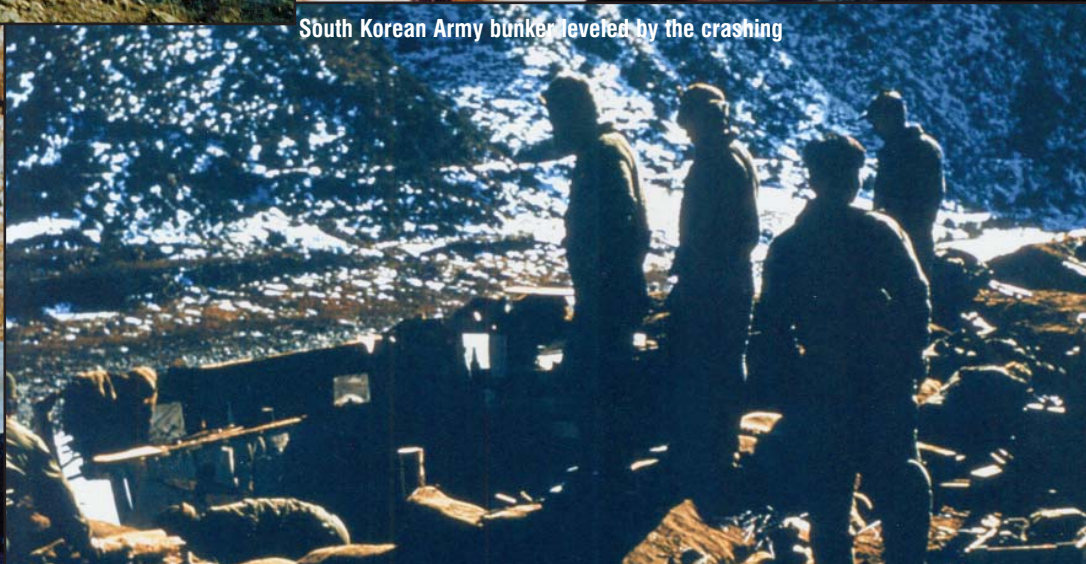




Nine of the thirteen bombs defused and removed from the Skyraider



Sgt. Gravatt, Lt. Bashaar, Cpl. Williams (L-R) remove 20mm ammo from downed Skyraider



South Korean Army bunker leveled by the crashing



facility, Sgt. n belt removed



Cpl. Jim Koukl, photographer of the Skyraider crash site and ammo removal, at 21st E.O.D. Squadron facility

Thanks!

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

19 – GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

Speakers at our October luncheon/meeting offered their thanks to Korean War veterans. Recently arrived Consulate General Kim thanked all for their service and said his office was always open to visiting veterans.

Members Ron Clark and Tony Clarke have recently returned from invited trips to Korea.

Ben Malcom spoke of changes in closing dates of Fort McPherson in Atlanta.

James Conway, conatlanta@comcast.net



Ben Malcom notifies Ch 19 members of Fort McPherson news



Tony Clarke recounts Korea visit experiences for Ch 19 members



Ron Clark, who recently returned from Korea, offers remarks at Ch 19 luncheon



He Beom Kim, Consulate General, Republic of Korea thanks Ch 19 veterans for their service

170 – TAEJON [NJ]

Members from several New Jersey chapters, CID 48 (Chorwon), CID 170 (Taejon), and CID 216 (MASH 4099), received medals commemorating their Korean War service at a 26 June 2011 event at Han Sung Korean Reformed Church, Crosskill, NJ. It was sponsored by Senior Pastor Rev. Peter J. Ko.

One side of the medal contained the inscriptions “1950-2011 commemoration, Korean War veterans” and “61st Anniversary of the Korean War.” The other side read “Freedom is not free – June 25, 2011.”

It was the sixth Korean War Veterans Recognition and Thanksgiving event held by the Han Sung Church. The theme of the program read, “Our church remembers the courage, sacrifice, and devotion to duty of its Korean War veterans.”

The program started at 11 a.m. with a service featuring singing, reading of scripture, and a sermon in Korean by Rev. Ko. The Reverend Young Min Jung translated the sermon. At the conclusion of the service, Rev. Ko welcomed the Korean War veterans from the three chapters and their family members.

Several dignitaries were in attendance. They included U.S. Congressman Scott Garrett (5th District), State Assemblyman Gordon Johnson (37th District), Bergen County Executive Kathleen A. Donovan, and ROK Marine Corps Veterans Assn. of New Jersey President Chun Suk Lim. U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) could not attend, but he did send a letter honoring Korean War veterans.

The featured guest from South Korea was retired ROK General Seung Woo Choi. He gave an inspiring speech on his military career and the Korean War. General Choi has spent many years traveling from South Korea to cities across the U.S. to thank Korean War veterans for their service and sacrifice. He has given out over 5,000 medals, which he pays for himself.

Over eighty veterans received medals. Special plaques were presented to Korean War chapter commanders and dignitaries. Pastor Ko awarded scholarship checks to five young students entering their first





▲ Gen. Seung Woo Choi addresses audience at Han Sung Korean Reformed Church

year of college. Each recipient received \$400.00 to help fund their schooling.

The service concluded with a benediction, after which every one moved to the church hall for lunch, fellowship, and photo taking. All in all, it was a very impressive gathering of Korean War veterans, dignitaries, and church members.

We offer our thanks to General Choi for the medals and certificates for framing.

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Several members of Ch 170 at the Han Sung Korean Reformed Church service



▲ Cmdr Richard Onorevole (Ch 170), Gen Choi, Rev. Ko, and Cmdr. John Valerio (Ch 48) (L-R) at Korean church ceremony



KWVA members (L-R) Robert Fatovic (standing) Raymond Cohen, Louis DeStefano across from William Burns (standing) and Thomas Boyle at New Jersey commemoration event



▲ Richard Onorevole, John Valerio, Commander of Ch 216, Albert Gonzales, of Ch 216, and George Bruzgis, New Jersey State Commander (L-R) offer comments at Korean church

VAULT'S ALARM

We occasionally run material that has remained out of sight for quite a while for a variety of reasons. Sometimes it goes to the wrong address, sometimes it gets buried in the "For Future Publications" file, sometimes it is set aside to complement a theme that never materializes, etc.

For example, we just recovered a package of material that was sent to our publisher five years ago. Photos, stories, etc., that are sent to anyone other than the editor may or may not reach our editorial offices, which are separate from our publisher's HQ. Please make sure that you send material intended for publication to the editor, at 895 Ribaut Rd. #13, Beaufort, SC 29902.

Where might this scene be?

Here is some of that material that reached us in a circular fashion. And, please provide some information about photos, the subjects, when and where taken, etc.

Mystery Photo

The photo below arrived alone in an envelope with no identifying info. We can guess at where it was taken, but we are not sure.

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KOREAN WAR NATIONAL MUSEUM *no longer forgotten*

Korean War National Museum Charges Full Speed Ahead *Korean Consulate of New York promises a gift by the end of the year*

The Korea Times
Monday, November 14, 2011
By: Hee-Eun Choi

The Korean War National Museum New York construction project is ramping up and charging full speed ahead. The Museum's goal is to be a center of partnership for Korea and the United States and is stirring up substantial support across the country.

The Chairman of the Korean War National Museum, Denis Healy, hosted a Veterans Day reception on November 11 at the Korean Consulate of New York City. At the event, New York Consul General, Kim Young-Mok announced that "New York will support the construction and completion of the Korean War National Museum in any way that we can. We [the New York Korean community] plan on making a gift, though it may be small or large, by the end of the year." Following the announcement, Denis Healy expressed his sincere gratitude and made a gift of \$25,000 himself.



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*Ambassador Young-Mok Kim
Korean Consul General of New York*

At the reception, Korean War Veteran and New York Congressman, Charles Rangel and the Commander of Fort Hamilton, Michael Gould, both expressed that they "would spare no resource in helping build the Korean War National Museum in New York City." Meanwhile, it has been confirmed that the Museum has not only been garnering popular support but is in the midst of conversations with 3 strong site possibilities in Manhattan. The Museum has announced that it is planning to build an initial museum of 15,000 square foot and hopefully open its doors by 2015.

The Korean War National Museum's New York construction campaign was kicked off last June when Congressman Daniel Lipinski and Peter Roskam successfully procured congressional designation for the museum.



For further information, please feel free to contact Tony Enrietto at CEO@KWNM.org or visit our website at www.kwnm.org.

The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

Tell America

30 – INDIANA #1 [IN]

We held a wonderful program at Blackhawk Middle School. It was a 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 disaster. About 800 students attended the presentation.

Lynn Shady presented a flag to the principal, Tim Matthias.

The other military groups represented were the Marines, U.S. Air Force, Indiana National Guard, and VFW Post 857. The mayor was also in attendance. A reception

followed the presentations, during which members of the different groups enjoyed one another's comradeship.

Chapter member Dale Parish now has a wonderful program on our local TV station, titled "The American Veteran."

*Mary Anna Roemke,
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Elise Olsen, who includes Ch 30 in all of Blackhawk Middle School's veterans programs, sits in front of chapter's Tell America team (L-R) Ski Wisniewski, Bud Mendenhall, Don Coombs, Garry Sink, Lynn Shady, Ed Goshert, Ed Hagadorn, Charlie Comstock, Dave Martin, Cletus Rumschlag, Harold Schick, Carl Fowler. (Absent due to illness was Commander Ken Roemke)



Lynn Shady of Ch 30 presents flag to Blackhawk Middle School principal Tim Matthias



Part of the 800 Blackhawk Middle School students who attended Ch 30's Tell America presentation



Dale Parish of Ch 30

54 – THOMAS W. DALEY, JR. [NJ]



Members of Ch 54 (Front, L-R) Charles Jackson, Charles Kerber, Clarence Davis, Stan Levin, Commander Andy Jackson, Bill Millison, Fred Connolly, Ray McBride. Standing at far right in rear, wearing white shirts, black ties (one wearing a Marine Corps cap) are members Ike Hand and Jack Hare. The other veterans were from Vietnam, American Legion, VFW, and U.S. Navy.

Veterans from all our recent wars gathered at Triton High School, Runnemede, NJ on 9 Nov. 9, 2011. The group included members of our chapter.

School officials invited all veterans to talk to the students for Veterans Day. We had refreshments all day, as well as a great

lunch served by the students and the faculty. The entire program was conducted under the supervision of teachers Alicia Ford and Rebecca Vives.

We were there from 0730 to 1400 hrs. Over 600 students had one-on-one talks with each veteran. All in all, we had a great day.

192- CITRUS [FL]

Every year, during the first two weeks in November, a Citrus County, FL Veteran's ad hoc committee selects veterans to go into classrooms to present military experiences. This year, 128 classes were requested by area teachers.

Hank Butler, Commander of Ch 192, is a member of the selection committee—and a classroom presenter. He and his wife Rita made presentations in ten classrooms. They related their experi-

ences with the Korean War and later talked about Hank's military career in the Army National Guard.

Chapter member William ("Neal") Colbath participated in the Veterans in Classrooms program at Floral City Elementary School in Floral City, FL. He does an outstanding job of presenting his experiences to the classes.

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Hank Butler, wearing his U.S. Army Class B uniform, speaks to a 10th grade class students about his military experiences



Hank Butler addresses class as his wife's uncle, WW2 Navy combat pilot Dale Langston, listens in

4th grade students of Ms. Hancock's class listen to Neal Colbath of Ch 192



Neal Colbath of Ch 192 speaks to students during Veterans in the Classroom program

259 - CENTRAL INDIANA [IN]

Producer James Yaney recruited Dorothy Medley, who hails from Fort Worth, TX, to become the first hostess on the chapter's "Tell America" television show.

Miss Medley's distinctive voice has provided a new dimension to the "Forgotten War" program, as she proclaims on every program

that "Freedom is not free."

"Tell America" can be seen every Saturday night at 7 p.m. on Channel 57 on Comcast Cable Television.

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Dorothy Medley face the camera as she hosts Ch 59's Tell America TV program

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brutal war we fought in Korea. Both, the North Korean Peoples Army and the Chinese Communist Forces were equally sadistic in their treatment of captives.”

“Please,” he implored, “call the fighting for what it was.”

Read the entire letter at <http://commercial-news.com/letters/x1402471196/Korean-war-not-just-a-conflict>, and reach Ray Nasser at 215 Denvale Dr., Danville, IL 61832-1208, 217-442-3561.

Thanks to Hershall Lee for bringing this letter to our attention.

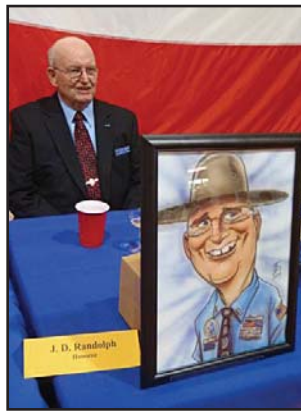
JD Randolph

JD Randolph, President of Ch 270, Sam Johnson [TX], was named the 2011 Dallas VA Veterans Honoree of the Year for his many volunteer hours and other contributions to the Dallas VA Medical Center. He was introduced by Lt.Col. (Ret.) Harry Kabler, President of the Greater Dallas Veterans Council, at the 2011 Luncheon Banquet at the VA Medical Center in Dallas, TX. Jerry Kasten, jdkasten@sbcglobal.net



LtCol. (Ret.) Harry Kabler (L) introduces JD Randolph at 2011 Luncheon
(photo by Jerry Kasten, 8th Army VIP photographer 1955-1956)

JD Randolph enjoys the moment as he is being honored by the Greater Dallas Veterans Council as 2011 Honoree of the Year (photo by Jerry Kasten)
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Newspaper Honors KWVA

A Marshfield, MA website carried a lengthy description of the KWVA's recent reunion in Boston. It included extensive quotes from many of the KWVA members in attendance, including President Mac Swain and Bob Desmond.

Here is an excerpt from the article, “Heroes of a forgotten war,” written by Mary Jane Hanron, and posted at Wicked Local Marshfield, Nov 09, 2011 @ 08:42 AM.

“Former Milton resident Bob Desmond had traveled from his Nashua, New Hampshire home for the meeting. A member of the newly formed New Hampshire chapter #390, he recounted his service during the 1950s in the Air Force and what it was like to come home from the conflict.

“It was always thought of as a ‘police action,’” he said. “It

wasn’t covered by the press extensively and many people had moved on with their lives after World War II. It was a time of prosperity in America when people were going to school on the GI Bill, starting careers, building homes and having families. People in America still don’t know today what we did; we defeated communism. The war is a paragraph in history books in American schools. But the Korean people know. They teach it in school, they teach their children and they are appreciative.”

“Desmond participated in the revisiting program available to Korean War Veterans in the Republic of Korea. Those who served from 1950-1953 were welcomed to return to see the changes. Desmond traveled to Korea in 2009 with his then 19-year-old grandson and was amazed at the prosperity, cleanliness and modern growth of the country.

“They are doing something right there,” he said. “And they continue to be grateful to Americans.”

Read more at <http://www.wickedlocal.com/marshfield/features/x1696634587/A-forgotten-war-remembered#axzz1cr7WXuUo>

CID 32 – Burton-Goode-Sargent #1 [ME]

The *Bangor [ME] Daily News* included in its July 27, 2011 issue an article written by Nok-Koi Ricker entitled, “Local veterans mark anniversary of Korean War armistice.” The nearby photo accompanying the article caught the attention of Ch 32 member John Wedin, who requested permission from the newspaper to include it in *The Graybeards*.

The article included quotes from chapter members Ed Davis (Secretary) and Albert Gibson (President).

Read the article at <http://bangordailynews.com/2011/07/27/news/bangor/local-veterans-mark-anniversary-of-korean-war-armistice/>



Marine Corps League Color Guard member Richard Romesburg of Levant [ME] stands next to the Korean War Memorial in Bangor with his son, Noah, during a gathering of veterans at the memorial to celebrate the anniversary of the Korean armistice on July 27, 1953 (Photo credited to *Bangor [ME] Daily News*, by permission of Charles A. Campo, Chief Librarian/Copyright Permission)



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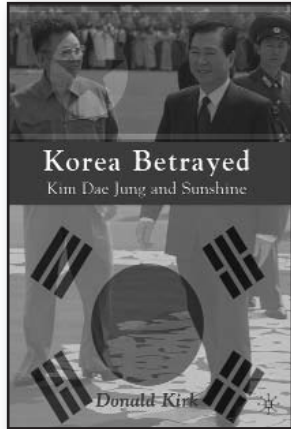
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Book Review

Kirk, Donald: *Korea Betrayed: Kim Dae Jung and Sunshine*

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By Lou Dechert



U.S. veterans who have served in the Republic of Korea, particularly those who served in the hot war (1950-53), can and do take great pride in Korea today. We do so based on our own personal impressions, even though some of us may be somewhat knowledgeable of the history of modern Korea dating from the Japanese seizure and occupation prior to World War II.

At the time of this review we are hearing up-to-the-minute “breaking news” of revolutions in

Africa and the Middle East, the continued threats and rumblings from North Korea (the Democratic Peoples’ Republic of Korea-DPRK, “NK” to most GIs), as well as geopolitical analyses of China’s expanded strength from Beijing in all directions, even to Wall Street, USA.

Governments were not created by divine processes—they have been started by diverse peoples in widely differing circumstances, reflecting their cultural, military, political, economic, and religious traditions. Nation building is a fact whatever name it goes by.

The Republic of Korea is an excellent example of nation building/development. I have written of the role of the ROK armed forces, and their allies in that effort (July 2009, “Korea’s Growth Seen from Abroad: Successful Nation Building”). However, today’s ROK is extremely difficult to casually understand, politically—a pervasive national political system which had its roots in the national struggles which began after WWII concluded and really does not appear to have progressed as far, politically, as it has economically and militarily.

To understand and thus cope with governmental unrest and revolution in any nation, one must first understand their roots, “how we got where we are,” i.e., whence the problems developed.

Veteran author and “Dean of the Seoul Correspondents” Donald Kirk recently completed a valuable study of how the current situation developed: *Korea Betrayed: Kim Dae Jung and Sunshine*. Based on his excellent sources, documents, research, and over 40 years of personal acquaintances with key Korean leaders and citizens, Kirk has provided valuable insights on “how we got where we are” regarding the Korean Peninsula.

Not incidentally, Kirk details the hidden underworld of the Nobel Peace Prize processes, the promotion and the buying and

selling of that million (+) dollar prize. The U.S. liberal establishment periodically harbored Kim Dae Jung in an American university and political posts during times when he found it “inconvenient” to reside in Korea. That establishment, and in some instances the White House and the CIA, have become proficient in the Nobel buying process subsequent to the 1960s.

Kirk documents President Kim Dae Jung’s hidden transfer of over \$500,000,000 to the “beloved” leader of the DPRK, Kim Jong-il, as part of the hidden bartering to get a summit, “sunshine,” bi-lateral talks, and, not incidentally, a Nobel Peace Prize. Like all such funds, the DPRK devoted the assistance to an oppressive military establishment, possibly advancing the development of nuclear weapons—as has been U.S. aid advanced by administrations in the starting in the second half of the 1990s.

Don’s book also provides valuable insights into the seemingly incipient anti-American manifestations in the Republic of Korea. (We already know why North Korea harbors viral anti-American policies!) The inauguration of President Lee Myung-bak in February 2008 has done much to ease anti-American feelings in the Republic of Korea. However, Lee’s term will end in less than two years, and he cannot seek another term. Some increase in anti-American feelings ought to be anticipated and proactive attitude towards them adopted. It is important that Americans and their leaders understand that historically recurring problem.

Korea Betrayed: Kim Dae Jung and Sunshine brings documented understanding of America’s strongest key remaining ally in the world. Kirk’s work is an essential tool in doing so. It is pricey: \$70.94 (hardcopy) or \$28 (paperback).

Donald Kirk has been a foreign correspondent for the International Herald Tribune and presently reports from Seoul for the Christian Science Monitor and CBS Radio. He has written six books, including two on the Vietnam War: *Tell it to the Dead: Stories of a War* and *Wider War: The Struggle for Cambodia, Thailand and Laos*; one on the Philippines: *Looted: The Philippines After the Bases*, and two on business in Korea: *Korean Dynasty*, *Hyundai and Chung Ju Yung* and *Korean Crisis: Unraveling of the Miracle in the IMF Era*.

A few personal comments about the author are in order as I close this review. I met Don when I became Chairman of the US-Korea Allies Council in 2006. He covered our activities in DC and Seoul. I learned that he had also covered the Vietnam War and was actually there during my last (fourth) tour of duty in that war. He has covered the insurgency and other events in the Philippines.

Donald Kirk is not long on opinion and short on experience and carrying a personal agenda, a seemingly common trait of American media types. His book is a BEST BUY if you seek to know and better understand modern Korea.

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MIA: Searching for My Father

By Mary Ann Getse

My father, Captain William Threlkeld, served valiantly in World War II. More fortunate than others, he survived and returned to his Chicago home and family. Years passed, and in 1951 he was called up from the reserves to once again serve his country in the Korean War.

In November 1951, he was stationed in Okinawa with the 51st Armored Wing of the USAF. He wrote to my mother that he was amazed at the changes on the island. This, and other encouraging notes, kept my mother connected and lessened the unspeakable fears she harbored.

On January 31, 1952 my father boarded, for the last time, the aircraft that he loved. He and twelve other airmen left on a bombing mission and never returned. Days later my mother opened the door to face two officers with grim faces. They delivered the words no wife can bear to hear: “We regret to inform you that your husband is missing in action.”

Sleepless hours led to unyielding nights, and no word came. Her grief was interrupted momentarily by my birth. I arrived on March 12, 1952. My mother named me Mary Ann, as my father had requested in a loving missive from Korea two months prior. A year later my father was declared “deceased” by the U.S. Department of Defense, since there was no evidence to conclude otherwise.

Growing up, I knew so little of Captain William Earle Threlkeld. Other than the photos that adorned the walls of our home, my father was a mystery to me. Anger and sadness had overtaken my mother, and her antidote was a vigil of silence. I was left with only my imagination to create my father’s persona. The handsome face, piercing eyes, and decorated epaulets provided a constant reminder of what could have been. I wrapped this heroic image around me like a blanket, and it served me moderately well throughout my childhood.

When I became an adult, my defense mechanisms began to crumble. My mother and my older sister had died before I had reached middle age. Even with the love of my husband and son, I sensed an unrelenting void in my life that was created by the



Captain William E. Threlkeld

absence of my birth family. In particular, I had a need to understand the circumstances of my father’s death.

Can you grieve over a father you never knew? Can you speak to a ghost? Can you heal your heart through the symbolic embrace of a long distant stranger? These were the questions that would become my compass.

I reluctantly acknowledged that I had been molded by his absence, as surely as I would have been by his presence. Like a constant hum that echoed in my ear, I lived each day with an emptiness that every child orphaned by war can comprehend.

In 2008, I finally looked for support to come to terms with my feelings. A fellow social worker, Jay Schinsky, helped me wade through the symptoms I was experiencing. The sleeplessness, anxiety, and anger were red herrings for the sadness I felt over the death of this parent. I had lost my mother and sister as well, but those separations were tangible. The typical guidebook for grieving had seen me through. My

dad was different.

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I had spent the time since my mother’s death assuming there was no avenue to inquire about my dad. When Jay suggested that I Google my father’s name I was dismissive of the possibility that this would produce results. Therefore, it was shocking when a simple key stroke yielded hundreds of links to men with the exact name as my father. I had grown up not knowing a single other person with the name Threlkeld. Now I would discover that this name was not unique, and that scores of other men carried the name William Threlkeld.

I discovered that our lineage was Danish. This link to Scandinavia felt right as I gazed in the mirror at my own reddish hair, blue eyes, and alabaster skin. The puzzle pieces were beginning to form.

From this sea of names I reduced the list to those who participated in World War II and Korea. This process led me to specific cites related to my father. Like waking from a coma, my senses were palpable with the opportunity before me. My mother had passively accepted minimal information from the government. That quiet ambivalence no longer suited me, and I embraced the words of Dylan Thomas to “rage against the dying of the light.” I began to unravel the mystery around my father’s disappearance, with the help of kind strangers.

The first contact I made was with an organization named the Korean War MIA Family Outreach. I emailed Mr. Ray Sestak, who provided me with valuable information on my father’s assignment in Korea, as well as names of the other men who perished with my father on the January 31, 1952 mission. Mr. Sestak recommended that I contact the Air Force Missing Person’s Program Manager.

I followed up and communicated with Susan Williams, MSgt, USAF. I was amazed at the supportive response I received from both these individuals, who seemed enthused that they could assist me on this inquiry.

Through Susan Williams, I learned that the Department of Defense had no next of kin listed for my father. I provided information about myself that could be recorded in the DOD data base. I then received a full accounting of the information available regarding my father's MIA status. The report, although incomplete in some regards, filled in details about my father's last day that I had not known. If my mother was privy to these facts, she had chosen to not share them with my sister or me.

The document I received was a copy of the Air Force report dated January 26, 1953. It described the circumstances of my father's flight and a discussion relevant to the facts known. Before me was confirmation that my father was a navigator instructor with the 307th Bomb Wing, of the 372nd Bomb Squad. The document stated that their B-29 left Kadena Air Base in Okinawa on January 31, 1952 to "perform an unescorted close support bombing mission against targets in Korea near the forward combat lines."

After its departure, the crew reported in at 100 miles north of Okinawa. This was the last radio contact with the B-29. Later, there was confirmation of a sighting of the plane on radar approximately 220 miles north of Okinawa. This was the last evidence of the plane in air.

The report states that immediately following the flight's failure to reach the target, attempts to contact the plane were made and "an extensive search was carried out for seven days and all efforts to locate the bomber were unavailing and also failed to reveal any trace of the crew." The discussion in the report concludes that the aircraft crashed before it reached Korea.

The lack of physical signs of the plane in the water led the Air Force to conclude that the plane had a catastrophic event and that the B-29 crashed and sank intact. The report refers to Captain Threlkeld in the statement, "Two additional qualified personnel, an instructor navigator and an aircraft commander, were aboard the aircraft, and any supposition that the plane drifted off course and reached a distant point in China cannot be logically considered."

My father's status was changed from MIA to deceased, and recorded as a Non-Battle Death as there was no evidence of enemy action.

Captain Threlkeld by his plane



And, with each step on this Asian journey, I will listen for my father's voice in the wind or the current of the sea. I will remain steadfast in silence until I hear the whisper of my name. And then, as a prayer, I will shout at the top of my voice "Papa, thank you for your sacrifice."

After reading the report I was overcome with conflicting emotions. I was left with a supposition of what had occurred, but no final proof. If the plane had suddenly failed, why? This question will never be answered. What I have now is a picture, vague as it is, of where my father was headed and how he was lost. The fact that it was ruled a "Non-Battle" death does nothing to detract from his valor. My father and his co-airmen gave their lives in service to our country.

Through these reports I learned that he had received the Purple Heart, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Korean War Service Medal. These tributes confirmed what I had intuitively known about the heroism of William Threlkeld.

As if this correspondence wasn't a gift enough, I also learned for the first time about the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. The cemetery holds the bodies of over 38,000 Soldiers. Additionally, a memorial featuring eight marble courts contains the names of 26,280 Americans Missing in Action from World War II and the Korean War. Captain William Threlkeld is among the names memorialized.

Had I not begun this journey I never would have known that he is acknowledged

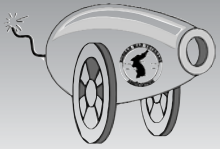
in a place where Americans come to honor our courageous warriors. Like the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, this monument offers tribute from a grateful nation.

There is something quite moving in knowing that my father's name has been seen by thousands of respectful visitors. Little did I know that by beginning a mission to discover my father, I would find myself as well.

As I close this chapter of exploration, I look forward to the voyages that will make these connections real. I plan a trip to Hawaii to genuflect before the monument that bears my father's name. England will reward me with walks among meadows where my dad's Danish descendants emigrated to a new homeland. Most importantly, as a sacred pilgrimage, I will set out for South Korea to explore the land for which my father gave his life. I will greet the sons and daughters of lost South Korean soldiers in hopes of finding a common bond.

And, with each step on this Asian journey, I will listen for my father's voice in the wind or the current of the sea. I will remain steadfast in silence until I hear the whisper of my name. And then, as a prayer, I will shout at the top of my voice "Papa, thank you for your sacrifice."

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Feedback/Return Fire

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Mail your "Return Fire" to the "Feedback Editor" at 895 Ribaut Rd., #13, Beaufort, SC 29902; E-mail it to: sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net, or phone it in to (860) 202-3088. Whatever the medium you choose, we welcome your input.

Made In China

I served in Korea in 1955-51. My daughter gave me a cap which had a "Made in China" label inside. That upset me.

Chinese soldiers starved and killed UN troops—including Americans—in Korea. Should we be buying their products?

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Chinese Artillery Avoided Counter Battery Fire

With regard to David Keefe's "The Story of My Army Days (Part 2)," Oct/Nov 2011, p. 16, I have the following comments:

The Division Artillery Commander, BGen. Andrew P. O'Meara, went on to become a Four-Star General whose final command was Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Army Europe, and NATO Central Army Group (1965). Not too bad, wouldn't you say? I thought his Silver Star came from his service in WWII. His Bronze Star came from Korea, for a Fire Mission in the White Horse Mountain area.

I served under his command (Able Battery, 48th Field Artillery) and I cannot recall ever doing what Mr. Keefe described: move forward, fire for thirty minutes, hook up, and haul back to the rear, just prior to the Chinese's three-to-four lethal counter battery barrage. If the Chinese were so good at Counter Battery Fire, why did they continually refuse to engage us?

We went to great lengths just to have them fire, such as sending a Battery up behind the MLR to fire nothing but propaganda rounds. You know, the ones that used Black Powder propellant—the infamous Black Powder which probably dated back to the Civil War, the kind that generated more black smoke than the four-stack Titanic.

There we were up close and personal, visible from certain vantage points, giving away our position and marking it with black smoke. What did we get for our efforts? Diddley squat, that's what. We would jump for joy for the three-hour barrage you described. Heck, we'd have jumped for joy for a three-round exchange. We were good—very, very good—at Counter Battery Fire, and they knew it.

By the way, if they were using anything, they were using sound recordings, not radar, which came later. Maybe I shouldn't be so quick here. I really don't know what those guys in the Eighth Army's 1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion were really doing—very secretive stuff, almost "Black Opish." If anybody was using radar at that time it was those guys.

Directing artillery fire by making adjustments from a known registration point is, for want of a term, ancient technology. In Korea, our FOs were map readers; the enemy's position was identified by citing specific map co-ordinates.

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The Chinese Artillery Hit Someone!

What David Keefe doesn't say in his Part II story in the Sept/Oct 2011 issue ("The Story of my Army Days," p. 16) is that when their artillery pulled out after firing their rounds, the return fire from the Chinese didn't hit them. It hit where they had been.

I was in 3rd Bn., 5th Regt., 1st Marine Division, usually in H&S Company. Too many times our 11th Marines (Artillery) came up to the end of the MSR or navigable track, fired their rounds, and bugged out. By the time the Chinese retaliated, it was our encampment that got it.

One day, in a rainy, muddy April, they did this three times. Three times we jumped into slit trenches or old foxholes. Our C.O., Lt.Col. McLaughlin, threatened to send his three mud- and rain-soaked uniforms back to the 11th Marines to have them laundered!

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7th Inf. Div. Was Also in IX Corps

I add a fact to the "FAST FACT" in the Sept/Oct 2011 issue, p. 15.

The U.S. Army's 7th Infantry Division with attached units was also in IX Corps, and had been since 1948 when on occupation duty in the northern half of Honshu, including Sapporo, Japan.

The 17th Inf. Regt. landed with the U.S. Marines at Iwon and went on to the north of Korea. The regiment actually reached the banks of the Yalu River—farther north than the Chosin Reservoir of much acclaim!

The 17th, by the way, was the only unit that reached that far north!

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187th At Chosin?

Re the question on page 59 of the Sept-Oct. 2011 issue about

whether the 187th RCT was involved in the battles around the Chosin Reservoir: according to the Order of Battle, it is not listed.

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187th Was Serving In Reserve

The 187th RCT did not participate in the Chosin Reservoir campaign. At that time it was assigned to LTG Walton Walker's Eighth Army on the west side of the Korean peninsula and was serving as the Army reserve in the area of Pyongyang. It later covered the withdrawal of Eighth Army southward below the 38th Parallel.

The only U.S. Army forces involved in the fighting in the Chosin Reservoir area were elements of the 7th Infantry Division, mainly battalions of the 31st and 32d Infantry Regiments serving in Task Force Faith.

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The 187th Was Not At Chosin

No! The 187th was rear guard for 8th Army from Pyongyang to Seoul from Nov-Dec 50. 187th Riggers packed Bailey Bridge and resupply drops to 1 March.

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Here's The List

I hope this information will be of help. Co. "D," 10th Engrs., 3rd Inf. Div., was my unit for fourteen months in Korea. According to page 2 of the Presidential Unit Citation awarded to the USMC for its "extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action against enemy aggressor forces in the Chosin Reservoir and Koto-ri area of Korea from 27 November to 11 December 1950," these were the units engaged there:

ORGANIC UNITS OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION

First Marine Division (less Detachment Headquarters Battalion; Detachment First Signal Battalion; Detachment First Service Battalion; Detachment Headquarters and Companies A & C, First Tank Battalion; Automotive Supply Company, First Motor Transport Battalion; Automotive Maintenance Company, First Motor Transport Battalion; Detachment First Ordnance Battalion; Detachment

Headquarters and Company A, First Medical Battalion; First Shore Party Battalion; 4.5" Rocket Battery and Service Battery, Fourth Battalion, Eleventh Marines).

ATTACHED MARINE CORPS UNITS

Companies A and B, Seventh Motor Transport Battalion; Detachment Radio Relay Platoon.

ATTACHED ARMY UNITS

Provisional Battalion (Detachments, 31st and 32nd Regimental Combat Teams); Company D, 10th Engineer Combat Battalion; Tank Company, 31st Infantry Regiment; Headquarters Company, 31st Infantry Regiment; Company B) 1st Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment; 2nd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment

(less Company E); 185th Engineer Combat Battalion (less Company A).

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A "Reckless Marine"

"Reckless" was a packhorse during the Korean War. She carried recoilless rifles, ammunition and supplies to Marines. Nothing too unusual about that; lots of animals got pressed into doing pack chores in many wars. But this horse did something more.

During the battle for a location called Outpost Vegas, this mare made fifty trips up and down the hill. On the way up she carried ammunition; on the way down she carried wounded soldiers. What was so amazing about that? She made every one of those trips without anyone leading her.

I can imagine a horse carrying a wounded soldier, being smacked on the rump at the top of the hill, and heading back to the "safety" of the rear. But, to imagine the same horse, loaded with ammunition, and trudging back to the battle where artillery is going off, without anyone leading her, is unbelievable.

To know that she would make fifty of those trips is unheard of. How many horses would even make it back to the barn once, let alone return to you in the field one single time?

There is a clip of her story and photos to prove where she was and what she did. It can be accessed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIo3ZfA9da0>.

Reckless was retired at the Marine Corps Base in Camp Pendleton, CA, where a General issued the following order...she was never to carry any more weight on her back except her own blankets. She died in 1968 at the age of 20.

Incidentally, how bad was the battle for Outpost Vegas? Artillery rounds fell at the rate of 500 per hour, and only two men made it out alive without wounds. Just two. And a horse, and she was wounded twice.

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The Origin Of The CIB

We often go through life not thinking much about certain things that might be important to us. I never thought too much about how the Combat Infantryman Badge came about until most recently. I have treasured mine over the years, but never paid much attention to how it evolved in military history.

It is amazing what one learns while communicating with some of our 45th Division veteran friends. I have such a friend who was a combat veteran of both the Korean and the Vietnam Wars. That friend is retired Col. Ben Hamilton, who served in the 179th Infantry Regiment in Korea during our war.

Ben's late father, Col. Raymond C. Hamilton, was also a veteran of two wars, having served in World War I and later with the 45th Division during WWII. As a young infantry lieutenant fighting in WWI, Col. Hamilton received the Silver Star for bravery while fighting as a member of the 5th Infantry Division.

Through his many years of service, including Chief of Weapons Department at Fort Benning's Infantry School during 1940-42, he was recognized as an expert on infantry weaponry and ways of improving their efficiency in battle. In view of his

background, Col. Hamilton was selected to serve as an “observer” with MajGen Troy Middleton’s 45th Infantry Division during campaigns in Sicily and Italy.

Having thus observed firsthand the deficiencies of our infantry anti-tank weapons in these campaigns, Col. Hamilton returned to Washington to make recommendations for improving these weapons. The results were a more powerful bazooka and 75mm recoilless rifle.

Being a staunch infantryman, Col. Hamilton always felt that the infantry soldier, who served face to face in combat against the enemy over long periods of time, deserved some type of recognition in the form of a distinctive award or medal. He made this recommendation to the approving authority who at the time was LtGen Lesley McNair, Commander of Army Ground Forces.

Gen. McNair authorized the creation of what is now known as the Combat Infantryman Badge or, more simply, the CIB. Through the efforts of the Army’s Department of Heraldry and its artisans, the Combat Infantryman’s Badge was designed and created, and is worn most proudly by all those infantrymen who served their country in military combat.

Col. Raymond Hamilton retired from the U.S. Army in 1954, after 37 years of active duty. He passed away in 1972, at the age of 78. When his body lay for viewing in dress blue uniform, his son Ben went up to his dad’s casket, leaned over, and proudly pinned the Combat Infantryman’s Badge on his dad’s uniform. Ben felt that his dad had justly deserved this award for his infantry combat days in World War One.

Col. Hamilton was buried in Arlington Cemetery with full military honors.

Yes, there are so many interesting stories that go untold. I am pleased to have had this story unfold through regular correspondence with my good veteran friend Ben – who also added that the Combat Infantry Badge is one of the finest things ever done for the infantry soldier – and I agree.

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A Stirring Welcome Home

Jammed elbow to elbow, a bunch of GIs who were just as cruddy as I was were crossing the straits between Japan and Korea, kissing Korea—and our part of the war—goodbye.

It was just after Christmas 1951, and we were plowing forward on some type of small Japanese ferry boat, heading toward Sasebo, Japan.

As we approached the entrance to the harbor, the submarine net opened as a kind of a welcome. As we were just a short way into the harbor, to our left was a large white British ship—a cruiser, I believe—with the name Campbell painted on her hull. Suddenly, the air was filled with martial music.

Upon a raised wooden deck of the cruiser, a company-sized group of British sailors stomped around in military style as only the British can. The song, “Hector and the Lysander and the British Grenadiers” has stayed with me to this day.

The smart-stepping “Tars” then saluted our ferry boat full of returning Soldiers as we passed by. It was not only gratifying and heart-warming—but it was our first real welcome back to the real

world...followed shortly after by glasses of ice cold milk. So, thanks, you British Sailors, you stirred the hearts of a lot of young men who really needed a lift.

Does anyone else remember this event?

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I Spy A Spy

These remarks were prompted by an article in *The Graybeards* concerning a spy at K-13. I do not have the date of that publication—perhaps a year ago.

My first assignment after arriving at K-13 in January 1952 was to help identify a ring of spies. For a “green-behind-the-ears” 22-year-old corporal, it was like going from the comic book version to real-life espionage.

Instead of processing through base personnel for assignment, I was personally interviewed by the Base Commander. My assignment was temporary OSI Special Investigator to the Base Commander.

Two janitors working at Base Headquarters were suspected of being North Korean spies. My first duty was to prepare false orders for jet engine parts for aircraft not yet on base. The orders were left in the out basket that evening for the janitors to see and copy.

The next day I prepared false plans for the security of a maintenance facility to be built for the servicing of these phantom aircraft. In this paperwork, there were planned errors causing these pages to be placed in “file-13.” Again, the janitors would have the opportunity to acquire fake information. With this information in the janitors’ possession, the Republic of Korea Army would have evidence of their involvement in espionage.

Two days later, I reported to Maintenance and Supply Group Headquarters. This move seemed to fit the plan as one of the janitors was the uncle of the 10-year-old houseboy at M&S Gp. Hq. I am not certain if the janitors were to be picked up at K-13 or from their homes, but this was the day for them to lose their freedom.

The houseboy was to be kept from any contact with his uncle. My orders were to take the boy by jeep to his home in Suwon. If he had a ride with me, he could be kept even later, so he would not arrive home until after dark.

The ride that night was an interesting trip. Here I was on my fifth day in a combat zone, driving a jeep with no lights, on a dirt road on a somewhat dark night, and following a Korean boy’s directions. He could not speak English and was hesitant with directions because he was not certain as to the route to his home.

We did arrive in Suwon, through the city, up the hill, over the top to where he said was home. We stopped in front of a palatial house on a hill behind the outskirts of Suwon. It was possibly the largest and most elegant residence in all of Suwon.

The two suspected spies were picked up that night by the ROK. The boy was inside the house and my job was complete. The boy was not seen again at K-13.

This was a ROK operation. The janitors were suspects in a much larger network of North Korean spies. The ROK gave us no more information beyond the fact that they considered the

operation to be a success. We were thanked for our cooperation. The Base Commander thanked me for my involvement in the spy affair.

The rest of my tour was spent in numerous capacities, from the responsibility for destroying the base if we might be required to evacuate to driving in the Han River Valley locating jet engine parts. On my return to the states, I was assigned to OSI headquarters in Washington DC until my disability from the Korean action brought an end to my military service—but not to my travels to South Korea.

I left South Korea just before Christmas 1952 with what later would be classified as a 100% disability. I did not want to return. However, I did return through the Revisit Korea Tour program. It was a first-class tour. My wife and I extended our trip by five days to double the fun.

South Korea is no longer a bunch of mud huts with the family laundry being done in the stream. It is now, without question, a world class business community. In 1952, Suwon covered about 20 acres. Today, it covers several square miles with high-

rise business and residential buildings. The north/south road of two dirt lanes is now in the next valley east; it includes six to eight lanes of concrete and is covered with traffic. The Republic of Korea is an impressive country and people.

The Republic of Korea is the only country to thank the U.S. and other countries for coming to its aid by providing this type of opportunity. Several years ago, the funding for their “Revisit Korea Tour” expired. We were told the matter was put to the vote of the people; by a wide margin, the South Korean people voted to continue funding the program. It was a grand trip.

I said I would never go back; it had just cost me too much. However, I am glad I did. Thank you, Korea!

P.S. In case the night chef for the officers’ mess (or the officer who thought it would be a good snack at our Thursday night pinochle game at ration breakdown) reads this, I am the one who “liberated” the ham. Case solved!

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Running on Empty

By Robert Echelbarger

He slumped,
rather than sat in the dirt.

His eyes had the look of the undead,
as they stared at the earth.

His face was streaked
with the accumulated dirt
of weeks.

His helmet sat heavy on his head
as his cumbersome pack sent
waves of pain rippling
up and down his back.

He leaned against
his weapon of death
as his muscles screamed in protest.
His body was beginning to dispute the signals
sent from his brain
to march again.

His belly was growling
and shrinking in retreat,
because there had been no time
or energy to eat.

A short time ago
the concussion of mortar blasts
had come too close and fast
He had felt death’s hot breath,
as fragments of steel
flashed past his chest.

He had heard the bullets snap
as they flew close and past.

The cries of pain
still sounded in his ears
when his buddies spilled
their blood and tears.

Sanity had almost
slipped from his grasp.
Deep within his mind
he continued an endless debate.

Would I live or die
on this date?
All thoughts of home
and family, wife and child
were put aside for a while.
He was living life in its simplest form.
Would I ever be able to rest
and keep warm?

One more hill to climb
before he could rest,
unless of course
the enemy would protest.

Would he be able
to rise again
when the break
came to an end?
One more hill to climb.
One more hill.

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The Battle of Changto

The savage three-day battle at Changto began on 13 January 1951 between two regiments of North Koreans (the 27th and the 29th) and a combined allied force of 100 or so 1st Raider Co. personnel and 200-300 South Korean Army Special Activities personnel under American leadership.

As pieced together by the Raiders, the American and Korean force was sent to defend this hamlet from the two North Korean regiments known to be advancing towards Changto to pillage rice from the area after the expulsion of UN forces from North Korea by the North Koreans and Chinese.

As indicated by the nearby sketch, the North Koreans controlled the high ground around the battle area, while the 1st Raider Co. personnel occupied the schoolyard area that was surrounded by a 3-foot high stone wall. The South Koreans occupied an old-time earthen fort north of a dry streambed separating the schoolyard from the fort.

The battle started during the morning of the 13th in snowy, brutally cold weather, shortly after the Special Operations group reached and settled in the schoolyard and fort. As the morning turned to evening, firing increased from sporadic to intense as nighttime approached.

What was fairly long-range mortar and 61-caliber machine gunfire during the first day turned into the first of fourteen mostly nighttime Banzai attacks by screaming and shrieking hordes of North Koreans streaming down the hillsides wielding burp guns, rifles and bayonets. They attacked primarily from the northeast, east, and southeast quadrants.

Fighters on both sides realized quickly that this was a battle to the death. By the second day it was obvious to the Americans and South Koreans that ammo would soon be in short supply; they began the call for airdrops to replenish it. The effort was undertaken with limited success, as the wind and falling snow made target identification difficult. The conditions caused significant amounts of ammo to drift towards the North Korean lines, away from the hands of friendly forces.

They began retreating to the northeast, leaving, by South Korean accounts, more than 1,200+ bodies in the snow, in addition to 879 wounded and POWs.

During the afternoon of the second day, a small helicopter landed by the rock wall south of the perimeter to pick up some wounded (one of the first times wounded were lifted out by "chopper" in time of war). Once they were loaded, however, the copter would not start. The pilot and copilot were forced to spend the night as infantrymen, armed with no more than 45 caliber pistols.

As midnight of the second night approached with no let up in intensity, and ammo was again running low, orders from above were for the Raiders to make their way across the dry stream to meld with the South Koreans in the fort. They attempted to do so, starting on the south side of the schoolyard perimeter.

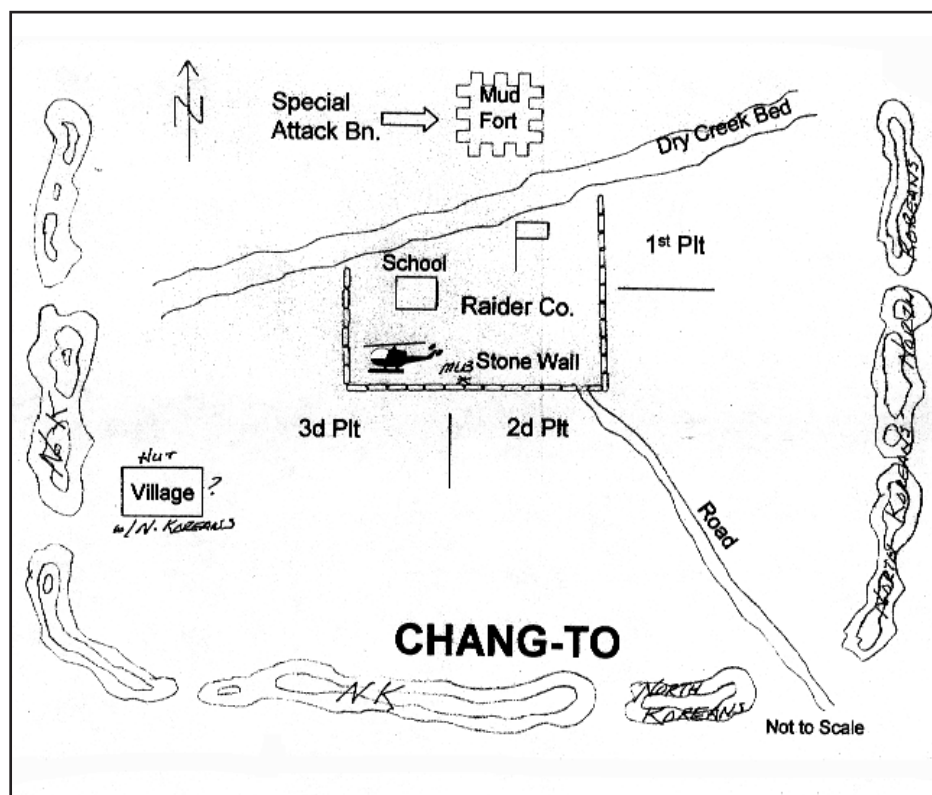
Unfortunately, they discovered that the North Koreans had infiltrated the dry stream bed, making the crossing impossible. They spread ammo from the "haves" to the "have nots" to compensate for the

lack of ammo.

Night turned to day, with no slow down in the intensity of repeated attacks until mid morning. By then, clearing weather allowed Corsairs to help the allies by dropping napalm bombs. That, combined with the approach of a relief column from the south, convinced the North Koreans that they had enough. They began retreating to the northeast, leaving, by South Korean accounts, more than 1,200+ bodies in the snow, in addition to 879 wounded and POWs.

Despite the fact that the enemy had the advantage of the high ground and great personnel superiority, the "friendly forces" suffered fewer than twenty dead and wounded troops.

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'Thankful-Lee'



Gen. Choi (L) and Dr. Hubert Lee (to his left) greet Korean War veterans at June 2011 commemoration ceremony

By Rego Barnett

About 500 people attended a luncheon and cultural program in Ellenville, NY on June 25, 2010 to recognize the 60th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. The event was sponsored by the Korean American Foundation USA, whose President is Middletown, NY resident and Chapter 202 member Dr. Hubert H. Lee, who has a Ph.D. in Economics.

Dr. Lee, the author of *My Journey To America And My Views On America*, a compendium comprising his life history, a collection of personal observations on his adopted country, poems, speeches, etc., raised \$15,000.00 for orphaned and blind children in Korea who badly need eye operations. He delivered the funds personally in September 2010, accompanied by several Korean War veterans. That was not his first time doing so. He had donated about \$1000,000.00 in the six years prior to 2010, and made the trip again in 2011.

Lee, the Commissioner of Human Rights for Orange County, NY, believes strongly in creating a strong future for all Korean youths. As he wrote in his book about the 2009 funds delivery ceremony:

Amidst an economic recession in America turning into a depression with almost 16 million people unemployed and the lowest level of capacity utilization of 68% since 1929, the Korean American Foundation, USA, was fortunately able

Gen. Choi, from Seoul, Dr. Hubert Lee, columnist Chris Farlekas, who served during the Korean War in a MASH unit, Congressman and WWII veteran Ben Gilman (R-NY), NY State Senator and Korean War veteran Bill Larkin Jr. at 26 June 2011 medal award ceremony

to raise funds for the abandoned and handicapped children in Korea. The Foundation delivered funds totaling 10 million won to them on April 18, 2009 at the music hall of Kumcheon Ku, South Korea....

As a founder of the Foundation, I stressed the point that those poor children are getting worse off when the economy hit the people hard. Therefore, they need more help when hard times come. [I believe in] Upholding two great missions of the Foundation-helping abandoned and handicapped children and promoting the traditional allied relationship between United States and South Korea through cultural exchanges....

Lee reported that:

There were very emotional moments on the stage when I shook the hands of children and hugged the handicapped children and held them up with joy. It is our hope that we will raise more funds in America so that we may distribute more funds for more children. On the stage I took pride in expressing to the children my love and wishes as follows:

We are here again to extend our love and small help so that you may grow with a big dream:

Of becoming a great person, as a tiny tree grow to become a big tree,

With the sweet melody of musical sounds, your dream and hope will spread on the space

With the gracious blessing of the Lord.

Let your ambition be ambitious to the limitless sky, as falcon flies lordly in the high sky,

Your dream and our dream will be melted in the furnace to create a beautiful and

Harmonious world in which we forever live happy as you and us make one.

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There is another benefit to Dr. Lee's efforts. Many Korean

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The “Charles O. Sweetwood”

In January 1917, the Pullman Company constructed three new business-observation cars for its lease service fleet. Built as Lot 4490 and using Car Plan 2502-C, they were named “Patriot,” “Pilgrim,” and “Pioneer.” The Pioneer, which played a unique role in American history, survives today, over 90 years later.

Heritage

The 1917 Pioneer was the second in Pullman service to wear that name. Pioneer was the name of the original “Market Product” put out by George Pullman’s company. It was included in President Abraham Lincoln’s funeral cortege in 1864.

A lot of effort went into making the original Pioneer, with its rather large clearances, pass through station platforms, bridges, etc. between Washington DC and Springfield, Illinois. Sadly, this historic car burned at the Pullman car works in the 1890s. The name must have held some reverence with the company because, unlike other cars that routinely received renames or names of predecessors, Pioneer was not used again until 1917.

Construction Details

This Pioneer was constructed for Pullman’s fleet of business cars, a term applied to cars used specially for the service of railroad executives, managers, and dignitaries. This fleet was like the business jets of today, used when companies needed their executives to travel in style and comfort. Measuring 81’ 11” at its greatest length, and built with an all-steel body and frame, the WP 106’s floor plan was the same as other Pullman owned and operated lease/rental business cars of the day.

It featured an open observation platform at the rear, overlooked by a nine-foot-long observation lounge. As built, this lounge contained two upholstered chairs facing each other on either side of the space, and a sofa which could be converted into an upper and lower berth that faced outwards toward the observation platform. A 30’ x 10” hallway, headed off the lounge on the left side of the car, passed five private bedrooms, each with its own wardrobe, chair, hopper accommodation, and traditional powder room facilities.

By Eugene John Vicknair

A dining room large enough to seat eight and featuring built in cabinets and a writing desk was located near the center of the car. A second hallway led from the dining room past the kitchen, pantry, storage lockers, hopper station, shower-equipped bathroom and the bunk section for servants.

These cars were always a rare type because of their specific service, and they were often very decorative and comfortable. A railroad could rent them with or without crew and supplies.

The new Pioneer featured peanut-graining on the walls, a process of simulating wood grain on metal via the use of stains, paintbrushes and other stippling tools, and all the standard business car appointments of the day, including the well-appointed dining room, a coal-fired stove, and various desks and work areas.

In Pullman Lease Service

The car performed in the lease/rental pool as the Pioneer from 1917 until 1927, when a new car was built for lease service and the name was transferred. The car, renamed “Davy Crockett,” remained in the lease service for which it was built until May of 1942, when it was sold to the Western Pacific Railroad for \$14,845.48. The car never had a number while owned by Pullman, since the only cars the company numbered were tourist-type sleeping cars.

Purchase by the Western Pacific

E.E. Gleason, later Superintendent of Motive Power for the WP, traveled to the Calumet, Illinois, shops of Pullman in February 1942 and selected the cars “Philadelphia” and “Davy Crockett” to replace the aging and wood-bodied division superintendent cars WP 103 and 104. The idea of buying second-hand business cars was not new to the WP, as the 103 and 104 had both been purchased from the same Pullman rental pool many years earlier.

During March and April, 1942, both cars were refurbished by Pullman.

However, they retained their original layouts and most of their “as-built” fixtures. The most visible change appears to have been the repainting of the interiors, covering the meticulous peanut-grain treatment with a light cream color, the laying of new carpets, and the addition and updating of some fixtures, including some electric systems.

Through an unknown decision process (probably a toss of a coin or the whim of a superintendent), the Pioneer/Davy Crockett received the number of 106 and replaced the 104 as Eastern Division Superintendent Jack Duggan’s car while the 105 (the ex-Philadelphia) replaced the 103 as Western Division Superintendent Glen Curtis’ car. The 106 operated in this service for another nine years.

The “Charles O. Sweetwood”

In 1950 the United States became involved in the war in Korea. Early in the war, somebody introduced an idea to create a rail-based blood donation center. It is uncertain who came up with the idea, but it is generally believed to be Gilbert Kneiss of the Western Pacific. It was a stroke of public relations genius and showed the WP in an original and sensitive light.

WP 106, formerly the Pioneer, was chosen for this new service. The car was effectively loaned to the American Red Cross and outfitted to take blood donations. The WP renamed the car after its first WP employee who died in the Korean conflict, Charles O. Sweetwood.

With Sweetwood’s name emblazoned on its sides and members of his family at the dedication ceremonies, the 106 was cemented into history in a way few other railroad cars ever achieved. While the Red Cross had used railroad cars for decades as part of its programs, they were typically used to ferry supplies or as rolling classrooms or laboratories to combat disease outbreaks.

The Sweetwood became the first “bloodmobile” passenger car in the U.S. It was soon joined by cars from other railroads such as the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, and Great Northern. While in blood procurement service, the car maintained its WP number 106.

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By coincidence, when Charles Sweetwood hired out with the WP in 1946, one of his duties as a carman in his hometown of Elko, Nevada was to maintain the car that in 1951 would carry his name. When assigned to Korea, he became a medic, working to save the lives of injured soldiers. On September 8, 1950, Sergeant Sweetwood died in battle, reportedly while pulling a wounded man out of the line of fire.

Sweetwood's Success

The dedication on Wednesday, January 10, 1951, was considered one of the most impressive ceremonies to take place on the WP to that date. The event started after the departure of the eastbound California Zephyr from the WP station at Third and Washington Streets near Jack London Square in Oakland, California. The crowd waited expectantly while the 106 was moved into position. Four nurses, crisply attired in white uniforms with colorful red capes, representing the American Red Cross, stood on the observation platform. The U.S. Sixth Army Band played "America," followed by speeches and the introduction of the Sweetwood family. Later, the family boarded the 106 to make the first donations.

Over 25,000 pints of blood were collected during the Charles O. Sweetwood's travels between January 1951 and November 1953. The car traveled over 225,000 miles and often visited places on the WP where no blood donation facilities existed. It ventured as far east as Pueblo, Colorado on the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railway. The 106 also traveled to Ely, Nevada on the Nevada Northern, where more blood was collected (345 pints) during the period of March 9th through April 19th than at any other stage in the tour.

Sgt. Sweetwood's mother rode with the car frequently, occasionally joined by other family members. She was regularly the first to donate blood. An interesting side note is how the blood was transported

to blood banks after the donations on board the 106.

The railroad used its flagship train, the California Zephyr. Each day the Zephyr would stop wherever the 106 was spotted and collect blood, which was then rushed to Cutter Laboratories, a pharmaceutical and medical company located in Berkeley, California that prepared the blood for shipment to needed locations.

A Perfect Place to Collect Blood

An article in the Western Pacific company magazine Mileposts about the blood donation project refers to the perfect setup that the five bedrooms in the car offered. Four were used for collection, while the fifth was reserved for use as office space and a testing laboratory. The dining room was used as a canteen, where donors were served refreshments. The observation room was used as a reception area.

Blood was stored in the refrigerators located in the pantry and kitchen area. The car also was used as a hotel for the crew and nurses when appropriate accommodations could not be procured in some communities along the railroad. Typically, the on-board staff consisted of Red Cross nurses and a car porter furnished by the Western Pacific.

The Post-War Years

When decommissioned by the American Red Cross on November 9, 1953, the ceremonies held at the Presidio were as equally impressive as the ones commissioning the 106. Keys were turned back to WP President Whitman from the Red Cross and the Charles O. Sweetwood name was removed. Thereafter, the car just faded away. However, its service was commemorated by the creation of a large-scale model by the WP in 1952, which was then presented to the Red Cross.

After many decades of storage, the model was placed on display in Red Cross Visitor Center in Washington, DC. Most

likely, the 106 itself did not return to Elko, but remained stored in Oakland along with 105.

There would be one last hurrah. In June 1957, the WP's new self-propelled railcar ferry "Las Plumas" was christened in Portland, Oregon by the wife of railroad President Frederick Whitman. The vessel was prepared for travel from Portland to San Francisco Bay under its own power. Several officials of the railroad and a team of employee mechanics were to go along for the adventure and to witness the performance of the new vessel.

However, there were scant accommodations on board since it was to be an inland ferry, crewed by men who would not live aboard. To accommodate the passengers, the WP sent an observation lounge car (WP 653), the 105, and the 106 (the ex-Charles O. Sweetwood) to Portland, where they were loaded onto the deck of the Las Plumas.

It is uncertain how they got to Portland. It may have been on the rear of the Southern Pacific passenger train "Cascade," or they may have been run up the WP's High Line to connect with the Great Northern for delivery to Portland. The business cars were used for sleeping and dining facilities, while the lounge car was for dining and recreational usage.

Retirement and Resurrection

Both the 105 and the 106 were retired and sold in February 1961. Marty Loomis, noted scrap dealer, purchased the 106. He modified the car by removing the two staterooms adjacent to the observation room in order to create a larger lounge. Otherwise, the car remains largely unchanged from its 1917 appearance.

After Mr. Loomis died, it was acquired by Doug Morgan, who brought it to the Western Pacific Railroad Museum at Portola, California for display. In 2011, the car was conveyed to the Feather River Rail Society. It is slated to undergo a full restoration to its Charles O. Sweetwood appearance as a tribute to its time in service of the Red Cross and to the men and women who served in Korea.

NOTE: Information provided by Doug Morgan, Virgil Staff, Guy Dunscomb, the American Red Cross, and the California State Railroad Museum Library.

The Fighting, Waiting Eighth Army

From Korea, TIME'S Senior Editor John Osborne cabled:

AMERICANS ought to be aware that their army in Korea today, a truly fine outfit, is not the best army the U.S. can put in the field. It is the best army that can be put in the field in the circumstances.

The soldiers who man it and the officers who command it see no purpose and no good in the kind of war they are fighting. Americans fighting abroad always want to be done with war and go home, but there is a special quality in our soldiers: disgust with the war they are waging now. It is the quality born of their knowledge that they are not expected to win. They are expected only to stand and hold, and perhaps to be killed or maimed in the process. They are expected to leave their line on occasion and walk through the night silence toward the enemy line, and on rare occasion even to attack and harass the enemy line—but almost never to take the enemy line.

They say in total truth: "We aren't going anywhere," and ask why, then, they must patrol and probe and await the sniper's bullet or the shell that may find them on their hills, and why they must be there at all. They do not yearn to leap from their lines and drive across the snow-whitened enemy hills. Far from it. But they do yearn for an end of this war and they would rather fight to end it than await an ending that never comes.

The individual end is death for some, wounds or capture for many more, and rotation home for most of them. Rotation is a human necessity, but its effect on the army as a fighting force is nonetheless corrosive. A division commander figured recently that the majority of his combat soldiers had been in Korea for only five months. Platoon and company leaders seldom keep their units for longer than four months. For some reason, very few captains and first lieutenants experienced in company command are coming out on replacement, and there is a shortage of company leaders. Noncommissioned squad leaders are also hard to come by, and many squads are being led by privates first class with six months or less of Army serv-

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"Results Unknown." Every morning at 8 o'clock, at every U.S. command post in Korea, commanders gather with their staffs for their daily briefing on the infantry war. Before a lighted map of the corps, divisional or regimental sector in question, a G-2 officer reduces the cold, the tensions and the tragedy of the night just gone to dry brevities which, more often than not, end in the phrase "with results unknown."

Our artillery has fired so many rounds into and over the whitened hills—"with results unknown." Our patrols have crept forward from our lines, through our barbed wire and minefields, a little way toward the enemy lines, and perhaps have sighted and fired at figures seen or imagined in the vibrant stillness—"with results unknown." Our corps and division commanders and staffs just don't have enough to do. Not that they are idle; far from it. But it's tough when there's so little active war to manage or follow. Minor patrol actions are followed by rear headquarters with a meticulous concern that would be reserved for sizable battles in an active war.

As always, the generals find ways to lighten their lot when they are confined to the rear. Apart from its invaluable uses as a cargo carrier, ambulance and general communication vehicle, the helicopter is a great personal blessing to some of them. A corps commander has the door at his right removed and shoots foxes from his "chopper" with a shotgun.

All the same, it's still a war for the men in it. A night patrol can be as dangerous and deadly for the men doing the job as the biggest of battles. The wounded, hand-carried for hours over the cold hills to the nearest jeep point—it may take three hours

to do 1,000 yards up some of these hills—suffer as they would at the Yalu. And, on the quietest of nights on a "quiet" sector, the regimental commanders always have a little stack of personal letters to sign, supplementing the Defense Department telegrams and beginning, "It is with the deepest regret . . ."

Bunker Lights. Supply is superb—probably the best in any war in our history. An old regular who recently visited the front said, with only slight exaggeration: "This is the first war I ever heard of in which the men at the front live better than the men at the rear." It could be, at times, that things are just a little too good for an Army that, after all, may have to do some extensive fighting. One division commander recently blew his top when he heard that the men of one of his line companies had improvised a generator system and were stringing electric lights in their bunkers.

There is no all-American army in Korea today. Quite apart from the units of other nations, the Eighth U.S. Army in Korea is a three-language study in the American century. People at home who think only of boys from The Bronx and Topeka and Dallas when they read of "an American division" in action make the same mistake a U.S. corps commander made not long ago. He watched a U.S. infantry squad in a training exercise and afterward delivered a little speech, remarking on the splendid American faces he saw before him. The general noted that a junior officer was about to bust with suppressed laughter and, in some irritation, asked him why. The junior officer replied that only four of the 14 men could understand what the general had said. The splendid American faces were variously from the continental U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam and Korea.

It might have been almost any infantry squad in the Eighth Army. Every U.S. infantry division in Korea has the equivalent of several companies of KATOUSA (Korean Augmentation Troops, U.S. Army) and a sprinkling of Spanish-speaking draftees from Puerto Rico. Many of the Koreans in the line today have been with their U.S. divisions for two years or more; they are the old hands of this war. Thousands more have followed them into service with the Americans, and at one time or another most American infantrymen have to “buddy up” with a Korean soldier.

Army policy requires that Puerto Ricans and KATOUSA be dispersed through squads and platoons alongside continental Americans, rather than placed in separate units. The results in enforced understanding and companionship are often good and warming. But the language difficulty is serious. The result at the front is that squad and platoon leaders must communicate with their men in an awkward mishmash of straight American, pidgin talk and sign language, with occasional help from the few interpreters at hand. All this forwards the brotherhood of man. But it can be tough on night patrol in the cold wastelands between the lines, where each man’s life may depend on perfect understanding and precision.

Sick of Stalemate. The soldiers talk of their war just about as their generals do, and just about as well. There is one natural difference: the G.I. at the front takes a personal and more reluctant view of trying to end it with a ground offensive. But, to the depths of their beings, the men in the lines believe that it ought to be ended. Many of them are genuinely puzzled by the failure to end it by negotiation, and they say over & over that there must be some way to get the enemy to quit.

Much of the frustration begins at home. No soldier is long in Korea before he comes to share the general conviction that Americans at home are sick of the war and don’t care how it ends or what happens to the men waging it. A visitor recently hazarded a guess that the American public was not so much sick of the war itself as sick of stalemate. A regimental chaplain who heard this remark said in answer: “If I could believe that, and could say it to these men with real conviction, it would do wonders.”

Korean War Awards Galore

There are more awards authorized by the Allied nations that fought in Korea than for any war in world history. Here are a few:

- Korean Invasion National Security Alert
- Korean War 60th Anniversary
- Korean War Combat Campaigns
- The Korean Defense Service Medal (Post War Period)
- Korea Service Medal (Post-War Period)
- Bravery Gold Medal of Greece for Korea
- Republic of Korea Wound Medal
- Camp Indianhead Base Service
- 8th US Army, Korea Service
- The Iron Triangle
- Kingdom of Belgium Medal of Volunteers
- The Korean Service Medal, Belgium
- The Korean Service Medal, France
- The Korean Service Medal, Korea
- United Nations (UN) Operation in Korea Medal
- Korea Service Medal
- Korean War Era Service

Issue instructions for the above awards are permanently posted at this website: americanwarlibrary.com/personnel/koreawar.htm. Tell a Korean War Era veteran.

CAVEAT: There are costs associated with some of the awards and certificates listed at the website. Other medal, badge, and certificate Issue Regulations are here: amervets.com/replacement/other.htm

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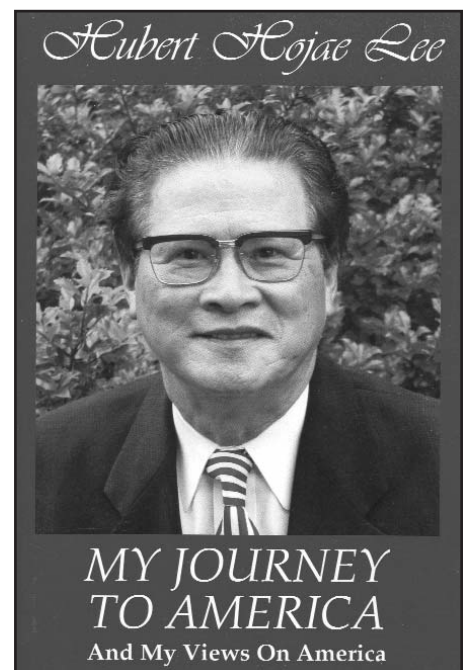
War veterans attending various function promoted by Dr. Lee receive medals and/or certificates of appreciation for their efforts on Korea’s behalf. He does practice what he preaches.

Dr. Lee wrote on p. 19 of his book, “My journey to America no doubt gave me freedom, peace, and a better life with many options.” One of those options has been to work hard to make the lives of disadvantaged Korean children easier. Another is to make sure Korean War veterans receive the recognition they deserve on his country’s behalf.

He does both well.

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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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The following notice is submitted for publication:

Name of deceased _____

Date of death _____ Department/Chapter _____

Address _____

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

Primary Unit of service during Korean War _____

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Send to: **Membership, P.O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407**

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Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions (continued from page 27)

1st Field Artillery Observation Bn. Assn.

The 1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion Association held its annual reunion in Louisville, KY to celebrate the 31st anniversary of the association and commemorate the 61st anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War.

The association is composed of WWII and Korean War veteran forward observers. Attendees included 38 people, including spouses and guests. The members toured the Louisville area, known for its strong industry of horses and bourbon; it did not disappoint.

The horses were beautiful and the bourbon was outstanding. As our tour guide said, "The bourbon sampling was SMOOOTH!"—and it was, as attested to by our members who were able to have several 'samples.'

President Wally Bracich turned the president's gavel over to incoming President George Brkovich and Vice President Earl Breese. They will be most ably supported by Secretary Ralph Mueller, Treasurer John Palla, Chaplain Titus Ward, Newsletter Editor Warren Rehfeldt, and Chaplain Emeritus Walton Tully.

We look forward to our next annual reunion in October 2012, and hope to see ALL members of the association, as well as those who served with the 1st FA OBSN Bn. at any time—and who have not yet joined us as members.

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Attendees at 1st Field Artillery Obs. Bn Assn. meeting (Seated, L-R) Earl Breese, Titus Ward, George Brkovich, Ralph Mueller, Wally Bracich, George Hintzsche, (Standing, L-R) Dallas Collings, Donald Dust, Darrel Wehling, Larri Goetz, Glenn Fox, Lyle Lang, Grover Baldwin, Roger Meier, Donald Williams, John Hynek, William Breene, John Palla, Charles Deming, Jr.



The ladies at the 1st Field Artillery Obs. Bn. Assn. meeting (Standing, L-R) Carol Dust, Rose Wheling, Mary Brkovich, Beverly Deming, Lotti Ward, Debbi Hintzsche, Sharon Collings, Angela Bracich (Seated, L-R) Jeanne Mueller, Betty Adler, Una Fox, Nancy Palla, Jean Meier



Newly installed officers of 1st Field Artillery Obs. Bn (L-R) Titus Ward (Chaplain); John Palla (Treasurer); Earl Breese (VP); Wally Bracich (Outgoing President); George Brkovich (Incoming President); Ralph Mueller (Secretary)

Official Membership Application Form

The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407 (Telephone: 217-345-4414)

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE Assigned Membership Number: _____

KWVA Regular Annual Dues = \$25.00 ♦ Associate Membership = \$16.00

MOH, Ex-POW, Gold Star Parent or Spouse & Honorary - \$0.00

Regular Life Membership: (May be paid in lump sum or 6 equal payments by check over a 12 month period.)

Ages up to and through 35 years of age:\$600

Ages 36 through 50 years of age:\$450

Ages 51 through 65 years of age:\$300

Ages 66 years of age and older:\$150

Please Check One: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal Member (# _____)

Please Check One ☐ Medal of Honor ☐ Regular Member ☐ Regular Life Member ☐ Associate Member
☐ Ex-POW ☐ Honorary ☐ Gold Star Parent ☐ Gold Star Spouse

(Please Print)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle/Maiden Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Year of Birth: _____

Email _____ Chapter Number/Name (if applicable) # _____

All Regular members please provide the following information if applicable

Unit(s) to which Assigned

Branch of Service

Division _____ ☐ Army
Regiment _____ ☐ Air Force
Battalion _____ ☐ Navy
Company _____ ☐ Marines
Other _____ ☐ Coast Guard

Dates of service:

WithIN Korea were: (See criteria below)

From _____ To _____

WithOUT Korea were: (See criteria below)

From _____ To _____

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes as indicated, is true and correct."

[If you are applying for membership in a category other than Section 1, par A.1., of the "Criteria for Membership," complete the "Certification of Eligibility for KWVA Membership" form on next page.]

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR KWVA MEMBERSHIP

In addition to completing the KWVA membership application form on page 1, persons who make application for membership and qualify under one of the categories listed below, are required to fill in the appropriate blanks, sign in the space provided below and attach this page to the completed membership application form on previous page.

Check One

- ☐ Medal of Honor: I am a Medal of Honor recipient and the date on which it was awarded was: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ Ex-POW: I was held as a Prisoner of War at some time during the period June 25, 1950 to the present,
From: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____ To: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ Gold Star Parent: I am the parent of : Name [print] _____, who was
() killed in action, () missing in action or () died as a Prisoner of War
on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ Gold Star Spouse: I am the spouse of: Name [print] _____, who was
() killed in action, () missing in action or () died as a Prisoner of War
on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ Associate: I have a legitimate interest in the affairs of the Korean War Veterans Association and agree to accept the terms and conditions set forth in its charter and bylaws.
- ☐ Honorary: I was elected as an Honorary Member of the KWVA by a vote of the Board of Directors
on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes indicated is true and correct."

Signature: _____ Month ____ Day ____ Year ____

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Section 1. Qualifications of Members. Membership in this Association shall consist of Regular, Associate and Honorary Members. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, or physical or mental disability, as long as the individual meets the criteria of service requirements as stipulated below. Only Regular Members as defined in A. below have a vote in National or Department matters.

A. Regular Members.

1. **Service in the United States Armed Forces.** Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, is eligible for membership if:
a. Said service was within Korea including territorial waters and airspace at any time, September 3, 1945 to Present, or
b. Said service was outside of Korea, June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955.
2. **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.
3. **Prisoner of War.** Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
4. **Gold Star Parents.** Any parent whose son/daughter was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
5. **Gold Star Spouses.** Any person whose spouse was killed in action, missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

B. Associate Members.

1. Must not be eligible for Regular membership.
2. Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of this Association and who wishes to support its aims, and not being eligible for Regular Membership; and who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the KWVA Charter and its Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual, 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.

Parades.....

195 – QUEEN CITY [CO]

The chapter has a “Marching Unit” and a parade float which are employed in local communities’ celebrations, festivals, and holiday events. Members are normally greeted with applause, cheers, and “thank yous.”

The marching unit and float create a significant bridge between the veterans and the public, and heighten people’s awareness of the “Forgotten War” to make sure it is not forgotten.

Contact Kenneth E. Camell, chapter founder and Past Commander, at 3120 Baylor Dr., Boulder, CO 80305, 303-494-2013, CamellK@yahoo.com.



Winds swirl and bagpipers skirl as Ch 195 parade unit forms

On active or inactive duty, waiting is the prime duty of Ch 195’s parade participants



“Marching Unit” from Ch 195 prepares to step off



“Forward, March” for Ch 195’s parade participants



Members of Ch 195 discuss strategy at Colorado event

. & Picnics

256 – NORVILLE FINNEY [MI]

We held our annual picnic on 21 August 2011. There was a good turnout of 47 members and guests.

Each year more of our family members gather to enjoy the great food and comradeship.

*James E. McCarthy,
2159 Parliament,
Sterling Heights, MI 48310*



Korean guests enjoy Ch 256's picnic



Open air dining is the order of the day at Ch 256's annual picnic



None of Ch 256's picnic attendees seem camera shy



"At Ease" at Ch 256's picnic



Ch 256's picnic was fun for all ages

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* _____
*- CRUCIAL FOR IMMEDIATE TOUR UPDATES

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:

KWVA Revisit Korea Program
C/O MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS
13198 CENTERPOINTE WAY STE #202
WOODBIDGE, VA 22193-5285

Phone: 703-590-1295 or 800-722-9501
Fax: 703-590-1292
E-Mail: mhtours@miltours.com
www.miltours.com

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.

Dogs And Other Critters in Korea

How many troops carted dogs or other pets around with them in Korea? We see references to them frequently in memoirs, photos, newspaper articles, etc.

For example, we included in the Sept./Oct. 2011 issue an article titled "The Barking Dog On Christmas Hill" (p. 24). That dog suffered a cruel fate. The nearby photo of troops preparing to leave Korea on rotation includes two puppies.** Richard D. Ellmers, in his book, *Regular Army Corporal*, mentions the "platoon's pet puppy" on p. 192. And, the 5th Marines' horse Reckless has been discussed occasionally over the years.

How widespread was the adoption of "pets" by service members in the war? Did sailors keep them aboard ships? Did airmen have pets aboard their bases? Wasn't it dangerous to let animals attach themselves to military units, especially those at the front lines?

Let us know your thoughts. Send them to us at Editor, The Graybeards, 895 Ribaut Rd., #13, Beaufort, SC 29902.

** The nearby photos were taken by Jim Koukl, who served with the 21st Explosive Ordnance Squad (EOD) in Korea. The unit supported troops at Heartbreak Ridge, Sandbag Castle, Punchbowl, and positions adjacent to them. Reach Koukl at 2 Silverbreeze, Irvine, CA 92614, 949-733-9240.



Ready for Rotation (L-R) Jerry Gravatt, "Pop" Harland, Jim Koukl of the 21st EOD

Troops arriving in Seattle in the spring of 1953



Returning home to the Port of Seattle in spring of 1953

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