

The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

Tell America

1 - GULF COAST [AL]

Members gave a presentation at Bay Minette Intermediate School. The students were more interested in individuals' parts in the war than in the actual history of it. Either way they asked a lot of questions.



Students at Bay Minette, AL Tell America presentation

Joseph Bolton of Ch 2 speaks to students at Bay Minette Intermediate School



Harry Sims (R) and Joseph Bolton of Ch 2 at Bay Minette Intermediate School with host Amelia Bates



17 - LT RICHARD E. CRONAN [FL]

We hosted school kids at our Veterans Park at 100 NE 4 Street in Boynton Beach, which contains monuments from WWI, WWII, Korea, etc. The kids walk around and listen to talks about each war.

This year Congressman Allen West (R-FL) was there to speak.

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

Editor's Note: The park has an interesting history, according to the city's website. The property was acquired through Palm Beach County, which acquired it from a private owner as a foreclosure on unpaid taxes some-

time in the 1960s.

The park was upgraded with pathways during the mid 1990s during the time that the Boynton Beach Great American Love Affair (G.A.L.A.) Festival was held in downtown.

The park originally was the site of a monument naming all the veterans from town (originally in the park where the City parking lot now is). An American flag is flown here every day in honor of our local veterans. Source: http://www.boynton-beach.org/government/departments/recreation_and_parks/parks/veterans_park.html



Bernie Ruthberg, Bob Green, Al Ratner (L-R) of Ch 17 at Boynton Beach Veterans Park



Congressman Allen West with Al Ratner (L) and Bob Green (R) in Boynton Beach



School kids listen to Al Ratner as he shows Christmas Hill on map. Bob Spahn, with blue shirt, stands behind Ratner

19 – GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

We gave a presentation at Sope Elementary School. Jim Conway, conatlanta@comcast.net



Bob Hendershott of Ch 19 shows the children of Sope Elementary School the helmet he wore during the Korean War

49 – OCEAN COUNTY [NJ]

We presented a Tell America session inside the library at Tom River High School in May. We spoke to two classes. Each had fifty students. Presenters talked about what they did during their times in Korea.

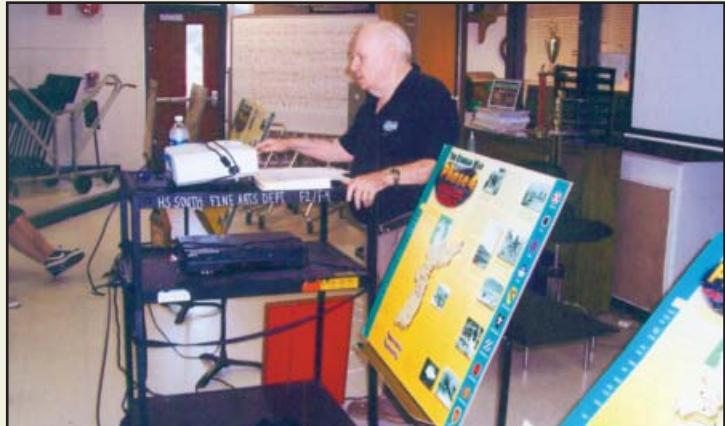
We did an "encore" presentation on 17 May. This time we were

assigned to the main band room. Roy Hendra spoke about how cold it was and how brutal the Chinese and North Koreans were. Roy did a great job of answering their questions.

Tony Grace, Commander, 34 Cabrillo Blvd., Toms River, NJ 08757

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Roy Hendra of Ch 49 speaks at Toms River High School



Students at Toms River High School listen to Ch 49 presenters



Tony Grace, Vince Spezial, Howard Allen, and Nick Troisi of Ch 49 (L-R) present material

55 – NASSAU COUNTY #1 [NY]

On May 24th our Tell America Team made a presentation at the Weber Middle School in Port Washington, NY. The five members present were William Boise, Buddy Epstein, Thomas Nuzzo, William Troise and Team Captain Donald Zoeller.

Following a format favored by the Weber Middle School, for each class the Team Members sat behind five separate tables with a fifth of the class facing them from the other side of the table.

Because the school's history classes had just covered the Korean War, each team member told the students at his table of his experiences during the Korean War, how he felt about it and how his life worked out after the war.

Over the course of the hour with each class, the students rotated from table to table, so every student heard and could ask questions about each Team Member's experiences. The presentation was very favorably received. Two

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weeks after the presentation we received a package from the school. The opening paragraph of a covering letter read:

"Please find enclosed almost 100 adoring letters written by my students. I really can't tell you how

much they enjoyed your visit. They are still talking about stories they heard last Thursday! For eighth graders that's a long time."

Robert P. O'Brien, 408 Fifth Ave., Cedarhurst, NY 11516



The Ch 55 Tell America Team (L-R) William Troise, Buddy Epstein, Donald Zoeller, William Boise, Thomas Nuzzo



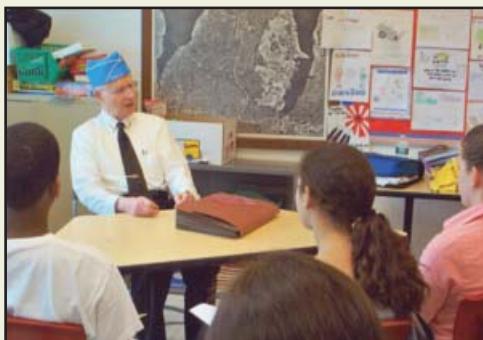
Teacher at Weber Middle School looks at Ch 55 member William Troise's presentation materials



Weber Middle School students surround Ch 55 presenter Thomas Nuzzo's table



Buddy Epstein of Ch 55 speaks to Weber Middle School students



Team Captain Donald Zoeller of Ch 55 holds Weber Middle School students' attention



William Boise of Ch 55 explains Korean War activities to Weber Middle School group

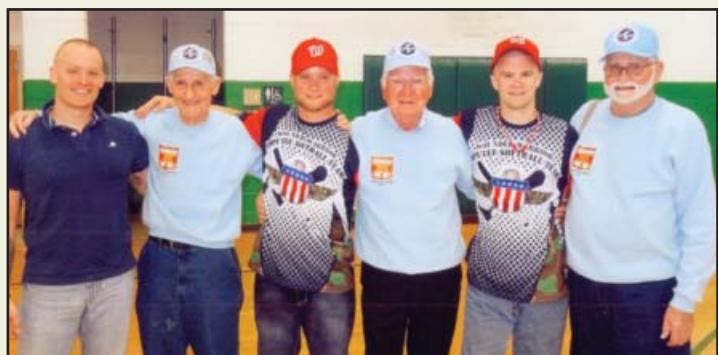
168 – QUAD CITIES [IA]

Members met with players on the Wounded Warriors softball team during a presentation at Geneseo Middle School in Geneseo, IA. They were all there for a Tell America presentation.

The Wounded Warrior team mem-

bers included Geneseo resident Tyler Hoogerwerf, who was injured in Afghanistan, and outfielders Greg Reynolds and Kyle Earl.

Arthur Holevoet, 16801 County Highway 5, Atkinson, IL 61235



Tyler Hoogerwerf, Daniel Foulke, Greg Reynolds, Robert Fitts, Kyle Earl, Art Holevoet (L-R) at Geneseo Middle School

169 - LAKE COUNTY [FL]

In an article in the March-April 2011 issue of The Graybeards (pp. 44-46), I discussed in some detail the first two years of our chapter's Tell America program. This article will show you where we have grown with the program, mainly with photographs from our recent activities in various Lake County, FL, schools.

Tell America tells people, especially young people, "The Where, When and Why of the Korean War." We add "The So What." We have made contact with high schools through the ROTC programs. We have also gone to a middle school and to several private schools, with students from

mid-level on up.

One of the major improvements we have made has been the addition of exhibits and visual aids to our program. These, especially the helmets and bayonets, intrigue students.

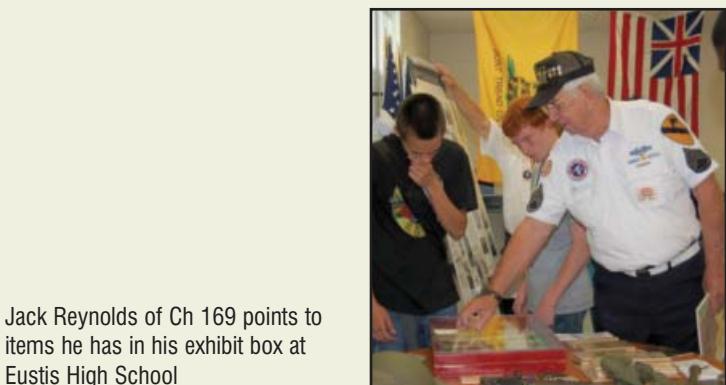
Another significant addition to our program has been the contributions of our Gold Star Spouse member, Carol Becker. Carol tells of her experiences as a very young bride, expecting word from her husband Bob Becker telling her he was coming home; after all it was after the signing of the cease-fire in August 1953. Instead, she tells of receiving a telegram that said "We regret to



An unknown Eustis High School student interviews Dick Pfahler of Ch 169



Three St. Paul Catholic School students look sharp in assorted headgear from Dwight Brown's Tell America exhibits



Jack Reynolds of Ch 169 points to items he has in his exhibit box at Eustis High School

inform you" The schoolroom was deathly silent!

Another addition to our TA Program is being contributed by Gloria Corbet, who retired from the military as a Colonel. Gloria is an Honorary Chapter 169 member, and her contribution uniquely addresses questions female students raise about a military career for them.

Yet another addition to our program is a fold-out display panel, which I have prepared from photos of my time in Korea in 1951-52. This provides a very good means of illustrating a certain point in my presentation, such as Hill 633 near the center of the panel, or that I never slept in a building or off the ground in my total time in Korea.

We also use a chapter-prepared tri-fold brochure to strengthen our message to students and to the public at large. We have distributed several thousand of this

short two-page handout, both directly to students, and also extensively to Publix [Supermarket] shoppers at our Tell America fund drives. Note: TA Fund Drives—yes we treat our fund drives as Tell America events! (Access the brochure at http://cid169.kwva.org/tell_america/Images/Brochure%202012-04-22.pdf)

We always donate to the programs we visit. We have, for example, donated \$500.00 each to the Leesburg, Mount Dora, and Eustis AF Jr. ROTC programs to be used where it will be of the most benefit to the corps. We contribute a lesser amount to the middle schools we visit. All of our visits to high schools, indeed all schools we visit, are outstanding, and our chapter's Tell America team members truly enjoy participating.

But 2012 was our first time to Eustis High School, and AF Jr. ROTC program leader Col.

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Ch 169 Gold Star Spouse member Carol Becker talks to students of the AF Jr. ROTC Program at Mount Dora High School; Claus Tiesman is at left



Ch 169 Honorary Member Gloria Corbet, with Sgt. Young of the Eustis High School AF Jr. ROTC Program, addresses questions raised by women regarding military careers