

Election Issue! Election Issue! Election Issue! Election Issue!

# KOREA VETERANS

## The Graybeards



Official Publication of  
**THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION**  
January - February 2013 Vol. 27, No. 1



**Vote! Vote! Vote!**  
Ballot Inside



# The Graybeards

Official Publication of  
**THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION**



The Graybeards is the official publication of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA). It is published six times a year for members and private distribution. It is not sold by subscription.

**MAILING ADDRESS FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS:**  
Administrative Assistant, P.O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407. **MAILING ADDRESS TO SUBMIT MATERIAL/ CONTACT EDITOR:** Graybeards Editor, 895 Ribaut Rd. #13, Beaufort, SC 29907. **MAILING ADDRESS OF THE KWVA:** P.O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407. **WEBSITE:** <http://www.kwva.org>

In loving memory of General Raymond Davis, our Life Honorary President, Deceased.

## We Honor Founder William T. Norris

**Editor**  
Arthur G. Sharp  
895 Ribaut Rd. #13  
Beaufort, SC 29902  
Ph: 860-202-3088  
[sharp\\_arthur\\_g@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:sharp_arthur_g@sbcbglobal.net)

**Advertising Manager**  
**Frank Bertulis**  
99 Deerfield Ln  
Matawan, NJ 07747-1332  
Ph: 732-566-2737  
[FBEB@optonline.net](mailto:FBEB@optonline.net)

**Publisher**  
**Finisterre Publishing Inc.**  
3 Black Skimmer Ct  
Beaufort, SC 29907  
[finisterre@islc.net](mailto:finisterre@islc.net)

### Membership Office

**Address Changes, Corrections,  
& All Membership Questions**  
**Jamie Rednour**  
Membership Administrative Assistant  
PO Box 407  
Charleston, IL 61920-0407  
Ph: 217-345-4414  
[Membership@kwva.org](mailto:Membership@kwva.org)

**Webmaster**  
**Jim Doppelhammer**  
Double Hammer Computer Services  
430 W. Lincoln Ave.  
Charleston, IL 61920-7471  
Ph: 217-512-9474  
[webmaster@kwva.org](mailto:webmaster@kwva.org)

### National KWVA Headquarters

**President**  
**James E. Ferris**  
4311 Lazybrook Circle  
Liverpool, NY 13088  
Ph: 315-457-1681  
[JimFerrisKWVA@aol.com](mailto:JimFerrisKWVA@aol.com)

**Immediate Past President &  
Sr. Advisor to Chairman of Board**  
**William F. Mac Swain**  
8452 Marys Creek De  
Benbrook, TX 76116-7600  
Ph: 817-244-0706  
[BillMacSwain@charter.net](mailto:BillMacSwain@charter.net)

**1st Vice President**  
**Larry Kinard**  
2108 Westchester Dr  
Mansfield, TX 76063  
Ph: 682-518-1040  
[Larry.Kinard@yahoo.com](mailto:Larry.Kinard@yahoo.com)

**2nd Vice President**  
**Roy E. Aldridge**  
6544 Grand ridge Dr.  
El Paso, TX 79912  
Ph: 915-581-4725  
[Royaldridge@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:Royaldridge@sbcbglobal.net)

**Secretary**  
**Frank E. Cohee, Jr.**  
4037 Chelsea Lane  
Lakeland, FL 33809-4063  
Ph: 863-859-1384  
[KWVASec@gmail.com](mailto:KWVASec@gmail.com)

**Asst. Secretary**  
**Jacob L. Feaster, Jr.**  
(See Mem. Mgmt.)

**Asst. Secretary**  
**John Barwinczok**  
25 Leavenworth Ave  
Auburn, NY 13021-4552  
Ph: 315-253-6022  
[JBarwinczok@verizon.net](mailto:JBarwinczok@verizon.net)

**Treasurer**  
**Carmen Zeolla**  
5077 Stagecoach Rd.  
Camillus, NY 13031  
Ph: 315-484-9363  
[Carmenzeolla@gmail.com](mailto:Carmenzeolla@gmail.com)

**Asst. Treasurer**  
**Garry J. Rockburn**  
518 East Ave.  
Kirkville, NY 13082  
Ph: 315-656-8528  
[GarryJRockburn@gmail.com](mailto:GarryJRockburn@gmail.com)

**Membership Management**  
**Jacob L. Feaster, Jr., Supervisor**  
22731 N Hwy 329, Micanopy, FL 32667  
HPH: 352-466-3493 Cell: 352-262-1845  
FAX: 352-466-3493 [JFeaster@kwva.org](mailto:JFeaster@kwva.org)  
**Jim Doppelhammer, Data Base Develop.**  
(See Webmaster)  
**Jamie Rednour, Data Base Input**  
(See Address Changes, etc)

### Directors

#### Term 2010-2013

**James Fountain**  
14541 Soho Dr., Florissant, MO 63034  
Ph: 314-974-3579 [BudFon@netzero.net](mailto:BudFon@netzero.net)

**Arthur S. Griffith**  
499 Mechanic ST Apt 1  
Leominster, MA 01453-4431  
Ph: 978-833-0892 [ArtZKWVA@yahoo.com](mailto:ArtZKWVA@yahoo.com)

**Thomas M. McHugh**  
217 Seymour Road  
Hackensack, NJ 07840  
Ph: 908-852-1964 [TMMcHugh@msn.com](mailto:TMMcHugh@msn.com)

**Thomas W. Stevens**  
5310 W. 122nd Terrace  
Overland Park, KS 66209-3518  
Ph: 913-696-0447 [StevensT@swbell.net](mailto:StevensT@swbell.net)

#### Term 2011-2014

**Lewis M. Ewing**  
310 Clay Hill Dr., Winchester, VA 22602  
Ph: 540-678-1787 [LewEwing@gmail.com](mailto:LewEwing@gmail.com)

**Richard E. Brown, Sr.**  
2307 Gring Dr., West Lawn, PA 19609  
Ph: 610-670-2886 [Rebpi1@comcast.net](mailto:Rebpi1@comcast.net)

**George E. Lawhon**  
600 E Weddell Dr #91, Sunnyvale, CA 94089  
Ph: 408-734-0305  
[george.e.lawhon@gmail.com](mailto:george.e.lawhon@gmail.com)

**Luther E. Rice, Jr.**  
414 Water St, Aurora, IN 47001-1242  
Ph: 812-926-2790 [LERiceJr@yahoo.com](mailto:LERiceJr@yahoo.com)

#### Term 2012-2015

**Luther Dappen**  
510 W Pipestone Ave.,  
Flandreau, SD 57028-1619  
Ph: 605-997-2847 [LHDappen@yahoo.com](mailto:LHDappen@yahoo.com)

**J. Tilford Jones**  
6958 Heatherknoll Dr  
Dallas, TX 75248-5534  
Ph: 972-233-7263 [TilJ@flash.net](mailto:TilJ@flash.net)

**Salvatore Scarlato**  
19 Torlen Ct.  
Hauptpauge, NY 11788  
Ph: 631-724-5459 [Salbalboa@verizon.net](mailto:Salbalboa@verizon.net)

**Ezra F. "Frank" Williams**  
2 Cedar Ln., O'Fallon, MO 63366-3404  
Ph: 636-240-6806 [EzraW@centurytel.net](mailto:EzraW@centurytel.net)  
Appointed/Assigned Staff

**Judge Advocate**  
**William B. Burns**  
105 Emann Dr, Camillus  
NY 13031-2077  
Ph: 315-487-1750, [BillBurnsKWVA@aol.com](mailto:BillBurnsKWVA@aol.com)

**National Legislative Director**  
**Charlie Price**  
126 Dirksen Dr  
Debarry, FL 32713-3837  
Ph: 407-221-6949, [CharleyPrice@aol.com](mailto:CharleyPrice@aol.com)

**National Insurance Director**  
(Open)

**National Legislative Assistant**  
**Roy J. Burkhart**  
PO Box 204  
Willow, AK 99688  
Ph: 907-841-9162, [RJBurk@mtaonline.net](mailto:RJBurk@mtaonline.net)

**National Legislative Field Man**  
**Donald R. Duffy**  
1901 N Mercer St  
New Castle, PA 16105-2845  
Ph: 724-654-1961, [PRGDUF@verizon.net](mailto:PRGDUF@verizon.net)

**National Veterans Service Officer (VSO)**  
**Arthur E. Hills**  
4300 Esta Lee Ave., Killeen, TX 76549  
Ph: 254-526-6567, [AHills@hotmail.com](mailto:AHills@hotmail.com)

**National VAVS Director**  
**J. D. Randolph**  
1523 Pinebluff Dr., Allen, TX 75002-1870  
Ph: 972-359-2936, [Randy9683@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:Randy9683@sbcbglobal.net)

**POW/MIA Coordinator**  
**Michael A. Trapani**  
54 Wegman St  
Auburn, NY 13021-4350  
Ph: 315252-9123, [MTrip55645@aol.com](mailto:MTrip55645@aol.com)

**KWVA Liaison to Canadian KVA:**  
**Garry J. Rockburn**  
518 East Ave., Kirkville, NY 13082-9706  
Ph: 315-656-8528, [ottawa1932@netzero.com](mailto:ottawa1932@netzero.com)

**KWVA Liaison to Korean War Nat'l Museum**  
**Robert Mitchell**  
3021 Rosefield Dr.  
Houston, TX 77080-2609  
Ph: 713-939-8880

**KWVA Liaison to Korean-American Assn.**  
**Jongwoo Han**  
310 Summerhaven Dr N  
East Syracuse, NY 13057-3127  
Ph: 315-637-9836, [JongHan@syr.edu](mailto:JongHan@syr.edu)

**Chaplain Emeritus**  
**Robert Personette**  
7136 Oak Leaf Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409  
Ph: 707-539-7276, [PamP@vom.com](mailto:PamP@vom.com)

**Chaplain Emeritus**  
**Leonard F. Stegman**  
4707 Broadway St. Apt 123  
San Antonio, TX 78209-6202  
Ph: 210-822-4041 Fax: 210-805-9127  
[Halo6@aol.com](mailto:Halo6@aol.com)

**National Chaplain**  
**Leo G. Ruffing**  
3500 Doerr Rd., Portsmouth, VA 23703-3183  
Ph: 757-484-8299, [LRuffing1@cox.net](mailto:LRuffing1@cox.net)

**KWVA Liaison to Washington, DC**  
**Warren Wiedhahn**  
13198 Centerpointe Way, Suite 202  
Woodbridge, VA 22193-5285  
Ph: 703-590-1295, [JWiedhahn@aol.com](mailto:JWiedhahn@aol.com)

### KWVA Committees

**Budget/Finance Committee**  
**J. Tilford Jones, Chairman**  
(See Directors)

**Bylaws Committee**  
**Lewis M. Ewing, Chairman**  
(See Directors)

**Recruitment Committee**  
**John T. "Sonny" Edwards, Chairman**  
14370 Mill Swamp Rd.  
Smithfield, VA 23430-3536  
Ph: 757-357-2331, [KVetEdwards@yahoo.com](mailto:KVetEdwards@yahoo.com)

**Membership Committee**  
**Thomas W. Stevens, Chairman**  
(See Directors)

**Election Committee**  
**Thomas M. McHugh, Chairman**  
(See Directors)

**Resolutions Committee**  
**Salvatore "Sal" Scarlato**  
(See Directors)

**Fund Raising Committee**  
**Arthur S. Griffith, Chairman**  
(see Directors)

**Tell America Committee**  
**Larry Kinard, Chairman**  
2108 Westchester Dr  
Mansfield, TX 76063  
Ph: 682-518-1040  
[Larry.Kinard@yahoo.com](mailto:Larry.Kinard@yahoo.com)

**Billy J. Scott**  
196 W. Crescent St.  
Boyce, VA 22620-9702.

**Revisit Committee**  
**Tom Clawson, Chairman**  
953 Gorman Av  
St Paul, MN 55118  
Ph: 651-457-6653  
[TimClawson@charter.net](mailto:TimClawson@charter.net)

**Warren Wiedhahn, Coordinator**  
13198 Centerpointe Way, #202  
Woodbridge, VA 22193-5285  
Ph: 703-590-1295  
[JWiedhahn@aol.com](mailto:JWiedhahn@aol.com)

**Ethics and Grievance Committee**  
**Stephen Szekely, Chairman**

**National Ceremonies Committee**  
**Thomas M. McHugh, Chairman**  
(See Directors)

See detailed list of committees at  
[WWW.KWVA.ORG](http://WWW.KWVA.ORG)



# From the President

James E. Ferris

I can't believe it, but it has been approximately six months since you elected me as President of the KWVA. Six extremely fast, furious, busy, interesting, exciting, trying, sometimes exciting, sometimes disappointing six months. Regardless, I thank you again for your trust in me by electing me to this important office.

We have been busy, to say the least. I'll start with some exciting things. On Veterans Day my wife and I were invited to breakfast with the President and his wife. Of course, we weren't the only people there. At least a hundred others were in attendance. Whatever your political views may be, it is quite an honor and privilege to visit the White House.

After breakfast we were transported to the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery. I was escorted to the stage at the amphitheater along with several other heads of VSOs, e.g., CINC of the VFW, American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, Catholic War Veterans, POW and so on—about a dozen in all. We were seated in line with President Obama while he gave the keynote speech. Approximately 5,000 people were in attendance. It was a moving experience.

After President Obama presented a wreath at the tomb, I, along with Larry Kinard, our First VP, Director Tom McHugh, and Carmen Zeolla, a member of my chapter, presented a wreath at the tomb. That was a great experience. During this ceremony Larry Kinard and Carmen Zeolla were flag bearers. All in all, a great day.

Another once-in-a-lifetime experience came as a result of the efforts of the Department of Defense to honor the Korean War veterans on the 60th anniversary of the signing of the armistice. My wife and I were invited to ride on a float the DOD built for the Rose Bowl Parade. This was awesome, albeit extremely tiresome. Can you imagine one million people waving at you as you pass by on a magnificent float that was a replica of

There was a notice on page 34 of the last *Graybeards* edition indicating that any chapter or department that wishes to send in an entry to *The Graybeards* for publication would need to be approved by Jake Feaster to see if your chapter or department was in compliance. I have ordered this practice to stop.

our national memorial in Washington DC? I can assure you my arm is still sore.

I thank General Walter "Skip" Sharp and Col. David Clark of the DOD for this wonderful tribute to us as Korean War veterans.

One more great thing, but just as exciting and wonderful, occurred. My wife and I were invited by Col. Clark and the DOD to be guests at West Point Military Academy for the Army vs. Temple football game. The DOD bused in several Korean War veterans from the New York-New Jersey-Pennsylvania area under the supervision of our National Director, Sal Scarlato. That was another great honor for Korean War veterans.

As you know, President Obama has proclaimed that 2013 is the year of the Korean War veteran, which accounts for all these events. The big one is coming up in Washington DC in July of this year. An explanation of this is published in this edition of *The Graybeards*. I urge all of you to join us in Washington for the 60th anniversary. I will talk more about this event later in this message.

I know this all sounds like fun—and some of it is—but the main point is that all of these events are good for the KWVA. We are getting big press coverage and a lot of exposure to the media. I receive letters, calls and email from all over the world about who we are. This is all good for our recruiting efforts.

Suffice it to say, I have not lost my enthusiasm for the basic things that you elected me to do. Along with Sonny Edwards and Tom Stevens, we are constantly coming up with new ideas for recruiting. We did get a kick in the you know what when HR 5903 died with the

last Congress. However, we are introducing a new one. I have no doubt that it will pass, since it has absolutely no objectors. All we need is get it on the floor. I have appointed Charley Price as our National Liaison to Congress. With his experience, I am sure we will be successful in getting this passed.

I am still working on ways to make *The Graybeards* self supporting. The South Korean government cannot help us out in this matter. I understand why, and I am not upset. We are working on other means to make this happen.

Now let's talk about the 60th anniversary event in Washington DC this summer. I appointed Warren Weidhahn as chairman of this committee. He is working extremely hard on this project and has my complete cooperation. Warren and I are working closely with the DoD and the South Korean Embassy to make sure this is an event we will never forget.

We have had several meetings in Washington with General Sharp, Col. Clark, Major General Lee of the Embassy, and several people representing the VFW, American Legion, POW Association, and many others. I am sure we will have more. There are still many things to be ironed out to make this an extraordinary event. The basic information that you need right now to be part of this is published in this edition of *The Graybeards*.

I urge all of you to begin plans to attend now. We have a limited amount of rooms at the Sheraton Pentagon hotel, so make your reservations now. I wish we could publish all of the events, but I know we will not have them all decided

Continued on page 7



**COVER:** The Korean War Veterans float in the 2013 Rose Bowl Parade, Pasadena, CA. Aboard float (l-r) are Darlene Clark, Col. David Clark from the DOD (standing), KWVA President James Ferris, Felice Ferris, MOH recipient Hiroshi Miyamura, and SPF Benjamin Frys, U.S. Army. On other side of float, but not shown, are Mike Glazzy, California State President KWVA, James McEachin and Solomon Jamerson, Korean War vets, and PFC Lindsay Clark, U.S. Army, daughter of Col. Clark.



32



52



74



77

# CONTENTS

## Business

|  |    |
|--|----|
| From the President.....                                    | 3  |
| From the Secretary .....                                   | 6  |
| Reporting Deaths to the KWVA.....                          | 7  |
| Chapter Recruiting Contest Rules .....                     | 8  |
| Where There's A Will There's A Way To Make Gifts To KWVA.. | 11 |
| Thanks for Supporting <i>The Graybeards</i> .....          | 11 |
| Minutes Of Annual Membership Meeting – St. Louis MO        | 12 |
| Candidates for KWVA Directors.....                         | 16 |
| Recruiting .....   | 19 |
| Official Membership Application Form.....                  | 71 |

## Features & Articles

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Guest Editorial .....                      | 24 |
| Did He Do It?.....                         | 53 |
| Friends .....                              | 58 |
| Hill 395 – The Pride Of The ROK Army ..... | 60 |

## Departments

|  |    |
|--|----|
| The Editor's Desk.....                   | 10 |
| Reunion Calendar .....                   | 15 |
| Tell America .....                       | 28 |
| Thanks .....                             | 32 |
| Chapter & Department News .....          | 34 |
| Parades .....                            | 52 |
| Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions ..... | 54 |
| Monuments and Memorials .....            | 55 |
| Members in the News .....                | 56 |
| Welcome Aboard.....                      | 61 |
| Feedback/Return Fire .....               | 62 |
| Last Call .....                          | 69 |
| Recon Missions .....                     | 70 |

## News & Notes

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Soldier Missing Fom Korean War Identified .....  | 19 |
| KWVA Reunion Activity Registration Form .....  | 20 |
| Agenda: Korean War Veterans Association Reunion .....                                      | 21 |
| Tours Descriptions: Korean War Veterans Association Reunion                                | 22 |
| New USO Facilities Open At Phoenix Airport .....   | 23 |
| Misfires .....   | 23 |
| 60th Anniversary Memorial Fund-Raiser .....  | 25 |
| Korean War 60th Anniversary Update: Last Request for<br>Articles .....                     | 26 |
| Soldier Missing From Korean War Identified .....   | 53 |
| Korean Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs<br>Honors Medal of Honor Recipients ..... | 74 |
| Hawaiian Chapters Observe Start of Korean War.....   | 77 |



# EXCLUSIVE KOREAN SERVICE MILITARY WAR VETERANS BIRTHSTONE WATCH

FEATURING YOUR SERVICE BRANCH EMBLEM, BIRTHSTONES & MONOGRAM, SERVICE MEDAL AND RIBBON

We proudly present our Official Diamond Military Watches to honor your service to our Country.

- Water-resistant case frames the Korean Service Medal minted in high-relief, the Service Ribbon in official colors and a genuine Diamond at 12 o'clock.
- Your choice of Service Branch Emblem, personal monogram and five brilliant birthstones are featured on the adjustable, 23 Karat Gold decorated dress bracelet.
- Caseback engraved with your initials and years served.
- Precision quartz movement provides timekeeping accuracy within seconds per month.
- Priced at just \$125\*, payable in two convenient, interest-free monthly installments of \$62.50\* each. See order form for details.
- Your satisfaction guaranteed 100% or return watch within 30 days for replacement or refund. So, order yours today!



Korean Service Diamond Watch shown with Army Service Branch Emblem and Emerald birthstones.



**PERFECT GIFT  
FOR HOLIDAYS  
& BIRTHDAYS!**

## YOUR CHOICE OF SERVICE EMBLEM



Birthstones are simulated for consistent size and clarity. Names refer to color. Diamond on dial is a genuine .02 ct. stone.

**CALL TOLL FREE TO ORDER: 1-800-255-3048**

Mon. - Fri. from 9am - 5pm EST. Have Credit Card ready when ordering.



**FREE FLAG PIN  
WITH EVERY ORDER**

OR, MAIL TO: Veterans Commemoratives™, Two Radnor Corporate Center, Suite 120, Radnor, PA 19087-4599

☐ **YES.** I wish to order my personalized Diamond Military watch, with my Korean Service Medal & Ribbon dial, Service Branch Emblem, monogram and birthstones, initials and years of service.

**SERVICE BRANCH:** ☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Air Force ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Coast Guard  
☐ Merchant Marine ☐ Seabees ☐ Navy Seal

**BIRTHSTONE MONTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MONOGRAM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INITIALS DESIRED (3):** \_\_\_\_\_ **YRS. SERVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

### I WISH TO PAY AS FOLLOWS:

- ☐ Enclosed is my check or money order for \$125\* per watch payable to "Veterans Commemoratives" as payment in full, or
- ☐ Charge my credit card \$125\* per watch as payment in full, or
- ☐ Charge my credit card in 2 monthly installments of \$62.50\* each.

Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

CC# \_\_\_\_\_ exp. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**SHIPPING ADDRESS (WE CANNOT SHIP TO P.O. BOXES) ALLOW 4-6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\* Plus \$14.95 per watch for engraving, shipping & handling.

\* PA residents add 6% (\$8.40) sales tax.

©2010-2013 KCM MEDCIBRS-GRB-0213



## From the Secretary



Frank Cohee

### Death Of A Friend

I received notice today of the passing of a great friend and a hero of the Korean War, Lee Dauster. Lee lost a leg in combat while serving in Korea, but that did not interfere with his continuing service in support of the military.

I met Lee when he served as a Director of the KWVA. We immediately became very close friends, maybe because I had a grandson in the Marines.

Lee had a computerized prosthesis that he was really proud of, and he was able to maneuver better than some of the other veterans who still had both legs. He will be missed and our prayers go out to his family.

One will never find another person like Lee Dauster.

### Mining The Minutes

I am going to be selfish for this issue and talk about myself. As most of you probably do not know, one of my many jobs is to condense the various verbatim minutes so that the important content can be published in *The Graybeards*. Believe me, this is not easy.

The last Board meeting minutes comprised 121 pages, which I condensed into 3 pages in the Nov-Dec 2012 issue of *The Graybeards*. The Annual Membership Meeting verbatim minutes totaled 92 pages, resulting in 7 typewritten pages, which are in this issue. This "Mining the Minutes" process takes several hours/days to complete.

My point in telling you this is because of space requirements. I cannot include everything that was said, and I will occasionally omit what you may think was important to you. I recently received a call complaining about some things that I did not include in the condensed Board minutes. I do not omit those items intentionally, but as I have said it is a space problem, and once it is done, it is done.

### No KWVA Scholarships

I am still getting a lot of requests for scholarships from our members. The KWVA has not offered scholarships for several years. In 2011 there was a scholarship offered and I handled it, but it was sponsored by a Korean organization, not the KWVA.

### With A Song In Our Hearts

Here is an e-mail that I received: "When I was watching the 12-12 Concert last night I learned about *The Graybeards* and would be so pleased to get our song out into the Graybeard community.

Please listen by clicking on the link below. I hope you enjoy our song and do share it. Please feel free to add the following link to your website: Carla Gordon - Thank The Ones Who Serve - YouTube

Kind regards from Chicago,

Carla Gordon, 773-528-7677"

### When Did Our "Conflict" Become A War?

Recently someone was asking about when our war was changed from "conflict" to "war." I have heard various discussions about it, but this is the first time I have seen anything in writing. Actually, Annelie Weber found this and I thought all of you might want to see it.

Please let me know if you have anything else that speaks to this question.

From Annelie

I just found this message in my "draft" folder. Not certain if original message was received. But here is the information regarding when the "Korean Conflict" was changed to Korean War. Attached is a copy taken from the Public Laws as passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Sadly, it made no national news.

I've scoured most of the national newspapers and none, to my reading, gave it any "news item of worth"... Go figure.

Annelie.

Frank Cohee, National Secretary, KWVA

### CALL FOR BOARD MEETING, MARCH 20, 2013

A Board meeting is called for March 20, 2013 from 0900 until 1700. March 19 and 21, 2013 are travel days. The meeting will take place at the Holiday Inn-Syracuse/Liverpool, 441

Electronics Parkway, Liverpool, NY, Tel: 315-457-1122, and continuing with recesses through the completion of all business properly brought before it. When calling for reservations, tell them that you are with the KWVA. The hotel has a shuttle from the airport.

#### AGENDA:

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Administrative Announcements
- Roll Call and Introductions
- Approval of the agenda
- Guest speakers
- Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO, Oct. 11, 2012
- Treasurer's Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Reports from Committees
- For the Good of the Order
- Benediction
- Salute to the Colors
- Motion to Adjourn

Submitted by Frank Cohee  
National/Association Secretary, KWVA



## PRESIDENT from page 3

on in time for this publication. The DOD folks are trying very hard to put things together, but they are running into road-blocks.

In the last issue of *The Graybeards* I asked members to send me any ideas you may have for ads that we can put out to increase our membership. I have received a few, which I appreciate very much. I have given them to Tom Stevens, our membership chairman, to use as he sees fit.

I thank in particular Mike Blau of the Lake Erie Chapter 112, John J. Baker, of Monterey, CA, and Sal Cassati of Aberdeen, NJ. I am not sure what Tom Stevens will do with these, but I am sure he will use them at different times for different needs. I can't print them right now because they need to be re-done for print. Thank you Mike and John. Keep watching; you may see your ads someplace in the near future.

There was a notice on page 34 of the last *Graybeards* edition indicating that any chapter or department that wishes to send in an entry to *The Graybeards* for publication would need to be approved by Jake Feaster to see if your chapter or department was in compliance. I have ordered this practice to stop. Chapters and Departments may send their news and photos directly to *The Graybeards* as outlined in the magazine. I must remind you, however, that space is limited and our editor cannot print everything he receives.

Art Sharp does a great job as editor and tries very hard to print all the items he receives, but that is impossible to do. I am sure you can understand that.

Again, I want you to know, my fellow Korean War veterans, that although I have six months under my belt as

President, with some success and some failure, some disappointments, some very long hours in my office, and even more lengthy waits in airports, that I have not lost my enthusiasm for this job as your President. The next six months are going to be quite trying with the 60th anniversary planning and all the other things we have in the fire.

We will take them one at a time. Larry Kinard and your Second Vice President Roy Aldridge are kept on board on all major events. I make it a practice of doing so. Your Board of Directors is working hard to make the KWVA a great VSO.

A Board meeting is scheduled for March 20th in Syracuse, NY. I am instructing all Board members and appointed staff to come to the meeting with new ideas for us to kick around concerning some of the things we need to do to increase membership and revenue flow and to discuss several other items that I hope to get resolved. We have some great talent on this Board, and I intend to take advantage of it.

Finally, before most of you who are reading this long report fall asleep, I wish all of the members who are running for the office of Director this year good luck. I know all of them well; they are all extremely qualified. It is going to be very difficult for you as voters to pick out the best four.

Please—and I implore you – “VOTE.” It only takes a minute or two to do so. Show interest in your KWVA.

Six months are gone! I hope the next six are as rewarding, but challenging, as the past six.

Thanks again for your continued support.

*Jim Ferris, President*

## Reporting Deaths To The KWVA

Please send death notices DIRECTLY to the KWVA Membership Office, not to the editor of *The Graybeards*. We at the Membership Office are responsible for keeping the membership records up to date. We need to be notified of member deaths so we can properly memorialize them on the KWVA.org website and in the Last Call list in *The Graybeards*.

The editor gets his *Graybeards* Last Call list from us at the Membership Office, not the other way around.

Please do not wait to send an annual update. We need to know at once, as soon as you know. This is the proper way to handle it, and we would really appreciate your chapters' cooperation.

We need the deceased member's full name, membership number (if available), and date of death when you send us the information.

If you are sending us the name of a Korean War veteran who has died, but who is not a member of KWVA National, we will also list their name on the “In Memoriam” section of the KWVA.org website as well as in *The Graybeards* Last Call section. Again, we need the full name and date of death so we can properly memorialize them.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

*Jim Doppelhammer, Webmaster  
KWVA.org/Membership Office  
Technical Advisor, KWVA  
Membership Office, PO Box 407,  
Charleston, IL 61920-0407, Office:  
217-345-4414, Cell: 217-512-9474*

### THE GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

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.

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Jan-Feb .....  | Jan 15  |
| Mar-Apr .....  | Mar 15  |
| May-June ..... | May 15  |
| July-Aug ..... | July 15 |
| Sept-Oct ..... | Sept 15 |
| Nov-Dec .....  | Nov 15  |

Visit the Korean War Veterans Association Website:

**www.KWVA.org**

## Chapter Recruiting Contest Rules

Increasing membership in the KWVA has taken on great importance under the leadership of President Jim Ferris. To emphasize the importance of recruiting into Chapters, a National Chapter competition is being inaugurated. Competition rules are as follows:

- The period for this contest will be six (6) months, beginning March 1, 2013 and ending August 31, 2013.
- A picture and Chapter member names of the winning Chapter will be in *The Graybeards* following completion of the competition period.
- In addition to the recognition given to the winning Chapter, the next five Chapters will receive name recognition in *The Graybeards*.
- The winning Chapters will be determined by comparing percent increase in membership. The Regular membership\* count as of March 1, 2013 will be compared to the Regular membership count on August 31, 2013 to determine the winning Chapter, as well as the next five Chapters.
- For purposes of this contest, only Regular memberships\* are included to determine percent increase in membership.
- In the event of a tie for first place, multiple Chapters will receive recognition in the *Graybeards*, as will be the case for ties for 2nd through 6th place.


Computation of percent increase in Chapter membership includes:

- ♦ New Regular members\*
- ♦ Inactive Regular members\* who re-join during the competition period.

Deaths of existing members or of a newly recruited or re-joined member, if that death occurs during the contest period, shall continue to be reported to the membership office as usual, but will be in the Chapter membership count for the purpose of determining % increase.

Accuracy and timeliness of reporting the status and personal data of Chapter members are of utmost importance to the validity of the contest results.


*Tom Stevens, LR25716*  
Membership Chairman





### Korean War Veterans Association

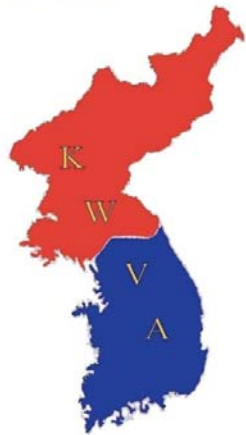

Open to all Korean War / Korean Defense Veterans

Join the Brotherhood of those who have served  
in the defense of Freedom





Korean War Memorial  
Washington, D.C.

Korea Defense Memorial  
Seoul, South Korea

Interested in joining the brotherhood of Korea Vets?

Check us out at: [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)

KWVA Membership Office  
PO Box 407  
Charleston, IL 61920 - 0407

\* REGULAR MEMBERS are those eligible to vote as defined in Article I of Bylaws:  
 [Annual Members]  
 RO - Regular Member  
 CO - Charter Member (National)  
 [Life Members]

GS - Gold Star (Parent or Spouse)  
 LC - Life Member Charter  
 LP - Life Ex-Prisoner of War  
 LR - Life Member Regular  
 MH - Medal of Honor  
 PO - Ex-Prisoner of War

If you earned one of these -



**Korean War Service**  
1950 - 1954



**Korea Defense Service**  
1954 - Present

Then you should be wearing this -



**Korean War Veterans Association**

[www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)

Membership Information & Application:

**KWVA Membership**  
PO Box 407  
Charleston, IL 61920  
217-345-4414  
[Membership@kwva.org](mailto:Membership@kwva.org)

THE MISSION OF THE KWVA/USA is

- DEFEND our Nation
- CARE for our Veterans
- PERPETUATE our Legacy
- REMEMBER our Missing and Fallen
- MAINTAIN our Memorial
- SUPPORT a free Korea

*Join Us Today!*

### RECRUITING!

### RECRUITING!

President Jim Ferris has made RECRUITING his top priority since his election as KWVA President. To give RECRUITING the proper emphasis and to get every KWVA member involved, a Chapter Membership Recruiting Contest will begin March 1, 2013.



**We Want Members**

Rules of the contest are outlined above. Let's do it!

*Tom Stevens,*  
Membership Chairman

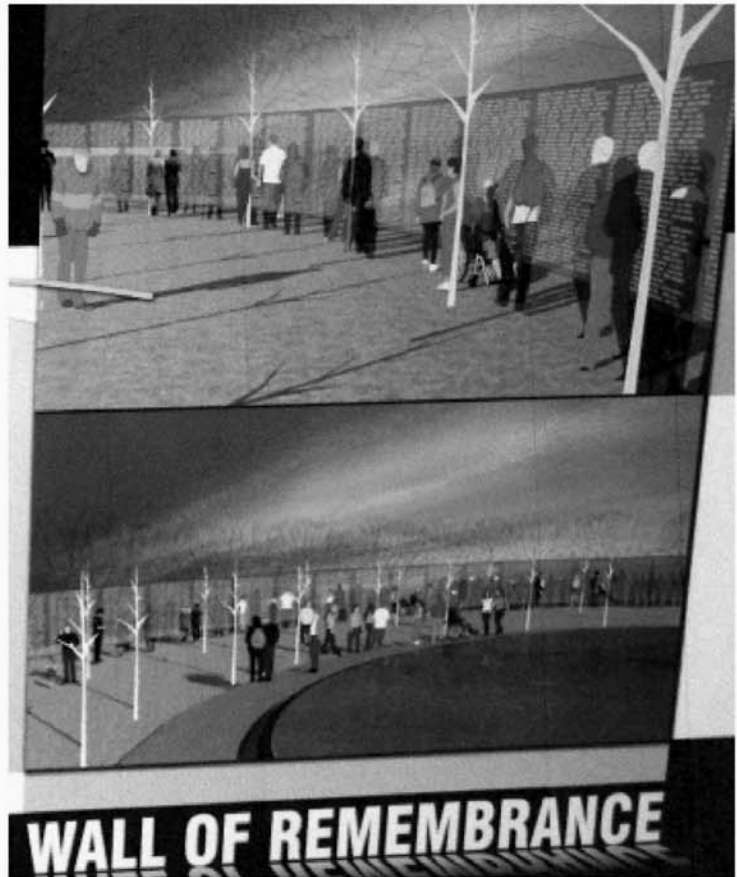


# HR- 318 113<sup>th</sup> Congress

My fellow KORWARVETS and KORDEFVETS:

The HR above is the same as HR 2563 that died in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress last year. What it mandates is full compliance with PL 99-572 which originally authorized our Memorial and which said in part, "**-----honor those who served in the Korean War particularly those killed in action-----.**" It has been resubmitted by Congressman Hall of TX and has, at the moment, 22 co-sponsors. We need 300 and more to get it passed in time to have a groundbreaking ceremony on 27 July 13.

If enacted, it will enable a Wall of Remembrance to be added to our Memorial in DC. The Wall will encircle the back half of the Pool of Remembrance. It will be of glass and have inscribed the **names of our fallen comrades** and the number of US KIA, MIA and POW and, the number of KATUSA, ROK and UN--KIA, WIA. MIA and POW. (See picture.)



I need each of you to write your Congressman ASAP and demand that they become co-sponsors!!!! Just a short handwritten note will do! Just say, "**As my Representative, I urge you to co-sponsor HR 318. Enactment of HR 318 will finally enable a Wall to be added to the Korean War Veterans Memorial listing the names of American Soldiery killed in action in the Korean War. Nowhere in our country are they so honored and they deserve to be Remembered--- for now they are Forgotten!**"

There are about 14000+ of you in KWVA. Add your extended family and that can mean in excess of 30000 letters. It will take that many to make this happen as there are some in our country that object to 'another Wall on the Mall!' This will only take a few minutes of your time and a 46 cents stamp. Surely, our fallen comrades deserve this kind of effort on your part.

## DO IT TODAY!

No longer 'THE FORGOTTEN WAR'!

*Bill*

William E. Weber, Col-USA Ret)  
Chmn, Korean War Veterans Memorial Fnd  
[www.KoreanWarVeteransMemorial.org](http://www.KoreanWarVeteransMemorial.org)



## Hopefully William G. Santo Did Not Die In Vain®

No one should die alone. Unfortunately, U.S. Army veteran William G. Santo did. Luckily, there were people who made sure he was not buried alone, or in complete anonymity.

Not dying alone was the subject of an essay I included in one of my books, *Thoughts I Think When I Wasn't Thinking*. I had forgotten about the essay (and the book, as did most people, since the book rose immediately to non-best seller lists everywhere) until I talked to Peter Orenski, an Associate Member of Ch 11, Danbury [CT], a couple months ago.

Orenski said, "Read the story of William Santo's burial that came up at our chapter's meeting last night. It just tugged at my heart all evening. I thought you might find a way to have it tug at the hearts of others around the country to inspire them to similar gestures—the ultimate respect to a veteran none of the participants in the ceremony had ever met."

The story Orenski mentioned was written by Ch 11 President Brendan T. Sniffin regarding the burial service of SP4 William G. Santo. Sniffin wrote:

"I didn't know William Santo, and I don't know what circumstances in his life caused him to die at age 74 without family or friends around him. What I do know is that William served his country in the United States Army, attained the rank of SP4, and at one time was named soldier of the month in his unit. I was told he served in Korea.

"I am told someone mentioned to Korean War veteran Ken Post that they had not seen William in a while; Ken did some research and found that William had been found dead and his body lay unclaimed in the Connecticut state morgue in Farmington.

"Through the efforts of Ken and Danbury's Veterans Advisor Pat Waldron, they managed to get the remains released with the help and generosity of Dan Jowdy of the Jowdy/Kane Funeral Home. William was laid to rest in the veterans section of Wooster Cemetery with a full

It is our duty as veterans to make sure that we find and pay tribute to our deceased comrades who have completed their hour upon the stage in complete anonymity and then are heard no more.



Members of Ch 11 pay respects to William G. Santo

military service on Monday, December 3, 2012. As I looked around at the sizeable gathering of veterans I was struck by the fact that none of us knew this man personally. But we do have a common bond. I hope we never forget it!"

Now, admittedly, my aforementioned essay was about a cat. But, Orenski and Sniffin were talking about a human being. Yet, it was as if Santo had never existed. There is no record of his death in newspapers or on internet sites like legacy.com. He qualifies for Shakespeare's terse description of life in Macbeth, at least the "walking shadow" part: "Out, out brief candle. Life is but a poor player, a walking shadow, that struts and frets its hour upon the stage and then is heard no more." Certainly, Santo strutted and fretted his hour upon the stage, and then was heard no more—almost.

What would have happened if Ken Post had not followed up on the report of Santo's death? How long would William

Santo have lain in the morgue until he was buried inconspicuously in some remote corner of a nondescript cemetery somewhere in Connecticut with no one in attendance? How many other veterans lie in morgues across the country awaiting discovery, burial—and recognition?

There are others. Not too long ago I received a call from a coroner's office in California. The caller told me they had an unclaimed body in their morgue that had been there for some time. They had a name and a piece of paper identifying him as a veteran, but that was all they had. I directed her to the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis for help, and told her to get back to me if she did not get the information she needed. She did not, so I assume she got some help there.

It is our duty as veterans to make sure that we find and pay tribute to our deceased comrades who have completed their hour upon the stage in complete anonymity and then are heard no more. I am not suggesting that we visit morgues across the country and ask administrators if they have any unidentified veterans in their facilities. I am suggesting that we follow the leads of concerned people like Ken Post, Brendan Sniffin, Peter Orenski, Pat Waldron, and Dan Jowdy to make sure that the William Santos of the world receive in death the recognition for their military contributions that they did not receive in life. They earned it. Those of us who are left behind can provide it.

We may not have to do that for cats, but we can certainly do it for veterans.

## Please support our advertisers

Hopefully, our readers will buy their products so we can retain our current advertisers, attract new advertisers, and use the revenues to underwrite the costs of producing *The Graybeards*.



# Where There's A Will There's A Way To Make Gifts To KWVA

People who are looking for a way to leave money to the KWVA might consider doing so through their wills. But, some folks say, that involves the use of an attorney, which can be cost prohibitive. Fortunately, people don't need an attorney to draft a will—although it is not a bad idea to use one whenever possible.

Let's face it: people do not always want to take the time and expense of paying an attorney to draft a will for them. That can sometimes mean that organizations like the KWVA miss out as beneficiaries from folks who might otherwise include them in their wills. So, rather than utilizing attorneys' services, some enterprising people create their own wills through one of two methods.

## Two Ways To Create A Will Without The Use Of A Lawyer

There are two ways a person can create a will, or a codicil (a testamentary document that adds to, subtracts from, qualifies, modifies, revokes, or otherwise alters or explains an existing will) without the aid of an attorney: create a "holographic" will or utilize a statutory will.

### A "Holographic" Will

Space prevents us from explaining how to create a "holographic" will state by state, since laws differ between and among our fifty states. Let's use California as an example. California Probate Code Section 6110-6113 provides for the requirements of a validly executed holographic will. Essentially, a document will be valid as a holographic will if "the signature and the material provisions are in the handwriting of the testator."

A holographic codicil is a simple amendment that references the will and its date. One advantage of a holographic will is that it does not have to be witnessed. However, anyone who wants to protect against claims that the holographic will is not valid should have it witnessed.

### A Statutory Will

The second method is to utilize a statutory will. All states are signatories to the Uniform Probate Code (UPC), but folks are advised to check out their individual states' laws, forms, etc. (To get an idea of individual states' adaptations of the UPC, enter your state's name and Uniform Probate Code, e.g., Idaho Uniform Probate Code, in the internet search box on your computer.) Again, we'll use California as an example here.

The California Statutory will is provided by Probate Code at Section 6240. The California Statutory will is a preprinted form that allows individuals to fill in the blanks with their wishes. California residents can print a copy of the California Statutory Will at this website: <http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Portals/0/documents/publications/Will-Form.pdf>

### Helpful Hint

People who wish to donate money to the KWVA through their will should be specific on how much money they wish to leave to the KWVA. They should spell out the association's name and address: Korean War Veterans Association, P.O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407.

## Q&A

### What happens if I don't have enough money in my estate?

If there is not enough money in your estate to cover all the specific bequests, what is there is usually apportioned.

### How do I donate if I have a trust?

If you have a trust, leaving money to KWVA can be accomplished by a simple amendment. You do not need a whole new trust.

### What if I have any questions about donating to the KWVA through a will?

The simplest way to get answers to the above question is to talk to an attorney or financial advisor.

## Thanks for Supporting The Graybeards

Members are invited to help underwrite the publications costs of *The Graybeards*. All contributions in any amount are welcome. Mail your donations to KWVA Treasurer Carmen Zeolla, 5077 Stagecoach Rd., Camillus, NY 13031 (315-484-9363; [carmenzeolla@gmail.com](mailto:carmenzeolla@gmail.com)). All contributions will be acknowledged, unless the donor specifically requests to remain anonymous. And, if you have an "In memory of" (IMO) request, include that as well. We thank you for your generous support.

| CONTRIBUTOR  | LOCATION |
|--|----------|
| <b>GRAYBEARDS DONATIONS</b>  |          |
| • Albert J. Belmonte   | MA       |
| • Al Benton  | CA       |
| IMO Jackie L. Ritter of S.C., killed while being held as POW                                       |          |
| • Ray Bosch  | OK       |
| • James A Daniels  | CA       |
| • IMO Elmer R. Daniels, Robert K. Daniels, Arthur Daniels, Eugene Clark, and Victor C. Schlichting |          |
| • Thomas Patrick Dowd  | MN       |
| • Jim W. Fredlock  | FL       |
| • Bobby A. Haun  | SC       |
| • Andrew T. Jackson  | NJ       |
| • Harry I. Jefferson Jr.   | MA       |
| • Lt Col.Kang, Moon-Ho, Defense Attache', Korean Embassy   |          |
| • E. Fred Kriszat  | PA       |
| • Ernest J. Kruse  | PA       |
| • Sarah J. Lusardi   | OR       |
| • Ward N. Marianos   | MI       |
| • John Marinchek   | OH       |
| • Lee N. Mead  | NY       |
| • Russel Merrill   | MI       |
| • John Novotny   | MN       |
| • Bert Picotte   | ON       |
| • Richard L. Ross  | OH       |
| • Fred B. Rountree Jr  | NY       |
| IMO Fred Rountree Sr. USAF MIA Korea   |          |
| • L. G. Ruffing  | VA       |
| • John G. Russell  | CT       |
| • Loran F. Stutz   | OH       |
| • Alberto R. Tangonan Sr.  | WA       |
| • Clyde M. Verbryck  | FL       |
| • Dr. Warren Zundell   | NY       |
| <b>KWVA DONATIONS</b>  |          |
| • Max R. Reynolds  | OH       |

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING — ST. LOUIS, MO

**OCTOBER 12, 2012**

**Call for the Meeting:** Website and July-August 2012 issue of *The Graybeards*.

**Place of Announced Meeting:** The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, St. Louis-Westport, 1973 Craigshire Rd., St. Louis, MO 63146

**Call to Order:** President Ferris called the meeting to order at 1300 hours, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation by National Chaplain Leo Ruffing.

**Roll Call and Introductions:** President Ferris asked for a roll call of the officers and directors, which was then called by Secretary Cohee:

**KWVA Board Members:**

- Jim Ferris, President
- Larry Kinard, 1st Vice President
- Roy E. Aldridge, 2nd Vice President (Excused)
- Frank Cohee, Secretary
- John Barwinczok, Assistant Treasurer
- Richard Brown, Director
- Luther Dappen, Director
- Lewis Ewing, Director
- James Fountain, Director
- Arthur Griffith, Director
- J. Tilford Jones, Director
- George Lawhon, Director
- Thomas McHugh, Director
- Salvatore Scarlato, Director
- Thomas W. Stevens, Director
- Ezra Williams, Director (Excused)

Secretary Cohee noted the officers and directors present represented a quorum.

President Ferris then asked for a count of the membership. There were 62 present and that resulted in a quorum.

**Adopt Agenda:** Director Brown made a motion that the agenda be adopted; it was seconded by Director Griffith and passed unanimously.

**Annual Membership Meeting Rules of Decorum @ Debate:**

President Ferris read the rules. Mr. Kaiser, CID 4, MO made a motion to accept them. It was seconded by Ed Valle, CID 40, MN and approved unanimously.

**Introduction of Chapter and Department Commanders:** President Ferris introduced Sal Scarlato, President, Dept. of NY; Tilford Jones, 1st VP, Dept. of TX; Ed Valle, CID 40, MN; Richard Sapp, CID 86; Mike Glazzy, President, Dept. of CA; J. D. Randolph, President, CID 270, TX; Kenneth Hoffman, President, CID 96, MO; John Gunther, CID 44, MO; Tom Stevens, President, CID 181, KS; Tom McHugh, 1st VP, Dept. of NJ; Frank Cohee, Commander, CID 158, FL; John Barwinczok, CID 296, NY.

**Introduction of Staff and others:** Jim Doppelhammer, KWVA Webmaster; Jake Feaster, Asst. Secretary and Supervisor of Membership Management; Jamie Rednour, Membership Adm. Asst.; Larry Kinard, 1st VP and Chairman of the Tell America Committee; J. D. Randolph, National VAVS Director; Bill Burns, Judge Advocate; Kevin Secor, Office of the Secretary for Veterans

Affairs; Bill Mac Swain, Immediate Past National KWVA President; Jamie Wiedhahn, Son of Warren Wiedhahn, KWVA Liaison to Washington, DC; Professor Jongwoo Han, KWVA Liaison to Korean-American Assn.

President Ferris then asked those in attendance to please rise for a moment of silent prayer for two members who recently passed away, David Mills and Ed. Buckman. He then asked Kevin Secor to come forward and speak to the membership.

**Kevin Secor, Special Assistant to the Secretary Department of Veterans Affairs:** Mr. Secor commented that he was a VSO liaison for Secretary Shinseki, and on the Secretary's behalf he wished each and every one the best and to say thank you for all that we do for our veterans, and also for the VA. He said that since he has been with the Department he has seen many, many, many changes. One of the President's best decisions he has ever made was selecting General Shinseki to be our Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The VA is now a state-of-the-art VA. Changes have been made at the VA medical facilities, at the Veterans benefits administration and at the national cemeteries.

The VA budget, when he came aboard in 2005, was about \$98 billion. This year, the budget that is now before Congress is \$140 billion, an increase of 40 percent. This is because of the Secretary's determination and his push to get that increase for the right reasons. With the increase in the budget the VA has added 57 new community-based outpatient clinics, 20 more mobile health clinics, and a 5th Poly trauma center, in San Antonio, TX.

Under construction are three new hospitals, at Orlando, Denver and New Orleans. The claims backlog has also been improved. Even though there is still a 580,000-claim backlog, that means fewer claims in the system that are over 125 days old. What a lot of people do not know is that this year the VA adjudicated 1.1 million claims and received 1.5 million new claims.

With all that being said, there is also another thing that's still critically important, and that is with your volunteerism at our VA facilities, which is so urgently needed. The VA is here for you with 316,000 employees. 100,000 of them are veterans, and we are hiring more veterans.

Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. God bless you all and thank you for your time. Mr. Secor was followed by Professor Jongwoo Han.

**Professor Jongwoo Han, KWVA Liaison to Korean-American Assn:** Professor Han commented that he was there to interview Korean War veterans about their sacrifices and memories and that he has done that 63 times already. On behalf of all Koreans I want to thank all of you. You are the backbone of this friendship between the United States of America and Korea and also strong alliance. The 63 previous interviews and about 2,500 artifacts can be viewed at [www.kwvdm.org](http://www.kwvdm.org), which is the website for the Korean War Veteran Digital Memorial.

While the Professor was in DC last year he met with Larry Kinard, Chairman of the Tell America Committee, and our President, and talked about how they could work together and expand the digital memorial with the Tell America Program. He then showed a video of that meeting.



Following the showing, Larry opined that what Professor Han is doing fits right in with where we need to go with the Tell America Program. Professor Han concluded by commenting that this is a very small example of what we can do together about your legacy.

**Approval of Previous General Membership Meeting Minutes of 10/30/2011:** In lieu of having Secretary Cohee read the minutes, J. D. Randolph, CID 270, made a motion to approve the minutes as published in the Nov-Dec 2011 issue of *The Graybeards*. Bob Hill, CID 194, seconded the motion; it was approved without opposition.

**Treasurer's Report:** Assistant Treasurer Barwinczok stated that the primary checking account as of Sep 30 2012 has a balance of \$37,737.94, and the savings account has a balance of \$40,860.05. Robert Osborn, CID 6, MO made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Ken Hoffman, CID 6, MO, and approved unanimously.

**Budget and Finance Report-Approval of 2013 Budget:** Chairman Jones had the budget displayed on a viewgraph screen. He commented that the budget for 2013 was \$342,409, which is a little over \$15,000 more than 2012. Most of this is due to an increase in meetings and headquarters expense. There were several decreases in other areas. Ed Valle, CID 40, MO made a motion to accept the budget as proposed; it was seconded by J. D. Randolph, CID 270, and approved unanimously.

Mike Glazzy, Department of CA President, asked if the budget for *The Graybeards* included expenses for mailing extra Graybeards for recruiting purposes. Chairman Jones responded, "No, it does not. That comes through the membership office if you are requesting additional copies other than what our normal distribution is."

**President's Report:** President Ferris told the membership that it is important that they know what is going on. First, he noted that last June he was elected with about two-thirds of the votes that were cast for the office of the President. When I saw those numbers I could only come to one conclusion, and that was to show some leadership for the KWVA. Our Past President, Bill Mac Swain, was a great example of a leader, and I had the honor and privilege to be his first VP for four years. Now it is time for me to do the same.

As soon as I knew I was elected, the first thing I did was create a Recruiting Committee under the standing Membership Committee. I appointed Sonny Edwards to be in charge of that new committee. Recognizing that both the American Legion and VFW have more Korean veterans on their rolls than we have, I contacted the executive director of the VFW and then met with him and some of his staff. I found out that they have 220,000 Korean War veterans on their rolls and we have 16,000. I asked him to help us recruit some of these people, and he agreed.

Last month, when I was in Korea, I appointed Mr. John Lee, a native South Korean and an attorney, to be our South Korean liaison in Korea. He should be able to help us a lot with recruiting people over there. Also, when HR-5903 is passed, it will open the door for us to start recruiting some of the folks that are on the DMZ and other places in Korea.

My next priority, after recruiting, is to find a way to reduce our costs for producing *The Graybeards*. This is our largest budgeted item, at about \$170,000.00 a year. I arranged to meet with

Ambassador Shea twice and asked him to go to the Korean government and ask them to help us with the cost. I made it clear that we did not want a one-time donation but rather a subsidy to defray the costs forever. I am trying hard to lead this organization for generations to come, and I hope I can do that.

President Ferris then introduced Ed Valle, President of the Twin City Metro area in MN, and Chris Wagner, representing the Kahler Grand Hotel, located in Rochester, MN.

**Mr. Valle:** Chris and I are here to make a presentation to encourage you to vote on the 2014 reunion to be held in Rochester, MN.

**Mr. Chris Wagner:** Mr. Wagner showed several slides of the facilities of the Kahler Hotel as well as what Rochester had to offer. The room rates at the hotel will be: economy room: \$79, standard room \$89. There are also upgraded rooms available at various prices and there is free parking. There will be a free wine and cheese reception, and a buffet breakfast for \$9.95.

Mr. Hill, South Dakota, CID 194, made a motion that we accept Rochester for the annual membership meeting in 2014. It was seconded by Robert Fitzgerald, Quad Cities, IL. The motion was passed unanimously. President Ferris commented that at the meeting of the Board yesterday they approved the dates of the 15th - 19th of October, 2014. All in favor of those dates say aye, whereupon all said aye.

## Other Committee Reports:

**Membership:** Director Stevens, Chairman of the Membership Committee, questioned the previous report of the KWVA having 16,000 members. The figure that he got off the web site recently was 14,523. The membership department sent out cards last year to verify that the member was still alive and if he wanted to continue receiving *The Graybeards*. A lot of members did not respond, which resulted in a drop of the membership. A large number of life members did not respond, so they were put into an inactive category and will no longer be receiving *The Graybeards*.

I have been trying to contact those members who did not respond. I am finding that many are deceased, and several do not remember receiving the postcard. So, gradually, we are recouping those members who failed to return their card.

Norm Benty, CID 26, IL asked if the KWVA has ever considered sons and daughters of the Korean War veterans. Chairman Stevens responded that, "I am not sure what the history is on that but I think it has been considered at one time and was voted down by the Board of Directors."

Chairman Stevens then commented that was all he had to say and asked Jake Feaster, Membership Management Supervisor, to come forward.

Mike Glazzy, Department Commander for CA, commented that as a means of recruiting in CA, he is considering distributing *The Graybeards* to all of the veterans in the six Resident homes in CA. One home he visited had 250 Korean War veterans. I want to thank Jim Doppelhammer and Frank Cohee for providing me with extra Graybeards to distribute at that home.

**Jake Feaster, Membership Management:** Jake commented that he and Jim Doppelhammer have been working on the KWVA database for about seven years. It has been a real challenge, because up until then there had been very little coordination. We still have a long way to go, but we also have come a long way. We

now have 233 Chapters and 15 Departments, and we are trying to form more as well as trying to get more members in the existing Chapters. There are about 9,000 active members, but about 3,400 of those are delinquent in their dues so they are not really active members.

They need to pay their National dues or the Chapter needs to remove them from their rosters. Also, we have about 5,500 active-paid up members who are not in Chapters and we are trying to get them to join a Chapter if there is one in their area.

Jamie Wiedhahn, representing his father, Warren, CID 100, and coordinator of the Revisit Korea Program, stated that in order to participate in the revisit program we require that they are a member of the KWVA or that they join the Association. Unfortunately, many of those do not rejoin after their first year. Jamie said he was an Associated Member and questioned whether or not he could become a Regular Member because he was the son of a Korean War veteran. Chairman Stevens responded that he could not be a Regular Member. He then asked our webmaster, Jim Doppelhammer, to say a few words

**Webmaster, Jim Doppelhammer:** Jim discussed a new thing on the website, a list of recently joined new members link. This list can be used by the Chapters to recruit new members. The new members list is also published in The Graybeards.

**Sonny Edwards, Chairman of the Recruiting Committee:** Sonny commented that his Recruiting Committee was everyone in the room and asked how many had an application for membership in his or her pocket. He then introduced the members of his committee, Bob Hill, Warren Wiedhahn, and Jeff Brodeur. He said that the members should work with the VFW and American Legion, because they have a huge database of Korean War veterans.

In the membership report for the last 90 days, only nine states have recruited ten or more members and some have recruited only four or five. There are six states that have recruited none. At the President's request I have put together a "Recruiting Guide." If any Chapters or Departments do not have one, I have some extra copies for you.

President Ferris commented, with that enthusiasm I am gambling on 20,000 new members in the next year. If I could send Sonny to every city, we would probably be larger than the VFW. You will notice all of the blue shirts. I got those shirts for members of the Board. It was one of the first things that I did to show you that we are a team and we are working together. You are looking at one of the greatest Boards that I have sat on. Next up is my First VP, Larry Kinard.

**Larry Kinard, First VP and Chairman of the Tell America Committee:** Larry commented that he is very supportive of trying to do something to provide incentives to the Chapters to recruit. The next challenge is to make sure they do not leave. If these people can come to your Chapter and become involved, especially in the Tell America Program, I think that will help retain them. Out of the 233 Chapters, 109 are participating in the Tell America Program.

President Ferris said that next up is Tom McHugh, Chairman of the Ceremonies and Election Committee.

**Chairman McHugh:** The Ceremonies Committee has been in

DC as usual for Memorial and Veterans Day to present the colors. We have our new flag with us with the revised writing that recognizes our Korean Service Veterans. Chapter 299, MA, comes down on Memorial Day and presents the colors at Arlington. The Maryland Chapters have been doing the flag ceremony for the last several years, but can no longer do that because of age, etc. We may have to bring in one of the Chapters that are farther away.

Right now it costs around \$3,000 to bring in the Chapter from MA. As for the Election Committee, there has been a small change to the application form. There is a statement on the form that says to include a statement that you are releasing the form to the Election Committee. About half of the applicants do not include that statement. The required statement is now part of the check list. If you are in DC during any of the aforementioned events, please join us.

President Ferris stated that next up is the Revisit Korea Program. Jamie Wiedhahn is going to fill in for his father, Warren Wiedhahn.

**Revisit Korea Program:** Jamie stated that it was an honor to be with the Korean War veterans and to have the job he has as Revisit Korea Coordinator in charge of taking the veterans and their families back to Korea. The Korean government is very respectful, and Korea is a very gracious country. I am truly and constantly amazed at their generosity.


They just stated a new program called Peace Camp for Youth. This is for the grandchildren of Korean War veterans. It is very similar to the revisit program, where the Korean government pays for everything in country. We think they are also going to pay 50 percent of the airfare. For the 60th anniversary of the armistice in 2013 we are expecting the South Korea government to increase the quotas from 600 to 700. They put about \$25 million a year into this program.

Mike Glazzy, Department Commander of CA, asked if he needed more than a passport to participate in the Korean battlefield tours. Jamie responded that he did, and that he was the one that started those tours because a lot of the veterans were asking to go back to specific spots. This is a three-day pre-tour in advance of the main revisit tour. It is not a government sponsored program.

We tour the entire DMZ, east to west, all above the 38th parallel.

"A GIANT OF A NOVEL...I HATED FOR IT TO END." William Hoffman—*The Trumpet Untown*

## GONE TO GRAVEYARDS



an epic novel of the Korean War  
**BREWSTER MILTON ROBERTSON**  
Mangus Hollow Books

Quality Paperback (736p) - \$25.00 \* Also as Kindle & Nook  
**ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SUPER SAVER SHIPPING FROM AMAZON.COM**

\* **"Recommend...to any adult who enjoys military fiction..."** Bob Doerr - MILITARY WRITERS SOCIETY OF AMERICA



We go to the Punch Bowl, Heartbreak Ridge, Pork Chop Hill, Won Valley, Yung Goo, etc. One of the most interesting things about putting the tour together was finding restaurants with seats. Those are the battlefield tours.

While waiting for the VAVS Director to reach the podium, First VP and Chairman of the Tell America Committee Larry Kinard said he wanted to add another point about the brief account of the Korean War. Jack Walker wrote that book and he did a great job. He only charged us a small royalty for those he gave us because we are going to give them to the Korean War veterans and to the schools. On the back page of the book is Jack's website and e-mail address. Please write to Jack and tell him we appreciate what he did.

**VAVS Report:** My name is J. D. Randolph and I am the National VAVS Director. I deal with the VA. The amount of service and hours spent by our volunteers in the VA hospitals and national cemeteries is a major part of the President's report that he must send to Congress every year. Last year we had 31,396 volunteer hours, which was a savings to the VA of \$670,618. In 2012 we were down about ten percent to 29,416 volunteer hours and a savings to the VA of \$640,974.

We need more volunteers who are actually helping the veterans. We have a lot of VA hospitals at which we have no representation whatsoever. There are also a lot of states that have no representation. The VA hospitals now depend on the KWVA as the primary veterans organization to help veterans. This used to be WWII veterans, but now it is our turn.

I am very lucky with my Chapter, CID 270, TX. We have 128 members, of whom 46 volunteer at the VA hospital and at the national cemeteries. Last year our Chapter donated 5,532 hours to the Dallas VA. The patients in the hospital would rather talk to a veteran than the hospital staff. So I encourage everyone, if you have people who would like to get certified, send me an e-mail.

**Fundraising Report:** My name is Art Griffith, a Director and Chairman of the Fundraising Committee. We took in \$58,384 this year. We had expenses of \$14,315.40, so we have a net profit of \$44,088.60. We will now have the drawing. The winner of the M1 Garand rifle is John Schramm, LR29088.

At this point President Ferris commented that Art has been the fundraising guru for many years and he has accumulated around \$220,000 for the organization. I think that deserves a big hand.

The next drawing, for \$2,000, was won by Gerald Hanson, LR20111. The next and last drawing, for a 50-inch TV, was won by Alfred Debard, LR11564.

President Ferris then asked Colonel (Ret) Jake Feaster to come forward. The President presented a plaque to Mr. Feaster for outstanding dedication and commitment while serving as a U.S. Army Officer for 41 years of active and reserve service, including service in Korea in 1953, and for his service in several Chapters, one as President, Treasurer, Secretary and Judge Advocate, serving two terms as the President for the Dept. of FL, and serving as National Assistant Secretary and Supervisor of Membership Management.

President Ferris then asked Director Jim Fountain to come forward. He thanked Director Fountain, along with all of those who helped him, for his effort on putting the 2012 General

Membership Annual Meeting together. Director Fountain added his thanks to the people who helped him, and said that, "We have not got it made yet-we are still working on it."

President Ferris then called on the Chaplain to give the closing prayer. First, he made a comment about being notified of a member's passing. When he is notified he sends a sympathy card to the family in the name of the KWVA. He asked that he be kept informed so he could do his job.

The Chaplain then led us in prayer.

Member Walter Kaiser, CID 4, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Griffith requested a delay so that he could get permission to destroy the raffle tickets. Director Lawhon made a motion to destroy the tickets; it was seconded by Mr. Barwinczok and passed unanimously.

President Ferris called for a vote on adjourning the meeting, which was passed unanimously. He then asked all to stand for the singing of "God Bless America."

Respectfully Submitted,

*Frank Cohee,  
National Association Secretary, KWVA*

## Reunion Calendar: 2013

Mail your info to Reunion Editor, *The Graybeards*, 895 Ribaut Rd. #13, Beaufort, SC 29902 or email it to [sharp\\_arthur\\_g@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

### APRIL

**USS Renville** (APA 227), open to all former crew and troops, 3-7 Apr., Portland, OR, Red Lion Hotel. Lynda Rumble, 187 Lakeshore Dr., Mooresville, NC 28117, 704-906-7622, [lyndahd01@aol.com](mailto:lyndahd01@aol.com) (ship's website is [ussrenvilleapa227.com](http://ussrenvilleapa227.com))

**Marines of Long Ago** (All eras, All branches welcome), 16-20 Apr., Myrtle Beach, SC. Joe Cullen, 203-877-0846, [aircooledmg7@aol.com](mailto:aircooledmg7@aol.com), web site info: [www.marinesoflongago.org](http://www.marinesoflongago.org)

**OCS Class 11-52**, Fort Sill, OK. 22-24 Apr., Richmond, VA, Crowne Plaza Downtown, 555 Canal St. Dwight L. Thomas, 319 Palm Dr., Marlin, TX 76661, 254-803-3688, [dwrightfwk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwrightfwk@sbcglobal.net)

**73rd Armor Assn.**, 23-27 Apr., Columbus, GA. Curtis Banker, 44 Westcott Rd., Schuylers Falls, NY 12985-1940, 518-643-2302, [curt0742@hughes.net](mailto:curt0742@hughes.net)

**USS Ault** (DD 698), 25-29 April, Erlanger, KY. Pam@GatheringsPlus.com, P.O. Box 1023, Branson West, MO 65737, 417-338-4048

### MAY

**L Co., 21st Inf. Regt., 24th Inf. Div., U.S. Army**, 1-5 May, Branson, MO. George Vlasic, 918-287-5618, [geonanvlasic@atmc.net](mailto:geonanvlasic@atmc.net)

**67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing** (All units), 6-10 May, Plano, TX. Marion Edwards, 126 Willow Ave., Greenfield Twp., PA 18407, 570-709-8551, [jeeme@nep.net](mailto:jeeme@nep.net)

**Army Counter Intelligence Corps**, 9-13 May, Herndon, VA, Hilton Washington Dulles Hotel. [ellyb@cox.net](mailto:ellyb@cox.net)

### SEPTEMBER

**USS Hornet** (CV-8, CV-12, CVA-12, CVS-12), U.S. Navy/Marines, 24-29 Sept., Warwick, RI, Crowne Plaza. Carl & Sandy Burket, PO Box 108, Roaring Spring, PA 16673, (814) 224-5063, [hornetcva@aol.com](mailto:hornetcva@aol.com), <http://www.usshornetassn.com/>

DO YOUR DUTY...  
**WOTE!**

DO YOUR DUTY...  
**WOTE!**

DO YOUR DUTY...  
**WOTE!**

## ALL MEMBERS

Please complete and return the ballot in the January/February issue of *The Graybeards* as soon as you receive it. It is one of the few things that KWVA members are asked to do.

You deserve to have some say in the election. That can only happen if you submit a ballot. Your vote will help the Executive Board function with good members.

If you have any questions at all, contact me by phone or email. I will return your calls ASAP.

Read the ballot carefully--and vote. The completed ballot must arrive in Tucson, AZ by 10 June, 2011.

Thomas M McHugh, Director  
Chairman: Elections Committee  
Chairman: National Ceremonies Committee  
Phone: 908-852-1964 email: tmmchugh@msn.com

**BALLOT ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE**

**VOTE ★ VOTE ★ VOTE ★ VOTE**

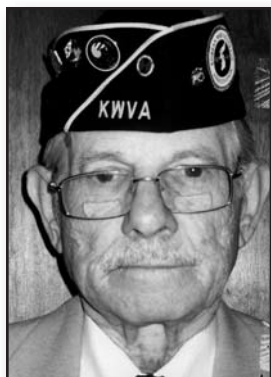
## CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTORS

- George J. Bruzgis
- George S. Covell
- John T. "Sonny" Edwards

- Tine P. Martin, Sr.
- Thomas W. Stevens

**You will vote for no more than four Directors**

### George Bruzgis



I am announcing my candidacy for the office of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 2013 thru 2016.

#### Military Experience

I entered the army in January 1953 and completed basic training in Fort Knox Armored Center, Kentucky. After training I was attached to the 7th Infantry Division, 73rd Tank Battalion, Able Company, Third Platoon as a loader on

a 32 tank. We were stationed on the front lines (Iron Triangle) until the Armistice was signed on July 27th, 1953, at which point we were moved further south. I served in Korea for 15 months before returning to Aberdeen Proving Ground as a Corporal, was promoted to Staff Sergeant, and honorably discharged in March of 1957, after serving two enlistments.

Included among my military decorations are the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal the Korean Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Campaign Medal and Ambassador of Peace Medal from the Korean Government.

#### Civilian Life

I worked in NYC as an Operating Engineer for the Galbreath Corporation, retiring in 1995 as an assistant chief engineer for the Goldman Sachs building. In 1965 my wife and I moved to New

Jersey with our two children, where we still reside.

#### Organizations

- National Director for the KWVA - completed 2011-2012 vacancy
- KWVA Taejon Chapter 170 - member since 1998, National member since 1999
- Quartermaster, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Commander, KWVA Department of New Jersey
- 3d Vice Commander 2001-2003, 1st Vice Commander 2003-2007, NJ State Commander 2007-2012

As NJ State Chairman, I organized and was master of Ceremonies on July 27th for the anniversary of Korean War Armistice ceremony in Atlantic City, NJ for 2007 through 2010.

Attended several KWVA national conventions

Represented the KWVA at many Korean functions within the NY/NJ area

Attended by invitation the Korea Ceremony at the UN with Director McHugh

Work with both the New Jersey Republican and Democratic parties on Veterans Affairs

Work with several local schools on the "Tell America" program

I am a life member of the KWVA and the VFW

I have attended several ceremonies in Washington DC and proudly presented the Wreath at the Korean War Memorial and Arlington Cemetery



I have signed the Code of Conduct

If elected I will attend all called meetings and understand the 2 unexcused absences could be used for removal from office.

I request your support to allow me the opportunity to continue to represent all Korean Veterans. I will do my utmost to represent the KWVA.

Always remember "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

George Bruzgis LR25454

230 Legion Place

Haledon NJ 07508

973-956-8672 <gbuzgis@aol.com>

## George S. Covell



I, George S. Covell, hereby state my intention to run for the office of Director (4 years) of the Korean War Veterans Association. I am a Life Member of the association with dues paid through the upcoming term of office and beyond. I promise to attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors during my term of office. I understand that two (2) unexcused absences from such meetings may be cause for my removal from office.

I am currently a Director/Trustee of the Department of New York, Korean War Veterans Association; a Life Member of the Northeast Chapter 59, KWVA; and an active member of Adirondack Chapter 60, KWVA. I have been Chairman of the Memorial Service for the Department of New York's annual convention. I first joined the KWVA at its beginning, but due to poor communication during those early days, I became inactive until rejoining in the late '90s, when I joined the Northeast Chapter.

During the Korean War I served from 1952 through 1954 (six years after I had polio), 1953-54 as a Sergeant (E-5), Tuba Section Leader, 8th Army Band, which was the ceremonial band for the United Nations Command Honor Guard. During red alerts, I handled the .50 caliber machine gun on a tower in our compound.

Following my discharge, I served in the NY National Guard as a Court Reporter in the JAG section, 42nd Inf. Div., where I rose to the rank of MSGT (E-7) until 1960, when I received a COG Honorable Discharge which was necessitated by my employment at the United Nations as an English language verbatim reporter of debates.

My desire to serve my fellow veterans of the Korean War is prompted by a wish to see our membership rolls grow as a result of Pres. Ferris' stated program to enlarge our membership. I want to work to get the word out about Korean veterans and what we did and how we do not want to see our efforts or the memories of our fallen comrades forgotten. We have been The Forgotten War too long; we must continue doing something about it, and that's why I want to serve you. I also want to see our organization continue on a sound financial basis.

My education and prior employment, plus my long history of service to my colleagues in my profession, fellow union members and fraternal brothers gives me the experience to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of this great organization of ours. I attended Hofstra College (now Hofstra University), Juilliard School of Music, and have attended Skidmore College as an audit student. I worked for 45 years as a court reporter, working in the NYS Supreme Court, NYS Court of Claims, the United Nations, and, as a free-lance reporter in New York, New Jersey and Washington, DC, where I had the opportunity to work at The White House. For 25 years, I was the official reporter for the Grand Lodge conventions of the BPO Elks Lodge. Serving the youth of my area. I skated as a USA Hockey Referee until age 70.

My association experience includes being a Past Exalted Ruler of an Elks Lodge, Vice-President of a labor union local and a board member of two other labor union locals. I am a Past President of my professional organization, with ten years as its Legislative Committee Chairman.

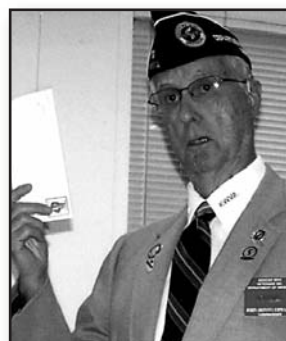
I am married to the former Joan Borowiec of Lowville, NY, for the past 60 years. We are the parents of five children, have nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Joan has been very supportive of me in all of my service to the organizations of which I have been a part.

All information contained in this letter and the copy of the Membership Application Form is hereby released to the Elections Committee for verification.

George S. Covell, Life Member#LF17212  
850 County Route 61  
Shushan, NY 12873(518) 854-3128  
gcovell@nycap.rr.com

George S. Covell, Life Member#LF17212  
850 County Route 61  
Shushan, NY 12873(518) 854-3128  
gcovell@nycap.rr.com

## John T. "Sonny" Edwards



In accordance with the Korean War Veterans Association Bylaws, I am pleased and privileged to submit my name as a candidate for the position Of National Director for the years 2013-2016.

My military service began with enlisting in the Army Reserves in 1953 And was called to active duty in 1956. I received basic training at Fort Jackson, SC and then was assigned

to Fort Leonard Wood, MO for Combat Engineer training.

I received orders in May 1957 for duty in Korea and was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion. When the 24th left Korea I was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division 8th Combat Engineer Battalion.

Due to the illness and death of my father, I received a hardship discharge in 1958 to run my fathers farming operation. I reported back to the Army Reserves and was assigned to a Nike Missile Battalion. I received an Honorable Discharge in 1962 with the rank of SFC. I am a

graduate of the NCO Academy.

I worked 15 years in the meat packing industry, 22 years as an Insurance Manager and six as a Deputy Sheriff.

I am a Life Member of the VFW and have served as a Post Commander, District Commander, Department Chief of Staff and as a Department Chaplain. I am a member of the 24th Infantry Division Association and the 1st Cavalry Association.

I am currently serving as Commander of the KWVA Department of Virginia and I am an Ambassador for the Department of Defense 60th Anniversary Committee. In June 2012 I was appointed by President Ferris to serve as National Recruiting Chairman.

I am a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and currently serve as Church Lay Leader, Trustee and on the Budget and Finance Committee.

I am a Life Member of the KWVA {LR34808}, therefore my dues are current for the term of office I am seeking and I concur with have signed The KWVA "Code of Conduct". I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used to remove me from office.

Attached is a completed and signed KWVA Form 4.1.1 Official Membership Application which contains information concerning my qualifications for the position of Director and I further authorize the release of the information included in this application for verification by the Election Committee.

I would consider it an honor to be elected to serve with the outstanding group of Officers and Directors currently leading our organization and I solicit your support. I am committed to recruiting new members to join this great organization for our continued legacy.

John T. {Sonny} Edwards  
14370 Mill Swamp Rd  
Smithfield, VA 23430  
H-757-357-2331  
C-757-813-0254  
kvetedwards@yahoo.com

## Tine Martin, Sr.



My name is Tine Martin, Sr. and I am a candidate for the Office of National Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 2013-2016. Being a Life Member, my dues are current. I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors, and I understand that two unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. My service in

Korea was with 865th AAA AW SP Bn from 1951-1952. I am currently serving my second term as Commander of the Department of Indiana. For the last 10 years I have been Commander of the great Central Indiana Chapter 259, Indianapolis, Indiana, of which I am very proud. We have served the Roudebush V.A. Medical Center in Indianapolis

with contributions including "Care Packages" of T-Shirts, underwear, toilet kits, playing cards, canteen cards, etc. In addition, we have raised nearly \$8,000.00 for new landscaping for the front entrance of the hospital, of which I am a registered Volunteer. I hope that I can make contributions that will make the National organization even better.

My military organizations are:

- 57-year-Life Member of American Legion Post 500, Speedway, Indiana
- Life Member of VFW Post 7119, Ft. Harrison, Indiana
- AMVETS Post 99, Indianapolis
- Association of the United States Army
- Indianapolis Veterans Day Council.

Tine P. Martin, Sr.  
Life Member 30530  
8 Jackson Court  
Brownsburg, Indiana 46112  
Tel: (317) 852-2413 (H)  
and (317) 435-4804 (C)  
E-Mail: tinepmartin@yahoo.com

## Tom Stevens



I am Tom Stevens. It is my intent to run for re-election to the Board of KWVA. I'll have served one 3 year term which completes in 2013 and would regard it a privilege if I am elected for a second term. During my first term I have served as the Membership Chairman under President MacSwain and now President Ferris. President, Jim Ferris is placing renewed emphasis on increasing KWVA membership.

My 3 years experience as Membership Chairman will enable me to effectively help him achieve that goal.

I served four years in the U.S. Air Force, 1951-1955. During the Korean War I was stationed at Kadena AFB, Okinawa. I flew 27 combat interdiction missions to North Korea. My assigned position was that of, tail gunner on a B-29 Superfortress. Later I served on B-50s, constantly standing ready to deliver a retaliatory strike to communist Russia, if circumstances warranted. Upon being honorably discharged from the USAF, I entered Drury College, Springfield, MO, graduating in 1959 with an AB degree in Economics/Psychology. Upon graduation from Drury, I was hired into the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company management training program. After holding a variety of management positions, the last one being District Manager in St. Louis, MO I retired with 32 years, 7 months of service. I was 1st V.P. of our Memorial Committee which designed and built with donations a Korean War Memorial in Overland Park, KS. I am currently President of Kansas CID 181. I have served previously as Secretary, Treasurer and 1st. V.P. I am also President of the 307th Bomb Group/Wing (1946-54) and have been the newsletter editor for the last 10 years. I have served one term



on my homes association board and will be running for re-election to a second term beginning this fall. Two days each week I volunteer at St. Joseph Medical Center, Kansas-City, MO as a transporter.

I am married to Barbara for 54 years. We have four grown children and seven almost grown grandchildren.

My current mailing address is, 5310 W. 122nd Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66209. My email is, [stevenst@swbell.net](mailto:stevenst@swbell.net) and telephone number, 913 696-0447.

As a KWVA Life member, obviously my dues are paid. My Life member number is LR25716.

I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and I do understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office.

Your vote for my re-election to the KWVA Board will be very much appreciated.

Thank you,

Tom Stevens

**BALLOT ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE**  
**VOTE ★ VOTE ★ VOTE ★ VOTE**



Army



Navy



REVERSE



Marine Corps



Air Force

ORDER-ON-LINE AT **[WWW.VETCOIN.US](http://WWW.VETCOIN.US)**

**THE COIN THAT HONORS ALL AMERICANS** regardless of rank, gender, branch of service, length of service or duty assignment. Net proceeds will go for scholarship awards to the children and dependents of permanently disabled veterans or those killed in action.

**THIS 1 3/4" BRONZE COIN IS THE PERFECT MEMENTO** for yourself, reunions, special veteran's events, relatives, friends or even strangers you wish to thank for honorably serving our country.

**TO ORDER BY MAIL**, send check or money order in the amount of \$ 10.00 for each coin plus a \$ 2.00 shipping & handling charge regardless of the number of coins ordered. State the number requested for each branch of service (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard) and mail to:  
**VETCOIN, PO Box 20303, OklahomaCity, OK 73156-0303**  
 Credit Card orders accepted by calling 405-842-6548

# Recruiting

## Speeding Up The Recruiting Process At Daytona

On November 24 and 25 2012, National Recruiting Chairman John ("Sonny") Edwards assisted the Department of Florida (DOF) at its Recruiting Booth at the Turkey Rod Run Car Show held at Daytona, FL. There was a great tribute to veterans in attendance.

Also in attendance were Bob McGuire, VP of the DOF, William Cummins, author of The Forgotten, and Bob Balzer, Past President of the DOF.

John T. ("Sonny") Edwards, 14370 Mill Swamp Rd., Smithfield, VA 23430, 757-357-2331,  
[KVetEdwards@yahoo.com](mailto:KVetEdwards@yahoo.com)



Bob McGuire, William Cummins, "Sonny" Edwards, and Bob Balzer (L-R) at Daytona Racetrack

## We Do Have Chapters Numbered Higher Than 251

Some of our sharp-eyed readers may notice that chapter news in this edition ends with Chapter 251. They might ask whether we eliminated all chapters with numbers higher than that. The answer is a resounding "NO!"

Believe it or not, the explanation is straightforward, uh, black and white. Due to unprecedented demand among chapters for space in this edition, we exhausted our color page allocation. (Yes, we do have a limited number of color pages to work with in each edition.) Since we always include chapters news in our color section, we made an executive decision to defer all eight chapters above 251 until the next issue, rather than include them in black & white.

Those eight chapters will be first in line for the March-April edition. We apologize for leaving some chapters out, but it is one of the hazards of putting together The Graybeards. On the plus side, it is nice to know that chapters are submitting their news, which is too colorful to print in black and white.

Keep it coming!

## KWVA REUNION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order (no credit cards or phone orders accepted). Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at [www.afri-reg.com/KWVA2013](http://www.afri-reg.com/KWVA2013) (3% will be added to total). All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before June 27, 2013. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

**Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.**  
**322 Madison Mews**  
**Norfolk, VA 23510**  
**ATTN: KWVA**

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Inputted \_\_\_\_\_ Nametag Completed \_\_\_\_\_

**CUT-OFF DATE IS 6/27/13**

|   | Price<br>Per | # of<br>People | Total |
|---|--------------|----------------|-------|
| <b><u>TOURS</u></b>   |              |                |       |
| THURSDAY: CITY TOUR   | \$ 45        |                | \$    |
| THURSDAY: MARINE BARRACK SUNSET PARADE                            | \$ 28        |                | \$    |
| <b><u>HOTEL EVENTS</u></b>  |              |                |       |
| WEDNESDAY: Welcome Reception                                      | \$ 15        |                | \$    |
| FRIDAY: Breakfast Buffet  | \$ 25        |                | \$    |
| FRIDAY: Ladies Brunch   | \$ 25        |                |       |
| FRIDAY: BANQUET ( <i>please select your entrée below</i> )        |              |                |       |
| Pepper Crusted Beef Rib Eye                                       | \$ 52        |                | \$    |
| Chicken Breast Francaise  | \$ 50        |                | \$    |
| SATURDAY: Breakfast Buffet  | \$ 25        |                | \$    |
| SUNDAY: Breakfast Buffet  | \$ 25        |                | \$    |
| <b><u>MANDATORY REGISTRATION FEE (per person)</u></b>             | \$ 25        |                | \$    |
| <b>Total Amount Payable to <u>Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</u></b> |              |                | \$    |

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_

KWVA MEMBER #: \_\_\_\_\_ KWVA CHAPTER # \_\_\_\_\_ POW: ☐ Yes ☐ No

You are not required to be a member of the KWVA to participate in this Special Commemoration Event!

BRANCH OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_ MAJOR UNIT ASSIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS IN KOREA: 19\_\_\_\_ - 19\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, ST, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PH. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
(*Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly to hotel*)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? ☐ YES ☐ NO (**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY.**)

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 or email [cancel@afri.com](mailto:cancel@afri.com) to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.



**KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION REUNION**  
**JULY 24-28, 2013**  
**SHERATON PENTAGON CITY, ARLINGTON, VA**

**Wednesday, July 24**

- |      |   |      |  |
|------|---|------|--|
| 1300 | - | 1800 | Reunion Registration Open<br>Hospitality Room opens for the duration of the<br>reunion |
| 1500 | - | 1800 | KWVA Committee Meetings  |
| 1800 | - | 2000 | Welcome Reception at the hotel<br>Dinner and evening on your own                       |

**Thursday, July 25**

- |      |   |      |   |
|------|---|------|---|
|      |   |      | Breakfast on your own                             |
| 0900 | - | 1100 | Reunion Registration Open                         |
| 0830 | - | 1500 | KWVA Board of Directors Meeting                   |
| 0930 | - | 1500 | CITY TOUR   |
| 1530 | - | 1730 | Reunion Registration Open                         |
| 1630 | - | 1730 | Light Buffet dinner available in hotel restaurant |
| 1830 | - | 2230 | MARINE BARRACKS SUNSET PARADE                     |

**Friday, July 26**

- |      |   |      |  |
|------|---|------|--|
| 0730 | - | 0830 | Breakfast Buffet                         |
| 0830 | - | 1500 | KWVA General Membership Meeting          |
| 0930 | - | 1130 | Ladies Brunch with special entertainment |
| 1800 | - | 2200 | KWVA Banquet Dinner                      |

**Saturday, July 27**

- |      |   |      |   |
|------|---|------|---|
| 0730 | - | 0830 | Breakfast Buffet  |
| 0830 | - | 1200 | 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony,<br>hosted by the Department of Defense<br>Evening – Special event, in planning |

**Sunday, July 28**

- |      |   |      |                  |
|------|---|------|------------------|
| 0830 | - | 1000 | Breakfast Buffet |
|------|---|------|------------------|

**Register online and pay by credit card!**  
**[www.afr-reg.com/KWVA2013](http://www.afr-reg.com/KWVA2013)**

## **KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION REUNION TOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

### **CITY TOUR**

Thursday, July 25

See the sites of our nation's capital during a driving tour of Washington, D.C. Ride by the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, WWII Memorial, the Mall, Capitol Building, Washington Monument, White House, and other notable monuments and federal buildings. Free time will be allowed at the Korean Memorial, a stunning tribute to all those who served in the "forgotten war". Afterward, stop at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, which is the largest building (3.1 million square feet) in Washington, DC and is the first and only federal building dedicated to both government and private use. While there, enjoy lunch on your own at the Reagan Building food court - named one of the "best family food courts" in DC.

**A photo ID is required for entrance to the Ronald Reagan Building.**

**9:30am, board bus, 3:00pm back at the hotel**

**\$45/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.**

### **EVENING PARADE AT MARINE BARRACKS**

Thursday, July 25

Korean war veterans will be honored during the opening ceremonies at the Evening Parade at Marine Barracks at 8th and I Streets, Washington, D. C. Korean veterans who attend the parade will be recognized for their efforts in the historic campaign. With a private performance, we promise a memorable evening viewing the Silent Drill Team and enjoying the U.S. Marine Band as well as the ceremonial Drum and Bugle Corps. Even if you have been there before, tonight is for Korean Veterans!

**6:30pm board bus, 10:30pm back at hotel**

**\$28/Person includes bus and escort. There is no admission charge for the Evening Parade.**

**Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.**

**Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.**

### **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.**

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date (June 27, 2013), Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$7 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities. Each must be cancelled separately.



# New USO Facilities Open At Phoenix Airport

A grand opening of new USO facilities located in Terminal 4 of Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport took place on November 15, 2012. The original Military and Veterans Hospitality Lounge had been located in Terminal 2 for the past six years, but it had become inadequate for the amount of military troops passing through the airport. The majority of the troops had to shuttle from other larger terminals to visit it.

The current facility is a good five times larger, housing a children's room, many computer terminals, and snack areas. Among the guests at the grand opening, pictured nearby, were several Korean War veterans, many of whom work closely with the USO in our area. They represent a veritable "Who's Who" of local veterans.

They include a Navy Corpsman who served with USMC 1st Division; Art Sloane, CID 132, Richard Countryman [AZ], who writes a Veterans Voice column for a monthly local newspaper and is primary fundraiser for homeless veterans



Phoenix, AZ area veterans at the grand opening of the new USO lounge (L-R) Navy Corpsman who served with USMC 1st Division, Art Sloane, Lew Bradley, Don Taylor, Shirley Gersten, and Jesse Gersten

Stand Down and a member the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame; Lew Bradley, Past Commander of KWVA CID 222, Arden A. Rowley, for a total of five years, present Chairman of the Unified Arizona Veterans, also a member of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame, and a contributor of magazine subscriptions and collector of candy and snacks from two local Walgreen's stores for USO Arizona; Don Taylor, current Commander of Ch 222,

who volunteers one day per week at USO Arizona and has done so since its original opening in 2006; Shirley Gersten, the spouse of Jesse Gersten, who has been a volunteer at USO Arizona since it opened in 2006; and Jesse Gersten, CID 132 Treasurer, Treasurer of the Unified Arizona Veterans, and a member of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame

Lew Bradley, [lew.bradley@gmail.com](mailto:lew.bradley@gmail.com)



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

## Wrong Name

In the Nov/Dec 2012 edition, pp. 42-43, there is an article entitled "A Successful Search For A Korean Vet's Son." In it reference is made to Ed Henderson. I am that person, but my name is Jim.

I would appreciate it if a correction were made.

James (Jim) Henderson, [jeremiah3@charter.net](mailto:jeremiah3@charter.net)

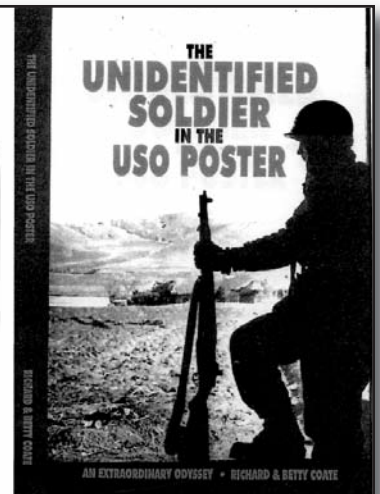
## Wrong Year

Thanks for printing "An Incredible Coincidence" in the Nov/Dec 2012 edition, p. 62, but please print a correction for an error that occurs in the very first sentence. It was in 1952, not 1951.

Birney Dibble

**R**eleased by AP during Easter Season of 1951, no other photo of a combat soldier in American history has been used for so many noble causes. In '64-'65, the USO published it as a lynch pin for their fund drive. In 1990 Betty designed posters for the KWVA, both National and Chapters. Anchored by the photo of her husband, they

were distributed throughout the nation generating funds for the construction of the Korean War Memorial in D.C. Accompanied by my editorials they generated membership to the KWVA. The Korean War National Museum used it for their home page. The KWVA published it on the cover of its 1993 history book "The Forgotten War... Remembered". It has appeared on the History Channel and graced two Korean War Memorials. "The Unidentified Soldier in the USO Poster" is a book of historical importance. It can be purchased on line through Xlibris on [AMAZON.COM](http://AMAZON.COM) & [BARNES](http://BARNES) and [NOBLE.COM](http://NOBLE.COM). Members of KWVA Chapters may want to donate a copy of the book to their own local library and/or historical society.



# A Crucial Test Of Democracy In Korea's 2012 Presidential Election

By Dr. Hubert Hojae Lee

## PREFACE

May I wish you a happy New Year in this black snake year. I returned home last week after a 14-day special trip to Korea, which included a supportive campaign speech for the president-elect Park Geun-hye. I hope she will pay keener attention to the sacrifice that Korean War veterans made during the Korean War. I will continuously remind her about the precious contributions America had done during and after the war.

Attached is my opinion article on the importance of her victory in the election in fear of ever increasing number of left wing people within the South Korea.

With my best wishes to all Korean War veterans,

Sincerely,

Hubert Hojae Lee

## ANALYSIS

The Republic of Korea achieved remarkable economic growth since it rose like a phoenix in the desert from the ashes of the Korean War. The Korean War is not ended

yet, however. It is in a truce. North Korea may yet invade South Korea. Were it not for American support with diplomacy and forces strategically stationed, tensions may escalate with an estimated number of left wing or pro-communist supporters of 4-5 million, reported by Korean military leaders.

Many South Koreans may still not appreciate or reconcile why it could become the world's seventh strongest industrial country. The mutual defense treaty signed between the two countries allowed the South to concentrate on economic development to overcome increasing levels of poverty. The current economic prosperity may be attributed to Western capitalism promoting free competition on trade and an efficient allocation of natural resources, along with a supply and demand function in price determination.

The adoption of capitalism with a Keynesian policy tool makes South Korea one of the fastest growing countries in the world today, with the per capita income rising from \$80 USD in the 1960s to \$22,000 USD, along with GDP reaching \$1 trillion USD. The 63-year-old allied relationship



Dr. Hubert Lee addresses The Global Mugunghwa Forum

with the U.S. undoubtedly enabled South Korea to enjoy the freedom, democracy, peace and economic prosperity extant today.

The drive for export-oriented high economic growth naturally favored influencing corporations to be richer and expansive in the unfair distribution of its economic prosperity, which fueled the widening gap between the wealthy and poor. In the process of privileged support for conglomerates (Jaebol), bribery and corruption commonly began to root themselves and undermine those among political powers and large corporations who strive for the best national interest.

The past 30 years of preferential financing and support for export centered business have led to an inefficient allocation of economic resources into the reckless and unproductive use of valuable resources. The ever-increasing foreign capital has been misused, while national debts of consumers, business, and government have skyrocketed to astronomical amounts with a staggering national debt approaching a size that is a few times larger than the current GDP of \$1 trillion USD.

Higher living standards call for a higher level of national welfare, without applying for a criterion that Sir William Beveridge invented, i.e., welfare expenditures should be implemented only under a full employment condition. For the past 35 years, a male centric political power promoted an upstream

Continued on page 79



Convention attendees singing Korea's national anthem before Dr. Lee's (Front, right) speech. Behind Dr. Lee on the left side is Chairman Park Jae Hong, brother of president elect Park. Mr. Park Sang Ik, president of Korean Businessmen's Association of America from Philadelphia is to Dr. Lee's right. Other people are forum delegates from Canada, London, Germany, Australia, China, Hong Kong, Guam, New Zealand, Cambodia and many parts of South Korea.





# KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION INC.

## 60th Anniversary Memorial Fund-Raiser

Drawing 27 July 2013 at the convention in Washington D.C.

Donation \$20 per Ticket.

**1st Prize      3 Super Prizes!**



**100% operational one-of-a-kind M1 Garand**

KWVA has all copyrights

**2nd Prize**  
**\$2,500**

**3rd Prize**  
**\$1,500**







To enter this exciting fund-raiser, complete the attached order form. Winners will be announced at the 2013 National Membership Meeting in Washington D.C.

**Deadline for ticket donations July 15th 2013**

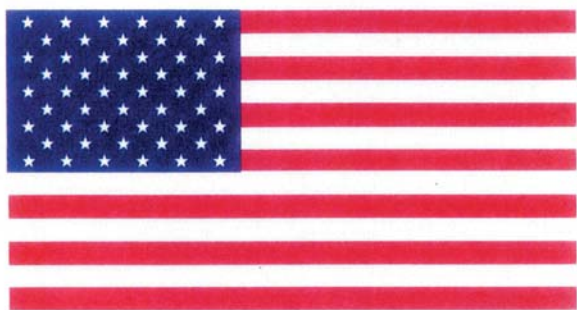
KWVA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_  
Make checks payable to: KWVA  
Mail to: KWVA Membership Office, PO box 407, Charleston, IL, 61920-0407  
OR you may pay by credit card:

CC# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ V-Code \_\_\_\_ [ ] Visa [ ] Master Card

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Griffith, Chairman, Fund-Raising committee, Artzkwva@yahoo.com

|  |  |
|--|--|
|  <p>Return this stub with donation of \$20</p> <p>Name: _____<br/>Address: _____<br/>City, State, Zip: _____<br/>Phone: _____<br/>Email: _____<br/>Membership # _____</p> |  <p>Return this stub with donation of \$20</p> <p>Name: _____<br/>Address: _____<br/>City, State, Zip: _____<br/>Phone: _____<br/>Email: _____<br/>Membership # _____</p> |
|  <p>Return this stub with donation of \$20</p> <p>Name: _____<br/>Address: _____<br/>City, State, Zip: _____<br/>Phone: _____<br/>Email: _____<br/>Membership # _____</p> |  <p>Return this stub with donation of \$20</p> <p>Name: _____<br/>Address: _____<br/>City, State, Zip: _____<br/>Phone: _____<br/>Email: _____<br/>Membership # _____</p> |

**"I pledge allegiance  
to the flag of the  
United States of  
America, and to  
the Republic  
for which it stands,  
One Nation Under God,  
indivisible, with liberty  
and justice for all."**



**"One Nation Under God"**

**ATTENTION...**



**Proudly  
Wear This  
*Patriotic Pin***

**"GREAT FOR FUNDRAISING"**

***"Wear on your cap, lapel or tie"***

To place on order for **50 pins** the price is \$3.<sup>00</sup> per pin (\$150.<sup>00</sup>), S/H is \$3.<sup>50</sup> per 50 pins — **Total cost \$153.<sup>50</sup>**. Please enclose a K.W.V.A. Chapter Check or a U.S. Postal Money Order made out to Nilsson Marketing:

**Nilsson Marketing**

**P.O. Box 1320**

**Berlin, MD 21811**

Orders of 1-49 Pins the cost per pin is \$3.<sup>50</sup> each, plus \$2.<sup>00</sup> S&H. Payment in U.S. Postal Money Order, Address Above.

*(This pin isn't available in any stores...it is made for special fund raising activities)*

**Korean War 60th Anniversary Update:**

## **Last Request For Articles**

The 60th anniversary of the Korean War armistice is fast approaching. Local, state, and national organizations are planning celebrations of some sort. The Graybeards staff is doing the same, with a special edition to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the signing of the armistice on July 27, 1953.

We have been gathering stories from Korean War veterans for several months now. This is your last chance to submit your story. Please let us know where you were when the armistice was signed, what you were doing, what was going on where you were, how you and your buddies/units/enemies/families et al reacted. Or, just submit previously unpublished stories about your experiences in Korea during or after the war.

If you have photos, newspaper clips, diary entries, or other documents that supplement your remembrances, they would be welcome. We will put everything together for the special edition of The Graybeards that we are working on. (At this point, it looks like a two-part edition, based on the number of stories we have received.)

Send your material to 60th Anniversary Editor, *The Graybeards*, 895 Ribaut Rd. #13, Beaufort, SC 29902.

### ***Life and Death in a Marine Rifle Company***

#### **Accordion War: Korea 1951**

*Life and Death  
in a Marine Rifle Company*



신석의호랑이 무궁화  
**Charles Hughes**

"...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, HMC*

"...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*

**Order from: [www.dochughesbooks.com](http://www.dochughesbooks.com)**

from Amazon.com and other on-line vendors. For a postage paid autographed copy send check or money order for \$20 to:

Charles Hughes 2303 Elaine St. Arkadelphia, AR 71923  
[riflemandoc@yahoo.com](mailto:riflemandoc@yahoo.com)





# WELCOME HOME!

*A special medal honoring the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, 27 July 1953*

High-strength brass plated with 24K gold.  
Neck and chest ribbons, blue velveteen case.  
**\$95 retail + shipping**

## SPECIAL OFFER

exclusively for *The Graybeards* subscribers:  
**50% discount off retail: \$47.50 + 7.50 shipping**

*Payment by PayPal, credit card, check or money order*

**Sponsor:** KWVA Chapter 11, Danbury, Conn.

★ **Sales Contact: TME Co., Inc.**

101 Belair Dr., New Milford, CT 06776

*E-mail:* [TMEALF@aol.com](mailto:TMEALF@aol.com) *Tel:* 860-354-0686

*Website:* <http://www.TMEALF.com/KWVA.php>

© copyright TME Co., Inc., 2013

**Quantity pricing** available to other KWVA Chapters. **Please call.**

## YOU SERVED WITH THE BEST, TOUR WITH THE BEST!

### 2013 BATTLEFIELD TOURS

*You can't take it with you, so let MHT help with that bucketlist!*

- 13 – 26 Apr Vietnam I Corps “Chu Lai to the DMZ”
- 19 – 27 Apr Turkey Battle of Gallipoli ANZAC Day Istanbul & Troy
- 10 – 24 May Vietnam I-II-III-IV Corps “Delta to the DMZ”
- ★ 17 – 27 May 95<sup>th</sup> Anniv of WWI American Battlefields
- 25 May – 3 Jun Battle of the Bulge-Bastogne & Paris
- ★ 1 – 9 Jun 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day: Normandy to Paris
- 9 – 21 Jun Vietnam I Corps “Chu Lai to the DMZ”
- 2 – 14 July 70<sup>th</sup> Anniv of WWII Battle of Kursk Tank Reenactment, Moscow & Stalingrad Post Tour: St. Petersburg
- 9 Sep 70<sup>th</sup> Anniv Invasion of Italy Sicily “Op Husky”
- 19 – 28 Jul Liberation of Guam, Tinian & Saipan too!
- 1 – 11 Aug 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Guadalcanal “Turning the Tide in the Pacific” Post Tour: Up the Slot!
- ★ 24 Aug – 6 Sep I Corps Return
- 24 Aug – 7 Sep Helicopter Ops in Vietnam & I-II-III-IV Corps “Delta to the DMZ”
- Sep 70<sup>th</sup> Anniv Invasion of Italy Salerno Landing “Op Avalanche”








**13198 Centerpointe Way,  
Ste 202 Woodbridge, VA 22193-5285**

**800-722-9501 \* [www.miltours.com](http://www.miltours.com)  
[mhtours@miltours.com](mailto:mhtours@miltours.com)**



## The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

# Tell America

### 30 - INDIANA CHAPTER ONE

We began our 2012-2013 season when the schools started. We started with Americanism Day at Blackhawk Middle School, with 900 students in attendance.

Two U.S. Army veterans pictured nearby enjoyed sharing time with our members, but I did not get their

names. Incidentally, the principal of Holland Grade School is a Vietnam veteran.

As of this writing, we have talked to 2,360 students, in addition to 315 patients at local nursing centers.

Mary Anna Roemke, P.O. Box 15102, Fort Wayne, IN 46885



The Ch 30 Tell America team (L-R) Bernard Wisniewski, Past Commander; Dale Parish, Bud Mendenhall, Cletus Rumschlag, Bernie Huesing, Dave Martin, William Hambrock, Charles Comstock, Don Barnhart, Carl Fowler, Nance Adams, Lynn Shady, our Tell America Chairman, and Ed Hagadorn



Large assembly at Blackhawk Middle School for Ch 30's Tell America presentation



Two unidentified U.S. Army veterans who participated in Ch 30's Tell America program at Blackhawk Middle School



Part of the school assembly at Holland Grade School for Ch 30 presentation



More students at Holland Grade School

### 43 - KANSAS CITY #2 [MO]

We only went to one high school this year, Lawson High School, in Lawson, MO. Mr. Kelsey Boswell, the history teacher for the junior high 7th and 8th grades, is the most enthusiastic teacher who we work with. When he calls and tells us what dates he will be teaching on the Korean War (2 days before), we load up the car and go. We made three trips there in 2012.

We are also finding that seniors like our presentations, most likely because they can relate to that

time and like to talk about it during our Q and A. We have also found that we all enjoy having lunch together and talking about the good old days.

One of our presentations was at the Palmer Center in Independence, MO, which is operated by the Independence Parks and Recreation Department for senior citizens. We also had a first for us at the Old Oak Tree Senior Apartments in Independence, MO. After our presentation there, Sherri Woods, from North Care



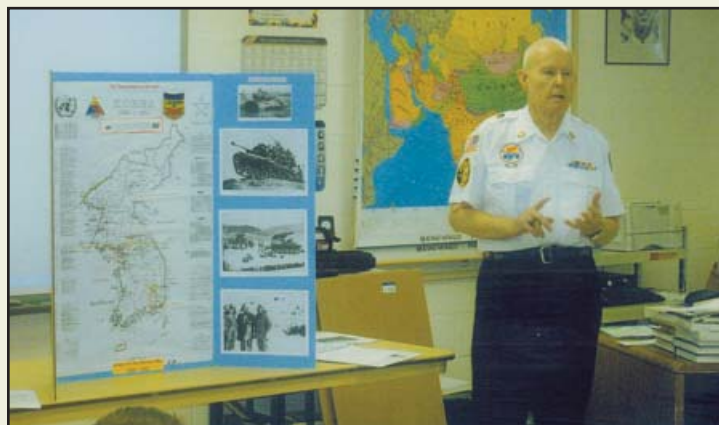
Hospice, gave a presentation on the White Table Service, including why the table is round and what each item on the table symbolizes. After the presentation, Paul Wolfgeher, Bob Jones, and Gene Winslow of our chapter were given a certificate paying special tribute for their military service.

Another first for us in 2012 was going to a veterans' home in Cameron, MO. We made our presentation in the chapel. Residents came to listen to a couple of their fellow veterans speak. Some

came on their own power, some in wheelchairs, and some with the help of their caregivers. But, God bless them, they came. After our presentation, we had lunch with them, which was great.

Anyone who would like to see more on this can go to [www.northcarehospice.org](http://www.northcarehospice.org).

Bob Jones, 13975 E. 35th St. S #428, Independence, MO 64055, 816-836-0969 (home), 816-809-0123 (cell), [bobjones73rdtkbn@yahoo.com](mailto:bobjones73rdtkbn@yahoo.com)



Bob Jones talks to students at Lawson High School

More ➤



Bob Jones (L) and Paul Wolfgeher of Ch 43 in front of Palmer Center, Independence, MO

**FARMINGTON PATRIOTIC DAY**  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1  
5 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.  
Free Community Dinner  
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Patriotic Day Program  
Farmington High School  
20655 Flagstaff Avenue  
Farmington, MN 55024

**2012 EVENT TO FEATURE SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO VETERANS OF THE KOREAN WAR**  
Farmington's Patriotic Day annually chooses a group of veterans to provide special recognition and the 2012 event will honor the men and women who served our nation in the Korean War, June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953.  
Commonly referred to as "The Forgotten War", Minnesotans and the Farmington community have not forgotten the service provided by this group of dedicated citizens, many who are now in their eighties. Over 54,000 Americans died in the Korean War with another 104,000 injured.

**EVENT GOALS**  
Promote patriotism throughout the Farmington community by uniting the school community with community partners. Defining patriotism as "love of country accompanied by willingness to serve one's country".  
Involve the entire school community and surrounding community in events, activities, and learnings before, during and after Patriotic Day.  
Provide an opportunity to infuse patriotic pride and love of country awareness in students and their families.

**MINNESOTA'S FIRST BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON CITY**  
Farmington was named Minnesota's first Yellow Ribbon Community in 2008 and has worked to create a network of support for active military, veterans and military families.  
Yellow Ribbon Communities connect and coordinate agencies, organizations, resources and employees.  
Farmington's model is leading the state and nation in demonstrating how communities can rally to show appreciation and give back to those who have served our country.

The 2011 event featured a tribute to World War II Veterans. Keynote Speakers Dick Camell and Betty Wall Stiles are shown here with Farmington Superintendent Jay Haugen and Dr. Steven Gels, Principal of North Trail Elementary School and member of the event organizing team.

**FARMINGTON PATRIOTIC DAY**  
20655 Flagstaff Avenue  
Farmington, MN 55024  
[www.farmington.k12.mn.us](http://www.farmington.k12.mn.us)



Paul Wolfgeher addresses audience at Old Oak Tree Apartments in Independence, MO

**PATRIOTIC DAY 2012 / Thursday, November 1**

The 2011 event featured a tribute to World War II Veterans. Keynote Speakers Dick Camell and Betty Wall Stiles are shown here with Farmington Superintendent Jay Haugen and Dr. Steven Gels, Principal of North Trail Elementary School and member of the event organizing team.

**FARMINGTON PATRIOTIC DAY**  
20655 Flagstaff Avenue  
Farmington, MN 55024  
[www.farmington.k12.mn.us](http://www.farmington.k12.mn.us)

The brochure for Farmington High School's "Patriotic Day"

## Please support our advertisers

Hopefully, our readers will buy their products so we can retain our current advertisers, attract new advertisers, and use the revenues to underwrite the costs of producing *The Graybeards*.



Seated at the White Table at Old Oak Tree Apartments are Paul Wolfgeher, Bob Jones, and Gene Winslow of Ch 43 (L-R)



## 172 - HANCOCK COUNTY [OH]

Our Tell America Committee was busy throughout 2012. We presented 16 programs in our area to over 2,100 people.

Members Dan Vanrenterghem and Ray Jameson have served as co-chairmen throughout the year. Other members who have been active with the committee are

John Brown, Jim Rooney, Bob Wilson, and the recently deceased Bill Webb.

The nearby photos of our activities were taken at Arcadia, OH schools on November 9, 2012.

*Harry C. Biddinger, 1 Windstone Ct., Findlay, OH 45840, 419-423-5785*



Don Vanrenterghem at Arcadia High School



Veterans who participated at Arcadia High School presentation

## 178 - YORK COUNTY [PA]

We presented a session at Central York High School, where we talked to four classes in Mr. Mark Shivers' room. The students were very attentive and asked questions after each presenter spoke about his experiences.

In addition to our talks, we also held a Flag Folding Ceremony as is done at military funerals and explained what each fold meant. We also performed a skit depict-

ing the flag at Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor during the War of 1812, when Francis Scott Key penned the "Star Spangled Banner."

The entire experience was quite moving for us, and we were honored to be the school's guests and to talk about the Korean War.

*Frank Davila, 2757 Sheridan Rd., York, PA 17406, 717-755-0033, bb62oldsalt@comcast.net*

## 191 - TIDEWATER [VA]

Department of Virginia Commander John ("Sonny") Edwards and Ed Brooks offered a presentation at the Smithfield [VA] Library on November 10, 2012. The event included a video segment.

The session was well attended.

*John T. ("Sonny") Edwards, 14370 Mill Swamp Rd., Smithfield, VA 23430, 757-357-2331*

*KVetEdwards@yahoo.com*



John Edwards (L) and Ed Brooks of Ch 191 at Smithfield, VA Tell America presentation

John Edwards addresses attendees at Ch 191's Tell America session



## 312 - ANTIETAM [MD]

### Antietam Chapter 312 Visits Local High School

We were invited to participate in a local high school's Veterans Day assembly program. Over an extended period of time, the chapter's Commander, Les Bishop, had discussed the possibility of conducting a Tell America program with school officials at St. Maria Goretti High School in Hagerstown, MD. Instead of conducting the program for a class, Commander Bishop and representatives from Antietam Chapter 312 were asked to conduct an information program about the Korean War for the entire school.

Being equal to this task, the chapter set up some posters in the lobby area outside the gymnasium where the veterans were

going to speak early in the day. These posters depicted the phases of the Korean War, military campaigns and an artist's rendition of the Korean War Veterans Monument which the chapter is currently constructing in Hagerstown.

The program which the members presented included an overall review of the Korean War by Commander Bishop. This briefing was followed by several members who told their personal stories and experiences in Korea. The students were very attentive and particularly enthralled by the hardships encountered by two of the members.

Following the speeches, the students' appreciation of the presentations was loud and nearly



moved the veterans to a tear or two. After the students were dismissed, most of the students came to greet the veterans, ask some questions, and reinforce their appreciation for the veterans' talks.

Veterans who participated in this program were Commander Les Bishop (USA), Jesse Englehart

(USMC), Al Jacobson (USA), and Joe Startari (USN). Mr. Englehart and Mr. Jacobson were both survivors of the Chosin Reservoir campaign. All in all, it was really a great day for the students as well as the veterans.

*Les Bishop, 11822 Oriole Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742, 240-420-3755, lbishop@myactv.net*



Veterans and active military personnel who were honored at Musselman High School, Inward, WV; Ch 312 Commander Les Bishop is fifth from left



Joe Startari, Al Jacobson, and Les Bishop of Ch 312 with South Korean exchange student SJ Koh at St. Maria Goretti High School



Les Bishop of Ch 312 speaks to students at St. Maria Goretti High School, as Al Jacobson, Joe Startari, and Jesse Englehart listen

## Wayne R. Uptagrafft

Wayne Uptagrafft was a guest speaker at the Farmington [MN] High School's Patriotic Day event on November 1, 2012. He served in Korea in 1952 with 8240 Army Unit, (Wolfpack 1) located on Kanghwa-do Island, on the DMZ in ground operations behind the enemy lines in North Korea from February 1952 to December 1952. He operated with guerrilla troops that had volunteered to fight the North Koreans and Chinese.

As Uptagrafft explained it, he spoke about Korea and his experience there. The school fed over 1,300 people, including 400 students, at a free pork chop and mashed potatoes supper prepared by numerous volunteers. "It was the best program that I attended as a veteran, and I have talked at several other schools. But, there has been nothing of this size or as well organized," Uptagrafft said.

Moreover, Uptagrafft noted, "There were no politicians or celebrities at the presentation. People are tired of listening to politicians. They get turned off very fast. They would come to eat the pork chops and leave. This was not the case when I talked. Over 1,000 people stayed and listened to what I had to say."

Uptagrafft had an exciting assignment in Korea on which to base his presentation. As he explained, "I was classified top secret from 1952 to 1985. When I came home I could not talk about it. This was to protect me and my Army buddies who served with me.

"Our mission behind the enemy line was to destroy and kill. We had no identification to reveal our name, organization, and mission. We carried nothing American on us. If we were captured, we could either try to fight our way back, be captured, or kill ourselves. I was

lucky. I was never captured. I was wounded once, but I was able to fight my way back to the island."

Uptagrafft has been an avid participant in KWVA activities. He was the commander of the Korean War Veterans Club in Rochester from 2002-2009. He took over as commander in 2002 from other Korean War veterans who had started the club. Uptagrafft "just continued on from them and increased the membership from 75 to 230 members during my period as commander."

He revealed that, "We presented the Colors at several of the schools with our own Color Guard and walked in many parades in the surrounding towns. Every Monday morning we meet at Grandma's Cafe in Rochester from 8-9 am, have breakfast, and talk over veterans issues. We usually have from 30-50 people for breakfast. Our is the greatest bunch of veterans you would want to be around. We did our job and are a PROUD bunch of veterans. We did not all serve in the Korean War, but we did all have a single job to do: help people."

That was the message he carried to the audience at Farmington High School, which fit well into the threefold purpose of the presentation, as described in the Patriotic Day Committee Meeting Agenda:

- promote patriotism throughout our community by uniting the school community with community partners. Defining patriotism as "love of country accompanied by willingness to serve one's country."
- a chance to involve the entire school community and surrounding community in events/activities/learnings before, during and after November 1st

Continued on page 61



# 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.

## 43 - KANSAS CITY MISSOURI #2 [MO]

Again this year our Korean friends invited us to their church in Overland Park, KS, the Kansas Mission Church, for their Thanksgiving Festival.



Waiting for lunch at Overland Park church are Lou Ramsey, Bob Jones and Gene Winslow (L-R) of Ch 45



Major Timothy Ryu, U.S. Army chaplain, welcomes crowd at the Kansas Mission Church

Traditional Korean dance troupe performs at Overland Park, KS Thanksgiving lunch



Members of Ch 45 with church host members (L-R) Gene Winslow, Bob Jones, Selena Vanady, Lou Ramsey, Alex Vanady, Timothy Ryu, unidentified person, Cecil Bruce, unidentified person

This year was no different than in the past. We enjoyed a delicious thanksgiving lunch with all the trimmings—and they sent us home with enough leftovers for another meal. Each veteran was also given a present from the church members.

After lunch we were treated to an outstanding entertainment program.

Bob Jones, 816-836-0969 (H), 816-809-0123 (cell), [bob-jones73rdtkbn@yahoo.com](mailto:bob-jones73rdtkbn@yahoo.com)

## 56 - VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

Members attended an August 21, 2012 “Appreciation” event at the Korean Consel General’s residence in Los Angeles.

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



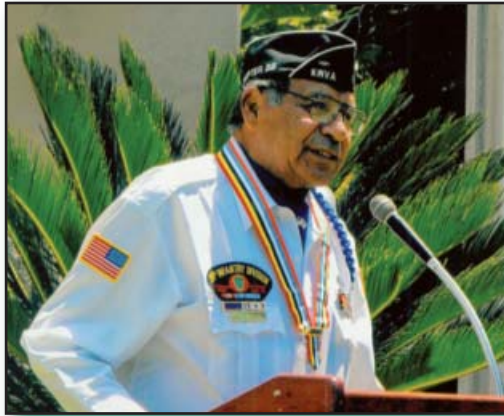
The Honorable Yeon-Sung Shin, Korean Consul General, speaks at luncheon attended by Ch 56 members

Tai-kwan-do exhibition by Hallelujah Tai-Kwan-Do team at Kansas Mission Church





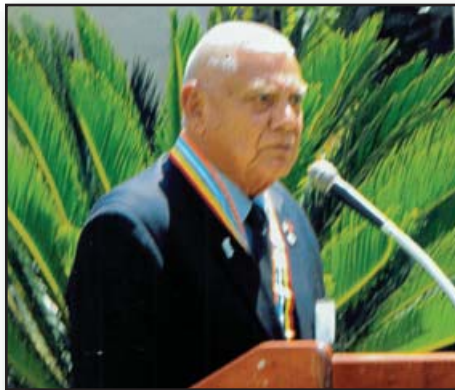
Veterans and guests at the Los Angeles appreciation event



David Lopez of Ch 56 addresses crowd at Los Angeles function

Martin Vasquez of Ch 56 speaks at Los Angeles Consul General's residence

Contingent from Ch 56 at Los Angeles (L-R) George Silvia, Gregory Garcia, Jr., David Lopez, Henry Guevara (Kneeling), Hugh Crockett, Manuel Adame, Benjamin Espinoza and wife Betty, Martin Vasquez, Louie Espinoza (NOTE: One member's name is missing)



## 117 – OCEAN STATE #1

The Korean Consulate in Boston, MA hosted a luncheon for Korean War veterans at a Boston hotel.

Antero ("Ted") L. Martins, 54 Ferncrest Dr., Pawtucket, RI 02861, 401-724-4664, [KWVAUSAF1955@gmail.com](mailto:KWVAUSAF1955@gmail.com)



Chaplain Kenny LaFontaine, Sr. Vice Cmdr. Joe LaFontaine, Jr. Vice Cmdr. David Chmielewski, Associate Member Joe Nozolino and Cmdr. of Ch 117 (L-R) at Boston luncheon



Joe LaFontaine, Antero Martins, and Associate Member Robert Scanlon of Ch 117 (L-R) bow heads as Chaplain Ken LaFontaine offers prayer at Attleboro MA church

## 172 - HANCOCK COUNTY [OH]

The New Life Korean United Methodist Church of Findlay, OH invited us to a November 18, 2012 Thanksgiving dinner to honor our services to their country during the Korean War. We attended a church service, then church members served us a delicious buffet-style meal that they prepared.

It was a special day for everyone, and we look forward to our continued mutual friendship with one another.

Harry C. Biddinger, 1 Windstone Ct.  
Findlay, OH 45840, 419-423-5785

# Chapter & Department News

**Notice to all Departments and Chapters:** There was a statement on p. 34 in the Nov.-Dec. 2012 edition of *The Graybeards* that all Departments and Chapters must request confirmation from Jake Feaster to make sure they have met the minimum reporting requirements before they submit material for publication. This policy is no longer in effect.

Henceforth, all your requests for articles to be placed in *The Graybeards* should be sent directly to the editor. Remember, though, the editor cannot print everything he receives. There is not enough room. We depend on his expertise as to what is or is not published, as has always been the practice.

I encourage all our members, Departments, and Chapters to submit articles that they wish to see printed in *The Graybeards*. Those of you who are elected to represent your Department or your Chapter as Secretaries or who are responsible for providing the information that Jake Feaster needs to meet minimum reporting requirements must make sure he receives it. It is not just Jake who requires the information. It is also needed for us to maintain our federal charter.

If you are not familiar with the reports Jake Feaster requires, contact him and he will inform you of your obligation. Reach Jake via email at [JFeaster@kwva.org](mailto:JFeaster@kwva.org) or by phone at 352-466-3493 (Home) or 352-262-1845 (Cell).

Thank you for your cooperation.

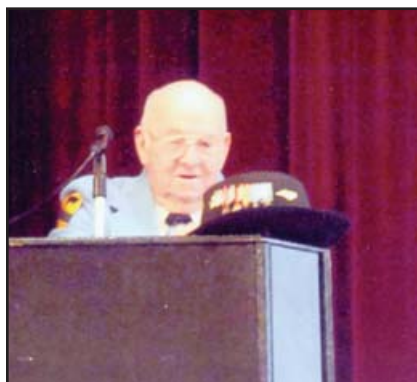
Jim Ferris, National President

## 1 GULF COAST

Chapter President Walter Ballard spoke at the Visiting Scholars Assembly Program at UMS-Wright Preparatory School in Mobile, AL this year to begin the 9/11 memorial assembly. This event included 750 students and 6 distinguished veterans from the local community. Each speaker had 7-10 minutes to address the crowd.

The impressive panel included WWII Marine Corps veteran Dr. Sidney C. Phillips, Jr., who wrote the book *You'll Be Sor-ree*, and practiced medicine locally for 40 years. He attended UMS in the 1930s.

Mr. Ballard, representing Korean War veterans, was, in addition to his military service, an electrician for International Paper Company in Mobile. Cold War Veteran Dr. Cheryl Rose served as an intelligence officer behind the Iron Curtain



Walter Ballard addresses students at UMS-Wright School



Speakers at UMS-Wright School assembly (L-R) Pat Downing, Sidney C. Phillips, Cheryl Rose, Walter Ballard, Milous Loche, Lou Lartigue

from 1969 until the Berlin Wall collapsed.

Retired U.S. Army Colonel Pat Downing discussed the Vietnam War. He served two tours of duty during that conflict. He also served in Panama, the Pentagon, the Middle East, Honduras, as a Harvard University Fellow, and is now at the University of South Alabama.

West Point graduate U.S. Army Colonel Lou Lartigue, Jr., represented the Iraq War era. He served as a tank commander in



Desert Storm, at the Pentagon, and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn. He also served as a Fellow at MIT and most recently as the Chief Of Staff at Fort Benning, GA.

Master Sergeant Milous Loche talked about the Afghan War era. He is currently the Senior Military instructor at the University of South Alabama. Loche has had a highly decorated 27-year career as a tank commander and instructor in service to our nation globally, as well as in Afghanistan.

UMS 6-12 grade students were privileged to see three generations of heroes, an event on which they will look back with reverence and awe.

There was a reception after the program during which students had the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers on a one-on-one basis.

Walter G. Ballard, 3775 Hardeman Rd.  
Semmes, AL 36575, 251-649-2887

## 5 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA #1 [CA]

South Korean General Seung Woo Choi visited us in June 2012 as part of his tour through the Pacific Northwest. As an article written by George L. Winship and published in the June 27, 2012 Anderson Valley Post noted, "Far from his home in South Korea and bone weary due to flight delays and rerouting, retired Gen. Seung Woo Choi, 70, appeared fresh and re-energized in his crisply starched dress white parade uniform when welcomed Sunday in Anderson by more than 100 Korean War veterans and a like number of their family members."

The General presented medals and certificates to chapter members and visited its Korean War monument at the Igo, CA Veterans Cemetery. "Our Korean War monument, which was dedicated on November 2009, and our active chapter were of interest to him," Commander William McKinney observed. (See the related story on p. 55.) "So was an active Korean community. Kim Chamberlain, part of this community and wife of Paul Chamberlain, deceased KWVA member, was invaluable in working with our chapter [to organize this event]."

William McKinney,  
6907 Riata Dr.  
Redding, CA 96002,  
[bnjmckin@charter.net](mailto:bnjmckin@charter.net)



General Choi receives jacket from Ch 5



Members of Ch 5, family members, and guests at ceremony in Anderson, CA



Sung Kim, minister of Korean church, and Kim Chamberlain at Ch 5 event



Ch 5 Commander Bill McKinney presents book written by former Korean War POW Dr. William Shadish, now deceased



Treasurer Bob Anderson and Chaplain Leo Delay of Ch 5; Mary Baker (President of Eureka, CA KWVA); Bill McKinney; Mrs. Seung Woo Choi; and George Winship (L-R) at Anderson presentation





General Seung Woo Choi presents medal to Ken Green (USMC), founder of Ch 5



Spouses at Ch 29 Christmas party (L-R) Rosa Solis, Vera Aquilera, Connie Garza, Toshiko Paunovich, Connie Castaneda



Letter of Appreciation presented to Ch 5 Commander Bill McKinney

## 29 SSGT WILLIAM E WINDRICH #3 [IN]

We held our Christmas party recently.

Herbert A. Verrill, 1833 169th St.  
Hammond, IN 46324, 219-844-4369



Attendees at Ch 29's Christmas party include Al Solis (seated), Steve Paunovich, Eliseo Castaneda, Herb Verrill, Pete Chang, Rich Garza, Ron Wojcik, Luis Aquilera (L-R)

## 38 NORTHWEST MICHIGAN [MI]

South Korean Consul Jin-hyun Lee treated Korean War veterans from Traverse City, MI to a luncheon at the local Elks Club and presented each of them with Ambassador for Peace medals.



The 24 Korean War veterans of Ch 38 in attendance at Traverse City luncheon

Ambassador Lee expressed the great appreciation of the South Korean government and its people for the sacrifices each veteran made to save South Korea, which is now one of the most thriving nations of the world

Gene Dixon displays Ambassador for Peace Medal bestowed by Ambassador Lee



On December 2, 2012, the local American Legion Post 35 honored Korean War veterans and spouses of our chapter with a great luncheon, awards, and prizes.

Gene Dixon, [dixong@charter.net](mailto:dixong@charter.net)



## 40 MINNESOTA #1 [MN]

The Korean Service veterans luncheon in Long Lake Regional Park, hosted by Byong Moon Kim, his family, and the Minnesota Korean community, was well attended—as usual.

They have honored us for the past nine years in this manner, at no cost to us. Everybody enjoys the musical entertainment.

This year we were also honored by the Department of Defense, which presented Certificates of Appreciation for our Korean War service.



Byong Moon Kim, USAF Maj. Buchanan (DOD), Col. David Clark (DOD), and Ch 40 President Ed Valle at Minnesota gathering



Ch 40 Board members, displaying their Certificates of Appreciation from the DOD, represent their respective branches of the armed forces. They include (L-R) Ed Valle (USAF), Jerome Sandin (U.S. Navy), Harvey Sell (U.S. Army), and Bob Pellow (USMC)



The Kim family welcomes members of Ch 40 to their annual picnic

“Rally round the flag, boys,” is exactly what our members did at the annual Christmas visitation to the Minnesota Veterans Hospital. We were able to muster nine members who traveled over slippery roads on a very cold and dark evening.

Blake Rumble, 969 Lombard Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55105, 651-222-3281



Group from Ch 40 on Christmas visitation (L-R) Donald Goethas, Harvey Sell, Andrew Urness, Dave Pirogowicz, Calvin Buck, Blair Rumble, Chanley Lundgren, Mike Jansen and Chaplain Donald C. Swanson (seated)

## 43 KANSAS CITY MISSOURI #2 [MO]

### Veterans Day Salute by the Mid-Continent Public Library

The Mid-Continent Public Library is the largest library system in the metropolitan area, operating 30 libraries. This year was the 16th year that the library has had this Veterans Salute, which runs from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. The library estimated 1,000 people passed through that day.

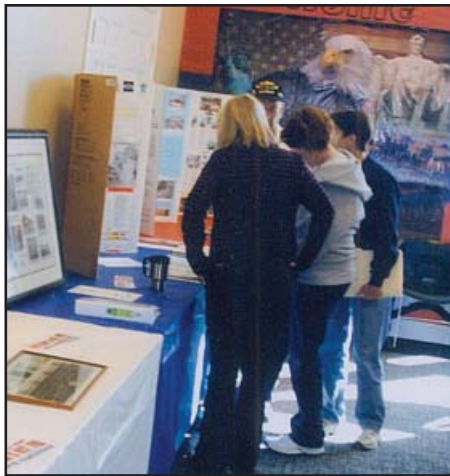


Paul Wolfgeher, Terry Robinson, Maureen Bunke, Bob Jones, Peggy Sowdens (L-R) stand in front of Ch 43's display panels at Mid-Continent Public Library, some of which are used in its Tell America Program.

This year there were 26 special features, displays, and exhibits. As in past years, our chapter was well represented at this event.

Bob Jones, 816-836-0969 (H)  
816-809-0123 (cell), [bobjones73rdtkbn@yahoo.com](mailto:bobjones73rdtkbn@yahoo.com)





Paul Wolfgeher (partially hidden) shows Peggy Sowdens, Terry Robinson and Maureen Bunke (L-R) some Korean War psychological warfare leaflets, which he also uses in his Tell America presentation

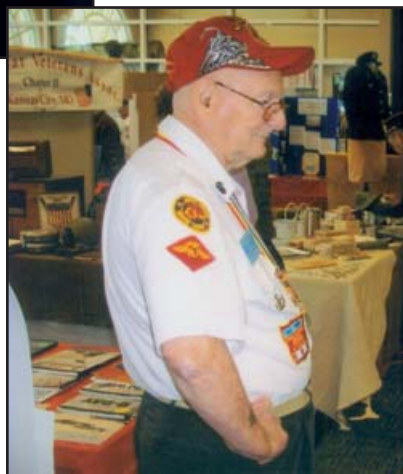


Bob Jones of Ch 43 displays some display panels that focus on his first year of the Korean War with the 73rd Tank Bn. He uses some of the panels for his Tell America presentation



Lou Ramsey of Ch 43 discusses his ten years of military service as a flight engineer with the P2V-5 Flight Engine USN. His collection focuses on anti-submarine warfare and other artifacts from the Korean conflict. In back is Jose "Chip" Alonzo and his display

Gene Winslow of Ch 43 was with the MTG-202nd Marine Air Wing. His display consists of items used by the Marines during the Korean War.



Tom Walsh, Ch 43's Public Relations rep, who was with the U.S. Air Force

## 54 THOMAS W. DALEY, JR. [NJ]

On December 6, 2012, we held our annual Christmas dinner at the American Legion Hall, Gibbsboro, New Jersey. Fifty-five members and their guests attended this happy event, which featured good food, good music, and great entertainment.

Gil Stead, our 91-year-old member, kept the audience in a happy mood with his very funny joke routine.

Willie Guidotti provided his guitar music and singing, with background from DJ Dick Serretta.

Members of Ch 54 conduct POW ceremony at Christmas gathering



Gil Stead at Ch 54's Christmas extravaganza



Merry Christmas for Ch 54 members and guests

Everyone had a memorable night.

Andy Jackson, [captjack71@comcast.net](mailto:captjack71@comcast.net)

## 55 NASSAU COUNTY #1 [NY]

Every year at our annual holiday party we install our officers for the new year. We have a new Commander this year: Donald J. Zoeller.

He was featured in a local newspaper article that announced his election and outlined some of his post-Korean War achievements as a lawyer and public servant.





Bob O'Brien swears in new officers of Ch 55 (L-R) Don Zoellner, Larry O'Leary, Hank Nowicki, Buddy Epstein, Bernie Hoffman, and Arnie Barletta



Don Zoellner of Ch 55 presents Past Commander Howard Plattner as Larry O'Leary and Hank Nowicki look on

Our other new officers include Larry O'Leary, Hank Nowicki, Buddy Epstein, Bernie Hoffman, and Arnie Barletta.

Commander Zoeller presented Past Commander Howard Plattner with a plaque for all he has done for the chapter and the KWVA.

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

## 59 NORTHEAST NEW YORK [NY]

One of our members, Len Roden, received his long overdue medals on November 4, 2012 at an award ceremony following a breakfast at the American Legion Post in Wynantskill, NY.

The breakfast was co-sponsored by the American Legion Post 1489, the Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency, and the Brunswick Lodge of Elks #2556.

Chapter Commander James Busher and his wife Marie conducted the POW/MIA tribute during the Medals Awards Ceremony.

James Busher, [Jbushers2@aol.com](mailto:Jbushers2@aol.com)

## 69 GREATER CLEVELAND [OH]

The Greater Cleveland KWVA Chapter was co-founded by Fred Lick, Jr. and Robert D. Haas in 1988. A year later, July 24, 1989, a Federal Charter was granted with 18 active charter mem-



Fred Lick, Jr., swears in three of Ch 69's new officers (L-R) Bob Johnson, Richard Brokowski, and John Marinche



Members of Ch 69 accept a plaque of appreciation from South Korean Ambassador Han Duk-soo (L-R) Robert D. Haas, Fred Lick, Jr., and Dr. Mark Meachan



KWVA members admire the plaque presented by Han Duk-soo (L-R) Joe Mendise, Bob O'Hara, John Marinche, Bob Haas, all of Ch 69, Steve Szekeley and Bob Brice of Ch 112 (Lake Erie), and Dr. John Wasyluk, of Ch 280, William J. Fantozzi [OH]

bers: Robert Haas, Pres; Robert O'Hara, VP; Richard Danielson, 2nd VP; Charles Benson, Sec; Fred Ellis, Treas; Alan Harrington, Sr. JA; Fred Lick, Frank DiLeonarda, Daniel Montille, Dennis Starcher, Tony Fransetta, Robert Brown, Laimons Patterson,

David Dawson, Robert Griffith, George Perek, Robert H. Griffinnett and James Conway.

During the early years, through the courtesy of Fred Lick, President and CEO, we met at Central Reserve Life Insurance Company. After we moved about seeking a place to meet, VFW Post #6676 in Berea was gracious enough to provide us with a comfortable monthly meeting room. Presently we have a total of 72 paid members and a grand total of 111 past members on the rolls. In addition, we have a very active auxiliary, with 24 members always willing to lend a hand.

Our goal is to help veterans and their families. A few of our activities include forwarding care packages to troops in Iraq; volunteering at The National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio; and participating in military and other local parades. President John Marinchek has plans to strengthen the "Tell America" program, which is already in effect.

VFW Post 6676 has honored and recognized us for outstanding contributions. We also have a number of social activities each year, e.g., a Christmas Party and dining out. Due to age and health problems, members assist other members in attending meetings.

A special event occurred when we were honored to meet and host Dr. Han Duk-soo, Korean Ambassador to the United States, on his visit to the great city of Cleveland, OH. He spoke with great esteem for the American troops who fought with valor and bravery during the Korean War and the saving of his country from communism. He presented the chapter with a plaque of appreciation from the Korean government, which was much appreciated.

We have new officers for 2012-13. They were sworn in by Fred Lick, Jr. They are Treasurer Bob Johnson; Secretary Richard Brokowski; President John Marinchek; Chaplain Frank Zoretich, and Vice-President Joe Mendise. Congratulations to a fine group of officers.

Robert D. Haas, 1306 Taggart St., N.W., Massillon, OH 44646, 330-832-7707, [RHaas@sssnet.com](mailto:RHaas@sssnet.com)

## 71 WESTERN OHIO - LAKE ERIE [OH]

We held our semiannual spaghetti dinner and fundraiser on October 14, 2012 at VFW Post 1079 in Elyria, OH. The money we raised was used at Christmas for charitable gifts.

All our members took part. We served over 200 dinners. It was a great day for all of us.

Joseph F. Moss, 1036 Rosealee Ave.  
Elyria, OH 44035  
440-366-6974



Pat Ryan, President of Ch 71 (L) and "chef" Ed Webber at spaghetti dinner



"Kitchen help" at Ch 71's spaghetti dinner (L-R) Jim Walczak, John Bates, Doug Roberts, Russ Meadows

## 72 OREGON TRAIL [OR]

We normally meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, except in December, at a Denny's Restaurant in Clackamas, OR. (Clackamas is a SE Portland suburb.) With attendance starting to decrease at the monthly meetings, our executive committee decided to try scheduling a guest speaker at each luncheon. That idea produced a lot of talks by various veterans representatives and civic leaders in the Portland Metro area, and interest in our meetings has almost doubled.



Doctor J. K. Lah plays flute for Ch 72 members



The Korean Women's Chorale at Ch 72 meeting

In October 2012 the Oregon Korean Society expressed a wish to present a program of traditional Korean chorale music and some instrumental solos for the KWVA members. Denny's provided us with a larger meeting room and we almost doubled our meeting attendance again!





Classical music was a part of the Korean entertainment at the Ch 72 October meeting

Loren Mitchell, 11940 SW King James Pl., Portland, OR 97224, 503-670-1382, [Lmitchell30@NetZero.com](mailto:Lmitchell30@NetZero.com)

## 86 MIDDLE TENNESSEE [TN]

We participated in Veterans Day 2012 commemorations.

Leonard Glenn, 920 Rexdale Dr., Nashville, TN 37217



Charles Bohn (L) and James Scarlett of Ch 86 at Nashville Veterans Day event



Parade viewers show appreciation for veterans in Nashville, TN

## 99 TALL CORN [IA]

On a seven-day bus trip we hosted, Korean War veterans, family/friends, and tour guides left Iowa on September 18, 2012 to visit monuments and memorials in Washington DC. We stopped at the battlefields at Gettysburg before arriving in Washington.

U.S. Senator Grassley (R-IA) and his wife greeted us at the Capitol prior to a tour. Also meeting the group at the Capitol were Taylor Morris, our President's grandson, and his girlfriend, Danielle, who drove down from the Walter Reed Rehab Unit.

Taylor sustained severe injuries when he stepped on an IED May 3, 2012 in Afghanistan.

Vilas ("Sid") Morris, Jr., 5026 Sage Rd.  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613



James & Karen Koenighain greeting President Lincoln at the Gettysburg Visitors Center



Ch 99 group at Iwo Jima Memorial

### WAR IN THE LAND OF THE MORNING CALM by JIM CAMPBELL

A BOOK OF FIRST HAND ACCOUNTS OF MEN WHO FOUGHT FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH KOREA. IT INCLUDES STORIES FROM PILOTS, MEDICS, INFANTRY, ARTILLERY, etc. **\$19.95** plus shipping (\$3.00)

Send check to Jim Campbell

1126 Somerton Place, Cumming, GA 30040

Quest., Please call:

706-974-6252





Sid Morris, President of Ch 99, behind grandson Taylor Morris and (front right), Danielle



Veterans of Ch 99 pay tribute with a military salute at the Korean War Memorial



One of several visiting South Koreans thanks Korean War veteran



Air Force veterans John Sagar and Don Gildersleeve of Ch 99 at the Air Force Memorial

## 105 CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

We held our annual Christmas dinner on December 18, 2012. The new Korean Ambassador in New York City, Son Se-Ju, and other dignitaries attended.

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



Assistant Director Jung, Jun Ho, Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, at Ch 105's Christmas dinner. (He is in charge of the Korean Visit Program)



Ambassador Son Se-Ju thanks veterans at Ch 105 event



Consul Lee Du-yong, Ambassador Son-Se-ju, KWVA National President Jim Ferris (L-R) share the dais at Ch 105 Christmas gathering



Han, Jongwoo, Jim Ferris, Son Je-ju, Cho Sung-ja (Han's mother), and Ed Grala (L-R) congregate at Ch 105's holiday gala





Consul Lee Du-yong, Park Kyung-jin, Son Se-ju, Kim Ju-yong, Dr. Min Byung-woo (L-R) at East Syracuse gathering



Members and guests of Ch 105 at their annual Christmas dinner



## 106 TREASURE COAST [FL]

The summer of 2012 started on June 14th as the chapter played host to [former] Congressman Allen West for a talk on the current military situation in the Middle East. The Congressman spoke for over 40 minutes and then took questions from some of the attendees and their family members.

9/11 was remembered at the Northport Middle School. We attended along with many other veterans groups.

We also continued our education program throughout Saint Lucie County Middle Schools. The program educates the 4th through 8th grade students on the history of our military in the Korean War. We visited six schools in September of 2012.

Harold Trieber, 10440 SW Stratton Dr.  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34987



Korean War Memorial at Port Saint Lucie, FL

John Holdorf, former Congressman Allen West, Peter Popolizio, Ch 106 Commander (L-R)



Charlie LoMonaco, Frank Antonucci, unidentified female Vietnam veteran, Harold Trieber, Joe Wilcox (Standing, L-R) Bill Shaw (Front, center) of Ch 106 during school visit





Former Congressman Allen West addresses KWVA members



Posting Colors at Veterans Day Memorial in Wellsville, OH are Mike Kilcoyne, George Piggott, Lloyd Nalley, George Germusa, and Dan Gallagher of Ch 126



Veterans salute at 9/11 ceremony at Northport Middle School



Don Brown of Ch 126 presents the flag to be posted to fellow member Lloyd Nalley

## 126 TRI-STATE [OH]

The weatherman predicted cloudy and showers on the 10th of November 2012, but it

turned out to be a beautiful and warm day in Wellsville, OH. Members participated in a parade to start the activities and then posted the Colors.

Member Dan Maclean spoke about the Korean War and his involvement in it. Don Brown, both a chapter member and the President of the Wellsville Memorial Council, also spoke. We all enjoyed a great luncheon after the ceremony ended.

Several members toured West Point, NY in 2012 as well.

George Piggott, 3720 Root Ave. N.E., Canton, OH



Dan MacLean of Ch 126 speaks to audience about his Korean War experience



Members of Ch 126 at West Point: George Piggott, George Germusa, Lloyd Nalley (L-R)



Group from Ch 126 participating in the Veterans Day Parade includes Lloyd Nalley, George Germusa, Mike Kilcoyne, Dan Gallagher, Ruth Gallagher, and Sheila Germusa (L-R)

## 138 AKRON REGIONAL [OH]

Members gathered at the Ellet Community Church of God for a program and flag raising to commemorate Veterans Day in 2012. Retired M/Sgt Sonny Cool gave a presentation on "Who Is A Veteran."

Carl Thornton, 209 27th St. NW, Barberton, OH 44203





Members of Ch 138 gather after Veterans Day ceremony (L-R) Bob Britt, Bill Niebuhr, Sonny Cool, Jack Holliday, Harvey Thorla, Don George, Minter Miller



Ch 138 members observe Veterans Day at the Ellet Community Church of God

## 142 COL. WILLIAM E. WEBER [MD]

The local Golden Corral Restaurant gave donated presents to many children on December 22, 2012. Restaurant employees wrapped the gifts neatly.

Robert Mount, P.O. Box 1647, Frederick, MD 21702



A pile of neatly wrapped gifts at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Fredericksburg, MD



"Santa's Helpers" from Ch 142 at Golden Corral Restaurant in Fredericksburg, MD (L-R) Tony Malavenda, Bob Eader, Reggie Kephart, Jack Droneburg, LeRoy Hansburger, Bob Mount

## 170 TAEJON [NJ]

Twelve members attended the December 2, 2012 Pearl Harbor Day ceremony to honor WWII veterans. The event was held at the Hackensack, NJ Naval Museum, where the WWII submarine *USS Ling* (SS 297) is located. (The museum and the submarine are maintained and operated by the Submarine Memorial Association.)

One of the highlights of the ceremony was the playing of a speech by then President Franklin D. Roosevelt in which he declared war on Japan.

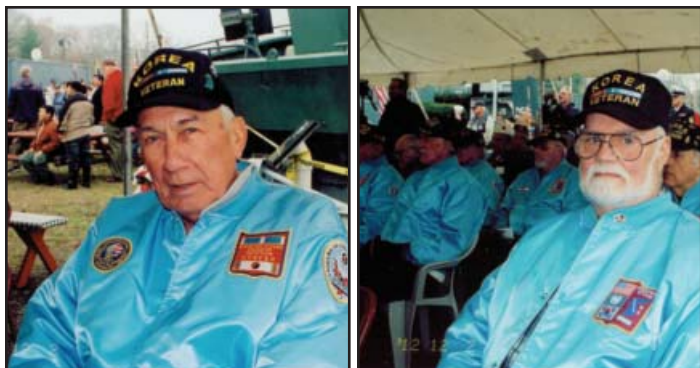


Members of Ch 170 at Pearl Harbor Remembrance ceremony (Front, L-R) new member Kenneth Florio, Frank Uvenio, Thomas Boyle, Louis Quagliero (Back, L-R) Alexander Atheras, Henry Ferrarini, Louis DeStefano



Ch 170 members aboard *USS Ling* (L-R) Louis DeStefano, William Burns, Alexander Atheras, Louis Quagliero





Clockwise from top left, George Rothfritz, Joseph Louis, Erwin Burkert, and Hank Leonhard of Ch 170 at Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance ceremony

At 1 p.m. there was a Call to Order by a member of SubVets Inc. That was followed by the introduction of visiting groups, which included us Korean War veterans. Next came the presentation of the Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, national anthem, invocation, and "God Bless America."

The most impressive moment was the Tolling of the Bells ceremony, recording the lost boats (aka submarines). The U.S. Navy lost 52 boats in the Pacific during WWII, most of them with all hands.

After "Taps" and a volley by the rifle squad from the American Legion Post 162 of Hillsdale, NJ, there were a benediction and the retirement of the Colors.

Chapter Jr. Vice Commander Henry Ferrarini led the contingent of Korean War veterans honoring the WWII veterans in remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day.

Louis Quagliero, 142 Illinois Ave., Paterson, NJ 07503

## 172 HANCOCK COUNTY [OH]

We held our annual Christmas dinner on December 13, 2012 at the Senior Center in Findlay, OH. Mr. Dan Hicks, Executive Director of the City of Mission of Findlay, was our guest speaker. He served in Korea with the U.S. Army in the early 1970s. The City Mission of Findlay is a homeless shelter, and many of its clients are veterans.

One hundred members and guests were entertained by Don Bair's band of Merry Elves, a visit from Santa Claus (our own Jim Iler), and a chorus line from Becky's School of Dance from Findlay, OH.

A free will offering was taken for the benefit of the operation

of the City Mission. It was a great evening for everyone.

Harry C. Biddinger, 1 Windstone Ct.

Findlay, OH 45840, 419-423-5785



Ch 172's Christmas dinner head table, with Don Bair's Merry Elves band in the background



Dan Hicks addresses Ch 172 members and guests at Christmas dinner as President Weldin Neff and VP Ron Dutton listen



"Santa Claus," aka Jim Iler, visits Ch 172 dinner group



Chorus line from Becky's School of Dance entertains attendees at Ch 172's Christmas dinner





Only a part of the crowd at Ch 172's dinner



Proud members of Ch 183 display Ambassador for Peace medals

## 181 KANSAS #1 [KS]

Thirty plus members and ladies got together at the VFW post in Lenexa, KS, for their informal annual Christmas get-together in early December. Everything went well, with good food, good fun, and good comradeship.

Members, spouses, and guests of Ch 181 at Christmas gathering



"National" members who do not belong to the Chapter are most cordially invited to attend our monthly meetings at the VFW at 95th and Pflumm in Lenexa on the first Monday of the month: 6 o'clock for burgers; 7 o'clock for the meeting.

We wish all our KWVA comrades a healthy and prosperous 2013.

Don Dyer, [ddyer15@everestkc.net](mailto:ddyer15@everestkc.net)

## 183 NEBRASKA #1 [NE]

We held our annual get-together on 15 July 2012, at which several members received "Ambassador For Peace" medals from the South Korean Consulate.

A second group received their medals at our monthly meeting in August.

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



The interior of Ch 183's meeting hall



Ambassador for Peace medal recipients from Ch 183 at August meeting

## 191 TIDEWATER [VA]

Forty local people were presented Certificates of Appreciation by the Department of Defense (DOD) for their service during the Korean War or for service in Korea after the cease fire was signed.

We posted an advertisement in the local newspaper informing people of the availability of the DOD certificates. Chaplain Leo Ruffing acted as the point of contact. Anyone interested in receiving the certificate was advised to contact Chaplain Ruffing, who ordered the certificates from the DOD.

Visit the Korean War Veterans Association Website:

[www.KWVA.org](http://www.KWVA.org)

The presentations were made at 9 a.m. on December 8th in the auditorium at the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, VA, which was made available through the good graces of William Davis (Col, USMC Ret.) Col Davis is the director of the MacArthur Memorial.

Presenting the certificates were Dennis McBride (Col. USMC Ret) and John Edwards, State Commander (Department of Virginia, KWVA). There were 73 individuals present for the awards; 40 individuals received the certificates. At the conclusion of the presentation, the individuals were invited to meet in one of the facility's classrooms for coffee and an information session on membership in KWVA and about the Revisit program.



Col Dennis McBride (USMC) addresses audience at Norfolk certificate ceremony



Unidentified recipient of DOD accepts Certificate of Appreciation from Col Dennis McBride as John Edwards looks on

John Edwards delivers Certificate of Appreciation at Norfolk, event



There was another ceremony at which certificates were presented to other individuals scheduled for late January 2013 at Park View Christian Church in Chesapeake, VA.

For additional information, contact Chaplain Leo Ruffing at 757-619-7940 or 757-484-8299.

## 192 CITRUS COUNTY [FL]

We sponsored a display at the Crystal River Mall's Veterans Fair, Nov. 3, 2012.

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

### Have a Mini-Reunion? Dedicating a Memorial? Attending a Banquet

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

Mail to Art Sharp, Editor, Korean War Veterans Association, 152 Sky View Drive., Rocky Hill, CT 06067



Ch 192's display at the Crystal River Mall's Veterans Fair. (See back cover)

## 221 TWIN CITIES [TX]

Chapter President Cliff Barrett and his wife Billie were on hand for the grand opening of the Salvation Army's Family Store in Texarkana, TX.

We installed new officers at our December 2012 meeting. They include Treasurer Charles Terry, President Gene Welch, Secretary Bill Bean, 2nd VP Jeff Holder and 1st VP Vance Scott. Rev. Douglas Anderson of St. James Episcopal Church administered the oath.



Cliff and Billie Barrett of Ch 221 at Salvation Army Family Store opening

An "Elvis" impersonator entertained members and our auxiliary at our Christmas dinner.

### "We Honor Veterans" Pinning Ceremony Held In Texarkana

A "We Honor Veterans" recognition ceremony was held at our October meeting. The program is a joint project of the National Hospice organization and the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs.



Greeters from Ch 221 at Salvation Army Family Store in Texarkana, TX (Front, L-R) Chris Terry, Sue Holder, Dee Reece, Martha Welch, Peggy Kososki, Billie Barrett (Back, L-R) Jeff Holder, Cliff Barrett, Charles Terry, Marion Burdette, Martha Bean, Bill Bean





New officers of Ch 221 (L-R) Treasurer Charles Terry, President Gene Welch, Secretary Bill Bean, 2nd VP Jeff Holder and 1st VP Vance Scott

Three staff members of Hospice of Texarkana were present at the “pinning” ceremony to award 11 Korean War veterans with a special pin to honor their service to the nation. Accepting the awards were Bill Carter, Vance Scott, Charles Terry, Carl Rackley, Troy Barron, Gene Welch, Marion Burdette, James M. Bradshaw, Jeff Holder, Cliff Barrett, and Theo Owen.

Hospice staff participating in the ceremony were Amy Glann, Director of Social Services; Cynthia Mullens, L.V.N.; and Andrea Sparks, administrative nurse, all of Hospice of Texarkana.

Rev. Don Brazille, of Texarkana, led the ceremony, which included patriotic singing and an inspirational message. As part of the “We Honor Veterans” program, the hospice staff understands the unique needs of veterans and is prepared to meet the specific challenges that veterans and their families may face in the future, hospice officials explained.

Brazille also announced that the Buchanan Baptist Church would be dedicating the Sunday, November 11, services in honor of all veterans. He invited area veterans to attend the 10:30 a.m. service.

We participated in the annual Veterans Day parade in downtown Texarkana on November 10th.

Troy K. “Kenneth” Barron  
5575 County Rd. 4116, Simms, TX 75574  
903-543-2672, [TroyK4116@live.com](mailto:TroyK4116@live.com)

## 222 ARDEN A ROWLEY [AZ]

Members participated in the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony in Phoenix, AZ on December 7, 2012. Lew Bradley, who is on the planning committee for this great event, is just finishing his term as Chairman, Unified Arizona Veterans. He presented the wreath on behalf of the chapter.

There were 76 veteran service organizations presenting wreaths. The wreaths are marched to the USS Arizona anchor at the beginning of the ceremony and placed around it. They remain there throughout the ceremony. This procedure has been in place the past two years since Bradley chaired the planning committee.

Previously, participants placed the wreaths near the end of the ceremony and retrieved them at the end, which left them at the anchor about fifteen minutes, rather than throughout the ceremony.

In 2011 and 2012 there were flyovers on a B-17, Sentimental Journey, by the Commemorative Air Force.

The photos were taken by Susan Kee.

Lew Bradley, [lew.bradley@gmail.com](mailto:lew.bradley@gmail.com)



Lew Bradley presents wreath on behalf of Ch 222 at Pearl Harbor commemoration



Secretary of State of Arizona Ken Bennett speaks at Phoenix Pearl Harbor commemoration

## 235 SANTA BARBARA [CA]

We commemorated the 59th anniversary of the Korean War truce with a barbeque. We received a plaque from the U.S. Congress, presented by our state representative, Louis Capps.

John Ramieri, 121 Dearborn PL Apt 150, Goleta, CA 93117, 805-698-4304

Commander John Ramieri of Ch 235 displays citation from Rep. Louis Capps







Members of Ch 235 pose with citation from Rep. Louis Capps



Kitchen volunteers push out the food at Ch 235's barbecue



Guests line up in the mess hall at Ch 235's barbecue



Jimmy and Alicia Rodriguez and their kitchen assistants did the cooking for Ch 235's barbecue

## 250 CHARLES THACKER [VA]

Once again we had our Christmas Dinner at the Steak House in Norton, VA. As always, Joe supplied us with two attractive and efficient waitresses, Lisa McDavid and Allisyn Justice.

Our president, Ken Fannon, and his lovely wife Jean had a surprise for us. Along with beautiful flowers, they presented certificates to the members, recognizing the number of military funerals each of us has participated in. Ken works hard as our president and we appreciate his efforts.

For various reasons, everyone couldn't attend, but those present were well fed.

Jack Bentley, PO Box 114, Pound, VA 24279, 276-796-4993, Jandm67@verizon.net



A sample of the flowers at Ch 250's Christmas dinner

**BELOW:** Lisa McDavid and Allisyn Justice, the competent servers at Ch 250's Christmas party



Ken and Jean Fannon at Ch 250's Christmas gathering





Attendees at Ch 250 Christmas dinner

## 251 SAGINAW/FRANKENMUTH [MI]

### Then And Now

We held our November 7, 2012 meeting at the Aleda Lutz VA Hospital in Saginaw, MI. We had 51 Korean vets present, plus 9 guests. The highlight of our meeting was a visit from the Korean Consul General's Office in Chicago. I had been contacting them for three months to come and speak to us at our meeting.

Two Korean representatives came: Jin-Hyun Lee and Jae Kwang Kim. They brought gifts for all of our members. The gifts were a Peace Proclamation and a Peace Medal on a rainbow-colored neck ribbon.



Jin-Hyun Lee (L-Front), Bob Simon (to his right) and (Back, R-L) Woo Sung Sae (Midland, MI), Jae Kwang Kim, Hugh Lee



Bob Simon of Ch 251 displays the "Peace Medal" and miniature pins and medal presented by visitors from Chicago Consul General's office

Other local Koreans got "wind" of our guests. They included Hugh Lee, President of the Mid-Michigan Korean Association, Midland, MI, Woo Sung Sae of Midland, and two local Korean pastors, from Saginaw. Their presence led to some interesting exchanges of information. Public Relations Director Bob Simon and his wife Lois, Acting Historian, took the delegation to breakfast the following morning.

Although the Korean delegation members were all born in South Korea, most of them came to America between 4-6 years of age. They were all interested in hearing Simon's stories of Korea in the 1950s, especially about "Cheerful Charlie" and "Smiling Sam," guys who picked up human waste to put it in rice paddies. Today, real fertilizer must be used and modern tractors work up the rice paddies.

Also, they could not believe the people did not own cars back



Ken Heck, Jacob Klemm (Front, L-R), Tony Blasey (Middle, in white shirt), and Frank Licht to his left at Ch 251 meeting



Members of Ch 251 at the Nov. 7, 2012 meeting at the Aleda Lutz VA Hospital

then. Now, in big cities every home has two cars. Another thing, taxi cabs were 1940s vintage. The drivers had to display an A or R, which designated the days on which they could operate. (They were allowed to drive only on odd or even days.)

Since there were zero gas stations, "slicky" boys would meet G.I. 5-ton tractor/cattle trailers waiting for secretaries, kitchen help, mechanics, etc. for a ride to military compounds. The boys siphoned 30 to 50 gallons of gasoline while the Korean driver of the tractor/trailers waited for workers to go to the military camps.

As a military policeman, I often wondered why these Korean truck drivers would fill the two 50-gallon tanks on the labor trucks. As Military Police out of Pusan, we would catch the boys, hand-

Continued on page 69



# Parades.....

## 221 - TWIN CITIES [TX]

We won second place in the float competition in the Greater Texarkana Area Veterans Day Parade in 2012.

Troy K. "Kenneth" Barron, 5575 County Rd. 4116, Simms, TX 75574, 903-543-2672, TroyK4116@live.com



Carl Rackley, Vance Scott, and Jeff Holder on Ch 221's float with KWVA Auxiliary members

## 258 - NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND [RI]

Members marched in the Columbus Day Parade in October 2012. We had an impressive float pulled by a donated truck provided by Chuck and Son.

Norman J. Paiva, Sr., 42 Morgan Ave.  
North Providence, RI 02911  
401-231-9176 or Cell: 401-573-8338



Truck donated to pull Ch 258's float in the Columbus Day Parade



Charles Terry ("Uncle Sam") and Martha Welch ("Lady Liberty") of Ch 221 in Veterans Day Parade



Troops decorate Ch 258's Columbus Day Parade float



Members of Ch 258 at Columbus Day Parade (L-R) Richard Mende, Bo Kenahan, Richard St. Louis, Gil Botelho, Joe Perry, Frank Meo, Norm Paiva



## 319 – LAWTON [OK]

We participated in the Lawton Armed Forces Day Parade, which is considered to be the largest parade in America. This year there were 90+ floats. We entered using the theme of M.A.S.H. 4577.

We won a second-place trophy. That's not bad, considering that there were 90 entries.

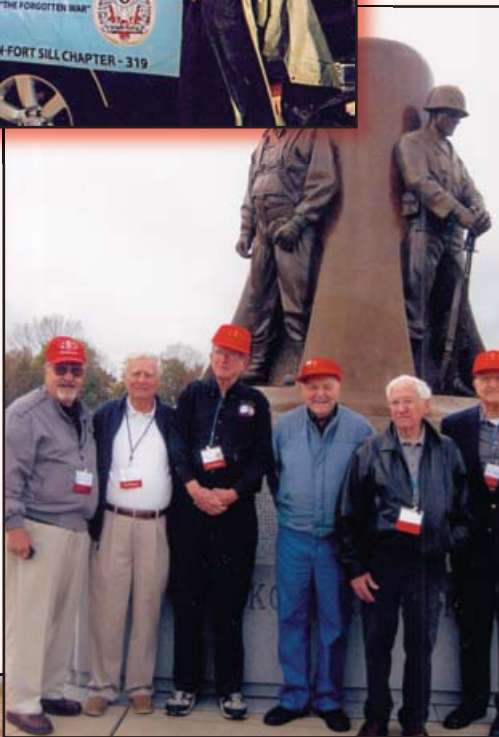
*Cecil Duwain ("Bud") Arenz, 2807 NW Lynn Cir.  
Lawton, OK 73507*



**Louis Reeder (L) and Bud Arenz at the Lawton, OK Armed Forces Day Parade**

**RIGHT: J. Davis, B. Utsinger, R. Trujillo, A. Periot, and Bud Arenz (L-R) look at Ch 319's trophy**

**BELOW: Ch 319's M.A.S.H. "actors/characters" John Davie ("Radar"); Mrs. Arline Periot ("Hot Lips"); Bill Utsinger (wounded soldier); Rudie Trujillo (on cot)**



## Soldier Missing From Korean War Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and were returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

Army Pfc. Glenn S. Schoenmann, 20, of Tracy City, Tenn., was buried Jan. 12, 2013 in Palmer, Tenn. He was assigned to Co. M., 3rd Bn., 31st Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div. In late November 1950, Schoenmann and elements of the 31st Regimental Combat Team were deployed along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir, in North Korea. Schoenmann was reported missing in action on Dec. 12, 1950, after his unit and U.S. positions were encircled and attacked by the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces.

In 1950, a returning American who had survived the attack reported that Schoenmann had been killed in action on Nov. 28, 1950, as a result of sniper wounds. In 1953, that conclusion was amended when an American who was held as a prisoner of war told U.S. officials that Schoenmann was wounded by a sniper but not mortally, held captive by the Chinese on Dec. 2, 1950, and died shortly thereafter from malnutrition and lack of medical care.

Between 1991 and 1994, North Korea gave the United States 208 boxes of remains believed to contain the remains of 200-400 U.S. service members. North Korean documents turned over with some of the boxes indicated that some of the human remains were recovered from the area where Schoenmann was last seen.

According to an article published by the TN.gov Newsroom on January 4, 2013, "Family members say Schoenmann's remains were recovered in 2004, but the identification process was finalized in December, 2012."

In the identification of the remains, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) used circumstantial evidence and forensic identification tools, such as radiograph and mitochondrial DNA, which matched Schoenmann's sister and brother.

Using modern technology, identifications continue to be made from remains that were previously turned over by North Korean officials. Today, more than 7,900 Americans remain unaccounted for from the Korean War.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call (703) 699-1169.

According to the article mentioned above, "It just means a lot that he will be buried in the same cemetery with our mother, father and grandparents," [his brother] Raymond Schoenmann said. "It's finally uniting the family back together."

Schoenmann is survived by a sister and three brothers.



# Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions .....

## 56th AMPHIBIOUS TANK AND TRACTOR BN

The unit held a get-together recently in Garrettsville, OH. This tank group made the original first wave attack on Inchon, Korea on September 12, 1950. Following the first assault and the clearing of the beaches, the tractor group brought in the First Marine Division.

*Edward A. Alvarez  
748 Emerald St., Upland, CA 91786*



Members of 56th Amphibious Tank & Tractor Bn. (Seated, L-R) Frank Schultz, Jack Evers, Don Storer, Jim Browning, Hank Kurnot, Ed Alvarez (Standing, L-R) Buzz Bresciani, Fred Laber, James Neurewether, Cecil Irish, Darwin Lehman, Paul Mason, Bob Chamberlin, Blaine Chalker



56th Amph TK & TRAC Bn. couriers Edward Alvarez (in command) and George Gilson (co-pilot) were flying this Curtiss C-46 from Pusan to Okinawa to Tachikawa, Japan in May 1950. The tents below are the HQ of the 56th Amphib TK and TRAC Bn. that was based temporarily at Gotemba, Japan, on the east side of Mt. Fuji. (Photo taken by a Stars and Stripes photographer.)

## 151st COMBAT ENGINEER BN

Members of the 151st Combat Engineer Battalion who served in Korea from March 1951 to December 1954 met in Lebanon, TN for their 16th annual reunion, October 18-21, 2012. Jack and Ruth Cato hosted the gathering.

Through the years we have attracted over fifty members and their spouses. Not everyone can attend every year, but we always look forward to seeing each member and his spouse when they can make it. This year ten members and their spouses attended.

We had a wonderful time reminiscing, looking at old photos, eating, and laughing. We are so grateful that we were able to get together once again. The Tennessee weather was great, and the fall colors were beautiful.

On Saturday night we had a catered banquet at the Comfort Inn Suites, with a memorial table for the members we lost in the past year.

We offer special thanks to Jack and Ruth Cato for keeping us together. Their hard work is greatly appreciated.

*Richard Liebner, 5871 Sand Dr.  
West Bend, WI 53095*



Members of the 151st Combat Eng. Bn. at Lebanon, TN reunion (Seated, L-R) Doug Underhill, Claude Newman, Cecil Jeter, Ed Underhill, Jack Cato (Back, L-R) Richard Liebner, Jerry Standley, Oscar Key, Lawrence Berger

Wives and family members of 151st Combat Eng. Bn. veterans at Lebanon, TN (Seated, L-R) Mary Standley, Dorothy Jeter, Catherine Berger, Sue Fobbus (Back, L-R) Kathy Liebner, Nancy Howard, Rita Neumann, Juanita Underhill, Dot Underhill







# Monuments and Memorials

Korea: the Forgotten War, Remembered

## Korean War Veterans of Massachusetts Honored

As we all know, the Korean War started on June 25, 1950. Sixty-one years later we thought it was about time to have a remembrance for those brave troops who fought and some who made the ultimate sacrifice. We had a vision and decided to name a section of highway that connects New Bedford, MA with Route 140 and ultimately Boston.

We contacted state representative Robert Koczera and state senator Marc Montigny to help push this idea through. It was brought before the Senate and the House in Boston and passed. Governor Deval Patrick signed it the bill. Today the section is known as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Roadway.

At the time of the ceremony, Scott Lang was Mayor of New Bedford. He spoke at the historic dedication ceremony, which was attended by approximately 150 people. Representative Koczera was our Master of Ceremonies.

All veterans, especially Korean veterans, are certainly proud to have this roadway named in honor of that war.

Various color guards attended this short ceremony, which gave the Korean War veterans who represent New Bedford and Bristol County a well-earned moment of fame, which we hope endures forever.

What a country we live in—and God Bless America!

Roland Gendron, VFW, Past State Commander of Mass., 141 Adelaide St., New Bedford, MA 02745

## Korean War Monument at Northern California Veterans Cemetery

The Northern California Chapter #1 dedicated a Korean War Monument at Northern California Veterans Cemetery in Igo, CA on November 21st, 2009. (See related story on pp. 35.)

William McKinney, 6907 Riata Dr., Redding, CA, 96002, [bnjmckin@charter.net](mailto:bnjmckin@charter.net)

The Veterans of the Korean War Association  
Northern California Chapter #1  
request the honor of your presence  
at the Dedication Ceremony of their  
**Memorial Monument**  
on Saturday, November 21, 2009  
at 1:00 p.m.  
Northern California Veterans Cemetery  
Igo, California  
Refreshments following the ceremony  
VFW Post 9650  
3210 West Center Street  
Anderson, California

The Ch 5 monument  
dedication invitation

The picturesque Northern  
California Veterans Cemetery

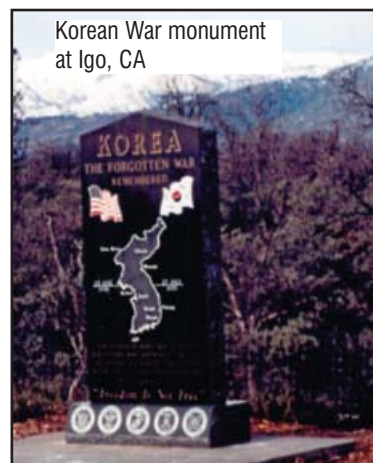


THEY ANSWERED THE CALL  
TO DEFEND A COUNTRY  
THEY NEVER KNEW  
AND A PEOPLE  
THEY NEVER MET

1950 - KOREA - 1953

Inscriptions from the Korean War Veterans Memorial

Korean War monument  
at Igo, CA



General Seung Woo Choi presents wreath at Ch 5's Korean War monument

# Members in the NEWS

**Clifford (Henry), Griffith (Art), Mangrum (Otis)**...of Ch 299 were featured in a January 9, 2013 article in the Leominster [MA] *Sentinel & Enterprise*. The unedited article and photo are reprinted below with the paper's permission. (MIN-1/2, email)

## Leominster students remember 'Forgotten War' with plaque

By Jack Minch

[jminch@sentinelandenterprise.com](mailto:jminch@sentinelandenterprise.com)

LEOMINSTER — They were far from the battlefields of Korea, but they have not forgotten the Forgotten War.

Four students at Leominster High School's Center for Technical Education innovation's Carpentry Department created a black silhouette of a kneeling soldier at the foot of a white cross for a local Korean War veteran.

In his military dress uniform, Art Griffith was at CTEi on Tuesday morning with Henry Clifford and Otis Mangrum to pick up the memorial, which Griffith plans to display in his yard.

"It's in recognition of the 60th anniversary of the cease-fire July 27, 1953," Griffith said.

The cross recognizes the 54,245 warriors who were killed in action, taken prisoner or remain listed as missing in action from the Korean War.

"I think students are touched when they do these sorts of things," CTEi Director David Fiandaca said.

Griffith, a Leominster resident, is national director of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc. He served in Korea from 1959 to 1960 and again from 1975 to 1978, as well as in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969.

Clifford, a Fitchburg resident, is director of the Korean Veterans of America Chapter 299, and served in Korea in 1953.

Mangrum, also a Fitchburg resident, is a retired police officer and honor-guard sergeant for Chapter 299 who served in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966.

James Sharkey, vocational coordinator at CTEi, met with Griffith and then brought in carpentry instructor Marc Arnell.

Sophomores Alexandra Brassard, 16, Sean Vincent, 15, Cory Gordon, 15, and Mitchell Silva, 15, used a paper template to create another template from Masonite, then made the plywood cutout.

"This is a great group," Arnell said. "They are self-motivated. They got the project and got right on it."

The project held special meaning for the students.

Gordon said that as a Boy Scout, he regularly volunteers for military events, such as Memorial Day remembrances.

Silva's great-grandfather served in the military during World War II, "so it meant something to me," he said.

Brassard's family has a long history of military service.

"It meant a lot to me because my great-grandfather and great-uncles fought in the wars, and my father is in the Navy," she said.

After picking up the silhouette memorial, the trio of soldiers left



Henry Clifford, Art Griffith, and Otis Mangrum with Leominster High students



Otis Mangrum (L) talks to Leominster High students as Art Griffith (R) listens

to perform their duties as honor guard for the funeral of Clovis "Tex" Girouard at Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon.

Follow Jack Minch on Facebook and Twitter @JackMinch.

♦ ♦ ♦

**Michael Glazzy**...of CID 6, Santa Clara County [CA], was featured in a June 26, 2012 article in the San Jose [CA] *Mercury News*. Glazzy was pictured with the mayor of Yesan County (Korea), which is located in South Chungcheong Province.

According to the article, Glazzy came up with the idea to have a flag-raising ceremony in San Jose to commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the invasion of South Korea and to honor the service of local Korean War veterans. The flags of both the USA and South Korea were raised.

♦ ♦ ♦

**Stanley Grogan**...of CID 64, Mt. Diablo [CA], gave a presentation at the International Institute of Security Management in New Delhi, India. It was the fifteenth seminar at which he has presented a topic. The most recent one (he returned to the U.S. on October 15, 2012) was published in a book given to all 400 delegates.

♦ ♦ ♦

**Dan Helix**...of CID 264, Mt. Diablo [CA], may be the oldest elected city council member in the San Francisco Bay area. If not the oldest city councilman, he is certainly one of the oldest.

Helix, a retired U.S. Army General and Purple Heart recipient, was elected to a four-year term as a Concord, CA City Councilman



last year. He was the top vote getter among eleven candidates.

To his credit, Helix did not start Army parachute school until he was fifty years old—and he finished at the top of his class.

♦ ♦ ♦

**Kenneth Hoffman...**a member of CID 96, North St Louis County #4 [MO], who served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, received the 2012 Florissant Veteran of the Year Award following the Veterans' Parade on Sunday, November 11, 2012. His service to the community after his military years was a contributing factor in his selection.

The Veteran of the Year must be honorably discharged, be a Florissant resident, and be an active volunteer to the community.

Congratulate Hoffman at 25 Ridgelawn Ct., Florissant, MO 63031, 314-837-7387, *Ken.Betty.Hoffman@att.net*

Read the entire article at <http://www.flovalleynews.com/veteran-of-the-year-award-to-be-presented-after-sundays-parade>

♦ ♦ ♦

**Ralph Yelton...**of CID 289, Mountain Empire [TN] was featured in a November 11, 2012 Kingsport [TN] Times-News article. As the article states, Yelton, a combat engineer and veteran of World War II and the Korean War, was shot in the spine by machine gun fire on May 25, 1951. He became the oldest living paralyzed veteran in the U.S, although the Paralyzed Veterans of America cannot confirm that.

Carol Shelton noted that Ralph was a very active charter member of the chapter, but as time has gone on and his eyesight has worsened they see less of him. "He especially enjoyed our fundraisers, because everyone would stop to talk to the veteran in a wheelchair, and were more generous in their donations," she said.

According to reporter Leigh Ann Laube, "The Tennessee Korean War Memorial was erected in 1992 in War Memorial Plaza on the Capitol grounds in Nashville." Yelton told her, "The work I did on the monument is one thing I feel more accomplishment about than anything I did."

♦ ♦ ♦

## Legion honors three veterans, columnist

By Mary Wicoff

DANVILLE — All Monroe Melzer wanted when he entered the American Legion Curtis G. Redden Post 210 on Monday was a bowl of chili. To his surprise, he also got an award.

Melzer was one of four people honored during a program at the Legion as part its Veterans Day activities.

The honorees were: Melzer, Commander's Award; Hershall Lee, Lifetime Achievement Award \*\*: Kevin Cullen, certificate of appreciation; and Victor Tarquini, Legionnaire of the Year Award.

"I just came to eat chili," Melzer said afterward, expressing his surprise at the honor.

The Commander's Award is given to a person, group or establishment for services to the post. In presenting the award to Melzer, Commander Frank Atwood praised him for always being available to help, whether physically or financially.

Melzer, 83, a Korean War vet, served in the Army from 1950-53 as a private first class. He was awarded three bronze stars, three battle stars and other medals.

Lee said of Melzer, "He's very supportive and is always there to donate time and effort. That's a big help to the Legion." He was accompanied by his wife, Helen, and other family members.

Lee, a Korean War vet, was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award, which goes to an outstanding person who has gone beyond the norm in terms of service on the local, state and national level.

Atwood said Lee does numerous duties, including making sure pictures and history of the Legion get stored. "Anytime I need something done, he says he'll do it," Atwood said.

Lee served in the Air Force, and recently received the Air Force Salutes Award, and has won numerous other awards. He is one of the founders of the Illinois Korean War Veterans Association.

Tarquini, also a Korean War vet, was presented the Legionnaire Award, which is given to a person for outstanding performance within the post and the community.

He served with the Air Force from 1948-55, including in Korea from 1950-51. After leaving the service as a staff sergeant, he worked 30 years at Chanute Air Force Base.

Tarquini, who was unable to attend the ceremony, said of the award, "I'm completely in awe." He tries to help out as much as he can around the Legion, and calls bingo, among other duties.

Cullen of Lafayette, Ind., a former reporter with the *Commercial-News* who now writes a weekly column, was given a certificate for all of his hard work. He has written columns about veterans and also wrote a history of the Legion, which has been made into a pamphlet.

The certificate honors him for "outstanding service and assistance which contributed to the advancement of the American Legion programs and activities."

With Veterans Day falling on Sunday, Atwood noted that the churches did "an excellent job making sure veterans are honored." By holding its chili dinner/awards program on Monday, he said, veterans from the Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System were able to attend.

At the ceremony/dinner Monday, students from Schlarman Academy helped out.

**\*\* Lee passed away recently. See Mary Wicoff's story about him on page 59.**

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **A-Vet Emblem Supply**

8228 Josephine Road, Norton, VA 24273  
(276)679-2096 / email: [raywellsavet@aol.com](mailto:raywellsavet@aol.com)  
Catalog Web Site: [www.avetemblem.org](http://www.avetemblem.org)  
Hours: M-F 8 AM - 6 PM EST

### **Quartermaster for all Korean Veterans**

Patches, Shirts, Dress Caps, Ball Caps KWVA  
Collar Brass, Hat Pins, Shoulder Rank, Epaulets  
& sew on. KWVA Service Window Decal.

We sew on all your patches by request .

Same day service on most orders. Ship First Class Postage  
We Accept: Visa / Master Card / Discover

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

# Friends

Veterans tend to make long-lasting friendships that last well beyond their terms of service—and their lives. They often visit departed friends' graves, create scholarships in their names, write moving tributes, or recognize them in other ways. Here are a couple examples of such tributes.

## Raymond A. Waldron

Paul O'Keefe, the chaplain of CID 60, Adirondack [NY] and the KWVA Department of New York, was visiting the grave of his recently deceased friend, Raymond A. Waldron, at Gerald Solomon National Cemetery in Saratoga, NY on Veterans Day 2012 when a lady took the nearby photo. Waldron was a former commander of the chapter.

As O'Keefe recalls, "Not knowing that either of us was in the service of our country, we were surprised to meet one another in Korea in 1952. Ray was with the 21st Infantry Division. I was with the 24th."

O'Keefe also noted that he was honored to see "our very busy National President Jim Ferris attend Ray's viewing." What else can we expect from veter-



Paul O'Keefe kneels beside Ray Waldron's grave

ans who observe the bonds of friendship—during and after they have completed their enlistments on earth and beyond.

Reach Paul O'Keefe at 160 S. Linden Ave., Mechanicville, NY 12118, IPokdU@yahoo.com

## Jouett A. Beverly

Former Associate Member Jouett A. ("Buster") Beverly passed away on October 3, 2012. He was not a veteran, but he was a great friend of the association.

Beverly was a trucker based in Amarillo, TX who had a tribute to Korean War and other veterans placed prominently on the sides of his trucks, which were plainly visible as he drove across the country. (We featured Mr. Beverly in the March/April 2009 edition, p. 76, "Lone Star State Trucker Takes Heart-Felt Message To Vets.")

Beverly noted in that article that he was "Born a cripple. Both my feet are severely clubbed. I wasn't eligible for military duty, but that didn't keep me from trying to enlist. I tried three different times and they wouldn't take me." He chose to serve in other ways—one of which was to pay tribute on his vehicles to veterans.

This is the last story he sent to *The Graybeards*:

This was told to me by my sister, Grace, from her memory of what Don [Woods] told her.

Don and Grace Woods were married in July 1951. Don went to Korea during the early part of the war. He was in a group in North Korea that was surrounded by the Chinese. When he was in South Korea he drove a gasoline truck without brakes up and down the mountains and only was able to control the truck by shifting gears. His group slept out in the open in sleeping bags and he said he would wake up and be covered with snow. He was in Korea for 13 months.

Don said they could not get the supplies they needed. After Korea, Don went to Germany. For the first five years they were married they were together one year.

When I was driving my truck there were so many times when I was stopped any length of time that somebody would look at my trailer with all the history of our country on it and they would tell me about the terrible time their loved ones had over in Korea and sometimes they



A wide view of one of "Buster" Beverly's trailers

would tell me also about their loved ones freezing to death over there.

Last year, on 11/12/11, I was in Dublin TX. The civics teacher saw my truck parked at a business and asked me to bring it to the high school as a show and tell kind of thing. The teacher had been teaching about our country in government class. When the students came out and saw my truck it put a face to everything the teacher had been trying to teach the 11th and 12th grades.

No one in that class knew what Korea was about until I told them that my brother-in-law, Don Woods, had been in Korea for 13 months.

Before my lungs went bad and I had to stop driving, I was planning to go to a lot of high schools and let them see my truck and tell them about the history of our country, Korea, Vietnam, etc.. Unfortunately I can't do that anymore.

I was in the process of honoring the





"Buster" Beverly points to the Korean War panel on his trail



nurses of war by putting banners on the bottom of my trailer, 3 x 11 feet all the way around the trailer, from the George Washington era in 1776, Civil War, etc. all the way to the present time. But, I didn't get to finish that project.

*J. A Beverly*

## Sung Kun Pak

When we served in Korea in the 1950-1953 era, we were aware of how the native Koreans lived, but we seldom got to know any of them personally. During this war, the 65th Infantry Regiment was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division. This unit was a Puerto Rican regiment, and the language spoken early in its deployment was predominantly Spanish.

Sung Kun Pak, as a Korean civilian, was assigned to be an interpreter with the 65th Infantry Regiment for an extended period of time during the Korean War. His languages were Korean, English and Spanish.

Mr. Pak came to the U.S., married Janet, and worked as a Chemical Engineer for Allied Chemical in the Richmond, Virginia area until he retired. He was also a founding elder with the Richmond Korean Presbyterian Church.

When Chapter 143 was formed, Mr. Pak became an associate member and was

the active liaison between the chapter and the church, where the chapter has always regularly met. He and I always greeted each other with, "Como Esta?"

Sung Kun Pak had suffered with Parkinson's Disease for the last few years and passed away at age 84 on 9 December 2012. We have all lost a really good friend!

Jay H. Lowden, Jr., 11625 Candle Court, Henrico, VA 23238

## Hershall Lee

Hershall was remembered in the local Danville [IL] Commercial-News after his death. Apparently, he made a major impression on reporters in his home area, one of whom, Mary Wicoff, wrote the article below to remember Lee. (The article is published here with the paper's permission.) A second writer, columnist Kevin Cullen, also wrote a commemorative piece about Lee for the paper.

She noted on a personal level that, "I'm going to miss Hershall; I don't know if anyone else will contact the newspaper about veterans' activities (not as much as he did, anyway). Thanks for publicizing things for him. I think we both made him happy. He loved publicity! He would enjoy all this attention!"

## Veterans recall Lee's dedication

*By Mary Wicoff  
mwicoff@dancomnews.com*

DANVILLE — Hershall E. Lee was fond of saying, "When asking or doing something, expect results, not a miracle."

With his dedication and determination, Lee expected results when promoting Korean War veterans and other military people — and often got them.

Lee, 81, died Monday morning at the Veterans Affairs Illiana Health Care System.

"Without Hershall, there wouldn't be much of a remembrance for Korean War veterans," fellow veteran Ray Nasser said Monday.

"He was basically responsible for getting the first chapter (of the Illinois Korean War Veterans Association) organized in Danville. He was the one who pushed others to get the chapter going."

Lee, Marylon Palmer and Howard Varner formed the chapter in 1987, naming it after the first local person to die in the Korean War — Marine Robert E. Wurtsbaugh of Danville, a childhood friend of Lee's.

In the early 1990s, the chapter was the largest in the United States, Nasser said, adding, "That's to Hershall's credit because of his pushing people to become members."

Lee, who served in the Fifth Air Force out of Seoul in 1952-53, was the first president of the state association and was national director from 1988-91.

He also was proud of his license plate with a No. 1 — the first issued to honor Korean War veterans. Then-state Rep. Bill Black sponsored the plates in 1993 after Lee brought the idea to him.

Nasser said the Korean War plates led to other special plates for veterans.

Lee pushed for other memorials to honor those who served in the war from 1950-53, including the bridge that crosses Ellsworth Park — the Illinois Korean War Memorial Bridge. It was the first memorial in the state to honor Korean War veterans.

In addition, he initiated naming of the Illinois Korean War Memorial Highway — Illinois Route 1 from Chicago to Cave in Rock — which Black sponsored. He also arranged for installation of the Curtis G. Redden plaque at Redden Square in 2006.

Lee has received numerous awards for his dedication to veterans' issues.

Earlier this year, he received the Air Force Salutes Award, on behalf of the 347th Recruiting Squadron, in recognition of his dedication in communicating the Air Force's message of service to country to local youth.

Last month, Lee, a past commander, was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Curtis G. Redden American Legion Post 210.

The award goes to an outstanding person who has gone beyond the norm in terms of service on the local, state and national level.

Bud Hinrichs, finance officer with Post 210, helped Lee with projects at the post, including compiling the history. Considering all that Lee did for the community, it's going to be hard to replace him, he said.

"Hershall did a lot of work for armed serv-

ices people,” Hinrichs said. “He dedicated his services to them. It’s going to be hard to get somebody to follow his shoes.”

Hinrichs, a Vietnam veteran, added, “He was a good friend.”

Legion members will form an honor guard at the visitation and perform military rites at the funeral.

Frank Atwood, post commander, credited Lee with drawing attention to veterans’ issues, not just those affecting Korean War vets.

“Everything he did had something to do with the veterans, something to be proud of,” he said. “He was there to show what the veteran stood for and that they should be honored.”

Lee also made sure the 60th anniversary of the Korean War was recognized, and donated items for a display at the Danville Public Library. He was named a Department of Defense ambassador for the anniversary, 2010-13.

In addition, he served on the committee that established the Korean/Vietnam memorial on Hazel Street, which was dedicated in 1986.

After that, he joined a group supporting a national monument. He also helped bring in the airplane that sits near Gilbert and Main streets from Chanute Air Force base.

Lee was trustee with the Illinois Korean Memorial Association, based in Springfield.

Besides caring about veterans’ issues, Lee also was founder of the Fairchild Grade School Cornerstone Project and established the school’s annual reunions. He was a graduate of Eastern Illinois University.

Lee spent most of his working years in the field of supervision and management for Allied Signal.

### Were There Enemy Female Combatants In The Korean War?

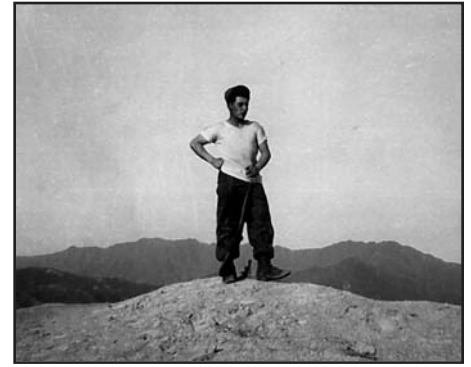
Did the North Koreans and/or the Chinese utilize female combatants during the Korean War? If so, were they effective fighters? Was there a way for UN troops to distinguish them from male troops? Please send any information regarding the presence of female North Korean or Chinese troops to GB Gender Editor, 895 Ribaut Rd. #13, Beaufort, SC 29902.

## Hill 395 - The Pride Of The ROK Army

Coming across some of my Korean war photos, I spotted the nearby photo of me standing on a mountain ridge in September 1952. The location is the Chorwon area, approximately 20 to 25 miles north of the 38th parallel on line Wyoming. I am facing north, looking across a wide valley at Hill 395, which has a fairly smooth ridge line.

The hill is held by units of the ROK 9th Infantry Division. The camera with which the photo was taken is looking south at the flatlands of the abandoned community of Chorwon. In the coming month, during the first week of October, the Chinese army will make a major thrust to capture Chorwon. A fierce, bloody nine-day battle will take place on that mountain, primarily involving the ROK 9th Infantry Division, aided on the left flank by the U.S. 7th Infantry Regiment, plus artillery and other support units from the U.S. 3rd Infantry Division and the U.S. Air Force.

The ROK 9th Infantry Division suffered nearly 3,500 casualties. The estimate for the Chinese army was over 10,000 dead. Due to the heavy coating of sulfur and other explosives from bombs, rockets, artillery, etc., that covered the surface of the ridge line of the mountain, it resembled a white horse lying on its side. For



Joe DePalma near Chorwon in 1952

the history books and the record, it will be known as the Battle of White Horse Mountain.

The three additional photos nearby were taken during my 2010 visit to Korea and a trip back to the location on the ridge on which I was standing back in 1952. Today, it is a venerated place and a sacred memorial for the South Korean people, thousands of whom visit it yearly. It is also home base for the ROK 9th Division. And, it has many memorials and a museum detailing the battle and memorials to the U.S. and ROK units that were engaged in the battle and for the ROK army and its casualties.

The battle proved that a properly trained and equipped ROK military could stand with pride next to—and with—all the United Nations units.

*Joe DePalma, 217 Woodbridge Dr., Unit A, Ridge, NY depalj57@aol.com*



▲ A view part way down from the ROK 9th Inf. Div. memorials, looking south toward Chorwon



Looking across the DMZ at White Horse Mountain ▼



◀ Base of the way up to the memorials on the ridge near White Horse Mountain, with the village of Chorwon in the background





# Welcome Aboard!

## New Members of the Korean War Veterans Association

### ALABAMA

R044467 JAMES D. BILLINGS  
R044460 RAMON M. PADILLA

### ARIZONA

LR44456 DONALD I. ALFF  
LR44451 THOMAS F. COOK  
R044430 JOHN DOLE  
R044505 ALVIN A. GOULD  
R044484 KENNETH V. JORDAN

### ARKANSAS

R044414 GUADALUPE E. MONTALVO

### CALIFORNIA

R044490 RICHARD L. CLARK  
LR44429 GARY G. HOOVER  
R044481 RICHARD S. LEIVAS  
R044508 DUANE R. ROBLES

### COLORADO

R044462 ARTHUR L. BUNN  
A044463 ETHEL M. MEININGER

### CONNECTICUT

R044473 HENRY GREJDUS  
A044421 JEFF N. KORNHAAS

### FLORIDA

R044511 ROBERT W. BLAKELEY  
R044417 WILLIE J. BRAY  
R044515 ALEXANDER C. BRYANT JR.  
R044498 VICTOR J. COSTAS  
R044427 GILBERT DAVIS  
R044470 GORDON L. HAMMOND  
R044428 T D. PARRISH  
R044492 WILLIAM D. SHERWOOD  
LR44423 RICHARD L. VARNER

### GEORGIA

R044426 ROBERT W. ANGLEA  
LR44480 CHARLES W. KELLEY  
R044444 YONG K. LEE  
R044461 JAMES R. STARK  
R044441 JOHN VASQUEZ SR.

### ILLINOIS

R044420 GILBERT T. FLETCHER  
R044479 MARIO MACULAN

### INDIANA

R044488 DEAN A. CASSIDAY  
R044431 JAMES R. COPELAND  
A044509 LAWRENCE W. CRIDER  
R044493 CLOICE C. DOTSON  
LR44510 JOHN O. HIGGINS

### IOWA

R044416 KENNETH E. BUMP  
R044454 CHAUNCEY L. 'JAKE' CHAPMAN  
R044453 KENNETH L. SAUNDERS

### KENTUCKY

R044433 RAY O. ADAMS  
R044459 HAROLD D. MAYO  
R044514 JERRY W. MCCANDLESS

### MARYLAND

R044466 JAMES J. KLINE JR.  
R044419 JOHN P. SMITH

### MASSACHUSETTS

A044446 TRACY S. FINAN  
R044435 FRANK R. MONTOLIO

### MICHIGAN

R044472 FRED J. GALBRAITH  
R044476 JESSE HERNANDEZ JR.  
R044517 HENRY J. MAGALSKI  
LR44499 JOSEPH D. VARIOT  
R044415 JAMES D. WRESSSELL

### MINNESOTA

R044452 DARYL A. PLATH  
R044483 RICHARD E. RAVERTY  
LR44502 JAMES D. SCHULTZ  
R044455 EUGENE A. STENE

### MISSOURI

A044518 VERNA E. BOYER  
LR44474 ALAN J. BROWN  
R044494 FLOYD D. FERRELL  
R044457 JOE M. KLUESNER  
R044443 NORMAN J. RAAF  
R044475 C. MELVIN REESE  
R044501 LEROY M. STEINER  
R044497 JAMES TAYLOR

### NEVADA

R044418 GENE D. YOUNG

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

R044442 EDWARD E. PINELLE

### NEW JERSEY

R044513 ALBERT DE LUNA  
LR44422 WARREN POPPE  
A044465 LAURIE G. TAPLIN

### NEW MEXICO

R044439 GEORGE A. GEORGE

### NEW YORK

R044512 EARL W. CLIFFORD  
R044464 WALTER W. DUCKETT  
R044477 CARL G. SCHROEDER  
R044500 CHARLES R. TIMMONS

### OHIO

R044482 NORMAN K. MAKI

### OKLAHOMA

R044445 BEN SHERRILL

### OREGON

LR44458 KENNETH W. BLODGETT  
A044478 TIM A. TROUTMAN

### PENNSYLVANIA

R044519 DENNIS H. DONMOYER  
R044491 RUSSELL A. FLYNN  
R044495 EDWARD P. MARTINCEK  
R044438 HOMER A. STEPHENS  
R044487 PAUL L. WRAY

### RHODE ISLAND

R044447 JAMES A. GALLOGLY  
R044448 PASQUALINO SUSI

### SOUTH CAROLINA

R044485 FRANK PALMIERI

### TENNESSEE

R044503 JAMES STIDHAM

### TEXAS

R044432 JAKE D. CLIFTON  
R044496 HENRY E. GROTE  
R044424 JAMES M. HEINTZEL II  
R044449 EDUARDO MELLADO

### VIRGINIA

LR44469 CHARLES G. CROCKETT  
R044489 HERBERT C. FLEEAR JR.  
R044450 WILLIAM I. HARLOWE

R044434 JOSEPH H. ROBERTS  
R044440 CHARLES S. J. WHITE

### WASHINGTON

R044504 DONALD J. BOLL  
R044471 THOMAS L. FOLEY  
R044507 DONALD PITSCH  
R044506 RICHARD PITSCH  
R044437 WILLIAM H. ROMINE JR.  
R044468 HENRY M. SMITH  
R044436 EDWARD L. SPRAGUE JR.

### WEST VIRGINIA

R044486 JAMES W. LAREW

### WISCONSIN

LR44516 DOUGLAS W. FOSS  
LR44425 ROGER P. ROSE

## TELL AMERICA from page 31

• provide an opportunity to infuse patriotic pride and love of country awareness in students and their families

According to a note in the November 8, 2012 edition of the local Farmington Independent, "Patriotic Day was a success. All 800 seats available at the school's recital hall were filled."

One attendee, Ron Ersfeld, also a Korean War veteran, said about Uptagrafft, "He was a really good speaker. I was a little teary-eyed."

Ersfeld also referenced the fact that Uptagrafft was willing to speak about his PTSD, from which he suffered for 47 years before receiving treatment. Ersfeld stated, "He had a lot of troubles. He's not alone, but that he brought it up again, I knew what he was talking about."

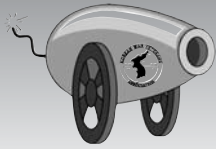
Based on the aforementioned newspaper article and the publicity Uptagrafft generated for Korean War veterans, it is apparent that informal Tell America presentations can be as productive as formal ones. Either way, they can be helpful

to KWVA recruitment efforts—and to getting out the message that "Freedom is not free."

Contact Wayne R. Uptagrafft at 2324 Pinestar Ln. SE, Rochester, MN 55904-5999, 507-288-8350 or 507-696-4087 (cell), [upty@aol.com](mailto:upty@aol.com)

**NOTE:** This is a good time to once again present a significant reminder regarding inclusion in *The Graybeards* of previously published, copyrighted material and photos from newspapers, books, etc. We cannot—and will not—reprint copyrighted material without explicit permission from the copyright holders. If we do, we are subject to possible copyright infringement lawsuits, which can be costly to the KWVA. We avoid plagiarism when we publish *The Graybeards*.

That explains why we do not publish verbatim in *The Graybeards* clippings and photos from newspapers, magazines, and other publications without the required permission from copyright holders and proper attribution.



# Feedback/Return Fire

This section of The Graybeards is designed to provide feedback—and generate more feedback. It gives readers the opportunity to respond to printed stories, letters, points of view, etc., without having to write long-winded replies. Feel free to respond to whatever you see in the magazine. As long as it's tasteful and non-political, we will be happy to include it. If you want to submit ideas, criticisms, etc. that you prefer not to see in print—with your name attached to it—then we will honor that. Make sure to let us know, though.

Mail your "Return Fire" to the "Feedback Editor" at 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.

## Turn To Busan

When the KWVA Wreath Presentation Ceremony was held on Veterans Day, President Ferris spoke to all present. National Ceremonies Chairman Tom McHugh then explained that the "Turn To Busan" is to honor all who died in Korea. Originally, 30,000 Americans were buried there. All Americans have been returned home for burial.

The Wall at Busan has the names of all who died or are still missing.

At that time Director McHugh requested all present to face east, look out over the Reflecting Pond to "Turn To Busan," and have a moment of silence.

It was meaningful and reverent and enhanced the ceremony. We will "Turn To Busan" at every Wreath Ceremony in the future. All chapters are requested to include a "Turn To Busan" at local ceremonies in the future.

Thomas McHugh, [tmchugh@msn.com](mailto:tmchugh@msn.com)

## "Special Forces" in Korea?

There were U.S. Army Special Operations units operating in North Korea during the Korean War. Since U.S. Army policy does not recognize the combat history (Honors and Lineage) of these provisional/temporary units, known today as Special Forces, very little information is available today about these Korean War veterans.

We would like to hear from any of our readers who can share information on this subject. Here are some of the units: 8086 (8th Army); 8213 (8th Army, later Airborne); 8227 (X Corps Raiders); 8240 (Liaison Det.); 8241(Jack - CIA); 8242 (CCRAK), and other Raider units.

*Please send any info you have regarding these units to Arthur G. Sharp, The Graybeards, 895 Ribaut Rd. #13, Beaufort, SC 29902.*

## A Hug And A Poignant Good-bye

As I was thinking back about some of my experiences during the Korean War, one of the most poignant ones happened while I was sitting on a bus taking us to Ft. Lawton to board the Gen. R. L. Howze. This was in February of 1953.

The incident involved another young soldier (weren't we all?). I never knew his name, and to the best of my knowledge I never saw him again. The only reason this stuck in my mind was probably the fact that I grew up without a dad and I saw his dad kneeling beside him a couple of rows back from where I was sitting and talking to him in very hushed tones.

His mother was not with them. It may have been that his mother didn't want to see him going off to war. I don't know if this dad was from Washington State or not. With all the unknowns, I don't even know where this soldier ended up. This dad hugged his son and had damp eyes as he left the bus.

I had often wondered if he ended up in the war, and if did whether he ever made it home. If one of your readers can recognize himself as this soldier, I would like to hear from him at [kjenks@amnix.com](mailto:kjenks@amnix.com) so I can close another chapter in my Korean War experiences.

Richard Jenkins

## Book Review – "Give Me Tomorrow"

The review of "Give Me Tomorrow" by Rego Barnett in the November-December 2012 edition, p. 63, appropriately touted Pat O'Donnell's presentation of the accomplishments of "Bloody George," but misstated [in paragraph 4] the conclusion "of their ferocious struggle."

George Company did not "fight their way from the Chosin Reservoir toward Hagaru-ri." Rather, Task Force Drysdale [consisting of G/3/1; 41 Independent Commando, British Royal Marines; and Company B, 31st Infantry, 7th Infantry Division] had been ordered to fight its way from Koto-ri northwest to Hagaru-ri [approximately 11 miles] on 29 Nov 1950.

### Background Information

3/1 had earlier been assigned the defense of Hagaru-ri by Col "Chesty" Puller, but George Company had been left at Koto-ri because of a lack of transportation. Task Force Drysdale, midway to Hagaru-ri, at what was to be called "Hell Fire Valley," became involved in furious fire fights with numerically superior Chinese forces on the high ground of each side of the valley before arriving at Hagaru-ri after darkness of 29 Nov.

On the morning of 30 Nov, George Company was tasked to take and hold a portion of East Hill – high ground overlooking the air strip and the "road" [the main supply route – MSR] from Koto-ri, through Hagaru-ri to Yudam-ni, from where the 5th and 7th Marine Regiments [previously ordered by Gen McArthur to advance to the Yalu River, but had been attacked by superior numbers of Chinese that had crossed the Yalu in secrecy and were attacking across the entire 8th Army area] were "attacking in another direction" in order to consolidate the 1st Maine Division at Hagaru-ri, from which would begin the fight to the sea – to Hungnam where ships awaited to evacuate the Division and more than 90,000 refugees.



On the night of 30 Nov, East Hill was attacked by more than 2 Chinese regiments – one hitting the defenses of George Company, ultimately resulting in hand-to-hand combat and heavy casualties on both sides. George Company, reinforced by 41 Commando Royal Marines, retook and held its assigned area on East Hill.

Had not East Hill been held, the air strip into which supplies had been flown and from which wounded soldiers and Marines were evacuated would have been in extreme jeopardy and the return of the 5th and 7th Marines from Yudam-ni would likewise have been in jeopardy.

The accomplishments of George Company, and those of 41 Independent Commando, Royal Marines, without which the outcome of the Korean War would have been drastically altered, have been officially recognized.

Carlton “Bing” Bingham, bingbingham@msn.com

### David Douglas Duncan Took The Photo

I was disappointed when reading the review of *Give Me Tomorrow*, Nov.-Dec. 2012, p. 63, that the reviewer did not identify the “photojournalist” who took the cover picture. The photo was shot by David Douglas Duncan, a WWII Marine photographer, who accompanied the Marines in Korea. It appears in his book “This is War.”

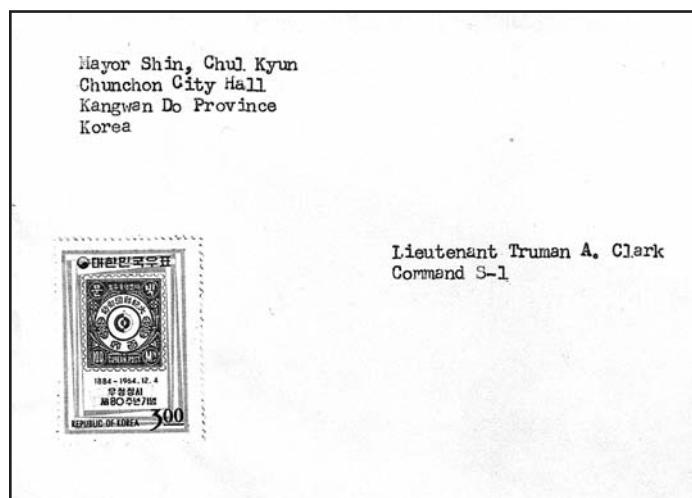
James L. Owens, LTC, USMC (Ret),  
oenghus@verizon.net

### Mayor’s Stamp Of Approval

I attended a philatelic show in Cleveland OH, where I bought the envelope pictured nearby. I sent a copy of it to the current mayor of Chunchon, but it must have gone by troop transport.

I was a draftee in the National Guard outfit, the 101st Sig. Bn. Corp, IX Corp, Main HQ near Chunchon. (I’m the one wearing glasses in the photo.) The only other person in the photo I can remember is Arnold Bechetti—and I am not sure of the spelling. I would like to correspond with anyone in the photo or who recognizes any of them.

Richard A. Barson, 21902 Halworth Rd., Beachwood,  
OH 44122, 216-921-8200, Dick8200@sbcglobal.net



The stamp purchased by Richard Barson

Richard Barson and friends



IX CORPS MAIN  
101 Sig Bn  
APO 264

17 July 52

O\*F\*F\*I\*C\*I\*A\*L P\*A\*S\*S

Cpl Richard A Barson US-52003044, is hereby authorized to be absent from his Organization effective 0800I hours 17 July 52 until 2100I hours July 17, 52 for the purpose of visiting the city of Seoul.

Any further information concerning EM may be obtained by calling Temp Main Phone #711 and call for Mr Phillips.

Cpl Barson is a member of 101st Sig Bn (Corps) and is presently asgd on Msg Cem Team at Temp Main Comcenter.

W. T. Phillips  
MSG Wm T Phillips  
O I C ComCenter  
Temp Main  
101 Sig Bn

A “Seoul” pass

### A Letter To “Beetle Bailey”

Mr. Walker:

The coincidence of your Beetle Bailey beginning in 1950 and the onset of the Korean War makes Beetle a veteran of that war, albeit perhaps not so known as such.

July 27, 2013 marks the 60th Anniversary of the Cease Fire of that war, but not a peace treaty. We are still in a state of war, though unacknowledged as such by the Congress until 1997. The war seems dormant but, at times since July 1953, flare ups have produced American and South Korean casualties.

Few, if any, Americans know of this and even fewer seem to care—the Forgotten War remains unknown as do the almost 36,000 killed in action and 103,000 wounded! Per month for 35 months almost 1,000 killed and 3,000 wounded—America’s bloodiest foreign war in term of percentage of casualties—one in nine in Korea versus one in twelve in WWII.

Korean culture honors a 60th anniversary as a rebirth—those of us who carry the torch for Korean War fallen and surviving veterans are hoping to remind America of what its soldiery did in Korea on our 60th. Just as we fought WWII to save the world for democracy, so did we fight the Korean War to save the world from communism!

Would you consider a Beetle Bailey acknowledgment of his existence during the Korean War and the 60th Anniversary of a tenuous

cease fire? It would be of inestimable assistance to help us remind America of these Forgotten Warriors!

Thank you for your consideration and for over 60 years of Beetle Bailey!

No longer The Forgotten War!

William E. Weber, Col USA Ret., Chairman, Korean War Veterans Memorial Fnd, Inc., 10301 McKinstry Mill Rd., New Windsor, MD 21776-7903, 410-775-7733,  
[www.korenwarveteransmemorialfnd.org](http://www.korenwarveteransmemorialfnd.org),  
[Eagle187@hughes.net](mailto:Eagle187@hughes.net)

## More About Medals

John Gavel's article about medals in the Nov/Dec 2012 edition received a tremendous response. We will print a couple of email exchanges between Gavel and people who responded to his article, starting with an expansion from Mr. Gavel re the Navy "E."

The night after Christmas the phone rang at 9:30 p.m. My wife slept through it, and I was otherwise detained. The message left, accidentally erased, concerned my article and the Navy "E" ribbon.

I gave the "E" little coverage in the article since Korean War vets would not have received it. "E" awards of several types, including the Army-Navy "E" awarded to defense plants in WWII, have been around for decades. Many, like the red "E" for engineering department excellence, are not Battle "Es."

Apparently, there are a number of Navy vets who got the arm patch or had to paint an "E" on the funnel who feel that they should have gotten the ribbon. I can see their point, but the Navy decided that only awards made after July 1, 1974 would retroactively receive the ribbon. So, here is a little more information on the Navy "E."

The Battle Efficiency Ribbon, Navy "E" Ribbon, or (informally) the Battle "E" ribbon, was established in July 1976. The Navy "E" Ribbon denotes permanent duty on ships, squadrons, or units (including construction battalions) that have won a battle efficiency competition (Battle "E") after July 1, 1974. This ribbon replaces the "E" patch previously sewn on the right sleeve of the uniform. Marine Corps personnel assigned as ship's company are eligible; embarked personnel are not.

The Navy "E" is one of the very few Naval service awards that does not have a corresponding medal, meaning that for personnel in full dress (when medals are worn), the Navy "E" is placed above the right breast pocket of the uniform instead of the left. However, when personnel wear the standard uniform (no medals are worn), the ribbon is placed above the left breast pocket, along with all other citations and awards.

For each award of the Navy "E" Ribbon, one Battle "E" device is authorized for wear on the Navy "E" ribbon, up to the third award. When a service member receives a fourth Navy "E" award, a Wreathed Battle "E" device is bestowed. This replaces the first three devices and effectively "closes out" the award ribbon. No further devices are authorized for display of additional awards.

While service members may receive more than four Navy "E"s, only four may be displayed.

John Gavel, [THEGAVEL@aol.com](mailto:THEGAVEL@aol.com)

## A Member Writes To John Gavel

Your article, "Recognition Accorded to Units by the U.S. Military" in *The Graybeards*, Nov-Dec 2012 stimulated me to make

addition additional efforts to solve a personal problem I have with awards.

I served in Korea from March 1952 to April 1953 with the First and Second Platoons, A Battery, 145th AA AW Anti Aircraft Bn, 45th Infantry Division. My DD-214 has a list of various medals/commendations etc., which includes the "Distinguished Unit Citation" (Presidential Unit Citation/PUC). I vaguely recall being told about the submission or issuance of the award while still in Korea for my unit's support of one of the infantry battalions during the summer of 1952. The National Archives was unable to provide information about how to obtain the document.

Subsequently, I requested information about the award from the 45th Infantry Museum, which informed me that their records show that my platoon was awarded the "Meritorious Unit Commendation" (MUC), and not the PUC under DA GO 21 1953 for actions on 13-15 June 1952. The respondent had no information about the actual text of the citation for the award. However, I noticed from the information museum supplied to me that the 180th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division was awarded the PUC under DA GO 21 1953 for the same date my platoon had received the MEC. Perhaps the museum's records are not entirely correct or my DD form 214 is incorrect.

I would like to clarify the records, if possible, and jog my memory about what my unit did in combat to deserve the award. Can you tell me how or where I can get a copy of DA GO 21 1953 and the actual text of the citation for the awards for both units? I already checked the online sites you mentioned in your article, but found records for awards made only for later dates. Any help or advice you can provide would be most welcome and, hopefully, direct me in the right direction.

Ehard F. Nutting, 6361 Avington Pl.,  
Gainesville, VA 20155, [efnutting@comcast.net](mailto:efnutting@comcast.net)

## Gavel's Response

Good news! The attached General Order shows that the 1st Plt, Co A, 145 AA-AW Bn 45ID did receive the DUC/PUC. It is the same ribbon as I recall. Seldom are DD 214s wrong. Both the DUC and MUC were awarded in that GO. You can see all the Ordinance and MPs that got it following your Section I award in Section II.

If you want to independently confirm or have a website to share, [http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/DA\\_General\\_Orders\\_1953.html](http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/DA_General_Orders_1953.html) gets you there. You can look up other years also. The text of the citation is incorporated in the GO.

Many other service awards have not been preserved as well. I am happy that the Army has done such a great job. I had the honor to serve with a Marine Corps and an Air Force Medal of Honor recipient and they both felt that they were just doing what needed to be done. Those that follow us need to have that attitude, as I feel that many more of us would have won high valor awards if the situation had presented itself.

Veterans too often have the attitude that they got the recognition that they deserved. Had the events in your GO occurred in WWII, every soldier in the Infantry Regiment would have automatically qualified for the Bronze Star by virtue of award of the Combat Infantry Badge.

In Korea, you were in the hands of your senior NCOs, officers to be recommended (that article is also submitted). Based on my per-



sonal experience during the Vietnam war, at least 20% of a unit should have gotten a decoration for winning a MUC...winning a PUC would call for practically all getting something. The problem for the Korean War is that something should have been the Commendation medal which didn't exist until later. It's an imperfect world, but if we cannot make it perfect, we should at least try to make it better.

A lot of vets feel that according recognition diminishes theirs. This can unfortunately be true. The Coast Guard awarded all units supporting Hurricane Katrina operations their PUC. Remember Line Backer II? B-52s go north and end the Vietnam war. No B-52 unit (and only one other Air Force unit maybe) got the PUC for it. There are lots of cases where recognition fell short. For Korean vets, this includes before and after the armistice. In any event, glad to have been of service!

John Gavel, LtCol, USAF, PDRL,  
314th Air Division (PACAF) 79-81

### **Memo for: "Letters to the Editors," *Washington Post*** The Korean War - A "Forgotten Victory"!

I was a teenager at the end of WWII and remember how proud we were as the soldiers returned home victorious and paraded down the center of Manhattan, New York. In 1951, I was a Marine Corps PFC, a wounded combat veteran of three of the most ferocious battles in the war, to include the "Chosin" Reservoir.

Rather than a parade, we returned to San Diego by troopship, were bused to Camp Pendleton, and sent home on leave. Stationed at the Marine Barracks, Naval Supply Depot, Scotia, New York, my fellow veterans and I remember being rejected for membership in the VFW because, "Korea was not a war, it was a police action"! This was subsequently rectified, but not before thousands of us felt "forgotten" by the very country that had sent us to fight in a foreign land that most had never even heard of! Many Korean War veterans still carry the scars of this early rejection.

Thus, it was with great pride I read Steve Vogel's Washington Post article in the Tuesday, 1 January 2013 issue\*\* on the Korean War in general, and one of our greatest heroes of that war, Medal of Honor recipient Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura. I can't describe the pleasure of knowing that we [had] our very own "Float" in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California.

We thank you for taking the time to remember us old veterans at the beginning of our 60th Anniversary of the Armistice signing on 27 July 1953. We can now proudly say: "Forgotten no more"!

Respectfully submitted

Warren Wiedhahn, Colonel USMC (Ret), 8361 Queen  
Elizabeth Blvd., Annandale, VA 22003, 703-978-5458  
home, 703-307-8959 cell, JWiedhahn@aol.com

*\*\*The article to which Col Wiedhahn was referring can be found at [http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/6-korean-war-veterans-will-ride-on-float-in-tournament-of-roses-parade-in-pasadena/2012/12/31/6e4e678c-513d-11e2-950a-7863a013264b\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/6-korean-war-veterans-will-ride-on-float-in-tournament-of-roses-parade-in-pasadena/2012/12/31/6e4e678c-513d-11e2-950a-7863a013264b_story.html)*

### **Differences Between Chinese And North Koreans**

We asked in the Nov/Dec 2012 edition for readers' comments on the differences between North Korean and Chinese soldiers' traits. Here is one response.

### **Little Difference**

I was in Korea from August 1950 to December 1951 as a radio operator attached to the 24th Division. I was a Forward Observer, and my assignment was to direct fighter planes in for close air support. I did not see a lot of differences between the North Korean and Chinese armies.

The North Korean Army was well trained and rough on prisoners. The Chinese Army liked to make a lot of noise with bugles, horns, and anything else they could find. They liked to overrun our positions with a large number of troops, e.g. as they did in the "Battle of Death Valley." The Chinese were crawling over their own dead so they could get at us.

As I learned, Chinese soldiers were told that if they died on the battlefield they would go straight to heaven. We sent as many there as we could.

Differences aside, I would not wish combat on anyone.

Clarence W. Schlueter, P.O. Box 11  
Cottleville, MO 63338

### **Who Was Wilfred Burchett?**

We asked in the Nov/Dec 2012 issue if anyone remembered Wilfred Burchett. (See "Recon," p. 24.) Here is the response (so far).

I was a POW during the Korean War, and I met Wilfred Burchett one time. When the North Koreans were taking us north to turn us over to the Chinese we stopped for the second night on the road in a town.

Shortly after our arrival in this town, a couple guards took me to another house. When they slid the paper door open, I saw a Caucasian man sitting behind a desk. My first thought was that this was a Russian and that I was really in for a bad time. When he started talking, I immediately knew that he was either English or Australian.

He introduced himself as Wilfred Burchett and explained that he was a correspondent with the Australian Daily Worker newspaper. (The communists call all of their newspapers the Daily Worker.) I had heard of him while serving on the front lines.

He questioned me about my family. He wanted names and addresses of my family back in the states. I knew that there was a rather sizable communist party in New York, so I gave him fictitious first names and fictitious addresses. I didn't want them bothering my family while I was in their grasp. To the very best of my memory, this is all that he questioned me about.

So, in a nutshell, Wilfred Burchett was a correspondent for the communist newspapers in Australia.

Kenneth H. Hanson, 9401 Lyndale Ave S #228,  
Bloomington, MN 55420, 952-888-2703,  
[powra17313465@netzero.net](mailto:powra17313465@netzero.net) (Mr. Hanson is the former  
National Commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of  
War.)

### **Two Was The Loneliest Number**

I was stationed as a stenographer at the Truce Talks in Panmunjom in 1952-53, and it was at that time that I was aware of Wilfred Burchett and his colleague Allen Winnington, a British correspondent. Mr. Burchett was Australian though he apparently worked for a left-leaning publication in France. It might have been L'Humanite.

Burchett and Winnington were the only two Caucasian reporters who traveled with the communist delegation. They apparently lived in Kaesong, the base camp of the North Korean/Chinese group. Frankly, they always appeared to be just a trifle lonely.

They attended the daily PIO briefings held by United Nations' personnel, but generally stood on the periphery and were virtually ignored by the press from the free world. I believe Burchett went on from Korea to become a regular correspondent during the conflict in Vietnam.

Richard L. Hart, 942 West Antietam St.  
Boise, ID 83709

### The Unholy Three

There was an "Unholy Three" that included Burchett. Besides him, there were Monica Felton and another member whose name escapes me at the moment. They were supposedly correspondents for papers in England and Australia. (They wrote for a communist press and from a communist view.)

I saw all three once as they walked down the main street of our POW Camp 3 at Chang Song. According to the British Sergeants, some Brits were interrogated by the trio.

Monica Felton wrote an article in the Manchester Guardian telling people how millet was a very tasty dish with a little butter and salt. Of course, we didn't have any.

*Fred M. Liddell is a Past President of the Korean War Ex-POW Association. He was also at POW Camp 4, Wiwon. Reach him at 1933 Lee Rd. 100, Opelika, AL 36804, 334-741-8591, or 503-314-1413.*

### Does Anyone At K-2 Remember This Incident?

In November or December 1950, I was stationed with the 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing Supply Squad at K-2 Airfield outside Taegu, Korea. We were erecting several tents to be used for parts and equipment along the flight line.

The mechanics and crew chiefs could bring up a part and exchange it for a new one. There were several of us, along with some Korean laborers, building shelves in the tents that were to be used to store the parts. We were in one of the tents during lunch break.

As we were eating, we heard a loud explosion. We went out to see what it was. Several people were running toward us as we saw the damage. We asked them what had happened. They explained that a 5-inch rocket had fired accidentally from one of the F-80 jet fighters.

Luckily for us, there was a large truck parked in front of the tents. It took the brunt of the explosion and blocked any shrapnel from entering the tents. But, one of our guys was peppered by tiny pieces of metal that missed the truck.

I was attending to the injured man and putting him into a weapons carrier to take him to a hospital on the base. As I was doing this, the flight surgeon and a few other men came and took him. I have often wondered what happened to the wounded man.

When I think back I realize that the Lord was with us. If that truck had not been parked where it was, that rocket would have hit the tent with full force. Most of us would have been killed or injured.

If any of our readers were at K-2 at the time and remember the incident, I would like to hear from you.

Lewis H. Ebert, 110-4 Brookland Ct., Winchester, VA  
22602, 540-662-4484



Troops study damage from misfired rocket at K-2



Lewis Ebert examines tent after misfire at Taegu

### It Was Operation Big Switch

In answer to your request for information about the photos in the article "Operation Big Switch" on page 58 of the Nov/Dec. 2012 edition: I was on the *USS Winston* (AKA 94), which participated in Operation Big Switch at the same time the photos were apparently taken.

Our ship's log showed that we transported POWs from Kojedo to Inchon. So I presume that the pictures are from the same time and place.

John A. Butler, 401 East Kerr Street, Burnet, TX 78611,  
[candjb78611@yahoo.com](mailto:candjb78611@yahoo.com)

### USS Winston Was Not Alone

As memory serves me after all these years, there was a bunch of ships and "big boats" used in the repatriation of Chinese and North Korean prisoners.

We were on our way home aboard *USS Seminole* (AKA 104) after a six-month tour in Korea. We turned around just outside Subic Bay-Manila in the Philippines to return to Sasebo for the Army Corps of Engineers to build five cages down in our holds in which to transport prisoners. We carried 1,800 prisoners per "lift" (the term we used for trip), with 100 "doggie" guards.

We made at least 3 or 4 lifts, although I believe we made 5, 3 for North Koreans and 2 for Chinese. (The Chinese were more or less model prisoners compared to the North Koreans, who were "bad asses" all the time.) We would pick up prisoners at Kojedo and



Chichi-do Islands in the southeast corner of Korea and take them to Inchon. We'd drop them off there and go back to pick up some more. Those holds were stink holes and utter messes, but they worked well for what we had to do. We may have had communist POWs at other locations, but Koje-do and Chichi-do were the only two places we dealt with.

I don't recall the *USS Matthews* (AKA 96), but that doesn't mean anything. There were a bunch of AKAs involved in the repatriation effort—or whatever it was called. We were just mad because instead of being in San Diego, we were stuck transporting those prisoners. We didn't get home until twelve days before we had been out of the continental limits of the U.S. for one year. That was unheard of since WWII. The ship needed dry dock and the crew needed leave.

George Stovall, 2412 Little Creek  
Richardson, TX 75080

*Editor's Note: According to an entry in the Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships, "Seminole continued her operations in Japanese and Korean waters well after the signing of the truce on 27 July 1953. From 28 July to 12 September, she ferried almost 10,000 North Korean and Chinese POW's in Operation "Big Switch" from Koje Do to Inchon. On 22 September, she departed Asian waters and arrived at San Diego on Columbus Day 1953."*

## Who Was Susan Kee?

There was a short article in the "Thanks" section of the Nov/Dec 2012 issue submitted by Susan Kee, who had participated in a Phoenix, AZ Veterans Day Parade. Here is a little more info about her provided by Lew Bradley of CID 222, Arden A. Rowley [AZ].

Susan has visited every KWVA chapter in the Phoenix and Tucson areas. She is a shining light to us. She was a guest speaker at our monthly meeting in March 2012.

Susan was born in Seoul, Korea and moved to the U.S. with her parents when she was nine years old. Her parents were teenagers during the Korean War. But, had it not been for our service and sacrifice during that war, South Korea would have disappeared and its citizens would be living in the scariest and most oppressive country in the world—and she would not be here to support KWVA chapters today.

That is why Susan, along with millions of other Koreans around the world, is forever grateful. The fact that South Korea exists today is testimony to what we veterans helped accomplish some sixty years ago.

## Thanks From A Book Club

*Happy New Year to you and all Korean War Veterans!*

My name is YouNa An. It was an honor that I, with the members of the book club SOS (Silent Outcry of Students) members, received a letter of thanks on the publication of the book "You Are Not Forgotten" from Mr. Ferris on Dec. 27, 2012 at the restaurant Hansungok, which is located at Falls Church, Virginia. The letter

was awarded by Richard Dean, the Vice Chairman of Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc. on behalf of Mr. Ferris.

Also, the appreciation letters from Park Sung Choon, the Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs of Korea, were conferred to the book club members. The appreciation letter from the Minister was conferred by Soongu Yoon, the Consul General of Korea on behalf of the Minister.



Attendees at the ceremony of the conferment of the letter of thanks (L-R) Remy Lee, Jung Wook Choi, Wonjun Oh, Richard Dean, Soongu Yoon, Paul Lee (President of Korean Veterans Association of Washington DC, Inc.), YouNa An, Kelly Jeunghyun Park, Charles Lee, Grace Lee

The schools and grades of the book club members are:

- YouNa An, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, 11th grade.
- Patrick E. Cha, Bethesda Chevy-Chase High School, 10th grade.
- Jung Wook Choi, McLean High School, 12th grade.
- Remy Lee, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, 12th grade.
- Sobin Lee, McLean High School, 12th grade.
- Kelly Jeunghyun Park, James Madison High School, 12th grade.
- Charles Lee, Lake Braddock Secondary High School, 11th grade.
- Grace Lee, Lake Braddock Secondary High School, 11th grade.
- Wonjun Oh, Glenelg Country School, 11th grade.
- Jae Hee Choi, Sookmyung Girls' High School, 10th grade.

*YouNa An, ajy6264@gmail.com*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The story received international coverage. An article explaining the event appeared in the Korea Times newspaper on December 28, 2012. And, YouNa An produced the essay below regarding the war:*

## Korean War and Its Veterans Remembered

*YouNa An - Thomas Jefferson HS for Sci/Tech, Junior*

## Was the Korean War worth it?

Having finished my essay, "The Korean War: Its Accomplishments, Limits, and Veterans' Voices," for collaborating the book, *You Are Not Forgotten*, my answer is a resounding yes, with some conditions.

Korean War veterans protected South Korea from totalitarian

communism and prevented it from spreading to the rest of the world. South Korea now has a thriving economy. Also importantly, since the Korean War was halted without subjecting North Korea under democracy, still-divided country is suffering from the issues such as threatened peace and divided families, which I strongly feel that we young generations must work to resolve.

However, not only most Americans but also many young Koreans don't know much about the achievements and limits of the Korean War. The natural result of such unawareness is, for example, that the Wall of Remembrance in the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. is yet to be established.

Unlike the Vietnam War veterans, as many as 54,246 U.S. veterans who were killed in the Korean War are not remembered with due honor. So, last year, with my friends at high school and middle school, I petitioned for the bill for the Wall of Remembrance (HR 2563) to be enacted so that all the individual names of the veterans can be listed and honored in the Wall of Remembrance. Also, I organized volunteers for the banquet honoring Korean War veterans on July 27th, 2012 at the Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, which was hosted by the Korean government.

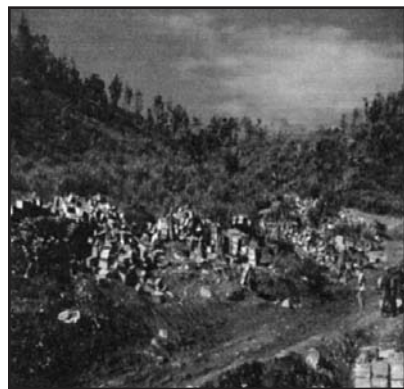
For me, studying the Korean War and engaging in related activities proved to be an excellent way to contribute and help raise awareness of the war and its legacy. I will continue my effort until the reunification of Korea, which was once the goal of Korean War veterans. I would like to once again thank the veterans who saved Korea and helped us learn about the Korean War.

## We Did Not Lose The Pork Chop Battle

I thank Paul Varnes for correcting the Charles Douglas statement on p. 18 of the May-June 2012 edition, "Korea Remembered, 60 Years Later: A Soldier's Story," in which he said we lost the Pork Chop battle in July 1953. (See Varnes' comments in "Reflections On Pork Chop Hill," pp. 64-65, in the "Feedback" section of the Sept.-Oct 2012 issue.) This statement failed to honor the valiant Soldiers who won a battle that probably influenced our enemy to sign the truce because they could not win it.

I was in H Co. of the 17th Inf. Regt., 7th Div. I directed our 81mm. mortar fire for the last two battles on Pork Chop. As Paul Varnes said, "The battle for Pork Chop Hill is credited as being the heaviest artillery bombardments of all military history."

We were located just down the hill from our MLR behind Pork Chop. During the last battle I was in contact with our forward observer (FO), who was on Pork Chop until the enemy retreated.



Empty ammo boxes on Pork Chop

Our radio operator, John Phillips, of Pensacola, FL, who was also on Pork Chop, maintained contact with us through his PRC 10 radio. At one time, our battalion lost all communication on Pork Chop except ours, and they ran the battle from our Fire Direction Center.

An interesting side note is that after the battle ended and Jon came back

Mortar gun pit

to our outfit, I thanked him for conserving the life of the battery by turning off the radio when not in use. He replied, "Are you kidding? I didn't dare turn it off."

Those batteries never lasted more than one day. That one lasted over three days. You figure it out!

My rank at the time was SFC. Since I was serving as an officer, I was later given a battle-field commission. Our brave battalion commander (Major Noble, I believe) was given the rank of LtCol because he actually went on Pork Chop to inspire the troops during the battle.

Pork Chop was won by great bravery and sacrifice, and the facts should be recorded properly.

Bruce Wainright  
360 N 2000 E  
St. George, UT 84790  
433-668-2495



Pork Chop Hill (the shaded area in the photo)

## Findagrave.com Is A Good Resource

Please mention findagrave.com as a research source. I am doing a virtual cemetery to list members of my father's Army unit, Co H 27 IR 25 ID, while in Korean War. It is not complete nor does it replace any other larger lists. But, it is helpful. The website address is: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=vcsr&GSvcid=234950>

Joseph Smith, Vacaville CA, [cad3wall@yahoo.com](mailto:cad3wall@yahoo.com)

## Now Hear This:

All comments concerning, or material for publication, in *The Graybeards* should be sent to Art Sharp, Editor, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or emailed to:

[sharp\\_arthur\\_g@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net)





# 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.

## ARIZONA

DONALD G. SCHULTZ  
DONALD L. 'DON' WAKEHOUSE  
CLIFFORD L. WHEELER

## CALIFORNIA

E. LEE DAUSTER  
LEO M. DELAY  
LAYMON PARKER  
LOUIS R. TORRES

## CONNECTICUT

ALEXANDER L. CAMPANAGGI

## DELAWARE

ROBERT E. NOEL  
JOHN DOUGLAS SHURE SR.

## FLORIDA

ROBERT D. BURGESS  
WILLIAM O. 'NEAL' COLBATH  
JOSEPH R. CUNNINGHAM  
CHARLES R. DAVIS  
LAWRENCE J. HUBBARD  
ROBERT A. HYLTON  
ROBERT W. KUNZ  
ERNEST L. LANCEY JR.  
HAROLD D. MACKING  
HELEN G. MEYER  
DONALD M. PETERS  
ROBERT E. WADE

## HAWAII

GEORGE S. GANEKO  
ALLEN C. S. KIM  
RICHARD Y. N. LEU  
YOSHIO E. SUGINO  
LAWRENCE SHOICHI URUU

## ILLINOIS

CLEVELAND BIAS

JAMES I. BUCHER  
DUANE G. KUPERSMITH  
HERSHALL E. LEE  
DONALD R. MULLINS  
CHARLES L. SNOKE  
ERNEST S. WEDELL JR.

## INDIANA

HENRY J. 'HANK' FIRNHABER JR.

## IOWA

JACK T. NELSON

## KANSAS

NOEL O. NUESLE

## KENTUCKY

DAIL W. KENNEDY

## LOUISIANA

S. PAUL CHANDLER

## MAINE

GEORGE E. BERUBE

## MARYLAND

WALTER J. WEBSTER JR.  
MURRAY J. ZEPP

## MASSACHUSETTS

RALPH F. BROWNE  
WILLIAM T. CROWE  
JOHN P. 'PETE' LAFOND JR.  
JAMES W. LEWIS  
ARTHUR J. 'TUSSY' RUSSELL

## MICHIGAN

WILLIAM C. 'BILL' BHIRDO  
WILLIAM A. HARBIN  
JOHN N. 'JACK' WILSON

## MINNESOTA

MARVIN L. 'SKIP' CHRISTENSEN

HAROLD A. 'HAL' DWORSHAK  
HARLAN EVANS  
FLOYD R. JONES  
ROBERT L. MARONEY  
WILLIAM E. 'BILL' STOCK

## MISSOURI

WILLIAM J. STICHNOT

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

SALVATORE M. AMICO

## NEW JERSEY

PAUL A. DALOIO  
RICHARD F. FULHAM  
MICHAEL J. KALINOWSKI  
DONALD H. KUEHN  
JOHN R. TRACEY

## NEW YORK

LEONARD H. BREEN  
CARMEN C. FESTA  
JOHN P. HERBERT  
RICHARD W. KLIPPEL  
RICHARD J. MAY  
THOMAS N. MCKAY  
ROBERT E. MOYNIHAN  
RICHARD J. QUATTRINI

## NORTH CAROLINA

JOSEPH R. BROWN

## NORTH DAKOTA

ROBERT J. ROTH

## OHIO

LOUIS A. DANDINO  
RALPH DIEFENBACH  
LEONARD HUSK  
JAY A. OTTO  
EUGENE PEARSON  
ALFRED A. SCHMITZ

WALKER D. SMITLEY  
JAMES E. STELTS  
ARTHUR E. VIOLET  
ROBERT L. WEISENBARGER  
EDWARD L. WIEGAND

## OREGON

ROBERT P. GIFFORD  
RICHARD L. 'DICK' JOHNSTON  
SIDNEY M. RUVENSKY  
RUBIN TOWNSEND

## PENNSYLVANIA

LAWRENCE E. DONOVAN  
LOUIS GIACOMELLI

## SOUTH CAROLINA

CHARLES F. BREWER JR.

## TENNESSEE

HAROLD L. WEBB

## TEXAS

GEORGE T. ADAMS  
FRANK D. ALVARADO

JOUETT A. 'BUSTER' BEVERLY  
JORGE O. DE LA GARZA SR.  
JOHN R. FISHER  
JAMES K. HALL  
THOMAS D. JACOBS

## VIRGINIA

EDWIN L. 'ED' ARNOLD SR.  
JOHN A. CONNOLLY  
JOHN L. CONWAY JR.  
WILLIAM F. CORNELL  
WILLIAM M. 'BILL' DILL  
HENRY M. MAST  
SUNG KUN PAK  
WARREN M. SUTTON

## WASHINGTON

DONALD MELVIN BOLES

## WISCONSIN

JOHN A. BETZOLD  
RICHARD F. BOEHLKE  
EDWIN O. RADTKE

## CHAPTERS from page 51

cuff them, take their identity badges, and drop them off at the local police stations. They'd be out selling gas about three days later.

Jin-Hyun Lee told us that South Korea is now the 7th leading industrial country in the world! Simon was given a DVD on new South Korea. At night, the neon lights there make Las Vegas and New York look like lighting beginners!

As an MP, Simon started in Inchon, Tongnae, Taegu, Pusan and Ko-Jae-Do Prison Island (for 45 days). He was working in Pusan in October 1953 when the Great Pusan fire burned 87,000 homes made from wood crates, cardboard, and straw. "Houses" were only about 15 inches apart. The hillside was destroyed. Now, in larger cities, people live in houses that look like shrines—but they still have a minimal yard space. What a change!!!

I must say that of all the countries in the world in which the United States was involved in wars to save them, the Korean people continue to be humble and grateful that we helped save their country from evil dictatorship and depression. Every year our chapter enjoys attending the Saginaw Korean Presbyterian Church picnic. They serve great Korean food, especially Kim-Chee. Koreans are great people!!!

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

## Death Notice of a Member of KWVA

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: **Membership, P.O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407**



# Recon Missions

## Service Co., 179th Inf. Regt., 45th Inf. Div.

I would like to hear from anyone in the photo below, which was taken in Chunchon, Korea in March 1953. The Corporal in the center is K. Dave Allen of CID 105, Central New York. On his left is Pfc. Ray Gramaoussa, and on his right is Cpl. Don Enwall.

K. Dave Allen, 214 Cleveland Blvd.  
Fayetteville, NY 13066, 315-637-6972



Members of Service Co., 179th Inf. Regt., 45th Inf. Div.

## Anyone Burned By WP?

My father, Floyd D. Clough, served in the Korean War. He is searching for anyone burned with white phosphorous during the Korean War, World War II, Vietnam, Iraq or Afghanistan. He needs the information to substantiate that WP burns cause further problems as years go by. His contention is that neuropathy of the lower body, mainly hips, legs and feet, where he was burned by the white phosphorous, worsens problems. He needs corroborating information to further his claim with the VA. His problem is from the Korean War in May 1951 serving with Fox Company, 38th Infantry Division.

He is 84 and does not have a computer or email, which is why I am doing this for him. He would welcome hearing from those who are experiencing the same ill effects from the white phosphorous burns that he has been experiencing. His address is 5342 Brookwood Drive NW, Canton, OH 44708. His home phone is 330-478-2806.

My Dad lives in Canton, Ohio and I live in Trinity, FL. It breaks my heart to see the suffering my Dad has gone through because of this white phosphorous.

Caroline Schrader, [carrie@schraderville.com](mailto:carrie@schraderville.com)

## Does anyone remember Cpl Robert Millard Henry?

Cpl Robert Henry was a machine gunner with Co. I, 3rd Bn., 32nd Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div. He was listed as Missing in

Action while fighting the enemy at "Pork Chop Hill," North Korea on July 11, 1953. He was presumed dead on July 12, 1954.

Cpl. Henry's sister is interested in talking with anyone who served with him in Korea who could possibly share any information regarding him and the circumstances surrounding his disappearance and his ultimately being declared Missing in Action.

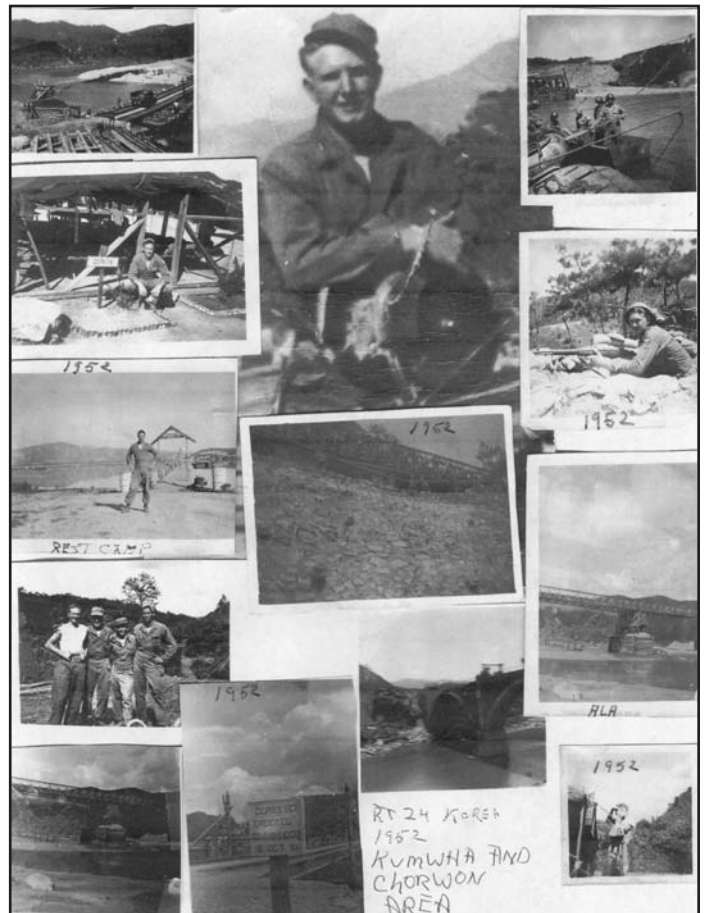
If you have any information regarding Cpl. Robert Henry, please contact me and I will pass your name and contact information on to his sister.

Lewis M. Ewing, 310 Clay Hill Dr.  
Winchester, VA 22602, 540-678-1787,  
[lewewing@gmail.com](mailto:lewewing@gmail.com)

## Homer Stephens

I was with B Co. 194 Engr. Bn. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who remembers me. At the time, I was from Blue Ridge, GA. Now I live in Marysville, PA.

Homer Stephens, 3881 Valley Rd.  
Marysville, PA 17053, 717-957-3481  
[oldsarge@centurylink.net](mailto:oldsarge@centurylink.net)





## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. or Unit # (if Any) \_\_\_\_\_ 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" listed below, complete the "Certification of Eligibility for KWVA Membership" Form on page 2.]**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: If this is a GIFT Membership – please sign here to certify, under penalty of law, that to the best of your knowledge, ALL of the information you have provided about the Applicant is true and correct. [Note: If applicable, you must also complete and sign the Eligibility Form on page 2.]**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: KWVA – Mail to: **Korean War Veterans Association Inc., P. O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407** (Or you may pay by Credit Card)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ **VISA** ☐ **MASTER CARD (only)**

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ V-Code \_\_\_\_\_ Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted 10/27/2012

## CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR KWVA MEMBERSHIP

In addition to completing the KWVA Membership Application Form on page 1, persons applying for, and qualifying for, membership under one of the categories listed below, are also required to fill in the appropriate blanks, and sign in the space provided below.

### Check Only One Category:

- ☐ **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 by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces 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 during the Korean 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. I do not qualify to be a Regular member.
- ☐ **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."

Applicant 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.

WEB SITE: [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)

Adopted 10/26/2009, R4 Approved 10/27/2012

Page 2 of 2





# 60TH ANNIVERSARIES KOREAN WAR REVISIT KOREA TOURS



***MAY—JUN—JUL—SEPT 2013***

**FAMILY MEMBERS OF KOREA VETERAN'S ARE ELIGIBLE  
CONTACT MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS FOR DETAILS**



*More fun than the first time! Pre-tour Group from the September Revisit enjoying a beautiful day in the Republic of Korea at an OP above the "Punchbowl!"*

**THE ROK GOVERNMENT'S MINISTRY OF PATRIOT & VETERAN  
AFFAIRS REDUCED VETERANS & COMPANION AIRFARE & PEACE  
CAMP FOR YOUTH (GRANDCHILDREN) PARTICIPANTS FOR 2012!**

**REGISTER NOW, DON'T BE LEFT OUT IN 2013!**

**703-590-1295 \* 800-722-9501 \* [WWW.MILTOURS.COM](http://WWW.MILTOURS.COM)**





## Korean Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs

By C. Monika Stoy

**K**orean Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, Minister Park, Sung Choon, honored United States Korean War veterans during the Congressional Medal of Honor Society annual convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, 3-5 October 2012. He met seven Korean War Congressional Medal of Honor recipients for breakfast on 3 October at the Hale Kola Armed Forces Recreation Center to thank them for their service in the Korean War and helping his country maintain its freedom in the face of North Korean and Chinese aggression.

During the breakfast, Minister Park, a retired 3-star ROK Army general, presented the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War commemorative medal to the Medal of Honor recipients who had not previously received the medal. Breakfast guests included Commander Thomas Hudner, USN; LTC Joe Jackson, USAF; COL Bud Day, USAF;

SFC Ron Rosser, US Army; Duane Dewey, USMC; Hiroshi Miyamura, US Army; and Rodolfo Hernandez, US Army. Hudner, Rosser, Dewey, Miyamura, and Hernandez received their Medals of Honor for actions during the Korean War, while Day and Jackson received their Medals of Honor in their subsequent combat in the Vietnam War.

At the time of the convention there were 12 still-living

Medal of Honor recipients from the Korean War. Five of them were present in Honolulu. As of today there are 11 still-living Medal of Honor recipients from the Korean War. Recipients not in Honolulu included Colonel Ola L. Mize, USA; Hector Cafferata, USMC; Einer Ingman, Jr., USA; Tibor Rubin, USA; Ernest West, USA and Robert Simanek, USMC.

**KW MOH Recipients with Min Park with (L-R) Monika Stoy, Thomas Hudner, Duane Dewey, Rudy Hernandez, Bud Day, Joe Jackson, and Ron Rosser**





ROK Special Warfare Command  
hosts UN Korean War veterans



Hiroshi Miyumura and Minister Park



Presenting Peace Medal and KW 60 Anniversary Medal to COL Mize  
with wife Betty

## Honors Medal of Honor Recipients

There were 136 Medals of Honor awarded for  
the Korean War, 97 of those posthumously.

LTC Tim Stoy retired and Won  
Jang Su Nib at Joggle Order  
Headquarters in Seoul



Minister Park with veterans and families at Welcome Reception in Pusan





**Serving line at New Life Korean United Methodist Church**

**Veterans from Ch 172 enjoy Thanksgiving dinner**



**Flowers, flags, and fine foods greet Ch 172 veterans and guests at Findlay, OH church**



## Canadian Korean Veterans Association

It is not just Koreans living in their native country and the U.S. who continually express their appreciation for what UN troops did between 1950-53—and beyond. This note came from Mike Czuboka, the editor of the Rice Paddy, the Canadian Korean Veterans Association of Canada (L'Association Canadienne Des Vétérans De La Corée).

We enjoy a warm relationship with the Korean community in

Winnipeg and Manitoba. For instance, the editor of the Korean Times recently presented our members with beautiful Korean-made quilts to show appreciation for our services in the Korean War.

Members of the Korean community frequently attend our functions. Kam-sah-ham-nee-dah!

Incidentally, KVA Unit 17 (Manitoba) is celebrating its 31st anniversary this year (1982 -2013). Congratulations from the U.S. KWVA.

## 270 - SAM JOHNSON [TX]

The Dallas Korean community feted our chapter at the Korean Binneri Church with a Thanksgiving luncheon, followed by musical entertainment and gifts. Approximately fifty members and spouses enjoyed the Korean community's hospitality immensely.

The photos following are credited to Jerome Kasten.

Jerome Kasten, [jdkasten@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jdkasten@sbcglobal.net)



**J.D. Randolph, President of Chapter 270, is given the honor of cutting the cake at Thanksgiving luncheon**



**Right, a colorful stack of gifts from the Korean community awaits Ch 270 members**

**Below, Korean ladies provided much home-cooked food for all at the Dallas luncheon, including kimchi (upon request)**



**The newly selected Dallas Consul of South Korea, Dong-Chan Kim, greets J.D. Randolph at luncheon**



# Hawaiian Chapters Observe Start Of Korean War

A ceremony in Honolulu on June 25, 2012 recognized the 62nd anniversary of the start of the Korean War. Several chapters participated: CID 20 (Hawaii #1), CID 47 (Kauai), CID 144 (Aloha), CID 231 (Big Island), and CID 282 (Maui No Ka Oi).

LtGen Duane D. Thiessen, Commander, U.S. Marine Forces Pacific, was the keynote speaker. Jimmy K. Shin of Ch 144, Aloha [HI], coordinated the event. Reach him at P.O. Box 88232, Honolulu, HI 96830, 808-286-3333, [AlohaKWVA144@yahoo.com](mailto:AlohaKWVA144@yahoo.com)



Left: Hawaii event chair Jimmy Shin with ROK Navy and personnel, Consul General Suh, Honolulu Mayor Carlile, LtGen Thiessen and other guests (L-R)



Below: Peter Carlisle, Duane D. Thiessen, Young-Kil Suh, Hawaii Lt. Governor Brian Schatz, Hawaii Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald, Rep. Calvin K.Y. Say (L-R) show respect in Honolulu



Col Choi, U.S. Army Pacific, Chief of AVN, delivers remarks at Hawaii event



Republic Of Korea Navy personnel place wreath in Hawaii



# APPLICATION FOR KOREA REVISIT & PEACE CAMP FOR YOUTH (PCFY) TOURS

(UPDATED 01/14/11)

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-Mail<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTES: 1- CRUCIAL FOR IMMEDIATE TOUR UPDATES 2- If no passport put Applied for in this block and call in when received.*

## Credit Card Authorization:

I authorize Military Historical Tours by my signature above to charge my Visa, Master Card or Amex \$450.00 Per Person,

The amount of \$450.00 Per Person Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ please include the 3-Digit code on back of card \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on the Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

*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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## DEMOCRACY from page 24

dead cow tradition, and political corruption has become a top national issue in selecting the misguided and misperception of a "Mr. Clean Guy" in the Blue House.

As the depth of political corruption deepens, the moral and ethical sentiments in South Korean politics have surfaced to the front. The character issue became the main distinguishing point in the eradication of the deep-rooted political corruption of the December 19, 2012 election.

Manifesting the moral and conscience of the American founding father George Washington, the humility and justice, along with the equality of Abraham Lincoln, became a role model in the selection of the president among two candidates. Korean voters began to evaluate the country's long history and realized that females had not been given a chance to rule the country for the past 1,115 years, since the rule of Queen Jinsung (AD 887-897) in the Shilla dynasty.

Voters made a right choice to empower a female candidate in distancing themselves from the traditional political corruption. Female candidate Ms. Park Geun-hye is a new era right wing candidate, while the opposition party candidate Moon Jae In is considered left-wing. Between the two candidates, Ms. Park Geun-hye is better positioned to narrow the gap between the wealthy and poor, mitigate deep rooted conflicts among different regions, promote higher economic growth than simply promising the welfare expenditure to protect small and medium industry, and impose higher taxes upon higher income groups, which is essential to maintain the economic prosperity that has been attained.

It is considered that this election was crucial to forward the pro-capitalist and anti-communist status, and it is obvious based on her election that president-elect Park is

believed to maintain the stronger allied relationship with the United States.

Democracy and market oriented capitalism were at a crossroads in the December 2012 election. With high national debt and a global economic recession on the way, South Korea's economic outlook is very dim and a new leadership with a vision of financial reform, along with more economic growth than rhetorical propaganda on more welfare expenditures, is desperately needed to navigate a more sustainable future for Korea in this pivotal election.

National security, continued economic growth, Lincoln-style consolidation power between the different regions, equitable distribution of income, and support for the middle class and small business are absolutely dependent upon President Park's superior leadership. The December election was a crucial test of democracy and for the continued economic prosperity in Korea.

*NOTE: The Global Mugughwa Forum was established by Chairman Park Jae Hong long ago to enhance Korean culture among Koreans living abroad, to give lectures on Korean history and vision, and to accommodate differing opinions among Koreans abroad to be reflected upon the formation of national policy agenda on politics, economy, and reunification policy.*

*Dr. Lee is in charge of the North America (Canada and U.S).*

*Dr. Hubert Hojae Lee is a special assistant to President Park, President of Korean American Foundation (845-649-3173), and 1st VP of CID 202, Orange County [NY]. Reach him by email at drhl@frontier.com*

*Professor Joseph Lema, Ph.D., Fulbright Scholar (609-652-3811) Email: lemaj@stockton.edu*

### 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 doz. @ \$12 plus \$6.35 S/H.
- ☐ Minimum order is 20 doz. @ \$60 plus \$12.35 S/H.
- ☐ Orders for 21 to 100 doz. @ \$3/doz. plus \$16.45 S/H
- ☐ Order for 400 doz. or more qualify for a special discount

**Write or call:** Earl House, 1870 Yakona Rd., Baltimore, MD 21234  
Phone 410-661-8950.  
Make Checks payable to: **KWVA Maryland Chapter 33**



**Korean War Veterans Association**  
**Membership Administrative Assistant**  
**P.O. Box 407**  
**Charleston, IL 61920-0407**

NON-PROFIT ORG  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Jacksonville, FL  
PERMIT NO. 3

**Address Service Requested**



Hank Butler, Commander of Ch 192, displays 1st Place Certificate for best veterans display at Crystal River Mall Fair, Nov. 3, 2012