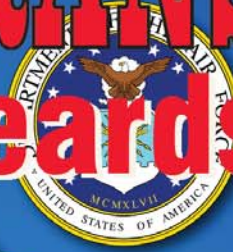


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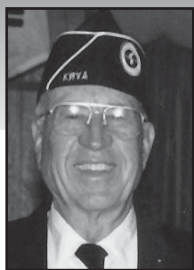
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# From the President

Larry Kinard

Time is moving on. Here we are in early September and well past the big event in July. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the DOD 60th Anniversary Committee for all the planning and work they did in providing so much for the veterans during our time in Washington DC, July 24-28.

It started on the first evening with a great reception at the Ft. Myers Officers Club, hosted by Under Secretary of the Army Joseph Westphal, followed by a Tattoo conducted by the Army Honor Guard. On Thursday, July 25, we held the Board Meeting and welcomed Tine Martin, George Covell, and George Bruzgis, all of whom were recently elected.

I was very pleased that Tom Stevens ran again for his second three-year term and was re-elected. John "Sonny" Edwards was also sworn in to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Frank Williams.

Even though our Board Meeting was rushed somewhat because of a reception in the early afternoon hosted by the Korean Embassy, we accomplished some good things we needed to get done. (The minutes of the meeting appear on page 10.) I will mention a few of the items that I feel were important.

We approved the appointment of a Task Force to study the possibilities of employing a KWVA Executive Director. At present, the duties and responsibilities of the President are such that it is a very demanding job. In fact, it is more than a full-time job. Much of the time is filled with administrative duties like filling out forms, writing letters, and communicating with members.

As a Congressionally Chartered organization, there are financial audits and reporting responsibilities that must be done every year. This Task Force will look into these factors and determine if the need and the funding will be available to support such a position.

We are also considering—and discussed at length—a credit card affinity relationship with USAA and a change in our adver-

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tising management. If these develop as expected, it should enhance our possibilities of increased income to help support our programs. More will come later about these particular projects.

We also gave the Election Committee the mandate to strengthen the review of the resumes of members who are running for Director and Officer positions, and passed a recommendation to seek a Group Exemption ruling from the IRS to allow chapters to get a 501(c)(19) status through the National Organization.

Our Membership meeting on Friday was well attended. We heard committee reports and ratified recommended changes to the by-laws. That night we had a great banquet with retired General Walter Sharp as our keynote speaker. Also in attendance was the South Korean President's Special Envoy Mr. Kim, Jung-Hoon, along with thirty delegates from South Korea.

I think most of you are familiar with Dr. Jongwoo Han, who is President of the Korean War Veterans Digital Memorial Foundation. During the time we were in Washington he was holding his first Korean War Veteran Youth Legacy Workshop. Students from the United Nations countries who served in the Korean War who are descendants of Korean War veterans were invited to participate in this expenses-paid workshop.

To qualify for attendance they were required to submit a paper outlining their relationship with a Korean War veteran and describing their passion and hopes for continuing the legacy of the Korean War veterans. The workshop was tremendously successful, with thirty very enthusiastic students from all over the world participating. They are off to a great start after electing officers and preparing for future meetings.

I am very proud of what Dr. Han and these students are doing. They are certainly adding to our Tell America program and a vital part of our effort to promote the legacy of our victory in Korea.

The culmination of the annual meeting this year was the DOD event commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice on Saturday morning, 27 July, at our Memorial on the mall. Around 7,000 Korean War veterans and their families gathered there for a wreath laying ceremony and to listen to several speakers who recognized what we did during the war. President Obama was the key note speaker and did a great job of honoring Korean veterans. (If you haven't seen this video, it is available at <http://wh.gov/11pj3>.)

In this issue we have a couple important topics that I want to call to your attention. The first is the notice of Election on page 7. We will need some very interested and qualified candidates to fill both the Officer (2014-2016) and Director (2014-2017) positions. If you are interested and willing to get involved, I urge you to submit your application.

It has been fairly consistent each year that around 25% of our members take part in the voting process. This is not a good representation of our membership, so I encourage everyone to carefully review the qualifications of the candidates, talk it up in the chapters, and vote for the candidate of your choice when the time comes.

The second topic has to do with our Recruiting Program. We traditionally think about bringing in new members from outside the organization, but it is my understanding that many of our chapters still have Korean veterans attending their meet-

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## From the Secretary



Frank Cohee

### Letters/Emails of Interest

#### Here is one from Turkey

I am writing to you to get some advice regarding an old Turkish Korean veteran, Capt. Becir Gunay, a U.S. Korean Silver Star Medal holder.

I was contacted last week by a Turkish professor of a local university, Gurtekin Gunay. He told me that a book is about to be published and they would like to mention the medal of his uncle, but they couldn't locate the document of it. Can you forward me to an address from where we can ask for a copy of the Capt Becir Gunay's Silver Medal's document? Thank you very much in advance.

Respectfully,

Ayhan BAYSAL, Military Affairs Specialist  
Defense Attaché Office, U.S. Embassy Ankara

#### My Response

Mr. Baysal: Professor Gunay can go to our website, [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org). On the home page there is a link on the right side that says "How to request Military Service Records or prove Military Service." The document that he is looking for should be in those records. There should also be a DD Form 214 and the medal should be on that form.

Frank Cohee

If any of you Silver Star recipients know, or knew, the Captain, please let me know.

#### Looking for some help from the VA

I have a very dear 80-year-old friend who has had Parkinson's Disease for the past ten years. He also has Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. He currently resides in assisted living in Colorado Springs, Colorado. His medical expenses and very high assisted living expenses are in danger of causing his wife to have to sell their home. I suspect that there may be some service-connected VA benefits to which he is entitled.

He is an honorably discharged Korean War veteran who served aboard a Navy ship in both the engine room and boiler room....a suspected cause of his hearing loss. Based on my research from the internet, I am wondering if a possible exposure to TCE (a cleaning solvent) and leaded fuel in the ship's engine room may have contributed to his Parkinson's Disease.

The VA has stated to me that if a doctor states my friend's PD may be at least 50-55 percent due to his shipboard exposure, he may be entitled to service-connected VA benefits. My understanding is that there are no presumptive diseases related to the Korean War; however, I am wondering if you are aware of any Korean War veterans who have successfully won service-connected VA benefits based on similar circumstances....or if you have any suggestions as to how I might obtain this information.

#### My response

Patricia:

You cannot rely on what you are told verbally by the VA. You must have it in writing or it does not mean a thing. He needs to contact the Veterans Service Officer in your county. Every county has one.

He needs to file a claim for a disability rating. This takes up to a year, so he may want to get his representative in Congress involved to put some pressure on the VA to expedite his request.

I do not know of any presumptive diseases related to Korean War veterans except those that were exposed to Agent Orange. Since I just went through that because of my service in Vietnam that is a big farce. VA's position is that one's condition had to have occurred within one year of being released from the service. My problems have showed up after 40 years.

Frank Cohee

#### Looking for Air Force Buddies

My name is Joseph R. Hoeffler. I served in USAF from 1950-54. I was last stationed in Virginia with the 647 AC&W squad, and was discharged as S/Sgt. My email address is [Cranfordchamber@comcast.net](mailto:Cranfordchamber@comcast.net). If anyone who also served with the 647 is still around, send me an email. I would love to hear from you.

#### Needs a VA Footstone

Mr. Cohee,

I am hoping you can help me obtain a VA footstone for my father's grave. He passed away one year ago, and our family was able to receive a military honors burial and vault by using his dog tags. We have not been able to find his DD 214 discharge papers, and have been told that his papers were destroyed in the 1973 fire.

I have been in touch with the VA office in Dayton, Ohio, where he lived for the past 56 years and is buried. They have not been able to help me in my quest, so I am contacting you.

Could you or a resource with the Korean War Veterans Association offer any suggestions or resources?

My father was such a proud American and patriot. I would like to honor his commitment at his grave site if possible.

I can be reached at this email address or my home phone number. They are listed below.

Thank you for your help.

Lynda Luethke

#### My response

Lynda:

First, you need to contact Headstones and Markers at 1-800-697-6947. If you do not get any help from them contact your local Congressional Representative and ask for their help.

Frank Cohee

## **PRESIDENT from page 6**

ings who are not members of the National KWVA. Those who are not members need to be added to the National rolls.

Also in this issue is an article on page 15, written by Director George Lawhon. In it, he reminds us again that everyone who belongs to and attends Chapter meetings must also belong to the National Organization. I realize there are some who still believe they don't need to belong to National, but that is not right. Moreover, it is unfair to the members who pay their dues and are a part of National.

In this 60th Anniversary year the Korean War veterans have been recognized and honored like never before, because we are a Congressionally Chartered National Organization. If not for the National Organization this would never have happened. Here again we must rely on State Department and Chapter leadership to support this national effort.

The National Officers and Directors strongly encourage the leadership at the state and chapter levels to take action to bring those who are not members into the National organization. Any of you who have thoughts or questions about this, please contact one of the National Officers or Directors. We need your help to solve this problem.

One final note: since I am now President, Director George Lawhon is serving as National Tell America Chairman. If you have questions or need help with your program, or would like to start a Tell America program in your chapter, please get in touch with George at 408-734-0305.

As I have mentioned before, the DOD 60th Anniversary Committee will no longer be in existence after the middle of September, 2013, except for Barbara Foelber and Jean Davis, who will be closing the books and the office. We still have a few of the pink booklets "Education for Students" published by the South Korean Government and also some Jack Walker books if you need them. You may call George at his number or A. J. Keyes at 817-472-7743 to have them shipped to you.

Respectfully,

*Larry Kinard, President*

## **CALL FOR ELECTIONS**

The membership is hereby notified that elections will be held in the spring of 2014 for the following National Korean War Veterans Association, INC. (KWVA) Officers and Directors: Officers elected will serve for two years (2014-2016). They are: President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President for two years. Four Director positions are open. Their terms in office will be 2014-2017.

### **Deadline For Notification Of Intention To Run**

No later than December 15, 2013, any regular members in good standing of the KWVA seeking to run for the aforementioned offices shall make their intentions known to the Chairman of the Elections Committee, George Bruzgis, in writing, using the following format:

### **Requirements:**

Applicants must:

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

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

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

- 1) Your intent to run for an office and the office sought.
- 2) A resume of your qualifications for this office, stating any experience that will be of benefit to the Association.
- 3) Your current mailing address, telephone number and KWVA membership number:
- 4) Your email address, if available.
- 5) Alternate email address and alternate phone number, if available.
- 6) A statement that you will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and that you understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for your removal from office.
- 7) A statement that your dues are current through the whole term of the office that your seeking.

Note: Payment of delinquent dues shall not be retroactive for the purpose of establishing eligibility to run for office within the Association.

8) Submit a copy of your DD Form 214 for verification by the election committee

D. Send the above items by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Elections Committee Chairman, to arrive not later than December 15, 2013.

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

Address application packages and questions to: George Bruzgis, Election Committee Chairman, 230 Legion Place, Haledon, NJ 07508-1420. His phone # is 973-956-8672. Email him at [GBruzgis@aol.com](mailto:GBruzgis@aol.com)

### **The KWVA election process is:**

- The Elections Committee certifies the candidates who are qualified to stand for office.
- The candidate declarations are sent to the editor of *The Graybeards* for publication in the January-February 2014 edition. The ballots are also published in that edition.
- Members cast their ballots by May 10th and mail them to the KWVA-approved CPA.
- The CPA counts the ballots and reports the results via certified tally sheets to the Elections Committee.
- The results reported by the CPA are verified by the Elections Committee.
- Copies of the completed and verified tally sheets are sent by certified mail to each of the fifteen Board Members, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and to each of the candidates for office, regardless of whether they are a winner or loser:

*Frank Cohee, National Secretary*



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## Announcing the 2013-14 Competition For The "I Know The Difference Between Earning And Winning A Medal Award"

Apparently some journalists believe that Soldiers\*\* engage in some sort of competition for medals and awards. All too often journalists include in their stories sentences like "Les Lucky Wins Purple Heart" or "PFC Garand Colt Wins Medal Of Honor For Heroism." So, what's wrong with either statement?

\*\* I am using the word "Soldiers" in this article in a generic fashion. Journalists do that frequently too. To them, it does not make a difference whether men or women serve in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts...they are all Soldiers in their minds. Technically, they may be right. The members of those different organizations beg to differ, though.

No doubt both statements are based on facts. But, nobody sets out to win the Purple Heart of MOH...or any other medal for heroism. There is no competition for them.

Picture this: a fire team is preparing to initiate a fire team rush on an enemy machine gun that is delaying their platoon's progress. CPL Rush Ahead gathers his troops and says, "Okay, guys. We're going to attack that machine gun. Now, the first one of you who reaches it without getting hit gets a medal and five points. The rest of you don't get medals, because according to the International Organization of Fire Team Rushes, only the first combatant to reach the objective gets a medal and five points. The rest of you get points according to your order of arrival at the

I am betting that there is not one Medal of Honor recipient who would say he "won" the singular award. Not one of the 3,468 MOH recipients in U.S. history has set out to "win" the award.

machine gun, i.e., three for second place, two for third, one for last."

Later, the number of points earned and the sole medal winner's name are published in the weekly edition of "Stirrups & Strep" to let readers know how the competition is going, and they pass the news on to the Soldiers' hometown newspapers for publication.

Here's the way it appears:

### MEDAL AND POINTS WINNERS FIRE TEAM RUSH DIVISION

Participant	Medals	Points
PVT Ima Fool	1	5
PVT Thompson Gunn	-	3
PVT Harry Leggs	-	2
PVT Willy Makeit	-	1

Does that sound like a competition any Soldiers would want to engage in? No! Yet, journalists make it sound like it is when they write about combatants winning medals. Simply put, Soldiers do not win medals: they earn them.

I am betting that there is not one Medal of Honor recipient who would say he "won" the singular award. Not one of the 3,468 MOH recipients in U.S. history has set out to "win" the award. In virtually every case he was thrust into an exigent situation to which he reacted without thinking of what would happen to him—or of winning a medal or points for his bravery—often at the cost of his own life. The MOH is simply an afterthought bestowed

on the recipient by a grateful government.

I do not understand why journalists cannot grasp that simple concept about any military medal awarded for bravery, e.g., Bronze Star, Silver Star, or Navy Cross. More often than not it's because too few of them have any actual experience with military affairs. They have no idea what Soldiers go through to earn their medals. Can they really think that Purple Heart recipients, for example, try to get wounded so they can "win" the medal that none of them really want?

Okay, some people might think that I protest too much at a relatively innocuous misuse of terms by journalists. But, I also believe that if a journalist is writing a story about a veteran and his medal(s), the least he or she can do is identify the recipient as a Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Air Force dude, etc. Journalists pride themselves on accuracy. It's the cornerstone of journalism, unless I'm wrong.

I implore journalists to be accurate, and to learn the difference between "winning" and "earning" a medal. If they do that, maybe we can establish a special category of journalistic award for the journalists who get it right. I will be happy to present the first "I Know The Difference Between Earning And Winning A Medal Award." The rest of you can help by notifying every journalist that the award exists when you see or hear them misuse "winning" and "earning."

All journalists have to do is make the distinction between "winning" and "earning" a medal. That way they can "earn" the award. Of course, they will be free to tell everyone proudly that they won the "I Know The Difference Between Earning And Winning A Medal Award." But, deep down they will know they earned it—just as military medal recipients know they earned theirs.

### 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

## Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes - July 25, 2013

Meeting Announcement: E-mail from the Secretary, dated May 25, 2013

**Place Of Announced Meeting:** The Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 South Orme St., Arlington, VA 22204, Phone 703-521-1900.

**Announced Period Of Meeting:** July 25, 2013- 0830-1500 or completion of business.

**Call to Order:** Larry Kinard, President

**Pledge Of Allegiance:** Thomas McHugh, Chairman, National Ceremonies Committee

**Invocation:** Leo Ruffing, Chaplain

**Administrative Announcements:** Larry Kinard, President

**Board Of Directors Rules Of Decorum & Debate:** Larry Kinard, President

**Roll Call:** Frank Cohee, Secretary

KWVA Board Members:

- Larry Kinard, President
- Luther Rice, Director
- Roy Aldridge, 1st. Vice President
- Luther Dappen, Director
- Vacant, 2nd Vice President
- J. Tilford Jones, Director
- Frank Cohee, Secretary
- Salvatore Scarlato, Director
- Tom Gregg, Treasurer
- Sonny Edwards, Director
- Richard Brown, Director
- Thomas Stevens, Director
- Lewis Ewing, Director
- George J. Bruzgis, Director
- George Lawhon, Director
- George S. Covell, Director
- Tine O. Martin, Director

Treasurer Tom Gregg was absent and was excused.

■ President Kinard introduced the following KWVA staff and others: William Mac Swain, Sr. Advisor to the President and the Board, William B. Burns, Judge Advocate, Jim Doppelhammer, Webmaster, Jake Feaster Membership Management and Assistant Secretary, J.D. Randolph, National VAVS Director, Charlie Price, National Legislative Director, Jongwoo Han, KWVA Liaison to Korean -American Assn., Leo Ruffing, National Chaplain, Warren Wiedhahn, Revisit Coordinator/ Event Coordinator

Recorder: Jennifer Young, Elite Reporting Co., Inc.

**Declaration Of Quorum:** Secretary Cohee announced that there is a quorum.

■ President Kinard announced that we have an extremely tight schedule today. Once again we have been imposed upon and the board meeting is going to be cut short because of an oppor-

tunity we have to go visit with the Congress and some Korean dignitaries at the Cannon Building.

He then asked Warren Wiedhahn to give us a short briefing on what the schedule is going to be. Namely, we must end the meeting by 1230 as we will board the buses for Capitol Hill starting at 1315 and the buses have to leave the hotel by 1330.

**Appointments:** President Kinard had previously handed out a list of appointments and he commented that what he tried to do was to continue with most of those who were already in staff positions. Most all of them agreed to stay at least through next year.

There is a new Treasurer, Tom Gregg, because it is always a good idea to have the Treasurer close to where the President is. There is also a new Assistant Treasurer, who is also located near the President.

George Bruzgis, one of our new directors, has agreed to be the election committee chairman. Director Lawhon, who was previously chairman of the bylaws committee, has agreed to replace me as the Tell America Chairman.

■ Director Jones made a motion that the appointments be adopted. It was seconded by Director Dappen and passed unanimously.

**Ratification Of The Business Without A Meeting, Dated June 15, 2013:** This was a meeting for approval of Sonny Edwards as a Director. Sonny was approved by the board and this action is to ratify that approval. Director Brown made a motion that the approval be ratified. It was seconded by Director Stevens and passed unanimously.

**Installation Of New Directors:** Judge Advocate Burns installed the new President and Directors Covell, Martin, and Edwards.

**Adoption Of Agenda:** Director Brown made a motion that the proposed agenda be approved. It was seconded by Director Covell and passed unanimously.

■ At this point Art Griffin, Fund Raiser Chairman, had to leave to prepare for another event, so he gave his fundraising report.

• Art reported that we did not take in as much as we had hoped. The Association took in \$57,620 and the expenses were \$26,000, including \$10,000 for advertising, so the end result was about \$33,000 net profit.

• Art requested that the board approve \$16,500 for the 2014 fundraiser. Director Brown made a motion that the board approve the \$16,500 for the fundraiser. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Director Jones commented that there was already \$15,270 in the fundraising budget for next year. Art agreed that would be acceptable because National Legislator Director Charlie Price is going to donate the weapon that is the first place prize.

**Treasurer's Report:** President Kinard commented that Tilford Jones, the Budget and Finance Chairman, would give the report because Treasurer Gregg did not have enough time to prepare. Chairman Jones will also present the budget for 2014.

- Effective June 30, 2013 there is \$163,323 in the checking account and savings account. In the regular investment account there is \$478,880 and the life member mutual fund there is \$139,650, for a total of \$618,531. Our total assets then are \$781,854 as of June 30, 2013.

- We had generous gifts of \$11,763 received in the will of Francis Worley and \$50,000 from Mr. By Park, the CEO of Pantech Company, thanks to Jong Woo Han.

- As for the 2014 budget, we are budgeting \$385,010 as opposed to the budget for 2013 of \$342,409. Director Jones made a motion that the Treasurer's Report and the 2014 budget be approved; it was seconded by Director Covell, who had a question about the \$14,000 for the Color Guard. Director Jones answered the question and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval Of Previous Board Of Directors Minutes Of 03/20/2013 Meeting:** (Printed in the *Graybeards*, May-June 2013 Issue)

- First Vice President Aldridge asked for a correction to the minutes. On page 14, paragraph five in *The Graybeards* the word Korean was left out of those that are awarded the Korean Defense Medal. With that change, Director Brown made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Director Bruzgis and approved unanimously.

**Guest Speakers:** President Kinard decided to temporarily skip over the guest speakers and give his President's Report:

**President's Report:** President Kinard extended a special welcome to the new directors and commented that, "I think as you get more involved in what is going on you will find out that sometimes we face some pretty crucial issues and we need your help in getting them resolved. I hope to have each of you involved in a committee and if you are given that responsibility I expect that you will carry that out."

- At that point President Kinard noticed that Jong Woo Han was in the back. He asked him to come forward and introduce his guests and tell us what is going on.

- Jong Woo Han: Thank you very much for this opportunity. I am the president of the Digital Memorial Foundation. I have with me Mr. Hae-Chan Park on behalf of Pantech Corp., which has donated \$100,000 to the KWVA. He is in charge of the legal operation of the Pantech in the U.S. and he will give you a few short comments.

- Mr. Park said that it was personally his honor to meet all of you because whenever I go to the Korean War Veterans Memorial I always see the words "Freedom is not Free." So, thanks to your dedication and help in South Korea.

Mr. Park then identified some of the products Pantech is responsible for, including a cell phone which just happened to ring at that moment. He ended with the comment that as he remembers when he was young he was really impressed by General MacArthur's comment "Old Soldiers never die, they just fade away." "However, you will not fade away from our heart, the Korean people's heart and also Pantech's heart. So God Bless America and God Bless all of you."

- Mr. Han finished with a few updates. He said that the foundation now has more than 6,000 artifacts and there are now about 26 grandchildren involved in the program.

President Kinard continued with his report: My style of management is probably different than what you are used to. I believe in sharing the load and that load for the president is big. You never know who is looking at what you are doing.

We are a very high profile organization right now. So, keep all of that in mind as you go about your own business as one of the officers or directors of this organization. If you do not have continuity there is a big loss in communications.

If I had not had Bill Mac Swain close by to tell me all what all has to be done, I would have been totally in the dark. This just speaks and cries out for having some way to provide continuity. I think that can be done through an executive secretary or director. That is my proposal: to look very seriously at having someone that can provide that continuity.

- Director Lawhon made a motion that a task force, to include our senior advisor, William Mac Swain, and the Chairman of the Budget/ Finance Committee, Tilford Jones, be formed to study what should be considered in defining a job for an executive secretary or director. It was seconded by Director Brown and passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Ethics and Grievance Committee Report:** There was no report.

**Discussion of the USAA/KWVA Affinity Credit Card Proposal:** Director Ewing discussed the proposal in detail. The first consideration is whether there are any benefits to the members. Can we make money with the card or is it going to cost us money?

During the discussion there was always a question about releasing our database to USAA. After much discussion, Director Ewing made a motion to table any action on the proposal until the next board meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Lawhon and passed unanimously.

**More Introductions:** At that time a short break was taken. Upon return from the break, Mr. Wiedhahn asked if he could introduce a couple people to the board. He commented that the events at a gathering such as this just does not happen without the people to make them happen. He then introduced Carolyn Goodwin as one of the most important people that he has been working with. She works for AFRI. The other lady is Kelsey Thomas, the hotel representative that has been assigned to work with us. If you want something from the hotel, she is the one that can make it happen.

And the other one that you may have met before is my daughter, Anne Swenson. There are two others that are not here right now, but I think you have met them. One is Jim Fisher, who is primarily responsible for the banquet. The other is Sean Drews, who is in charge of the hospitality room.

**Task Force:** President Kinard said that during the break he had appointed the task force that will be working on the executive secretary/directors job description. Director Ewing will serve as Chairman, assisted by First VP Aldridge, Senior Advisor Bill Mac Swain, Director Jones and Warren Wiedhahn. They will report back to the board in March 2014.

**Honorary Life Memberships:** President Kinard recognized that there was a moratorium placed on honorary memberships

in July of 2010, but this a very unusual time and that he would like the board to consider appointing Dr. Jong Woo Han, General Walter Sharp, and Colonel David Clark as honorary members. Director Covell made a motion that the board temporarily suspend the moratorium and grant life memberships to the aforementioned candidates. Director Brown seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**Discussion of Subsequent Meetings:** Board meeting in Dallas (April 2014) Membership Meeting in Rochester (October 2014): President Kinard commented that we should probably have a board meeting in March or April of 2014 and that meeting would be in the Dallas area. We have already scheduled the board and membership meeting in Rochester, MN in October 2014.

## **Discuss proposals from Springville, IL and Hampton, VA for 2015:**

- First VP President Aldridge discussed the proposal from Hampton, VA. Reasonable hotel prices, ideal location, etc.
- Secretary Cohee discussed the proposal from Springville. Reasonable hotel prices, etc., but not a good location at that time of year. Sonny Edwards volunteered his Chapter as the sponsor for the Hampton area. Director Lawhon made a motion that the 2015 meetings be in Hampton, VA. It was seconded by Director Brown and passed unanimously

## **Discuss allowing all Chapters 501 (c) (19) status:**

- Secretary Cohee reported that he had a telephone conversation with one of our members and the IRS. The IRS representative stated that they will give us an umbrella liability policy for all of our chapters at a cost of \$3,000.00.
- Tilford Jones commented that this was a good idea and it is something we can give to the Chapters.
- Director Ewing asked if the exemption also applied to Departments. No one knew the answer, so that will have to have to be looked at. Director Jones made a motion that the board approve making the 501 (c) (19) available for all of the chapters at an expenditure of \$3,000.00. The motion was seconded by Director Dappen and passed unanimously.

■ President Kinard asked Director Scarlato to tell us about the handout that he just passed out. Director Scarlato said that he handed out a special certificate and a medal for the 60th anniversary of the cease fire. The certificate is signed by Major General Choi who, for the past several years, has gone all over the United States giving out the medals. Director Scarlato said he was one of the General's coordinators. We just gave out this special medal and citation to 200 or 300 members in Maryland and Virginia. The General also sent me 18 plaques and another 200 medals to give out on the east coast. So, I decided to bring some down here for the board members, and General Choi would like to thank everyone for their service.

## **New Business:**

**Establish a Credentials Committee:** President Kinard commented that he thinks it is extremely important for us to look very closely at candidates for any office, director or officer of this organization. Right now, in my view, it is much too loose. We have to have some way to know who they are and what they are.

He said that he had talked to the transition team briefly about having a credentials committee, but I think we can handle the problem differently. Right now, in accordance with the SPM, it is the duties of the election committee to make sure that the candidates are qualified. What I would like to do is add something to the SPM, like asking the candidate for his DD Form 214, look that over and question the candidate if it is necessary to do that. But to me the responsibility lies with the election committee to do something like that before the candidate is ever allowed to run for office.

- Director Bruzgis commented that the DD Form 214 is not necessarily always accurate or complete.
- President Kinard said that maybe they will not help at all, but there is nothing wrong with calling the candidates to talk to them to find out for sure they qualify to be a candidate. We are not doing any of that now. We are taking purely the face of the application that we get and to me that is not enough.

■ There was a lot more discussion, including some motions and amendments thereto. Finally Director Ewing, bylaws chairman, proposed a motion to revise the SPM Form 4.9-1 Elections to include a sentence in the middle of the requirements saying that applicants must also submit a copy of their DD Form 214 for verification by the elections committee. A copy of the DD Form 214 may be changed selectively by white-out, by removing information not related to the information required by the KWVA. The motion was seconded by Director Lawhon and was passed unanimously.

**Agreement with Finisterre for Advertising Services:** President Kinard commented that all of the board members should have a copy of the proposed agreement, prepared by Director Lawhon, in their folder. Director Lawhon asked if there were any comments on the proposed agreement He said that he had a couple himself, like the rate card and the agency fee.

"I do not know if 20% gross advertising fee is fair or not."

- Director Covell made a motion to have the President sign a contract with Finisterre Publishing that covers all of the requirements and then let them work it out. Director Dappen seconded the motion. After more discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

**Proposed revision to SPM 3.9.7, Business Without A Meeting:** Director Lawhon submitted a proposal to revise the SPM to allow alternate procedures for conducting a business without a meeting. He commented that the present procedures are expensive and time consuming using the U.S. Postal Service.

Director Lawhon made a motion that the board approve the cost of an investigation for other methods that would be more suitable for a business without a meeting; be it by digital, audio or audio/visual means. Director Brown seconded the motion. After discussion the motion and second was withdrawn and the following motion submitted: delay this action and the bylaws committee will have information ready for the board at the March 2014 meeting. Director Rice seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**Rewrite Bylaws, ARTICLE II, OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS, Section 7 Vacancies:** Director Ewing, bylaws chairman, submitted a proposal and a motion to change this section of the bylaws to read: If the office of the President of the Association becomes vacant, the First Vice President will immediately, without further board action, assume the title and duties of the President. And he will complete the remainder of the previous President's term of office.

Similar wording applies to the Second Vice President, who would move to First Vice and Second Vice who would move to First Vice and the Second Vice would remain vacant. Director Lawhon seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**Revise SPM SECTION 2.0 ASSOCIATION OFFICERS, 2.3.2 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT and 2.3.3 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:** Director Ewing commented that this proposal is essentially the same as the foregoing one except it applies to the SPM and not the bylaws. Based on that comment, he made a motion that the revision be approved (all of the board members had a copy in their folder). Director Lawhon seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

## **Presentation Of The Need And A Plan For The KWVA Directors To Be More Involved With The Day-To-Day Operations Of The Departments And Chapters:**

President Kinard commented that we have some people who work very hard for this organization in a volunteer position and the next presenter is one of them, Assistant Secretary Jake Feaster.

- Jake commented that we are trying to get the board involved in following up on what is out there, but we want to do it by assigning chapters and departments to a particular board member so that you know it is not a broad brush affair and it is more or less equally distributed.
- President Kinard agreed to appoint a group to look into this and see what they can come up with and report the results at the next board meeting.

**Approval Of The General Membership Meeting Agenda For July 26, 2013:** Director Covell made a motion that the General Membership Meeting Agenda be adopted. It was seconded by Director Stevens and passed unanimously.

**For The Good Of The Order Awards Presentations:** There was a lot of discussion at this time, but primarily not essential for the board's records.

**Flag Salute:** President Kinard

**Motion To Adjourn:** Director Lawhon made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Director Dappen. The meeting was adjourned at 1218.

Frank Cohee, KWVA National Secretary

*NOTE TO ALL: There will not be any minutes for the General Membership Meeting held on July 26, 2013 because the recorders computer crashed and all the recorded material was lost. My request to the board members and others involved with that meeting is to please send me a copy of your reports and any other material you covered for our central file. Thanks.*

Frank

## **PROPOSED REVISION TO THE KWVA BYLAWS**

To clarify the section in the Korean War Veterans Association Bylaws related to the procedures regarding succession in Officer and Director positions, the KWVA Board of Directors at its meeting held on July 25, 2013 in Arlington, VA approved the following revision to read as follows:

### **ARTICLE II, OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS, Section 7. Vacancies.**

**President.** If the Office of President of the Association becomes vacant due to death, resignation, termination, or any other act creating a permanent vacancy in the office of President, the 1st Vice President will immediately without further Board of Directors action, assume the title, powers, and duties of President and he will complete the remainder of the President's term of office.

**First Vice President.** If the Office of 1st Vice President of the Association becomes vacant due to the death, resignation, termination, or any other act creating a permanent vacancy in the office of 1st Vice President, the 2nd Vice President will assume the title, powers and duties of the 1st Vice President and he will complete the 1st Vice President's term of office.

**Second Vice President.** If the Office of 2nd Vice President of the Association becomes vacant due to the death, resignation, termination, or any other act creating a permanent vacancy in the office of 2nd Vice President, the position shall remain vacant, unless the President feels it would be in the best interest of the Association to fill the position. He may, with the approval of the Board of Directors, appoint a qualified KWVA member to fill the office of 2nd Vice President who would assume the title, powers and duties of the office. He will complete the 2nd Vice President's term of office.

**Directors.** If a vacancy occurs in any of the twelve (12) elected Director positions, the position may be filled by the Board until the next election, or not filled if the term is less than one (1) year for said office. Should the Board choose to fill the position, by majority vote, they may do so by using the next unelected candidate for Director from the most recent election with the most votes. If there is no candidate eligible the office shall remain empty until the next Association election.

**Non-full Terms.** Service by any Officer or Director serving less than a full term does not count against any two-term restriction.

This proposed revision will be presented to the Membership for its action at our Annual Meeting to be held in Rochester, MN in October, 2014. The Board of Directors recommends a vote to approve.

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# Messages In A Battle

There were some pretty bizarre events taking place between enemy lines on or about July 27, 1953, as evidenced in reports coming out of friendly positions to G2 at the time. The incidents contained in these Security Information briefs—all RESTRICTED—demonstrate that. (They have no doubt been declassified by now.) Here are a few samples received by various G2 members for distribution.

*Thanks to Eric Nilsson, 163 Seafarer Ln., Ocean Pines, MD 21811 for sending these reports.*

*NOTE: The information may not be 100% accurate, since it is taken from thin—very thin—pieces of paper that were the originals submitted to G2. They are sometimes a bit difficult to read by The Graybeards' G2 staffers 60 years later.*

*And, it might be helpful to explain some of the shorthand: elms = elements; en = enemy; frdly = friendly; hrs = hours; obsd = observed; vic = vicinity*

**FROM: 7th Inf Div** **DATE TIME: 012010T Jul 53**

15 naked En vic of 2533 swimming in river at 011905 hrs. No frdly action taken.

**FROM: 7th Inf Div** **DATE TIME: 110050T Jul 53**

En propaganda broadcast from vic CT 285375 heard by elms of the 32nd Regt at 102250 hrs. Broadcast was by a female voice speaking Korean. Text: South Korean families lived in Paradise prior to the Korean War. Since this war Korean men are at the front and GIs are in the rear seducing Korean women. North Koreans and Chinese are pissed off and will shoot up Pork Chop and Hill 347 and then take no more PWs.

**FROM: 1st Mar Div** **DATE TIME: 201010 Jul 53**

250 unidentified persons were obsd in Panmunjom CT 9503 at 200850 hrs. about 50 yds from building where peace talks are being held. They were apparently building a platform.

A reinforced en platoon vic CT 082081 taken under artillery fire at 200928 with unknown results

Obsd en squad bringing up supplies from CT 081082 to Berlin at 200950 hrs. No action taken.

**FROM: 1st Mar Div** **DATE TIME: 210730 Jul 53**

70-100 people wearing dark and light clothing were obsd marching into Panmunjom from the west at 210705 hrs.

5 trucks carrying from 20-30 people each were obsd vic Panmunjom at 210728 hrs.

**FROM: 1st Mar Div** **DATE TIME: 271425 Jul 53**

An en propaganda broadcast CT 963023 was heard by elms of the 1st Regt at 271410 hrs. Text: "Hello, American soldiers. The Armistice is signed by both sides. We will all be home soon. In front of you is a red flag with a gift under it. We will not shoot or fire on you and we guarantee there is no explosive in that area." The red flag is at CT 367019. No attempt was

made to recover the "Gift."

Another propaganda broadcast was heard vic CT 963029 by elements of the 5th Regt at 271410 hrs. Text: "Hello American soldiers. Ceasefire from 1 to 3 so you can go out and pickup your gift. When it starts both sides will immediately stop shooting. Both sides can work freely outside of trenches and bunkers and whatever outside recreation they want, but they shall not go out to post other side. Do you agree to have the ceasefire under these conditions? If so wave a blanket and a white shirt from your bunker.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: There is no notation on the page as to whether or not the Marines to whom the message was addressed responded.*

**FROM: 1st Mar Div** **DATE TIME: 272345I Jul 53**

En propaganda broadcast from vic CT 065070 at 272300 hrs. Text: "peace has come to Korea. Long live the peacemakers." A second broadcast from same location at 272305 hrs. Text: "Let's get together and have a party."

**FROM: 1st Mar Div** **DATE TIME: 280050I Jul 53**

An unknown number of En vic CT 059059 placed gifts around friendly pans on outpost Ava at 272355 hrs. No friendly action taken.

80 en wandering around vic CT 057074 at 280005 hrs. No friendly action taken.

50 en vic CT 059074 at 272330 hrs. No friendly action taken.

An estimated 3 En squads digging 100 yds in front of friendly wire vic CT 066066 at 280006 hrs. No friendly action taken.

28 en digging vic CT 071069 between 272400 and 280018 hrs. No friendly action taken.

An estimated 100 en digging in 15 or 20 yds in front of friendly positions on Hill 119 vic CT 065078 at 272255 hrs. Not determined if the En is armed or not. No friendly action taken.

**FROM: 1st Mar Div** **DATE TIME: 280715 Jul 53**

Propaganda broadcast vic CT 044066 at 272340 hrs. Text: "Long live peace."

Propaganda broadcast vic CT 044066 at 280550 hrs. Text: "Hello, Americans, this is Chinese People's Army. We hope this peace lasts forever."

**FROM: 7th Inf Div** **DATE TIME: 280845 Jul 53**

An En propaganda broadcast vic 273323 was heard by elms of the 32d Regt at 280845 hrs. Text by female voice: "GIs come out of your bunkers and celebrate peace with the Chinese. They are happy the war is over."

**FROM: 1st ROK Div** **DATE TIME 280945 Jul 53**

One (1) CCF deserter surrendered vic CT 211218 to elms 11th ROK Regt at 280730 hrs. UNIT IDENTIFICATION: 1st Army, 1st Div, 2nd Bn.

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# Once More, 'For The Good Of The Order'

By George E. Lawhon

## Duty, Honor, Country

Once again, there is a need to speak to you all about a serious situation. What is the need, who is all, and what is the situation?

First, there are the Regular Members in Good Standing, which includes Life Members, and those whose National dues are current, all of whom are considered to be Active Members.

Second, there are those persons who have not paid their annual National dues. For the sake of convenience, let us call them 'Phantom Members.' Some of them once were Active Members, but have stopped paying their way. Some have never paid, and some of them may not ever have been eligible to be members of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

On October 26, 2009, during the Annual Membership Meeting in Irving, Texas, the Membership ratified the revised Bylaws presented to them by the KWVA Bylaws Committee, a product of over a year's work. In the previous months, the new Bylaws were approved unanimously in their final vote; first by the Bylaws Committee, and then by the Board of Directors. The ratification, while not unanimous, and which required a 2/3rds vote to pass, was approved by over 80% of the membership who voted that day.

At issue had been strong opposition to the required payment by Regular Members of National dues. There had never been anything in the Bylaws or SPM, ever, to permit non-payment, but the newly ratified Bylaws left no doubt that all Regular Members must pay, beginning January 1, 2010.

To be more specific, the issue concerning those opposing the 2009 Bylaws as ratified by the Membership at Irving is the specifically defined requirements for all Regular Members to pay the required annual dues, as spelled out in those Bylaws, and for all officers, whether they are at the National, Chapter, or Department level, to enforce those Bylaws. These requirements are specifically called out in KWVA Bylaws Article I, MEMBERSHIP; Section 1. Qualification of Members; and Section 3. Dues, Subsections A. and B.

I responded in the March-April Edition of The Graybeards, but in a few emails that have come my way since, is language such as "...we will lose so many of our members, they will just quit ..."

Quit? Quit? The logic of that is confusing, since you can't lose something you don't have.

The issue at the present time is even more fundamental than rancor among our fraternal brothers. It is the disregard and disrespect of the rules by the 'Phantom Members,' some of whom are surprisingly supported by some Regular, Active Members.

Let me explain. Recently, I received a phone call from a chapter member who spoke of non-paying 'members' attending meetings, and the shameful fact that he couldn't get action from the leader of that chapter.

Department or chapter officers who allow, promote, and even participate themselves in the act of not paying National dues seriously threaten not only the legal status of the Korean War Veterans

Association, Inc., but its standing before the Congress of the United States, which granted us our Federal Charter. Please be assured that is a distinct possibility, and reflect on that.

Let it be clear: no back payment of the annual dues is required. What is required is that since January 1, 2010, all who wish to be regarded as KWVA members must pay the required annual dues, and all officers, be it at the National, chapter or department level, are no exception. If you don't pay, then you are not entitled to act as if you are an Association member, and certainly you have no right to serve and/or lead as an officer, or even attend a chapter meeting.

Should there be a hardship involved, it usually can be taken care of by the chapter, via collection, a bake sale, or whatever.

It is difficult to understand those who are not meeting their obligation to the fraternal order, the Korean War Veterans Association. They gave their word, and in some cases, their sworn oath, to uphold, protect and preserve the Order.

I must confess to all who care that I am at a loss. Invoking appeals to Duty, Honor, Country hasn't worked effectively. Any ideas? I'm asking anyone with a sound idea for enforcement to send it.

All Regular Members of the KWVA are invited to respond. Phone #s and addresses are on the KWVA website, <http://www.kwva.org>, and in The Graybeards. Right now all I can say is if you are reading this and you haven't paid your National dues, then shame on you. Likewise if you are a chapter officer and allow non-payment so that you can get chapter dues.

Each member of the KWVA, in application for membership, agrees to support the KWVA 'rules of order,' which in our case consists of our Bylaws and the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM) that implements the Bylaws. We are thus duty bound to that obligation—every one of us. A person can well be defined by the manner with which they perform to their obligations; in fact, you ARE your obligations.

Speaking of new members, a visit to the KWVA Website (KWVA.org) reveals that 246 joined in the last 90 days. Pretty good recruiting, I'd say. But what might the reaction be if one or more of them encounters one or more 'Phantom Members' at their first chapter meeting? What is he or she to think, and how to respond?

Regular Members in Good Standing do not have knowledge that there are 'non-members' within their chapter, unless they have been informed of that fact by those who serve as officers of the chapter. No one is above the bylaws, which should be dutifully served by all. So, chapter officers should download the facts from the KWVA database and post the facts for all to see.

In the case of an officer, there is a higher duty to the organization. Each officer, upon assumption of office, must swear an oath, as follows:

**"I do solemnly swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, the Bylaws and Procedures in the Standard Procedures Manual of the National Korean War Veterans Association, and further promise that I will administer the**

duties of the office that I am about to assume to the best of my ability. Upon completion of my term of office, I further promise that I will turn over all records, equipment and monies that I have in my possession to my successor, So help me God!"

Without honor given to the order, there is no country. That applies not only to the service in which you served; it is a standard just as meaningful to the fraternal order named the Korean War Association, Inc.

In the May-June 2005 Edition of The Graybeards. Jimmy Faircloth, the KWVA attorney at that time, in an article titled 'The Good Of The Order,' gave wise counsel. Quote:"...Respect for rank and authority is equally as important to corporate success as to military success. Formality, as stuffy as it may be, is the most proven method to maintain authority and promote confidence.

Duty, Honor, Country.

Please do your duty.

Respectfully to all,

*George E. Lawhon LR18750  
Director, KWVA*

## Thanks for Supporting The Graybeards

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## RECRUITING REPORT

Comrades:

It is indeed an honor to serve as a National Director and the Recruiting Chairman. I am blessed to be a member of this great organization and to assist in its growth.

I am pleased to report that as of 8-28-13 we have recruited 745 new members this year. This is 108 more than the same time last year. In the month of August this year we recruited 107 new members; this is 75 more than last August. Current active members number 14,726, which is 329 more than last year at this time.

The number of new members recruited in July and August has been awesome. This proves it can be done if we make recruiting a priority.

I remind you that many of our comrades are making the final roll call each year. It is estimated that 750 plus members make this call each year.

General McArthur once stated that "Old Soldiers never die; they just fade away." It is imperative that we fill those ranks of our fallen comrades.

I thank each of you for your help in recruiting and ask that you continue your efforts. If I may share another motto: "Keep an app[lication] on you; you know what to do."

If at any time I can be of assistance, please let me know.

*John T. ("Sonny") Edwards,  
National Director/National Recruiting Chairman*

## Chapter Recruiting Contest Results

Congratulations to the four top recruiting KWVA Chapters. The winners and the percent gains in membership during the contest period (3/1 thru 8/31/13) are:

OH #172 - 40.35%	CA #235 - 38.46%
MN #41 - 40.0%	RI #258 - 37.5%

The six-month chapter recruiting contest resulted in 193 new (as defined by the contest rules) members. The four winning Chapters accounted for 55 members, or 28.5% of the total gain.

Would these membership gains have been realized if there had been no recruiting contest? No one can answer that question with certainty, but surely it had a positive effect. However, with the majority of our membership body consisting of those 80 years of age and over, gains such as this can only be acclaimed and appreciated.

The four winning Chapters have been contacted. A group Chapter picture of each (depending on receipt of said picture) will appear in a future issue of *The Graybeards*. They have also been asked to provide any advice they care to share that would help their fellow KWVA Chapters with their recruiting efforts.

As the National KWVA Membership Chairman, I thank all those people who went the extra mile to recruit during the contest. I also emphasize that recruiting should be an everyday effort, with or without a recruiting contest.

I urge all KWVA members to look for any opportunities to recruit new members or re-activate those who have allowed their dues to lapse.

Thanks,  
Tom Stevens

# STAFF SGT RECKLESS HONORED

## Museum memorial park's first four-legged war hero unveiled



MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. - Robin Hutton, president of Angels without Wings and the major fundraiser behind the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park's new statue of Korean War hero Staff Sgt. Reckless; Gen. James F. Amos, commandant of the Marine Corps; and Jocelyn Russell, the artist who created the statue, stand at attention during the statue's July 26, 2013, unveiling ceremony. Photo By: Mike DiCicco.

By Mike DiCicco

### MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, VA. —

The Semper Fidelis Memorial Park at the National Museum of the Marine Corps is peopled with the likenesses of Marine heroes and icons throughout history, but its newest statue is the first to honor the valor of a four-legged Marine.

Staff Sgt. Reckless, a small Mongolian mare with the 75 mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon of the 5th Marines, earned her claim to fame during the battle for Outpost Vegas in late March, 1953, when, in one day, she made 51 trips from the ammunition supply point to the firing sites, carrying ammunition to the Marines and bringing back the wounded, most of the time unaccompanied and under heavy fire.

Speaking to a crowd at the statue's unveiling on July 26, 2013, retired Sgt. Harold Wadley, who served at the outpost with Reckless, said, "She knew where her Marines were and she was locked in to deliver that ammunition to each of those guns."

Wadley recalled an exchange of fire so intense that incoming and returning fire sometimes collided in midair, with enemy rounds exploding at a rate of about 500 per

minute. He said he could hardly believe his eyes when he saw Reckless scrambling back and forth through this deadly hail, making one trip after another. Wounded twice, the horse kept up her pace.

"Surely, an angel had to have been riding that mare," he said. "Winston Churchill once said, 'If you find yourself going through hell, don't slow down.' Well, Reckless never slowed down."

It's estimated that the horse traveled more than 35 miles through open rice paddies and up and down mountains to carry more than 9,000 pounds of ammunition that day.

Born at a racetrack in Seoul in 1948, Reckless was purchased by a lieutenant with the Recoilless Rifle Platoon five months before the battle for Outpost Vegas. She quickly befriended Gunnery Sgt. Joe Latham, who taught her to crawl under barbed wire, lay flat under fire and run for the bunker in the case of enemy artillery.

She earned a reputation not only for bravery but also for her appetite. Though she had a preference for scrambled eggs, chocolate and beer, she was known to eat just about anything, including poker chips when she wanted attention.

"Gunny Latham said she still owed him 30 bucks for chips she'd eaten," Wadley said.

Among those in attendance for the unveiling of Reckless' statue were Gen. James F. Amos, commandant of the Marine Corps; Sgt. Maj. Micheal Barrett, sergeant major of the Marine Corps; and about a dozen veterans who served with the horse, either in Korea or, later, at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Retired Lt. Gen. Robert Blackman, president and CEO of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, which supports the museum and its grounds, noted that the new statue, as well as the new Staff Sgt. Reckless display in the museum's Korean War gallery, draw attention not only to the horse herself but also to all veterans of what is often called "the forgotten war." And, he noted, they highlight the last time horses played an important role in warfare.

"We're here to honor a forgotten hero from a forgotten war," said Linda Hutton, president of Angels without Wings Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the disadvantaged and honoring those who help others.

Through Angels without Wings, Hutton created the Staff Sgt. Reckless Memorial Fund to raise money for the statue.

To the Korean War veterans she said, "You are an inspiration to me and to all of us, and we're grateful not only for your service to this country but also for your incredible love of this horse."

Thanking the team of volunteers that worked with her, she called the completed statue "stunning. You think the horse is going to leap right off the hill there. It is breathtaking."

Also on hand for the statue's unveiling was its creator, artist Jocelyn Russell, who noted the hundreds of group emails she'd exchanged with Wadley and other members of "Team Reckless" over the last two years to pin down the details of Reckless' ill-fitting tack, the size of the canisters she carried, and her height, weight and favorite beer. Immortalizing the horse was no easy task, she said.

"After all, she was a Marine, and I had no more room for error than she did," Russell said.

# 60TH ANNIVERSARY ROUNDUP

There were activities and newspaper articles galore to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Korean War cease fire. They ranged from a speech from President Obama in Washington DC to general articles in newspapers. Some of the articles featured KWVA members. And, there were criticisms from some people regarding a lack of coverage by the media.

We include below some of the speeches, articles, criticisms for lack of coverage, etc. Please note that this is only a sampling, since we do not have space to cover them all.



## President Proclaimed National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

On July 25, 2013 President Obama issued a proclamation marking July 27th as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. Here is the text of his proclamation:

Today, America pauses to observe the 60th anniversary of the end of the Korean War — a conflict that defined a generation and decided the fate of a nation. We remember the troops who hit the beaches when Communist forces were pressing south; who pushed back, and fought their way north through hard mountains and bitter cold. We remember ordinary men and women who showed extraordinary courage through 3 long years of war, fighting far from home to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met.

Most of all, we remember those brave Americans who gave until they had nothing left to give. No monument will ever be worthy of their service, and no memorial will fully heal the ache of their sacrifice. But as a grateful Nation, we must honor them — not just with words, but with deeds. We must uphold our sacred obligation to all who serve — giving our troops the resources they need, keeping faith with our veterans and their families, and never giving up the search for our missing and our prisoners of war. Our fallen laid down their lives so we could live ours. It is our task to live up to the example they set, and make America a country worthy of their sacrifice.

This anniversary marks the end of a war. But it also commemorates the beginning of a long and prosperous peace. In six decades, the Republic of Korea has become one of the world's largest economies and one of America's closest allies. Together, we have built a partnership that remains a bedrock of stability throughout the Pacific. That legacy belongs to the service members who fought for freedom 60 years ago, and the men and women who preserve it today.

So as we mark this milestone, let us offer a special salute to our Korean War veterans. Let us renew the sacred trust we share with all who have served. And let us reaffirm that no matter what the future holds, America will always honor its promise to serve our veterans as well as they served us — now and forever.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2013, as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. I call upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor our

distinguished Korean War veterans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

BARACK OBAMA

## Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel Dedicates Korean War Pentagon Display



Lew Ewing (R), Secretary Chuck Hagel (C) and Ambassador Ahn cutting the ribbon at Pentagon display

On June 18, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, members of the Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, and Korean War veterans participated in a special program and ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate the Pentagon's permanent Korean War display. The program included remarks from Ambassador Ahn, Republic of Korea Embassy, and representing the Korean War Veterans Association, Lew Ewing, National Director.

"We not only acknowledge you, we thank you," said Hagel to the Korean War Veterans who attended the dedication of the display located on the first floor of the Pentagon's "A" ring. "We assure you that through this dedication today, your efforts and your noble cause will live on. You have helped shape history in a unique and magnificent way."

The Korean War Pentagon Display has artifacts, photographs, videos, weapons used during the war, and other items. The display includes individual sections that highlight women in the Korean War, medical and technology advancements, and shows how the military was integrated during the War. The display is a part of the Pentagon tour that is seen by over 250,000 individuals each year.

"This display is a testament to the hundreds of thousands of our nation's men and women who answered the call of duty and served in the military during the Korean War," said Colonel David J. Clark, the Committee's Director. "I believe that by dedicating the display to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice and our Korean War Veterans accentuates the importance of recognizing all who served during the Korean War."

Referencing his trip to Singapore for the Shangri-La Dialogue Security Summit, Hagel emphasized how the 60-year bilateral relationship between the United States and the Republic of Korea was evident in the two nations' relationships with Japan, the Philippines, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Chinese, and European Allies.

"I know of no other nation that has done as much in such a little bit of time to improve their people and the region, and I know of no country that is a better ally to the United States than the Republic of Korea," the Secretary said. "This special relationship is bigger than just the Korean Peninsula or the North Asia region. It has affected the world."

Secretary Hagel said he is particularly proud of the Americans who left their cities and towns and went far away to a very bloody conflict in a distant land where very few knew a lot about the Korean Peninsula.

To learn more about the Korean War Pentagon Display, the July 27 commemorative event, to listen to a Korean War Veteran's oral history, and obtain other information about the Korean War, visit the website at [www.koreanwar60.com](http://www.koreanwar60.com)

## Shame On CNN

**A**long with thousands of fellow Korean War veterans, I am extremely disappointed that you and other media outlets did not give any coverage to the commemorations held in Washington DC honoring Korean War veterans. President Obama spoke, as did Secretary of Defense Hagel and numerous American dignitaries.

Tonight (July 27th) at 7:27 p.m. 727 candles were lit at the Lincoln Memorial. You broadcast none of it. SHAME ON YOU.  
*Thomas G. Hannon, 4721 Mount Vernon Dr., Bradenton, FL*

## Korea: The War We Won

*By Don Hart*

**S**aturday, July 27, 2013, was the 60th anniversary of the end of the Korean War. It ended in 1953, not with a peace treaty, but with a truce. This was after almost 34,000 Americans had been killed in action, 103,000 had been wounded, and 8,000 were missing. In terms of casualties, it was one of the bloodiest wars in U.S. history.

The truce didn't mean the war was over, only that the fighting had stopped. Neither side had surrendered, which meant it was a draw, a stalemate. For those of us who served in Korea it was frustrating because we didn't know whether we had won or lost. The North Koreans and Chinese were still there, looking at us across a demilitarized "no man's land." Had we defeated them or not? It was hard to tell.

We also wondered what we'd been fighting and dying for. South Korea was a war-torn wreck of a country. Its cities and vil-

lages were in ruins, there were few paved roads, little industry, farmers still plowed with oxen, and the people were poor. It was a primitive backwater of a place that was never going to amount to anything.

But, now that it was over, we put Korea and the war behind us. No one else cared about it anyway and we just wanted to get on with life. And so we did.

During the years since 1953, however, South Korea has transformed itself. Cities have been rebuilt and modernized. Where there had been ruins there are now skyscrapers and freeways. World-class technological and automotive industries have developed and flourished. Prosperity has grown and the economy is booming. A once ravaged and destitute South Korea has become an international powerhouse with one of the strongest economies in the world.

Today, Americans are buying automobiles, flat screen tvs, smart phones, tablets and computers, refrigerators and dishwashers, all made in South Korea. Names like Hyundai, Kia, Samsung and LG are known for innovative and high quality products. It's something we who were there sixty years ago could never have imagined.

What this really meant was brought home to me one day a couple of years ago. My wife and I were having lunch with some old friends in a restaurant at Boyne Mountain. As we were finishing, several Oriental couples came in and sat near us. They were chatting among themselves in Korean.

I mentioned this to my buddy, John, also a Korea veteran. I suggested we say hello to them before we left.

A distinguished-looking Korean man at the head of their table seemed to be in charge so I introduced myself and John to him. He spoke English, as did some of the others. I thanked him for visiting our country and hoped he and his friends were enjoying it. They all nodded politely and smiled.

Then I told him that we had been in their country sixty years before. That I was in the Army then, and that John was a Marine. Hearing that, he jumped up, grabbed my hand, and shook it.

"Thank you! Thank you!" he said. "Thank you for saving our country!"

He was quite emotional. The others at the table got up too saying, "Thank you! Thank you for saving South Korea." They meant it!

Their gratitude was so obvious and sincere that we didn't know what to say. All we could do was smile and shake hands with them all. It was a totally unexpected and moving experience.

John and I walked out of that restaurant that day realizing that we had helped save a country. We had helped save South Korea. A country whose people are grateful for what we had done. They haven't forgotten.

So, South Korea, the sorry place we'd written off so long ago, has become a modern, democratic, industrialized nation, one that is independent, self-supporting and free.

But what about North Korea? What had happened to it during the past sixty years? The answer is tragic.

North Korea today is one of the most repressive military dictatorships in the world. Its version of communism is more totali-

tarian than the Soviet Union's ever was under Stalin. Its secrecy and lack of communications have isolated it from most of the world. It has little industry and insufficient agriculture. It cannot grow enough food to feed its own people and must import it. Much of it, ironically, comes from its sworn enemy, South Korea.

The elite consume most of the available resources. The largest portion of the national budget goes to the military. But, according to North Korean defectors and escapees, the majority of the population exists in hardship and hunger.

Electricity is unavailable or sporadic throughout most of the country. It is limited even in its capital. As proof, a classic, night-time satellite image on the internet shows an almost totally dark North Korea. In contrast South Korea, right next door, is lit up like a Christmas tree.

According to human rights groups and South Korean intelligence, there are six secret political prison camps in North Korea, with as many as 200,000 prisoners. The North Korean government denies their existence but their locations are well known and can easily be seen on satellite imagery.

North Korea today may be independent, but it is not democratic or self-supporting. And it is certainly not free. Prison camps, defectors, and escapees are proof enough of that.

So, while the Korean War may have ended in a draw, it turned out to be a war we actually won. If there is any doubt, all we have to do is look at the stunning success that South Korea is today. It makes worthwhile what we did there as young men so long ago.

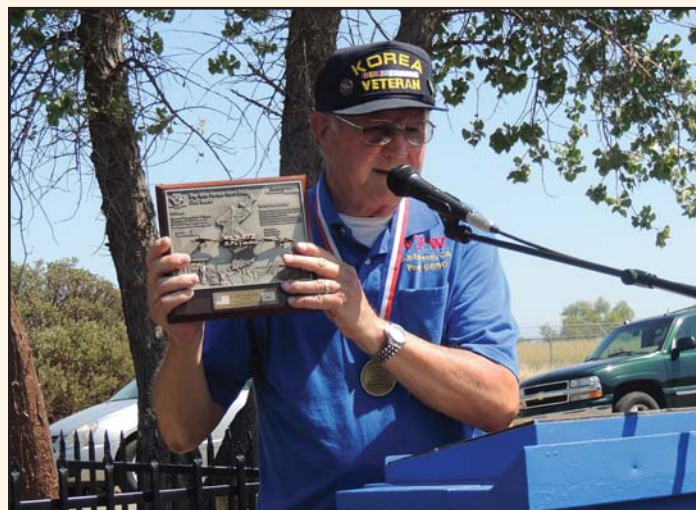
I am proud to have been a part of it.

*Don Hart, CID 251, Saginaw/Frankenmuth [MI]*

## 5 – NORTHERN CALIFORNIA #1 [CA]

The Department of Defense presented us with a plaque in recognition of our service in the Korean War. The presentation took place at a memorial service at the Northern California Veterans Museum and Heritage Center in Redding, CA.

Commander Bill McKinney addressed the crowd at the museum during the presentation of a memorial for Korean war veterans. McKinney served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.



Bill McKinney shows the plaque that the Department of Defense gave Ch 5 for service in the Korean War



Rob Burroughs (R) listens as Bill McKinney addresses the audience during the presentation of a memorial for Korean war veterans



A sample of the statues left over from the New Years 2012 parade and placed at The Northern California Veterans Museum and Heritage Center in Redding, CA



All the members of the Korean Chapter # 1 and other Korean veterans and on the far left in a red and white dress is Hannah Seunghyun Song, age 11 of Redding, who came from Korea a year ago. She sang the South Korean national anthem at the ceremony.

Hannah Seunghyun Song, age 11, of Redding, who came from Korea a year ago, sang the South Korean national anthem at the ceremony.

McKinney and his wife Joyce left with Jack Davis and his wife Toni to fly to San Francisco and then to Korea for the 60th annual commemoration of the Korean War.

Incidentally, Rob Burroughs, the Director and Curator of the Northern California Veterans Museum and Heritage Center, lobbied to get three of statues from their manufacturer who made them for a float for the News Years 2012 parade. They were scheduled to be destroyed.



Bill McKinney and wife Joyce (L) and Jack Davis and his wife Toni depart for Korea

A special trailer was required to cradle the fragile artwork. Two statues were placed inside the museum, and one is outside.

Frank Rose of Ch 5 took the nearby photos of the chapter's activities.

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## 25 – GREATER CHICAGO [IL]

In observance of the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War cease fire, we hosted a Commemoration Weekend July 25 through July 28, 2013 at the Embassy Suites in Deerfield, IL. On Friday morning we took a bus to Great Lakes Naval Training Center, where we attended the graduation ceremony for 707 recruits.

Saturday afternoon we traveled to downtown Chicago for a ninety-minute cruise on the Chicago River and into Lake Michigan to observe the Chicago skyline.

The centerpiece of the weekend was the banquet Saturday evening at the Embassy Suites, which was attended by 120 veterans, spouses and family members, as well as the Consuls General of Australia, France, Italy, the Netherlands and New Zealand, all of whom proposed toasts.



Joe Henmueller, Commander of Ch 25, welcomes guests to banquet. Similar banners were on display all over the U.S. to commemorate the July 27, 1953 cease fire



ROK veterans at Ch 25's commemoration event



Jaewon Lee, accompanied by BanjoBuddies, wows the crowd at Ch 25's event with his famous rendition of "You are my sunshine"



Bob Fitts of Ch 25 brought his jeep to the chapter's event (the hotel would not allow him to leave the Twin 30s on it)

Tom Day of "Bugles Across America" plays "Taps" at Ch 25 event



Commander Henmueller of Greater Chicago Chapter welcomed those in attendance. This was followed by brief addresses by Bob Fitts, Commander of the Department of Illinois, and the Deputy Consul General of the Republic of Korea.

A short memorial service was held Sunday morning at which Tom Day played "Taps." Each veteran was given a special Challenge Coin.

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## 59 – NORTHEAST NEW YORK [NY]

We hosted a 60th Anniversary of the Cease Fire Ceremony at the New York State Korean War Memorial in Albany, NY on Saturday, July 27, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. The event was covered by two local newspapers: The Troy Record and the Albany Times Union. Members of the Troy Detachment of the Marine Corps League served as the Color Guard.

The guest speakers included:

Attendees at Albany, NY commemoration, (L-R) Eric Hesse, Ron Kim, Marie Busher (Secretary, Appointed) of NENY KWVA, James Busher, Paul Tonko, John Egan (Korean War veteran), Kathy Jimino, Rev. Christian Lambertsen, Ken Kuck, John Edwards, Len Roden (Korean War veteran), "Tucker" Hulihan (Korean War veteran,) Dan McCoy



- Mr. John Egan, former Commissioner of NY Office of General Services, the Master of Ceremonies
- James Busher, Commander of the Northeast Chapter, who provided the welcoming remarks.
- Dan McCoy, the Albany, NY County Executive
- Kathleen Jimino, the Rensselaer, NY County Executive
- Ron Kim, NY State Assemblyman - the only Korean/Asian Legislator in New York State
- Paul Tonko, U.S. Congressman, who presented a proclamation from U.S. Congress declaring July 27, 2013 as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Day
- Eric Hesse, Director of the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs, representing NY State Governor Andrew Cuomo

The Invocation Prayer was provided by the Northeast Chapter chaplain, Rev. Christian Lambertsen.

The Benediction Prayer was provided in Korean by Rev. Kyung Min Hong of the Korean United Methodist Church.

Ken Kuck, Vice Commander, and Col (ret) John Edwards, the chapter's first commander, a veteran of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, and a former POW, presented the wreath. Mr. Eric Kuck provided classical accordion music for the Star Spangled Banner, God Bless America, military unit theme songs, and

Amazing Grace. The Male/Female Choir from the Capital District Korean Community sang the Korean National Anthem, led by Korean Community Leader Myong Steenburg.

Taps was performed by a bugler from the NY National Guard, Mr. James Peck.

There were approximately 100 people in attendance.

*James Busher, Jbushers2@aol.com*

## 63 – WESTERN NEW YORK

Members and fellow veterans of local American Legion and VFW posts attended a recent Korean War memorial maintenance fundraising party aboard *USS Little Rock* at Buffalo Naval Park. The event was in honor of the 60th anniversary of the ending of the Korean War.

A buffet lunch, featuring many Korean foods, with beer, wine



Veterans swap stories at Buffalo, NY commemoration



Ch 63 members share a meal at Buffalo, NY event

and soda drinks, was served. Chapter 63 members attending included Commander Carl Marranca, Bill Hoock Jr., Don Burns, Jerry Keohane, Edgar Kowalski, John Rampacek, Dick Miller, Sandi Williams, Chester Stachura, and Norman Lipkus.

*Norman R. Lipkus, 19 Manser Dr., Amherst, NY 14226*

## 105 – CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

The Onondaga County Legislature presented us with a proclamation honoring Korean War veterans to recognize the 60th anniversary cease fire.

Onondaga County is located in the center of New York State; Syracuse is in the center of the county.

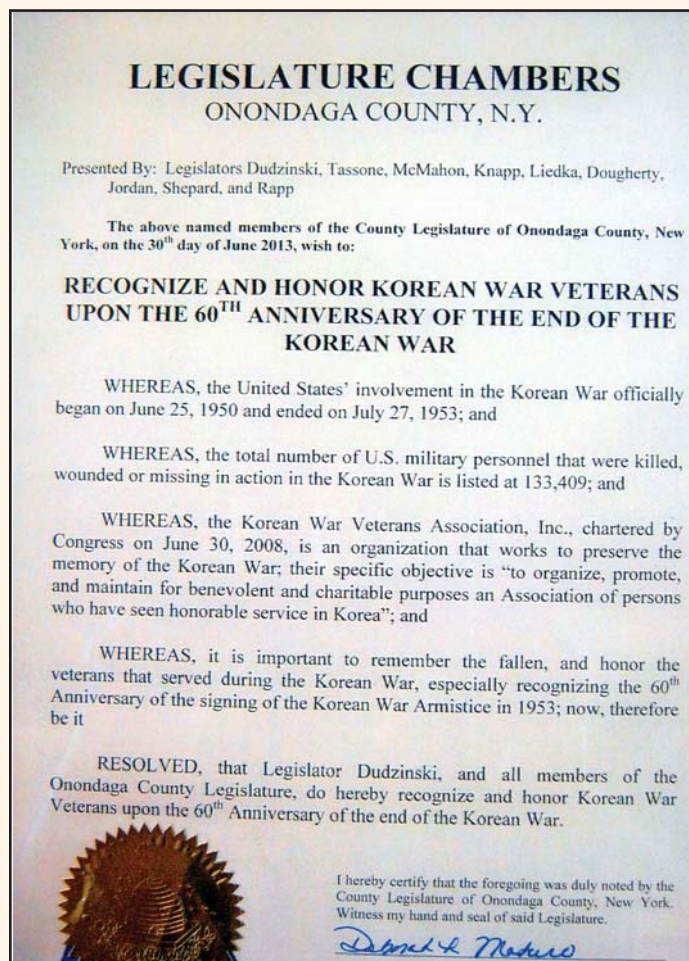
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Chet Dudzinski of the Onondaga County Legislature presents a proclamation (below) to Ch 105 Commander Ed Grala

Ch 105's proclamation from Onondaga County Legislature



## 186 - ST. CHARLES COUNTY [MO]

At 10 a.m. on July 27, 2013, Mayor Len Pagano of St. Peters, MO opened a one-hour program at the city's military service memorial. The event featured a Marine Honor Guard that posted all flags from half-mast to the top of each flag's mast.

Chapter Commander Dick Saip and Bob Cummiskey were guest speakers. Cummiskey covered his military activities in Korea from 1951 to the 1953 signing of the armistice.

During the service, all Chapter attendees were honored. Mayor Pagano presented a proclamation to Commander Dick Saip to recognize the significance of the day.

There was a later service scheduled at the KWVA Memorial for St. Charles County. However, it could not be held there due to a lack of parking space to accommodate the large crowd.

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The Marine Color Guard at the St. Peters, MO ceremony



Mayor Len Pagano, Bob Osborn, Art Minor, and Bob Cummiskey (L-R) place wreath at Ch 186's event



Dick Saip of Ch 186 displays July 27th Proclamation; Salvatore Christifulli stands at right



Attendees at Ch 186 commemoration: (L-R) Mayor Pagano, Dick Saip, Art Minor, Gene Stark, Bob Greeley, Bob Breig, Darold Woodcock, Bob Peitz



Bob Cummiskey addresses St. Peters MO audience

## 264 – MT. DIABLO [CA]

The chapter sponsored a cease fire commemoration on July 27, 2013 in accordance with its motto of “Keeping the Memory Alive.”

One guest, U.S. Congressman George Miller, made a point of thanking all veterans for their service, noting the high casualty rate from all services.

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



Deputy Consul General of the Republic of Korea, the Honorable Sung-Wook Hong (L), with the Mayor of Concord, CA, Dan Helix, at Ch 264 commemoration



Wreaths on display at Ch 264's cease fire remembrance



**LEFT:** U.S. Congressman George Miller (L) and Ch 264 President Dave McDonald at Concord, CA cease fire ceremony

**BELOW:** Color Guard from Mt Diablo Unified School District ROTC posts Colors at Ch 264 event. Unit includes two Mt. Diablo High School students, Anthony Caldwell and Sean Rodriguez.



“Yesterday’s Kids” sing a U.S. Armed Forces medley at Ch 264’s event

## 271 – ABERDEEN [MD]

A local veterans hospital in Maryland presented veteran in-patients with hats and pins in recognition of the cease fire. One patient, Korean War veteran James Hanna, was celebrating two significant milestones that day. Not only was it the 60th anniversary of the cease fire, but it was his birthday.

In honor of the milestones, member LtCol Ray

LtCol Ray Astor (L) presents gifts to James Hanna at Maryland veterans hospital



Astor (Ret), presented the gifts personally to Mr. Hanna.

Ray Astor, 4408 Colt Ln.

Havre De Grace, MD 21078, 443-690-6068

## 272 – GREATER ROCKFORD [IL]

Members attended a September 3rd luncheon hosted for us by Ambassador H.E. Ahn Ho-young at the Chicago Rockford International Airport during his visit to Rockford, IL on a trade mission.

The Ambassador presented all the chapter members present and two of our widows with a commemorative 60th anniversary medallion, which featured in the center a piece of the barbed wire from the DMZ..

Jack F. Philbrick, felbrigge@comcast.net



Members of Ch 272 at the September 3rd luncheon



Commander Warren Ramsey of Ch 272 receives his 60th Anniversary medallion

Luncheon attendees from Ch 272 at recent luncheon (Photo by Jamalynn Philbrick)



## 289 - MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN]

On July 27, at 10 a.m., we held a half-hour long ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Kingsport commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the cease fire agreement in Korea. (There had been an announcement about the event in Friday's newspaper.)



At Ch 289's service for the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the cease fire in Korea (Back, L-R) Bill Reed, Joe Cody, Dewey Harless, and Arlen Hensley; (Front, L-R) Fred Himelwright, Mack Dunford, Bob Shelton

The ceremony started with everyone singing the National Anthem, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Commander Mack Dunford. Senior Vice-Commander Fred Himelwright spoke about how World War II was supposed to be the last war, how no one knew where Korea was, etc. He then read two letters: one from a soldier to his parents and the other a Dear John letter that one soldier received while in Korea.

This was followed by Founder and Past Commander Bob Shelton telling of his experience visiting the front lines with a Lieutenant on the last day of the war to make sure that all the front line troops were aware the firing would cease at 10 p.m. Both sides were busily firing at each other to use up all their ammo so they didn't have to carry it back with them when they withdrew.

Dewey Harless offered a closing prayer, which Fred Himelwright followed by playing taps on the trumpet.

Carol Shelton, cshelton37663@yahoo.com

## 322 – CPL JOHN U. MOORE [NM]

We held a "Korean War Cease Fire Celebration" in Las Cruces. This was the first time that anything has been done for the "Korean War Cease Fire" in southern New Mexico,



Commanding General for White Sands Missile Range BG Gwen Bingham and Bruce W. Fonnest, founder of Ch 322, at 60th anniversary commemoration in Las Cruces, NM

LTC Frank Geisel (ret) 2nd VP of Ch 322, and LTC Paul Rough (ret), Ex-POW Korea for 36 months, at Las Cruces, NM event



Battalion Commander LTC James Koeppen and CSM Devardy L. Arnold of the 2nd Cbt. Engr. Bn. at White Sands Missile Range place wreath next to the names of all veterans from Dona Ana County, NM



Korean War veterans listen to speech at Las Cruces, NM anniversary recognition



New Mexico State Rep. Jeff Steinborn and Bruce W. Fonnest address Korean War/Korean Service veterans at Las Cruces, New Mexico

and the first big event that our new chapter has done.

Over 70 people attended this event, including some members of CID 249, COL Joseph C. Rodriguez (MOH), in El Paso, TX. Bruce W. Fonnest, 1745 Baldwin St., Las Cruces, NM 88001, 575-649-1145, brucefonnest@hotmail.com

## ARKANSAS

There was a program at the Arkansas State Capitol on July 24, 2013. Korean War veteran Bill Roussel was among the approximately 300 attendees. He served in Korea for sixteen months, from July 25, 1950 to October 1951 as a Mess Sergeant for the 54th Engineers. He was discharged as Battalion Mess Sergeant, 141st Armored Signal Bn., 1st Armored Division.

Bill R. Roussel, 160 Phillip Miles Rd. Searcy, AR 72143, 501-268-1654



The program for the Arkansas 60th Anniversary commemoration

Bill Roussel and his daughter Anna at Arkansas State Capitol





Bill Roussel and his wife Amy at the Arkansas commemoration



Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe addresses crowd at state capitol



Grand Master In Ho Lee introduces guests at Arkansas ceremony

Ambassador Suk-bum Park speaks at Arkansas State Capitol



## CAPE COD, MA

Here on Cape Cod we observed the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Cease Fire at our Korean War Monument. It was a lovely summer day, just made for remembering old buddies.

Speakers were USAF Brigadier General Jimmy Dishner (Ret.) and Korean Consul General (Boston) Kangho Park.

To see the entire event, click on <http://youtu.be/IGC6Gv7wD-k> Stan Jones, [stanley.jones1@comcast.net](mailto:stanley.jones1@comcast.net)

## DANBURY, CT

Several members of CID 10, Danbury [CT] were honored in a July 27th ceremony thanking those who fought and remembering those who died during the Korean War. The local newspaper, the Danbury News-Times, published an article about the event in its July 27, 2013 edition.

Reporter Dirk Perrefort wrote:

“Friends, relatives and fellow service members placed long-stem red roses before the black granite Korean War Memorial Saturday as volunteers read the names of those killed or missing in action.

The gesture dovetailed with Friday’s solemn ceremony at the War Memorial in Rogers Park, which paid homage to the 60th anniversary of the armistice that ended one of the bloodiest wars in the country’s history.”

Among the chapter members honored were Ken Post, President Brendan Sniffin, and Bernie Rotunda.

Danbury’s mayor, Mark Boughton, spoke at the ceremony. As Perrefort noted:

“[Boughton’s] father, former Mayor Don Boughton, who died last year, was a proud Korean War veteran. “I know these ceremonies of remembrance were very important to him,” Boughton said, “and they’re important to all of us here, that we recognize and remember all that you’ve done for us.”

Read the entire article at <http://www.newstimes.com/local/article/Korean-War-veterans-honored-remembered-4691081.php#photo-4969415>

## DEARBORN, MI

On July 26th the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council and a variety of Korean-American organizations commemorated the 60th anniversary of the armistice that ended the Korean War. The ceremony honoring those who served in the military during the Korean War was led by KWVA member John Ruselowski, chairman of the organizing committee and a Korean War veteran.

“This 60th anniversary is significant,” Ruselowski said before the event. “It’s a journey we couldn’t have anticipated. Many paid the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in this war, including 26 from Dearborn. We’ll pause to pay respect to them, and all who served during the Korean War.

“But most importantly,” he continued, “those who attend the event will see demonstrated the tremendous bond that has continued between the Koreans and the Americans. This is a night of thanks, gratitude and remembrance. The Korean War was a victory for the United States and the 21 nations of the United Nations, who stopped communist aggression.”

Also organizing and sponsoring the event were Soo Hong and the Korean Veterans Association of Detroit.

The colorful ceremony included remarks by Dearborn Mayor John B. O’Reilly, Jr.; U.S. Army Brigadier General Joseph Martin; Consul for the Korean Consulate in Chicago Jin Hyun Lee; Korean Asian Pacific Coordinator Mae Sook Wilkinson; Michigan State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood; and State Rep. George T. Darany.

Serving as bell ringer was Ryang Hong, who was awarded the Republic of Korea Medal of Honor for his military service. The talented Hye Young was vocalist.

Purple Heart recipient George Harvey and Arman Alviani read the roll call of honor.

Other guests include representatives from the Korean American community of Metro Detroit, the Korean American Association of Michigan, the Korean American Foundation of Michigan and the Korean War Veterans of America, Michigan Chapter 256.

Brigadier Gen. Martin was returning to his hometown of Dearborn to participate in the ceremony. He is a 1981 graduate of Dearborn High School and a 1986 graduate from the U.S. Military Academy. Martin served as the grand marshal of Dearborn's Memorial Day Parade in 2010.

The ceremony is usually held on July 27, the actual date of the signing of the armistice 60 years ago, but was moved to July 26 this year to be synchronized with the commemoration in the Republic of Korea.

## FRAMINGHAM, MA

A commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Korean War was held on June 2nd at the historic WWII Cushing Memorial Chapel in Framingham, MA. The chapel, named after U.S. Army WWI neurosurgeon Dr. Harvey Cushing, was part of the former U.S. Army General Hospital at which 400 Korean War wounded were administered care in 1950.

Col David J. Clark, a Lynn MA native and Boston College graduate, was the Director of the 60th Commemoration of the Korean War Committee. He shared the keynote speaking honor with Consul Eunuchul Lee of the Korean Consulate in Boston.

Col Clark, making the trip to Cushing Memorial Chapel from his office in Arlington, VA, said, "I've got to tell you I've been on active duty for over 30 years now, and this is the greatest duty I've ever had. I've met veterans from every corner of the country and heard stories of just humbling heroism, of comradeship between men, and heartbreaking stories of loss."

Nicholas Paganella, the past President of CID 300, Western Massachusetts, has been writing a by-weekly column, "Veterans Corner," for the Framingham [MA] MetroWest Daily News for the past eight years. Here is his August 16, 2013 column.

### Distant Memories Still Remain

Last month on July 27 in Washington DC, while attending the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the cease fire in Korea 60 years ago, I was reminded of a similar occasion that was held at the Cushing Memorial Chapel in Framingham on Sunday June 2. I reviewed the Veterans Corner video version of that event. Some of the quotes by the local veterans in that video are repeated here.

Don Chase was one of the Korean War veterans in the video. A long time Framingham resident, Chase retired from the U.S. Army after serving both in WWII and Korea. He was awarded the Purple Heart medal on three separate occasions for obtaining wounds from enemy fire. He wrote many poems of his recollections during his military career, one of which he recited at Cushing that day.

## Silent Mountain

If the barren mountains of Korea could talk,  
what memorable tales they would tell;  
of men who fought in a forgotten war,  
which gave them a preview of hell.  
They speak of things that tried men's souls,  
leading the survivors to remember so well.  
The cold with its snow, mud from the rain,  
and underground holes where they dwelled.  
There will be stories of human endurance,  
brought on by the will to survive.  
Bravery and courage an unthinking sacrifice,  
for warfare demands some must die.  
They also would tell of the burial place,  
of soldiers now locked in eternal sleep,  
whose gray white bones lie silent and still,  
though loved ones and comrades still weep.  
These voiceless mountains with their untold tales,  
have a far greater meaning than most.  
To the men who fought and existed thereon,  
they are a separate world full of ghosts.

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Another veteran, Lynn Hess (Navy) from Framingham revealed, "I put a display outside the (Chapel) front door of my uncle who was killed at age eighteen in Korea on June 2, 1951."

Charles Park (Army -Thunderbird Division) of Marlborough; "I landed in Inchon (Harbor) in 1951 for the big push north. There were a few local fellas in my unit. We had one fellow (from Holliston) who got wounded pretty bad.... he spent some time (recuperating) here at Cushing General Hospital".

Sumner Weismann, a U.S. Navy veteran, served in Guam during the Korean War. "There were 10 Japanese soldiers still living in the hills. They didn't believe that Japan could lose the war. I never had a high school reunion until our 40th reunion because our class officers had gotten killed in the Korean War and there was nobody there to organize it."

Others who spoke were Paul Dubey (Athol), Robert Van Kirk (Melrose), George Murray (Hyde Park), Howard Rouse, Marcia Sharpe, and Linda Jean McClain Garron (all from Framingham), Eugene Hakala (Maynard), Larry De Benedictus (Billerica), Roberta Davis and Marty Grady (Natick), Spencer Goldstein (Sudbury), Leo Agnew (Clinton) and George Snow (Holliston). There were others whose hometowns were not mentioned on the video. They are John Thompson, Louis Rupp, Bob Kline, Richard Delaney and Milton Pratt.

Framingham Town meeting member Bettie Muto delivered and read a citation recognizing the ceremony from the town of Framingham.

Contact Nick Paganella for a DVD video of the event at [npaganella@gmail.com](mailto:npaganella@gmail.com) or (508) 872-5895.

## HAWAII

The ubiquitous Col David Clark, U.S. Army, the Department of Defense's coordinator for the Korean War 60th Anniversary cease fire commemoration, was in Hawaii in May to observe Memorial Day and the end of the war. He appeared at Memorial Plaza, Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery.



Young-Kil-Suh, Robert K. C. Young, and Col David J. Clark at Hawaii cemetery on Memorial Day 2013



MajGen Darryl D. M. Wong, U.S. Army, Col David J. Clark, Robert C. K. Young, and Gov. Neil Abercrombie commemorate 60th Anniversary in Hawaii

Among the other guests were Hawaii's Governor, Neil Abercrombie, Young-Kil-Suh, Consul General of the Republic of Korea, and Robert K. C. Young, a member of the U.S. Army's 7th Division during the Inchon Landing on Sept. 7, 1950 and Purple Heart recipient.

*Robert K. C. Young, 1329 Akalani Loop  
Kailui, HI 96734, 808-263-9315*

## IDAHO

The Idaho Division of Veterans Services sponsored a brief but impressive and meaningful Korean War Armistice 60th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony at Veterans Park in Boise on July 27, 2013. Assisting with the ceremony were several veteran and patriotic community organizations.



Martha Schmidt, Regent of the local chapter of the DAR, reads names of the Idaho servicemen who were killed in Korea. Seated is Tamara Mackenthun, Lt Col, USAF (Ret.), who presided at the ceremony.

A highlight of the ceremony was the reading of the names of those Idaho servicemen who were killed in Korea. Members of Pioneer Chapter (Boise) of the Daughters of the American Revolution were in charge of that portion of the program.

*Richard L. Hart, 9942 West Antietam St., Boise, ID 83709*

## NEW JERSEY

There was a commemoration ceremony at the New Jersey State Korean War Memorial at Atlantic City on July 26, 2013. It was sponsored by Ch 234, KWVA of Atlantic County, NJ.

Congressman Frank Lobiondo (R-NJ) spoke to the audience. Korean tenor Daewook Lee proudly sang the Korean National Anthem.

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Korean tenor Daewook Lee at New Jersey State Korean War Memorial



Members of Ch 234 at the New Jersey State Korean War Memorial



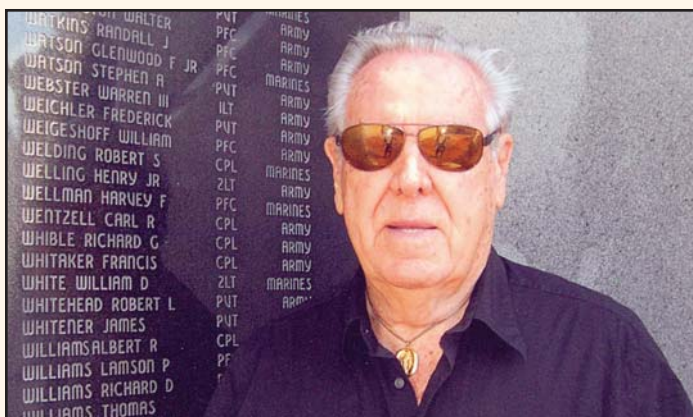
New Jersey KWVA members at the July 26, 2013 cease fire ceremony



U.S. Congressman Frank Lobiondo addresses crowd at New Jersey cease fire commemoration



Guest Speaker BGen (Ret) Jeffrey Pierson addresses audience at New Jersey State Korean War Memorial



Korean War veteran George Hummell stands next to name of his best friend, who was killed in Korea



Angie Sposa of Ch 170, who comes up from Florida every year for ceremony at the New Jersey State Korean War Memorial



Ch 170 delegation to New Jersey State commemoration



Delegation from Ch 170 at the New Jersey commemoration (Back, L-R) Edward Frye, William Burns, Angie Sposa, Frank Uvenio, Erwin Burkert; Ch 54, Thomas Daley Jr. contingent is to their left



Commander Richard Onorevole stands by Ch 170's wreath at New Jersey State Korean War Memorial

## SAGINAW, MI

### The Castle Museum Remembers the Forgotten War

Sometimes all it takes is a single phone call. Last fall, Ralph Gaunt, a Korean War veteran from Saginaw, contacted me at the museum and simply asked, "Are you going to have an exhibit for the 60th anniversary of the Korean War?"

As he asked the question, I realized I had not really thought about doing an exhibit, or known the 60th anniversary of the Armistice signing was approaching. I also became aware that I was not alone in my lack of knowledge in regard to the Korean

War. Most people, me included, did not even know how the war had started.



Members of Ch 251 cut ribbon for Korean War exhibit at Castle Museum in Saginaw, MI



Visitors to Castle Museum in Saginaw, MI circulate among Korean War exhibits

For many, our knowledge of the war was, I am sad to say, limited to episodes of M.A.S.H. The only thing people seemed to really know was that politically it was considered a "conflict" and not a war. What they did not know was that during this three-year "conflict" more than 30,000 [American] soldiers were killed. I quickly began to understand how truly forgotten this war really was.

After my initial meeting with Ralph, I felt compelled to help him tell this story. As a result, an exhibit that started out with a single display case developed into an entire gallery. At our next meeting, we were joined by Fred Bauer, another local Korean War veteran. Over the next three months, thanks to their efforts and my own research, my knowledge of the Korean War greatly improved. So too did my appreciation of these two men who had endured so much and yet still found a way to hold onto the positive memories.

We continued to meet throughout the spring. As the exhibit



Veterans reminisce in front of Korean war case at Castle Museum in Saginaw, MI

unfolded, three things became apparent:

First, this was not a story about individuals. They wanted everyone and everything included; every battle, every country, every branch of service, every unit – no one would be forgotten.

Second, maps were vital to the exhibition. They wanted veterans to be able to find where they were stationed and help the general public better understand the Korean Peninsula.

Third, I wanted visitors to see beyond the names, numbers and units. I wanted people to see their faces. I wanted people to remember that these were often young men and women – 17, 18, 19 years of age - and that they were not only soldiers and nurses, but the sons, daughters, husbands and wives of our family, friends and neighbors.

Through the use of personal photographs, maps, artifacts and a timeline, the exhibit was created. On July 2, 2013, "Remembering the Forgotten War: The 60th Anniversary of the Battle for Korea" was opened to the public.

Prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony performed by Ralph and Fred, we honored all the Korean veterans present and recognized the contributions and support of local Chapter 251 of the Korean War Veterans Association. More than 140 people, many of them veterans and their families, were on hand for this special event. It was amazing to hear all the stories that were shared that day as they remembered their time in Korea.

But the story doesn't end here. Bob Przybylski, a TV producer and director with Delta College Quality Public Broadcasting, produced a local documentary in 2012 entitled, "The Korean War: Voices from the 38th Parallel, the Forgotten War Remembered."

Originally, I had contacted Bob to see if we could use the DVD in the exhibit. He called with an even better idea. Bob wanted to show the video again on July 27th, the actual anniversary of the Armistice signing, and was looking for a location. With our exhibit, the Castle Museum was the perfect choice. Nearly 100 people joined us in commemorating this significant day as we viewed this award-winning documentary.

This has been an amazing project and I am so grateful for all I have learned and continue to learn about the Korean War as visitors to the exhibition share their stories with me. Thank you, Ralph, for placing the telephone call that made this incredible experience possible.

Along with Ralph and Fred, I thank all those involved with the exhibit; in particular, I extend my sincere gratitude to all the veterans. I feel very honored to have been able to play a small role in helping people to remember the men and women who sacrificed so much during the Korean War. You will not be forgotten. *Sandy L. Schwan, Chief Curator, Castle Museum of Saginaw County, 500 Federal Ave., Saginaw MI 48607, (989)752-2861 ext. 309, sschwan@castlemuseum.org*

## SAN FRANCISCO, CA

### Korean War Memorial Site Dedication, July 27, 2013, At The Presidio, San Francisco, Attracts Strong Interest

On July 27, 2013, the 60th anniversary of the end of major hostilities in the Korean War, veterans of that war, their families, and the families of those who served but are no longer with us came together for the dedication of the ground where the Korean War Memorial will soon be built. The attendees included not only American veterans, but also many Korean veterans who fought for the Republic of Korea in that conflict.



Speakers at The Presidio (L-R) Denis Quinn, Aide to State Senator Leland Yee; KWMF Vice President Man J. Kim (blocked by Mr. Quinn); San Francisco Supervisor Mark Farrell with one of his children; Consul General Han Dong-man of the Republic of Korea; KWMF President, former U.S. Congressman, and Korean War veteran Pete McCloskey; KWMF Treasurer and Korean War veteran Don Reid; KWMF Executive Director Gerard Parker; and at the podium speaking, KWMF Secretary and Korean War veteran John Stevens

The site dedication took place at the junction of Lincoln Boulevard and Sheridan Avenue in The Presidio, San Francisco, adjacent to the gates of the National Cemetery. The site was chosen not only for its beauty, but also because the Bay Area was the embarkation point for so many who served in that war, and the end of the journey for so many who returned, the living and the dead.

Speakers included Foundation President and former U.S. Congressman Pete McCloskey; Consul General Han Dong-man of the Republic of Korea; Presidio Trust Executive Director Craig Middleton; San Francisco Supervisor Mark Farrell, who presented the Foundation with an official Certificate of Honor from the Board of Supervisors; and several other dignitaries.

Congressman McCloskey was awarded the Navy Cross and Silver Star for valor and two Purple Hearts for wounds received



San Francisco Memorial sculptor Mark Byrd behind the sign that will serve as a place marker until the Memorial is completed in 2015; KWMF Vice President Man J. Kim; Consul General Han Dong-man, Republic of Korea, with the Certificate (right); KWMF Treasurer Don Reid; KWMF Secretary John Stevens; and KWMF Executive Director Gerard Parker (L-R)

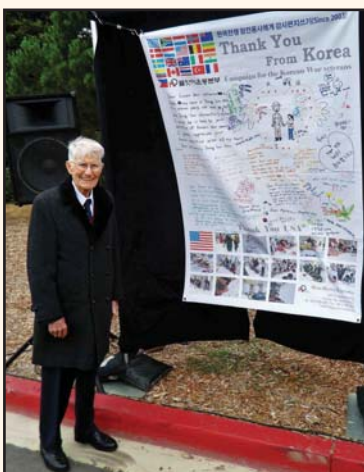
as a Marine rifle platoon leader in Korea.

The brief remarks were followed by a moment of silence in memory of those who died in the conflict. The ceremony closed with the unveiling of the large sign that will identify the site until the Memorial itself is completed in early summer 2015.

Over 200 people attended. The ceremony received significant media coverage, including TV news stories on the Bay Area's ABC7/KGO-TV, CBS5/KPIX-TV, KTVU/Channel 2 News, and several news articles in both the U.S. and Korean print media, including the San Francisco Chronicle and the Korea Daily.



*Gerard Parker, Executive Director, Korean War Memorial Foundation, 1806 Belles Street, #6-B The Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129, 415-750-3862, <http://kwmf.org>*



John Stevens stands next to a poster that was made and presented to him by school-children in Korea

## VERO BEACH, FL

Two Florida chapters, CID 318, Indian River County, and CID 106, Treasure Coast, commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice on July 27th on Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary in Vero Beach, FL. The island on the Indian River lagoon now serves as a quiet haven for reflection on the sacrifices made by the men and women in the armed forces of our country.

Joseph A. Gomez, Commander of Ch 318, served as Master of Ceremonies. Keynote Speaker Anthony ("Tony") Young, Col, U.S. Army (ret.), a veteran of the wars in the Middle East, and guest speaker Peter Popolizio, Commander, Ch 106, a decorated Korean War veteran, reflected on their combat experiences and paid tribute to those who served with them.



Veterans Memorial Sanctuary at Vero Beach, FL, and right, Peter Popolizio speaks at July 27th recognition event



Ch 106 Members at ceremony (L-R) Frank Antonucci, Eugene Duquette, John Holdorf, Charles LoMonaco, Chuck Serra

Popolizio, who has dedicated his time as Commander for the past seven years, was instrumental in the design and completion of the Korean War Memorial and the Purple Heart Memorial in Port Saint Lucie. Here is what he said:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I thank you for having me here today on this important day, the 60th anniversary of the signing of the truce of the Korean War. Yes, not the Korean conflict or the Korean police action. It has been declared the Korean War.

I would like to title my remarks as "The Small War." Recently, when I talked with some folks (friends) they asked me what war I was in. I replied that it was the Korean War. They responded "Oh, you were in the small war." How in the world do you reply to someone like that?

Memories brought me back to reality. When you're putting cork on your face and going out on a patrol in the middle of the night to fight the enemy,

how is that a small war? When you're issued summer sleeping bags in 20° below zero, how is that a small war? When you have no body armor, when you're eating C-rations left over from the Second World War, when you're only 12 weeks from civilian life and assigned to a place called Korea, which you never heard of, to go and fight a war under the worst conditions in the 20th century, when you think about over 54,000 young Americans were killed in that God-forsaken place, how is that a small war?

You were paid a princely sum of \$40.00 per month and an additional \$50.00 for combat pay (in cash) when you're ordered to assault a hill with a company of 193 men and only muster 40 when you're finished. How is that a small war? If I could describe Hell, that would be it. But, after all of that, I still feel it was worth it.

As I look at South Korea today, [I see] a booming economy, beautiful buildings, super highways (there wasn't even a paved road when I was there)...so democracy works. At least I see it that way.

The original name of Korea was Choson. When translated, it means "Land of the Morning Calm." It was anything but calm on the morning of June 25th, 1950 and for the next 37 months. Besides, the 54,000 who died, 103,000 were wounded, 8,176 missing in action and 7,245 taken prisoner. The South Korean casualties were 1,312,836, of which 415,000 were killed in action.

The Korean War is referred to as the "forgotten war." However, for the 1.7 million men and women who served and fought in Korea during those 37 months of conflict in South and North Korea, and especially for the families and loved ones of those who made the supreme sacrifice for the freedom of the people of South Korea, it can never be forgotten by anyone.

Those who never learned about the Korean War did not have anything to forget. and those who served and fought in Korea did not have the option to forget. Compared to other military conflicts involving the United States, the Korean War was probably the least recognized and most difficult war fought in the 20th century.

So, at this time I would ask all of my misguided friends, "Do you still think that this was a small war?" I was hoping that my time served there made a difference. I hope it did. The cost of freedom does not come easy. If we thought otherwise, it would be the ultimate in despair. Thank you and God Bless this great nation!

Finally, a special floral wreath was placed at the Korean War bronze marker on the island by Vincent Abbate and George Todd, members of Ch 318. The marker is a gift from Ch 106 to Ch 318.

*Joseph A. Gomez, 1210 24th Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32960, and Harold Trieber, 10440 SW Stratton Dr., Port St. Lucie, FL 34987 (Thanks to Dick Ramsey, who contributed several of the photos)*



Ch 106 members at Proclamation Ceremony at Port Saint Lucie Town Hall

# Chapter & Department News

*How many identical twins served in the Korean War? How many chapters have identical twins as members? (See Ch 40)*

## 19 GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

MajGen James E. Donald, U.S. Army (Ret.), Chairman, State Pardons and Paroles, was our luncheon speaker at our August meeting. He spoke of his upbringing in Mississippi and related it to some children in today's society. He empathized with the need of today's parents to take active rolls in their children's activities.

With "Taps" echoing in the Georgia State Capitol, Ms. Bok-ryeol Rhyou, Deputy Consul General, Republic of Korea, and Chapter #19 Officers Bob Hendershott and Bob McCubbins presented wreaths recently to honor the 740 Georgians killed during the Korean War.

James Conway,  
[conatlanta@com-cast.net](mailto:conatlanta@com-cast.net)



MajGen Donald addresses Ch 19 members



Ms. Bok-ryeol Rhyou and Ch 19 officers Bob Hendershott and Bob McCubbins (L-R) present wreaths at Georgia State Capitol

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

We salute the Hammond Elks #485 and their exalted ruler, Gary Pappas and members, for donating their picnic grounds to us free of charge so we could celebrate our 20th year as a KWVA chapter.

We have new officers and directors for the 2013-14 term. Among them are Herb Verrill (Public Relations), Al Solis (Sgt-at-Arms), Luis Aguilera (Commander), Rich Garza (Treasurer), Mel Rangel (Historian), Steve Paunovich (Secretary).

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



Celebrants from Ch 29 (L-R) David Padilla, Herbert Verrill, Eliseo Castaneda, Al Solis, Mel Rangel, Rich Garza, Pete Chang, Tony Dalla Costa, Glenn Stotts, Warren Eubanks, Ray Anguiano, and Doug Handley (seated)



**LEFT:** Wives of Ch 29 members (Back, L-R) Connie Garza, Rosa Solis, Caroline Handley, Bertha Ewbanks, Peggy Dalla Costa, (Front, L-R) Anita Rangel, Connie Castaneda



**BELOW:** Officers and Directors of Ch 29 (Front, L-R) Herb Verrill, Al Solis, Luis Aguilera, Eliseo Castaneda (Back, L-R) Rich Garza, Mel Rangel, Pete Chang, Mike Giba, Tony Dalla Costa

## 30 INDIANA #1 [IN]

We have new officers for the 2013-2014 term: Marian Wisniewski, Secretary; Dale Parish, 1st Vice; Carl Fowler, 2nd Vice; Cletus Rumschlag, Treasurer; Dave Martin, Trustee; Garry Sink, Commander; Bud Mendenhall, Judge Advocate; Lynn Shady, Trustee; Jim Leslie, Veterans Affairs & Chaplain; Fred Ireland, Sgt. of Arms; Ron Barnhart, Memorial Walkway; Raymond Krider, Trustee; Don Perkins, Historian.



New officers of Ch 30: Marian Wisniewski, Dale Parish, Carl Fowler, Cletus Rumschlag, Dave Martin, Garry Sink, Bud Mendenhall, Ski Wisniewski (at podium), Lynn Shady (L-R)



Past Commander of Ch 30, Ski Wisniewski, swears in new Commander Garry Sink

We have a great group of gals who support their husbands and the association as well. Among them are Sunshine Baird from our Korean community, which is a big part of our organization, Marian Wisniewski, Bonnie Rose, Mary Anna Roemke (Publicity Director), Irene Winnie, Marge Norton, Wanda Scare, and Jean Mendenhall, our newsletter editor. These are just a few of the ladies who are active in our group.



Ladies of Ch 30 lined up for Three Rivers Parade : Sunshine Baird, Marian Wisniewski, Bonnie Rose, Mary Anna Roemke, Irene Winnie, Marge Norton, Wanda Scare, and Jean Mendenhall (L-R)

The guys tell us that we are a big part of what makes it a great chapter. You know what? We all agree. But we all love doing what we do—and we love the guys.

Mary Anna Roemke, Publicity Director, 9015 Farmington Dr., Ft. Wayne, IN 46835

## 40 MINNESOTA #1 [MN]

### How Many Twins Are There In The KWVA?

As far as we can figure out, it's not known how many twins of either gender were in the armed forces during the Korean War, or how many chapters have twin brothers as members. Nor is it possible to determine how many identical twins were the youngest. Chapter 40 has the distinction of including who we think may be the youngest identical twins to enter the armed forces—at age 17! They are Ernest and Ervin Lewandowski, who turned 80 on October 17, 2013. (We also had past members Howard and Willard Johnson.)



Ernest Lewandowski, left, and Ervin Lewandowski

I'm told that the Lewandowski's father told the boys that if they entered the service, each would have to choose a different

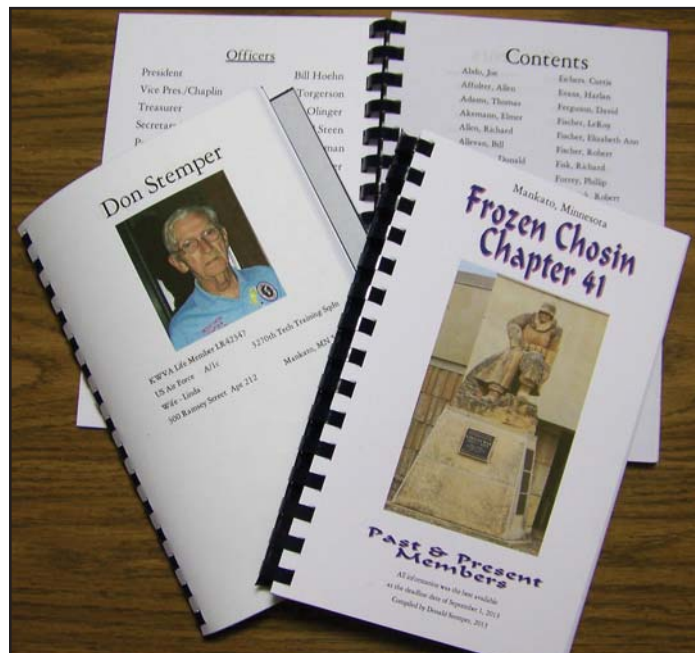
branch. That was because he figured that if they were together and were killed, he would probably not be able to identify the remains. That was flawed reasoning, of course, but that's the story we got.

But, they listened to their father. Ernest joined the U.S. Army. Ervin enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Both survived the war.

Blair Rumble, 969 Lombard Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105

## 41 FROZEN CHOSIN [MN]

Ninety six members, past and present, each have their own page in our recently published membership book. To preserve the memory of their service, copies have been placed so future war historians can access them.



Ch 41's membership book

One was donated to the county Historical Society; another was placed in the chapter's archives. A third is for general chapter use.

Donald Stemper, [dstemper\\_2@yahoo.com](mailto:dstemper_2@yahoo.com)

## 66 CPL ALLAN F. KIVLEHAN [NY]

We swore in new officers at our monthly meeting on July 20, 2013. National Director Department of New York President Sal Scarlato administered the oath.

The officers are: Bernard Hoganson (Trustee); Joseph Ferris (Judge Advocate); John Calvo (Sgt.-at-Arms); Pat Scarpato (Trustee); John D'arbenzio (Trustee); Dan Venezia (Adjutant); William Kuntz (Treasurer); Vincent Marini (Sr. Vice Cmdr); Joseph Bonamo (First Vice Cmdr); George E. Parsons (Commander); Sal Scarlato (Director).

George E. Parsons, 56 Boyce Ave.

Staten Island, NY 10306, 718-667-8052



New officers of Ch 66 standing behind photo of Cpl Allan F. Kivlehan (L-R) Bernard Hoganson, Joseph Ferris, John Calvo, Pat Scarpato, John D'Arbenzio, Dan Venezia, William Kuntz, Vincent Marini, Joseph Bonamo, George E. Parsons, Sal Scarlato

## 71 WESTERN OHIO - LAKE ERIE [OH]

We participated in the annual Memorial Day Parade held on May 27th, 2013. Chapter member Terry Rodgers was the Grand Marshal.

We donated \$3,000.00 to Valor House, a place for homeless veterans.

Joseph Moss, 1036 Rose Alee Ave., Elyria, OH 44035



Members of Ch 71 at Memorial Day Parade (L-R) Ed Webber, Mike Poulos, Joe Moss, Dick Leister, Leon Tobias, President Howard Ryan

## 99 TALL CORN [IA]

We had our July meeting at the Sullivan Brothers Veterans Museum in Waterloo, IA. We were given a self-guided tour of the museum.

Our speaker was Col Greg Hapgood, from the Iowa National Guard. He talked about the history of the Korean War. Among the highlights he revealed: after WWII the Soviets took the north part of Korea and we took the south. The war would have been over sooner if China had not gotten involved. An amazing 88% of the

Soldiers who participated in the war were Americans.

John Lee, the president of the Korean American Society of Iowa, spoke about Korean history and what the country is like today. Significantly, he noted that South Korea has around the 10th best economy in the world today.

KWVA of Iowa has split into two chapters. Ch 99 is on the east side of the state and Ch 323, PO2 Taylor Morris, is on the west side.



Gen Greg Hapgood (Left) and John Lee addresses Ch 99



Attendees at Ch 99's June meeting witness slide show



New and old officers of Ch 99: Don Gildersleeve, Ed Wittig, Jim Koenighain, Herb Spencer, and Sid Morris (L-R)



As members of Ch 99 demonstrate, some veterans still can get into their uniforms



Herb Spencer, new President of Ch 99, at 60th Anniversary Commemoration ceremony in Washington DC

We voted in new officers. Don Gildersleeve is the incoming 1st Vice President. He is taking over for Leland Regal, who passed away this year. Jim Koenighain, incoming Secretary/Treasurer, replaces Ed Wittig. Herb Spencer, incoming President, replaces Sid Morris. We offer great thanks to the past officers.

Spencer attended the Department of Defense's 60th Anniversary Commemoration of the signing of the Korean War armistice and the KWVA Reunion banquet dinner in Arlington, VA on July 26th.

Jim Koenighain, 6915 Brentwood Dr. N.E.  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

## 105 CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

We have new officers: Board Member Dick Fasteneu, Adjutant Bill O'Kane, First VP Norm Champaine, and Commander Garry Rockburn. Board member Bill Burns swore them in.

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



Board member Bill Burns of Ch 105 swears in new officers (L-R) Dick Fasteneu, Bill O'Kane, Norm Champaine, Garry Rockburn, and Ed Grala

## 110 MIAMI-DADE [FL]

We received a proclamation declaring June 25-July 27, 2013 Korean War Veterans' Month in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Ainslee R. Ferdie, Esq., [service@ferdieandlones.com](mailto:service@ferdieandlones.com)



At the Miami-Dade County Korean War Veterans Month proclamation presentation are Jack Feldman, Harry Reinfenberg, Alan Greenfield, and Commissioner and Vietnam vet Pepe Diaz (L-R). In background are Commissioner Esteban Bovo, Xavier L. Suarez, and Commissioner Chair Rebecca Sosa (L-R)

## 126 TRI-STATE [OH]

In May our new officers were elected for a two-year term. They include President George Piggott, Vice President Lindy

Malignani, Secretary Mike Kilcoyne, Treasurer Carl Sebrell, Trustees George Germusa, Dan Gallagher, and Dan Maclean, and Sgt. of Arms Ed Peters.



New officers of Ch 126 (L-R) Ed Peters, Dan Gallagher, Dan MacLean, Carl Sebrell, Mike Kilcoyne, Lindy Malignani, George Piggott

We rode in two parades in Midland, PA, one on Memorial Day and one on the 4th of July. Our Vice President, Lindy Malignani, was the Grand Marshal for the Memorial Day Parade.



Contingent from Ch 126 prepares to board their decorated trailer for the Midland, PA 4th of July Parade. It includes Mike Kilcoyne, Lindy Malignani, and George Piggott (L-R)



Ch 126 members at Town of Wellsville donation ceremony (L-R) Dan Gallagher, Lindy Malignani, Ed Peters, Carl Sebrell, Debbie Koffel, George Crews, Dan MacLean, George Piggott, Mile Kilcoyne

The town of Wellsville, Ohio is erecting an "Honor Roll" for all its veterans. We donated \$500 to help its building fund. We have posted Colors for their Veterans Day program at the high school many times. We enjoy helping them out.

Our summer picnic/meetings did well. They are great get-together times for everyone.

George Piggott, 3720 Root Ave N.E.  
Canton, OH 44705

## 137 MAHONING COUNTY [OH]

We have a new Commander, Bob Bakalik, a charter member of the chapter. He has served in a number of other positions for the chapter over the years.



**ABOVE:** New Commander of Ch 137, Bob Bakalik

**RIGHT:** Past Commander of Ch 137 John Pariza (L) turns over command to Bob Bakalik

During the war Bob proudly served with the 40th Division as a tanker in the Kumwa area and other places.



Commander Bob Bakalik of Ch 137 takes office with new staff: Lloyd Edwards, Robert Vitullo, John Klamut, John Pariza, and Harry Ponikvar (L-R)

As a hard worker in veterans affairs, Bob has earned the respect and thanks of the local veterans who finally talked him into the Commander's job.

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Youngstown, OH 44512, [chisholmranger@aol.com](mailto:chisholmranger@aol.com)

## 148 CENTRAL JERSEY [NJ]

We held a Rose of Sharon drive on August 16th at the Shop-Rite Supermarket in Spotswood, New Jersey. We presented Store Manager Mr. Frank Juba with a Certificate of Appreciation to thank him for hosting our successful event.



Charlie Koppelman, Asst. store manager Nancy Tidd, Jr., Vice. Commander Max Mandis, store manager Frank Juba and Sr. Vice Commander and Rose of Sharon Chairman Herbert Picker (L-R) at Ch 148's Rose of Sharon Drive (Photo submitted by Charlie Koppelman)

In addition to the members pictured above, others attending that day included Commander Robert Bliss, Treasurer Leon Kaczmarek, and Financial Secretary Edward Rappleyea Sr. They were not available when the picture was taken.

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

## 169 LAKE COUNTY OF FLORIDA [FL]

### Chapter Helps Army Ranger Vet Regain Mobility

THE VILLAGES FL - When retired Army Ranger Donald Wheeler stood up from his walker and sat down in his new motorized wheelchair, there were smiles all around. But, there was no bigger grin than the one on Wheeler's face.

On Saturday, June 27, Wheeler was presented with his new ride thanks to fellow Villager Linda Sorensen, whose husband, Capt. Elmer Sorensen, died recently. Elmer had only used the wheelchair three or four times, Sorensen said, so it is practically new.

A neighbor told Mrs. Sorensen about Project SOS, Support Our Soldiers Inc, the charity group that supports U.S. military serving overseas, disabled and homeless veterans. Over the past year, SOS has been concentrating on providing motorized wheelchairs to disabled veterans and already has distributed 42 wheelchairs.

KWVA Chapter 169, through its 1st VP Art Iversen, works hand in hand with SOS in The Villages. Joel Briggs is Director for the Chapter 169 Color Guard.



Donald Wheeler is all smiles as he tries out his new motorized wheelchair, donated by Linda Sorensen, far right, whose late husband used it. Art Iversen (L) and Joel Briggs of Ch 169 flank Wheeler. Michelle Wheeler, Donald's wife, is with Mrs. Sorensen. Photo by Peter Travers, and Source Article by Jill Winters/*The Villages Daily Sun* (permission granted with credit)

"My criterion was to donate the chair to a disabled vet," Sorensen said. "Elmer would have loved this. This is what he would have wanted."

Wheeler's wife, Michelle, Gary Kadow, founder of Project SOS, and Paul Farineau, past president of The Rotary Club of The Villages, were also there to watch Wheeler take his first test drive.

Tom Thiel, 19147 Park Place Blvd, Eustis, FL 32736  
352-408-6612, [kwvathiel@gmail.com](mailto:kwvathiel@gmail.com)

## 186 ST. CHARLES COUNTY [MO]

Each Memorial Day, a St. Peters, MO funeral home (Baue), has a service on its property to honor all veterans buried in a special veterans area of its cemetery and those veterans who died during the past year. Each of their names is read during the ceremony.



Baue Memorial Gardens, St. Peters, MO: Field of Honor for veterans

Chapter members volunteer yearly to place American flags on each grave. They provide the honor guard and read the names.

Salvatore Christifulli, 923 Annabrook Park Dr.,  
O'Fallon, MO 63366, [schristifulli@charter.net](mailto:schristifulli@charter.net)



Flag placing volunteers of Ch 186 at Baue Memorial Gardens (Front, L-R) Ken Walker, Bob Peitz, Art Minor (Back, L-R) Robert Cummiskey, Bob Brieg

## 194 MGEN LLOYD R. MOSES [SD]

We participated in the annual Corn Palace Rodeo Parade in Mitchell, SD on July 20, 2013.

Darwin Buus, 517 W 2nd Ave., Mitchell, SD 57301



Rodeo Parade participants from Ch 194 (L-R, Back to Front) Norman Thompson, Ed Miller, Mel Lubbers, Commander Bernie Keyser, Maynard Friederich, Elmer Hermann, Lyle Fuerst, Donald Hegdahl, Vernon Neugebauer, Leroy ("Pete") Keyser, Darwin Buus

## 199 MANASOTA [FL]



Ted Czerwinski and Terri Willis have been volunteer members of Hospice Veterans Recognition Program for two years. During that time they have "pinned" and presented certificates of appreciation to over 300 veterans and their families, at Hospice, various nursing homes and at private residences.

Skip Hannon, [skip-pat-han@hotmail.com](mailto:skip-pat-han@hotmail.com)

Ted Czerwinski (L) and Terri Willis of Ch 199 display their Certificate Of Appreciation from Hospice

## 219 CENTRAL KENTUCKY [KY]

### 8th Annual Luncheon

Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the ending of the Korean War and the 90th birthday of James Marshall, a World War II veteran and Korean War veteran, forty chapter members and their guests enjoyed a free luncheon at the Hananoki Japanese Steak House in Lexington, KY on July 11, 2013. As usual, the meal was outstanding and appreciated by everyone in attendance.

Mrs. B.J. Huh and her husband, owners of the restaurant, held the 8th Annual Luncheon in honor of the group. A native of Korea, Mrs. Huh has wanted to recognize the veterans for their service during the "Forgotten War." Members signed and presented her with a "Thank You" note in remembrance of her kindness to them.

Mr. James Marshall, recipient of a 90th birthday cake, landed in Europe in the fall of 1944 and was assigned to Battery A 405 battalion with the 8th Armored Division. He was one of a seven-man crew on the M-7 tank. He returned home safely in February 1946.



James Marshall's 90th birthday cake

As a member of the Reserves, Mr. Marshall was called to active duty in 1950, after the war broke out in Korea. He was shipped to Fort Eustis, Virginia, for heavy equipment school, and then to Oakland Army Base for training on diesel engines (locomotive) before being shipped to Korea. Mr. Marshall was then



James Marshall, of Ch 219, 3rd from left, wearing overseas cap during WWII



A close-up of James Marshall's WWII tank

assigned to the 724 PROB RWYBN, where he spent two to three weeks up north replacing new track for diesel engines before moving to Pusan.

In Pusan, he was assigned to the Army docks to unload supplies from ships. He stayed there until 1951, when he was rotated to the States.

In a story about the event and a recognition of the 60th anniversary, the Lexington Herald-Leader carried a story titled "They Can Never Forget Korea," written by Taylor Harrison. (See <http://www.kentucky.com/2013/07/26/2733706/korean-war-veterans-to-be-honored.html>). In it, Harrison wrote, "Chester Care, commander of the Central Kentucky Chapter of Korean War Veterans, said troops who stayed in Korea until 1955 are considered Korean War veterans.

"He also said there are American troops in Korea even now and the war never technically ended. Instead, there has been a cease-fire for 60 years.

"Care, 82, also is a veteran. He was in Korea in 1954 and 1955.

"When he was in Korea, his job was to intercept enemy communications, so he was behind the lines.

"It wasn't the same as the fellows with machine guns on the front lines," Care said.

"He said South Koreans, both in Lexington and worldwide, generally appreciate what the soldiers did for them.

"They do not forget — they remember, and we appreciate that too," he said.

Harrison concluded the article with this statement: "Care said he doesn't think it's important to recognize himself specifically at the ceremony, but it is important to recognize other veterans, "because they did what needed to be done."

Submitted by Harry Walsh, 619 Shaftsbury Rd.,  
Lexington. KY 40505

## 122 ARDEN A. ROWLEY [AZ]

Three members attended the Korean Independence Day Festival held in Tempe, Arizona on August 11, 2013.

Note the medallions worn by Don Taylor and Lew Bradley in

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



Two drummers perform at the Korean Independence Day Festival in Tempe, AZ



Don Taylor, Charles 'Pete' Stewart, Misuk Kujawski, Lew Bradley, and Susan Kee (L-R) at Korean Independence Day Festival



Korean drummers led by Misuk Kujawski perform at the Korean Independence Day Festival attended by Ch 122 members

Jack Bentley, P. O. Box 114, Pound, VA 24279



Joe Bishop of Ch 250 grills the burgers at Ch 250's picnic



**LEFT:** Medal presentation at Ch 250 meeting

**BELOW:** Large crowd at Ch 250's gathering



## 258 NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND [RI]

We were involved in a number of events in recent months, including a fundraising event, a Fourth of July Parade, and a commemoration at the Waterman Lake Nursing Home.

Norm Paiva, 42 Morgan Ave.  
North Providence, RI 02911



Russell Godin, Gilbert Botelho, and Bo Kenahan of Ch 258 at "Canning for Vets" station



Neil Payne, Harry Manning, Commander Richard St. Louis, Jr. and Vice Commander Frank Meo of Ch 258 swearing in new members



Frank Wunderler, Harry Manning, Bo Kenahan, Eugene Pezzullo, Herbert Southworth, and Joseph Perry of Ch 258 resting after 4th July Parade



**ABOVE:** Color Guard from Ch 258: Harry Manning, Richard St. Louis, Peter Robert, Herb Southworth, Norm Deroiser, Eugene Pezzullo, Frank Meo, and Norm Paiva (L-R) at Waterman Lake Nursing Home on Veterans Day



**LEFT:** A Memorial made by Ch 258's chaplain, Peter Robert, for 4th of July display

## 289 MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN]

**Mountain Empire started off summer with a bang!**

First, we held a fund raiser at the Wal-Mart Super Center in Elizabethton, TN on June 15. Next, we took part in the annual Kingsport Fourth of July Parade. The Vietnam Chapter asked us to ride with them on their float. We considered this, but decided that we wanted to have our own presence in the parade.



At Ch 289's fundraiser are Mack Dunford, Bill Reed, and Arlen Hensley (L-R)



Members of Ch 289 in the Kingsport, TN Fun Fest Parade: Bob Shelton, Fred Himelwright, Arlen Hensley, Joe Cody and Dewey Harless (L-R)

As it turned out, we were unable to take a picture of our group before the parade as we had a torrential downpour. We were glad that we decided to ride in three cars instead of the float. We had no one to carry our banner, so we had to settle for our magnetic door signs.

The next week, on Friday evening, July 12, we did ride on the float with the Vietnam Chapter in the annual Kingsport Fun Fest Parade. This time the Fun Fest organizer provided people to carry our banner.



Kingsport, TN Fun Fest volunteers carry Ch 289's banner in parade



Ch 289's table in the veterans' tent at the Kingsport, TN Fun Fest: Bob Shelton, Dewey Harless, Joe Cody and Arlen Hensley (L-R)



Representatives from Ch 289 riding on float include Arlen Hensley, Bob Shelton, and Dewey Harless (L-R) Fred Himelwright and Joe Cody were seated on the other side.

During the weeklong Fun Fest there is a huge National Guard tent set up at the Kingsport Veterans Memorial, where various veterans groups have tables set up inside with a continuous film. This shows pictures taken from the men's time in service, as well as interviews with some of the veterans. This is called "A Walk Through History."

Members of our Chapter manned our table Friday evening and Saturday morning. We had a banner hanging on the back wall, on the table we had a map of Korea, several issues of The Graybeard, application blanks, etc.

Carol Shelton, [cshelton37663@yahoo.com](mailto:cshelton37663@yahoo.com)

## 297 CROSSROADS [TN]

Commander Bob Johnston had the honor, on behalf of the Minister of National Defense of the Republic of Korea, to present to member Carroll Reusch the Wharang Distinguished Service Medal for gallantry in action against an armed enemy in Korea on 16 July 1953.



Commander Bob Johnston of Ch 297 presents the Wharang Distinguished Service Medal (below) to Carroll Reusch



The inscription read: During the period, through his professional knowledge, skillful ability, keen judgment

and profound experience, he has performed his assigned duties in an outstanding and exemplary manner. In addition, his devotion to duty, courageous leadership and aggressiveness was a great contribution to the successful accomplishment of the United Nations efforts against the Communist aggression in Korea. The outstanding achievements performed by him throughout the period reflects great credit upon himself and the military service of the United States.

In the summer of 2011, Crossville, TN native Christopher Hancock lost both legs while leading a patrol looking for IEDs near Fallujah, Iraq. After two years of treatment and therapy, Sgt

Hancock and his wife and son were given a special "Community Welcome" at the Crossville airport.



Honor Guard from Ch 297 welcomes home Sgt Hancock



Ch 297 members Carl ("Doc") Ellis, Chaplain Paul Whaley, and Commander Bob Johnston (L-R) welcome Sgt Hancock and his wife

Sgt Hancock was able to deplane on his prostheses. Our Honor Guard posted the colors for this event.

Dick Malsack, PIO, 146 Anglewood Dr.  
Crossville, TN 38558, 931-707-7292

## 301 FOOTHILLS [SC]

On July 27, 2013 our chapter and members of CID 244, Golden Corner, SC, co-hosted the annual friendship banquet, which included Korean veterans, their spouses, and local Koreans.

The event, which approximately 70 people attended, commemorated the signing of the armistice that ended the Korean War.

The Greenville, SC Times-Examiner carried a lengthy article about the event. The article is not available on-line, and we cannot reprint it without permission due to copyright restrictions.

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

## 312 ANTIETAM [MD]

In the past few months, we have been a very active chapter. Since nearly forty of us attended a dinner for South Korean President Park in Washington, DC. on May 9th and the 60th Anniversary Commemoration event in Washington on July 27th, our chapter has participated in or hosted over 35 events locally and as far away as Washington, DC.

In addition to the two memorable events just mentioned, there were numerous parades and wreath-laying ceremonies over the Memorial Day week, the dedication of our Korean War Veterans Monument in June, and several major events in the local Hagerstown, MD area to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the armistice ending the Korean War.

Members from our chapter have been interviewed for a feature story about the Korean War in World Magazine and interviewed by the Korean press, as well as being featured in articles appearing in the local press.

As an extension of our Tell America program, our Commander has spoken to local civic groups and appeared on local television three times. As a result of these activities and the publicity that went along with them, the chapter membership has grown significantly. In brief, here are some of the details:

- The dinner for President Park Geun-Hye has been reported in The Greybeards previously, but it will continue to be a most memorable event for those who were able to attend. The glamour of the event and the great appreciation toward the veterans expressed by the Koreans and the others who attended will never be forgotten.

- We went into the Memorial Day week by participating in parades and wreath-laying ceremonies in Hagerstown and surrounding towns. Over the nationally celebrated Memorial Day weekend, there were three parades and two wreath-laying ceremonies, as well as the three ceremonies we participated in on the real Memorial Day – May 30th.

- In June, the pace picked up and some members journeyed back to Washington to attend the June 25th ceremony at the national Korean War monument. Our hosts, the South Korean Embassy, took us to lunch at a Korean restaurant in northern Virginia. It was an extremely hot, but memorable, day.

- We dedicated our own Korean War Veterans Monument in Hagerstown. For many of our members, this dedication was the apex of our seven-year existence. It has become the permanent tribute to our service.

- Also in June, we were invited to participate in the opening of a Korean War exhibit at the Pentagon. Commander Les Bishop was invited to Washington to escort a Korean delegation from Dongwon province to the Korean War Memorial, and we were honored at a military band concert sponsored by the local college.

- A two-day fundraiser conducted at a local mall over the Flag Day weekend helped the chapter financially, and served as an important public relations forum for us. Korean War veterans were honored in the City of Hagerstown's ceremony by participating in the city's Flag Day program.

Then came July:

- In July, we were honored at church services and at municipal meetings where the city and county government bodies have presented us proclamations. Even the local minor league baseball team had a Korean War Veterans Night.

- We hosted several events to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the cease fire. Among these commemoration events was a day on which nearly 200 veterans, families and friends met to hear Col. Warren Weidhahn address the gathering.

- The veterans were presented with commemoration medals by South Korean MG Choi Seung-Woo (Ret.). MG Choi met and personally thanked each veteran from the many KWVA chapters present.

- The following week we held our commemoration event and were honored to have the Maryland Secretary for Veteran Affairs, Mr. Edward Chow, LtCol Kang Moon Ho from the ROK Embassy, and Col. David Clark from the DoD 60th Anniversary Commemoration Committee as featured speakers. The public was invited to this event, which proved to be another important step in establishing our presence in the community.

- While all these events were occurring, the chapter set up a Korean War exhibit at the local college, which ran for two weeks. During the two-week exhibit, we hosted a reception for the public and sponsored a special day of talks and photo displays. Each of these events was well attended and received a lot of publicity in the local press.

- We went to Washington for the national commemoration! On July 27th. we took two buses carrying 88 members and guests from Hagerstown and Frederick, MD to the national event, at which President Obama was the featured speaker. We were awed by the reception Korean War veterans received from the ceremony sponsors, Korean groups, the media and the entire crowd. What a great day it was!

- An interesting sidelight to the July 27th bus trip was that the local AMVETS Bikers escorted our buses from Hagerstown to Washington. More memories!

A number of events have not been mentioned in this chronology. Of course, there were many, many meetings and planning sessions leading into each event. So, to return to our original theme of this article, it has been one heck of a ride over the last few months.

We hope other chapters have had the opportunity to experience the same thrills that we have had. These activities are the reason we have banded together in the KWVA. We will not be forgotten.

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## 317 SGT BILLY FREEMAN [GA]

On July 26, 2013, fourteen members traveled to our state capitol in Atlanta to attend a wreath laying ceremony for Korean War vets commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Armistice celebration of the Korean War. Mr. Sonny K. Park of the American Korea Friendship Society was Master of Ceremony for the event.



Ch 317 members on the steps of the Georgia State Capitol

At our August meeting, we installed our new officers for 2013-14: Robert Summers (Chaplain); LtGen Billy Brown (Adjutant/Judge Advocate); William Kelley (2nd Vice Commander); Raymond Burchett (1st Vice Commander); Edward E. Wallace (Secretary/Treasurer); Mrs. Raynell Waters (Secretary to the Secretary-Treasurer, a non-voting member); Charles W. Patterson (Commander); Sam "Buck" Huckaby (Chairman of Board of Trustees). Other Trustees are Jim Mehaffey and Jim Starke.



New officers of Ch 317 (L-R) Robert Summers, LtGen Billy Brown, William Kelley, Raymond Burchett, Edward E. Wallace, Mrs. Raynell Waters, Charles W. Patterson, Sam "Buck" Huckaby



Zack Walker of Ch 317 displays medal

The shirts that the officers are wearing in the nearby photo were a gift from Mr. Sonny Park for attending the 60th Anniversary celebration in Atlanta, GA. The photo of Zack Walker shows an up-close picture of the Silver Star Medal printed on the gift shirts.

Charles W. Patterson, bobangleal@att.net

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

# Tell America

## 24 – CHARLES PARLIER [IL]

We opened the school year with a presentation at Monticello High School in Monticello, IL. We spoke to Mrs. Espenschied's history class to get the years started.

We have 21 schools to schedule TA presentations for, after having a good year last school term.

Jerry Seymour,  
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Students at Monticello [IL] High School absorb info presented by Ch 24 members



Sam McPheeters of Ch 24, who just returned from a trip to Korea in July, addresses students at Monticello [IL] High School

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

We gave a presentation to a group of Young Marines recently. They were extremely interested in our 73rd Tank Bn. display.

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Ch 43 members with Midwest Young Marines: Tom Walsh, Bob Jones, Lou Ramsey. Paul Wolfgeher (L-R)



At left, Paul Wolfgeher (L), WO (Ret) Edith Ketay, Bob Jones (R) at Young Marines presentation

Below, Young Marines check out the 73rd Tank Bn. fold-out





Bob Jones and Paul Wolfgeher of Ch 43 catch Young Marines' attention

## John Edwards...

gave a presentation to a local Virginia Rotary Club recently.

John Edwards,  
kvetedwards@yahoo.com



## 270 – SAM JOHNSON [TX]

Joe Seiling, Dick Lethe, and Dick Bové talked to 111 Naval JROTC cadets at R. L. Turner High School in Carrollton, TX on April 19th. Dick Lethe usually opens the presentation, then after the students watch a 10-minute video, Joe Seiling asks the cadets about things that happened for the first time in the Korean War.

Dick Bové talks about his experiences in the First Loudspeaker and Leaflet Company. From his talk, students get a good under-

standing of why so many enemy troops surrendered or defected. Dick Lethe talks about his experiences as an all-weather interceptor pilot.

The students had lots of questions of all of us. Turner High School is one of four high schools in Carrollton, TX. The fact that combined they employ 200 teachers gives you an idea of their size.

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Dick Bové talks to cadets about the First Leaflet and Loudspeaker Company



Dick Lethe tells of his experiences in Korea as an all-weather interceptor pilot



Joe Seiling talks about things that happened for the first time during the Korean War

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# MESSAGES from page 14

**FROM: 1st ROK Div DATE TIME 281130 Jul 53**

6 groups of 10 to 30 en were obsd singing and shouting CT 201267 to CT 221274 at 280630 hrs.

**FROM: 7th Inf Div DATE TIME: 281515 Jul 53**

GOP: Mass evacuation by EN of Pork Chop, Hasakol, and Baldy were obsd at 281505 hrs. The en were using chogy parties as large as 100 men.

**FROM: 7th Inf Div DATE TIME: 282010 Jul 53**

30 en observed digging on Pork Chop CT 268337 at 281600 hrs. 20-30 en dancing around on top of hill 200 CT 295359 at 281810 hrs. One en evidently tripped a mine and explosion followed resulting in 1 en KIA and 4 en WIA.

100 en moving south on road CT 332393 and disappeared at that point at 281630 hrs.

**FROM: 1st Mar Div DATE TIME: 282040T Jul 53**

At 282035 hrs frdly troops on "Bunker Hill" vic CT 015041 started a fire and accidentally (sic) set off several rounds of Small Arms ammunition. Negative casualties.

**FROM: 1 COMWEL Div DATE TIME: 290630T Jul 53**

1 PW vic CT 139127 found asleep in bunker by elms of 28 Bde at 282235 hrs. Preliminary interrogation identifies 46th CCF Army, 137th Div, 411th Regt, ENG Co.

**FROM: 1st Mar Div**

**DATE TIME: 291110 Jul 53**

An unidentified aircraft without markings flying from the north, flew almost to the DZ in the vic of the "HOOK", then turned and flew north again at 291055 hrs. Aircraft was at 1000 feet altitude and was similar to L-19 type aircraft.

**FROM: 1st ROK Div DATE TIME 300905 Jul 53**

An en propaganda broadcast via CT 214260 was heard by elms of the 12th ROK Regt at 300500 hrs Text: "You better depart for your home and be happy and come out of North Korea."

**FROM: 1 COMWAL Div**

**DATE TIME: 301000 Jul 53**

One (1) CCF deserter surrendered vic of 1314 to elms of the 29th at 300725 hrs. No identification obtained as yet.

**FROM ARMY EIGHT**

**DATE TIME 310545T Jul 53**

Received word from Security Detachment Officer at Panmunjom that communists have reported that they are clearing minefield in their part of demilitarized zone vic KYHSO-DONG CT 2025. The meeting place of joint observation team #4. This action is authorized by UNMAG today. Suggest that UN troops opposite village be informed of this activity so that it will not be reported as violation of Armistice agreement.

**FROM: 1 COMWEL Div**

**DATE TIME: 310555T Jul 53**

1 En crossed no pass line vic CT 155153 at 310130 hrs. En challenged by sentry and ran away toward the South. En was not armed.

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31 May – 11 Jun 70<sup>th</sup> Anniv Liberation of Rome & Anzio Landing

★ 1-9 Jun 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day "Normandy to Paris"

9 – 21 Jun Vietnam USMC I Corps "Chu Lai to the DMZ"

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Most people who were alive on November 22, 1963, the day of John F. Kennedy's assassination, or September 11, 2001, the day the Twin Towers were destroyed, can remember exactly where they were when the events transpired. That is also the case with Korean War veterans, who can recall exactly where they were and what they were doing on July 27, 1953, the day the warring factions signed the peace treaty ending the fighting in Korea—but not the war. Technically, as any Korean War veteran also remembers, the war is not over. The treaty is still in effect, and it is often shaky. The North Koreans have violated or vitiated the treaty on several occasions since 1953, and hundreds of soldiers and civilians on both sides have died as a result.

Early in 2013, the bellicose North Korean government once again ramped up threats against the U.S. and South Korean governments, annulled the 1953 armistice (not for the first time), and threatened to launch nuclear attacks against both countries. That had become a pattern with the North Koreans. This time, however, their threats had a little more credibility, and the U.S. responded with stealth bombers, advanced aircraft, and missile detecting naval vessels. It was almost as if the 1953 armistice never existed—although thousands of Korean War veterans knew that it did. Their memories of where they were on that day attest to that, although they may not be quite as dramatic as this story that appeared in the August 8, 1953 edition of *The Fire Ball*, the 40th Inf. Div.'s newspaper.

#### HEARTBREAK RIDGE DEFENDERS EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS OVER SILENCED WEAPONS, MEANING

"Hearts were lighter on infamous Heartbreak Ridge when word of the truce signing came to the soldiers in the damp bunkers hanging on the sides of the shell-scarred ridge where so many have died.

"First news of the signing found men struggling against sleep to hear the news that they had lived through the war's last night. They had spent this last night in their trenches, listening posts and foxholes.

"PFC John H. Stone, Valdosta, Ga., turned from his battered portable radio, muttered "Thank God," and fell into the deep sleep known only to those who have prowled through the death-filled night looking for the enemy and knowing he's looking for you.

"The guns had broken off their deadly song in full chorus. To Sgt. William Berg, Minooka, Ill., it "seems sort of funny. All at once no noise, nothing."

"And that's the way it ended. First one, and then another of the big artillery pieces grew cold. The stumpy mortars ceased their ear-splitting cough, and then, like the end of the Fourth of July, the machine guns sputtered and died away.

"In his machine gun bunker where the only light comes through a thin slot through which he fired so many times to repel

the enemy, Pvt. Alfred Fredericks, Augusta, Ga., sat with his KATUSA assistant, Kim Joong Sik. "Kim and I – we're both glad," he said while he looked at the weapon's shiny belts of sudden death that were left over from the last night of hard fighting.

"Another man stepped out of a half-caved-in bunker, sat down on the fallen sandbag wall with his head in hands and cried

silently as other soldiers drifted like ghosts out of the trenches asking, "Is it over? What's it mean?"

"A lone rifle cracked and then silence. The fighting was done for now and the men shouldered their guns for long-awaited trip down the hill to wait for the final word...peace or...?"

The warfighters who were not journalists remembered the implementation of the cease fire in less glowing terms. Most of them were, after all, too busy waiting to see if the "peace or...?" was going to hold. These are their stories.

#### How Can You Forget What You Never Knew?

What I remember most clearly about July 27th of 1953 is the almost total apathy on the part of the people I talked to on that day.

I had returned from Korea in March 1953 after 16 months over there. I served my first Six months as a battalion surgeon with the 3rd Bn., 5th Marines, on the front lines, in combat. The remaining time was as the commanding officer of Easy Medical Company, a Navy/Marine hospital (comparable to an Army M.A.S.H.) four miles back of the MLR.

My last three months in the Navy were at the Great Lakes Navy base near Zion, in northeast Illinois. When discharged on June 30, 1953, I returned to Cook County Hospital, where I had interned from 7/49 to 6/51, and began a four-year general surgery residency.

On the 27th, I was making rounds in the morning and asking each of the 25 patients under my care this question: "Have you heard that the Korean War will end today?"

None had.

Then, I asked, "Do you know where Korea is?"

All except one said, "No."

One said, "Yes, it's near Japan." She knew this because her brother had been in the Army in Korea.

One out of twenty-five! I was shocked. Even taking into account that this was a county hospital, with low-income and no-income patients, I found it hard to believe.

I casually asked some of my fellow doctors and nurses the same two questions and was a bit relieved. Almost all were able to locate Korea on their mental map, but very few knew that the war was to end that day.

We've all heard that Korea was the "Forgotten War." It wasn't. It was the "Unknown War."

You can't forget something you never knew!

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## Can't We Go Back Home?

I was sitting on the deck of the USNS General M.M. Patrick when the truce was signed and announced over the ship's PA system. We had arrived at 7 a.m. that morning in Yokohama, Japan, having left Seattle POE on 14 July, 1953 at 11 p.m.

There was great relief and celebration among all on board! Rumor was that the ship would "turn around" and send us all back home. However, that was not to be. So much for Army rumors!

Our journey continued, and I arrived in Pusan, Korea on 7 August, 1953. There, I was assigned to the 55th QMBD in Pusan where I served until 24 March, 1954. I was discharged at Fort Meade, Maryland, 9 April, 1954.

*Richard A. Drum, 1st Lt. QMC, 1439 Lyons Chase Cir., Murrysburg, PA 15668*

## The Day The Truce Was Signed

I have written notes for my children and grandchildren regarding my two-year Army time, Jan. 1952 to Jan. 1954. I was in Korea, in reserve I think, with the 27th Infantry Regiment.

The truce was signed with no celebration, and the fighting ended July 27, 1953. The General who signed it noted he was the first to sign an American war ending document without victory. It must have been about that time I changed from truck driver to Motor Officer jeep driver.

I am sure there was some change after the truce was signed. There were no medevac helicopters, no fireworks displays, and there had to be a slow relaxing of tensions with adjustments in all operations. Most of the changes happened slowly. Unlike the retreat from Vietnam, there was a stable readjustment in Korea.

I did not experience any big deal in the pattern of my service, but it might have been a lot different if the truce wasn't signed, for I think we returned to the front lines very soon.

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## Twenty Years Old And Retired

On July 27, 1953, I was awaiting my final day in the U. S. Army at a Medical Holding Company in Murphy Army Hospital, Waltham, Massachusetts. For about a month I had duty as CQ nights at the emergency room, answering telephones, receiving telex messages and passing them on to a Captain for distribution, and clearing arrivals (Army and civilian personnel) for entry to the hospital. The main reception entry was shut down after 6 p.m. and the only way in was through the Emergency Room.

A medical review board had made a decision to give me an Honorable Discharge, Retired with permanent disability. Here I was only 20 years old and retired! But, I had earned it. I was the recipient of two Purple Hearts and had been wounded seriously while serving with the Tank Company, 32nd RCT, 7th Infantry Division in the Punch Bowl on 19 February, 1952. After a year and a half in Army hospitals I was very ready to take my discharge and go home.

The Chinese Communist and North Korean forces were jockeying for favorable endgame-positions that summer of 1953, and there had been many new patients placed in the hospital from these actions. Also, with Operation Little Switch, the POWs who had homes in New England and had medical issues were hospitalized as well. We were pretty much running out of beds.

We heard from the newly arrived that the Korean War was about to end. (Credit President Eisenhower for dropping a hint of "Atomic Bomb use" to the India folks, who passed this on to the Chinese and North Koreans).

Late in the day of 27 July we heard of the cease fire and cheered this wonderful news. Four days later I put on my dress Class A Uniform, said goodbye to many patients, doctors and friends, went out the main entrance at 5 p.m., saluted the flag as it came down, shouldered my duffle bag and went home.

No parades, no cheers . . . and, I would do it all over again.

God Bless all who fought in Korea, especially the troopers who did not come home.

*Warren Gardner MacDonald, USA (Ret), 6373 Winding Lake Dr., Jupiter, FL 33458*



**Warren MacDonald at Punch Bowl on 6 January 1952**

## What A Significant Fifteen Minutes

I was in Panmunjom on July 27, 1953 for the signing of the cease fire. I was MajGen Randolph McCall Pate's personal guard. (He later became the 21st Commandant of the Marine Corps, 1956-59.) He wasn't signing the documents; he was there as a spectator.

All the leaders from North and South Korea showed up at the meeting in military vehicles. The Chinese, however, came in a white limo.

The meeting only lasted fifteen minutes, just long enough for everyone to sign the treaty and be gone. They had met for months beforehand, sometimes for only five minutes, sometimes for two to three hours. There apparently wasn't any need to stay any longer than they needed to, even though they had erected a special pre-fab building just for the signing.

Later, I was present at the exchange of prisoners. I was a Corporal at the time. When I retired in 1955 I was a Sergeant.

*Jack C. O'Dell, 1190 Harriett Cir., Anderson, SC 29621, 864-225-0510*



**Jack O'Dell**

## We Waited...

I served in Hq Btry, 145tr FA Bn (155mm Long Toms) as the Commo Chief. We were positioned with Able and Charlie Batteries in the valley behind Heartbreak Ridge, along with a 155mm Howitzer Bn and a 8 inch Howitzer Bn. Our Baker Battery was detached and located on the east side of the Punch Bowl. Service Btry was about a mile to our rear. We were an 8th Army Artillery Unit assigned to X Corps.

During the morning of July 27th we received a coded message by radio from X Corps, which was an announcement that the armistice was to take effect at 2200 hrs on that day. I can't recall any other details of the message.

The day was uneventful and quiet, as we all anxiously awaited the end of hostilities. In the evening I was in my Commo Bunker, which had our switchboard and radios, with the switchboard operator, radio operator and radio repairman. That was where I usually spent my time when I was not out in the field.

At 2100 hours we started receiving incoming rounds, which continued until 2150 hrs. Our guns did not respond. We waited, wondering whether the truce was really going to be in effect. Around midnight, as there was no further activity, I went to my living bunker and hit the sack.

The next day was quiet, but we were all a little on edge wondering if things were going to start up again. Thankfully, all remained quiet.

On the ensuing days, we no longer had to carry our weapons or wear our steel pots. As the weeks and months went on, we started to move above ground. A Quonset hut was erected for our mess hall, and squad tents started to go up. We also went into a training cycle, which was ongoing until I rotated out in April of 1954.

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## It's Hard To Believe The War Is Over

I was a Medical Aidman with the 3rd Inf. Div., attached to the 58th Field Artillery Co. C. We were in the Chorwon Valley, aka the Iron Triangle, in direct support of Outpost Harry.

The Chinese made a big push, and our division was ordered to pull out and stop their advance. We did.

I was a few miles from Outpost Harry when the armistice was signed. We had half-track trucks with 50 cal machine guns and some with 40mm cannons. We fired ammo all day and night on July 27th, until we learned that the armistice was signed. I had a hard time believing that had actually happened.

Not surprisingly, I was glad the fighting was over. We were tired—and we welcomed the rest.

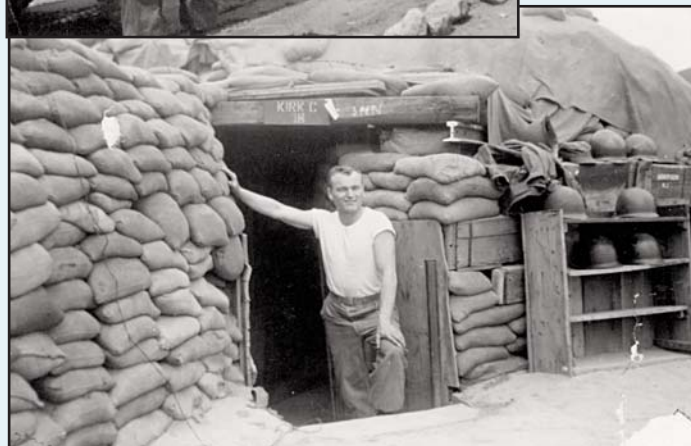
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Alvin Nowitzki at 3rd Div. HQ



At left, clean street, ominous clouds await Alvin Nowitzki and his jeep



Below, Alvin Nowitzki shows his bunker

## Eerie, Strange...

On the morning of July 27, 1953 I was at the 10th Corps Headquarters Communications Bunker to check on trouble reports and perform other duties; I was Platoon Sgt of the I&M Platoon of T&T Company, 4th Signal Bn., Tenth Corps. We knew the truce signing could happen any time, as the South Koreans were demonstrating against the signing, urged on by President Rhee.

A hard battle on the MLR at Heart Break Ridge had just ended. Shortly after 10 a.m. we got word over our lines from 8th Army Headquarters that the truce had been signed by General Mark Clark and would take effect at 10 p.m. that night. There was no celebrating at all; it was business as usual, and our work went on as planned the rest of the day.

Everyone was betting the cease fire could not hold, and that we would be back to a shooting war in less than a month. They felt that the Chinese were gaining some rest time and we would be paying for stopping the action.

All day artillery on both sides laid down barrages which never stopped. Later that evening several of us went up to our long range radio site, which was on a high peak of a mountain and got a good view of the MLR, which was lit up from horizon to horizon with flares, search lights, artillery, etc.

At 10 o'clock everything shut off. It went dark all across the MLR. We had eerie, strange feelings. We waited to see if anybody would fire after the 10 p.m. deadline. No one in our sector

did: it was over!

It was hard to believe it had lasted so long.

*Norbert Bentele, 711 S. 16th St., Quincy, IL 62301*

## Let The Marines Guard The Prisoners

On the night of July 27, 1953, I was aboard *USS Winston* (AKA 94) in Pusan Harbor when we received word of the armistice. The mood on the ship was "Good, we're going home tomorrow." Sound familiar?? Wrong!

The next morning we moved to Sasebo, Japan and unloaded our LCMs and LCVPS.

The Corps of Army Engineers came aboard after tying a barge alongside. They had with them tools and material to build cages in the cargo holes of our ship. After the ship's cargo holes were outfitted with provisions for feeding, sleeping, and sanitation, 100 Marines came aboard to serve POW guard duty.

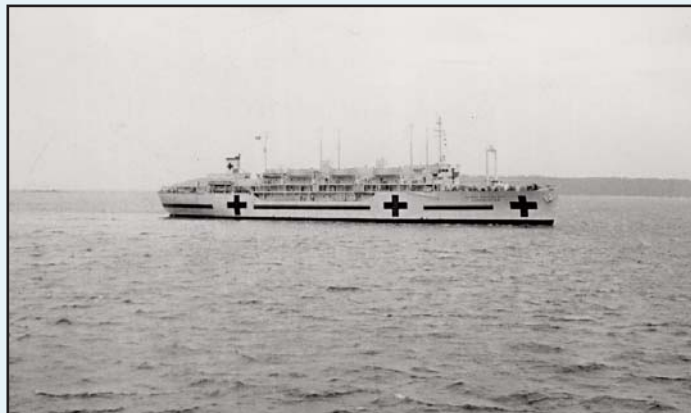


**Prisoners and guards aboard the *USS Winston***

The next day we went to Koje-do, Korea, and started loading POWs from LCUs that transported them from the POW camp to our ship. The ship's crew was told not to have anything to do with the prisoners. The Marines, armed with M1's with fixed bayonets, would have full responsibility for the POWs.



**Marines leaving the ship after the prisoner exchange**



**The *USS Consolation***

From Koje Do, we moved to Inchon, a two-day trip, for the prisoner exchange at "Freedom Village." Anchored in Inchon Harbor was the hospital ship *USS Consolation*. As American POWs were exchanged, they were airlifted to the *USS Consolation* for physicals.

The POW exchange, "Operation Big Switch," lasted about 6 weeks. Then we got to go home.

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## Let Them Eat White Rice

At the end of the war in Korea, I was with the prison of war command and was asked to be the train commander on Operation Little Switch, which was the exchange of the first prisoners of war.

I do not remember the exact date, but it was soon after the signing of the treaty. The only problem we had was when we stopped to feed the prisoners. They refused to eat white rice, which was all we had. So, I told them they eat that or nothing. They chose nothing, so we dumped the rice and returned to the train to continue the trip.

The prisoners were fat and sassy, but at the exchange we got very thin prisoners who had to be put on stretchers for the return trip with nurses and doctors. We had anticipated this, so we were ready for them. We had rigged the cars to be litter bearers, so we had enough space for all of them to lie down.

Anyone who was with Operation Little Switch or remembers me, please contact me at 928-499-9517.

*Clifford L. Wheeler, 2276 Cochise St., Chino Valley, AZ 86323*

## I May Have Been Here, I May Have Been There

My first tour was flying B-26s from K-9, Pusan, with the 17th Bomb Wing, 95th Bomb SQ. In 1952, before my 50th mission, I was transferred to a new wing being formed at Clark AFB, Philippines, the 581st Air Resupply and Communication Wing. That was an on-purpose misnomer, because it was a psychological warfare CIA wing, which I believe is in violation of the Geneva convention.

We had many types of planes. I was assigned to the B-29s. After extensive training, four crews were sent to Yokota, Japan to start flying psychological warfare missions. We flew one plane a

night that was painted black, had no USAF markings, and no guns—and we flew to some strange places.

The first mission was flown on 1/13/53. Co1 Arnold, our wing commander, and other top officers, a total of thirteen people, were on board. The plane was shot down. It appears there was a security leak, and we know the enemy hated our CIA wing.

I flew very nervously on the third night. My tour ended in May, 1953 and went back to Clark. Our wing had to find someplace else to fight, so we started training to go to French Indo-China when the armistice was signed. We think we went to Dien Bien Phu in November 1953.

The United States said we were not there. The French said we were. In any case, a legendary pilot friend from Basking Ridge, NJ, flying a C-119, was shot down on 5/6/54. His DNA was found several years ago.

That's a long-winded way of saying that I was busy at Clark when the armistice was signed—or was I?

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## The Day I Started Smoking

In the late afternoon of July 27, 1953, our detachment officer entered our squad tent and asked if someone would volunteer to drive him up to the front lines. When I left for the service my dad gave me these words of advice: don't call attention to yourself and never, never volunteer for anything.

Our company had a group of men assigned to front line duty and they, like all of us, had to sign papers acknowledging that the cease fire was to take effect it 10:00 p.m. that evening. Since it was after 6:00 p.m., I thought that both sides at the front would be packing things up in preparation for the cease fire and maybe even doing some sun bathing on the ridges. So I volunteered to drive the jeep to the front!

We left camp around 7:00 p.m. As we approached the front, I could hear explosions which became louder as we got closer. To my surprise, along both sides of the road, in the valleys, batteries of artillery were firing salvo after salvo. I turned to the lieutenant and asked him what this was all about so close to the cease fire taking effect. He asked what would be my choice: packing up all that ammo or using up as much as I could till the last minute. Enough said!

We reached our group entrenched along a ridge line. I glanced



The aftermath of last-hour barrages on July 27, 1953

towards the front and could clearly see puffs of smoke where all these rounds were landing. The lieutenant finished his assignment and said "Let's get the hell out of here."

He didn't have to say that twice.


As we headed towards the jeep, I glanced towards the valley and saw that the batteries were still firing repeatedly. Then I noticed that puffs of smoke were appearing down in those valleys. I remarked to the lieutenant that those artillery boys were firing so darn much that their guns were exploding.


He said, "That's incoming."

I reached down to turn the ignition key on the jeep when we heard a churning sound (not a whistle). We both dived out of the



Robert Shelton prepares to drive up to the front on July 27, 1953





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jeep and sprawled on the ground. I noticed men running toward a bunker on the down side of the ridge we were on top of. So, I joined them. I had no idea where the lieutenant went.

I remained in the bunker for about 45 minutes as shells kept falling in the valley below. The men lit up cigarettes and passed them around. I didn't smoke, but I lighted one anyhow. I guess I was nervous. I got more nervous when I heard the quad fifty open up just above us. I thought "This is stupid. Men are getting wounded or killed this close to the end of the war!"

Once the barrage subsided, the lieutenant found me and said our jeep was damaged but operational, and repeated "Let's get the hell out of here"—which we did!

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## Quiet—And No Answer To My Question

Home for me on the day of the cease fire in Korea was at the north end of a valley named Kajon-ni. We were located about 30 miles north of the 38th Parallel and 12 miles in from the east coast of Korea. I was Ammo Cpl in the 4th Gun Section of Charlie Battery, 780th Field Artillery Battalion.

The 780th FA BN was an 8 inch "203mm" towed howitzer battalion which was an Army Reserve Battalion around the Roanoke, VA area before the Korean War. They were ordered into federal service and arrived in Korea in 1951. These howitzers were very accurate weapon. Their main mission was to knock out caves and bunkers used to hide enemy gun positions. This we were successful at as our 4th section alone knocked out over 50 gun positions while there.

The rest of the battalion was located about 60 miles by road from us. Batterys A & B were in line south of the Punch Bowl with HQ and Service behind them. Charlie "C" Battery, ostensibly alone, really was not, because many 105mm and 155mm battalions were in Kajon-ni Valley with a battery of 155mm "Long Toms" on the behind the valley. This was the largest group in the 10th Corp Artillery.

During the time here, Charlie Battery was in support of the 1st Marine Division, the 40th Infantry, 45th Infantry, and the twelve ROK divisions.

At night, a giant search light shined out across the Kajon-ni valley toward the front. This light enabled us to see movement at up to 100 yards. During the day smoke pots gave off a cloud cover so the North Koreans and Chinese on a hill a half mile away, to our left front, could not zero in on the artillery there. Kajon-ni was referred to as "Smoke Valley" by a few.

On the morning of July 27, 1953, at about 8 a.m., we received word that a cease fire would go into effect at 10 p.m. that night. The general reaction was "Yeah, sure," as we had heard many times before that a cease fire was near. We went on with our regular duties: howitzer maintenance, cleaning up, counting ammo, and such. We had a fire mission around 9 a.m. and another as I recall about 1 p.m. Things were quiet after that, but it would not last.

About 5 p.m. enemy artillery shells "incoming" started hitting in a 155 mm battalion to our right rear. There were 76 and 122 mm rounds coming in, and they started hitting other artillery units plus us. Before long we got a counter battery mission, and all four howitzers of Charlie Battery were firing. Before long all the artillery in Kajon-ni Valley was firing and incoming was still arriving from the north. It seemed that both sides wanted to use up all their ammo before the cease fire.

The firing slowed up some after the incoming finally quit, but we continued firing some rounds. Sometime after 8 p.m. we in the 4th gun section got a cease fire order, along with the 1st and 2nd gun sections.

The 3rd gun section continued to fire until about 9:15 p.m. We all stood around, not talking much, but kept listening to the gun fire up front, which started to grow quiet with about 10 minutes to go. At about 9:58 p.m. there was a long burst of machine gun fire up front—then quiet.

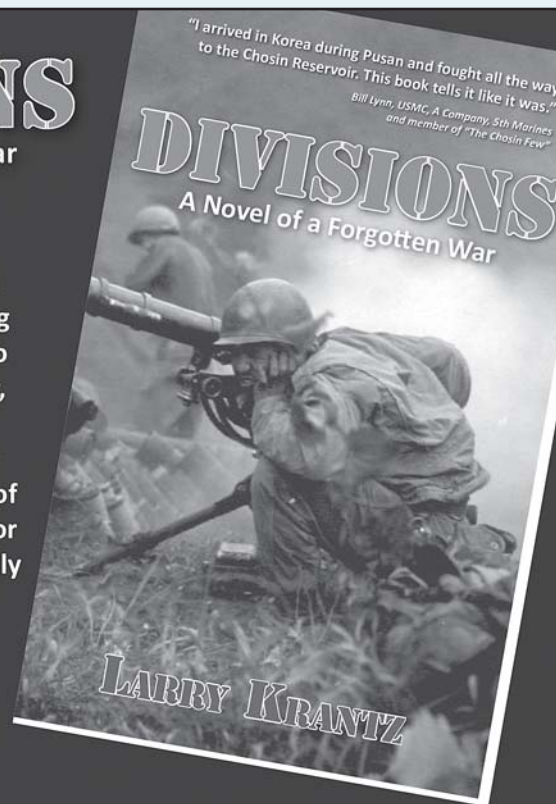
It was as quiet as a cemetery at midnight. No one talked. We just sat there. Finally, a few headed for their bunkers. I turned to

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one fellow and mused, "I wonder what the heck history will say about this?" He didn't answer, but got up and walked away.

It is hard for me to believe this was sixty years ago. There have been many American and Korean lives lost along the DMZ in this time that we do not hear much about. While a lot of talk, threats, and some offensive acts have been initiated by the North Koreans, no major action, thank the Lord, has been taken by them.

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## Music To Soothe The Savage POWs

When the armistice was signed I was on my second tour during the war. I was assigned to the 70th Tank Bn., 1st Cav. Div., guarding North Korean and Chinese POWs. Symphony music was played over large speakers to calm the POWs.

The 1st Cav. Div. was on the front lines at the time, fighting for every inch of territory. We were supposed to join our division in two weeks.

Once the truce was announced and the POWs were exchanged, we went back to Japan. It was a great relief to be out of the wartime conditions in Korea.

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## They Waited Until I Left To Sign The Peace Treaty

Like many servicemen, I traveled a roundabout way to get to Korea. I left Canton, OH January 4, 1952, was bused to Cleveland, OH, and continued to Fort Meade, MD for induction. After the induction process and issue of clothing I was transported to Camp Chaffee, AR where, after some screening, several of us were sent to Fort Sill, OK. There we attended school and later did field trips and bivouac training. We learned to survey in Howitzers for target areas.

After completion of basic training I returned home for a thirty-day furlough. Then, I returned to Ft. Lewis, WA, Pier 91. We were processed at Fort Lawton, then boarded the General Gaffey, which took thirteen days to reach Yokohama Bay.

After being indoctrinated at Camp Drake, Tokyo, Japan, we boarded another ship and went to Inchon, Korea. Next, we proceeded to Seoul, where each of us was assigned to a division, company, or whatever.

I was assigned to the 25th Div., 90th Field Artillery Battery because of my experience in the food business. The 90th was a

battery of Howitzer 155s assigned to support the Turkish infantry. I joined Headquarters Battery, where

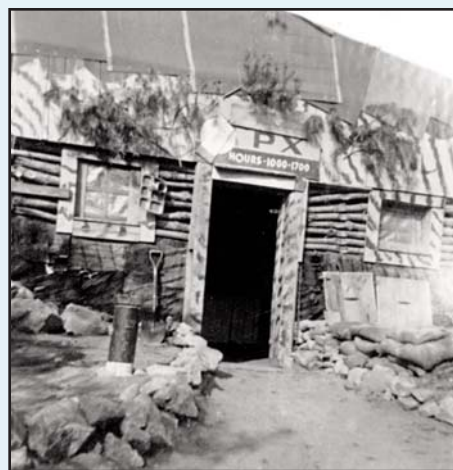


Airing out the sleeping bags at Richard Lewton's "home" in Korea

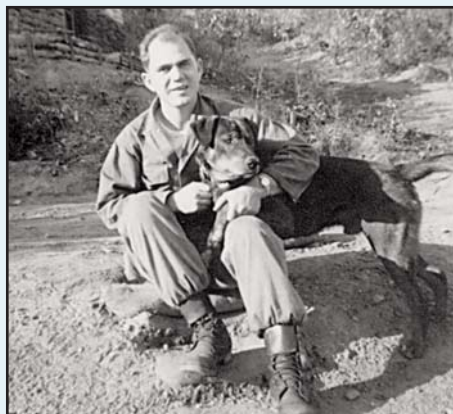
the battalion PX was located. That was my job: operate the PX along with Warrant Officer John Foley.

Our position was about three miles from Mun Dong Ni. The PX was located in a tent with a wood floor. We sold some foods, such as sardines and crackers, sundries, cigarettes, and general merchandise. We handled the beer for 550 men, which was battalion strength, consisting of Abel, Baker, Charlie, Headquarters, and Maintenance. Each man was allowed one case of beer per month, and it was my job to distribute it.

I slept in a bunker which was full of termites, and we



The 90th Field HQ Bn PX at Chorwon in 1952



Richard Lewton and "Bat Ass" at Kumwha in 1952



Lt. Liss, Pvt. Lenke, Pvt. Lewton, WO Foley (L-R) at the PX near Panmunjom

could hear the gnawing at night. There were about eight of us who lived together. We had a party every night—mainly to cover the noise the termites made.

The PX was open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but at night I showed movies at dark, usually in a tent. I performed these duties seven days a week, which kept me busy. The rest of my time I spent writing letters, washing clothes, waiting in chow lines, etc.



A sign at Panmunjom meaning "You are almost home"

Fortunately, we had one remembrance of home to brighten our days: a dog that belonged to the wire section. His name was "Bat Ass." He was a nice dog and a friend to all of the men.

After a period of time we moved our position. In fact, we moved four times while I was over there. Our second position was Kumwha. We were on a march that seemed like 100 miles. We always went back and then forward to our new position.

The MLR line was 155 miles across, which was from one side of Korea to the other. It extended from the Sea of Japan on the right to the Yellow Sea on the left. After Kumwha we went to Chorwon, near Pork Chop Hill, then to Chunchon. Next, we moved to Panmunjom, where peace talks were taking place. Each time the move was long and dusty.

No matter where we were located, we always traveled to Seoul for the PX supplies.

We were allowed to take R & R each six months and were sent to Japan for one week to visit Tokyo. All the while we waited—and waited—for the rumored peace treaty to be signed. Finally, it was—on the day I was heading home.

On July 27, 1953, I was leaving Inchon on an LST to board the General Meigs. At that moment we received a bulletin announcing that the peace treaty between North and South Korea had been signed.

The General Meigs returned to a camp in San Francisco, where we were processed and flown to Camp Atterbury, IN. There, on October 4, 1953, I was discharged.

Altogether, I was in Korea thirteen months. I missed a lot in that time. My first son was born while I was there. He was a year old before I got to see him. That had to wait until I arrived at Gallion, OH, after traveling from Camp Atterbury. My wife and son and other members of the family were there to greet me. Then, I drove home to Massillon, OH.

Peace at last!

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## We Were Working On The Railroad

The day the truce was signed I was with the 318 Clearance Co. of the 52nd Medical Bn., under the Eighth Army. We supported Pork Chop and Old Baldy.

Our location was next to a railroad. As I recall, this was as far north as the train went. Every day or two a hospital train would arrive to pick up the wounded.

We were on high alert for a few days before the truce was signed.

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## We Were Ready To Swim Home

I embarked from San Diego, CA on August 15, 1952 with the U.S. Marine Corps' 24th Replacement Draft aboard the USNS General A. W. Brewster and arrived at Inchon, Korea on September 2, 1952. I served with Able Co., 1st Tank Bn., 1st Marine Division for 11-1/2 months of uninterrupted combat, at a time when the front was anything but quiet.

Around July 24, 1953—only three days before the armistice was signed—I was relieved of duty and sent back to the company CP area to prepare to return home. My time in Korea was up—so I thought.

No sooner did I get to the CP area than I was ordered to go back up on the front line and rejoin the tank platoon. I did, and got right back into the gunner's seat.

We were in the Bunker Hill area when all hell broke loose all along the front on the night of July 26th, and it lasted all day on the 27th. Finally, on the 27th the fighting ended, and I was sent back to Inchon harbor, where I boarded the USS General Walker.

Operation Big Switch was underway, so American, North Korean, and Chinese prisoners were being exchanged. Our ship sat in the harbor for a few days, where we took on 200-300 U.S. Army and 5 U.S. Marine former POWs who had been taken early in the war. The rest of us were ready to start swimming home. Finally, we got underway.

After thirteen days, we finally docked in San Francisco.  
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## The Night the Shooting Stopped

I was in Class 29 at the Artillery School OCS at Fort Sill, Okla. We graduated from OCS Dec. 2, 1952, and I ended up in Korea, where I was when the peace treaty was signed.

When 10 p.m. came July 27, 1953, the time of the truce, in our sector, there was no hooting and hollering. The reason: we didn't know whether to trust the enemy to abide by the cease-fire. We would not have been surprised if the Chinese and North Korean troops kept on fighting.



Lt. Bill Miller, August 1953

We were ordered not to fire after 10 p.m. There had been enough of it up till that time. One story making the rounds was that the artillery units did not want to haul all their ammo back, and wanted to get rid of it, so they just kept firing. That was just a rumor.

We kept our guard up all night. The rumors of a truce had been heard for weeks, but after the big Chinese push early in July, we didn't know what to expect.

For the infantry company I was assigned to, the final night of the shooting was unusual. We had been in a blocking position, not far from the front lines, after weeks of being on line. For some unexplained reason, our company was ordered to replace a Greek infantry unit, which was on line.

The Greeks were assigned to the 3rd Division. We started up to the front about dusk. Almost as soon as we started, all on foot, except for two Jeeps, we had incoming rounds. We scattered on both sides of the trail and dug in rapidly. No one wanted to get hit the final night.

After about 15 minutes, it was over and there were no casualties. So, we again headed for the front. When we arrived, the Greeks said they weren't going to leave and would stay the night with us. They had had a few casualties and felt safer with us.

We took positions with the Greek soldiers. I was on high ground in front of the unit and had a good view of "no man's land." The Greek forward observer stayed with me in our outpost. He couldn't speak any English, except for a few words.

There had been sporadic firing up to 10 p.m. in our sector. A few enemy rounds landed near our unit. We didn't fire any artillery - no fire missions that night. No one was hit by incoming rounds. For the most part, the firing did stop at 10 p.m. As usual, since it had become a night war, we were up all night.

At daybreak, we watched Chinese troops steal our equipment from a U.S. artillery unit that had been overrun a few days earlier. They took everything they could get their hands on, including a 105 Howitzer. We couldn't believe it when they used a large white horse to pull an artillery piece out of the mud. We asked permission to fire on them. The word from battalion was, "no firing."

We were told that the unit that was overrun was the 555th (Triple Nickel) Field Artillery Battalion, which occurred during that early and middle July Chinese attack. The ROK Capital Division had been hit hard and the 3rd Division had been sent in to plug the gap, which it did. It was chiefly an artillery battle.

One night, after we had relieved the South Koreans, Chinese troops attacked and just kept coming into our artillery fire. They gained no new ground, retreated, and did not hit that sector again during the time I was there. We stayed in that sector for several days before returning to a blocking position, up to the final night of the shooting. Later I was back with my artillery battery, in a training mode.

I returned home in late October, 1953, under the early release program for reserve officers.

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## Remembering The Names

On July 27, 1953, in reserve at Camp Casey, I stood in formation

with the rest of my unit. The Company Commander announced that General Harrison, representing the United Nations, and General Nam Il, representing the Communists, had signed an agreement to end the fighting that evening. Nevertheless, the sounds of heavy, continuous artillery and mortar fire reached us up to the moment of the armistice.

At 1000 p.m., the appointed time to end hostilities, flares lighted the sky along the 150-mile-long front. The flares were the pre-arranged signal to cease firing. We felt neither victory nor defeat, only the numb silence of exhaustion and relief.

What was there to think about on that day? There were Bill Calfee, Gene Falcon, and Dan White, killed in action; Jimmy Stasko, captured by the Chinese; and Bill Murphy, seriously wounded. They were members of a night patrol around the front of Outpost Dagmar on Independence Day, just 23 days before the shooting stopped.

There was the new replacement that accidentally killed himself with a grenade before we even knew his name. There were Enrique Santana, Nam Yang Hi, Henry Cowings, and Ignacio Sanchez, wounded by mortar fire while laying barbed wire at night in front of the line.

By July 1953, many others in Item Company, 35th Regiment, 25th Division had been killed, wounded, or rotated home since I arrived in Korea in December 1952. I remember thinking on the day of the cease-fire that collecting the 36 points required for rotation would now be slower, because I would get only 2 points per month compared to 4 points in a combat situation.

What else does one remember after 60 years? No Soldier or Marine who was there will ever forget the hills, the damned big hills that had to be climbed, fortified, and defended. Nor will we forget the winter's cold that penetrated through eight or more layers of clothing. In reserve, we crawled into sleeping bags wearing all of our filthy garments, even our "Mickey Mouse" boots, and shivered ourselves to sleep.

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## A Pretty Lively Day

I was with the 40th Div, 223 Inf. Reg. on July 27, 1953. I arrived in Korea via Pusan by the Nakdong River, passing Seoul en route to my assignment.

In July 1953 the 40th Div. was in a defensive position at Punch Bowl until July 10th. It was relieved by the 20th Div., ROK Army. The Sandbag Castle and Heartbreak Ridge sector received heavy fire on July 27, 1953 within a four-hour period, comprising 4,700 rounds of mortar and artillery on our position. We responded with 1,100 rounds. By day's end, it was all over and the truce was signed.

Just prior to that, our F-86 jets shot down thirteen Russian MiGs, losing only one of our own.



Anthony Casaccio, Signal Corps, in Korea in June 1953

On July 28th, 1953, Cpl Anthony Casaccio holds a copy of the Stars & Stripes announcement of "Truce Signed"



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## I Did What I Had Been Trained To Do

On the last day of the Korean War I was assigned to drop bombs on North Korean airfields to prevent any aircraft from being flown in prior to the cessation of hostilities later that day. Apparently, the armistice conditions prevented any additional aircraft coming into North Korea after the signing.

While I was waiting to take off in my F-84 Thunderjet, carrying two 500-pound bombs and a JATO (jet-assisted take-off) bottle from the end of the runway at K-8 in Kunsan, South Korea, an emergency call came in from a pilot trying to land with one full 230-gallon tip-tank. Instead of coming in straight to the runway, he flew in the usual way for a jet. When he pitched to the left, the G forces caused the full tank to snap off the wing. Since he had trimmed the aircraft to compensate for the heavy tip-tank, he had no time to recover and crashed at the end of the runway. He may have been the last pilot to die in the Korea conflict.



An F-84 Thunderjet aloft

Needless to say, I looked for any reason to abort the mission. But, finding none, I got on the runway with three other F-84s, applied the power, set off the JATO, and did what I had been trained to do. I will never forget July 27, 1953 for as long as I live.

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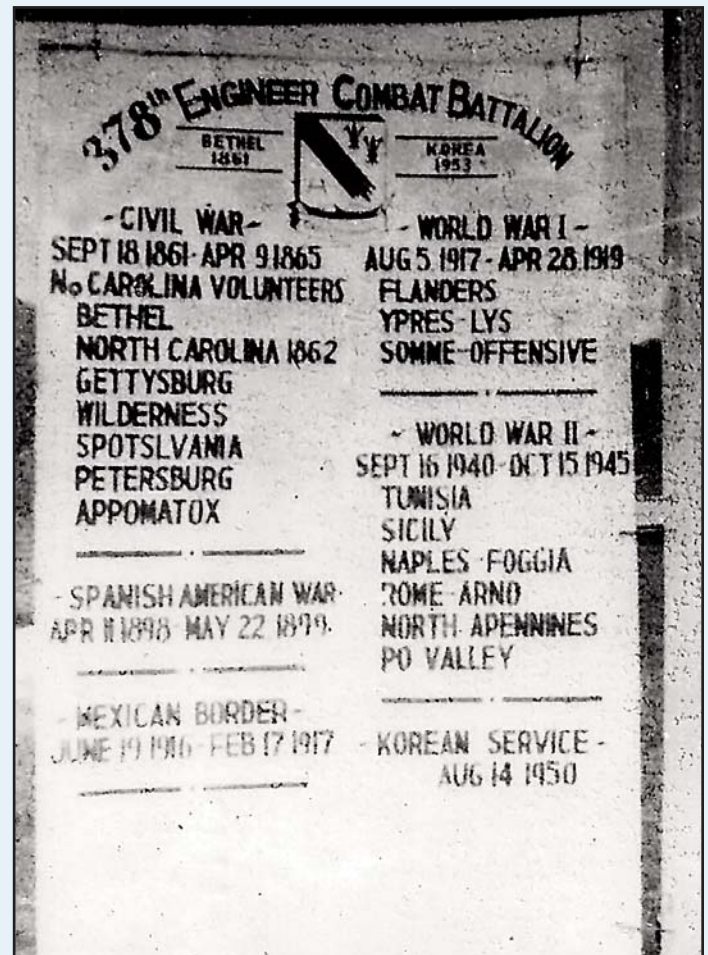
Bill Seely



## The Long Route Home

I left Co. A, 378th Engineer Combat Battalion, 8th Army on the morning of July 15, 1953 after fifteen months in

Korea. At 11 a.m. on July 17, 1953, I arrived at Young Dong Pal processing to fill out forms and paperwork and undergo a physi-



The 378th Engineer Combat Bn.'s history

cal checkup and a full examination. I left Young Dong Pal at 5:05 p.m. that evening.

I arrived in Pusan on July 18, 1953 at 10 a.m. to complete more paperwork and change my uniform. By the evening of July 22, 1953, at 6 p.m., I was aboard the Marine Lynx leaving Pusan. On July 27, 1953, when the armistice was signed, we were out in the Pacific Ocean. My buddy, Bill Seely, from Decatur, IL, and I heard the news on the ship's speaker that the war was over and the armistice was signed. We were happy and shocked. There was a lot of commotion, yelling, and screaming going on.

Like so many other service members, I was happy that it was all over, and that everybody would be coming home soon. Marine Lynx was the first ship back home. On August 5, 1953 we arrived in Seattle, WA at 9:30 a.m. We went to Fort Lawton, where we arrived at 11:30 a.m. We had lunch, and left Fort Lawton at 5:15 p.m. We arrived at Camp Carson, CO on August 7, 1953 at 11 a.m.

On August 13, 1953, we left Camp Carson for Union Station in Denver, CO. Later that evening, I arrived at Union Station in Chicago. The next day I arrived home at De Pue, IL.

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## An Eerie Silence

The 3rd Infantry Division was moved into the Kumsong Sector in Central Korea on July 17th stop the tide of the Chinese Army as it made a gigantic push in an effort to gain ground during the last days of the conflict. I was the Executive Officer in Baker Battery of the 9th Field Artillery Battalion.

We had 6 155 mm Towed Howitzers which fired a 96-pound projectile a maximum of 12 miles. During the next 10 days the guns were seldom silent as the 3rd Division and the 9th Corps Artillery fired almost around the clock and stemmed the tide of the Chinese advance. The news of the impending cease fire did not slow any of the fighting as many, many fire missions were fired at "the enemy in the open."

When 2200 hours came on 27 July 1953, and the cease fire order was given, an eerie silence fell over the front; it will always be remembered. Rifle fire, mortars, guns, and Howitzers were all silenced. As the Executive Officer, I gathered all the firing mechanisms for the Howitzers and placed them under my bunk for the remainder of the night. There was no celebrating, just a careful revelation that it might not be for real.

On the morning of the 28th, the entire battery appeared in formation and the terms of the armistice were read. Each man signed a paper averring that he understood the terms and would bear no arms.

There was some celebrating as the Howitzers and equipment were cleaned and the guns of the 9th Field Artillery Battalion were covered for the first time in nearly three years of continuous fighting. The Battalion moved to a rear area for a few weeks, then proceeded to an area further south. The new location was a tent city, where the men rested and it was Army all over...training, repairing, marching in review, repairing... For several members, it meant getting ready for the trip home.

That's when I left in late September.

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## I Was Probably Playing Poker

I was aboard a troopship, whose name I forget, heading for San Francisco when the truce was signed. More than likely I was playing poker when the news arrived. As I recall, the news made all of us aboard pretty pleased.

I had been in Korea since September 21, 1952. Life was adventurous there, as the letter below that I wrote to my ROTC Colonel at the University of Connecticut suggests. He forwarded it to the Connecticut Campus, the school's newspaper.

Another Letter From Korea:

*(Editor's note: We think our readers will be interested in the following letter, which was received recently by Col. H. P. Hollowell, director of the division of national defense training here. The letter was sent from Korea by Thad Sobieski, senior class president and co-captain of the 1950-51 varsity football team.)*

Hello Colonel:

Have a few minutes to spare to pen you a letter about my escapades since shipping over. I trust everything is going well at the School. From what little news I can glean from the *Stars and Stripes*, it indicated Uconn is having a successful season, is that correct?

*EDITOR'S NOTE: UConn's football record in 1952 was 5-3, with wins over Delaware, New Hampshire, Maine, SUNY – Buffalo, and Massachusetts and losses to Yale, Brown, and Rhode Island. In the two years Sobieski was co-captain, they were 3-5 in 1950 and 4-4 in 1951.)*

Well sir, I've been here in Korea for almost two months, and there is no place on Earth like it, thank God! Before coming to Korea I was fortunate to be able to attend a two-week school in Gifu, Japan. The school dealt with the subjects of defensive measures to be taken in case of a Chemical, Bacteriological, or Radiological attack. The course was highly comprehensive and proved to be interesting. This short stay in Japan allowed me to see some of the people and investigate their ways of life. After viewing the country for almost a month, I still marvel at the effort they made in WWII, not being able to perceive how they did what they did, with what they have.

On the 21st of September I set foot in Pusan, Korea. My stay here only lasted one day, and then a train trip to the 3rd Replacement company. I saw all of South Korea from the train's window, the impoverished conditions extant here are unbelievable. Pusan, a major seaport, is a rubble city with thousands of scrap wood houses. The streets are absolutely filthy! 'Looking at this country and knowing it is 2,4158 years old is difficult to believe.

Only had two nights at the 3rd Replacement company. From there a train took me to Div. rear. Met the General, then Dulaney, and received my assignment. The next morning late breakfast with Major Eisenhower. The Lt. that jeeped down from regiment to pick me up was Dave Ross, Uconn '50! On the way up, we stopped off at Service Company to Visit Lt. Patoniak! Also, at regiment I met Lt. Berry, Uconn '50, who was counterfire Plt. Ldr. Both he and Ross

are on their way home.

It didn't take long to be shuttled to the MLR and the rifle company I was assigned to. However, after two days on the line, with no plt. of my own, the Division went into reserve. After we got settled down in reserve I assumed my duties as executive officer. From the 6th of October to the 22nd we trained, quite extensively, in tactics. I taught many of our classes and arranged the other exercises with the assistance of the plt. leaders. We were hampered by a lack of training-aids and a paucity of ammo, but the company managed to better its combat effectiveness.

On the 24th of October we were alerted to move up to replace the 9th RO.K. up on Whitehorse Mountain.

An experience right out of the storybooks was mine, when the C.O. sustained a broken shoulder in a jeep accident, and I assumed command of the company. Sobieski felt like Truman must have when Roosevelt died!

The relief went off in tip top order and Easy Company was in position 45 minutes after arriving on the scene. The positions we occupied were very poor. The R O. K. division had done little building up, and how they beat off the Chinese only God knows. I was the C.O. for ten days and then a Captain came in and took over. I am once again, executive officer. (Still a 2nd Lt.)

After a little over two weeks on the MLR, our turn on the outpost rolled around. Presently that is where the company is. This position is in horrible shape! The trenches are not too bad, but there are no wpns bunkers of any sort. It is our task to put them in. The name of the hill is Flo, but Cadaver is more appropriate .

At present I am back in the rear to conduct an investigation of an injury sustained by an EM in a vehicle accident. It is one hell of a time to pull me off the outpost, but many decisions in the Army are inscrutable!

Sir, have you any news on the location of Captain Loghry or Col. D'Enbeau? Also, I understand that Ed Horrigan was wounded! I appreciate any news on Uconnites over here in Korea, perhaps we can cross paths.

The weather has been extremely mild up to a few days ago. Today we have a rainy, cold day. At night it becomes quite cold, but nothing like it will be, within a few weeks. The winter clothing is being distributed slowly, but surely. Those thermo boots are a life-

saver for the men's feet. The food is excellent, both portion wise and quality!

Well sir, I have no more to write about, would welcome an answer when time permits. Give my regards to all the R.O.T.C. staff, and Mrs. Hallowell.

Thaddeus R. Sobieski, P.O. Box 8153, Atlanta, GA 31106

## It Was No Day Off For Us

Curtis Halvorson noted that July 27th was just another day at the office. "About a week before the 3rd Bn., 65th Inf 3rd Division had been on line about two months in the Iron Triangle area. We were closest to the Capital ROK Division just east of us," he explained. They were getting ready to go into reserve. Their plans were halted abruptly.

"The night we started pulling off line to go into reserves we had a quick change of plans," Halvorson said. "The Capital Division had been overrun, along with a big segment of the ROK Army that was occupying a line north of the Kumsong River. We filled a hole with a blocking position in what became known as The Kumsong Salient.

"The Chinese, in their last major push to straighten out a bulge in the truce line, took back about 6 or 7 miles of territory. The ROKs were streaming out of the hills without weapons, equipment and clothing.

"We went up on a ridge where there were no prepared positions—no bunkers, no trenches. That was on July 27th! I felt naked in the shallow slit trench I lay in."

It was a long day for Halvorson and his buddies. But, by 10 p.m., the intense artillery duels had tapered off, and finally stopped.

"The silence was eerie and unreal," Halvorson concluded. "We fully expected someone would make a mistake. I believe there were stars filling the sky."

Certainly, to the troops on the ground, the stars filling the sky were much more palatable than the artillery that had been streaking across it almost up to the minute the truce took effect.

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## Members in the NEWS

Selwyn "Buddy" Epstein of Ch 55, Nassau County #1 [NY] was honored for his tireless work helping veterans. Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano and Sgt Joseph Pascarella (USMC, ret), Director of Veterans Affairs, presented the Distinguished Service Medal and Citation to Epstein at the 26th Annual Salute to Veterans on August 23, 2013 at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow, New York.

*Congratulate Epstein at 170 West Broadway Apt 8B, Long Beach, NY 11561, 516-431-4315, MEpstein516@aol.com*



"Buddy" Epstein (L) receives medal and citation from Ed Mangano (C) and Joseph Pascarella

# 4th of July, 2013

## 40 – MINNESOTA #1 [MN]

We always look forward to the Edina, MN 4th of July Parade. (Edina is a suburb of Minneapolis.) It is usually held on a warm, sunny day. We were not disappointed this year.



Group from Ch 40 at Edina, MN 4th of July Parade (Top, L-R) Sgt Retired (name unknown), John King, Jim Dwyer, Bob Pellow, Chuck Quigley, Lew Weber, Eugene Ksepka (Bottom, L-R) Curt Aronson, Ed Valle, Chanley Lundgren, Andy Urness, Ken Swanson, "Big Red"



Units form up for the Edina, MN parade



Curt Aronson, Ken Swanson, Chanley Lundgren, Bob Pellow wait beside the road for a rescue at the Edina, MN parade

There was one out-of-the-ordinary event this year: a "recon" vehicle stalled ahead of us, and had to be pushed aside eventually. Some of us had to bask on a highway overpass in the bright sun before we were "rescued."

The children and their parents were out in droves this year for the parade, which has become a very popular community event. A military vehicle collector's club supplied much of the varied equipment included in the parade.

The Metro Marines are gracious enough to provide a "deuce-and-a-half" in which to transport our marchers. It helps. As sportscaster Howard Cosell used to say about football players, "It's always the knees that go first."

Blair Rumble, 969 Lombard Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105

## 43 – KANSAS CITY MISSOURI #2 [MO]

We participated in the City of Sugar Creek's 4th of July Parade, which we had not done in three years. We lost our trailer, which we had used for many years in parades. However, this year we found a great man who had a WWII/Korean War-vintage army truck and another great man who had a WWII/Korean War-vintage jeep for our Commander Allumieux to ride in. (The rest of us would ride in the truck.)



Marchers from Ch 43 prepare for 4th of July Parade

Three of our members said that they could still walk the two-mile parade route while carrying our flag and banner. When it was "go time," we hit the ground marching and moving. We did have a great incentive to make it to the end of the parade. The City of Sugar Creek had free hot dogs, beer, pop, and water waiting for us.

We must have looked good to the judges, because we won two plaques: 1st place for Judges' Special and 2nd place for Marching. Our Public Relations man, Tom Walsh, looked like a proud grandparent holding new twin grandbabies as he was holding the two plaques.



John Atkins of Ch 43 carries American flag in Sugar Creek, MO 4th of July Parade



Gene Winslow (behind flag), Bob Jones, Anna Lemieux, John Borena, and Lou Herrera of Ch 43 (L-R) ride in 4th of July Parade



Tom Walsh, Ch 43's PR man, holds the two plaques awarded to the chapter at Sugar Creek, MO parade.

I thank my niece Rita Polluconi, who was visiting from Colorado, for the great photos—some of which she took while running alongside the truck.

Robert R. Jones, Apt. 28,  
13975 E 35th St.,  
Independence, MO 64055,  
816-836-0969  
bobjones73rdtkbn@yahoo.com

Bob Jones of Ch 43 and his niece Rita Polluconi at Sugar Creek, MO parade



## 170 – TAEJON [NJ]

### 119th Annual Celebration On Fourth of July 2013

Eighteen members participated in the 119th celebration of the 4th of July during a parade held in the village of Ridgefield Park, NJ. Surgeon Thomas Boyle led the marching contingent.

Ridgefield Park has celebrated the Independence Day Parade without interruption since 1894. It is one of the longest running consecutively held 4th of July parades in the nation.



Dr. Richard Onorevole leads Ch 170 marchers in Ridgefield Park, NJ 4th of July Parade



Thomas Boyle steps smartly in front of Ch 170 4th of July Parade contingent

Color Guard Captain Henry Ferrarini encouraged the marching members by singing cadence, to the enjoyment of the very large crowd for three miles.

It was a memorable day for Korean War veterans to honor and celebrate our nation's 237th birthday. KWVA National Director George Bruzgis and four members "marched" the parade route in a classic car. Commander Onorevole rode in the Army jeep waving a flag.

When the parade, which lasted over two hours ended, refreshments were served. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs, beer, and soda.

At the end of the parade 24 main parade trophies were awarded. We won a trophy for "Best Uniformed, marching/walking group."



Sr. Vice Commander Kenneth Green displays South Korean flag at Ridgefield Park parade

## 297- PLATEAU [TN]

We took part in the Crossville, TN 4th of July Parade, which was led by our Honor Guard.

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



Honor Guard from Ch 297 prepares to lead the July 4th Parade in Crossville, TN

Joseph Louis of Ch 170 prepares to step off in 4th of July Parade



It was a great day to be Americans, patriots and Korean War veterans. We hear all the time how patriotic and spiritual Korean War veterans are in parades. We are "Forever Proud."

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



Ch 297 Honor Guard marches in Crossville, TN Parade



4th of July Parade participants from Ch 170: Commander Onorevole and National Director George Bruzgis sit in jeep



# Welcome Aboard!

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# Recon Missions

## Seeking Former Members of the 205th Signal Repair Co.

I am seeking former members of the 205th Signal Repair Company who served during the Korean War. The company was composed of five teams (A, B, C, D & E), each team serving with a division or other unit.

I was assigned to Team "C" and was in Pyongyang when the Chinese came in. Most of the company went to Camp Nora, Japan, to regroup in early 1951.

Thus far, I have made contact with three former members. If you served with the 205th during the Korean War or know of someone who did, please contact me at my email or postal address below.

Joseph ("Joe") B. Cocke, S/Sgt., 602 Downs Loop,  
Clemson, SC 29631, [jbmcocke@nctv.com](mailto:jbmcocke@nctv.com)

## They Could Not Even Be Airlifted

I served on the troop ship General M. C. Meigs in and about the last part of 1950 or the early part of 1951. We were ordered to pick up severely wounded GIs in Korea and transport them to Japan. They were so severely wounded they could not be air lifted out.

I was a Corpsman who tended the wounds of these GIs. I think it is time to write a story of this event. These young men have haunted me all my life.

I would like to know if any of them are still alive, or if there is anyone who knew—or knows—any of them. If anyone can help, please contact me.

Ralph A. Pisano, 34692 Calle Loma,  
Capistrano Beach Ca 92624, [13rapr@cox.net](mailto:13rapr@cox.net)

## Lost Locket



Lost locket found in Fairlawn, NJ in 1952

This is probably a long shot. A neighbor has been in possession of a gold heart-shaped locket, found in a driveway in 1952 of Topps Cleaners on Fairlawn Ave., Fairlawn, N.J. Perhaps somewhere there is a friend or family member that would enjoy having it.

Thomas ("Skip") Hannon, Hannon,  
[skip-pat-han@hotmail.com](mailto:skip-pat-han@hotmail.com)

## Who Was Hiyang?

I have a letter entitled, "Not Forgotten but Victorious, This is What the Korean War Was All About." The letter is signed simply Hiyang, A Korean, American & Christian. I had her email address, but lost it. (The letter bears printing here. It appears below.)

I would appreciate any information regarding Hiyang, e.g., her email address, where she lives, etc.

Mary Kelley, 3122 Adwood Rd., Tallahassee, FL  
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## Not Forgotten but Victorious, This is What the Korean War Was All About

Hello!

Please allow me to introduce myself to you. My name is Hiyang and I am from South Korea. It was April 2009. My son was invited to come to Washington D.C. to receive an award. My husband and I were so excited and decided to go to D.C. to see our son and to attend the award ceremony. We had been to D.C. once before. I believe it was about 25 years ago when my son was about five. It was a short visit and we did not see much of the D.C. area at that time.

The next day after the exciting award ceremony, we decided to go to the Mall with our son before he left to go back to his home. It was great to be with him again and to spend some time together. The weather was warm already even though it was spring but it was very nice to see the flowers blooming everywhere.

The National Mall was so huge. The wind was blowing and the flower smells from the nearby trees were so refreshing. We went to the Lincoln Memorial first. It was great to see it again. I barely remembered the statue and the facial expressions of the great former president. There were many people taking pictures and looking around.

After that we had a chance to visit the Korean War Memorial at the National Mall. I was looking at the statue of the soldiers and country names that sent troops to Korea. I was so grateful that all those countries sent their troops and medical teams to South Korea to fight for our freedom.

When I was a student, I learned about the Korean War and how many countries sent their troops to Korea. But being at the Korean War Memorial was a great reminder of what they have done for us.

As I walked around the area, I was so overwhelmed by the number of soldiers who lost their lives during the Korean War. I was deeply moved by their love and by their sacrificial death. Soon, I was sobbing and tears were streaming down from my eyes immediately. It was so incredible to be reminded of all those who came to fight and of all those who came to fight and lost their lives.

It was during the Korean War that I was born. I could have been killed right after I was born if the US and other nations did not send their soldiers! My mom could have been killed even before she gave birth to me if there were no helping hands from the US and other nations!

The freedom is not free! yes, indeed! The freedom that I enjoyed all these years was not free! The freedom that my family enjoyed all these years was not free! The freedom all of the South Koreans enjoyed all these years was not free!

Thank God who intervened in that desperate situation of my country and allowed for the leaders of those nations to make the decision to send out troops to South Korea! Thank God for the lead

ers of those nations who made the decisions! Thank God for the individual soldiers who made the decision to come to fight for us.

She became the nation of South Korea of today because of those who came to fight for us during the Korean War. South Korea was able to become a nation of independence because of those who came to help.

I owe you so much for all the freedom I enjoyed.

I owe you so much for the freedom of speech that I enjoyed.

I owe you so much for the freedom of writing that I enjoyed.

I owe you so much for the freedom of faith in Christ that I enjoyed.

If there was no freedom, my mom would have not become a Christian. I would not have become a Christian. My sisters would have not become Christian. My husband would have not become a Christian. All of my family members and some of my relatives would have not become Christians.

If all of the troops did not come to fight for us and if we lost in that Korean War, South Korea would have not become a nation of today. We would have been under communism all these years. That would have been horrible for me and for all of the South Koreans!

Thank you so very much for coming!

Thank you so very much for rescuing our lives!

Thank you so very much for sacrificial love you showed to me and to all of us!

I am so sorry for all the family members, children, and relatives of the Korean War Veterans who lost their loved ones!

Thank you so very much from the bottom of my heart!!!

I wish I could shake all of your hands and give thanks in person to all of you who came. I wish I could shake all of the family members' hands that lost their loved ones and give thanks in person.

If I did not have the freedom, I would probably have had no chance to get higher education. My family would have had no freedom to move to the USA. My son would have not had any chance to be educated in the USA and thus would have not received the very special award he got. All the contributions he would make in the future for the humanity in the field of science would have not been thinkable.

Thank you!

Thank you!

Thank you!

How can I give thanks to you enough for what you have done?

We are praying for all those who came to fight and for all of the family members who lost their loved ones during the Korean War. I pray that God will bless every one of you with His special blessings. And He will give you peace that passes all understanding.

And please remember that there are so many of us who are so grateful to you all even though we do not have chance to tell you how much we do appreciate you all!

Sincerely yours,

Hiyang

A Korean, American, & Christian

## Reunion Calendar: 2013

Mail your info to Reunion Editor, *The Graybeards*, 152 Sky View Dr., Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or email it to [sharp\\_arthur\\_g@sbcglobal.net](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.

### DECEMBER

11th Engineer Battalion Assn., 5-day cruise aboard the Celebrity Constellation, 9-14 Dec., Visit the Association website, [www.11thengineerbattalionassociation.com](http://www.11thengineerbattalionassociation.com), or contact Joe Papapietro, 717-818-7331 or [o6ret@aol.com](mailto:o6ret@aol.com)

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

### Alternated Definitions of SCARWAF

In the article "Building Airstrips," on p. 15 of the July-August 2013 issue, the term "SCARWAF" was defined as "Special Category Army Replacements With Air Force." It has also been defined as "Special Category Army With Air Force" and "Special Category Army Reassigned with Air Force."

### Ashley MacCarter: Wrong High School Listed

A "Tell America" article on p. 27 of the July-August 2013 edition implied that Ashley MacCarter, Douglas MacArthur's great great granddaughter, attends Williamstown [NJ] High School. She does not.

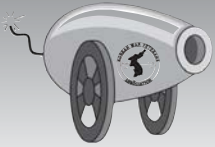
She attends Washington Township High School, in Washington Township, NJ.

### One "Moore" Change

In a photo caption in the July/Aug 2013 edition, p. 30, we named the man at the pedestal as Robert Jones. The man's real name is Robert Moore, which was correct in the accompanying article.

### Right Person, Wrong State

Reference the July-August 2013 *Graybeards*, the photo of three men on page 11, top right: Glenn Ballew of Harriman, IN should read Harriman, TN.



# Feedback/Return Fire

This section of The Graybeards is designed to provide feedback—and generate more feedback. It gives readers the opportunity to respond to printed stories, letters, points of view, etc., without having to write long-winded replies. Feel free to respond to whatever you see in the magazine. As long as it's tasteful and non-political, we will be happy to include it. If you want to submit ideas, criticisms, etc. that you prefer not to see in print—with your name attached to it—then we will honor that. Make sure to let us know, though.

Mail your "Return Fire" to the "Feedback Editor" at 152 Sky View Dr., Rocky Hill, CT 06067; 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.

## Four Happy Young Men

About a year ago there was an article in The Graybeards requesting photos about the signing of the cease fire. The nearby photo was taken at our 40mm gun site near the west end of K-55 Air Base, now Osan Air Base. We were members of the 398 Anti-Aircraft Bn.

The four men pictured below include John S. Barbre, Jr. (Piedmont, SC), Virgil Renfro (Calfax, IA), Earl E. Bell (Goff, KS), and Dale Carnegie (Missouri). Sadly, Barbre and Renfro have passed on. I am not sure about Carnegie.



John S. Barbre, Jr., Virgil Renfro, Earl E. Bell (holding newspaper), and Dale Carnegie (L-R) after learning about cease fire in Korea

Incidentally, I still have the newspaper I am pictured holding.

*Earl E. Bell, 521 North St., Iola, KS 66749*

## Was It The 29th Or The 21st?

In the 60th Anniversary Special article, "Three Years To The Day," p. 23, May/June 2013, there is a reference to the 29th Infantry Regiment of the U.S. Army setting foot on Korean soil on June 27, 1950. It should have read, "On July 27, 1950, The 21st Infantry "GIMLETS" of the 24th Infantry Division entered Korea, [comprising] the 1st and 3rd Battalions in the range of about 440 men." It was not the 29th, as stated in the article. That omission is a slap in the face to the men of the 21st Infantry, and it needs to be corrected.

The 2nd Battalion, which was added in the summer of 1951, was made up largely from the decimated 34th Infantry.

Another unit that has been overlooked is the 11th Airborne Division, which entered the war in October 1950 with its 187th AIR as part of the 11th. All replacements came from the 11th, of which I was a member, at Fort Campbell. The 187th became separate around February or March of 1950, at which time the 503rd was reactivated.

*Joe Meehan, josepha.meehan@comcast.net*

## A History of Cresaptown

Re your recent article about your visit to Cresaptown ("The Editor's Desk," p. 9, July/Aug. 2013). You may wish to Google "Cresap" and I'm sure you will be surprised. The Cresap genealogical society has perhaps a million members. My wife is one of the descendants of the early Cresaps. Other descendants include John Dos Passos and F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Captain James Cresap's house still stands a short distance east of Cresaptown. So does his headquarters building down near the B&O Canal. He was in the country's service in both the French and Indian War, under George Washington, and the American Revolutionary War

The last time we were in Cresaptown, ten years ago, I inquired at the local post office and was informed that there were no Cresaps at all living in the town anymore. Perhaps the local folks there may have given you some of this history, so this may not be all that new to you.

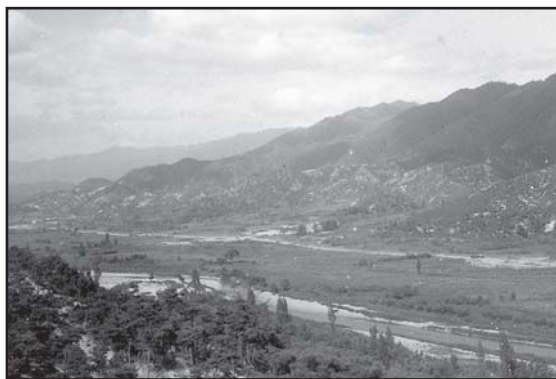
*Anthony Kulina, Korea 1952/53,  
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## Use of Radar To Detect Mortars In The Korean War

Re "The Use Of RADAR To Detect Mortars In The Korean War," July-August 2013, pp. 16-18:

My unit also used the WWII SCR 584 Radar in Korea, but it was for close support bombing. The SCR 584 was coupled with the MSQ-1 Plotting Unit and was known as a Target Direction Post TADP or 'Tadpole.'

I was a Technician/Operator in the 607th AC&W Det. 4 "Chesnut," which became the 608th AC&W Det. 1 when the 607th rotated back to the States. We were located in the Yanggu Valley on K-52, an emergency air strip with an AID station just several miles from the MLR on the south end of the Hwachon Reservoir. Our job was to plot targets furnished by the Mosquito Unit flying T-6 Texans out of K-47 in Chunchon.



An overview of the Yanggu Valley



The radar site looking south in the Yanggu Valley is at lower right in photo



The M5Q1 plotter is on the left in the photo; the SCR 584 is to the right



The U.S. Army sent tanks periodically for radar perimeter protection

These coordinates were entered into the Plotting Van MSQ-1 during the daylight hours for use during bad weather or at night. We would pick up B-29 and B-26 aircraft one at a time, give them identifying vectors, and take them to targets just over the MLR.

The targets were marked on a paper role on the plotting board and a pen representing the aircraft would be directed to the coordinates, then switched to expanded scale where the center pin became the target. A metal rule with plastic slide for the aircraft to be "flown down the rule" with minor corrections was used and then

the countdown to Bombs Away was given.

Our accuracy was plus or minus 25 yards at maximum range (10 miles or so). Then we could send one observer out on most occasions and count the flashes, 10 bombs, 15 flashes, we must have hit something. Of course a photo mission was run the next morning to confirm results.

This might be an oversimplification, but I think you get the gist of it.

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## Laments Over "Lamentations"

On page 24 of the July-August *Graybeards* Anniversary Edition, there is "Lamentations" called "Birdmen" attributed to the *USS Valley Forge*. While the Navy flyers were of some help to us, they once again take credit for a U.S. Air Force creation. The actual "Lamentations" were created at the 452nd Light Bomb Group located at K-9 (Pusan, Korea) in a B-26 outfit.

Further proof of the 452nd's poetic ability is a copy of a song, to the melody of "On Moon Light Bay." (see below)

*A.A. Dash, Lt Col, USAF (Ret.), (At K-9 in 1952, 1st Lt.),  
12909 Brunswick Lane Bowie, MD 20715*

Here are the lyrics to "On Moonlight Bay:"

We were tooling along O'er Wonsan Bay  
You could see the Navy shooting it all our way!  
Oh Jehova I'm tellin I'll fly away  
Cause it's much too hot for me O'er Wonsan Bay

Oh we broke to the left and we broke on right  
There were so many golf balls the skies were bright  
Then we dropped off our wing bombs to no avail  
For the flak just stayed right there behind our tail.

The pilot suggested now let's go west  
The navigator answered I think that's best  
Oh the volley ball pleaded, Yandock's ahead  
If we travel over that we'll sure be dead.

Our gunner was sleeping as usually!  
He never made a sighting till near Yuli  
When he opened his eyes he saw a light  
That was blinking on and off and much too bright.

The pilot went berserk and decided to strafe  
His crew all screamed at him it can't be safe.  
It must be a flak trap so break away.  
Or you'll never get on back to Pusan Bay.

*NOTES: "Volley Ball" was short range Loran or SHORAN;  
Pusan Bay was where K-9 was located.*

## Don't Mess with The Mice

*Reference the July-August Graybeards, "Yellow Fever, Yellow Jaundice Hepatitis ?", p.67*

Perhaps the friend had what was called Manchurian Fever or Hemorrhagic Fever.

Thousands died from this fever, even going back to Japanese troops that occupied Korea after WW2. All UN troops were hit by it. And, as stated in the article, there was no cure for it. The fever primarily hit the kidneys, causing swelling, headaches and great

pain.

Our normal reaction to a high fever is to drink a lot of water, but this resulted in swelling the kidneys until they could explode. The treatment was to drink no water and fight the fever.

I had been wounded at Kumsong and spent time in hospital in Pusan. When I returned to my unit [machine gun platoon], I was put on light duty and bunked with the HQ guys. I caught what turned out to be a mild case of Hemorrhagic Fever and was sent to a hospital for all UN troops with the fever. Frequent blood and urine samples were taken and sent to Walter Reed Hospital, where they were trying to find the cause and a treatment.

The swelling in the kidneys made it difficult to urinate. Progress was measured by how much you could put out. I was given my own empty beer can and was told I could have as much water as I could put out. I was fortunate, and the condition cleared up in a month. I was rotated home shortly after that. A few months later I learned that two guys in my company died from the fever on the ship on the way home.

Later, I learned that researchers had isolated the virus and found it was spread by mouse urine and droppings. It is now known as the Hanta Virus, referencing the Han in Korea. Information is available at Ft. Detrick, Maryland.

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Garden City, NY 11530 (former 160th Rct. Co. M)*

### Where Can I Get A Hat Like That?

I became excited when I saw the cowboy hat that Mr. Hernandez was wearing in the picture on the front cover of the July-August edition. I have been trying without success to get a hat such as that one for ever so long. We don't even have ball caps that say Korean War Vets on them.

Does anybody know who distributes hats like the one Mr. Hernandez is wearing? If so, please contact me.

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Randolph, MA 02368, 781-986-4383, cher@machlin.net*

### The 25th Division Had Four Regiments

I read the article "Who was Iron Mike Michaelis?" on p. 61 in the July-August edition. I believe there was somewhat of an error in the second paragraph. From my recollections and accessing the 25th Division website (\*\* see the address below), the 25th division had four regiments: the 14th (which was omitted), 24th, 27th, and 35th. I know this because I served in the 14th Regiment at Headquarters Company as a field wireman from January 1953 to April 1954.

We had 25 wiremen, 5 wire teams of 5 men each, 7 switchboard operators, and 2 radio and telephone repairmen. We routinely handled up to 3,000 calls a day. During the last push by the Chinese just before the truce we laid 125 miles of wire in 56 hours—without sleep, I might add.

*Richard W. Condon, kmcondon@msn.com*

\*\*\* [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/25th\\_Infantry\\_Division\\_\(United\\_States\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/25th_Infantry_Division_(United_States))

### How Lucky Can You Get?

Due to circumstances completely beyond my control, I was fortunate to participate in a historical phenomenon. During the Korean War in 1953, the United States Army introduced the 106 millimeter

recoilless rifle mounted on a jeep to be used as "on-line" artillery support at Battalion Level. As a Platoon Leader on the 38th parallel I received my allocation of four jeeps mounted with these rifles.

To my knowledge, mine was the only platoon to receive ammunition for the 106 millimeter jeep mounted recoilless rifle to engage in combat in the Korean War.

*Donald A. Pouliot, 6191 Manzanillo  
Goleta, CA 93117, 805-967-1901*

### Hogan Was No Hero To The North Koreans

Paul D. Hogan served as a navigator in the "Mighty 8th Air Force" with 35 missions over Germany. He was recalled to active duty in the Korean War, and was assigned to the 6153rd Psychological Warfare Squadron for another 15 missions.

The 6153rd dropped South Korean guerillas north of the bomb line at night and leaflets by day. The leaflets were tied in small stacks with tight string so that they would break and scatter on impact. This technique worked well until the advent of winter in November 1951, when the battlefield was covered in snow. The leaflet bundles went "plop" and were of no value to the enemy, even as toilet paper.

Hogan innovated. He acquired empty flour sacks from a bakery and delayed action detonator caps from the Corps of Engineers, which was working on our runway. We dumped the leaflets into the flour sacks, tied the detonator caps into the end, and cut the base for a 38-second free fall.

After showing the leaflet bomb to operations, we were permitted to demonstrate it to the Army "brass." We dumped the first sack at 9,000 feet. The leaflets blew out of the bag at 300 feet, just like confetti at Mardi Gras.

The system was adopted. According to the Stars and Stripes, we took over 38,000 prisoners without firing a shot! We did not know, however, that because of the mechanical mixing of residual flour and leaflets, the North Koreans claimed that the leaflets were germ coated.

One of our pilots, Captain Gene Layers, was shot down. He was classified as a war criminal by North Korea and was forced to draw pictures on a note pad to show how "we glued germs on the leaflets." He was held until the last day of the POW exchange. His release came only after his name surfaced when other POWs were exchanged.

As an American innovator, Paul D. Hogan was awarded the Bronze Star. The North Koreans, however, did not hold Hogan in the same regard. They signed a contract for his early demise.

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

## Now Hear This:

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**sharp\_arthur\_g@sbcglobal.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**

**Dates of service:**

Division \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Army

WithIN Korea were: *(See criteria below)*

Regiment \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Air Force

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Battalion \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Navy

WithOUT Korea were: *(See criteria below)*

Company \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Marines

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Coast Guard

**"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** (

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Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ VISA ☐ MASTER CARD (only)

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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.

#### 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.

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**D. Gold Star Spouses.** Any person whose spouse was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war while serving within Korea including territorial waters around and airspace above during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership must be provided for approval.

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# Monuments and Memorials

Korea: the Forgotten War, Remembered

## 3 - KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOC. OF ARIZONA, INC [AZ]

A new Korean War Memorial was dedicated recently by the communities of Cottonwood and Sedona, AZ.

James E. Bockman, 4035 E. Calypso Ave.  
Mesa, AZ 85206



The Cottonwood/Sedona, AZ Memorial



Kelly Sheets, Jim Bockman, Robert Forest, and Howard Weiss (L-R) of Ch 3 at Arizona memorial dedication



The new Memorial dedicated by Ch 227 in Kenosha, WI

## 312 – ANTIETAM [MD] Chapter Dedicates Monument

On a very hot day in June we had a heart-warming experience by dedicating our monument to Korean War veterans. Our project was more than three years in the making, and our membership is extremely proud of the result.



The Korean War Veterans Monument at Hagerstown, MD

## 227 – SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN [WI]

We dedicated a memorial in the Sunset Ridge Cemetery in Kenosha, WI recently.

Jim Becker, Apt. 3, 3709 Candle Ct.  
Racine, WI 53402, JBecker625@wi.rr.com



Former POWs Grant L. McMillin and Robert Naukkari present wreath at Ch 227's Memorial dedication



CDR John O'Brien (L) and LtCol Kang Moon Ho speak at dedication

The dedication ceremony was held on June 23, 2013, with close to 400 people attending. Participating in the ceremony were representatives from state government, the Department of

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# Last Call

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

## ALABAMA

JAMES CECIL MURPHY  
ROBERT J. PARSONS SR.  
ROBERT G. PRICE

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## MIAs Recently Accounted For

The names listed here are U.S. military service members who were once missing and are now accounted for. These names are displayed in chronological order based on the accounted-for date.

- **Pfc. Ronald C. Huffman**, U.S. Army, K Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, was lost on Feb. 12, 1951, during a battle near Saemal, South Korea. He was accounted for on Aug. 8, 2013. He was buried with full military honors in Princeton, W.Va.

- **Pfc. Herene K. Blevins**, U. S. Army, 7th Infantry Division, 31st Regimental Combat Team, was lost on Dec. 2, 1950, near the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. He was accounted for on Aug. 6, 2013. He was buried with full military honors in Hagerstown, Md.

- **Pfc. Jonathan R. Posey Jr.**, U.S. Marine Corps, L Battery, 11th Artillery Regiment, 1st Marine Division was lost on Dec. 2, 1950, during the fighting withdrawal from the Chosin Reservoir. He was accounted for on June 19, 2013. He was buried with full military honors on Aug. 12, 2013, at Arlington National Cemetery.

- **Sgt. 1st Class William Robinson**, U.S. Army, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 31st Regimental Combat Team, was lost on Dec. 12, 1950, near Hagaru-ri, North Korea. He was accounted for on June 17, 2013. He was buried with full military honors on Aug. 7, 2013, in Indiantown Gap, Pa.

- **Sgt. Clement Thibodeaux Jr.**, U.S. Army, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, was lost on Nov. 28, 1950, near the Ch'ongch'on River, North Korea. He was accounted for June 13, 2013. He was buried with full military honors in Church Point, La.

- **Cpl. Glydon E. Moyer**, U.S. Army, Battery D, 15th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, was lost on Dec. 2, 1950, near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. He was accounted for on June 13, 2013. He was buried with full military honors on July 25, 2013, in Luray, Va.

- **Pfc. Armando Alvarez**, U.S. Army, Company A, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, was lost on Dec. 2, 1950, near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. He was accounted for on June 6, 2013. He was buried with full military honors in the summer of 2013.

- **Sgt. 1st Class Joseph D. Steinberg**, U.S. Army, Battery C, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, was lost on Feb. 13, 1951, near Hoengsong, South Korea. He was accounted for on May 30, 2013. He was buried with full military honors in the summer of 2013, in San Bruno, Calif.

- **Cpl. Donald V. Maclean**, U.S. Army, Company D, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, was lost on Dec. 2, 1950, near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. He was accounted for on May

22, 2013. He was buried with full military honors in the summer of 2013, in Cary, Ill.

- **Cpl. Marvin E. Omans**, U.S. Army, Company I, 3rd Battalion, 31st Regimental Combat Team, was lost on Dec. 3, 1950, near the Sinhung-ri, North Korea. He was accounted for on May 21, 2013. He was buried with full military honors in the June 24, 2013, in Little Rock, Ark.

- **Master Sgt. Olen B. Williams**, U.S. Army, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, was lost on Dec. 12, 1950 near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. He was accounted for on May 1, 2013. He was buried with full military honors on June 9, 2013, in Clanton, Ala.

- **Pfc. James L. Constant**, U.S. Army, Company A, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, was lost on Sept. 8, 1950, near Changnyong, South Korea. He was accounted for on May 1, 2013. He was buried with full military honors May 25, 2013, in Indianapolis, Ind.

- **Sgt. Charles Allen**, U.S. Army, Company C, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, was lost on March 31, 1951, near Pyoktong, North Korea. He was accounted for on April 19. He was buried with full military honors in May 2013, in Dallas, Texas.

- **Sgt. Bernard J. Fisher**, U.S. Army, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, was lost on Jan. 1, 1951, near Seoul, South Korea. He was accounted for on March 14, 2013. He was buried with full military honors July 9, 2013, at Arlington National Cemetery.

- **1st Lt. Douglas H. Haag**, U.S. Army, Company K, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, was lost between July 10-12, 1950, near Chochiwon, South Korea. He was accounted for on Feb. 28, 2013. He was buried with full military honors in the spring of 2013, in Louisville, Ky.

- **Master Sgt. Ernest W. Grainger**, U.S. Army, Company K, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, was lost on July 11, 1950, near Chochiwon, South Korea. He was accounted for on Feb. 28, 2013. He was buried with full military honors in April 2013, in Conway, S.C.

- **Cpl. Billy M. McIntyre**, U.S. Army, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 31st Regimental Combat Team, was lost on Dec. 7, 1950, near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. He was accounted for on Feb. 27, 2013. He was buried with full military honors in the summer of 2013, near Carter, Oklahoma.

For more information, go to [http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/accounted\\_for/](http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/accounted_for/)

# Appreciation With

Korean and American veterans and dignitaries got together at the U.S. National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on June 25, 2013 to commemorate 63 years of friendship between their two countries and mark the anniversary of the start (and end) of the Korean War.

The keynote speakers for the event were the Honorable Young-kil Suh, Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Honolulu, and Admiral Cecil D. Haney, Commander, U. S. Pacific Fleet.



The colorful brochure announcing the 63rd Anniversary event in Hawaii



Hawaii KWVA members present wreath at event



Col Choi, U.S. Army Pacific, Chief of AVN, emcees the Hawaii ceremony

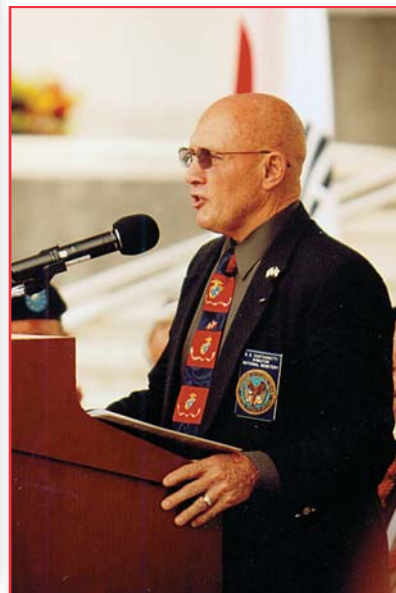


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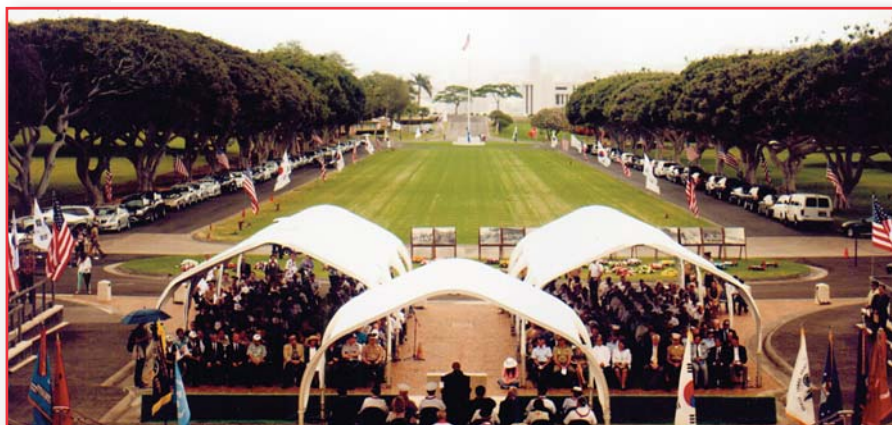
The Color Guard at Hawaii commemoration

Director Gene Castagnetti, U.S. National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, offers remarks at Korean War observance



A panoramic view of the scene at Hawaii gathering

Dignitaries salute at Hawaii ceremony; note the Korean flag in the form of a wreath



Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell, Consul General Young-kil Suh, Admiral Cecil D. Haney, LtGen Connet, KWVA member Henry Furuya, and ROK Navy Capt. Yang (L-R) pay respects at Hawaii monument

Korean and South Korean flags mark solemnity of occasion at U.S. National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific



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## Background

The Korea Revisit program was begun by the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA/Seoul) in 1975 for the 25th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War to express the Republic of Korea (ROK's) government's gratitude to Korean War veterans and their families also to show them the bountiful results of their sacrifices and devotion.

## MPVA's Eligibility Requirements

Korean War Veterans who served in or supported ground, naval, or air operations in the Korean Theater between June 25, 1950 and October 15, 1954. Family members of deceased or disabled Veterans are eligible to participate in the "Korea Revisit Program." An eligible applicant is allowed to bring a family member or friend as a "travel companion."

## Expanded Eligibility

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). 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, National Cemetery.

## Typical Korea Revisit Itinerary:

Day 1: Fly to Korea  
Day 2: Arrival day Incheon Airport, Korea check into Seoul Hotel.  
Day 3: Wreath Laying at United Nations Monuments.  
Day 4: Korean War Commemoration Ceremonies.  
Day 5: Panmunjom, DMZ Thank You Banquet in the evening.  
Day 6: War Memorial Museum tour, Korean culture show.  
Day 7: Departure

## 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 whatever nature during the Revisit tours.
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 and 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 group administered by MHT.
6. Applications will be received/accepted on a "First-come, first-served" basis.
7. Use of frequent flyer miles or other "free" transportation is allowed, but the administrative service fee of \$450.00 per person is still required for the insurance and administration.

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Defense 60th Anniversary Commemoration Committee, and the Republic of Korea Embassy. Part of the funding for the monument project came from the state government. Local delegate John Donoghue noted in his remarks that it was fitting that the monument site was on the location where the city high school used to be.

Korean War veterans from Hagerstown attended that high school in the 1950s. CDR John O'Brien noted that the chapter's monument will serve as a permanent remembrance to Korean War veterans, as other monuments in the area serve as remembrances to the horrific battle of Antietam in the Civil War. These ties with local history are represented in Antietam Chapter's name.

LtCol Kang Moon Ho reaffirmed the bond between his government and noted this monument would be a lasting tribute to those who fought communist aggression and enabled Korea to

become the great nation it is today.

Part of the monument is a tablet that contains the names of the 32 local men who died in combat in Korea during the years 1950-1953. A special tribute to these veterans was conducted by chapter members. Assisting them in this tribute were members of the local AMVETS and Marine Corps League Honor Guard, as well as retired Army Colonel Richard Hembrock, who led a final prayer.

Music for the event was provided by the local Rohersville Band, which is the oldest band in Maryland.

All in all, it was wonderful day of tribute and remembrance for our chapter, the many veterans who attended, and the community as a whole.

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Guests fill the hall at the Castle Museum in Saganaw, MI to view the Korean War exhibit. See story on pages 30 and 31.