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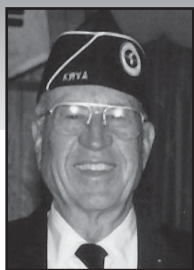
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From the President

Larry Kinard

Welcome to the year 2014. I am looking forward to a great year and some very positive things to

be happening to the KWVA as we continue with the momentum established with a very successful 2013. My hope and wish for 2014 for all our Korean War veterans, because we are becoming of the age where our well being is uppermost in our minds, is that we all have a HEALTHY as well as a Happy New Year.

I know that traditionally at this time of the year it is appropriate to look back at last year on how things went and to think about what will be happening in the coming year. 2013 was one of the very best for KWVA so far as recognition and appreciation are concerned. From the float in the Rose Parade in January to the 60th Commemoration Event in July, the year of the Korean War veteran was touted across the country. Of course, most of this came with the support of the DOD 60th Anniversary Committee, but never before have Korean War veterans been so publicized to the people of the United States.

We experienced a minor disruption in May with the change in the KWVA's presidential leadership, but that is in the past, and our relationships with the U. S. and South Korean governments and other VSOs are as solid as ever. My 5 trips to Washington D. C. and the 2 trips to South Korea helped soothe some of the concerns that existed during that time.

One of our biggest disappointments has been the failure to get another bill in the U. S. Congress to set aside the IRS limitation on membership of Korean Defense veterans in the KWVA. Congressional problems with the Sequester and the IRS scandal took precedence over providing us access to the Ways and Means Committee, which normally handles such legislation. We will continue working on this problem in the coming year.

We look forward to a Board Meeting in March in Irving, Texas with a full agenda,

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a major event in July in Washington D. C. with attendance of several South Korean dignitaries, and the annual membership meeting in Rochester, Minnesota in October. More information on all of this will follow in later issues of *The Graybeards*.

Membership and recruiting are the keys to a successful organization and will be high on our priority list in 2014. On page 16, our Membership Committee Chairman, Tom Stevens, has provided a good summary of committee activities during 2013. He touches on individual goals for our chapters. I encourage all of you to read his article carefully.

Besides Tom Stevens we have a number of members on our team who are working hard to build membership. People such as Sonny Edwards, National Director and Recruiting Chairman, Steve Szekely of Ohio, Mike Glazzy of California, and Dave Barrett of Florida are working diligently to bring in new members. I know that many chapters have this as one their top priorities and I hope each of you has appointed a Membership and Recruiting Committee charged with actively getting the word out about our organization.

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Over the last couple years we have successfully cleansed the rolls to make sure of our actual membership. In 2012 and 2013 combined we added 1,949 new members, which is a good indication that we have the capability of attracting the veterans if they are aware that we exist. The sad part is that over the same two-year period we reported 3,363 member deaths. Many of the deceased were Life

members who had died and we didn't know about until we did a lot of research.

The bottom line is that we need support of all members in getting your friends and relatives, including the Korean Defense veterans, to become a part of our organization. We solicit ideas and suggestions on how we can do a better job in this area and encourage you to get in touch with Sonny Edwards or Tom Stevens if you think you have something to contribute to this effort.

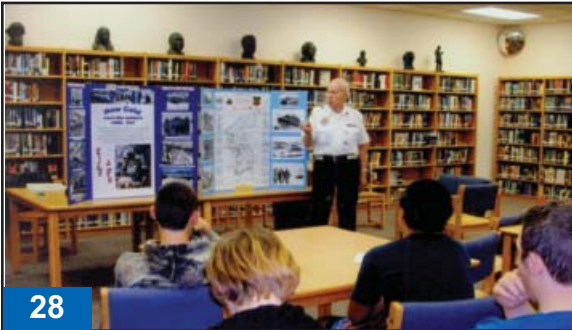
In one of my earlier letters last year I mentioned that during the meeting of the International Federation of Korean War Veterans in Seoul last June that the KWVA in the United Kingdom had decided to disband because the membership was declining and everyone was getting too old to continue. This decision was made apparently by the then Chairman of the organization and not the membership. We are pleased that a large group of Korean veterans there has reorganized under the name of British Korean War Veterans Association under new leadership, which feels very positive about continuing on.

Our National Liaison in Washington D.C., Warren Wiedhahn, and I have been in touch with them offering help and encouragement. (See the letter on page 7.) I think it would be appropriate for any of you who are interested to send an email or other communication to Mr. Terry Price, National Secretary BKWVA, bkwva1@gmail.com, to do the same.

Another brief word is in order about the "Korean Reborn" books that have been shipped out to the various distribution points across the country. This was done by a contractor hired by the book publisher. We had nothing to do with it but to help with notification of the locations in the states where the books were

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COVER: MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA, OKI-NAWA, Japan - Maj. Gen. Christopher S. Owens, right, passes the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing colors to Brig. Gen. Steven R. Rudder July 9 during the 1st MAW change of command ceremony at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. Owens will become the commanding general of U.S. Marine Forces Korea and the assistant chief of staff, C/J-5 plans, policy and strategy, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, U.S. Forces Korea.
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From the Secretary



Frank Cohee

Korean Ambassador Peace Medal

Little did I know that my article about the Korean Ambassador Peace Medal in the Nov-Dec 2013 edition of *The Graybeards* would generate so much interest. I have received several e-mails, phone calls, and snail mails from members requesting information on how they can get the Peace Medal. (See the story on p. 57 re Ch 317's efforts to obtain the medal for its members.)

First of all, the medal is only authorized to those veterans who actually served in the war, i.e., from 1950 to 1953. (Please do not shoot the messenger. The Korean government, not the KWVA, made that rule.) I am aware that the medal initially was given out primarily at events sponsored by a Korean organization that did not require any evidence from recipients that they were authorized to receive it. There was nothing that we could do, however.

I believe that they are still being giving out to every Korean vet who returns to Korea on a revisit tour. That has not changed.

Here is how you now get the medal: if you are a member of a Chapter, the Chapter Commander/President has to submit a list of members every year to the Consulate General in his area of those in his/her Chapter who have not previously received the medal. DD Form 214s are not required.

However, if you are not a member of a chapter, you must send a letter of request and a copy of your DD Form 214 to the Consulate General in your area. Make sure you submit a copy of your DD Form 214, not the original, because it will not be returned.

How do you find out who your Consulate General is? You will have to Google it or, if necessary, call Ms. Patricia West at 404-522-1611. The first person who answers will more than likely be speaking Korean, so you will have to ask her to speak English and then ask for Ms. West.

Incidentally, Ms. West works for the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Atlanta, and has most graciously offered to help us out.

"Korea Reborn" National Book Distribution Project

This is the book that was handed out at the 60th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony at the Korean War Memorial on July 27, 2013. Thousands of these books are

being shipped around the United States to be distributed to Korean War veterans as a gift from the Koreans and South Korean government in appreciation of your service.

Funds do not allow for the books to be sent to each veteran's house, but do allow for them to be shipped to at least one location within each state. Each state has its own distribution plan and point of contact. (See our website, www.kwva.org, or the list on p. 18.)

Use of the Membership Office In Lieu Of The National Secretary

I am receiving several phone calls and e-mails that really should be going directly to the membership office. When you call me or e-mail me about anything that has to do with membership, your time and my time are most likely wasted. (The same pertains to the editor of *The Graybeards*, whose responsibilities have nothing to do with membership matters.)

I try to return all calls at least within 24 hours, but it is not always possible, especially if you do not leave me a message. But, the membership office will probably answer when you call. As for e-mails, it could be several days and most of the time I have to forward the e-mail to membership anyway. I am referring to questions about your membership status, why you have not received your membership card, change of address, to pay your dues, etc.

Please understand that if you are having problems with any of those items, then by all means let me know. With that said, I received a call a few days ago that was not really a membership issue. The caller explained who he was and gave me his address and his RO number. He really wanted me to know who he was, so he repeated the RO, using what he obviously thought was the Phonetic Alphabet: Roger (s/b Romeo and Orange s/b Oscar).

My intent is not to embarrass this member, but to point out that I am embarrassed that one would think the National Secretary would not know what RO means.

Frank

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Several members have expressed interest in obtaining more medals like the ones given out during the big event in July in Washington DC. The DOD Commemoration Committee had told us about the *Korea Reborn* books and also indicated that they would receive a large supply of the medals. I just recently talked with Barbara Foelber, the lone employee left in the committee office. She tells me those have not been received and she probably will not get them.

I am sure most of you felt a certain amount of kinship and concern, as I did, when the story of 85-year-old Korean War veteran Merrill Newman, who was being held in North Korea, hit the news in December. We received several emails about the story wanting us to do something about getting him home. He is not a member of our organization, and even if he were we could not have helped him very much.

The U.S. government has no diplomatic relationship with North Korea. Therefore, except for Dennis Rodman, we cannot communicate with them directly. We did write a letter to our State Department notifying them of our interest and offering to help in any way we could. Personally, I was very relieved when he was released in time to be home on Christmas.

In this issue you will find resumes and a ballot for this year's election of Officers and Directors. They have all been vetted and are qualified to run for the offices they are seeking. Once again, I encourage you to study the candidates carefully, make your selections, and send in your completed ballots and encourage others to do as well. I would like to see a huge increase in the returned ballots this year.

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27 December 2013

Dear Terry,

Permit me to congratulate Bill Speakman, Derek Kinne and you for planning, organizing and executing the "new" British Korean War Veterans Association" (BKWVA). At the most recent meeting of the International Federation of Korean War Veteran Associations (IFKWVA) in Seoul, it was obvious to me, as well as the other participants, that something was amiss with the British contingent. I mention no names for my objective is not to look backward, but to look to the future!

During the years of the Korean war, the UN forces fought side by side, oft times attached to a larger allied unit as we battled the forces of evil from North Korea and China. We asked no measure and we took no measure. Whether a Brit, a Turk a Kiwi or a "Yank", we fought the good fight! It hurt us tremendously to witness the harsh accusations that pit brother warrior against another, especially as many of us come to the end of our long road of life.

Thus, I congratulate and welcome the "new" BKWVA with open arms. If we can do anything in "The Colonies" to further your objective and purpose, please don't hesitate to ask. I would propose that it may be time, past time, to invite you, and your fellow warriors and families, to meet with us in a joint commemoration in Washington, DC. We met with you in London during the 50th Anniversary; Frank Fallows, and others, will remember it well. The War stories flowed like water and, surprisingly, many of them were even true!

Terry, our Washington National Liaison, is Warren Wiedhahn who fought in the early years of Korea at the Pusan Premier, Inchon Landing and Chosin Reservoir. Please feel free to communicate with either Warren, or me, if we can help the new BKWVA gain its rightful place in the Korean War Brotherhood! His personal email is: JWiedhahn@aol.com and his cell phone is 703-307-8959 in Virginia.

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Letter from President Kinard to the British Korean War Veterans Association

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"It's only words, and words are all I have, to take your Heart away." The Bee Gees

My favorite toys have always been words. Give me a bucket of words to play with and I am a happy camper. I use them to impress people, snow people, express ideas to people, make puns ("the highest form of literature," according to Alfred Hitchcock)... in short, I use and misuse them (sometimes deliberately) as tools or even make up words, as some of us do at times.

Years ago I was involved in a profound intellectual discussion about words with a few of my nowhere-near-qualifying for MENSA buddies. (MENSA is an organization for people with high IQs. MENSA by itself has no meaning. It is the Latin word for table. Why would any of us want to belong to a group that comprises people who think they are tables? And they have the high IQs?) I bet them that I could create a word that had no meaning that we could use profusely in our conversations with one another and strangers and that it would soon become a part of the local lexicon even though no one knew what it meant. I coined the word "discabarate."

We used the word as a noun, a verb, an intransitive subjugular condensation...any part of speech we could think of. For example, if someone asked us about our day, we would answer, "It was discabarating." Or, the question might have been, "How many times did you discabarate today?" The person asked would simply throw out a meaningless number (not that any numbers are meaningless).

Sure enough, we began to hear the word "discabarate" in its various forms more and more. Discabaratingly enough, the word seems to have disappeared from our national lexicon as an everyday word in favor of other every day words.

We use words every day. We have to; they are the building blocks of languages, which form our primary method of communication. But, do we really pay attention to our use of words—or make an effort to parse what people are saying to us in order to figure out exactly what they mean?

Consider the comments by Don Duffy in the "Feedback" section on p. 67 regarding

MENSA by itself has no meaning. It is the Latin word for table. Why would any of us want to belong to a group that comprises people who think they are tables?

cease fire versus peace treaty. As he noted, they mean different things. By definition, a cease fire is a military stop firing, a suspension of active hostilities, or a truce. A peace treaty is an agreement between two or more hostile parties, usually countries or governments, which formally ends a state of war between them.

The differences may seem minimal to some people, but to purists they are not. As Rabindranath Tagore suggested in his poem, "On My Birthday – 20," words, unfortunately, have meanings. Therefore, it is imperative that writers and speakers use the right words in the right context.

Many people do not put any thought into the words they use or with whom they use them. They just select the first word that comes to mind and hope the listener interprets it correctly. Or, they (especially politicians) deliberately spew words profusely and quickly to confuse their audiences or to mask their ignorance about a subject or their true intentions, i.e., bloviating.

As the French philosopher Voltaire said, "One great use of words is to hide our thoughts." That is one more reason we should be willing to put in the time to analyze exactly what people are saying to us. Terms like "I'm from the government and I'm here to help" and "This needle won't hurt a bit" come to mind. Too many people believe such words and end up paying a price.

All too often the bloviation or misleading strategies work, since a lot of people do not

want to take the time or make the effort to analyze what they just heard. They just accept everything as gospel, then act surprised when government policies cost them money or aggravation or needles do hurt or they are otherwise affected adversely by just "words." Consequently, a lot of people deliberately choose words that will obfuscate their meanings and confuse their audiences.

There is another example of the importance of words in this edition of *The Graybeards*. (See "Let's Make Every Word Meaningful" on p. 22.) In the conclusion, a chaplain tells Soldiers in a battle zone that we should say our prayers with meaning and fervor. "When I spoke to the men in the combat area, or to the wounded in the hospitals," he said, "they all said that when they prayed now, they really meant their words. This is a lesson to all of us; when we pray, let's make every word meaningful."

Granted, our lives do not generally depend on the words we choose or interpret, although that may have been the case for the "servicemembers" making their last confessions before going into combat. (Servicemembers is a prime example of a new word that was coined to eliminate sexism from military terminology. It became a bad thing to say servicemen, since there are servicewomen as well. So, servicemembers was introduced to combine the two.) Still, that does not relieve us of the responsibility of choosing the right words for the mission—a la cease fire versus peace treaty.

How discabarating!

THE GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

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ALL MEMBERS

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

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

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

Read the ballot carefully--and vote. The completed ballot must arrive in Tucson, AZ by 10 May, 2014.

George Bruzgis, Director
Chairman: Elections Committee
Phone: 973-956-8672 email: GBruzgis@aol.com

BALLOT ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE
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CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTORS

- Larry Kinard
- Warren Wiedhahn
- James Fountain
- J.D. Randolph

- Roy E. Aldridge
- Richard Brown
- Albert H. McCarthy
- Thomas M. McHugh
- L.T. Whitmore

PRESIDENT



LARRY KINARD

This letter serves as notice of my intent to run for re-election to the office of President of the Korean War Veterans Association. I served as 2nd Vice President from 2010 to 2012 and was elected 1st Vice President in 2012 and have served as President since May, 2013 after the resignation of the former President. With the help of the Officers and Board I hope to continue with the strong momentum established during the 60th Commemorative year in 2013

and move forward with some meaningful changes. I will attend every called meeting of the Board of Directors and understand that two unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. I am a Life Member so my dues are paid up through my term of office and I have attached a signed official application form and my DD-214 as requested.

In 1949, I graduated Texas A&M University with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and a 2nd Lt. Commission in the U S Army Artillery Reserve. After graduation I began working as an Engineer in a Power Generating Station in far west Texas and was assigned to the Army Reserve unit close to where I was living. This Reserve Unit was activated In September, 1950 and all members of the unit were sent to the 5th Armored Division at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas training replacement

troops for Korea. During 1950-51 I spent time in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and Camp Chaffee training both Infantry and Artillery replacement troops that were sent to Korea. In early 1952 I was ordered to Korea where I served with the 39th FA Battalion, 15th Regiment of the 3rd ID. Most of my time was spent as an Artillery Forward Observer with the 1st ROK Division and I Company of the 15th Regiment in the line along the Imjin River.

When I returned to the States in the latter part of 1952 I went back to my job as an Engineer with the Electric Utility Company and remained in the Army Reserves until 1960 when I received an Honorable Discharge as a 1st Lt. I continued with this same Utility Company until my retirement in 1993. During my career I managed power stations, Director of the Human Relations Department and Director of Transmission and Power Plant Control. During my last job I was Chairman of a National Committee that helped develop operating policies for all the utility companies in the United States and Canada. From 1993 until 2000 I worked as an Engineering Consultant for an Independent Power Producer assisting them in providing power to customers across the US. Since then I have spent most of my time in volunteer work at my church, Meals on Wheels and as a Master Mediator with Tarrant County.

I have been a member of the National KWVA since 1995 and in 2000 served as one of the founding members of the Walton Walker Chapter 215 in the Arlington/Ft Worth area. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the chapter as 1st VP, Tell America Chairman and 3 years as President.

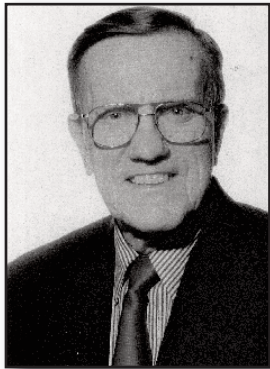
Prior to my becoming President in May of this year I had served as National Tell America Chairman for six years. I am very proud of what

chapters in the KWVA are doing with schools and the public in general in helping them to understand that we saved a country and its people from Communism sixty years ago. I still have a very strong interest in this program and hope we can increase the number of chapters involved in Tell America.

It will be an honor to continue as President of the KWVA If I am elected. I hope to continue with the initiatives that have already begun such as strong recruiting, centralizing the financial and accounting requirements and promoting methods that will help to assure the future of the organization and perpetuate the legacy of the Korean War. It is my goal as President to represent the KWVA in all areas of the position that will enhance and maintain the respect and integrity of the organization.

Larry Kinard—LR 19454, 2108 Westchester Dr. Mansfield, Texas 76063, 682-518-1040, larry.kinard@yahoo.com

1ST VICE PRESIDENT



WARREN H. WIEDHAHN

I am proud to announce my candidacy for the 1st Vice President of KWVA.

I first entered the Marine Corps in 1948 after graduating from High School. After two years in Tsingtao, China, I returned to CONUS to await separation, and then on to college. This dream exploded in June 1950 when the Korean War broke out. I served in Korea from August to December 1950 in the Pusan Perimeter, Inchon Landing and

the Chosin Reservoir. For the next thirty years, I served in various posts and stations around the world and retired honorably in 1982. In 1968 I was sent to another war in Vietnam and served there in combat until 1969.

I am a Life Member of KWVA and the President of Northern Virginia Chapter #100. I previously served on the KWVA Board of Directors. I have been appointed as the KWVA National Liaison and Revisit Korea Coordinator. I consider the next four years to be those of "Transitioning" from the Korean War Veterans to the Korean Defense Veterans and would like to be a part of this process. We have a vast wealth of experience with those who have served in Korea in peace time. I feel very strongly that they will carry the Legacy well into the future for the veterans who fought, died, were wounded, or were taken prisoner, during the Korean War.

I hereby certify that I will attend all called meeting of the Board of Directors and that I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. A copy of my DD-214 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren H. Wiedhahn, Life Member # LR 06555, 8361 Queen Elizabeth Blvd., Annandale, VA 22003, 703-978-5458 (H), 703-307-8959 (C), JWiedhahn@aol.com

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2ND VICE PRESIDENT



JAMES FOUNTAIN

This letter is to announce my intent to run for the 2nd VICE President of the KWVA.

Attached is an official application to be used for verification of service

I served with the 2nd Inf Div, 23rd Inf reg, "K" co while in Korea

I was awarded the Combat Infantrymans Badge, along with the other basic medals for that time.

I have served 7 years as a National Director, elected to two 3 year terms and was appointed to fill out the term of Gen. Edwards who resigned due to ill health.

Graduate of Leadership School—Camp Roberts, Ca Graduate of 2nd Div NCO Academy — Korea

Graduate of CBR (Chemical-Biological-Radiological) school — Gifu, Japan

I have served on many committees and currently the Resolutions committee and the Tell America Program.

I have had the pleasure of working with 4 National Presidents.

I will attend all called meetings as I have in the past, knowing that 2 unexcused absences will be grounds for removal from office.

I retired in 1995 as the Owner and CEO of a contract carrier trucking co.

I am a life member, so my dues are current.

I am the 1st Vice commander of Chapter 4 (cid) 96

I am also Vice Commander of the St. Louis County Coalition. A group of VSO's who work together for the betterment of the community.

James (Jim) Fountain, 14541 Soho Dr., Florissant, Mo 63034-2653
Home: 314-996-9598, Cell: 314-974-3579, budfon@netzero.net



J.D. RANDOLPH

In accordance with the Korean War Veterans Association Bylaws, I am pleased to submit my name as a candidate for the position of National 2nd Vice President.

Military Experience:

US Army Light Weapons Infantryman 1951 to 1958 served in USA, Korea, and Germany 1951-1958. US Army Signal Corp USA, Korea, France (NATO), South Vietnam.

Retired US Army Master Sergeant (E-8) after over 20 years of Service.

Medals Authorized:

Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, The

Meritorious Service Medal and The Army Commendation Medal w/ First Oak Custer, Good Conduct Medal w/c1asp silver w/1 loop, Army of Occupation Medal w/ Germany Clasp, National Defense Service Medal w/1 star, Korean Service Medal w/3 stars, Armed Forces Expedition Medal, Korean Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/3 stars, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon w. Device (1960),

Civilian Life:

Worked for another 30 years using the training received in the military in the Microwave, and Fiber-optic telecommunications. Worked as an engineer, manager and President of Telecommunication companies.

KWVA:

I am a Life Time Member LR 30988 in good standing.

KWVA National Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representative, member of the VAVS National Advisory Committee (NAC).

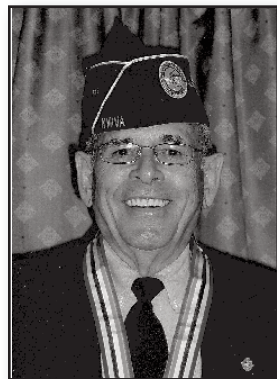
President of the KWVA Sam Johnson Chapter 270 with 130 members and 46 of them volunteer at the North Texas Health Care System.

KWVA Member VA North Texas Health Care System Veterans Advisory Council.

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

J.D. Randolph, 1523 Pine Bluff Dr., Allen, Texas 75002-1870, 972-359-2936, Randy9683@sbcglobal.net

DIRECTORS



ROY E. ALDRIDGE

This letter serves as my notice of intent to run for office of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

I feel I am qualified for this office for the following reasons:

I am a Life Member of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

I am the current President of Col Joseph C. Rodriguez (MoH) Chapter 249, El Paso, Texas.

I was elected National Second Vice President and became First Vice President when Larry Kinard moved up to fill to vacant Presidency.

Past President of the Department of Texas

Charter First Vice President of the Department of Texas (DOT)

Charter First Vice President of General Walton Walker Chapter 215, Dallas Member of the State of Texas Veterans Commission, Austin, Texas Member Veterans Administration Executive Council, El Paso, Texas

I am a strong advocate for our local veterans and their issues and am associated with the local Korean American Association.

As President of the DOT, I worked with members in San Antonio to

reactive their local Chapter.

I have had the honor of addressing several Fort Bliss Units and local schools relating my experiences in Korea.

My current mailing address is 6544 Grand Ridge Drive; El Paso, TX 79912. My phone number is 915.581.4725. My KWVA membership number is LR26838. Email: royaldridge@sbcglobal.net

I certify that my dues will be current through the whole of the term I am seeking as I am a Life Member. I further certify that I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and that I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for removal from office.



RICHARD E. BROWN, SR.

My name is Richard E. Brown, Sr. I am a Life Member of the KWVA. My membership number is LR36975 I am currently serving you as a Director. Since this an Election Period, I am running for Director for the 20014 period. Since I am a life member my dues are covered for the period 2014 - 2017.

During the periods I have been a Director I have always voted all items in support of the general membership. If reelected, I will continue to ensure that each time I vote will be in your favor. I also understand that if I miss 3 unexcused meetings, I will be removed from Office. Since I have been a member, I have never missed any meetings as a general member and as a member of the E&G Committee and a Director. I have a 100% attendance record. I reside at 2307 Gring Drive, West Lawn, PA 19609 Tel:6106702886, rebpi1@comcast.net

I am a Life Member of the following Veterans Associations, KWVA, AFA (Air Force Association), Vietnam Veterans Association and the VFW. I am a member of the Air Force Security Police Association, and the American Legion, I also belong to the USMC Heritage Foundation. I am a Founding Member of the Korean Museum soon to be located in New York City. And I have contributed donations to all military groups including the Army and Navy. As a member of the American Legion, I was the Post Senior Vise Commander and the Department of Hawaii Dept. Vise Commander for Okinawa.

I was Assigned TO k 47, Chun Chon Air Force Base from July 1952 - July 1953. I was a Staff Sgt E-5 as Flight Chief for the Air Force Police for the 6147th Tactical Control Group. I was also assigned to brief the combat Pilots and USA observers on the Geneva Convention. I served for 21 years total active duty with the USAF and I retired as MSgt E7.

One of the best if not the best assignment of my time in the USAF was that I was picked to stand the Death Watch for Gen MacArthur in New York City. The second best was when I was assigned to the Armed Forces Police in NYC. I was in charge of the Special Ceremonial Section. I wrote the Parade Orders for Ticker Tape Parades. When I left that assignment, I was presented with a miniature Key to the City.

Inclosed please find the last DO 214 for my retirement. Also is a copy of a completed membership application for approval by the Election Committee. I authorize them to publish this in the *Graybeards*

I ask you once again for your vote to return me to the Board as a Director. Thanks for your continued support.



ALBERT H. MCCARTHY

My name is Albert McCarthy and I am a candidate for the office of National Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 2014 thru 2017.

I was sworn into the United States Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program, Detachment 340, while pursuing a degree at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, my home town. While in AFROTC, I completed the Flight

Indoctrination Program and received my private pilot's license. Immediately following graduation in 1968, my wife, my daughter, and I moved to Valdosta, Georgia where I entered active duty at Moody AFB, as a pilot trainee in the 3550th Student Squadron (ATe).

Later, I was trained as a Weapons Controller (M1744A) and served as commanding officer of the 71st Tactical Control Flight as well as Instructor at the Advanced School of Weapons Control, McDill AFB, Florida. While in this assignment I was promoted to 1st Lieutenant, below the zone, and received the Air Force Commendation Medal and several letters of commendation for skill and accomplishment.

My next assignment was to 5th Air Force, 314th Air Division, Command Advisory Function in Osan, Korea, 1970-1971, where I was attached to the National Security Agency, while working as Senior Weapons Controller in the Korean Tactical Air Control Systems Warning and Control Center. I was promoted to Captain, below the zone, and awarded my second Air Force Commendation Medal for highly classified operational achievements and skill.

Returning home to Massachusetts, I put my leadership training to work as a Human Resources professional, and later as Vice President of a Fortune World Fifty company. In my various assignments I received two national awards for creativity and came in second in America for Human Resources Executive of the Year. During this approximately 38 year period, I helped build one company from a start-up to over a billion dollars in revenue, merged two high tech companies to form a one and a half billion dollar company, and expanded another company internationally while growing its revenue to over a billion dollars.

In addition to being a Life Member of the KWV A, I have served as Commander of Chapter #299 for an unprecedented six years and still serve as one of its Directors. I am also a member of the VFW, the American Legion, and the Military Officers Association of America. My medals include the National Defense Service Medal, The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Korea Defense Service Medal, among others. I have also participated in services at Arlington National Cemetery and the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Memorial Day (six times) and Veterans Day (twice) on behalf of the KWVA.

I respectfully request your consideration and vote so that I may have the opportunity to represent and support all who served in Korea

from 1945 to 1950 while Korea regained her nationhood; those who fought long and hard against extraordinary odds from 1950-1953 to ensure Korea's survival; and all those who served over the last 63 years to protect and defend Korea and her DMZ from a determined and tyrannical dictatorship in North Korea.

If elected, I will attend all called meetings and understand that two unexcused absences could result in my being removed from office.

All information contained in this letter, the Membership Application Form, my military records, and support documentation, is hereby released to the Elections Committee for verification.

Albert H. McCarthy, Life Member 36750 (Dues are current), 15 Farnum Street, Worcester, MA 01602-2101, Cell: (508) 277-7300/ Home: (508) 829-4236 Email: mccarthy.albert@live.com



THOMAS M. McHUGH

I Am A Candidate For Kwva National Director 2014-2017.

KWVA SERVICE: I served as National Director for 6 years. At this time I am not on the Board, but I serve on the fundraising Committee. I am also serving (7 years) as Chairman, National Ceremonies Committee. I purchase all Wreaths for the presentations, Reserve Rooms for the President and Color Bearers and do the

Scheduling of Presentations in the Washington DC area, on Memorial Day, July if applicable & Veterans Day. I make the "Turn To Busan" Presentation. I plan to continue as Chairman, until another member requests the assignment. It is indeed an Honor to Present Wreaths at the "National Korean War Memorial" & the "Tomb of the Unknown". I have served as Elections Chairman for four elections. As a recruiting effort I attend Military Vehicle Shows in NJ April & PA September. I display my 1952 M38A1 & a 27 ft Trailer, used to carry my Jeep & Trailer. The 27 ft Trailer has W/W Carpeting & Korean War Posters on all walls. This equipment is also utilized at Schools for our "Tell America Programs.

KWVA RECORD: Past NJ Dept. Commander, Presently NJ Dept. Judge Advocate. Past Chapter 213 Commander Hector A Cafferata JR MOH Chapter. Presently Chapter 213 Adjutant/Finance Officer. New Jersey Ceremonies Chairman 4 years for the "NJ Korean War Memorial" in Atlantic City, NJ July 27th.

I have designed Chapter 213 Challenge Coins & give them to every Wounded Service member visited at Bethesda/Walter Reed Hospital. They are appreciated.

I designed our NEW National KWVA Challenge Coin that I am holding in my picture. National KWVA Challenge Coins are for sale at the Membership Office. Prices for individual Coins & Bulk Sales will be posted on the KWVA Website.

KWVA EMAIL LIST: I frequently send information to a list of members that have sent me their email addresses. It helps the dissemination of important info to many members. If you would like to be added to my list, and receive info, just send me your email address and tell me: "Add me to your list".

AMERICAN LEGION: Membership 60 years. I have served as Post Commander, County Vice Commander, NJ Department Committees including Department SAL Vice Chairman. I have the Honor of being named as the "2014 Parade Grand Marshall" for the Hackettstown NJ Memorial Day Parade.

MILITARY: Army, Retired 43 years service. I enlisted in March 1951 "RA" until April 1954. I served in 332EAB, 835EAB, 1902EAB, Engineer Aviation Battalions "Scarwaf" "Special Category Army Reassigned with Air Force", 30 yrs Njarnng & 10 yrs Reserve Duties: NJ Military Academy Faculty Group Member for SR NCOs, SR Intel NCO, 1SG SGT 1951-1994.

CIVILIAN: Postmaster Retired. Past President Four County Postmaster/ Supervisor Assoc. Past President Warren/Sussex Chapter 1624 NARFE. Past NJ State Vice President NAPUS 6 years. Past NJ State Parliamentarian NAPUS. Married 56 years. Wife Barbara, 6 Children, (including 2 Veterans) , 10 Grandchildren & 1 Great Granddaughter. I have been nominated for the Warren County Hall of Fame.

As a Life Member LR07169 my dues are paid for the full term. I have signed the "Code of Conduct". My application information is released to the Elections Committee. My DD Form 214 is submitted. I will attend and participate in "All Called Meetings" and "Meetings Without A Meeting" of the Board of Directors and understand that 2 unexcused absences may be cause for removal from the Board.

I would appreciate the opportunity to serve as Director for the term 2014 – 2017. I will work tirelessly for the good of the KWVA. I Hereby Request Your Support. I Need Your Votes.

Mail Your Ballot as soon as the January/February Graybeards arrives. Do Not Delay - Vote Immediately. The only way the KWVA can get better is if you help. – Make Your Vote Count

Always Remember: "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

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L.T. WHITMORE

L T. WHITMORE's Declaration of intent to run for the office of Director. Korean War Veterans Association.

I am herewith submitting my declaration of intent to run for Director, Korean War Veterans Association.

I am a fully paid up life member of the KWVA, LR40158. I am affiliated with Tidewater Virginia Chapter 191 of which I am the immediate past Commande, having served two terms.

Prior to that, I served two terms as Adjutant and am the current Adjutant.

I have the honor to currently serve as Commander, Department of Virginia, KWVA.

I retired from the USAF as a Master Sergeant in 1976. For the first eleven years of my career, I was a medical and surgical technician. It was in this capacity that I served with the 58th Tactical Hospital at

K-2 Air Base, Taegu, Korea from May 1954 to May 1955. I transitioned as a Military Training Instructor in 1965 and was the Senior MTI of the 3761st Student Training Squadron at Sheppard AFB, Texas until I was reassigned to Naval Base, Port Hueneme as MTI for Air Force personnel being trained by the Navy Sea Bees to perform duties necessary for the Air Force's REDHORSE Program. I was First Sergeant of the 56th Security Police at Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai AFB in 1969 and 1970, and later at Boron Air Force Station, California. I was selected as one of the first 100 applicants to be trained as a Physician Assistant and upon completion, was assigned to the USAF Hospital, Luke AFB, AZ, where I completed my active military service. Since my retirement from the Air Force I have worked continuously as a Physician Assistant in Psychiatry.

I have an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Golden Gate University, Bachelor of Science Degree in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Nebraska and Master of Science Degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.

I believe my background in administrative and personnel services and as a health care provider qualify me to be of service to the Korean War Veterans Association Board of Directors.

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

LT. WHITMORE, LR 40158, 5625 Canterbury Lane, Suffolk, VA 23435, Tel: 757 483-9784, Email: twhit35@pinn.net, Cell Phone: 757 619-3439 Alt. Email: twhit@pinn.net

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RECRUITING



Ch 258 members at a recent gathering

CID 258, Northern Rhode Island, earned fourth place in the recent recruiting contest. Chapter President Dick St. Louis sent Membership Committee Chairman Tom Stevens this letter and photo to recognize their achievement.

Dear Tom,

Chapter 258 is quite happy that we came in 4th place during the Chapter recruiting contest. Enclosed is a group picture taken during the Appreciation ceremony in which our members were presented a medal by the Department of Defense. The medal was donated by the South Korean government.

During the Certificate Appreciation Program we placed ads

in local papers advising Korean War veterans they were entitled to this certificate. From the response to these ads we acquired a new mailing list of Korean War veterans.

Phone calls and personal contacts were made from this new list of Korean War veterans which resulted in several new members.

Sincerely,

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KWVA: 2013 Membership Projects And Plans For 2014

It has been over 60 years since the Korean War Armistice. The commemoration of that historic event was recognized with a variety of events throughout the nation. During the July 2013 KWVA membership meeting in Washington, D.C., which many of you attended, there was a number of impressive ceremonies to mark the 60th anniversary. The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee coordinated the planning and implementation of these events with the KWVA and many other concerned entities.

The age of Korean War veterans is a concern for the future of KWVA. If the Armistice was 60 years ago, and most veterans were in their late teens or early twenties at the time of the war, then most are 80+ now. The truth is that we are quickly passing from the scene.

At the last reading there were 14,774 KWVA members. That is only a fraction of those who are eligible for membership, and many of the existing members are not affiliated with a Chapter. Through the work of Steve Szekely, Mike Glazzy, and local KWVA members, three new KWVA Chapters have been organized during 2013: Washington, MO, CID #324, (57); Des Moines, IA CID# 323, (18); Las Cruces, NM, CID #322, (28).

The advantages of belonging to a Chapter are important to maintaining interest, socializing with fellow Korean War veterans, and providing a vehicle for reaching out to the community. It is no secret that motivating people of our age to join anything, including KWVA, or to affiliate with a Chapter is, in most cases, a challenge. Steve sent 488 letters to concentrations of unaffiliated KWVA members in hopes that they might be willing to form new Chapters. The return responses were only 24%.

This fact and the obvious need to recruit new members were recognized when Sonny Edwards accepted the position of Recruitment Committee Chairman. Sonny has been very active, attending events where veterans gather and generally being proactive with his recruitment efforts, which have shown good results. Through December 26, 2012, the KWVA had added 908 new members. In 2013 1,029 were added to the rolls.

In addition to the effort to bring current KWVA members into an existing Chapter or to organize a new Chapter, other steps were taken to increase membership. As the National Membership Chairman, I wrote a letter to the editor of my local newspaper, The Kansas City Star, pleading the case for Korean War veterans to become members of KWVA and of one of the two local Chapters in the Metropolitan area. A copy of that letter was printed in *The Graybeards* encouraging others to do likewise.

Immediately after that letter appeared in the newspaper, the response was surprisingly positive. Our Chapter #181 in Overland Park, KS picked up at least five new members, whose memberships are attributed to that letter and to other print advertisements that were contributed from a simple request to the publication.

It is amazing the number of Korea War veterans who would consider joining, but who don't even know that the KWVA exists. Since that letter to the editor was so successful, it

was recommended at our Board meeting in Syracuse that a letter be sent to all State Commanders and Chapter Commanders (where no State Department existed) to recommend that they take similar steps. Many who received the letter took that recommendation and experienced similar good results from it.

The following recommendations were also included in the letter to the Commanders:

- Emphasize person-to-person recruiting
- Encourage existing members to be active in the community through personal participation and the use of local media
- Publicize the KWVA's activities via recruiting posters and business cards
- Utilize available resources to make meetings interesting, i.e., speakers, films, etc.
- Consider the best time and place for meetings to encourage the best attendance
- Chapter leadership positions must be filled with the most capable members
- Utilize the "Tell America" program to communicate members' military experiences, while being alert to the mention of living family members who are Korean War or Korean Defense Service veterans
- Be alert to new recruiting opportunities &/or techniques

As Commanders, let your support of recruiting programs be known, i.e. the current six-month Chapter recruiting contest that was introduced in the Jan/Feb 2013 *Graybeards*. The consensus of our small group of Board members concerning non-National Chapter members was to not allow them to attend Chapter meetings. (Please see, "Once More, For The Good Of The Order," by George Lawhon, Oct. 2013, *The Graybeards*.)

Then, to emphasize the importance of recruiting into existing Chapters, a National Chapter recruiting contest was held with rules as follows:

- The period for this contest will be six (6) months beginning March. 1, 2013 and ending August 31, 2013.
- A picture and Chapter member names of the winning Chapter will be in *The Graybeards* following completion of the competition period.
- In addition to the recognition given to the winning Chapter, the next five Chapters will receive name recognition in *The Graybeards*.
- The winning Chapters will be determined by comparing percent increase in membership.
- The Regular membership count as of March. 1, 2013 will be compared to the Regular membership count on August 31, 2013 to determine the winning Chapter, as well as the next five Chapters.
- For purposes of this contest, only Regular memberships are included to determine percent increase in membership.
- Computation of percent increase in Chapter membership includes:
 - New Regular members
 - Inactive Regular members who re-join during the competition period.

- Deaths of existing members or of a newly recruited or rejoined member, if that death occurs during the contest period, shall continue to be reported to the membership office as usual, but will be in the Chapter membership count for the purpose of determining % increase.
- Accuracy and timeliness of reporting the status and personal data of Chapter members are of utmost importance to the validity of the contest results.

The contest rules were posted on the KWVA website and appeared in *The Graybeards*. Nationwide, KWVA gained 193 members during the six months. The four winners were:

- 1st Place: Ohio CID #172, 40.35% gain in membership (23)
- 2nd Place: Minnesota CID #41, 40% gain (12)
- 3rd Place: California CID #235 38.46% gain (5)
- 4th Place: Rhode Island CID #258 (15)

The DOD appreciation certificates presented to Korean War veterans opened numerous opportunities to recruit new members. As we embark on 2014, the "Korea Reborn" books, published and totally paid for by the South Korean government, which are to be given to all Korean War veterans, can be utilized in a similar manner to bring in new members. Kansas CID #181 (my Chapter) is including the National and a local application in every book. I recommend that you also take advantage of this recruiting tool that just dropped into our lap.

There is an ongoing program to reclassify, where appropri-

ate, inactive Life members back to active status. Many were classified "inactive" when post cards asking if they wished to continue receiving *The Graybeards* were sent to them. Many of those post cards were never returned. That left questions about their status: did they just fail to return the post card, had they passed away, or did they really not wish to continue receiving *The Graybeards*?

Upon not hearing back and allowing for an appropriate length of time, our Membership office reclassified the Life members who hadn't been heard from as "Inactive Life." Jake Feaster has done the lion's share of work to determine the validity of inactive Life members. I've also contacted many state departments and Chapters, asking that they contact their inactive Life members to determine the validity of that classification in each case. This effort is a continuing project.

In the long term, the strength and continued existence of our organization depends on being able to recruit Korean Defense Service veterans without restrictions. To this end plans are in effect to make the needed changes in our Congressional Charter.

I encourage all current KWVA members to make it their personal missions to inform any Korean War veteran who is not now a member of our fine organization to consider becoming a active member.

Thank you,

Tom Stevens,
National Membership Chairman
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Arthur L. Haarmeyer

Korea Reborn Book Distribution

State Points of Contact - Updated: 1/9/14

Each state has its own distribution plan and point of contact, but the general idea is for Veterans Service Organizations throughout the state to assist in picking up and distributing books to all regions of the state and all those who are interested in getting a copy. We have provided a list of contacts for each state below. Should your state not have a contact, please work with your local VSO leaders to arrange to get books from the nearest location.

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Time For A WWI Memorial On The National Mall?

We received this letter recently. It may surprise some people to know that there is not a WWI Memorial on the National Mall. Maybe the KWVA can help get one built. Here's the letter:

During my project in 2006 of photographing the last living veterans of World War One, I met a 105-year-old veteran and made him a promise. Not only did this promise change my life but in many ways it changed his also. The man was Frank Buckles, who came to be "Pershing's last patriot," i.e., the last American standing from that Great War and the second to the last in the whole world!

In 2008 he and I traveled to Washington to dedicate our permanent photography exhibit at the Pentagon showing the last twelve WWI veterans. After that event we also had an opportunity to visit the National Mall and Memorial Park. The enclosed photo is of active duty service personnel lining up to shake Frank's hand during that visit!!

It was very evident that Frank was troubled. On asking him of his concern, he replied, "I am the last of 4,734,991 Americans that served our country and I see NO MEMORIAL to our generation." He saw himself not as a hero but as the caretaker of those that passed before him. He made it his wish to provide a place where people from all over the world could also pay tribute to their great-grandfathers, great-grandmothers, and other family members not now recognized on the mall.

We made a solemn promise that day to work to fulfill his dream of a WWI Memorial on the National Mall!

Frank passed on February 27, 2011 at the age of 110. Although five bills had been brought to the House and Senate, none has been passed by our legislatures.

We need your group's help, and have three "asks" of you as we go into the start of the WWI 100th Centennial:

- We need funding help. Any amount you can support us with will be greatly appreciated!
- Could you at some time mention our website in your publications or newsletter, as we know the support for our mission is there but the word is not just out. Our website is wwifoundation.org. (Yes, that is an i, not an II)
- We also need "JUICE," i.e., people who can join our Advisory or Fund Raising Committees and can make a difference in the support of the memorial.

This major undertaking of creating a National Memorial on the National Mall in Washington D.C. by a couple of West Michigan people and a few Washington D.C. people is not easy and needs your help—please!

Thank you in advance for your support!

*David DeJonge, 4282 Central Parkway, Suite 809,
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Veterans shake Frank Buckles' hand

HR-318 Won't Be Enacted Without Your Support!

By Bill Weber

My fellow KORWARVETS And RAKKASANS, In the military vernacular of the 50s—it is ‘PUSH AND SHOVE’ time if our Memorial is ever going to properly honor our fallen comrades! It is a magnificent work of art! But, what it is not is a Memorial to those of our comrades who fell or were wounded in battle. In the 36 months of that miserable ‘Police Action,’ a average of 1,000 of our comrades were KIA each month and 3,000 were WIA! You won’t find that at our Memorial AND NOT in the history books!

Remembrance. The adjacent pictures define the concept. This Congress has had HR-318 in the ‘hopper’ since January 2013! The KorWarVet Memorial Fund, Inc., which I chair, is the proponent agency for the Bill.

PL 99-572, which authorized the Korean War Memorial, demanded in part, “...to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Korean War, particularly those who were killed in action, are still missing in action, or were held as prisoners of war.” That should have been a major element in the intended theme of the Memorial. Such was denied in negotiations with bureaucratic entities who have approval rights. Why?

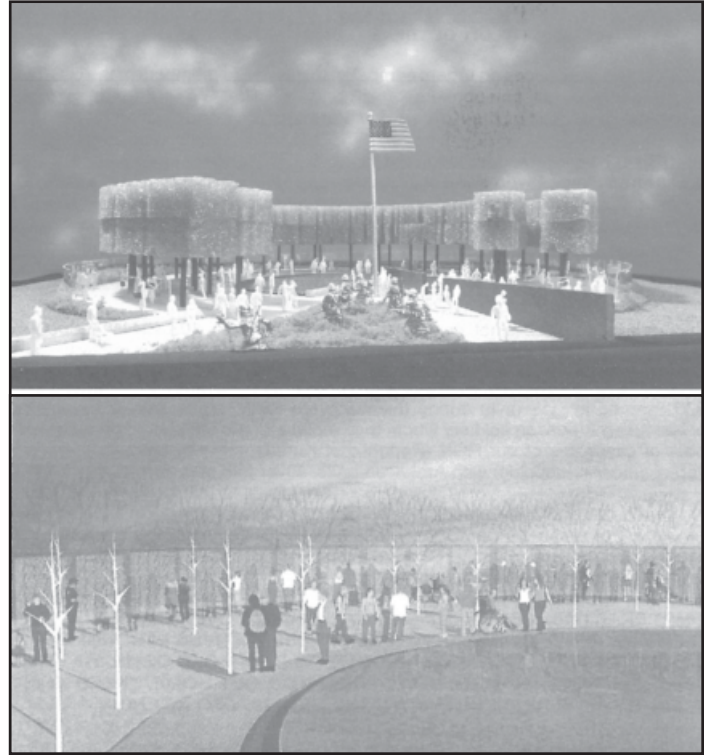
Another ‘Wall on the Mall’ was contra-indicated! Our Memorial is a magnificent work of art. What it is not is a WAR MEMORIAL!

WHY NOW A WALL? On it will be the names of the 36,574 KIA (which includes the MIA and non-battle deaths in-country), the numbers of 103,847 WIA, and the 7,245 POWs, of whom 52% died in captivity! As well, we will list the number of KATUSA, ROK and UN Forces, KIA, MIA, and POW. Why? Because the total numbers tell the truth, i.e., it was the bloodiest war in U.S. history in terms of percentage of casualties of those engaged!

I know that those of you who were in D.C. for the 60th Anniversary of the Cease Fire celebrations know about this proposed addition to our Memorial and why it is needed! And, most of you promised me you’d ensure your Congressman would be pressured by you to become a co-sponsor. But, of the thousands of you who were here, only two more Congressmen have signed on—for a total of 46!! Out of over 540 representatives, less than 10% are on board. Why? they don’t know about the Bill! Why—because you have not ‘rung their bell’!

That means those of you who promised to get your Congressman on board have yet to succeed! Have you tried, or does your Congressman not believe that the average of 1,000 KIA and 3,000 WIA per month of that 36-month miserable “POLICE ACTION” deserves equal recognition of our ‘fallen’ from those of other wars?

We went through the same BS in the 112th Congress with HR-2573! We had hearings in the Sub Committee on National Parks, which reported the Bill favorably to the full Committee of Natural Resources. There, it died due to lack of sufficient co-sponsors to force it to the floor for a vote! Why? Because bureaucrats, most of whom have never heard a round fired in anger, did-



Model (top) and artists rendering of proposed Wall of Remembrance

n’t feel it was proper to have ‘another Wall on the Mall’!!!!

Some of you may feel that the ‘Pool of Remembrance’ is adequate to honor our fallen. Wrong! Fewer than 1 out of 200+ visitors to the Memorial even circle the pool! And those who do don’t stop and reflect, because they don’t associate the pool with the casualties of the ‘Police Action.’ Plus, the Park Service drains the pool in the winter months. Thus, the placid water surface which is supposed to engender solemn contemplation ain’t there!

This Wall of Remembrance MUST BECOME A REALITY! And, YOU must make it happen! Your Congressman wants your vote. Tell him/her YOU need his/hers before they get yours! Most of them don’t even know there is an HR-318! And, most will jump at the chance to become a co-sponsor because for them it is a ‘win win’! Who would fault them for wanting to honor the fallen? Surely, it too much to ask of you my fellow KORWARVETS and RAKKASANS! There ‘AIN’T’ much time left! It is ‘PUSH COME TO SHOVE’ time! The KWVA and the RAKKASAN Association memberships have someone in every Congressional District in the USA! Grab your Representatives by the tail and don’t let go until they become co-sponsors of HR-318. Do this for your buddy who came home in a flag-draped coffin or still lies in an unmarked grave in Korea! A copy of the Bill follows. Take it to—or call your Representative’s Home District Office and get him/her on board! DO IT!

IF THEY WON’T — THEY DON’T DESERVE YOUR VOTE — AND TELL THEM SO!

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H. R. 318

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 18, 2013

Mr. HALL (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. HANNA, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. KEATING, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. COBLE, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. COLE, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. BUTTERFIELD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. WALL OF REMEMBRANCE.

Section 1 of the Act titled ‘An Act to authorize the erection of a memorial on Federal Land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in the Korean War’, approved October 25, 1986 (Public Law 99-572), is amended by adding at the end the following:

Such memorial shall include a Wall of Remembrance, which shall be constructed without the use of Federal funds. The American Battle Monuments Commission shall request and consider design recommendations from the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc. for the establishment of the Wall of Remembrance. The Wall of Remembrance shall include—

- (1) a list by name of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who were killed in action in the Korean War;
- (2) the number of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who, in regards to the Korean War—
 - A) were wounded in action;
 - (B) are listed as missing in action; or
 - (C) were prisoners of war; and
- ‘(3) the number of members of the Korean Augmentation to the United States Army, the Republic of Korea Armed Forces, and the other nations of the United Nations Command who, in regards to the Korean War—
 - A) were killed in action;
 - (B) were wounded in action;
 - (C) are listed as missing in action; or
 - (D) were prisoners of war..

Former POW Pushing For POW/MIA Flag Stamp

William (“Bill”) Allen has been working for two years to get the POW/MIA Flag made into a Forever Stamp. But, he says, “It has been difficult to get national exposure.” National veterans organizations such as the KWVA must help to make this happen.

“My congressman told me that the main thing is getting the veterans organizations behind this as a way to encourage the Postmaster General to change his mind,” Allen noted. “I have to get some way to get support for what I am doing, but for some reason the media is not interested.”

Congressman Gus Bilirakis, (R-FL, 12th District), has introduced a bill into Congress, labeled HR2794. Below is an explanation of the process according to Michael Ciminna, Deputy District Director, Veterans’ & Military Affairs Liaison for Bilirakis:

When proposed legislation is filed, it starts at the committee that has jurisdiction over whatever issue area the proposed legislation covers. If it is a VA related proposed bill, it will start at the VA House Committee. Most congressional committees deal with passing laws.

During each two-year session of Congress, literally thousands of bills are proposed, but only a small percentage is considered for passage. A bill that is favored often goes through four steps in committee. First, executive agencies give written comments on the measure; second, the committee holds hearings in which witnesses testify and answer questions; third, the committee tweaks the measure, sometimes with input from non-committee members of Congress; finally, when the language is agreed upon, the measure is sent to the full chamber for debate.

HR 2794 falls under the jurisdiction of the House Committee for Oversight and Government Reform. It will go through the committee process and, if agreed upon, will make its way to the house floor for debate and votes. Again, the legislation process takes some time, especially if there isn’t overwhelming support from community organizations.

Community organizations like the VFW, Rolling Thunder, American Legion, etc., are the driving force behind getting legislation through the system. As I told you before, you and the members of our community organizations are now tasked with contacting Congressional and Senatorial representatives around the nation and asking them to take action on this bill.

Congressman Bilirakis is doing his part by filing the legislation and reaching out to his colleagues for support, but he’s only one man. It is up to all of you to help put the pressure on the rest of Congress to take action.

Political Chuck “Possum” Gurey offered a glimpse into the bill’s current status of the POW/MIA Forever Stamp:

House Resolution 2794 was submitted by Congressman Bilirakis on July 23rd and was assigned to Committee on that same date (House Oversight and Government Reform

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‘Let’s Make Every Word Meaningful’

By Eugene Mercier

I was in the Army during the Korean War. In September 1950 I was temporarily assigned from my post in Japan to a supply depot near a front line unit during the dark days of the Pusan Perimeter.

I should have been nervous being that close to action, but for several reasons I wasn’t. I’d been in the Far East for a year and a half, and was somewhat familiar with the people, the sounds, and the smells. Also, I was in an area from where troops were coming and going to the front lines most of the days.

And, I was part of the action. I was there in the field, with the numerous and various units, and I felt safe.

Of course, I felt that I was prepared spiritually. I’d gone to Mass a few days earlier, I said my prayers every day and night, beginning with the morning offering—a practice begun in my school days, and carried on up to the present—and made myself as ready as possible each day.

Sometime in the middle of my second week I was at an ordnance unit about a mile from the front when I saw a strange sight—to me, anyway.

I looked across the road to a little clearing a short distance away to see a man sitting on a wooden box and another man kneeling next to him. For a few seconds I couldn’t imagine what was going on. Then it dawned on me: a chaplain was hearing confession.

I stopped to watch as several men took their turns, and I realized this was a chance for me. This temporary duty of five or six days was turning into a second week, and who knew when I’d get back to Japan?

I walked over to the group and waited my turn, making what was, for me, one of the strangest places to confess. Here we were, the two of us, no soft kneeler, no screen, and certainly no curtain. Instead we could hear the muted background sounds of trucks and tanks, and an occasional hum and roar of planes overhead. Still it felt comfortable, and somehow, very familiar.

The priest didn’t rush. He spoke slowly, mentioning the difficult days we were then experiencing, and that we should prepare to face God at any time. At the end, just before absolution, he asked firmly,

“Are you completely satisfied with this confession, as if it were your last one?”

When I said I was, he gave me Absolution, and a penance (as if I needed one in this place). As I walked away, I looked back and saw about a dozen or so others waiting.

Perhaps an hour or so later this same chaplain came into the mess tent to have coffee with us and to talk. I discovered that he was a Carmelite Father, and that he knew the priests at the Sacred Heart Mission Church back in Kure, Japan, where I’d been stationed before the Korean War began.

In our conversation something he said made me think of my school days: “I have a feeling that many men whose confessions I heard today were given the opportunity because they’d made their First Fridays a few years ago.”

It was either after this mass or another one that I got to talking to one of the other men and I asked him, as I did to almost every-one, “Where are you from in the states?”
“I’m from Newark, New Jersey...”
“Oh, okay...I saw you at the mass just now. What parish are you from in Newark?”
“I’m not from any parish,” he admitted.
“I’m not a Catholic.”

He was there but a few minutes when a young soldier came in and asked, “Father, when are you going to have a Mass?”

“In about fifteen minutes, right outside.”

The man brightened, “That’s great, Father. I’ll pass the word around.”

The priest smiled, “Fine, son, fine. I’ll be there.”

He took one more sip of his coffee as the soldier left. Turning to us, the priest shrugged, and continued to smile,

“Such a busy place. This is my third mass today.”

With that, he put his cup down and walked out. I thought again, “Here’s a chance to go to mass, too. Again, who knows when I’ll have another opportunity?”

A few minutes later a group of about 25-30 men was gathered outside in front of a table which had been prepared for the service. The chaplain, dressed in white vestments, stood behind the table.

“Before we begin,” he said, “I’ll need two servers. Were any of you altar boys at home?”

Immediately 7 or 8 hands went up, from which 2 were chosen. They took their places next to the celebrant. He looked around for several seconds, nodded to his acolytes, and they stepped in front of the “altar.”

We all knelt as the opening prayers began:

“...Introibe ad altare Dei...Ad Deum qui laetifican juventutem meam...Judica me Deus...”

So there I was, in the open, attending a mass in this faraway, war-torn land, among strangers. I wondered if the same thoughts were going through their minds. How odd it was to be here, present at a familiar ritual that was so much a part of our past lives.

Did they think of their own parish priest and church, with its statues, stained glass windows, or inspiring choir? Strangest of all, who’d have thought we’d be here, in this place, at this stage of our lives?

The sermon was given in a firm, quiet voice,

“...Today is September the Fifteenth, and this mass is being offered in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows, recalling the pain and grief that Our Blessed Mother experienced from time to time in Her life, even though She was the Mother of God...”

“...Our Lady of Sorrows...surely we’ve seen much of that in this broken land...And while we are here with these people, assisting them in their struggle to gain freedom, the Church reminds us not to forget Our Blessed Mother’s sorrows, and how She kept Her faith in spite of everything...and was rewarded with the proud title of Queen of Heaven...”

As the mass continued I looked at the surrounding hills and tried to think of a name for this “church.” I hit on it almost at once. Of course, it should be called, “Our Lady of Sorrows In The Korean Hills.”

It was either after this mass or another one that I got to talking to one of the other men and I asked him, as I did to almost everyone, “Where are you from in the states?”

“I’m from Newark, New Jersey...”

“Oh, okay...I saw you at the mass just now. What parish are you from in Newark?”

“I’m not from any parish,” he admitted. “I’m not a Catholic.”

I was a little surprised.

“You’re not? But you were just at Mass. I saw you going to Communion.”

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Committee). Currently the bill has 42 co-sponsors, 24 Republicans and 18 Democrats. Of these 42, 11 are from the state of Florida. Of our local representatives, districts 9 through 17, only 5 have signed on as co-sponsors. These are the districts from where we draw our membership.

Those 5 members are Hon. Webster, Dist 10; Hon. Bilirakis, Dist 12; Hon. Ross, Dist 15; Hon Buchanan, Dist 16; and Hon. Rooney, Dist 17.

The bill can only be moved from committee to the house by determination of the committee chairman. The chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform committee is Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA). If we are to see any movement, two things must occur: a) many more co-sponsors and b) pressure on the chairman to move the bill to the house for a vote.

Tonight I will send another email to our congressional representative list urging them to all co-sponsor this bill and request they urge Chairman Issa to bring it up for vote. You can help by emailing our other local congressmen to co-sponsor (Hon Grayson, Dist 9; Hon. Nugent, Dist 11, and Hon. Castor, Dist 14. (Congressman Young’s district 13 is in limbo at this time due to his death.)

If this bill is not brought up for vote, passed and signed into law before this Congress recesses, it will follow the fate of HR 111, the bill to form a select committee on POW/MIA affairs. It will have to be re-introduced in next year’s congress, obtain the required co-sponsors, go to committee and then be brought before the house. Another whole year lost.

Allen encourages members to contact him me for a more detailed explanation about his project, which he will be happy to explain in more detail.

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“Yes, I was, and I did,” he replied.

I was still a little puzzled. Then he added, with a grin, “Hey, pal, I’ll take my religion wherever I can get it.”

Some weeks later I was at a Sunday mass back in my base in Japan. What a difference. I wore a clean uniform, and was in a place with pews, and windows, and an organist. Another difference was that instead of our regular chaplain, we had another priest saying the mass.

As I watched him for a few minutes, I realized that it was the same one I’d seen in Korea a few weeks earlier. What a small Oriental world!

In his sermon he reminded us that we should say our prayers with meaning and fervor. “When I spoke to the men in the combat area, or to the wounded in the hospitals, they all said that when they prayed now, they really meant their words. This is a lesson to all of us; when we pray, let’s make every word meaningful.”

Eugene Mercier, 55 Harris Rd., Nashua, NH 03062

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76th Engineer Construction Bn. (U.S. Army), 24-26 Apr., Lebanon, TN. E. P. (“Zeke”) Gandara, 402-477-7230 or 402-440-9609, zek-mil@ymail.com. Fax = 402-477-7230 (call first)

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MAY

B-58 Hustler Assn. (USAF), 1-4 May, Ft. Worth, TX, Fossil Creek Radisson Hotel. Richard Bolcer, 817-249-5019, rich92437@sbcglobal.net

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JULY

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SEPTEMBER

USS Ingersoll (DD 652), 5-8 Sept., Houston, TX. Dennis Harris, 6581 CR108, Iola, TX 77861, oldsailor62@gmail.com or www.uss-ingersoll-vets.com

25th Infantry Division Assn., 9-15 Sept., Seattle, WA. Sarah Krause, PO Box 7, Flourtown PA 19031, 215-248-2572, Fax: 215-248-5250, TropicLtn@aol.com, www.25thida.org

51st Fighter Interceptor Wing Assoc., 11-14 Sept., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577, The Landmark Resort., 888-974-0478. Ernie Stroud, 8518 Flat Creek Rd., Kershaw, SC 29067, 803-475-2654, erniesth@windstream.net, www.keithfannon51st.org

Never forget:

Combat vets pass war stories on to students

The story below was submitted by Bob Garland, firecop@nycap.rr.com, of CID 60, Adirondack [NY]. It appeared originally in the Saratogian, published in Saratoga Springs, NY. It is reprinted here with the permission of the newspaper.

GALWAY: Army Sgt. 1st Class Bob Garland of Malta was in Korea for more than a year as a member of the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

Gene Slavin of Glens Falls served on board a Navy destroyer — the *USS John R. Pierce* DD-753 — that shelled North Korean shore batteries and rail lines.

Their roles and experiences were different, but 60 years later they have the same mission, teaching kids valuable lessons about the “Forgotten War,” from 1950 to 1953.

“It’s important because of what it cost,” Garland said. “We lost more lives (almost 37,000) over there than in the Revolutionary War.

Garland, Slavin and several other Korean War veterans on Friday visited Galway High School, where they spoke to more than 100 kids and school board members as part of a national “Tell America” program. Events commemorating the war’s 60th anniversary have had a significant impact the past three years, Garland said.

“We got no homecoming, no greetings at all,” he said. “We just kind of drifted home. Now they’re paying a lot of attention, making up for that.”

Slavin said the Navy’s job during the war was to keep supplies from reaching the North Koreans.

“The sea right off the coast of North Korean is very deep, so we could get in close to shore,” he said. “One of our main targets was the railroads. One time, however, we took a pretty good hit from a shore battery. Thirteen sailors were wounded. We were lucky nobody was killed.”

Garland, originally from Montreal, joined the army without even being a U.S. citizen. His father, a Presbyterian minister, left Canada for a church in Albany and Garland joined his parents there a short time later.

In 1951, he was drafted.

“Aliens were right on top of the list,” Garland said. “It was go back to Canada or go in the army.”

His father had been a World War II chaplain, assigned to a military hospital in Belgium. So Garland decided to serve, too.

He wound up as a parachutist with 37 jumps to his credit.

“I was young and stupid,” he said, smiling.

In 1958, he became a U.S. citizen and his 20-year army career also took him to Vietnam, where he earned a Bronze Star. Afterward, he was assigned to West Point to mentor the 2nd Regiment, Corps of Cadets.

“They wanted me to teach them what NCOs (non-commissioned officers) do in the army,” Garland said. “Officers give the commands, but non-coms are the ones who get it done.”

Vietnam was one of the most controversial wars in U.S. history. However, Garland said he’s never questioned America’s role in Korea.

“I think it was a just cause,” he said. “It’s just amazing the difference between North and South Korea today.”

Galway Town Historian Phyllis Keeler, whose husband, Earl, is a Korean War veteran, was instrumental in getting the program scheduled, with help from high school Principal Michael Healy. Participating veterans belong to Adirondack Chapter 60, Korean War Veterans Association, led by Cmdr. William Shaw of Malta, who was in Korea in 1952 and belonged to the Army Corps of Engineers, attached to the Air Force.

“We were responsible for keeping the airfields open and operational,” he said.

The veterans group included a special guest, Mary Kuelzow of Saratoga Springs, whose late husband, James, a Marine, was at the infamous Chosin Reservoir in Korea and suffered through the long march afterward in bitter-cold winter conditions.

Some veterans have Purple Hearts. Others were in support units, without whom it would be impossible to conduct any large-scale military operation.

Students also were shown a large map to help them understand Korea’s geography, along with artifacts and photos brought in by veterans. The students are given a hand-out that describes major battles and relevant facts about the war. Most important, veterans want today’s younger generation to learn about the sacrifice their comrades made.

“That’s why we’re telling our stories,” Slavin said.

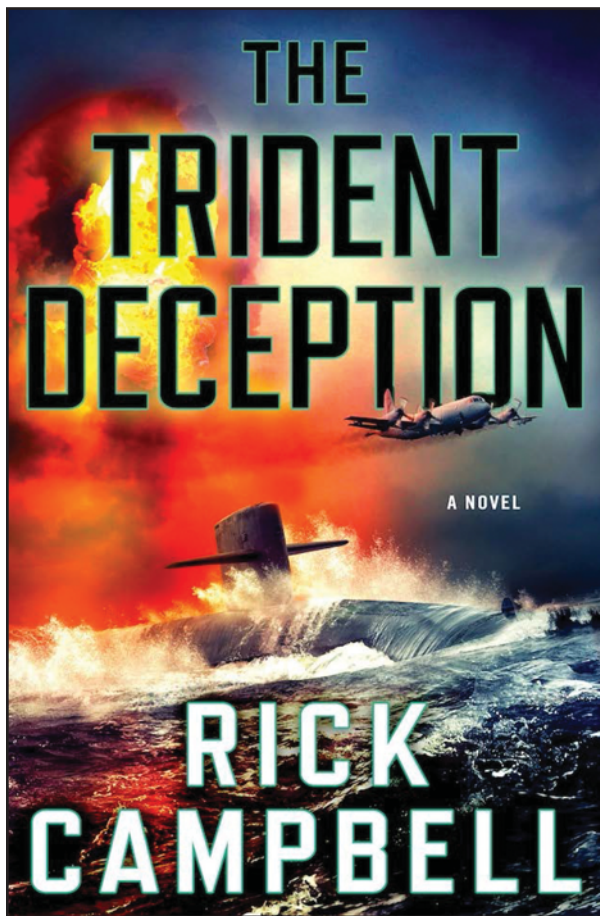
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The Days—And Years—After

Continued from *The Graybeards*, November - December, 2013

No one knew what to expect in the days after the cease fire was signed. The troops decided for the most part to wait and see what would happen. In some cases their curiosity got the best of them, and that applied to both sides. A few troops—again on both sides—mingled with each other to satisfy their curiosity. Others stood near the guns, unable to believe that the long-hoped-for cease fire was in fact real.

Mainly, troops wondered, "What will happen to me now?" Just because the fighting was over, that didn't mean the military would put them on buses and send them home immediately. After all, many of them had time to go on their enlistments, which had to be completed somewhere.

And, deep down in their hearts, some of them knew the military needed to keep some troops in Korea in case the cease fire fell apart. So, July 28th was as harrowing a day as was the day before—the day the cease fire was signed.

Bridging The Gap

Curtis Halvorson sent his father a letter in August 1953, shortly after the truce was signed. Halvorson, who served with 3rd Bn., 65th Inf., 3rd Div., wrote the letter several days after they had come off the line and he had been able to reflect on events. Much to his chagrin, his father gave the letter to the *Milwaukee Sentinel* newspaper without telling Halvorson. The paper published it on September 13, 1953.

"I was pretty uncomfortable about him doing this," Halvorson said. "This stems from when we were told not to keep diaries when I got to Korea. I was pretty naïve then."

The letter explains a lot of the events taking place on the days leading up to and following July 27th.

On 28 July, Halvorson and one of his buddies went down into the small valley below their position through which a dirt road ran, where he took several photos down in the DMZ in a small valley that lay below our unprotected ridgeline position. The pictures show what he described in the aforementioned letter about the day after the truce.

"We saw gun positions for 105 howitzers, along with ammo

KOREA LETTER 9/13/53
GI Describes How Truce Arrived

THE CEASE-FIRE in Korea brought an end to one of the fiercest military bombardments of the war but still left a volatile situation, Sgt. Curtis Halvorson tells about it in the following story.

...taken from a letter to his father, Otto A. Halvorson, engineer in the city Water Department.

"Well, the fighting has stopped for a while—good. I'm happy along with a lot of other fellows.

"The fighting kept up till 11 p. m. the day the truce was signed. I don't know why they had to be so busy in which to come out. The boys would have been happy. As it was, my battalion was surprised to come of the most intense fighting we've had yet.

ONLY HAD TENTS

"There was a regular deal between our artillery and theirs, and the air was thick with whistling and noise. We were pretty exposed on the line and took a lot of battery headquarters. We only had tents. I had seen and up till the date of the truce signing and then they put tents. No shells had come in the command post yet. At about 2 p. m. I went down the top of the ridge. We saw this and then looking down in the valley in the valley position. Shortly after that, tanks started coming into the area.

"I kept up all afternoon and evening. Most of the time was spent in a ditch alongside the line. One day I was surprised. These Chinese were pretty good. I've often heard fellows say they the Reds can shoot a great shot. My buddy, if I put stand with I'm ready to believe that now.

FIRED FROM MAPS

Curtis Halvorson
appeared in the Milwaukee Sentinel Sept. 13, 1953
All about my Dad, Father, Curt

Curtis Halvorson's letter



Mine clearing by U.S. troops on the DMZ road separating North and South Korea (Photo By Curt Halvorson)

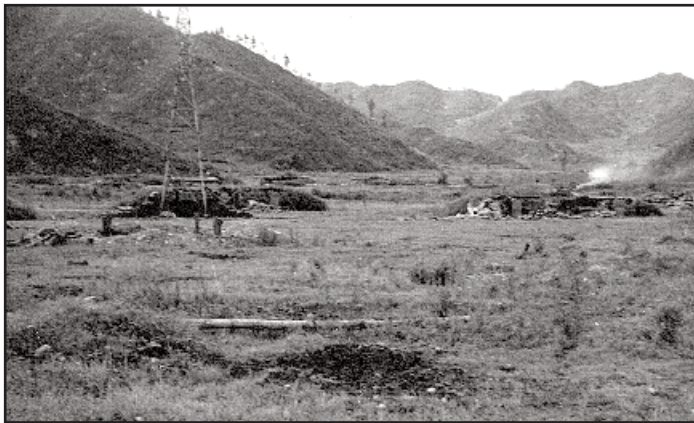


U.S. troops load salvageable material and search for remains along the DMZ dividing road (Photo By Curt Halvorson)

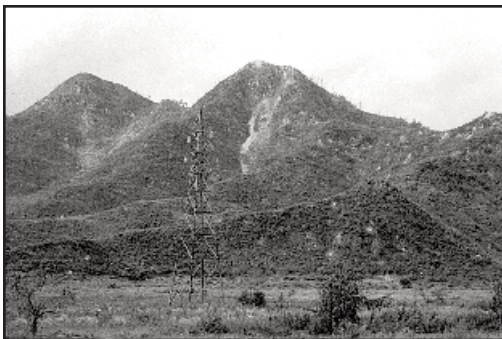
bunkers and some U. S. trucks, across the road close to some hills,” he recalled. “These were on the Chinese side of the road—the truce line—and they were hauling everything away.”



Sgt. Curtis Halvorson in the DMZ. Behind him, on the north side, are U.S. trucks and gun positions where the 555 Artillery Bn. was overrun. (The Chinese had possession of those trucks.) (Photo By Curt Halvorson)



105 Howitzer gun positions in North Korea. (The road dust visible in the background is raised by Chinese trucks hauling guns and ammo north.) (Photo By Curt Halvorson)



Pock marks on the hill face where U.S. Howitzers were firing almost directly over their barrels as they were being overrun (Photo By Curt Halvorson)

As he described it, the hill directly in front of the gun positions was pock-marked with shell craters, as if the 105s were firing almost directly over the barrels as the Chinese swarmed down the ridge and overran the positions.”

“I’m pretty sure this was the 555 Artillery Battalion (“Triple Nickel”), which had been supporting the ROKs. They had lost their guns other times, too,” he noted.



Above, Chinese guards on their side of the division line after truce. (Photo By Curt Halvorson)

Camera-shy Chinese guard about to unsling his burp gun to motion away photographer, who was Curt Halvorson



Chinese salvage crews on their side of the road after truce. They were curious; some seemed happy that the fighting was over. (Photo By Curt Halvorson)



Salvageable remains of a battle: 105 Howitzer casings (Photo By Curt Halvorson)

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The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

Tell America

Royalties For KWVA Treasury

I have four (4) books currently posted on Amazon:

- *Whispers From My Heart, 2013 Edition*

- *A Citizens Manual For Amending the United States Constitution*

- *Ago and Other Poems*

- *Shakespeare - A Pair of Parodies*

I have scheduled the donation of the royalties received through

August 31, 2014 from those books as to be donated to the KWVA Treasury, to be used for the support of the Tell America function.

To display the books, go to any Search box on Amazon.com and enter books George Enice Lawhon

George E. Lawhon, Director, KWVA, Chairman, Tell America Committee

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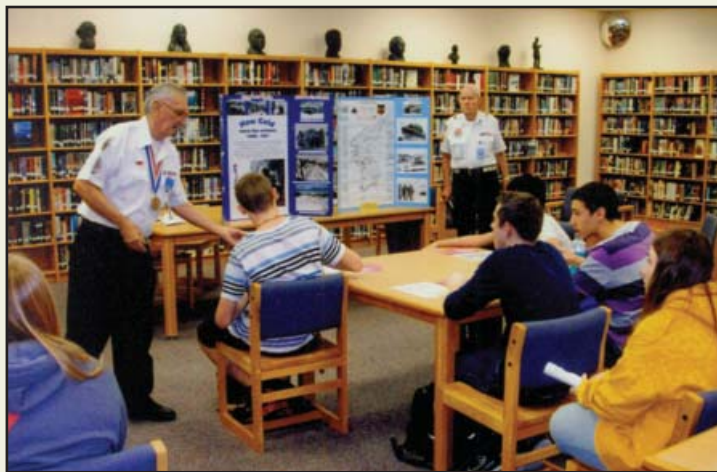
Another first time at a school for Paul Wolfgeher and me. This high school is located in Grain Valley, Missouri—and a beautiful school it is.

Frank Williams, a KWVA National Director who resides in O'Fallon, Missouri, contacted two of our past commanders, Jesse Barbosa and Delpert White, saying that there was a military history teacher, Max Lamb, at the high school in Grain Valley who wanted someone from the Tell America Program to come to his school

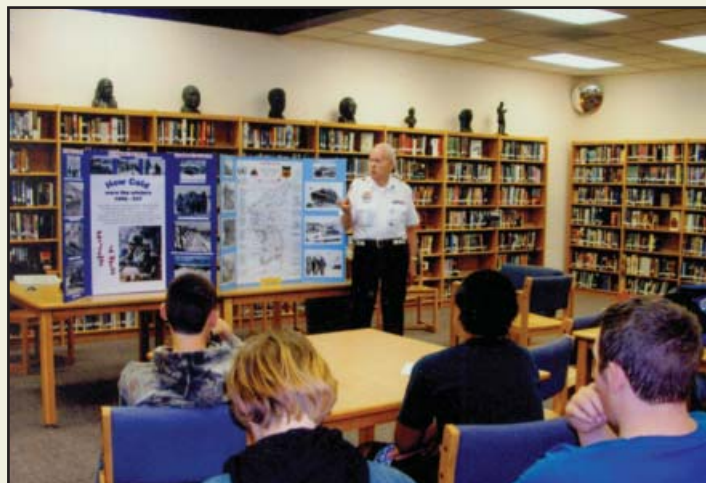
and talk to his classes.

I contacted Mr. Lamb. He wanted to combine his classes and hold the Tell America sessions two days in a row in the school library, 1-1/2 hours each day. We spoke to 20-30 students each day. It was a great two days, and Max Lamb said he will have us back again.

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Paul Wolfgeher (L) and Bob Jones of Ch 43 talk to military history class at Grain Valley High School



Bob Jones of Ch 43 addresses military history class at Grain Valley [MO] High School



Bob Jones, teacher Max Lamb, and Paul Wolfgeher at Grain Valley Tell America session

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This notice appeared in the Venice [FL] Gondolier-Sun:

Community Briefs: Korean War Vets 'Tell America'

Published: Nov. 16, 2013

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (SCF) History/Political Science Club will host a presentation by local Korean War veterans at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, in the Selby Room at SCF Venice, 8000 South Tamiami Trail. The event is free and open to the public. "Tell America" on Nov. 19 will focus on

the 60th anniversary of the cease fire agreement in 1953 that ended the Korean War. Call Michael Rogers, 941-408-1485.

There was a good response. Four days later, the North Port Sun carried a lengthy account of the presentation written by Staff Writer Anne Klockenkemper. She recounted stories told by Ch 199 members Tom ("Skip") Hannon, Walter ("Scotty") Blomely, and Richard A. Caverly which were meant to educate people about the "forgotten conflict."



"Skip" Hannon, Scotty Blomeley and Dick Caverly of Ch 199 with Professor Michael Rogers of State College of Florida at 11/19/2013 presentation

More than sixty people, including State College of Florida students, adults, and some Korean War veterans, attended the presentation. Hannon, who was in Korea with the U.S. Army from April 1952 until May 1953, gave a brief history of the causes of the war. Caverly explained that he had never even heard of Korea when he was shipped overseas after a year of training with the Marine Corps. Once there, as a company runner, he was taking a message to another officer when he barely avoided being shot, but couldn't avoid being captured by enemy forces.

"I tripped and fell in the kitchen area, and that was about the time the shooting started. All those guys," he said, mentioning several of the five in the building by name, "were killed but they shot right over the top of me. ... The Chinese were right on us, and one stuck a bayonet right up to my neck. I thought I was done for."

He wasn't, but was marched with other men — wearing summer clothes in 10- to 20-below-zero weather — to a prisoner of war camp. It was the same camp where Catholic priest Emil Kapaun was held

and subsequently died.

Finally, Klockenkemper wrote about Blomeley's U.S. Army experiences in Korea and the penetrating cold. "We had beautiful, goose-down sleeping bags that saved our lives" — being beaten to a beach landing by entertainer Bob Hope — "We really got razzed by Bob Hope about that" — and avoiding being shot by "friendly fire" from their own aircraft — "I waved a Rebel flag my girlfriend — she was from New Orleans — asked me to carry."

Klockenkemper concluded her article with an insightful question and answer exchange between a student and Blomeley. The student asked what it was like to know they had killed people.

"Most of us ... suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder," Blomeley said. "We needed help to keep us from thinking about it — and drinking about it. The VA ... told us to go out and tell other people about it. It helps us a lot."

That last part explains why KWVA members participate so willingly in the Tell America program—and get the exposure they do at places like the State College of Florida.

CARL CRAMER...

A Life Member of CID 142, Colonel William E. Weber, Frederick, MD, offered "Tell America" presentations to approximately 100 students in three sophomore classes at the Shippensburg Area Senior High School of the Shippensburg [PA] School District on November 8, 2013.

The "Tell America" presentation is in conjunction with the "Veterans Breakfast" and program. This was the eighth annual Veterans Breakfast held in conjunction with Veterans Day, and the fourth consecutive year that Cramer has presented the "Tell America" Program. Approximately 275 attended the Veterans Breakfast and Program.

This year, for the first time, Cramer's granddaughter, Alexis M. Cramer, was one of the students for his "Tell America" presentation.

The high school features a military historical display in the large glass case inside its entrance lobby area. The exhibits include all wars from WWII to the present. Cramer sup-

plied all the articles in the case pertaining to the Korean War. That part of the exhibit is highlighted by a copy of The Graybeards and a picture of the Korean War Memorial located in Washington, D.C.

During the classroom presentation, Cramer displayed 5 posters showing the 5 phases of the Korean War, as well as the "Freedom Is Not Free" flag. He explained the five phases of the Korean War to the students and showed them videos, i.e., the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C, Sgt Reckless (War Horse), and excerpts from the Chosen Reservoir and the "Miracle Ship," USS Meredith Victory, which evacuated 14,000 North Korean refugees from the port of Hamnung.

Before the end of the class, Cramer gave each student a copy of "The Korean War and its Historical Impact (remembering the forgotten victory)" and the "KOREA, remembering the Korean

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Mr. Carl Cramer

You can't live in Newburg much less Shippensburg without knowing our next Rose recipient. Mr. Carl Cramer is a Korean War Veteran where he served in the navy from 1952 - Dec 1955 on the USS Rowe and then was in the US Naval Reserves until 1981. Carl has been dedicated to serving others his entire life.

He was mayor of Newburg for 30+ years. For the past 57 years Carl has been the major organizer of the Newburg Memorial Day Program on the "Green" and Newburg Memorial Day Parade. He has been a member of the American Legion for 60 years. He continues to perform with fellow veterans at hundreds of burial ceremonies for Veterans by serving as pallbearers, color guards and providing 21 gun salutes and buglers.

And for the past eight years Carl has made himself invaluable to me in helping in whatever way needed to help with today's Veterans Day Celebration. He makes sure the Color Guard is here, he informs all of Central PA about the program and to be sure to RSVP and has been a guest speaker the past 8 years sharing his stories as a Korean War Veteran. Much of his memorabilia is on display in the lobby. Be sure to look at his Naval career and service to his nation.

I have known Carl since I started here 28 years ago, first as a parent of child, then my insurance agent and but he has always as a friend.

Thank you Mr. Carl Cramer for your incredible dedication to your nation, community and neighbor!

The introduction of Carl Cramer by Mrs. Virginia Lopez, Chairman of the Social Studies Department at Shippensburg Area Senior School

Members in the

Edward Reilly...Past President of CID 305, Carson City [NV], and former member of the 1st Marine Division, was the focus of a July 5, 2013 article in the Reno [NV] Gazette-Journal. (Reilly passed away on December 23, 2013.) Writer Brian Duggan commemorated the 60th anniversary of the cease fire through Reilly's viewpoints.

"We could hear and smell the enemy; we could smell their cooking," said Reilly, who by 1951 was serving on the front lines as a sergeant. "We could hear them talking. They were that close."

"Mortar fire became a regular part of his life, and it nearly killed him," he said.

"I know quite a few years long after the war, I'd wake up at night hearing explosions, and a time or two I poked at my wife," Reilly said. "I got over the waking up at night. It took me 15 years."

All in all, according to Duggan, it was a positive experience for Reilly. As he concluded:

"Most of the time you could depend on your buddies, and they depended on you," Reilly said of his time in Korea. "It was a good experience." <End Quote>

As historian Harold E. Jones of Ch 305, wrote, "Ed was a great person and served as our chapter president for over a year before his health deteriorated. He also served as chaplain and secretary for several years." No wonder the Gazette-Journal focused on Reilly as a subject for its commemoration article.

Ken Rishell..., aka Santa Claus, a member of CID 264, Mt. Diablo [CA] took his band of elves to the VA in Martinez for the fourth year. This was on December 7, 2013—Ken and Pat's 57th wedding anniversary.

They handed out sugar-free candy to the veterans and regular

candy canes to the staff and visitors. They all took time to visit with the veterans.

Pat Rishell, 925-682-6279

Warren Wiedhahn...was featured in the November 2013 issue of Armchair General (pp. 18-19). He was the subject of a ten-question interview, in which he answered questions such as "What historical leaders do you most admire?" and "What are the main traits of outstanding leaders?" He listed among the historical leaders he most admires Generals Dwight Eisenhower and Ray Davis. His main traits of outstanding leaders included honesty, integrity, character responsibility, and being more interested in taking care of your people than in taking care of yourself. Read about the magazine at <http://www.armchairgeneral.com/>

South Korea...Korean War veterans interested in what their efforts have led to might be interested in a November 22, 2013 article written by Dan Nakaso and published in the San Jose [CA] Mercury. It extols the virtues of the current South Korean business climate, which can be attributed to the successful outcome of the Korean War. Here is an excerpt. (To read the entire article, go to the link below.)

SANTA CLARA — Thirty-six South Korean tech companies, filled with the ambitions of their new president to encourage the next generation of South Korean dreamers and innovators, traveled here this month hoping to join a growing number of their country's businesses that have found a new home in Silicon Valley.

Since 2008, the number of South Korean companies has doubled in Silicon Valley from about 80 to more than 160 today, according to estimates from the Silicon Valley office of the Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency.

The consumer market of South Korea, with a population of 49 million, is considered saturated and too small to absorb all of the technology and products its companies produce, said Joong Hun Kwon, managing director of KOTRA Silicon Valley.

http://www.mercurynews.com/business/ci_24580045/more-south-korean-tech-firms-hope-find-partners?LADID=Search-www.mercurynews.com-www.mercurynews.com

Thanks to Mike Glazzy for bringing the article to our attention.



Bill Orlando (U. S. Air Force veteran), Vicki Buckridge, Ruth Langley, Elf Pat Rishell, Christmas tree Kim Soibleman (U. S. Marine Corps veteran), Barbara Parsons (Standing, L-R) and (Sitting L-R) Diane Stoops, Santa, aka Ken Rishell, U. S. Air Force veteran, and Rod Scheer at Martinez, CA VA. Rosa Caldwell of the VA joined us, but she was unavailable when the picture was taken.

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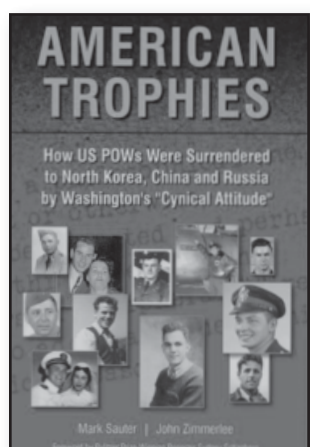
Book Review

**Sauter, Mark (Author), John Zimmerlee (Author),
Sydney Schanberg (Foreword).**

American Trophies: How US POWs Were Surrendered to North Korea, China, and Russia by Washington's "Cynical Attitude."

Available at Amazon in paperback \$17.99, and Kindle \$8.99.

By Colonel Louis T Dechert



During my military service in two wars—Korea for a year and four years in Vietnam as a Special Forces officer—I became well acquainted with the “tactical” issues of PW/MIA, escape and evasion, search and rescue, and recovery missions, tactics and techniques. However, there was also another level, which I term the “political/strategical,” that ultimately ruled every action dealing with PW/MIA and, as illustrated in this new book, still does.

I left Vietnam the final time a year before the end, knowing that live Americans had been abandoned because political/strategical concerns and policies ruled it so. This was due primarily to the nature of our enemies: Russians, Chinese, North Koreans, and North Vietnamese. They all had ideology in common, as well as disdain for civilized treatment of prisoners.

In previous wars against European enemies, and later against the Japanese, we were fortunate to operate with civilized norms, developed and adopted as the Geneva Conventions.

The Soviets refused to repatriate or account for upwards of 500,000 captive Axis prisoners; the North Korean and Chinese Communist Forces refused to repatriate or account for several thousand captive UN prisoners, including nearly 8,200 Americans, and hundreds of thousands of South Koreans; and the North Vietnamese have never accounted for over 10,000 French and colonial troops marched away from Dien Bien Phu as prisoners. There are still upwards of 2,000 Americans unaccounted for by the Vietnamese.

Consequently, American forces have stressed and thus far successfully trained, fought, and operated so as to leave no one behind: allow the enemy no PW, allow no MIA. These tactics have proven successful now over a dozen years of large scale (on the U.S. side) warfare in Iraq and Afghanistan.

However, as this new impactful book by Sauter and Zimmerlee documents, Americans have been callously abandoned, frequently as a matter of policy, by U.S. government officials and agencies since the first months of the Korea War, summer of 1950, and continuing up to the present time in Washington, D.C.

More despicable, if possible, is the fact that active duty or recently retired military officers, committed to no one left behind, have taken Department of Defense positions, espousing the denial of PW/MIA reality—with evidence—in a national denial of what was done and what continues to be done regarding the PW/MIA from Korea and Vietnam.

Sauter and Zimmerlee have painstakingly prepared a complete intelligence workup regarding the failure of our government's actions and orders regarding the care for Americans taken prisoner in battle, executed along remote trails, frozen and starved to death by their captors and finally, in proven numbers, bartered among America's enemies to be perpetual slaves to those who did not defeat our nation in battle.

One could wish that our national intelligence agencies and agents were as thorough and professional in their own intelligence labors.

Most of the military services, at the tactical levels, and all of the next of kin/survivor/family organizations, have sought by every possible means, and against inconceivable opposition, to rescue surviving PW/MIA or satisfactorily account for their present status/remains.

Sauter and Zimmerlee present evidence, carefully developed and documented, of U.S. Senators and Department of Defense military and civilian functionaries at every political/strategic level refusing to support efforts to do the honorable things due our PW/MIA, to honor their memory, and succor their relatives.

The authors also cite and expound to a degree recent Congressional oversight investigations which have leveled grave charges against the entire Washington/DOD PW/MIA structures, as well as their field activities engaged in conducting remains location, identification, and repatriation operations. [“Cole Report,” 1 August 2013, Hearing of House Military Personnel Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee]

Recognizing and defining any problem is the fundamental first step in solving any complex problem. Sauter and Zimmerlee have given those of us concerned an admirable start in doing so.

One is always somewhat reluctant to become involved in the cause of resolving the disgrace of still missing PW/MIA who were abandoned over half a century ago (in Korea, and nearing that figure in Vietnam). Realizing the nature of our enemies, we know that they hold all the “high cards” in the effort—they can always make certain that there are “no surviving American PW” from the Korea War. Sauter and Zimmerlee close their book with a suggested action plan to at the least close out the case of the Korea missing in an honorable manner, and perhaps in a manner by which some living and all fallen PW/MIA are home again.

It is obvious from their documented study that few, if any, in the political/strategic realms of the U.S. government have much stomach for the task. Tolerating this sad conclusion to continue is a national scandal.

Veterans Day

19 – GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

We participated in the Atlanta Veterans Day Parade and a flag raising and wreath laying ceremony on Veterans Day at the Atlanta History Center Veterans Park.



Bryan Tate, representing the Atlanta History Center, and Ch 19 members Bob Moore, Bob McCubbins and Jim Conway (L-R) at Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony

Member Rodney Rector had the pleasure of greeting Medal Of Honor recipient Ron Rosser at the Dekalb-Peachtree Airport. Rosser flew into Atlanta by private jet to attend the Atlanta Veterans Day Parade.

Jim Conway, conatlanta@comcast.net

Rodney Rector of Ch 19 greets Medal of Honor recipient Ron Rosser at the Dekalb-Peachtree Airport



43 – KANSAS CITY MISSOURI #2 [MO]

Veterans Day was very busy for Paul Wolfgeher, Vern Scott, and Bob Jones. At 7 a.m. we were having a free breakfast at our local Hy-vee Supermarket. They have been doing the free breakfast for veterans for a number of years. At 10 a.m. we were at Luff



Unidentified Vietnam veteran stands with Ch 43 members Paul Wolfgeher, Vern Scott, and Bob Jones (L-R) at Truman Library

Elementary school in Independence, Missouri, for its first Veterans Day tribute.

Lindsay Rimel, the 5th grade history teacher, called me and asked if we, being residents of Independence, would like to be its first honorable guest. I said we would love to.

It was like old home week for Vern (who had children) and I (grandsons) who had gone to this school. All in all, it was a great program. Lindsay Rimel wants Paul and me to return for our Tell America Program, which we will do.

At 1 p.m. we were included for the first time on Veterans Day at the Truman Library. We were asked by Peggy Sowders, City of Independence, if Paul and I would set up our displays that we use in our Tell America program in one of the two rooms where the reception would be hosted. This tribute, which has been going on for many years, started at 1:30 p.m. It included a patriotic outdoor concert by the Spirit of Independence Band.



Don Reimel, Mayor of Independence, MO, delivers welcome speech at Veterans Day event



Paul Wolfgeher of Ch 43 and Luff Elementary School teacher Lindsey Rimel at Veterans Day presentation

At 3 p.m. we were honoring the Honorable Ike Skelton, who was a part of this Veterans Day ceremony for many years. (Skelton, whose full name was Isaac Newton Skelton IV, died on October 28, 2013. He was the U.S. Representative for Missouri's 4th congressional district from 1977 to 2011.) The guest speaker was General (ret.) George W. Casey Jr.. Skelton and Casey were two of America's most stalwart advocates for America's servicemen and servicewomen.

Next, at 4:15 p.m. we attended a wreath laying ceremony and a 21-gun salute at the President Truman gravesite and a 4:30 p.m. veterans reception hosted by the City of Independence. This is when Paul and I really got busy.

As the guests were walking around and eating, they were looking



Luff Elementary School Student Council President Frances Villanueva welcomes crowd to Veterans Day commemoration

Jacob Reeves, Luff Elementary School Student Council member, speaks to Veterans Day audience



Rifle Squad from Ch 56 sits at attention at Santa Paula commemoration (L-R) Henry Marin, Ron Hurtado, Peter Solis, Manuel Adame, John Campos, Henry Guevara, Manuel Salazar

The people of Ventura County attended the Santa Clara Veterans Day ceremony in large numbers



at our displays and asking questions. General Casey and the Mayor of Independence, Don Reimel, were very impressed with our displays. Paul Wolfgeher got the General's signature on a photo he had. Someday, when he comes down from Cloud 9, we will ask him how he did that.

It was a long day, but very rewarding.

Incidentally, one of the refreshing aspects of the school presentation was the role the young students played in the agenda.

Robert R. Jones, 13975 E 35th St. S, Apt 428, Independence, MO 64055, 816-836-0969 (H), 816-809-0123 (C), bobjones73rdtkbn@yahoo.com

56 – VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

We participated in a moving Veterans Day ceremony in Santa Paula, CA on November 10, 2013.

David Lopez, 3850 180 Place, Torrance, CA 90504

Fred Osuna, Albino Pineda, Delton Johnson, and Benjamin Espinoza of Ch 56 (L-R) at Santa Clara Veterans Day ceremony



David Lopez of Ch 56 salutes at Santa Paula site where two wreaths, one for WWII veterans and one for Korean War veterans, were placed for Veterans Day

72 – OREGON TRAIL [OR]

We have an aging membership. So, in planning our ceremony for Veterans Day, we assumed we'd have a low turnout and nice weather. We were considering flag honors and a few short comments by chapter officers. However, during the week before the event we had several important people offer to speak to our group, and we altered our plans to bring them in.

On the day of our ceremony we had about 250 attendees and a group of Boy Scouts who helped with the chairs.

Veterans who attended the Veterans Day event represented a

number of different organizations and every branch of the military services. The weatherman provided clear skies and warm sunshine. *Loren Mitchell, 11940 SW King James Pl., Portland, OR 97224, 503-670-1382, LMitchell30@netzero.net*

95 – IMJIN [IL]

Members attended a patriotic celebration on Veterans Day at a Walmart store in O'Fallon, IL. The store recognized Korean War veterans and veterans employed at their store.



Members of Ch 95 at Walmart check presentation

Store manager Tom Meyer presented a check for \$250.00 to our president, Russell Klein. We appreciated greatly the donation. *Bill Juergens, P.O. Box 211 O'Fallon, IL 62269, 618-624-5418*

105 – CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

We were the honored guests for Veterans Day in Central New York.

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



At Ch 105's Veterans Day ceremony: the blue-jacketed members on the stage are Sal Buonocore, who led the Pledge of Allegiance (L), and Norm Champagne (R), the keynote speaker. On the floor are Bruce Ackerman and Jack Allen, along with the local police chief, fire chief, and Gold Star mothers. The gentleman at the podium is Dwight Williams, a clan chief of the Onondaga Nation, and a Navy veteran who gave the benediction. It was noted that November is Native American Heritage Month. The table in front is set for those who are no longer with us.



Honor Guard from Ch 105: Tony Vaquero, Fran Ezzo, Carmen Zeolla, Bill Burns (L-R)

143 – GREATER RICHMOND [VA]

We were invited to attend the Veterans Day dedication of a Korean War Memorial Garden located on Rogers Clark Boulevard, about 35 miles north of Richmond, VA, east of I-95. Seven of our members and four of our wives journeyed up to Caroline County to participate and enjoyed the ceremony a great deal. We were honored!



An overview of the Caroline Middle School Memorial Garden

This sign may be familiar to many Korean War veterans



The idea for a Memorial Garden was developed by the History Club of the Middle School. They were studying the Korean War and the importance of the 38th Parallel and noted that it is the same parallel which passes through the location of the Caroline County School facility. Their history teachers expanded the idea of the unique importance of the 38th Parallel to the school.

The students felt that it was appropriate to work on this idea. They brought in several local busi-



The wording on the Caroline Middle School plaque

This sign erected by Caroline Middle School students tells it all



ness people, raised funds from their own membership, and developed the project. The result was raising additional funding from the county and local businesses, the development of an attractive permanent sign which features the Korean Peninsula with the 38th Parallel well marked, a granite marker with a cast bronze plaque identifying the purpose of the garden, a tall flag pole flying the American and the MIA-KIA flags flying from it, and a neat white post with black chain border around the Memorial Garden and down the concrete walkway to one of the school's parking lots.

The ceremony began with the high school's ROTC color guard posting the colors in a very professional manner and talks by members of the History Club explaining the garden and welcoming us. Several dignitaries spoke, and one of our members assisted with the ribbon cutting.

The attendees included veterans of the Korean War, WWII, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan and a large gathering of local people.

Jay H. Lowden, 2412 Wanstead Ct., Henrico, VA 23238

170 – TAEJON [NJ]

Sr. Vice Commander Kenneth Green led twenty chapter members in the Clifton, NJ Veterans Day Parade on November 13, 2013. Color Guard Captain Henry Ferrarini led the contingent, which marched in step while singing cadence.

The Athenia Veterans Post 147 sponsored the parade that commemorated the 60th anniversary of the Korean War cease fire. The parade started at the post, where many veterans groups assembled. The parade ended at the Clifton City Hall, where hundreds of U.S. flags lined the marching area up to the platform where the guest speakers were located.

It was a cold, sometimes rainy, day, but chapter members marched the route with ease.

At the city hall, many speakers delivered talks aimed at Veterans Day themes and the veterans who served to defend freedom.

Later that afternoon we retired to Clifton Moose Lodge 657 for a great meal, which was arranged by chapter/Moose member Thomas Miller to honor Korean War veterans. He surprised everyone with a large cake with the number "60" on it to commemorate the end of the Korean War.

Moose Lodge members treated us with honor; we appreciated everything they did for us.



The cake donated by Thomas Miller to honor Ch 170 veterans

All told, it was a patriotic event to attend, and we were proud to participate.

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



Parade contingent from Ch 170 prepares to board bus to Clifton, NJ for Veterans Day Parade

Color Guard from Ch 170 marches in Veterans Day Parade



Sr. Vice Commander Kenneth Green and Thomas Miller of Ch 170 at Veterans Day event

188 – SOUTH LAKE COUNTY [FL]

Our Honor Guard performed the opening ceremonies at our Korean War Monument for Veterans Day.

Maxine M. Parker, 3575 Eagle Nest Dr., Hernando Beach, FL 34607



Honor Guard of Ch 188 (L-R) Maxine Parker, Roger Marquard, Richard McHaffie, Alton Morehouse, Don Krolak, Lloyd Bondurant, Tommie Weathers, Avid Litz

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19 GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

We received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of the Army Central Command R & R program for members continuing work with the U.S.A. at the Hartsfield - Jackson International Airport in Atlanta. Members greet soldiers on leave passing through Hartsfield - Jackson International Airport in Atlanta.

Twenty-five members were invited for a luncheon at the home of Consul General He Beom Kim. The Consulate and his wife gave thanks to the military for saving their country. We were joined by Bok-ryeol Rhyou, Deputy Consul General.

Urban G. Rump, 234 Orchards Cir.
Woodstock, GA 30188



Mary Lou Austin, President of U.S.A. Georgia (Front, center), presents Certificate of Appreciation to Carol Rump, Urban Rump, Bob Moore and Rich Nielson of Ch 19 (L-R, in red aprons) as Soldiers passing through look on



Members of Ch 19 at consulate luncheon



ABOVE: Consulate He Beom Kim and his wife at Ch 19 luncheon



LEFT: Bok-ryeol Rhyou at food table at Ch 19 luncheon

33 MARYLAND [MD]

We held our annual Christmas party on December 1, 2013. The party featured a presentation to members of a medal and certificate made possible by MG (Ret) Choi, Seung Woo, Republic of Korea. These veterans missed the original presentation made in person to 180 veterans on 14 July 2013 at the American Legion Post, Funkstown, MD.



Boris Spiroff, Bill Alli, Fred Conrad, Gerald Eldridge, Leroy Thornton (L-R), and Leroy Zamostny (seated) of Ch 33 display their medals and certificates

MG Choi also presented medals and certificates to 103 Korean War veterans at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, in Charlotte Hall, MD.

Jack Cloman, connienjack@zoominternet.net

44 MISSOURI CHAPTER #1[MO]

On September 12, 2013, we hosted a special ceremony for St. Louis County Judge Judy P. Draper, the daughter of an American GI and a Korean mother, who were rescued from the north. On April 13, 2004, she was the first Missourian of Asian descent appointed judge.



Harry Hope, "Judge Judy," Jim Fountain, Don Gutmann, Tom Gilmore (Front, L-R), and members of other KWVA chapters at the Ch 44 event

Due to her overall accomplishments in Korean-American affairs, she received an honorary appointment as Consultant to the Republic of South Korea, issued by the South Korean government. As a result, TV station KBS, the largest TV station in the Republic of Korea, was in the process of developing a documentary on her life.



The wreath placed at the Chosin Few Memorial in St. Louis by "Judge Judy" and Harry Hope. Bob Neubert, Don Gutmann, Jim Hellmann, Nick Zak, George Klenk, and Harry Thompson of the Chosin Few chapter look on

After getting her BA degree at the University of North Carolina in 1977, she earned a Jurist Doctorate Degree from Howard University Law School in 1980, with Law Journal Honors. Over the years, Judge Judy Draper has participated in numerous committees, including the Congressional Committee for Americans with Disabilities and multiple bar associations and civic organizations, local and national.

At our August 2013 meeting, Judge Judy attended and requested assistance in the documentary. Commander Don Gutmann agreed and selected our Korean War Memorial and the Chosin Few Memorial in Forest Park to host the special event. The following state Chapters were contacted and requested to attend in KWVA dress uniform: CID 78 (Jefferson County); CID 96 (North St. Louis County #4); and CID 186 (St. Charles County). This also included the Gateway Chapter of the Chosin Few.



The wreath placed at the Korean War Memorial by "Judge Judy" and Jim Fountain of Ch 96



"Judge Judy" and assembled Korean War veterans in front of the Korean War Memorial in Forest Park, St. Louis, MO

Preparations for the event included Forest Park providing a tent and chairs, thanks to Chapter #1 member Tom Gilmore, a director for the Saint Louis Soldiers Memorial. Thanks also go to Chapter #1 member Walt Schoenke for the P.A. system.

We had an excellent turnout for the event. Numerous members of the Korean-American Association of St Louis were also in attendance. The guest list included Judge Judy's mother, who traveled from Texas for the event.

Judge Judy addressed the KWVA membership and others in attendance. She provided a brief overview of her life and introduced her mother, Mrs. Lee Shaw. The judge's mother then addressed the veterans, recounting the horrors that occurred when she was in captivity in North Korea. It was one of the most sincere accounts of her experience.

She expressed her thanks to all Korean veterans for her survival. She proclaimed that the people of South Korea will never forget and will always be grateful for all Korean War veterans who defended a country they never knew and people they never met.

The proceeding closed with former KWVA National Director Jim Fountain and Judge Judy placing a wreath on the KWVA Memorial. Following that, the Gateway Chapter of the Chosin Few President Harry Hope and Judge Judy placed a wreath on the Chosin Few Memorial. The ceremony was taped by the Korean TV station.

This whole event addressed the bond of friendship between South Korea and the United States of America that will last forever.

Kenn Dawley, 382-A Autumn Creek Dr., Manchester, MO 63088, 636-529-1355

56 VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

The Ventura County [CA] Supervisors honored us with a Resolution at a November 2013 ceremony. All the Board members signed the certificate recognizing the chapter and what it has accomplished.

David Lopez, 3850 180 Place
Torrance, CA 90504



Commander David Lopez and Vice Commander Mike Hidalgo (L) at Ventura County Supervisors meeting



Members of Ch 56 at Ventura County Supervisors presentation (L-R) Ben Espinoza, Henry Guevara, John Campos, David Lopez, Delton Johnson, Mike Hidalgo, John Mora, Manuel Salazar



Contingent from Ch 56 at Ventura County Supervisors meeting (L-R) Lydia Novado, Manuel Adame, Betty Espinoza, David Lopez, John Campos, Henry Guevara, Alice Guevara, Ann Campos

66 CPL ALLAN F. KIVLEHAN [NY]

We presented plaques to three Past Commanders at our October meeting to recognize their many years of service to our chapter.

George Parsons, 56 Boyce Ave.
Staten Island, NY 10306



Frank Schiano, Past Commander James Jahns, Past Commander Joseph Calabria, William O'Brien, Carol Freeman (accepting for Past Commander Edward Grygier), Danny DiTonno at Ch 66's presentation

126 TRI-STATE [OH]

We were busy in October and November in Wellsville, OH, where the community built an "Honor Roll Wall" with the names of all veterans who live in this area. We helped a little with the cost of construction. At the dedication on October 19th, we posted the Colors. After a short ceremony we were treated to a good luncheon.

On Veterans Day we again posted Colors at Westville High School. This year the gym was filled with outsiders and students. It was an excellent program. Additionally, it was Mike Kilcoyne's birthday. Debbie Koffel, who presented awards to members, stood behind Kilcoyne while a sixth grader led everyone in singing "Happy Birthday" to him.

When the program was over, many of the students thanked us for our service. Then they took us to the cafeteria and served us lunch. It was a great way to spend Veterans Day.

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



Members of Ch 126's Color Guard retire the Colors at Honor Roll dedication (L-R) Mike Kilcoyne, George Piggott, George Germusa, Dan Gallagher, Dan MacLean



Debbie Koffel stands behind George Germusa, Mike Kilcoyne, and Ed Peters (L-R) at Wellsville High School



Lindy Malignani, Dan MacLean, Dan Gallagher, George Piggott (standing), George Germusa, Mike Kilcoyne, and Ed Peters (L-R) of Ch 126 at Wellsville High School Veterans Day ceremony



Two students thank Dan Gallagher of Ch 126 at Veterans Day ceremony for a job well done



Lindy Malignani, George Germusa, Mike Kilcoyne, Ed Peters (L-R) dine at Wellsville High School cafeteria

129 SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA #4 [IN]

We provided a firing party and Color Guard for ground breaking ceremonies for a Wounded Warrior, Army Specialist and KWVA Associate Member Brett Bondurant. He was five months into his tour in Afghanistan when he lost his right leg above the knee and his left leg below the knee as a result of an IED explosion on September 28, 2011.

Bondurant and his family will be moving into their new home

during February 2014. The home is sponsored by the “Homes For Our Troops” program.



Members of Ch 129 at the building site of a new home being built for Brett Bondurant and his family (Brett and his wife and daughter are in the middle of the group)



Six WWII veterans recognized by Ch 129 (L-R) Bob Lischke, Lou Goble, Bud Swales, Bob Kelley, Eugene McDonald, and Bill Hopping. Members of the chapter's Firing Party and Color Guard stand in the background.

Congressman Luke Messer (L) presents Luther Rice of Ch 129 with the Civilian Marksmanship Patriot Award



We honored WWII veterans during local festivities for the sixth straight year. Recently we honored six of them. To date, we have recognized approximately sixty WWII veterans.

It has become increasingly difficult to identify and locate WWII veterans. Therefore, during 2014 we will begin recognizing Korean War veterans.

Commander Luther Rice received the Civilian Marksmanship



Group from Ch 129 that participated in the podium presentation at Riverview Cemetery (Front, L-R) George Niemeyer, Clarence Vogelgesang, Bob Karp, Ralph Cole, Luther Rice, PG Gentrup, Archie Abner, WWII Associate Member Captain Bill McClure, Randy Turner (President of the Riverview Cemetery Association), and Elvin Newman

Patriot (CMP) Award. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps, including a tour of duty in Korea and two tours in Vietnam.

Rice was presented with a real M-1 Garand rifle. He was recognized for his military service to his country and his contributions to the community after his return to civilian life.

Indiana Congressman Luke Messer and CMP committee members J.B. Hudson and Scott Maddox made the presentation.

We placed a podium at the Riverview Cemetery, located near Aurora, IN. The podium, made of black granite, will remind future generations of the Korean War.

Luther E. Rice, Jr., 414 Water St., Aurora, IN 47001, 812-926-2790, LERiceJr@yahoo.com

142 COL WILLIAM E. WEBER [MD]

On October 10, 2013, the National Unification Advisory Council (NUAC), the South Korean President's forum for establishing and implementing policy towards the democratic and peaceful unification between the north and south, invited two KWVA chapters to be honored at this event: CID 100 of Northern Virginia and us.



Ch 142 members at the NUAC meeting (L-R) Kyutae Chang, Richard Kim, Bill Weber, Wendell Murphy, Marty Gage, Bob Eader, Jim Miller, Reggie Kephart, Tony Malavenda, and Tony Marra



Members of Ch 142 read *Korea Reborn* as they wait



Chapter meeting or classroom? Looks like Ch 142 members are preparing for a quiz while reading *Korea Reborn*

All invited members were extremely honored to be a part of this memorable ceremony. The guest speakers included The Honorable Charles Rangel (a Purple Heart Korean War veteran), the Honorable Gerald E. Connolly, both in the U.S. House of Representatives, Secretary Edward Chow, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, and Colonel William Weber (also a Purple Heart recipient).

All presentations were extremely interesting and enlightening to chapter attendees. The evening was complemented with an exceptionally delicious dinner and the presentation of absolutely one of the most beautiful plaques our chapters have ever received.

The 60th anniversary book, *Korea Reborn*, was distributed to members at our monthly meeting on 11 December 2013. As we awaited the arrival of others, members began reading this extremely informative book on Korea and couldn't put it down.

Many thanks to the Republic of Korea and the Commemoration of the Korean Anniversary Committee for the supply necessary for our entire membership.

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143 GREATER RICHMOND [VA]

We were honored at a special 23 June 2013 service at the Korean Presbyterian Church. Pastor Reverend Young Lee presented personalized afghans to 30 members and a plaque to honor the veterans of the Korean War.

The service commemorated the 60th anniversary of the cease fire signing.

Members also marched in the Bon Air, VA Memorial Day Parade.

John Thomas, 9814 Durango Rd., Henrico, VA 23228



Ned Jones, Richard Smith, Jim Chase, John Thomas, Vaden Wilborn, and Winfred Clark (L-R) representing Ch 143 in Memorial Day Parade



ABOVE: Rev. Young Lee of Korean Presbyterian Church presents afghan to Ch 143 Commander John Thomas



LEFT: Rev. Young Lee presents plaque to Ch 143 members



A cake honoring Korean War veterans of Ch 143

148 CENTRAL JERSEY [NJ]

We presented a certificate of appreciation to our local Stop N' Shop grocery store. Management let us hold a Rose of Sharon drive at the store's location.

Charles Koppelman, 6 Yarmouth Dr., Monroe Township, NJ 08831, 609-655-3111



At Ch 148's certificate of appreciation presentation ceremony, Chaplain Harvey Weinberg, Sr. Vice Cmdr. & Rose of Sharon Chairman Herbert Picker, Stop N' Shop Manager Dennis Davis accepting certificate, Commander Robert Bliss and Past Commander Charlie Koppelman (L-R)

158 WILLIAM R. CHARETTE (MOH) [FL]

Bill McCraney and Frank Cohee attended the dedication of the new Purple Heart Memorial in Lakeland's Veterans Park. They were captured on film by a photographer from the Ledger, a local Polk County newspaper. The photo is reproduced nearby with permission from the editor of the Ledger.

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Bill McCraney and Frank Cohee of Ch 158 stand by the Purple Heart Memorial in Lakeland FL's Veterans Park

159 SUNSHINE STATE [FL]

Every January our meeting is our "International Meeting." We have members from several countries that fought in the Korean War under the auspices of the United Nations. So, at every January meeting we march in the colors of every country represented by members and play their national anthem.

We then honor all our past members by holding our memorial flag and having the color bearers read out the names of all members who have died since the chapter was formed in 1958.

This January they numbered 66. None of them is forgotten before God. We shall remember them.



Members of Ch 159 display furled flags of different countries

One of our members, Al (Shorty) Welch, a World War II and Korean War veteran, is also a member of a local Senior Citizens Harmonica group that numbers 20 plus. Their average age is 83, with the eldest being 97. They are our regular entertainment group for this meeting.

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170 TAEJON [NJ]

We held our annual Christmas party and installation of new officers for the years 2014-15 at the Fairlawn Athletic Club, in Fairlawn, NJ, on December 18, 2013. We installed Kenneth Green as our new Commander. KWVA National Director George Bruzgis administered the oath of office to Green, Sr. Vice Commander Robert O'Toole, and Jr. Vice Commander Henry Ferrarini.

Commander Green appointed the following officers to help him through his two-year term: Perry Georgison (Adjutant); Edward Frye (Finance Officer); Henry Leonhard (Chaplain); John DiLonardo (Membership Chairman); Frank Uvenio (Sgt.-at-Arms); Thomas Boyle (Surgeon); William Burns (Activities Director); Camille Georgison (Taejon Post editor); Jack O'Neil (Advertising Chairman); Louis Quagliero (Historian); and Walter Amos (Hospitality Chairman).



Mrs. Young-OK O'Toole (L) presents flowers to Camille Georgison



Henry Ferrarini, Robert O'Toole, Kenneth Green, and George Bruzgis (L-R) at Ch 170 installation

Commander Green thanked Director Bruzgis for attending this important function and administering the oath of office.

During the ceremony Mrs. Young-OK O'Toole, wife of Robert O'Toole, presented Camilla Georgison with flowers for her outstanding job in publishing and circulating the "Taejon Post," our monthly newsletter. That award ended the installation ceremony and signaled the start of the Christmas party, which included buffet food, beer, wine, and soda. A DJ provided music for dancing.

Everyone had a great time celebrating Christmas—and patriotism. When the DJ played Kate Smith's rendition of "God Bless America," everyone joined in. That topped everything that happened that night.

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



A cross-section of Ch 170 members and wives at annual Christmas party



New Finance Officer
Edward Frye of Ch 170



Kenneth Green, new Commander of Ch 170, and wife at Christmas gathering

181 KANSAS #1 [KS]

On Veteran's Day this year, we dedicated a space on our Memorial Wall in Overland Park to the memory of an American hero, Captain Emil Kapaun, an army chaplain who was awarded The Congressional Medal of Honor for his selfless actions in a North Korean prison camp where he died in May, 1951. Father Kapaun was the third Kansan to be thus recognized and memorialized on the wall.

The ceremony, which was attended by about 500 people, heard from BGen Victor Braden, Deputy Commanding General, Army National Guard, US Army Combined Arms Center, and Lt

Col Kim of the Army of the Republic of Korea.

We had a busy social season starting in early November, with an annual dinner/dance attended by 22 members and their ladies. Several lunches and breakfasts honoring the veterans were hosted by local groups over the festive season, in addition to an informal social evening at the VFW, which was attended by about 50 members and guests.



Dignitaries and members of Ch 181 at the Father Kapaun ceremony



Members of Ch 181 display their copies of "Korea Reborn"

The annual Christmas lunch was held at the Marriott Hotel in Overland Park. It was attended by 65 people, who were presented with copies of the South Korean government's commemorative publication "Korea Reborn."

Additionally, we assisted the Salvation Army in gathering funds for its annual Christmas drive to help the needy.

Don Dyer, ddyer15@everestkc.net

183 NEBRASKA #1 [NE]

We presented the editor of the Omaha World-Herald with a "thank you" for the newspaper's great work on telling the story of the 60th anniversary cease fire.

Bill Wirges, 15010 Holmes St.,
Omaha, NE 68137, 402-894-0559



Bill Ramsey, Pres Bill Christensen, John Fifer, and Bill Wirges of Ch 183 present "thank you" to Omaha World-Herald editor

251 SAGINAW/FRANKENMUTH [MI]

We enjoyed our annual Christmas Party on December 3, 2013 at Zehnder's Restaurant in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Eighty-four persons enjoyed the All-U-Can-Eat Chicken Dinner.



Commander and Master of Ceremonies Ron and Mary Ann Lubis at Ch 251's Christmas party

Adjutant Lydia Davis passed out to all members the newly published 161 colored pages book "Korea Reborn, A Grateful Nation," sent from the people of Korea.

Commander Lubis gave the members a beautiful white golf cap embroidered with the Words "KOREAN WAR VETERAN" and a 60th anniversary symbol.

Bob Simon began to discuss a place to enjoy our Christmas Party for 2014. The crowd unanimously voted to return to Zehnder's Restaurant. Simon anticipated that reply and said "Great, I've already hired the "Sweet Adelines" to sing here next December 2, 2014."

In addition, the membership donated 550 pounds of non-perishable food, which was delivered to the Hidden Harvest Soup Kitchen the following day.

In a special drawing, fourteen women took home beautiful poinsettias.

Bob Simon, 7286 Spring Lake Trail, Saginaw, MI
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Adjutant Lydia Davis and Dallas Mossman, Sr., ex-POW, hold the new Chapter Flag Mossman donated to Ch 251



2nd Vice Commander Bob Simon of Ch 251 presents award plaques to Sgt.-At-Arms Robert Hubbard, Finance Officer Rick Anderson (receiving his plaque) and Commander Ron Lubis (L-R) for their hard work and dedication. Chaplain Frank Licht, who was absent, also received one.



"Yesterday's Memories" Quartet, which sang Christmas songs and some good oldies at Ch 251's Christmas party



Don Hart and wife Caroline drove 158.6 miles to attend Chapter 251's Christmas party

256 NORVILLE FINNEY [MI]

The Department of Defense presented a ceremony for us at our October 2013 membership meeting.

I had gone to Washington D.C. for the 60th anniversary of the end of the war in Korea as an Ambassador to the Commemoration Committee from Southeastern Michigan. I was so impressed with the presentation of the event that when I returned home I called the DOD and asked if they could arrange for my membership to receive the medals that we received at the Commemoration Ceremony.

The DOD not only provided the medals, but also a guest speaker to award these medals. Commander O'Brien was an excellent speaker. Our membership and their families were very pleased with the event.

James E. McCarthy, 2169 Parliament Dr.
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Commander O'Brien (USN) shakes hands with Ch 256 members



Ch 256 members gather with Commander O'Brien (Back, far left) at October meeting

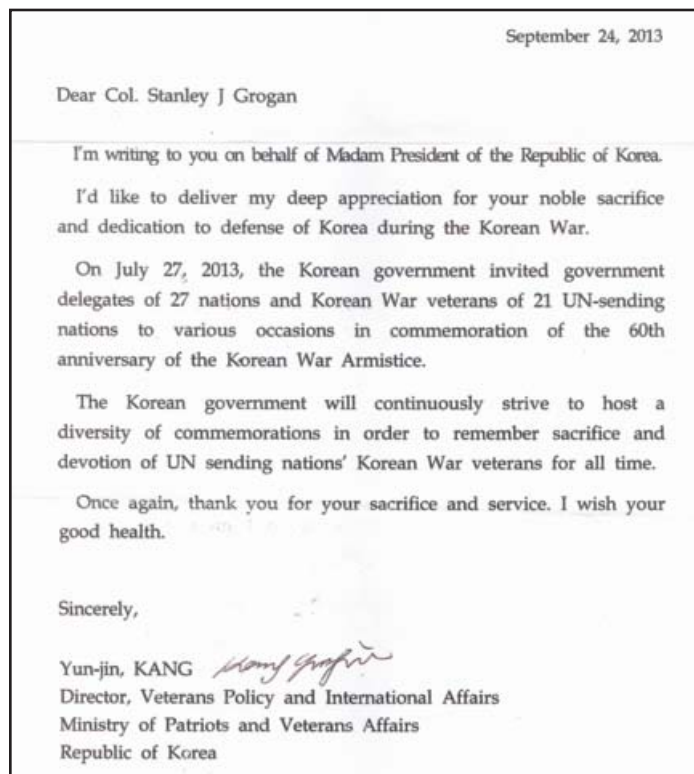


Members of Ch 256 display medals presented by Commander O'Brien of DoD

264 MT. DIABLO [CA]

Shortly after our cease fire commemoration on July 27, 2013 we received a letter from the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, Republic of Korea, thanking us for our service.

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



ABOVE: The letter from the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs to Stanley J. Grogan of Ch 264

LEFT: Martin Blesky, Commander of MOPH, District 383 (L) and Bill Koch of Ch 264 lay wreath at cease fire commemoration

RIGHT: U.S. Congressman George Miller, CA State Senator Mark Desaulnier, and Bill Harvin, Past Commandant of Marine Corps League Detachment 942 (L-R, in suits) at Ch 264's cease fire event



289 MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN]

We had a busy November and December. Our founder and first commander, Bob Shelton, along with other veterans, was honored at a dinner at the Boys and Girls Club on Saturday, November 16.

We turned in 390 Christmas cards signed by members and almost 75 wall calendars to the VSO office at the VA Hospital to be included in their veterans' Christmas gift packs.



Members of Ch 289 at Mountain Home [TN] VA Hospital's annual Christmas party for ICU/CFU (L-R) Bob Shelton, Bill Lewis' daughter, VA Santa, Dewey Harless, Arlen Hensley, Joe Cody and Bill Lewis (seated)



Arlen Hensley {L} presents Bill Lewis with the "Chapter [289] Member of the Year" plaque for 2013



Members and guests enjoy the Ch 289 2013 Christmas party

In December we and the VSO staff and Santa Claus hosted an Ice Cream Christmas Party for 17 patients in ICU/PCU wards at the VA Hospital.

We hand delivered a special Christmas card to member Ralph Yelton, who was completing his thirteenth month at the CLC (Nursing Home.) Ralph is the oldest surviving military combat wounded.

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292 CROWN OF MAINE [ME]

Caribou VA Clinic Honored By CID 292

We presented a Service Greeting to the providers, nurses, and staff at the Caribou VA Clinic, VA Maine Health Care System on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. The family of World War II and Korean Prisoner of War Veteran George E. Berube, Sr., and chapter members gathered at the clinic to recognize the care that was provided to the late veteran, who passed away in December 2012. His wife of 57 years, Mrs. Florentine Berube, his son Dennis, and brother Fred were in attendance for the presentation and shared words of praise for the clinic and staff.

Mr. Berube served with the U. S. Navy during World War II, then with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. While in Korea, he was captured by enemy forces and held as a Prisoner of War for nearly two years. During his military career Mr. Berube received many awards and commendations, including two Purple Hearts and the Bronze and Silver Stars with Oak Leaf Clusters.

Gary Michaud, RN and Manager of the VA Clinic in Caribou and Fort Kent, said that caring for Mr. Berube was an honor and a privilege.



At Ch 292 presentation (Standing, L-R) Dr. Robert L. Shaw, Clinic Provider; Norman Bourgoin, President of Ch 292; Floyd Belmain, Treasurer/Secretary; Gary Michaud, RN, Nurse Manager of the Caribou VA Clinic. (Seated, L-R) Norman Johndro, Chaplain; Fred L. Berube, Officer of the Day and George Berube's brother, and Florentine Berube, wife of George Berube

"George Berube was an outstanding individual who provided a most valuable service to his nation in protecting the freedoms we enjoy today," Michaud noted. "We will miss his visits to the clinic and we admire his wife and family for the loving care they had for this remarkable veteran."

Chapter President Norman Bourgoin recognized the need to honor the staff at the clinic, not only for the care rendered over the years to Mr. Berube, but to all the Korean veterans in the area.

Photos of the ceremony will be mounted, framed, and hung in the VA Clinic's waiting room.

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299 KOREA VETERANS OF AMERICA [MA]

On December 7, 2013 we held our 11th Annual Christmas party at the West Roxbury Elks. Over 100 members and families and supporters were present.

The chapter presented members with new challenge coins and Korean Reborn books. Korean Consulate General of Boston Park presented 60th anniversary medals to Brad Chase, Ken Cook, Bill Labombarde, John Barber and Vartkess Tarbassian, and Korean pears to the members.

Ed Langevin was KWVA/KVA Chapter # 299 Member of the Year. Jim Quigley, from Congressman Bill Keating's office, spoke about veterans' issues and the Congressional Certificate given to the KWVA/ KVA Chapter # 299 Color Guard.



Some of the large crowd at Ch 299's Christmas party



Patriot Guard Ride Captain Rick Wood accepts plaque from Ch 299 officers for his support of our nation's veterans

KWVA/KVA Chapter # 299 awards were given to Patriot Guard Ride Captain Rick Wood and Massachusetts Rolling Thunder Chapter # 1 President Joe D'Entremont for escorting Korean War MIA PFC Norman Dufresne from Logan Airport to his hometown of Leominster, MA, and for the support they provide all our veterans throughout the country.



Ch 299 Past Commander Al McCarthy receives outgoing commander award from Vice Commander Al Jenner, Chapter Founder Jeff Brodeur, present Commander Art Griffith, and Vice Commander Al Jenner



Ed Langevin receives Ch 299 Member of the Year Award



Brad Chase receives Korean 60th Anniversary Medal from Korean Consulate General of Boston Park

Our Past Commander, Al McCarthy, was recognized for his dedicated service. Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans Services Coleman Nee and Milton/Randolph Veterans Agent Mike Cunningham spoke on Massachusetts Veterans Benefits.

The event was catered by Joseph's of South Boston, MA.

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Bill Labombarde, who served in Operation Paul Bunyan, accepts DMZ Medal from Korean Consulate General of Boston Park

319 LAWTON [OK]

In September each year Ft. Sill, in Lawton, Oklahoma, hosts an open house for the retirees, sponsored by Reynolds Hospital. During this open house, retirees can update dental checks, eye checks, etc. We had a table at this year's event. President Boone and Past President Arenz explained the benefits of joining the chapter to interested people. We sponsor educational aid and other forms of assistance to surviving spouses of veterans.



President Boone and Past President Arenz of Ch 319 explain to a veteran's spouse the benefits of joining the chapter



Ch 319 President Boone presents a check to Barbara Reynolds, Director of the Greiner School for the Handicapped, as members Gerald E. Houghton, Donald J. Burton, "Bud" Arenz, Director B. Reynolds, Larry E. Campbell, Aaron E. Boone, and Robert Meyer (L-R) observe

We presented a check to Barbara Reynolds, Director of the Greiner School for the Handicapped. We will present a \$200 check once a month to the school to aid in supplies, rent, or tuition as needed. This is the only school of its kind in the City of Lawton, which relies on donations from the public.

On Veterans Day, we were invited to the dedication of the Comanche County veterans Council Memorial. We are a member of the council, and officers and members were honored.

It was somewhat of a sad year for us. Even though we were active, we lost five of our members.

Cecil B. Arenz, 2807 NW Lyn Cir.
Lawton, OK 73507



Members of Ch 319 at Comanche County dedication (L-R) Danny W. McCall, Cecil D. ("Bud") Arenz, Larry E. Campbell, Donald J. Burton, John V. David, Gerald E. Houghton, and Aaron E. Boone

321 RICHARD L. QUATIER [WA]

Members attended the dedication of the Clark County Veteran's Memorial in Vancouver, WA. The memorial was dedicated in honor of a Korean War POW/MIA group.

We now have over 100 members—and we are still growing.

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2nd Vice Commander Norman Ballard, Commander Jerry Keesee, and 1st Vice Commander Harold Olson (L-R) of Ch 321 at memorial dedication in Vancouver, WA



Assembly at Ch 321's election meeting

Sharing the Vision of Keeping the KWV's Legacy



President Han's lecture at the successful launching of the KWV Youth Corps



Press conference at the KWV Youth Corps launch

By Dr. Jongwoo Han

Greetings, the Year of Horse!

To My Heroes, the Korean War Veterans (KWVs):

It is my pleasure to report that the Korean War Veterans Digital Memorial Foundation, Inc. (KWVDMF) has successfully launched the "KWV Youth Corps," which is your descendant organization that will inherit your legacy and sacrifices. It was launched on July 26, 2013 in Washington D.C., when we celebrated and memorialized the 60th anniversaries of the Armistice and the US-Korea Alliance.

At the board meeting in St. Louis, MO, in October 2012, I proposed the creation of a KWV descendant organization in order for us to keep your legacy alive. I wrote an essay on this matter that was published in the Nov/Dec 2012 Greybeards. Now, after all this time, we have the "KWV Youth Corps." (Many Korean newspapers covered the creation of the KWV Youth Corps in July this year, and C-SPAN has begun to broadcast a

Because of your support, the KWVDM now has about 160 KWV interviews and more than 5,000 historical artifacts that include your pictures, letters, newspaper clips, and other data.

series of interviews from the digital memorial since July 27, 2013.)

Therefore, I thank you all, as well as the KWVA leadership, including President Larry Kinard, on the KWVDMF's success. Because of your support, the KWVDM now has about 160 KWV interviews and more than 5,000 historical artifacts that include your pictures, letters, newspaper clips, and other data.

From 2014, the KWVDMF will fund the KWV Youth Corps for its annual convention at the same time that the KWVA gathers for its own. The KWV Youth Corps will build their own community with the shared basis of being your descendants, and find ways to keep your legacy alive, as well as strive to transfer your patriotic capital to the future generations.

They will also work with KWVDMF to add more interviews and artifacts to the KWV Digital Memorial (www.kwvdm.org). In all their endeavors in carrying on your legacy and sacrifice, the KWVDM Foundation will fund and closely work with the KWV Youth Corps.

In order to achieve these goals, I have worked with the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs and the National Assembly in Seoul. It is my pleasure to announce that I have secured a new budget for the annual convention of the KWV Youth Corps and increased funding for the digital archive (your interviews and historical artifacts). My foundation and I are ready to increase the number of all of your interviews and artifacts and



KWV youth discuss matters at meeting

KWV Youth Corps President Dayne Weber and President Han





Elected KVV youth leaders



“Old” KVV youth at meeting



recruit more descendants of KWVs for the KVV Youth Corps. Please help me with these three major projects of KWVDMF:

- If you and your chapters would like to be interviewed, please organize interview schedules that cover about 1-2 weeks of time, with about 5-6 KWVs being interviewed per day. Each of the individual interviews should be in intervals lasting between ½-hour to an hour. (Let me know in advance.)
- KVV descendants can interview their own grandparents or other KWVs in their neighborhood, using the

KWVDM's standard interview-questions, which will be provided upon your request, and send the original files in digital format to me. Qualified interviewers will be compensated for their time and work. In this way, we can maximize the number of KVV interviews in KWVDM.

- Please advise me if you know of any KVV descendants, including your own, who want to join the KVV Youth Corps. They can participate in the upcoming annual convention of the KVV Youth Corps and work with me on many projects, including collecting interviews from KWVs in their area.

We don't have much time to do this. Unless we do our best in expanding the membership of the KVV Youth Corps during the next ten years, the future of the KVV legacy may be at risk. Finally, please join us at the 2nd Annual Convention of the KVV Youth Corps in Washington D.C. from July 24-28, 2014. Please contact me if you have any questions on this upcoming youth convention. And, feel free to ask me questions regarding this project.

Dr. Han is the President of the KVV Digital Memorial Foundation, Inc. Contact him at (315) 637-9836 or jonghan@syr.edu.

Daisy

By Eugene Mercier

In the early days of the Korean War, when the troops were withdrawing to the south, which would finally end in the formation of the Pusan Perimeter, the following incident took place in one of the infantry platoons.

This platoon had been reduced to eight or ten men. Among them was a fairly big boy from Arkansas. A good kid, with a strong southern accent, he was everybody's buddy. Because he was from Daisy, Arkansas, that's what they called him.

It had just turned dark when their Lieutenant addressed them.

"Men, you know we're almost completely surrounded on this hill. There is one way out, maybe, but we're going to stay here until morning, and try to get away at first light. Now, I don't know how

Now, I don't know how many of the enemy are out there, but I'd say we're facing odds of at least four to one.

many of the enemy are out there, but I'd say we're facing odds of at least four to one. You know, too, that we're short of ammo, so nobody fire unless they can see something to hit. So, let's settle down, and keep a sharp lookout."

With that, most of the men hunched down, and went on the alert—everybody but "Daisy." He was up every now and then, peering intently into the darkness, and this time he fired off one round. Startled, everyone hunched down a bit more when he fired again a minute later. And another round a minute or so later, this time followed by a distant muffled scream.

He didn't fire again for almost five minutes, but when he did there was the nearby sound of a thud. "Daisy" slowly lifted his head, took another look around, bent down to make as small a target as possible, and began to creep toward the path that led to the way out.

Everyone looked at him curiously. The Lieutenant broke the silence by whispering loudly, "'Daisy, where the hell are you going?"

Without stopping, "Daisy" replied, determinedly, "Ah got my four, Lieutenant. Ah'm goin' home."

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Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions

6th Helicopter and 150th Maintenance Companies

The 6th Helicopter and 150th Maintenance Companies held their 21st joint annual reunion. During the Korean War these two companies worked closely together while assigned to the 45th Transportation Battalion, 8th Army, located in Chunchon, Korea, east of Seoul and just south of the 38th Parallel.

The 6th Helicopter Company was equipped with 21 Sikorsky H-19 cargo helicopters. They flew resupply and medical evacuation missions to support our front-line troops. The 150th Maintenance Company provided heavy field maintenance support to the 6th Helicopter Company.

Following our longstanding tradition of holding our reunions at different locations throughout the country, the 2013 reunion was held in Lexington, KY. The years are taking a toll on our members, as many of our men are experiencing medical problems that are keeping them from traveling. However, we still were pleased to have 12 of our veterans, plus 12 spouses and/or friends in attendance.

One of the highlights of the reunion was a visit to the historic Keeneland Farm and Race Track. Keeneland today is one of the leading thoroughbred race horse breeding farms in



6th Helicopter Co./150th Maintenance Co. reunion attendees (Seated, L-R) Fred Bell, Carroll Johnstone, George Westmoreland (Standing, L-R) Lew Ewing, Al Longarini, Bill Graumann, Kerm Stroh, Charlie Pech, Warren Smith, Jack Ryan, Valta Ross, Don Horn

the world, with foals of Keeneland stallions being sold for millions of dollars each at their annual auction. As our tour guide explained to us, "Their stallions enjoy their job."

We hold our reunions each September. We want to encourage anyone who served

in, or knows someone who served in, either of these companies to contact us for information regarding future reunions.

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772nd Military Police Bn.



Members of the 772nd Military Police Bn. in Hartford (Seated, L-R) Vinnie Pantera, Ed Pedlow, Deane Behrends, Paul Rich (Back, L-R) Dwight Ingle, Gene Michaels, Bill McDonald, Bob Cummiskey, Alan Gambino, Wayne Shireman

Korean veterans held their 18th reunion in Hartford, CT on September 19. They toured historic Hartford and visited the Samuel Clemens (aka Mark Twain) 25-room Gothic mansion. This was the Clemens family's home from 1874 to 1891. The veterans then traveled to Essex and boarded vintage coaches pulled by a coal-fired locomotive.

They rode 21 miles through the Connecticut Valley and then boarded the Becky Thatcher boat for a trip up the Connecticut River. Next year's reunion is being planned for the Washington, D.C. area during the second week in September. All "Deuce" members are welcome. Contact Gene Michaels, 28511 TR 1233, Warsaw, OH 43844-9633, 740-824-4774, gccabin@gmail.com

Robert J. Cummiskey, 805 Stonebluff Ct . Chesterfield, MO 63005, 636-537-0232, ric805@sbcglobal.net

44th Engineers

The 44th Engineers held its annual reunion in Marietta, GA this year. Next year's reunion will be at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Many will recall training there. We hope to have a large group of 44th "Broken Hearts" at Fort Wood, which holds many memories.

While in Marietta we toured several places. The highlight was a tour of the Lockheed Martin plant, where we saw how they assembled a C-130 cargo plane. These planes are shipped all over the world. Lockheed Martin can make each plane a different size per order.

Here are some of the people who attended the reunion: Kevin Dziema, James Walker, Joe Sopher, Ken Eutsey, Andres Paulino, Hai Paulino, Kyong Carle, Travis Dziema, Audrey Gronert, Betty Holland, Spencer Holland, Ken Jobe, Brant & Conner Murt, Smith Cade, Ken CO-4 Don Gronert, Jerry Moore, Kreston Binder, Jim & Gloria Stoval. (If I left someone out, I apologize.)

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The men of the 44th Engineers at Marietta, GA reunion



The 44th Engineers ladies at Marietta gathering

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- ★ 8 – 16 Jun 70th Liberation of Saipan & Tinian
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- 18 – 28 Jul 70th Liberation Celebration of Guam
- 2 – 12 Aug WWII Battle of Guadalcanal & "Up the Slot"
- 23 Aug – 4 Sep VN I Corps "Chu Lai to the DMZ"
- 23 Aug – 6 Sep VN "Delta to the DMZ"
- 3–15 Sep 100th Anniversary of WWI "The Great War—1914"
- ★ 12–19 Sep WWII 70th Anniversary of the Invasion of Peleliu





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What Happened To The Lion?

I arrived at Kimpo AFB in early March of 1953 and was assigned as a Targets Controller to the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group Intelligence, which was a part of the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing. The mission of the 67th Tactical Recon Wing was to provide aerial photography to the 5th Air Force Headquarters in Seoul.

The Wing had two squadrons which flew F-80 jets and one squadron of B-26s. The F-80s took pictures in the day time and the B-26s did the night photography. They took pictures of various military sites in North Korea. Then, the bombers came in to take pictures again to determine the damage. The motto of the 67th was "First and Last over the Target." The 67th also had a squadron of B-26s for weather reporting.

The targets were assigned by the 5th Air Force. They were prioritized from low to very high. Those targets with high priorities were flown almost every day, whereas the lower priority targets would be flown every 2-3 weeks. On July 27, 1953, all targets of any military significance had high priorities and photos were needed. Two targets that were usually of



General MacArthur statue in Freedom Park in Seoul

low priority were on the Yalu River, which separated North Korea and Manchuria.

The F-80s flew at high altitude (weather permitting) and took "oblique" photos of military targets into Manchuria. The F-80s had a fighter escort (F-86s) for about 2/3 of the way to the Yalu River. At that point, another group of escorts met them on their return and escorted them back to the 38th parallel.

On the afternoon of July 27th, 1st Lt.

Albert Culbertson and Capt. John ("Jack") Rhoads were assigned the targets on the Yalu River. [EDITOR'S NOTE: A November 6, 1953 Stars & Stripes article said that the other pilot was Lt. Thomas W. Gorman of Keene, NH. Who was right?] Both pilots made it to their destination, took the pictures, and started their return "home." Unfortunately, one of the planes was hit by ground fire. Our office was informed that one of the planes had been hit, but we weren't sure which one.

When the returning plane was nearing Kimpo, several of us ran out to the runway to see who would be returning. When the plane landed, the pilot opened his canopy and a very happy Lt. Culbertson waved at us. We were happy for the Lt., but very sad that Capt. Rhoads would not be returning.

It was later reported that someone had visual and radio contact with Capt. Rhoads and suggested he bail out of his



North Korean prisoners step off helicopter, are surrounded by UN personnel, and head for the buses



The hospital where returning North Korean POWs received check-ups

smoking plane. His reply was, "I will try to get to the water," hoping to save the film. Shortly after this conversation his plane exploded, and no parachute was observed. Captain Rhoads was the last airman killed during the Korean War.

A few days after the cease fire, my buddy Dick York and I hitchhiked to

When I was there in 1953, my friend had taken a picture of me setting on a brass lion. I looked for the brass lion, but couldn't locate it.

Inchon and noticed helicopters coming and leaving from a nearby hilltop. We walked up the hill and realized the helicopters arrived with up to ten prisoners returning from North Korea. The prisoners

boarded a bus and were taken to a nearby hospital for check-ups. Then, they boarded ships for their return to the good old USA. They went through an arched gateway on the way to the ship, which stated "God's Speed Home."

In May of 2007, I was fortunate to par-

ticipate in the "Korea Revisit Program." One of our sightseeing trips was to Inchon and "Freedom Park," which is on a hilltop and has a statue of Gen Douglas MacArthur. Although I didn't confirm if, this was the same hill where our prisoners were returned to in 1953. It would seem a logical place and name for it.

When I was there in 1953, my friend had taken a picture of me sitting on a brass lion. I looked for the brass lion, but couldn't locate it. As our buses were getting ready to depart, I noticed a trail leading to a little higher elevation, so I scurried up to see if the lion was there. Unfortunately, I was unable to locate the lion.

However, on my way up and down the hill, a group of older Korean civilians were lined up on both sides of the trail. Practically every one of them came up to me, shook my hand, bowed, and expressed their appreciation for the Americans saving their country.

This expression of appreciation was definitely unsolicited and was from their hearts. This incident confirmed my feeling that our military action from 1950-1953 was worthwhile and necessary. The South Koreans only need to look north to see what kind of a life they would have if the United States and United Nations had not come to their assistance in 1950.

*De Wayne Hayes, 1513 Jackson St.,
Sturgis, SD 57785*



DeWayne Hayes sits on brass lion on hill where North Korean POWs were returned



Dick York and DeWayne Hayes on hill where North Korean prisoners of war arrived in August 1953



Street leading to Inchon Harbor—and home



Inchon Harbor

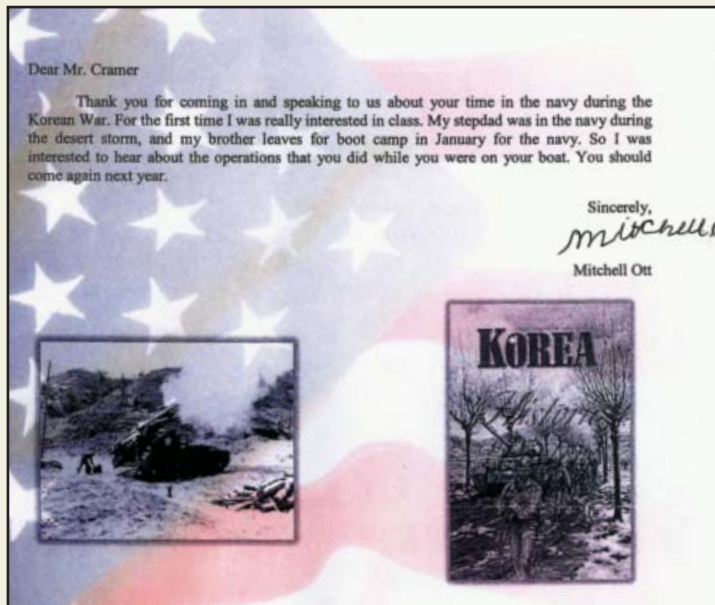
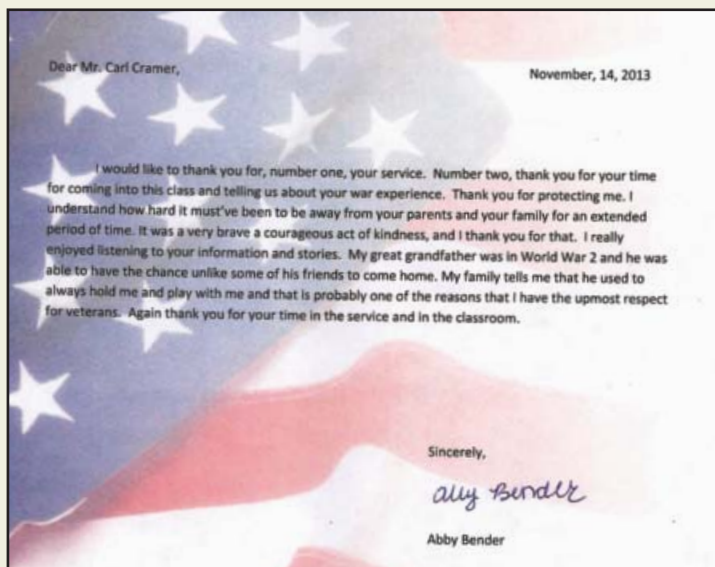
TELL AMERICA from page 29

War 1950 – 1953 60th Anniversary 2010 - 2013” pamphlets prepared by the Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee.

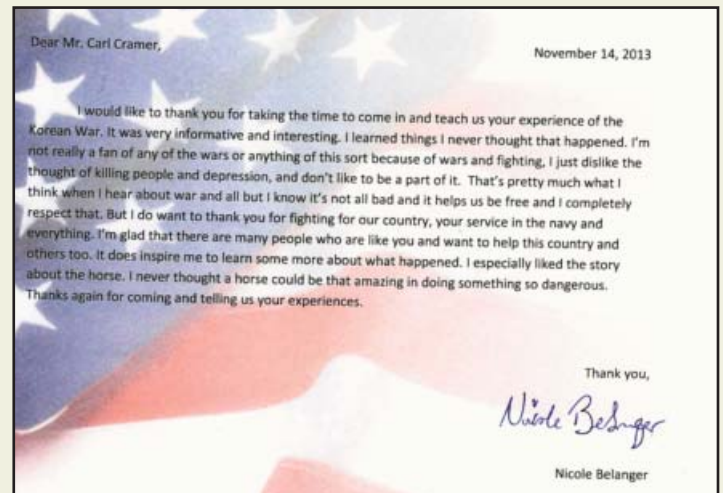
Mr. Jason Kleese, a Social Studies teacher whose room Cramer visits, was very helpful with the presentation. He displayed maps of Korea on the smart board (screen) and ran the computer projector for the showing of the DVDs. Cramer received eighteen letters from the students thanking him for his “Tell America” presentation.

At the program in the auditorium, Mrs. Virginia (“Ginny”) Lopez, Chairman of the Social Studies Department, and Mrs. Beth Bender, Superintendent of the Shippensburg School District, presented Cramer with a red rose and a 28” x 40” THANK YOU TROOPS flag for his dedicated service to the Shippensburg Area School District.

Carl L. Cramer, 2 E. Main St., P.O. Box 98, Newburg, PA 17240, (717) 423-6425, thecramers@pa.net



Above, a 'Thank You' to Carl Cramer from Abby Bender. Below, Students at Shippensburg Area Senior School combine graphics and thanks, as Mitchell Ott did



Nicole Belanger of Shippensburg Area Senior School presents both views of war in her thank you letter to Carl Cramer



One of the classes Carl Cramer addressed at Shippensburg Area Senior School



Ginny Lopez, Head of the Social Studies Department at Shippensburg Area Senior School, and Carl L. Cramer in front of the glass case display (Note Korean War display to the right of the glass case)

Ginny Lopez presents Carl L. Cramer with a rose and THANK YOU Flag for doing the “Tell America Program” and helping with the Veterans Breakfast and Program at the Shippensburg Area Senior High School each year



Want The Ambassador For Peace Medal? Reapply

Not all KWVA chapter members have received the Ambassador for Peace Medal. That was the case with CID 317, SGT. Billy Freeman [GA]. Chapter President Charles Patterson learned that the chapter had to reapply each year for members who had not received the medal, as this letter thread demonstrates.

Other chapters and individuals might want to follow the procedure recommended by Jun-jin, KANG in the final letter.

Patterson received the below letter in May 2013:

Charles W. Patterson
545 N. Avery Road
Rome, Georgia 30165
May 6, 2013

Mr. Patterson,

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the armistice agreement ending the Korean War. The Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Atlanta, Georgia wants to ensure all veterans who served during the War are properly recognized with the Ambassador for Peace Medal. The Ambassador for Peace Medal is awarded by the Korean government to those individuals who so bravely fought to defend the freedom of the Korean people.

With this in mind the Consulate is asking all Korean War Veteran Association chapter presidents to submit a full list of their members. In addition, please submit a list of those members who have already received the Ambassador for Peace Medal and another list of those who have not. The Consulate will request medals for those individuals who have not already received this honor. Although the arrival date of the medals cannot be guaranteed, we will do our best to ensure that all veterans are properly recognized.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 404-522-1611 or by email at koreanconsulateatl@gmail.com.

Thank you for your service to the Korean people. The sacrifices made by you and your fellow soldiers have not been forgotten.

Kind regards,

Patricia West

Executive Assistant

Patterson initiated a request for medals a few months later. He sent the following letter to the President of South Korea:

Park Cheong Wa Dae, President
1 Sejongno, Jongno-Gu
Seoul, South Korea 110-820
November 2, 2013

Dear Madam President,

My name is Charles Patterson, Commander of the Sgt. Billy Freeman Chapter 317 of the Korean War Veterans Association in Rome, GA. Sgt Freeman was killed in Samgo-Ri, Korea on Aug. 2, 1951. He was 19 years old and my brother-in-law.

We applied to your Consulate Generals Office in Atlanta, Georgia for the Korean Ambassadors Peace Medal on May 6, 2013 for 21 members who fought in Korea during the war.

We would like to receive these medals to be awarded to our members by the 60th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony we will have here in Rome, sometime this year.

We would like to ask if you could help us receive these medals by the end of 2013.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Patterson, Commander
545 N. Avery Rd.
NW, Rome, GA 30165

Patterson's letter elicited this response from the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, in which he was advised that the members of his chapter who had not yet received their medals would have to wait until 2014:

Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs
13, Gukhoe-daero 62-gil, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul
Republic of Korea [150-870]
Tel: +82-2-2020-5409 <http://english.mpva.go.kr>

November 29, 2013

Dear Charles W. Patterson,

The ROK Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA) has received your letter regarding Ambassador for Peace Medal from the Blue House.

First off, I want to thank from the bottom of my heart for your service and sacrifice in defending freedom and democracy of the Republic of Korea.

The MPVA has organized many programs for the Korean War veterans to give back what we received. As a part of such efforts, the Korean government has awarded Ambassador for Peace Medal to the veterans through diplomatic offices in the UN-sending nations. When the diplomatic offices ask the MPVA to send the medal, the ministry review and approve the request.

And this year, regretfully, the MPVA already closed the support for the medal. The ministry will restart awarding the medal next year. Please make a request again to the ROK diplomatic office in your state next year. (Emphasis added by the editorial staff.)

Once again, we regret to inform you that we cannot send the medal to you this year. We wish you all the best.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Yun-jin, KANG
Director, Veterans Policy and International Affairs
Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs
Republic of Korea

The bottom line, then, is that chapters wishing to procure Ambassador for Peace Medals in 2014 for their members who have not received them as yet—and there are many in that category—have to reapply this year to their nearest ROK diplomatic office. Individuals might want to follow the same procedure, or join a chapter.

THE DAYS—AND YEARS—AFTER from page 27

Brushing Her Long Hair

I was a "section leader" (a 2nd Lt. in an artillery unit) with the 235th FAOB, a target locating and forward observer unit. We were west of Kumwha and east of Pork Chop Hill when the cease fire was signed.

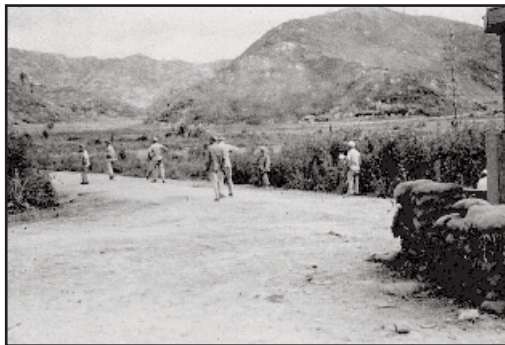
The next day I was in a jeep at an intersection near a field filled with Chinese soldiers, about a company-sized unit. One of them was a woman who was brushing her long hair. We were a bit curious about them—just as they were about us.

Just think: about eleven hours earlier we had been shooting everything we could manage at one another. I was a bit tired on July 28th, since I had not slept the night before. That was because I couldn't believe the fighting was over and we would be going home. I probably had a few other emotions running at the time, but they have eased some in the sixty years since.

*Maurice J. LeBleu
1800 Westbrooke Cove
Brenham, TX 77833*

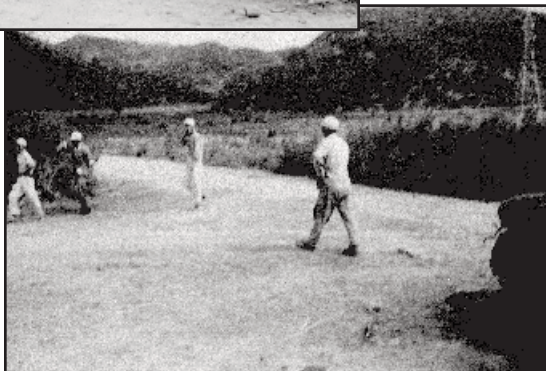


A curious Chinese soldier takes photo of Americans at intersection



Chinese soldiers practically ignoring their former enemies

The Chinese lose interest and walk away



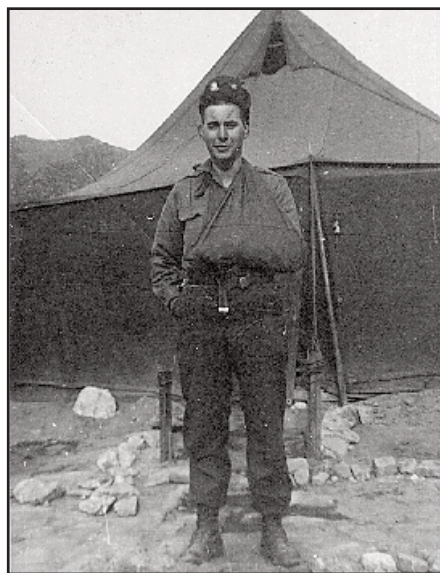
Cease Fire Is Signed, I Am Gone

The cease fire was signed on July 27th; I don't know where on the line I was that day. It was a trying last day. The enemy tried to get rid of all their ammo that day and "sent" it to us. I survived, and left my company the next day.

I was in the 2nd Div., 38th Regt., Co. B from Sept. 7, 1952 to July 28, 1953. I was on Pork Chop Hill September 18th and 19th in 1952. An officer came up behind to talk about moving. So, we moved to Old Baldy—and we kept moving. We went back and forth from Old Baldy to White Horse in our time there.

Incidentally, Hill 1062 was never taken. It was surrounded. The defenders either starved to death or slipped away.

Donald P. Hayes, 611 N. 9th St., Indianola, IA 50125



Left, Donald P. Hayes with his arm in a sling
Below, 60mm. Mortar Section, 38th Inf. Regt., Co B, 2nd Inf. Div.; Donald P. Hayes is in front row, 2nd in from left



UN vs. U.S., Yankees vs. Dodgers...A War Either Way

I was drafted December 7, 1951. After 10 weeks of infantry training and 8 weeks of cooks and bakers school at Fort Jackson, SC, I was assigned as a cook in a transport company in Fort Eustis, VA. In December 1952 I was reassigned to FE COM, Far Eastern Command (Korea). We landed in Inchon where there was

extremely heavy fighting. Fortunately, I was sent south to Masan, a port city.

The war had been through Masan twice, and it looked it. The North Koreans came first; then the Chinese tried their luck. When the armistice was finalized and a cease fire was ordered on July 27, 1953, we were ordered to keep our weapons loaded and ready in case of a change of heart by the Chinese or North Koreans. That order had to be put in place again for the World Series.

In September of 1953, life at home went along as usual, including baseball. Most people my age who had lived in the NY area for any length of time were very aware of the World Series coming up between the NY Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers. There were plenty of NY baseball fans in the 155 Transport Company and it was common knowledge that the Yankee and Dodger fans hated each other. The rivalries of today can't match those feelings.

Of course, both the Dodger and Yankee fans wanted to hear the game on radio. Armed Forces Radio did broadcast the games, but we didn't have a radio! Our Supply Sergeant, like all Supply Sergeants, was part magician. (Even though he was a Dodger fan, he was my friend.) He did his magic, much like Radar in MASH always managed to, and a short wave radio appeared.

The first game was scheduled for September 30, a Wednesday. It would be a day game, starting at 1 p.m. Great! Now we could have a nice afternoon listening to the game. Then someone realized it would be a 3 a.m. Thursday morning start in Korea. That didn't bother us, as we were used to crazy hours.

We spread the word of the 3 a.m. start so the troops could arrange their time off. As the Assistant Mess Sergeant, I arranged for coffee and sandwiches to be brought over to the supply room. Then we remembered the weapons!

What do we do with a bunch of die hard Dodger and Yankee fans in close quarters with loaded weapons? We solved that by getting the Company Commander involved. He had us hang a sign on the door advising Soldiers "No loaded weapons beyond this point" Just like Dodge City! Now we could relax and enjoy the game, which we did, especially the Yankee fans, since the Yankees won that game, 9-5. (In fact, they took the series, 4-2.)

Regardless of who won the game—or the series—listening to the game was a big morale booster for a bunch of bored GIs waiting to go home, regardless of who they were rooting for.

Joseph Vaccaro, 14617 Elmhurst Dr., Delray Beach, FL 33445, 561-498-0743, lizjoev@msn.com

The Talks Went On

I spent 1956 at Camp St. Barbara in Korea, assigned to I Corps Artillery, HQ battery, as a Staff Sgt. in the Survey Section. Our duties took us to a wide area of the country, including above the 38th Parallel where, incidentally, our camp was located.

At the time, some UN personnel were transitioning home. Things were changing daily. Some of the survey points that would/could be used for artillery in the future were damaged. Our responsibility was to travel in the areas of Munsan, Yeoncheon, Panmunjom, Dongoucheon, and north to Cheorwon to repair or re-establish damaged areas.

We took several photos around Panmunjom, where talks were still going on in 1956. Anyone who has been back to Korea on a Revisit Tour can see from them that there is a great difference between 1956 and now. My wife and I took a Revisit Tour in 1957, and I saw that difference firsthand.

(Note that the man in the white coat in front of the North delegation appears in two photos. He is monitoring the press representatives.)

Arles W. Pease, 929 Clearwood Ave., Kingsport, TN 37660, 423-246-8485



KPA and CPV representatives enter the conference area at the 73rd meeting of the Military Armistice Commission at Panmunjom on November 10, 1956



Buildings behind the North delegation are the original meeting buildings at Panmunjom. They have been rebuilt and are now blue.



Press representatives from both the United Nations Command and the Korean People's Army/Chinese People's Volunteer sides outside the conference building during the 73rd meeting of the Military Armistice Commission



The North delegation coming from their headquarters to meeting of the 73rd Military Armistice Commission. This is the original building, located on the north side. It has been updated with a large modern building. (Everything on the north side had to be higher than anything on the south side.)

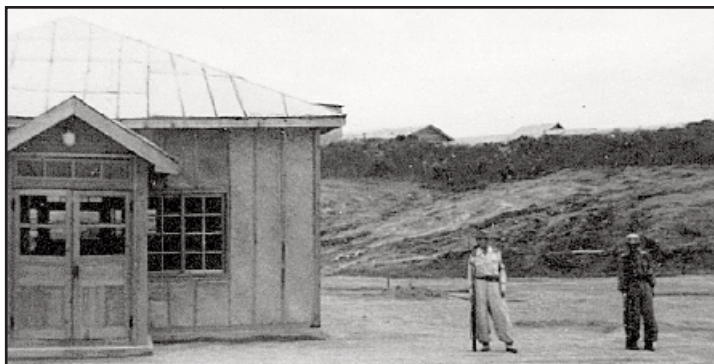


MajGen Matthew K. Deichmann (Senior Member UNC/MAC), Rear Admiral Lynne C. Quiggue (Chief of Staff), and Col Richard A. Broberg (Chief Operations Divisions), L-R) at the 73rd meeting of the Military Armistice Commission on November 10, 1956 at Panmunjom

On The MLR One Day, In Panmunjom The Next

It was not long after the cease-fire, that I was transferred to the South Korean and American Munsan-ni base to serve as a jeep driver for the United Nations Neutral Inspection Team (NNIT) of the United Nations Military Armistice Commission (UNMAC) at Panmunjom. The Swiss and Swedes represented the allies; Czechoslovakia and Poland represented the communists. Ironically, 60 years later, all the nations on both sides have free governments. This turned out to be good duty, and I stayed with it until I left Korea in 1954.

There was one Polish officer who tired of the slow 25 mph



UNCMAC and North Korean guards (R-L) in front of building at Panmunjom where peace talks occurred in July 1953. Note that the North Korean guard is armed; the South Korean has only clenched fists as a weapon



UNCMAC personnel at Panmunjom in July 1953

drive back to his barracks after meetings. Once, he stepped on my foot as I drove and forced down the accelerator, which caused the car to speed up. This put native Koreans—and everybody else—at risk.

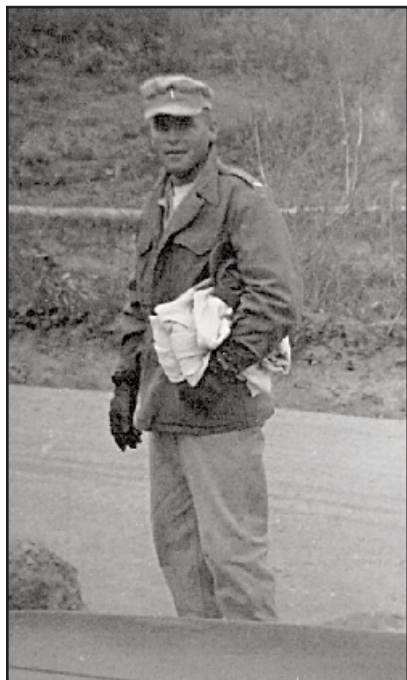
When I returned to my barracks, I reported the incident to my superiors. The incident became a topic of complaint at the Panmunjom discussions, which are still going on sixty years later—although the accelerator incident may no longer be on the agenda. It sure didn't accelerate the peace talks.

After the armistice took effect, I asked if I could use a jeep to drive over to see a good buddy of mine from back home in Akron, Ohio,



Arthur Dean, U.S. representative at Panmunjom peace talks, makes public statement to the press in July 1953

2nd Lt. Leland Tucker, a Marine Corps Officer Candidate School Graduate. The officer in charge, being from Northeast Ohio as well, granted permission.



Lt. Leland Tucker, USMC, in Korea

The Chevrolet staff car assigned to Robert H. Jones, and the two Polish officers he transported



I drove over to the 1st Marine Division area and found him. Tucker had served with me in Army ROTC "Pershing Rifles" drill team for 1-1/2 years before we entered the active military service. In 1952, I was sadly washed out of Army OCS in the 18th week of the 21-week course. Afterwards, I think that I was the best-trained private in the U.S. Army. I think OCS late "wash-outs" like me should have been at least given corporal rank.

Lt. Tucker became a Captain in the Marine Corps before having to leave for health reasons. He passed away in his late thirties. A brother of his, Army Sgt. Darrel Tucker, served in Korea prior to Leland's service. I believe he was on Pork Chop Hill earlier in the war.

Robert H. Jones, 2961 Givens Dr., Norton, OH 44203



NNIT members at Taegu Air Field: 2 Polish, 1 Swiss, 1 Swedish, 1 Polish, an enlisted Polish Soldier, 3 Czechs, PFC Robert H. Jones, U.S. Army, 1 Czech officer





Recon Missions

Jack Chapman...Dave Binding, a British POW from the Imjin River battle, is looking for Jack Chapman, a friend. Anyone know or know of him? Contact Binding at expow@talktalk.net.

Jerry Keohane...is trying to complete a patch collection at his VFW post. He is looking for any shoulder patches from the Japanese war trials related to the 555th MP Bn. Contact him at 457 Woodgate Rd., Tonawanda, NY 14150.

James Krysztoforski...a member of CID 54, Thomas W. Daley, Jr. [NJ] and recent recipient of the Korean Peace Medallion, is looking to correspond with people with whom he served in Korea with the 66 Army Postal Unit, APO 973 during parts of 1950 and 1951. Reach James E. Krysztoforski, 10 Bittersweet Pl., Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, 856-222-4626, TerryKriss@comcast.net.



Charles Bradford Smith... was the commander of Task Force Smith that fought at Osan in July 1950. Does anybody know if he was from Ilion, NY?

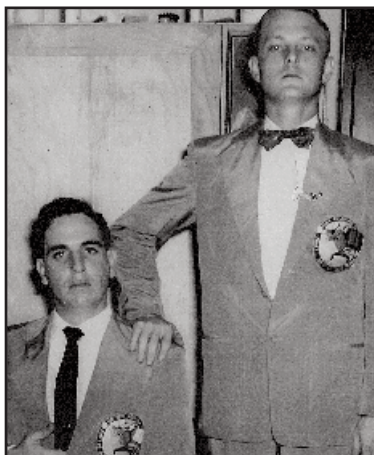
Don Ford, 109 Brand St.
Ilion, NY 13357

EDITOR'S NOTE: According to the Veterans History Project, he was born in New Jersey. (See <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/vhp/bib/41670>)

John Muth...and I were in the 581st Air Resupply and Communication Wing (an on-purpose misnomer, as we were a CIA Wing engaged in psychological warfare). We wore "drinking suits" to the Officers Club at Clark AFB in the Philippines. (Our wing had a "Mouse Song" associated with our emblem, which is depicted in the nearby photo.).


John was an SA-16 pilot; I flew B-29s. John was from Cherry Hill, NJ. I lived 60 miles north of there. After the Korean War ended, the 581st was disbanded and I never could locate him again.

We have reunions, but he never attended. I couldn't find anything about him in South Jersey. If anyone knows about him, please let me know.



John Muth (L) and Art Snyder in their "drinking suits"

Of interest, we had many



THE MOUSE SONG*
(best when accompanied with San Miguel)

OOOOOOOH the beer was spilled on the barroom floor
and the bar was closed for the night!

WHEEEEEEN out of his hole came a little old mouse
and he sat right down in the light!

HEEEEEEE lapped up the beer on the barroom floor
and back on his haunches he sat!

AAAAAAnd all night long you could hear him shout
DA LHIN MO RITO ANG MGA GO NED PUSA!!!

or translated to English from the original Tagalog
BRING ON THE GOD DAMNED CAT!!!!

*lyrics copywrited by the 581st AR SQDN Glee Club 1954

types of planes, all painted black, no USAF markings, no guns, and only flew at night on covert missions. Our Wing commander and a crew of 13 were shot down on the first flight.

Arthur Snyder, 429 Manor Ave.
Cranford, NJ 07016, 908-272-5700

A USO Show?

My stepfather, Elmer J. Burgess, is a Korean War veteran. He gave me two pictures taken in 1953 when he was in Korea. He was hoping that someone could remember where they were taken and who was on stage.



Mystery theater

Elmer Burgess was in Korea from 1948-1949 with the 6th Infantry Div. at Camp Skipworth in Tague. From there he was sent to Hawaii from 1949-1950 as part of the 5th Heavy Mortar Company. He was discharged in 1950.



An unknown show in Korea

In 1952 he reenlisted and was at Fort Bragg. In late 1952-1953 he was sent to Korea with the 5th RCT 555th field artillery until 1954. He was then discharged in late 1954.

Tim Webster,
Timothy.Webster@state.vt.us

Special Assignment?

Springfield, MO, August 1950. As a member of the inactive reserves I got a letter to report to Ft. Hood, Texas in early September. After 30 days of advanced infantry training we shipped out to San Francisco, CA, where we met with GIs from other camps.

In a few days we boarded a Navy General Class ship and departed, destination unknown. There were lots of rumors and scuttlebutt, but nothing official. After a stormy 17-day crossing we unloaded in Yokohama, Japan.

Several days later we boarded a Navy ship. Two days after that we made an amphibious landing at Inchon, South Korea, on November 13, 1950—my 22nd birthday. All we knew was that we were replacements headed for unknown assignments to a front line unit.

Early the next morning we boarded a small train. The cars were cattle-car type with wooden frames and open air slats. We traveled all day.

Late that evening we camped at an abandoned Korean base. In the early morning we were standing in formation ready to board the train for our final destination. Two names were called and told, "Fall out. You are being held here for special assignment. Wait for pick up." My name was one of those called.

Cpl. Adrien Freeman (that's me) did not board that train that day. I have never heard from anyone in that group. If this experience sounds familiar, I sure would like to know the rest of the story.

Adrien Freeman
(Korea, Nov. 1950 - Sept. 1951),
981 Clubland Way, Marietta, GA
30068, 770-973-3763,
Afree3763@bellsouth.net

What Ship Did USS *Formoe* Relieve?

I was stationed on board the destroyer escort *USS Formoe* (DE 509) during late 1954 and early 1955. Our home base was San Diego. However, we were sent to Japan as an extended training cruise.

During that time we were sent to the Sea of Japan, between Japan and Korea, to relieve a picket ship that had received a large shell hole through its bow. I do not remember the name of that ship. I do remember the bow hole, which was large enough to drive a Cadillac through.

I have been trying for some years to remember the name of the ship we relieved. But, as I near birthday #81, I find that the memory has taken a bit of a vacation.

If anyone can assist me with this information, it would be appreciated.

Art Elvin, 160 Cabe Ct.,
Greeneville, TN 37745,
Nivletra@aol.com

EDITOR'S NOTE: An even better question is how did the unnamed ship get a shell hole in its bow?

Here is a bit of post-Korean War history of *Formoe*, which did not see service in Korea. The info is taken from the *Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*:

Recommissioned 27 June 1951, *Formoe* sailed from San Diego 5 October 1951 for Newport, R.I., her home port. For the next year she trained in New England and Caribbean waters, then served from October to December as training ship at the Fleet Sonar School, Key West. She had similar duty the next autumn, otherwise continuing her east coast and Caribbean operations until sailing from Newport 13 September 1954 to rejoin the Pacific Fleet.

From February through June 1955, and again from October 1955 to March 1956, *Formoe* carried out tours of duty in the Far East, taking part in hunter-killer operations and serving as station ship at Hong Kong. Upon her return she prepared for foreign transfer at San Francisco where she was decommissioned 7 February 1957 and transferred the same day to Portugal under the Mutual Defense Assistance Program. She serves in the Portuguese Navy as *Diogo-Cao*.

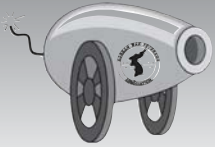
Formoe received two battle stars for World War II service.

Photos Wanted For KWMF Website

The Korean War Memorial Foundation (KWMF) is planning to add a new page to its website. It will feature photos of Korean War veterans taken in Korea or during the war, together with two-line captions identifying the vet, his rank and unit, the place, etc.

Korean War vets who may want to have their photo(s) posted on our site can either email the photos to us as PDFs, or send us hard copies which we could scan and return.

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/>



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.

In Memoriam: Jerry Coleman

Jerry Coleman, a native of San Jose, California, passed away Sunday January 5, 2014 at the age of 89. A Hall of Fame baseball player with more than 70 years in pro baseball, Coleman served as a Marine Corps pilot in World War II and Korea, interrupting his career playing for the New York Yankees.

Coleman flew 120 missions combined and was the only major leaguer to see combat in two wars

Mike Glazzy, mglazzy@sbcglobal.net

The "Woodcutters" Incident

As a resident of the Yountville (CA) Veteran Home, I discovered your great publication.

After 47 years researching the Japan and Korea Stars and Stripes, eight years ago I obtained incidents, names and dates of those who suffered combat deaths during January 1961 to May 1962 when I served as Infantry with the First Battle Group, 8th Calvary Regiment, First Calvary Division within the Joint Security Area and the Korean Militarized Zone.

This information supported my disability claim as a result of which in December 2012 I was awarded 100 percent for Post Combat Stress Injury. My success winning my legal deposition established or made "Law" enabling veterans to become successful in again filing their claim[s]. This Korea War just is NOT OVER.

At the 'final deposition' presenting my evidence, the judge said "I did not know this" as I presented my evidence of research, CFRs, Stars and Stripes information. What got him is the deceleration of the "Second Korea War" in 1966, resulting in 'combat pay', Purple Hearts, and Silver Stars being awarded to those who served within the same geography region as I did.

In my opinion there exists a 'disconnect' with those serving within the Department of Veterans statement of the "length of the Korean War." The Korea War still goes on.

What I experienced and witnessed during my tenure in Korea is classified as "Black Combat Operations." For example, I captured five Koreans [Okay, I know what you are thinking; however, this is true] one Sunday as a Motor Pool Dispatcher with an M-1 rifle, tracers, on duty, hearing Koreans walking down the road nearby.

This happened within the "Spoonbill Sector" near the 8th Calvary Motor Pool. Imagine someone at eighteen years of age

confronting innocent appearing, purported Korean wood cutters on a SUNDAY, when no Koreans were allowed be present on weekends....??

These guys were not ordinary Korean citizens, as they were built like NFL linebackers. However, they respected the sound of the M-1 safety being released for action.

All froze at the sound, which gave me validity in my presumption. Carefully I distanced myself from these 'woodcutters,' believing I could take them out with ease using my faithful M-1 and tracers.

I walked them single file to the Motor Pool Q Maintenance Shop, where an outside phone was available. I had them with both palms on the wall, legs spread, as I was 'ringing up' the Officer of the Day—as we still used WWII equipment.

Wouldn't you know this 2nd Lt. guy is R.O.T.C., assuming command of the situation, while displaying a great deal of arrogance. And, he walked between the Koreans and me while I had the safety off my M-1! I shouted to him to step aside. Only then did he realize what was happening.

All this happened in slow motion. I was focused on survival, knowing that the Koreans facing the Motor Pool wall would not have a "tinkers damn of a chance" if they resisted. Meanwhile, the 2nd Lt. was screaming on the telephone for back up.

How long it took for relief, I do not remember. Finally, a 3/4 ton pick-up arrived with both South Korean and our Military Police.

The 2nd Lt. said, "What happened here never happened, understand!"

To my knowledge, nothing was recorded nor was any report of the Korean Woodcutters published. And, I might mention, the Korean MPs were not too friendly with their prisoners.

Minefields, grenade attacks on outposts, sniping...all have happened since the signing of the cease fire. "What are the evaluation criteria and with what authority do authors claim stating that the 'Korea War ended'?"

Respecting your publication, perhaps more research is required recognizing the DMZ not as the DMZ, but as the Korea Militarized Zone.

Another issue I research is the application of Agent Orange/Blue on and near the Joint Security Area, circa 1959. I am motivated because a friend of mine has diabetes, a form of cancer unrecognized by the Veterans Administration. I champion

his cause.

Kindly do not publish my name, use what you receive as further exploration for your excellent publication.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer did furnish his name, rank, serial number, etc. So, I will honor his wishes and not publish his name to protect his identity regarding the Woodcutter's incident.

Would That Really Be My Brother?

After receiving my copy of the Chosin Few [magazine] this month, I was so disturbed with what I found in it that I am sending this poem in. The Chosin Few stated that the remains of some of the MIA and KIA were not in the caskets shown in reports of the men being brought back home for burial. If that is true, what a shameful thing that has been done.

My only brother, SFC Joseph Arthur Wooten Jr., has been MIA since 1950 from the Chosin area. So, you can see my concern. If they reported to me that my brother's remains had been found and they were sending them home for burial, could I believe them? Could I?

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"The Forgotten War"

A forgotten war, how can that be?

I lost a friend so close to me.

No one will ever know the pain

Of giving up my friend.

A forgotten war, Well I think not

This friend of mine I've not forgot

No one will ever know the pain

Of giving up my friend.

A forgotten war, Oh what a shame

My life will never be the same

As when it was so long ago

The day I lost my friend.

Many years have come and gone

Since my friend left his home

From friends and family he went

To fight this war, that was my friend

Ashamed of them our people were

But I remember who was there

And there were some who really cared

For our men and my friend.

We had been friends for many years,

Shared happy times, wiped away tears

I'll love him to the very end

This was my brother, "MY FRIEND"

Written by: Wanda (Wooten) Baugess 8-18-2002

The COMWEL Division Kept Firing

I can't speak for the rest, but the COMWEL Div kept firing until the actual cease fire took effect, because even last-minute gains of territory would add to the ultimate border after the cease fire. More likely, it's because we had to remove all ammo within 48 hours. The more we fired off the less we had to backload!

I'm surprised to hear the complaints about "not enough cover-

age of the —————(fill in the blanks). I think that you are covering most of the participants - if anyone is left out it's their own fault for not submitting material!

Leslie Peate, jlpeate@rogers.com

Mighty Mites And Hemorrhagic Fever

I recently joined Korean War Veterans Assoc. having served in Korea in 1952 to 1953 as a member of the 25th Division. I was in Company I, 27th Inf Regiment (The Wolfhounds). Having joined, I received your publication, which I thoroughly enjoyed reading. I especially liked the article "Who Was 'Iron Mike' Michaelis?" (July/Aug 2013, p. 61)

He was a well respected Wolfhound, and probably one of the most famous. Another famous Wolfhound was Colonel David H. Hackworth. I had the honor of doing him a big favor back in 1992, which I intend to write about in the near future for The Graybeards.

The reason for my letter is an article in the Feedback/Return Fire section (July/Aug, 2013, p. 67), titled "Yellow Fever, Yellow Jaundice, Hepatitis?" In the article you were looking for whatever the condition may have been called.

I recall that while on the front line we were exposed to a disease that was caused by rats that were carrying mites. It was called Hemorrhagic Fever. I remember squad members being more frightened of that than being in combat.

Every so often we would encounter huge rats in our bunkers. It wasn't being bitten by the rat that caused the disease; it was being bitten by the mite it carried. We were told by the medics there was no cure once infected. Hemorrhagic Fever was deadly, and a member of our squad died as a result of being infected.

I do not know if this may be the answer you are seeking, but hopefully it will inform people of still another killer during the Korean War.

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Somebody Dealt Me A Lucky Hand

Re the May/June 2013 edition, p. 30, "Replacement Was A Scary Word:"

The three Marines mentioned, Holcomb, Nipp, and me, received orders to ship out to Korea. Why? In October 1952 the three of us were drinking beer in the "Red Ball Café" in Macalester, OK. We had a little problem, although I can't remember what it was. If it had not taken place, we would not have gotten the orders for Korea.

I reported to Camp Pendleton for advanced infantry training. My MOS was 0300 (Field, Infantry). After that I sailed on the *USS General W. H. Gordon* (AP-117). There were about 2,500 of us aboard, all wearing field transport packs. Aboard the ship I headed for the compartment, where I hoped to get a top bunk. I was in luck. I climbed up there with the feeling that it would be the best place for me for the next eighteen days.

As we were outbound we sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge. I looked up at it and said to myself, "I'll never see the U.S. again." Fortunately, I was wrong.

I enjoyed the voyage to Japan aboard the ship. At dark I was

in my bunk. During the day I had mess duty. During my free time I was on the bow of the ship just looking out to sea. Finally, we got to Kobe, Japan, where we got “port” and “starboard” liberty, i.e., half the ship’s personnel on liberty at a time. We left Kobe the next day.

We landed at Inchon, Korea. I thought, “What the heck is this place, a war zone?” We left Inchon for Ascom City for unit replacement. We did not go out of our tents the first night, except to visit the head. The password that night was “Bingo-Tiger.” I’ll never forget that jet black first night. Fear? You bet.

The next day we went by truck to a unit just in back of the MLR. It was a Counter Mortar Radar combat surveillance unit. I was with it for 2-3 weeks. But, it was disbanded. Next thing I knew I was on the way to a new unit, 11th Marines, “C Co., 4.5 Rockets, where I was assigned as a crewman. To this day I can only thank the officer who transferred me to that battery. All through April, May, June, and July 1953 we were in combat. We had 6 guns comprising 24 tubes—a 144-round ripple.

After reading the history of the 1st Marine Division in Korea I realize how lucky I was. The Marines were incurring 1,000 casualties a month, KIA or WIA. In the January to July 1953 period alone we suffered 5,246 wounded or killed in action. (USMC in Korea, Appendix E, Vol. V, Operations in Korea.)

During my time with the battery I performed various assignments, e.g., guard duty and unpacking and “fusing” ammo. At one time we had over 4,000 rounds ready to go—and they went.

After July 23rd our battery moved back 2,000 yards from the 38th Parallel. Sometime after that I went to Machine Gun School. Then, as troops rotated out, I was made a section leader. The section included five men plus me, 1 gun, and 1 truck.

Remember, it was only a cease fire that was in place. The Division was on call 24/7 until it finally pulled out. To this day the war could start again.

Once I returned to the states I was assigned to Camp Lejeune, NC with the Second Division 4.5 Rocket Battery. So much for my time in the Marine Corps and Korea.

Despite my premonition as we sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge en route to Korea, I made it back home. A lot of service-members did not, including my childhood friend, Carl Nowoczynski, who was killed on Berlin (or East Berlin) on July 20, 1953—only one week before the cease fire. Rest in peace, all of you.

I hope Holcomb and Nipp made it home and that they did not get hit in Korea. Here’s to the Marine Corps, Macalester, OK, Camp Pendleton, Korea, Camp Lejeune, and the Second Marine Division 4.5 Rocket Battery!

Semper Fi all.

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Articles Do Bring Results

EDITOR’S NOTES: We have known for a long time that articles in The Graybeards bring positive results for our members. They help veterans reconnect with one another; elicit feedback (positive and negative), pique readers’ interests, clear up mysteries... the list goes on. Here is a letter we received from Wayne Pelkey,

who was featured in Members in the News, p. 73, Nov/Dec 2013, and on the back cover:

My sincere thanks to you for selecting the story and photos on page 73 and the large photo on rear cover. This is treasurable to me and my family, plus the 40 plus Korean War vets who are my regular email friends, of whom 22 resulted from contacts of my prior articles printed in *The Graybeards*.

I hope that you and your staff realize that the time devoted to compiling the stories and photos of each issue is the spark plug and catalyst that keeps us old guys in contact and realizing the Korean War was worth the effort.

The effort by the Korean government with their return trips and support of KWVA functions is commendable and wrapped equivalent to a large bouquet of roses with their book “Korea Reborn: A Grateful Nation.”

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More Results...

Some articles bring more results than others. Here are a few examples of responses to articles from the Nov/Dec 2013 edition. Writers who receive responses from readers are encouraged to share them with the editorial staff, so we can in turn print them in The Graybeards.

Here are a couple responses to Bob Dial’s photo essay, “Dial ‘T’ For Thanks,” pp. 54-55, about his father’s experiences aboard USS Valley Forge (CV/CVA/ CVS 45). First, here is what Bob Dial wrote:

One small correction – two of the photos identify my dad using my name, Bob Dial, instead of his name, John S. Dial. Not a big deal, but I just didn’t want anyone to think I was taking credit for things that he did.

I thought you would find this interesting. I received a phone call from an 84-year-old gentleman named LeRoy Halzwarth, who called with some information about my father’s photos that you so graciously published in the last issue of *The Graybeards*.

Mr. Halzwarth is the secretary/treasurer of the Happy Valley Reunion Club. (“Happy Valley” was a nickname for Valley Forge. There is an online membership application for the organization at <http://www.happyvalleyreunionclub.org/HV501.html>.) He is from Madison, Wisconsin; his email is hvrctst@charter.com.

Mr. Halzwarth provided me with a mailing address for a sailor named Madden (who may or may not be the Madden in the photographs). He also confirmed that one photo shows Valley Forge transiting the Panama Canal. Apparently, the civilian cars on the flight deck belonged to crew members. They were being transported that way because the ship was switching home ports from San Diego to Norfolk.

At any rate, I wanted to share these responses with you to let you know that your efforts are paying off—and that I greatly appreciate them.

Best regards,

Bob Dial, Glenville, NY

Mr. Dial received these two letters as well:

Isn't Happy Valley Where Penn State Plays?

I was aboard the "Happy Valley" in the Air Group (VC-11 with three Airborne Early Warning planes). We flew 60-mile circles around the fleet looking for submarines, mines, MIGs, ships, or whatever we could spot that could give us trouble. I was aboard for the 1st and 3rd trip and I see where your Dad was 2nd, 3rd and 4th trip.

One pic is the ship transiting the Panama Canal with cars aboard. They were sailors' cars that were aboard as the home port was changed from San Diego. You will notice the bomb under the wing in one pic, which proves we were close off of the coast of Korea when taken. Your pics bring back many, many memories, many good, some bad.

I do have a request. Do you have any pics that were of the scoreboard—which means how many planes shot down—tanks destroyed—tunnels bombed—planes destroyed on the ground—trucks shot up—etc?

I may have rubbed shoulders with your Dad and did not know it. But, every sailor always had good words for the disbursing clerks.

If you have questions about anything you can call me at 740-695-0390 or email me at jjcostain@comcast.net. I now am 83 and live in St. Clairsville, Ohio.

Just One Big Ice Cream Social?

Enjoyed your article in Nov-Dec *Graybeards*. I was a Radarman aboard the USS *Moale* (DD 693) that accompanied Valley Forge [VF] to Korea in about January 1953 until just before the conflict ended in July. We left Norfolk with VF and sailed east through the Mediterranean and Indian Seas with a stop in Manila. We were the only two ships in this detail.

After a day's time we left for Yokosuka and then reported in to Task Force 95 off the North Korean coast. At about 0400 VF launched its first aircraft. I was on duty in the Combat Information Center for that.

Moale was on plane guard detail for VF just off the port quarter. The catapult broke on the first launch and a fully loaded AD went on the end of the launch deck into the sea. On my radar I saw the blip of the A/C and informed bridge that I had it the moment the A/C (aircraft) blip separated from the VF. I informed our bridge just a few seconds after hearing the info that the VF had radioed the incident and gave them a course to the downed AD.

We pulled alongside, put over a ladder and a swimmer, and had the two crew members on deck in short order with only a couple jellyfish stings. As was the custom, after the first light VF ordered us alongside while we were underway and highlined over ice cream for the whole crew, which was consumed nearly immediately.

I don't know how the downed A/C was dealt with to sink it, but we had a junior Lt JG on our bridge. After the pick-up of the crew, he asked the CO if we should ram it to sink it, as it was a hazard to the ocean traffic. On first return to Japan that Lt JG was put ashore with orders to return to the USA. We never saw him again!

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Cease Fire, Not A Peace Treaty

On page 59 of the Nov/Dec 2013 issue there was a sentence that read, "So, July 28th was as harrowing a day as was the day before—the day the peace treaty was signed." There was no "peace treaty" signed. It was a cease fire.

There is a difference between the two.

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"Korea. The War We Won" article comments

Korean War Casualty Figures

William Hothan's "Wrong Casualty Figures" comments on page 68 of the Nov/Dec 2013 edition apparently require some explanation. The figures I used in my article, "Korea. The War We Won," were "almost 34,000 KIA...103,000 WIA...8,000 MIA." They are not "incorrect." They are simply approximations of DoD statistics: 33,741 KIA, 103,284 WIA, 7,900 MIA. As such they were intended to show why Korea was "one of the bloodiest wars in U.S. history."

The point of my article, which was clearly missed, is that we won the Korean War. It was not meant to be a treatise on casualty statistics. That I leave to Mister Hothan. I note, however, that his 105,284 WIA statistic is incorrect. The DoD's figure is still 103,284.

Don Hart, CID 251 Saginaw/Frankenmuth, MI, donhart@yahoo.com

Who Is A Korean War Veteran?

There has been a question about the definition of a Korean War veteran. Some combat war vets say that people who served after June 1953 aren't war vets. I served in Korea from June 1954 until the First Marine Div. came stateside in May of 1955.

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Frank Cohee Responds

In the eyes of the KWVA, if one served within Korea at any time, September 3, 1945 to the present day, they are considered Korean War veterans.

Frank Cohee, National Secretary, KWVA

Getting A Highway Named For Veterans

Lewis Vaughn of CID 301, Foothills [SC], has been trying to get a portion of I-395 in South Carolina named the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway. He succeeded—and got more than he asked for. Here is his report:

To all KWVA members:

As you requested, I met with Senator Tom Corbin, Representative Dwight Loftis, and Representative Mike Burns regarding your request to name a section of I-385 the "KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY." They were fully supportive of the idea. In fact, we discussed the idea of naming the entire length of I-385 from its start in Greenville to where it meets I-26 in Laurens County for veterans, not the generic "VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY," but a section each for WWII veterans, Korean veterans, Viet Nam veterans, Iraq veterans, and

Afghanistan veterans. They agreed and planned to introduce a resolution in January when they went back into session requesting that the SC Department of Transportation approve the renaming.

Of course, if any section of I-385 is already named, then that section cannot be renamed.

This will take some effort on the behalf of Senator Corbin, Rep. Burns, and Rep. Loftis. Please call, write, or e-mail each of them and express your appreciation for their intervening on your behalf. Also, spread the word to all your veteran friends. Tell them also to express their support for this idea.

Contact them at:

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The Honorable Rep. Dwight Loftis, P. O. Box 14784, Greenville, SC 29610, (864) 834-5760,
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The Honorable Rep. Mike Burns, 100 Old Locust Hill Road, Taylors, SC 29687, (864) 906-6049,
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Take Care,

Lewis Vaughn, 623 Ashley Commons Ct., Greer, SC 29651, 864-848-0368, lewisrvaughn@att.net

At least one fellow chapter member congratulated Vaughn. He wrote:

Lewis, thank you for your good work. Fantastic accomplishment. Thanks also to Senator Tom Corbin, Representative Dwight Loftis, and Representative Mike Burns for their cooperation and support. The inclusion of other veteran groups for recognition on specific parts of I385 is commendable.

Again, thank you.

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How To Get The ROK PUC

Dear Col. Gavel:

I read your article in *The Graybeards*, Nov.-Dec. 2013, concerning the ROK PUC medal awarded to the U.S. Army's 7th ID. A fellow Lt. and I both served during the Korean War, Oct. 1952 through Oct. 1953. Lt. Richards was an air observer and I was a forward observer.

The medal was not added to our 201 File, thus we did not receive this medal. Is there a way that we can now receive it after all these years?

Dwight L. Thomas, 319 Palm Drive, Marlin, TX 76661, dwrightfwk@sbcglobal.net

Col Gavel Responds

Yes. Before I go through the paperwork be advised that (1) you will only get a slip of paper that officially amends your discharge form—this gets it on your record and (2) you will not be issued the ribbon but can buy it from a number of on-line medal dealers. This is because it is a foreign award and is only awarded as a ribbon, not a medal. (It is also a streamer that was attached

to unit colors).

You can go to <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/> and read about how to do it. Short version is that you print out a Standard Form and fill it out. In remarks, you request that the ROK PUC be added to your discharge document.

To make it easier for the clerk (some may require it and bounce back your request), you should attach a copy of your discharge record (you can get one through the link above, which is good to have so your family can get you a VA headstone, etc.) and a printout of the unit awards manual...which you can access at http://www.apd.army.mil/pdffiles/p672_3.pdf.

One last note: we often think of ourselves as being assigned to a unit, but you need to cite the unit on your discharge form. While it is understood that the award of the ROK PUC to the 7th ID includes all of its units, some clerks may want to ensure that your unit was part of the 7th ID during the award period.

I have helped a number of vets with awards questions and hope to do so in the future, health permitting.

John Gavel, THEGAVEL@aol.com

Trapping A Jet On Land

After reading the Nov-Dec 2013 *Graybeards*, with so many stories about being in Korea for 27 July, 1953, I put together the following memory of perhaps how a man's life was saved. I remember that last day and night well. My next younger brother arrived in Korea on that last day, and he was on a train heading north for his assignment into a mortar company.

I graduated in 1952 as an engineer from Oregon State College—on my 23rd birthday, commissioned as an RA 2nd Lt in the U S Army Corps of Engineers. Within weeks I was sent to a short officer course in Ft Belvoir VA, followed by a few weeks at the Coronado Navy's combat assault ship loading course. I was given a 1331 MOS (Combat Engineer) and told by General Puller what to expect and beware of when we got to Korea. Am I part of a new invasion plan now, for a landing where?

I arrived in Korea after an 18-day ocean trip, being seasick from the time we passed under the Golden Gate until docking in Japan. We followed that voyage with a quick air flight and train ride toward Seoul. I was assigned to the 839th Engineer Construction Bn. as a platoon leader in Company B. After some months of various construction tasks involving heavy dirt moving, small bridges repairs, explosives work, aircraft hanger erection and concrete pours, my platoon was given a special task with a high priority.

It appears that the Korean Command at some level wanted an emergency location where damaged, shot-up jets (like F-86s) with control problems could attempt landing as close to the front as possible without the pilot having to bail out. From somewhere higher we were shipped the equipment needed to build, on land, near a K55 runway, something that looked like a heavy duty tennis net support about 50 feet wide between stanchions.

The cable, across the top, supported on the stanchions, was on the order of an inch and a quarter in diameter, and each end of the cable was attached to heavy chains (steel links about 14 inches long made of steel about 3 "round), laid out on the ground ahead, parallel to and in the direction the jet would be traveling.

After the landing wheels tore the cable off the stanchions and started pulling the chain behind the jet. Then, as more drag dead weight load is picked by the jet, the jet is brought to a stop. This is the same type of stop that takes place on an aircraft carrier.

The only problem that took place here in June or July 1953 was that the cable clamps did not hold on the one end of the cable, and it came loose from the chain. The jet had been slowed down considerably, but by that time the cable was stretched like a banjo string and snapped. It then basically wrapped around the jet, crushing it some, in a lassoed manner, but bringing the jet to a stop. Fortunately, the cable had not crushed the pilot's canopy. We were concerned about fire, but we were able to get the pilot away from the plane in very quick time.

I cannot remember the condition of the pilot, whether he was cognizant or not. Shortly after we got the pilot out, there were other emergency personnel on the scene, and we went on to reset the emergency jet catcher.

If there is anyone reading this who was there that day in June or July of 1953, I would like to hear from them. If that pilot or



Emergency personnel surround a jet after landing near K-55 runway

anyone knowing a pilot who might have told a story of being saved or being there at the time, I would like to hear from them.

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What Ever Happened To The Kijowski Twins?

In the past two editions there was mention of twins serving in Korea. That brought to mind a twin named Leo Kijowski, who was in my outfit, Fox Co., 8th Cav. Regt., 1st Cav. Div. He was burned terribly when an enemy bunker exploded.

My mother saved a copy of an article from *Life Magazine* that was published around December or January in 1951 or 1952. I've often wondered about the rest of the story.

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Here is the text of the *Life* article:

Skin For A Twin

Grafts from a young soldier's legs help heal his brother's burns

In San Antonio's Brooke General Hospital late last month doctors attempted one of the rarest operations in medical history: the successful transfer of skin from one man to another. The donor was Pvt. Leonard Kijowski, 23, and the recipient was his severely burned twin brother, Pvt. Leo Kijowski.

Normally, because the skins of different individuals have biological differences, grafts from one person to another fail to take and eventually slough off. But the Kijowskis are twins—quite probably identical twins. And identical twins have identical, and interchangeable, skins.

Leo was injured in Korea in October when a bunker, into which he threw a grenade, exploded and drenched him in flames. Fifty-nine percent of his body was burned. Doctors in a rear area hospital applied pressure dressings, gave him whole blood and penicillin. A month later he was in San Antonio.

Unaware that he had a twin, doctors at first gave him grafts from other donors. Though they did not take, they nevertheless helped the growth of new skin. Then Leo overheard a conversation about twin grafts and mentioned Leonard, who was in Korea. The Army flew Leonard home immediately. The grafting which followed may save Leo three operations and cut his recovery time by 25%.

EDITOR'S NOTE: There was also a story about the twins in the February 4, 1952 edition of Time Magazine. Here is part of it:

Medicine: Twin Skins

The doctors who were caring for Pfc. Leo Kijowski at Brooke General Hospital in San Antonio well knew that skin from an identical twin is as good as a patient's own for repairing burns by skin graft. The trouble was that the doctors had no idea that Leo Kijowski, seared in a battlefield explosion on the Korean front, had such a handy relative.

Patient Kijowski had lain swathed in pressure bandages for seven weeks, when he overheard a conversation: a doctor was explaining to a patient in the next bed that skin from any donor can be used for temporary grafts, but...

If anyone wants to read more of the article, they can access it at Medicine: Twin Skins - TIME
<http://content.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,822062,00.html#ixzz2pgFs3IN1>. However, you will have to pay for it.

If anyone knows the "rest of the story," contact The Graybeards Editor, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.



Welcome Aboard!

New Members of the Korean War Veterans Association

ARIZONA

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R045492 DAVID DRUCKMAN

ARKANSAS

R045542 WILLIAM P. NELSON

CALIFORNIA

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R045569 RICHARD H. FRENCH
LR45560 PAUL L. GREENE
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A045463 PIO W. KAO
R045506 DALE A. LARSON
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R045570 SAMUEL D. SAGE
R045567 SINCLAIR W. STICKLE
LR45568 GEORGE G. SULLIVAN
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R045551 RANKIN C. GOSSERT
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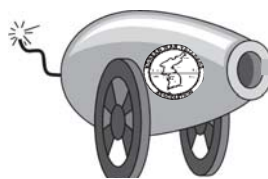
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Misfires

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.

Shaver, Not Shank

There was an error in the details of the 84th/62nd Engineers Combat Bn, p. 53 of the Nov/Dec 2013 edition. The hosts were Jerome and Isabel Shaver, not Shank, as reported originally.

Wrong Gordon Bennett

There was some confusion in the previous "Last Call" (Nov/Dec 2013, p. 74) regarding Gordon L. Bennett of Florida. According to Peter Palmer, Gordon L. Bennett "is a very much alive member of the Sunshine State Chapter (CID 159)!!"

We are glad to hear that.

Another Wrong Name

In the Chapters section of the Nov-Dec 2013 edition, p. 35, we omitted the last name of "John and Jane" in a photo caption associated with CID 19, GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]. The name is Stubba.

Official Membership Application Form

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[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.]

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Adopted 10/27/2012

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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 ____.
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☐ 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 ____

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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.

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- Medal of Honor.** Any KWVA Member, who is a Medal of Honor recipient, is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
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- Must not be eligible for Regular membership.
- Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of this Association and who wishes to support its aims, and not being eligible for Regular Membership; and who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the KWVA Charter and its Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual, shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the Association. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

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Ch 188 members at their Korean War Monument (L-R) Roger Marquard, Lloyd Bondurant, David Litz, Maxine Parker, Alton Morehouse, Richard McHaffie, Tommie Weathers, Don Krolak. The three Marine reservists are with Toys for Tots.

227 – SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN [WI]

We have participated in the Milwaukee Veterans Day Parade for the past eight years. The 2013 event was the city's 49th annual Veterans Day Parade.

Jim Becker, 37099 Candle Ct. Apt 3, Racine, WI 53402, jbecker625@wi.rr.com



Members of Ch 227 at Milwaukee Veterans Day Parade (L-R) John Kamperschroer, Ed Slovak, "Smokey" Scholzen, Bill DeBock

289 – MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN]

We participated in the "Veterans' Day Parade" in Bristol, TN/VA on November 9th. After the parade Sr. Vice Commander Fred Himelwright gave a short talk about the Korean War during the program at their Memorial.



Part of Bristol (TN/VA) War Memorial, which honors all branches of service

On Veterans Day we participated in the ceremony at the Kingsport Memorial, where Sr.-Vice Commander Himelwright again spoke.

Carol Shelton, cshelton37663@yahoo.com



Above, Ch 289 Sr. Vice-Commander Fred Himelwright speaks at the Kingsport [TN] Memorial on Veterans Day and on left he is pictured giving a short speech at the Bristol (TN/VA) Memorial after the Veterans Day parade

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Last Call

All of us in the Korean War Veterans Association extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

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Primary Unit of service during Korean War _____

Submitted by _____

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Operation Glory

By Tom Moore

The Armistice Agreement, signed in Panmunjom in July 1953, called for the exchange of military war dead by all combatants. A draft plan to work out details on an exchange was worked out by the U.N. Command, approved and signed by the Allied side in early July 1954, and forwarded to communist officials. They, in turn, signed the new agreement on 20 July 1954.

Together they agreed that the exchange of deceased military personnel should formally commence on 1 September 1954, and end no later than 30 October, if possible. Implementation of Korean Communications Zone Op Plan 14-54 (KCOMZ), known as "Operation Glory," was put into effect on 22 July 1954.

The site chosen for "Glory" was one mile north of the Freedom Bridge, which spans the Imjin River, about 45 miles north of Seoul. "B" Company of the 84th Engineer Construction Battalion built six

Approximately 14,074 communist deceased and 4,167 U.N. deceased were exchanged in Operation Glory.

miles of road, two camps, six hospital tents, latrines, guard shelters, a reception area, and a railhead in heavy rain—in just fifteen days.

The U.S. 1st Signal Unit established signal communications and the U.S. Transportation Corps made plans for the evacuation by rail of all deceased military personnel on the Allied side. The U.S. Quartermaster Corps issued all necessary supplies and materials, while U.S. Graves Registration proceeded with disinterment of all enemy remains of deceased military personnel interred in South Korea.

In the following months three additional meetings were held with the communists. On 30 August 1954 the disinterment of all enemy deceased military personnel was completed. All remains were delivered and stored at "Glory Railhead," near

Munsan-Ni, Korea. At 0930 the next day, both sides met at the reception area within the demilitarized zone and received the first 200 remains of deceased U.N. military personnel. At 1300 hours these remains were evacuated to Glory Railhead.

The exchange of deceased military personnel, the U.N. shipping from South Korea, and the communist shipping from North Korea continued daily, except Sundays. The U.N. stopped delivery on 11 October 1954; the communists stopped on 9 November 1954.

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Korean War Medal of Honor Recipient Rodolfo “Rudy” Hernandez Laid to Rest



By Monika Stoy

Medal of Honor recipient Rudy Hernandez, whose picture was on the front cover of the July/August 2013 issue of *The Graybeards*, died on December 21, 2013. His “last hurrah” was the 60th Anniversary commemoration in Washington! Sonny Edwards, National Director and National Recruiting Chairman, and Ed Brooks represented the KWVA at his funeral.

Hernandez, who received his medal for his valorous actions on 31 May 1951 while serving with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team at Wonton-ni, Korea, was laid to rest on 6 January 2014 at Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake, North Carolina after a moving funeral service at Covenant Love Church in Fayetteville, NC. He was 82 years old when he passed away. My husband, Tim, and I became personal friends of Rudy and his

daughter Martha several years ago. Rudy attended the Army Unit 8240 Memorial Stone Dedication at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville which we conducted in June 2012. We were his guests at the Congressional Medal of Honor Convention in September 2012 in Honolulu, Hawaii. He always had a ready smile showing his warm heart for everyone. We’ll miss him dearly.

Rudy was a fixture at Covenant Love Church, and the outpouring of love and affection from the congregation and pastors was truly touching. Mr. Richard Cochran, a close friend of Rudy’s, assisted the family in funeral arrangements and produced a wonderful picture show and video of Rudy’s life, reminding all present of what a special person he was.

Pastor Al Brice delivered a stirring eulogy and provided spiritual uplift for the mourners. Lieutenant General Joe Anderson, Commanding General of XVIIIth Airborne Corps, was the featured speaker. His remarks showed that Rudy was a sterling example as a man and as an airborne trooper for the soldiers stationed at Fort

Bragg.

Rudy’s life was one of service to his country and his fellow veterans. He devoted his time to wounded veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars while working with the Veterans Administration.

The sun was shining with a clear blue sky when the funeral procession arrived at Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery. Local veterans groups organized and escorted the convoy, and the police departments of Fayetteville



and Spring Hill secured the route from the church.

Rudy was buried with full military honors, presided over by Chaplain (CPT) James Miller. Three Black Hawk helicopters flew over the cemetery in his honor. Soldiers from Fort Bragg and Fort Campbell, Kentucky served as pall bearers, color guard, and firing detail for the committal ceremony, most of them from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell. That unit traces its lineage to the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, Rudy's unit in Korea. LTG Anderson presented burial flags to Rudy's daughter, Martha Reclusado; his son, Rudy; and to his wife, Denzil.

Numerous Korean War veterans were present to honor Rudy. Attendees included local and state officials, three Medal of Honor recipients and Lieutenant Colonel, Kang Moon Ho, Republic of Korea Marine Corps, Assistant Defense Attaché at the Korean Embassy in Washington, DC.

137 Medals of Honor were awarded for actions in the Korean War, 98 posthumously. There are only 10 living recipients from the Korean War remaining.

There has been a great outpouring of sadness—and admiration—among KWVA members. Here are a few.

A Dwelling Place In Heaven

It is, indeed, very sad news that Rudy passed away. However, it is also our relief and pride that he finds a dwelling place in the Kingdom of Heaven. I express the greatest respect to his brave service.

This is why we need to do our best to collect brave memories of our heroes as soon as possible. In addition, we need to act on our descendants so that they can fill the blank when these heroes leave.

Sadly,

Jongwoo Han, jonghan@syr.edu

Always A Smile On His Face

I feel deep sorrow that you have lost one of greatly honorable Korean War veterans. On behalf of Korean people, I would like to send sincere condolences to the families and friends of Rodolfo Hernandez.

Last year, I and LtCol Roffalo organized our private lunch for the Medal of Honor recipients, and invited Rodolfo Hernandez

to lunch at the Army & Navy club right after 59th ceremony.

He was very gentle, and always had a smile on his face. I believe that he will live forever in the heart of Korean People, in heaven. Please pass our sincere condolence to the family, and let me know if there is anything that I can support.

Thank you, sir.

Tiger the smart, ifeelmc@hotmail.com

He Will Not Be Forgotten

I met Rudy some years ago, along with General Westmoreland, while attending an event with the 187th RCT, as I am an associate member of that organization. I am so glad that our association honored him by showing his picture on the front page of the July-August 2013 issue of The Graybeards.

He will not be forgotten.

Frank Cohee, National Secretary, KWVA



Monica Stoy with Rudy Hernandez in Louisville, KY, September 2011.

Rudy Hernandez' MOH Citation

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pleasure in presenting the

Medal of Honor to

HERNANDEZ, RODOLFO P.

Rank and organization: Corporal, U.S. Army, Company G, 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

Place and date: Near Wontong-ni, Korea, 31 May 1951.

Entered service at: Fowler, Calif.

Born: 14 April 1931, Colton, Calif.

Citation:

Cpl. Hernandez, a member of Company G, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. His platoon, in defensive positions on Hill 420, came under ruthless attack by a numerically superior and fanatical hostile force, accompanied by heavy artillery, mortar, and machinegun fire which inflicted numerous casualties on the platoon. His comrades were forced to withdraw due to lack of ammunition but Cpl. Hernandez, although wounded in an exchange of grenades, continued to deliver deadly fire into the ranks of the onrushing assailants until a ruptured cartridge rendered his rifle inoperative. Immediately leaving his position, Cpl. Hernandez rushed the enemy armed only with rifle and bayonet. Fearlessly engaging the foe, he killed 6 of the enemy before falling unconscious from grenade, bayonet, and bullet wounds but his heroic action momentarily halted the enemy advance and enabled his unit to counterattack and retake the lost ground. The indomitable fighting spirit, outstanding courage, and tenacious devotion to duty clearly demonstrated by Cpl. Hernandez reflect the highest credit upon himself, the infantry, and the U.S. Army.

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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.

I Am Not Forgotten

I have walked these Korean hills before

Crossed these rivers

I have passed through these fields

Heavy with the odor of growth.

My presence is here and elsewhere

In the pages of a letter yellow with age

At the edge of a photograph

On a torn dance program.

I am by love begotten;

I am not forgotten.

I am here in the hearts of those
who were here with me,

On the perimeter at Incheon,

At the Reservoir and the River,

And in the Hearts of those who waited.

In their thoughts I walk again

And I wait at the curb in my car.

On a warm summer evening the sound of
crickets,

Of passing automobiles.

And the muted songs of the city are near.

I am a tear in the eyes of mothers and sisters,
fathers, brothers, wives, friends and lovers.

I am by love begotten;

I am not forgotten.

I am Black, White, Jewish, Gentile, Red, Yellow.

I speak English, Hebrew, Korean, Chinese,
Gaelic, German, Spanish.

I am known in many countries, and by many
people.

By LtCol Richard Kirk, 2d Inf. Div, U.S. Army

I have heard the rush of summer seas, and the
fist of thunder.

I have known a distant star, on a cold
December night.

And I have known the love of a friend who
would be for me

And for him.

I am by love begotten; I am never forgotten.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This poem was submitted by Andrew Oslinker. He noted that it was written by LtCol Kirk during the Korean War. As Oslinker pointed out, "It is a moving testament of the thoughts of this individual, and should be presented in The Graybeards."

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PEARL HARBOR (Nov. 11, 2013) Korean War Veterans attend a Veteran's Day ceremony aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial. This year's ceremony was dedicated to America's Nisei, second-generation, U.S.-born Japanese-American Soldiers who served during World War II in the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion. The ceremony signaled the opening of a special exhibit aboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial honoring the service and bravery of America's Nisei Soldiers. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Diana Quinlan/Released)