

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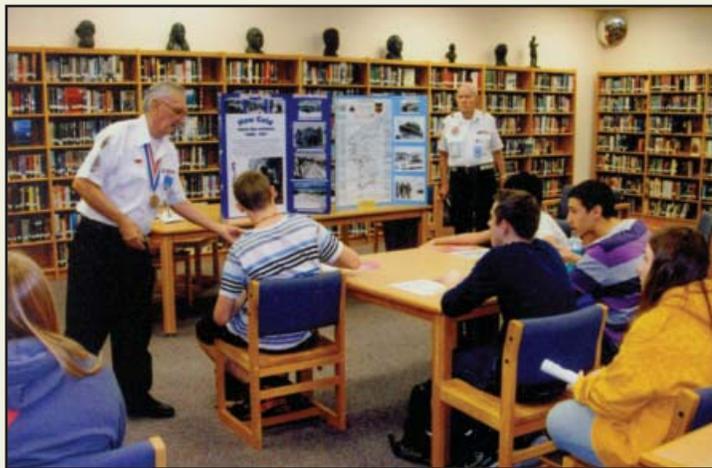
Another first time at a school for Paul Wolfgeher and me. This high school is located in Grain Valley, Missouri—and a beautiful school it is.

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

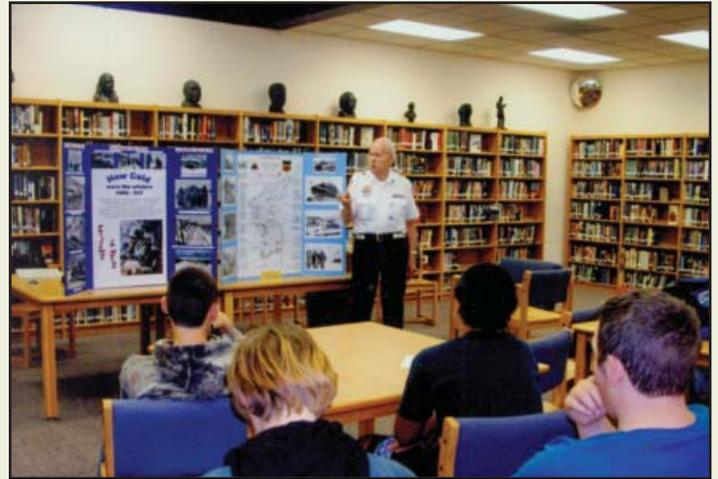
and talk to his classes.

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

99 – MANASOTA [FL]

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.

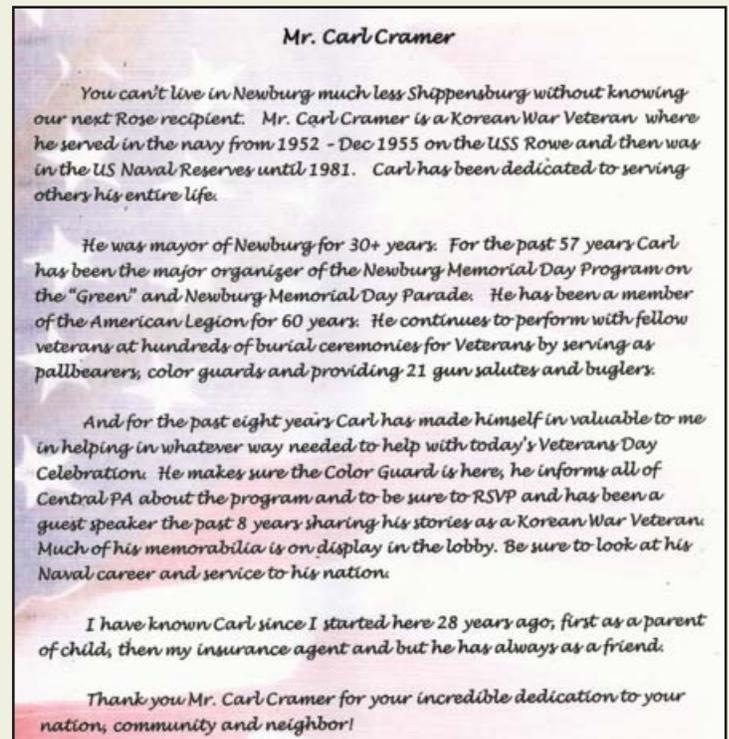
The high school features a military historical display in the large glass case inside its entrance lobby area. The exhibits include all wars from WWII to the present. Cramer sup-

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

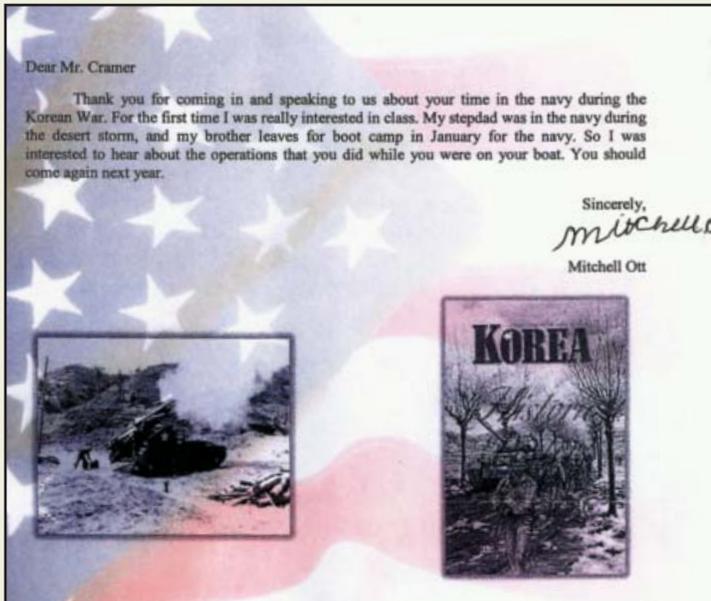
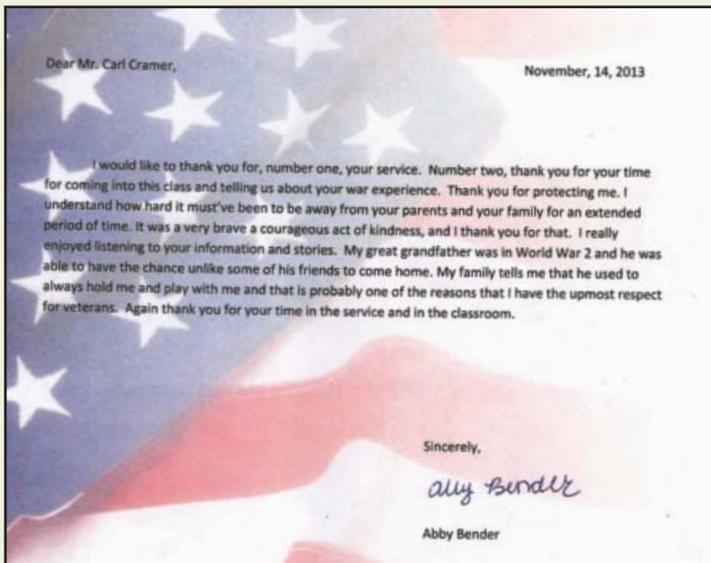
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War 1950 – 1953 60th Anniversary 2010 - 2013” pamphlets prepared by the Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee.

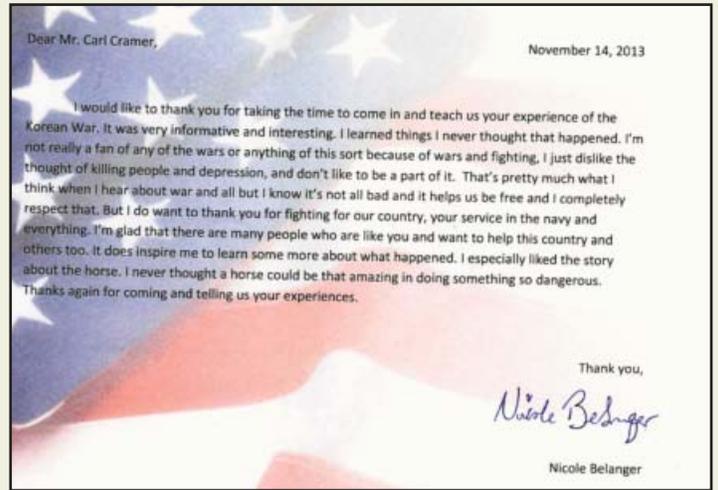
Mr. Jason Kleese, a Social Studies teacher whose room Cramer visits, was very helpful with the presentation. He displayed maps of Korea on the smart board (screen) and ran the computer projector for the showing of the DVDs. Cramer received eighteen letters from the students thanking him for his “Tell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

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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