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From the President

Larry Kinard

These are busy times for our Korean veterans all over the country. That's good. I have heard about several commemorations that were held on or around June 25 and I know many of you took part in July 4th parades. All this is a very good thing and I am proud of all veterans who are part of this exciting time of patriotism in our country.

Starting with the Memorial Day program in Washington D.C. at the end of May, it has been an exciting and eventful time for me also. Along with new KWVA Director Tim Whitmore and Chapter 191 member Ed Brooks, we helped with the wreath laying and remembrance ceremonies at the Arlington National Cemetery. Tim Whitmore's article in this issue gives more detail on the interesting experience we had while we were there. I really appreciate the help provided by those two in representing the KWVA as the color guard at the ceremony.

Several chapters in the Chicago area were treated to a nice program and luncheon on June 14 at the Westin Hotel in Wheeling, IL. In all, we had approximately 500 in attendance. Two hundred of them were Korean veterans and their families.

The Sae Eden Presbyterian Church of Seoul and the Korean American Association of Chicago extended a warm welcome to everyone with a small packet that contained the program and a beautiful scarf. A number of South Korean dignitaries were there, including the Pastor of the Seoul church and the Chicago Counsel General. Representatives from the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago were also part of the program.

It was good to see Director and Indiana Department Commander Tine Martin there, along with Illinois State Commander Robert Fitts and many other veterans who enjoyed the occasion. It was my honor to represent all the Korean veterans and provide a response to the Korean community that expressed our appreciation for their generosity and care for the veterans.

On June 25th I was back in Washington

As you know, we are approaching the end of the 113th Congress, which means this bill [H.B. 318], along with all others in committees, will be dumped and we will have to start over. Time is of the essence, so I encourage you to follow up with your congressman to help with this effort.

D.C. to take part in the Commemoration of the 64th Anniversary of the beginning of the war. The event was held at our Korean War Memorial. I had a great opportunity to spend some time visiting with Ambassador AHN Ho Young and Defense Attaché General Shin at a luncheon at the ROK Embassy after the ceremony. Overall, I think that event accomplished a great deal in helping our veterans in the Virginia and Maryland area get better acquainted with the ROK Embassy leadership.

As this is being written we are in the final planning stages for the commemoration ceremony of the 61st anniversary of the cease fire. It was held on July 26th at Arlington National Cemetery. After the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns we had a short program in the amphitheater with the U.S. Postal Service to unveil a new stamp that honors the Korean War Medal of Honor Recipients. Several of the MOH recipients and their families were recognized during the program. Following the ANC program the Korean veterans were honored with a luncheon at the Pentagon Sheraton.

Other items of interest—

Every year after the election, when there are new officers and directors, the President makes new appointments and committee assignments. Go to page 7 of this issue to see a list of the Committee Chairman and Staff Appointments. I am looking forward to working with all of these Korean veterans to lead the KWVA in the next year. We will miss having retiring Directors Lew Ewing, Luther Rice, George Lawhon and Richard Brown on the Board. We thank them for their dedicated service.

JD Randolph, the newly elected 2nd VP, will be in Korea the last week in July to attend a meeting of the International Federation of Korean War Veteran

Associations. He will be representing me at an Executive Committee meeting of eight UN countries who will be rewriting the organization by-laws. There has been some concern that many of the veterans who represent these countries are getting too old to travel to these meetings in Korea, but the ROK government has made the decision that they will continue to fund this organization as long as the veterans are physically able.

After the July meeting in Washington D.C., the October membership meeting in Rochester, Minnesota will not be far behind. At this point, registration for the meeting has been a little slow, so I am encouraging all who are able and plan to attend to get your reservations and registration into the Membership Office in Charleston, Illinois as soon as you can. We need a good turnout of members at the meeting to help us consider some significant changes in the management of our organization. I hope to see you there.

One more thing

We have sent out a number of notifications to the various levels of our organization asking them to contact their National Representative and urge them to sign on as co-sponsors of H.B. 318. I understand that we now have 57 co-sponsors, but we need far more than that to get it out of committee.

As you know, we are approaching the end of the 113th Congress, which means this bill, along with all others in committees, will be dumped and we will have to start over. Time is of the essence, so I encourage you to follow up with your congressman to help with this effort.

I appreciate the effort you all are doing in recruiting and "Telling America" about what we did 60+ years ago. We have a good story to tell, so keep it up!

Larry Kinard, President

COVER: HONOLULU - A U.S. joint service color guard presents during the 64th annual Korean War memorial ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), June 25, 2014. The ceremony commemorated U.S. and ROK veterans, both living and dead, who fought for the freedom of South Korea, and guests in attendance laid wreaths at the base of the memorial to honor those who gave their lives. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Matthew J. Bragg)



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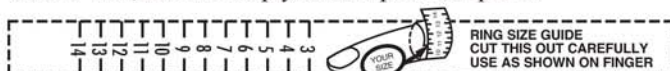
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From the Secretary

Amendments to the Minutes of March 11, 2014 that were published in the May-June issue of *The Graybeards*:

Director Scarlato reported on the status of the National Museum: The name has been changed to The Korean Vet National Museum Library Cultural Center. At a special meeting to discuss the location, Director Scarlato recommended Battery Park, but that recommendation is still pending. As it stands now, the museum will be in New York at an unknown location.

Director Edwards gave his report on recruiting. We have taken in 154 new members. Last year, the same date, it was 162. At this time, 254 are reported as deceased for 2013. Active members as of March 7, 2014 are 14,450. The following departments have recruited more than 10 members in the last 60 days: Florida, Oklahoma and Texas.

There was some discussion about the location of our upcoming meetings. The Koreans want us to be in Washington, DC in July of every year to celebrate the cease fire and signing of the armistice. The board had recently voted to have the 2015 Membership Meeting in Hampton, VA.

Director Scarlato made a motion to have the 2015 Membership Meeting in Washington, D.C. The motion was seconded by Director Bruzzis and was passed unanimously.

Frank Cohee
National Secretary, KWVA

Korea Reborn-A Grateful Nation

In the May-June 201 issue I wrote about the *Korea Reborn-A Grateful Nation* book that was published in cooperation with the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs for the Commemoration of the Korean War 60-Year Anniversary. As I stated then, and as I will state again, it is a great book and every Korean veteran should have one. Here are the results of that article and some comments from those who decided that they needed one.

To date, I have sent out approximately 60, so I have about 40 still on hand. First come first served.

Comments:

"Several months ago I was informed that the book would be distributed through the Texas VFW office in Dallas. When I contacted them, they said that they were going to send them to the various local chapters and I should contact them. When I contacted the local Chapter they did not have a clue what I was talking about."

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"Hi Frank,

Could you make available 20 copies (or less) of the Korean Reborn book? We will pay postage or other costs.

My post tried to get them from the Korean General Consul without success."

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"Dear Sir,

As per your posting in the latest Korean Veterans *The Graybeards*, I am requesting a copy of the book *Korea Reborn; A Grateful Nation*. I would be more than happy to pay for the postage as I tried to get a copy here in California and they have all been given out. Anyway, they're out. I couldn't find anyone that had a copy. So if you're inclined to send one to me I would be more than happy to pay the postage please just let me know what it cost upfront."

UN Peace Memorial

In a previous issue I wrote about the memorial that is being built in Korea in commemoration of the heroic soldiers who sacrificed their lives in defense of freedom and the UN peace efforts. If you recall, the memorial is being built on the premises of Dangdok Park in Daeyondong this year.

I have recently received additional information on the types of donations that they are looking for and the contact phone number and address for any inquiries.

"We welcome relic donations from Korean War Veterans (1950-1953), from both home and abroad." (**Secretary's Note:** To all of my so called Korean Service veterans: in my mind you are Korean War veterans. Your boots have been on the Korean soil, you were put in harm's way, and the war has never ended, so please do not shoot the messenger).

Personal collections (military uniforms, medals, photos, music records, books, etc.) and institutional collections (weapons, ban-

ners, insignia and other related items) are all welcome.

Donations can be received all year round and are made under the voluntary basis. Donors receive a certificate of donation and invitational preference to all major events hosted by UN Peace Memorial. For any inquiry, please contact Culture & Art Division, Tel. 82-51-888-5651-4, Busan Metropolitan City, 1001. Jungang-daero, Yeonje-gu. Busan, 611-735, ejrvkf2001@korea.kr."

I have made my donation through the Korean Consulate General in Atlanta. It was a TM issued in 1944 that contained translations from English to Korean. I think it had a blue cover page and it was only about 3x4 inches in size. Of course, I do not remember any of the translations. Think about what I just said. The TM was issued in 1944! We had troops in Korea in 1945 and we did not know the Korean War was about to happen. REALLY? Incidentally, I have yet to receive my donation certificate.

Information Of Interest From The VA

Here are a few headlines from various publications detailing recent VA-related issues around the country:

- "Another VA Scandal: VA Struggles with Veterans Benefits," By Gregg Zoroya, "Report cites VA struggles with benefits paid to veterans," USA Today
- "Disarray at Philadelphia VA; Claims Workers Cooking Books to Hide Backlog," By Tricia L. Nadolny; "Disarray, data manipulation at Phila. VA, report finds," The Philadelphia Inquirer
- "Baltimore VA Hiding Veterans' Claims to Make Backlog Look Smaller," By John Fritze, "VA reports mishandled records at Baltimore office," The Baltimore Sun
- "HVAC To Examine VA Backlog Progress, Whistleblower Retaliation and Book Cooking at VBA; Hearing Tonight," "Evaluation of the Process to Achieve VBA Goals," House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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Reporting For Duty: Another Update

By George E. Lawhon

In the May-June 2014 Edition of *The Graybeards*, I outlined what I will be the content of the Tell America Operating Manual. Because I believe it to be of very high importance, I will repeat some of that article below.

I consider two KWVA functions, VAVS and Tell America, as being of primary importance. Both should be approved by the Board of Directors as Standing Committees. VAVS is about veterans of the present, and Tell America is about informing their children and grandchildren face to face of the past's reality and explaining why 'Freedom is Not free.'

Software for the Tell America Data Entry/Report Tool is currently under development. It is my intention for it to be ready for approval by the Board of Directors at the October Meeting in Minnesota.

Recently I received an email from Tom Thiel, Secretary and Past President of Florida Chapter 169. Go to http://dfl.kwva.org/manual/0_how_to_use.html where he has prepared and installed a manual that all who read this article should review. This information has been passed on to KWVA Webmaster Jim Doppelhammer, who is currently working on the Tell America Manual software. Secretary Thiel encourages contact and discussion, and so do I.

Although I will continue working on the Bylaw & SPM changes necessary to implement the TA Manual, please note that Roy Aldrich, newly elected Director and former 1st VP, has been assigned the duties of Tell America Chairman.

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I Enjoy Being Captain Of The "Editor Ship" [®]

This is a special edition for me. Maybe not for you, though. This is the 60th edition that I have edited. That's ten years worth of *The Graybeards*, folks!

I did not think I would ever reach this milestone when I agreed to edit *The Graybeards* on a temporary basis ten years ago. The offer involved filling in until then president Lou Dechert could find a permanent editor. In fact, the offer did not even come from Mr. Dechert. Our publisher, Jerry Wadley, asked me to fill in. Mr. Dechert was not too crazy about the idea.

Well, without rehashing history, suffice it to say that he made the wise choice and asked me to stay on as editor. There was a lot of political haggling going on within the KWVA at the time I assumed the editorship, i.e., mid-2004. ("Political haggling" is putting it mildly. It was more like all-out war between factions within the association.) I was not aware of it then.

After all, I was simply a non-involved, neutral editor who saw an opportunity to serve a group of Korean veterans whom I respected because they had served their country honorably a few years earlier. I was willing to put the politics aside, specifically because they didn't involve me in the first place—although some of the disgruntled members were sure I was a hand-picked aide to the devil. Obviously, we both put them aside.

Here it is ten years later and I am still serving the Korean War veterans. The political issues are all behind us now—not that they affected me much. I have done my best to transcend infighting, political dissension, etc., and simply produce the best magazine I can. It has not always been easy, but the fact that it has been a team effort has made it seem that way.

Our publisher, Jerry Wadley, who has published far manier editions of *The Graybeards* than I have edited, has always had my back. His guidance has been invaluable. For example, he pointed out to me that I cannot make up words like "manier" when there are so many other words available and waiting for their chance to be included in

The Graybeards. (I admit it; I did concoct the word "manier" just for this anniversary issue. Discabarrating, huh?)

Anyway, I am celebrating this milestone, which I really never expected to reach. There were a couple times along the way when I was ready to resign due to excessive criticism from members, burnout, et al. But, Jerry Wadley talked me out of it. Hey, he doesn't want to break in a new editor. After all, we have streamlined the publication process and strengthened our friendship along the way. That has been one of the biggest benefits of editing the magazine.

Jerry and I have been working together since 1994. During that time he, his wife Kathy, my wife Betsy, and me (or is it I?) developed a close friendship that exists today, even though it has suffered a bit since Betsy contracted Huntington's disease. She can no longer participate in social events as she used to or travel, which leads to another reason I enjoy editing *The Graybeards*.

We don't leave the house together much anymore. So, working with *The Graybeards* provides me with a welcome diversion. And, it acts as a form of payback for me.

When I first revealed that Betsy has an incurable disease I received an unprecedented and unexpected outpouring of support from our members. There were so many that I could not respond individually to them all (for which I apologize). I realized at that point that I was not just the editor of *The Graybeards*; I was a member of the "family." That dispelled me of any notion of giving up the captaincy of the "Editor Ship."

So, it gives me great pleasure to announce that I will be here to start my 11th year of editing *The Graybeards*. The Sept/Oct 2014 edition will mark that milestone. And, I plan to produce manier editions in coordination with Jerry Wadley. I look forward to that; I hope you do, too.

Two more things: a few members have asked me for autographed copies of my current Vietnam War book, *The Siege of LZ Kate*, which at one point was the 14th best seller on the Military History Book Club's list. I wish I could accommodate them.

But, I received only ten copies from the publisher, which were used for review purposes. So, readers interested in purchasing copies can get them through their local book stores, amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, etc. One member bought four copies as gifts and had them shipped to me. I personalized each one and mailed them to him for distribution. That is a possibility, albeit costly and circuitous.

Speaking of circuitous, please make sure that all items of a non-editorial nature are sent to the proper places. For example, donations and death notices should be sent to the Charleston, IL Membership Office. Stories, chapter news, Tell America news, and photos should be sent directly to me. Sending material to the right places cuts down on unnecessary delays—or not reaching its intended places at all. If you have any doubts as to where your items or material should go, call me at (860) 202-3088.

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You Can Make A Difference

By John ("Sonny") Edwards

I was asked by President Kinard if I would consider being Chairman of Membership & Recruiting. He asked because he had another assignment for Tom Stevens, as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee. I thank Tom for his support to my recruiting committee and me.

I have made the following appointments: Mike Glazzy and Steve Szekely will serve as Department & Chapter organizers. Mike will be in charge of any request coming from west of the Mississippi. Steve will handle those from east of the Mississippi. If you have any request to form a Department or Chapter, please contact them.

Frank Williams will serve on the Membership committee. Robert Fitts in IL and Bill Russell in FL have been added to the recruiting committee.

I ask each of you to review the following information on Membership & Recruiting. The number of active members on our roster as of July 11, 2013 was 14,593. As of July 11, 2014 we have 14,374 active members. That's down 219 from last year.

We have recruited 451 new members so far this year. It has been reported as of this date that 900 members died this year. This shows we have lost 449 more members this year than we have recruited. It is sad for me to say this, but due to the age of our 1950-1953 Korea War veterans, these numbers will continue to trend in the same direction.

I share this with you to emphasize that we have to make an all-out effort to recruit Korea Defense Veterans (KDV's). We still have thousands of Korea War veterans we have not recruited. I, like you, have heard many of these vets say they did not know there was a KWVA. We have to use the news media more than we have been doing. I ask for your support in doing this.

Recently I have been told by some Departments and Chapters that they have members who do not want to recruit KDV. Of those who are recruiting these veterans, many are serving as officers and doing a great job. They are also signing up their spouses as Associate members. This is a great idea.

The KDV do not claim to be war vets. They came after the cease fire to protect the South Koreans from being attacked again. It has been reported that from 1953-1991 along, near, and above the DMZ, 1,300 troops have been killed and hundreds more wounded and injured. I ask those of you not recruiting KDV to change your thoughts and do what is best for the KWVA. We can make a difference.

The nearby photo shows a recruiting apron being used in FL. These are being made by a KWV widow who is an associate member of a chapter there. I received a call from Bill Russell in FL; he is talking to her about doing tee shirts with the same info on them.

I agree with Bill that this will be more cost effective and the garments would be worn more. Steve Szekely in OH will be wearing the apron at an air show later this month. Steve will give me his thoughts on this later.



D.J. Lynch of Ch 169 prepares to "go to work" in front of a Walgreens store in Leesburg, FL

I have had several requests for the recruiting guide lately. If any of you would like one, let me know. In the guide you will find ideas that have worked for others. Hopefully, you will find ideas that will help your Department or Chapter.

Finally, I thank those Departments & Chapters that are having success in recruiting. I hope those of you who are having problems will ask for assistance or ideas to help your efforts. I thank each of you for your support and I am honored to be a member of this great organization.

Three simple rules in life

If you do not GO after what you want, you will never have it.

If you do not ASK, the answer will always be NO.

If you do not step forward, you'll always be in the same place.

John T. [Sonny] Edwards, National Director/Chairman
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THE GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

Articles to be published in the *The Graybeards* must be sent to the editor no later than the 15th day of the first month of that issue. —Editor.

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

Compliance To KWVA Bylaws

By George E. Lawhon

At the March 11, 2014 Association Board Meeting, a change to correct a longstanding error in the Bylaws was submitted to the Board. After considerable discussion, a motion was made to accept the change. The Board voted 'Aye.'

Details of that discussion can be found in the Minutes printed in the May-June Edition of *The Graybeards*, under the Heading, BYLAW CORRECTIONS. The full text of this Bylaw revision/correction should have been published in the May-June *Graybeards* as "Revision Number 4" and was somehow omitted.

Revision Number 4:

ARTICLE IV

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1. The KWVA Annual Association Membership Meeting will be held each year. Said date and place to be published in *The Graybeards*.

Section 2. At any Association Membership Meeting fifty (50) Regular members in good standing and in attendance shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. The selection of the site and dates of the following year's Annual Association Membership meeting shall be presented by the Board for approval and ratified by a majority vote of the Regular membership as outlined in the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM).

Section 4. A special meeting of the Association membership may be called by a thirty (30) day written notice by the President, or over one-half of the Board Members eligible to vote or by ten (10) percent of the Regular members current in their dues and in good standing by affixing their names to a petition for said meeting. The notice calling the meeting shall state the business to be conducted together with the time and place.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Section 1. Charter Amendments. Any proposed amendment to the Charter may be submitted by any Association Regular member in good standing.

A. The proposed amendment shall be sent to the Association Secretary to be presented to the Board, for their approval or non-approval at the next scheduled Board meeting.

B. Approval of the proposed amendment will require a two-thirds (2/3) approval vote of the Board.

C. Once a Charter amendment is approved the Incorporation State as well as the Internal Revenue Service is to be notified for their approval.

Section 2. Bylaws Amendments. Any Chartered Department, Chapter or Regular Member in good standing may propose amendments to the Bylaws by presenting them in writing to the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee at least forty-five (45) days before the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

A. Such proposals shall be considered at that meeting and if approved by the Board, they go into effect immediately. Procedures for the Bylaws amendment process are provided in the SPM.

B. Approval of the proposed amendment will require a two-thirds (2/3) approval vote of the Board.

Referendum voting for any Association business information is also authorized for guidance of the Board.

Section 3. Resolutions. Resolutions shall be proposed to the Resolutions Committee, in accordance with the SPM, no later than forty-five (45) days prior to any regular called meetings of the Board. The Resolutions Committee must present all resolutions, in whatever order it desires and may comment favorably or unfavorably upon each. Rather than reading the entire resolution, the Resolutions Committee may submit the gist of the proposal to the Board of Directors. If a majority of the Board votes to approve the resolution, a directive for subsequent action shall be issued. Procedures for the resolutions process are provided in the SPM.

KWVA Webmaster Jim Doppelhammer will have copies of the revised Bylaws available for the meeting, and will post the revised Bylaws on the Association website at conclusion of the meeting.

Respectfully and fraternally to all,

George E. Lawhon LR18750, george.e.lawhon@gmail.com, 408-734-0305 (home), 408-507-9416 (cell); both phones have voice mail, you may call any time. I will answer all calls and emails.

All Chapter and/or Department news for publication in *The Graybeards* should be mailed to Art Sharp, Editor, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or emailed to:
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Update On The KWVA Directory

We have been asked for more complete information about the KWVA Directory being produced by Harris Connect LLC. Hopefully, the information below will clear up some of the misconceptions, misunderstandings, etc. re the directory.

Important Information About The New Korean War Veterans Association Membership Directory

By now, I'm sure you've heard that we've partnered with Harris Connect, LLC to commemorate our members' years of service to their country and to the fight for freedom for South Korea in a new edition membership directory. Harris Connect LLC is a legitimate company and has been publishing alumni and membership directories for more than 50 years.

As members of the KWVA and Korea Service Veterans, you have a unique opportunity to showcase your military career through your listing information (years of service, military rank, conflicts served, medals earned and more). Plus, you can include a personal photo and share a memory via a short paragraph. The representatives at Harris Connect are ready to assist you in updating your information as well as submitting your memory and photo.

There's Still Time To Be Included!

Call 1-800-488-9219 today to verify your information.

Having your story and photo published in this special memorabilia will be something you and your family can cherish for years to come and look back on with pride. If you choose to purchase a directory, there are payment options available. You can pay by credit card or check by phone. If you pay with a check over the phone, you will be asked for your banking information.

As a trusted partner, Harris Connect is committed to protecting the security and privacy of each individual from whom it collects information. A portion of each sale will go to the Korean War Veterans Association.

About The Directory

We offer a Hardbound, Collector's edition of the album and we also have a Softbound edition. Members may also purchase a CD-ROM version, or a combination of the CD and either the hardbound or softbound editions.

We are also offering a frame-ready 11x14 Tribute print with the American Flag background and customized with the member's name, rank, branch and years of service, conflicts served in, and awards. Lapsed members have an opportunity to renew their yearly membership for an additional \$10 fee above the product editions.

Pricing

Harris Connect LLC prefers that pricing not be posted in publicity. So, at the time of purchase, members are given the

purchase price, along with shipping and handling costs and any state sales tax that may apply. (Product prices do not include shipping and handling or sales tax.)

Submitting Material

Members may submit a short story consisting of 300 words – the submission forms indicate either 300 words or 1,600 characters.

The electronic photo submission form provides the following size and format information:

- Maximum photo size 2 MB (2048 KB).
- Acceptable File Formats: JPG, JPEG, PDF, TIF, TIFF.

Please do not submit copyrighted photos or photos that include a celebrity.

Thank you in advance for helping make this a very successful publication!

Association Membership Database (MDB) User Manual Operational On DoF Website

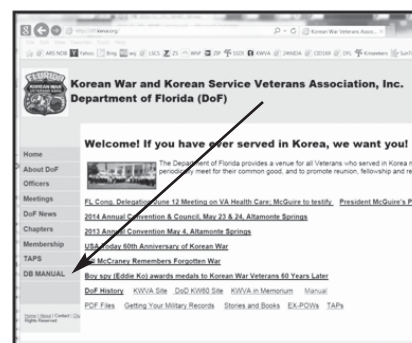
An interactive User Manual giving precise detailed instructions on how Chapter and Department officials can better use the KWVA Association Membership DB (a.k.a. Master Database) is now operational by clicking on the bottom brown button on the left menu at the DoF website, www.dfl.kwva.org.

The site has five web pages, one for each chapter, and includes sections or chapters on the following: Cover, Introduction, Chapter Access to MDB, Department Access to MDB, Excel & CSV Output, and Copy & Paste Output. One additional page encompassing System Needs to make it more usable is planned. When completed it will be added to the site.

The site itself is open to everyone, but the Database requires a User Name and Password to access (a section on how to obtain a User Name and Password is covered in the page entitled Chapter Access).

All Chapter and Department officials are encouraged to use the Manual. Feedback at the above email is encouraged.

Tom J. Thiel, KWVA Department of Florida, DoF Secretary,
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Call For Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting

A Board Meeting is called for October 16, 2014 and a General Membership Meeting is called for October 18, 2014 from 0900 and continuing with recesses through the completion of all business properly brought before them.

Officers and Directors should plan on arriving on October 15 and departing on October 19. Those with Agenda/Action items proposed for the meeting must ensure that they reach Frank Cohee, Association Secretary, not later than September 10, 2014. The final agenda for the Board Meeting and your packet will be sent to you on or about September 15, 2014.

The meetings will take place at the Kahler Grand Hotel, 20SW 2nd. Ave., Rochester, MN 55902, Phone 800-533-1655 or 507-280-6200.

Preliminary Agenda

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Administrative Announcements
- Adopt Agenda
- Adopt Rules of Decorum & Debate
- Roll Call and Introductions/Recognition of New Officers/Directors
- Action on Board Absences, if Required
- Installation of New Officers/Directors (Board Meeting only)
- Introduction of Distinguished Visitors, Major Staff and Others
- Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting, March 11, 2014. (Board Meeting only)
- Approval of the Minutes for the General Membership Meeting, July 26, 2013. (General Membership Meeting only)
- Treasurer's Report
- Old Business: Approval for Disposing of the Ballots from the 2013 and 2014 Elections. (Board Meeting only)

New Business

- Reports from Selected Committees
- For the Good of the Order
- Motion to Adjourn
- Benediction
- Salute to the Colors

KWVA Annual Membership Meeting Rules Of Decorum & Debate:
(Based on Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised 10th Edition)

1. A voting member must obtain the floor and be recognized by the presiding officer using his position and name before addressing the assembly.
2. The voting member is to stand when addressing the assembly, and if the member makes a motion, that member has the first right to speak to the motion.
3. Voting members must be courteous and never attack or question the motives of other members.
4. Discussion shall be focused on the matter or idea in question and not on personalities.
5. Voting members are limited to 10 minutes on each subject during discussion and may speak the second time only if all other voting members who wish to speak have spoken on the pending motion.
6. A voting member may speak more than twice if the assembly grants additional time by a majority vote of the voting members present.
7. The Chair may recognize non-voting members attending the meeting only after voting members have completed their discussion on the pending motion.
8. The Chair may call for voting by a show of hands, or a voice yea or nay, or standing vote. A secret ballot vote may be called for by a request of one-fifth (1/5) of the voting members present.
9. The above rules may be amended, suspended, or rescinded by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of at least a quorum of the voting members present.

Frank Cohee, Association Secretary

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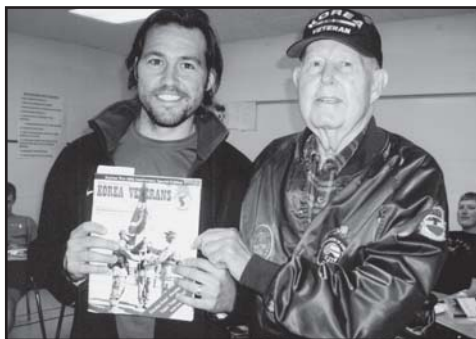
The Graybeards Is A Prize

Spreading the word that the KWVA is a National Organization is a meaningful endeavor. I never get over being surprised that most people who ask us to do our tell America Program or be a guest speaker or contact us for any reason for the first time are surprised to learn that we are a national association.

I am trying to change that one magazine at a time. I ask my comrades in CID Kansas City #2 (MO) if they would give up their copies of *The Graybeards* when they are done with them. A few are willing to do so.

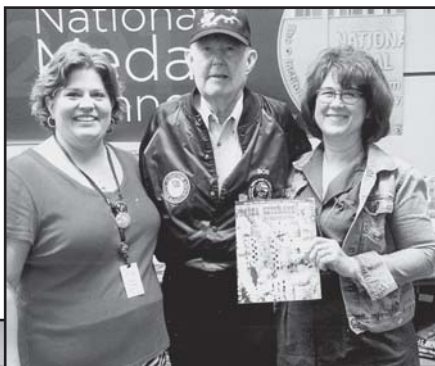
Then, I present the copies I acquire to someone who has been featured in the magazine. The results are gratifying. For example, I presented a copy of the magazine to Max Lamb, the Military History teacher in Grain Valley, MO. As I was leaving I heard the students applauding their teacher. Results like that make it all worthwhile for me.

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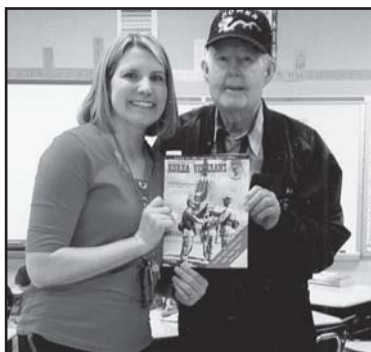


LEFT: Bob Jones of Ch 43 presents a copy of *The Graybeards* to Max Lamb (L), who was featured in January-February 2014

RIGHT: Amy Fisher, Bob Jones, and Tammy Parrott (L-R); Fisher and Parrott were featured in the November-December 2013 edition



Don Reimel (L), Mayor of Independence, MO, who appeared in the January-February 2014 edition, and Bob Jones



Lindsey Rimel (L), who was included in the January-February 2014 edition, and Bob Jones

Wartime Memento Resurfaces

Ring soldier gave to his mother was purchased from a wounded boy he tended to in Korea

By Peter DeGaetano

I'm sitting in my living room holding a ring that I purchased for my mother 53 years ago. I smile when I recall the circumstances, the little boy from whom I bought it, and the price that I paid.

The ring was recently returned to me by my daughter, Juliet Ronan. She received it last weekend from my sister, Marie Delsante, at a bridal shower they both attended.

The ring is made of silver. It has an engraved door on top which is my picture. On each side of the ring there is a bird. One side says KOREA; the other side has the date, 1951.

It brings back an interesting story. I was a 19-year-old Army medic in Korea, with the First Cavalry Division, when a boy about nine years old approached. He called me "oosah," which I learned meant "doctor."

He said his name was Kim. He lowered his pants and revealed a filthy dressing on his right buttock. He had been wounded there and was treated by another medical aidman some time ago. He remained as stoic as a battle hardened trooper as I swabbed the purulent wound with peroxide, cleaned away the old adhesive with alcohol, applied merthiolate, and taped on a fresh sterile dressing.

He was so grateful that he attempted to give me one of the rings he was selling. I refused repeatedly, but he was adamant. So I compromised.

I said that I would accept the ring if he would also sell me one of the larger ones. He agreed. The price was 3,000 won (pronounced wahn). During the war, there was an exchange rate of 8,000 won to our dollar. Our money in combat was paid in Military Payment Certificates (MPCs).

I sent the two rings home to my mother. She put a small photo of me wearing an "overseas" cap with the colored piping we wore to indicate our branch of service: light blue for Infantry; red for Artillery, etc. Ironically, we didn't wear the overseas cap in Korea. We wore a field cap of fur pile with our herring bone twill (HBT) combat uniform.

My mother died in 1979, and I hadn't seen the ring again until recently. I smile when I think of the brave little boy named Kim, 53 years ago.

Peter J. DeGaetano, 31 Tynan St., Staten Island, NY 10312

NOTE: This story appeared originally in "The Men's Forum" section of the Staten Island [NY] Advance, July 15, 2004. It is reprinted here with the editor's permission.

Earlier this year nine Korean War service members were awarded the Medal of Honor belatedly. Here is the third citation in that series.

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WEINSTEIN, JACK

Rank and organization: Sergeant, U.S. Army, Company G, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. *Place and date:* Kumsong, Korea, 19 October 1951. *Entered service at:* Lamar, Missouri. *Born:* 18 October 1928, St. Francis, Kansas.

Citation:

For acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while leading 1st Platoon, Company G, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division in Kumsong, Korea on 19 October 1951. That afternoon, thirty enemy troops counterattacked Sergeant Weinstein's platoon. Most of the platoon's members had been wounded in the previous action and withdrew under the heavy fire. Sergeant Weinstein, however, remained

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Jack Weinstein (MOH)

in his position and continued to fight off the onrushing enemy, killing at least six with his M-1 rifle before running out of ammunition. Although under extremely heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Weinstein refused to withdraw and continued fighting by throwing enemy hand grenades found lying near his position. He again halted the enemy's progress and inflicted numerous casualties. Alone and unaided, he held the ground which his platoon had fought tenaciously to take and held out against overwhelming odds until another platoon was able to relieve him and drive back the enemy. Sergeant Weinstein's leg had been broken by an enemy grenade and old wounds suffered in previous battles had reopened, but he refused to withdraw and successfully bought time for his wounded comrades to reach friendly lines. Sergeant Weinstein's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

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A Most Gracious Gift

CID 31, Louisiana completed the memorial pictured nearby in August 2013 and donated it to the Parish of Jefferson, LA. It consists of nine huge cement tablets listing the names of the 588 men of the State of Louisiana who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Korean War.

The chapter had \$2,841.57 left over from

the funds raised to finance the memorial, which the members graciously donated to the KWVA. Shortly thereafter, CID 31 became an inactive chapter.

But, the people of Jefferson Parish will always have Ch 31's legacy to help them remember the Korean War—and the 588 residents who died to support freedom.



George L. Huhner, Jr., President of Ch 31, giving his gift

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Fellow Korean War Veterans:

George, I loved the statement in your letter, "Our Monument is complete, ceremonies were held, we have donated the monument to the Parish of Jefferson, La. and we accomplished our mission." I am sure there is a lot of emotion, sweat and tears wrapped up in that short statement but I am also sure much pride and sense of accomplishment. It may be a little late for this but I want to offer my congratulations for a job well done by the Louisiana Chapter. Those of you that are surviving members of the group should feel very proud of what you did.

The KWVA has received your check #1043 for \$2841.57 which I understand is the remainder of the monument funds raised by your chapter. Thank you very much for the donation. One of my big concerns over the last few years has been in preserving the Korean War Veteran legacy. One of the ways to do that is through our Tell America program which is designed for chapters to go into the schools and tell students about what we did in saving South Korea. These funds will help with reproducing materials and sending them out for use by the TA chapters. Certainly your monument is also one of the ways to help in preserving our legacy as all who see it will know the sacrifices that have been made for protecting our freedoms.

Thank you for what you have done for all Korean War Veterans. I hope to visit your monument one of these days.

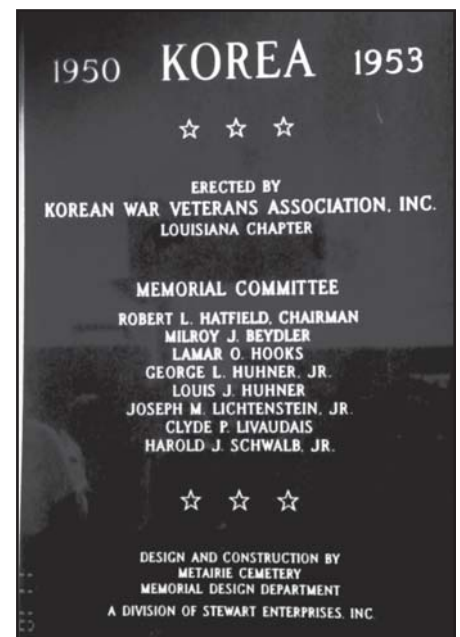
Yours truly,

Larry Kinard

President Kinard's letter of thanks for Ch
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Front panel on Jefferson,
LA Memorial

A wreath graces the list of names at
the Jefferson, LA Memorial



The Irish In Korea

Some people might be surprised to know that there were hundreds of Irish Soldiers participating in the war in Korea. Not only did Irish Nationals fight in Korea, but 28 of them died there, and some never came home—wherever that really was. (For a list of the Irish-born service members, comprising 27 Soldiers and 1 Marine, who died in Korea, go to <http://www.illyria.com/irishkor.html>.)

One of the Irish veterans, John Leahy, a native of Lixnaw, County Kerry, but now a resident of St. Augustine, FL, campaigned tirelessly for years to get posthumous U.S. citizenship for his 28 comrades killed in action. Leahy, who served as a sergeant with the 82nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Bn in Korea, has also been trying to get a Medal of Honor for one of them, Patrick Sheahan, who was killed on October 4, 1951 in the battle for Hill 281. He has been successful in some of his attempts for recognition for his comrades, but the MOH for Sheahan still eludes him.

The U.S. Congress passed a special act in 2003 to make the “Irish 28” citizens of the U.S. But, there is still work to do for Leahy. Not all of the Irish who served have been granted citizenship, e.g., William Sharman Douglas. PFC Douglas, who left Ireland on August 23, 1947, served in the 21st Inf. Regt., 24th Inf. Div. He was killed in action on July 11, 1950, near Chochiwon, South Korea.



The marker commemorating the granting of citizenship to the “Irish 28”

The email below, addressed to Martin Brennan, a staff member for U.S. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), regarding Douglas’s status, is typical of Leahy’s efforts—and frustrations.

Hi Martin,

Hope all the Brennans are well and enjoying the summer. I’m writing in regards to Posthumous Citizenship for William Sherman Douglas from Newtownards Co[unty] Downs. Kerry who came to the USA in 1947, was drafted in 1949, and killed the first month of the Korean War. He was buried somewhere for two years and then buried in 1952 in a [Woodlawn National] Cemetery in Elmira NY, 300 miles north of the City. I visited his

grave and his headstone is inscribed William S Douglas North of Ireland 3/28/52. The young lady who replaced Caroline Wesslbaum has been working on getting his Citizenship since May 2012 but no results.

Eileen & I are going to Northern Ireland Sept. 11 2013 and it would be an honor to be able to deliver his Citizenship to his family after 64 years. I know you are very busy but can you please help to correct this injustice.

John Leahy

Leahy did not sit still while he was waiting for news about Douglas—and never has. Consequently, his efforts on his comrades’ behalf have at times been rewarded. When he returned from his Korean visit he opened a package from the South Korean government. It contained Presidential Freedom Medals and certificates for the “Irish 28.” He distributed them to the families of the deceased Soldiers.

Leahy’s testimony to his friend, Patrick Quinn, sums up his devotion to his Irish comrades and explains his zealotry in seeing that those who cannot speak for themselves earn the recognition they deserve. Sadly, five members of the “Irish 28” are still missing. Their bodies were never recovered. But, they live on in spirit in Leahy’s mind—just as they will in the minds of their comrades along whom they fought and in some cases died.

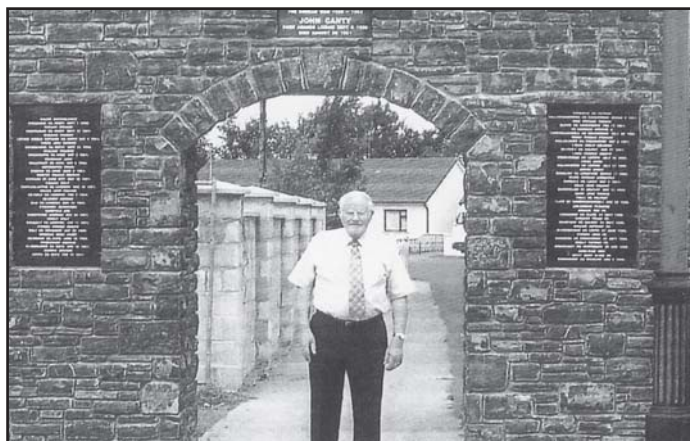
A Tribute To Sergeant Patrick Quinn

By Sgt. John Leahy, Director of the Irish in Korea

This past summer, a dear friend and fellow Korean veteran, Patrick Quinn, passed away. I had known Pat for over twenty years and want to pay tribute to his life as an Irishman, friend, and Korean War hero. As a citizen of the greater Chicago area; he was pivotal in preserving his Irish heritage and was a driving force in building and maintaining Gaelic Park of Chicago.

Pat was born in County Down. In 1947 he immigrated to the USA and settled in Chicago. He was drafted into the U.S. Army, and when the Korean War broke out, his squadron was one of the first to be sent to Korea.

Sgt. Pat Quinn was assigned as a Squadron Leader and led his men into battle. At that time squadrons weren’t sure if they were



John Leahy stands in front of a memorial in Ireland to his classmate, John Canty, who was killed in Korea on August 26, 1951

fighting the Chinese, Russians, or North Koreans. Pat told me about his harrowing experiences as a POW.

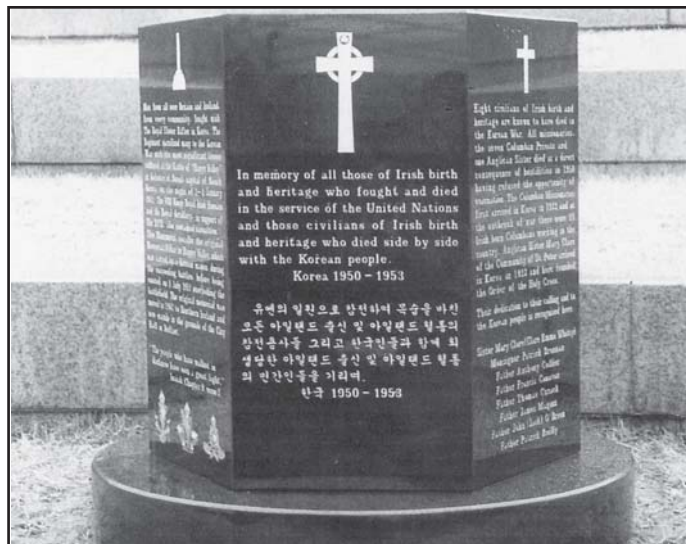
One day, at dawn, he and his squadron demonstrated true bravery. They were completely surrounded by the enemy. Despite being low on ammunition, this group of brave men continued to fight. They eventually had to surrender and became POW. They were held captive by the Chinese.

For over 31 months, Pat and his fellow comrades battled unparalleled conditions. They had to endure temperatures of 40 to 50 degrees below zero and were kept constantly in darkness. For example, during the day they were hidden in boxcars which were pushed into tunnels. They wore the same clothes for 14 months, lived in huts, and were on the brink of starvation most of the time. To add to their misery, they were subjected to burying their comrades as they passed away in the camps.

They often referred to the cemetery as “Bean Camp,” because the deceased soldiers bodies were stacked in a log format, i.e., one on top of the other, as if you stacked logs for the fireplace.

Throughout all the hardships of the POW camps, Pat said that religion was very important to the men. Pat was given the right to baptize many of these servicemen, and he helped them maintain their faith. If it was their fate, they wanted to be sure that they would make it to heaven.

After his release from the POW camp and return to the U.S., Pat spent countless months visiting and providing comfort to the families of the soldiers/comrades who died in captivity. He joined me in seeking and supporting posthumous citizenship for our fellow Irishmen who died in battle. We accomplished our goal in 2003, when 28



Many of the Irish-born Soldiers who served in Korea, especially those from Northern Ireland, were members of the British Army

Irishmen received their posthumous citizenship.

Unfortunately, five soldiers are still missing in action: Patrick McEnery of Limerick, William T. Mills of Antrim, Thomas O'Brien of Tipperary, William Murphy of Cork, and John White of Kerry. These men were as heroic and as brave as Pat Quinn. He would want me to work feverishly to find their remains and to ensure for them a proper military burial.

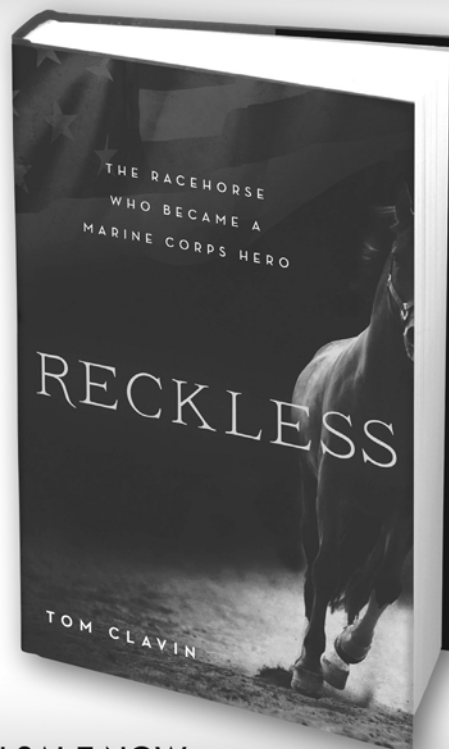
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Kim

Irrespective of their ages, they were simply referred to as “house girls.” Most of them were not girls at all, but weathered, wrinkled, and stoic middle-aged Korean women who regrettably appeared much older than their chronological ages. They were mostly poor and war-displaced peasants working as domestics. They had been hired by wing headquarters procurement staff to wash our clothing, keep primitive oil- or wood-burning stoves operating, and perform housekeeping services for officer personnel stationed at K-9 AFB during the war. Nor did these Air Force officers, mostly Douglas B-26 combat crewmen, live in houses, but in crude and cold eight-man “shacks” that only remotely resembled their houses back home.

Kim was a very quiet, responsible, and physically attractive sixteen- or seventeen-year-old house girl. I asked her several times what her first name was, but she simply shook her head, either not able to understand my question or reluctant to disclose it to me. So I knew her only as Kim throughout the full term of my combat tour at K-9, “Kim” being a very common surname throughout South Korea.

One early afternoon during the dark, short, and snowy days of February 1953 I was aimlessly walking through the drab and almost totally deserted officers club when I heard feminine voices coming through the closed door of a small side room generally used by members for poker games, chess games, and the like. I approached the door silently and identified the voices as those of five or six Korean women interspersed with the voice of a solitary male American. I felt guilty about eavesdropping on their conversation but was curious about the nature of this unusual event. I recognized the deeper American voice but could not put a name and face to it. I soon realized that the American was giving these Korean women a lesson in basic conversational English and that he was frequently and effectively interject-

Their house had been ransacked and gutted by a fire deliberately set as an example to their neighbors. The political police wanted to demonstrate the high price that was to be paid by those who resisted acceptance of communist doctrines.

ing humor into the discussion, bringing peals of laughter and joy from the Korean women.

After some moments, I realized that the women were some of our squadron's house girls, that one of them was Kim, and that the American was Captain Ken Doolittle, with whom I shared living quarters. I knew immediately that Kim was in the group as she had a distinctive and delightful laugh that I would recognize anywhere. Although she had initially been quiet and uncommunicative in my presence when I first arrived at K-9, we had gradually developed a relaxed and cordial relationship. The “icebreaker” occurred when she had needed to bring her six- or seven-year-old brother to work with her one day. So I bought a checker set from the PX and taught him how to play checkers. I called him Kim-Kim, which for some reason simply delighted him. And when he was permitted to keep the checkers and board, our three-way relationship was firmly established.

I was genuinely amazed and pleasantly impressed by the strong rapport and positive and informal relationship that Doolittle had evidently established with these women, who appeared generally to me to be sullen, sad, and silent. Of course, I well knew that they were fully entitled to their “flat” and unemotional demeanor, as they were displaced and struggling refugees with little in their lives to be joyous about.

I was suddenly confronted by a dilemma. I wanted to listen longer to Doolittle's English lesson and enjoy vicariously the enlightenment and gleeful pleasure of his apt students (as he was an excellent instructor) and his obvious joy and gratification in teaching them, but I did not want to be revealed as a violator of their privacy. So I reluctantly but quietly moved away

from the door within a matter of but several minutes. Two or three weeks later I had occasion to share a late breakfast with Doolittle and I reluctantly admitted to him that I had overheard part of one of his group presentations. He initially appeared to be hesitant, even embarrassed, about discussing his English classes for the Korean house girls. But, when I informed him that I wished that I could get to know the Koreans better and learn more about their culture, he opened up and readily described how “the class” had come to pass.

It seems that Doolittle had received a photograph from home of his wife and several of his children, one daughter being about Kim's age, and he had shown this photo to her. An ensuing discussion of his family had been the beginning of an ongoing “father and daughter” type of relationship, with Doolittle giving progressively more instruction to Kim in the proper usage of conversational English. It seems that Kim had an older cousin, also a house girl on base, who had assisted Kim in getting her job with our squadron. This cousin wanted desperately to learn the English language, so she joined Kim in attending the English lessons in our shack.

Before long, several other aspiring English speakers among the house girls had also joined the group. Captain Doolittle was soon forced to move their sessions to the officers club as they interfered with the sleep requirements of other combat crewmembers during the afternoons prior to night flights over North Korea. These group English lessons had continued for several weeks before I had happened upon one in progress.

I then informed Doolittle about the awkwardness involved in my initial and

minimal relationship with Kim, whom I had met four or five weeks before. I informed him of her reluctance or inability to reciprocate even the slightest display of friendship. He advised me that young, single men were very threatening to Kim, probably because of recent and vivid memories of experiences that she could not easily share with anyone. To explain her conduct, he proceeded to relate her story to me, which her cousin had painfully and haltingly revealed to him in small bits and pieces over a period of time.

On the day after the invasion of South Korea, when the armies of North Korean soldiers poured across the border into South Korea to start the brutal regional war that was to extend over the following thirty-seven months, Kim had been returning home with her younger brother. Kim was fourteen or fifteen at the time and it was her daily chore to escort her brother to and from his primary school, a quarter mile from their home in a small town near Seoul, the capital of South Korea. Fortunately for

them, they were met by some neighbors who were fleeing to the south as refugees with little more than the clothes on their backs. These well-meaning neighbors informed Kim that she could not return to her home as a small contingent of the North Korean political police force had invaded Kim's home and had taken her father and mother away as political prisoners.

Their house had been ransacked and gutted by a fire deliberately set as an example to their neighbors. The political police wanted to demonstrate the high price that was to be paid by those who resisted acceptance of communist doctrines. Kim later learned that her older sister, a democratically active university student, had been raped repeatedly and left with her throat slashed. Kim also learned that her father, a much-respected high school teacher with strong democratic beliefs, and her mother had been taken by force to North Korea and placed in a communist indoctrination center that was in fact a prison. When they both persisted in

their opposition to communist indoctrination they were relocated to a labor camp farther north, where they were most probably worked, beaten, and starved to death.

This was the deep and pervasive psychological scar tissue that Kim carried with her to our K-9 AFB and to our squadron, comprised of primarily young and naive American combat crewmen who simply had no experience whatsoever of such brutality and inhumanity. After learning about Kim's terrifying experiences, I flew and fought with special purpose and determination. I had become fully convinced that the horrors of communism could eventually reach the shores of our country should we not vigorously resist both its viciously direct and often insidious advances. And I thought of Kim and her brutalized family every night when our heavily bomb-laden B-26 Invader entered the cold and hostile night skies over North Korea. This intense and vicious war had most certainly become for me a very personal one. ...

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The Vital Role of Douglas B-26 Air Crews
in Restoring Freedom to the People of
The Republic of Korea (1950-1953)

Arthur L. Haarmeyer

A Conversation with Dan Besser – Korean War

By Diane Siracusa

The interview took place February 22, 2014

The last four miles of my two-hour drive is on gravel road. I arrive in a cloud of dust at eighty-three-year old Dan Besser's home near Collins, Missouri. Dan greets me at the door and I walk inside his modest home. I am here to listen to his life-story.

Mounted animals, stretched skins, and a magnificent wild turkey decorate the walls. Dan hands me a frame. "I used to find these things all the time when I would use the 'dozer on my land," he explains. The 'things' are dozens of arrowheads which he has arranged with an artistic eye.

We walk to the kitchen and sit down at the cloth-covered table to begin our interview. His life, he says, started on an eighty-acre Missouri farm. There were four children, two boys and two girls. "My sister, Catherine, lives just down the road, but my twin sister and my older brother are dead," he says. "They smoked themselves to death." There is sadness in his voice.

"My dad died from a bleeding ulcer when I was five years old. He was only forty-nine. It was a hard time for my mother. She had four little kids and a farm and here it was, the middle of the Depression. I remember Mother crying. I came up behind her and rubbed her shoulders. She picked up her apron and wiped away her tears. I wanted to know why she was crying and she told me I was too young to understand. She said loneliness is hard to explain."

"When the war started, we sold our cows and rented out the land. Mother got a job at a factory in Independence. I still remember our address - 5816 E. Topping." Dan's memory for decades-old details amazes me.

"After a time, we were able to go back to our farm. We were as poor as snakes," he tells me. "We had no electricity, but neither did anybody else." He laughs and says, "We had a two-holer out back. You didn't stay out there very long in the winter!"

"On our farm, the cows were milked by hand and our light came from kerosene lamps, like that one over in the corner." I turn and look where he points and nod my head.

"Mother sold milk and also cream and butter. We children helped to churn the butter by hand. It was hard work, but we did not complain."

"I started hunting to help put food on the table when I was ten years old. Hunted with a single-shot shotgun."

Dan raises both hands, "I have to tell you another story most people would not believe, but I swear it really happened! I was out with my 12-gauge and it was foggy. So foggy, you couldn't hardly see anything. Down at the pond I heard ducks. I aimed and shot once. Then I reloaded and shot again as they flew up. Well, I tell you, I went over there and I had killed eight mallard ducks with those two shots!"

"I was only ten years old and the walk back home was a



Clockwise from top left, Dan Besser and arrowheads, coyote, wild turkey, and kerosene lamp.

quarter of a mile. Those eight ducks were heavy and I had to lay 'em down ever' so often and rest." I smile and try to picture the little boy who struggled to carry those eight heavy ducks all the way home.

"During the war years people could sell game," he remembers, "and cottontail rabbits brought thirty-five cents."

"It was a real cold winter in '42 and I had eighteen rabbits froze. I asked Mother if she could take me to town to sell them, but she said, 'No, we can't do that.' So after my chores, I put the rabbits in two gunny sacks and tied them on the back of my horse. I rode nine miles to Weaubleau and sold 'em. After I sold the rabbits, I bought a new box of twenty-two long shells. They cost eighteen cents a box for fifty rounds. I also bought a big bag of candy for five cents. Put everything in my sheepskin coat and headed home. I had about six dollars in my pocket. I was rich!"

Dan admits he did not like school very much. "I just didn't take to it and did not graduate high school. In fact, I joined the army when I was seventeen! It was 1949. My mother did not want me to go."

"The war had ended, but the draft was still on. If you enlisted for one or two years, you had to agree to be in the reserves for seven years, but if you enlisted for three years, there was no reserve time. I enlisted for the three years and I got to pick what I wanted to be. Since I loved guns, I said I wanted to be a machine-gunner. I thought it would not be dangerous as we were not at war."

"When my three years were up, I should have been out, but with the Korean War starting, Truman extended everyone's

Veteran



time five more months. Within five days we were shipped to Inchon. We chased those North Koreans almost to the Manchurian border. Then, the Chinese came and surrounded us. For two weeks we fought for our lives. We could only get ammo and food by air drops and they weren't comin' in very often. Finally, our guys broke through. It was horrible with so many dead. We had to dig holes and then we just dumped all the bodies in there. The Korean War was bloody, cold and vicious. It only lasted thirty-six months, but there were over 36,000 Americans killed. When I came home, I was a sergeant; no one even noticed I had been gone."

Dan hands me his discharge papers and points to the MOS number, 3603. He tells me it is a very special rating - Antiaircraft artillery cannoneer. There is some anger in his voice and he says, "No one cheered the Korean veterans or welcomed us back."

After the horror of war, Dan moved on with his life and found a job; he riveted nose cones for missiles. He did this job for more than eleven years - he never missed a day nor was he ever late. Dan saved his money, married, had three children and was able to buy a farm. Sadly, his marriage did not last. He sold the farm and went into the bulldozer business with his brother, Walter.

In 1996 he and Walter travelled to Mali in northwest Africa for the World Hunger Program. For six weeks they were to help dig reservoirs for the Mali people. "It was not a good situation before we dug those reservoirs," said Dan. "The people would have to walk miles to get water, but they could only go as far as they could walk and return in one day. It was dangerous to be out after dusk with the wild animals and the poisonous snakes everywhere."

"I quit driving dozers when I was sixty-two and one day, I saw a straw horse built by a man and decided I wanted to make one. People liked the one I made and wanted me to build more. One year I made fifty-six horses. I sold a pair to Anheuser Busch and some to Bass Pro."

"I built the horses for seven or eight years."

He hands me several photos of the straw horses. "You keep these. I don't have any use for them, now."

It's time to go and I thank Dan for his story, but before I can drive away, he makes his way out to my car and hands



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Top left, Dan Besser as a little boy and top right with his Quad 50. Above, Dan Besser at age 19 in the turret of his Quad 50 and at right, 'military man.'

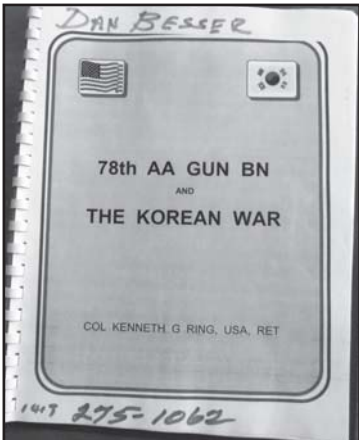


me a booklet. "This will tell you about the Korean War, I want you to take it home and read it," he says.

The booklet was published by Col K.G. Ring, Ret of the 78th AA Gun battalion, 1st Cavalry Division. Dan shows me a picture inside. "Here I am by my tank. I was only about nineteen years old."

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A copy of the booklet Dan Besser gave the author to learn something about the Korean War



Dan Besser and straw horse team

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Ch 19 group with Dr. James H. Benson, Col USMC (Ret), President of the Riverside Military Academy (L-R) Bob McCubbins, John Sears, Jim Conway, Col Benson, Stan Fisher, Ben Malcom, Rodney Rector



Echo Taps at Riverside Military Academy



Opening remarks at Riverside Military Academy's requiem presented by Ch 19 President Bob McCubbins



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Georgia Korean War veterans observe the Riverside Military Academy's corps of cadets passing in review

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Tell America

Bill Baldaccini

The "Oral History Day" event at Thornton High School, Thornton, CO is now in its 17th year. The purpose of the event is to have the students gain a better understanding of, "What it means to be an American and a Veteran in the United States." This event was originally created as a part of the "Making History Come Alive" series to bring the students out of the pages of a textbook and allow them the opportunity to learn of history first hand from the hearing of experiences from veterans.

On an average each student hears the actual story of three or four veterans throughout the morning. Hearing different stories has allowed the students to compare and contrast the stories of different veterans and different time periods. As a result, they gain a better understanding of what it means to be an American and to live up to the values that create the core to the American Belief System and to understand the reality that "Freedom is Not Free!!"

Korean War Veteran Bill Baldaccini has been an active participant in this pro-



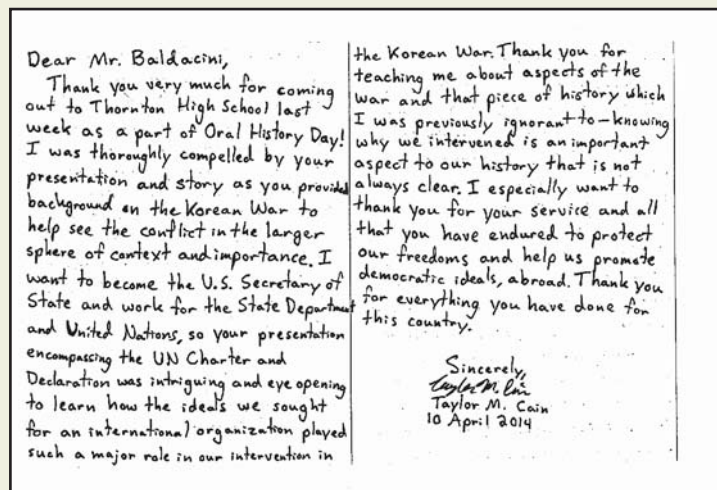
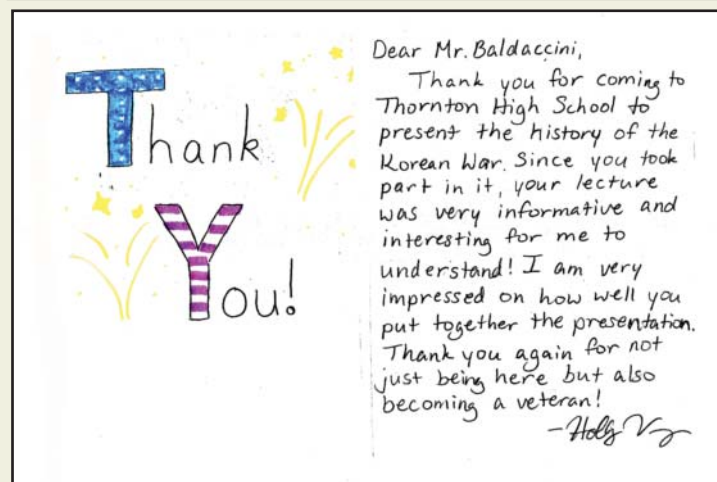
Bill Baldaccini

gram for the last four years to "Tell America" about Korea. Bill Baldaccini has condensed his "Korea - Past, Present and Future" program that was presented at the Adult Education Program, Denver University, to fit. He found that the high school students were attentive and appreciative as expressed in the following student notes.

Baldaccini noted that "I liked particularly the letter from young Taylor, who aspires to be the Secretary of State. God Bless him! We need more young ones like him, who are willing to take on the problems of our evolving world."

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Letters to Bill Baldaccini



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

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

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

30 - INDIANA #1 [IN]

Our Tell America program has ended for the year, as have our school programs.

Some of our veterans went to Blackhawk Middle School in response to a request from Mrs. Elise Olson, one of the wonderful teachers there. Elise and Blackhawk students are so good to our group of veterans. We love doing programs there.

One of our members, Jim Winnie, a WWII and Korean

War veteran, was a pilot whose job was to snatch gliders and teach other service members. He spoke about his experiences to fellow church members.

Our veterans love going into our schools and other places to talk about their experiences. The students and teachers always enjoy our visits.

*Mary Anna Roemke,
260-485-7627*



Members of Ch 30, Walter Scare (seated), Bernard Wisniewski, Ed Hagadorn (one of the most highly decorated veterans in Allen County), Carl Fowler, Ron Barnhart (L-R)



LEFT: Presenters from Ch 30, faculty, and students at Blackhawk Middle School

BELOW: Jim Winnie of Ch 30 speaks to a group at his church about his military experiences



43 - KANSAS CITY #2 [MO]

Paul Wolfgeher, Vern Scott and I had two firsts for the National Tell America Program. This was the first time we had been to Luff School in Independence, MO, which is an elementary school. And, it was the first elementary school at which we had ever presented the Tell America Program.

We had met Lindsay Rimel, the history teacher, on Veterans Day and she said that she would like to have us back to talk to her

history students. There were sixty students and the three of us really enjoyed them. I think they asked more questions than all of the junior and senior high school students we visited this year.

It was a great time for the three of us.

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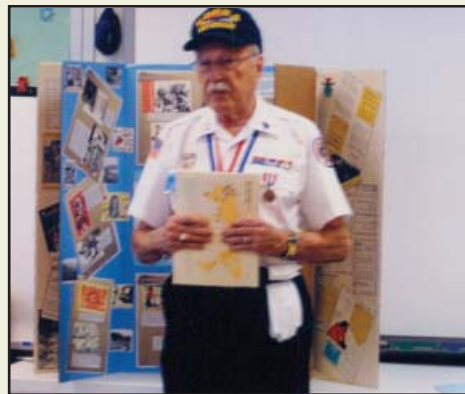


Paul Wolfgeher of Ch 43 speaks to students



Bob Jones of Ch 43 explains the "Tiger Tank Look"

Vern Scott of Ch 43 shows Korean War map



48 – CHORWON [NJ]

We dispatched some of our members to tell grammar school students about their experiences in Korea. The presenters were John Valerio, Rudy

Parciaseppe, and Larry Morgan.

*Winifred Brimley
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Westwood, NJ 07675
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The Franklin School 6th grade class in Saddle Brook, NJ visited by Ch 48



John Valerio of Ch 48 speaks to students



Rudy Parciaseppe of Ch 48 with students

Larry Morgan of Ch 48 explains a WWII Bill Mauldin cartoon to students



55 – NASSAU COUNTY #1 [NY]

On May 22nd, Buddy Epstein and Commander Don Zoeller visited Weber Middle School in Port Washington, NY. While there, they distributed American history booklets containing the U.S.

Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and biographies of all the U.S. presidents.

*Robert P. O'Brien
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Cedarhurst, NY 11516*



Students of a class at Weber Middle School with Ch 55 members



Buddy Epstein and Don Zoeller of Ch 55 at Weber Middle School



Buddy Epstein and Don Zoeller show slides to Weber Middle School students

60 - ADIRONDACK [NY]

On May 19, 2014, members went to the Crandall Public Library in Glens Falls, New York for a 6:30 p.m. presentation to the general public. This was initiated by librarian Ms. Karen Kinney, who had requested that we bring a panel of veterans, including a Color Guard.

Although attendance was disappointing, the panel made the presentation in the same manner as done at schools, which was well received.

Included was a question and answer period and handouts were provided.

In attendance were Commander William Shaw, Marge Shaw, Eugene Slavin, Louis Alonzo, Mert Eggleston, Paul Nolan, and Tell America Chairman Bob Garland.

Commander Shaw presented a copy of the book "Korea Reborn" to the library.

*Robert S. ("Bob") Garland,
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105 - CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

The Gillette Road School in North Syracuse, NY celebrated its 13th annual USA Day on May 28, 2014. The gymnasium and parking lots were used to display the equipment the military and

law enforcement units use to safeguard us. The Red Cross and fire departments were on hand to display methods used to rescue and tend to the injured.



The Ch 105 crew at Gillette Road School for USA Day (L-R) Ed Grala, Norm Champagne, Fran Izzo, Dave Allen, and Jim Low

The local military and police units, along with the KWVA, were on hand to answer any questions the 1,300 students, teachers, and guests had. Chapter 105 is the only veterans group that attends every year.

We received a unique and

innovative gift for our participation: a package of Morning Glory seeds in honor of our "planting the seeds of patriotism."

*Jim Low
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175 - LT. BALDOMERO LOPEZ (MOH) [FL]

We experienced a great and joyful event at George M. Steinbrenner High School in Tampa, FL. We told the students in an American History class about events of the Korean War. These students were very inquisitive and asked very challenging and delightful question, e.g., why did the government at that time allow this war to happen?

The students learned that

America won on two fronts in WWII, against Germany and Japan. After WWII the world divided in two camps, the countries behind the "Iron Curtain" and the capitalist nations. Korea was the first war against communism.

Salvatore Zichi answered the primary questions—and many more.

*T. Devilin Parrish
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Public Relations rep Ms. Holly Clemmons, to right of T. Devilin Parrish, Hank Binder, Marvin Nelson, Salvatore Zichi, and Sam Hayes of Ch 175 (L-R)

Hank Binder of Ch 175 shares his story about being in Korea



Chaplain Sam Hayes of Ch 175 points out some facts about Korean War



Chapter & Department News

19 GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

Several members attended the World Affairs Council Breakfast in Atlanta with The Honorable Song Kim, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea and His Excellency Ahn Ho-young, Republic of Korea Ambassador to the U.S.



The Honorable Song Kim, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Stan Fisher, Jim Conway, Bob Hendershott, and David Lee of Ch 19, and His Excellency Ahn Ho-young, Republic of Korea Ambassador to the U.S., at Atlanta breakfast (L-R)

At a Meet Our Veterans affair in Atlanta, President Robert McCubbins was photographed with Major General James Livingston, USMC, Ret. Medal of Honor recipient. General Livingston had a recent shoulder operation.



President Robert McCubbins of Ch 19 (L) and Major General James Livingston, USMC (Ret), MOH recipient

Georgia Commissioner of Labor, Mark Butler, made an excellent presentation at our June luncheon. His hands on approach to the difficult task of directing both employers and employees in the right direction is sorely needed in the present job market.

Mark Butler speaks to Ch 19 audience



The Rotary Club of Barnesville, GA presented "A Tribute To Our Korean Veterans," which included lunch at the Garden Patch Restaurant.

The Hospitality Business Network Foundation, Inc. in Atlanta hosted A Tribute To Wounded Warriors & Congressional Medal Of Honors Recipients for 750 guests. There were thirteen MOH recipients in attendance.

Jim Conway, conatlanta@comcast.net



Bob Hendershott, Urban Rump, Jack Robinson, "Sobie" Sobieski and Jim Conway of Ch 19 (L-R) at Barnesville, GA Rotary Club

MOH recipients at Atlanta dinner: Major General Patrick H. Brady, U.S. Army (Ret) Vietnam War, Sergeant First Class Ronald Rosser, U.S. Army (Ret) Korean War, Colonel Donald E. Ballard, Kansas Army National Guard (Ret) Vietnam War (L-R)



Bret Baier, Fox News, Master of Ceremonies at Atlanta dinner (L) and Robert McCubbins, President of Ch 19

30 INDIANA #1 [IN]

Our new officers are Fred Ireland, Sgt. Of Arms; Carl Fowler, 2nd Vice; Dale Parish, 1st Vice; Bernard Wisniewski, Past Commander; Marian Wisniewski, Secretary; Bernard Huesing, Memorial Walkway & Trustee; Walter Scare, Trustee; Raymond Krider, Trustee; Cletus Rumschlag, Treasurer; Bud Mendenhall, Judge Advocate; Garry Sink, Commander; Jim Leslie, Historian & Veterans Affairs; Lynn Shady, Tell America.



New officers of Ch 30 (L-R): Fred Ireland, Carl Fowler, Dale Parish, Bernard Wisniewski, Marian Wisniewski, Bernard Huesing, Walter Scare, Raymond Krider, Cletus Rumschlag, Bud Mendenhall, Garry Sink, Jim Leslie, and Lynn Shady



LEFT: Mary Anna Roemke, Jean Mendenhall, and Nancy Sink (L-R) of Ch 30



BELOW: Members of the Fort Wayne, IN Korean community with their pastor at far right

Our ladies in our organization love to support our veterans/husbands. Among them are Mary Anna Roemke, Publicity Director; Jean Mendenhall, newsletter editor; Nancy Sink, "entertainment gal," and Chaplain Marilyn Renbarger.

We also receive great support from our local Korean community. They help us in a variety of ways, and we love to have them with us.

Mary Anna Roemke, 9015 Farmington Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

40 MINNESOTA #1

Dr. Byong Moon Kim, an honorary member, presented Bob Nehotte with an award from Judson University in Elgin, IL. The presentation was made on behalf of the Scholarship Trust Fund that Nehotte and his wife Geraldine set up for Christian Korean students at the college.



Chaplain/Secretary Bill Verkennes, Dr. Byong Moon Kim, President Ed Valle, and Bob Nehotte of Ch 40 at presentation



Volunteers from Ch 40 outside Minneapolis VA Medical Center include Andy Urness, Mike Jansen, Cal Buck, and Roy Brandes (Photo by Blair Rumble)

A few veterans with smiling faces paused at a statue commemorating Soldiers in need. The statue, which includes a wounded man being attended to by a fellow Soldier, is located outside the entrance to the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN.

Blair C. Rumble, 969 Lombard Ave.
Saint Paul, MN 55105

55 NASSAU COUNTY #1 [NY]

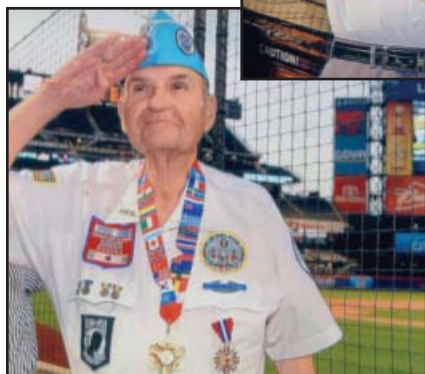
Before every New York Mets home game the team honors a veteran. On June 10th chapter member Bernie Hoffman was the veteran honored. He served in Korea with the 7th Inf. Div.

Robert P. O'Brien, 408 5th Ave.
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Bernie Hoffman of Ch 55 with Paula Abdul at NY Mets game

NY Mets pitcher Zack Wheeler with Ch 55's Bernie Hoffman



15,000 NY Mets' fans salute Bernie Hoffman at game during national anthem

56 VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

We held our May meeting at the aptly named El Pescador ("The Fisherman") Restaurant in Santa Paula, CA. As the photos illustrate, the theme is the fisherman.

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



Benito Lagos, David Garcia, Manuel Salazar, Henry Marin, Gilbert Cabrera, Manuel Garcia, Jennie Garcia, Betty Espinoza, Benjamin Espinoza, and Henry Guevara (L-R) listen at Ch 56 gathering



Members of Ch 56 sit in front of murals at El Pescador meeting



Gregory Garcia, Jr. (L) and Rudy Arellano at Ch 56 meeting



Manuel & Jennie Garcia, Betty & Benjamin Espinoza, Gregory Garcia, Jr., Henry & Alice Guevara, Robert Feumillo, and Lydia Mercado (L-R) at Ch 56 meeting



David Vasquez, Mike Hidalgo, and Martin Vasquez of Ch 56 (L-R) converse at El Pescador

105 CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

We have new officers: Commander Norman Champagne, Adjutant William O'Kane, Chaplain Thomas Kelly, Captain of the Color Guard Carmen Zeolla, Treasurer William Trouesdale, 1st VP Edward Grala and Directors Tony Vaquero, Bill Burns, Dick Houser, and Peter Doyle.

Jim Low, 114 Wembridge Dr.
East Syracuse, NY 13057



Ch 105 officers (Standing, L-R) Norman Champagne, William O'Kane, Thomas Kelly, Carmen Zeolla, William Trouesdale, Edward Grala. (Seated, L-R) Tony Vaquero, Bill Burns, Dick Houser, and Peter Doyle

106 TREASURE COAST [FL]

We placed wreaths on Veterans Day.

Commander Marcel Cartagena presented an award at the Fort Pierce Westwood High School award ceremony.

Harold Trieber, 304 SE Fisk Rd., Port St. Lucie,
FL 34984, 561-568-9347, htrieber@att.net



Harold Trieber (L), Charlie LoMonaco (C), and Chuck Sera (R) of Ch 106, escorted by members of Port Saint Lucie Air Force JROTC at wreath laying ceremony on Veterans Day 2014, with Marine Corps Honor Guard in background



Commander Marcel Cartagena of Ch 106 (L) and Charlie LoMonaco (R) present award to JROTC member

131 NORTHWEST OHIO [OH]

Although the numbers continue to dwindle, many members participated in several holiday-related activities, such as taking part in the downtown Toledo Parade and Veterans Service at the Civic Center Mall and flag placements on veterans' graves, including at Woodlawn and Dowling Cemeteries.

It's poignant to look at the display in the Civic Center Mall. It is ringed with bronze plaques containing the names of those killed in service from Lucas County, OH and POW-MIA empty chairs, which represent thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all the wars and conflicts in which the U.S. has participated.



Civic Center Mall in Toledo, OH



Members of Ch 131 at Toledo veterans service

Let those chairs be a reminder to all of us to spare no effort to secure the repatriation of the remains of those who died in defense of liberty and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves for this vital endeavor.

William Lyzan, 2429 Norma Pl.
Northwood, OH 43619

137 MAHONING VALLEY [OH]

Our chapter, located in the Youngstown, OH area, has new officers: Commander Zeno Foley, Vice Commander Lloyd Edwards, Adjutant Frank Sloat, Past Commander John Pariza, and Chaplain John Klamut.



New officers of Ch 137: Zeno Foley, Lloyd Edwards, Frank Sloat, John Pariza, and John Klamut

Veterans Service Officer Ray Ornelas installed them.

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142 COL WILLIAM E. WEBER [MD]

Veterans Helping Veterans

Over the past few years, we have backed a Veterans Fund at Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center/Montevue Home. This year, we have expanded the program and established a Veterans Fund to help needy veterans at Country Meadows Retirement Home. In fact, we presented a check for \$1,000.00 to Country Meadows to start the new fund.



Bob Mount, Commander of Ch 142, and Glenn Wienhoff, Secretary/Treasurer, present a check to Melanie Long, Activities Director of Country Meadows

Helping other veterans is a major goal of the KWVA. The Association actively seeks out organizations that will accept a little help to improve the quality of life of their veterans population.

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Glenn Wienhoff, cid142kwva@gmail.com

148 CENTRAL JERSEY [NJ]

We presented a copy of *Korea Reborn* to the Concordia Homeowners Association Library.

Our Color Guard participated in a parade and memorial service at Sayreville, NJ on June 25th, the 64th anniversary.



Charlie Koppelman (L) and Herbert Picker of Ch 148 present copy of *Korea Reborn* to Marvin Brother, President of the Board of Trustees of the Concordia Homeowners Association

sary of the start of the Korean War. Sayreville lost one township member during the Korean War. In August a soccer field will be named after him.

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



Members of Ch 148 Color Guard after Sayreville, NJ parade and memorial service (L-R) Past Commander Charlie Koppelman, Chaplain Harvey Weinberg, Treasurer Lee Kaczmarek, Commander Robert D. Bliss, Sr., Vice Cmdr Herbert Picker, Financial Secretary Edward Rappleya, Sr., and member Seymour Cogan

170 TAEJON [NJ]

Commander Kenneth Green and Chapter Surgeon Thomas Boyle led twenty Korean War veterans in the 52nd annual St. Patrick's Day Parade held on March 23, 2014 in Pearl River, NY. The parade, which took place on a cool day, started at 1 p.m. and continued for hours. The Rockland County Ancient Order of Hibernians sponsored the event.

Members gathered at the VFW Post #3484 in Saddle Brook, NJ, where we hold our monthly meetings. We traveled from there to Pearl River via school bus. En route Commander Green thanked everyone for the good turnout representing Korean War veterans.

The printed program listed many veterans groups from other wars. We were the only Korean War group from New Jersey. All the groups, regardless of era, marched up front in the Honor Battalion.

There were six battalions in all.

It's hard to explain the tremendously large crowd



Commander Kenneth Green of Ch 170 with Joyce Zheng

that lined the sidewalks. People 3, 4, and sometimes 5 deep stood along the route for three miles. The loud cheering amazed everyone marching, especially Commander Green, who was up front near the chapter's banner.



Members of Ch 170 who participated in St. Patrick's Day Parade

Since we are known for marching and singing cadence, sometimes it was impossible to hear Color Guard Captain Henry Ferrarini call cadence due to the loud cheering. We kept hearing "Thank you, Korean War veterans." We were all inspired.

When the announcer from the grandstand mentioned New Jersey Korean War veterans, another cheer went up.



Surgeon Thomas Boyle of Ch 170 leads members in Pearl River, NY parade



Joseph Louis (L), Henry Ferrarini (R), and Edward Frye (in back) of Ch 170 march along at St. Patrick's Day Parade



William Burns and driver Walter Amos in front seat, and Perry Georginson and Louis DeStefano in back seat, ride in style at Pearl Harbor, NY St. Patrick's Day Parade

After the parade ended, Commander Green and the other marchers retired to the Clifton, NJ Buffet Restaurant, where their close friend Joyce Zheng greeted them. Joyce is a member of the family that owns the restaurant. She has been a great friend to Korean War veterans over the years.

Members enjoyed a great buffet and a considerable amount of fellowship. God bless our members as we continue with pride to represent the Korean War veterans of our country.

Louis Quagliero, 142 Illinois Ave.
Paterson, NJ 07503

172 HANCOCK COUNTY [OH]

The months of May and June are always busy times for us. Our Rose of Sharon Scholarship Fund Drive held on May 10th and 17th brought in a new record donation total of over \$3,500.00. Twenty three members volunteered for this project. Seven scholarship awards were made in July.

At our annual spring banquet held on June 19th we celebrated our 15th birthday anniversary with a total of 127 members and guests in attendance. We honored our past presidents, prospective



Members of Ch 172 at Rose of Sharon sale (L-R) Paul McDaniel, Jack Cannon, Merle McKeever



Five members of Ch 172 at Rose of Sharon sale (L-R) Sam Ellis, Bob Taylor, Wilfred Frisch, Charles Giles



Bob Wilson (L) and Earl Windle of Ch 172 help out at Rose of Sharon sale



ABOVE: Outstanding Services Award winners from Ch 172, Don VanRenterghem (L) and Marlan Waldman, receive award from presenters President Ron Dutton and VP Bob Taylor (to Dutton's right)



RIGHT: Guest speaker at Ch 172's banquet, Larry Monday

new members, and widows of our deceased members and awarded our first Outstanding Service Awards to members Marian Waldman and Don VanRenterghem. We concluded the program with a commemoration service for our 28 departed members.

KWVA Honorary Member Larry Monday was our guest speaker for the evening. KWVA bagpiper Walter Metcalfe and KWVA member Don Bair and his band provided our musical entertainment.

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Findlay, OH 45840, 419-423-5785

175 LT BALDOMERO LOPEZ (MOH) [FL]

Members attended a 14 December 2013 Wreaths Across America for Fallen Soldiers ceremony at the Tampa American Legion Post 5, sponsored by Post Commander Bill Hamblin, an honorary four-star General appointed by President George Bush. Post 5 is the only standalone American Legion post with its own cemetery.

Chaplain Sam Hayes, a "Kentucky Colonel," his wife, and Eddie Ko represented us. We provide funds for several wreaths to place on gravestones.



Eddie Ko of Ch 175 speaks with Marine Corps League Commandant Walter Raysick, Detachment 1226, Riverview, FL, about his time in the Korean War helping the U.S. Marines



Chaplain Sam Hayes of Ch 175 shakes hands with American Legion Post 5 Commander Bill Hamblin

Incidentally, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 79 Public Affairs Office rep Commander Dorothy Riley wrote a beautiful story on KWVA Chapter 175 Monument at the Veterans Park.

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Eddie Ko places wreath in front of the headstone of a fallen soldier



Eddie Ko talks with USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 79 Public Affairs Office rep Commander Dorothy Riley



Presenters wait to place wreaths at Tampa ceremony

179 SAN DIEGO [CA]

Members got together with Korean Association reps.
Jim Whelan, irishjim69@gmail.com



Ch 179 officers and Korean Association representative

209 LAREDO 1950 [TX]

We participated in the Washington's Birthday Parade on February 22, 2014.

Photos by Ernesto Sanchez; Chapter President Nicolas Nanez contributed to this report.

Pedro Trevino, Jr., 3219 Elyon St., Laredo, TX 78043



Riding in style at Washington's Birthday parade are members of Ch 209 (L-R) Eddie Sanchez, Paulino Lucio, Pedro Garza, Hector Castaneda, Zachary Reyna, Salvador Sciaraffa, Ernesto Sanchez, and Nico Nanez



Raring to go at parade are Ch 209 members (L-R) Juan Lira, Neto Sanchez, Sal Sciaraffa, Nico Nanez, and Paulino Lucio

215 GEN WALTON H. WALKER [TX]



Chapter 215 Honor Guard

Jim Lucas, Bill Hoyle, Bill Mac Swain, A.J. Key, Dennis McCarty, Jim Wetmore



Alice Hall & Judy Richards



General Walton H. Walker Chapter 215 attended the Veteran Day celebration held at the Grand Prairie, TX. Senior Center

Visit the Korean War Veterans Association Website:
www.kwva.org

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Military Museum of Fort Worth, Texas

Performances by the USO



Bill Mac Swain



251 SAGINAW/FRANKENMUTH [MI]

For our April 2014 meeting at the VA Hospital in Saginaw, MI, we had 40 members and 4 guests present. Member Jack Leaman, brought in Detective/Lt. Jason Haines, Special Investigations Unit for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Lt. Haines talked about Michigan poachers selling deer, antelope, moose, and bears to regular customers for prices of \$500 to \$5,000 for a trophy head, meat, and antlers. Poachers get fined up to \$10,000 and lose their privilege to hunt or fish, often for a lifetime.

It was interesting when Lt. Haines stated the Michigan DNR



Jack Leaman and Commander Ron Lubis of Ch 251 with guest speaker Lt. Jason Haines (L-R)



Ch 251 Commander Ron Lubis (L), Judge Fred Borchard, Barbara Neger, and Bob Simon (R) at July meeting

only earns \$0.35 per hunting or fishing license. However, they often sell guns and vehicles confiscated. A classic example was when they checked a tractor-flat-bed trailer with three tanks of "minnows" on board.

One tank had two Asian Carp fish on board. (If Asian Carp get into lakes and streams, they will ruin fishing forever.) The DNR dumped all the "bait," confiscated the equipment, and sold all of it for \$9,000. This helped pay wages for DNR officers.

Lt. Haines was one of the best speakers we've ever had at our monthly meetings. We thank Jack Leaman for inviting him.

We had two speakers at our July meeting: the Honorable Judge Fred Borchard (Circuit Court) spoke on crime in Saginaw, MI. Saginaw has a very high crime rate due to drive-by shootings, bad drug deals, and gang wars. There are eight known gangs in Saginaw and high drug traffic.

The other speaker was Barbara Neger, who is running for Probate Judge, Juvenile Division.

Bob Simon, 7286 Spring Lake Trail
Saginaw, MI, 989-792-3718

256 NORVILLE B. FINNEY [MI]

We have new officers: Secretary Eugene Majetic; 1st Vice Commander Donald Bouffard; Commander James E. McCarthy; 2nd Vice Commander Richard Charbonneau; Treasurer Vincent Napoletano; Director Harold Barber; Director William Miller; Sgt.-of-Arms Joe Cicci; Director Fred Quinn; Director Richard Clark; and Judge Advocate James Douglas.

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New officers of Ch 256 (Front, L-R) Eugene Majetic; Donald Bouffard; James E. McCarthy; Richard Charbonneau; Vincent Napoletano (Back, L-R) Harold Barber; William Miller; Joe Cicci; Fred Quinn; Richard Clark; James Douglas

258 NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND [RI]

Commander Richard St. Louis received a plaque from the chapter for his outstanding leadership.

We had a successful recruiting campaign that boosted our numbers.

Members participated in a Senior Expo at the Warwick [RI] Mall.

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North Providence, RI 02911, 401-231-9176
401-573-8338 (Cell)



Sr. Vice Commander Richard Mende of Ch 258 presents plaque to Commander Richard St. Louis (L)



New members of Ch 258 being sworn in include Al Golato, Louis Lambert, Ed Napolitano, Al Russo, and Angelo Porcelli



Frank Meo of Ch 258 talks to an Air Force vet at Warwick Mall Senior Expo

259 CENTRAL INDIANA [IN]

KWVA President Larry Kinard addressed a gathering of some 800 people in Wheeling, IL, on June 14th. He delivered a powerfully motivating speech to the over 300 Korea War veterans and the Korean hosts of this excellent appreciation banquet held at a Westin Hotel. The sponsors were the Korean American Association of Chicago. The organizing and preparations were

provided by members of The Sae Eden Presbyterian Church.

He spoke of the importance of keeping the KWVA alive with new memberships from all years of service to the defense of South Korea. He emphasized the need for expansion of the “Tell America” program to make up for the lack of military history being taught to younger generations.

Richard Mills, a U.S. District Judge and a retired Major General, who served with the same unit as Larry at different times, also spoke. Both gave excellent speeches to the 800 plus veterans and others present.



Larry Kinard addresses audience at Wheeling, IL gathering



Larry Kinard and Richard H. Mills converse during the KAAC appreciation banquet in Wheeling, IL

In conjunction with the anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War, National Director Tine P. Martin, Sr. and member John M. Quinn visited Indiana Governor Mike Pence to present him a copy of the outstanding book “Korea Reborn: A Grateful Nation Honors War Veterans For 60 Years of Growth.”

At the State Capitol, on 1 July, the Governor was very interested in the book and the observance, since his father had earned a Bronze Star while serving in Korea during the combat.

John M. Quinn, Saggi32@aol.com



KWVA National Director Tine Martin, from Indiana, with banquet supporters Doctors Lucy Paik and husband Peter Paik at Wheeling, IL 64th Anniversary of the Korean War event



John M. Quinn of Ch 259, Governor Mike Pence, and Director Tine P. Martin, Sr. (L-R) at Indiana State Capitol



Ch 259 members at the Wheeling, IL event featuring KWVA President Larry Kinard

264 MT. DIABLO [CA]

We have new officers for the 2014 term: President David McDonald, VP Bob Hooker, Secretary Ron Craven, and Treasurer Bob Witbeck. Stan Grogan will continue as Liaison.

Two longtime members have passed on in recent months. Robert Terry, a Purple Heart and Bronze Star awardee, was first. Next was Bo Tong Lee ("Little George"), who resided in Oakland's China Town. He commuted to our meetings. Members would pick Lee up at the Bay Area Rapid Transit station and drive him back to Oakland.



Kathleen Andzak accompanied Ch 264 member John Andzak to Ice Cream Social at Yountville, CA veterans facility



Two veterans enjoy ice cream at Yountville

A pair of supervisors at Yountville share a laugh with a veteran at the Ice Cream Social



We helped out at the annual Ice Cream Social at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville, CA. Our members helped serve veterans at Eisenhower Hall, the venue for the event.

Will Flaherty, Bob Witbeck, Robert Hooker, and John Andzak helped out. Several gallons of ice cream "disappeared" at the hands of the veterans in attendance.



A sample of the colorful costumes worn at a Ch 264 meeting

Members attended Wreaths Across America at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. Wreaths were placed at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

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

297 PLATEAU [TN]

In mid-June the State of Tennessee sponsored a Veterans Outreach at the Community Complex in Crossville, TN. More than sixty agencies were on hand to assist veterans with their concerns and needs.

We have new officers. They include Senior Vice Commander Monte Pepperell, Commander Bob Johnston, and Junior Vice Commander Emil Zenk.



"Doc" Ellis swears in new officers of Ch 297, Monte Pepperell, Bob Johnston, and Emil Zenk (L-R)

At the recent graduation ceremonies in Cumberland County High schools, we announced the winners of three \$1,000.00 scholarships. One of the recipients, Celia Denney, of Stone Memorial High School, will attend Lee University, in Cleveland, TN. She will study Public & International Studies.

Livia Jo Abston, representing Cumberland County High School, will attend Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, TN to study

nursing. The third recipient, Zach Cole, also a graduate of Cumberland County High School, will attend the University of



Celia Denney, Livia Jo Abston, and Zach Cole (Front, L-R) hold scholarship checks presented by Ch 297 committee members Chan Smith, Dale Koestler, Bob Johnston, Dick Malsack, and Chairman Roger VanRekom (Rear, L-R)

Tennessee in Knoxville to study business administration.

The chapter's selection committee members are Chan Smith, Dale Koestler, Bob Johnston, Dick Malsack, and Chairman Roger VanRekom.

Dick Malsack, 146 Anglewood Dr.
Crossville, TN 38558



Emil Zenk, Carl Hall, and Dale Koestler (L-R) at Ch 297's booth at Tennessee Veterans Outreach

312 ANTIETAM [MD]

Luncheon Meeting with Korean Officials

Maryland and Virginia KWVA members met with Minister Park Sung-choon, from the Ministry of Patriots & Veterans Affairs, in Frederick, MD, on April 27, 2014. The occasion was a result of Minister Park's visit to the United States to honor the cooperation of Korean and U.S. forces during the Vietnam War in a ceremony in Norfolk, VA. Mr. Park and his party then drove 300

miles from Norfolk to Frederick to have lunch with the Korean War veterans.

The luncheon was attended by approximately forty KWVA members, their wives, and a few Korean vets. Six KWVA chapters were represented at the luncheon meeting. The group included one Department Commander, two National Directors, and two Korean veteran organization presidents from the Washington, D.C. area.

The event proved to be a wonderful social gathering, as well as a solemn time to honor the continuing friendship between the Republic of Korea and Korean War veterans.



Part of the crowd at the Frederick, MD gathering with Minister Park Sung-choon

Mr. Park Sung-choon spoke to the group reinforcing this long-standing relationship. He noted that his visit to Norfolk to commemorate the Korean support of the U.S. forces in Vietnam was a continuation of the U.S. role in saving Korea a decade earlier.

Mr. Park noted that the Korean War veterans looked very well after all these years, and attributed this fact to the loving care from the veterans' wives. A loud roar of approval from the audience followed this comment. This light remark, the serious notes of gratitude, and the resolve of continued friendship were the ingredients for a great afternoon.

Accompanying Minister Park was Professor Han Jong Woo, Director of the Korean War Veterans Digital Memorial, who served as Minister Park's interpreter. Professor Han returned to the area later in the week to conduct oral interviews of veterans from Hagerstown and Frederick, MD.

MG Shin Kyoung-Soo, Defense Attaché at the ROK Embassy, and Lt. Col. Kang Moon-Ho, Assistant Defense Attaché, also accompanied Minister Park. The KWVA chapters were honored to have Mr. Thomas Lim, President of the Korean Vietnam Veterans Association of the USA, and Mr. Byung (Paul) Lee, President of the Korean Veterans Association of Washington, in attendance as well.

All in all, it was a wonderful afternoon of friendship and camaraderie among the Korean visitors and the Korean War veterans.

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

317 SGT BILLY FREEMAN [GA]

We held a recruiting drive in Rome, GA, and members attended a joint chapter meeting in July of 2013.

Charles W. Patterson, 545 N Avery Rd.
Rome, GA 30165, 706-234-8424



Ch 317 members at Atlanta joint meeting



Sam Huckaby (L), unidentified member, and Edward E. Wallace (R) display Ch 317 paraphernalia



Ch 317 members conduct recruiting drive

319 LAWTON [OK]

We participated in the largest Armed Forces parade in the U.S., which is held in Lawton/Ft. Sill. This year there were over 100 floats entered. Ours was selected as the best overall entry, for which we received the "Premiere Defense Trophy."

Our theme was "Going Home." The float depicted an ambulance on which rode wounded Soldiers going home.

President Aaron Boone presented our chapter medallion to the ladies of the Korean New Light Methodist Church. They serve us lunch at the church every three months at our monthly meeting. Thirty-six members and guests attended the meeting, at which we presented the medallion.

Cecil "Bud" Arenz, 2807 NW Lynn Cir., Lawton,
OK 73507, 580-512-7282, opastien@fidnet.com



319-1 "Wounded Soldiers" on 319's float include Ed Mayfield (holding trophy), "Bud" Arenz, Donald Burton, driver Bill Utsinger, and nurse Arline Poirot, wife of POW Poirot



President Aaron Boone of Ch 319 presents medallion to Korean ladies

325 CENTRAL ARKANSAS [AR]

We are a new chapter. Our Commander is John C. Winningham.

John C. Winningham, 330 Watson Rd.
Bradford, AR 72020, 501-724-0782



New Department of Florida officers (R-L) Bob McGuire, Maxine Parker, Chuck Husbands, T.D. Parrish (KSV), Joan Arcand, Dr. Henry Moreland, Richard Arcand, Mickey Tutolo, Tom Thiel, and oath administrator Bob Hebner



Incoming Department of Florida President Bob McGuire (L) presents plaque to outgoing President Bob Hebner

We elected new officers at our recent convention. They are President Bob McGuire, 1st VP Maxine Parker, 2nd VP Chuck Husbands, 3rd VP T.D. Parrish (KSV), Treasurer Joan Arcand, Chaplain Dr. Henry Moreland, Judge Advocate Richard Arcand, Sgt.-at-Arms Mickey Tutolo, and Secretary Tom Thiel. Outgoing President Bob Hebner administered the oath.

Incoming President Bob McGuire presented a plaque to outgoing President Bob Hebner to recognize him for his 2013-14 leadership.

Tom Thiel, 19147 Park Place Blvd, Eustis, FL 32736, 352-408-6612, kwvathiel@gmail.com



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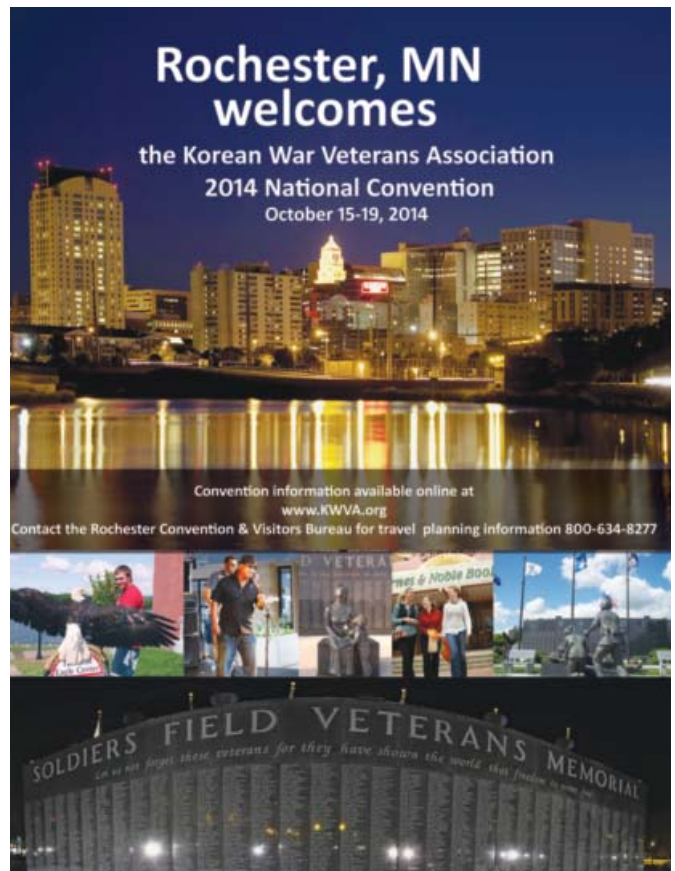
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MEMORIAL DAY 2014

"We have gained members through the printing of our pictures of these events in The Graybeards. We are sincerely thankful to you for printing them." (On the value of photos in The Graybeards.)

As usual, KWVA chapters and members participated in a variety of Memorial Day events. They marched in parades, gave speeches, attended local commemorations...in short, they did everything they could to honor their comrades who have given their lives in defense of freedom. Here is our annual round-up of their activities.

Three Score And Seven Years Ago

By L. T. Whitmore

Memorial Day is that special day set aside for solemn reflection on the sacrifices of the men and women who gave their all for our country's freedom. I was mindful of this as I passed the Lincoln Memorial and crossed the Memorial Bridge to Arlington National Cemetery for rehearsal of the Memorial Day ceremonies.

Ed Brooks and I arrived to participate in the rehearsal for the National Commemoration of Memorial Day on 26 May 2014. We had the honor of representing the KWVA as Color Bearers for the ceremonies in the Pavilion and as escorts to National KWVA President Larry Kinard as he presented our wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknowns and at the National Korean War Memorial

I was visited by long neglected memories of having participated in the Decoration Day Observance of 1947 in my small Ohio hometown. It was three score and seven years ago that I gained my first real insight into the meaning of this Sacred Day of Remembrance.

World War Two was not long over, and men and women who had returned from serving in theaters of operation around the globe and at hundreds of stations in the U.S. with their grateful loved ones joined the parents, husbands, wives and children of those who would never return, as solemn expressions of pride and honor echoed over the graves of the fallen. Veterans of WWI, a few Spanish-American War veterans, and even one Civil War survivor of the 4th Ohio Volunteer Infantry's Appomattox Campaign remembered and honored their own loved and lost comrades from wars long past.

I had been asked to memorize and recite Lincoln's Gettysburg Address at this program. I had no difficulty memorizing the fewer than 300 words of the speech, but I needed guidance to comprehend the importance and lasting meaning of these immortal words. My father, a naturalized Irish-Canadian, who had a passionate love for America, helped me gain an understanding which has only deepened in the many years since I stood in the shadow of the monu-

ments in Greenville Cemetery and recited: "Four score and seven years ago..."

As I entered Arlington I remembered how carefully my dad had explained that each grave marker represented a human being, a person of importance and significance, a person who gave an incalculable gift to all generations - his very life. Each one of these honored dead had been a beloved, cherished newborn baby, once held in an adoring mother's arms and proudly proclaimed by a father who might have taken credit for the whole event.

Each had progressed from infant to toddler to child to teenager to young adult and had learned the necessary lessons along the way. Each had experienced the whole array of "firsts:" tooth, step, word, school day, date, kiss, car. Each had answered his country's call, had trained, and endured the separation from loved ones, home comforts, and things familiar.

When standing uniformed, at dress right dress, in ranks they may have looked very much alike, but each was entirely unique. Each had his own history; his own successes, failures, likes and dislikes, hopes and aspirations.

They were alike, however, in that each had served and done his duty for "God and Country." Each had responded without hope for personal gain or reward beyond serving the cause of freedom and liberty. Each had given the most precious thing anyone can know: the last full measure of devotion. *His very life.*

I have visited Arlington National Cemetery many times in the nearly forty years that I have lived in Virginia. Similar thoughts always accompany me when I come to this hallowed place, and since I was coming to serve our very special fellowship in however small a way, these thoughts and feelings were intensified.

Edward Brooks, Vice Commander of Chapter #191, and I



KWVA officials present wreath at Arlington National Cemetery



Wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery

had the honor to act as Color Bearers in the Parade of Colors in the Pavilion at the Tomb of the Unknowns prior to the ceremony at which Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Chuck Hagel, introduced President and Commander in Chief, Barak Obama, who had only hours before returned from visiting our troops in Afghanistan. It was further our honor to accompany Commander Kinard as he presented a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

As with all such occasions where national leaders gather, it was necessary for us to be on site well before the ceremonies commenced. It afforded us the opportunity to meet with many fine young uniformed members of all the armed services, representatives of other Veteran Service Organizations, and many veterans and citizens who came to reflect and honor. I watched with particular interest (and joy) the number of parents who brought their children, teaching them citizenship by example. I uttered a silent prayer of thanksgiving as I observed some dads teaching their sons, as mine had done for me.

We had planned to place a wreath at the National Korean War Memorial on Sunday, 25 May, but a call to Washington Metropolitan Police confirmed that the entire monuments area would be closed to all vehicular traffic at 0400 because of Rolling Thunder, when an estimated 500,000 motorcyclists would pay honor and respect. President Kinard wisely made the executive decision to postpone this ceremony till after the Arlington Ceremony event. Even then traffic was incredibly heavy and parking all but impossible.

President Kinard spoke with a park ranger who literally created a parking place and posted a watchman over our vehicle while we conducted our ceremony.

We proceeded up the north side of the monument, turned, and President Kinard placed our wreath. His remarks to an attentive and appreciative audience recounted our nation's answer to a country in distress and the sacrifices made. He spoke of the nobility and gratitude of the Korean people and noted the strong alliance that has bound us together for over six decades and continues as strong as ever.

Those in attendance were asked to "Turn to Busan" and the Ceremony of Honor and Remembrance was

conducted. Several Koreans spoke to us after the ceremonies and their message was universal: "Thank you for what you did for my country."

As a postscript, on Saturday, we were invited to join MG Shin, Kyoung Soo, the newly arrived Republic of Korea Defense Attaché, and Lt Col Kang, Moon Ho (Tiger), Assistant ROK Defense Attaché, for a luncheon at Woo Lae Oak of Seoul Restaurant. This was the first opportunity for President Kinard and MG Shin to meet.

In addition to a delightful meal and incredible hospitality, President Kinard and MG Shin had a long and cordial conversation and set the stage for continuing strong bonds between the Korean Embassy and the Korean War Veterans Association.

LtCol Kang is respectfully and affectionately known as "Tiger." He has served in his current position for nearly three years and will be returning to his homeland within a few weeks. Tiger has been a staunch ally, friend, supporter and benefactor to the KWVA. His warm smile and his seemingly boundless energy will be sorely missed.

President Kinard presented Tiger with a Texas ten-gallon hat, which Tiger filled with twenty gallons of joy and enthusiasm.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the KWVA in a way that is very close to my heart and I will continue to endeavor to bring credit to the members of our fellowship.

Tim Whitmore, twhit35@gmail.com

19 - GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

Members attended the State of Georgia Memorial Day Ceremony honoring the sixteen "Fallen Heroes" who have been killed in action during the past year. Col Bruce Click was the keynote speaker. The governor of Georgia, Nathan Deal, was in attendance.

Some of us participated in the Dacula, GA Memorial Day Parade.

James Conway Conatlanta@comcast.net commemoration



Kang wears his ten-gallon hat



Lt Col Kang, Ed Brooks, L.T. Whitmore, Larry Kinard, MGen Shin (L-R) at Memorial Day festivities



Jim Conway, Col Bruce Click, Governor Nathan Deal, Bob McCubbins, Bob Hendershott, and Stan Fisher (L-R) at Georgia Memorial Day ceremony



Ch 19's "float" in the Dacula, GA Memorial Day parade carrying Jim Conway, Bob Hendershott, Jack Robinson and chauffeur

25 - GREATER CHICAGO [IL]

We participated in Chicago's Memorial Day Parade on May 24, 2014. Members march in this parade every year.

About 30 members and family participated, with about 20 marching and the remainder riding in the open sided red trolley.

The parade proceeds for a little over a mile down State Street, in the heart of Chicago's downtown. Over 10,000 people cheer the marchers every step of the way. We've been told that the Korean vets get by far the most applause.

The Grand Marshal of this year's parade was General Robert T. Odierno, the current Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.

Joe Hennmueller, 5641 N Olcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60631



Members of Ch 25 assemble in front of their trolley before the Chicago parade



Marchers from Ch 25 approach reviewing stand in Chicago; note Korean flag in center



Ch 25's banner on display in Chicago parade

30 - INDIANA #1 [IN]

Several members marched in our Memorial Day Parade.

Mary Anna Roemke, 9015 Farmington Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Ch 30 contingent in the Memorial Day Parade



41 - FROZEN CHOSIN [MN]

Each Memorial Day we honor the 600+ veterans who gave their lives for our country. We were honored to have a South Korean citizen, Kough Hee Kim, give a "Thank You" at our Memorial Day commemoration.

William C. Hoehn, 56774 177 Street, Good Thunder, MN 56037



Attendees at Ch 41's commemoration (Front, L-R) Kough Hee Kim, Yu Young Park, Donald Stemper, George Zimmerman (Back, L-R) William Hoehn, Chun Sik Kim, William Maher, Jerome Olinger, Curtis Eichers, Robert Browne, Allen Torgerson

43 - KANSAS CITY MISSOURI #2 [KS]

The Fairmount Plaza Memorial Day sixth Annual Flag Raising ceremony was held in Independence, MO on Friday May 23, 2014. Max Henderson, VFW Post 1738, Chief Herb Soule, Sugar Creek Police Department, and Captain Richard Hodges were all part of the Raising of the Flag.

Bob Jones of Ch 43 delivers Memorial Day address





Attendees at Ch 43's Memorial Day event (1st Row) Charles Ritchie, Jack Street (2nd Row) Walter Croxton, Deputy Chief John Green, Lou Ramsey, Paul Wolfgeher, and Dennis Greene: Jenny R. Garcia of the Sugar Creek PD presents the flag



Members of Ch 56's rifle squad at Memorial Day event (L-R) Gilbert Cabrero, Henry Guevara, Manuel Adame, John Campos, Henry Marin, John Hurtado, Frank Osune

John Green (1st Row); (2nd Row) Dennis Green of Independence, MO PD, Lou Ramsey, Paul Wolfgeher, at Ch 43's Memorial Day event



Commander David Lopez (L) of Ch 56 and Lydia Mercado present wreath at Santa Paula Cemetery

Afterwards, Sgt. Jerry R. Garcia of the Sugar Creek Police Department presented the flag to WW II veteran Jack Street, a resident of the Fairmont Plaza Apartments. Next, Adair Stewart, Service Coordinator for the Fairmont Plaza Apartments, led the Pledge of Allegiance. We then moved inside for the rest of the ceremony.

Deputy Fire Chief John Green, Independence Fire Department, introduced the guest speaker, chapter member Bob Jones, who was honored to be the first Korean War veteran to speak at this annual event.

Al Brunson gave the closing prayer and then the reception began. There was lots of good food. Paul Wolfgeher and Bob Jones had their Tell America Program table set up, which everyone seemed to enjoy.

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

56 – VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

We participated at a Memorial Day commemoration at Santa Paula Cemetery. Our rifle squad performed and members placed a wreath.

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

Reps from Ch 56, David Lopez, Henry Guevara, and Manuel Adame (L-R) at Santa Paula Cemetery



66 - CPL. ALLAN F. KIVLEHAN [NY]

We were privileged to lead the Memorial Day Parade on Staten Island's Forest Avenue. There were 40+ members and 20 Korean ladies dressed in traditional gowns in our group.

The Staten Island Kar Klub donated ten cars for our members who were unable to walk the distance.

The parade route was approximately two miles long. Hundreds of spectators lined the street. Member Bill Liell was the Grand Marshal; the Reverend Samuel Sukin Jang was the Parade Chaplain.

It was a great day for us.

George Parsons, 56 Boyce Ave.
Staten Island, NY 10306, 718-667-8052

Rev. Samuel Suk Jin Jang, Bill Liell, and George E. Parsons (L-R) at Staten Island parade



Chuck Lusardi of Ch 72 speaks at Memorial Day ceremony (Photo courtesy of Wilsonville [OR] Spokesman; photo by Josh Kulla)



Members of Aurora Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol perform Taps at Oregon commemoration (Photo courtesy of Wilsonville [OR] Spokesman; photo by Josh Kulla)



Ch 66 members and Korean ladies at the Staten Island parade

Julie Fitzgerald of Wilsonville, OR City Council delivers remarks at Memorial Day event (Photo courtesy of Wilsonville [OR] Spokesman; photo by Josh Kulla) (email)



105 - CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

We were very busy on the Memorial Day weekend, what with the parades, the visits to the Veterans Cemetery, and the commemoration at the joint Korean/Vietnam War Memorial in Syracuse to honor those who went before us.

Jim Low, 114 Wembridge Dr., E. Syracuse, NY 13057



Joseph Ferris and John Diana of Ch 66 ride in style at Staten Island parade

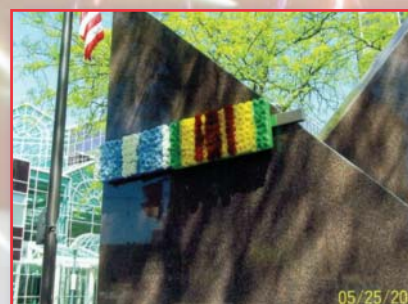
72 - OREGON TRAIL [OR]

We held our annual Memorial Day ceremony Monday morning in Wilsonville at the Korean War Memorial in Town Center Park. The memorial was completed in 2000 to honor the Korean people and veterans of the war, in which 287 Oregonians died. Over 100 people attended the ceremony.

Chapter President Chuck Lusardi was the Master of Ceremonies. Wilsonville City Councilor Julie Fitzgerald was among the speakers. Members of the Aurora Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol served as the Color Guard. Other members performed "Taps."



Ch 105's Color Guard (L-R) Gordon Storrings, Tony Vaquero, Carmen Zeolla, Bill Truesdale, and Fran Izzo



The joint Korean Vietnam War Memorial in Syracuse, NY

121 - GREATER CINCINNATI [OH]

Members, friends, families, and Korean guests gathered at our monument on Memorial Day.

Robert L. McGeorge, 3296 Blueacres Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45239



Crowd at Greater Cincinnati ceremony



Ch 121's Korean War monument

Flag behind Ch 121's monument provides a fitting backdrop for Memorial Day



131 - NORTHWEST OHIO [OH]

Members attended a Memorial Day ceremony sponsored by Clay High School in Oregon, OH. The school holds such an event every year. This was their fifth year of sponsoring a Memorial Day commemoration.

William Lyzan, 2429 Norma Pl., Northwood, OH 43619

170 - TAEJON [NJ]

We participated in the Memorial Day Parade and the ceremony in front of the Saddle Brook, NJ Korean War Monument, which was erected in June 2000.

Commander Kenneth Green welcomed the crowd to the service in honor and tribute to those men and women who gave their lives in defense of their country and principles of freedom. He noted, "We as veterans honor those who gave all."

Wreaths were placed at the monument by our chapter, the VFW, the American Legion, and the mayor of the Township of Saddle Brook, Karen Chamberlain, who was the main speaker.

A special moment occurred when Mrs. Cathy Onorevole, accompanied by Mayor Chamberlain, placed a red rose in front of the monument in remembrance of her recently deceased husband and chapter commander, Richard Onorevole. He was the chairman of the committee to erect the monument to honor the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.

KWVA National Director George Bruzgis read the names of chapter Korean War veterans who are no longer with us.



Alex Atheras, "Grand Marshal" of the Leonia, NJ parade



George Bruzgis reads the names of Ch 170 deceased members



Cathy Onorevole, Mayor Karen Chamberlain, and Ch 170 Commander Kenneth Green (L-R)

The audience sang "God Bless America" just before the start

of the parade, which was organized and sponsored by VFW Post 3484. Many of our members belong to the post.

Commander Green led seventeen members along the three-mile route. Members unable to march rode in cars or a ½-ton Army truck. Those members who marched sang cadence at the command of Color Guard Captain Henry Ferrarini.

Members enjoyed refreshments after the parade, which included hot dogs, beer and soda.

The day after the service and parade, Alex Atheras, one of our Members of Ch 170 relax at VFW hall after Saddle Brook, NJ parade



Kyu Ho Park church elder of Korean United Methodist Church, Kenneth Green, and Steven Tanelli, Bergen County [NJ] Freeholder at Memorial Day Parade

members, was honored by the town of Leonia, NJ and the American Legion as Grand Marshal of the Memorial Day Parade. He rode the parade route in Leonia in an antique car.

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

172 – HANCOCK COUNTY [OH]

Twenty members participated in the Findlay, Ohio Memorial Day parade. President Ron Dutton was the guest speaker at our Maple Grove Cemetery.

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



Bob Taylor of Ch 172 drove his 1975 Classic Chevrolet Convertible; Roy Jameson is in back seat. Standing are Jack Cannon, Cletus Kotter, and Bob Zellers

181 – KANSAS CITY #1 [KS]

About 100 members and guests attended the annual Memorial Day ceremony in Overland Park. The weather cooperated and there was no retreat to the shelter of the Community Center as there was last year.

Chapter members who have passed on since the group was formed were memorialized as a roster of their names was read aloud. Wreaths were laid at the wall by chapter members, by comrades of the local Jewish War Veterans group, and by Colonel Kim of the Republic of Korea Army.

Kalee Dionne, the morning meteorologist at 41 Action News in Kansas City, MO, sang the National Anthem and God Bless America.



Col Kim places wreath at Overland Park, KS ceremony



Commander Tom Stevens of Ch 181 hands microphone to Kalee Dionne

Don Dyer, Ddyer15@everestkc.net

192 – CITRUS COUNTY [FL]

Commander Hank Butler, LtCol, USA(ret), presented the history of the Battlefield Cross at the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Bushnell National Cemetery. He also had a chance to discuss the KWVA with U.S. Representative Richard Nugent at the event.

Hank Butler, hankrita@tampabay.rr.com

A small portion of the Ch 172 contingent at parade (L-R) Jack Cannon, Glen Hennings, Bob Zellers, Don VanRenterghem, Cletus Kotten, Bob Taylor, Cliff Biddinger, Jim Ile



Hank Butler of Ch 192 presents the history of the Battlefield Cross at Memorial Day Ceremony

Drs. Joaquin Cigarroa and Carlos Cigarroa place a rose on the Korean War monument in Laredo, TX



During the Korean War, he volunteered in the Army and was assigned to the U.S. Army 35th

Military Hospital in Kyoto, Japan. Soldiers serving in Korea were injured, wounded, or sickened by diseases such as hepatitis and hemorrhagic fever.

Ch 192 Commander Hank Butler discusses the KWVA with U.S. Representative Richard Nugent at Bushnell National Cemetery



Friends, guests, and Ch 209 members at Laredo, TX commemoration



Rita Butler keeps Hank Butler of Ch 192 on point during Memorial Day commemoration

Combined Color Guard at Laredo, TX ceremony commanded by U.S. Border Patrol Agent Joe De La Garza in the foreground



In his address to the audience, Dr. Cigarroa said that he appreciated the honor and thanked the chapter members for showing their gratitude. He offered special thanks to those who gave their lives so that "we can live in peace and freedom."

Pedro Trevino, Jr., 3219 E. Lyon St., Laredo, TX 78043

209 - LAREDO1950 [TX]

Dr. Joaquin Cigarroa Named Chapter's "Veteran Of The Year"

We honored as our 2014 Veteran of the Year Dr. Joaquin Cigarroa, Jr. The recognition event took place at Jarvis Place on May 26, 2014 as part of our Memorial Day observance.

Dr. Cigarroa comes from a family of physicians. A graduate of the University of Texas and Harvard Medical School of Medicine, Dr. Cigarroa has been a provider of medical services to Webb County since 1952.



Dr. Cigarroa between Ch 209 President Nicolas Nanez and Sec Ernesto Sanchez

210 - BREVARD COUNTY [FL]

We hosted Memorial Day ceremonies at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center. Our Color Guard presented the colors.

The guest of honor was SFC Melvin Morris (ret), who recently received the Medal of Honor. The Brevard County Commission presented him with a proclamation honoring him for his bravery in Vietnam.

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Korea Revisited—An Uncommon Journey

By Jackie Walden, Ph.D.

In September 2013, my partner, Major Drury Wood, got a phone call from the Mayor's office in Portland, OR offering him an all-expenses paid trip to South Korea. The caller explained that Portland has a sister city, Ulsan, in South Korea. With Armed Forces Day, October 1, coming soon, Ulsan's Mayor, Dr. Bak, Maeng-Woo, wanted six Korean War veterans from Portland to participate in the celebrations. Major Wood would be revisiting the country of the second war in which he served—63 years ago.

Only three veterans were available from Portland. You have to be over 80 years old and honest to be a member of the Korean War veterans club! Fortunately, Grants Pass has a chapter of the KWVA. Three members, Drury Wood, Bruce Pence, and Al Pule, all former Marines, signed up, plus one companion, yours truly, who is the surviving spouse of a disabled Korean War veteran.

We departed Portland on September 28 to the harmonious sounds of the City of Roses' Royal Rosarians. After 15 hours by plane and bus, we arrived at the five-star Lotte Hotel and its welcoming staff. By then it was night time, September 29, I think! (Crossing the International Date Line mid-Pacific Ocean totally destroyed whatever sense of day and time we started with. Jet lags and crossing back over the Date Line six days later locked the gears of our body/mind clocks for weeks later.)

Gift giving was expected from everyone involved with the program on both sides of the Pacific. We all gave and received. The Oregon visiting group received small jade-like drums, photo albums of the previous day's experiences, model autos from Hyundai, and ginseng health powder, to name a few. The Major and I brought a dozen small bags of Cary's Toffee, postcards, and a handful of \$1 gold coins to give out. Our suitcases looked pregnant when we returned.

The program included five 10-hour days touring by bus around Ulsan, Busan, and rural surroundings. The bus carried the Oregon Group of 6 veterans, 2 companions (Hollis Hess and wife Shirley, Bruce Wickward, Arthur Hull, Bruce Pence, Al Pule, and Drury Wood, with companion Jackie Walden). Included were Katherine Morrow, co-leader and President of Portland's Sister City

Association, and her husband, Koichi Kim, and Judy Parker, co-leader and Director of International Affairs in the Mayor's Office.

The South Koreans still honor age and rank. Drury, a month shy of 90, was the oldest of the vets and a Major, so he was elected as the spokesperson for the group.

In addition, there was the Ulsan Mayor's International Affairs staff and translator; a nurse with a white coat, medical bag, stethoscope, and high heels (once, in the back of the bus, she offered to give Drury his insulin shot for him); six female guides from the local university (one for each vet). They translated, carried things for us, answered questions about their country, education, culture, and families, and even tied shoes for vets who needed help.

Last but not least was the expert bus driver. The mountain road to the ancient Buddhist Temple/City of Bulguksa (built in 774 CE, totally destroyed by the Japanese in 1593, later rebuilt) was a particularly white-knuckle, treacherous road, but our driver calmly got us up and back safely.

Ulsanians love their festivals. They range from the Rose Festival (similar to the one in sister city Portland), to the Taehwa River Water Festival, to the Ulsan World Music Festival, which we attended. The Master of Ceremonies introduced the vets to the thousands of festival-goers. Then we watched an unusual, exciting arrangement of traditional Korean pansori music combined with Spanish Flamenco!

The ways of Ulsan are in flux. The names of our guides (we had two), Kim and Twinkle, are a good example. Names can be difficult to pronounce so, at Kim's suggestion, we simply called her by her family name 'Kim' (family names are written first). And Twinkle—well, she's just Twinkle, delightful and smart.

They told me that Buddhism was no longer their religion, but their parents still practiced the old ways. The health system is nationalized. The nurse on board used modern tools and medication to treat Bruce Pence's scratched hand (the only mishap on the

trip). Our young guides thought nothing of going home alone at 10 p.m. Ulsan was safe. We saw lots of young people in the city but few elders or overweight folk. Average age of the population is 36.

One day, Twinkle was having trouble using her smart phone. She said she misplaced hers a few days earlier and borrowed her grandmother's smart phone. She scanned her way to a photo of her grandmother—an unpretentious, elderly, white-haired woman. HELP! It struck me like a thunder bolt; I'm living in the Stone Age with a simple cell phone!

It seemed like everyone in Ulsan sported smart phones like they were recent evolutionary extensions of their hands. Ulsan happens to be the home of Samsung, and 85% of its residents use the Internet.

Ulsan is also home to the world's largest auto assembly plant, Hyundai, with over 25,000 employees. We walked on a platform above the workers and incomplete shiny Hyundai autos, but we were not allowed to see the robot assembly areas. When I saw a

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Mayor Bak and visiting group



Korean U.S. vets at Memorial Monument

The pictures below show some of the activities and personnel associated with *USS Repose* (AH 16). I was a radioman in the ship's crew during 53/54. Repose had around 800 hospital beds, top notch doctors, nurses and corpsmen. Every so often we would sail to Japan and leave patients at hospital there.

Willard Adams, wadams@newwavecomm.net

NOTE: Following is an excerpt from *Repose's* history as reported on DANFS (*Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*).

With the outbreak of the Korean war, there was a desperate need for hospital ships. Repose was transferred to the Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, 20 July 1950 and ordered activated at the earliest possible date. She was delivered to and accepted by MSTSPAC 26 August 1950. Five days later COMSTS was authorized to operate the ship with a civilian crew. She sailed for Yokohama, Japan, 2 September 1950, and arrived on the 16th. There a Navy crew embarked, and the next day she steamed for Pusan, Korea, arriving the 20th.

She served there as a station hospital through 26 October, then she departed for Yokohama with 189 patients. Shifting to Yokosuka, she was recommissioned on the 28th, Capt. C. H. Perdue in command, and Capt. E. B. Coyl, MC, as senior medical officer.

Returning to Korea 13 November, Repose served at Inchon, Chinnampo, and Pusan before transporting 301 patients to Yokohama, Japan. There she underwent availability through 5 February 1951, thence returned to Korea, where she provided hospital services between Korean and Japanese ports.

Repose departed Yokosuka 22 January 1952, touching at Pearl Harbor en route to the west coast. A call at San Diego 11 February was followed by overhaul and installation of a

USS Repose

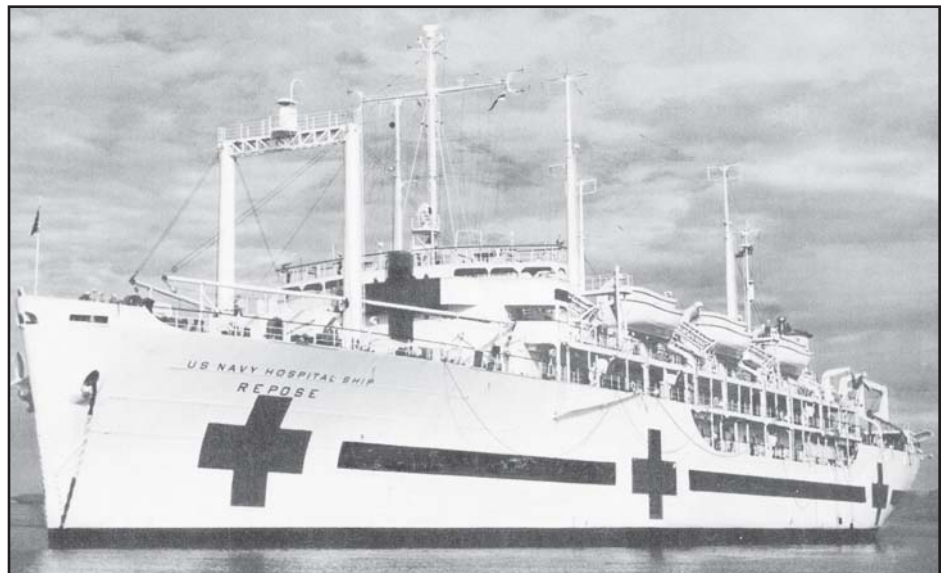
stern helicopter platform at Long Beach. Sea trials were completed 23 April, followed by departure from San Diego for the Far East a month later. Standing into Inchon Harbor 24 June, Repose commenced receiving patients the same day. She was joined 22 July by Haven (AH-12).

Following a period of patient transfer operations between Korean and Japanese ports, Repose steamed 14

February 1953 for San Francisco, arriving there 6 March. Transferring to Craig Shipbuilding Co., Long Beach, 2 April, she underwent repairs through 12 May, steamed for Pearl Harbor 5 days later, thence to Yokosuka, arriving there 5 June.

Operations in Korean waters recommenced on 14 June when Repose again took station at Inchon. Several patient transfer runs to Japan were climaxed by a return to home via Pearl Harbor. Touching at San Diego 11 February 1954, she then entered the Long Beach Naval Shipyard 28 April-1 September.

Arriving San Francisco 2 September, Repose was transferred on 27 September 1954 to the Naval Reserve Fleet, San Francisco Group. She was decommissioned at Hunter's Point Naval shipyard 21 December 1954.



Sikorsky landing on Repose's flight deck at Inchon in 1953



Repose Nurses at Inchon in 1953



Ship to Repose patient transfer in 1953

Members in the



Gene C. Richards... of CID 215, General Walton H. Walker [TX], has been inducted into the Fort Sill Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame.

"It was a complete surprise to me," he said. "The induction ceremony for this year's reunion took place on May 2nd. Eighteen of my family were there with me at the banquet and ceremony."



Richards letter

Reach Gene C. Richards at 4328 Booth Calloway Rd., North Richland Hills, TX 76180, 817-845-9409 (cell)

Drury Wood... a Marine Corps fighter pilot in the Korean War, was featured in an April 11, 2014 article in the Daily Courier, Grants Pass, OR. (See the related story on p. 56). He took first place and a \$9,600 prize for his essay, titled "War Has No Time To Mourn." The contest was sponsored by the 6.25 Korean War Memorial Park Committee.

Here is a copy of the letter he received notifying him of his prize:

Drury Wood

From: "625<625koreanwar@daurn.net>
To: "Drury Wood" <drechen1@earthlink.net>
Date: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 11:53 PM

Subject: The result of Korean War Writing Contest

Dear Mr.Major Drury W. Wood,

Congratulations! 6.25 Korean War Memorial Park Committee informs you that your essay which you have recently submitted to us has won the 1st place prize in our 6.25 Korean War Essay Contest. Category 1: Living through the Korean War.

We deeply appreciate your heart-touching story and would like to congratulate you with the reward of 10,000,000 Korean Won.

The Committee is scheduled to publicly announce the result of the essay contest in Korea on April 21, 2014.

The following award ceremony will take place on June 10, 2014 at the Korean National Assembly building.

Currently, we are actively searching for sponsors to invite you to the award ceremony in Korea. If we unfortunately cannot find any appropriate sponsor until mid-May, your prize and the reward of 10,000,000 Korean Won will be transferred to you via ambassador of the US in the Republic of Korea on behalf of the Committee. Please keep an eye on your email for more information. We will get in touch with you again in mid-May.

Sincerely,

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Sophomore Receives Award From National Center For Women & Information Technology

Hyemin Han, 16, of East Syracuse, received the 2014 award for aspirations in computing from the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT). The organization is a nonprofit community of corporations, academic institutions, government agencies, and nonprofits working to increase women's participation in technology and computing.



Hyemin Han

Han is the youngest of six young women who received the Aspirations in Computing award from NCWIT's Upstate New York affiliate. Presented May 3 at a ceremony at Syracuse University, the award honored the recipients' computing-related career aspirations and their "demonstrated, outstanding aptitude and interest in information technology/computing; solid leadership ability; good academic history; and plans for post-secondary education."

Han was recognized for her work with the Korean War Veterans Digital Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit organization that collects interviews and artifacts of Korean War veterans, preserves them in a database, and makes them available to researchers and others on the website, kwvdm.org.

In accepting the award, Han said, "NCWIT is important because it shows a clear objective in giving opportunities to women to be a part of the engineering and IT field. Technology is constant, but some

things are not. With technology, we can do important things like preserving what may otherwise be lost with time."

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Urban F. Rump and Bob Moore...of CID 19, General Raymond G. Davis MOH [GA], were included in a recent Honor Guard flight to Washington D.C. sponsored by the Rotary Club of Roswell, GA. The flight honored veterans of WWII and Korea.

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LEFT: Urban Rump at Korean War Memorial on Honor Guard trip



BELOW: Urban Rump (L) and Bob Moore at WWII Memorial in Washington D.C.

Larry Cole...was featured in the Summer 2014 issue of U, published by the US Family Health Plan. Here is a short excerpt:

Lawrence Cole, MSG, USAR (Ret.), PhD
Harwich, MA

In 2005, at 71, an age when most people start to think about slowing down, Larry Cole speeded up. He signed on to an American Stroke Association fundraiser, which paired new runners with a trainer to prep them for a marathon. Cole trained, ran the marathon, and never looked back.

Since then, he's completed countless races, including, in 2012, the Boston Marathon. Yes, we're doing the math, too: Cole was 78 when he took on Heartbreak Hill, finishing the bone-bruising run from Hopkinton to Copley Square.

But, he says, "I don't love running. I do it to stay in shape for what I really love, which is ice hockey."

Father Emil Kapaun Building Dedicated

Ed Reel (L) and David Mills unveil the banner on the building dedicated in honor of Father Kapaun



On May 28, 2014 in Shamokin, a small coal town in central Pennsylvania, a group of local town folks joined a group of Korean War veterans, the Defense Attaché at the Republic of Korea Embassy in Washington, D.C., and other celebrities for the dedication of a building at the Shamokin Coal Township Ball Field in honor of Father Emil Kapaun, a Catholic priest and a United States Army chaplain who served in Korea during the war.

Father Kapaun was captured by Chinese forces on November 1, 1950 in a battle near Unsan, North Korea. While he was a POW he continued to minister to his fellow POWs until he died from malnutrition and injuries in May, 1951. After many years of hard work by a number of concerned veterans, Father Kapaun was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously at a White House ceremony on April 11, 2013 for his extraordinary accomplishments in caring for his men in the POW Camp.

For his wartime activities, the Roman Catholic Church declared him a Servant of God, the first stage on the path to sainthood.

The MC for the program was retired Marine Corps Col. Warren Wiedhahn who, among the many other hats he wears, is the First VP of the KWVA. The keynote speaker was MajGen Shin, Kyoung Sao, the Military Attaché at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea.

In his remarks, Gen. Shin expressed his sincere gratitude to the organizers of the event for inviting him to participate in the dedication ceremony. He also stated that even though more than sixty years have passed since the Korean War fighting ended, there is no doubt that the U.S.-Korea alliance is getting stronger and is developing into a 21st century strategic alliance. He feels that the blood-bond and rock solid friendship between our two countries will prosper forever.

The highlight of the program was when two Korean War veterans who were POWs in Korea, Ed Reel and David Mills, both members of CID 313, Shenandoah Valley, Winchester, VA, unveiled the official banner. Reel told the gathering about his time with Father Kapaun while in Korea. Father Kapaun was the chaplain for Ed's unit. They were both captured by the Chinese on November 1, 1950, and spent weeks together marching north where they were then held in POW Camp 5 for a few months. Then, they were transferred to Camp 3, where they were separated. Ed lost contact with Father Kapaun.

The building was built through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nasatka. Ralph, a native of Shamokin, is a member of CID 33, Maryland, located in Baltimore, MO. We thank Ralph for his dedication and hard work in making this tribute to Father Kapaun a reality.

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Recon Missions

James R. Carter

My uncle, PFC James R. Carter, was in the "A" Battery, 15th FA Bn., 2d Inf. Div. He was taken prisoner during the Hoengsong Valley massacre on 13 February 1951 and was never seen again. Hopefully, someone may have known him and may know what happened.

Travis Williams,
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James R. Carter above and left with companion.

Maine Korean Memorial Walkway Stones Available

We are trying to finish the walkway of the Maine Korean War Memorial in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Bangor, ME. There are some spaces for stones available. Contact Carol Gilbert, 270 Backridge Rd., Orland, ME 04472, 207-469-7011.

Earl Anderson/Detachment X-Ray

On June 25 1950 I was assigned to Battery "D" of the 507th AAA. We were dug in around the Ashiya Air Force Base, Kyushu, Japan. I had two good friends, Ed Gayle and Earl Anderson, who were assigned to "Charlie" Battery of the 507th. Earl volunteered to go with Detachment X-Ray on a mission to fly into Suwon, Korea to assist in evacuating the military advisor personnel's dependents from Seoul. The mission was a success.

As the Korean War continued, Ed Gayle was assigned to the 185th Engineer Combat Bn. and sent to Korea. I finally caught up with Ed, who is presently living in Shreveport, LA. He and I are trying to locate Earl Anderson, who remained with "Charlie" Battery at Ashiya AFB.

Gayle is also trying to locate some of his buddies who were with him in the 185th Engineer Combat Bn. while in Korea. He recalls one incident that happened when a Soldier standing around a fire to keep warm picked up a Chinese weapon and threw it into the fire. He did not know that it was loaded. The bullets discharged and wounded two GIs close by.

Gayle doesn't recall any of the names of the individuals who were there. If anyone remembers this incident, the whereabouts of Earl Anderson, or the full story of "Detachment X-Ray," they are invited to contact Joseph H. Bisher at jhbisher@aol.com. His mailing address is 4134 Whippoorwill Dr., Saint Louis, MO 63123.

Mystery M-41 155 MM Motor Carriage

During 2002 I received a copy of the picture below which was obtained by a Korean War veteran who had visited The Military Museum in Beijing China and was given a copy of the photograph which shows two M-41 155 Howitzers captured by Chinese forces during the Korean War. There was no caption indicating location or date of the picture.

I have shown this picture to a number of our members but no one has been able to positively identify the M-41s or the location as belonging to 92nd AFA Bn. "C" Battery.



I wrote a letter to the Military Museum in Beijing in January 2003

The mystery M-41

asking if they could locate the picture in question and, if so, could they read the serial number on side of the M-41 on the original picture. This would help make a positive identification whether it belonged to the 92nd AFA Bn. or not. I have never received a reply to my letter.

The picture shows a white square where the "Red Devil" stencil would normally appear but no image is visible on the square. The serial number is visible but cannot be read.

Source: <http://92ndafa.homestead.com/>

NOTE: If anybody knows anything about this "Mystery M-41," please contact The Graybeards editor, 152 Sky View Dr., Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

Excerpt From July 1953 Command Report

"C" Battery continued to receive fire until it reached highway 117A, vicinity coordinates CT 765449, when contact was broken off. During this action, battery lost two motor carriages M-41; two half tracks, Personnel Carrier M3A1, 1 2-1/2 ton truck, and 1 1-1/4 ton truck due to enemy action. In addition two Howitzer Motor Carriages M-41, and one half track were abandoned in the battery area because they were immobilized.

Does Anyone Remember Fr. Philip Crosbie?

There is a great book called *Three Winters Cold*, written by Father Philip Crosbie. He was a POW in Japan during WWII and also in Korea for three years.

The North Koreans came through the back of his church and

out the front to invade South Korea. He died in 2005 at age 94. His houseboy hid in a garbage can during the invasion. He is now the parish priest in Fr. Crosbie's old parish outside Seoul. They are heroes to be remembered.

*John Leahy, 20 Fountain of Youth Blvd.
St. Augustine, FL 32080*

Anyone Recognize These Sailors?



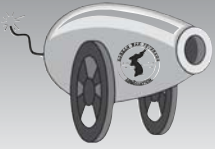
I have a picture marked US NAVY TRA. CEN. San Diego, Cal., (Date) March 1952, with CO. COMR. N. L. Staples, They hold the flag 155. I think there may be more written on it, but I can't tell. I was told that this was a boot camp for the Navy and that this would have been a graduation picture.

I took the back off, which had names written on it. Must be the names of the men in the picture. The picture isn't the best. It's hard to take a picture of a picture and get details of faces when there are 88 men and the background in the picture.

I am simply trying to connect someone with a face or name in this picture, because someone who sees the photo may have never seen their father's or grandfather's face, and I know how that feels. My father served in Korea in the Army.

Sharon Southern, proud daughter of Edward Elmore Southern, Jr., honorably discharged on the 10th of August 1951 as a Private-2, Army of the United States, biogeoss@cablone.net





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.

Welcome Home, SFC John Charles Keller

On May 15, 2014, I received a phone call from an active-duty U.S. Army E-8 sergeant. Imagine my surprise, considering that I was discharged from the Army in 1954.

The sergeant advised me that the recovered remains of Sergeant First Class John Charles Keller, a POW/MIA U.S. soldier from the Korean War, were being returned to his next of kin at Tampa International Airport on the next day. I was invited to attend as a representative of CID 175, LT Baldomero Lopez (MOH), Tampa, Florida.

I notified our chapter president, Fred Gossett, and made note of the occasion. Then, I prepared to attend this ceremony. The remains of SFC Keller, with Army escort, were to arrive at the airport at 11 a.m. the following day. We were to meet at the USO clubhouse in the terminal.

This sort of program is evidently routine for the U.S. Army, but was new to me. I wore the closest thing to a dress uniform I had, which is to say my KWVA white shirt, with my military ribbons, etc., black pants, and my overseas cap.

I arrived a little early and found several people, both civilian and military, on hand there for the ceremony. I was the only Korean War veteran in attendance, although representatives of other organizations were there.

An active Army E-8 took charge of the proceedings. This included an honor guard and color guard, comprising a mixed group from various branches of the armed services, but all in dress blues. The Army escort which accompanied the remains consisted of one Soldier from the 3rd Infantry Division from Ft. Stewart, Georgia. He was wearing his camouflage uniform, and was the last off the plane.

The next of kin of the deceased was his niece, Mrs. Kathy Wright, of Dewey Rose Court, Tampa, Florida. She was a little bit late to the proceedings, given airport traffic and all.

The USO clubhouse was immediately adjacent to where the escort came off the plane with the remains. With everybody in place, the NCO in charge announced for all to hear nearby that a military funeral ceremony was about to be conducted in the terminal. All were asked to uncover and show due respect to the deceased.

The order was given to present arms, and those within hearing distance stopped talking and turned to watch the camouflaged NCO carry a package of remains and folded United States flag through

the terminal. He was directed to Mrs. Wright, who was seated nearby. The package of remains was delivered into the hands of her husband, and the NCO presented the flag to Mrs. Wright. All in attendance remained at present arms throughout. An order or two was given, and the ceremony was concluded.

On an alphabetical list of U.S. Army MIA personnel from the Korean War, I see that SFC John Charles Keller of New York was declared deceased from July 31, 1951. He formerly served with 'K' Company, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. According to information on the American Battle Monuments Commission website, SFC Keller was taken prisoner by the communists near Unsan, North Korea on November 2, 1950. He died while a prisoner of war on July 31, 1951.

His remains were not identified until recently, but his name is inscribed on the Courts of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial In Hawaii.

RIP, SFC John Charles Keller. And thanks for reinforcing the message that "Freedom is not Free."

Albert J. McAdoo
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Working For The Korean War Wall

Yesterday I sent the below email to staff members of my Congressman, Steny Hoyer (D-MD). Surnames of KIAs are the same as those of some of his staff:

Thank you for your office's hosting of our June 5 dialogue with the DOI and NPS officials. Mr. Taylor presided in an even-handed and positive manner.

On June 10, at hearings before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, we got another opportunity to hear DOI's views when Mr. Knox presented testimony against HR 318. Strangely, Mister Knox's testimony clearly advised that the "lessons learned at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial must not be ignored." He mentions nothing about lessons learned at the Korean War Veterans Memorial since it opened in 1995.

Because the wall of names at the Vietnam Memorial has provided such an emotional, meaningful, and satisfying experience to countless visitors, we get the lesson that a wall of names at the Korean War Veterans Memorial would have a similar effect. But, since we disagree with the Department of the Interior on what the VNM lessons are and other issues, we conclude that only our Congressional representatives can settle the matter.

I have talked to other Congressional staffers and private sector

non-profit organization officials about the NPS's opposition to us. It boils down, these sources say, partly to a bureaucratic negative reflex and maybe aversion to any new activities at a time of stringent budgets. The advice from one person, who has seen NPS on the losing side of six issues, is to simply get enough Congress members on board to pass the legislation.

The Korean War Veterans Association benefitted from the leadership of Representative Hoyer a decade ago, as it was seeking to obtain a federal charter. It seems that there was a Congressional moratorium on the granting of such charters. By 2008, the KWVA received its charter; Congressman Hoyer's support made the difference. I hope we can get his support again for this non-partisan legislation.

As Legislative Affairs Director for the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, I will continue my advocacy of HR 318 for as long as I can. And why not? I have had personal contact with some of the Marines and soldiers whose names will be on that wall. Personal contact makes all the difference; I imagine kinship is nearly the same.

Out of curiosity, I have been looking at koreanwar.org, to find names that I hoped would resonate with staffers and Congress members. Army PFC William Joseph Notter, from Chicago Illinois, died on Pork Chop Hill on July 7, 1953. That was less than three weeks before the cease fire!

Sgt Russell Sherman Hoyer was a World War Two veteran. He was Killed in Action while his unit was retaking "Outpost Dagmar," Hill 355 in North Korea on November 24, 1951. It happened two days after Thanksgiving Day.

I believe that mentioning particularly Notter and Hoyer is in keeping with PL 99-572 that authorized the Korean War Veterans Memorial. That law specifies (Section 1) "...a memorial ...to honor ...particularly (emphasis added) those who were killed in action" etc. This particularity would justify a memorial that is "commemorative."

Contrariwise, DOI/NPS characterizes the KWVM as "symbolic," a term not found in PL 99-572, much less vested with legal power to prevent Congress from authorizing HR 318, for erection of a wall of remembrance which lists personal names. How can we have a complete memorial without commemorating those who sacrificed? Our UN allies around the world list their names.

I have identified a total number of 180 American KIAs who have one of the following five surnames that are to be shown on the Wall of Remembrance. They are: Brandt — 6, Dixon — 22, Grant — 11, Taylor — 119, Watkins — 22.

If you attend the future dedication of the Wall of Remembrance, there may be few surviving Korean War veterans on hand. Even so, I hope you will let your eyes sweep across those 36,574 names etched in the glass panels and, whether dry-eyed or not, find yourself deeply moved by the sight, and the accompanying reading of the words of the poet Binyon (which must be part of the ceremony):

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them."

William Alli, billalli39@gmail.com

The High Cost Of The Harris Directory

In your piece about it in the current issue, you should have included the cost of it —wow! \$118 for the book. And even though it's in two payments, if I had known the price in the beginning, I would not have ordered.

The idea is great, of course, a legacy to leave behind for your family. But if I'm like most Korean vets, we don't have a lot of money kicking around.

I've already paid the first installment, so will have to stick with it. But if I had known the cost, I would not have subscribed.

I realize that's my problem, so have no complaint. I also realize that if the cost had been included in the article, I doubt if many would have subscribed.

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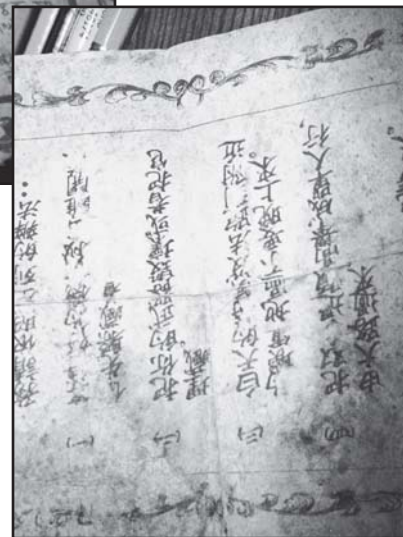
This Way To Freedom

Most GIs never saw the nearby "Safe Conduct Passes" in the combat zones. They were shot into North Korean territory via 155mm shells or dropped during bombing runs.

The center portion read "SOLDIERS OF THE U.N. FORCES: This certificate guarantees good treatment to any enemy soldier desiring to cease fighting. Take this man to your nearest officer and treat him as an honorable prisoner of war." The pass was signed by Matthew B.



ABOVE: Front of the "Safe Conduct Pass." RIGHT: The "Safe Conduct" message written in Korean



Ridgway, General, U.S. Army, Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command.

The opposite side of the flyer stated the Safe Conduct Message in Korean.

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GEN Wedemeyer Was Right

I just finished reading General Wedemeyer's report to President Truman on Korea. (See "Could The Korean War Have Been Prevented?" March-April 2014, p. 7.) I agree with him completely, without reservation.

I arrived in Korea the first time in September 1946 and was assigned to the 20th Inf. Regt. at Kwanju, South Korea. Our camp (Camp Sykes) was just down the road from the South Korean Constabulary camp. The Constabulary was the forerunner to their army. We saw them drilling daily.

Unlike their northern neighbors, who were supplied with tanks, artillery, heavy weapons, and even fighter aircraft, the South Korean Constabulary was given only captured Japanese small arms. The largest piece of equipment I ever saw them with was an old 37mm Anti-Tank Gun from WWII, which was as useless then as it was during WWII against even the lightest tank in our enemy's arsenal.

So, when the north attacked the south, it came as no surprise to anyone, especially me, when the South Korean Army collapsed. They had nothing more than bolt-action rifles and 60 mm mortars to use against the T-34 tanks and infantry armed with automatic weapons.

A good friend of mine who was assigned to KMAG at the outbreak told me they did not even have 81mm mortars in all their units. If Truman had given them the weapons to defend themselves early on, when they asked for them, I believe the North would never have attacked. And, if they did, the outcome would have been quite different.

Another thing that I believe led to the north's attack was Truman allowing our presence in South Korea to deteriorate to the level it did. Believe me, I was there. We were so low in strength we had Lieutenants pulling duty as Private of the Guard. We had no time for training. All we did was pull guard duty seven days a week, non-stop, week after week, until we finally rotated back to the U.S.

We received no supplies. We ate "C" rations three times a day, which were delivered to us at our guard posts. We had some soldiers who went barefoot because Supply couldn't get them a pair of shoes. I have photos of one friend of mine, shoeless!

We had two divisions in South Korea, the 6th in the south and the 7th in the north. If those divisions had been kept supplied like MacArthur's 1st Cavalry Division in Japan, and if they had not been pulled out of Korea, the story would have been much different.

Lastly, if Truman did not make a speech to the United Nations and say to the world that South Korea was not in the United States' sphere of influence, the war would never have taken place. When Truman made that statement, he unknowingly gave Stalin the "go ahead" to attack South Korea. And the rest is history.

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General Wedemeyer Didn't Know Anything About Korea

I'm currently in Korea. The Buddhist monks featured in our article, "A Once in a Lifetime Return to Korea," enjoy the magazine. (See p. 32, March/April 2014.) Thanks for printing it!

In response to Richard Loney's article on page 7, it appears that Wedemeyer ignored or forgot that the south's lack of industry was the result of Japanese colonial rule that exploited the north's hydro-electric power and built industries in the north to support their war efforts. The south, meanwhile, was consciously kept agricultural to feed Japanese armies.

The Koreans had no say in their own country from 1910 until 1948, when the UN allowed them to choose their own government. Wedemeyer knew Europe well, as well as China, but he knew little or nothing about Korea.

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From Pusan To Busan

Some of us have questioned the name change of Pusan to Busan. We all remember the Pusan perimeter and I shipped home out of the port at Pusan. This matter was brought up at the recent Department of State Convention. Information was given that the original name for this city was Busan, but during the Japanese occupation of Korea they changed it to Pusan.

Going to the Internet I learned that the name was changed in 2000 to the original Busan. Additional information disclosed that Pusan was from a Latin derivative.

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17th Ord. MM Co.

The photo below, taken 18 December 1952, shows the front view of our wheel section. We had twelve bays and we worked two shifts, 18.5 hours a day.

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A front view of the 17th Or. MM Co. wheel section

The South Carolina Veterans Corridor Of Honor

Many highways in America are named for veterans of the various wars. That, of course, is appreciated by our veterans. However, we here in South Carolina have done something which we believe is a first. Please let me know if it isn't.

At our monthly meeting Mr. James Hunt, one of our members, made the suggestion we as a chapter try to get I-385 renamed

Veteran's Highway. At our next meeting Mr. Lewis Vaughn, a state representative for 20+ years and now retired, was asked to see what could be done to achieve this.

Mr. Vaughn contacted State Representative Mike Burns. Through the efforts of these two men, acting upon the request of Foothills Chapter of the KWVA (CID 301), the South Carolina General Assembly passed a resolution naming a twelve-mile stretch of the I-385 interstate highway for veterans.

What makes this unique is a two-mile section of the twelve-mile stretch will each be named for veterans of WWI, WWII, the Korean War, the Gulf War, Iraqi Freedom, and for the current war in Afghanistan. Signs will be erected in honor of the veterans for each war. (See the nearby photos.)

At the beginning of this twelve-mile stretch of this very busy interstate highway, large signs, both east bound and west bound, will be erected informing travelers they are entering the "VETERAN'S CORRIDOR OF HONOR."

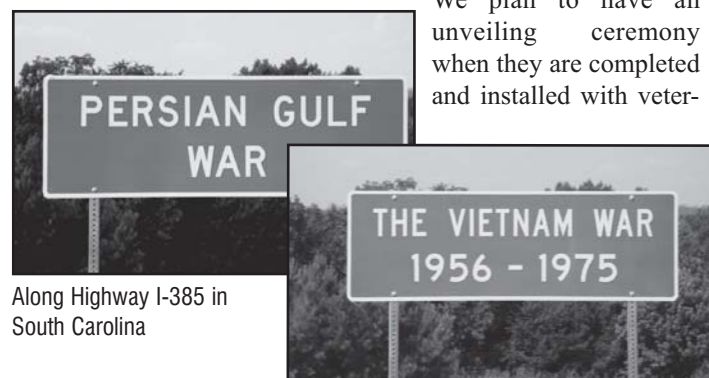


I-385 near Greenville, SC

By law, the South Carolina Department of Transportation {SCDOT} is not allowed to pay for the signs. This letter is not an appeal for donations. I am pleased that our chapter assumed responsibility for raising these funds. The support and outpouring of

South Carolinians was beyond belief. Almost all who were asked to contribute did. We had people calling asking, "Where do I send my check?" The money is already on hand for the signs.

We hope to have the signs made and installed by mid-summer.



Along Highway I-385 in South Carolina

We plan to have an unveiling ceremony when they are completed and installed with veter-

ans of the various wars on hand. Of course, no WWI veterans are alive today. We hope to have their relatives celebrate with us. I will keep you posted.

Eddie Wooten, President, 2512 Brushy Creek Rd.
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NOTE: The dedication ceremony is scheduled tentatively for 5 September, 2014 at 10 a.m. at the Railhouse Restaurant in Fountain Inn, SC.

On Integration

I entered the service on November 28, 1950, and was sent to Camp Breckenridge in Kentucky. Apparently the armed forces had not all been integrated at that time, as shown in the nearby photo. (See "An Order From President Truman," May-June 2014, p. 79) All of the members of Co E, 502nd Regiment, 101st Airborne Division appear to be Caucasian, and I don't remember any minorities who were in the company at that time.



Not a lot of integration

My father died before I finished basic training and I was assigned to another company when I returned from a short funeral leave. There were a few minorities in that company and I became friends with Landis Bond. I have a photo of him. There were a couple others I knew, but that is the only name I remember.

In Korea in June of 1951 I was assigned to Co K, 23rd Regiment, 2nd Division. The only non-Caucasians in my platoon were two men from Hawaii of Asian descent. It was a few months later that some replacements were added to the platoon that included three minorities. This may not apply to the whole company or regiment, but all I remember is my own platoon.

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Pan American Charter to Tokyo

This story is in response to your request for information about the airlifts. The article in The Graybeards March-April 2014 issue, reminded me of my experience in November 1951. I enlisted in December of 1950 and was trained as a Cryptanalyst with Air Force Security Service. My orders to report to 1st Radio Squadron Mobile at Johnson AFB, Japan sent me to Camp Stoneman in California.

I had a Top Secret Crypto Clearance and instructions to never discuss my job with anyone not properly cleared—not even people in my unit. The attachment has been extracted from a work in progress I am preparing to submit to the National Security Agency for Pre-Publication Clearance. Nothing in this attachment relates to anything that was classified.

In 1995 a Presidential Order called for the declassification of information over 25 years old with agencies having five years to review. NSA has extended that review time till forever, according to their Pre-Publication Requirements. Nevertheless, here's my story.

I have priority transportation stamped on my orders and have only been at Stoneman a few days when I board a bus and travel to nearby Travis Air Force Base. The next thing I know I am climbing up a stairway on to a Pan American Airlines DC-4. I am greeted by two beautiful young girls as I enter the cabin. I find a window space near the back.

This flight provides first class service by a crew of four stewardesses and two male stewards. The aircraft is configured for long flights with bunks for the relief flight crew of pilots and navigators.

The passengers are members of all services and ranks ranging from me, a one stripe enlisted man, to a few field grade officers. The remaining Captains and Lieutenants include some Air Force nurses.

The DC-4, a four-engine propeller aircraft, does not have a pressurized cabin and our cruising altitude varies around seven or eight thousand feet. The first leg of the trip to Honolulu takes twelve hours. Since we are on a civilian commercial aircraft, we land at the international airport rather than Hickam Field.

We walk to a lounge in the terminal operated by the Salvation Army. We all are in winter wool class A uniforms, but we are permitted to shed our ties and coats because of the tropical climate. We only have a couple hours to stretch our legs and brush our teeth before we climb back on the airplane.

It takes another twelve hours flying time to the next refueling stop. Landing this time occurs in the middle of the night. The clear sky and a bright moon help me get a good view of tiny Wake Island. After touching down on the runway, the plane turns around and taxis back to a small terminal building where we deplane and eat breakfast while the aircraft refuels. This island, famous for the World War II battle there, still has some burned out Japanese tanks visible from the taxiway.

Several hours into the last leg of the trip into Tokyo things get exciting. Without any warning from the flight deck, one of the engines on the right wing shuts down and the propeller stops turning. Then the same thing happens on the left wing. One of the passengers stands up and calmly says, "Don't worry, they are just saving fuel, since we have been bucking some strong headwinds. We will be a little late but we are perfectly safe."

My relief from that announcement disappears when a short time later I see outside my window an aircraft sliding into formation with us. I recognize the plane as one of the Grumman amphibians from Air/Sea Rescue, affectionately known as "Dumbo."

We can see the snow-covered top of Mt. Fuji poking through the clouds for a long time as we slowly approach Japan. Finally, the pilots restart the two engines and "Dumbo" breaks formation as we prepare to land at Tokyo's Haneda Airport.

The weather is clear and all appears to be going well as we cross the runway threshold. For some reason the landing aborts and we do a go around. I hope we have enough fuel. Looking out my window I observe fire trucks and ambulances with flashing lights along the runway and large crowds of people outside the terminal building. I conclude they must expect a crash landing or something, yet we still do not get an explanation from the crew.

The second time around we touch down uneventfully. The time is approximately noon, on the thirteenth day of November in 1951. As we walk from the plane to the terminal, I notice the people in the crowd seem to be searching for someone. Although the crowd includes some Japanese, most wear American military uniforms. I soon find out why the people are there. Another Pan American flight scheduled to arrive about that time carries a well-known passenger, Joe Louis, the former world heavyweight boxing champion.

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Are Military Funerals A Thing Of The Past?

I read your question on the military funeral. (See "Is The Military Funeral A Thing Of The Past?", May-June 2014, p. 30)

Yes, we are all getting old, and this will be a problem.

I'm a life member of the NRA and my local shooting club conducts regular matches using the M1 Garand. In fact, shooting the M1 is very popular in the shooting ranks, which are filled with veterans and non-veterans alike who value our traditions.

Many clubs, including mine, are set up for storing rifles. Strict adherence to inventory of property assigned is practiced. I am wondering whether organizations like these could perform the duties for us "old codgers."

I have much faith in my club members, more, in fact, than in local veterans organizations. Petty bickering, power mongering, disorganized co-ordination, and other problems, etc., are not in the cards at most of these clubs. The shooting sports are serious business.

It is my belief that we have an unending source of patriotic men and women in the serious shooting ranks who would be more than happy to take over honorary military duties at veterans funeral. Many are former military. Aside from the uniforms, I believe that these people would give the veterans respect due them. Storing of military arms wouldn't be a problem. In fact, there would be an abundance of M1s and maybe Springfields and the personnel who use them.

Military drill could be taught. M1s could be temporarily modified for shooting blanks. I believe that the great majority of civilians respect and honor veterans. This might be a workable plan. If the KWVA would be so inclined, I would do what I can to consult with my club and the NRA to look at this possible venue.

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Operation Everready

Re *The Graybeards*—May-June-2014, The Everready Force, pp. 6 & 27: What I have found out leads me to think that there was the U.S. Marine Corps' Everready Rescue Force, formed in 1952, to provide security, and a rescue force for Truce Diplomats at Panmunjom. There was also the 8th Army's Plan Everready, a plan for the Republic of Korea (ROK) and its Army, formed in 1953.

The latter was brought to a crescendo when, on 18 June, 1953, ROK President Syngman Rhee released 25,000 of 34,400 North Korean war prisoners from POW camps at Pusan, Masan, Nonsan, and Sang Mu Dai. On 21 April 1953, the ROK National Assembly formally opposed the impending Korean War cease fire, and President Rhee withdrew from the negotiations.

References:

a. Plan Everready -1953 - Syngman Rhee's refusal to accept an armistice agreement, and his threats to pursue a unilateral course, forced the United Nations Command (UNC) and the U.S. administration officials to prepare plans for the possible withdrawal of ROK forces from the coalition. The U.S. 8th Army prepared Plan Everready that envisioned a military takeover, if Rhee became openly hostile to UN forces.

b. President Eisenhower was convinced the Rhee prisoner release would cause the Korean cease fire to collapse, and he sent Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs Walter S. Robinson, on 25 June 1953, to meet with General Mark Clark and Rhee in Korea.

The meetings lasted twelve days, and were called "Little Truce Talks." If Rhee would not cooperate with the UN, Robinson and Clark had a "plan" to launch a coup d'etat (Plan Everready) to replace Rhee with Prime Minister Chang T' Aek-Sang. On 9 July 1953, Rhee agreed to end his efforts to scuttle the cease fire.

c. Plan Everready, a Korean War plan covering eventualities of Republic of Korea (ROK) domestic disturbances, and disengaging United Nations Command.

d. On 22 May 1953 General Mark Clark sends Plan Everready to Washington for final approval. This is a contingency plan in case the ROK government or Army threatens to break with the UN on peace negotiations. In a worst-case scenario, Everready calls for the overthrow of the ROK government by U.S. forces in the name of the UN.

Also on that day, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles warns China through India that the U.S. might use atomic weapons if the latest UNC-POW settlement proposal is rejected. In June 1953 the carrier USS Lake Champlain (CVA 39) loaded atomic bombs at Sasebo, Japan.

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You'd Be North Of The Yalu!

On page 43 in the May-June 2014 edition there is a picture of a Twin 40mm Bofers, which is referred to as a tank. The guns do sit on a tank chassis, but it is not a tank.

On page 50 a sentence near the photo of Rollie Thom notes that "As Edwards described the position it was 600 miles N of the MLR." I think you would be north of the Yalu at that distance. I believe he meant 600 yards.

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All Blow And No Show

Re Korean War Crimes Commission, May-June 2014, p. 59: Colonel James M. Hanley, in his Lore of the Corps, Investigating War Crimes, issued his "The Hanley Report" to America's major newspapers (with the approval from the FECOM public information officer). In it, the Colonel suggested that hundreds of American soldiers who had been reported as "missing in action" (MIA) in fact had been captured and murdered by the Chinese and North Koreans.

With armistice negotiations in motion, U.S. Army brass feared that reverberations from The Hanley Report would disrupt the armistice meetings. General Ridgway downplayed Hanley's claims by saying that until the Chinese released a definitive list of American and allied POWs, no one could possibly know for certain who was actually being held captive, much less whether they had survived.

It seems the U.S. Army turned its back on the enemy atrocities, then followed suit by deciding war crimes trials/prosecutions, if they were to be held, should be conducted by the United Nations, or international authority. The U.S. Army did not want to return to the war crimes trials business.

But just who should conduct these trials and where they should be held was never decided. No prosecutions occurred. All blow, and no show.

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The Battle For Triangle Hill

I just received my badly torn up May/June 2014 Graybeards magazine and read Tom Moore's piece about the battle for Triangle Hill. (See "Operation Showdown, p. 73). I was in that battle on October 14 as part of the 1st Bn. of the 31st Infantry Regiment, and I took part in the attack on the part of Triangle Hill called Jane Russell. We did take our objective, held it, and beat off every enemy attack that night.

A decision was made at regiment to pull off and shell the hill and retake it the next morning. There was absolutely no reason to make that decision, as we were holding well. All we needed was to be supplied with more ammo and some machine gun barrels. Four of us didn't get the word to pull off, and we were still on that hill until about 1 or 2 a. m. on October 15, and the Chinese still did not take it. A few of them were running back and forth as though lost, but there was no organized attempt on their part to secure the hill.

We made the decision to get out of there as we were getting shelled by the Chinese and our own people. There is much more to what happened that night that is little known in the history of this battle that I won't bore you with here.

I have always been amazed that many far lesser battles in that war are written about frequently, but there is virtually nothing on this one. I have a copy of the Chinese version. To them it was one of the major battles of the war. As I understand it, one of their field armies was put out of action and had to be sent back to China to reorganize.

We didn't lose the battle for Triangle Hill. The top brass just didn't think it was worth it. We in the trenches fought them to a standstill.

I was sorry to hear about Mr. Moore's friend, but know that he fought with a great division and the best combat troops anywhere.

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Another Set Of Twins

Anthony and Tom Bezouska went to Korea in early 1952. They were assigned to L Co., 187th Airborne RCT. They were riflemen in different platoons.

When the 187th went to Japan they both were assigned to Medical Co. When the 187th went back to Korea, they were both sent to L Co. again. They were both wounded by shrapnel on the same day.

Both of them were awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Combat Medic Badge. Today, both of them are members of CID 25, Greater Chicago [IL].

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The Graybeards Is Like A Dating Club

First, a big thanks for including me in the 60th anniversary issues. I have already heard from three veterans of the 502d Tactical Control Group.

One from the group was bugging out from the Chosen Reservoir in 1950 when they were using the mortar tracking abilities. The next was on K-52 three months after the cease fire. (I didn't recognize

anything.) The third was almost the last man out of Pyongyang in 1950 (middle western area).

They were all attached to the 60th AC&W, as I was. It is amazing that they all zeroed in on the mortar tracking article and your coverage of my tour.

The Greybeards really does rally the troops.

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We All Knew Where The Meat Was Going

The 5th Marine Regiment was on line just south of Panmunjom when the cease fire went into effect and the subsequent release of POWs occurred. During the release of the American POWs, the officers' menu was changed to liver or peanut butter. At least it was beef liver, with a side of catsup and bread for the peanut butter.

I don't remember how many days it lasted, but nobody complained. They all knew where the regular meat went.

Also, in true Marine Corps tradition, the enlisted men got the first Quonset hut. It was their mess hall. (Why they are called mess halls I don't know.)

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We Want This Same Gift For Everybody

I'm writing on behalf of the Korean War Veteran's Youth Corps (KWVYC), an organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of Korean War Veterans, like you, through your descendants. As the daughter of a Korean War veteran, and as a veteran myself, this mission is very special to me. Over the years, I've learned so much about what my father and his fellow veterans experienced. My children have too. We are proud of his service and are excited that the KWV Youth Corps will ensure no one forgets about it.

Established in 2013, during the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War, the KWV Youth Corps hosted its first convention last year in Washington DC. It was a huge success and the group [was] excited to host an even bigger convention this summer in the nation's Capital, from 25 – 27 July 2014. The theme for this year's convention [was] "Unsung Heroes," and the goal [was] to educate your descendants on the lessons of the Korean War and train them to help tell your amazing stories!

The Korean War Veterans Digital Memorial Foundation provided the inspiration for the Youth Corps. To date, hundreds of artifacts, memorabilia and video-taped interviews can be found on the Foundation's website. Among them is a video of my father, John "Jake" O'Rourke, who passed away last year—just months after the video was recorded. My family and I are so grateful for the gift of having his story preserved. We want this same gift for every family who is honored by the service of a Korean War veteran.

Joining the KWV Youth Corps is a great way for your family members to learn about the Korean War, and about how your sacrifices are still revered by a very grateful South Korea. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the e-mail above, or by phone at (703) 389-6352.

Warmest regards,

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Korea Veterans Need To Be Recognized

I am a Life Member of both Ch 222, Don C. Faith (MOH) [TX] and my VFW Post here in Donna, TX. I often get comments on how Korea veterans like me don't have a Combat Patch and Overseas Stripes and how I have been able to join the VFW. I know the answer: because I got the Korea Defense Service Medal. But Korea veterans still hear the questions "Why?" and "How?"

I served in Korea back in 1977, but I never hear anything about all the Tac Sites there. Mine was Tac Site 42. As I recall we were always running for our lives and stations when we heard that siren. This happened too often, at all hours of the night or day. We sometimes got attacked at a little club outside our compound. My friend got cut with a bottle by a Korean. We had to drag him to our compound to get aid.

Once I went to our Korean liaison where a Korean soldier wanted to kill me. He was trying to stab me, so I had to run out of there back to my compound. Yes, we went through hell while stationed at this Tac Site on our tour of duty.

On Armistice Day my VFW Post Commander did not recognize me as a Korea veteran. Most of my comrades asked "Why not? You are a member here, and your Korea Medal is what got you your membership."

My question is this: is anybody working on the issues of who should be recognized on this day and letting this veterans organization know what they need to be doing to recognize Korea veterans?

I wish somebody would get to the bottom of this issue and send us an official letter signed maybe by our Commander-In-Chief at the White House so we can stand up and show our service and receive proper recognition for our service.

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Should We Have A Bronze Medal For Meritorious Achievement?

I'm an 83-year-old Korean War veteran (1950-51). I joined our local chapter three months ago. I am seeking members' help or opinions.

We have talked about starting a petition to get our Korean War veterans the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement similar to the one awarded to WWII veterans. My 25th Infantry Division Association has talked about this several times but never did anything about it as far as I know. We think perhaps that if members should consider an effort like this worthwhile it sure would give us an excellent starting point.



"The Rifleman"

Due to our advanced ages our numbers are dwindling fast. We think recognition of all the young soldiers who were KIA, MIA, and/or WIA and who never had the opportunity to celebrate their 20th birthdays and their families deserve this honor, as do those soldiers who have passed away after the end of the Korean War.

After gauging members' interest on this topic we can work out the question about eligibility etc. This is not for my own ego or vanity since I was awarded both types of the Bronze Star; one with "V" device (Valor) and the meritorious Bronze Star in 1950-51.

Member's Name Withheld By Request

Reunion Calendar: 2014

Mail your info to Reunion Editor, *The Graybeards*, 152 Sky View Dr., Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or email it to sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net. Include Unit, Date(s), Place, and Contact's name, address, phone #, email address. Entries are posted "first come, first served." *The Graybeards* is not responsible for the accuracy of the information published.

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17th Inf. Regt. Assn., 4-7 Sept., Tacoma, WA, Hotel Murano. Steve Goodwin, 4366 Central Ave., Western Springs, IL, 773-263-2619, Scout17@yahoo.com

10th Inf. Div./8th Cavalry Regt. (For veterans of infantry training at Ft. Riley, KS, Nov. 30, 1953-Apr., 1954 and/or served at Camp Crawford and Camp Wittington, Japan 1953-1956), 5-7 Sept., Shawnee Mission, KS, Drury Inn. Steve Bosma, 408-270-1319 or Alan Sanderson, 319-283-4043, aasanderson82@gmail.com

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

630th Engineers L.E. Co., 7-10 Sept., Branson, MO, Branson's Best, 800-335-2555. Gerald Clemons, 311 Co. Rd. 398, Killen, AL 35645, 256-757-2090

USS Sphinx (ARL 24), 8-11 Sept., Branson, MO. Frank Ironi, 954 Lilac Dr., Sauk Centre, MN 56378

84th & 62 ECB (Korea), 8-11 Sept., Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, Carol Nelson, 39 Myrtle Ave., Warwick, RI 02886, 401-738-0693, cen21255@verizon.net

7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (KWV), 8-11 Sept., Elmhurst, IL, Clarion Hotel. Richard Mitchell, 202 Bybee Dr., Conroe, TX 77301, 281-733-8790, rjm7cav@hotmail.com

USS Hornet (CV 8, CV/CVA/CVS 12), 9-14 Sept., San Antonio, TX, Hilton Double Tree-Airport Hotel. Carl & Sandy Burket, PO Box 108, Roaring Spring, PA 16673, (814) 224-5063, (814) 224-0078 (Fax), hornetcva@aol.com, www.usshornetassn.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

4th Fighter Interceptor Wing, 334th, 335th, 336th FTR Interceptor Sqdns & Support Personnel (anytime, anywhere), 10-13 Sept., Goldsboro, NC. Carlo Romano, 301-593-2266.

USS Colonial (LSD 18), 10-14 Sept., Boise, ID, Riverside Hotel. Loren Kerby, 3013 Emerald Ct., Platte City, MO 64079, 816-858-3158, kerbyplatte@aol.com

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

Army Security Agency (ASA Korea), 15-18 Sept., Frankenmuth, MI, Bavarian Inn Lodge. Bob Rudolph, (269) 789-2860 or John Sears (770) 559-3878. Info: webmaster@asakorea.org.

50th AAA AW Bn. (SP) (Korea), 15-18 Sept., Branson, MO. Arline Farmer, 916-381-5747, GOGRAM1@aol.com

2nd and 5th Mule Train (Korean veterans), 16-17 Sept., Nashville, TN. Roger Robertson, 760-245-0201, rdrcc@msn.com

14th Regt., 25th Div. (Korean War, 1950-53), 16-19 Sept., Escanaba, MI.

Roman Gill, 1713 8th Ave., Escanaba, MI, 906-786-5710, rgill59@hotmail.com

Second Inf. Div. Assn., 16-20 Sept., Omaha, NE. Bob Haynes, 224-225-1202, 2idahq@comcast.net

44th Engineers, Broken Heart Bn., 17-20 Sept., St. Robert (Ft. Leonard Wood), MO, Hampton Inn. Ken Jobe, kejo425@aol.com or Ken Cox, 314-423-5483, kdc1@wans.net

LST 883 (Korean War and WWII veterans), 17-21 Sept., Idaho Falls, ID. Ben Mills, (208) 585-2284

24th Inf. Div. Assn., 17-21 Sept., Omaha, NE, The Omaha Marriott Hilton. Don Maggio, 828-686-5931, the24thidavp@aol.com

Army Counter Intelligence Corps Veterans, 18-22 Sept., Minneapolis/St. Paul MN, Hilton Airport, Mall of America. POC: Ted Critchfield, 812-923-6972, tcritchf@wildblue.net

LSMR 404, 21-24 Sept., Branson, MO, Grand Plaza Hotel. Warren L Gilmour, 801-641-6538, warlyn97@utahbroadband.com

13th Engineer (C) Bn. Assn., 25-27 Sept., St. Robert/Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Billy D. Quinton, Sr., 727-323-1144, bquinton@tampabay.rr.com33

999th AFA (Armored Field Artillery Bn.), Korea, 1950-54 ("Never Say Die"), 25-28 Sept., Branson, MO, Residence Inn. John & Elaine Eichler, 5480 Glen Forest Dr., Charlotte, NC 28226, 704-542-2644, eeichler5480@att.net

USS Rochester (CA 124), 25-29 Sept., San Antonio, TX. Joe Hill, 931-432-4848, nitecrawlt@twlakes.net

772 Military Police Bn., 2nd week of Sept., Washington D.C. area. Gene Michaels, 28511 TR 1233, Warsaw, OH 43844, 740-824-4774, gccalin@gmail.com

Veterans of the Korean War (All branches welcome), 30 Sept. - 3 Oct., Virginia Beach, VA. Floyd Newkirk, 757-340-9801, fnewkirk1@cox.net

OCTOBER

5th Air Force Track & Field Team, Spring 1952, Tokyo, Japan, 4 Oct. Bob Lucas, 9418 US 31, Beulah, MI 49617, 231-889-3400

USS Cowell (DD 547), 6-9 Oct., Jacksonville, FL 32211. Vincent Kraus, 248 Johnston Ave., Jacksonville, FL, 904-721-8009, volga36@aol.com

USS RENDOVA (CVE-114), 7-10 Oct., New Orleans, LA. Charles Fecay, 22000 Madison, Apt. 326, Dearborn, MI 48124, 313-565-1515, Cfecay@att.net.

USS Yorktown (CV-10, CVA-10, CVS-10), anyone serving onboard 1943 to 1970, Crew, Air Groups/Squadrons or Marines, 16-18 Oct., Mt. Pleasant, SC (aboard the ship). Alix Adams, P.O. Box 1021, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29465, 843-849-1928, aadams@ussYorktown.net

18th Fighter Wing, 16-18 Oct., Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL. Tom Chapman, 7039 S. Clay St., Littleton, CO 80320, 303-794-3747, chapman7039@comcast.net

Marines of Long Ago (all eras), 21-24 Oct., St. Augustine, FL. Joe ("Red") Cullen, 203-877-0846, aircooledmg7@aol.com, www.marinesoflongago.org



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P. O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407 (Telephone: 217-345-4414)

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE Assigned Membership Number: _____

KWVA Regular Annual Dues = \$25.00 ♦ Associate Membership = \$16.00

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Regular Life Membership: (May be paid in lump sum or 6 equal payments by check over a 12 month period.)

Ages up to and through 35 years of age:\$600

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Please Check One: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal Member (# _____)

Please Check One ☐ Medal of Honor ☐ Regular Member ☐ Regular Life Member ☐ Associate Member
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"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes as indicated, is true and correct."

[If you are applying for membership in a category other than Section 1, par A.1., of the "Criteria for Membership" listed below, complete the "Certification of Eligibility for KWVA Membership" Form on page 2.]

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: If this is a GIFT Membership – please sign here to certify, under penalty of law, that to the best of your knowledge, ALL of the information you have provided about the Applicant is true and correct. [Note: If applicable, you must also complete and sign the Eligibility Form on page 2.]

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In addition to completing the KWVA Membership Application Form on page 1, persons applying for, and qualifying for, membership under one of the categories listed below, are also required to fill in the appropriate blanks, and sign in the space provided below.

Check Only One Category:

- ☐ **Medal of Honor:** I am a Medal of Honor recipient and the date on which it was awarded was: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ **Ex-POW:** I was held as a Prisoner of War by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces at some time during the period June 25, 1950 to the present. From: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____ To: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ **Gold Star Parent:** I am the parent of : Name [print] _____, who was
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on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ **Gold Star Spouse:** I am the spouse of: Name [print] _____, who was
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- ☐ **Associate:** I have a legitimate interest in the affairs of the Korean War Veterans Association and agree to accept the terms and conditions set forth in its charter and bylaws. I do not qualify to be a Regular member.
- ☐ **Honorary:** I was elected as an Honorary Member of the KWVA by a vote of the Board of Directors
on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes indicated is true and correct."

Applicant Signature: _____ Month ____ Day ____ Year ____

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Section 1. Qualifications of Members. Membership in this Association shall consist of Regular, Associate and Honorary Members. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, or physical or mental disability, as long as the individual meets the criteria of service requirements as stipulated below. Only Regular Members as defined in A. below have a vote in National or Department matters.

A. Regular Members.

1. **Service in the United States Armed Forces.** Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, is eligible for membership if:
a. Said service was within Korea including territorial waters and airspace at any time, September 3, 1945 to Present, or
b. Said service was outside of Korea, June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955.
2. **Medal of Honor.** Any KWVA Member, who is a Medal of Honor recipient, is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
3. **Prisoner of War.** Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

B. Associate Members.

1. Must not be eligible for Regular membership.
2. Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of this Association and who wishes to support its aims, and not being eligible for Regular Membership; and who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the KWVA Charter and its Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual, shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the Association. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

C. Gold Star Parents. Any person whose son/daughter was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war while serving within Korea including territorial waters around and airspace above during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership must be provided for approval.

D. Gold Star Spouses. Any person whose spouse was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war while serving within Korea including territorial waters around and airspace above during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership must be provided for approval.

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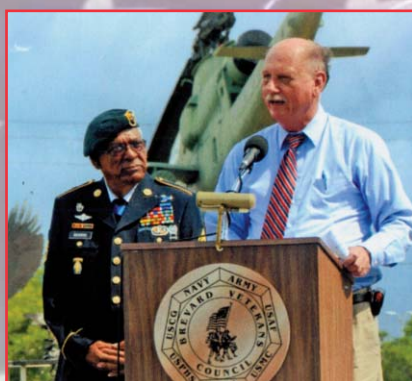
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Ch 210 presenting colors: (l-r) Bob Estes, Paul Spescia, Mickey Tutolo, Maurice Meisner, and George Rosenfield. Guests on stage (l-r) Col. Nathan Thomas (ret), County Commissioner Chuck Nelson, Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivy, SFC Melvin Morris (ret,) MOH Recipient and Phil Black singing National Anthem.

Brevard County Commissioner Chuck Nelson, presenting MOH Recipient SFC Melvin Morris with a proclamation by Brevard County Commissioners.



256 – NORVILLE B. FINNEY [MI]

We have participated in the City of Sterling Heights [MI] Memorial Day Parade for many years. 2014 was no exception.

We represent the southeastern part of Michigan, and we participate in many events in our area. We have gained members through the printing of our pictures of these events in The Graybeards. We are sincerely thankful to you for printing them.

*James E. McCarthy, 2159 Parliament Dr.
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Fife & Drum Corps in Sterling Heights, MI Memorial Day Parade



Sterling Heights, MI Memorial Day Parade reviewing stand

264 – MOUNT DIABLO [CA]

We co-sponsored a Memorial Day ceremony on May 26, 2014 at the Veterans Memorial Flagpole Monument in Clayton, CA. The Master of Ceremonies was MajGen Dan Helix, U.S. Army (ret) and past mayor of Concord, CA.

Among the honored guests and participants were Chapter President Bob Hooker, Blue Star Moms Chapter 20 President Carol Prell, U.S. Congressman George Miller, California State Senator Mark DeSaulnier, California Assembly Member Susan Bonilla, Contra Costa County Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, City of Concord Mayor Tim Grayson, and City of Clayton Mayor Hank Stratford.

The musical group "Yesterday's Kids" provided the music, which included a salute to the armed forces and the national anthem (with audience participation).

There was a Huey Helicopter overflight by Vietnam Helicopters Inc., 25th Infantry Division, UH-1H, courtesy of Chris Miller and Mike Haus.

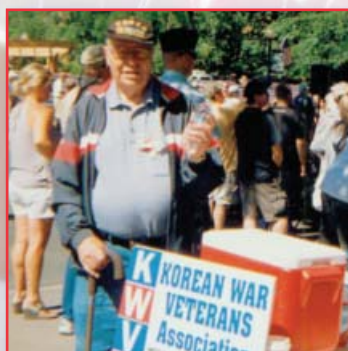
Stanley J. Grogan, 2585 Moraga Dr., Pinole, CA 94564, 510-



CA State Senator Mark DeSaulnier, speaker at Clayton, CA event



Blue Star Mother Nancy Prell and Stanley Grogan at Ch 264's water station at Clayton, CA ceremony



Don Sharp at Ch 264's water stand at Clayton, CA



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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Date of death _____ Year of Birth _____

Member # _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

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Primary Unit of service during Korean War _____

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Relationship to deceased _____

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My Life With The 452nd Bomb Wing

By Vernon Gerdes

The 452nd Bomb Wing (L) was an active Air Force reserve unit based at the Long Beach Airport in California. We had four squadrons of B-26 Douglas Invaders. When the Korean War broke out, the 452nd Bomb Wing (L) was the first Air Force reserve unit to be activated.

I received my notice on 1 August 1950, along with the rest of the unit, to report to George AFB at Victorville, CA on 10 August 1950. My position was an NCO Intelligence Specialist. We were at George AB to acquire additional aircraft, parts, personnel, and a whole lot more.

On October 28, 1950 we sailed from San Francisco on the troopship *USS Breckenridge* and arrived at Moji, Japan on 15 November 1950. We surfaced to Itazuka Air Base. Our aircraft flew over before we sailed, as the B-26 did not have long range navigation. A B-29 led six of our B-26s on a long trip with refueling stops. All aircraft arrived safely.

The 3rd Bomb Wing was there as a regular unit. It was also flying B-26s, but it only had two squadrons. So, our 731st Squadron was transferred to the 3rd Bomb Wing. Each unit was assigned to cover east and west portions of Korea.

Our unit flew its first mission 77 days after being called up. We flew daylight missions to bomb bridges, rail yards, airfields, moving trains, trucks, etc.

We were only based at Itazuka Air Base for a short time before we were transferred to Miho Air Base. It was located on the west coast of Honshu, Japan. Our planes had to cross the Sea of Japan to reach Korean targets. They flew daylight missions until the enemy started moving trains, trucks, and personnel at night. The 452nd and the 3rd went to flying at night. This was dangerous, as they had to fly low, at elevations of 50 to 200 feet, among hills and mountains to locate and destroy targets. During the war a total of 166 B-26s were lost from

both units.

As an Intelligence Specialist at Wing Hq, I was required to perform many and varied tasks, most of which were classified. We prepared war rooms for staff briefings, reviewed much information from the other services, helped Group Intel (also short of people), and completed many other duties, one of which was little known.

There was serious talk of going to war with China. The Air Force (I don't know about the other services) acted. I was ordered TDY (temporary duty), along with members of other Air Force units, to the 314th Air Division for matters pertaining to Intel. Our jobs were to collect and organize target data in China that was in range of our aircraft.

These target sheets were about 14" wide and 18" long. The info on the targets included photos, radar prints, drawings, etc. Some were very good to pretty bad for information. There were quite a few of them. But, they were better than nothing.

I returned to K-9 Airfield, nine miles from Pusan. I then had to order WAC (World Aeronautical Charts) of the part of China we would attack if ordered. These WAC charts were what the flight crews used for navigation.

At times I would receive new or added target data to update target dossiers or the WAC charts. Of course, the work was highly classified at the time. We never had to use them, thank God.

We had been called up for 21 months. I spent about six months in Japan and a year at K-9 airfield. Then I returned to the Zone of Interior, as the U.S. was called. I sailed from Japan early April 1952 aboard the *Gen Meigs*. I was processed at YBI Mare Island, Hamilton AFB and released from active duty and returned home.

(Incidentally, I typed this on a Remington typewriter I bought at Miho Air Base.)

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Shirley finds family name on wall

worker take a smoke break, I asked our guide if that was allowed. He said that Hyundai frowns on it, but the union is too strong to fight. The roads are always jammed with vehicles and buses, even late at night. Employees get a healthy 30% discount off the purchase of a Hyundai.

The six veterans all talked about the devastation they encountered when they first landed in Korea 63 years ago. They compared it to this now vibrant city. Ulsan is a dynamic city of 1.2 million people on the southeast coast of South Korea. High-rises are sprouting everywhere to house the growing, working population, and huge cranes pierce the skyline. We didn't see any graffiti on the buildings.

The only U.S. stores I saw were a 7-Eleven and a Starbucks Coffee shop near the hotel. ROK's economy is still headed upward. The average annual income is about 35 million won (\$35,000). Only 1.7% of Ulsan residents need 'security assistance' (I

assume for food, housing, etc.), and we didn't see any homeless people on the sidewalks. Ulsan has one of the world's largest shipbuilding yards, the third largest oil refinery, and South Korea gets 80% of its power from nuclear reactors.

Once we left the city for the rural areas, the scenes changed. It could be 100 years ago with a jumble of structures that had no central planner. Much of the land is given over to rice fields and hot houses. We visited the Taehwa River that flows through Ulsan like the Rogue River through Grants Pass.

Ten years ago Ulsan's river was pronounced a "dead" river. It was polluted with effluence, chemicals, dead biota. After a total 'greening,' in which all the residents participated, the Taehwa 'living river' is now used for drinking, swim contests, recreation, migratory birds and fish. Besides a beautiful southeast coastline, some ocean and creek cliffs have prehistoric petroglyphs carved in them. Even dinosaur footprints at least 65 million years old can be seen in the area.

We had a delicious, multi-ethnic buffet breakfast (for example, California rolls, lichee nuts, bacon) available at the hotel each morning, then lunch and dinner in Korean restaurants. Korean food tends to be very hot, as in chili pepper. I learned early on not to partake of dishes that contained any blood red things. The 'unhot,' however, was interesting and tasty. I asked Twinkle if her mom cooked Korean foods. She replied that Mom would prepare a Korean breakfast if Twinkle was a

good girl.

We spent our last evening at a huge reception aboard the nuclear aircraft carrier *USS George Washington*, tied to the dock in Busan. This brought back memories for Drury, who catapulted off and landed over 300 times on various carriers during and after WWII. He swapped stories with the Commander of the Korean Fleet, who gave us Commemorative Coins, the Captain of the carrier, and pilots who were the ages of his great grandchildren. That was a sobering moment.

We went up the open-air elevator that carries aircraft to the deck and saw the jets on catapult, ready to launch. Another sobering moment. As of this writing, late November, the ship is on a humanitarian mission in the typhoon-ravaged Philippines.

Also sobering on that final day's visit in Busan was the U.N. Memorial Cemetery In Korea. A wall like the Vietnam Wall in D.C., and even made out of the same granite, it holds copper plates engraved with the names and countries of all the U.N. troops who died in Korea during the Korean War (40,896).



Welcome to the USS Washington



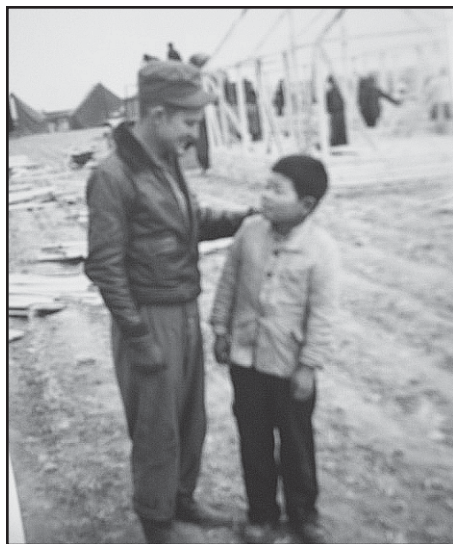
Temple market



Cooks prepare squash



Major Drury eats a local banana



Major Drury and Pak in Korea

U.S. casualties were 36,516. Sadly, Shirley looked for and found her brother-in-law's name on the wall. As Drury and I walked the wall, he said, "Don't speak too loudly. We don't want to disturb them."

A phrase that we hear frequently in Oregon's Rogue Valley also resounded everywhere in Ulsan and Busan: "THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE." Used too often, a phrase could lose its impact, but not this one—and not in South Korea. Often it was accompanied by a 'V' sign. The gratitude rang true from people young and old, from strangers on the street and the airport, to salesmen at Hyundai. They would not have the freedom to speak them if it weren't for the sacrifice and bravery of hundreds of thousands of servicemen from around the world.

My most memorable experience/ritual occurred the first day at the U.N. Memorial Monument in Ulsan. As we walked to the monument, the Oregonians were flanked by several hundred elderly Korean men in full uniform applauding us. The sculpture on top reminded me of the Iwo Jima monument,



Major Drury stands by a memorial to his faithful companion, Wolmi-do

only larger. We donned white gloves; the vets also wore giant wreaths around their necks.

We individually sprinkled incense on a fire in a charcoal brazier at the base of the monument. Drury, as spokesperson, shared his thoughts, feelings, and thanks with his ROK band of brothers and the mayor for the opportunity to participate. Later, at his office, the mayor gave each vet a beautiful Appreciation Plaque, which memorializes those oft-said words, "Thank you for your service."

Postscript: On November 14, 2013, the Oregonians reunited at Portland's City Hall for a meeting with the City Council and Mayor Charlie Hales, who asked us to speak about our experiences, especially the veterans' impressions of Korea then and now. As they spoke, a few choked up and held back stinging tears of their remembrances. I thanked the International Sister City Association for its mission of promoting understanding and peace among cultures.

Drury told of 2 Korean events 63 years ago. First, a young orphan, Pak Chan, showed up at Drury's tent one day and stayed. Pak ate with him, and generally made himself useful until Drury's time in South Korea ended. Pak wanted to go north with him. Drury was very sad to tell him it was not possible. Sixty three years later, the Mayor of Ulsan and Judy Parker tried to find Pak. To Drury's chagrin, they had no success.

Second, he said there is a photo at the Josephine County Animal Shelter of Drury with a stray dog named Wolmi-Do, after the first island Drury landed on in Korea. Wolmi-Do became Drury's constant companion for the first six months of the war, until he was killed by a trip flare. A final sobering moment.

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Guide Kim and Jackie Drury

The Ramifications Of Inchon

As commemorations of the Korean War continue in this 63rd anniversary of the struggle for South Korean independence, one in particular should be highlighted. One of the key operations of the war was the Inchon landing that began on September 15, 1950.



1st Lt. Walt Brooks, a 68th FIS Radar Intercept officer who retired as a Colonel, was a Harvard University graduate. He flew numerous night missions in Korea and at Itazuke Air Base in Japan, where he stood strip alert.

Inchon can only be described as the worst possible place for an amphibious landing because of the 32-foot tides, the fast current of the channel, the lack of maneuver room for landing craft, the surrounding heights well suited for coastal defense artillery, and the lack of any beaches. There were only piers, seawalls, and rocks. To make matters worse, the waters could be easily mined.

The Inchon campaign, named "Operation Chromite," was a success because it resulted in the disintegration of the Pusan Perimeter in the southern end of Korea, liberated the South Korean city of Seoul, badly disrupted the North Koreans' logistics systems, returned UN forces to the 38th Parallel, and preserved the Republic of Korea as one of today's strongest economic engines in South Asia. Moreover, it solidified America's reputation as a maritime power.

MGen O. P. Smith, commander of the 1st Marine Division, was responsible for the overall planning of this precarious, yet immensely successful, operation—despite the casualties it produced. One U.S. Army officer with whom I was associated, 1st

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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, Panmun-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.

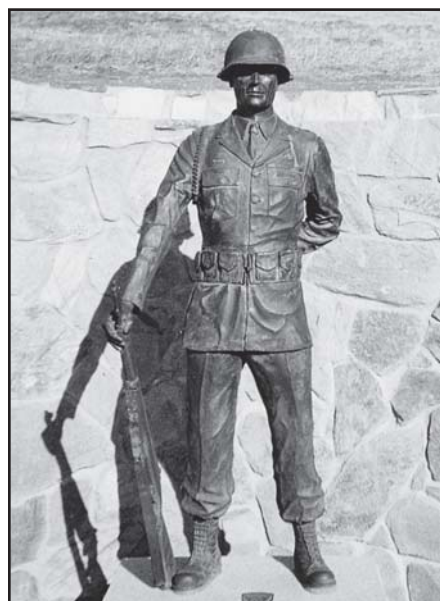
4. Hospitalization, Evacuation and Trip Cancellation Insurance is required by MPVA for all veterans, companions or veteran representatives. Insurance costs are included in the admin service charge for Korea only.

5. Transportation costs to and from Korea will be borne by each person who participates in the program. The Korean government is now subsidizing air-fare for persons traveling with the group administered by MHT.

6. Applications will be received/accepted on a "First-come, first-served" basis.

7. Use of frequent flyer miles or other "free" transportation is allowed, but the administrative service fee of \$450.00 per person is still required for the insurance and administration.

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This statue is located in the veterans cemetery near Santa Clara, CA. The cemetery is the final resting place of many Korean War veterans. Among the many veterans interred there is Captain Ed Crane of Pittsburg, CA. Ed was the Detachment Commander of the 68th FIS at K-13, near Suwon, Korea, from 1951-53.

Lt. W. P. Bush, parachuted in and was cut down by machine gun fire. He was also a WWII veteran and a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy's Class of 1949.

Amphibious Task Force Commander RADM James Doyle said in his after action report: "...it is my conviction that the successful assault at Inchon could have been accomplished only by U.S. Marines...because of many years of specialized training and [they] had the requisite 'know-how' to execute these plans without training or rehearsal."



Francis Scott Key Park, in the Georgetown section of Washington D.C., is a popular place to visit for veterans and their families. It is located near the entrance to the Key Bridge that leads to Rosslyn, VA. Georgetown contains many buildings dating from the Revolutionary War. It is only a few miles from the frequently visited Korean War Memorial.

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