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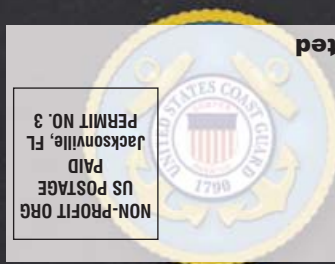
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From the President

Larry Kinard

The most significant event that has occurred since my last letter was our July 22-27 Annual Board and Membership Meeting in Washington D.C. Overall, I think we had good attendance, good participation, and an enjoyable experience for all who attended.

I was especially pleased and impressed with the "Calling of the Names" of the KIA that took place at our Memorial beginning on Friday and ending Sunday at noon. Colonel (Ret.) Bill Weber and his crew did a masterful job of organizing and executing what I felt was an inspiring tribute to our fallen comrades.

Colonel (Ret.) Rick Dean and Executive Director Jim Fisher had a big hand in making both the annual meeting and the ceremony at the Memorial a memorable event.

This meeting was considered somewhat of an international event because of the attendance of several of our Canadian friends and members of the Korean National Assembly, who were here for the first time. We were delighted to have Senator Yonah Martin of the Canadian Senate here with us for several days and honored to have her speak to us at the Memorial Commemoration. She is very charming and a strong supporter of Korean veterans. We would welcome her back to visit with us any time.

In this issue you will find the minutes of both the Board and Membership meetings and also an excellent write up by Fred Lash, a new addition to the KWVA staff. Secretary Lew Ewing has done a great job of summarizing the minutes. I encourage you to read through them to get a full understanding of what took place. You can see that one of the Board actions was to employ Mr. Lash, who has an extensive background as a professional PR person and is working with us on a trial basis to help us get the word out about the KWVA.

I can't go into much detail here, but I ask you to please notice the discussion on important changes in the By-Laws and the visit with the Board by General (Ret.) Walter Sharp and General Shin, ROK Defense Attaché. One of the things I am very proud of is having Bruce "Rocky" Harder on board as our POW/MIA Coordinator. His background is perfectly suited to our needs and will be a huge help to us with the reorganized Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency under new Director General (Ret.) Michael Linnington. We have needed more involvement with this agency for a long time.

Executive Director Jim Fisher served as MC for the Saturday night banquet, which came off without a hitch. We had the first presentation of ten Korean War Descendant scholarships funded by Chairman Jung Hoon Kim's American Veterans Of The Korean War Foundation. (Please note the discussion by Committee Chairman Lew Ewing of this part of the program in this issue.)

We presented Honorary Life Memberships, along with a beautifully framed tile of our Memorial, to Dr. Moon Kim and his wife and Chairman By Park of PNS Networks in Korea. Dr. Kim has

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long been a strong supporter of the Korean War veterans, especially those in the Minnesota area. Every year he sponsors fifteen scholarships for descendants of Korean War veterans and hosts a huge picnic in the Minneapolis vicinity for the veterans there.

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We were also honored with another generous gift, \$1,000 in cash, given by Mr. Chong Kuen Gwak of the Korean Disabled Veterans Organization in Seoul, Korea. One of the most impressive gestures at the banquet was the full body bow made by Saenuri Party Chairman Moo-Sung, Kim and others with him as a show of their grateful appreciation for all Korean War veterans. (See the letter on p. 14)

We were happy that Dr. Jongwoo Han shared the hotel with us for his 3rd Annual Korean War Veterans Youth Corps Convention. He had over 60 young people from all over the world representing the UN countries that were a part of the war. In addition to the students, there were thirty enthusiastic high school and college teachers who are working on ways to get more and better information about the Korean War into the history books and classrooms. I think we will see good things come from this program.

I have received several calls thanking me for writing the letter to the Memorial Day Capital Concerts organization. You will see a response from Mr. Jerry Colbert, Executive Producer, on page 6. He went to great pains to tell about the programs they have produced in the past about the Korean War and sent me a DVD of those programs.

I appreciate his response and the DVD, but he missed my point about being left out when they recounted the wars the U.S. has been involved in, so I have sent him another letter that again makes the point that we do not like being ignored. We may not hear any more from him, but at least we I feel we have made the point.

Finally, I have just received an interesting bit of information from a good friend of the KWVA, Mr. James McEachin, who is a Korean War veteran, writer/actor, who some of you will remember from a one-man show he did for us at one of our annual meetings a few years back. (See page 6)

He contacted me about a movie he has written about the

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Korean War, drawing on his service with the 2nd ID. We have included nearby a brief synopsis of the movie titled "Thank You for Your Service." If anyone has an interest in what he is doing or wants to support him in this endeavor, you may contact him at his email address, mockinbrd@aol.com.

It's time for elections again!!! If you have an interest in helping to make KWVA a better organization, please submit your resume.

Larry Kinard, President

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Dear Mr. Kinard,

I am happy that you were able to join us for the concert this year along with your fellow veterans, and I appreciate your watching the program from home these many years. As a longtime viewer, you will have noted that each year the program highlights two to three themes. Although the stories may feature veterans of one or another of America's wars and conflicts, they are meant to be illustrative of the sacrifices and struggles of all of our veterans and their families.

Over the years, we have featured several major segments about our Korean War veterans featuring America's foremost actors. To mark the 60th anniversary of the Armistice, we recognized a dozen veterans on stage in a tribute hosted by actor Ed Harris. Our mission was to ensure that they would never be forgotten and that all of our veterans of the Korean War would receive their due recognition. It was such a memorable evening when those veterans received a standing ovation from all those gathered on the Capitol lawn. Another featured story was of Charlie Johnson, killed in action at Outpost Harry while saving the lives of several men including hometown friend Don Dingee. This story about brotherhood also spoke to the deep bonds forged on the battlefield. Both of these segments were featured again during our 25th anniversary tribute where we looked back at some of the most moving moments in the program's history.

Acclaimed actor Robert Culp narrated a documentary piece and veteran actor Charles Durning shared the story of Private Ed Reeves with a segment about the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir. Other featured stories include a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the war with a story about the plight of two POW's, Privates Roy Manring and Freddie Ryan, told by actors Tom Bosley and Charles Durning; a tribute marking the 50th anniversary of the Armistice hosted by Tony Randall; and an overview of the war narrated by legendary actor James Earl Jones.

This year, with the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, the 40th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, and the fact that our nation is still currently in a war in Afghanistan with service men and women in harms way, the focus was on these themes as a window into the experience of those who have served and sacrificed. It is pivotal to us that every year we receive hundreds of letters from veterans of all wars who feel the connection in these shared experiences.

I agree with you that the legacy of our Korean War veterans is a proud one. The *National Memorial Day Concert* is proud of the many stories recognizing their sacrifices, bravery and accomplishments that we have shared with America. Your legacy is not forgotten.

Sincerely,

Jerry Colbert
Executive Producer

Jerry Colbert's letter to President Larry Kinard

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Written and Produced by James McEachin

The saga of a man and his Purple Heart

Based on a true story

Brief Synopsis: On a budget considerably less than the price of the average motion picture and set to be filmed in Los Angeles, California, Mobile, Alabama, and Seoul, Korea, James McEachin brings to light a fascinating story centered on the Purple Heart, the nation's oldest medal of valor.

The shooting schedule will be from six to eight weeks. Sixty years in the making, this living, breathing, heartfelt journey opens by taking a look at a surgical operation in progress at a Los Angeles hospital.

It is a dream sequence, suddenly broken by a ringing phone. On the line is a remarkable, family-oriented young woman (Kimberly Paller) who, while shopping with her kids, discovered a Purple Heart at a yard sale near her home in Pine County, North Carolina. Her aim was to sell the medal on Ebay, but she was discouraged from doing so by her husband, Keith Paller, an Iraqi War veteran.

Determined to find the rightful owner, she searches for about a year before her search leads to an aging black veteran (James McEachin), who has as much to do with that lost Purple Heart as he does with his own Purple Heart. The young woman contacts (James McEachin) and, driven by the energy of her patriotism, he takes us back to the dark days of a forgotten war which, through the character of a "blonde-haired boy," further reminds us of the strange ways of courage, loyalty and fortitude, principally because of its intense focus on the price of freedom, PTSD and the question of suicides in the military.

This odd—but true—story generated press and many comments when it first became known. In paying tribute at a funeral for a deceased veteran of the Korean War who had been missing in action for 62 years, and in commenting on what will be a flashback memory in the "Thank You for Your Service" film, the noted Bakersfield columnist Steve Mayer wrote to McEachin: "There [are] your words; a prayer, a life lesson, a love letter and an elegy, all wrapped up inside your spoken word paean to freedom and love and sacrifice."

This is the theme that begins the saga of a troubled Korean War veteran and, placing him under study, it is the theme that ends our journey. In a ceremony aboard the battleship, USS IOWA, the veteran actor/actor concludes: "NO VETERANS, NO DEMOCRACY; NO DEMOCRACY, NO AMERICA."

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From the Secretary

As I am writing this message for the September/October 2015 issue of our magazine, and as I reflect back over my first few weeks on the job as your Secretary, I certainly have developed a greater respect for Frank Cohee and his commitment during his eight years of service as Secretary.

My major responsibility to date has been to write the minutes for our recently held Board of Directors and our Annual Membership meetings held in July. It is no easy task to review 400 plus pages of verbatim testimony as captured by our court reporter during the meetings, then separate the "wheat from the chaff" and rewrite it in as few words as possible while still capturing the full and true intent of what is being said and voted on.

The minutes appear on pages 1–20 of this magazine, and I encourage all of you, especially those of you who were unable to attend the meetings, to read them carefully to help you stay up to date on what is occurring with your Association.

I take the balance of my space to address an issue that has been a longstanding problem for the folks in our membership office and for Jake Feaster, our Assistant Secretary and Membership Management officer, and discuss how you can assist them. The problem is the day-to-day management of our KWVA membership roster.

Roster management is the responsibility of the President/Commander of every Chapter. It can be good, or it can be bad, but it begins at the Chapter level. Many of our Chapters do an excellent job already, and we thank you. However, there are other Chapters that, frankly, do not do a good job!

The President/Commander does not have to perform the task on his own. He can delegate the roster management responsibility to another member of the Chapter, most logically to the Chairman of the Membership/Recruitment Committee. So, you ask, how can you help?

Begin by assigning the membership management responsibility to a member of the Chapter who is willing to devote the time required to do the job right.

- Monitor the roster activity frequently.
- If a member neglects to pay his dues, remind him or her. Don't let the member become delinquent or dropped from Chapter and National rolls.
- At our last Board of Directors meeting, Jake Feaster reported that we currently have 3,018 former members carried on Chapter rolls

who are not paying their National dues. Proper membership management at the Chapter level could eliminate this problem!

- Recruit new members, both Korean War veterans and Korean Defense veterans, and report their names to the National Membership office on a timely basis.
- Report deceased members to the Membership office immediately.
- Report changes of address, phone numbers, email addresses, etc., immediately.
- Using the SPM Form 4.7-3 Chapter Election Report to KWVA Secretary, report the results of your annual election immediately following the election.
- Make sure that members elected are qualified to fill the position to which they are elected.
- Reminder: the President and Vice President(s) must be Regular members in good standing of the KWVA, while the Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors may be either Regular or Associate members in good standing with the KWVA.

Please Note: With a recent change in procedures, if you elect to submit your Election Report via U.S. Postal Service, it should be submitted to the KWVA Membership office, not to the Secretary.

Also, with a recent change to our Bylaws, you may elect to file your Election Report electronically by accessing the form on our KWVA website.

Review your Chapter information on our KWVA website to make sure that all required information has been submitted, i.e., your Petition, Charter, Bylaws, and Incorporation Certificate. If any of these items are missing, please send a copy of them to Jake Feaster.

We sincerely solicit your help and cooperation in assisting our National Membership Management personnel with this problem. Good Membership management at the Chapter level translates into good membership management at the National KWVA level!

Thank you.

Lew Ewing, Secretary



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Did you ever get the feeling that something is watching you, even though you can't see it? A few days ago I was sitting on a lanai in Sun City, Florida, minding my own business, reading the Tampa Tribune.** There was no one else around. My new Associate Editor, Judy, was hard at work somewhere off the premises. Suddenly I got the feeling I was being watched. I looked up—and almost jumped out of my chair and off the lanai. "Big Bird" was eyeing me from the other side of the screen!

There stood a bird that was about five feet tall. My first reaction was that a pterodactyl had come to carry me off. "Big Bird" stared at me intently, as if trying to figure out what the creature on the inside of the lanai was. I didn't know whether to offer it a section of the newspaper, grab a can of pterodactyl spray, or call for help. I did none of the above. Instead, I froze and waited for the bird to make the first move. Fortunately, it did. The bird wandered off and joined a couple of its mates, while I breathed a sigh of relief.

I realized quickly that what I had just seen up close and personal was a Sandhill Crane. Up until then the only crane I had ever seen was of the construction variety. "Man," I thought, "this Florida living is going to take some getting used to." I had just seen something old (cranes have been around structurally unchanged for millions of years) through a newcomer's eyes, a reaction which enhanced my visit to the July KWVA annual meeting in Arlington, VA.

Judy attended the meeting with me. She is not well versed in military matters (for good reason), so she wants to learn as much as she can about them. (In 1961 the young Marine with whom she was in love—and who loved her in

return—for no apparent good reason broke off contact with her. They did not get together again for 54 years, only to realize that they were still in love with one another.) I figured that the KWVA meeting was a good place for her to start.

It was fun watching Judy react to the conversations she had with the Korean War veterans she met and the situations into which she was thrust. She was particularly imbued with the Friday night Sunset Parade at 8th and I, the Marine Corps' headquarters.

I had seen it several times. I don't want to say I am exactly blasé about the event. In fact, as a Marine awaiting my next assignment, I still feel shivers go up and down my spine when I watch it. It was more fun this time watching her watching the "parade."

Judy enjoyed the spectacle of the USMC Drum & Bugle Corps, the USMC Band, and the USMC Silent Drill Team as they performed. The final act, the lone bugler standing on top of a building playing "Taps" while bathed in a bright light when everything around him was pitch black, dazzled her. It was fun for me to see it through her eyes—and it gave me a new perspective.

The parade was all she talked about the next day, until we attended the Saturday night banquet. We sat at Table 7 that night with a gaggle of KWVA luminaries, including Tom Gregg and his wife, Robert Fitts and his

wife, Jake Feaster, Lewis Vaughn...and a South Korean Air Force pilot, a LtCol. Judy and the colonel hit it off nicely.

They hardly noticed anyone else at the table. He fascinated her with his accounts of military life, which was a great learning experience for her. Once again I was seeing a newcomer to military matters delightedly soaking up knowledge which was old hat to me. Their interaction showed me once again that taking old stuff for granted may not be a wise thing to do. Lesson learned.

From now on I will try to be as excited about military (and other) matters in general as I was when I first encountered them, even if they are trite. There is always something new to learn about everything, no matter how many times we have seen it. If we forget that lesson, all we have to do is see matters through the eyes of a newcomer to regain our perspective. That is what my new Associate Editor and a Sandhill Crane have taught me, and it is a lesson I am not likely to forget anytime soon.

*** I will be moving to Sun City, Florida before the end of 2015.*

Oh, that Marine who walked away from Judy in 1961? That was me. It only took me 54 years to ask her for a second date—and to be my Associate Editor. I am lucky she is still talking to me, let alone willing to accept either offer.

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KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC., BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

JULY 23, 2015

Meeting Announcement:

The Graybeards, May/June, 2015

Place of Announced Meeting:

The Doubletree by Hilton, Washington, DC – Crystal City,
300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202

Announced Period of Meeting:

July 23, 2015 – 0830-1200

Call to Order:

Larry Kinard, President at 0829

Pledge of Allegiance:

L. T. Whitmore, Director

Invocation:

Leo Ruffing, Chaplain

Installation of New Directors and Secretary:

William B. Burns, Judge Advocate, duly swore in the following new Directors and Secretary: Richard E. Brown, Sr., Director, Robert F. Fitts, Director, J. Fred Ragusa, Director, Lewis Vaughn, Director, and Lewis M. Ewing, Secretary.

Adopt Agenda:

President Kinard called for a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended. Upon motion by Director Covell, seconded by Director Brown, the Amended Agenda was approved.

Roll Call:

Secretary Ewing called the roll.

- KWVA Board Members:
- President Larry Kinard
- Executive Director James R. Fisher
- First Vice President Warren H. Wiedhahn
- Second Vice President J. D. Randolph
- Secretary Lewis M. Ewing
- Treasurer Thomas Gregg
- Director George J. Bruzgis
- Director George S. Covell
- Director Tine P. Martin
- Director Thomas W. Stevens
- Director Roy E. Aldridge
- Director Albert H. McCarthy
- Director Thomas M. McHugh
- Director L. T. Whitmore
- Director Richard E. Brown, Sr.
- Director Robert F. Fitts
- Director J. Fred Ragusa

- Director Lewis Vaughn
- All Board members were present.

Secretary Ewing reported that a quorum was present.

KWVA Staff:

Bill Mac Swain, Senior Advisor; Jim Doppelhammer, Webmaster; Jake Feaster, Membership Management and Assistant Secretary; John Edwards, Past Director and Membership Recruiting Committee Member, and Charlie Price, National Legislative Director.

President Kinard noted the fact that Frank E. Cohee, Jr., who has served as Secretary for the National KWVA for eight years, announced his resignation as Secretary earlier this year with this meeting to be his last while serving as Secretary. However, since he fell recently and broke some of the vertebrae in his back. Unfortunately, he was unable to travel.

Approval of Previous Board of Directors Minutes of March 27, 2015:

President Kinard stated that these minutes were published in the May/June 2015 issue of *The Graybeards* magazine. Upon motion by Director Covell, seconded by Director Martin, the minutes were approved.

Guest Speakers:

Mary Cheney

Ms. Cheney works for BKM Strategies, a company that has been working with TracFone. The company provides cell phones at no cost to needy people, including veterans and some family members of active duty servicemembers who are deployed.

Accompanying Ms. Chaney was Jose Fuentes, Senior Director of Public Relations at TracFone. He explained the qualifications to apply for one of their phones. This is a federally funded program, and the service is completely free to anyone that qualifies.

More information about this program will be made available to our members on our website and in *The Graybeards* magazine.

Tim Holbrook

Mr. Holbrook is the Executive Director of the American Veterans Center in Washington, D. C. They produce both television and internet documentary work, have an oral history collection, and sponsor a three-day speakers conference over the Veterans Day weekend.

His purpose for being with us was to talk about the National Memorial Day parade in Washington that they brought back ten years ago, following its absence for decades. The parade is privately funded and is a moving time line of American military history from the American Revolution to the present. However, recent participation by the Korean War veterans has been little.

They are requesting, and giving us the opportunity to take, a more visible role in the parade by sponsoring a float or two, plus some Korea-era military vehicles, and to provide Korean War veterans to participate. The cost to the KWVA would be in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range. Possibly we could solicit some financial assistance from the Korean community.

The consensus on the Board was that it is a good idea, and we should pursue finding a way to participate in the parade next year.

Fred Lash

Mr. Lash is a retired Marine who had an extensive background in public affairs and communications work while on active duty. For the past 25 years he has been working with many military-related organizations.

Following discussions with our leadership prior to this meeting, and for a minimal fee, Fred has agreed to assist the KWVA as our public relations and communications director to help get the word out about the KWVA through his contacts with major news networks, other news sources, and other VSOs. He will also provide articles and pictures for our website and The Graybeards. He will assist us in our recruiting efforts through his contacts with other veteran organizations.

President's Report:

President Kinard:

- Expressed his appreciation to everyone who made the effort to attend this meeting and thanked them for being here
- Asked the Board to approve the list of appointments that he has made for the coming year. The list of appointments was included in the packet of information attendees received for this meeting.

Upon motion by Director McHugh, seconded by Director Bruzgis, the motion was unanimously approved.

- Thanked Lew Ewing, Les Bishop, and Narce Caliva for their work on the Scholarship Committee to select 10 candidates to receive \$2,000 scholarships from the American Veterans of Korea Foundation
- Reminded everyone that we will be having an election to elect a President, two Vice Presidents, and four Directors to take office in June 2016
- Reported that he will not be a candidate for President and encouraged anyone who has the energy and stamina and is willing to devote the time necessary to do the job to submit their application to Al McCarthy, Chairman of the Elections Committee. It is a very interesting and rewarding job, but it is also a tough and time consuming job.
- Introduced the following speakers.

Don Loudner, the Commander of the Native American Indians Korean War Veterans Association, which comprises 3,000 members. He is a life member of the KWVA. There are 57 tribes in the United States, and he estimates that about 30,000 Indian veterans served in Korea during the war. He is

actively attempting to recruit these American Indians for membership in the KWVA.

Bruce "Rocky" Harder, a life member of the KWVA, and the new chairman of our POW/MIA Committee. He is a retired Marine veteran with 27 years of service. He has an extensive background working with the personnel accounting function – recovering and identifying the remains of our Korean War MIAs.

He noted:

- Personnel accounting organizations are undergoing some reorganization, with all the different agencies now combined into a single agency under the Department of Defense.

We still have:

- 7,846 MIAs (now declared as killed in action, body not recovered), with an estimated 5,327 of them in North Korea
- An estimated 970 are somewhere in the south, mostly in the area of the DMZ
- Another 292 are missing under water
- Nineteen are unaccounted for in China
- There are 1,230 remains in the laboratory in Hawaii
- The big problem is getting back into North Korea to renew our search for the remains of our missing. He plans to assist us in becoming more visible to the DPAA and provide our membership with information on recovery efforts of the new agency.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Tom Gregg reported:

- That the firm Vaughn & Franklin has completed our audit and prepared our Financial Statements
- Sager Financial Services prepared our IRS Form 990, which Jim Fisher submitted to Congress with his annual report
- Our year-end net worth for the 12 months ending on December 31, 2014 was \$903,000 over the prior year, so we are a financially sound organization
- We are sound financially, although due to some volatility in the stock market we showed a paper loss of \$25,000 in our investments at year end, but it will come back up
- We adhere to a low risk philosophy in our investment portfolio
- The increase in our net worth for the 12 months ending June 30 was only \$25,000, so we are in a declining pattern; we are losing money
- At June 30, 2015, our total assets were at \$957,000, with income at \$362,000 and expenses at \$337,000.
- Without the royalties of \$52,500 from Harris Connect for the directories, we would have experienced a net loss for the period.

Following discussion on ways to reduce some of our expenses, upon motion by Director Covell, seconded by Director Brown, the June 30, 2015 unaudited financial report was

unanimously approved as presented.

The Treasurer next reviewed our actual vs. budget position for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

- We budgeted \$470,000 in income, but received \$362,000, a difference in income of \$107,000. The difference was due primarily to the fact that donations were down, investment income was significantly below budget, and membership dues were below budget.

- On the expense side, we budgeted expenses at \$405,000, while actual expenses were \$337,000, \$68,000 below budget

- We expected to have a net increase in net assets of \$64,000, but we actually received \$25,000, so we went downhill by \$39,000.

- Our fund raising efforts will help offset some of our shortfall, as Tom McHugh anticipates \$40,000 to \$50,000 from our annual fundraiser.

- The fiscal year, June 30, 2016 budget was approved at our March meeting, but Treasurer Gregg asked to review it with the Board.

– Income was budgeted at \$336,000, which is \$134,000 less than the 2015 budget of \$470,000, so our revenue is going down from what had been projected.

– We budgeted \$363,000 in expenses for 2016 vs. \$437,000 in 2015.

– It appears that we will need to dip into our reserves to balance the books for fiscal year-end 2016.

- Two areas of cost reduction mentioned were:

– to consider publishing *The Graybeards* magazine four times a year, rather than the current six issues, which would result in a savings of approximately \$46,000 annually

– to eliminate the mid-year Board of Directors meeting, which would save approximately \$18,000 per year.

Executive Director's Report:

Executive Director Jim Fisher has been on the job since November 1, 2014 and even though it has been a learning experience, he thinks things are heading in the right direction by working closely with a lot of agencies.

- bringing in Mary Cheney with her TracFone program

- getting more exposure for the KWVA through the National Memorial Day Parade

- submitting a clean report to Congress

- working on programs to recruit Korean War and Korean Defense veterans to join the KWVA

- obtaining the assistance from a lawyer in Florida to work with the ever-frustrating IRS on the 90% IRS rule. He has talked with the American Legion and the VFW in an effort to receive more visibility for the KWVA, and he has a number of other projects and programs in the works. President Kinard complimented our Executive Director on the outstanding job he is doing for our Association, including this

meeting, which is the best run meeting we have ever had. Jim is carrying a heavy load and we appreciate having him on board.

Membership/Recruiting Report:

Sonny Edwards, Past Chairman of the Membership/Recruiting Committee, reported that:

- The good news is that we have started three new Chapters so far this year, with three more in progress

- The bad news is that we have recruited 47 fewer members this year; 417 compared to 464 last year

- Active members have decreased from 14,374 last year to 14,127 this year, a decline of 247

- Deceased comrades this year is at 490 – 73 more than have joined. With the age of our members, this trend is not going to change, which emphasizes the point that we all need to work to recruit new Korea Defense Veterans or our legacy will die.

In closing, Sonny expressed that it has been an honor to serve as a Director and as Chairman of the Recruiting Committee and he wishes Bob Fitts, the new Chairman, the best. He will continue to assist whenever possible.

Old Business:

- President Kinard asked for a motion to approve destroying the ballots from the last election. The CPA who tallies the vote mailed the ballots to Election Committee Chairman Al McCarthy who, in turn, mailed them to Frank Cohee.

Upon motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Bruzgis, the Board unanimously authorized Frank Cohee to destroy the ballots.

- President Kinard reintroduced a four-part topic that we discussed at our March Board meeting:

- 1) getting the Directors more involved in helping our Assistant Secretary, Jake Feaster, in his effort to get good information from the Chapters when they submit required reports or any other changes in the status of the Chapter

- 2) to represent the local Chapters at national meetings

- 3) to assist in recruiting and retention of members

- 4) to ensure that the KWVA Bylaws are enforced

Following further discussion, President Kinard accepted a motion by Director Whitmore, seconded by Director McHugh, to proceed with appointing a committee to study the proposal further and to bring a recommendation back to the Board at our next meeting, or sooner if possible. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

The President then appointed Fred Ragusa, Jim Doppelhammer, Jake Feaster, and Lew Ewing to serve on the committee.

New Business:

Honorary Membership:

Upon the recommendation of President Kinard and upon the

motion by Director Covell, seconded by Director Bruzgis, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Honorary Membership in the Korean War Veterans Association to Dr. Moon Kim and his wife, Ms. Kyunghyang Park, in appreciation for their many generous contributions to our Association.

Proposed new Korean Defense Veterans Association:

- General Walter L. Sharp, US Army (Ret), Former Commander of the United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces in Korea, and Major General Kyoung Soo Shin, Defense Attaché at the Republic of Korea Embassy in Washington, discussed a new initiative that the Korean government's Ministry of Defense brought forward about six months ago to "stand up" an organization to honor those who have served in Korea since the Korean War, with no intent to compete with or degrade the KWVA.

- Their initial thoughts are to begin small, with a Chapter in the Washington, Virginia, Maryland area, and one in Korea. Their two major hurdles are to receive IRS 501 (c) approval and to arrange funding from a Korean government agency.

- General Shin spoke to the issue, stating that this new proposed organization was his idea, with the intent to continue the legacy and to respect the sacrifices of the Korean War veterans by encouraging the men and women who have served in Korea in recent years to create some "new momentum" through this proposed new organization which could work closely with, and support, the KWVA.

- President Kinard began the Q & A period by stating that he and other senior leaders of the KWVA have discussed this issue and we are very concerned about the impact it will have on our KWVA. A lengthy discussion followed, including topics such as:

- questions regarding eligibility in the new organization
- having two organizations could result in receiving more money from the Korean government
- the fact that we have no peace treaty, so all Korean veterans are war veterans
- at least one-third of the current Board of Directors are Korean Defense veterans, and a Korean Defense Veterans Association was started a few years ago and faltered, so they became part of the KWVA.

Without taking a vote, the entire Board, including the Defense Veterans, felt that this new proposed organization would spell the end of the KWVA, because we would be competing for the same veterans for membership in our organization(s), and the KWVA would end up being the loser, since most of the Korean veterans would join only one organization.

- President Kinard closed the discussion with a proposal for us to continue to work together and attempt to make this a win-win situation. But he shared the concern that everyone has that this could be the demise of our organization, and we don't want that.

He still has hope that we'll be able to carry forward with Defense veterans to be part of the KWVA in whatever form, that he wants us to work together and see if we can make it stronger than what it is now and we can preserve our legacy.

He further proposed that we form a leadership group to get together and meet with Generals Sharp and Shin to work on this further. The two Generals agreed to meet with a leadership group appointed by our president to talk about how we can make these two organizations work together.

General Sharp also agreed to pass on our comments and feelings to the other members of his group when he returns to Korea following this meeting.

Advertising in the Stars and Stripes:

Director McCarthy reported that, as approved by the Board in March, we have purchased a "Leader Board" in the Stars and Stripes on-line edition. It reads: "Served in Korea since 1953? Join us at the KWVA."

By clicking on it, it takes readers immediately to our KWVA website, which leads them to a membership application form on the website.

2016 Election:

Director McCarthy reminded everyone of the upcoming 2016 election, in which we will be electing a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President and four Directors. He thanked his committee members for their help in 2015 and their willingness to serve on the committee again for our next election.

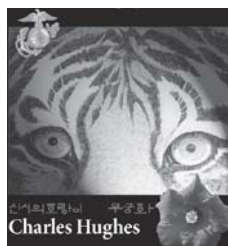
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National Korean Defense Veterans Memorial:

Director McCarthy and Past Director Jeff Brodeur discussed their efforts to receive Congressional support for HR 50, a bill to become part of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2017, whereby a new memorial would be erected at Arlington National Cemetery to honor our veterans who have served in Korea since January 31, 1955.

- Arlington National Cemetery leaders, while not giving their final approval, are receptive to the idea once a House Concurrent Resolution passed by Congress has been acquired. They are requesting that all KWVA members contact their Congressional representatives requesting their support for HR 50.

- The total cost for the memorial is projected to be \$50,000 to \$60,000. The Korean Defense Memorial Committee is requesting that the KWVA commit \$25,000 to the memorial, payable only after all of the required approvals have been received.

Mr. Brodeur stated that Dr. Han has pledged to fund the balance of the cost.

Following further discussion, upon a motion by Director Aldridge, seconded by Director Covell, the Board unanimously approved a motion which reads, "I move that we submit a letter of intent to support the Korean Defense Memorial at Arlington Cemetery of \$25,000, and this is strictly a letter of intent. No money is involved until we have Congressional approval."

KWVA Communication Planning Consultant:

President Kinard and First Vice President Wiedhahn reintroduced the proposal discussed earlier in the meeting whereby we consider employing Mr. Fred Lash on a six-month trial basis, at \$1,000 per month, as a part-time consultant to assist with the implementation of our Communication Plan.

If, following the six-month trial, we feel his employment will be beneficial to the KWVA, we will look at making the working arrangement permanent.

Fred has an extensive background in the communications/public relations field with numerous other VSOs. However, while he is working with the KWVA, he will not be working with any other organizations.

Five-year Annual Meeting Plan:

To assist with our long-term planning, Executive Director Fisher presented a plan for the location of our KWVA Annual Meetings for the next five years. Since our KWVA members have been asking that we select locations other than the Washington, D.C. area, he proposed that we consider Las Vegas, NV in 2016, Norfolk, VA in 2017, either Dayton, Ohio or Branson, MO in 2018, San Diego, CA in 2019, and Orlando, FL in 2020. His basic criteria in selecting a location are:

- ease of access
- a veteran friendly community
- a community that has military support available, if possible.

In addition, Jim must be able to get a commitment from KWVA Chapters and/or individuals in the convention cities to provide leadership with the planning and organizing the meeting. If that help is not available, it will be necessary to employ the services of a professional meeting planning company, which can be very expensive.

Also, our friends at the ROK Embassy want us to plan a fairly large event in the Washington, D.C. area over the July 27 date each year, so we will need to try to hold some type of meeting in Washington at that time, possibly a Board of Directors meeting, with the Virginia, Maryland, and DC Chapters participating.

Upon motion by Director Covell, seconded by Director Whitmore, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Executive Director's plan.

Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D. C.:

Executive Director Fisher stated that a Memorial Day Parade in Washington was revived about ten years ago and is growing and becoming a nationally promoted event. However, there has been very little participation from our Korean War veterans.

This parade, which is televised nationally, will give our KWVA

Mr. Larry C. Kinard
President of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA-US)
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U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Kinard,

It was a great pleasure to meet you during the Saenuri Party delegation's visit to the United States last July.

Our first step of the journey was to pay a visit to the Armed Forces Retirement Home and attend a dinner hosted for U.S. veterans of the Korean War. The occasions provided the delegation with a valuable opportunity to remember the sacrifice of the veterans who have enabled the Republic of Korea to become what it is today and express our heartfelt appreciation to them. I remain deeply moved by the fact that a table was left empty during the dinner for those missing in action, still hoping for their return.

Building on the dedication and sacrifice of the Korean War veterans, the ROK forged an alliance with the U.S. and has since led the efforts to promote peace and prosperity in Northeast Asia, and is now in the process of expanding and furthering cooperation with the U.S. on many global issues.

The Saenuri Party, including myself, intends to extend our efforts to further develop the alliance between our two nations. Reiterating my deepest gratitude to you and the members of the KWVA-US, I look forward to meeting you again in the nearest possible future.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Moo Sung
Chairman of the Supreme Council, Saenuri Party
Member of the National Assembly
Republic of Korea



Chairman Kim Moo Sung's letter to KWVA President Kinard following their meeting at the national reunion.

some needed exposure if the local Virginia and Maryland Chapters, plus other interested KWVA members, will agree to participate.

Following further discussion, Director Whitmore moved that we approve \$5,000 and make a commitment to the Memorial Day Parade. The motion was seconded by Director Covell, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Any member who wishes to participate in the parade should contact Executive Director Fisher.

Membership Pins:

Executive Director Fisher said that a few Board members have suggested that we have pins made up for the Board and for members of the KWVA and to possibly have a pin to give the Honor Flight participants. No pins are available at the present time. It was suggested that the pins would cost \$3.00 - \$4.00 each.

Following a brief discussion, without a vote, the consensus of the Board was to delay consideration to design and purchase pins at this time.

POW/MIAs:

Many members have suggested that we need to be more vocal in our support of the Department of Defense Accountability Office's efforts to retrieve and identify the bodies of our missing men from the Korean War. To assist us in this effort, Mr. Rocky Harder, a Life Member of the KWVA and a recent retiree from the DOD, has agreed to serve as our POW/MIA Committee Chairman.

With his background, he will be a very valuable asset for the KWVA.

Mr. Fisher recommended, "That the KWVA Board of Directors establish a Committee and develop a strategy to follow-up and assist and liaison with the Department of Defense POW/MIA Accountability Agency to intensify the recovery of our MIAs and POWs who have not been accounted for during the Korean War."

Upon motion by Director Covell, seconded by Director Whitmore, the recommendation was unanimously accepted.

TracFones:

Ms. Mary Chaney and Jose Fuentes presented their program through which financially needy veterans and other individuals may be eligible to receive free TracFone cell phones through their program, which was started during the Reagan Administration with bi-partisan Congressional support.

Sadly, four million veterans fall below the Poverty Level, as do some of our active duty military personnel. They are not asking the KWVA for any financial support, only for our endorsement and our making our Korean War veterans aware that the program exists.

They may purchase ads in our *Graybeards* magazine.

Upon motion by Director Covell, seconded by Director Aldridge, a motion to approve our endorsement of the TracFone program through Safe Link was unanimously

approved.

Mid-year Board of Directors' Meeting:

Executive Director Fisher advanced the proposal for the Board of Directors to consider eliminating a physical mid-year Board meeting and, if we needed to meet, conduct the meeting by use of teleconferencing or another electronic means, which would save approximately \$18,000 annually.

Our Bylaws read that we are required to have at least two (2) meetings each year on a date and location selected by the President.

Director Covell expressed his dissatisfaction with the proposal to hold a teleconferencing meeting and made a motion to continue to hold two meetings per year as we have in the past. The motion was seconded by Director McCarthy but was rejected by the Board.

Director Aldridge made a motion that we hold our second—our spring meeting—via teleconference to cut down the costs of expense of the physical meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Ragusa. But, on a vote of four in favor and seven opposed, the motion was rejected.

The discussion ended when the Board agreed with a suggestion by Secretary Ewing that, since our Bylaws authorize and assign the responsibility of selecting the date and location of our mid-year Board meeting to our President, we should allow him to exercise that authority and permit him to name the date and location of our next meeting.

Approve Agenda for the July 24, 2015 General Membership Meeting:

Upon motion by Director Covell, seconded by Director Brown, the agenda for the 2015 General Membership meeting to be held on July 24, 2015 was unanimously approved.

Presidential Recognitions:

On behalf of our Korean War Veterans Association, President Kinard expressed our sincere appreciation to John T. (Sonny) Edwards for his time and effort and excellent leadership from 2013 to 2015 while serving as National Director and Chairman of the Recruiting Membership Committee.

Also, upon Sonny's recommendation, the President recognized Steve Szekely as a prominent part and a key element in the formation of many Chapters over the years.

Benediction:

With the absence of our Chaplain, Executive Director Jim Fisher delivered the benediction.

Salute our Flag:

President Kinard led the Board in a salute to our flag.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Director Covell, seconded by Director Brown, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lewis M. Ewing, Secretary

JULY 24, 2015

Call for the Meeting:

KWVA Website and the May-June 2015 issue of *The Graybeards*.

Place of the Announced Meeting:

The Double Tree Hotel, Washington DC-Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

Call to Order:

President Larry Kinard at 1300

Pledge of Allegiance:

Director L. T. Whitmore

Invocation:

Chaplain Leo Ruffing

Administrative Announcements:

President Larry Kinard and Executive Director James R. Fisher

Rules of Decorum and Debate:

President Kinard did not read the Rules of Debate and Decorum, but he asked everyone to adhere to what our Executive Director stated about not cursing or using the Lord's name in vain. He asked everyone to speak clearly, say what you need to say, and not linger too long, since we have a full schedule today.

Adopt Meeting Agenda and Accept KWVA Annual Membership Rules of Decorum and Debate:

Upon motion by Director McCarthy, seconded by Director Martin, the Meeting Agenda and the Rules of Decorum and Debate were unanimously adopted.

Roll Call:

Prior to the Roll Call, President Kinard explained that this was to be the last meeting for Frank Cohee, who has been our Secretary for eight years. Unfortunately, he fell about two weeks ago and broke some vertebrae in his back which made it impossible for him to travel to attend this meeting.

Frank was a good guy – he still is a good guy. He did a wonderful job for us for about eight years. Lew Ewing, who is a former Director of the KWVA and is a Past Commander of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter #313 in Winchester, VA has agreed to serve as our new Secretary.

Secretary Ewing called the roll. Each Board Member was asked to stand and tell where he is from.

KWVA Board Members:

- President Larry Kinard - Texas
- Executive Director James R. Fisher - Virginia
- First Vice President Warren H. Wiedhahn - Virginia
- Second Vice President J. D. Randolph - Texas
- Secretary Lewis M. Ewing - Virginia
- Treasurer Tom Gregg - Texas
- Director George J. Bruzgis – New Jersey
- Director George S. Covell – New York
- Director Tine P. Martin, Sr.- Indiana
- Director Thomas W. Stevens - Kansas
- Director Roy E. Aldridge - Texas
- Director Albert H. McCarthy - Massachusetts
- Director Thomas M. McHugh – New Jersey
- Director L. T. Whitmore - Virginia
- Director Richard E. Brown, Sr. - Pennsylvania
- Director Robert F. Fitts - Illinois
- Director J. Fred Ragusa - Texas
- Director Lewis Vaughn – South Carolina

Secretary Ewing reported that all officers and directors were in attendance.

KWVA Staff:

Bill Mac Swain, Senior Advisor - Texas, Jim Doppelhammer, Webmaster - Illinois, Jake Feaster, Membership Management and Assistant Secretary - Florida, Jongwoo Han, KWVA Liaison to Korean American Association - Seoul, Korea, Art Sharp, Editor, *The Graybeards Magazine* - South Carolina, John Edwards, Past Director and Membership Recruiting Committee Member -Virginia, and Charlie Price, National Legislative Director - Florida. Also attending was Carol O'Brocki of Elite Reporting Company, who served as the recorder for today's meeting.

Declaration of a Quorum:

Secretary Ewing announced that a quorum was present, with 57 members in good standing in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of the previous General Membership Meeting:

The last General Membership meeting was held in Rochester, MN, October 18, 2014. The minutes of that meeting were printed in the November-December 2014 issue of *The Graybeards* magazine. Upon a motion by Director Brown, seconded by Joe Walsh, CID 181, the minutes were approved as published in *The Graybeards*.

Guest Speakers:

Mrs. Bonnie White, who lives in Tennessee and is a mem-

ber of the Gold Star Wives, was introduced by President Kinard. Her husband was a United States Marine who served at the Chosin Reservoir and participated in the evacuation from there in December 1950.

This is the 70th Anniversary of the Gold Star Wives Association. Their objective is to work with their legislators to see that survivors and dependents of veterans are getting the help they need from the Veterans Administration and other government agencies.

Mrs. White asked us to support them in their efforts whenever we are able to do so. Anyone who wishes to contact her may do so through President Kinard.

Mr. Ron Rothberg is an Associate Member of the Korean War Veterans Association and a volunteer with the National Park Service in Washington, D. C. He is a Vietnam-era veteran, but he chooses to spend his time volunteering at our Korean War Memorial because it is a beautiful memorial and it gives him the opportunity to explain to visitors its symbolism and beauty.

His primary interests center mainly on the Honor Flights. He and other volunteers reach out to and facilitate visits to the Memorial by both veterans and non-veterans, while assisting the professional National Park Rangers. He monitors the schedule for the Honor Flights and he attempts to be at our memorial for each flight that comes in.

Mr. Rothberg is always seeking help from local Korean War veterans to assist him with greeting the veterans on the Honor Flights when they arrive. Call him at 571-422-6341 or email him at ibyke3@gmail.com and let him know when you can be there.

Doctor Jongwoo Han is the founder of the Korean War Legacy Foundation. Its website consists of more than 6,000 artifacts and, to date, more than 700 oral interviews with Korean War veterans that preserve our legacy and educate the public about the significance of the Korean War.

In conjunction with our KWVA meetings, Dr. Han works with some sixty grandchildren of Korean War veterans who are part of this, his third Korean War Veterans Youth Corps Convention. He also included 25 teachers in this year's group in order to help spread the word about the Korean War and its effect on world history.

Dr. Han's next project, which he has already launched, is to make a Korean War digital history textbook that will include some of the artifacts and interviews that will make learning much richer and more interesting to the students and easier for the teachers to teach. He plans to continue and expand his Youth Corps program again next year and hopes to bring in more students and teachers.

President Kinard thanked Dr. Han for all that he does for our Korean War veterans and our descendants—all of which he does at no cost to the KWVA. The Republic of Korea government pays for it all.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Tom Gregg stated that:

- We received a clean audit from our auditors, Franklin and Vaughn.
- Our Executive Director, Jim Fisher, has filed the audit and the IRS 990 form with Congress as required by our Charter.
- For the 12 months ended on December 31, 2014 we showed a Net Profit for the year of \$90,000 and a year-end Net Worth of \$903,000, so we are a financially sound organization.
- We are a fiscal year June 30 organization, but an IRS 990 reporting organization, so our audit is on a calendar year basis.
- As of June 30, 2015, our unaudited statement this year shows that we have assets of \$953,000, which is down from our December 31 financial audit.
- Our Net Profit for the 12 months ending June 30 was only \$25,000, so we are in a declining pattern – we are losing money.
- Our expenses are stable but our revenue is declining.
- We need more members – we need Defense Veterans to join our organization.

Treasurer Gregg presented the 2016 Budget, which showed:

- A projected revenue of \$336,000, down \$133,000 from the 2015 Budgeted number of \$470,000 due primarily to a projected net decrease in membership dues and the one-time revenue from the sale of the directory published by Harris Connect.
- Expenses for 2016 are projected to decrease from \$443,000 in 2015 to \$363,000 in 2016. This will result in a shortfall of \$26,000 and we will have to dip into our reserves to balance the budget.

He concluded that although we are in a declining mode, we are still sound financially, with \$953,000 in assets.

Upon a motion by Berkeley Ide, Commander of CID 288, seconded by Bill Alli, CID 33, the motion to approve the 2016 Budget was unanimously approved as presented.

President's Report:

President Larry Kinard:

- Expressed his thanks and appreciation to everyone for attending this year's Annual Meeting.
- Reminded everyone that next year's election is rapidly approaching and we will be electing a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and four Directors.
- Informed the group that he will not be a candidate for President again next year. (Likewise, First Vice President, Warren Wiedhahn said he will not be a candidate for office.)
- Stated that we will need someone with energy, some business background, and the willingness to help the KWVA go forward and work to preserve our legacy.
- Reported that we have taken steps to improve the operational structure of the KWVA by centralizing the finances in our Membership Office in Charleston, IL. This will eliminate

the necessity of shifting accounts from one bank to another every time we have a change in the leadership of the KWVA.

- Announced that we also added the new position of Executive Director and we were fortunate to have Jim Fisher agree to assume the duties of that office. Jim hit the ground running in November, 2014 and has not slowed up.
- Commended Jongwoo Han for his efforts to preserve our legacy with all he is doing.
- Reminded everyone of the new program headed by Mary Cheney, where TracFones will be available to economically needy veterans who will be able to get a cell phone free of charge.
- Reported that we had a good year in organizing new chapters last year, and he thanked Sonny Edwards and his committee for their good work.
- Stated that we are working on a plan whereby the Directors will be asked to work closely with Chapters and Departments to provide assistance when needed. This will not only aid the Chapters but it also will help the Membership Office in maintaining and keeping the records current. He appointed a committee consisting of Jim Doppelhammer, Jake Feaster, Fred Ragusa and Lew Ewing to draft the guidelines and procedures and present their recommendation to the Board of Directors at our next meeting, or sooner if possible.
- Addressed the problem of too many veterans wanting to join a local Chapter but not becoming a member of the National KWVA. He stated that the KWVA is a good organization and many veterans do not understand or know what the benefits of membership are, so he solicited the help of everyone to work with their Chapter members who are not members of National to encourage them to join.
- Called on Col Bill Weber, Chairman of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation. Col Weber asked everyone to get behind and support the project at our Memorial in Washington D.C., at which we will read the names of the Korean War veterans who lost their lives fighting in a war wherein, for the first time in history, we went to help a people when we were not threatened.

Additional Speakers

Mr. Bill Alli, a member of the Board of Directors of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation (KWVMF), asked the membership to approve a resolution whereby the KWVA supports the KWVMF's efforts to receive congressional approval for HR 1475 in the House of Representatives and a companion bill in the Senate to erect the Wall of Remembrance at our Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. Upon motion by Narce Caliva, CID 313, seconded by Tony Bezouska, CID 25, the motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director James Fisher presented a plan, approved by the Board, designating the location for the KWVA's Annual Meetings for the next five years; 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada, 2017 in Norfolk, VA, 2018 in Dayton, Ohio, 2019 in San Diego, CA, and 2020 in Orlando, FL, although

unforeseen circumstances may require some alterations to the proposed plan.

In keeping with Bylaws Article VI, Section III, upon motion by Arden Rowley, CID 122 seconded by Jim Wall, CID 181, Las Vegas, Nevada was unanimously approved as the site for the 2016 KWVA Annual Meeting to be held in October 2016.

Bylaws Committee:

Chairman Tom Stevens presented the following revisions and/or additions to our KWVA Bylaws. All of them have been properly advertised in an issue of The Graybeards magazine and come to the membership with the unanimous approval of the Board of Directors.

- Addition of paragraph 3 to Bylaws Article V, II, Section 3 to allow Chapters that do not have their own IRS Exemption status to fall under the National KWVA's "umbrella" plan. Those Chapters that already have their own tax exempt do not need to apply.

Upon motion by Jack Murray, CID 100, seconded by Berkeley Ide, CID 288, the addition was unanimously approved.

Action 1. Amend Bylaws Article II, Section 1 to add the Executive Director position to the list of Board members.

Action 2. Amend Bylaws Article II, Section 2 to increase the number of Board members to eighteen (18) and include the Executive Director in the list of officers.

Action 3. Amend Bylaws Article III, Section 3 to expand the duties of the Executive Director and reclassify the position to paragraph C and rename subsequent paragraphs as required.

Action 4. Amend Bylaws Article II, Section 1, paragraph E. to read, "All appointed positions shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board. The responsibilities and duties for all Appointed Positions and Standing Committee Chairmen are included in the Board approved SPM."

Upon motion by Bob Desmond, CID 320, seconded by Bill Alli, CID 33, all four of those actions were unanimously approved.

- Revise Article II, Section 2, to increase the number of Board members to eighteen (18), in order to add the Executive Director to the list of officers and include the word "Membership" in the last sentence.
- Revise Article II, Section 2, paragraph A. to allow the Board to vote "electronically" in addition to the prior approval to use the USPS.
- Add addition to Article II, Section 2, paragraph B. to restrict voting by USPS or electronically during Executive Sessions of the Board.
- Revise Article II, Section 2, paragraph D. to allow the Board to vote "electronically" in addition to the prior approval to use the USPS only in "Business Without a Meeting" sessions. Upon motion by Berkeley Ide, CID 288, seconded by Ralph Aldhard, CID 319, the above revisions were unanimously

approved.

- Add Paragraphs D. & E. to Article VIII, Section 2 which will allow the Board of Directors to implement any revision, addition, deletion, or other changes to the KWVA Bylaws immediately without having to await ratification of any change by the Membership at the next Annual Membership Meeting.

Following discussion, upon motion by Berkeley Ide, CID 288, seconded by Bill Weber, CID 142, the motion was unanimously approved.

Recruiting:

President Kinard again commended John T. (Sonny) Edwards for the outstanding job he did as Chairman of the Membership and Recruitment Committee for the past two years, and asked for his report.

Sonny reported that:

- We have had three (3) new Chapters formed so far this year, with three (3) more in the formation process.
- The number of members continues to decline, showing a decrease of 247 since last year.
- We lost 490 members last year, so If we are to survive we need to actively recruit Korean Defense Veterans.

Sonny stated that it has been an honor for him to serve as a Director and Membership and Recruitment Chairman, and he challenged everyone to do their part and continue to support the committee.

- Director Bob Fitts, the new Membership and Recruitment Committee Chairman, thanked Sonny for his excellent work and asked everyone for their help and prayers as he undertakes the leadership of this most important committee.

First Vice President:

First Vice President Warren Wiedhahn reported:

- He was in San Francisco last weekend to attend the ground breaking for the Korean War Memorial at the Presidio. He feels that that area is fertile ground for recruiting new members and hopes that we can have a good attendance for the dedication of the Memorial next June, when we will have an opportunity to recruit new members.
- “Rocky” Harder, who has worked for the past ten years in the DOD MIA/POW group, has been recruited as the new Chairman of the MIA/POW Committee. This will allow us to get more involved with the government in its efforts to recover our missing in Korea.
- Encouraged any veteran who is qualified to return to Korea with the Revisit Program. This program is largely funded by the ROK government. However, even with their help, there are still some veterans who cannot afford to pay 50% of the airfare, so an effort is being made to raise the money required to assist these financially needy veterans.
- Announced that the Board has hired Fred Lash, who has an extensive background in the public relations field, to work in a Communications/Public Relations role for our Association.

Executive Director’s Report:

Executive Director Jim Fisher:

- Echoed the recurring theme expressed throughout this meeting by reminding everyone that recruiting new members, both War Veterans and Defense Veterans, is essential if the KWVA is to survive and not become a “last man standing” organization.

Additional Speakers:

Assistant Secretary Jake Feaster:

- Stated that we have 3,018 former KWVA members who are delinquent in their dues. If we could re-up those veterans, that would be easier than going out for new recruits.
- Estimated that there are another 3,000 veterans attending Chapter meetings but are not paying dues to National.

Extensive discussion followed in an effort to find ways to increase our membership, including a suggestion to change the name of our Association, change the name of *The Graybeards* magazine, and eliminate Chapter dues.

Col Bill Weber opined:

- We have done nothing to have the KWVA recognized nationally to attract new members and to retain them as members.
- We need to develop the feeling of comradeship and brotherhood within our Chapters to get them to feel part of it. They need some kind of recognition to join.

Fred Lash agreed to assess the possibility of placing advertisements in other VSO magazines to attract new recruits.

VAVS Director’s Report:

VAVS Director J. D. Randolph reported:

- That over the last eight years, we have lost 52 percent of the number of hours donated to the VA across the country. A few Chapters are doing very well but, overall, the response is sparse.
- The Veterans Administration is looking to the KWVA for support since the WWII veterans can’t help as much as they once did.
- Every Chapter should have a VAVS representative and deputies to work with their local VA Hospitals.
- The level of our support in the VA Hospitals is included in our required annual report to Congress each year.

Wrap-up

President Kinard recognized some of our Canadian Korean War veteran neighbors who have joined us for this year’s Annual Meeting and thanked them for attending. Mr. McKay expressed their thanks for being invited and thanked our members for making them feel welcome.

Before adjourning the meeting, President Kinard again expressed on behalf of the entire Korean War Veterans Association our thanks and gratitude to Frank Cohee for all of his good work as Secretary of our Association over the

past eight years.

Since Frank was unable to be with us, Larry gave Jake Feaster a plaque to deliver to Frank upon returning home.

- Chaplain Leo Ruffing pronounced the benediction.
- President Kinard adjourned the meeting with a salute to our American flag.

Respectfully submitted,
Lewis M. Ewing, Secretary

Meet Our New POW/MIA Coordinator

Bruce R. (Rocky) Harder, Col, USMC (Ret); GS-14, Policy Analyst, Federal Civil Service (Ret)

Current Position: Coordinator, POW/MIA, Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA)

Past Experience: From August 2001 until July 2015, Mr. Harder was a senior policy & strategic planning analyst responsible for developing policy positions for the Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), and team leader of the Northeast Asia personnel accounting policy team. He joined the staff of the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office in August 2002 and was initially appointed to the position of Policy Advisor, Personnel Accounting Directorate, Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office. He retired from federal civil service on July 31, 2015.

From October 1997 until August 2002, Mr. Harder was the Director, National Security and Foreign Affairs for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. While working for the VFW, he traveled to Southeast Asia, Northeast Asia, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Russia, and worked on National Security and POW/MIA issues.

In May 1969, Mr. Harder was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. Shortly afterwards, he served his first one-year tour in Vietnam, as an infantry platoon commander with the First Marine Division. While there, he participated in many combat operations in the area around DaNang.

On his second tour to Vietnam, he served as the intelligence officer for Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 333 aboard the aircraft carrier America. Subsequent tours of duty took him to a variety of locations at home and abroad, where he held command and staff positions and took part in planning and executing joint and combined military exercises and operations.

His last military assignment was the Director, Intelligence Division and Foreign Liaison Officer, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps. He attained the rank of colonel in 1990, and retired from active duty on January 1, 1998.

Mr. Harder earned a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, RI. Also, he holds a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from Salve Regina College and in Human Resources Management from Pepperdine University. Mr. Harder earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Relations from Salem College, WV in 1969.

Recruiting

As the below letter written by Jim Scali suggests, here is a unique example of how a town can both appreciate its veterans and help their organizations recruit at the same time. In this case, the town is Wallkill, NY. (Think Middletown, NY).

To the Town of Wallkill Town Board and Supervisor Mr. Dan Depew and Public Works Commissioner, Mr. Lou Ingrassia:

A hearty thank you from your veterans. You did a beautiful job on the sign installation. It is our hope that the public will take notice and realize that our Town Board is dedicated to the advancement of all our Posts, and we members thank you.

To VFW Post 692: allowing the sign to be installed on your property demonstrates your willingness to work with other dedicated organizations in our veteran community.

God Bless The United States of America.

Jim Scali, tankerscali@yahoo.com

NOTE: To learn more about Wallkill, NY, go to <http://townofwallkill.com/>.



The recruiting sign at Wallkill, NY

IGNORING THE EVIDENCE

"When we moved up to the Chosin Reservoir in November [1950], we had the feeling [the Chinese] would come into the war. General Smith said, 'Holcomb, go talk to MacArthur's staff. See if they know anything.' But in Tokyo they wouldn't tell me anything. I never got to see MacArthur. Willoughby, the G-2 [the intelligence officer], said they certainly would let us know if they got any firm indication that the Chinese would come into the war." (Brig. Gen. Bankston Holcomb, Intelligence officer of the First Marine Division)

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Call for Elections

The membership is hereby notified that elections will be held in the spring of 2016 for the following National Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. [KWVA] positions:

President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President to serve from June 25, 2016 - June 25, 2018; and four (4) Directors to serve from June 25, 2016 - June 25, 2019.

All applications and documents must be received **no later than December 15, 2015**. Any regular members in good standing of the KWVA seeking to run for the aforementioned offices shall make their intentions known to the Chairman of the Elections Committee, Albert H. McCarthy, in writing, using the following format:

Requirements:

Applicants must:

A. Present proof of service by submitting a separate signed Official KWVA Membership Application Form (found on the KWVA website or in *The Graybeards Magazine*), showing eligible service years. The applicant must also submit a copy of his/her Form DD214 for verification by the Election Committee. The copy of the form DD214 may be redacted selectively by blackout/whiteout to remove information not related to the information required by the KWVA.

To apply for a Form DD214, go to the National Archives website, <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>.

B. Present a current photograph, suitable for publication in *The Graybeards*, in which the candidate is clearly the focus of the picture.

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

1) Your intent to run for an office and the office sought.

2) A summary of your qualifications for this office, stating any experience that will be of benefit to the Association.

3) Your current mailing address, telephone number, KWVA membership number, and email address if available.

4) Alternate email address and alternate phone number, if available.

5) A statement that you will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and that you understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for your removal from office.

6) A statement releasing the Application Form for verification by the Election Committee.

D. You must sign a statement that your dues are current through the complete term of the office you are seeking.

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

E. Send the above items by "USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested," or "USPS Express Mail, Return Receipt Requested," to the Election Committee Chairman, to arrive not later than December 15, 2015. Scanned documents sent via email are not an acceptable alternative, and will be automatically deleted.

F. Address application packages to: Albert H. McCarthy, Elections Committee Chairman, 15 Farnum Street, Worcester, MA 01502-2101.

G. Address any questions you may have to the Election Committee Chairman at (508) 277-7300 or email, mccarthy.albert@live.com.

Time to Step Up

How many times have you heard someone say, "I am a veteran and my oath has no expiration date?" And, because you are a veteran, you know exactly what he means. Now, ask yourself this: does that oath of service extend to your brothers and sisters in the KWVA? Is it time for you to step up and serve as an officer or director of the organization, or will you sit back and let someone else do the heavy lifting?

The spring election will give us a

new President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and four Directors. Are you up for running for one of these positions? Do you have what it takes? You won't have to figure things out, because you have thirteen returning Directors who will be working alongside you, guiding you as you learn the ropes.

And, former officers and Directors haven't gone away; they're still here for you as you take the reins of the organization and help lead it forward.

What's that you say? "I'm a Defense Veteran and these folks are war veterans, so I won't fit in." If that's true, then what happened to, "I am a veteran and my oath has no expiration date?"

The truth is that the KWVA embraces all who answered freedom's call and stood ready to give whatever was asked of them, up to and including their lives. Some served from 1945-1950, while Korea regained its nationhood; some fought long and hard against extraordinary and sometimes impossible odds from 1950-1953 to ensure Korea's survival.

And, for the last 62 years, over 3,000,000 U.S. military personnel have served in Korea to protect and defend South Korea from domination by a tyrannical dictatorship in North Korea during the so-called armistice. Each group from each of these epochs has earned the right to be part of our band of brothers.

So, it comes down to this: young veteran...old veteran...war veteran...service veteran...DMZ veteran.... Did you mean it when you said that your oath has no expiration date? If you did, then step up and take your place among the leadership of the KWVA.

The December 15, 2015 filing date is just around the corner.

Yours in brotherhood,

*Albert H. McCarthy
National Director/
Election Committee Chairman
USAF, Osan, Korea, 1970-1971*

Thoughts of the Past and Reflections of the 2015 Annual

By Fred Lash

Of all the numerous commemorative events, ceremonies, and meetings that were part of the Korean War Veterans Association 2015 annual convention in Washington, D.C. from July 22-27, probably the two most poignant and reflective were the reading of the Names of the Fallen at the Korean War Veterans Memorial and KWVA member Sam Fielder's recitation of his poem "Remembrance" at the Bench of Remembrance near the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

In Sam's excerpted words:

"We gather here at Arlington, we veterans of the Korean War, to honor our fallen comrades like we've done many times before...we lost many friends in the Korean War, from the Pusan Perimeter, to the Yalu River and Chosin Reservoir...yes we lost them in the foxholes, trenches, and open terrain, three boys who worked with my dad on the farm—Bob Scarbough, Garland Lyle, and Buford Edward Kane....so we gather here at Arlington, we veterans of the Korean War, to honor our fallen comrades who will live in our hearts and minds forevermore."

Sam's poem, recited on Sunday, July 26th, was given even more meaning by the reading of the Names of the Fallen on the following day at the Korean War Veterans Memorial....Buford Edward

Kane, Garland Lyle, and Bob Scarbough...."

A Colorful Convention Kickoff for KWVA Members

General Dennis Via, Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC), and audience members from across the country honored and remembered the service of Korean War veterans during the U.S. Army Military District of Washington's Twilight Tattoo, held on the first day of the convention, Wednesday, July 22nd on Whipple Field at Joint Base Fort Myer-Henderson Hall. AMC is the Army's premier provider of materiel readiness to ensure dominant land force capability for the U.S. warfighter and the nation's allies.

More than 70 Korean War veterans and their families were honored for their service during the Twilight Tattoo performance. Additionally, the 65th anniversary of the start of the Korean War and the 20th anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Memorial were also remembered. With more than 100 Old Guard soldiers dressed in period Army uniforms, the show provided a fast-paced journey throughout Army history, from the Revolutionary War to the Army's involvement in current military operations.

Business Meetings—A Key to Sound Association Management

Both the Board of Directors meeting on Thursday and the Annual Membership

Meeting on Friday were conducted in an atmosphere that fostered positive dialogue and productive decision making. Without a doubt, the issue that prompted the most discussion and that became a significant take-away from the meetings was the critical need for enhanced recruitment. With membership numbers dwindling, efforts to reach out and attract new members are to receive the highest priority.

All those present at both meetings seemed to come together and agree that they would like to see the membership grow and be inclusive of all those who have served in Korea from 1945 to the present, as stated in the By-Laws. Without increased outreach efforts to recruit each person who meets the criteria as it currently reads, there will be only a slight amount of growth, perhaps sufficient enough to sustain current membership levels, but certainly not enough to produce an acceleration in membership growth, which is sorely needed.

It was felt by a majority of those present that there is an opportunity "staring us in the face" to gain significant new membership by recruiting from the fairly large pool of post-cease fire veterans. With renewed efforts in leveraging the press in order to get the word out to the general public, politicians, other veteran organizations (VFW, American Legion, etc.), and most importantly, post-cease fire veterans, we should expect to see positive signs of membership increase.

Getting Right to the 'Corps'

Following the Annual Membership meeting on Friday, July 24th, the KWVA members and their families boarded two buses and headed to Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, in Washington D.C. for a real treat—the Evening Parade.

The 'Oldest Post of the Corps' was established in 1801, and Marines there have performed military reviews and ceremonies since its founding. The present-day Evening Parade was first conducted on July 5, 1957. The basic format



Sam Fielder, Jr. recites his poem "Remembrance" at the Korean War Memorial Bench in the Arlington National Cemetery on July 27, 2015



Bill Weber (L) and Larry Kinard at 7-27 ceremony (Photo by Ron Rothberg)

Meeting

for the parade seen by the KWVA attendees was similar to that envisioned and directed by Major Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., who would eventually become the 24th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The Parade Deck is bordered on its long axis by graceful maple trees and shrubs fronting officers' row and the barracks' administrative offices, to the north of the picturesque home of the Commandants, and to the south the Marine Band Hall made famous by the immortal John Philip Sousa. Having seen and heard the 'President's Own' (Marine Band) and the 'Commandant's Own' (the Drum and Bugle Corps), and witnessing the Marine Silent Drill Platoon, it was indeed a grand evening for the KWVA members in attendance.

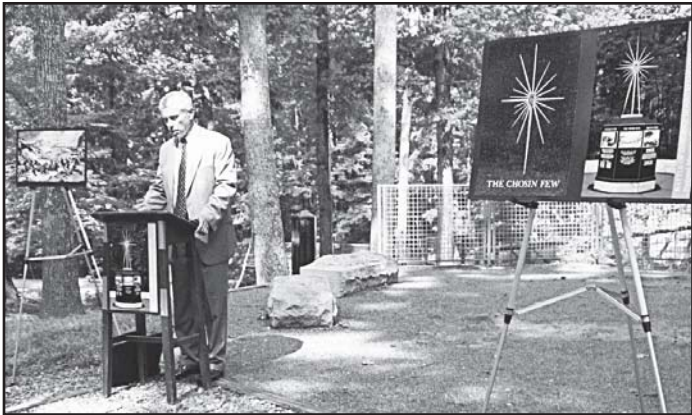
The Principal Event—At the Korean War Memorial

On that very special day, KWVA members and other veterans remembered all who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Attendees were invited to take notice of "America's Freedom Bell," which was on display at the Korean War Veterans Memorial. The bell, sponsored by the Spirit of Liberty Foundation, is a symbol of patriotism and pride for our nation's armed forces.

The official party for the morning's commemoration included:

- Ambassador to the United States from the Republic of Korea, the Honorable Han Ho-Young;
- Acting Deputy Superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks, National Park Service, Ms. Karen Cucurullo;
- President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Mr. Larry Kinard;
- Vice Minister of the Ministry of Patriot and Veterans Affairs, Republic of Korea, the Honorable Wankeun Choi;
- Senator Yonah Martin, Canadian Parliament;
- Major General Kyoung Soo Shin, Defense Attaché, Embassy of the Republic of Korea

Attendees then enjoyed hearing the



LtGen Robert R. ("Rusty") Blackman, Jr., USMC, Retired, the President and CEO of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, speaks at the groundbreaking for the Chosin Few Memorial at the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico on July 27, 2015

song "The Forgotten War," performed by Mr. Bob Regan, who founded "Operation Song" to empower veterans and active duty personnel to tell their stories through the process of songwriting in creative and therapeutic settings. Following his song and brief remarks, Mr. Regan indicated that he will be adding a new verse to include "the Forgotten Victory."

Following a series of remarks by invited guests, four wreaths were presented for (1) the Republic of Korea, (2) the National Park Service, (3) the United Nations, and (4) the Korean War Veterans Association.

A Special Table at the Banquet and a Wreath Laying

At the banquet on Saturday evening, amid all of the various speeches and remarks given by invited guests, there was a singular tribute to those who could not be in attendance because they had paid the ultimate sacrifice during the Korean War. Out of the deepest respect for those who have given up all of their tomorrows so that we in the United States, and those in the Republic of Korea, can live in lands that are free and prosperous, Mr. Bill Mac Swain directed our attention to the 'Missing Man Table' and offered these remarks (excerpt):

"The empty chairs represent Americans who were, or are, missing from each of the armed services—Army, Marine Corps,

Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard, as well as civilians—let us raise our glasses in a toast to honor America's POWs and MIAs, and to the safety of all now serving our nation."

Our Sunday morning was highlighted by the laying of two wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. Chairman Moo-sung, accompanied by members of the Saenuri Party from the Republic of Korea, placed the first wreath at the tomb. Many KWVA members were on hand as Ambassador Ahn Ho-young and Mr. Larry Kinard presented the second wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Veteran of the Korean War.

For a six-day period that had included parades, numerous ceremonies, business meetings, and even trips to the White House, Mount Vernon, and the Botanical Gardens in Washington, the commemorative events at Arlington National Cemetery on Sunday morning were certainly a most fitting way to conclude a highly productive, memorable, and thoroughly enjoyable annual convention of the Korean War Veterans Association.



The wreath laying ceremony on 7-27-2015 (Photo by Ron Rothberg)

Korean War Personnel Accounting Update

September 3, 2015

Prepared by: **Bruce R. Harder, KWVA
POW/MIA Coordinator**

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) reports that as of September 1, 2015, 7,842 U.S. servicemen remain “unaccounted for” from the Korean War. Progress on accounting for our U.S. servicemen from the Korean War has been slow. For example, since 1982, only 315 Korean War remains have been identified and accounted for. “Accounted for” means that the Primary Next of Kin of the Serviceman has been briefed by the Service casualty officer on the identification of their Serviceman and has agreed to accept the Department’s findings of the identification.

I suggest several reasons why the Korean War personnel accounting process has been slow. First, the remains of an estimated 5,300 Korean War U.S. Servicemen are located in North Korea and are difficult to recover. (The United States presently does not have access to North Korea to recover Korean War remains.) Another 292 Korean War U.S.

servicemen are unaccounted for over water around the Korean Peninsula, and 19 are unaccounted for in China. DPAA is pursuing the few cases that remain in China, but progress in China is slow.

DPAA estimates that approximately 970 U.S. servicemen are unaccounted for in South Korea from the Korean War. Many of the remaining unaccounted for U.S. servicemen in South Korea were lost in the area of the Demilitarized Zone, where access is extremely difficult and dangerous.

Second, no new Korean War remains are presently being recovered and turned over to the DPAA laboratory to undergo the identification process. Nearly all the Korean War identifications presently being made at the DPAA laboratory come from remains previously recovered in past years, and not from new accessions to the laboratory. Today the U.S. has approximately 1,250 Korean War remains under U.S. control, either at the DPAA Laboratory in Hawaii or at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (“Punch Bowl”).

Third, Korean War remains recovered from South Korea have slowed to a trickle of one or two a year because all the easy cases were resolved years ago. All that remains are very difficult cases in the demilitarized zone and throughout South Korea that require extensive investigation efforts to resolve.

Although it is going to take the DPAA laboratory some time to identify the Korean War remains it has on hand, the undeniable fact is that no recently recovered Korean War remains are flowing into the laboratory to undergo the identification process. Therefore, unless some action is taken to resume the recovery of Korean War remains from North Korea, the identification of Korean War remains will slow down and eventually stop.

The KWVA leadership recognizes that the Korean War personnel accounting effort has issues and is taking action to engage DPAA leadership on the issues described above. Recent events in North Korea, the demilitarized zone, and statements made by North Korea’s President, Kim Jong-un, make discussions about

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engagement with North Korea on the personnel accounting issue a challenge. But, we intend to raise the issue in discussions with DPAA to see if we can find a way to move the Korean War personnel accounting process forward and do better in the future. Meanwhile, here is some additional information about the Korean War personnel accounting effort.

As most Korean War veterans are well aware, since the cease fire was signed in 1953, the United States has had only very limited access to North Korea for the purpose of searching for and recovering the remains of unaccounted for U.S. servicemen. Remains of U.S. servicemen have been recovered from North Korea as a result of several activities. Let's briefly review the sources of U.S. remains recoveries from North Korea.

First, from 1953-1955, American Graves Registration Teams searched South Korea battlefields for the remains of U.S. servicemen lost during the Korean War. In 1954, North Korea returned several thousand remains during Operation GLORY. Of these, 866 were interred at the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punch Bowl). One was interred at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Since 1999, DPAA (formerly Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command or JPAC) has disinterred 98 remains from the Punch Bowl; 55 have been accounted for to date.

Between 1990 and 1994, the U.S. recovered the second major group of U.S. Korean War remains. This group of remains is referred to as the K208 group, because the remains were repatriated from North Korea to the United States at Panmunjom in 208 wooden boxes. All of these remains were recovered by the Korean Peoples Army or North Korean civilians and are therefore classified as unilateral recoveries.

The remains in most of the boxes were extensively comingled and have proven to be very difficult to identify. U.S. scientists at the Laboratory in Hawaii estimate that the 208 boxes contained the remains of more than 400 individuals. To date, DPAA has identified and accounted for 132 U.S. servicemen from this K208 group of remains.

Third, the next group of Korean War remains resulted from Joint Recovery

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Operations (JROs) or Joint Field Activities (JFAs) between 1996 and 2005. These JROs/JFAs included combined teams of both U.S. and Korean Peoples Army participants. These operations resulted in the recovery of 229 remains, of which about 210 were the remains of U.S. servicemen. To date, DPAA has identified 109 remains of U.S. servicemen from this group. The other 19 remains recovered were those of 12 South Korean soldiers who served in U.S. Army units (referred to as KATUSAs) or those of allied soldiers from other countries. The remains of the 12 South Korea soldiers were repatriated to the Republic of Korea (ROK) in 2012.

Fourth, in April 2007, North Korea (DPRK) returned six boxes of probable U.S. Korean War remains to a non-partisan U.S. delegation led by the former Governor of New Mexico, Bill Richardson, and Mr. Anthony Principi, former Secretary of Veterans Affairs, who visited Pyongyang on invitation from North Korea. To date, six U.S. servicemen have been identified and accounted for from these six boxes of remains. Partial remains of a seventh individual from this group have not yet been identified.

Fifth, a final group of Korean War remains that have produced identifications in recent years are remains that were buried as Korean War unknowns in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific ("Punch Bowl") Cemetery in Hawaii. These remains were recovered from both North and South Korea at the end of the Korea War, but were determined by scientists to be "unknown" based on forensic identification capabilities of that period, and were subsequently buried in the Punch Bowl Cemetery as unknowns, except for one set of remains that was placed in the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

Since 1999, DPAA (formerly JPAC) has disinterred 98 remains from the Punch Bowl cemetery and has identified and accounted for 55 to date. Individual unknown remains are disinterred from the Punch Bowl Cemetery though a Department of Defense process with final approval of the Secretary of the Army. Remains are only proposed for disinterment by DPAA if scientific evidence suggests the remains are likely to be identified based on new information or improved scientific techniques.

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The 13th fund delivery of the Korean American

By Dr. Hubert Hojae Lee

The 13th fund delivery for the orphaned children in Korea was held at a benefit concert organized by opera singers soprano Kim Mimi, baritone Chung Hyung Jin, Major soprano Ko Eun Jeong, tenor Son Min Ho, and pianist Kim Jie-un. These generous artists volunteered their talents and gave a magnificent performance. They have been serving the foundation's mission in Korea since its establishment, and for that I would like to express my deepest gratitude for their selfless service on behalf of the foundation.

This marks the 5th benefit concert in Yang Pyung. Last year, Korea's Freedom Federation sponsored our delivery ceremony, and this year's event was sponsored by Yang Pyung Han River' Lion's Club, headed by Oh Joong Hwan and Kim Kyung Sic. Yang Pyung is known as a resort town, only 65 miles from Seoul, surrounded by beautiful rocky mountains with water streaming through the valleys. As a major source of Seoul's water supply, Yang Pyung's water comes from the convergence of two major rivers, North Han and South Han, which meet at Yang Soori, resulting in drinking water for 10 million people of Seoul. The water from the rivers originates from babbling brooks and rocky mountains, providing pure clean water.

Yang Pyung is also home to a 1,000-year old ginkgo tree, planted in the front yard of the Yongmoon SA Temple from the cane of the famous monk, a virtuous Seosan in Korean history. This is the oldest ginkgo tree in Korea. It has become a historical national treasure. In addition, King Jounjo in the Lee Dynasty made a royal march on horseback and crossed a man-made bridge created from boats in order to visit his father in Hwa Seong, Soowon city, about 60 miles from Seoul.

The Jipyung-Ri battlefield in Yang Pyung was a turning point in the Korean War, nearly being captured by 150,000 Chinese soldiers, in addition to the North Korean troops already present. The French General Ralph Monclar, a World War I & II war hero, who gave up the coveted 3-star General rank to become a battalion commander, was injured while in a fox-hole with American Colonel Freeman, a



Commander of Korean War Veterans Association in Ji-Pyung Ni Chapter presents to Dr. Hubert Hojae Lee a book about the battle in Jipyung Ni during the Korean War (Feb 11through 13, 1951) when French General Monclar and American Col. Freeman successfully drove 150,000 Chinese soldiers away by sounding a French siren.

commander of the 3rd Regiment of the U.S. Army 2nd Infantry Division. They created a strategy to attack nearly 150,000 Chinese soldiers.

With only 60,000 soldiers, including 180 Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA), the French hand operated a siren that generated ferocious, scaring sounds, which helped drive the Chinese soldiers back to the north. The history of the Korean War tells us that without a UN victory in the Jipyung-Ri battle, Korea might have been overtaken by the communist government due to its numerically superior strength.

Even with the combined forces of the United Nations' soldiers, Korean forces reportedly totaled a meager 39,000. Dr. Hubert Hojae Lee, 1st Vice-President of CID 202, Orange County, New York, visited the office of K WV along with directors of the foundation, Michael Frank from Chicago, and Ron Cheong. There they paid a tribute at a monument and presented a plaque of appreciation to commander Park Kwang Man for his selfless

service during the Korean War.

The foundation states three primary goals: 1) strengthening the existing allied relationship between the United States and the Republic of Korea 2) educating young college students about the world's eco-



Dr. Hubert Lee and guests at check presentation

Foundation, USA at Yang Pyung, Korea

nomic state, 3) helping disadvantaged children. The foundation has engaged in a lecture series at several Korean colleges, e.g., Korea University, Dan kook University, Seowon University, and Han kook University of Foreign Studies, on topics such as the global economic recession (by Dr. Hubert Lee), the American jury system (by Judge Frank LaBuda, New York State trial lawyer and John Kelly, a son of a General Douglas MacArthur staff member during the Korean War), and on the comparative analysis on police seizure and arrests between Korea and America (by law professor Sam Braverman of Pace University).

The total funds raised in America over the past 13 years have amounted to \$170,000.00, of which the foundation, with the support of the KWVA's Chapter 202, has supported 350 abandoned children and dozens of blind children for eye operation expenses. As a new activity, the foundation focuses on selecting talented young students and aims at supporting and cultivating their special talents.

In this year's ceremony, twenty students were chosen to receive funding. In attendance were the president of the foundation, accompanied by director Michael Frank, a chairman of Earwig Blue Jazz Music company, director Kim Tae Hee, and Ron Cheong. When I shook hands with those young students, the words of poet William Wordsworth struck me: "My heart was leaping up when beholding the sky."

In my opening statements, I encouraged the young generation to dream like the politician William Bryant, Reverend Martin Luther King, and Thomas Edison. As I noted, "A life with dreams and hopes makes a bigger difference than does a life without them. I am here to deliver love and carry out the great mission of the foundation, which motivates the young generation to grow like a tree with dreams and ambition.

"Because of love, the founding father George Washington donated part of his farm land to his slaves, Abraham Lincoln liberated slaves from the chains, and Thomas Edison invented electricity to

Dr. Lee presents flower wreath in front of Ji Pyung Ni War Monument in memory of soldiers killed during the Ji Pyung-Ni battle



give all mankind the benefit and civilization.

"Because of the spirit of love, I and other members of the foundation flew 7,500 miles, crossing the Pacific Ocean at our own expense. I thank the Honorable Benjamin Gilman, former chairman of the House International Relations Committee, U.N. Ambassador, Honorable Lester Wolff, former chairman of the House Pacific Asian Committee, President Clinton's special ambassador to China, Honorable Lee Chul Seung, chairman of the World Peace Prize Committee, and the Honorable Lee Kitaek, vice chairman of the national Unification Supreme council for their attendance and warm messages.

"It is our intention to give light to the underprivileged children by supporting their schooling, shelter and clothing, so

that they will grow to become globally serving citizens, and make a difference in the world in which we live.

"Special thanks go to those volunteer artists, local government officials such as Yang Pyung Goonsoo, members of the Lion's Club (Yang Pyung & Kyunggi-do). Let God bless America and Korea, and those who spared no effort to spread the loving spirit to neighbors and communities around the world. Thank you very much."

Dr. Lee is the President of Korean American Foundation, USA, Commissioner of Human Rights, Orange County, NY, 1st Vice-president of CID 202, and a member of the Republican Presidential Task Force in U.S. Senate. He can be reached at drhl@frontier.net.

Contingent of guests and hosts at Dr. Lee's presentation



The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

Tell America

Tell America Report

This is the Tell America Program Report. JUNE, 2014-JUNE, 2015 Please read and forward this to your chapters.

I am proud to report The Tell America Program is strong and viable. We have established a reporting system to make it easier for Chapters to report their Tell America Programs.

We are also working closely with Dr. Jongwoo Han, CEO of the Korean War Veterans Legacy Foundation.

The report is as follows:

- Chapters reporting: 28
- News Paper/ Magazines: 2
- Radio/ Television: 5
- Schools: 14,993 attendees

Ladies and gentlemen, no wonder we are still known as the Forgotten War and not THE FORGOTTEN VICTORY.

Now let's get out there and TELL AMERICA!!!!!!!!!!!!

Tell America has new maps

Gen Shin had 5,000 new Korea maps printed, which he recently presented at the National Meeting in Washington, D.C. The original maps had certain areas using Japanese names like Chosin Reservoir, which Koreans refer to as Chongjin Reservoir.

The new maps have been updated to the modern Korean names for all locations. Please contact the Material Coordinator, Mr. A. J. Key, at alveskey@sbcglobal.net or 817-472-7743, to request copies. He will need your chapter number, shipping address, and the quantity of copies requested.

Should you need assistance with your current program, or wish to start a new Tell American Program, please contact Roy Aldridge, National Tell America Chairman, at royaldridge@sbcglobal.net or 915.581.4725.

55 - NASSAU COUNTY #1 [NY]

In June Don Zoeller and Buddy Epstein spent a day at the Weber Middle School in Port Washington, NY. They shared

their experiences in Korea during the war.

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



Buddy Epstein of Ch 55 shares Korean War experiences with Weber Middle School students



Don Zoeller of Ch 55 surrounded by Weber Middle School students

172 - HANCOCK COUNTY [OH]

Our Tell America committee was busy this past spring. Members Ray Jameson and Kim Turley presented programs at Van Buren High School and Vanlue High School in Hancock County. They, along with members Rollie

Bibler and Elmer Wilch, also presented a program at the Bluffton, OH KOA Camping Center on Armed Forces weekend.

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Associate Member Kim Turley of Ch 44 at Van Buren High School. (She is writing a book regarding nurses in the Korean War.)

Below, Ray Jameson, Ch 44 Tell America Committee Chairman, addresses class at Van Buren High School



249 – JOSEPH C. RODRIGUEZ MOH [TX]

Our North San Francisco Bay Division presented a Tell America program at a meeting of the Exchange Club of Santa Rosa, CA on July 22, 2015. After the pledge of allegiance a brief history of the Korean War was given and the Korean War memorial scheduled to be installed at a city

park in Petaluma, California was described.

The Korea Reborn book and Jack Walker's *A Brief Account of the Korean War* were available for review.

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Korean War veterans Pau Lewis and Marshall Davis of Ch 249 with Exchange Club attendees

The Place To Be On Labor Day: Ch 314's Special Day

The place to be in western North Carolina on Labor Day would be Hendersonville. It's home to the Apple Festival and the annual Labor Day Parade. Our chapter, CID 314, Western North Carolina, of which I am commander, entered a float in the parade as we have done for several years. Sunday night I got an e-mail from one member canceling out; Monday I got another e-mail and a couple phone calls. Most of the cancellations were for medical reasons.

When we took a "head count" at the parade starting point, we only had eight members. Of course, we were disappointed, so we joked about only eight old men on our float. We climbed aboard with our flags and banner as if the entire chapter was there. It was very difficult to hide our disappointment, but we did.

As our float was turning onto Main Street, the high school band marching in front of us broke into a medley of military marching music. It was like a miracle. My disappointment went away. I stood up a little straighter and a smile crept onto my face. At that point the crowd took over with applause and salutes and shouted "Thank you" to us. It continued all the way to the end of the parade route. They never even seemed to notice that we only had eight old men on the float! They were showing their appreciation to all the veterans of the war in Korea.

Their support turned a very disappointing day into one of the best days in my entire life. It took several hours for me to get the grin off my face. And YES, we will have a float in next year's parade.

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15 – 22 May '16 London Specialty Tour

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Growing a KWVA Chapter

If new members do not come to you, then take your Chapter to them—six months later!



Al Schuetz of Ch 169 served as the prime speaker at the July 27, 2015, cease fire event in The Villages. (Photo by Joan Bernat)

ing or maintaining membership and getting new members to come to your chapter, then take your chapter to the new members. (See “If new members do not come to you, then take your Chapter to them! *The Graybeards*, March - April 2015, pp. 12-13.) We in CID169, Korean War and Korea Defense Service Veterans of Lake County (FL) did just that; we took our chapter to where new members reside.

We initiated a dual meeting format. We kept the one on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Leesburg (FL) Senior Center that we have maintained for the past 17 years.

But, in November 2014, we began to hold separate but equal chapter meetings every third Saturday at the Eisenhower Recreation Center in The Villages, FL, about 10 miles from the Leesburg site. So, what happened?

For starters, we have grown our

chapter membership by 33 to 104 total paid (active) members as of August 21, 2015, which makes us the 5th largest chapter in the U.S.* Of these 33 new members, 23 joined at the new meeting site, and 10 at the original site! Twenty-one are Korean War veterans, nine are Korea Defense Service veterans, and three are Associate members.

And, that has been with essentially no publicity effort!

But, as we gained a foothold, The Villages’ press has become much more comfortable with us because we meet in their Recreation Center, in their community, and with members largely coming from that community. As a result, we are getting favorable press, and we are confident that will mean continued growth. In the process, we have gained new, valuable chapter talent. Members are willing to join chapter activities like Tell America and Color Guard, to be members of the Board of Directors, and to make presentations at our chapter meetings.

It is important to educate each group on the activities of the other. After all, the new site started with a zero base knowledge of KWVA, the Department of Florida, and the Chapter! We have added members from the Saturday group to our single Board of Directors, which we believe will help. And, we are focusing our meeting agendas to help educate new members whenever possible. Certainly, we did not accomplish our gains without some challenges.

Two meetings a month are a challenge. So are soliciting two speakers, setting two meeting agendas, and producing two sets of minutes. It also has meant that we need to spread our members’ involvement across two simultaneous celebration events, because The Villages already has a viable veterans memorial program.

For example, we had a prime role in two simultaneous July 27, 2015, events celebrating the signing of the cease fire ending the Korean War, one at the Veterans Memorial in Leesburg and the other at the Veterans Memorial in The Villages. Both were at 10 a.m.

In the March-April 2015 edition of *The Graybeards*, we suggested that if your chapter has a problem grow-



Ch169 President Art Iversen swears in John Turner, Damon Barkow, and John Shanon (all L-R); Lawrence Kliemann, Jr., and Ed Domenech mailed their dues following the meeting, and were not included in this photo

For starters, we have grown our chapter membership by 33 to 104 total paid (active) members as of August 21, 2015, which makes us the 5th largest chapter in the U.S! Of these 33 new members, 23 joined at the new meeting site, and 10 at the original site!

Our Chapter provided the Color Guard for both events, the entire program at the Leesburg celebration, the POW/MIA recognition for both, and the speaker at The Villages remembrance!

In total, these two events were the subjects of eight separate articles in three prime local press outlets, and one local TV channel! The following meeting at The Villages saw us grow by five new members!

We are extremely happy with our results after a bit over nine months into this experiment, and we definitely plan to continue it with vigor. Six months or so from now, we expect to be challenging CID 40, Minnesota No. 1, at 116 total members for number three in the nation! Stay tuned.

Tom Thiel, CID169 Secretary, Editor, and Webperson, kwvathiel@gmail.com

*Source of Chapter Membership information is the: "Dept/Chapter Searchable BRIEF Summary List w/Member Counts (1+)," which is available online to all chapters from the secure portion of the Association's excellent website, www.kwva.org (report downloaded and restructured with Excel, see: http://cid169.kwva.org/Manual/050_copyandpaste.htm).

A copy of the entire list of 215 chapters in pdf format will be provided as an email attachment to anyone requesting same of the author at the above email address.



ABOVE: Ch 169 Color Guard, Leesburg component, at July 27, 2015, Armistice event. Members of this unit, starting with those visible in the photo, from front, DJ Lynch, Bill Simunek, Bill Shumaker, Joel Briggs and Frank Keaser and Wally Jones, who did the MIA procedure. (Photo by Brett Le Blanc / Daily Commercial, Leesburg, FL)

BELOW: Ch 169 Color Guard, The Villages component, at July 27, 2015 cease fire event at The Villages, from left: Gordon Talbot, Art Iversen (President), Al Schuetz, and Col. Joy Selph, Ret., who along with President Iversen conducted our chapter's MIA procedure there. (Photo by Joan Bernat, CID 169 Chapter honorary member)



Chapter & Department News

12 CPT PAUL DILL #2 [DE]

We attended a 25 June 2015 ceremony held by the Philadelphia, PA Korean War Veterans chapter to commemorate the start of the Korean War.

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LeRoy Rutter, Nancy Russell, Cortland Warrington, Frank Davidson, Watson Day, Commander Rick Schroeder, President of Philadelphia KVA Oh Young Lee, George Taylor, Dave Torrens, Allister Barker, and Bill Russell of Ch 12 at Philadelphia ceremony



Rick Schroeder of Ch 12 (C) standing with Philadelphia KWV Honor Guard

19 GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

Members marched in the Alpharetta Old Soldiers Annual Parade. (Alpharetta is an Atlanta suburb.)

The speaker at our recent luncheon was Brigadier General Joseph Jarrard, Adjutant General, Georgia Department of Defense. We presented the general with a photograph Jim

Conway took recently with he and Consul General Seong-Jin Kim.

There were a number of members with questions after the general's remarks.



BGen Joseph Jarrard addresses Ch 19 members



Bob McCubbins, President of Ch 19, presents photo to BGen Joseph Jarrard

Members were invited to a reception and dinner for "Friends of Korea." Speakers included Seong-jin Kim, Consul General, Consulate General Republic of Korea in Georgia, Robert McCubbins, Ch 19 President, James Mayer, Treasurer, Friends



Paul S. Meyer addresses Ch 19 audience

of Korea, Phillip Lamson, Peace Corps K-24, and B J Pak, House of Georgia Representative.



Speakers at Friends of Korea dinner (L-R) Seong-jin Kim, Robert McCubbins, James Mayer, Phillip Lamson, and B J Pak

A recent luncheon guest speaker was Mr. Paul S. Meyer, Assistant General Manager, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest airport. Mr. Meyer gave a very informative PowerPoint talk on the next thirty years planning, which includes another runway and hotel with direct access to the terminal, plus many other changes for the convenience of travelers.

Jim Conway, conatlanta@comcast.net

25 GREATER CHICAGO [IL]

Members participated in the Chicago Memorial Day Parade. The parade sponsors many participants, which include ROTC groups, drum and bugles corps, and many active military units and veterans.

Charles A. Simokaitis, 1211 Potter Rd.
Park Ridge, IL 60068



Members of Ch 25 pass Chicago Theater during Memorial Day parade



Marchers from Ch 25 prepare for start of Chicago Memorial Day parade

30 INDIANA #1 [IN]

We have new officers for 2016: Commander Garry Sink, 1st VP Dale Parrish, Secretary Marian Wisniewski, 2nd VP and Honor Guard Commander Carl Fowler, Treasurer Cletus Rumschlag, Trustee Walter Scare, Trustee "Skip" Crider, Sgt.-at-Arms Fred Ireland, Chaplain Marilyn Renbarger, and Judge Advocate "Bud" Mendenhall.



ABOVE: New officers for Ch 30 (L-R) Past Commander Bernard Wisniewski, Garry Sink, Dale Parrish, Marian Wisniewski, Carl Fowler, Cletus Rumschlag, Walter Scare, "Skip" Crider, and "Bud" Mendenhall

BELOW: Auxiliary members of Ch 30: Jean Mendenhall (Newsletter), Nancy Sink (Entertainment), and Mary Anna Roemke, (Publicity & Tell America) (L-R)

We have a great group of officers, who do a wonderful job.

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

40 MINNESOTA #1 [MN]

We participated in the New Brighton, MN “Stockyard Parade.” We rode in a Marine 2-1/2-ton trailer towed by a jeep.

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



Contingent from Ch 40 at Stockyard Parade (L-R) Blair Rumble, Ken Swanson, Brad Van Hatten, Al Lindner, Erv Lewandowski, Arnie Hellenberg, President Ed Valle (Missing from photo are Bob Pellow and Andy Urness)
Photo by Metro U.S. Marine Corps.



LEFT: Ramsey County [MN] attorney John Choi (L) and Ch 40 President Ed Valle talk before Stockyard Parade

43 KANSAS CITY MISSOURI #2 [MO]

Adaire Stewart, Service Coordinator for the Fairmont Plaza Apts. For Adults 62 Years Of Age And Older, puts on the biggest little ceremony that members Lou Ramsey and I attend all year. This was our second year to attend.

Last year I was asked to give the Memorial Day commemoration address. This year we were invited back as guests. This was their seventh Annual Flag Raising ceremony.

The Raising of the Flag was conducted by Honor Guard Captain Billie Gamell and veterans of V.F.W. Post 1738 and Captain Matt Kline and the Sugar Creek Police Dept. Sugar



Captain Matt Kline and members of the Sugar Creek Police Department (L) and Honor Guard Captain Billie Gamell and members of VFW Post 1738 at Fairmont Plaza, KS Memorial Day event



Guests and dignitaries at Fairmont Plaza, KS commemoration



Ron Graham, Bob Jones, Lou Ramsey, Sgt. Clayton Fidler (Front, L-R) in front of members of the VFW Honor Guard at Fairmont Plaza gathering

Creek Mayor Matt Mallinson introduced Sgt. Clayton Fidler, an active veteran and member of the Missouri Army National Guard, who gave the Memorial Day commemoration address.

There was a closing prayer by Wilma Dickey. The ensuing reception began with a lot of good food.

Adaire, thanks for inviting us back.

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Bob Jones (L) and Lou Ramsey of Ch 43 chow down at Fairmont Plaza reception



Lunch break at St. Clairsville, OH for Ch 44 contingent: Kellie Brehm, Lewis Smith, his brother Lloyd Smith, (who is also a Korean veteran) and Reverend Morano Richardson

44 MISSOURI #1 [MO]

In May, four of our members made the trip to Washington, D.C. to see the war memorials via VetsRoll, out of Beloit, WI, sponsored by Mark Finnegan R.V Center. They were Harry Hope, 2nd Vice Commander, Charles Mach, Treasurer, Lewis Smith, and Walter Schoneke, Pearl Harbor survivor.

We had 200 vets and 100 assistants and nurses—all packed into ten buses. That was some convoy! The scheduling on this trip was great! Good show, Mark!



Harry Hope, 2nd Vice Cmdr. of Ch 44, by bus on Washington D.C. visit



Charles Mach, Ch 44 Treasurer, on VetsRoll trip



Buses transporting Ch 44 members line up at the hotel in Washington, D.C, ready to head home

I thought the Korean Memorial was very impressive. It had a moving feeling about it.

When we were at Arlington Cemetery, our bus stopped at Walter Schoneke's parents' grave site.

The trip was great. Our Team Leader, Kellie Brehm, was the best! Everybody, including our assistants and nurses, had fun. (Find more info on Vets Roll at <http://www.vetsroll.org/>.)

Lewis Smith, 509 W. Washington Avenue
Kirkwood, MO 63122, 314-821-0657

54 THOMAS W. DALEY, JR. [NJ]

We attended a memorial service at the Korean War Memorial in Atlantic City on 27 July 2015, along with members of many other New Jersey chapters.

We do our annual fundraising at various locations in our area. We find that our residents are very generous to our veterans.

Our members explain how their donations are used for veterans services. Patriotism is alive and well in our community.

(The following photos were taken at Acme Store in Voorhees, NJ.)

Andy Jackson, captjack71@comcast.net



Charlie Kerber, Sal Giunta, and George Ulmer of Ch 54 (L-R) at fundraising event



Jimmy Krysztoforski and Bill Wildman (L-R) raise funds for Ch 54 projects



Fred Connolly, of Turnersville, NJ, plays taps during the 62nd anniversary of the Korean War cease fire at the Korean War Memorial in Atlantic City on 27 July 2015



New Jersey KWVA members placing wreaths at the memorial wall. Ch 54 members Charles Kerber and John Hartley are to the right of the veteran in the foreground.

55 NASSAU COUNTY #1 [NY]

We paraded in Levittown, NY on Memorial Day. Our commander, Charlie Bours, was the Grand Marshal.

Charlie wears many hats in the chapter, e.g., news editor and membership chairman.

Robert O'Brien, P.O. Box 1591
N. Massapequa, NY 11758



Jack Leff, Dick Doster, Donald J. Zoeller, Charlie Bours, and Robert O'Brien (L-R) of Ch 55 at Memorial Day parade



Memorial Day Parade Marshal Charlie Bours of Ch 55

59 NORTHEAST [NY]/60 - ADIRONDACK [NY]

On September 8, 2015 members of Ch 60, Adirondack, and Ch 59, Northeast, were honored by the Korean Association of Albany, NY at a ceremony held at the Korean United Methodist Church in Clifton Park, NY. Retired Korean Army MajGen Seung Woo Choi presented medals and certificates of appreciation to members of both chapters to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the landing at Inchon in September 1950.

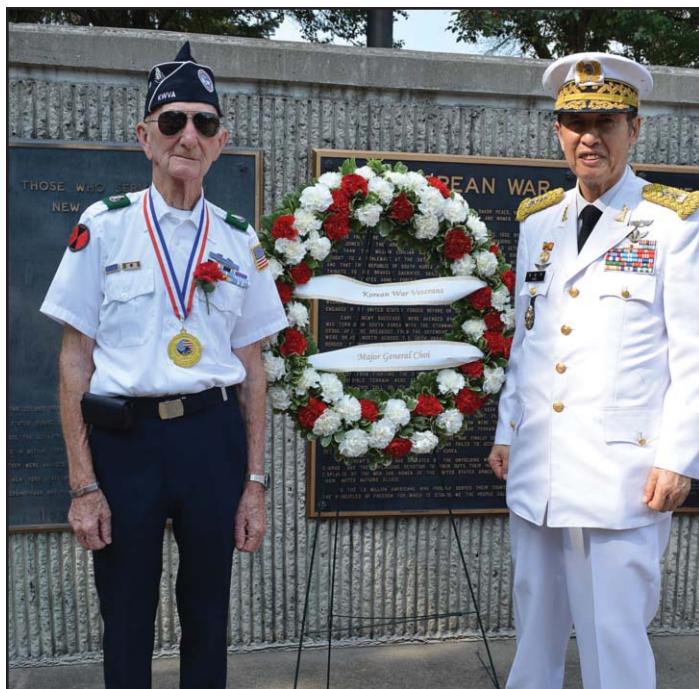
Following the ceremony, attendees were treated to a lunch of

delightful Korean foods.

Gen. Choi then proceeded to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Albany, NY to pay his respects to Korean War veterans in that facility.

Gen. Choi's final event of the day was to present a wreath at the NY State Korean Memorial in Albany, NY.

James Busher, jbushers2@aol.com



James Busher (L) and retired Korean Army MajGen Seung Woo Choi. Mr. Busher, as a member of the 7th Infantry Division, was a participant in the landing at Inchon in September 1950.

66 CPL ALLAN F. KIVLEHAN [NY]

On May 22, 2015 we held our annual dinner/dance at the Staaten to celebrate our 25th anniversary. We started in 1990 with ten members meeting in a back yard on Staten Island. We now have over 160 members.



Commander George E. Parsons of Ch 66, Ibrahim Kuetulas, Turkish rep of Staten Island, NY, Consul Gen. Ertan Yalcin, Sal Scarlato (seated, L-R); Consul Rim, Jin-Hong, John Ha (standing, L-R) at anniversary dinner



Consul Rim, Jin-Hong, Korean community rep Myong Naggie, George E. Parsons, Rev. & Mrs. Samuel Sukjin Jang, 2nd VP Joseph Bonamo, and Treasurer Frank Carepa of Ch 66 at anniversary dinner



Guests at Ch 66's dinner

Approximately 150 guests, members, and wives joined in the celebration, along with honored guests Consul Rim, Jin-Hong, representing the Consul General of the Republic of South Korea, Ertan Yalcin, Consul General of the Republic of Turkey, and Sal Scarlato, Past Director of the KWVA.

The Reverend Samuel Sukjin Jang officiated the ceremony with an opening prayer.

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



More guests at Ch 66's dinner

121 GREATER CINCINNATI [OH]

We participated in Memorial Day and 4th of July ceremonies this year.

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



ABOVE: Members of Ch 121 and their Korean guests at chapter's monument on Memorial Day

LEFT: Ch 121 members salute as Taps is played at Memorial Day ceremony



4th of July parade participants from Ch 121 assemble

137 MAHONING COUNTY [OH]

We participated in the Mahoning Valley 4th of July parade.

Charles A. Stepan, 175 Erskine Ave.
Boardman, OH 44512



Charles A. Stepan of Ch 137 stands next to jeep and float used in Mahoning Valley parade ((Writing on fender reads: "Chance of being killed or wounded....WWII, 1 in 13; Viet Nam, 1 in 19; Korea, 1 in 9")



Ch 137's memorial in Youngstown, OH (small stone on right depicts Marine Corps' hero and MOH recipient John D. Kelly)

148 CENTRAL JERSEY [NJ]

We donated \$2,000.00 worth of books and lap robes to the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park on 23 July 2015. At the same time we enlisted a band called the “Patriots Brass Band,” which entertained the veterans at the Veterans Home with patriotic music.

Money collected on our Rose of Sharon drive helped pay for this entertainment. A great day was had by all the veterans, patients and chapter members who attended.

Charles Koppelman, 6 Yarmouth Dr., Monroe Township, NJ 08831, 609-655-3111, KWVANJ@yahoo.com

(Photos courtesy of Charles Koppelman)



Edward Abrams, Chaplain Harvey Weinberg, Commander Robert D. Bliss (presenting check), Mr. Joseph Brandspiegel, CEO of Menlo Park, Treasurer Lee Kaczmarek, Sr. Vice Commander and Rose of Sharon Chairman, Herb Picker, Chapter Finance Secretary, Edward Rappleja Sr., and Department of New Jersey Commander Charles Koppelman (L-R) at Ch 148 event



Lap robes made and donated by the Concordia Crochet Club being displayed by the Ch 148 members' wives and significant others before being donated to the veterans at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park, NJ



Members of the “Patriots Brass Band” and Ch148 members at Menlo Park, NJ presentation

159 SUNSHINE STATE [FL]

In pursuance of our national president's ‘From the President’ closing remarks in the May-June 2015 *Graybeards* in regard to members help in obtaining co-sponsors for the new H.B.1475, and getting the word to your representative, member Bill Slavins and his good lady Meredith approached the office of our congressman, David Jolly, and reminded him that we encouraged his backing for this bill.



Peter Palmer, Congressman Jolly, Bill Slavins and Meredith Slavins (L-R) talk about H.R. 1475

Our Congressman was not only wholly behind the bill, but, even at the time he was making a bid to become a Florida State Senator, he was prepared to take the time to spread the word, and anything else he could do in the cause of our troops and veterans.

Peter Palmer, Commander, palmersp@verizon.net

Here is a copy of a letter from the congressman to Bill Slavins announcing his support:

July 29, 2015

Dear Lt. Col. Slavins,

Because of our mutual commitment to honor the service of those who fought in the Korean War, you may be pleased to know of

recent Congressional action in this regard.

During a discussion with a Korean War veteran in our community, I was made aware of legislation recently introduced in the House of Representatives that would permit a privately funded Wall of Remembrance to the Korean War Memorial. This wall would list the names of all members of our Armed Forces who were killed in action, prisoners of war, and those still missing in action. Memorials such as these give all generations of Americans the ability to remember those who served in armed conflicts and act as a reminder of the brave souls who have valiantly fought for our freedom. This Wall of Remembrance is only a small act to recognize Korean War veterans for their service and honor the memory of all lost and missing souls from this conflict.

I have proudly cosponsored H.R. 1475, the Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act of 2015, which allows the Wall of Remembrance to be added to the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. While the American Battle Monuments Commission is authorized to request and consider design recommendations for the Wall of Remembrance, the wall is required to include a list of names of the service members who were killed in action, and the number of U.S. troops who were wounded, listed as missing in action, and prisoners of war. This wall will also state the number of troops in Korean armies and nations of the United Nations Command who were killed, wounded, listed as missing, or who were prisoners of war.

It is my hope that this important legislation will reach the floor of the House of Representatives so that we have the opportunity to approve this bill. You can be sure that I will update you with any legislative developments.

Thank you for remaining interested in this most important matter. It is my hope that you will keep me apprised of your interest in legislative issues important to you. Lastly, please visit my website located at jolly.house.gov. On my website, you can sign up for my weekly e-newsletter, which provides an update on issues in Congress.

With much respect,

David W. Jolly

Member of Congress

164 DALE H. WILLIAMS POST 1996 [MI]

We participated in the Labor Day Parade in Manton, MI.



Members held a Rose of Sharon sale to fund our scholarship program.

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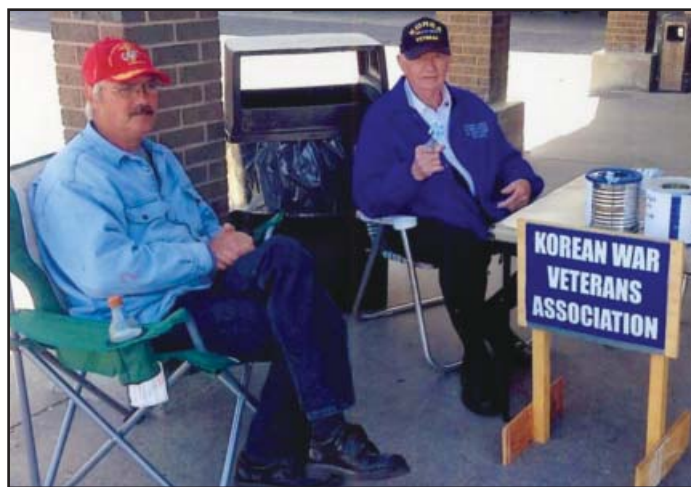
Commander Ken Amlotte (L) and Secretary/Treasurer Nick Herringa of Ch 164 at Rose of Sharon sale



Ken Amlotte (L) and Winfred Lovelace of Ch 164 check out an old truck at the Manton, MI Labor Day Parade



Three scholarship recipients sit in front of Ch 164 members



Nathan Soles (L) and Winfred Lovelace (R) sell Rose of Sharon to fund Ch 164's scholarships

169 LAKE COUNTY [FL]

Member Subject of Wish of a Lifetime Celebration

Longtime KWVA member Dick Pfahler was a recent recipient of a Wish of a Lifetime celebration held at the Venetian Gardens,

Leesburg, FL. Dick served two tours in Korea during the Korean War aboard USS St. Paul, which helped prepare for the landing at Inchon Harbor in September 1950.

In addition, the crew discovered and attended to about 45 orphans on the nearby island of Fusshi. Dick regularly told our Tell America audiences about the “Orphans of Fusshi,” until he was no longer able to.

Wish of a Lifetime (<http://www.seniorwish.org/>) seeks to shift the way society views and values our oldest generations by fulfilling seniors’ dreams and sharing their stories to inspire those of all ages.



Richard N. Pfahler at Leesburg, FL event

BELOW: Richard and Vi Pfahler (center) among family and friends at Wish of a Lifetime ceremony



Over fifty of Dick’s family and friends, including many of his fellow chapter members, participated in the event, which was hosted by Wish of a Lifetime. Chapter members and guests included Carol Becker, Joel Briggs, Gloria and Jim Corbet, Joe Gruber, Ted Jansen, Frank Keaser, Bob Peters, Dick and Vi Pfahler, Ron and Glennie Psonak, Al Schuetz, Bill Simunek, Tom Thiel, Don and Julia Van Beck, Brian Welke, and Charlie White.

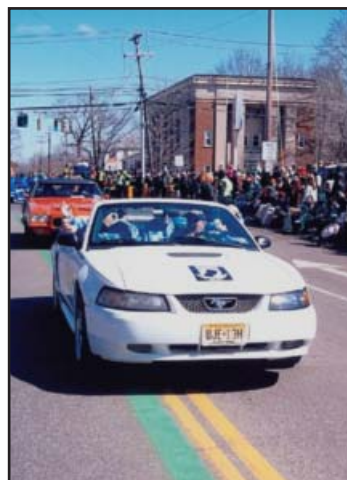
Tom Thiel, 19147 Park Place Blvd, Eustis, FL 32736, 352-408-6612, kwvathiel@gmail.com, www.cid169.kwva.org www.24thida.com (Photos by member Carol Becker.)

170 TAEJON [NJ]

Sixteen members participated in the 53rd annual Pearl River, NY St. Patrick’s Day Parade on 22 March 2015—a cold, windy day. The Rockland Count Ancient Order of Hibernians sponsored the parade.

Participants met at VFW Post #3484 to start the day. (That is where we hold most of our meetings, and many of our members belong to the post.) A school bus awaited us for the journey to Pearl River.

All veterans groups marched in the front of the parade in the Honor Battalion. We were the only group from New Jersey that participated.



Members of Ch 170 who rode the St. Patrick’s Day Parade route in Walter Amos’ car—which he drove

BELOW: Color Guard Captain Henry Ferrarini (L) and member Alexander Atheras of Ch 170 march in Pearl River, NY parade

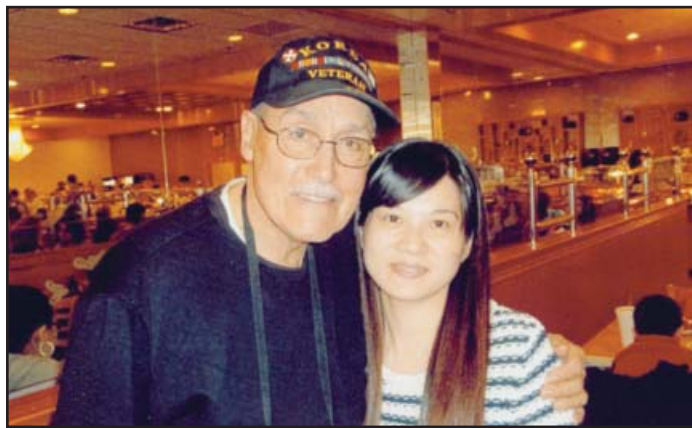


Edward Frye (L) and Pasquale Candela hold Ch 170 banner in parade

The parade stepped off at 11:30 a.m. and lasted for hours. It's hard to explain the tremendous crowd that lined the sidewalks for the entire three-mile route, 3, 4, and sometimes 5 people deep. The constant loud cheering noise amazed everyone marching.



Commander Kenneth Green of Ch 170 salutes large crowd at St. Patrick's Day parade



Louis Quagliero (L) of Ch 170, who arranged the post-parade buffet, with loyal supporter Joyce Zheng

Our Commander, Kenneth Green, who was up front near the Taejon banner, kept responding with an arm wave.

Even though our chapter is known for marching and singing cadence, 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." When we approached the grandstand, and the announcer mentioned the Korean War veterans, another raucous cheer went up.

After we finally reached the finish line and completed the three-mile route, we boarded the bus, returned to Saddle Brook, and repaired to the family-owned Clifton, NJ Buffet Restaurant, where our close friend and owner Joyce Zheng greeted us. She has been a great supporter of our chapter for years.

We enjoyed a great buffet and fellowship to close the memorable day.

God bless our members as they continue with pride to represent the Korean War veterans of our country.

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

172 HANCOCK COUNTY [OH]

We conducted our 2015 Rose of Sharon Scholarship Fund Drive on May 9th and 15th. Twenty three members assisted in the drive, bringing in almost \$4,000.00 in donations. Since the inception of the fund drive in 2002, we have awarded 48 scholarships totaling \$24,000.00 to first-year college students. The students must be related to a chapter member.



Gene Margraf and Al Sanchez (Seated, L-R) and Jim Munger, Don Van Renterhagen, and Charles Giles (Standing, L-R) of Ch 172 at Rose of Sharon sale



Roland Hutchins (seated), Cliff Biddinger (L) and Merle McKeever participate in Ch 172's Rose of Sharon drive

Eight members took part in the Memorial Day parade held in Findlay, OH. VP Bob Taylor served as our parade chairman. He and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hennings provided the vehicles for our members.

We held our Annual Spring Banquet on June 18th, with 131 members and guests in attendance. Pres. Ron Dutton presided; Associate Member Larry Monday, our speaker, talked on "A Tribute to All Veterans." Ohio KWVA State Sec. Treas. Howard Camp installed our new officers for the period 2015 to 2017. Member Ray Jameson was awarded the chapter's Outstanding Service Award for 2015.

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Jake Cogley (L) and Leonard Ziessler of Ch 172 solicit support for scholarship fund

President Ron Dutton of Ch 172 (R) presents the Outstanding Service Award to Ray Jameson (L)



Don Kramp, Jim Iler, and Bob Taylor (L-R) of Ch 172 do their part in Rose of Sharon campaign



Phil Bresler (L) and Sam Ellis raise funds for Ch 172's scholarships



Larry Monday addresses Ch 172 banquet crowd

181 KANSAS #1 [KS]

Members attended a dinner at Kansas Mission Church. The dinner was sponsored by Major General (ret) Choi of the Republic of Korea Army. He presented medals to members in appreciation of their service to his country.

Korean-American parishioners of the church prepared and served a sumptuous dinner to over thirty members and their wives. They also provided entertainment for the evening.

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Memorial Day parade participants from Ch 172 (L-R) Bob Taylor, Ron Dutton, Bob Perkins (in front), Don Kramp, Mona Hennings, Glen Hennings, and Ray Jameson

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General Choi and his lady surrounded by members of Ch 181 at church dinner

186 ST. CHARLES COUNTY [MO]

Recent activities include marching in a Memorial Day parade and the O'Fallon, MO 4th of July 2015 parade and cleaning of the St. Louis and St. Charles Missouri KWVA Chapters memorial, which is shared by and scheduled for six local chapters. We have wondered what will happen when we Korean vets have passed away. Will the memorial still be cleaned?



Bob Peitz (L) and Virgil Olendorff of Ch 186 walk to levee on Missouri River to place floral wreath at Memorial Day ceremony



Marv Kreiling, John Lacy, Chris Christifulli, Elmer Austermann, and Tom Koulan of Ch 186 (L-R) at O'Fallon, MO 4th of July parade

The local Korean community came forward and promised that they will assume the responsibility for cleaning it. They are a wonderful group here in this area.

Below are comments from Tommy Jung, a Korean student. He made them to one of our members, Bob Breig, whose grandson is Stephen Jung's roommate. I left the wording and mistakes untouched. Edited or not, they demonstrate that there is a generation of Korean youth that is still thankful. Here they are.

"Yesterday, I got a chance to see my really good friend Stephen's grandfather who fought for the Korean War as a proud marine and he told me a great story about his experience and journey throughout the Korean war he had to face with. Also, he



Art Minor (L), holding Ch 186 flag, and Bob Osborn, holding American flag, march the three-mile long O'Fallon 4th of July parade



Bob Osborn, Marv Kreiling, and Joe Brown of Ch 186 cleaning the MO KWVA memorial



Tommy Jung with Stephen Jenkins

showed me the order of merit and commendation which he got it from the Korean government and I just felt so honored to be with him and listen to his story.

"I truly feel so thankful to him and all other soldiers who risked their lives to protect South Korea from North Korea and other communist countries. I won't be having all this freedom if Stephen's grandfather and other U.S soldiers were not protecting

South Korea from Korean War.

"I finally met my true hero and I just wanted to share my short story to my friends."

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209 LAREDO KWVA 1950 [TX]

On September 4, 2015, Sgt. Valentin Moreno was awarded his Purple Heart medal—after three decades of waiting.

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



Director Abe Soto, Jesus Segovia, Ernesto Sanchez, Sal Schiaraffa, Luis Bazaldua, Sgt. Valentin Moreno, Congressman Henry Cuellar, Mayor Pete Saenz, and Ch 209 President Nicolas Nanez (L-R) at Purple Heart presentation

215 GEN. WALTON H. WALKER [TX]

On June 12th & 13th, 2015 forty veterans were on the Honor Flight #25 from Dallas/Fort Worth to Washington D.C. Twenty of the veterans were members of our chapter. Upon our arrival at Dallas Love Field Airport, we were greeted by people lining the halls, cheering us on as we boarded the flight, much like they would cheer returning troops from overseas service.

The trip to Washington D.C. involved touring the military monuments. The "Changing of the Guard" at the Tomb of the Unknowns, where our group was provided front row viewing, was very impressive.

The Air Force Monument is located in the flight path of the plane



Honor Flight veterans from Ch 215



Ch 215's bench at the DFW National Cemetery

RIGHT: The banner at the Korean-sponsored dinner for Ch 215 members



that crashed into the Pentagon. If the monument had been installed on that day it would have been hit and probably destroyed also.

We visited several monuments on each of the days in Washington. While we were waiting for our flight home I met a high school principal from Maypearl, TX. She inquired about the meaning of my CIB and ribbons. As I told her about the meaning, she stopped me and called several students over to hear my descriptions. It reminded me of our Tell America Program. The principal then invited our chapter Tell America Team to visit her school.

The most touching event of our trip occurred on the flight home. Our Honor Flight Guardians performed a "Mail Call" for all forty veterans on board! Each veteran received a folder of letters from several grades of school children, relatives and friends, personally wishing us a wonderful trip and thanking us for our service and sacrifice.

We read the letters from the school kids. Many questions were asked that I must answer. Some were from very small children with very big hearts; some were from relatives who revealed events that happened during my service.

My three sisters revealed that due to a Western Union strike, a policeman came to their door informing my parents that I had been wounded. My mother cried and now, some 60 years later, I cried. Bless the Honor Flight Committee, as they left no stone unturned.

The Honor Flight was something that forty veterans and their guardians will never forget. I thank all of the members of Chapter 215 for the honor of serving as their President for the years 2013 – 2015.

We donated \$1,300 to the DFW National Cemetery to have a viewing bench installed in the area overlooking the KWVA monument with a pond, fountains, and a bridge as a background setting. The DFW cemetery grounds maintenance people did a wonderful job constructing this very beautiful site.

Some noteworthy events have occurred in our chapter's recent past. We were invited by the Korean Society of Dallas to the Coyote Ridge Country Club in Carrollton, TX for dinner and entertainment. These wonderful Koreans gave us gifts and camaraderie. To our surprise, at the end of the entertainment, ten Korean businessmen dressed in dark suits and ties lined up on the stage and got down on their knees and bowed down to us.

Our hearts beat faster as we witnessed an act of appreciation toward all the veterans in the room. Bless the Korean community for its love and appreciation for us.

(All articles are attributed to Jim Wetmore, Past President of Chapter 215)

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249 COL. JOSEPH C. RODRIGUEZ MOH [TX]

On June 25, 2015, we and the El Paso Korean Association laid a wreath at the El Paso Korean War Memorial commemorating the 65th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. Mr. Ko, the District President for the Korean Association, addressed the gathering.

Chapter members read the names of the 110 KIAs and MIAs from El Paso. A lunch was served following the ceremony.

Earlier this year two chapter members were honored with Quilts of Valor. Patricia Ehler, the daughter of member Danny Lopez, nominated both her father and President Roy Aldridge to receive a quilt.

William (Will) Ashe presented the quilts. Roy received his in January at the chapter meeting. Danny received his in March at his daughter's home.

Roy Aldridge, royaldridge1@icloud.com



Will Ashe (R) presents quilt to Roy Aldridge as Roy's wife Cheryl Aldridge looks on



Pat Ehler (L) and Roy Aldridge display Quilt of Valor



Members of Ch 249 and guests at El Paso wreath laying ceremony



The El Paso Korean War Memorial



Mr. Ko (C) speaks at El Paso memorial, as Roy Aldridge of Ch 249 (L) and unidentified guest listen

National KWVA Fund Raiser

Flower Rose of Sharon

The Rose of Sharon is the National KWVA fund raising flower. The Rose of Sharon is sold by the dozen.

- ☐ Sample order is 4 doz. @ \$12 plus \$6.35 S/H.
- ☐ Minimum order is 20 doz. @ \$60 plus \$12.35 S/H.
- ☐ Orders for 21 to 100 doz. @ \$3/doz. plus \$16.45 S/H
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Baltimore, MD 21234
Phone 410-661-8950.
Make Checks payable to:
KWVA Maryland Chapter 33



251 SAGINAW-FRANKENMUTH [MI]

On 3 June 2015, we held a meeting at the veterans hospital in Saginaw at which seven \$1,000.00 scholarships were awarded. The recipients were Michelle Smock, Matthew Korte, Taylor Henning, Jeremy Schluckebier, Kimberly Buettner, Randy DeShone, and Lauren Wight. To be awarded a scholarship from this organization, the recipient must be a grandchild of a member of this chapter, have an exemplary high school record, be a graduating senior of a Michigan high school, and plan to attend a Michigan college.

The Korean Presbyterian Church of Saginaw invited us to its annual picnic and festival. The members are very appreciative of what our veterans did in Korea. The congregation served food and performed various skits depicting early Korean traditions.



Four recipients of Ch 251 scholarships: Finance Officer Rick Anderson, Michelle Smock, Randy DeShone, Jeremy Schluckebier, Matthew Korte and Commander Ron Lubis (L-R)



The Korean Presbyterian Church welcomes Ch 251 members

Diane Russell, from the Environmental Protection Agency, gave an excellent presentation at our September 2015 meeting on the clean-up of Dioxin from the Tittabawassee River. The pollution resulted from contamination from upstream chemical companies. She explained that it will take years for completion of the project, since it is being done in stages.

We elected new officers, who were installed by Jack Leaman.

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Members of Ch 251 at church picnic



Ch 251 members enjoying church picnic include Gorman Wolfe, Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Reed, and Mr. & Mrs. James Ward (L-R)



LEFT: Jack Leaman, Diane Russell, and Commander Richard Haney (L-R) at Ch 251's September meeting

Below: New officers of Ch 251 (L-R) Richard Haney, Chuck Wenzel, Bob Wodorak, Lydia Davis, Bob Hubbard, Dick Redifer, Ralph Gaunt and Dick Suchodolski



256 NORVILLE B. FINNEY [MI]

We awarded three \$500.00 scholarships from our scholarship fund for this year. We have given scholarships in the past, but this year we made it a competitive scholarship. We formed a two-member committee, Sol Baltimore and James Douglas, who established the criteria to make this competitive among the students.

The committee chose three persons with experience in awarding scholarships from other organizations. They chose the winners from all of the applications. This worked well for us.

The three persons who received the scholarships were Lauren Byars, who will attend Oakland University, Lauren Majetic, who will continue her education at Eastern Michigan University, and Makayla McCarthy, who will continue her education at Macomb Community College.

Our scholarships this year were awarded on merit only.

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Members of Ch 256 present scholarship to Lauren Majetic, 3rd from left



Lauren Byars (C) accepts scholarship from Ch 256 members



Representatives from Ch 256 present scholarship to Makayla McCarthy (C)

259 CENTRAL INDIANA [IN]

At the July Chapter meeting we were privileged to have as speaker Chris Crosby, former U.S. Army Special Operations member in Middle East missions. Chris provided a great insight into what was required of high altitude, free-falling insertion into combat areas, from a 30K altitude on oxygen.

Having been a Sniper Instructor at Camp Atterbury, IN, he educated us about the very stressful duties connected with being on a two-man sniper team in the field for hours at a time.

Also at the meeting, members performed the traditional U.S. Flag Folding ceremony, describing the meaning of each fold.

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2nd Vice Don Hall, former Cmdr. Donald Sheib, Amos Broad, Ernie Condra, and Treasurer/Narrator Thomas Shepherd of Ch 259 at flag folding ceremony

Chris Crosby with Vice Cmdr Paul Dickerson and Acting Chaplain Amos Broad of Ch 259



264 MT. DIABLO [CA]

We held Rose of Sharon sales at two locations in Contra Costa County on July 25th, 26th, and 27th. All funds from the event go to support the veterans at Yountsville, CA, the nation's oldest veterans home.

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289 MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN]

We had a busy summer. We started by taking part in the Kingsport, TN 4th of July (Independence Day) Parade. This year none of our members were able to march, so they rode in the three cars allotted for riders. Our banner and the American and Korean flags were carried by members of the Air Force JROTC, under the direction of Sergeant Angelo Pellitieri at Dobyns-Bennett High School.



Members of Air Force JROTC – Flags: Cadet Master Sergeant Toscani Cope, Cadet Airman Matt Vogel and Cadet Technical Sergeant John Pierce; Banner: Cadet Airman Madison Cross and Cadet Senior Airman Dalson Cordell at the Kingsport, TN 4th of July Parade

Bob Jenkins and William Porter of Ch 289 ready to ride a car in the 4th of July parade



Bill Porter and Bob Shelton of Ch 289 working on fundraiser

A week later members rode on a float with Vietnam members in the annual Kingsport Fun Fest Parade on the evening of July 10th.

The following week, for three and a half days, members

manned a Korean Veteran's table in the Military Service Tent during part of Fun Feast.

On August 22nd we held our annual fund raiser in front of a Wal-Mart store in Kingsport.

On August 30 members were honored by the Korean Association of Tri-Cities at a picnic in Bristol, TN. The next day local veterans were honored before the start of the K-Mets Rookie League baseball game in Kingsport. The veterans were honored again with a parade on September 12 before the hot rod races at Bristol Motor Speedway.



Members and guests of Ch 289 with hosts at picnic



Ch 289 members display their plaques (L-R): Chaplain Gayle Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Commander Bill Reed, Past Commander, Quartermaster Bob Shelton, Commander Fred Himelwright, Past Commander Mack Dunford, Sr. Vice Commander Arlen Hensley, and two Korean girls



A plaque presented to Ch 289 members at picnic

At the Sunday afternoon picnic on August 30th, six of our members and three wives were guests of honor. As each member arrived they were greeted by women who approached them one by one, bowed, and thanked them for their service. One woman

commented, "If it hadn't been for you we would all be North Koreans." During the ceremony each of the members present received a plaque and a CD of a Korean woman singing hymns in Korean.

The Korean women provided the food. They had gone out of their way to bring some food for their guests (fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans) and some of their very highly seasoned food.

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297 PLATEAU [TN]

On September 10, 2015 several members toured the Nissan Assembly Plant south of Nashville, along with their guests. Everyone had a good time.

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Ted Hirabayashi, Gene Stone, Emil Zenk, Gene Ferris, Carroll Reusch, Clayton Peal, and Bob Gruber of Ch 297 on Nissan tour

312 ANTIETAM [MD]

Chapter Commemorates 62nd Anniversary of Cease Fire

We presented a special ceremony at our Korean War Veterans Monument on July 27, 2015 to commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the cease fire ending hostilities in Korea.



The Joint Veterans Council and Marine Corps League Honor Guard approaching Ch 312's monument for the rifle salute and "Taps"

sary of the cease fire ending hostilities in Korea. The ceremony featured a tribute to the 32 men who were killed in combat during the three years of the war.

An estimated crowd of 75 Korean War veterans, family members, and folks from the community gathered to honor all those who served, as well as those who died during the war. The featured speakers for the event were MG Shin Kyoung-soo, from the ROK Embassy in Washington, and the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, Mr. George W. Owings III.

MG Shin praised the veterans for their service and for helping Korea become a world power. He provided several examples of the close ties between the United States and Korea. In the end, he was especially proud of the Korean War veterans for their sacrifices.



Past Commander Bob Glausier rings the bell as each KIA's name is read at Ch 312 ceremony



Commander Jim Mobley of Ch 312 addresses the audience at cease fire commemoration



MGen Shin Kyoung-soo addresses Ch 312 audience

Secretary Owings cited his own military service in

Vietnam to explain the importance the Korean War had in world politics by stemming the threat of communism.

All veterans were honored by wreaths presented by chapter officers on behalf of our chapter, the Joint Veterans Council of Washington County, the County Commissioners and the City of Hagerstown. The honoring of the 32 men killed in Korea included a reading of their names and the ringing of a bell after each name. The ceremony ended with a rifle salute and echo taps.



The wreaths placed by Ch 312 officers at their Korean War Veterans Monument

This commemoration ceremony is held annually at the chapter's Korean War Veterans Monument site, which was dedicated in 2013.

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316 MODESTO, CA

Last year we had a stand-down for homeless male and female veterans, with nurses in attendance. We furnished blankets, clothing, shoes, jackets, showers, food, and haircuts. This three-day program was well attended. We hope to repeat it soon.



Members of Ch 316 at Modesto, CA 4th of July parade (Front, L-R) Richard Barboza, Judy Ward Tarter, John S. Greff, Sr., Ruby Brawley, Terrell G. Cummings (Back, L-R) Edward L. Jones, Rex D. Embry, Kenneth L. Williams, Sr.

Several members marched in the 2015 4th of July parade.

Judy Ward Tarter, 1720 Crestview Dr.
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317 SGT. BILLY FREEMAN [GA]

The American Korean Friendship Society invited members to the State Capitol for the wreath laying ceremony in honor of the 740 Georgians who paid the supreme sacrifice in defense of freedom during the Korean War.

The ribbons on the wreath represent the names of the fifteen men from Floyd County who were KIA in Korea.

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The program sheet used at the Georgia State Capitol ceremony

Ch 317 members, guests, and dignitaries at the Georgia State Capitol



Ch 317 President Charles Patterson and Sunny Park (L) meet at Georgia ceremony

HAWAII

The Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs visited Honolulu and hosted a luncheon at Waikiki Sheraton Hotel for Korean War veterans and spouses on 14 August 2015. The event was well organized and very memorable.

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Commissioner Seongkook Lee of MPVA giving welcome speech at Hawaii gathering



Capt Jeonghyun Kim, Tommy Tahara, Marshall Ritchey, Earl Simerson, Commissioner Seongkook Lee, Paul Hummel, Lori Priore, Herbert Shimabukuro, Walter Ozawa, and MPVA representatives Mr. Seongyang Wang and Mr. Yongjin Jeon (L-R) after presentation of Ambassador for Peace Medals at Hawaii event

Hawaii Chapter #1 president elect Harry Fanning with Defense Attaché Capt Jeonghyun Kim of Korean Consulate of Honolulu



Chong-Nae Sok, Herbert Schreiner, and Richard Higa at Hawaii ceremony



Won Chul Sim, Harry Fanning, Harold Yamauchi and Masa Uehara participate in Hawaii ceremony

Professor Jongwoo Han, Korean War Legacy Foundation President, speaks at Hawaii remembrance



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Hawaii member Paul Hummel and wife Elsie at Hawaii gathering

KOREAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN REGIONAL CHAPTER

The KVA chapter held a dinner in honor of the 65th Korean War Memorial Ceremony. Members of Ch 19, Raymond G. Davis, Jr., [GA] attended.



Colors are presented at KVA dinner



Consul General Seong-jim-Kim speaks to audience at KVA dinner



Tony Cha, Jr. receives an honor and speaks on behalf of his late father Kyung Ho Cha, former president of the KVA



Korean War veterans assemble at KVA commemoration



President Robert McCubbins gives thanks to KVA members on behalf of Ch 19



Tony Cha, Jr. speaks at KVA dinner

Meet Our 2015 Scholarship Winners

This past spring we announced a new scholarship program sponsored by Rep. Kim, Jung Hoon, who is a member of the Republic of Korea National Assembly and the founder and Chairman of the American Veterans of Korea Foundation (AVKF). The AVKF's mission is to provide support to American veterans of Korea and their families in appreciation for the selfless sacrifices of United States veterans for Korea's peace and freedom during the Korean War and to honor their legacy. This scholarship program, whereby \$2,000 college scholarships were awarded to ten descendants of Korean War veterans, is an outreach of the AVKF.

With only a short window of time available to students to submit applications, the Selection Committee, consisting of Lew Ewing, Chairman, Les Bishop, and Narce Caliva, received 88 applications from students located throughout the United States.

The recipients were recognized on July 25, 2015 during the banquet following our Korean War Veterans Association Annual Meeting held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Arlington, VA. Unfortunately, only one of the students, Ms. Juliana McLeod, was able to attend the banquet.

The ten scholarship recipients are:

Anne E. Brown – Anne is a graduate of Macalester College, St. Paul, MN. Following graduation, she moved to South Korea, where she taught English while learning to read the Korean alphabet. She also developed a love of kimchi. She currently is pursuing a PhD in Urban Planning at UCLA. Anne is the granddaughter of Korean War veteran Edgar Tufts.



Lauren L. Dillard - Lauren received her undergraduate degree at Oregon State University. She is returning to school this fall to earn a Masters Degree in Media Management, following a brief break from school when she worked for a technology startup company. She had the privilege of going to Korea earlier this year with her grandfather, Richard Cipriano, as part of the Revisit Program.



Sarah M. Koenighain – Sarah is currently enrolled at St. Ambrose University, in Davenport, IA, seeking a Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy. She is the granddaughter of Korean War veteran James M. Koenighain.

Francis J. ("Joey") Kowardy – "Joey" will be entering his junior year at the Columbus College of Art & Design, seeking a BFA degree in Industrial Design with a minor in Business Marketing. Over the past six years, he has been a contributor to The U.S. Aviation Museum in South Euclid, OH. He is the grandson of Korean War veteran Anthony Mazzolini.



Aidan Lalley – Aidan enrolled as a freshman this fall at the College of New Jersey, seeking a degree in mathematics. He is the grandson of Korean War veteran Anthony V. Lalley.

Juliana P. McLeod – Julie is a fourth-year student at Northeastern University in Boston, MA. She is currently studying journalism and international affairs, and hopes to work in corporate communications within the biotechnology industry following graduation. Her grandfather, Robert Henderson, is a Korean War veteran.



Holly G. Molinaro - Holly is a sophomore this year at Stetson University in Deland, FL, majoring in biology with hopes of going to graduate school to pursue a career in animal behavior. At Stetson, she is a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority, and was recently inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. She is the granddaughter of Korean War veteran Edwin O'Sullivan.



Thomas J. Rogan, Jr. – Tom enrolled for his freshman year this fall at Boston College, where he plans to major in biology and then go on to medical school. One of his fondest memories is visiting the Marine Corps Museum with his Korean War veteran grandfather, John G. Sinnicki.



John F. Townsley – John entered Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah this fall, seeking a degree in pre-medicine. His grandfather, a Korean War Air Force veteran, Hazen Albert Calhoun, is deceased.

Meredith G. Waites - Meredith is a first-year student at Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, TN, where she is studying Human and Organizational Development, with a concentration in education policy. She is proud to follow the example set by her Korean War veteran grandfather, Robert Heinemann, by volunteering in a variety of organizations within her community.



All the students who received scholarships this year are outstanding young people and exceptional students who are certainly worthy of this recognition. We commend each of them. They want to join the KWVA in extending their sincere thanks to Rep. Kim for sponsoring these scholarships. Additionally, we all thank Rep. Kim for agreeing to continue the program again next year.

Lew Ewing, AVKF Scholarship Selection Committee



Juliana McLeod with her parents Suzanna and Kenneth McLeod who attended the banquet following the Korean War Veterans Association Annual Meeting held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Arlington, VA. where Juliana was recognized as a scholarship recipient.

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Arthur L. Haarmeyer

CID 175 Proves There Is Such A Thing As A Free Lunch

Members of Ch 175, LT Baldomero Lopez (MOH), recently provided a meal for grateful families at the Fisher House in Tampa Bay, FL. Here is how it all came about, according to Toni Gross, Chapter President, Tampa Bay, of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

"I'd like to let you know about the members of Ch 175 here in the Tampa Bay area. I am a Gold Star Mother who volunteers to honor my son's life and sacrifice, as I know he would want me to serve 'where needed most.'" For now, that is at the Spinal Cord Injury Unit at James A. Haley VA Hospital, Tampa, FL, and at the Fisher House located on its campus.

"Recently, at a Veterans Council of Hillsborough County meeting, Tampa, FL, I made a plea for members of the council and the attending VSO leadership to commit to providing one meal for the families who are at the Fisher House at the hospital.

"As I was preparing to leave the meeting, Ed Epps and Marty Sullivan of Ch 175 approached me and wanted to sign up. They were the sole people out of about 40 people who offered to help. As a result of Ed and Bill's [Sarver] kindness that night, many Fisher House families enjoyed a five-star dinner.

"As I watched Ed and Bill bring the food into the Fisher House kitchen, I could feel the pride that these two gentlemen had in doing this. They planned this well and executed it equally as well.

"The Fisher House families were so very grateful to Ed Epps, Marty Sullivan, Bill, Ginny and Ed's friend Michael, who helped serve the meal. They were there to lift the spirits of the families, but watching them also lifted my spirit as well.

"The families were all very, very appreciative of the abundant meal that was provided for them. This was one time that each of the families did not have to cook for themselves; they could just relax and enjoy a nice meal."

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In memory of Cpl. Frank R. Gross, KIA 7/16/2011 in OEF



Toni Gross, Paula Welenc (director/manager of the Fisher House), Bill Sarver, Ginny Sarver (Front, L-R) and Ed Epps and his friend Michael (Back, L-R), who came to help with the meal delivery



The nice meal provided by Ch 175 members

Did You Know That...

Noted country singer "Sonny" James, aka the "Southern Gentleman," is a Korean War veteran. James, whose real name is James Hugh Loden, served with the 252nd Transportation Truck Company of the Alabama National Guard, based in Marion County.

The Army offered Loden an opportunity to serve as an entertainer, which he turned down. He preferred to serve with his friends. So, he remained with the unit as a cook. The 252nd, attached to the 55th Transportation Bn., was stationed at Chunchon from 1 January 1951 to 11 November 1951.

Loden did not let his Army duties get in the way of his first love, entertaining. As he recalled, "I had a guitar with me and did a lot of singing. I'd sing a chorus and the boys would join in and then our Korean children who worked in the kitchen would join us. They loved to sing."

After the war, the newly named "Sonny" James had 72 hit songs, 22 of which reached #1 on the musical charts. That was a fitting career for the Korean War veteran who was no doubt a big hit with his Army buddies and the Korean children who joined him in the kitchen, singing as they worked.

Book Review

Enter the Dragon

I just finished reading *Enter the Dragon: China's Undeclared War Against the U.S. in Korea, 1950-51*, by Russell Spurr, a British writer. Spurr interviewed a great many Chinese participants in later years, from generals to privates. It was interesting to see the war from their perspectives.

The Chinese leaders really feared the U.S. would pose a threat to Manchuria if they reached the Yalu and did not want to see North Korea dominated by a hostile regime. When they first surprised MacArthur and our troops by swarming out of the mountains and sending them reeling backwards, it was a warning: "Don't proceed any farther." But MacArthur assumed there were only a few Chinese in North Korea and resumed the advance, suggesting the troops could still be home by Christmas.

When the Chinese attacked again, they were in earnest and the South Korean divisions were decimated. They fled in panic, abandoning their weapons, big guns, ammo, food, etc. U.S. divisions in the west in many cases did the same.

Many units were surrounded and many men were captured or killed. In some cases the hungry Chinese stopped to pillage the huge stocks of supplies and weapons left by fleeing Americans. Some of our big guns were spiked; others may have been used against us in later battles. The Chinese were especially pleased to find American rations, though they didn't consider some of them edible.

The Chinese pushed south rapidly and soon recovered North Korea's battered capital, Pyongyang. U.S. commander Walker was killed in a jeep accident before he could be relieved of command and Matt Ridgway succeeded him. Seoul soon fell to the Chinese (and a few NKPA (North Korean) troops still in the field. Ridgway allowed his troops to fall back to more defensible positions south of Seoul and then ordered them to dig in and halt the retreat.

The Chinese generals and Mao became more confident that victory was within their grasp (just like MacArthur a few weeks earlier) and resumed their advance. They were met by Ridgway's massed artillery and U.S.

air power and forced to retreat across the 38th parallel and beyond. Over in west-central Korea, around Wonju, they were stopped by dug-in U.S. troops and began their retreat.

The 1st Marine Division was in reserve at this time, which was when I joined it. We were to go back in action at Wonju shortly afterward and push the Chinese back over the 38th in that part of Korea. The book ends at this juncture.

In one place a Chinese colonel's trip toward the west was described. He and his driver encountered a few strange snow-covered "statues." When the snow was brushed off, the colonel was astonished to see the frozen corpses of Chinese soldiers. As they proceeded they came upon scores, then whole companies of similar sights. Later we visit medical facilities that resemble Civil War scenes with blood-soaked doctors removing frost-bitten limbs. Marines lost several thousand men to frostbite and I don't understand how so many Chinese actually survived when they were wearing tennis shoes in weather as cold as minus 30 degrees.

Among the communist troops were thousands of former Nationalist troops of Chiang Kai-shek. They fought well for their communist masters. What choice did they have? It was suspected that in some cases they were sacrificed by the communists. This explains why at the end of the conflict in 1953 so many of the Chinese POWs chose to join Chiang on Taiwan.

There are some interesting comments in the book about the obsolete weapons brought to Korea by the Chinese and how impressed they were with the captured M-1s. The author states that later in the war the Russians were devoting most of their weapons production to the Chinese in Korea—at a price. Also mentioned was the eagerness of the Russians at the end of the war, when they accepted the surrender of Japanese forces in Manchuria, to ship whole factories back to the USSR, something that must have irked the Chinese considerably.

This book can be obtained at little cost from the usual second-hand sources on the Internet, if anyone is interested in the subject.

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Suicide Patrol

The typhoon that just hit Taiwan brought back memories of our trip over to Korea. I remember us hitting the edge of a typhoon and all of us getting sick. This brought back the memory of the only person living I know who went on one of the suicide patrols: Norbert J. Vanyo. He, too, was in George Company. Norbert was from East Grand Forks, MN.

Our mission was to slip up on an enemy soldier, bind and gag him, and bring him back for interrogation. We

blackened our faces and left our lines about dusk. The first bad thing that happened was us getting lost in one of our own mine fields.

Norbert was the point man. I, as assistant squad leader, was bringing up the rear. When word spread we were in the minefield, we were told to do an about face and walk back as near as possible on the same path that we went in. This put me lead man! I can still remember fearing my next step would be my last!

When we got to the enemy lines, we found no troops there. Their hand grenades etc., were there, however.

We went back to our gathering place. The radio man called battalion headquarters to get permission to go back to our lines empty handed. Our gung ho Lt. Chico DeVera wanted us to go till we found the enemy. We told him we thought the enemy had heard our patrol and withdrew up a draw behind the hill and set up an ambush. We BALKED.

It was a cold November night with a full moon. Finally, we got permission to return empty handed.

I remember we were told the enemy was accustomed to grabbing the rear man and taking him prisoner. Don't you know, when we got almost to our lines, a deer jumped just beside me. I thought this was the end for me!

I thank the Good Lord daily for having survived so many dangerous duties in the short time I was there.

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The Captain, The Jeep, And The Holy S... Bar

By Wayne A. Doenges**

Korea, late summer, 1953. My medical clearing company was the sick call outfit for 42 different Army companies. The cease fire had been signed and we no longer had wounded to take care of. As a result, the Army had us do remedial medical work, which more personnel were brought in to handle.

One of the newest personnel was a dentist with the rank of captain. I found out that he was Catholic, which didn't bother me. (I'm a Lutheran.) But, he had an overwhelming desire to attend mass early on Sunday, which did bother me, because of the emphasis on "early."

I imagined that the first time conversation between he and my motor sergeant went something like this:

"Sergeant, I need a driver to take me to mass early Sunday. The only place that I can find holds mass at 0800, and it's ten miles from here"

The motor sergeant said something to the effect, "Yes, sir, I'll assign my best jeep driver to you, Corporal Doenges, and have him report to the BOQ (Bachelor Officers Quarters) at 0730."

Done!

Now, after driving a deuce and a half, then teaching new replacements to drive 10-speed WWII trucks on the hills of South Korea (replacements who were from big cities and never learned to drive), I had been assigned a much needed break from these duties, driving a jeep for the company commander, which was much less stressful and had the added advantage for me of eating better, since the com-

mander, Captain Bigman, was a gourmet and we always drove on "urgent" business to companies with good cooks. But I digress!

When I heard that I would be the victim of having to rise at 0730 on Sunday morning while everyone else got sack time, I devised a plan. Anyone in the service soon learns to be devious. I learned, too.

At 0730, I drove my new jeep to the BOQ tent, politely knocked on the wood door, and informed the dentist captain, "I am reporting for duty, Sir!"

He climbed on board. Little did he know what was in store for him. In 1953, South Korea didn't exactly have hilly roads that would meet with the DOT regulations. Loose gravel, no guard rails, steep hills, dust, dirt, etc. (As an aside, this new jeep was equipped with a grab bar on the passenger's side. This bar was known fondly as "The Holy S... Bar.")

Anyway, this so-called expert jeep driver (me), with the rank of two up and none down, drove like he had a digital extremity up his rectal posterior. That new jeep was very responsive, and I used it to almost drive off the roads and hit every pothole, while grinding gears all the way!

I went screaming down the steepest hill, skidded around curves in 4wd, sliding almost to the brink of doom and, in general, drove like I was the worst driver in FECOM (Far East Command). The captain soon found out that his only friend was the "Holy S... bar."

We made it to mass on time. I spent the time waiting for him outside in the jeep while he did his thing—maybe including praying for a different driver on the way back.

He came out, and I swear that he crossed himself before he got back into the jeep. I do know that I made a deep impression on him regarding my driving skills when I glanced at his hands (pure white, with a face to match) as I drove back to the outfit. I must confess, I was at my worst, a fine performance!

The next Sunday, I rolled over in my sleeping bag as the motor sergeant ordered the other newly recruited jeep driver to take the captain to mass. I heard that the sergeant got his butt chewed by the dentist captain, and I was deeply sorry for that.....sorta.

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**** NOTE:** The photos are not connected with Mr. Doenges' story.

They were submitted separately by Robert F. Fitts, Commander of the Department of Illinois. The jeeps just seemed to fit the story. Contact Bob Fitts at 2511 22nd Ave., Rock Island, IL 61201, 309-793-1292, rsfitts@revealed.net



Bob Fitts' jeep and trailer ready for transport



The contemporary Bob Fitts stands next to his jeep



The Korean-era Bob Fitts and his then jeep

Photographing Billy Graham

Date: October 14, 1956

Final VIP (Very Important People) Photo Assignment for Sgt. Jerry Kasten (Eighth Army PIO Photographer)

Assignment: Photograph Billy Graham, speaking at Seoul Stadium: "Try to show American soldiers with Billy Graham if at all possible," I was told. It was to be my last VIP type assignment before leaving to return to the states for discharge.



Jerry Kasten

I was proud of the quality of work I had done since being assigned TDY to the Eighth Army Public Information Office in January, 1955, and I wanted to make this, my final assignment, a successful one.

At first, it was the cold, damp, and dreary weather that bothered me. But, when I arrived at the speaker's platform, standing high above the crowd, with mostly Koreans sitting in the front, I realized I wasn't going to get the shots I envisioned. So, I just did the best I could.

After a few shots of Billy Graham and the Korean Minister interpreter taken from below, I climbed the stairs to the side stage to photograph Mr. Graham, showing part of the vast crowd below. As he raised his voice, followed by the louder voice of the Korean minister-translator, I felt a "tingle," as if I was being affected by the power of his voice.

I was not really listening to what Mr. Graham had to say. I remember thinking to myself at one point, "What's a good Jewish Bronx boy like myself doing on stage with the great Christian evangelist?"

It's one of those experiences I will never forget.

Jerry Kasten, 6123 Whiterose Tr., Dallas, TX 75248



ABOVE: Billy Graham preaches in Seoul in 1955

BELOW: A side shot of Billy Graham speaking to audience



Members in the



Charles Koppelman was featured in the below article in the August 2015 edition of The Concordian, p. 23. The newspaper is published for the residents of The Concordia Active Adult Community in Monroe Township, NJ.

Getting non-Korean War veterans with access to publications of this type might also be a good recruiting tool.

Dinner with Charlie

By Jack Galin

Charles (Charlie) Koppelman is the New Jersey Commander of the Korean War Veterans [Association]. For the past three years Charlie Koppelman has arranged and escorted a busload of Korean War Veterans, their families and friends to a reunion and celebration sponsored and underwritten by the Korean American Association of Bergen County, NJ. This year my wife and I were among the fortunate who were invited to attend.

Fortunate is too small a word to describe the pleasure, excitement and, yes, even education we experienced as audience to a presentation and show that was extraordinary.

The afternoon started quietly enough with the playing of the American and Korean National Anthems. Greeting of officials were exchanged and Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to deserving persons, primarily those persons who helped arrange these functions over the years, local Mayors, and Commissioners. Charlie was one of the presenters and handled his task with aplomb and grace.

One of the recipients was Ki Hwan Kim, Consul General of the Republic of Korea. He struck the chord, the theme that resounded for the entire evening, i.e., "how grateful the people of Korea were, and still are, to the soldiers and people of the United States for defending and saving their country." It was heartfelt and touching.

After a lovely Korean-style dinner a show commenced that neither my wife nor I had ever witnessed. First, several extremely talented vocalists opened the program with "Song of Celebration (Hello)." Then Eun Hee Ahn, who, I learned, was the Director and properly honored, offered "Choomnoori," a variety of superb acts, first twelve of the most adorable dancers, six very little girls, as young as five years, and six older boys in a beautiful, native, cadenced dance. (Wonder of wonders; I later learned that the six boys were, in fact, slightly older girls).

Following was a lovely young woman Hyemin Park, who later on translated for me, doing a solo, native dance with drum; she was followed by five older teens who also did a structured dance also with drums. My simple words do not describe the beauty and the colorful native costumes of the performers, the staff and the attendants.

The afternoon concluded with an excellent singer described as "North Korean Defector;" then an "America Band" and

finally the feature of the show, a gorgeous, sinewy, obviously talented Belly Dancer.

To close, a photograph was taken of the about eighty veterans in attendance, no longer young, but standing tall, glowing and proud, as they have every right to be.

Salvatore Orlando received the Ambassador for Peace Medal recently—at the same time he was notified that he had been selected as the Cromwell [CT] Veteran of the Year by the Cromwell Downtown Merchants Association. Reach him at 275 Main St., Cromwell, CT 06416-2304, 860-635-0417.

Art Snyder was the Grand Marshal of the Cranford Township, NJ Memorial Day Parade. As he said, "I was the Grand Marshal, a true honor a lot of veterans deserve more than I. I rode in the convertible for about one and a half miles with people lined up on both sides of the street. Then I was the keynote speaker in Memorial Park to about 600 people."

Snyder talked about "my roommate and best friend in Korea who "bought the farm" on his 48th combat mission in the B-26 Invader, a tour being 50 missions. A World War II retread, he was married and father to two small girls."

Snyder concluded that "When you are shot down in North Korea, you simply disappear off the face of earth forever! I think about him every day."

Reach Snyder at applesouse@verizon.net



Art Snyder rides in Memorial Day parade



LEFT: Grand Marshal Art Snyder stands proudly on Memorial Day in Cranford Township, NJ. **RIGHT:** Art Snyder and the Statue of Liberty meet at parade

In 2014 nine Korean War service members were awarded the Medal of Honor belatedly. Here is the ninth—and final—citation in that series. This time we feature Corporal Victor H. Espinoza.

In 2014 nine Korean War service members were awarded the Medal of Honor belatedly.

The President of the United States
in the name of The Congress
takes Pride in presenting the

Medal of Honor
to

ESPINOZA, VICTOR H.

Rank: Sergeant

Organization: U.S. Army

Born: July 15, 1929, El Paso, TX

Departed: (04/17/1986)

Entered Service At: Texas

Date of Issue: 03/18/2014

Place / Date: August 1, 1952 Chorwon,
Korea

Citation

Corporal Victor H. Espinoza distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an Acting Rifleman in Company A, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division during combat operations against an armed enemy in Chorwon, Korea on August 1, 1952. On that day, Corporal Espinoza and his unit were responsible for securing and holding a vital enemy hill. As the friendly unit neared its objective, it was subjected to a devastating volume of enemy fire, slowing its progress. Corporal Espinoza, unhesitatingly and being fully aware of the hazards involved, left his place of comparative safety and made a deliberate one man assault on the enemy with his

heavy toll on the enemy, resulting in at least fourteen dead and eleven wounded. Corporal Espinoza's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

MOH Citations



VICTOR H. ESPINOZA, MOH

rifle and grenades, destroying a machinegun and killing its crew. Corporal Espinoza continued across the fire-swept terrain to an exposed vantage point where he attacked an enemy mortar position and two bunkers with grenades and rifle fire, knocking out the enemy mortar position and destroying both bunkers and killing their occupants. Upon reaching the crest, and after running out of rifle ammunition, he called for more grenades. A comrade who was behind him threw some Chinese grenades to him. Immediately upon catching them, he pulled the pins and hurled them into the occupied trenches, killing and wounding more of the enemy with their own weapons. Continuing on through a tunnel, Corporal Espinoza made a daring charge, inflicting at least seven more casualties upon the enemy who were fast retreating into the tunnel. Corporal Espinoza was quickly in pursuit, but the hostile fire from the opening prevented him from overtaking the retreating enemy. As a result, Corporal Espinoza destroyed the tunnel with TNT, called for more grenades from his company, and hurled them at the enemy troops until they were out of reach. Corporal Espinoza's incredible display of valor secured the vital strong point and took a

Therapeutic Poetry

This poem, written by a young paratrooper in Korea, was submitted by Raymond H. Herrington. "I think this poem says a whole lot," he noted. "I go to therapy classes with Bob. All of us Korean vets liked it. It may be worth sharing."

Perhaps he is right. Contact Raymond Herrington at 8009 Bon Air Dr., Austin, TX 78757, RAYH.H@austin.rr.com

Soldiers of All Wars

By Bob Hansen

We read the Bible and it says
"Thou shalt not kill"
It's plain as can be
It says it is His will.

Cain killed his brother
God put a curse on him.
I just don't understand it
We're the same as them.

It just don't seem right
Those men on Capitol Hill,

They put a rifle in your hand
Go forth son and kill.

Go forth and kill your brother.
Pile the corpses high
What's called murder in peace time
In war the flag flies high.

The people are behind you.
In peace time it's a curse.
So go forth son and fight like hell
And do your bloody worst.

Yet at the end of each battle
My rifle in my hand

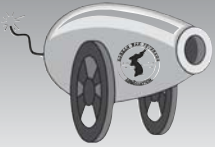
It's so hard to realize.
Jesus help me understand.

I wonder about my life
When this war does end.
Can I forget all these things
When I come home again?

Some begin to drink
Others beat their wife.
None of us can forget
Some even take their life.

My war ended 63 years ago
And I suffer still.
When You go for help
They give you lots of pills.

They call it PTSD
Give you money for what you've done.
The thing that I fear the most
Are they going to take my Son?



Feedback/Return Fire

This section of The Graybeards is designed to provide feedback—and generate more feedback. It gives readers the opportunity to respond to printed stories, letters, points of view, etc., without having to write long-winded replies. Feel free to respond to whatever you see in the magazine. As long as it's tasteful and non-political, we will be happy to include it. If you want to submit ideas, criticisms, etc. that you prefer not to see in print—with your name attached to it—then we will honor that. Make sure to let us know, though.

Mail your "Return Fire" to the "Feedback Editor" at 895 Ribaut Rd. #13, Beaufort, SC 29902; E-mail it to: sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net, or phone it in to (860) 202-3088. Whatever the medium you choose, we welcome your input.

Update On HR 1475

Thought I'd provide you with an update on the status of HR1475 and S.1982—our Wall of Remembrance Bills in the House and Senate. As of 9/18/2015—and with thanks to the herculean efforts by Rick Dean and Bill Alli from our Foundation Board—the tally is:

HR 1475172 co-sponsors

S.19826 co-sponsors w/2 highly possible.

Our grass root efforts on the Senate side are just kicking in, and we anticipate good results in the near future. And, on the House side the Chair of the Committee on Natural Resources (Rep. Bishop), has stated he does not oppose the bill, but is not a co-sponsor. The Vice Chair, (Rep. Lummis), is on board as a co-sponsor!

Objections from DOI, NPS, and ABMC are the same old tired and specious 'Commemorative Works Act' baloney! Precedent exists to refute them!

The Defense Fellows on Congressional staff are invaluable!!! If anyone in the KWVA has any contact with their DOD 'honcho' to express our thanks it would help. Obviously, any help you can give is appreciated. Thanks!!

As an aside, the support from the ROK Embassy is outstanding!

No longer, The Forgotten War!

Bill Weber, Col, USA (ret), Chairman, Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, 10301 McKinstry Mill Rd., New Windsor, MD 21776, 410-775-7733, Fax: 410-775-7760, www.koreanwarvetsememorial.org

Interesting Videos

John Gavel forwarded this "thank you" from Susan Kee, who often provides material for The Graybeards. He noted: "This Thank You e-mail from Susan Kee has a YouTube video from Korea that contained their Thank You. At the end of the Thank You video, there is a particularly interesting (another video) Nova video regarding the Saber vs. Mig encounters in "Mig Alley."

Here is Ms. Kee's thank you, including the references:

Dear Korean War Veterans, family members of KIA and MIA from the Korean War, Korea Defense Veterans, and friends,

As you may know, July 27th is the 62nd anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice Agreement, which established a ceasefire to the hostilities in the Korean War.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all of our Korean War veterans, families of the missing and killed in action service members from the Korean War. I would also like to thank the millions of Korea Defense veterans who have served in Korea and US service members who are currently serving in Korea. I am continually humbled by the courageous service of the many generations of our US military who have defended the freedom of Korea from the Korean War to the present.

Without your service, South Korea and all of its people could not enjoy the freedoms and prosperity it has today. I honor you for your willingness to fight for and defend the freedom of others. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your courageous service to the country and people of Korea. I know I would not be here today without your service. We will never forget what you have done for us. We will always be grateful. Thank you and God bless you always!

This Thank You video produced by South Korea's Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs beautifully expresses the gratitude of the Korean people. Please feel free to forward this email and share this video with other Korean War veterans, Korea Defense veterans and friends.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMrJ3SvKM-8>

My public Facebook page has been dedicated to honoring our Korean War veterans. It has now been expanded to honoring Korea Defense veterans as well, to honor all those who have served in Korea. Please visit: www.facebook.com/susankeewriter

With unending love and gratitude,

Susan

Memorial Proposed For Petaluma, CA

A group of our North San Francisco Bay Division, Korean War veterans in Petaluma, CA is working on a memorial that will be dedicated on Veterans Day this November. Check it out.

A few years ago I relocated from El Paso, TX to Petaluma, CA, about 35 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge. I have kept in touch with Roy Aldridge of Ch 249, COL. JOSEPH C. RODRIGUEZ MOH [TX]. (Petaluma is home to an annual Veterans Day parade that is rated as the best in northern California.)

Here I have found three groups of Korean War veterans. One rides the parade in a member's pickup and trailer. Another is active in the local VFW Post. The third has been meeting for lunch since 1989. These veterans are widely scattered and do not

belong to a KWVA chapter. However, many are KWVA members.

A group of us have organized with the objective of erecting a memorial commemorating local citizens KIA in Korea. The design is completed and we have approval to set up the memorial in a city park in Petaluma. We are working on installation for dedication on Veterans Day this coming November. At that time I will provide a write-up with photos for your Memorial Section.

Following is a link to our website that gives information about the memorial: <http://www.petalumakoreanwarmemorial.org/>

Marshall Davis, texmarsh1@gmail.com

Where Is The Combat Tanker Badge?

Tanks have been around since WWI, but there still is not a Combat Tanker Badge (CBT) authorized by Congress. There is one available which can be purchased by most outfits that handle military medals, but servicemembers are not allowed to wear it if they are still in the military.

I have one. It's the same size as the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB). The background is yellow on green (yellow is the armor color, which was the color of tankers' braid on their military caps). In the back is a wreath (same as on the CIB). It also includes two crossed sabers that represent the old horse cavalry that was replaced by armor. Finally, there is the front of a tank in front of the sabers. It is a nice looking medal.

In regard to John Sonley's article in the March-April 2015 edition, "More About The C.I.B.," p.66: I don't know if he was referring to my outfit in which I served during the Korean War, Tank Co., 14th Inf. Regt., 25th Inf. Div. We all received the CIB after the war ended. We were "on line" for a long time. That's probably why we were awarded the medal.

The order stated, quite simply, "For Satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy."

I was a tank driver, then gunner, then finally made tank commander. I still have a copy of the "Special Order" dated 22 September 1953 awarding the CIB to the whole company by order of Colonel Simenson of the 14th Inf. Regt. (whoever he was).

Now, the CIB is a very prestigious reward, and we were proud to receive it. However, we were an armored outfit, and we should have received the CTB.

I'm sure many of our tankers who wore the CIB were questioned by someone, e.g., "How did you get a CIB and you served in a tank outfit?" I never received such a question. I wore the CIB proudly, but I'm sure some of us were questioned, and our CIBs could be difficult to explain to some people.

Robert L. Porvaznik, 3414 Thomas St.
Whitehall, PA 18052

There's More Than One Way To Recruit A Member

Below is a letter I wrote to the *Daily Commercial*, Leesburg, Florida. It was in rebuttal to an article written that women veterans don't get enough attention. The result of the letter I wrote was four phone calls from people who said they would be at the next meeting.

If every member gets one new member every year, that dou-

bles your membership by 100%. I give this talk almost every month at our meetings. That gives our members 365 days to get one new member. If you can't get one new member in a year, you need to look at yourself.

I designed an apron which appeared in *The Graybeards* that said, "If you ever served in Korea see me." I display this at fund raisers and wear it when shopping for groceries. It always draws feedback.

Just wearing my Korean Veteran cap gets attention. I have a tag on my car that reads Korean War Veteran. When I ordered a pizza one night, the delivery man said, "Thank you for your service. I saw your license plate on your car." So there are a number of ways to bring attention to our membership.

Incidentally, I am having a problem locating 45th Inf Div patches. If anyone can supply me, let me know.

D J Lynch, 2nd VP, Ch 169, Lake County FL, PO Box 1198, Wildwood, F L 34785, dlynch62@cfl.rr.com

Here is the letter Mr. Lynch mentioned:

Calling Korean War veterans

I read an opinion recently about women veterans in the paper, and I want to tell you right now that the Korean War & Service Veterans Chapter 169 of Lake County thinks about the women veterans that served in Korea all the time.

We are particularly looking for members who recently served in Korea so we can have a wider representation of those who served. We are the largest chapter in the state of Florida and 12th largest in the nation. We hope to be No. 1 in the nation soon.

There are 30,000 military personnel serving in Korea since the cease fire July 27, 1953. There are also military personnel killed and/or wounded in combat every year there, but you won't read about it in the media. We are still at war with North Korea. We only signed a cease fire. The Korean War is probably the longest war in American history. It's the Forgotten War, the first war to stem the spread of communism.

Currently, we have several women in our organization, and two of them are colonels. We meet at 2 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at the Leesburg Senior Center and at the Eisenhower Center in The Villages at 2 p.m. every third Saturday. If you have ever served in Korea, please contact me.

DJ Lynch, Wildwood

Fr. "Bob"

In response to my article, "Chaplains in Korea," p. 60, March-April 2015, James ("Vinnie") Power sent me the following information, which I forward to you.

Tom Moore

I was a recalled inactive reservist from WWII. In December 1950, I found myself as a combat rifleman in Korea, with the 4th Platoon, "K" Company, 8th Cavalry Regiment, First Cavalry Division. I attended Captain Fr. Robert E. Lynch's masses, when he set up his jeep as an altar in our area. In the spring of 1951, Fr. Lynch told me his assistant was going home, and he asked me to be his assistant's replacement.

There were three of us. Fr. "Bob" was the successor to the 8th Cav's Captain Rev. Emil J. Kapaun, who died in an enemy POW

camp, and was awarded the Medal of Honor. Father Lynch had served at Saint Andrew Catholic Church in New York City. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lynch, of Yonkers, NY.



Fr. "Bob" Lynch doing the Lord's work

Then there was a young orphan Korean boy named "Peanuts." He helped with odd jobs, setting up tents and cots, as we traveled around visiting all three regiment battalions and aid stations. We went where the action was that day. I had many jobs, I typed sympathy letters, carried an M-1 rifle to protect us, maintained and drove "Versible," our jeep, altar, plus. It was a jack of all trades job.

Our mission as military chaplains was to care for the spiritual well-being of military personnel and their families, to provide for the free exercise of religion for all persons, and to offer moral, spiritual, and ethical counsel to military commanders.

The chaplains preach, teach, lead bible studies, celebrate the sacraments or ordinances by water baptism, serve the elements of communion, offer pastoral care and counseling, minister to the sick, dying or wounded, give mass absolutions, Last Rites, bury the dead, and bring comfort to the bereaved.



Vinnie Power, "Peanuts," and Fr. Lynch (L-R)

Later, Fr. "Bob" was rotated home, and I worked for a new chaplain from Rhode Island. Rev. (Capt.) Robert E. Lynch, CPCS, U.S. Army, was then the Chaplain at the U.S. Army, Camp Kilmer, NJ, Reception Center. In December 1951, Fr. Lynch was awarded his second Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device, and the Silver Star

Medal (General Orders No. 349) from Brigadier General Charles F. Craig, Commander of Camp Kilmer, NJ. I never heard from Fr. "Bob" again.

Cpl. James "Vinnie" Power, Lynn, MA, vinegarjo@comcast.net



Cpl. Vinnie Power and his jeep, "Versible"

Too Much East Coast

I am a life member of the KWVA and read the magazine, including the minutes of the meetings, from cover to cover. I am also a member of The American Legion, in which I have held many positions, including the County Commander, and the VFW.

Our magazine seems to be centered around the east coast, mainly Washington D.C. and Virginia. There is a lot happening on the west coast, where many Korean veterans live, and most of us came through the Golden Gate on our return to the states.

I think that if more attention was given to the west coast, the association might see a lot more members and a lot more inputs.

I read in the last issue that California had the largest number of new members, followed by Florida. Maybe if more attention was given to the west coast we could have even more members sign up to join our ranks. Having the national meeting in San Diego would be a step in the right direction. As we all age, travel clear across the nation is getting more difficult for many of us.

I do not want to seem to be complaining; I want to only suggest that California and all western areas get more attention.

I am enclosing some information about a new memorial that is being built in San Francisco, where things are being done for the veterans.

William C. Goss, Veterans Home of California
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NOTE: Mr. Goss submitted a couple items from the San Francisco Chronicle which related to the new Korean War memorial that will be erected near the entrance to San Francisco National Cemetery in the Presidio, in which over 2,000 Americans who fought in the Korean War are buried.

We have included news about the memorial in past issues. We will keep readers updated on the progress of the memorial.

As for the geographical balance to which Mr. Goss alludes, well.....

Music To My Ears

The editor's comments about music in the July/Aug 2015 edition, p. 9, reminded me of the time I came off the front line to the mess tent. The radio was playing music from Nashville on a program called the Grand Ole Opry.

Great memories indeed.

Leroy Rogers, leroyrogersusa@hotmail.com

Was It A Bird, A Plane, A Saber Jet...?

I remember an incident while we were on a patrol and a jet plane screamed across the sky; we felt the plane was about 150 feet above us. We were told that it was an F-86 Saber Jet. This was while I was with B Company, 19th Infantry.

When I read 'Bob Veazey's letter in the July/Aug 2015 edition, "Taking A Pilot's (Uh, Poetic) License," p. 67, I thought I cannot believe that we had the wrong plane. I was with the 24th until January of 1952. Unless I am wrong, he states that the Saber Jet did not go to Korea until February of 1953.

I went on line and found that the Saber Jet was in service in Korea in the early stages of the war (early 1950?). Tell me if I am wrong.

Tom Donaghy, tommyd29@cfl.rr.com

They Are F9Fs

I flew in the back seat of an AF-2S hunting for submarines as either a radar operator or bombardier and sonobouy operator with VS-931 Squadron off the USS Badoeng Strait (CVE-116) in Korea in 1952.

On p. 12 of July - August issue of *The Graybeards*, the caption under the picture stated "F4Us approach the USS Philippine Sea for landing.....".

The three aircraft shown are not F4Us; they are F9Fs. Not being able to see if the wings are strait or swept back, they are either Panthers or Cougars.

By the way, I authored the book *VS-931 Antisubmarine Squadron*, which is about our squadron during the Korean War.

J. Robert Wagner, bobwagner@verizon.net

Last Vehicle Out Of Pyongyang

I was driving the last vehicle out of Pyongyang, about December 2, 1950. No other traffic was coming south from combat with the Chinese. Some troops had obviously been trapped in our northwest sectors, so they did not get out. We had watched the "ordered" withdrawal of vehicles for about four days and nights from our location in the city.

On that journey, from Pyongyang to Seoul, I had a WW2 Staff Sergeant Stasney riding "Shotgun," a radio operator, and a Korean houseboy as passengers. They didn't know that I had not been given a G.I. Driver's License or been trained in 6X6 operation; the trip was on-the-job training for me.

I don't remember the Koreans' names, but somewhere in Korea there may be a 75-year-old Korea citizen who remembers that mountain climbing journey out of North Korea in December 1950.

I should mention that at that time, November-December 1950, I was a member of the 502nd Tactical Control Group's 6132nd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, US Air Force, an 18-year-

old "One Striper."

We had tanks, with infantry riding on them, in our compound when I went on Guard Post at 2400 hours. After dawn, when I was relieved to drive a six-by-six, with a Power Unit trailer and three passengers, the tanks and riders were gone.

I caught up with them an hour or so later when attempting to find my unit's convoy. It was cold in the open cab of the "6-by," but when we passed the tanks the infantry riders on them looked frozen and tired, so I felt lucky having some heat on my feet from the truck heater.

We drove day and night to Seoul, where we arrived after dawn. It took longer than necessary because the convoys were being stopped periodically to protect vehicles from guerrilla action along the way. The MPs were putting space between convoy elements.

Seeing that evacuation by all the UN forces in the North Korea western sector was an experience that I won't forget. We wondered when it would be our turn to head to South Korea.

John M. Quinn, Saggi32@aol.com

In Concert With The President

[President Kinard:] I enjoyed your article in the July-August issue, p. 10, about the Korean War being passed over at the concert. I have had a similar problem with my local newspaper, which goes from the WWI, WWII, to Vietnam War, Iraq War etc.

In July, I sent them the below updated article that I had written five years ago. I asked that they publish it on the anniversary day of when the war ended on July 27th. Lo and behold, they published the entire article. I heard nice words from many people, including several Korean-American folks living in Orange County.

After viewing my article in print, I thought it looked vaguely familiar, so I checked out my past publications, and there it was.....this same paper had printed the same article back in 2010 when I originally wrote it. (Hey, I'm 83 years old here!)

Anyhow, my points are, NEVER LET THEM FORGET THE KOREAN WAR—and never forget one's original publications.....if I can.

Gunnar Osterberg, gunsbabs@cox.net

NOTE: Here is the article to Which Mr. Osterberg referred:

"Forgotten War" not Forgotten by All

It is difficult to believe that 65 years have passed since our generation scurried to the encyclopedias to find out where a country called Korea was located. Little did we know that in the next three years our generation would soon know more about Korea than any of us wanted to know.

On June 25th, 1950, the Communist North Korean Army began the war by invading South Korea; partly after having heard the then Secretary of State Dean Acheson's announcement that South Korea was "outside America's defense perimeter." This apparently was a green light to the North Koreans to invade South Korea for the purpose of reuniting Korea, once again, as one country under communist control. The American armed forces soon entered the fray and the fight was on. After four months of bitter fighting, the Red Chinese, fearing an invasion, also entered the fight.

Most of us were at least eighteen years of age, making us susceptible to the military draft. Many young men made the choice of enlisting

into the military service and many waited to be drafted. Our generation followed the "Greatest Generation" that won World War II, and wrongly we thought that no more wars were in sight. Most of us did not question the South Korean "invasion," as it was explained to us. Our leaders told us that we must stop communism over there before it spread to our shores, and then to the rest of the world— so we went.

Our war lasted a total of three years, ending on July 27, 1953. It compiled a list of American casualties numbering 157,530. Of those, there were more than 37,000 young American men killed in combat. Names of battles such as Heartbreak Ridge, Outpost Queen, Chosin Reservoir, and Christmas Hill are instant memories to those men that experienced and survived them. This war was the first of many wars that our Congress had not declared as such. It was the first war where we sent our troops to fight for one particular side in another country's civil war. And, it was also the first war fought under the flag of the United Nations.

This war took place in rugged mountainous terrain, under often frigid and extremely hot weather conditions. Originally the world was told that this was not a war, but a "conflict" or "policing action." These terms, along with the "Forgotten War" term, became quite irritating to most of those who fought in this war.

We remain hopeful that on this coming sixty-second anniversary of this war's ending, that out of respect to those that didn't survive, and to those thinning ranks of veterans that survive, that this war will not be called "forgotten," but will go into our country's history books as the Korean War — for war is what it was.

Gunnar Osterberg, 23 Monarch Bay,
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Stories Straining Credibility

My favorite section in "The Graybeards" is "Feedback/Return Fire," where I can read about the recollections of my fellow veterans. Occasionally I encounter a story that challenges credibility, like the one on page 62 in your July/August edition about MIAs and POWs.

There is a letter by a "Vegan Ariel," which I strongly suspect for a number of reasons is a pseudonym. If his address as listed in the magazine is correct, why does he not respond to inquiries? I believe this letter is based more on hope than fact.

A "Ralph Phelps," his father, may well have vanished in April, 1952, in a B-26 in North Korea along with the son of Gen. James Van Fleet. The son's disappearance is on record. Ariel says the government immediately listed the men as dead. Wikipedia says the men were listed as MIA and after TWO YEARS were declared presumed dead.

The writer claims farther that the general "stated 8,000 MIAs are still alive." Are we to believe that generals are omniscient? The general continued to believe that his son was alive and that is understandable. Incidentally, the general lived to the ripe old age of 100, dying in 1992.

Ariel says sightings of our POWs continue to this day, but his proof is lacking. He claims to have traveled to South Korea and contacted "sources," who assured him that they have seen "Caucasian old men working the fields" of North Korea. The sources were told these men were survivors of the Korean War.

It seems highly unlikely that men in their eighties and nineties

would be capable of such work. But all of the above is probably irrelevant, because he says his sources travel by train into North Korea. No trains travel across the border; ergo, no sources exist, as claimed.

Additionally, I find it irritating to read that South Korean POWs who escaped from the north told Ariel that they had been with "ten Black and American men." Is he suggesting that blacks cannot be American?

No one can categorically state that no MIAs or POWs exist in North Korea or anywhere else. But, based on my reading and whatever common sense I possess, I think it highly unlikely after all these years. And I would not like to think that our government has been remiss in trying to locate them.

On page 53 is another letter that I find more entertaining than credible. I have the impression that the fearless Lt. Cahill had imbibed one too many scotch and sodas before he began to relate his misadventures to a gullible audience. I'm skeptical that a lieutenant would take a large patrol into enemy territory without reliable backup, but I suppose it could happen.

But, if they "were all killed....", assuming their CO engineered the surrender, then there were no survivors. Few details are provided, e.g., where did this happen, and to which unit?

We have all read about tiger cages in POW camps in North Vietnam and have seen them in movies about the Vietnam War, but on the front line in Korea? Not likely. Were the cages not guarded? How did Cahill and the survivors find their way back to the UN sector? It all sounds too far-fetched for this congenital skeptic.

Incidentally, thanks for your outstanding work in editing your magazines. A Korean vet, now a friend of mine thanks to "The Graybeards," recently moved from Maine to Tennessee. He emailed me the other day to say among other things how much he appreciated your work on "The Graybeards." He says he receives three veterans' magazines and "The Graybeards" is by far the best. He also praised your dedication in continuing your work when your wife was very ill. Apparently, your Australian counterpart feels the same way.

Most of us INACTIVE reservists were cussing Truman when we headed across the Pacific, but in the end I think we felt our time in Korea was well spent. I know I have many happy memories and that I'm not speaking for those unfortunate enough to serve on the front lines. I only handed them the ammunition they required to do the job.

But I do enjoy reading about the experiences of comrades in the "Land of Morning Calm." Thanks for your part in bringing them to us.

Bob Hall, 3827 Fraser St., Bellingham, WA 98229, 360-671-5516, rdhall1925@yahoo.com

Strange Goings On In Korea

I served in Korea from Dec 60 to Aug 62. I was a Military Intelligence Coordinator, which is really a jack of all intel trades. I was told to go to G2 Seoul Area Command to try and find a missing file, with orders, "Don't come back until I find it." I found it in less than a minute. I was a nosy SOB, so I decided to look around. In one of the bottom drawers they had a stack of loose reports to be filed back, but no one had. I thumbed through them all. They con-

tained incredible info on all topics pertaining to the Korean War and such. One of them was an agent report on a White House meeting with the President (Ike); I believe the date was 1958.

It was brief, only two short paragraphs long. It concerned the POWs. It said that there were about 900+ POW's unaccounted for, and there had been numerous sightings of Caucasians in North Korea. The president indicated that that was an acceptable number and dropped the matter.

Some time later we got word that Gen. Van Fleet and Senator Sparkman of Alabama were coming into Kimpo Airport, and we were to furnish a VIP squad for protection. I thought that this was weird, because we never did this before, and that's what the MP's or CID was all about. Now, Van Fleet was retired at this time. I know that this was highly unusual and nothing was said about it by any one of the participants.

Name Withheld By Request

Good Question

I have talked with many people about the problems associated with locating other KWVA members with whom we've served, down to company size. Would it be impossible when an application is received to link that new member to an already existing list of members of the same unit? It would provide a much needed service to the members when attempting to contact other for purposes of communication or organizing a mini reunion.

Gene N. Isom, geneisom@reagan.com

EDITOR'S NOTE: We will look into it.

Coldest War vs. Coldest Winter

In his recent letter regarding..."Reaching the Yalu," Lee Broussard mentions that David Halberstam wrote the book, "The Coldest War." Halberstam's lengthy critical analysis of the Korean War, printed in 2007, was titled, "The Coldest Winter." "The Coldest War" was a book written in 1990 by James Brady, a USMC replacement platoon leader, and it was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

After the war, Jim was a syndicated columnist who wrote, "Brady's Bits," published each week in a Sunday supplement for many newspapers for years until he died about six years ago. Halberstam died just a year or so ago in an auto accident.

Jim's book is outstanding and covers his time in Korea during the "Static War," which was approximately the same time I was a replacement as a tank platoon leader with the 25th ID from June '52 to March '53. He also lived out east here on Long Island, and I sent him a copy of my book, "Korea (Our War)," an historical memoir, published in 2002 for the 50th Anniversary of our war.

He was nice enough to hand write me a personal thank you note, and said he enjoyed reading all about tanks, which he had known nothing about. He was highly respected by the people in the village of East Hampton, where he lived.

I highly recommend his book. And it was very interesting for me to learn that he was sent up to live in the trenches with a platoon as an "observer" for a few weeks to learn how to run a platoon, and for his Company Commander to find out if and when he was ready to assume command of one in combat.

The USMC had a much better system than the Army, which sent

us raw replacement lieutenants up on the MLR to immediately relieve the platoon leader and take over an experienced platoon. We either "Sank or Swam"! I saw several of our new replacement lieutenants last only one night under heavy fire up on the MLR!

COL Peter W. Cuthbert, East Moriches
LI, NY, colpwc@optonline.net

Where I Was The Day The Korean War Ended

By Louis P. Horyza

(From our continuing series on where members were on 27 July 1953. The series can only continue if members submit their stories—which can include anywhere, even outside Korea.)

On the day the war ended I was at the beautiful Lake Coeur-de-Alene in Idaho with the group in the nearby picture. The news came over a portable radio we had with us, and we cheered loud and clear.

I am the second from the left and my buddy, Gene Hulsizer, whom I met when we were drafted, is the other fellow in the picture. He is deceased now. He was drafted from Rockford, WA. I was from Spokane, WA.

We took our training together at Ft. Hood, TX, with the 1st Armored Division. Gene and I spent that first year as close buddies. I left for Korea one month before him, and was in Tank Company, 279 Inf. Regt., 45th. Div. He was in Tank Company, 180th Regt., 45th Div.

When we were in reserve at Inje, we were about five miles apart and got to see each other two different times. When we came home I met him at Inchon to board our ship back home. I was an SFC and in a cabin; he was a sergeant berthed in the lower quarters of the ship. On arriving home we stayed very close friends. I was going with the girl on my right or first in the picture; he married the girl in the middle. Her sister is the last in the picture.

Even though it was a fantastic day at the beach, we both could not quite believe the shooting had stopped and we were home safe. We both had many vivid memories rush through our heads, and it took a while to get back into the joy of the day.

Lou Horyza, 667 Escuela Pl., Milpitas, CA 95035
408-263-8779, loupegh@aol.com



Lou Horyza and
friends on 27
July 1953

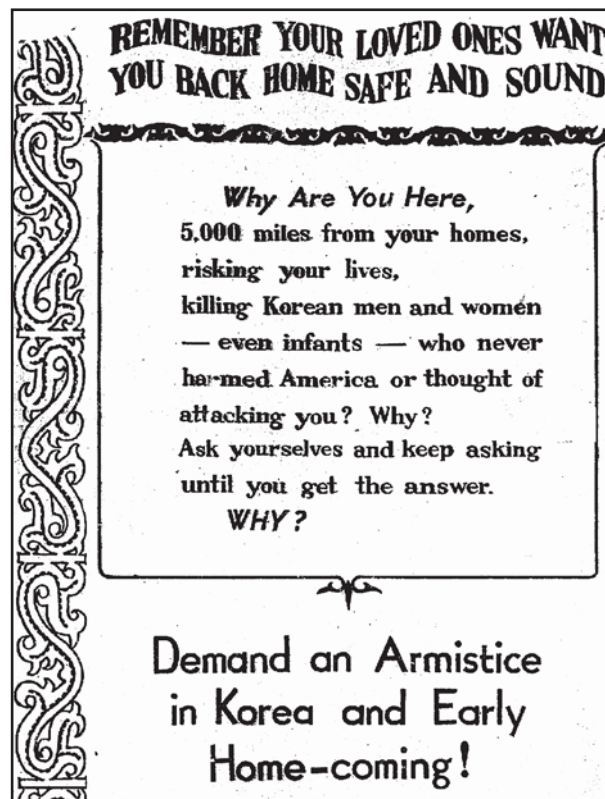
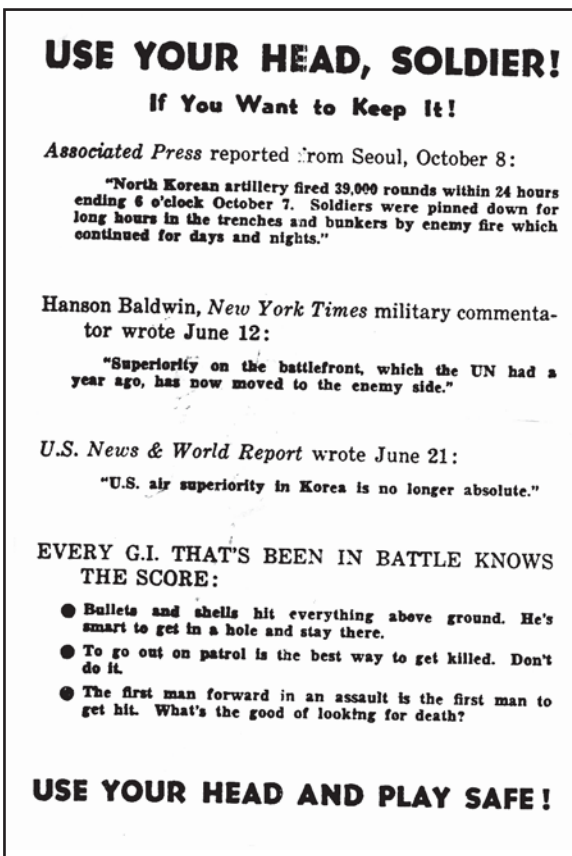
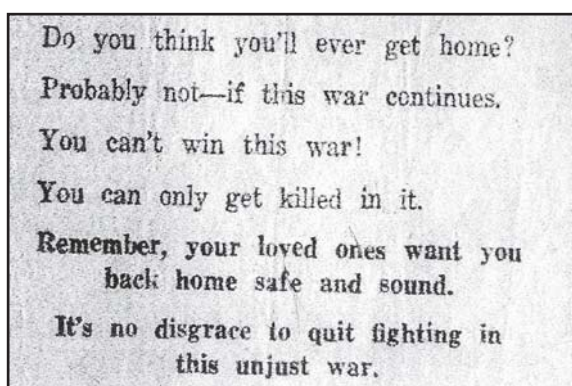
Anyone Want To Buy The Brooklyn Bridge?

One of the issues in the August 2015 exchange of artillery fire between the North and South Koreans was the use of propaganda broadcasts by both sides. The South Koreans accused the North Koreans of piping broadcasts into their country. In exchange, they set up their own propaganda speakers near the border.

The North Koreans launched a few artillery shells in the direction of the South Koreans' speakers—and promptly denied that they fired them. The South Koreans fired back. Whether or not they hit anything was unknown.

The exchange of fire reminded some people of the "propaganda war" within the Korean War back in the 1950s. Did anyone actually fall for enemy propaganda during the Korean War—on either side? Or did troops on both sides treat it as if someone had offered to sell them the Brooklyn Bridge or some swampland in Florida—or to sell them the bridge to cross that swampland.

We present a collection of enemy propaganda documents aimed at UN troops during the war. They were submitted by John A. Jannaccio, 500 Woodside Ave., Apt 236, Middlebury, CT 06762, 203-758-1035

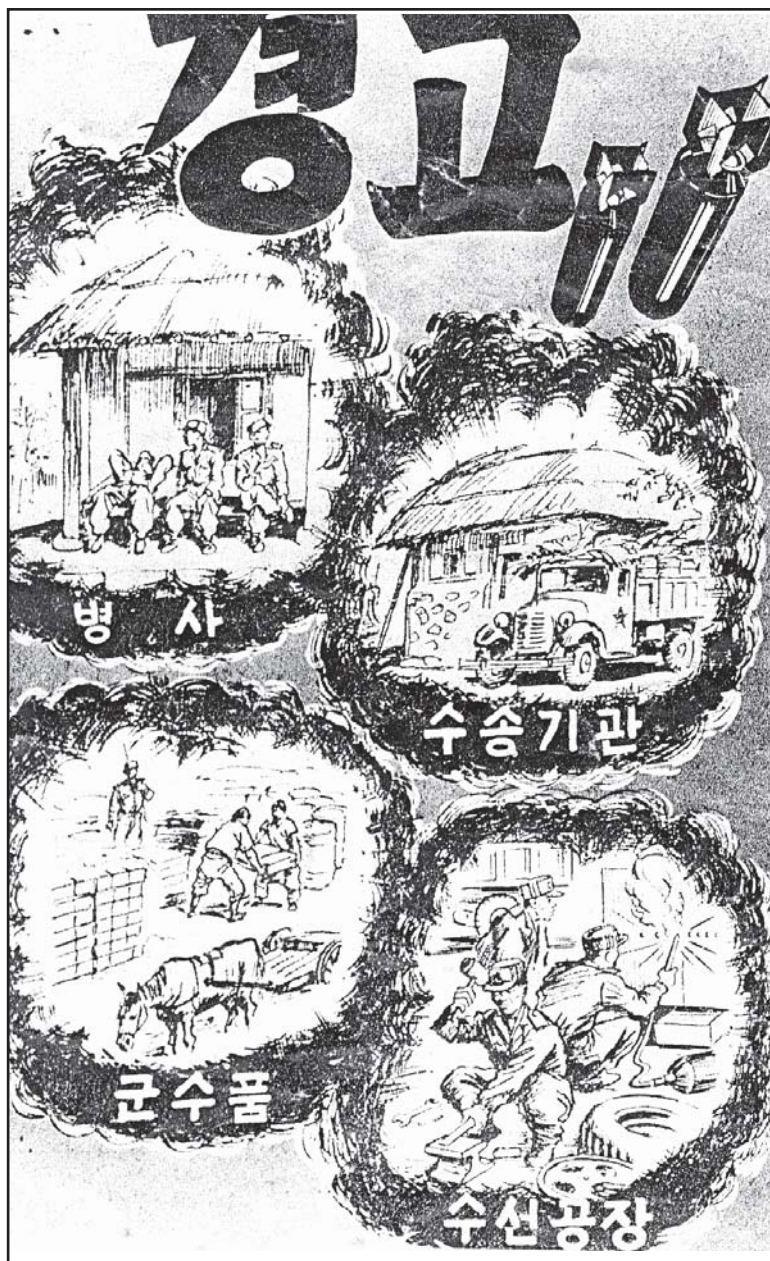


跟我們走保證你的安全
FOLLOW US! WE GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY

1. 我們將你送到後方安全的地方去。
We will take you to a safe place in the rear.
2. 在我們的後方有你們成千的伙伴，他們過着安全愉快的生活，到後方後你就可以看到他們。
Thousands of your fellow soldiers are in the rear. They have peace and safety. You will see them soon.
3. 我們志願軍不傷害俘虜，不虐待俘虜，不奪俘虜私人的東西，這是我們的紀律。
We Chinese Volunteers do not harm, and do not maltreat war prisoners, nor do we take any of their personal belongings. These are our regulations.
4. 你受傷了嗎？我們有人給你醫治。
If you are wounded, you will get medical treatment.
5. 你可以寫信給你家裏報告你平安的消息。
You will be able to write home and tell your folks you are safe.
6. 我們已經釋放了很多英美俘虜，你們將來也一定得到釋放。
We have already set free many American and British prisoners. You will certainly be freed and get home in the end.

THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEER FORCES

(發給每一個戰士，備捉俘虜後用)



ONES
YOU!

SAFE CONDUCT PASS

安全通行證

통행증

中國人民志願軍司令部發

THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S
VOLUNTEERS' HEADQUARTERS



They smile because they are safe and happy with us.



Recon Missions

Letters To Share?

I am working on a project involving letters home from servicemen/women during the Korean War. My uncle, William M. Baker, enlisted 11/29/50. His letters from boot camp came from COE 502 Abn. Inf. Regt., 101st Abn. Div., Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

He was sent to Korea 4/29/51, where he was KIA 5/25/51, one day after his 23rd birthday, in the Chaun-ni battle zone. He was with the 38th Inf. Regt., 2nd Inf. Div.

I am looking for anyone who may have any letters to home from boot camp or Korea during those times and would be willing to share them with me for my project. Please contact me with replies, questions, etc.

Shawne Wilfong, 151 N Edgehill Ave., Youngstown, OH 44515, 330-774-1803, Glinda82952@aol.com

Who Was The Youngest KIA In The Korean War?

Richard L. Dailey was 16 when he was killed early in the Korean War (born 1-11-34; died 9-2-50). His surviving older brother, a WW2 vet, before he passes, seeks to have the official record reflect the true age and he has been met with roadblocks, especially by the State of Pennsylvania.

I recall reading in my VFW Magazine articles about the youngest. The records should be updated to reflect Richard Dailey as well.



A sad newspaper article

APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORD UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10, U.S. CODE, SECTION 1552 (Please read instructions on reverse side BEFORE completing this application.)		OMB No. 0704-0003 OMB approval expires Oct 31, 2014																								
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<p>PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT</p> <p>PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): To initiate an application for correction of military record. The form is used by Board members for review of pertinent information in making a determination of relief through correction of a military record. Completed forms are covered by correction of military records (SORNs) maintained by each of the Services or the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.</p> <p>ROUTINE USE(S): The DoD Blanket Routine Use found at: http://www.dod.mil/privacy/blanket_routine_use.html apply to this collection.</p> <p>DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however, failure to provide requested information may result in a denial of your application. An applicant's SSN is used to retrieve these records and links to the member's official military personnel file and pay record.</p>																										
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<p>5. I REQUEST THE FOLLOWING ERROR OR INJUSTICE IN THE RECORD BE CORRECTED: (Entry required)</p> <p>Change Richard Dailey's date of birth to accurately reflect 11 Jan 1934 (January 11, 1934) for historical purposes.</p>																										
<p>6. I BELIEVE THE RECORD TO BE IN ERROR OR UNJUST FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: (Entry required)</p> <p>Richard L. Dailey was age 16 at time of death making him one of youngest killed in Korea conflict. Records should be accurate and reflect such.</p>																										
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<p>11. a. COUNSEL (If any) NAME (Last, First, Middle initial) and ADDRESS (Include ZIP Code)</p> <p>NIA 900 S. Meadows Parkway # 4711 Reno, NV 89521</p> <p>b. TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) 775-800-1421</p> <p>c. E-MAIL ADDRESS BEACOP@earthlink.net</p> <p>d. FAX NUMBER (Include Area Code) NIA</p>																										
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Request to update Richard Bailey's status

And, if anyone has any information about Dailey, I would appreciate receiving it.

Jeff Church (retired USAF)
800-554-9519
renocop@earthlink.net

Rodney Cloutman POW

My uncle was a POW in Camp 1. He was captured Nov. 26, 1950 when K Co., 3rd Bn., 9th Regt. of the 2nd ID was overrun during the Chongchon battle. His name was Rodney Cloutman, and he was a Captain at the time. I was told by another POW that my uncle was the company XO.

I would like to learn more about my uncle's capture. I would appreciate it if anyone can assist me.

Thank you for your service to our country.

Francis J. Robichaud, 10152 West Indiantown Rd., #101, Jupiter, FL 33478, 561-306-1360,
FJR@HolyFear.com

Official Membership Application Form

The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

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

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE Assigned Membership Number: _____

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

MOH, Ex-POW, Gold Star Parent or Spouse & Honorary - \$0.00

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

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

Ages 36 through 50 years of age:\$450

Ages 51 through 65 years of age:\$300

Ages 66 years of age and older:\$150

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

Please Check One ☐ **Medal of Honor** ☐ **Regular Member** ☐ **Regular Life Member** ☐ **Associate Member**
☐ **Ex-POW** ☐ **Honorary** ☐ **Gold Star Parent** ☐ **Gold Star Spouse**

(Please Print)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle/Maiden Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Apt. or Unit # (if Any) _____ Phone: (_____) _____ Year of Birth: _____

Email _____ Chapter Number/Name (if applicable) # _____

All Regular members please provide the following information if applicable

Unit(s) to which Assigned

Branch of Service

Dates of service:

Division _____ ☐ **Army**

WithIN Korea were: *(See criteria below)*

Regiment _____ ☐ **Air Force**

From _____ To _____

Battalion _____ ☐ **Navy**

WithOUT Korea were: *(See criteria below)*

Company _____ ☐ **Marines**

From _____ To _____

Other _____ ☐ **Coast Guard**

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes as indicated, is true and correct."

[If you are applying for membership in a category other than Section 1, par A.1., of the "Criteria for Membership" listed below, complete the "Certification of Eligibility for KWVA Membership" Form on page 2.]

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: If this is a GIFT Membership – please sign here to certify, under penalty of law, that to the best of your knowledge, ALL of the information you have provided about the Applicant is true and correct. [Note: If applicable, you must also complete and sign the Eligibility Form on page 2.]

Signature: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Make checks payable to: KWVA – Mail to: **Korean War Veterans Association Inc., P. O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407** (

(Or you may pay by Credit Card)

Credit Card # _____ ☐ **VISA** ☐ **MASTER CARD (only)**

Expiration Date _____ V-Code _____ Your Signature _____

Adopted 10/27/2012

CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR KWVA MEMBERSHIP

In addition to completing the KWVA Membership Application Form on page 1, persons applying for, and qualifying for, membership under one of the categories listed below, are also required to fill in the appropriate blanks, and sign in the space provided below.

Check Only One Category:

- ☐ **Medal of Honor:** I am a Medal of Honor recipient and the date on which it was awarded was: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ **Ex-POW:** I was held as a Prisoner of War by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces at some time during the period June 25, 1950 to the present. From: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____ To: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ **Gold Star Parent:** I am the parent of : Name [print] _____, who was
☐ killed in action, ☐ missing in action or ☐ died as a Prisoner of War during the Korean War
on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ **Gold Star Spouse:** I am the spouse of: Name [print] _____, who was
☐ killed in action, ☐ missing in action or ☐ died as a Prisoner of War on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
- ☐ **Associate:** I have a legitimate interest in the affairs of the Korean War Veterans Association and agree to accept the terms and conditions set forth in its charter and bylaws. I do not qualify to be a Regular member.
- ☐ **Honorary:** I was elected as an Honorary Member of the KWVA by a vote of the Board of Directors
on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes indicated is true and correct."

Applicant Signature: _____ Month ____ Day ____ Year ____

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Section 1. Qualifications of Members. Membership in this Association shall consist of Regular, Associate and Honorary Members. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, or physical or mental disability, as long as the individual meets the criteria of service requirements as stipulated below. Only Regular Members as defined in A. below have a vote in National or Department matters.

A. Regular Members.

1. **Service in the United States Armed Forces.** Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, is eligible for membership if:
a. Said service was within Korea including territorial waters and airspace at any time, September 3, 1945 to Present, or
b. Said service was outside of Korea, June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955.
2. **Medal of Honor.** Any KWVA Member, who is a Medal of Honor recipient, is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
3. **Prisoner of War.** Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

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.

E. Honorary Members. Any person of good character may be elected as Honorary Member by vote by the Board of Directors. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

F. Ineligible. Any person who has been separated from the service of the Armed Forces of the United States under conditions other than honorable shall be ineligible for membership in this Association.

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Jeonyoon Han Plays 'Dying Swan'

We featured a story about Dr. Jongwoo Han's daughter Hyemin in the July-August 2014 edition of The Graybeards ("Sophomore Receives Award From National Center For Women & Information Technology," p. 58.) Well, his daughter Jeongyoon has earned a spot in these pages, too, as the following story from p. 8 of the 3 June 2015 edition of the *Eagle Bulletin* [Syracuse, NY] attests.

MPH Sophomore Violinist to Perform with Moscow Ballet

Manlius Pebble Hill School sophomore violinist Jeongyoon Han will soon be adding another remarkable achievement to her long list of accomplishments. On Dec. 13, 2015, Han will perform with The Moscow Ballet for their "Wunderkind Program" at the OnCenter.

Well known for their annual performances of "The Great Russian Nutcracker," the Moscow Ballet utilizes this program as a way to highlight a young violinist or cellist from the cities in which they tour. The company asks a prominent youth orchestra within the city to select a violinist/cellist who won a youth concerto competition in the past to be a part of the program.

Dr. James Tapia, of the Syracuse Youth Orchestras and the Setnor School of Music at Syracuse University, recommended

Han, partially due to her winning the Syracuse Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition during the 2014 spring season. She will perform Camille Saint-Saens' "Dying Swan" with the principal ballerina of the Moscow Ballet as the show opener.

Tickets can be purchased here: nutcracker.com/yourcity/syracuse-ny.

Han will also be performing on July 15 as part of Cazenovia Counterpoint. The 11-day-long arts festival in Cazenovia has a concert each year called "Rising Stars."

Han won second place in the 2015 CNYAMT Instrumental Competition-Senior Division. She will be performing a piece composed by Alex Ganes, a 2015 graduate of Syracuse University.

The performance will be at St Peter's Episcopal Church Cazenovia.

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The members of Ch 105, Central New York, signed a card which was presented to Jeongyoon to honor her accomplishment. Dr. Han is an honorary member of the chapter, the KWVA's Liaison to the Korean-American Association, and the founder and president of the President of the KWV Digital Foundation. He has a lot to be proud of with his girls—and with his own accomplish-

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Musical Wunderkind Performance of The Dying Swan

Clockwise from left: Sophia Jeongyoon Han, Dallas 2012, Montgomery 2014.

Award-winning violinist Sophia Jeongyoon Han from Syracuse Youth Orchestra opens Moscow Ballet's 5:00pm show with a live performance of the Dying Swan, accompanying Moscow Ballet's principal ballerina.

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The ad promoting Ms. Han's appearance

ments on behalf of the KWVA.

Just for the record, in order to ease the confusion with their names, the sisters have adopted "Americanized" names for their friends and classmates to use. Hyemin is Debbie and Jeongyoon is Sophia.

Thanks to Jim Low of Ch 105 for submitting this article and photos. He can be reached at 114 Wembridge Dr., E. Syracuse, NY 13057, 315-437-0833.



The card signed by Ch 105 members



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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Korean War Veterans Call for Formal End of War

According to the Daily Report produced by the Air Force Magazine on 7/29/2015...

The three remaining Korean War veterans in Congress introduced legislation on July 27 calling for a formal end to the war after 62 years in a state of armistice. The resolution—authored by Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.), Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), and Rep. Sam Johnson (R-Texas)—pays tribute to the war's veterans, its victims, and divided

families; calls on the international community to support the formation of a unified Korea and assist efforts to promote denuclearization, economic prosperity, human rights and the rule of law on the Peninsula. "The fact that the Korean Peninsula is still technically in a state of war is wrong."

Johnson said in a joint statement. "The people of Korea, our American veterans who served during this war, and their families all deserve the clo-

sure that a formal ending to this conflict—and reunification of North and South Korea—would bring." Some 5.7 million Americans served in the war, and the US suffered 54,246 casualties from 1950 to 1953. The war also claimed the lives of 2.5 million Korean civilians and the separation of 10 million families.

We thank John Gavel for bringing the news to our attention.



Welcome Aboard!

New Members of the Korean War Veterans Association

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Letter from The Hon. Yonah Martin, Canadian Senate

Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions

73rd Tank Bn

The 73rd Tank Bn. held its 19th mini-reunion 21-25 April 2015 in Independence, MO. Bob Jones and his son Todd hosted the gathering. Todd kept the hospitality room well stocked with food, drink, and great fellowship.

The first evening we took them to Verona's Italian cafe in the historic Independence Square. The second day we went on the mule-drawn covered Wagon Pioneer Trails Adventure tour and then had lunch at the German Rheinland Restaurant. The third evening we were invited by the American Legion Post Commander of Post 21 in Independence to attend the Wednesday night taco buffet.

The fourth evening included our catered banquet. The Mayor of Independence, Eileen Weir, welcomed the 73rd Tankers Assn. to Independence. Our keynote speaker was LTC Kwangsoo Kim, the Korean Liaison Officer stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. The night ended with entertainment by the K.C. Bettys.

On the fifth day we shared a farewell breakfast. By noon everyone was gone—and Todd and I went home and collapsed.

Our 20th—and final—organized reunion will be from where we started 66 years ago, at Fort Benning in Columbus, GA. For info contact hosts Tom Ruffo at 727-544-2811 or Bobby Hill at 706-565-6500.

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



Attendees at 73rd Tank Bn. reunion



The KC Bettys (L-R): Christie Ramsey, Jeanette Kramer, Aundria Nitz, Genia Haggard, and Mary Gavin



Phyllis Hurst and Bob Jones at reunion



LtCol Kwangsoo Kim speaks to 73rd Tank Bn. audience



Barbara Ruffo, Tom Ruffo, Independence, MO mayor Eileen Weir (speaking), Kyosook Ku, and LtCol Kwangsoo Kim (L-R) at 73rd Tank Bn. banquet



Barbara Ruffo, Tom Ruffo, Bob Jones (speaking), Kyosook Ku, and LtCol Kwangsoo Kim at head table at 73rd Tank Bn. gathering

502nd Tac Control Group

My wife and I attended the reunion of the 502nd Tac Control Group in Dayton, OH, June 27 to June 30, 2015. The unit, composed of the 605th, 606th, 607th, 608th, 6147th, and 6132nd squadrons, was stationed in Korea.

The group and their wives toured the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum. It was a great

experience for all. The reunion ended with a great banquet at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Dayton. Dale King and his wife arranged this reunion.

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Attendees of the 502nd Tac Control Group reunion: (Front, L-R) Richard Hines, John Buser, Al Gatto, Keith Bunnell, Phil Lindsley, Howard Belton, Lorne Davis (Back, L-R) William Zenis, Bobby Woolwine, David Adams, Donald Wise, Jim Parker, Roland Harmon, Ken Bare, Randy Knowles, Jerry Holmes, Carl Richard, Dan Wicker, Dale King



91st MP Bn.

We recently held our 20th reunion. (We held our first reunion in July 1995.) It would have been grand if we had met sooner after our discharge from the service in 1954 in Korea. Sadly, many of our comrades have passed on to the next life with God and family.

This year we met 7-28/30 at the Hampton Inn in Midland, MI. The hotel staff was very hospitable, and they provided us with a meeting room.

On the first day we registered, visited, and had lunch together. The next day members gazed at the gorgeous, colorful flowers at the Dow Gardens and shared lunch at Shirlene's Cuisine. The restaurant recognized our presence on its marquee.

Then we attended the Great Lakes Loons baseball game at Dow Stadium, a 5-0 victory over the South Bend Cubs. (The Loons are a Los Angeles Dodger Single-A partner.) "Lou-E. Loon," the team's mascot, visited with us, and the team announced our presence on the PA system.

On the third day, at the Heritage Museum, we received an interesting history of Dow Chemical Co. We had lunch aboard the Islands of Bay City, on which we enjoyed a cruise on the historic Saginaw River.

After lunch, we returned to the hotel. That night we held our banquet, which included BBQ ribs, chicken, potatoes, cole slaw, baked beans and rolls, cake, ice cream, and fellowship.

We will meet again next year. Nancy and Jack Walker have volunteered to host a Mississippi River cruise. We thank all the members of our unit for keeping our group active.

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Jack Walker, Richard Suchodolski, Manuel Sanchez, Don Hart, Don Reif (1st Row, L-R); Jim Bouldin, Arlen Blumer, Allen Chapin, Rudy Bauer (2nd Row, L-R) at 91st MP Bn. reunion

Fran Gay, Mary Tyrea, Dorothy King, Elva Wheelwright, Mary Ann Bauer (1st Row, L-R); Nancy Walker, Joan Reif, Caroline Hart, Mary Carpenter, Pat Chapin, Velma Monk (2nd Row, L-R) at 91st MP Bn. gathering



Great Lakes mascot "Lou E. Loon" admires Jack Walker's forehead at game attended by 91st MP Bn. reunion group. Nancy Walker (L) and Richard Suchodolski (R) and other members laugh at the antics.

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MPVA's Eligibility Requirements

Korean War Veterans who served in or supported ground, naval, or air operations in the Korean Theater between June 25, 1950 and October 15, 1954. Family members of deceased or disabled Veterans are eligible to participate in the "Korea Revisit Program." An eligible applicant is allowed to bring a family member or friend as a "travel companion."

Expanded Eligibility

For the 60th anniversaries (2010-13) there will be more quotas available. In addition, those who have been on a Revisit prior to 2006 can apply to return again (Call MHT for more details). Widows and family members of deceased veterans or those unable to travel are also eligible for the Revisit as Veteran Representatives.

Benefits & Schedule

Free hotel accommodations for the veteran their companion or veteran representatives, meals for 5 nights and 6 days in Seoul for 2 people. If you want to bring more people you may at your expense. Accommodations are based on (2) persons per room, if you want your own hotel room you may at your own expense. All of the above items need to be requested in writing.

Tours of Seoul and its vicinity, banquet hosted by the MPVA and KVA with presentation of the "Ambassador for Peace" medal, tours of the DMZ, Pan-Mun-Jom, War Memorial Museum, National Cemetery.

Typical Korea Revisit Itinerary:

Day 1: Fly to Korea

Day 2: Arrival day Incheon Airport, Korea check into Seoul Hotel.

Day 3: Wreath Laying at United Nations Monuments.

Day 4: Korean War Commemoration Ceremonies.

Day 5: Panmunjom, DMZ Thank You Banquet in the evening.

Day 6: War Memorial Museum tour, Korean culture show.

Day 7: Departure

Sundry Notes

1. The MPVA Revisit Program privileges are provided for scheduled groups only.

2. Participants are required to have a valid passport that does not expire until 6 months after return to the USA.

3. Neither MPVA Seoul nor MHT Virginia U.S.A is responsible for any loss of or damage to personal or other items; medical expenses, injuries or loss of life due to any accident of whatever nature during the Revisit tours.

4. Hospitalization, Evacuation and Trip Cancellation Insurance is required by MPVA for all veterans, companions or veteran representatives. Insurance costs are included in the admin service charge for Korea only.

5. Transportation costs to and from Korea will be borne by each person who participates in the program. The Korean government is now subsidizing airfare for persons traveling with the group administered by MHT.

6. Applications will be received/accepted on a "First-come, first-served" basis.

7. Use of frequent flyer miles or other "free" transportation is allowed, but the administrative service fee of \$450.00 per person is still required for the insurance and administration.



Not Deceased

Member Irvin Ronald Lawfer R028351 IL was reported as deceased in the "Last Call" section of the July/Aug 2015 edition. His name was printed in error. Happily, he is still among us.

Phantom Jets Or F4Us?

On Page 12 of the July-August 2015 issue of *The Graybeards*, the middle photo is not of F4Us. I believe them to be F9 Phantom jets.

John H Forbes, divebugs@btinternet.com

Ch 181 Has Not Moved

On p. 38 of the July-August issue we located Ch 181 in

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

Missouri. As Don Dyer correctly points out, Ch 181 is and always has been located in Kansas.

The Korean War Did Not End In 1951

I didn't know that while I directed artillery fire on the enemy from when I first went on my OP at Triangle Hill, October, 1952, I was not included in the listing of when the Korean War took place. (See "Members Needed," p. 39, in the July/August edition.)

The listing stated "Korean War June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1951."

I finally rotated back to the states in October, 1953.

Dwight L. Thomas, Marlin, TX, [dwightfwk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwrightfwk@sbcglobal.net)

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