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From the President

Tom Stevens

Most of you by now have received, “the little yellow card” with the words on the front, “IMPORTANT MEMBER VERIFICATION NOW DUE.” It asks you to call an 800 number to verify the accuracy of the data currently listed on file. I assure you that these cards are legitimate.

We have partnered with Publishing Concepts Incorporated (PCI) to produce the new members’ directory. This action was approved by our Board of Directors at the Annual Membership meeting in October, 2016. I called the 800#, updated my information, and talked with a polite lady who recorded the information I gave her, after which she tried to take my order for a directory as well as a couple of miscellaneous items with the KWVA logo. I could have purchased all or none, but she was polite and didn’t pursue the sales effort beyond what was reasonable. In sales terms, I would refer to her effort as a “soft sell approach.”

I realize that some chapters have members who are members of the chapter, but not (for a plethora of reasons) members of the National KWVA Association. We strongly discourage this, but realize it exists. Chapter meeting “attenders” who refuse to be members to the National KWVA will not receive cards, as they are not in the National database. This is unfortunate, but a situation brought on by the individual, not the KWVA.

Anyone who is so inclined can rectify this by submitting their KWVA application (found on p. 71) to National KWVA with the nominal annual dues of \$25. If you haven’t done so, I strongly urge all Korean War and Defense veterans to become active members of National if they are not currently members. By doing so you will receive *The Graybeards* and help insure the continuance of the organization into the future.

Those who have allowed their memberships to lapse into “inactive” status due to non-payment of dues will also receive cards. This will be their opportunity to

renew their memberships, become active again, pay their dues, and purchase a directory if they choose to.

My next topic, which is important, is the recently approved law (PL114-230) signed by President Obama authorizing the “Wall of Remembrance.” This addition to the existing Korean War Memorial will list the names of all those who were killed, missing in action, or prisoners of war. However, an inherent part of the bill is that it did not provide for any federal funding.

A proviso of the bill was that it would be paid for entirely via private donations. In response to the funding challenge, your National KWVA Board recently authorized a donation of \$25,000 toward the cost of the Wall of Remembrance (see pp. 12 & 13, Nov/Dec 2016 issue of *The Graybeards*). The authorization of the Wall represents the culmination on the part of numerous individuals of literally years of unrelenting effort.

The Chairman, Mr. William E. Weber, of the Korean War Veterans Foundation, Inc. (non-profit), has worked long and diligently to realize this dream. But, the daunting challenge remains of raising approximately \$25 million. When the Wall of Remembrance is completed it will be the result of the generosity of Americans, many of whom were born after the signing of the Armistice on July 27, 1953.

Veterans of the Korean War are fading fast. Hopefully, the Wall of Remembrance can be completed while some of us are still around to visit it and honor those comrades who did not return home. Please consider an individual and/or chapter con-

tribution. Go to www.koreanwarveterans-memorial.org to see how you can become a part of this effort that is so close to the hearts of all Americans, especially to those families whose loved one did not return from Korea.

Executive Order No. 9981, issued July 28, 1948 by President Truman, stated: “It is hereby declared to be the policy of the President that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin.” The order also established the President’s Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services (Fahy Committee). Why do I call this to your attention? Because, February, has been declared, “Black Military History Month.” (See our related cover photo.)

Although readers won’t see this until late February, I felt the event should be recognized, as it will be an annual occasion. This is a month-long multimedia project honoring the unique contributions and sacrifices of African-Americans in U.S. military history. This project will tell of amazing stories full of pride and emotion. It will be a celebration of service, a unique sacrifice by a group of people who have given their all, selflessly and often without reward, but with hope.

For viewing videos and related features, please access the *Military Times* on the internet. For more information, contact MSgt Rob Wilkins, USAF, Ret., rwilkins@historynet.com.

It was recently brought to my attention that a sculpture depicting a battle scene

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THE GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

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

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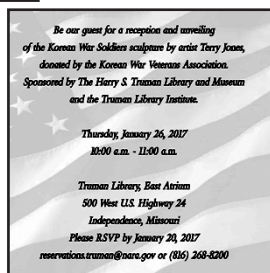
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from the Korean War was in the basement of one of our former KWVA presidents, still in the shipping crate, from a donor in California. With the able assistance of Bill Burns, KWVA Judge Advocate, I asked that it be shipped to the Truman Presidential Library, Independence, MO. They had gladly accepted the donation of the sculpture, agreeing to pay the cost of shipping.



The sculpture at the President Truman Library

The invitation to the sculpture event



The Truman Library not only was glad to receive the sculpture, but it hosted a reception and unveiling ceremony on January 26, 2017 at 10 a.m. Two KWVA

chapters, Missouri CID 43 (KC Mo #2) and Kansas CID #181 attended, as did several interested invited guests. The invitation is shown below. We'll take pictures of the event and submit them for a subsequent issue of the Graybeards. I thought you should know.

"I (Jim Meyer) give this sculpture to my father-in-law, Nick Mekis, a WWII and Korean War veteran. The sculpture stands about 17" high and about 36" long and 24" wide. Nick passed away in 2009. I now have it and would like to donate it to a museum."

As you can see from the invitation below, Jim's wish is coming true. The Truman Presidential Library is, in my opinion, the ideal place for this handsome sculpture. It is in a place now where it will be seen by thousands each year.

I'd also like to remind you that if you have a humorous story that occurred during your tour of duty in or around Korea, now is your chance to tell the world. Just contact Ray Amelio, 724 316-0575, or email him at ramelio845@aol.com. Ray's company is planning to publish a book,

"The Lighter Side of War," that will be made up of those humorous stories.

KWVA election time is here again. In this issue you will see and read about the candidates who have stepped up and said, "Yes, I'll serve KWVA." I congratulate all the candidates for their willingness to make this organization rise to bigger and better things. Congratulations!

Everyone receiving this magazine has an obligation to cast their vote. The ball is in your court. Please take a few minutes to acquaint yourself with the candidates (pgs. 12-17), discuss them with your comrades, and cast your ballots. I refer you to the "Why Vote" article in this issue.

As they say in current lingo, JUST DO IT!

Thanks.

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From the Secretary

Welcome to 2017. I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to the opportunities and challenges that face us this year.

Election

As we enter the new year, as usual, the first order of business is our annual election. This is an “off year” election, since we will not be voting on candidates to fill any of the officers’ positions. Instead, we will be voting for candidates to fill four (4) open seats on our Board of Directors.

We have seven (7) very capable and well qualified candidates to fill those positions, so I ask that you please review carefully their resumes on pp. 12-17 in this issue and cast your vote for the four (4) candidates you consider to be best qualified to help lead our Association over the next three years.

Unfortunately, in recent years, our voter response has been inexcusably poor. This is your Association, and this is an opportunity for you to step forward and show your support. Every vote is important, so PLEASE VOTE!

Membership

Our 2016 Membership and Recruitment numbers reflect the continuing decline in membership that we have been experiencing in recent years.

13,828 – Active members, December 31, 2015

13,090 – Active members, December 31, 2016

748 – Net decrease in membership for year

770 – New members recruited in 2015

675 – New members recruited in 2016

1,255 – Deceased members in 2016

These numbers are alarming! We absolutely need to do something to reverse this trend. If we don’t, it’s easy to see that the future does not bode well for our Association. We all need to assume the role of “membership recruiter” for the KWVA.

There are still thousands of Korean War veterans who are not members. We have a huge pool of Korean Defense veterans we need to tap into. With New Year resolution thoughts still fresh in our minds, if each of our 13,090 members would recruit just one new member in 2017, we could double our membership. It’s not that difficult; it simply requires a commitment on the part of each of us.

American Veterans of Korea Foundation Scholarships

I am certain that many of you have been searching this issue for the application form for your descendants to apply for one of the 2017 American Veterans of Korea Foundation (AVKF) scholarships. I told a number of you to do so. However, it is not in this issue.

First, it is important to remember that this scholarship program is not sponsored by the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. While we fully support the program, our role is to provide administrative assistance to the AVKF in promoting the program, collect

the applications from the students, and administer the selection process. Other than some minimal administrative costs, there is no cost to the KWVA.

The scholarship program is an outgrowth of, and is fully funded through, the AVKF, established by Representative Kim, Jung Hoon who serves as its Chairman and is also a current member of the Republic of Korea National Assembly. We extend our thanks to Rep. Kim and his associates at the AVKF for making these scholarships available. With the cost of college today, this support is a tremendous help for our descendants.

Due to Rep. Kim’s extremely busy political schedule over the past few months, he has not held a meeting of the AVKF Board of Directors to determine the level of support they can provide for the scholarship program in 2017. Consequently, while we feel confident that they will sponsor the scholarship program again in 2017, we cannot promote it without their final approval. Rep. Kim plans to meet with his Board in February. Hopefully, we will receive his approval and be able to move forward following that.

I will keep you informed and will advise you through our KWVA website and/or *The Graybeards* as soon as I have some definitive answers from Rep. Kim. Thanks for your patience.

Remember - VOTE – VOTE – VOTE!

Lew Ewing, Secretary



Lew Ewing

Why Vote?

“I’m just one person and my vote won’t make any difference.”

“It’s a waste of my time, and I won’t contribute to the farce they call a democratic election.”

“Everyone knows it’s already been decided by the powers that be!”

Well, if you’re one of those folks who believes the above is true, you need only look at the outcome of the 2016 U.S. presidential election to understand that every vote can, and does indeed, make a difference. Why do I bring this up? Because there is an election in 2017 that is even closer to home: the KWVA election.

Candidates have already come forward to fill vacancies on the KWVA Board. Each brings his own point of view. Like it or not, if you don’t vote, you are giving up a fundamental right to make a difference in the future of the KWVA. Not voting means that those members who get voted in will make decisions for you that you might not like or agree with.

You owe it to yourself, and to the KWVA, to get informed about each of the candidates and what they bring to the office they seek. Each candidate submitted a letter of intent to run to the Election Committee. The letters are published in *The Graybeards* for your evaluation and consideration.

If you don’t get informed and vote, someone else’s vote will choose the candidate that you will have to live with.

It’s up to you. Vote and help shape the KWVA organization of the future. Will you do it?

Honoring Korean War veterans with a Korean New Year's Day tradition

In Korea, for New Year, younger people dress in traditional Korean costume and pay their respects to their elders, bowing to them and wishing them good health. We set out to honor this tradition by visiting veterans on this New Year.

We first visited Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, retired, Edward Rowney and his wife Betty at their home in the Knollwood Retirement Residence on the afternoon of 31 December. General Rowney is 99 years old, and served in Korea with X Corps as Corps Engineer and as the Regimental Commander of the 38th Infantry Regiment. He was a plans officer in Tokyo when the war began and participated in the planning of the Incheon Landing.

We helped him have his book on his Korean War experiences, *An American Soldier's Saga of the Korean War*, published in Korea, and escorted him to Korea in 2014 to receive the Taeguk Medal, the equivalent of the Medal of Honor, from the Korean government. He is the sole officer of General MacArthur's staff still living

On New Year's morning we drove to



Monika and Tim Stoy flank Gen. and Mrs. Warner

historic North Fork Baptist Church in Purcellville, VA to attend services presided over by Chaplain (COL), US Army retired, Parker Thompson and to pay respects. Chaplain Thompson served in the Korean War with the 10th Engineers and the 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3d Infantry Division, and was wounded in action. He

is a very active pastor, even at age 89. He went on to have a distinguished career in the Chaplains' Corps, serving in Vietnam as Division Chaplain for the 1st Cavalry Division. He also served in Berlin.

He was instrumental in the founding of the Chaplains' Corps Museum at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Col. Thompson wrote the first volume of the Chaplains' Corps official history. He has always provided us wise counsel and great support of our commemorative efforts. He is the last known living Army chaplain from the Korean War.

Afterwards we paid our respects to General, US Army, retired, Volney Warner and Mrs. Janice Warner at their home in McLean, Virginia. General Warner served as a Lieutenant in L Company, 21st Infantry, 24th Infantry Division in the Korean War, and his reminiscences of the war provide great insight into the life of a young lieutenant fresh out of West Point (USMA 1950) pulled in from graduation leave to deploy to war. We enjoy their friendship and wise counsel as we honor our Korean War veterans.

GEN Warner, LTG Rowney, and Chaplain Thompson will participate in OP International, Society of the 3d Infantry Division's Korean War historical seminar in Springfield, VA 19-22 April 2017.

Monika Stoy, timmoni15@yahoo.com

The Stoy's, dressed in Korean costumes, set out to honor the Korean tradition of honoring elders by visiting veterans on this New Year.



Monika and Tim Stoy with Lt.Gen. Rowney



The Stoy's with Col. Thompson



My life as a Lt.Kernel[®]

It's a safe bet that most people living at the times can remember where they were on significant dates like December 7, 1941, November 22, 1963, or September 11, 2001. Perhaps not as many remember their whereabouts on February 20, 1962. I am one of those who do.

I'm a little fuzzy on the December 7, 1941 events at Pearl Harbor, since I was only ten months old at the time. Nevertheless, as I recall, I tried to crawl down to the Marine Corps recruiting station to sign up. The recruiters advised me to wait a while. I'd get my chance. They were right.

By November 22, 1963 I had already completed my four years of active USMC service and was looking for a new career. I was on a sales call that day with Charley Martin, the sales manager of radio station WBRY in Waterbury, CT, when we learned that President Kennedy had been shot. I had no connection with WBRY, sales—or work in general—, but I was saddened just the same.

The only sales I was interested in at the time was the slapstick comedian “Soupy” Sales, who I watched every day. (Look him up on the internet.) I was simply waiting for Charley to finish his spiel so we could go to lunch at our favorite adult beverage dispensing emporium. We got there, but we were both a bit subdued, as was everyone in the emporium, which some people had the temerity to call a bar.

When the Twin Towers were attacked on

September 11, 2001 I was en route to my classes (teaching, not taking) at the University of New Haven. I heard the news on the radio. There was not much teaching or taking of classes that day, nor was there for quite a while after. I wanted on 9/11 to re-enlist in the Marine Corps and go to war with someone—anyone.

Okay. Why do I remember February 20, 1962? That was the day USMC Lt.Col. John Glenn became the first human to orbit Earth. (He wasn't promoted to colonel until October 1964.) That was a day to remember, especially for us Marines.

I never met John Glenn. Why would I? He was a Marine Corps lieutenant colonel; in the Marine Corps' ranks I was an E-3, the equivalent of one kernel on an ear of corn, a rather insignificant part of an entire organism. An E-3 kernel—or should it be Lt. Kernel—simply does not compare to a lieutenant colonel. Nevertheless I was with him, in spirit, at least, on 20 February 1962, as were all Marines—and the entire nation.

I was scheduled for a tractor-trailer (TT) run to pick up troops going through Infantry Training Regiment classes at Camp Geiger, NC. I was a “short timer” on Temporary Additional Duty to the motor pool there, and one of the few Marines in the platoon who had a tractor-trailer, i.e., “cattle car,” license. Instead of picking up the troops as scheduled, I parked my TT outside the barracks to watch on TV as John Glenn was launched.

Remarkably, every driver in the platoon on a scheduled run had the same idea. So

did the dispatchers, the mechanics, and anyone else on and off duty. The barracks parking lot was filled with 1/4-ton, 3/4-ton, 3-ton, and 5-ton vehicles, deuce-and-a-halves, and TTs that should have been on runs somewhere. Hey, it was one of our Marines making history, and it was our job to support him. That's what Marines did then: always have, and always will.

There was nobody on the road, and a lot of young Marines, their officers, and their instructors were left waiting in the field until Glenn finished his mission. We were sure they wouldn't mind, especially those among them who were going out to the field rather than returning.

The sense of pride in our barracks was amazing when Glenn left Earth, and even greater when he returned. He left the planet. We didn't even leave our barracks to make our runs around Camp Geiger. Yeah, there were probably a lot of hungry and angry troops waiting for us in the field but, hey, we were in the proverbial “drivers' seats.” (Well, we weren't, actually.) It was a significant day for all Marines—and the entire country. The wait for everyone was worth it.

Anyway, John Glenn went his way after February 20, 1962 and I went mine. But I remembered him every February 20th after that because that was also my wife's birthday. (I didn't know that or her at the time.) Naturally I remembered both with great pleasure as each year came and went. Now, they are both in the big space center in the sky. John Glenn, a real American, Marine Corps, and Korean War hero, passed away on December 8, 2016. (See the story on p. 26.)

I will remember John Glenn every February 20th, as I will my wife. They were both heroes in my eyes. Somehow, I don't think the troops left standing in the field on February 20, 1962 looked at us truck drivers as heroes that day. They were the true heroes for waiting. After all, they were outstanding in their fields, which is a criterion for a hero, thanks to John Glenn. Yes, thanks to John Glenn.

Semper Fi, John Glenn

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From the Executive Director

James R Fisher



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Ambassador For Peace Medal Presentation: The Embassy has been backlogged with the number of requests for the Ambassador for Peace Medal. This has caused a longer delay in processing the medal for Korean War veterans. We will stay on top of this issue and hope to have all requests for the medal processed in a timely manner.

Revisit To Korea Program: The Revisit Korea program is over for 2016. Over 350 veterans and family members returned to Korea on the ROK government subsidized program that was commenced in 1975. The big change this year was that the Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA) approved Korea Defense veterans, and their families, going for the first time. We have been told that the program will continue in 2017. We don't receive the actual quotas and specific dates until after the first of the year. However, the months are usually June, July, September, October and December. These quotas go very fast so it's highly recommended that you submit your registrations ASAP. For more information see: www.KWVA.org or www.miltours.com

The SAE Eden Presbyterian Church In Korea—The SAE Eden Presbyterian Church is planning an event in Houston, Texas on June 7, 2017. President Thomas Stevens and Past President Larry Kinard will represent the KWVA.

Tell America Program: The Map Poster of the Korean War continues to be requested. The map is available to those participating in the Tell America Program. If you would like maps for your presentations, please contact: Director Roy Aldridge, Chairman, Tell America Program, 6544 Grand Ridge Dr., El Paso, TX 79912, 915-581-4725, Royaldridge@sbcglobal.net

Veterans Day 2017: Director Paul Cunningham has been appointed Chair of the Veterans Day 2017 Committee. Other members include Director Whitmore and Executive Director Jim Fisher. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please inform Director Cunningham.

Our urgent interest in this planning lies in the necessity for the Korean War veterans to prepare for Veterans Day, 2017 when we will be Host VSO.

Reading Of The Fallen: The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation has been conducting a reading the names of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice during the Korean War. In 2015, all of the American Servicemen who died during the war had their names announced in a very dignified and solemn ceremony. This year all of the Korean Augmentation to the United States Army soldier's names who were killed had their names read at the Memorial. On June 25, 2017, The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation will read the names of all of the fallen from the allied countries who came to the aid of South Korea at the memorial.

POW/MIA Report: Submitted by Mr. Rocky Harder, KWVA POW/MIA Coordinator. Monthly Teleconference, DPAA-Family Organizations/ VSO/MSO.

MIA Families Sought: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is seeking families of missing American service members to attend informational update meetings and to collect DNA samples if one is not already on file. Learn more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/Families/Family-Events/>.

POW/MIA Forever Stamp: A message from Tom Thiel ~ KWVA CID169 Sec, Ed, Web, DoF Web, AL#41. 19147 Park Place Blvd, Eustis, FL 32736 352-408-6612, kwwathiel@gmail.com.

There are more than 83,000 MIAs in all wars starting with WWII to the present. According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, more than 7,800 Americans remain unaccounted-for from the Korean War. They were our brothers and sisters in arms, and U.S. Citizens. The Korean War and Korea Defense Service Veterans of Lake County, Chapter 169 Inc., has pledged to do all that it can to return all MIAs so that their families may gain some peace. We must do still more to keep the public aware of these 83,000 Missing in Action Americans. A First Class POW/MIA Forever Stamp would surely help us do this, and we want to convince the U.S. Postal Service to issue such a stamp. But the Post Office objects. Fortunately, one of our Korean War brothers, a POW for some 33 months, the late William "Bill" Allen, author of "My Old Box of Memories," had already done a lot of spadework on this effort. But, sadly, Bill was not able to convince the Postal Service. So he went to his Congressman, Gus Bilirakis of Florida's 12th District, who in 2013 introduced HR2794, the Perpetual POW/MIA Stamp Act. In December 2015, Mr. Bilirakis reintroduced it as H.R. 3558 with the same name.

I obtained this new information from Congressman Ron DeSantis, of FL 11th District. According to Mr. DeSantis, "This legislation would provide for the issuance of a forever stamp depicting the National League of Families POW/MIA flag to honor members of the Armed Forces who are still prisoners, missing, or unaccounted for." Mr. DeSantis went on to say, "H.R. 3558 has been referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform." Mr. DeSantis continued "As a member of this committee, I will diligently review this legislation with my colleagues and keep your thoughts in mind should this, or any similar measure, come to the House floor for a vote." Sadly, our legislation is still buried in the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. We sincerely appreciate all that have contacted their U.S. Representatives on behalf of the original bill. But now you need to do it again—contact your Congress person, our FL representatives on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and leaders of this committee. Please also send this to your Veteran's Group's National Level so that this action might be implemented throughout the U.S., not just in Central Florida. Selected addresses follow:

- Congressman Gus Bilirakis, 2187 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 (202) 225-5755; Fax: (202) 225-

4085, 7132 Little Road New Port Richey, FL 34654 (727) 232-2921; FAX: (727) 232-2923

• Congressman John Mica, 2187 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 (202) 225-4035; Fax: (202) 226-0821, 100 East Sybelia Avenue, Suite 340, Maitland, FL 32751-4495 407-657-8080; Fax: 407-657-5353

• Congressman Ron DeSantis, 308 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 202-225-2706; Fax: 202-226-6299, 1000 City Center Circle, Port Orange, FL 32129 386-756-9798; Fax: 386-756-9903. United States House Committee on Oversight & Government Reform

• Congressman Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, UT-3, 2236 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202) 225-7751; 51 S University Ave., Suite 318, Provo, UT 84601 Phone: (801) 851-2500

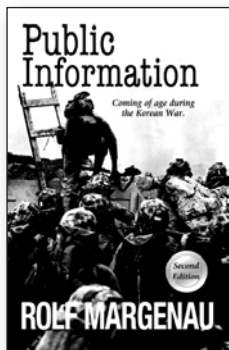
• Congressman Elijah Cummings, Ranking Mbr, MD-7, 2230 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20515. (202) 225-4741; Fax: (202) 225-3178, 1010 Park Avenue, Suite 105, Baltimore, MD 21201, (410) 685-9199; Fax: (410) 685-9399

Honor Flights: Honor Flights for the remainder of the year have not been scheduled to the unpredictable weather in Washington, D.C. Honor Flights will resume starting in April 2017.

Rescheduled: KWVMF Fund Raising Galas: A Gala Benefit is scheduled for, July 27, 2017, at the Sheila Hotel, Seoul, Korea to raise money for the maintenance program at the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Wall of Remembrance in Washington, D.C.

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Changjin (Chosin Few) Memorial Dedication at Quantico Marine Corps Base (Museum) will likely be dedicated in April of 2017. More information to follow as it is given to us.

It is an honor to work with each of you and I hope we continue to look forward to continuing our progress in the New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Fisher, National Executive Director,
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Korea Defense Veterans Have First Dedicated Monument

Korea Defense veterans have their first dedicated monument! It is on the site of the Korea War Memorial in Charlestown, MA. (See Chapter News on p. 47) The memorial was conceived, designed, and constructed by members of CID 299, the Korea Veterans of America.

"We plan to dedicate other monuments similar to this one," said Jeff Brodeur, KWVA Second Vice President. "We are looking at the New York/New Jersey area and on the West Coast. We would like to see one at the site of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington DC—but not a memorial that will detract from the KWVA's."

Brodeur was the primary force behind the Massachusetts memorial, although he is the first to say he didn't do it alone.

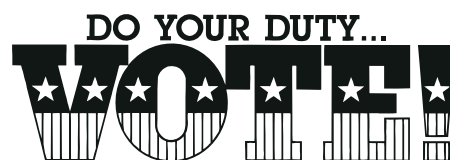
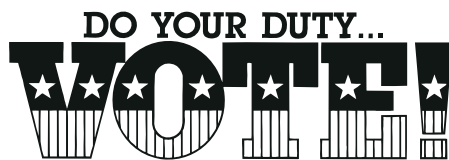
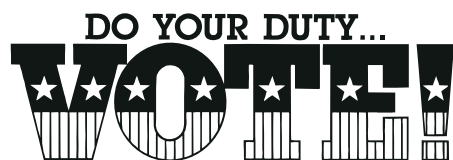
"We Korea Defense veterans see the Massachusetts memorial as the first of many—hopefully—which will be a fitting tribute to the men and women who served in Korea after the fighting ended. More important, the memorials we propose will be good recruiting tools for the KWVA."

Brodeur offers special thanks to Jongwoo Han, PhD., President of the Korean War Legacy Foundation, Inc. and World History Digital Education Foundation, Inc., for his (and their) financial support, and to the KWVA members who helped make the dream of a memorial a reality.

And, he noted, financial support for future memorials dedicated to the Korea Defense veterans is gladly accepted.



An overview of Massachusetts monument



ALL MEMBERS

The following eight candidates have been certified to seek the four open positions indicated for the KWVA's 2016 Election. NOTE: You cannot vote for more than four of the Directors listed below.

Effective upon the closing date of December 15, 2016, the members of the Election Committee have reviewed all letters, documents, etc. received from each candidate for office.

It is our opinion that all of the requirements have been met as listed in the Association's By-Laws, Procedure Manual and as published in *The Graybeards*. The names have been submitted to the

Secretary, the Webmaster, and the editor of *The Graybeards* for the printing of the ballots.

The Committee has submitted the candidates' names in alphabetical order. Please pass the word to all members to VOTE, as it will help in getting more members to submit their ballots this year. Candidates' resumes and pictures are listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

KWVA Elections Committee:

- Chairman Robert Fitts
- Member Tine Martin Sr.

You cannot vote for more than four of the Directors listed below

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTORS

- Eddie L. Bell, Sr.
- George S. Covell
- Bruce R. Harder
- Alves J. Key

- Wilfred E. Lack
- Albert H. McCarthy
- Tom McHugh
- L. Timothy Whitmore

The letters submitted by the candidates have been edited slightly to fit the format of *The Graybeards*. The contents of the letters were not affected by the editing process.

EDDIE L. BELL, SR.



My name is Eddie L. Bell, Sr., and I would like to submit my name as a candidate for the KWVA Director position for the three-year term 2017-2020. I am a Life Member, my dues are current, and will remain current through the term of office. A copy of my DD-214 and KWVA application forms are attached, and I authorized they may be released for verification by the Election Committee. I understand that I must attend all called meetings of the

Board of Directors and understand that two unexcused absences may be cause for removal. I was born and raised in Mobile, Alabama. After graduating from high school, I enlisted in the US Army in 1966 to 1969, and again in 1974. Served for 27+ years in Signal Corps and retired as First Sergeant in 1995. Immediately went to work for DoD, and retired as GS-13 on 31 December 2014, after 19 + years in Stuttgart, Germany. **Education and Training:** Graduate of Southwest State Technical Institute, Mobile, Alabama, with certification in Electronic Appliance Maintenance and Refrigeration. **Training includes:** Communications Electronic Maintenance, U. S. Army Information System Management, Contracting Officer Representative Course, Leadership Education and Development Course. **Work Experience:** First Sergeant (1SG), with three Signal Battalion's. Branch Chief, HQ U.S. Africa

Command, J65 Enterprise Service Division, Stuttgart Germany. Provided real-world secure/non-secure mission support to the Commanding General and his Senior Staff of over 9 General Officers, 5 Ambassadors, and 4 Foreign Service Diplomats. Served as Communications Electronics Maintenance Technician, 61st Maintenance Battalion U. S. Army Forces Korea. Served as Communication Command and Control Officer, CONUS Communications Support Command, Ogden Utah. **Organizations and Affiliations:** State President of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA), Texas. Life Member KWVA, Chapter 222, Killeen, Texas, Life Member Disable Veterans (Chapter 74), Life Member Vietnam Veterans of America (Chapter 1000), Life Member Forty & Eight (Locale 266), Member, Killeen Sister Cities, Osan, Korea Committee. Awards and Recognition: Certificate of Appreciation by General Ward, Commander HQ U. S. Africa Command. Certificate of Appreciation by BG Ferrell, Director J6 HQ U. S. Africa Command. The joint Civilian Service Commendation Award, by MG Mannon, Chief of Staff, HQ U. S. Africa Command, The Joint Civilian Service Achievement Award by VADM Moeller, Deputy Commander, HQ U. S. Africa Command, Meritorious Service Medal, 01/91; Army Commendation Medal, 4th OLC; Army Achievement Medal, 3rd OLC; Good Conduct Medal, 8th AWD; Vietnam Service Medal, 1968-1969; Vietnam Cross Of Gallantry W/Palm; Korean Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Medal.

Presently, I'm the President of the Department of Texas KWVA. I've commissioned a State KWVA flag with the Governor of Texas and

created a State uniform/dress for both males and females. Setup a much needed Veteran's Internment Fund and raised over \$5,000 to offset burial expenses when families don't have funds for support. I was recently selected to serve on the National membership/recruiting committee. If elected, I know I will make a difference and uphold the legacy of our comrades. It will never be forgotten on my watch. I ask for your support to be one of your next directors for the years 2017-2020, and I will make all the meetings.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Eddie L Bell, Sr., Life Member # LR46743, 1105 Craig St., Copperas Cove, Texas 76522, Phone: 254-661-4673, Email: eddiebell858@yahoo.com

GEORGE S. COVEL



I, George S. Covell, hereby state my intention to run for the office of Director (3 years) of the Korean War Veterans Association. I am a Life Member of the association with dues paid through the upcoming term of office and beyond. I promise to attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors during my term of office. I understand that two (2) unexcused absences from such meetings may be cause for my removal from office.

I am currently a Life Member of the Northeast Chapter 59, KWVA and an active member of Adirondack Chapter 60, KWVA. I have been Chairman of the Memorial Service for the Department of New York's annual convention. I first joined the KWVA at its beginning, but due to poor communication during those early days, I became inactive until rejoining in the late '90s, when I joined the Northeast Chapter. I have served one term as Director of the KWVA, and am a Past Director/Trustee and Past First Vice President of the Department of New York, Korean War Veterans Association. During my term as Director, I have served on the By-Laws Committee, under Past Chairmen Lewis Ewing and Tom Stevens, and currently serve as a member under Narce Caliva, our Chairman.

During the Korean War I enlisted in 1952 to serve in the First Army Band, but, as is usual with the Army and its penchant for snafu, I was sent to Camp Gordon, GA to learn to be a high-speed radio operator. After finishing training, I was assigned to the First Army Band until I came up on a levy for FECOM. I served from 1952 through 1954 (six years after I had polio), 1953-54 as a Sergeant (E-5), Tuba Section Leader, 8th Army Band, which was the ceremonial band for the United Nations Command Honor Guard. During red alerts, Bed-Check Charlie and ground alerts, I handled the 50 caliber machine gun on a tower in our compound.

Following my discharge, I served in the NY National Guard as a Court Reporter in the JAG section, 42nd Inf. Div., where I rose to the rank of MSGT (E-7) until 1960, when I received a COG Honorable Discharge which was necessitated by my employment at the United Nations as an English language verbatim reporter of debates. Seems the UN was considered a foreign government and it would be a conflict of interest for me to be in the National Guard and work at the UN at the same time.

My desire to serve my fellow veterans of the Korean War is prompted by a wish to see our membership rolls grow as a result of the hard work done by Sonny Edwards, Past Membership/ Recruiting Committee Chairman, and his successor Directors, to enlarge our membership. I want to work to get the word out about Korean veterans and what we did and how we do not want to see our efforts or the memories of our fallen comrades forgotten. We have been The Forgotten War too long; we must continue doing something about it, and that's why I want to serve you. I also want to see our organization continue on a sound financial basis.

My education and prior employment, plus my long history of service to my colleagues in my profession, fellow union members and fraternal brothers gives me the experience to serve as a Director of this great organization of ours. I attended Hofstra College (now Hofstra University), Juilliard School of Music, and have attended Skidmore College as an audit student for the past several years. I worked for 45 years as a court reporter, working in the NYS Supreme Court, NYS Court of Claims, the United Nations, and, as a free-lance reporter in New York, New Jersey and Washington, DC, where I had the opportunity to work at The White House. For 25 years, I was the official reporter for the Grand Lodge conventions of the BPO Elks. Serving the youth of my area, I skated as a USA Hockey Referee until age 70.

My association experience includes being a Past Exalted Ruler of an Elks Lodge, Vice-President of a labor union local and a board member of two other labor union locals. I am a Past President of my professional organization, with ten years as its Legislative Committee Chairman.

I am married to the former Joan Borowiec of Lowville, NY, for the past 64 years. We are the parents of five children, have nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Joan has been very supportive of me in all of my service to the organizations of which I have been a part.

All information contained in this letter and the copy of the Membership Application Form is hereby released to the Elections Committee for verification.

George S. Covell, Life Member #LR7212 130 Saratoga Blvd., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, (518) 854-3128, georgecovell@yahoo.com

I, George S. Covell, Life Member #KR7212, do hereby state that my dues are paid through the term of office I seek and beyond that term.

BRUCE R. HARDER



I hereby release this information for verification by the election committee.

I am proud to announce my candidacy for member of the Board of Directors of the KWVA.

I am a Life Member of KWVA and member of the Northern Virginia Chapter #100. On August 1, 2015, KWVA President Larry Kinard, appointed me as the POW/MIA Coordinator for the KWVA. On August 1, 2016, President Tom Stevens reappointed me to the same position. I consider the next four years to be a critical period of transition of the

organization from Korean War Veterans to Korean Defense Veterans.

I joined the staff of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) in August 2002 and was assigned to the personnel accounting directorate. I worked on the Korean War personnel accounting issue for 13 years. I was the senior policy & strategic planning analyst responsible for developing policy positions for the Director, DPMO, and team leader of the Northeast Asia personnel accounting policy team. I retired from federal civil service on July 31, 2015.

While working at DPMO, I visited the Korean Peninsula many times including two visits to North Korea (2002 and 2005) when DoD was conducting Korean War remains recovery operations in North Korea. I am a Korean Defense Veteran and would like to participate in this process of transition. In the KWVA we have a vast wealth of experience including those who have served in Korea in wartime and in peacetime. I feel very strongly that we must work together to carry on the legacy of the Korean War veterans who served with honor and distinction during the Korean War.

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

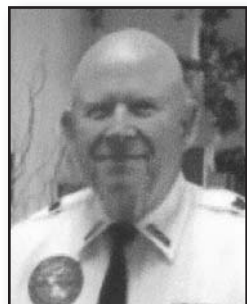
From 1969-70, I served a one-year tour in Vietnam, as an infantry platoon commander with the First Marine Division. My second Vietnam tour was from 1972-73. I was the intelligence officer for a Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron deployed to the Gulf of Tonkin aboard the aircraft carrier America. Subsequent tours of duty took me to a variety of locations at home and abroad where I held command and staff positions and took part in planning and executing joint and combined military exercises and operations. I was assigned to III Marine Expeditionary Force on Okinawa for 6 years. During this time, I deployed many times to the ROK to participate in contingency planning and to plan and execute amphibious field exercises and command post exercises for the defense of the ROK. I retired from active duty on December 31, 1997, with 27 years of active duty, and the rank of Colonel, USMC.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce R. Harder, KWVA Life Member# LR 46746, 1047 Portugal Drive, Stafford, VA 22554, 540-659-0252 (H), 540-729-2377 (C), harder-br@aol.com

ALVES J. KEY, JR.



Please accept this letter as notice of my intent to run for the office of Korean War Veterans Association Director to serve from June 25, 2017 to June 25, 2020. I submit the following qualifications for office.

**Military Service-Master Sergeant
USAFR Retired:**

United States Air Force (08/1965 - 8/1972)

Overseas Service-Republic of Korea (04/1968 -04/1970) 6314th

MMS Det.1 Kunsan AB Korea

United States Air Force Reserve (02/1973 - 08/1986) 301st Tactical Fighter Wing Carswell AFB TX

Professional Experience:

Tarrant County Sheriff's Office-Fort Worth, TX (12/2003 to 11/2008)
Chief Deputy-Personnel

City of Longview Police PD- Longview, TX (09/1999 to 11/2003)
Police Chief

City of Arlington PD- Arlington, TX (10/ 1977 to 08/1999) Deputy Police Chief (Highest position held)

Education:

Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, TX

Master of Arts in Professional Development-Criminal Justice Emphasis (12/2008)

Bachelor of Career Arts - Applied Business Administration (05/1988)

I have served as a Director of General Walton H. Walker KWVA Chapter 215 located in DFW Texas, and currently serve as chapter president until June 25, 2016. I have also coordinated delivery of Tell America materials for KWVA national for approximately three years. I currently serve as adjunct Criminal Justice faculty at Dallas Baptist University. My military and professional experience as a law enforcement chief officer and educator required the ability to communicate and collaborate with others to achieve organizational goals. I believe that I can be an effective servant Director for the KWVA in helping achieve the KWVA mission of ensuring a "living legacy" for those who served in the Korean War and won the victory, and those who served after the armistice to maintain that victory .

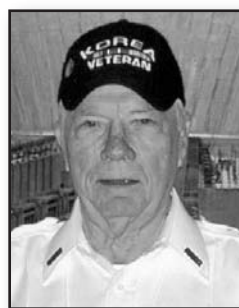
As testament of my commitment to serve, I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that two (2) unexcused absences are reason for removal from office. I also authorize the Election Committee to use the application form for establishing eligibility for the office. I also certify that my dues as a Life Regular Member will be current through my term of office if elected.

With warm regards,

Alves J. Key, Jr.

President KWVA Chapter 215 DFW, TX

WILFRED E. LACK



Today I am announcing my intent to run for a director position in the KWVA. I served on active duty in the U.S. Army from January 1951 until March 1957. My service in Korea was from April, 1953 until April, 1954. I was in several different areas of Korea during that time. First, I was assigned to G-2 section, Headquarters, Prisoner of War Command. While there, I traveled to and inspected all of our POW camps in Korea.

When the cease fire was signed, I was sent to Inchon, where I helped coordinate the swap of North Korean and Chinese prisoners for returning Americans. From there, I was assigned to the 523rd Military Intelligence Company.

We were attached to Headquarters IX Corps and worked with their G-2 section. In April, 1954, I was transferred to Headquarters South Military Intelligence Group in North Camp Drake, Japan. I was NCOIC of the production section, supervising both military and civilian personnel. In Dec.

1954, I was moved again. This time to Special Projects Branch, J-2 Division, Headquarters, United Nations, Far East Command at Pershing Heights in Tokyo, Japan. I worked with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and several other government agencies in gathering and analyzing intelligence from the entire Pacific Rim. I remained in that position until March, 1957, when I was sent to Oakland, California for discharge. My rank at time of discharge was M/Sgt. At this point, I went to college, got a job and started my civilian life.

I worked for Sears and Western Auto for 31 years opening new stores and managing stores in MS, AL, NC, AR, FL, MO and TX. In 1988, I took an early retirement and went to Egypt, where I ran the PX system for Multinational Force and Observers (MFO). The MFO monitored the Egyptian/Israeli peace treaty. I lived in Egypt, but traveled to Israel every week. I also traveled to other countries as needed. I was there during the 1st Gulf War and was awarded a Civilian Commendation Medal for my 5 years of service there. I am now retired again but still am very active in my community. I have served on several boards and commissions at the city, county, and state level.

At the present time I'm Chairman of the Asheville ABC Board in Asheville. We control all aspects of liquor sales. We operate 10 stores that sell more than 30 million dollars a year. We also are involved in issuing licenses to restaurants, hotels, etc. and training their employees and investigating any irregularities. We also do law enforcement. My other job right now is the one I enjoy the most. I am Commander of WNC Chapter 314, KWVA. We need more chapters in North Carolina and that is why I would like to be a Director. I know that I can make a difference because I've been working with people my entire adult life.

If elected, I will attend all called meetings. I understand that two unexcused absences could be used as a reason for my removal from office. I also release my application form for verification by the Election Committee.

Wilfred E. Lack, LR43370, 319 Sulphur Springs Rd., Asheville, NC 28806, Tel: 828-253-5709

ALBERT H. MCCARTHY



My name is Albert McCarthy and I am a candidate for the office of National Director of the Korea War Veterans Association for the years 2017-2020.

I served in the United States Air Force from July, 1968 - Nov, 1971 and achieved the rank of Captain with an AFSC of Senior Weapons Controller (1744E). My service in Korea was from Oct, 1970-Oct, 1971 as a member of 5th Air Force, 314th Air division, Command Advisory

Function, attached to the National Security Agency.

Returning to my home State of Massachusetts, I put my leadership

training to work as a Human Resources professional, rising to Vice President of a Fortune World Fifty company (NEC). In my various assignments I received two national awards for creativity and placed second nationally for Human Resources Executive of the Year. During this approximately 38 year period, I helped build one company from a start-up to over a billion dollars in revenue; merged two high tech companies to form a 1.5 billion dollar company; and expanded another company internationally, while growing revenue from 300 million dollars to over a billion dollars.

In addition to being a Life Member and current National Director of the KWVA, I have served the organization as Chairman of the Elections Committee in 2015 and 2016. I have also served as the Commander of KWVA Chapter #299 for six years, and still serve as Director and Adjutant. Additionally, I was just elected Adjutant of DAV Chapter # 4 in Massachusetts and am a member of the VFW, American Legion, and Military Officers Association of America.

I have participated in services at Arlington National Cemetery and the Korea War Memorial in Washington, DC on Memorial Day (six times) and Veterans Day (twice) on behalf of the KWVA.

Additionally, I worked closely with Second Vice President Jeff Brodeur on the creation and installation of the first-in-the-country, Korea Defense Veterans Monument in the Charlestown Navy Yard in Massachusetts.

I respectfully request your consideration and vote, so that I may continue to represent and support all who served in Korea from 1945-1950 while Korea regained her nationhood; those who fought long and hard against extraordinary odds from 1950-1953 to ensure Korea's survival; and all who served over the last six decades to protect and defend Korea and her DMZ from a determined and tyrannical dictatorship in North Korea.

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

All information contained in this letter, the Membership Application Form, my military records, and support documentation, is hereby released to the Elections Committee for verification. As a Life Member, my dues are current throughout the duration of my election and membership.

Respectfully submitted,

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

THOMAS M. MCHUGH



I Am A Candidate For KWVA National Director 2017-2020. PLEASE VOTE !

KWVA History: I am presently Chairman of the Fund Raiser Committee. We are proud to say we exceeded our \$70,000 goal. We raised a total of \$75,026 for 2016. My personal thanks to every member that donated. Please be generous again in 2017 for the "ALL CASH" Fund Raiser. In addition I have served 9 years

as a National Director, with a break after two terms. I served 8 years

as National Ceremonies Chairman. I have served as Chairman, Election Committee, during four Elections.

Recruiting: Annually I attend Military Vehicle Shows in NJ & PA and display my 1952 M38A1 & 27 ft Trailer that has w/w Carpeting & Korean War Posters on all walls. They are utilized at Schools during "Tell America" Programs. I drive in the NYC Veterans Day Parade each year. On Memorial Section 2016 my M38A1 was the lead vehicle for the Korean Veterans Section in the 2016 Washington DC Parade. Another Honor checked off my KWVA Bucket list.

KWVA Record: Past NJ Dept. Commander (4 years), Past Commander Chapter 213, Past NJ Chairman on July 27th, for NJ Memorial Ceremonies in Atlantic City NJ four years. Presently serving as Judge Advocate, Dept of NJ and Adjutant/Finance Officer in Chapter 213.

I designed a Chapter 213 Challenge Coins. I give a Coin to every Wounded Service member that we visit at Bethesda/Walter Reed Hospital and Medical Personnel. They are greatly appreciated.

Challenge Coins: I designed both of our National KWVA Challenge Coins that I am holding in my picture. National KWVA Challenge Coins are for sale at the Membership Office. Prices for individual Coins and Reduced Bulk Sales prices for Coins are posted on the KWVA Website. Call Sheila for information.

American Legion: I have 64 years American Legion Membership, including Post Commander, County Vice Commander, NJ Department Committees including NJ Department SAL Vice Chairman.

County Hall Of Fame: In 2016 I was inducted into the Warren County NJ Hall of Fame. One of only 25 to be Inducted. There are a maximum of 5 per year Nominated & less inducted.

Military: Army Retired, after 43 years total military service. (1951 to 1994) I enlisted "RA" in March 1951 until April 1954. I served in "SCARWAF" "Special Category Army Reassigned with Air Force 332EAB, 835EAB, 1902EAB Engineer Aviation Battalions. My ARMY home base was Wolters AFB Mineral Wells TX. I then served 30 yrs NJ National Guard & 10 yrs ARMY Reserve. Duties: Included Faculty Group Member at NJ Military Academy. The training was for E-8 and E-9 NCOs. SGM, SR NCO, SR Intel NCO and 1SG.

Civilian: Postmaster Retired. Past President Four County Postmaster/Supervisor Assoc. Past President Warren/Sussex Chapter 1624 NARFE. Past NJ State Vice President NAPUS 6 yrs. Past NJ State Parliamentarian NAPUS. Married 59 years. Wife Barbara, 6 Children, (including 2 Veterans both NCOs) 10 Grandchildren & 2 Great Granddaughters.

As a Life Member LR7169 my dues are paid for the full term. I have signed the Code of Conduct. My application information is released to the Election Committee. My DD Form 214 is submitted. I will attend and participate in "All Called Meetings" and "Meetings Without A Meeting" of the Board of Directors and understand that 2 unexcused absences may be cause for removal from the Board.

I would appreciate the opportunity to serve as a Director for the term 2017 – 2020. As in the past I will work tirelessly for the good of the KWVA. My past activities are beneficial in my KWVA assignments.

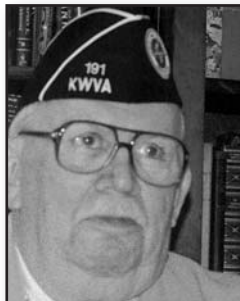
I hereby request your support. I need your Votes to continue to serve while my health allows it.

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

Always Remember: "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

Thomas M. McHugh, 217 Seymour Road, Hackettstown, NJ 07840-1001, 908-852-1964, Email: tmcmchugh@msn.com

L. TIMOTHY WHITMORE



I, L. Timothy Whitmore, herewith submit my declaration of intent to run for re-election as Director, Korean War Veterans Association. I have served in this capacity since 2014.

I have the honor and privilege of serving as Chairman of the Ceremonies Committee and am very involved with the KWVA presence at events such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day observances at Arlington National Cemetery

and the Korean War Memorial as well as other occasions where the KWVA is represented. I serve as the KWVA member representative of the National Veterans Day Committee. I am eager to continue the work already begun in preparation for the major role our Association will play as VSO Host for Veterans Day, 2017. I am completing my 2nd term as Commander, Department of Virginia. I am the Past (two term) Commander of Chapter #191 where I continue to serve as Adjutant/Secretary.

In 1976, I retired from the USAF in the rank of Master Sergeant. For the first eleven years of my military career I was a Medical and Surgical Technician. In 1965, I retrained as a Military Training Instructor and was assigned as Senior MTI of the 3761st Student Training Squadron, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. After serving a tour as First Sergeant of the Security Police with the 56th Special Operations Wing in SEA and later as 1st SGT of a Radar Station with the 26th Air Division, I returned to the medical field as one of the first 100 people trained as a Physician Assistant. I retired from active duty at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, on 31 July 1976. On 3 August 1976, I entered practice with a large, diverse medical practice in Richmond, VA.

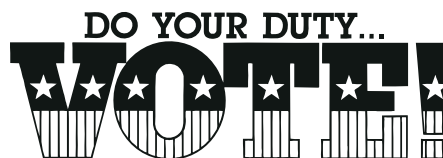
In 1986, I became the Clinical Director for a program for long term treatment of health care professionals with alcohol and/or drug addictions. I have worked, primarily in psychiatry, in the Tidewater Virginia area since. I am certified by the National Association for Accreditation of Physician Assistants and Licensed by the Board of Medicine of the Commonwealth of Virginia. I serve on and am appointed Chaplain of the Virginia Joint Leadership Council on Veterans

Affairs. I earned an Associate's Degree in General Studies from Golden Gate University, Bachelor of Science in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Nebraska and Master of Science from the Virginia Commonwealth University. I have earned many post-graduate credits and continue to regularly pursue expanding education. I am a Life Member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Irish Veterans Association. I am a Fellow of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, Fellow and Past President (2

term) of the Virginia Academy of Physician Assistants and Member of the Medical Society of Virginia.

I believe my background in administrative and personnel services and as a health care provider together with my experience in a variety of leadership capacities, including the KWVA, qualifies me to be of further service as a member of the Korean War Veterans Association Board of Directors. I am a fully paid Life Member of the KWVA (LR40158). I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and respond to Business Without a Meeting requests. I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could result in my removal from office. The enclosed Application Form may be utilized by the Election Committee for verification.

L TIMOTHY WHITMORE, LR40158, 5625 Canterbury Lane, Suffolk, VA, 23435.



2016 Membership Report

- Average Deaths Per Month 2016 105
- Average New Members Per Month 2016..... 56
- Last 90 Days 2016 Departments Showing Some Growth
CA-16; FL-20; NV-10; PA-8; TX-10

*Provided by Sonny Edwards,
KWVA Membership Committee.*

Congressman Sam Johnson will not seek re-election

Former POW vows to spend remaining term serving constituents

Longtime third district Congressman Sam Johnson (TX-R) announced he will not seek re-election in 2018. He addressed his decision in a letter released this morning:

To My Fellow Patriots:

I come before you today with a heart full of gratitude. I thank you for putting your trust in me – time and again – to serve as your commonsense, conservative voice in Congress. It is not a responsibility I take lightly, and it has been a great honor to serve you and strive to be the kind of representative the people want, need, and deserve.

After much prayer, I have decided I will not seek re-election to serve the Third District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2018. This will be my final term in the appropriately named “People’s House.”

Scripture tells us “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.” For me, the Lord has made clear that the season of my life in Congress is coming to an end.

I have always considered the citizens I serve as my extended family with whom I have a special bond. And what a journey we have shared together! Words can never express my gratitude to those who fervently prayed for me and stood by my family during the almost seven years I spent as a Prison of War in a place so dark and desolate, it could only be referred to as Hell on Earth. The celebratory homecoming parade thrown in my hometown of Plano upon my return from Hanoi will always rank among one of my most treasured memories, encapsulating all that I love about America – faith, family, and freedom.

So many of you have also supported me during times of personal loss, especially when Shirley – my beautiful bride of 65 years – passed away about this time last year. Just as I have stood for you, you have stood by me – and for that I sincerely thank you.

It has been a distinct honor and privilege to work on your behalf all these years. From passing laws, to helping constituents with problems like obtaining their military service medals, making a difference is what motivated my service from my very first day.



Congressman Sam Johnson salutes South Korean President Park Geun-hye in September as she thanked Korean War veterans and four Congress members including Johnson during a joint session of Congress.

As a 29-year Air Force veteran and POW, one of my greatest honors has been to serve as a champion for our service members and veterans. I have fought to make sure our service members have the support they need to protect our freedoms – at home and abroad. Likewise, I fought for our veterans to see they are provided with the care they deserve. This included getting the VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Plano.

During my time in Congress, the Lord has generously blessed me with many opportunities to help my home District. I’m proud of my efforts to address major problems facing North Texans, whether it was repealing the punitive Wright Amendment or fighting for the federal approval of a much-needed new water reservoir for our rapidly growing region.

One of my highlights was establishing the Republican Study Committee, a House caucus charged with advancing conservative principles, which include promoting a strong military, fiscal responsibility, traditional values, and limited government. After these past eight years, it is clearer than ever that these core principles will provide needed solutions to get our country back on the right track.

Besides serving as a conservative leader, I’ve also been privileged to stand by our seniors, most especially when it comes to Social Security. I’ve made it a mission of mine to make sure that Social Security is there not just for today’s seniors, but for tomorrow’s workers.

Make no mistake – there is still much to be done, and I intend to

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Meeting Announcement:

The Graybeards Magazine, July/August, 2016

Place of Announced Meeting:

Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, 4000 West Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89103

Announced period of meeting:

October 10, 2016 – 0800 – 1130

Call to Order:

Thomas W. Stevens, President at 0800

Pledge of Allegiance:

Bill Burns, Judge Advocate

Invocation:

Jim Fisher, Executive Director

Adopt Agenda:

■ President Stevens called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Upon motion by Director Dappen, seconded by Director McCarthy, the agenda was approved.

Roll Call:

Secretary Ewing called the roll:

KWVA Board Members:

President, Thomas Stevens	Present
First Vice President, Warren Wiedhahn	Present
Second Vice President, Jeffrey Brodeur	Present
Executive Director, James R. Fisher	Present
Secretary, Lewis M. Ewing	Present
Treasurer, Charles T. Gregg	Present
Director, Roy E. Aldridge	Present
Director, Albert H. McCarthy	Present
Director, Thomas M. McHugh	Present
Director, L. T. Whitmore	Present
Director, Narce Caliva	Present
Director, Robert F. Fitts	Present
Director, J. Fred Ragusa	Absent
Director, Lewis Vaughn	Present
Director, George Bruzgis	Absent
Director, David. J. Clark	Present
Director, Paul Cunningham	Present
Director, Luther Dappen	Present

KWVA Staff:

Senior Advisor, Larry Kinard	Present
Chaplain, John W. (Jack) Keep	Absent
Judge Advocate, William Burns	Present
Assistant Secretary, Jacob Feaster	Absent
Webmaster, Jim Doppelhammer	Present
KWVA Liaison to Korea, Jongwoo Han	Present
Recorder: Depo Internat'l Serv., Joanne Williams	Present

Action on Absentees:

■ President Stevens asked for a motion to excuse:

• Director J. Fred Ragusa – Absent due to wife's serious medical problem.

§ Upon motion by Director Aldridge, seconded by Director McHugh, Director Ragusa was granted an excused absence.

• Director George Bruzgis – Absent due to the fact he is facing some serious surgery and his doctor would not grant him permission to travel.

§ Upon motion by First Vice President Wiedhahn, seconded by Director Aldridge, Director Bruzgis was granted an excused absence.

Declaration of a Quorum:

■ Secretary Ewing reported that a quorum was present.

Rules of Decorum and Debate:

■ President Stevens reviewed the KWVA Rules of Decorum and Debate which outlines acceptable conduct by all in attendance at the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes of July 26, 2016 Board of Directors meeting:

■ President Stevens called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. Upon motion by Director Vaughn, seconded by Director Aldridge, the motion was approved.

President's Report:

■ President Stevens stated that he was happy to report that we have two new Chapters – one in Arizona and one in Las Vegas. Three members of the Las Vegas Chapter were present, Chuck Johnson, Commander, Fidel Diaz, Treasurer, and Larry Bacon, Adjutant.

■ He reported that we have received three significant contributions recently

§ \$5,000 from a Mr. Kim

§ 100 shares of Exxon Mobil stock valued at \$8,938 from Mr. Greg Frost to help support the 2017 Veterans Day program

§ \$1,840 from the 772nd Military Police Association that disbanded due to the age and health of their members.

■ President Stevens stated that he was pleased to have Past President Larry Kinard available to "keep me on the straight and narrow" while serving as our Senior Advisor.

Executive Director's Report:

■ Executive Director Jim Fisher stated that the past year had been a very busy year! He was proud to say that the Korean War Veterans Association has gained a lot of notoriety not only in Washington, DC but across the country.

• We ae getting requests daily from different organizations to have Korean War veterans come speak and to attend different functions in Washington, DC. This is helping our cause, because we are getting recognized, which we deserve.

§ If any of you know of a Korean War veteran who is a good speaker and is willing to speak to organizations on behalf of the

LEGEND: ■ = NEW AGENDA ITEM; ● = NEW TOPIC/SPEAKER; § IMPORTANT POINT

KWVA, please let Jim know.

- On November 10, 2016 we will hold a Farewell Dinner for Gen. and Mrs. Shin to thank them for their support of our KWVA while he has served as the Defense Attaché at the Republic of Korea Embassy. Also to be recognized at that dinner will be Col. Bill Weber, Chairman of the Korean War Memorial Foundation, who will be celebrating his 93rd birthday on November 10th.
- On November 11th we will participate in the Veterans Day Program at Arlington National Cemetery and a wreath laying ceremony at our Korean War Memorial in Washington.
- In 2017, the KWVA will be in charge of the Veterans Day program in Washington. Director Cunningham will chair this program for the KWVA.
- Next year's Annual Meeting will be held in Norfolk, VA and planning is well underway.
- The Embassy got behind in issuing the Ambassador for Peace Medals for a couple of reasons, but things are now back on track and they are making good progress in processing the applications and hopefully cutting down on the waiting time to receive the medal.
- Jim also thanked the members of the Tibor Rubin Chapter #329 here in Las Vegas for all their hard work and assistance with the planning and coordination of the events associated with this year's Annual Meeting. Their help was invaluable!

Revisit Korea Program:

- First Vice President Warren Wiedhahn reported that the Revisit Program, which started in 1975, is a function of the Republic of Korea government.
- The National Assembly approves and pays for the tours and it is administered by MPVA chaired by Minister Park.
- This year they expanded the program to include Korean Defense Veterans and the program will continue into 2017.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Tom Gregg stated that he is a CPA and has been our Treasurer for three years.
- Franklin and Vaughn, a firm in Charleston, IL, is our Independent CPA firm and our accounting is done by Sager Financial Services in Charleston.
- Tom reviewed the Directors reimbursement of expenses policy with the Directors. He reported that, to date, eight Chapters have been approved to fall under the KWVA IRS tax exempt umbrella, which saves each Chapter approximately \$750 in filing fees.
- He also reported that our Assistant Treasurer, Richard Vaughn, had passed away and we are in need of a new Assistant Treasurer. He reported that for the calendar year 2015 we experienced a net loss of \$8,900.
- Treasurer Gregg reviewed in detail the July 31, 2017 budget.
- Following discussion, upon motion by Director McHugh, Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee, seconded by

Director Dappen, the budgeted income from our Fund Raiser was increased from \$50,000 to \$70,000.

- Following adjustments for the \$25,000 donated to the Wall of Remembrance and \$1,000 donated to the U S Army Museum at Fort Belvoir, upon motion by Director McHugh, seconded by Director Cunningham, the original budget submitted by Treasurer Gregg was approved.

Guest Speakers:

—Mr. Ray Amerlio, The Storyline Group

- President Stevens introduced Mr. Ray Amerlio, who is working with The Storyline Group in Atlanta to write a book entitled: *Doc Amerlio's The Lighter Side of War*, in which he is trying to capture the funny stories that veterans have from all of the wars. He served as a Corpsman during the Vietnam War and he realizes, that even in those situations, the men had some funny stories to tell.

- The book will be a coffee table book with a lot of stories and pictures. He is not seeking financial support from the veterans organizations, but is asking us to help make our Korean War veterans aware of his project and encourage them to submit stories and pictures. He will be seeking corporate sponsors to fund the project.

- If a corporate sponsor donates \$10,000 to the project, a VSO of their choice will receive 25% (\$2,500) of their donation. Each VSO will have a page in the book to promote its organization, plus each VSO will receive 250 free copies of the book.

- Any stories that are submitted that are not selected for the book will appear on their website.

§ Following a brief discussion, upon motion by Director Aldridge, seconded by Director Dappen, the Board voted for the KWVA to be a non-financial supporter of this project.

—Ms. Mary Chaney, Troy Strategies

- At our July 2016 the Board of Directors discussed what we could do to enhance our visibility through the use of social media. Executive Director Fisher and Director Clark were asked to explore the issue to determine if there was any outside help available to assist us. They met with Ms. Mary Chaney, who is with Troy Strategies, and invited her to make a proposal to the Board at this meeting.

- Ms. Chaney stated that she was invited to give us some sort of feedback and ideas on ways to move forward that can increase the group's visibility as well as hopefully increase our membership. She suggested three steps that we should take:

§ updating our existing online presence

§ creating a social media presence

§ going after new members in a very targeted way, which would help with our large and small dollar fund raising

- There is a lot of really good content on our website, but it really needs to be updated and organized and made easier to find, basically just streamline the whole process.

- We need to simplify the new member application process and

create an online store and a video to run on Facebook or on our Website promoting the KWVA.

- Social media has been a very valuable tool, with over one billion hits daily, historically primarily by our young people, although that trend is changing now with people in their 40s – 60s beginning to use it. The same is true with Twitter.

- We need to develop and manage our social media presence. We can use it to direct people to our web page and then track people who are interested in veterans organizations – people who could be members of the KWVA, namely Korean War Veterans and Korean Defense Veterans.

- *The Graybeards* magazine is a great magazine. However, people the age of our Defense Veterans do not read magazines; they use social media.

- She suggested that we form a couple of focus groups to contact Korean Defense Veterans and ask them what we should do to attract them to the KWVA. They are harder eggs to crack; they typically are not joiners so they have to have a really compelling reason to join. We need to figure out how to give them what it is that they want.

- And then fund raising.

- There's lots you can do with fundraising: online, small dollar, email.

- Having a store is a great way to raise money.

- Fundraising campaigns where you offer a small gift for a donation are overused, but effective.

- Having a concrete purpose for the fundraising program, such as supporting the Honor Flights, will work.

- Working with another group where we make contacts using their email list works also. They would get the bulk of the money that comes in, but we get all the names and emails of everyone who donated so we can use that list and go back to them again later.

§ The same applies to seeking large money from corporations. However, having a personal relationship is helpful when seeking big money, so we need to identify KWVA members who know key players in a corporation.

§ Again, keep in mind that it is easier to raise money for a specific cause than it is to ask for funds to support the General Fund.

- Ms. Chaney presented a proposed minimum annual budget of \$100,000 that possibly could increase up to \$200,000, plus a monthly fee of \$3,000 to provide a comprehensive program that would incorporate the three major areas of concentration:

- § updating our existing online presence

- § creating a social media presence

- § developing a fund raising strategy

- She could not guarantee that her proposed program would be successful in accomplishing our desired results.

- Both Executive Director Fisher and Director Clark spoke, thanking Ms. Chaney for her presentation and acknowledging that, even though she was giving us a discounted rate, this pro-

gram was very costly, especially considering the fact that there is no guarantee that it will work.

- We do, however, recognize that we need to do something or else we are just going to fade away.

- In response to a question by Director Vaughn, Ms. Chaney stated that within three to four years, just the fundraising part could be throwing off a couple of hundred thousand dollars in income to our Association per year.

- A lengthy discussion followed including reports about:

- § what we have done to attract new members

- § the need to pursue more Associate Members in addition to Korean War and Korean Defense veterans

- § the need to protect our 501 (c) (19) tax-exempt status with the IRS

- § the unknown effect on the KWVA from the newly proposed Korean Veterans Association headed by General Sharp and General Shin

- § the suggestion that our current Webmaster, Jim Doppelhammer, if given the time and resources, could update our Website and create a Facebook account

- Acknowledging that this question is too complex to attempt to arrive at a rational decision today, President Stevens stated, "We have heard the arguments pro and con. I think it is the consensus that this is a huge decision if we are to go that route or some scaled-down version of that route.

"Let's put this whole thing on the back burner for the time being, with it resting in the lap of Director Clark to bring forth at the next meeting or sometime between now and then, some sort of proposal so that we can access social media and perhaps even approve via the website additional cost in your office, Jim, to update the website."

- President Stevens asked Director Clark and Webmaster Jim Doppelhammer to determine what it would cost for Jim to rework our website and create a Facebook page. They are to submit their findings to the Board at the next meeting, or sooner, if possible.

—Mr. Chris McCullough – PCI

- Mr. McCullough represents PCI (company name was Harris Connect), the company that produced our 2014 membership directory.

- He suggested that it was time to do a renewal of the member directory to be available in late 2017.

§ It is a no cost project for the KWVA that has an opportunity to raise a significant amount of non-dues revenue through the sale of the books.

§ It will require a limited time commitment from some members of the KWVA staff to submit the data base to PCI, plus providing some written material to be included in the book.

§ Another advantage is that it will assist us with updating our member information.

- Upon motion by First Vice President Wiedhahn, seconded by Director Vaughn, the Board voted to support the publication of a

Old Business:

■ Donation to U.S. Army Museum

• At our Board of Directors meeting held in Arlington, VA on July 26, 2016, the Board authorized a donation from the KWVA to the U.S. Army Museum to be built at Fort Belvoir, VA. However, no specific contribution was included in the approval.

• Upon motion by First Vice President Wiedhahn, seconded by Director Whitmore, the Board approved a donation to the U.S. Army Museum of \$1,000.

■ Coalition of Korean War and Cold War Families of the Missing

• At our Board of Directors meeting held in Arlington, VA on July 26, 2016, the Board voted to table for further information a request from the Coalition of Korean War and Cold War Families of the Missing for the KWVA to support a House Resolution for the U.S. government to resume talks with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. No action was taken on this matter between Board meetings, so President Stevens elected to refer this request to our POW/MIA Coordinator, Mr. Bruce "Rocky" Harder, to review it and get back to the Board with a recommendation.

New Business:

■ *The Graybeards* Editor:

• President Stevens announced that the editor of *The Graybeards* magazine, Mr. Art Sharp, has submitted his resignation as editor to become effective after editing the March/April 2017 issue of the magazine.

• Discussion ensued regarding the proper procedure to follow in selecting a replacement for Art – what the qualifications are and proper compensation for the position, etc.

• President Stevens did report that, to date, he has received resumes from two candidates. The Board gave the Executive Committee the authority to identify and employ a suitable candidate to fill the position of editor of *The Graybeards* magazine.

■ KWVA Alternative Patch:

• Bylaws Committee Chairman Director Caliva introduced a request submitted by 2nd Vice President Jeff Brodeur changing the wording in the KWVA alternate patch from Korea War and Korea SERVICE Veterans to Korea War and Korea DEFENSE Veterans.

• Upon motion by Director Caliva, seconded by Director McHugh, the change in the wording was approved on a vote of 10 yes, two no, and two abstentions.

Army Times Advertisements:

■ Bylaws Committee Chairman Director Caliva introduced a request submitted by Director McCarthy

§ requesting the Membership Committee investigate the cost of a weekly ad in the Army Times

§ developing appropriate language and visuals for such ad

§ maintaining effectively a budget of no more than \$2,000 over the next 12 months for this ad campaign

■ Following discussion led by Director and Membership

Committee Chairman Clark, the language in the original motion was revised to include, in addition to the Army Times, the Air Force Times, the Navy and Marines Times.

■ Upon motion by Director Caliva, seconded by Director Fitts, the revised motion was approved.

Regular Membership for KATUSAs and United Nation Forces:

■ Bylaws Committee Chairman Director Caliva stated that at the July 26, 2016 Board meeting the Board approved a motion instructing the Bylaws Committee to review the eligibility qualifications to award regular membership status to KATUSAs and members of the Armed Forces of UN member nations who served in Korea and have become US citizens.

• The Bylaws Committee's findings were that our federal and KWVA charters and other pertinent information prohibit members of the United Nations forces from regular membership in the KWVA.

• On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Director Caliva moved that the matter be an agenda item for further discussion and disposition at a forthcoming meeting. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

Regular Membership for KATUSAs:

■ Bylaws Committee Chairman Director Caliva moved that Bylaw ARTICLE I, MEMBERSHIP, Section 1, Qualification of Members, A. Regular Members, 1. Service in the United States Armed Forces, be amended by adding paragraph c. Said service was as a member of Korean Augmentation to the United States Army (KATUSA) at any time September 3, 1945 to Present, who has become a citizen of the United States of America.

■ The motion was seconded by Director McCarthy. Following discussion, the motion was approved with 10 members voting yes, no one voting no, with four abstentions.

Dues:

■ Bylaws Committee Chairman Director Caliva, in an effort to clarify some confusing language in the Bylaws, proposed a revision to ARTICLE 1, MEMBERSHIP, Section 3. Dues. to read: The Board of Directors may, with a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board, adjust the dues.

■ Upon motion by Director Caliva, seconded by Director Whitmore, the motion was approved. (It is important to note that this is a "housekeeping amendment" only and no change to the dues structure is anticipated.)

Board of Directors and Annual Meeting Dates:

■ Director McHugh made a motion to eliminate any National Board of Directors and National Membership Meetings during the first fifteen (15) days of October during any year.

§ The motion was seconded by Director Dappen.

• The reason for the proposal was to avoid conflicting with the New Jersey Four-County Veterans Council Meeting with the Deputy Commission of Veterans Affairs and the Civil War Weapons competition held the first two weeks of October each year.

• Following lengthy discussion, the motion was defeated on a

vote of two in favor, nine against and three abstentions, since the Board felt that the current Board should not obligate future Boards regarding procedural matters.

■ Director McHugh next presented an alternate motion to have Board approval on the proposed dates of a National Membership meeting beginning with the 2019 meeting.

§ Upon motion by Director McHugh, seconded by Director Aldridge, the motion passed.

§ Director McHugh agreed to draft the required language to include the above motion in our Bylaws.

KWVA Celebrity Spokesperson:

Executive Director Fisher stated that as part of our long-term strategy, it would be beneficial to the KWVA if we could identify a person who was well-recognized and well-respected to serve as a Celebrity Spokesperson for our Association to help us promote the KWVA through the use of Public Service Announcements (PSAs) on both radio and television.

• A well-known spokesperson could assist with the fund raising necessary to build The Wall of Remembrance at our Korean War Memorial in Washington, DC, plus assist us by letting people know that a Korean War Veterans Association exists and encourage them to join the Association.

■ The Board agreed with the suggestion and asked Executive Director Fisher pursue the matter and report back to the Board when appropriate.

Wall of Remembrance Donation:

■ Upon motion by Second Vice President Brodeur, seconded by Director Aldridge, the Board approved a "Leadership Gift" donation in the amount of \$25,000 for the Wall of Remembrance to be constructed at our Korean War Memorial in Washington, DC.

2017 Veterans Day Program:

■ Director Cunningham, Chairman of the KWVA 2017 Veterans Day Program Committee, reported that the Korean War Veterans Association has been asked to serve as the coordinating Veterans Service Organization for the Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on November 11, 2017.

• The Committee has held several meetings and is developing a plan following the agenda for the 2016 event hosted by the Legion of Polish American Veterans.

• In addition to the event at Arlington, we will have a special ceremony for Korean War veterans at our Korean War Memorial that afternoon.

§ We will have an allocation of 180 seats in the amphitheater, and we want to make sure that they are filled with Korean War veterans.

■ Director Whitmore, a member of the committee, stated that while hosting this event will be costly, it really is a big deal and it is an opportunity for us to be very visible and an opportunity to let our veterans know that they are honored and cherished.

■ Executive Director Fisher reemphasized that it is a special honor for the KWVA to host this event and we want to make

sure that Korean War and Korean Defense veterans from all over the country take part in the ceremony.

§ 2017 will be our year as the KWVA will be in charge of all of the national events in D. C.

Date for the 2018 Annual Membership Meeting:

■ Upon motion by Executive Director Fisher, seconded by Director Whitmore, the Board unanimously approved a motion to hold the 2018 Korean War Veterans Association National Annual Membership meeting in Washington, DC, July 25 through July 28, 2018.

VAVS Committee Report:

■ The KWVA VAVS Committee Chairman, J. D. Randolph, reported that the KWVA needs help from all of our KWVA Chapters by having our members volunteer at the Veterans Administration (VA).

• The VA is depending more on Korean War veterans as their prime veterans organization because the World War II people are few and far between.

• Through September, the KWVA has donated 15,895 hours, but our numbers have declined in recent years.

• J. D. encouraged all of our members to make an effort to do all we can to donate more hours to the VA. They really need our help.

Election Committee Chairman:

■ President Stevens stated that our Bylaws prohibit the Chairman of the Election Committee from applying for any open seat in the upcoming election.

• Director McCarthy, who was appointed Chairman of the Elections Committee in July, plans to run for reelection as a Director in 2018, so he submitted his resignation, effective immediately.

• Upon recommendation by President Stevens, Director Fitts was appointed to serve as Chairman of the Election Committee for the 2017-18 Association year.

Tell America:

■ Director Aldridge, Chairman of the Tell America Committee, reported that with all of the Chapters in the KWVA he received only five reports last year from Chapters that presented Tell America programs.

• He feels that Chapters are conducting programs. However, they are not sending in their reports to him.

• He needs our support in making presentations and reporting the results of the presentations to him.

Closing Prayer:

■ In the absence of our Chaplain, Jack Keep, Executive Director Fisher offered the Benediction.

Adjournment:

With a salute to our flag, President Stevens adjourned the meeting.

Respectively Submitted,

Lewis M. Ewing, Secretary

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC. ■ ■ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2016

Meeting Announcement:

KWVA Website and the July/August 2016 issue of *The Graybeards* magazine.

Place of the Announced Meeting:

Gold Coast Casino and Hotel, 4000 West Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102, Phone 702-367-7111, October 11, 2016 @ 0900 – 1100.

Call Meeting to Order:

President Thomas W. Stevens

Invocation:

Executive Director James R. Fisher

Pledge of Allegiance:

Judge Advocate William Burns

Declaration of a Quorum:

President Stevens appointed Mr. William Mac Swain as the Sergeant-at-Arms. Mr. Mac Swain reported that there was a quorum present.

Rules of Decorum and Debate:

President Stevens reviewed the Rules of Decorum and Debate printed on SPM Form 4.14-1 in the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. Standard Procedures Manual.

Administrative Announcements:

Executive Director Fisher pointed out the location of facilities within the hotel and briefly reviewed the schedule of upcoming activities.

Adopt Meeting Agenda:

Upon motion by Commander Charles Travers of the Mid Florida Chapter #173, seconded by the KWVA Ethics and Grievance Committee Chairman and Commander of the Lake Erie Chapter #112 Steve Szekely, the Meeting Agenda was adopted.

Roll Call of KWVA Board of Directors:

President Thomas W. Stevens	Present
First Vice President Warren Wiedhahn	Present
Second Vice President Jeffrey Brodeur	Present
Executive Director James R. Fisher	Present
Secretary Lewis M. Ewing	Present
Treasurer Charles T. Gregg	Present
Director Roy Aldridge	Present
Director Albert McCarthy	Present
Director Thomas M. McHugh	Present
Director L. T. Whitmore	Present
Director Narce Caliva	Present
Director Robert Fitts	Present
Director J. Fred Ragusa	Absent
Director Lewis Vaughn	Present
Director George Bruzgis	Absent

LEGEND: ■ = NEW AGENDA ITEM; ● = NEW TOPIC/SPEAKER; § IMPORTANT POINT

Director David Clark	Present
Director Paul Cunningham	Present
Director Luther Dappen	Present

Secretary Ewing stated that fifteen (15) officers and directors were in attendance, with two (2) directors being absent.

KWVA Staff:

Senior Advisor Larry Kinard
 Judge Advocate William Burns
 Webmaster Jim Doppelhammer
 KWVA Liaison to Korea Jongwoo Han
 Sergeant at Arms Bill Mac Swain
 Court Recorder: Joanne Williams, from Depo International Services

■ Action on Absences:

- President Stevens asked approval to excuse two of our Board of Directors members who are absent: Director Ragusa, whose wife is very ill so he needed to be with her, and Director Bruzgis, who is facing some serious surgery so his doctor would not grant him permission to travel.

§ Upon motion by Charles Travers, seconded by Dick Leaf, Chapter #270, the excused absences were approved.

■ Approval of Minutes of the Previous General Membership Meeting:

- The last General Membership meeting was held in Arlington, VA, July 25, 2015. The minutes of that meeting were printed in the September/October 2015 issue of *The Graybeards* magazine.

§ Upon motion by Charles Hoak, member of Chapter #313, seconded by Charles Travers, the minutes were approved as published.

■ Guest Speakers:

Doctor Jongwoo Han

Doctor Han is a professor at Syracuse University and President of the Korean War Legacy Foundation (KWLF), a foundation dedicated to preserving memories of Korean War veterans and honoring their sacrifices during the war. He and his staff are attempting to meet with, and accumulate the personal stories of, as many Korean War veterans as possible to be retained in the KWLF Digital Library.

- He reported that a two-day meeting was held in Baltimore, MD, to make all the interviews into a digital history textbook about the Korean War so that the younger generation in the United States can learn about the war.

§ It is a major undertaking and will cost approximately \$400,000.

- He has the assistance of two professors who are leaders in writing the curriculum.

- Dr. Han thanked our Korean War veterans for their sacrifices during the war and pointed out that what was accomplished there resulted in South Korea becoming the 11th largest economy in the world today.

§ They now are providing economic aid to countries that are in need, just exactly the opposite of how it was 65 years ago when South Korea received the aid.

- He received the KWVA's support at our meeting in Quincy, MA in

2011 and began collecting interviews from members of the Syracuse Chapter #105.

§ He has recorded over 800 interviews, plus he has accumulated 8,000 pictures and letters that will be recorded and preserved.

- Dr. Han discussed:

§ The history of the KWLF

§ How and why he started the foundation

§ Some of the people who influenced him from his high school days forward, including his father, who was the superintendent of the Korean Air Force Academy.

- He proudly talked about the second history teachers conference held this year in Orlando, FL, where he had 90 teachers from 25 states gather to learn about the beautiful things that have come out of the Korean War as a result of your sacrifices and those people who were killed in action and are still missing.

- The 2017 teachers conference will be held either in Washington, DC or in Las Vegas; he plans to invite at least 200 teachers.

- Dr. Han talked about the Model United Nation Asian Affairs (MUNAA), a new global organization for high school students from around the world, with 800 students in the United States.

§ His foundation will host the first MUNAA conference in 2017 to educate our high school students about Asian affairs, at which they will talk about the Korean War and North Korea and China.

§ The second pillar of his education program is the Korean War Digital History Project, which will make our interviews and artifacts into digital teaching materials.

§ He will be working with Mr. Terry Cherry, the incoming President of the National Council for Social Studies (NCSS), who is fully onboard and will help promote all of these projects.

§ He plans to make a documentary about the Korean Revisit Program and the Peace Camp Program in an effort to keep our legacy together.

§ He solicited help from the KWVA in his efforts to obtain more interviews from both Korean War and Korean Defense veterans.

Mary Urquhart

Mary Urquhart, who lives in Hollywood, CA, is a movie star and also serves on the board of the Korean War Memorial Foundation, where she will be playing a major role in raising funds for the Wall of Remembrance. Her introduction to the memorial came when a family friend, whose brother fought in the Korean War, approached her soliciting her help in raising funds to provide maintenance for the Korean War Memorial in Washington, DC, which was falling into disrepair since the National Park Service did not have the funds available to make the necessary repairs.

She is a professional fund raiser. Her experience tells her that it is imperative that we raise funds for the maintenance of the Memorial and also create an endowment fund now, in addition to raising the funds required to build the Wall of Remembrance.

- Her plans are to begin with a major fund raising event in Seoul, followed by one in Washington, DC.

§ By May 2016 she had commitments totaling \$11 million in Seoul.

§ Now that the bill has passed, the ROK Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs is prepared to commit another four and one half million dollars to

the Wall of Remembrance for a three-year period.

§ The goal in Seoul is to launch a national campaign with the citizens to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

§ R & E, one of the top four media companies, has agreed to sign on and launch this campaign with them.

§ She feels that once the donations are starting to come in from Korean companies, then United States companies will feel pressure that they will have to pony up also. We will get more support from the defense contractors, information technology, and insurance companies that will benefit.

- In her opinion, the Wall of Remembrance will cost approximately \$25 million, and it will take up to three years to receive all the final approvals from the various commissions, including the Arts Commission and the Preservation Commission, that must sign off on the Wall.

- In the meantime, all of us need to begin raising funds on our local level. The fund raising campaign will need to be professionally done through the use of social media.

- For a social media campaign to be successful, we will need a face (a prominent, well known and recognizable person) to serve as the spokesperson for the KWVA. Really, we need several, preferably five, who would help raise awareness for the Memorial as well as the KWVA.

- Much work remains to be done.

Dan Baughman

Mr. Baughman is with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), a new organization formed from different organizations within the Department of Defense. Their job is to account for missing American servicemen who go back to 1941 and selected civilians. That includes Korea.

- He stated that the number of MIAs in Korea did not change from the number first reported in the 1970s all the way through the 1980s, since we were unable to get into North Korea to search for our missing.

- In 1994, Jimmy Carter visited Kim Il-Sung and convinced him to let us into North Korea. So, from 1996 to 2005, we had recovery teams operating in North Korea between three and eight months a year, conducting 33 missions in which we recovered 229 caskets of remains.

- There were more individuals represented in the caskets than 229. That was important to us since, even though the armistice agreement calls for both sides to turn over remains that they find after the armistice, that wasn't done after 1954.

- The North Koreans did repatriate to the United Nations Command 208 caskets of remains they had recovered between 1990 and 1994, although they did a terrible job of collecting them.

- Some of the caskets contained remains of up to eight humans each.

- We didn't have any DNA at the time to sort out these guys, but we did have some really good anthropologists who rearticulated them like a puzzle. However, we were getting very few identifications of those remains that came back from the North Koreans.

- We are getting good identifications from the work that we did in North Korea because we supervised the chain of custody of it from end to end.

- Each side worked for some number of months in 1953 through 1954 recovering war dead.

- We got back 4,167 caskets that included Americans, New Zealanders, Australians, British and South Koreans. Out of those recoveries we could

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Farewell and Semper Fi, John Glenn



“Col John Glenn, USMC (Ret), wrote his own funeral arrangements and wanted only Marines, not a Joint Color and Honor Guard, and was to be buried in his Marine Corps uniform, with medals and ribbons. His Memorial service was last week but his burial will not be until April in Arlington, with all the trappings. He was awarded six (6) Distinguished Flying Crosses! (DFCs).”

Thanks to NASA, <https://www.nasa.gov/content/profile-of-john-glenn>, for the story below.

Former astronaut and U.S. Senator John Glenn died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016, at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus. Glenn, who served four terms as a U.S. senator from Ohio, was one of NASA's original seven Mercury astronauts. His flight on Friendship 7 on Feb. 20, 1962, showed the world that America was a serious contender in the space race with the Soviet Union. It also made Glenn an instant hero.

His mission of almost nine days on the space shuttle orbiter Discovery, launched Oct. 29, 1998, when he was 77, made him the oldest human to venture into space. On Discovery he participated in a series of tests on the aging process. The aging population was one focus of his work as a U.S. senator.

Glenn was described as “humble, funny, and generous” by Trevor Brown, dean of the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at Ohio State University, in a statement joined by the Glenn family. “Even after leaving public life, he loved to meet with citizens, school children in particular. He thrilled to music and had a weakness for chocolate.”

Glenn will always be remembered as the first American to orbit the Earth dur-

ing those tentative, challenging, daring days when humans were just beginning to venture beyond the atmosphere that had nurtured them since the species began.

While Glenn's flight on Friendship 7 was a glorious national triumph, problems arose that could have spelled disaster. The first was a failure of the automatic control system.

A scheduled 30-minute test to determine whether Glenn could fly the capsule manually became a matter of life and death when the automatic system went out at the end of the first orbit.

“I went to manual control and continued in that mode during the second and third orbits, and during re-entry,” Glenn recalled later. He had been confident he could do it.

“The malfunction just forced me to prove very rapidly what had been planned over a longer period of time.”

Another problem seemed even more serious — telemetry indicated the spacecraft's heat shield was loose. It seemed possible that Glenn and the spacecraft would be incinerated on re-entry. Much of the world held its breath.

Glenn left the retrorocket pack in place to steady the heat shield during re-entry. “It made for a very spectacular re-entry from where I was sitting,” he said. Big chunks of the burning material came flying by the window.

He wasn't sure whether the flaming debris was the rocket pack or the heat shield breaking up. “Fortunately,” he told an interviewer, “it was the rocket pack — or I wouldn't be answering these questions.”

From Ohio to Orbit

John Herschel Glenn Jr. was born July 18, 1921, in Cambridge, Ohio. He attended primary and secondary schools in New Concord, Ohio. He received a bachelor of science degree in engineering from Muskingum College in New Concord [OH]... [which] is among nine colleges or universities that subsequently awarded him honorary doctoral degrees.

Glenn entered the Naval Aviation Cadet Program in March 1942. He graduated and was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1943. After advanced training, he joined Marine Fighter Squadron 155 and spent a year flying F-4U fighters in the Marshall Islands. He flew 59 combat missions during World War II.

After the war, he was a member of Marine Fighter Squadron 218 on the North China patrol and served on Guam. From June 1948 to December 1950 he served as an instructor in advanced flight training at Corpus Christi, Texas. He then attended Amphibious Warfare Training at Quantico, Va.

In Korea he flew 63 missions with Marine Fighter Squadron 311. As an exchange pilot with the Air Force Glenn flew 27 missions in the F-86 Sabre. In the last nine days of fighting in Korea, Glenn shot down three MiGs in combat along the Yalu River.

Glenn attended Test Pilot School at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Md. After graduation, he was project officer on a number of aircraft. He was assigned to the Fighter Design Branch of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics (now Bureau of Naval Weapons) in Washington

John Glenn's official portrait as one of NASA's original seven Mercury astronauts. Credits: NASA, John Glenn Gallery



Glenn climbs into his Friendship 7 capsule for his historic flight on Feb. 20, 1962.
Credits: NASA, John Glenn Gallery

from November 1956 to April 1959. During that time he also attended the University of Maryland.

In July 1957, while he was project officer of the F-8U Crusader, he set a transcontinental speed record from Los Angeles to New York — 3 hours and 23 minutes. It was the first transcontinental flight to average supersonic speed.

Glenn accumulated nearly 9,000 hours of flying time, about 3,000 of it in jets.

After his selection as a Mercury astronaut, Glenn was assigned to the NASA Space Task Group at Langley, Va., in April 1959. The Space Task Group was moved to Houston and became part of the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center (now Johnson Space Center in Houston) in 1962. Before his 4-hour, 55-minute flight in the Friendship 7 capsule, Glenn had served as backup pilot for astronauts Alan Shepard, the first American in space who flew on May 5, 1961, and to Virgil “Gus” Grissom, who followed Shepard on a sub-orbital flight of his own.

When astronauts were assigned to provide pilot input for the design and development of spacecraft, Glenn specialized in cockpit layout and control functioning, including some of the early designs for the Apollo Project.

Glenn was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross on six occasions, and holds the Air Medal with 18 Clusters for his service during World War II and Korea. Glenn also received the Navy Unit Commendation for service in Korea, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the China Service Medal, the



Then Senator Glenn joined the STS-95 Discovery crew in 1998, becoming the oldest person to fly in space, at age 77. Credits: NASA, John Glenn Gallery

National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, the Navy’s astronaut Wings, the Marine Corps’ Astronaut Medal, the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, and the Congressional Space Medal of Honor.

Glenn resigned as an astronaut on Jan. 16, 1964. He was promoted to colonel in October 1964 and retired from the Marine Corps on Jan. 1, 1965.

He became an executive with Royal Crown International, but took an active part in Ohio politics and environmental protection efforts. He won his Senate seat in 1974, carrying all 88 counties of Ohio. He was re-elected in 1980 with the largest margin in Ohio history.

Ohio returned him to the Senate for a third term in 1986, again with a substantial majority. In 1992 he was elected again, becoming the first popularly elected senator from his state to win four consecutive terms.

During his last term he was the ranking member of both the Governmental Affairs Committee and the Subcommittee on Air/Land Forces in the Senate Armed Services Committee. He also served on the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Special Committee on Aging.

He was considered one of the Senate’s leading experts on technical and scientific matters, and won wide respect for his work to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction. He took pride in using his position on the Governmental Affairs Committee to root out waste in government and to clean up the nation’s nuclear materials production plants.

In 1998, Glenn flew on the STS-95 Discovery shuttle flight, a 9-day mission during which the crew supported a variety of research payloads including deployment of the Spartan solar-observing spacecraft, the Hubble Space Telescope Orbital Systems Test Platform, and Glenn’s investigations on space flight and the aging process.

President Obama’s Statement on John Glenn

When John Glenn blasted off from Cape Canaveral atop an Atlas rocket in 1962, he lifted the hopes of a nation. And when his Friendship 7 spacecraft splashed down a few hours later, the first American to orbit the Earth reminded us that with courage and a spirit of discovery there’s no limit to the heights we can reach together. With John’s passing, our nation has lost an icon and Michelle and I have lost a friend. John spent his life breaking barriers, from defending our freedom as a decorated Marine Corps fighter pilot in World War II and Korea, to setting a transcontinental speed record, to becoming, at age 77, the oldest human to touch the stars. John always had the right stuff, inspiring generations of scientists, engineers and astronauts who will take us to Mars and beyond—not just to visit, but to stay. Today, the people of Ohio remember a devoted public servant who represented his fellow Buckeyes in the U.S. Senate for a quarter century and who fought to keep America a leader in science and technology. Our thoughts are with his beloved wife Annie, their children John and Carolyn and the entire Glenn family. The last of America’s first astronauts has left us, but propelled by their example we know that our future here on Earth compels us to keep reaching for the heavens. On behalf of a grateful nation, Godspeed, John Glenn.



President Barack Obama congratulates former United States Marine Corps pilot, astronaut, and United States Senator John Glenn after presenting him with a Medal of Freedom, Tuesday, May 29, 2012, during a ceremony at the White House in Washington. Credits: NASA/Bill Ingalls

AT ALL COST: November - December

By Corporal Robert Harbula, USMC
George Company- 3rd Battalion- 1st Marines
1st Marine Division

PART I

Preface

I was a machine-gun squad leader with George Company (G-3-1) for five campaigns during the Korean War that included Task Force Drysdale. Over the years it has become very disheartening to read negative articles and books mentioning Task Force Drysdale in the battle of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea during the winter of 1950.

Several famous writers continue to write untruths about this mission, e.g., “Task Force Drysdale was a disaster,” “Task Force Drysdale was massacred,” “Task Force Drysdale was destroyed,” “Task Force Drysdale was ambushed,” “The attempt to relieve Hagaru-ri produced General O.P. Smith’s only defeat. With faulty research and their pens they changed an important part of the history of this battle. As a veteran of this action, I cannot leave these comments unchallenged.

For example, in Clay Blair’s book “The Forgotten War,” p. 505, he writes “fighting back from exposed positions on the road, often heroically, the American and British forces tried but failed to crack through to Hagaru.” (If we failed to crack through to Hagaru, then who was on East Hill the next day holding off a regiment of Chinese? Our ghosts?) On p. 511 he says, “in view of the disaster which had befallen Task Force Drysdale.” (What disaster? We completed the mission.)

In Shelby Stanton’s book, America’s Tenth Legion, he writes on p. 255 “Unfortunately, the destruction of Task Force Drysdale was just one of many adverse events along the main supply route.”

In Eric Hammel’s book, “Chosin,” p. 171, he writes “There had been a tragedy of the first magnitude in the making on the MSR between Hagaru and Koto-ri.” On p. 357 he writes, “The road to the north of Koto-ri had been closed by the destruction of Task Force Drysdale.” On p. 359 he writes, “The Chinese who had stopped Task Force Drysdale.” (There was no tragedy of the first magnitude and Task Force Drysdale was not stopped or destroyed.)

Mr. Hammel also wrote a story for *Military History* magazine on 12 June 2006 that was reprinted in historynet.com in 2010. In bold print it is titled “**Death of Task Force Drysdale.**” (So the untruths continue.) He also makes Drysdale look like a reckless British cowboy charging up the MSR from Koto-ri. Nothing was farther from the truth.

In an article written by another well-known author, he says “The attempt to relieve Hagaru-ri produced General O.P. Smith’s only defeat.” (General Smith had no defeats at Chosin. How could you classify Task Force Drysdale as a defeat? This

was a tough mission, and we had numerous casualties, but we were not defeated. The mission was completed.)

Many writers miss the dire straits Hagaru-ri was in and how desperately they needed reinforcements. The 150 men of George Company, 100 Royal Marines, and the 16 tanks answered this need the following night on East Hill.

What has resulted is that few writers give George Company (G-3-1) and 41 Independent Commando (Royal Marines) their just due and proper recognition in military history. With all these negative comments this might be part of the reason the Marine Corps hasn’t included George Company (G-3-1) in their Hall Of Honor, which is the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, Virginia.

Most military task forces are hurriedly put together out of desperation and sheer necessity and usually don’t accomplish what they set out to do. This task force may have been one of the few exceptions. All that was asked of this small contingent of men, without any rehearsal or training, was to do something that the planners had probably never done and likely had never been done in prior Marine Corps history.



Their dual mission was to take a convoy of 141 vehicles up an 11-mile snow and ice covered road, through 12 roadblocks and thousands of Chinese who held all the high ground and reinforce the besieged and surrounded town of Hagaru-ri. Then the next morning, 30 November, provided they got through, George Company was to attack and hold the most vulnerable and prominent land feature in the area, East Hill.

Against all odds they did this. In turn they helped save the 1st Marine Division from destruction. The thing to ask as you read this story is what would have happened to Hagaru-ri and the 1st Marine Division if George Company and Task Force Drysdale had failed in either of their two missions?

To help you understand the story better, I have included an excellent foreword from a book, "Green Berets in Korea," by Fred Hayhurst. The foreword was written by Lt. Gen. Stephen Olmstead, a PFC with George Company in this battle.

Foreword

"November 28, 1950 was a numbing cold and snowy day on the highest plateau of the Chosin Reservoir in the Taebeck Mountains of hostile North Korea. It was on this day, at the beleaguered village of Koto-ri that I first encountered future lifetime friends and staunch comrades in arms: 41 Independent Commando Royal Marines.

"During the evening hours, along with other junior enlisted Marines of George Company, Third Battalion, First Marines (G-3-1), while trying to keep warm, we chatted and shared hot drinks (Cow-Cow) with these proud men wearing green berets. Little did we know that the next morning we would jump off in the attack together in Task Force Drysdale.

"The next thirty-six hours of fierce combat in abysmal weather and against a numerically superior and well-armed enemy proved that Hell was an eleven mile road from Koto-ri to Hagaru-ri.

"Dozens of roadblocks covered by machine guns, mortars and small arms fire were pinning us down and had to be overcome. The hills flanking the road were alive with Chinese, who as darkness fell became emboldened to move closer to the road to fire point blank at the troops of Task Force Drysdale in an attempt to cut the column and annihilate the force.

"Within this Task Force, acts of uncommon bravery by Marines of 41 Commando and G-3-1 were universal. Each road block was assaulted and overcome by the time-tested principle of aggressive combat inculcated in the Marines of both Corps. We suffered severe casualties: a third of the Task Force was killed or wounded in Hell Fire Valley. The Chinese were tough, veteran fighters; the Marines were tougher!

"The indomitable leadership of 41 Commando's Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Drysdale and G-3-1 Captain Carl Sitter, combined with the cool professional competence of both units' junior officers and NCOs, brought the force through this maelstrom of violence and suffering.

"Task Force Drysdale's reinforcement of tanks and infantry

was crucial to the defense of Hagaru. Without the security of this village at the foot of the Chosin Reservoir the First Marine Division's march to the sea would have been imperiled, if not impossible."

The map on p. 31 shows the four key Marine enclaves on the Chosin Reservoir plateau- Yudam-ni -Toktong Pass-Hagaru-ri-Koto-ri. It also shows the Chinese units involved and the direction of their attacks.

Place: Chosin Reservoir, North Korea

Date: November 1950

By 27 November 1950 a massive force of over 150,000 Chinese was under orders to surround and annihilate the 1st Marine Division that was on the Chosin Reservoir plateau and then destroy the rest of X Corps in the Hungnam area. (There seems to be some dispute as to the number of Chinese involved, but Gen. Edwin H. Simmons, a renowned Marine historian, on page 122 of "Frozen Chosin, Marines in the Korean War Commemorative Series," quotes Chinese leader Gen. Peng's chief of staff saying that the Ninth Army Group had started across the Yalu with 150,000 troops. Who am I to argue the point with two generals?)

The rest of X Corps that was operating east of the plateau on the coastal region would be of little help in this battle because of logistics. The only road up to the plateau ran through the 4,000-foot Funchilin Pass and was in the process of being severed by the Chinese. The 8th Army was 80 miles to the west and on the other side of the Taebaek Mountains. They were also under heavy attack by over 200,000 Chinese, so no help could or would be expected from them. This left the Marines out on the proverbial limb. It became apparent their only chance of survival was in their own hands.

The town of Hagaru-ri, located at the southern tip of the Chosin Reservoir, became the key for survival of the division. The division headquarters was located here and the town contained a build-up of supplies, food, fuel and ammunition for the various types of weapons in use. Its defense was assigned to Lt. Col. Ridge and his 3rd. Battalion, 1st Marines, minus his Company G (G-3-1) that, because of transportation problems, was still in Koto-ri. Elements of other units helped fill in the four-mile defensive perimeter that really required a full regiment with supporting arms.

There were three main avenues of attack for the Chinese. H and I companies covered two of these that were located on the flat south and western part of the perimeter. The third, East Hill, a glaring weak spot, was also the most prominent feature in the area. It covered most of the eastern landscape and loomed over the only road out of Hagaru-ri to the south and Koto-ri.

The worst defensive position a Marine in Hagaru could draw was East Hill. This barren wind-swept monolith had few foxholes and none of them were reinforced with concertina wire or booby traps. To dig a new foxhole in this frozen ground would be a monumental task. Marines were heavily laden with layers of clothing, weapons, ammunition, grenades and c-rations that sapped every ounce of their energy as they tried to just get to the top. The lack of the luxury of warm-up tents or the heat from vehicle engines to cook frozen c-rations and melt snow for water

made East Hill a very ugly place.

Originally, on 27 November, elements of the 7th Marines' anti-tank company and the 1st regulating detachment were covering East Hill. The intent was to replace them with Company G as soon as they arrived from Koto-ri, but because of transportation problems Company G didn't arrive at Koto-ri until 28 November. By that time the Chinese had arrived in force and had severed the Hagaru-Koto-ri road, stopping all northbound traffic at Koto-ri.

Growing indications of an enemy attack for Hagaru on 27 November resulted in adding three more units to the East Hill defense. One was from the 4th Signal Battalion, X Corps, of about platoon strength. The others were D Company 10th Engineers and elements from H&S Company X Corps. These were service troops with a high percentage of green ROKs (Republic of Korea soldiers) whose combat abilities were suspect. A Marine officer and radio operator were assigned to each of them to give them some technical support.

About 2230 on 28 November the Chinese started heavy attacks on Hagaru in the H and I Companies' vicinity. Some penetrations were made, but were quickly sealed by the troops in the area. At 0200 on 29 November an assault on East Hill began. Just as predicted the defensive force was quickly brushed aside, causing numerous gaps in the line. Direct artillery fire slowed the Chinese penetration, but the situation was deteriorating rapidly.

Major Reginald Myers, the Battalion Executive officer, rounded up all the service personnel, mechanics, cooks etc., that he could find. He led this rag-tag outfit of about 300 men in a counterattack up the slopes of East Hill to help restore a defensive line. By morning this force was reduced to less than half that number, and they were hanging on by their fingernails. (Major Myers received the Medal of Honor for this action.)

Frontline help was desperately needed. If the Chinese controlled East Hill they could have had a devastating effect on the headquarters, hospital, air field and supply depot in the town below. If Hagaru-ri fell and the Chinese captured the supply depot, there would be little chance of escape for the 5th and 7th Marines, who were fighting their way south through the mountains from Yudam-ni.

Koto-ri

The only chance for help for Hagaru would have to come from Koto-ri, which was 11 miles to the south. Because the road to the north had been severed, Koto-ri had become a collecting point for units trying to rejoin their parent outfits. Early on 28 November General O.P. Smith, the division commander in Hagaru, called Col. Lewis (Chesty) Puller, whose 1st Marines headquarters was in Koto-ri, and ordered him to have the 2nd Battalion that was manning the perimeter defense there try and reopen the road to Hagaru. The 3rd Battalion in Hagaru would also try from its end.

At 1330 D Company, 2nd Battalion started from Koto-ri and got about 1,500 yards when they encountered heavy small arms, machine-gun and mortar fire. They were supported by artillery and air strikes. Casualties started to mount, so a platoon from F Company was sent at 1615 to assist in evacuating the casualties.

To call this a suicide mission is a gross understatement. With all the chaos that was going to be occurring, it was more like a deadly Chinese fire drill.

At 1735 all units were ordered to disengage and return to Koto-ri. Total casualties were 4 KIA and 34 WIA.

A small tank-led force from H Company left Hagaru-ri at 1245 and ran into several roadblocks and sizable Chinese forces. They were in danger of being outflanked. At 1530 they were ordered to disengage and return to their perimeter. Casualties were 1 KIA and 5 WIA.

The Main Supply Route (MSR) was definitely closed and in the hands of the Chinese.

Task Force Drysdale

In the afternoon and early evening of 28 November, Puller started to assemble a larger relief force. Originally, it would consist of 235 men of the 41 Independent Commandos (British Royal Marines), 205 men of G Company (G-3-1), 190 men of B Company, 31st Infantry, USA, and Marine service and headquarters personnel, for a total of 712 men and 65 vehicles. The headquarters and service personnel had to revert to their original training as riflemen and defend their section of the convoy.

The Forming of Task Force Drysdale at Koto-ri, North Korea

This force would be called "Task Force Drysdale," named after the commanding officer of the Royal Marines commando unit, Lt. Col. Douglas Drysdale. It is now known that the Chinese had four divisions operating in the Hagaru-Koto-ri area, and they held all the high ground in between. They had numerous automatic weapons and mortars. Most of these were U.S. made and taken from the Nationalist Chinese after their civil war. The heaviest weapon the Marines had was a .75mm recoilless rifle mounted on a jeep. That was not much firepower to attack roadblocks with.

Once the task force entered the hornet's nest it would be mostly on its own. There were no other backup or support plans. Most of the time there would be little room to maneuver and each vehicle's contingent would have to defend themselves. There would be no rehearsals or training for this mission.

So all that was expected from this small, piecemeal force was to go up this narrow, snow and ice covered road, which had at least twelve roadblocks and battle thousands of Chinese who held all the high ground in -20 to -30° snowy weather. Many questions and situations were going to surface and would have to be resolved on the spot:

■ What happens if your truck driver is put out of action? Are there extra drivers in the column? Remember, at this point, many of the young Marines didn't even have driver's licenses and were unfamiliar with trucks.

■ What happens if a truck is disabled or slides off the road?

Have the troops ever practiced using a winch that is on the front of the trucks?

■ What happens if the truck is on fire and has ammunition on it? How do you get it off the road and keep the column moving?

■ What happens to the occupants of the disabled vehicles? Where do they ride? Keep in mind that a truck is designed to carry about a squad of 12 men and their gear.

■ What happens when the WIAs and KIAs must lie in a prone position and take up all the space? Where do the occupants of that truck ride?

To call this a suicide mission is a gross understatement. With all the chaos that was going to be occurring, it was more like a deadly Chinese fire drill.

But Col. Puller had little choice about sending these men on such an impossible mission that was destined to have a high casualty rate. There was no time for training: how do you even train for such a desperate mission? The critical need at Hagaru was dictating the events.

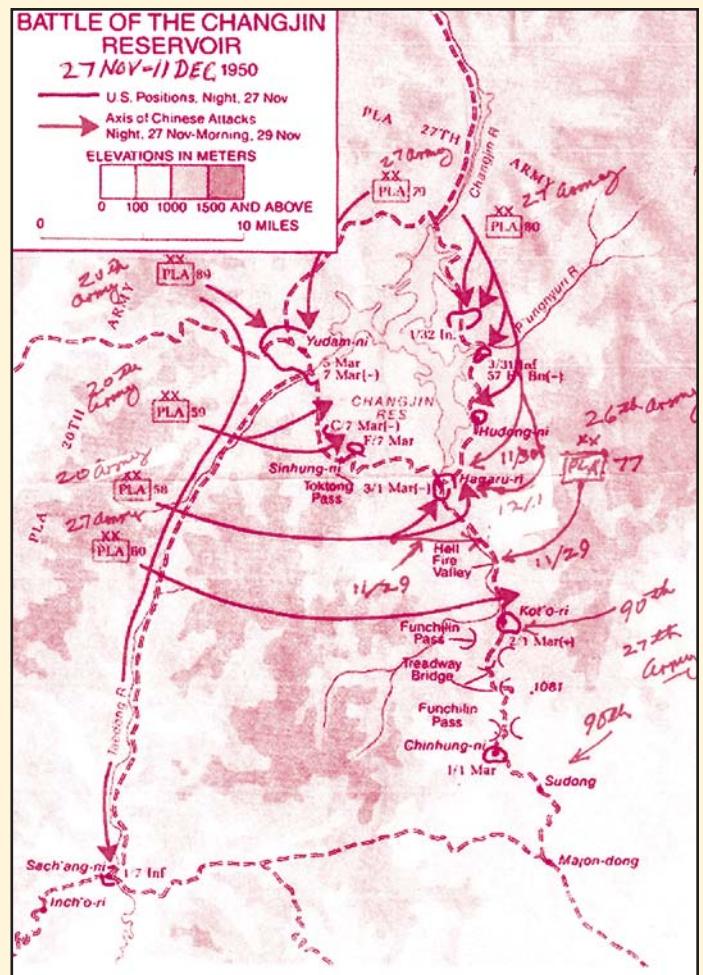
In a letter dated 17 December 1950 to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Smith outlined what took place in the Chosin Reservoir battle and the importance of the Drysdale force reinforcing Hagaru-ri to protect the air strip and the supplies. He also said, "The conclusion was inescapable that a considerable force would be required to open up the MSR between Hagaru-ri and Koto-ri. We would not have any such force until the 5th and 7th Marines (two regiments of 8,000 men) joined us at Hagaru-ri." This again shows the monumental task that was in store for the undermanned Drysdale column.

The weather had turned extremely cold and snowy. Temperatures were dropping below -30 degrees, with wind chills as low as -100 degrees. It was one of the coldest winters on record, and this Siberian wind whistled down the entire Korean peninsula. Weapons cannot operate efficiently in this type of extreme weather. They would be sluggish and constantly a problem. It's hard enough trying to survive outdoors in this kind of weather, let alone being engaged in mortal combat.

A bright spot was that, weather permitting, Marine air, the ground Marine's beloved Blue Angels, would be on station during daylight hours. But fog and snow clouds are always a big problem in winter and would hamper their operations.

What really was needed was some type of armor that could be used to punch through the numerous Chinese roadblocks. Tanks were on their way to Koto-ri from Chinhung-ni, but wouldn't arrive until the middle of the afternoon. The urgent need for reinforcements at Hagaru-ri prevented the task force from waiting for them. Without armor, and being outnumbered at least 10-1, the operation definitely had all the makings of a disaster.

Military planners usually recommend that an attacking force should have a 3 to 1 troop advantage over a defending force in fixed positions. The odds are greatly in favor of the defenders. In this case the enemy controlled the front and the flanks and all the high ground. Smaller groups of men can stop much larger forces if they hold the high ground in key locations, as was proven by the gallant stand of the 7th Marines' Fox Company on "Fox Hill" on the Yudam-ni-Hagaru road.



Drysdale told his men that this was not going to be a walk in the sun. In typical British fashion, he said, "All right lads; let's give it a bloody go." And bloody it would be.

At 0945 29 November the 41 Commando attacked the first hill and had little trouble taking it. Not to be outdone, George Company swung around and attacked the second hill. After a much more intense fight, it took control of the second hill. The army's B-Company would lead the truck convoy and stay parallel with the attacking Marines.

The Marines had reservations about the ability of the Army unit and would not rely on them too heavily. Forty two percent of their personnel were KATUSAs who didn't speak or understand English. (These are Korean Augmentees to U S Army who bolstered its unit sizes and helped train the South Korean soldiers.) The other Marine units in the convoy were mostly headquarters and service personnel.

One must question the wisdom of sending this type of troops on such a perilous operation that was fraught with so much danger. They lacked the communication and assault tactics that would be needed for this type of mission, and would suffer heavy losses as events unfolded. Unit integrity and the lack of fire teams, machine gun squads, and mortars would prove to be critical for them. The men of George Company and 41 Commando knew that the success of this mission would be on their shoulders.

..to be continued

Chapter & Department News

"I accept my Ambassador for Peace medal in sincere honor and respect for the Great Americans and TRUE military heroes that never returned, paying the ultimate sacrifice to defend the freedoms and prosperity now enjoyed by America and South Korea, but many in our country sadly challenge, disrespect, discard and dishonor.

"My prayers are for making America Great Again, and unifying our seriously divided nation." Richard Kwiecienski, (USMC, Sgt., Korea veteran)

Note: Two articles got mixed into one in the Nov/Dec 2016 Graybeards, p. 32. Please refer to p. 32 of that issue where the Captain Paul Dill article was juxtaposed with the Bill Carr chapter article and picture about the veterans' awareness center. Consequently we are reprinting the text of the chapters' activities to distinguish between them.

12 CAPTAIN PAUL DILL [DE]

We have been busy since December 15, 2015 in helping the homeless veterans of Delaware who are in the "Home Of The Brave," located in Milford, DE. Then, we donated an LG 55-inch television set, three office swivel chairs, and one ceiling fan equipped with lights.

In January 2016, "The Home of The Brave" contacted Past Commander Watson Day to request three additional ceiling fans and twelve heavy duty winter jackets.

Delaware has built and opened a new Home for Delaware's homeless women veterans, which is also located in Milford, DE. At present there are four women veterans and two children there. The home can handle eight women veterans.

In May 2016, "The Home of The Brave" contacted Captain Paul Dill, Chapter 2, for help in furnishing a new dining/conference table and eight chairs for the new home for the "Homeless Women Veterans." The motion was made and passed. The table and eight chairs were delivered on August 19, 2016. The women and the Director were very appreciative.

Watson Day/Frank Howerton, Frank51233@aol.com

13 BILL CARR [DE]

Recently we hosted the founders of the Veterans' Awareness Center Foundation at a chapter meeting. The Mission of the Foundation is to assist all Delaware veterans achieve self-sufficiency through information and service.

For example, there is help for employment searches, educational benefits, emergency funding referrals, and personalized self-help programs. In addition, the foundation provides military and dress for success clothing and Thanksgiving dinner distribution among many other things.

The Foundation recently ran the 2016 Delaware Veterans'

Stand Down in September, which was a resounding success. Over 120 veterans service providers had tables and facilities to assist vets. Assistance included dental care, flu shots, legal, financial and educational services.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Foundation and/or the Chapter please call Jack McGinley at 302-945-0698 or at this email address: jomcglin@aol.com.

5 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA #1 [CA]

The Clear Creek Bridge was re-dedicated on November 2, 2016 as the Korean War Veterans Bridge. Leonard Moty, Shasta County Supervisor, was instrumental in paving the way through red tape to have the proclamation signed and the signage approved.

Frank Rose, frose32@yahoo.com



County Supervisor Leonard Moty (L) members of the Shasta County Korean War Veterans Assn. (C), Members of the Anderson VFW Color Guard (R) in background at bridge re-dedication



Ch. 5 Commander Joe Cosca, Secretary Rae Cosca, Treasurer John Bailer, 1st Vice President Bill McKinney, 2nd Vice President Frank Rose, Past President Chuck Goff, Kim Chamberlin (L-R) at Korean War Veterans Bridge



Shasta County [CA] Board of Supervisors designates Clear Creek Bridge as Shasta County Korean War Veterans Bridge

20 HAWAII #1 [HI]

We honored Hawaii's departing Korean Consul General Walter K. Paik during the week of 16 October 2016.

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20 members with Consul General Paik (in suit) at a Honolulu restaurant



Presentation of appreciation plaque to Consul General Paik by Jimmy Shin, and Ch. 20 Executive Assistant Tommy Tahara

Consul General Paik with Ch. 20 President Harry Fanning (L-R)



66 CORPORAL ALLAN F. KIVLEHAN [NY]

On September 20-21, 2016 we were in Washington DC. On our first day we visited the WWII Monument, which is a well-deserved memorial to those veterans. As we toured the monument a number of buses arrived transporting WWII veterans who were part of an Honor Flight. Many were in wheelchairs, accompanied by aides. We were honored to shake their hands and welcome them to their monument. This was a very solemn moment for all of us.



Thirty-five members of Ch. 66 group leave hotel for Korean War Veterans Memorial



John D'Arbenzio, Steve Montalbano, Tony Contessa, Dan Venezia, and Pat Scarpato of Ch. 66 Color Guard at memorial ceremony



Lt. Col. Lee, Ch. 66 Commander George E. Parsons, Maj. Gen. Shin, members, and guests at ceremony



The Korean War Veterans Memorial patrol meets Ch. 66 group

Later we toured DC by bus, dined at Home Town Buffet, and then retired to our hotel. After breakfast we visited the Iwo Jima Monument and then on to the Korean War Memorial for our ceremony. Attending were our Congressman from Staten Island, Dan Donovan, Major General Shin, and LtCol. Lee from the Korean Embassy.

Our ceremony included our color guard, placing a wreath, singing our national anthem, and the playing of "Taps." Approximately 300 tourists gathered for our ceremony, after which we boarded our bus for our trip home to Staten Island.

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100 NORTHERN VIRGINIA [VA]

Chapter 100 Hosts Korea's U.S. Defense Attaché, General Pyo Se Woo

Our Annual Joint Holiday Luncheon at the American Legion Post 176 in Springfield, VA on Dec. 8th was a huge success. We hosted Korea's newly assigned Defense Attaché to the United States, General Se Woo Pyo, ROK, who graciously attended as the Guest of Honor. His message of service, courage, and encouragement to the Korean War veterans and Korean Defense veterans was well received by families and friends. Over 50 Korean

veterans attended.

Notably, also attending was a great delegation of KWVA national leaders who journeyed from Winchester, VA to visit with and welcome the Defense Attaché. The KWVA National Secretary, Lewis "Lew" Ewing, and fellow Board Member of KWVA, Narce Caliva, presented the famous Winchester "Gala" apples as a gift to the chapter members and the guest of honor.

Other honored guests included Jim Fisher, Executive Director, KWVA, David Clark, KWVA Membership Committee Chairman, and KWVA Board Member and 1st Vice President Warren Wiedhahn, who serves as the Revisit Committee Chairman and is a fellow KWVA Board Member.



Guest from Winchester, VA at Ch. 100's luncheon: Secretary Paul Bombardier; Director Josh Morimoto; KWVA Secretary Lew Ewing; Director Charles Hoak, KWVA Director Narce Caliva; Director Marshall DeHaven



Lew Ewing (L), General Pyo (C), Warren Wiedhahn at Ch. 100 luncheon

Also attending was Mr. George Lampman, who was serving in the U.S. Embassy-Seoul at the outbreak of hostilities in Korea in 1950. We were honored to host this outstanding group of veterans and friends to commemorate the veterans of Korea at the Joint Mid-Atlantic Christmas Luncheon.

A surprise feature at the luncheon was a beautiful multiple-layered holiday cake, provided by Ms. Sami Lauri, a Northern Virginia businesswoman and Korean-American, who graciously prepared the cake to honor the veterans and families. Ms. Meg Choi, renowned author and also a Korean-American, represented the Falls Church Presbyterian Church. Ms. Choi and her church have assisted many Korean veterans in the air travel for the Revisit to Korea trips.

The luncheon included a business update, financial report, and report on repatriating actions for MIA/KIA personnel who are still in North Korea. Chapter member Rocky Harder, who works with DPAA in Washington, provided a status report on these efforts to get these troops back to the U.S. Also, new memberships and new leaders were approved for the chapter.

The meeting focused on the upcoming activities taking place in the Washington DC area in 2017, and to encourage participation! KWVA will serve as the lead planner for the 2017 Veterans Day activities in Washington DC. Prior to that, KWVA's National

Convention is scheduled in Norfolk, VA, October 4-8. You can register for the conference by going to The Graybeards Magazine; we encourage you to be a part of this great year of commemoration.

We held an Executive Leaders Meeting on 27 December 2016 at which we discussed retention of Chapter/KWVA members and family members of deceased vets, ways to reach our Korean Defense veterans, and efforts of expansion in outreach to county schools for the Tell America Program. We will purge our database and update a new directory for the chapter.

All of us in Chapter 100, which includes the Greater Washington DC and Northern Virginia veterans, wish you all a great year ahead in 2017!!

Don Howell, dhowell@miltours.com



Air Force One being strafed behind Ch. 121 members' backs?

121 GREATER CINCINNATI [OH]

On October 7, 2016 five members took a field trip to the museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH.

Bob McGeorge, 3296 Blueacres Dr.
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Don Kleinger, Dr. Lee, Bill Doud, Bob McGeorge, and George Kerber of Ch. 121 outside Wright-Patterson AFB Museum



Members of Ch. 121 boarding (or deplaning) Air Force One

122 ARDEN A. ROWLEY [AZ]

The remains of PFC Daniel Hunt, KIA at Heartbreak Ridge on September 28, 1951, were recently identified and returned for burial with military honors at Phoenix National Memorial Cemetery. Many local Korean War veterans attended the service, placing their chapter wreaths.

Commander Lew Bradley posted the ROK and Honor & Remember flag. Consulate General of the Republic of Korea Lee Key Cheol, from Los Angeles, attended and presented the Ambassador for Peace Medal to Hunt's family members.

Lew Bradley, lew.bradley@gmail.com



Lew Bradley, Commander Chapter 122, with Susan Kee at December 2nd service for PFC Daniel Hunt

136 MARION OHIO [OH]

We held our annual Christmas Dinner recently at which we had two special guests: President Harry S. Truman and his lovely wife Bess.

President Truman presented a very intimate program for all in attendance. The president and his wife were impersonators Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bradford, from the Marion Historical Society.

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ABOVE: Harry Truman addresses Ch. 136 audience

LEFT: Harry and Bess Truman at Ch. 136's Christmas gathering

141 CAPE COD & ISLANDS [MA]

On November 8th and 11th, Roy Thomas, Senior Vice Commander, and Larry Cole, the chapter's scribe, assisted the Flower Angels deliver flowers and small American flags in mugs to veterans in several nursing homes and assisted living facilities on Cape Cod. Below are excerpts in a press release from Flower Angels describing the event.



"Flower delivery" crew at Bourne Manor on Cape Cod

Larry Cole of Ch. 141, 2nd from left, with Flower Angels delegation



138 AKRON REGIONAL [OH]

We participated in a ceremony at the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Station on Veterans Day 2016. The railroad gives free rides to veterans and families through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Carl L. Cannon, 4512 Conestoga Tr.
Copley, OH 44321



At Ch. 138's Veterans Day service, (front, L-R) bugler Harvey Thoria, President William Niebuhr, Madison George, granddaughter of Don George, who placed the roses by the seven flags in memory of the seven wars; (Back) Al Leyerle, Honor Guard leader, Don George, Bob Jones (holding American flag), Wayne Vetter (holding POW flag), and Walter Worobel (L-R)

Flower Angels USA 1st Annual Veterans Buddy Project a tremendous success!

"Flower Angels, a charitable non-profit organization that delivers floral bouquets to residents of nursing care and hospice centers across Cape Cod, MA, honored our Veterans on November 8th and 11th, 2016. Accompanied by 35 local Veterans from all U.S. Services who volunteered their time to participate in this special week, the Flower Angels joyfully delivered "Honoring our Veterans" bouquets to 325 resident Veterans in nursing care facilities from Falmouth to Provincetown.

"The Veterans presented the bouquets, thanked them for their service and saluted their brothers and sisters.... Suzanne Carter, founder of Flower Angels, and the approximately 75 Flower Angel volunteers who made the bouquets and went on the deliveries, attribute the success of this truly heartwarming week to the 35 Veterans who accompanied them.....Sincere thanks to Roy Thomas and Larry Cole, Korean War Veterans for participating." (For information on Flower Angels USA, please visit www.flowerangelsusa.org.)

Incidentally, Larry Cole ran a marathon in Manchester, NH on November 6, 2016.

"I'm lucky to still be able to do it," he said.

Larry Cole, coleslawone@yahoo.com

142 COL. WILLIAM E. WEBER [MD]

At the Veterans History Project luncheon on November 18, 2016, we donated \$1,000 to the organization.

At our Christmas party, held at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant on December 14, 2016, Commander Robert Mount introduced the Republic of Korea's Military Attaché, Brigadier General Se Woo Pyo.

General Pyo gave an inspiring presentation in which he expressed the gratitude of the Korean people for the sacrifices by United States military personnel who saved South Korea from domination by North Korea.



Ch. 142 Treasurer Bob Eader, Priscilla Rall, Veterans History Project Director, and Ch. 142 Commander Bob Mount (L-R) at presentation



ABOVE: Maryann Welsh, Activity Director of Citizens, Korean Marine Lt. Col. Lee, Kangwook, Bob Mount, and Korean Navy Commander Lee, Tagoon (L-R) at Citizens/Montevue Nursing



LEFT: Brigadier General Pyo and Commander Robert Mount at Ch. 142's 2016 Christmas party

Some residents of Citizens/Montevue Nursing Care were pleasantly surprised on December 22, 2016, when they were visited by representatives of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea. The members of the Korean Embassy delivered flowers on behalf of Ambassador Ahn and expressed his thanks for the sacrifice veterans made during the Korean War.

This event was made possible through efforts by Brigadier General Pyo, Se Woo.

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164 DALE H. WILLIAMS POST #1996 [MI]

In August 2016 we presented a plaque to Duane Dewey, a Korean War Medal of Honor recipient. (See his citation below.) The presentation, made by President Ken Amlotte, took place at the AMVETS post in Baldwin, MI that is named after him

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**The President of the United States
in the name of The Congress
takes pleasure in presenting the
Medal of Honor
to
DEWEY, DUANE E.**

Rank and organization: Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Company E, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein.).

Place and date: Near Panmunjon, Korea, 16 April 1952. **Entered service at:** Muskegon, Mich. **Born:** 16 November 1931, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a gunner in a machinegun platoon of Company E, in action against enemy aggressor forces. When an enemy grenade landed close to his position while he and his assistant gunner were receiving medical attention for their wounds during a fierce night attack by numerically superior hostile forces, Cpl. Dewey, although suffering intense pain, immediately pulled the corpsman to the ground and, shouting



Ken Amlotte, Duane Dewey, Keith Cooper, Winford Lovelace, Nicholas Herring, and Ron Scott (L-R) at Ch. 164 presentation

a warning to the other marines around him, bravely smothered the deadly missile with his body, personally absorbing the full force of the explosion to save his comrades from possible injury or death. His indomitable courage, outstanding initiative, and valiant efforts in behalf of others in the face of almost certain death reflect the highest credit upon Cpl. Dewey and enhance the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.



Duane Dewey displays to plaque to crowd as Ken Amlotte watches



Commander Ken Amlotte of Ch. 164 presents plaque to Duane Dewey



Duane Dewey (L) and Ron Scott of Ch. 164



The plaque awarded to Duane Dewey

170 TAEJON [NJ]

Fourteen members participated in "America's Parade" in New York City on 11 November 2016. The parade, sponsored by the United War Veterans Council, attracts 25,000 participants from

30 states and over half-a-million spectators.

We gathered at the VFW building in which we meet and made the twelve-mile trip to New York City on a school bus. We arrived at Madison Square Park in time for the opening ceremony at the Eternal Light Monument. The ceremony featured remarks by the mayor, elected officials, ranking military officers, and veterans group officials, special guests, and the U.S. Military Academy band. It included wreath laying, a 21-rifle salute, and "Taps."

Historian Louis Quagliero was honored by riding in the lead jeep carrying Korean War veterans with KWVA National Director Thomas McHugh, who is the proud owner of the Korean War-era vehicle.



Ch. 170 members in the New York City Veterans Day Parade



Color Guard representing Ch. 170 at New York City parade



South Korean veteran holds U.S. flag and Ch. 170 member Alexander Atheras (R) holds Korean flag at Veterans Day Parade

The parade began at 11:30 a.m. It was still in progress when we boarded the bus for our return trip to Saddle Brook, NJ. We were proud to participate in the parade.

Following the trip back to Saddle Brook we went to Applebee's for a free meal and cold beer. We also treated every marcher to one alcoholic drink. We were a tired group, and the strong drinks pepped us up.

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



Group from Ch. 170 at Madison Square Park in New York City before "America's Parade"



Walter Amos, Kenneth Green, Louis Quagliero, and Pasquale Candela of Ch. 170 enjoy post-parade refreshments

172 HANCOCK COUNTY [OH]

We held our annual Christmas banquet on December 8, 2016, with 113 members and guests in attendance. President Ron Dutton presided over the banquet, with Captain Bill Tate, U.S. Navy (ret) as the featured speaker.

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President Ron Dutton of Ch. 172

Bill Tate, keynote speaker at Ch. 172's Christmas banquet (email)



175 LT BALDOMERO LOPEZ (MOH) [FL]

On October 29, 2016, Dr. John Shim, Mrs. Shim, and a large number of wonderful volunteers hosted a Heroes Remembered Brunch at American Legion Post 5, Tampa, FL. This is the second year Dr. Shim, a member of the Korean community, has hosted such an event.



Korean dancers entertain at Ch. 175 event

In addition to us, members from chapters 14, 50, 53 and the Department of Florida were there. The food was wonderful, and entertainment was provided by local Korean dance and drum groups.

We installed new officers on 7 January 2017 for the year 2017. Maxine Parker, President of the KWVA's Department of Florida, administered the oath.

The officers are Treasurer Roy Cunningham, 2nd VP Bill Sarver, 1st VP Al Greer, and President Edward Epps.



Edward Epps speaks at Tampa, FL gathering

Dr. John Shim
addresses audience in
Tampa, FL



Members and guests at Ch. 181's
lunch



BELOW: Bagpiper Steve Gosling plays
"Amazing Grace" in Overland Park, KS



Korean-Americans sing at Ch. 181's ceremony

church sang a rousing rendition of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," with hearty participation from the audience. It was an appropriate tribute to the nation's veterans, which ended with the haunting strains of "Taps" by Clyde Miller.

In keeping with the festive season, we held our annual pot luck evening, which was attended by some 50 members and guests. The pot luck was followed a week later by the annual formal lunch at the Overland Park Marriott Hotel. Over 60 members and guests were there.

Our coffee klatch continues on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month.

We lost eight members this year, with only one new one added to the rolls. All our deceased members are memorialized by having their names engraved on a granite slab at the base of the flagpole on our Memorial.

We wish all our comrades in arms health and prosperity in the new year.

Don Dyer, Ddyer15@everestkc.net

LEFT: Dr. and Mrs. Shim



BELOW: New officers of
Ch. 175, Roy Cunningham,
Bill Sarver, Al Greer, and
Edward Epps, with Maxine
Parker (L-R)



Plaques of recognition were presented to outgoing President Fred Gosset and retiring Secretary Ginny Sarver.

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181 KANSAS #1 [KS]

We once again held a Veterans Day ceremony at our Memorial site in Overland Park, KS. The weather was cool, bright, and sunny as the "Indian summer" lingered into November.

About eighty people, including the local group of Jewish War Veterans, attended the ceremony. Wreaths were placed, in addition to the laying of flowers, by the general public in memory of our veterans from all wars.

U.S. Army veteran Steve Gosling played "Amazing Grace" on his bagpipes and a group of Korean-Americans from a local

183 NEBRASKA #1 [NE]

President Don Kane traveled to Ocala, FL in December 2016 to present to member Charles Francis Sheets his Certificate of Honor and accompanying medal honoring the 66th anniversary of the "Inchon Landing Operation."

Sheets, who served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, is living in Florida. He was unable to attend the ceremony on October 9th in Omaha, so President Kane, who was visiting family in Florida, took time out of his holiday visit to meet with Sheets and make sure he got the Certificate and Medal originally presented to KWVA members by retired Major General Seung Woo Choi, MG (Ret.) ROK Army.



MajGen. Choi addresses Ch. 183 members and guests as chapter president Don Kane (L) stands by



Three residents of the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home in Omaha, NE display medals and certificates

MajGen. Choi visited us October 7-9, 2016. He traveled from South Korea to three locations in Nebraska to present certificates and medals to honor several Korean War veterans.

The general said, "I want to say thank you to Korean War veterans who came to defend a faraway land, Korea, which they never heard of, and they fought for Koreans that they didn't know."

MajGen. Choi has been visiting the U.S. yearly since 2000,

and has awarded several thousand medals. Amazingly, he has done this at his own expense.

Our chapter members were very proud to be among those honored by him and the people of South Korea.

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MajGen. Choi salutes KWVA member Sam Wall (R)

Don Kane (L) of Ch. 183 presents certificate and medal to Charles Francis Sheets



183 medal recipients from MajGen. Choi

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192 CITRUS COUNTY [FL]

Remembering and Honoring the Price for Freedom

The Cornerstone Baptist Church, Inverness, FL, was the location of the October 30th Nature Coast Community Band Veterans Appreciation Concert honoring Korea War veterans. Representatives for the Republic of Korea presented the Ambassador for Peace Medal to 30 Korea veterans from our chapter in grateful recognition and thanksgiving by the Republic of Korea for the peace, prosperity, and rapid growth it has enjoyed.



Retired USMC Col. Robert Crawford, Jai Rhee, Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Hank Butler, and Alan A. McFarland, Ch. 192 Commander, at Ambassador for Peace Medal awards ceremony



Former Korea Marine Sgt. M Jai Rhee awards Ambassador for Peace Medal to Ch. 192 member Pete Marquis

During the concert intermission medals award ceremony, Korea representative and former Korea Marine Sgt. M Jai Rhee briefly summarized the before and after war events. In 1950, when South Korea was invaded by North Korea, South Korea was the third poorest nation in the world. Today, 63 years after the July 27, 1953 cease fire agreement, the U.S. still guards the DMZ, and South Korea is now the world's third richest nation, with international companies like Samsung, Kia, Hyundai and Korea Air, to name a few.

During this 3+ year war, 54,236 Americans died. In addition, 103,000+ were wounded, 8,177 became MIAs, and 7,000+ were taken Prisoners of War. (3,400 of those POWs returned alive). Another 389 POWs were unaccounted for.

NOTE: One of the Ambassador for Peace Medal recipients,



A few Ch. 192 members displaying their awarded Korea Ambassador for Peace Medals (L-R) Shirley & Secretary John Seaman, Commander Alan McFarland, Dorothy & John Richards, Richard & Lorraine Kwiecienski

Pete Marquis, passed away around 9 a.m. on January 15, 2017. We are pleased that he was recognized before his passing. Pete gave so much time and talent to honoring other veterans. He will be missed by all in our chapter.

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215 GEN WALTON H. WALKER [TX]

Revenue from our Popcorn Project at the Fort Worth VA Outpatient Clinic has helped fund two clinic cookouts each year, provided shelving for the clinic homeless veteran storage room, and underwritten donations to support the Tell America program, homes for veterans, and other highly rated veterans charitable groups.



Ch. 215's popcorn machine

Dave Moore, davewp2g@yahoo.com

216 M*A*S*H* 4099 [NJ]

Our members joined with Ch. 170 (Taejon) counterparts to celebrate the Christmas season as guests of Viviana Kim and the Korean-American Association of Bergen, NJ. Ms. Kim has been a strong supporter of KWVA chapters in New Jersey and Metropolitan New York.



View of New York City from the tables occupied by members of chapters 170 and 216



Commander Albert Gonzales of Ch. 216 presents corsage to Vivian Kim as Vincent Arfuso (L) and Joseph Poggi (R) observe



Al Gonzales, Joe Poggi, Sam Nutile (Front, L-R) and Vince Arfuso and Art Dingman (Back, L-R) of Ch. 216 at Christmas event



Group of Ch. 170 and Ch. 216 members at Christmas luncheon

Also in attendance was Young Ho Sun of the Korean Consulate in New York.

We Korean War veterans wish Ms. Kim the best of health and happiness in the New Year.

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251 SAGINAW-FRANKENMUTH [MI]

Lanary Culpepper and Gorman Wolfe presented the Korean

War wreath at the 2016 Veterans Day ceremony at the Saginaw, MI Veterans Memorial Plaza.

Richard Carpenter, 4915 N. River Rd.
Freeland, MI 48623



Lanary Culpepper (L) and Gorman Wolfe of Ch. 251 present wreath

259 CENTRAL INDIANA [IN]

We held our Christmas Luncheon meeting on December 10th in Indianapolis, with numerous members and guests attending. Honored guests included the first military woman to hold the rank of Lt.Gen., Carol A. Mutter, who completed a 31-year US Marine Corps career.

Among other community appointments she is currently head of the Indiana Monuments Preservation panel. Her husband, Col. James M. Mutter, accompanied her.

Chapter Chaplain Donald Barnhart led the prayers and "The Empty Chair" ceremony, as well as announcing the names of recently recovered MIAs. He also told of a new policy concerning how veterans can now reserve space at national cemeteries in advance.

Linda Jefferies briefed us on new displays that have been added to the famous Indiana War Memorial Museum.

She also serves on the Monuments Committee and ceremonies production at the IN War Memorial building.

Gifts were exchanged and good will wished to all. One recent successful observance was for Veterans Day.

John M. Quinn, saggi32@aol.com



Attendees at Ch. 259's Christmas gathering: the ladies (L-R) Virginia Martin, Janet Freshour, Lt.Gen. Carol A Mutter, Arlene Quinn, Linda Jefferies; (the men, L-R) Commander Tine P. Martin, Thomas Shepherd, Colin Freshour, Paul Dickerson, Col. James M. Mutter, Ernest G. Condra, Russell Jefferies, Donald Barnhart, John M. Quinn, Donald Hall, Lavern Nicholson, Cloise, Evans Smith and Richard Parish

264 MT. DIABLO [CA]

Members formed a human “V for Victory” at a recent luncheon meeting at the Buttercup Café in Walnut Creek, CA. We have enjoyed increased attendance since the advent of luncheon meetings. Membership has also increased.

Members, along with hundreds of others from the Pinole-Hercules community, attended the annual “Breakfast with Santa” event. Pinole, CA has the distinction of being the oldest incorporated city in California (1903). Hercules is geographically large, with a significant Korean-American population.

Hercules’ police chief, William Goswick, hosted the “Breakfast with Santa” event. He is a U.S. Navy veteran, having been stationed aboard the U.S.S Haleakala AE 25, which was home ported in Concord, CA.

We elected new officers for the coming year: President Ken Rishell; 1st VP Bill Winstead; 2nd VP Pete Loechner; Secretary Pat Rishell; Treasurer TBA.

In other news, we gave the Blue Star Moms \$200 for the purpose of mailing packages to active overseas military personnel and Ken and Pat Rishell, MajGen (ret.) Dan Helix, John Antzak, and Kathleen Farley attended the annual Veterans Day celebra-



Stanley Grogan (L) and President Fishell (R) of Ch. 264 anchor human “V for Victory” at Ch. 264 meeting



President and Mrs. Fishell of Ch. 264 at recent meeting



Police Chief William Goswick of Hercules, CA

BELOW: Members of Ch. 264 at a Walnut Creek, CA restaurant awaiting a meeting



tion at Willow Pass Community Park.

Ken Rishell was part of the opening ceremony and presentation of the wreath. There was a ball game played after the ceremony.

We lost one of our oldest members, Bob Witbeck, who was our treasurer for many years. As Ken Rishell commented, “Bob served his community and our chapter well.”

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

289 MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN]

We had a busy couple of months in the fall. We kicked off our activities with a fundraiser at Wal-Mart in Elizabethton. Luckily we had a member who loaned us two shelters which helped protect us from the intermittent showers we had all day. Without the shelters we would have had to cancel.

Our annual Pumpkin Pie party at the VA Community Living Center was held a week after our meeting, October 2. We were represented by three members and a wife, Youngan Rountree. This was the second time the Korean wife had assisted. She made sure to visit all the Korean veterans in the wards and thanked them for their service.

On November 3, Northeast State Community College held a “Veteran Awareness Expo.” Five of our members manned a table and spoke with students who passed by.

Five of our members took part in the “Bristol TN/VA Veterans Day Parade” on November 5. Two members carried the banner



Ch. 289 Fundraiser at Wal-Mart, Elizabethton, TN. Commander Fred Himelwright, Fred Rountree, Past Commander Bob Shelton, Jim Beutel and Bob Jenkins (LR)

and three rode. In addition, five JROTC cadets from Sullivan South High School carried our American, Korean, Tennessee, and Virginia flags.

Veterans Day in Kingsport started with several schools holding programs and breakfasts for the vets, starting at 7:30 a.m. The Kingsport Service was held at the City's Memorial at 11 a.m. Commander Fred Himelwright was one of the speakers at the program.

Two of our members attended the Pearl Harbor Ceremony at the VA on December 4. Our members had their picture taken while they sat for the service. Their picture appeared in the newspaper on the 7th.



Past Commander Bob Shelton and Commander Fred Himelwright of Ch. 289 at V.A. Community Living Center: Fred Rountree was the photographer.



Fred Roundtree's South Korean wife, Youngan, helped deliver pies and made sure to thank all the Korean veterans in the area on behalf of Ch. 289

Also at our party the annual "Chapter Member of the Year" plaque was presented to Fred Rountree by Carol Shelton.

Carol Shelton, cshelton37633@yahoo.com

We closed out the year with our annual Christmas party on December 15. All the members received a Korean/American 2017 calendar issued by the Korean Presbyterian Church in our area. The calendars were brought by the Korean wife of one of our members. The calendar was unique in that each page showed the month in Korean with the numbered American calendar below.



Members of Ch. 289 at Veteran's Awareness Expo: Jr. Vice-Commander Bill Reed, Bob Jenkins, Dewey Harless, Commander Fred Himelwright and Past Commander Bob Shelton (L-R)



Participants from Ch. 289 at Bristol TN/VA Veterans Day Parade: Fred Himelwright, Joe Cody, Sullivan South High School JROTC cadets T. Sgt. Colt Nichols, T. Master Sgt. Jacob Reed, T. Sgt. Savannah Bowerym T. Sgt. Katlin Dean, Bill Porter, Bob Jenkins and Bob Shelton



Bob Jenkins, Bill George, Bill Reed, Fred Himelwright (at podium), Joe Cody and Bob Shelton of Ch. 289 (L—R) at Kingsport Veterans Memorial Service



Attendees at Ch. 289's Chapter Christmas Party: (Standing, L-R) Fred and Youngan Rountree, Butch Rhymer, Dewey Harless, Fred and Marianne Himelwright, Bill and Wilma Reed, Carol and Bob Shelton, Gale Carpenter, Wilma and Bob Jenkins (Seated, L-R) Bill Hayden, Joe Cody, Arlen Hensley and Shirley Carpenter



Carol Shelton (L) makes Chapter 289 Member of the Year Plaque presentation to Fred Rountree

297 PLATEAU [TN]

Recently twenty members and spouses visited the Oak Ridge National Laboratories in Oak Ridge, TN. They went on a bus trip of the facility with a guide, who explained how the facility came about back during World War II and what is going on there at present.



Group from Ch. 297 at Oak Ridge

Commander Gene Stone of Ch. 297 (L) presents check to Fire Chief Matthew Dillman



Congresswoman Diane Black addresses crowd at Cumberland County [TN] Veterans Day ceremony



Commander Gene Stone presented a check to Fairfield Glade [TN] Fire Chief Matthew Dillon for \$200 to assist in the purchase of new firefighting equipment for the community.

We participated in the 2016 Cumberland County Veterans Day ceremony in Crossville, TN. Congresswoman Diane Black was the keynote speaker.

We held our annual Christmas luncheon at Druid Hills in Fairfield Glade. Our speaker was Gus Coccella, Cumberland County Representative for Knoxville [TN] Honor



Gus Coccella and Gene Stone (L) at Ch. 297's Christmas luncheon

Air, and a Vietnam veteran. He presented a video of an Honor Air trip to Washington DC and explained what it takes to accomplish the trip.



Kara Cowley addresses members of Ch. 297. The chapter's Public Information officer, Dick Malsack, is to her right.

Kara Cowley, a 2015 graduate of Cumberland County High School, received a 2015 \$1,000 scholarship from our chapter. She is currently enrolled at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, TN, where she is studying accounting. Ms. Cowley earned a 3.4 grade point average.

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299 KOREA VETERANS OF AMERICA [MA]

On November 10, 2016, the first Korea Defense Service Memorial in the nation was dedicated at the Massachusetts Korean War Memorial at the Charlestown Navy Yard. The KDS Memorial was donated by Ch. 299.



Al McCarthy, Ohm Song-Jun, Tom Zinck (Daniel's brother), Daniel Zinck's mother, Jongwoo Han, Jeff Brodeur, Francisco Urena, and Ed Langevin (L-R) at memorial dedication

It was a beautiful autumn day on which about 50 members and supporters attended the dedication. The family of USMC LCP Daniel Zinck was present to unveil the memorial and accept the Korea Defense Service Medal on behalf of Daniel, who died in Korea along with 18 U.S. Marines and 11 ROK Marines on March 24, 1984 in a helicopter crash south of the DMZ.

Daniel served with L/3/5, 1st Marine Division, out of Camp Pendleton, CA. He was flying an OH-58 Kiowa Scout Helicopter when it was shot down over the DMZ.



Korean Defense Service Memorial



Ohm Song-Jun, Ch. 105 Commander Norm Champagne, Jeff Brodeur, Dr. Jongwoo Han, and Al McCarthy (L-R) behind Korea Defense Service Memorial



Members of KWVA chapters 299, 300 at Korean Defense Service Memorial dedication: Ch. 300 Commander John Thompson, Ch. 299 member Ed Gallant, Ohm Song-Jun, Al McCarthy, Ch. 105 Commander Norm Champagne, the Zinck family, Jeff Brodeur, Ch. 300 Past Commander Nick Paganella, Francisco Urena, Ch. 299 Liaison Brad Chase, Ed Langevin (L-R) at dedication ceremony

The last U.S. combat casualty, on 12-18-1994, was Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon of Clarksville TN. He was serving with Company A, 4th Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, Camp Page, Korea.

The emcees for the dedication were Past Commanders of Ch. 299 and present KWVA national officers, KWVA National 2nd Vice President Jeff Brodeur and KWVA National Director Albert McCarthy.

The speakers were Ch. 299 Commander Ed Langevin, Robert Shure, Architect, Ch. 300 Commander John Thompson, Boston Korean Consulate General Ohm Song-Jun, Korean War Legacy Foundation Director Dr. Jongwoo Han, and Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans Services Francisco Urena.

Thanks to all who donated to the Korea Defense Service Memorial. Our goal is to start a KWVA National Korea Defense Service Memorial Program and erect at least one, and possibly two, memorials a year throughout the country.

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An overview of Massachusetts monument

301 FOOTHILLS [SC]

The Greer, SC community some time ago recognized the need for a facility to help homeless families that had fallen on hard times through no fault of their own, e.g., sickness, being laid off from their job, plant closings, etc. We are grateful that the community also recognized the needs of veterans, reserving one of the apartments for a homeless veteran and his or her family.

They took on the daunting task of building an apartment complex with four apartments, a meeting/conference room, a courtyard, and other amenities. The cost of the project was in excess of \$600,000. They raised the funds in record time and finished



Members of Ch. 301 in front of the apartments for homeless families in Greer, SC



301 officers Lew Perry, Past Commander, Tom Comshaw, Commander, and Jerry Lunsford, VP, in front of the Greer, SC apartments for homeless families

to have these families on the way to self-sufficiency within ninety days. While living in the apartments, families will be provided counseling, job training, resume writing, how to submit job applications, how to conduct themselves in job interviews, and other services that will help them to re-enter the work force and earn a living for their families.

the apartments in the third quarter of 2016.

This facility is not for the single homeless that live on the streets; they have shelters where they can go at night and soup kitchens for meals. Greer has one about a block from the apartment complex, feeding hundreds of meals seven days a week. This one is designed for families that want to get back on their feet.

It is not a place for long-term residence. The goal is



Ed (Bud) Wooten, Past Commander of Ch.301, at the Greer, SC apartments

While in the apartments, those who are able are required to help in the soup kitchen, perform maintenance on the property, and do any other tasks that arise where they may be helpful.

We donated \$1,000.00 to this project. In the scheme of things, that might not seem to be much, but it was a lot for our small chapter. Our contribution was in keeping with the KWVA's philosophy of "We are always interested in helping veterans."

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315 SOUTHERN OREGON [OR]

Two members had the honor of going to Washington DC last month. Bruce Pence and Al Pule from Grants Pass, Oregon were chosen to be participants in an Oregon Honor Flight. They departed from Portland, Oregon on October 8th, stopped in Chicago, and flew to Baltimore, MD.



Bruce Pence and Al Pule (L-R) of Ch. 315 at Korean War Veterans Memorial

As Bruce describes their experience:

"After arriving in Baltimore, we checked into our hotel and got settled in our rooms, provided by the Honor Flights organization, which pays for and arranges all the details of the trip for the veterans. An orientation meeting was scheduled to acquaint us with all we would be doing during our trip. Later, a delicious meal was served in the hotel's dining room. There we were able to meet with other Honor Flight veterans and get acquainted. We

then retired to our rooms.

"After a restless night's sleep, I enjoyed a nutritious breakfast before boarding the tour bus. An itinerary for the day was handed out and the first stop on the list was the World War II Memorial, which was an awesome sight. About an hour and a half later we boarded the bus again and proceeded to the Lincoln Memorial. It was truly magnificent.

"The next stops were the Vietnam and Korean War Memorials, an emotionally charged event. Arlington Cemetery was next. There we were able to watch the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This is a "must see" for any visitor to DC, along with the unbelievable sight of row upon row of white headstones of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. I challenge anyone to observe this panorama without getting a lump in their throat.

"Later in the day we visited the Iwo Jima sculpture of the flag raising, a towering 60-foot monument that is perfect in every detail, down to the boots of the men raising the pole. The next stop on the tour was the Air Force Monument, located high on a hill overlooking the DC skyline and the Pentagon, another incredibly impressive sight.

"It is important to note and recognize this event could not have taken place without the unselfish dedication of Mr. Jim McLaughlin (chairman of Honor Flight org.), Gail Yakopatz (president of Honor Flight of Oregon), and Gail's daughter Janet, who was our host on the flight.

"Thank you all."

Dean Bosche, deanbosche@charter.net

317 SGT. BILLY FREEMAN [GA]

At our annual Christmas dinner held in a local restaurant in Rome GA, Commander Charles Patterson shared information on how our chapter was formed. Among those in attendance were Sam Huckaby, Thomas Jones, Raynell Waters, Raymond Burchett, Robert Summers, and Mrs. Wilson Adams, widow of the late Wilson Adams, one of the chapter's founding members.

We have new officers for the next year. They are listed in the photo below.



New officers of
Ch. 317



Members, families, and guests of Ch. 317 enjoying annual Christmas dinner

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320 NEW HAMPSHIRE [NH]

We participated in a November 10 Veterans' Day ceremony at New Hampshire Veterans' Home in Tilton, NH. The keynote speaker was Shannon Brown, U.S. Air Force (1999-2005). Commandant Margaret LaBrecque of the Veterans Home also offered remarks.



Clockwise from top left: Past Commander Desmond, Commander Mousegian and Secretary/Treasurer Perrault of Ch. 320 among the assembled veterans and guests at New Hampshire commemoration; Commandant LaBrecque accepts a check from Ch. 320 Commander Mousegian; Commandant Margaret LaBrecque addresses Veterans Day assemblage; Shannon Brown gives the Veterans' Day address at New Hampshire event

We presented a check to Commandant LaBrecque. The money was the result of funds gathered at the post's recent Rose of Sharon event.

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329 TIBOR H. RUBIN (MOH) [NV]

"New lease on life" this Veterans Day: deserving Korean War veteran receives wheelchair

Starting a new Veterans Day tradition, we donated a gently used motorized wheelchair to local Korean War veteran Marvin P. "Mark" Kleckner. "We wanted to thank Mark for his service and honor him this Veterans Day. He was only able to stand for very short periods of time and his only walking aid was a cane. We were extremely happy that we could donate the wheelchair to Mark," said Commander Chuck Johnson.

The wheelchair was a gift from a friend of Commander Johnson. A close family member recently passed away and the donor gave the wheelchair to Johnson. The donor wished to remain anonymous. Johnson quickly moved to donate the wheelchair to a veteran in need. He set up a chapter committee, which reviewed a small number of applications. Kleckner was selected.



Foreground: Mark Kleckner, Background, (L-R) Fidel Diaz, Larry Bacon, Larry Kohlieber, Chuck Johnson, Hank Sawicki, and Chuck Neverovich of Ch. 29



Loading Mark Kleckner's wheelchair (L-R) Mark Kleckner, Larry Bacon, Chuck Johnson, Larry Kohlieber

Kleckner spent 8 years in the army, of which 2 were active service. He was a trained medic in the medical corps at Camp Pickett, VA (re-designated Fort Pickett in 1974). Then he was permanently assigned to Fort Hood, TX. He spent two years at Fort Hood in residency as a Troop Information and Education

Noncommissioned Officer. He was then transferred to the Army 104th Tank Battalion.

Before Kleckner enlisted into the Army he worked at the William Morris Agency in New York City. Upon his return from service, he returned to the William Morris Agency where he was reassigned to a higher position. He met many celebrities while at the agency. Some of his favorite talents, as he refers to them, are Milton Berle, Burl Ives, Harry Belafonte, and Roddy McDowell. Additionally, for ten years he was an active member of the Barbershop Singing Society. His singing group won three gold medals.

Kleckner was injured in a self-defense training accident while at Camp Pickett. He subsequently broke his leg, which eventually led to his permanent disability. Today, Kleckner can walk only short distances, primarily at his home. He occasionally has to rent a wheelchair when he needs to travel longer distances or stand for extended periods of time. He said using the cane was very painful. His wife Lisa said she could see the pain he was in, but he is stoic about it. He doesn't want to be a burden to his family.

On receiving the wheelchair, Lisa said joyously, "It's like a new lease on life for him. We haven't gone to a mall in years. Just walking to the door tired him out."

Kleckner graciously voiced, "We are so very grateful to the KWVA for the wheelchair. It will open up many places that we couldn't go to before, like joining our grandkids at Disneyland."

The Kleckners have been married 33 years. They have two daughters, Robin Ackerman and Lisa Tzouveleakis, and one son, David Kleckner. They also have five grandchildren. The Kleckners live in the central valley of Las Vegas.

Both U-Haul Moving & Storage at Boulder Highway and 101 Mobility donated portions of time for installation of the vehicle ramp and chair lift on Kleckner's van. Without the ramp, the wheelchair is far too heavy to lift into his van. The ramp allows him to drive the wheelchair into his van, which opens up travel to visit family, friends, and on much needed vacations.

Kleckner noted, "This [wheelchair] came at the perfect time." They are planning a trip to California to spend time with family and visit Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco and Disneyland in southern California.

We meet every third Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. at Egg Works, 2025 Village Center Drive, in the Las Vegas neighborhood of Summerlin. Contact Fidel Diaz at (702) 824-4923 for membership information.

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John Diaz, 702-372-5099

HAWAII

Members from several Hawaii chapters gathered on Veterans Day at the Hawaii State Veteran's Cemetery at Kaneohe. Several dignitaries presented flower leis during the commemoration.

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Harold Fanning, President of Hawaii Ch. 1, salutes at Hawaii ceremony



Jimmy Shin, President of the Aloha Chapter



Kang, Young Hoon, Korean Consulate General of Honolulu



Commander U.S. Forces Pacific, ADM Harry B. Harris at Hawaii ceremony



Governor of Hawaii, David Y. Ige (R) places wreath in Hawaii

NEW JERSEY

Members and guests of three chapters, Taejon (170), M*A*S*H* (216), and Chorwon (48), were honored with a November 9, Veterans Day dinner that included entertainment. The event was sponsored by the Roman Catholic Church of the Korean Martyrs in Saddle Brook, NJ.

Pastor Don Bosco Park and several parishioners greeted the large turnout of Korean War veterans and family members before the dinner and program began with a cocktail time at 5 p.m. The

posting of the Colors took place 45 minutes later, followed by the singing of the U.S. and South Korean national anthems and a moment of silence to honor those who died during the Korean War.

Father Park welcomed everyone and talked about the honor to have so many Korean War veterans at this important function. He averred that South Korea will never forget and will always be grateful for the sacrifices the veterans endured during the war. Parishioners responded with a loud round of applause.



Pastor Don Bosco Park and Commander Kenneth Green of Ch. 170 at Veterans Day dinner



Alexander Atheras, Sister Nila, Pastor Park, Father Kim, and Louis Quagliero (L-R) at New Jersey dinner



Surgeon Thomas Boyle of Ch. 170 with Korean entertainers at church dinner

Ch. 170 Commander Kenneth Green spoke for all three chapters by thanking Father Park for the many years he has held this event to commemorate Veterans Day. The commanders of the other two chapters were not present due to previous commitments.

Father Park spoke again. Then he said a prayer and invited everyone to enjoy the Korean-American buffet. The dinner lasted until 7:15 p.m., at which time the entertainment commenced. It lasted until 8:30 p.m. All in all, it was a relaxing evening, which allowed for a great deal of fellowship between veterans and Korean church members.



Guest Barbara (?), Pasquale Candela, and Kenneth Green of Ch. 170 (R-L) fraternize at New Jersey dinner

George Azrak and Thomas Boyle enjoy festivities at the Roman Catholic Church of the Korean Martyrs



Ch. 170 Color Guard members Captain Henry Ferrarini (L) and Alexander Atheras at Veterans Day dinner

Frank Uvenio, Kenneth Floris, and Joseph Louis (L-R) at New Jersey event



Perry and Camilla Georgison enjoy festivities at Saddle Brook, NJ church



Robert O'Toole and his wife Young-Ok at New Jersey observance church

Finally, Father Park gave his closing remarks and a blessing. The Ch. 170 Color Guard retired the Colors, after which church members presented gifts to the veterans and guests.

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

KWVA NATIONAL

Members attended a Veterans Day ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in November. We have included a collage of the ceremonies below.



KWVA at the Korean War Veterans Memorial Veterans Day commemoration



Let's help the NASAA place a memorial at Arlington

The National Army Security Agency Association (NASAA) is the proud sponsor of an effort to have a memorial placed at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) to honor the service and sacrifice of all Army Security Agency (ASA) veterans and the service and sacrifice of units and commands supported from 1945 through 1976 during the Korean, Vietnam, and Cold Wars.

Members of the ASA served under a veil of secrecy during their entire existence. Their service has never been publically recognized. The memorial provides long overdue recognition—especially since ASA ceased to exist some 40 years ago. For many ASA veterans recognition is already too late; they have passed away.

Only by the passage of time and declassification of highly classified documents is it even possible to begin to discuss and understand the value of ASA's contribution to the world. In short, ASA warned of threats and provided commanders with the ability to take the fight directly to the enemy and/or avoid losses by knowing the enemies' location and intentions before they could be implemented.

ASA potentially saved thousands of U.S. and friendly foreign national lives (military and civilian) by the intelligence edge given the U.S./Allied commanders and staff. To help substantiate our claim for recognition, the book *The Most Secret War*, by James L. Gilbert, contains a quote about one of our ASA units that demonstrates our worth:

"It is always easy for the people to see the performance of an infantry battalion or brigade in fighting and winning the battle. The performance of a support unit is not so obvious, and yet in your case (303d RR Battalion that supported II FFV), you have probably contributed to the winning of more battles than any maneuver element in the country." LTG Frederick C. Weyand, Commanding General, II Field Force, Vietnam.

The requirements to get a memorial placed at ANC are governed by public law. First, the effort must be sponsored by a nongovernmental organization. This is accomplished by NASAA sponsorship. Second, no government funds may be used. This has been resolved by fundraising efforts that have raised more than \$25,000 for materials, labor, and perpetual care. Finally, we were required to provide an independent study to address alternative locations for the memorial. We omitted the independent study when we first submitted our proposal. We have resolved this oversight. ANC now has 120 days to respond; the Secretary of the Army (SOA) has the final say.

We ask interested parties/persons to write letters to their representatives asking them to send a note to ANC and the SOA supporting the NASAA request that an ASA memorial be placed at ANC. We do not want ANC and the SOA to be backed into the corner, but want them to see widespread support for the memorial. The letter can keep it simple, something like this.

[For states that formerly housed ASA installations/activities, e.g. CA, HI, MA, PA, GA, Washington DC and VA]

"It has been brought to my attention that the National Army Security Agency Association (NASAA) is sponsoring an effort to have a memorial placed at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) to honor ASA service and the service of their supported units and com-



The NASAA monument

mands. I believe their service saved countless lives and warrants recognition long withheld due to the highly classified nature of their work.

My state housed (for example), Two Rock Ranch Station, which actively supported ASA operations, and the Defense Language Institute, which trained countless ASA personnel. ASA veterans now do or did reside in this state. Countless veterans, supported by ASA, and also honored by the memorial, reside in my state. Please support this effort, as the Army is Trustee for Arlington National Cemetery and I will continue to work with the patriots spearheading this project until the memorial joins the other symbols of sacrifice of so many at Arlington. I am proud of each veteran's service and honored that my state participated in supporting the ASA mission."

The same letter can be used for states without ASA installations/activities, minus the reference to former installations.

We thank Jim Fisher for publicizing our undertaking and U.S. Representative Robert Pittenger (R-NC) for being the first Congressman to formally encourage support. Congressman Pittenger stated in a letter he wrote to the Secretary of the Army (SOA):

"Please provide support for this effort, as the Army is Trustee for Arlington National Cemetery and I will continue to work with the patriots spearheading this project until the memorial joins the other symbols of sacrifice of so many at Arlington."

We also thank John S. Heiser, a noted historian, for completing a critical, yet compelling, independent study that is required by public law.

All letters to State Representatives, ANC, and the SOA must reference ANC Case #173157. Addresses are:

Mr. Patrick K. Hallinan
Executive Director
c/o Major Shannon Way
Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, VA 22211

The Honorable Eric Fanning
Secretary of the Army
101 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-0101

Thanks for your consideration and any effort you may make to get your representatives involved.

Respectfully,

William H. Luker, LTC,
USA (Retired), Chairman, NASAA

Dad and Dannie in Korea

I was honored to be part of Dad's return to Korea. It was a trip I will never forget, which we took together to a place he had not seen in 62 two years. The first time Dad was in Korea was in 1953. While there, he turned 18.

Dad and I arrived excitedly at O'Hare International Airport the morning of September 29, 2015. We were greeted immediately by other Korean War veterans and their children who were going on the same flight. Meeting the other veterans really added a great deal of excitement for Dad. These old military heroes, who he had never met before, were immediately connected and best friends. It was like watching siblings who had not seen each other in decades meet again. They determined that Dad, at 79, was the youngest of all.

We all felt like VIPs checking in at Korean Air. The Korean attendants had an immense amount of respect for the American service members who assisted in saving their country. I was absolutely amazed to sit back and watch a hand full of Korean War veterans, who had never met before, become immediate best friends.

As I have mentioned, we were flying Korean Air. Now for a quick infomercial. I have never flown such a tremendous airline. We received several meals and drinks during the flight. Heck, they even gave my dad a birthday cake—all of which were free. The seats were large, and were almost recliners. We had a lot of leg room, even with a bag under the seat. Ah, enough of the infomercial. Let's get back to the special Korea Revisit trip.

Once the plane landed at Incheon International Airport, the Korean War veterans were called off the plane first. I felt like a dignitary. In fact, I felt like a dignitary the entire trip. We gathered our luggage and made our way through customs, where a wonderful welcome party met us. Welcome party members grabbed our luggage, assigned us to buses, took pictures, and did a multitude of other things. Here again, the welcoming party made us feel like dignitaries.

I believe this was the first time I ever saw my father get choked up and emotional, especially once I reminded him that it was his 80th birthday. That meant he spent his 18th and 80th birthdays in Korea. How often does that happen? (This certainly was not the last time on this trip Dad would get emotional.)

No matter where we went



Robert Stanbery in Korea

during our time on the revisit trip I felt like a red carpet was rolled out for us. The hotel was absolutely the finest one I have ever stayed in. The gourmet buffet was like none I have ever seen. Heck, we ate lobster every meal. Not just one lobster! We had as many as we wanted. As usual, we were made to feel like dignitaries everywhere we went, e.g., the War Memorial, DMZ, the museum, Samsung Headquarters, and so many other special places.

The most amazing thing I observed during this trip was how the veterans (Korean War heroes) were immediately best of friends. They had an innate bond. Dad often said these were his brothers and sisters. As a retired military officer I know how veterans can pick each other out. But, this was a different connection.

These old war heroes were indeed “brothers and sisters.” For example, on the first day the war heroes and their families stayed pretty close to each other. By the second day, the war heroes were all in one corner of the room excitably sharing stories, while the families were gathered in the other corner. This was not planned; it just happened.

On behalf of my father and me, we express our sincere appreciation for making this trip a reality.

Dannie Stanbery, son of Korean War hero Robert Stanbery, Sycamore, IL, 815-739-6757, Dannie.stanbery@gmail.com



Dannie Stanbery (L) and his father Robert on Korean revisit

In loving memory of KWVA supporter Congressman Ben Gilman



Ben Gilman (brown jacket/coat in each photo) with friends and members of Ch. 202

On the death of our beloved mentor Ben Gilman, we remember how much you touched us with your warm and honest heart. How many years we traveled together to Camp Shank Memorial Park, Rockland County, on Memorial Day and Veterans Day every year, to deliver our speeches to honor veterans of World War II, of the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

Your speeches for the past 25 years on our commemoration of the anniversary of Korean War at the American Legion, Middletown, NY, always inspired Korean War veterans. Your initiation of Congressional Internship program between the U.S. Congress and South Korean National Assembly left a legacy for young generations of the allied nations.

Congressmen Lester Wolf and Charles Rangel and I are deeply saddened with your passing. It does not make me believe that your journey in this world is done. As was sung in the poem, "Thousand Winds:

"You are the soft stars that shine at night. You are not

there, you did not die. You are a thousand winds that blow. There is no death, but a lasting sleep surcease from strife. Your resting peace with God will turn our passing through the valley of weeping into a fountain of strength and into a rain shower abundant with blessings. Let God turn our weeping into joy, and He will comfort us and make us rejoice after our sorrow."

We are united in this moment of sorrow to bid farewell to one of our fraternal family, sharing our sadness with your beloved family and with all who remember your love and contribution toward a better life for all human beings, and toward veterans of World War II, Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 202 and Korean American Foundation USA.

You will always be missed. May you rest in peace forever. *Dr. Hubert Lee, 1st VP of Ch. 202, Orange County [NY], President of Korean-American Foundation USA, and former member of the Republican Presidential Task Force, drhl@frontier.com*

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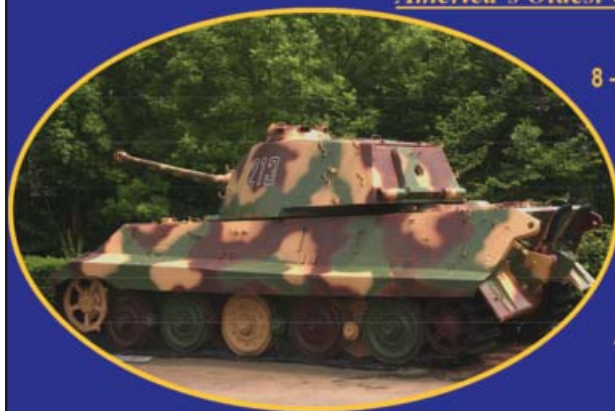
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not identify 867 Americans who were turned over by the North Koreans and Chinese.

- One of those caskets went into Arlington and 866 went into the Punchbowl in Hawaii National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. In 1999 we started exhuming those caskets; from the 119 caskets exhumed to date, using today's technologies, we have identified and returned 68 sets of remains to the families.

- We also have 19 known war dead in China. Some of our aviators were lost pursuing Russian flown jets into China, attacking them as they were landing or taking off.

- About 15 years ago we asked the Chinese for their cooperation and they gave us limited cooperation. They agreed to an archival agreement that gave us limited access to the information in their archives.

- There were reports during the war that hundreds of prisoners were sent to Russia, so in 1992 we formed a commission to run this aground. The Russians allowed us to go into the old gulags, check the card files and hospital records, and excavate some plots in some of their cemeteries where some Americans reportedly were buried. Unfortunately, no Americans were found.

- It is still an open research question to date. We have not identified specific MIAs who ended up in the gulag system from the Korean War.

- We also have an archive program in South Korea because we have about a thousand individuals lost in the territory near Chipyeong-ni, Naktong Bridge, the Bowling Alley area, Taejon area and all around there. We have a number of missions every year that continue to search that area.

- Of the 8,177 MIAs known in the 1970s, we have resolved nearly 400 cases so we are now looking to identify 7,889 MIAs.

- We are still trying to get back into North Korea and are ready to go once we receive the OK from the National Security Council.

Warren Wiedhahn

- The Korea Revisit program began in 1975. The National Assembly of the Republic of Korea funds the program for veterans of the United States, and all of the other nations who supported the ROK during the war, to return to Korea as their guests.

- The program is administered by the ROK Minister of Patriot and Veterans Affairs. Mr. Wiedhahn's company, Military Historic Tours, coordinates the tours for them.

- In addition to the Revisit Korea Program for our veterans, the MPVA also sponsors Dr. Jongwoo Han's Youth Camp for Children Program held in July of each year.

- In 2016, for the first time, the MPVA opened the Revisit program to include Korean Defense veterans in addition to the Korean War veterans.

- Also, in situations where a Korean War Veteran is deceased or, if the veteran is still living but unable to travel, the program has been expanded to allow the veteran to select a direct descendent: son, grandson, daughter, granddaughter, or their spouse, to go representing the veteran.

Mr. Wiedhahn encouraged everyone, especially the Korean Defense

veterans, who has not participated in the Revisit Korea Program to do so while your health permits you to go.

■ The Graybeards Editor

President Stevens announced that the editor of our The Graybeards magazine, Mr. Art Sharp, has submitted his resignation to become effective after editing the March/April 2017 issue of the magazine.

- He commended Mr. Sharp on the outstanding job he has done editing our magazine for the past 13 years.

- We are seeking applications from qualified candidates to fill this very important position. To date, we have received two applications.

Ray Amelio – The Storyline Group

President Stevens introduced Mr. Ray Amelio, who is working with The Storyline Group in Atlanta to write a book entitled: Doc Amelio's The Lighter Side of War, in which he is trying to capture the funny stories that veterans have experienced from all of the wars.

- Mr. Amelio served as a medic during the Vietnam War and experienced, firsthand, some humorous situations that he recalls.

- While working with veterans for 48 years since the Vietnam War, he heard more stories that he wanted to share with others, especially veterans, so the plan to publish these stories in a "coffee table" size book materialized.

- He asked for, and received, the non-financial support of the KWVA from the Board of Directors at yesterday's Board meeting.

§ He wants to conduct some interviews with some of you while here in Las Vegas.

■ Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Jim Fisher stated that we had a very busy year in 2016 and we can expect another extremely busy year in 2017.

- One important thing that we accomplished this year was to become more visible and receive more publicity for the KWVA.

- We are ranked in the top ten of the VSOs in the United States, but to be able to keep going in that direction, the Korean Defense veterans will be vital.

- He stated that the 2017 Annual Meeting will be held October 4-8 at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, VA, where there are many interesting things to see.

- We have flooded the Korean Embassy with requests for the Ambassador for Peace Medals to the point they ran out of medals and they are having more made.

§ They had some administrative problems with the personnel in charge of the program, but that has been corrected and they should fill all of the requests in the near future.

- The KWVA will be in charge of all of the events in Washington, DC in 2017, including the presidential events in Arlington National Cemetery for Veterans Day.

§ Director Paul Cunningham will chair the Veterans Day ceremonies for the KWVA.

§ We want as many Korean Veterans as possible to attend all of the activities, especially the program in the Arlington National Cemetery

amphitheater, the reception at our hotel, and the ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

- 2018 will be the 65th anniversary of the end of the Korean War so, upon the request of our Korean friends, we will hold our Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, July 25-28.

§ The ROK Embassy will participate in and support many of the scheduled events.

■ Dates of Annual Membership Meetings

- President Stevens called for a motion to approve the location for the 2017 Annual Meeting to be held in Norfolk, VA in October 2017 and the 2018 Annual Meeting to be held in the Washington, DC area in July 2018.

§ Upon motion by Mr. Steve Szekely, seconded by Mr. Bill Lack, the motion was approved.

■ Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Gregg reported that this is the third year for the independent CPA auditors in Illinois. Their engagement runs out after 2017, so we will be putting out another proposal for our audit.

- Sager Financial Services in Charleston, IL is our accounting firm. They keep track of our general ledger and they also prepare our IRS 990, which has been filed.

- He stated that the budget will show that we need new members and we need to replace our Assistant Treasurer who passed away recently. Suggested qualifications will be in The Graybeards soon.

- Next, he reviewed our audited financial statements:

§ We have investments of \$759,000 at year-end December 31, 2015.

§ Our investment portfolio has really turned around and shows an increase of approximately 30 percent from prior years.

- Looking at the Budget for the 12 months ending June 30, 2017, the budgeted revenue is at \$334,500, \$14,400 lower than the prior year.

- He reviewed changes in revenue and expenditure line items.

§ We are budgeting a 44 percent increase in investment income

§ Membership Office expenses are down a few thousand dollars

§ Membership meeting expenses are going up

§ Headquarters expense is down

§ The Elections Committee expenses are going down

§ VAVS Committee expenses are going down

§ Membership Committee expenses are going down

§ Donation expense is going up

- We are budgeting \$45,000 for the 2017 Veterans Day Events in Washington.

- The budget shows that we will need to tap into our reserves to cover a decrease in our net assets of \$57,095.

§ Upon motion by Treasurer Tom Gregg, seconded by Mr. Charles Travers, Commander of Chapter 173, the 2017 budget was approved.

■ Membership Committee Report

- Membership Committee Chairman Director David Clark began his report by thanking and commending Mr. John T. (Sonny) Edwards, a past Director who currently serves as the Deputy Chairman of the

Membership Committee, for the fantastic job he has done in keeping the incoming membership going just by sheer energy.

- Mr. Edwards asked Director Clark to recognize in his absence, Mr. Eddie Bell, the Department of Texas Commander, and Mr. Steve Szekely for their outstanding efforts in recruiting new members and assisting with the organization of new chapters.

- Director Clark reported that through September, our membership has declined by 627 members from 13,847 in 2015 to 13,220 this year.

§ We are recruiting new members, however, not to the level that we are losing them.

§ To date this year, we have lost 1,068 members who have passed away, compared to 807 for the same time last year. Unfortunately, that trend will continue since the average age of our Korean War members is 85 years old.

- The Korean Defense veterans are the future of the KWVA, unless we want the organization to become a last man standing organization. If we don't recruit the Defense veterans, that is going to happen – it may be 10 years from now, but it's coming.

- We can't talk about it today because it's too early in the planning stages, but the Board is considering an aggressive plan, using outside professionals, to implement a recruiting strategy aimed at growing our membership.

§ We are looking at using social media and redesigning our website with new content aimed at attracting the younger Korean Defense veterans to make them want to join our organization.

§ Whatever we do we must do it now –time is running out!

- During the Q & A period, an unidentified member suggested that we change the name of the Association to the Korean Veterans Association because he was having difficulty recruiting Defense veterans because they did not consider themselves "War" veterans.

- Mr. Arden Rowley, a Korean War veteran who was a Prisoner of War in Korea, reminded everyone that the Korean War has not ended – there was a truce signed. The Korean War is still in effect so, in his opinion, anyone who served in Korea after July 27, 1953 should still be considered to be a Korean War veteran.

- Mr. Eddie Bell, who is a Korean Defense veteran and Commander of the Department of Texas, KWVA, supported Mr. Rowley's position, stating that he has a plan for recruiting new members in Texas, and eventually across the country, whereby he stresses using the word "War" rather than Defense since the war has not ended.

§ There is still combat in Korea today whether you want to believe it or not. If we want to maintain and build on our legacy, he feels it is important to retain the name Korean War Veterans Association.

■ Legislative Affairs

- Our National Legislative Director, Lewis Vaughn, said that we have several pieces of legislation that we want to introduce into Congress this year.

§ First, we will re-introduce a bill authorizing the printing of a POW/MIA forever stamp. The folks in Florida worked on this. They received about 50 sponsors. However, the bill did not get out of Committee. The National Legislative Committee will be working with folks from Florida.

§ The second bill is what we call the 10 percent rule, designed to

amend the IRS ruling that limits the number of Korean Defense veterans who may join the KWVA. This bill will remove the perceived differences between the Korean War veterans and the Korea Defense veterans and is being headed up by Sam Johnson.

Mr. Vaughn reminded everyone that once the bill gets out of committee, we will need the help of everyone in the room to contact their Congressmen and Senators, encouraging them to be a co-sponsor for the bill and, of course, vote for it when the time comes.

■ Fund Raising

§ Director Tom McHugh, the Chairman of our KWVA Fundraising Committee, reported that the 2016 Fund Raiser netted a grand total of \$75,026, thanks to a last minute donation of \$250 from the wife of Mr. Bill Richards for a used blue blazer that Director McHugh was accepting offers for.

§ We thanked Mrs. Richards and also we commended Director McHugh for his outstanding fund raising efforts this year.

- Director McHugh explained that, in his opinion, the Committee's decision to offer cash prizes to the winners rather than a cruise or an M-1 rifle, helped increase the number of tickets sold. They plan to offer cash prizes again in 2017.

■ Good of the Order

- Mr. Arden Rowley, a member of Chapter #122 in Mesa, AZ, and a former Korean War POW, stated that he has published four books about the Korean War POWs and he will have copies for sale in the Hospitality Room for anyone who wishes to purchase a book.

- First Vice President Warren Wiedhahn reminded everyone that applications are being accepted for four open Director positions on the KWVA Board of Directors and he challenged the members present, especially the Korean Defense veterans, to submit their applications.

§ The election will take place in the spring of 2017

§ The new Directors will take office on June 25, 2017.

■ Closing Ceremony

- Executive Director Fisher offered the closing benediction.
- President Stevens led the salute to our flag and adjourned the meeting at 11:42am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis M. Ewing, Secretary

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focus my last two years on helping Third District families and veterans until my final day in office.

I want to give whoever my future successor may be ample time for his or her family to pray about serving in public office. To make an analogy, much like officers in the Armed Forces, you do not step down from your duty station until your replacement has arrived.

Recently, someone asked me how I could remain the eternal optimist in this day and age. The answer I gave sounded simple, but it is true: Hope and Faith. I have boundless hope for America, and I know in my heart our best days are ahead. I have no doubt our future shines bright if we hold fast to the core principles our Nation was founded upon. And of course my faith is what sustained me throughout my darkest days in captivity.

I am grateful to a loving God who spared and redeemed my life and provided this wonderful opportunity to serve others. I have devoted many decades of my life as a public servant to this Great Nation. Giving back to our country I love so much truly feels like America gave me the gift – the gift and honor of serving each one of you.

I look forward to serving you in the next two years. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. God bless you and God bless America. I salute you – one and all.

Sincerely,

Sam Johnson

NOTE: Sam Johnson, after whom Chapter 270 is named, is one of four remaining Korean War-era veterans in the U.S. House of Representatives. The other three are/were John Conyers (D-MI), Charles Rangel (D-NY), who is retiring this year, and Howard Coble (R-NC), who passed away in 2015.

Reunion Calendar: 2017

APRIL

Forgotten Battles and Units of the Forgotten War: a Korean War historical seminar and commemoration. (Organized by Outpost International, Society of the 3d Infantry Division), 19-22 April, Springfield, VA, Hilton Hotel. C. Monika Stoy, timmoni15@yahoo.com, (703) 912-4218.

L Co., 21st Inf. Regt., 24th Inf. Div., 19-23 Apr., Nashville, TN. George Vlasic, 910-287-5618, geonanvlasic@atmc.net

76th Eng. Construction Bn., 27-29 Apr., Lebanon, TN, Comfort Suites. Richard Cerone, PO Box 472, Bridgton, ME 04009, 207-647-3877/207-595-2232 (cell), rfcerone@gmail.com or Bruce Fonnest, 3245 E. University Ave., Apt. 1009, Las Cruces, NM 88011, 575-285-1944/575-649-1145 (cell), brucefonnest@hotmail.com

MAY

5th Air Force, Nagoya/Komaki Air Base, Japan, 7-9 May, Charleston, SC. Joe Calhoun, 150 Dufford Rd., Evans City, PA 16033, 724-538-3638, normac@embarqmail.com.

73rd Heavy Tank Bn. (Korea 1950-57), 7-11 May, Pigeon Forge, TN. Vic Caproni, 5035 Dellers Glen, Cincinnati, OH 45238, 513-662-4949, vscaproni@yahoo.com

67th Tac Recon Wing (USAF, All units), 8-12 May, Boise, ID. Marion Edwards, 126 Willow Ave., Greenfield Twp. PA 18407, 570-222-4307, jeeme@nep.net

OCTOBER

25th Infantry Division Assn., 2-8 Oct., Oklahoma City, OK. Sarah Krause, PO Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031, Fax: 215-248-5250; TropicLtn@aol.com or www.25thida.org



822nd Engineer Aviation Battalion (SCAWAF), All Black Unit, Okinawa (1949 -1950)

I wrote the below article ten years ago and submitted it to a Black newspaper. The unit of which I spoke did so much in the early part of the Korean War. Yet, I have not heard of or read about since.

I read every page of *The Greybeards* that I receive, hoping to hear of my unit. I will be 84 in January of 2017.

The unit consisted of 600 troops, with white officers. We took basic training as a black unit at Fort Dix, NJ. However, we had Black officers and NCOs.

We left New Jersey on troop trains to California. We boarded a ship, the Gen. Walker, for Okinawa, where we worked building roads, bridges, etc. for eleven months, until the Korean War began. Then we went to Japan.

We left Japan on Japanese cargo ships for South Korea. When we got close to South Korea, we began waving flags to identify ourselves to the U.S. warships in order not to be shot out of the water. After landing in South Korea we were issued substandard winter gear.

Our boots were different from those issued to the white soldiers. Our boots needed extra insoles and socks, which made our feet sweat and freeze, causing frost-bitten feet. The white soldiers' boots didn't need the extras. Their feet didn't sweat or freeze.

We were issued Army green overcoats with drop-down leggings. White units received parkas to protect their bodies. This was in 1950, one of the coldest winters in fifty years in Korea.

We were responsible for the complete construction of the three major airfields that enabled jet fighters to land in Korea: K1 at Mason, K2 at Tague, and K9 at Pusan. We received the Presidential Unit Citation.

As of this date I have not read about this unit. I would love to hear from anyone who was in this unit. I was eighteen years old, one of the youngest guys in the unit. I am sure that now most of the guys would be much older.

We integrated in January 1951, when six white guys were shipped into our unit.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is a little info re the battalion. If anyone can fill in the blanks let us and Mr. Jones, U.S. Army (ret.) know.

...the Army Engineering Corps attached to the Air Force, [was] known as SCARWAF- 822nd Engineer Aviation Battalion. In 1951 and early 52', they were located at Air Base K-2, near Taegu. They then went to the air base at Pusan, and built the U.S. Coast Guard Manned Loran Master Station on the coast of Japan Sea, near Hyaundi.

In the fall of 1952 they moved to the Marine fighter strip near

Seoul, then rotated stateside and out of service. In A Company, construction platoon, Brian Paulson was the platoon leader.

Remembering the Ethiopian Battalion

Growing up in Ethiopia, I remember hearing about local troops who fought in the Korean War, but much like their American and United Nations counterparts, they were veterans of a forgotten war. After my family moved to the U.S., I was occasionally thanked by Korean nationals for what my people had done for their country, even though I never fully understood what "we" did for them. As I got older I wanted to know more.

The Ethiopian unit designated "Kagnew Battalion" was actually successive battalions which rotated yearly. Their members were drawn from Emperor Haile Selassie's elite Imperial Bodyguard. These battalions fought as part of the U.S. 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. The men came from all across the ancient empire, with some, if not most, being veterans of the war with Italy.

When they arrived in Korea, they were viewed with suspicion by United Nations Command and Eighth Army brass, as they were considered to be untested in modern warfare. Their arrival coincided with the desegregation of the U.S. Army. More than any other member of the coalition, they were a cultural mystery.

Despite being from an African nation, they had "European features," had never been colonized, and refused to be called "negroes." They spoke in their own native tongue and recounted their rich history as eagerly as they learned about others.

They eventually earned the respect of their comrades after bloody battles at the Punchbowl, Pork Chop, Triangle Hill, Outpost Yoke and Uncle Hill. All three battalions which served during the war were awarded U.S. Presidential Unit Citations, while individual soldiers earned more than one hundred U.S. decorations, in addition to Ethiopian, South Korean and other foreign awards – some posthumously. They suffered 122 killed and 536 wounded in action, but they did not lose a single man as prisoner of war or missing in action.

They eagerly participated in the 7th Division's humanitarian efforts. The mutual admiration shared between the American and Ethiopian soldiers surpassed any language barrier and remains steadfast to this day. And it was this bond of brotherhood formed against the backdrop of Jim Crow which cemented the foundation for subsequent U.S.-Ethiopian relations during the early days of the Cold War.

Kagnew earned this impressive record despite a relative lack of recognition. Army historian S.L.A. Marshall noted, "Their one lack was a good press." He dubbed them "The Unknown Battalion." Almost nothing has been written about them. What little has been written lacks depth, is shrouded in myths and cultural misconceptions, or has been sterilized for posterity.

For the past six years I scoured the globe for any informa-

tion about that unit and its members. My search spanned four continents and covered many languages. I began by interviewing U.S. veterans and their families. Some of your comrades have already shared their memories with me.

I later traveled to Ethiopia where I located some of the members of the battalion. I learned, after they returned home, the officers and men of Kagnev Battalion formed the backbone of modern Ethiopian society. But in the 1970s, a Marxist junta rose to power, branded them traitors, and attempted to erase their history.

After the overthrow of the Marxists, the veterans were able to establish an association and at the time of my travel numbered approximately 300 around the capital city, with an additional 100 scattered throughout the country. They are proud of their Korean service and have fond memories of their association with American service personnel from their trainers to their liaison officers and the nurses who took care of them.

Now, as I conclude my research, I would like to encourage any Graybeard who shared a foxhole, a bunker, a hospital ward, an R&R outing or an office with members of the Kagnev Battalion to share their story, recollections, quotes, photographs, or newspaper clippings with me. No material is too small, good or bad. Feel free to contact me by mail or email. Thank you for your service.

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Info re the Republic of Korea Modern Army and Military Intelligence Organizations

I am a life member of the KWVA who is currently researching the modern history of the Republic of Korea Modern Army and Military Intelligence Organizations, particularly the period 1945-1962. I have been able to find some materials to aid my research, but there are many gaps.

I spent over 30 years in Korea as a member of the U.S. Army and Department of Defense and can read and speak the Korean language. I am reaching out to veterans, surviving family members who may know or have documents pertaining to their veterans service, Department of the Army/Defense Civilians who may have served in the U.S. military government in Korea, advisors to the Korean Constabulary or Department of Internal Affairs, PMAG/KMAG who worked with or supported the Korean Police, Constabulary, or ROK Military, and the CIC, U.S. Military Intelligence personnel who also assisted or advised the fledgling ROK intelligence organizations.

I would appreciate any assistance or suggestions that you may be able to provide.

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Where is PFC Oteeno?

I am interested in learning about James (or Jamie) Oteeno, who I last saw in Korea... (I am not sure of the spelling.)

We were proceeding north through the Yang-gu Valley. We

were walking on the "high ground" on the east side. The day was warm, early July or August, and we could hear the noises caused by the tanks as they worked their way over the uneven terrain. Jack Raftery, a tall Irishman with coal-black hair, was on my left, some thirty yards away. On my right, again some thirty yards away, was a newly arrived PFC named James or Jamie Oteeno.

I, Jim Swartzwelder (Forrest), was in the middle. (I changed my last name legally from Swartzwelder to Forrest in 1960.) I had been in Korea for five or six months in third platoon, Fox Company, Second Battalion, Seventh Regiment, First Marine Division.

The tanks were vulnerable on the valley floor because of possible attacks from the high ground on either side. As we progressed through the valley there was an occasional explosion from mortar shells landing among the tanks and the accompanying troops. This fire was random but surprisingly accurate. Because of this accuracy we knew that somewhere up ahead there was a F.O. (Forward Observer) who was observing our progress and directing the fire of the enemy mortars.

At the head of this valley there was a small, but prominent, peak. We climbed up toward the summit. As we got within 50-60 yards of the top the enemy forward observer who had been directing the mortar fire showed himself. He was armed with a burp gun. He fired a long burst, swinging his fire from his left to his right. We hit the deck as the shooter retreated down the back side of the knoll.

We hit the deck as Oteeno hollered, "Swartzie, I'm hit!" I rushed over to him and he cried, "I can't see, I can't see." One of the burp gun slugs had hit him at the base of his left nostril and exited immediately over his right ear. I quickly pulled a bandage from my belt and wrapped his wound as he continued to shout, "I can't see." I lied to him and kept telling him that his wound wasn't serious and that he would be alright.

There was a tank to our left, about 100 yards away, near the beginning of the knoll. A tanker was in the turret manning the fifty caliber machine gun. He shouted, "I see him."

He opened fire. He had mistaken Raftery for the enemy forward observer. Immediately, after a burst of 3 to 5 seconds, a cloud of dust totally obscured Raftery from sight. Out of this large cloud of dirt and debris rolled Jack's pack. I thought, "My God. He has killed Raftery."

People were shouting at the tanker to stop firing. He stopped, the air cleared, and there sat Jack with eyes as big as saucers. He did not have a scratch on him. The fifty caliber slugs, as large as a thumb, had torn up the ground all around him, but he was unharmed.

The corpsman came up and took Oteeno to the rear. We never saw him again.

If anyone has information about PFC Oteeno, please contact either me or Jack Raftery. I can be reached at 917 Poplar Ave., Wasco, CA 93280, 661-758-3471, 661-301-1854 (cell), or JAFORREST@bak.rr.com. Reach Jack Raftery at 1096 Stonehedge Dr., Schaumburg, IL 60194, 847-529-6496, tharp317@aol.com.

The Martinez/Myatt Mystery

Cpl. Benito Martinez, then 21 years old, earned his MOH for actions on 6 September 1952 near Satac-ri, Korea. He was a member of Co. A, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. His medal was presented on 29 December 1953. Here is his citation:

Citation

Cpl. Martinez, a machine gunner with Company A, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. While manning a listening post forward of the main line of resistance, his position was attacked by a hostile force of reinforced company strength. In the bitter fighting which ensued, the enemy infiltrated the defense perimeter and, realizing that encirclement was imminent, Cpl. Martinez elected to remain at his post in an attempt to stem the onslaught. In a daring defense, he raked the attacking troops with crippling fire, inflicting numerous casualties. Although contacted by sound power phone several times, he insisted that no attempt be made to rescue him because of the danger involved. Soon thereafter, the hostile forces rushed the emplacement, forcing him to make a limited withdrawal with only an automatic rifle and pistol to defend himself. After a courageous 6-hour stand and shortly before dawn, he called in for the last time, stating that the enemy was converging on his position. His magnificent stand enabled friendly elements to reorganize, attack, and regain the key terrain. Cpl. Martinez' incredible valor and supreme sacrifice reflect lasting glory upon himself and are in keeping with the honored traditions of the military service.

Part II

Now for Part II of the story—and the mystery. There was another Soldier with Martinez at that listening post, Sgt. Paul Myatt. He was captured by the North Koreans, but his date of capture is listed as 6 September 1952. Here is his story, as presented in a document provided by Richard Dahms. (Myatt passed away on December 22, 2009.)

A Dickson County [TN] Korean War

Myatt was wounded by shrapnel from a nearby exploding mortar round and thrown into an open trench by the blast, separating him from Martinez. He was captured in a semi-conscious state by North Koreans...

veteran was presented the U.S. Army Purple Heart on Sunday, November 22, more than 46 years after he earned it. Former U.S. Army Sgt. Paul G. Myatt received the Purple Heart for wounds received while a prisoner of war in Korea. He served with Company A, 27th Infantry Regiment of the 25th Infantry Division.

Sgt. Myatt was captured by North Korean forces during the Sandbag Castle battle of September 6, 1952. He and Cpl. Benito Martinez were manning a listening post just 35 yards from a permanent North Korean stronghold when their position came under enemy grenade, mortar, and small arms fire.

Myatt was wounded by shrapnel from a nearby exploding mortar round and thrown into an open trench by the blast, separating him from Martinez. He was captured in a semi-conscious state by North Koreans overrunning the position, and bound hand and foot with baling wire to prevent his escape. He was informed that his entire unit had been wiped out.

In essence, more than 50 percent of the members of Company A and all officers were killed or wounded.

Martinez was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions on Listening Post Agnes. Myatt was never awarded the Purple Heart, primarily because there were no survivors who actually saw him hit and he was missing, having been taken prisoner, after the battle.

The Purple Heart, one of the oldest U.S. medals, is awarded for wounds received in action. Maj. Gen. Dan Wood, Tennessee's Adjutant General, along with Commissioner Fred Tucker, Veterans Affairs, presented the medal to Myatt in a ceremony at the War Memorial Building.

Note: The article does not make any mention of a Silver Star, which is refer-

enced in other accounts of Myatt's military experiences. Nor is there a reference to it at http://www.homeofheroes.com/members/04_SS/3_Korea/citations/army/0_index.html, which presents a list of Silver Star recipients from the Korean War. That may be because a search resulted in a 404 Error: Page Not Found message.

Part III

In the same document forwarded by Mr. Dahms, there is a reference to a book, *Wolfhounds of Sandbag Castle: A 96-Day Defense*, [an] interesting and informative book...authored by Dr. George Langdale, with contributing authors from the Second Platoon and Third Platoon. Company A, First Battalion. The contributing authors give their own personal accounts leading up to the assault on the Castle the night of September 5, 1952, and what events transpired during the assault and after it was all over two days later.

The book is being prepared for its second edition with additional information that we are collecting from more contributing authors. Anyone who was involved in the defense on September 5, 1952 wishing to contribute should put their thoughts in writing and send to George Langdale, 125 Orchard Knob Lane. Athens, GA 30605.

The first edition of this book can be purchased from George at \$20 a copy, well worth the price. You can call George at 1-706-549-8980. (NOTE: We are not sure if the book is still available.)

Okay, back to Myatt. Here is what Mr. Dahms wrote:

The story of Paul Myatt is one that needs telling. He was with our company only three days when he got captured. He never got on the company roster. It wasn't until 45 years later, when we started hav-

ing reunions and forming the 27th Inf. Regt. Association that this came to our attention, only because of one James Kenifeck, who said we had a POW from the Sandbag Castle engagement.

None of us believed him. How did he know? Kenifeck had written Myatt's name on the inside cover on the small bible he carried with him at all times. We tracked the name to a town in Tennessee. That made all of us believe what we never knew.

Thanks to Jim and all of us who wrote to our politicians. It took us a few years, but we got him his Purple Heart and a Silver Star? What took so long? Politicians! What else?

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Part IV

Here is a website entry re Paul G. Myatt (<http://wikibin.org/articles/paul-g.-myatt.html>)

"Private First Class Paul G. Myatt (Born: December 26, 1930) was a United States Army soldier and Purple Heart recipient who will be awarded the Silver Star on December 6, 2009 — the United States' third highest military decoration — for his actions in Korea during the Korean War. He was accompanied by Corporal Benito Martinez. Their actions enabled their company to take back the terrain which they had lost. After Martinez was killed Private Myatt was captured and remained a Prisoner of War for 11 months thereafter."

In addition, Myatt was considered for a Medal of Honor of his own according to the 27th Regiment document collection (<http://hmfa.libs.uga.edu/hmfa/view?docId=ead/ms3035-ead.xml#series2>). Here is what is listed under his name:

Paul G Myatt

- copy of Western Union telegram saying he on his way home from POW camp
- 2 photos of Purple Heart ceremony [Langdale gift]; article on Heartbreak Ridge
- Package of materials prepared by Wolfhounds to solicit a Medal of Valor for Myatt who was wounded & captured [POW 9/6/52-8/27/53] in same action where Benito Martinez was killed & received MOH.
- Materials contain many letters from fel-

low soldiers & photo of Myatt taken when he was repatriated

There is a lot of mystery surrounding Paul G. Myatt. Were he and Martinez actually together on the day Martinez earned his MOH? Was Martinez's body recovered? The dates in various accounts do differ. Why didn't members of Co. A know that he was taken prisoner? Did Martinez mention that he was with another company member on OP Agnes? Is

there actually a record of Myatt's Silver Star? How could anyone recommend Myatt for the Medal of Honor if they did not know he was missing and had not witnessed his predicament at the outpost?

If anyone has any information they would like to share about this mystery, please send it to Arthur G. Sharp, 2473 New Haven Circle, Sun City Center, FL 33573. It would be helpful.

New Korean Defense Attache arrives

Below is the bio for the New Korean Defense Attaché, who has now taken office at the Embassy of Korea - Washington, DC.

Brigadier General PYO, Se Woo

ROK Defense Attaché to the United States
Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Washington, D.C.

- **National/ Nationality:** Republic of Korea / Korean
- **Name in full:** PYO, Se Woo
- **Rank & Military Service:** Brigadier General, Army
- **Date & Place of Birth:** 18 May 1966 / Busan
- **Address:** 1315 Summerwood Ct., McLean, VA 22102



■ Educational Experience

- BS, U.S. Military Academy (1989)
- MSFS, Georgetown University (1995)
- PhD, International Studies, University of South Carolina (2004)
- CCM-13, US Asia Pacific Center for Security Study (2013)
- Korea NDU Senior Policymakers Course (2015)
- Seoul National University International Security Strategy Program (2016)

■ Career

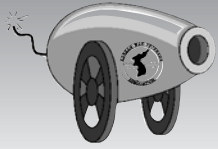
- Executive Officer to J3, ROK JCS J3
- Battalion Commander, 4th BN, 125th Regiment, 53rd DIV
- US Policy Officer, OPCON Transition Group, ROK JCS J5
- US Policy Officer, ROK JCS Combined Defense Transition Group (CDTG)
- Joint Defense Planning Officer, CDTG, ROK JCS J5
- Regimental Commander, 102nd Regiment, 17th DIV
- Command Structure OIC, CDTG, ROK JCS
- Chief of Policy Division, Combined Forces Command / United Nations Command
- DCG for Operations, 17th ID
- Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, C5, CFC / UNC

■ **Family:** Wife (Kang, Ae-Kyung), Son (Joong Won), Son (Joong Hyun)

■ **Hobby:** Hiking, Tennis

■ **Awards:** Meritorious Service Medal (US Army)

■ **Contact:** 202-939-5691 (office), Email: sewoopyo@gmail.com



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 2473 New Haven Circle, Sun City Center, FL 33573-7141; E-mail it to: sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net, or phone it in to (813) 614-1326. Whatever the medium you choose, we welcome your input.

QUESTION OF THE MONTHS: Did any of you have working/friendship/passing relationships with Conscientious Objectors in your service days? (See the story on p. 66.) What were they like? What military specialties did they have? Were they present in all branches of the armed forces? Did the troops treat them with disrespect? Please provide your comments re Conscientious Objectors to Arthur G. Sharp, Graybeards Editor, 2473 New Haven Circle, Sun City Center, FL 33573.

Merry Christmas, Mr. Healey

When I was in Korea at Christmas in 1951 I never heard anybody say "Happy holidays." No, they said "Merry Christmas."

The latest *Graybeards* says "Happy Holidays." The officers and staff should be ashamed of themselves! Politically correct is simply cowardice.

Doesn't it still say "In God we trust" on our money? Do you want that changed?

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DPAA.mil, not DPAA.gov

I was talking to one of my contacts at DPAA this morning who told me that there was a mistake on the URL address for DPAA in "Convention Roundup," p. 27, of the Nov/Dec 2016 issue, right above the table showing the remains concentrations in North Korea. It says the DPAA web page is DPAA.gov; it should be DPAA.mil.

The DPAA web page address is correct on page 11, "Korea War MIAs Recently Identified," of the same issue.

The good news is that people at DPAA are reading the *Graybeards* Magazine.

Bruce Harder, harderbr@aol.com

British Korean War veterans disrespected and a proper response

Below is an excerpt from the December 2, 2016 issue of *Korean War Veteran Internet Journal* for the World's Veterans of the Korean War. The headline reads, "Canadian Senator expresses 'shock and dismay' that British Korean War Veterans had to wait 2 hours at end of line in national November 11 Remembrance Day procession."

"Subsequently, these brave veterans, the youngest close to his mid-eighties and some of them in their nineties, had to wait for more than two hours before they could take their place in the column and participate in the traditional march to honour their fallen comrades.

"In Canada, the United States, and most other countries whose sons and daughters served in the Korean War, or in any wars or deployments, those who are aged or injured and need special care, are placed at the front of the procession where the period of physical exposure and duress is least – and from the point of view of protocol, where honour and respect properly focuses on their age and their service.

"The British Royal Legion was bombarded with complaints about this improper treatment of aged veterans. They came not just from within the UK, but from other nations around the world."

KWVA 1st VP Warren Wiedhahn had a fitting response to the fiasco:

Dear Terry and Harry:

I want both of you to know that we in the "Colonies" are experiencing similar, what I call, lack of respect, for Korean War veterans. Personally, I think it's a combination of several things, but especially lack of education in our school system.

We are attempting to rectify this lack of education with our "Tell America" program, but it's like putting your finger in the proverbial dike! Unless, and until, our educators "remember" (or learn) what the Korean War did to stop the spread of communism in the early 50's, I think we are doomed to experience more of the same.

If you would like, we could send a gunboat loaded to the gunnels with Korean War veterans up the river Thames!

Fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn, 1st VP, KWVA-USA, Korea - 1950

Note: Terry Price is with the British KWVA and Harry Spicer is with the Australian.

Invading Iraq at age 80?

A friend passed along a copy of the Sep-Oct 2016 issue. I found a couple errors on page 70, "Former Commander Col. Anthony Petruzzi remembers his lost comrades." The third paragraph states Col. Petruzzi came to Korea as a captain in the 7th

Infantry Regiment, 7th [Infantry] Division. That was actually the 17th Infantry Regiment. The 7th Infantry Regiment was assigned to the 3d Infantry Division that had fought in the ETO.

The second to the last paragraph states “Petruzzi served in three more wars after the Korean War — the Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, and the Iraqi (sic) War.”

The third paragraph states Petruzzi is 93, which means he would have been 67 or 68 during the 1991 Gulf War and very unlikely to have still been on active duty at that time, and just downright impossible to have been part of the invasion and occupation of Iraq, when he would have been about 80. (When I joined the Army in early 1975 I came across some WWII vets, but they were few in number and reaching the ends of their military careers.)

By the time the Gulf War came around, the Vietnam vets were getting scarce. Certainly there was no way a WWII and Korean War vet would have still been in the military by the time Iraq was invaded in 2003.

A few years ago I read an article about a Korean War vet in a small town newspaper and it was filled with “facts” that were simply impossible. For example, it stated the fellow interviewed had been in the 5th Armored Division in Pusan. The 5th, a WWII outfit, was reactivated as a training unit at Fort Chaffee, AR, during the Korean War and never deployed to Korea as a combat unit.

I pointed out the numerous errors to the author and in his reply he explained that he had interviewed the vet and was required to submit his article no later than 5 p.m. that same day. He had little time to do anything but throw together the jumbled notes he’d recorded into an article in time to meet the deadline and, being completely unfamiliar with the military and the Korean War, he made numerous errors.

I think a little of that seeped into this author’s article as well.

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Just Asking

I love our magazine. It is the best of the veterans’ magazines as far as I am concerned. It is far more inclusive. Not everyone served on the line. At the time the division slice was 16 or 17 to one. The guys on the line wouldn’t have lasted long without QM, Transportation, Signal, Engineers, etc. All of Korea was a combat zone, and you had to be alert wherever you were stationed.

I had some questions about Jim Colburn’s story. He says he was only 17 when he was there. There were some 17-year-olds there, even some 16s, but I don’t think they were sergeants. He says he served with the 2nd Armored Division. There were no armored divisions there. It was not good tank territory.

There were some tanks there, but they were mostly used as artillery. He said he was in the 4th Army. Then there are questions about location and weather. Just asking.

Ben Nicholls, *vewini@verizon.net*

The sidewalks are for everyone

When I read the Feedback/Return Fire article “Black and White,” (p. 66, Oct/Nov 2016) it reminded me of an occasion I experienced in 1953 while at CBR training in Eta Jima, Japan.

There were Japanese personnel as well as American and other troops on the compound. One day I saw some GIs, who I presume came from southern states, walking on the sidewalk and some Japanese guys coming toward them on the same sidewalk. The GIs forced the Japanese to step off the sidewalk to pass them!

I was born and raised in the north and was very disturbed by this. Here were foreign troops treating Japanese personnel in their own country like I suppose they treated African-American people at home.



Jay Wolgemuth (center, back row) and buddies

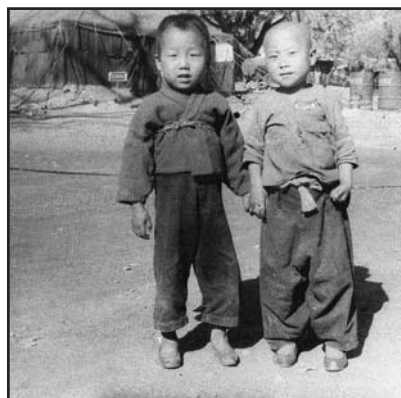
On one of my assignments in Korea, I was housed with five other GIs, one of whom was black. We didn’t think he was any different than we were and we got along fine! I’m enclosing a picture in case you would like to print it. (I don’t remember any of their names, so if the picture is printed and anyone on the picture sees it, I would welcome a reply.)

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At least someone liked “Ham and Beans”

The photo below of the two Korean children in the attachment above was sent to me by Graham Eady, who lives in eastern Canada. His father and uncle served in Korea.

This photo brings back a lot of memories. A lot of small children came to see us in Korea. They were all hungry and we fed them from our limited supplies of food. When we were in the front line we lived on American “C” rations, which consisted of small tins of fruit, meat, and vegetables. The children we saw,



many of whom were apparent orphans, ate whatever we gave them, including the unpopular “ham and lima beans.” We also sometimes gave them clothing.

The Korean refugees in those days were real refugees! Some came to Canada with little or

Two Korean children

nothing and many soon achieved economic success. They retained their culture, but integrated quickly into Canadian society without violence or complaints of any kind. Refugees did not carry expensive cell phones!

The clothing on these children is certainly typically Korean. One has no hair, and I wonder if shaving has taken place because of lice. They are holding hands, which tells me they are shy and that they depend upon each other.

The house in the background has a thatched roof and is similar to most other houses that we saw in Korea.

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Frenchy's Fireplace: A tribute to a fallen "Mud Dog": Paul "Frenchy" Baril (7/13/1927—12/08/2016)

Paul's mother died when he was seven. His father, a brick mason, sent Paul, one of seven children, to live with an uncle in Canada along the St. Lawrence River. Paul's schooling was in French Catholic schools, so he spoke French only.

Paul returned to the U.S. in 1952, just in time to receive notice of being drafted. He could speak only broken English that he remembered as a seven year old, so he had to ask someone to read the questions that he could then answer. (Remember, in 1952 there was a need for troops in Korea, so anyone who could see lightning and hear thunder was a live candidate for the infantry!)

Paul, like most of us, was shipped to Korea as a needed replacement right after basic training. He arrived in Korea in March 1953, where he was placed with the 179th Infantry Regiment, 45th Division. When he reported to B-179, they thought he was mistakenly sent from the French Army Battalion. But, he assimilated with help from his platoon leader, Lt. Rolland Morneault. The lieutenant, who was from Westbrook, Maine, a Canadian French speaking town, could speak French fluently. So Paul became an aggressive rifleman and used his exceptional marksman experience that he learned hunting in Canada.

Paul's 1st Bn. of the 179th Regt. moved to Christmas Hill July 18, 1953 to replace the 180th that was decimated and down to 50 % strength after eighteen days of combat and a constant rain of CCF mortars and ground attacks. His bunker was at the base of a finger (Outpost Queen), only 50 yards from the Chinese.

"Frenchy" was not happy with the eight-round M-1, so he asked Lt. Morneault for a BAR that had a twenty-round magazine and could spit out a deadly hail of lead! The second day there, three of his bunker mates were killed by an incoming mortar while he was on a look-out position in the trench. (I am familiar with that bunker and location of E Co., 180, as I was there a couple times to check on my friend Jim Hood, from Haverhill, New Hampshire, who was drafted with me. We took basic together.)

Paul was furious, according to Lt. Morneault, who told the story of what happened next. He made a vow to get even with the CCF sniper in a position just fifty yards above his position. He got a fellow trench mud dog to crawl on his belly while holding up a stick a helmet above the trench while Paul crawled to where he could see where the CCF sniper fired. He loaded his twenty-

round magazine with every other round a tracer that he took from a light .30 machine gun belt. The plan did not go as expected.

The sniper hit the steel helmet, sending fragments to the guy holding the stick. Paul went to Plan B. He substituted a helmet liner with a field jacket hanging below. The CCF sniper sprayed the liner/coat, then made a fatal mistake. Curiosity got the better of him; he stood to get a good view of the damage he had caused. Paul emptied his BAR into the sniper.

"I cooked the bastard with the tracers," he said.

On July 27, the morning of the cease fire, Lt. Morneault was hit by shrapnel from a mortar round. Paul assisted him up the long steep finger of OP Queen to an aid station. Lt. Morneault had just a small visible neck wound and stood telling other wounded to go ahead of him when he collapsed and died instantly from internal loss of blood. His jugular had been cut. Paul was devastated and talked to me about his friend for years.

After the cease fire, the 45th set up at Camp George, twenty miles south of the old front line. "Frenchy," who was known as "the stone mason," made a nice river rock fireplace for the non-com Quonset hut. When General P. D. Ginder was on an inspection tour, he saw the nice stone work, and asked to see the man who built it.

"Frenchy" told me he nearly peed his pants not knowing what he had done wrong. Gen. Ginder told him he wanted a bigger and better stone fireplace for the officers club and gave Paul a work party of thirty men, plus all the materials he needed. "Frenchy" used his years of stone mason expertise and made a beautiful fireplace that I am told is still standing!

Gen. Ginder called a formation and asked "Frenchy" to step forward. The general awarded "Frenchy" a Purple Heart and SFC stripes, a big jump from PFC.

"Frenchy's" response? "What for I get this?"

Paul became a good friend of mine. We lived only two miles apart, not knowing that we were both at Christmas Hill in July 1953. Paul was the leader of a "Purple Heart" group that marched in the local veterans parade. He will be greatly missed.

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Conscientious Objectors in Korea

(Captured from an email from Bob Barfield to Don Struhar)

I had a strange three-year stint in the Army, including a friendship with a Conscientious Objector (CO). When I was wounded in 1952 I was sent to Japan for recovery. I spent about six weeks in a hospital at Osaka, Japan.

After I left the hospital I received a "3" in my health profile, which meant I was unfit for front line duty. I was pissed when I received it; I wanted to return to my outfit. Instead, I was sent to an outfit in Pusan, called the 60th Medical Base. There were quite a few COs there. As I recall, I had never had heard the term before.

I had a close buddy there named Clayton Wadsworth, who was a CO. At first I thought he was a big phony just trying to get out of combat. Not so. He would stand his turn at guard duty, but would not carry a weapon while on guard duty. Although we were way back from the front lines, every once in a while troops would have trouble with North Korean/Chinese infiltrators.

Once I asked Clayton what he would do if the enemy confronted him. He simply shrugged his shoulders and smiled. Later we became good friends. But, I told him, "You know that you could put the whole unit in danger."

Clayton and a buddy would kneel together at night to pray. They would both start speaking in unknown tongues. No way could they speak the way they did by making it up! They actually scared me the way they talked!

Clayton told me that at his church at home he actually saw people put their hands on a hot stove and not be burned. He said he prayed and did it himself and wasn't burned!

Later I was transferred to the 187th RCT. Clayton and I stayed in contact for several years, even after I got back to the states. Then we just quit contacting each other.

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Reflections from Korea

When the North Koreans invaded South Korea, crossing over the now famous 38th parallel, no one except the South Koreans and President Harry Truman thought that it was a big deal and certainly those of us in the service didn't even think twice about it. How wrong we were. The date was June 25, 1950.

I was a Medical Officer at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC. A week later I was promoted to Captain and transferred to Fort Meade, MD, where I was certain I would stay until my commission expired several years later. Wrong again.

A few months later I was transferred to Fort Hood, TX, where the 11th Evacuation Hospital was being organized and trained for service in Korea. My pregnant wife went home to Massachusetts. I would not see her again for the next two years.

Prior to departing Fort Hood for the Far East, we were issued maps so we could determine where on Earth Korea was. None of us really knew. We spread the maps on the floor, but could not locate Korea. The maps were so old that Korea did not exist on them. We did not know that the old name for the peninsula was Chosin.

Soon after we were on a troop ship headed for Japan. After a few more months of training in Japan we were alerted for Korea. We were transferred from Sasebo, Japan to Pusan, Korea at night in an old Japanese ferry boat operated by the U.S. Navy.

We arrived in Pusan several days or weeks after the breakout from the Pusan perimeter. We were in a huge replacement depot for 10 days. I vividly remember the mud. It was always ankle deep. Welcome to Korea.

Weapons were issued. (Korea was the first time that medical personnel were trained with and issued weapon). Officers wore side arms and enlisted men carried carbines.

After ten days in the Pusan mud, male personnel were transported north to Chungju to set up our hospital. Nurses were to come up later when the hospital was ready. We were given an old school building in which to set up our hospital. We had been trained to set up in eight hours. However, about two hours after arriving, we began to receive casualties.

Most of our equipment and supplies hadn't even been unpacked yet. Our nurses were still in Pusan. But we responded. We had our operating room ready to go in less than an hour. I was

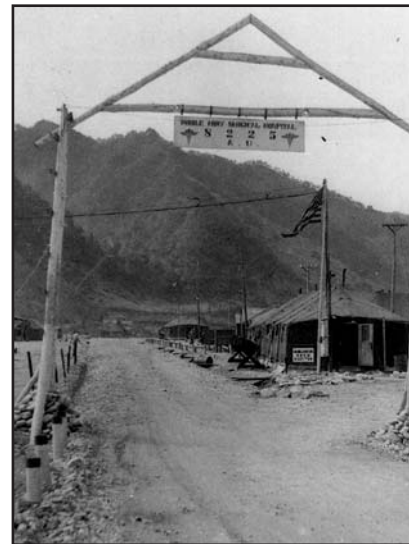
on the orthopedic trauma team. With little rest and not much food, we worked and took care of our wounded boys for the next 36 hours.

A few months later we were moved north again to Wonju, where we set up again, this time in tents. I was sent home after thirteen months service in Korea.

During my time in Korea it was evident that we were proud of our medical achievements in caring for the sick and wounded. Coming home I felt that I had been part of the greatest team of doctors, nurses, and corpsmen in the history of military medicine. I still feel that way.

I had no regrets about serving in Korea. During World War 2 I never served overseas, and I carried a little bit of a guilt feeling about it. 8225 M.A.S.H. Korea certainly eliminated that.

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Medics had rifles

In regard to the article in *The Graybeards*, Nov/Dec 2016, p. 57, "Thank you, Nat King Cole," by Peter J. DeGaetano of Staten Island, NY:

Mr. DeGaetano states that when he went in to the Army in January 1951 it was reported that the enemy was shooting Medics (aidmen) through the Red Cross on their helmets. I don't know where Mr. DeGaetano got that information, but I was a Medic in Korea from September 1950 until November 1951 and I would like to set the record straight.

First, let me say I know that in WWII some medics had helmets and arm bands with a Red Cross on them. We were never issued Red Cross helmets or arm bands in the 7th Division. I might add I never saw any Red Cross helmets in any other Army or Marine units.

I was in the 7th Inf. Div., 32nd Regiment, 2nd Battalion as an aidman (Medic). We were issued a rifle like every other infantryman. The only way you knew a medic from any other infantryman was by the large medical pouch on his hip. We were called Medic or Doc, but we never forgot that we were combat soldiers, too.

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Re Feedback/Return Fire, p. 69, Nov/Dec. 2016, "Another Group Near the Yalu," by H.C. Huston

In late October 1950, one of the first units of the 25th Inf. Div.,

8th Army, to reach as far north as about ten miles of the Yalu River, near Sinuiju, North Korea, was a battery of LTC. James V. Sanden's 90th FAB.

The X Corps at that time was in the "Frozen Chosin" area. Chosin is around 135 miles south of the Yalu River.

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That mystery unit is a mystery no more

I believe that the mystery unit that came to your rescue at the Chosin Reservoir was the 17th Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div., of which I was a member. (See "Another group near the Yalu," Nov/Dec 2016, p. 69.)

We made a beachhead at Wonsan and spearheaded across North Korea to Hyesanjin on the banks of the Yalu River. We sat there about eight days, until the Chinese started coming across the river. It looked like millions of them.

We started our withdrawal to Hagaru-ri. The brass stopped us there and said that we must go back to the Chosin and help the Marines. We did just that, but we didn't get much credit for that. Nobody hardly ever mentions it.

History shows that the 17th Inf. Regt. was the only American unit to reach the Yalu River and the Manchurian border. But we had it rough all the way back to Hungnam. The Chinese would go around us through the hills and set up road blocks.

I think we lost about sixty percent of our strength on the way back to the ships.

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My chopper ride

I was wounded by small arms fire on June 23, 1952 while on line with the 5th RCT. I was only seventeen years old at the time. I was brought down from the hill by tram and loaded into an ambulance. The crosses were completely covered in mud. A medic told me they made too good a target!

Then I was taken to a helicopter pad somewhere and I was placed on the right side of the chopper on a stretcher. The medics placed an air-proof blanket around me and slid what I presumed was a Plexiglas shield over my head. The shield came down to my shoulders.

I remember twisting my head and looking back at the tail rotor as we were flying to the 11th Evac Field Hospital in Wonju, South Korea and thinking that if that thing lets go and comes my way I'm a goner. I never thought at the time if that happened I'm a goner anyway.

The weather was nice. The sun was out and I actually enjoyed the flight to the evac site. When we landed I felt like a celebrity! People rushed up to the chopper and were taking pictures as we were being unloaded. I say "we," but I don't remember if someone was on the left side of the chopper or not.

As I was being unloaded a medic asked me how I was feeling. I said, "Fine." He told me, "That's because you are in shock." That was news to me because, like I said, I felt fine.

After my bullet wound was taken care of, I was placed in a cot in a big tent. A short time later a medic came down the row of cots and unceremoniously tossed Purple Heart boxes on our cots!

I remember it aggravated me so much that I almost threw it back at him. I don't know why I got aggravated.

I was told that I was being sent to the 279th General Hospital in Osaka, Japan. I spent about six weeks there recuperating. We experienced a minor earthquake there. I awoke one morning around two a.m. thinking some wise guy in our ward was shaking my bed!

It stopped quickly, but we in our ward knew right off the bat what had happened. We found out that several homes in Osaka were damaged and our concrete hospital had a few cracks in it. I eventually returned to the line and served on the front again with the 3rd Inf. Div. and then later with the 187th Airborne RCT.

I never really watched "MASH" that much, but when I did the choppers always brought back the memories.

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And I was worried about a flapping blanket?

I was in a good foxhole on Hill 296, on the outskirts of Seoul, Korea on September 23, 1950, when an inbound mortar hit very close and metal entered my neck, causing damage to my spinal cord and making me a quadriplegic. I was temporarily unconscious, for about 15 minutes I was told. (My memory of the entire incident was a bit hazy.)

Medics pulled me out of my foxhole. After some time, I learned, there was an effort to get me taken off the hill by helicopter. Sometime later—my best guess is two hours—I was carried by the medic and several other Marines about half-way down the reverse side of the hill, where a helicopter arrived.

In those days the Marines had the use of four HO 3 helicopters. The HO 3 chopper had a small window on each side of its fuselage, just big enough to push a litter through. The fuselage was narrow, so that each end of the litter was on the outside.



The Sikorsky HO3S-1

There was a blanket over me, which was flapping on my lower legs. I remember thinking that the blanket would cut my legs off. The helicopter took me to Kimpo Airport. I don't think I was scared, nor was I in any shape to worry. I was not medicated when I was told I was being taken to Kimpo.

When we arrived at Kimpo a large group of military personnel met the helicopter and pulled the litter out. The helicopter left right away.

I spent the rest of my Marine time in various military hospitals—and I was discharged from the hospital and the USMC the same day, March 7, 1952. I have been able to live a good life, even though I am 100% disabled—thanks in part to the helicopter transport to Kimpo.

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A medic in need of medics

I was wounded while on patrol in the vicinity of Kumsong, North Korea. We were pinned down by mortar fire along a small river. I knew we were targeted. Then, a round landed next to me,

and I found myself in the water, bleeding heavily. Ironically, I was the medic on that mission.

Other patrol members dragged me across the river under continuous heavy enemy fire to a safe place. I was placed on a litter jeep and taken to the battalion aid station, where a doctor attended to my wounds. Then I was strapped to the right side of a chopper, still in the litter they had me in.

I'm not sure if the bubble in which I rode was permanent or if they secured me in after I was placed in position. I felt no anguish about the ride; it wasn't scary as I remember. I was sedated, but not to the point where I didn't know what was going on.

When we arrived at MASH, I was transferred quickly by a couple GIs into the operating room. I recall seeing several wounded soldiers waiting outside for treatment. I guess they took the most serious cases first.

The last thing I remember as they were preparing me for surgery was receiving sodium pentothal. I looked over to what looked like a sawhorse, where doctors were sawing off a GI's leg. Then I went out for a couple days.

After that I did not know where I was going. I did know that if I survived I was going home. All this happened on 30 October 1951, incidentally.

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Re Sammy Lee

I'm writing to you on behalf of my husband Daniel Smith, who served in Korea in the early 1950s. We thought you would be interested in seeing the nearby letter and photos that were published in the Washington Post on Dec. 17, 2016 in response to the obituary that was printed in the post about Dr. Sammy Lee, an Olympic Gold Medal diver and friend of Dan's while they served together during the Korean War.

Dan also congratulates you on your excellent article "Meddling in Medaling" concerning the politicizing of military medals. Such a factual article was long overdue.

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Maj. Sammy Lee at the 121st Evacuation Hospital in Yong Dong Po, South Korea.



Above and at left, Sammy Lee at the pool



Below, Daniel Smith's letter

When I served with Sammy Lee

Regarding the Dec. 6 [2016] obituary for Sammy Lee, "Won Olympic gold medals in diving":

I served in the Army during the Korean War with Maj. Sammy Lee at the 121st Evacuation Hospital in Yong Dong Po, South Korea. He was an ear, nose and throat physician, and I was an operating room technician. I was honored and pleased that he usually requested me as scrub nurse for his many surgeries.

In the summer months, I was also the chief lifeguard at the base's concrete swimming pool. Lee and I bonded as swimmers. We installed a makeshift diving board in preparation for his diving exhibition for the Korean public. I was petrified when he triple-somersaulted to the pool extremely close to the edge. It was magnificent but frightening.

Lee and I often discussed the burden of racial discrimination in the United States, he as an Asian American and me as an African American. He was humble but gregarious, highly respected by his fellow physicians and Army colleagues. Indeed, there was great jubilation and celebration in the operating room in 1953 when it was announced that he was named "Athlete of the Year."

Today I am sickened to read about the discrimination Lee faced when he returned to the United States and that it took the intercession of then Vice President Richard M. Nixon for him to even buy a house. Indeed, it is important that we all remember how it was. We have come far, but these tribulations continue. Race relations remain an unresolved issue in the United States.

Daniel R. Smith, Washington

Meddling in medals

I was one of those who was recommended for a Commendation Medal by Major Page, 48th FA Battalion, 32 Inf. Reg., 7th ID in 1952. For whatever reason, I never received the medal.

I was in combat for the next six months, beginning Oct. 1952, including Triangle Hill and Old Baldy. I was awarded the usual ribbons with four combat stars. I am not shedding any tears over the oversight (?).

I just wanted to include my name in the “oops!” category in meddling in medals.

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Who was that pilot?

I was with B. Co., 1st Bn., 7th Regt., 1st Marine Division when I was wounded at the Hwachon Reservoir in North Korea on 4/22/1951. I was completely helpless, so I was thrilled when they placed me in a box on the outside of the helicopter.

I was heavily sedated and I don't remember a thing about the event until after I was operated on at a field hospital. I will, however, always remember that ride. Even though I was hurt badly, I knew I was safe.

The pilot (and the medics) saved my life. I'm now 87 years old. I often think of that wonderful flight and the pilot's courage.

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LSTs

Re “Was he really at Inchon?” p. 65, 11/12/2016

I was CO of A-1-5, one of the two lead rifle companies to land on Red Beach on September 15, 1950. Cemetery Hill and the brewery were our objectives. I fired an amber flare at 1755, 25 minutes after H Hour, signaling our objectives were secure. Sometime after that the LSTs came in, with guns blazing. (No one from Able Co. was hit. I cannot speak for the other units or 1stMarDiv.)

Able Co. had 8 KIA and 28 WIA. The entire 1st Division had 20 KIA and 174 WIA.

Lt. Baldamero Lopez was awarded the MoH for his actions that day. I believe it was the first to be awarded during the Korean War.

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Bravo, John Mixon

A well done to John Mixon for writing the truth on the Inchon assault to correct the article by Col. Anthony Petruzzi in the Sept/Oct 2016 issue. I wonder how much of the rest of Col. Petruzzi's article is true.

Just think: the original article appeared in the Kansas City Star. How many people could have read that lack of facts there?

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The units listed did not serve in Korea

A friend passed the Nov/Dec 2016 issue of the magazine to me. As I was reading the letters regarding Christmases spent in Korea, I noticed a glaring discrepancy.

On page 17, the writer claims he spent Christmas Day, 1952 “somewhere in North Korea” as a 17-year-old tank gunner in a company of the “Second Battalion, 112th Armored Cavalry, 1st Tank Destroyer Team, Second Armored Division, Fourth Army.” Nothing about this makes any sense, and I will break it out, unit by unit.

112th Armored Cavalry: The 112th Armored Cavalry Regiment is a Texas Army National Guard unit. While it fought the Japanese during WWII, it was not sent to Korea during the war. In fact, it remained out of combat until the more recent deployments to the Middle East. For a statement of the unit's lineage and honors from the US Army Center of Military History, see <http://www.history.army.mil/html/forcestruc/lineages/branches/armor-cav/112cvrg.htm>

1st Tank Destroyer Team: I've found no evidence a unit using this designation ever existed. There were tank destroyer brigades, groups and battalions, but no “Teams,” such as a unit existing between a regiment (112th) and a division (2d). Tank destroyer units were inactivated soon after WWII, with the last being inactivated in 1946. There were no tank destroyer units in Korea because none existed by then.

2d Armored Division: The 2d was a Regular Army division that returned from service in the ETO in 1946, establishing itself at Fort Hood, TX. In 1951 it was sent to Germany and remained there until 1957. In 1952 it could not possibly have been in Korea, and the 112th ACR, a unit of the Texas National Guard, was not assigned to the 2d Armored Division.

Fourth Army: The Fourth, no longer active, never served in combat anywhere, and existed only at stateside posts. The Eighth Army was in Korea, and there were no other numbered armies there during the war, or since.

The writer was clever enough to claim membership in units that actually existed (except for the mythical 1st Tank Destroyer Team), but not so clever as to claim to have been in units that were actually in Korea.

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A good teaching tool

I received *The Graybeards* after Christmas, but it was welcome and one of the best issues. Thank you for putting those stories together. It is a wonderful mix of stories about all our troops AND the other UN countries represented there. It is a veritable historical snapshot of the ones who were there. It makes the Korean War more personal.

I was glad to do my part by participating in a support group, the 618th Med. Clearing Co.

This issue would be a good choice to help educate and bring home the sacrifices of all of our armed forces. I intend to try to have a number of people read it cover to cover, starting with my family. Once again, a great issue.

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Was the 160th Regt. at Satae-ri?

The picture and article on pp. 15-16 in the Nov/Dec 2016 issue state incorrectly that the 160th Inf. Regt. was at Satae-ri. It was the

224th Regt., 40th Div.

I was at Satae-ri with the 40th Div., 2nd Bn., HQ Co. from October 1952 as an outpost observer, looking north at Sugarloaf 1, 2, and 3. H Co. was to our right.

Regarding the so-called “Speedway Road,” troops had to travel fast so they would not get shelled.

We had a tank positioned to our right flank, with a huge spotlight attached to it. The spotlight shone north to Sugarloaf and the enemy. There was a tram to our left flank to transport supplies such as food and ammo to F Co. And, there was a first aid station across the road from which helicopters could evacuate the wounded. We attended worship services there as well.

Eventually we transferred from Satae-ri Valley, as we called it, to the Punchbowl to relieve a ROK outfit.

The 40th Division included the 160th and the 223rd Regiments, but they were never in or on the MLR.

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Regardless of Regt., he earned a Silver Star

Please refer to page 15, the story “Christmas on Heartbreak Ridge” by David White, in the Nov/Dec 2016 issue. David is a member of our Cape and Islands Chapter (CID 141) here on Cape Cod. He is also much too modest.

The night he describes in his article is the night for which he was awarded the Silver Star. He, like others, deserves much more recognition than they ask for or get.

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More about the 176th FA Bn.?

Thank you for printing the article about the article, “Two happy holidays, then an unhappy hell,” in the Nov/Dec 2016 issue, p. 21. I served with the 176th Field Artillery Battalion in Korea. I now have most of everything I was looking for.

However, I am now looking for any material that picks up on what happened after I left the 176th in July. There are references to some more battles in the fall the 1952 and early 1953, because the unit did not return until sometime in late 1953.

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The remarkable Col. Reynolds

After the war and things settled down a bit, I pulled some MP duty with the 7th MP Company. Col. Harold K (“Deke”) Reynolds, the 7th Division Provost Marshal, needed a clerical assistant, which I volunteered for. I got the job and spent about a year working for him, doing anything he wanted us to do, including running the clerical stuff by daytime.

Late in our duty, Col Reynolds re-upped and became the Provost Marshall of the Port of Yokohama in Japan. Several months later, Peter Griffith, the colonel’s driver, now deceased, and at that time the husband of the actress Tippi Hedren**, and I were rotating back to the states.

On our way, the ship stopped in Yokohama, but nobody with lower a rank than a Master Sergeant was allowed off on pass. Peter

and I conned one of the Master Sergeants into calling and informing Col. Reynolds that we were aboard and would like to see him. We were on liberty within an hour.

Col. Reynolds treated us at a plush restaurant, where we all had had too much to drink. Before we returned to the ship, Col. Reynolds instructed his driver to make sure we were back aboard, not just on the ramp, at which time he could leave!

We loved Col. Reynolds as well as he did us. Prior to his departure from Korea, he gave us both written testimonials of our performances while serving in Korea. I lost contact with Col. Reynolds, but found recently that he had passed away in 2009 at age 89! He was a great soldier!

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***Peter Atwill Griffith (October 23, 1933 – May 14, 2001) was an American advertising executive and child stage actor. He appeared on Broadway a few times. His daughters Melanie Griffith and Tracy Griffith and his granddaughter Dakota Johnson became notable actresses. He and Ms. Hedren were married from 1952 to 1961.*

My Christmas Memory

The 2016 holiday edition reminded me of my most memorable Christmases. I had been stationed with the 937th Field Artillery Bn. Arkansas “Long Toms,” attached to IX Corps. I rotated in December 1954 out of Pusan Harbor on the USNS Marine Lynx, a merchant marine ship.

On Christmas Day at 2 p.m. the Captain spoke to us over the loudspeaker. “Now hear this,” he said. “I have something you’re going to be telling your grandchildren. Today is Christmas Day. Tonight we cross the International Date Line. Tomorrow, will be Christmas again—and we’re going to have a full Christmas dinner—just like we had today.”

Several days later we docked at Seattle and boarded a train for Fort Carson, Colorado. Each car had its own porter. About 200 miles out, the train stopped to take on more milk. We just couldn’t get enough. All milk in Korea was powdered.

We got to Fort Carson, where I was discharged.

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Weed and vegetation killing

I am interested in knowing if anyone was ever involved in Korea, or knows of, “weed and vegetation killing,” i.e., spraying within company compounds and placing rodent poisons boxes next to the Quonset buildings or tents for rat and rodent controls.

As I remember, the boxes were approximately 2’ long and 8” wide. An assigned (volunteer) checked and disposed of trapped or dead carcasses and reset the traps, usually one on each corner of the Quonsets, to keep the intruders from invading, seeking food, and/or building new homes.

The “weed and vegetation killer,” as we called it, was to kill all vegetation around the buildings and in/under all compound fences to prevent any enemy intruders from hiding while digging under or cutting openings to gain entrance while under cover of various vegetation. These assignments were usually by order of the commander of the units to keep out various thieves or enemies seeking illegal entry.

The weed killing I know of was accomplished with hand-type sprayers that were filled with a liquid type solution in the approximate five-gallon type fire extinguisher. They were carried by the "assigned" man as he walked along spraying any and all visible weed growth.

The applicators were commanded to keep all bare skin covered, their pant bottoms tucked firmly into their boots, and to stay upwind of any over spray drift so as to avoid contact and breathing.

As I was stationed near Inchon, 1955-57, assigned to 19th Ord. Co. (DS), one place the weed and rodent killing was done, I wondered if anyone else knows other sites, when and where, or has any knowledge of what chemicals were used, stored, shipped, etc. The answers I have received say that there were many agents, 'blue', 'pink', 'red', 'green' etc. Yet, no one seems to know where or who purchased them, or if all the Rainbow agents used, "herbicides" (weed killers) and/or insecticides, have caused "Heart Disease," "Parkinson's," skin rashes and numerous other human medical problems.

Anyone who remembers or has any knowledge of anything that pertains to the subjects mentioned, please get in touch with Don Welsner, 989-745-8076 or by mail at P.O. Box 123, Grayling, MI 49738. Please get ahold of me quickly if possible.

Thank you, Gen. Dean

I had the honor of receiving a medal at a track meet from MajGen. William F. Dean, 24th Inf. Div. commander, at Kumamoto, Japan in 1950. A few months later he was captured when his driver took a wrong turn and ran into an enemy roadblock.

A rescue attempt failed and he remained a POW for three years.

Peter H. Wallace, 10617 Rayito Pl.,
El Paso, TX 79924, 915-821-9617



MajGen. Dean presents medal to Pete Wallace (L)



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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

Division _____ ☐ Army
Regiment _____ ☐ Air Force
Battalion _____ ☐ Navy
Company _____ ☐ Marines
Other _____ ☐ Coast Guard

Dates of service:

WithIN Korea were: (See criteria below)

From _____ To _____

WithOUT Korea were: (See criteria below)

From _____ To _____

"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 _____

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.

WEB SITE: www.kwva.org

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Last Call

All of us in the Korean War Veterans Association extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

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The 24th Lives On



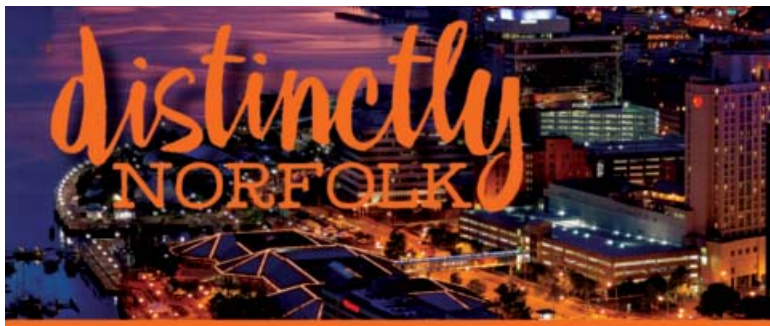
24th Inf. Div. veterans Eddie Maier, Vince Steckel, and Ken Siegert (L-R)

It's not the end of the 24th Inf. Div. My wife and I recently moved into a senior living facility. I found two other men who were in the 24th Inf. Div., Eddie Maier and Ken Siegert.

The memory lives on.

*Vince Steckel, 2700 Matthew John Dr.
Dubuque, IA 52002, 563-845-7774*

Ed Note: The 24th Infantry Division is indeed alive! The 24th Infantry Division Association has 1600 members and publishes a quarterly newsletter, the *Taro Leaf*. Link to their website: <http://www.24thida.com/>



NORFOLK, VA WELCOMES THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION- OCTOBER 4-8, 2017

Nor-Fok or Naw-Fok, no matter how you pronounce it, the experience will always be the same: fun, vibrant entertainment and culture, delicious cuisine and 144 miles of shoreline waiting to be explored.

The military is a huge part of who Norfolk, Virginia is today. Norfolk believes all military veterans are our family, friends and our heart. Norfolk is home to the Atlantic Fleet, the largest and last battleship ever built by the U.S. Navy and the world's largest naval station. We invite all military branches to come back home to Norfolk! You have served for our country, so now let us give you something in return with new friends, adventures and memories.

THINGS TO DO

Norfolk, Virginia is a vibrant waterfront city full of unique, fun things to do. Check out some of Norfolk's celebrated military attractions and facilities- including the Battleship Wisconsin, Naval Station Norfolk, General Douglas MacArthur Memorial, and the Armed Forces Memorial. Within 12 walkable downtown city blocks, you will find delectable dining, exciting nightlife and entertainment, shopping and a burgeoning art scene. All of this, and much more, awaits your arrival in the heart of the Virginia WaterfrontSM.

WEATHER

The month of October is characterized by rapidly falling daily high temperatures, with daily highs decreasing from 75°F to 66°F over the course of the month. The average probability that some form of precipitation in a given day is 36%, with little variation over the course of the month.

Getting to Norfolk, VA is easy.

PASSENGER RAIL

- Round trip passenger rail service available to Petersburg, Richmond, Washington DC and cities north all the way up to Boston.
- Passenger train station conveniently located along the Downtown Norfolk waterfront.



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- Over 200 flights daily
- Norfolk International Airport located just minutes from downtown.
- Available airlines: American Airlines, Delta, Southwest, and United.

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The Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel looks forward to welcoming the Korean War Veterans Association!

DATES

October 4th – 8th, 2017 Rates available (3) days pre and post subject to hotel availability

BOOKING LINK

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/KWVA2017> or call 1-800-325-3535 and ask for the Korean War Veterans Association

RATES

Standard room at \$104.00 plus tax, Balcony room at \$114.00 plus tax, Club Level king at \$134.00 plus tax. Choice of two queen size beds or one king size bed, harbor view or city view. Club level rooms include access to complimentary continental breakfast and evening hors d'oeuvres.

LOCATION

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510 www.sheraton.com/norfolk (757) 622-6664.



APPLICATION FOR KOREA REVISIT & PCFY TOURS

(UPDATE 01/05/16)

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

KWVA Member, # _____ Expiration Date (Exp date) _____

NOTE: If you have not yet received your membership # from KWVA please insert "applied for."

List all your addresses, (seasonal/if more than one per year) and dates of residence, no P.O. Boxes

1. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Dates _____

2. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Dates _____

Phone # _____ Fax _____ E-Mail* _____

*- CRUCIAL FOR IMMEDIATE TOUR UPDATES

Korea Revisit Only

Veterans Passport# _____ Exp Date _____ Date of Birth (DOB) _____

Companion Name/Relationship _____ DOB _____

Companion's Passport# _____ Exp Date _____

NOTE: If you do not have a passport with 6 months validity after last date of return to USA and have applied for a new one, please insert "Applied for" in the space provided and contact MHT when you receive it.

Veteran's Korean Service Information

Branch of Service _____ Unit _____

Period of Service in the Korean Theater (month/year) from _____ thru _____

Veterans / Family Member Signature _____ Date _____

Complete and mail this form along with the nonrefundable \$50.00 deposit per person (check, money order or Credit Card) to Military Historical Tours. Payment of the remaining \$400 service fee is required for participants once a tour departure date is selected and submitted. The remaining \$400 service fee will be nonrefundable but a continuation into the following year is allowed if an emergency precludes the participants from attending the revisit that they have selected and been scheduled for.

Credit Card Authorization

I authorize **Military Historical Tours** by my signature above to charge my Visa, Discover, Master Card or Amex a **\$50.00 Deposit Per Person**,

The nonrefundable amount of **\$50.00 Per Person Credit Card #** _____

Expiration Date: _____ please include the 3-Digit code on back of card _____

Name as it appears on the Credit Card _____

Korea Revisit related material please send to:

**KWVA Revisit Korea Program
C/O MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS
13198 CENTERPOINTE WAY STE #202
WOODBIDGE, VA 22193-5285**

**Phone: 703-590-1295 or 800-722-9501
Fax: 703-590-1292
e-mail: mhtours@miltours.com
Website: www.miltours.com**

Background

The Korea Revisit program was begun by the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA/Seoul) in 1975 for the 25th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War to express the Republic of Korea (ROK's) government's gratitude to Korean War veterans and their families also to show them the bountiful results of their sacrifices and devotion.

MPVA's Eligibility Requirements

Korean War Veterans who served in or supported ground, naval, or air operations in the Korean Theater between June 25, 1950 and October 15, 1954. Family members of deceased or disabled Veterans are eligible to participate in the "Korea Revisit Program." An eligible applicant is allowed to bring a family member or friend as a "travel companion." Korea Defense Veterans (1945 – Jun 24, 1950 and Oct 16, 1954 – present) are eligible to go when Korean War Veterans are not available.

Expanded Eligibility

1. For the 65th anniversaries (2015-19) there will be more quotas available. In addition, those who have been on a Revisit prior to 2011 can apply to return again. (Call MHT for more details)
2. Widows and family members of deceased veterans or those unable to travel are also eligible for the Revisit as Veteran Representatives.
3. Korea Defense Veterans who served in Korea during these periods (1945 – Jun 24, 1950 and Oct 16, 1954 – present) are eligible to return on a space available basis TBD by the MPVA and the ROK criteria.

Benefits & Schedule

1. 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.
2. Accommodations are based on (2) persons per room, if you want a single hotel room you may at your own expense. All of the above items need to be requested in writing.
3. 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, and National Cemetery.

Typical Korea Revisit Itinerary

Day 1: Fly to Korea.

Day 2: Arrival day Incheon Airport, ROK check into Seoul Hotel.

Day 3 - Tribute Ceremony at the "Korean National Cemetery", visit to the Korean War Memorial.

Day 4 - Visit Panmunjom, DMZ, Joint Security Area, Camp Bonifas & wreath laying.

Day 5 - Ceremony for Korean War Veterans & Display/Show.

Day 6 - Visit tour of "Korean Folk Village" and shopping opportunity. Banquet hosted by MPVA and KVA.

Day 7 - Depart Korea or begin post-tour extensions.

Sundry Tour Requirements

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. Medical and Evacuation 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. Roundtrip transportation costs to Korea are not included and will be borne by each person who participates in the program. The participants must purchase roundtrip airfare, the ROK government will subsidize air costs (approximately 50% Veterans and 30% Companions.) The refunded airfare reimbursement will be calculated by the ROK after all the revisits. The reimbursement will be sent in a lump sum to be distributed by MHT for the entire year's groups.
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 nonrefundable service fee of \$450.00 per person is still required for the insurance, tour leaders and administration costs.
8. The initial \$50 per person registration fee that is required for postage, printing, phone charges, file maintenance and personnel staffing to manage the Korea Revisit Programs is not refundable. The remainder of the nonrefundable Service Fee (\$400) will not be charged until the participant has selected his Korea Revisit (KR) dates on the KR Preference Sheet that will be mailed in March-April as part of the KR Handbook.

Death Notice of a Member of KWVA

The following notice is submitted for publication:

Name of deceased _____

Date of death _____ Year of Birth _____

Member # _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Marine Corps ☐ Air Force ☐ Coast Guard

Primary Unit of service during Korean War _____

Submitted by _____

Relationship to deceased _____

Send to: **Membership, P.O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407**

**Visit the Korean War
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