

# The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

# Tell America

## 24 – CHARLES A. PARLIER [IL]

We gave a variety of presentations recently. They included:

- March 23, 2017: Frank Delgado, Gene Howell, Wayne Semple, and William Hanes for 6 classes, 12 teachers, and 128 students at Clinton High School, Clinton, IL
- March 24, 2017: David Freyling, Gene Howell, Wayne Semple, and William Hanes for 2 classes, 2 teachers, and 68 students at Eisenhower High School, Decatur, IL
- March 27, 2017: Frank Delgado, Gene Howell, Dave Mayberry, and William Hanes for 2 classes, 2 teachers, and 45 students at
- March 27, 2017: Frank Delgado, Gene Howell, Dave Mayberry, and William Hanes for 1 class, 1

teacher, and 14 students at Decatur Christian School, Forsyth, IL

• April 7, 2017: members gave two presentations, for 2 classes, 2 teachers, and 64 students at Meridian High School, Macon, IL

• May 3, 2017: Gene Howell, Dave Mayberry, Wayne Semple, and William Hanes gave a one-hour presentation to 2 teachers and 50 students at Sangamon Valley High School, Niantic, IL

• May 10, 2017: Dave Freyling, Dave Mayberry, Wayne Semple, and William Hanes spoke at Maroa-Forsyth High School, Maroa, IL

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Frank Delgado of Ch. 24 at Clinton [IL] High school



Gene Howell of Ch. 24 at Clinton High School



Wayne Semple of Ch. 24 addresses class at Clinton High School



Dave Mayberry of Ch. 24 leads discussion at Warrensburg-Latham High School, Warrensburg, IL



Dave Freyling of Ch. 24 at Eisenhower High School

## 270 – SAM JOHNSON

Seven members made presentations to 1,630 students at the Allen High School in Allen, TX on February 6th and 7th. The members talked about their experiences in the Navy, Army and Air Force. The students were from combined history and social

studies classes, plus Marine Corps JROTC. Marine Corps JROTC, which is in its fourth year at Allen High School, has been very popular.

Students were prepared with relevant questions for each presenter. Questions were submitted in

advance to Dawn Blake, history teacher and Co-Chair of the Korean War Legacy Foundation, Inc. All questions were answered by the Tell America Team.

At the opening ceremony on the second day, "Taps" was played by a JROTC cadet as Korean War veterans rendered the hand salute. Marine Corps cadets wore dress blue uniforms. There was a special recognition and remembrance of Richard (Dick) Bove, who passed away in late 2016.

Not only did the JROTC cadets assist speakers by carrying maps, charts, and photographs, but after every presentation students and cadets lined up to shake the veterans' hands and thanked them for their service.

The Tell America Program has been presented at Allen High School since May 2012. The speakers felt they had made a special contribution, one that the history books don't completely provide. They all look forward to returning to Allen High School next year.

We made another presentation at Moisés E. Molina High School in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas, TX on

March 31, 2017. A little over 2,000 students attend the school. The team spoke to 156 JROTC students in five classes

The students heard from Dick Lethe and Joe Seiling, who told them about the Eighth Army Commander Walton Walker, a Texas general killed in Korea on December 23, 1950. In fact, a street two blocks away from the high school is named Walton Walker Boulevard.

The cadets learned about Korea before the war, a part of the Japanese Expansion, aviation and stories only a pilot can provide, the four things that happened for the first time in the Korean War, and C-rations. One cadet won a P-38 can opener, one of the best inventions of the U.S. Army!

Cadets at Molina JROTC enjoy summer camp, the military ball, and drill competition. They assist at the Dallas VA Hospital with the carnival, making Christmas decorations, and patient visits. The cadets also participate in the annual Veterans Day parade.

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Dick Lethe, Cadet LTC Richard Servin, Bn. Cdr, and Joe Seiling (L-R) at Ch. 270's session at Molina High School

## 313 – SHENANDOAH [VA]

### Mercer Middle School Living History Day

We were invited to attend the annual Mercer Middle School Living History Day on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, beginning at 9 a.m. Nine members attended this function and held classroom discussions on the Korean War and its people with students in this school. Members included Narce Caliva, Lew Ewing, John "Jack" Keep,

ent with our team at this school. The school provided us with a breakfast hosted by a student guide and both history teachers and librarians. They then had three consecutive 45-minute sessions in each classroom with presentations by our Korean War and Korean Defense members, as well as presentations of other war veterans in other classrooms. We discussed the Korean War and the benefits of "free-



Ch. 313's Team at Mercer Middle School



David Mills (R) of Ch. 313 shares stories at Mercer Middle School

Charles Hoak, Paul Bombardier, David Clark, David Mills, Paul Campbell, and Josh Morimoto.

David Mills fought in the Korean War with the 3d Infantry Division and was a Korean War POW. His wife, Shirley Mills, was also pres-

ent with our team at this school. The war brought the South Korean people, leading them to become the 8th largest economy in the world today.

Students asked us many insightful questions, like "Where did we get our values as American



**Staff of Mercer Middle School that hosted Ch. 313 presentation team**

Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen?" "Where were we born and raised?" "Why did we join the services?" "Did we volunteer or were we drafted to fight in wars?" "Did we kill any enemy personnel?" and "What were our jobs in the Korean War.?"

Other questions were "What did we do if we stayed in the service after the Korean War?" "Were you leaders?" "How did we treat the others in our units?" and "What education did the services provide us or through the G.I. Bill?"

The school provided us lunch with our guides, history teachers, and librarians. Select members volunteered after lunch to do taped audiovisual interviews with questions asked by two students. Audiovisual interviews will be uploaded to the Library of Congress by the Mercer Middle School librarians.

We all received Thank You Cards from our hosts and hostesses. The Tell American Committee Chairmen, Josh Morimoto, and David Clark, coordinated this event with William Fazzini, one of the school's librarians, who hosted it.

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**Warren County Middle School**

Josh Morimoto, Maynard Wilson and David Clark presented a "Tell

America" program on April 24, 2017 to roughly 70 to 80 students at Warren County Middle School. Administrators from the Warren County Public School System, including Greg Drescher, Superintendent; Alan Fox, Superintendent of Secondary Schools; and Zach Logan, history teacher at Warren County Middle School, attended.

A slide presentation by Josh Morimoto was the leading effort to educate the students about the Korean War. It explained how the two countries, North Korea (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) and South Korea (Republic of Korea), were formed based on the Yalta Conference; how the Korean War started, who the combatants were; major battles during the war; how the war ended; and, finally, how the Republic of Korea has prospered as a democracy free from communism. It became the 7th largest trading partner of the U.S. and the 11th largest world economy.

Students were asked who had the following Korean-made products at their homes: automobiles, wall-mounted TVs, cell phones, kitchen appliances, and washers and dryers. We also discussed the problems caused by the current dictator of North Korea and how the United States and China are working together to stop his

further development of nuclear warheads and Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) that could reach the United States.

Josh told the students how the South Korean people in South Korea and the United States really appreciated the United States forces keeping them free from communism during and after the Korean War. Brigadier General Pyo, from the Embassy of Korea, told us earlier how the Korean people appreciated the military forces of the United States coming to fight and die in the Korean War, even though we did not personally know any South Korean people.

David Clark spoke about the U.S. Navy's role in the war, pointing out how it was instrumental in influencing Russia not to provide air power; how it destroyed North Korea's navy; kept Pusan from

being taken by 6,000 North Koreans; supported the U.S. Marines and Army in the invasion at Inchon, which forced the North Korean Army to withdraw from South Korea; was instrumental in the evacuation of troops, civilians, material, and trucks after the Chinese invaded, forcing the UN troops to withdraw from Hungnam, including the U.S. Marines and Army units that were involved in the Battles at Chosin Reservoir. He briefly covered some of his actions aboard the destroyer USS McCord, DD-534.

The students were asked whether, as the next generation, they should help ensure that our nation remains strong and never gets to a poor readiness condition, where it was prior to the start of the Korean War.

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**Josh Morimoto, Maynard Wilson and David Clark of Ch. 13 with Warren County Middle School administrators**



**Warren County Middle School students listen to Ch. 313 presenter**