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## KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

THE GRAYBEARDS  
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### WILL THIS HEARING BE JUST ANOTHER EMPTY POLITICAL PERFORMANCE?

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 4, 1992 — This is not set in concrete, but the Senate Select Committee apparently plans to hold hearings Nov. 11 - 12 on POWs from WWII and Korea.

*If you would like to attend please contact Blaine Friedlander now at: 2341 Dale Drive; Falls Church, VA 22043. He advises that about one million people are expected to be in DC at that time to observe the 10th anniversary of the Viet Nam Wall memorial dedication. YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS.*

*KWVA apparently will be among those asked to present testimony. If you have such POW information please contact Harley Coon ASAP (see page 2 for phone and address). Several members have been recommended to form a panel for the committee.*

### THE 1993 REUNION WILL BE HELD IN BLOOMINGTON, MINN. SEE DETAILS IN JANUARY 1993 GRAYBEARDS.

### KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION RIBBONS TO BE AWARDED BY KWVA PRESIDENT

Last June 14 during the ceremonies of simulated ground-breaking held in Washington, D.C., Ambassador Hongchu Hyun spoke for President Roh Tae Woo of Korea in delivering to Dick Adams a Letter of Proclamation recognizing the valor and sacrifices of "over 5.7 million American servicemen and women fought together with the Republic of Korea soldiers under the flag of the United Nations to safeguard freedom and human dignity."

The proclamation said further:

"I, Roh Tae Woo, President of the Republic of Korea, hereby present five thousand Korean Presidential Unit Citation Ribbons to the United States war veterans to recognize once again their distinguished service in safeguarding freedom as well as to accent the meaning of the Memorial."

"I proclaim that the President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., incorporated under the laws of the United States of America and whose members are exclusively Korean War veterans, be authorized to distribute these Ribbons to those who merit due recognition accordingly."

Accordingly, Dick Adams has announced as follows: the Executive Council will be consulted but basic rules to be followed are these: any interested member will be asked to send a copy of his Form DD-214 plus two dollars for handling and shipping, to: whatever address will be decided upon. The Executive Council will establish procedures but it will be first come-first served.

**PLEASE NOTE:** annual dues for National KWVA are these: regular member \$15 per year. Associate member \$12 per year. Lifetime member \$150, payable either all at once or monthly; check with membership chairman.



### "SOMETIMES WE FORGET WHAT OUR PRIMARY PURPOSES ARE"

Dear Members: Sometimes we as members forget what the primary purposes of this association are:

1. Raising the awareness of the American people about the Korean War and those who served in it.

2. Raising and contributing funds for

establishment of the Memorial in Washington, D.C.

3. To seek out the truth about our 8179 M.I.A.'s and 389 P.O.W.'s that did not return.

When I joined this Association in 1985 it was for the comradeship of my fellow Veterans that served during the Korean War. Since 1988, my first term as President, my entire life has been involved around the Korean War Veterans Association. The very sad thing is that we have about eight members that have lost sight of what this Association is all about. If they would put aside their petty peevs and begin to work together, they could add a lot to this Association.

Some members forget that I represent the entire K.W.V.A., not just one faction. Once a decision is made by the Board of Directors, then my function is to support their position and carry out their orders.

If we work together the growth of K.W.V.A. will be beyond anyone's expectations. If we recruited just one-percent of the eligible Korean War Veterans we would be the sixth largest Veterans group: with ten-percent we would be the third largest, only the American Legion and V.F.W. would be larger.

Also remember this is an election year for all Americans; each of us as a Veteran can do our part by voting.

A. Vote to put people in office who care about Veterans.

B. We must press Congress for a full accounting of our P.O.W./M.I.A.'s from Korea.

C. We must press for high quality health care for our Veterans; thousands are turned away every year.

In closing I would like to thank all of you for your dedication and hard work in support of your Association.

Dick Adams  
President

### THERE WILL BE VOTING BY MAIL

The Reno convention directed that in the first issue of Graybeards each January (starting 1993) there shall be a call for elections to fill whatever offices will become vacant that year. Balloting will be by mail.

See details on pages 6 and 10.

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THE HARDEST THING ABOUT MILKING COWS  
IS THAT THEY NEVER STAY MILKED

## TAPS

*They died before we built the Memorial; we will remember them:*

LEONARD H. LA TOUR; June 1992; Spencer, MA. 8th Army  
1948-1952.

NORMAN VALOIS; June 1992; Worcester, MA. 45 Div 279 Inf  
Regt 1951-1952.

FRANCIS A. WALKER, SR.; June 1992; Spencer, MA. U.S.  
Navy.

ELWIN R. TAYLOR: "My husband Elwin R. Taylor became a  
life member and was proud of it. He displayed a decal  
everywhere and showed everyone his membership card  
#1283, and the certificate sent him by KWVA. I would like  
you to know that on July 11, 1992, he passed away. I know  
his memory of the Korean War Veterans Memorial made him  
very happy. --From Mrs. Martha Taylor, P.O. Box 493;  
Sanborn, NY 14132."

EIKO GOLDTHWAITE: Beloved wife of Larry Goldthwaite;  
RFD 1, Box 247; Westmoreland, NH 03467. She suffered a  
heart attack during her stay at the Reno reunion and died on  
July 30. "That would be good if you put EIKO in the  
Graybeards. Some of the fellows had met her and would like  
to know. My son came out there to Reno and we brought her  
ashes back. Thank you all for your kind thoughts," wrote  
Larry.

CHARLES A. ALBRECHT: member of the Northeast N.Y.  
Chapter died at age 71 on July 30th. Charlie was an Air Force  
veteran of both WWII, where he flew 76 missions as a B-24  
pilot, and also returned to the service to pilot a B-29 on 26  
missions over North Korea.

DALE A. NIELSEN; Rt. 2, Box 172; Baudette, MN 56613.

RAYMOND TAUSZIK; P.O. Box 65; Montpelier, ID 83254.

PAUL DOTTER; 133 La Plata; Santa Barbara, CA 93109.

CLIFFORD G. CUMMINGS; July 21, 1990; Fairmont, MN.

JAMES E. NOSS; Cleveland, OH.

JAMES L. CORRIGAN, JR; Southampton, NY.

E. G. ACAR; March 7, 1992; England.

DENNIS L. LOCKETT; July 16, 1992; Richton Park, IL.

HAROLD A. TURNER; Feb. 8, 1992; Blue Ridge Summit, PA.

DALE A. NIELSEN; Baudette, MN.

JAMES J. COBB; Miller Place, NY.

CHARLES W. REIDLINGER; Duncannon, PA.

MARVIN HOWLING WOLF; Parshall, ND.

JOHN H. HARTMANN; Wainscott, NY.

CHARLES EDWARD KARST on Friday, July 17, 1992 in New  
Orleans, Louisiana of cancer. He served in Air Force  
Intelligence in Korea. A graduate of Jesuit High School,  
Tulane University and Loyola Law School. Ed was Mayor of  
Alexandria, Louisiana from 1969 to 1973. One of Ed's  
favorite quotes was by Moliere - *"It is not only what we do,  
but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable."*  
We are better men for having known him.

DAVE ECKERT; July 6, 1992; St Louis, MO.

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Two P.O.W.'s, with whom I have been acquainted along  
with their families, have passed away. They are:

JAMES J. KALMUS; R.A. 16331156; Co. "L" 224th Inf. Regt.;  
Died 11-20-1956 due to service complications.

DONALD L. ANDERSON; R.A. 16331162; Died Oct. 1990,  
buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

I would like to see their names in the newsletter for the  
family history and any other POW who might have known them. I  
am still in touch with both families. Thank you--WILLIAM H.  
MUTART; 24701 Wood; St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.



**F.Y.I.** The letter following is from Pres. Dick Adams to Art Patterson; P.O. Box 327; Stillwater, NY 12170. Immediately following that is a letter from Art Patterson to Dick Adams, the Board of Directors, and sundry others. These letters are printed because the membership of KWVA should know exactly what is going on in your organization.

Dear Art—Your letter of August 7, 1992, was received on August 11, 1992. Your position requires a prompt response.

You asked my intentions. Here they are:

I intend to have your position brought before the Executive Council as soon as possible. The resolution of the issue is their prerogative, not mine.

I intend to present your letter to our members in the "Graybeards". It is my belief that we must address this constant conflict and demand for attention on the part of a few members.

Your approach indicates your disbelief in the innate fairness of our members, particularly your sending copies to Jack Murray, the Attorney General and the Cooperation Commission.

To help the Executive Council and our members evaluate your position:

1. Please tell us why you sent a copy to Jack Murray?
2. Please tell us who in the Attorney General's and the

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Stillwater, New York 12170

518-664-5521

Mr. Richard L. Adams, President  
Korean War Veterans Association  
Post Office Box 127  
Caruthers, California 93609

August 7, 1992

Dear Mister Adams:

Please be advised that I am writing this letter to challenge the results of the elections and the conduct of other business at the Membership Meeting of the Korean War Veterans Association, July 26, 1992, at the Nugget Hotel, Sparks, Nevada 89431. The meeting over which you presided, and which was chaired by Mr. Blaine P. Friedlander, was invalid because the absence of a quorum.

Therefore, the results of the meeting - to include any elections or the conduct of any other business, are equally invalid.

The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., is a not for profit organization incorporated under the laws of the state of New York, June 25, 1985. Section 608(a), Article 6 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York prescribes the numbers of members required to be present to constitute a quorum. The text of Section 608 is attached for your information.

Please note that the law states that when the By-Laws of an organization fail to address the constitution of a quorum, the quorum is then defined as a majority of those eligible to attend and vote at the meeting, - in other words, one more than one-half of the members eligible to vote. The By-Laws in effect at the time the July 26 meeting was called to order identify a class of members known as Regular Members as those who are eligible to vote.

The actual number of Regular Members whose dues accounts are paid up to date as of the meeting was not reported at the meeting nor was any listing of members eligible to vote on the issues before

Corporation Commissions office received your letter and your purpose.

3. Noting you did not complain before the election, why did you wait until now to raise the issue? If you had been elected would you be complaining now? Please explain.

4. It is also noted that you do not identify those with whom you consulted and that we heard rumors of your action on August 6, 1992. Please tell our members the names and addresses of those involved.

5. Lastly, assuming you are correct, how do we handle the first seven reunions, particularly, those Council members elected at the earlier time?

Cordially,

*Dick Adams*  
Dick Adams, August 17, 1992  
National President

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the meeting present at the meeting itself. However, the report presented at the meeting by Mr. John R. Murray, who attempted to perform an informal audit of the Association books at your request, indicates that the number of Regular Members could be as low as 6,200. That number will do for the purposes of the following discussion.

If the number of members eligible to vote at the meeting were 6,200, the constitution of a quorum, according to the laws of the State of New York, for the July 26, 1992 meeting would have been 3,101. By no stretch of the imagination could the number of Regular Members physically present, or represented by proxy at that meeting have reached that number. In the absence of a quorum, the votes taken by the organization during the meeting have no validity, and the results of the elections and the conduct of other business of the meeting must be set aside.

I will be pleased to continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors, at least until a valid meeting can be conducted and a proper election can be held.

Please advise me of your intentions in this matter before the end of the current month.

*Arthur T. Patterson*

ARTHUR T. PATTERSON  
Member, Board of Directors  
Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

CF: Members, Board of Directors, KWVA  
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Mr. Richard Alexander  
Mr. Emmet L. Benjamin  
Mr. Hansel C. Hall  
Mr. Billy R. Smith  
Mrs. Kathleen Wyosnick  
Mr. Blaine P. Friedlander  
Mr. John R. Murray  
Attorney General, State of New York  
Corporations Commission, State of New York

### our thanks go to . . .

NEIL FRIEDER, Editor and columnist for THE STAR-BEACON of Ashtabula, Ohio. His column of July 19 was a heart-touching commentary on why Neil is "mystified that very little attention is given to the fact 89,470 Americans are unaccounted for" in WWII, the Korean War, and the Viet Nam War.

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### and our thanks also to . . .

The Town of Tewksbury, MA for publicly honoring each of its known 80 veterans of the Korean War. Edward C. Fonseca; 1268 Main St., Suite 193; Tewksbury, MA 01876 said: "Each veteran received a citation from the town, plus a citation from the State House of Representatives presented by Rep. James Miceli, and also a citation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts signed by Gov. William Weld. We Korean War veterans give a 'hats off' salute to our town for being one of the first around to bestow this long overdue honor. Thank you Tewksbury."

### A FEW WORDS SAY IT ALL

The outstanding Master of Ceremonies at our annual banquet last July 27 in Reno was Col. (USA Ret'd) Lloyd L. "Scooter" Burke, 1st Cav, recipient of the Medal of Honor. The following letter was left for him by Col. Robert M. Hall, MD, who presented his medic seminar at the reunion:

"Dear Scooter: You were a superb M.C. tonight — and it was a very moving evening. This is an absolutely first-rate organization. Thanks for the recognition. That was very nice of you.

"I have to leave early in the morning so will leave this at the desk. My best to you and your lovely and gracious wife. Hope we meet again soon. Sincerely, BOB."

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To which all of us add our deeply-felt THANK! to you, Scooter!



# OUR MISSING IN ACTION



**CPL DOUGALL H. ESPEY, RA12118373,  
M.I.A. 2 NOV 1950  
"L" Company 3rd Battalion 8th Regiment  
1st Cavalry Division**

Cpl DOUGALL H. ESPEY RA12118373 was reported M.I.A. on 2 November 1950 having been shipped to Korea in Sept. 1950. He was attached to L company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Div.. His unit engaged Chinese Communists from 2-6 Nov 1950 which is when he became missing.



On 31 December 1953 the Dept of the Army presumed him to be dead because they could find no trace of him. He was posthumously promoted to Sergeant and awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Doug was twenty one years old, 6'5" with blue eyes and chestnut curly hair. His right front tooth was missing and he wore a one tooth plate.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew Doug and could help clear up the mystery. Our parents are both deceased but my sisters and I would appreciate any information. Thank you. —MARIAM F. ESPEY (Sister; USAF Nurse June 1951 to April 1956, now retired). 4909 Church Rd.; Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054.



**JOSEPH JAMESON  
M.I.A. NOV 28 1950**

"I seek information on Joseph Jameson (not sure of spelling) who was an enlisted man with a USAF Tactical Air Control Party which consisted of an AF officer, 2 radio operators and a radio mechanic. On or about the first week of November 1950 his TACP unit exchanged assignments with my TACP. I went south and his unit was attached to the 1st Bn, 31st Inf Regt, 7th Div.

"I have not seen nor heard of him since soon after that. I was told by an AF major that he was wounded and was last seen crawling across the ice on Chosin Reservoir. His officer, a Lt. Johnson, was killed on or about Nov 28, 1950. Anyone who can help, please contact me: LOUIS V. JERIN; 669 Joralemon St, Apt 2-A; Belleville, NJ 07109.



**PFC. NICK CAVALIERO, K.I.A.  
CO. E, 15TH REGT, 3RD DIV**

Killed in action Oct. 3, 1951. His 87-year-old father would like to hear from anyone who knew his son. Please contact: BOB VERHASSELT; 85 Deerfield Rd.; Wayne, NJ 07470.

**USAF CAPT. JAMES SWAYNE WILSON, JR.**

**M.I.A. 4-12-51**

I am trying to get in contact with anyone who might have known my father:

Capt. JAMES SWAYNE WILSON, JR. USAF.

Date of Birth: 9-21-21. Place of Birth: Memphis, Tennessee.

Last known seen: 4-12-51, just south of Yalu River, North Korea, Navigator, B-29, 19th Bombardment Group, 93rd Squadron.

Crew Members: Lt Col Douglas H. Hatfield, Capt. Richard H. Simpson, Lt George Aaron, Lt Elmer T. Bullock, Mast Sgt Robert W. Jones, Sgt Robert W. Bevans, Sgt Ralph Elsmann, Jr., Sgt. Louis H. Bergmann.

Two of the crew members made it back to the US. Sgt. Bergmann was seen in a POW camp but never repatriated.

Immediately prior to being stationed in Okinawa on March 30, 1951, my father was in navigator training at Waco, Texas, I think this was at James Conolly Base. During WWII, sometime between 10-29-44 and 2-27-46, he was stationed in Guam flying B-29's. Between WWII and the Korean War he was in the reserves, living in Memphis, Tennessee.

I welcome correspondence or phone calls from anyone with knowledge of my father or any of his crew members or their families. I would also like to communicate with anyone stationed in any of the duty areas when he was there. Our governmental agencies are being completely evasive on sending me information or answering my questions.

My father's name was on the list Senator Smith released in June, 1992. This was a list of POW'S taken to Russia during the Korean War.

—PATRICIA W. (PAT) DUNTON; 4422 Haverhill Lane; Corpus Christi, Texas 78411; home phone 512-854-9645, or work 512-884-5678; Fax # (512) 888-5555.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In connection with her search for news of her father (see above) PAT DUNTON has corresponded with the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. It comes as no surprise that the agency has not been of any noteworthy help. That attitude is, unfortunately, too typical of many of our taxpayer-paid-for government agencies. Here is her letter.

Patricia W. (Pat) Dunton  
4422 Haverhill  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78411  
(512) 854-9645  
Work (512) 884-5678

National Personnel Records Center  
9700 Page Blvd.  
St. Louis, Missouri 63132-5100

August 30, 1992

Dear Sirs,

In reference to my TWO formal requests under the Freedom of Information Act, (1) letter dated July 7, 1992, (2) completed standard form 180-106 dated July 27, 1992, your response is legally insufficient under the statutes of the Freedom of Information Act and unconscionable by any moral or ethical standards.

The Certification of Military Service your agency sent stating that my father served from November 29, 1942 to September 17, 1944, and was honorably discharged that date with the rank of Aviation Cadet in no way represents his full military record. There are laws against this type of misrepresentation and not only the public sector is bound by them.

Your Informal Information Reply, Form NA Form 13045, does not suffice as a full accounting of reasons why my father's records are not available to me. You form refers to 'an alternate records source'. I suggest your office again contact that 'alternate records source' for complete information. I also demand that I immediately be notified in writing as to what this 'alternate records source' is and why I as primary next of kin to a soldier missing in action am not allowed access to that source and whatever documents that source has.

Your agency's blatant disregard for the Freedom of Information Act and your total lack of sensitivity to the family member of a MIA only serves to confirm my belief that my government is more concerned with keeping the truth from the public than they are in responding to the needs of our citizens.

The National Personnel Records Center was designated the depository for the records of the men who have fought and served for our country. Your gross mishandling of those records and flagrant abuse of requests for those records maligns and dishonors the dignity of those whose sacrifices deserve our highest respect.

Attached are copies of my original FOIA request by letter, the form 180-106 I sent to you and a list of persons to whom I am sending a copy of this letter.

I expect your immediate, full compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Very sincerely,





**PFC THOMAS ALLAN DUFFEY**  
**M.I.A. DEC 1950**

2nd Platoon, Company F, 2nd Bn. 7th Inf Regt. 3rd U.S. Army Inf Div: seeking information on PFC THOMAS ALLAN DUFFEY, ER16217052. Tom was listed as MIA at the battle of Huksu-Ri, North Korea sometime between 1-4 Dec 1950. If you have information, no matter how minute, please contact me: PETE ROSE; 26 Pilgrim Rd.; Braintree, MA 02184-6004.



**PFC CHARLES EMERSON BYERS**  
**M.I.A. 10 JULY 1950**

I count being a member of the Korean War Veterans Assn. my benefit from serving in the war. You are to be commended for the fine job that you do. I would like to hopefully receive information on a friend of mine, whose last address was on a letter received dated June 18, 1950:

PFC CHARLES EMERSON BYERS; RA 12349627; Co. D. 21st Infantry Regiment - 24th Division; APO 24-1. His father was informed he was missing in action as of July 10, 1950, in a letter from the Army dated August 24, 1950. He left Japan for Korea about March 29, 1950.

Charles, a native of Fort Plain, N.Y. took basic training at Fort Knox, KY. after he had enlisted in November of 1949. He was shipped overseas on March 15, 1950.

In a March, 1954 letter from The Office of the Adjutant General's Office Wm. E. Bergin, Major General, his father was informed Charles had died of Malnutrition on December 27, 1950. This information was received by the Adjutant General's Office through a repatriated prisoner whose name and address was: PFC Wayne A. Johnson; 1821 Lyn Drive; Lima, Ohio.

No answer was received to letters written to Johnson. The Byers family never received any information concerning their son's capture, place of death (outside of being informed from the Office of the Quartermaster General, dated April 9, 1954 from John D. Martz, Jr., that his remains would be returned home) and his remains were never brought home.

It is the hope of those who remain of his family and friends that someone may belong to this association, may read this column and give information so that unanswered questions will finally be answered about an 18-year-old youth who believed in his country enough to enlist in its Army and died serving it.

Please contact: Donald R. Oakley, 10 1/2 Stewart St., Amsterdam, N.Y. 12010.

## THE GROUND-BREAKING JUNE 14

"Although I was dismayed and disgusted at the report on ground-breaking, I was not surprised. After returning from Korea at the same time the 28th Div (PNG) returned from Germany, we who wore the windmill or any Korean divisional patch were begrudged barracks space or mess room at Indiantown Gap. No one cared then, why should they remember now?" —BEN SMITH; Box 128 Fishing; Roulette, PA 16746.

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"You wanted to know from readers what they thought of the June 14 groundbreaking, was it too soon, a political move to use the Korean veterans. YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT, that is my opinion... Now they say the Memorial may not be ready until 1995; what are they building, the Taj Mahal? This Memorial is not for us who are still here but for those who paid the supreme sacrifice. . . . Let us who are still here speak out for our comrades. . . tell them we want the names placed on the wall."

—LOUIS GASPARINI; Oakwood Dr.; Brewster, NY 10509.

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On the "ground-breaking": "Yes, George Bush knows how to use people. George Bush at one time was head of the C.I.A. so he knows all of the dirty tricks to use. After all it's an election year. Promise the vets anything, at least until now." —JACK JONES; RR 2 Box 310; Emporium, PA 15834.

## IT IS MY FEELING . . . THE MEMORIAL MUST SHOW THE TOTAL COUNT

"As I understand it, currently, there are no plans to have the Korean War Veterans Memorial engraved with the total count of Americans who served in the Korean war on the front lines, and behind the front lines, June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953, 5,700,000 (according to records) as well as the number of casualties suffered and the number of battle deaths. It is my feeling that the Korean War Veterans Memorial would not be complete without these vital counts engraved on the Memorial to convey, forever, the true soul integrated within; the cost in sacrifices, sufferings and lives lost on the front lines, and behind the front lines, in pursuit of peace and freedom.

"Obviously, not providing for these vital counts to be engraved on the Memorial was an unfortunate oversight. Since correcting this oversight will not involve any major design changes in the Memorial, and correcting this oversight is very important, I'm sure The Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board and the various commissions will have no problem in taking the necessary steps to provide for the counts mentioned in paragraph one to be engraved on the Memorial, while allowing space, and money needed, for future engraving of any counts that are not now complete and ready for engraving on the Memorial.

"After 40 years in waiting, and \$16 million in contributions from the public and our veterans for their Korean War Veterans Memorial, we will look forward to the good news that the vital counts, as referred to in paragraph one and two will be engraved on the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

"I am writing to you, since I feel that many veterans do not know that these vital counts may not be engraved on their Memorial. Anyone wishing to express their feelings on the matter can write to: Robert L. Hansen (Exec Dir), KWVMB; Dept. of Interior, Room 7023; 18th and C. Streets NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

If so desired, a copy can be sent to: Colonel Wm. Ryan, Jr.; American Battle Monuments Commission; 20 Massachusetts Ave., NW; Washington, D.C. 20314.

—MRS. ELIZABETH HARTZELL, 8-24-92. (No address, by request).

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING VOTED CHANGES IN OUR BY-LAWS

The Korean War Veterans Association annual business meeting in Reno, Nevada on July 26, 1992 made significant changes in our By-Laws. One major change now provides a mail ballot for future elections of officers and members of the Board of Directors at the national level.

### THERE WILL BE VOTING BY MAIL

It was directed that in the first issue of Graybeards each January, there shall be a call for elections, in a statement signed by the National Secretary. The Call shall name the Chair of the Nominating Committee along with correct address.

### SEE BY-LAWS, ART. III, FOR DETAILS

Deadline for filing of candidates shall be stated as midnight of March 15 postmark. If that date falls on a Sunday, the next day, the 16th, shall be deemed as deadline date.

Candidates for office shall submit a written letter of intent along with a resume or description of qualifications, for publication in the April Graybeards. Letter will state the office sought. A suitable photograph of candidate must be included. Candidates MUST include a copy of their Form DD-214 with written release permitting verification and possible publication.

A release form will be included in the January call for elections.

Each candidate shall then mail the personal package, by certified mail, to the designated address, to avoid all questions of acting by stated deadline time.

Every member of KWVA may choose to run for office.

An official KWVA mail ballot will be devised, with all names of known candidates. That ballot will be printed in the June Edition of Graybeards.

The ballot design and wording will be under supervision of a CPA appointed by the Executive Council. All ballots returned by mail ON OR BEFORE JULY 10 will be counted by the CPA who will certify the result in the presence of the members attending the annual business meeting.

Your mail ballot vote must be mailed on or before July 10, as will be stated on the official ballot.

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### QUALIFICATION DATE MOVED BACK TO 1945

Among notable changes voted into By-Laws by the July 26 convention was to change the date for qualification for membership. Because the United States had armed forces on duty in Korea before June 25, 1950, and those same forces were among the very first to be involved in the North Koreans' invasion, the dates now read: "from September 3, 1945 to January 31, 1955;" etc. Please see the new By-Laws, Art II, Sec B.-1. (On page 10).

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Dick Adams is asking each chapter to now appoint a By-Laws chairman and send that person's name to: Hansel C. Hall; P.O. Box 14646 Un St.; Minneapolis, MN 55414. Hansel will be the National coordinator of Chapters incorporation.

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The full By-Laws—as amended—are printed on pages 10, 11, and 12 for your information.

Only one general in recent history has been known to apologize for his actions — Gen. Patton in Italy, WWII. Why should we expect any explanations in full for the Memorial delays, mixups, and high costs?

## HERE ARE RESULTS OF ELECTION IN RENO JULY 26

Officers for 1992-1994 were elected on July 26 at the annual business meeting, held in Reno, Nevada. President: Dick Adams was re-elected. First Vice President: Nick Pappas was elected. Second Vice President: Harry Wallace was re-elected.

On July 6, 1992 a letter of resignation was tendered by Wes Worsham, who had been appointed last February 13 to temporarily fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Warren Avery. (See letter on page 13).

Therefore, a new director, Richie Alexander, was elected to finish the 1991-1994 term of office.

Four others were elected to the Board of Directors for the term 1992-1995. They are: Kathleen Wyosnick (re-elected); Hansel C. Hall of Minnesota; Emmett Benjamin (re-elected); and Billy Smith (re-elected).

## A REBUTTAL TO TWO GENTLEMEN AT MEDICAL SEMINAR, 7/27/92

*"STAN: A subject of medics injuring the patients was brought up at the Medical Seminar in Reno, by two gentlemen in the audience. I was too upset to find the words to reply to them at the time. If you noticed, I did not wear any Badge or ribbons at the banquet on July 27; it really hurt. I don't want to start a prolonged hassle but would like to say the following:*

"Sirs; I wish to convey my regrets to everyone who was hurt; wounded or otherwise. I would like to tell my experience in the Army and how I became a Medic.

"I was drafted along with thousands of others. Sent to Ft. Dix, N.J. where I trained for 16 wks. as Infantry and came out with a Heavy Weapons M.O.S. I have a good friend from Maine who took the same training.

"When we left Ft. Dix we went to Japan, Camp Drake. Here we were sent to Eda Jima, Japan to take a 4 wk Medical Aid Man's Course. This consisted of training to stop bleeding, splints, head and chest and stomach wounds, and fast evacuation.

"We were both sent to B Co. 32nd Regt. 7th Div. where our first real test of combat came the morning of 23-March-1953.

"The 1st Batt. was sent up to retake Old Baldy. A-Co lost all its Medic and most of its men. B-Co Medics, myself and my buddy, were sent to retrieve the wounded, the dead. To do this we had to cross two (2) un-marked Mine Fields.

"After completing this task, Co. B- was sent up the hill. We returned up with them through out the fight for the hill.

"At the end of (4) four days I was assigned to detail to return to the trench between Westview and Baldy with Infantrymen and Korean workers to dig out (5) bodies from under a blown-out bunker. This was done in the dark, digging with our hands and shovels, with only flares and explosions for light. The infantry kept us covered while we worked.

"I returned to my Co. later to find only a handfull left; and I had been reported MIA for 3 days.

"Later I was told that myself and my buddy were recommended for the Silver Star for Valor but the committee's decision was we were only doing our job. We received no awards of any type.

"During this time I am sure we may have caused some pain but I feel our deeds and compassion helped to save many lives."

—LE ROY M. STUCKER; 7 Crawford St; Port Jervis, NY 12771.



### KOREAN WAR VETERANS COMMITTEE OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.

Rm 1002, 100 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02202 (617) 723-1716

Voting for the election of Officers to be listed on the nomination slate will be conducted at our scheduled meeting of September 20, 1992 1:00 pm, Saint James Church (Hall), Route 9 (East), Wellesley, MA.

House Resolution 5607, a Bill that would provide matching state funds up to \$175,000 towards the construction of our Massachusetts Korean War Veterans Memorial is on the Governor's desk. It is a line budget item contained within the FY 1993 budget. It is subject to the Governor's approval and signature of the budget — or line item veto. The office of Senator Robert D. Wetmore has confirmed that the budget and HR 5607 have been signed.



"Then I said, 'Major, you know what you can do with this desk job!'"

WALTER D. HINRICHS; 1182 Emerson Lane; Bensalem, PA 19020  
— sent this cartoon from LEATHERNECK magazine.

### NEW P.O.W./M.I.A. CHAIRMAN ASKS FOR YOUR HELP

"To all Chapters and Members-At-Large:

First, I would state my qualification as chairman: I served with "B" Co. 35th R.C.T. 25th Div. We were ordered to Korea in early July, 1950. On November 27, 1950 I was captured at Ipsop, Korea and spent the next 33 months and 4 days as a Prisoner of War.

In order to keep an orderly program I would like to request that all chapters send me the name, address and phone number of your P.O.W./M.I.A. chairman. I will try to get us going in one direction and have unity in our organization.

I am in contact with about 2000 other former Prisoners of War and some may or may not know some of the killed or M.I.A. With your help in working together we may be able to obtain information about some of our M.I.A."

—HARLEY J. COON; 2439 Lantz Road; Beavercreek, Ohio 45434 (513) 427-9445.

### CENTRAL LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

P.O. Box 835; Bayport, NY 11705.

Their interesting (always) newsletter advises of their third annual dinner dance to be held Oct 9. Contact their office if interested.

From their "POW/MIA Corner" (Irene Mandra, Chairlady) came this:

"Can we afford this? Our own children need these education monies. What about the vets whose educational funds have also been cut?" She then explained further:

"Please write to Wayne Peterson, copy to your Senator and Congressman. Mr. Peterson is in charge of the \$300,000 allocated for thirty scholarships for VIETNAMESE who will study in the U.S., fifteen in 1992 and fifteen in 1993. Since when do we reward those who still hold OUR LOVED ONES or their REMAINS, some for more than twenty years. The address is: U. S. Information Agency, 301-4th Street S.W., Suite 238, Washington, D.C. 20547. Telephone #202-619-5405."

TAKE THE TIGER MOUNTAIN BY STRATEGY  
A Modern Revolutionary Poem

People of Spadra, AR.  
I was born in Spadra, AR.  
I enlisted in the U.S. Army  
in September 1949. I am  
still alive. I am sick, and still  
a P.O.W. in North  
Korea. W. C. East  
RA 10281000

"PLEASE HELP  
ME. I AM SICK  
AND STILL A  
PRISONER OF  
WAR IN  
NORTH  
KOREA.  
PLEASE HELP  
ME, PLEASE."

This was a part of the letters and a post card supposedly written by Wildon Chasten East, a Private missing in action since September 1 1950. His relatives in Arkansas believe him to be alive. An agency of the Department of Defense is investigating the correspondence, but the FBI believes it to be a hoax.

### THE FACTS AS WE KNOW THEM

In late June or early July (1992) the family of Wildon C. East received correspondence, purportedly from East. This consisted of a business sized envelope with a post card inside. The writer claimed to be Wildon C. East, a POW, sick and in need of help. This was the first heard from East since September 1, 1950, the date he was listed missing in action.

East's family referred the correspondence to the office of their Congressman, John P. Hammerschmidt (R-Arkansas). The matter was then referred to the MIA-POW Shop at the Department of Defense. While the DOD and FBI were investigating the case, the pleas was publicly announced at the National Alliance of Families around the 23rd of July, 1992. The FBI is investigating possible fraud.

The phrase, "Remember Hudson Harbor," was written on the envelope. Efforts to clarify the slogan or ascertain its significance have not been successful.

It is further known that Wildon East was listed as missing on the list of over 8,100 servicemen unaccounted for during the Korean War.

The DOD has apparently consolidated its investigation under control of one official, and want to have a short period of time to bring together all the known facts to reach a responsible position.

When informed of the story, Harley Coon, the KWVA chairman for POW/MIA matters, said: "There is a strong possibility this affair is a hoax. In any event it seems to me that we should quietly let the federal authorities continue their investigation into the whole thing. The North Korean Army is known for their brutality and I do not believe we want to create more difficult conditions for this man. My concern for the safety of all who might live under similar conditions is based upon personal experience. I was captured at Ipsop and spent the next 33 months and 4 days as a Prisoner-of-War."

Harley Coon was elected on August 1 as the new president of the Association of the American Korean ex-Prisoners Of War.

Coon added: "If you knew Wildon C. East as a member of E Company, 38th Inf Regt, 2nd If Div in Korea from Aug 19 to Sept 1, 1950, please contact me." address: 2439 Lantz Road; Beavercreek, OH 45385. Or phone 513-426-9645.

**SEND GRAYBEARDS one of your combat photos  
for publication and return to you afterwards.**

# DECISIVE BATTLES OF THE KOREAN WAR

An Infantry  
Company  
Commander's View  
of the War's Most  
Critical  
Engagements



**Lt. Col. Sherman W. Pratt,**  
U.S. Army, Ret.

This work about critical phases of the Korean War is written by a participating observer, which makes it unusually realistic and authentic as a chronicle of that historical struggle. It should be considered must reading for war and history buffs who seek a greater understanding of the importance of the Korean War in the country's history.

The writer's comments will likely be warmly embraced by many but may be vigorously opposed by some, who may strongly disagree with his conclusions. The author, Lt. Col. Sherman W. Pratt, U.S. Army, Ret., highlights three points in the war that he feels were particularly critical in determining the outcome of the American and United Nations efforts.

In two of these the author was personally involved as a company commander in a rifle company of the 2nd "Indianhead" Infantry Division, and thus he writes from his own experiences. His combat background also includes service as an infantryman with the army's 3rd Infantry Division in World War II in campaigns from French Morocco to Tunisia, Sicily, Salerno, Cassino, Anzio, Southern France, and into Germany.

Colonel Pratt is aware of and concedes that there were countless other actions throughout the war by his and other divisions and units that were bloody, cruel, painful, and costly. He argues, however, that most of them, regrettably, did not contribute decisively to the survival or final results of the UN effort and certainly not to the extent of the turning points he describes here.

It is usual, and understandable, that vets from nearly any military unit in war will feel that their outfit bore the brunt of the battle and played the most indispensable role. They especially should find Colonel Pratt's argument fascinating, challenging, and thought-provoking, as well as informative, historically captivating, dramatic, and, in places, humorous.

Col. Pratt now lives: 1512 S. 20th St.; Arlington, VA 22202.

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AS a veteran, you know the price of freedom. Think of what is happening to your country — and cast a vote in November, even if it is a protest vote.

## THE CIRCUIT-RIDING COMBAT CHAPLAIN BY FRANK GRIEPP, Chaplain, 7th Cav Regt, Korean War



During a short lull in combat, Chaplain Griep conducts a service for 1st Bn 7th Cav, just below a ridge line near Ochon-ni, Jan 30, 1951.

Colonel Griep spent 13 years on active duty with the chaplain Corps of the United States Army. For specific acts of ministry in the Korea War he was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" for Valor.

This journal answers the question: "What does a chaplain do to support the troops in combat?" He walked enough trails with the troopers, and climbed enough hills up and down the length and breadth of Korea to earn the title "The Circuit-riding or Hiking Combat Chaplain."

This book is available from author Frank Griep, at 3505 Coolheights Drive; Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274. Price is \$9.95 plus two dollars for postage and handling.

"Actually the author recorded his individual experiences on a day to day basis while serving first as battalion chaplain and later as regimental chaplain of the 7th Cavalry Regiment, during the Korean War, 1950-51. He accurately writes of those dates and places that emphasize the many turmoils and hardships that existed during combat operations.

"His factual comments reveal the account of a combat Chaplain's insight into various pressures that confront the front line soldier. The book evaluates those stresses of combat and the reactions of the soldiers who experienced the battle conditions which so severely tried their souls. It also throws light on the confusion of war and the difficult task of visiting and ministering services to combat soldiers. Many times Chaplain Griep was able to accomplish his mission only by exposure to the most severe conditions of terrain, weather and combat.

"Numerous combat photos taken by the chaplain or his assistant illustrate the story. I highly recommend the book," said Lt. Ed Daily, Platoon Leader, H Troop, 7th Cavalry, a combat soldier who was in the same unit at the same time as the chaplain.

### THIS IS A PERSONAL OPINION

On page one is a story that says one million people are expected to flood Washington, D.C. on Nov 11 to observe the 10th anniversary of the Viet Nam War.

Those people will be there — on full media coverage — honoring the memory of their loved ones who died in wartime service for our nation.

Do you — the Korean War veteran — need anything else to tell you just what powerful emotions are brought out in a human soul at the sight of KIA/MIA names on a granite wall?

Are you — the Korean War veteran — still going to sit and say nothing and watch our own Memorial be built with no names and no dates and no numbers and nothing to tell the American people how you and your dead buddies served?

—STAN HADDEN; P.O. Box 131; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.



### KWVA REP BOUND FOR SEOUL

Last October 21, 1991, the KWVA applied for membership in the International Federation of Korean War Veterans Associations. That IFKWVA is composed of representatives of every nation that fought under the United Nations banner; qualifications are rather rigid in format.

On May 26, 1992, KWVA Pres. Dick Adams received a formal invitation to send our representative — as an observer — to the October meeting. Following is an excerpt of a letter from Kyoo-tek Ahn, Sec.-Gen. of IFKWVA:

"I have the honor and pleasure to extend a cordial invitation to you or your duly designated representative to attend the 9th Executive Council meeting to be held in Seoul, Korea October 26-31, in an observer status. The expenses for hotel accommodation and meals during the afore-mentioned period in Seoul will be borne by the Korean Veterans Association."

The Korean Veterans Association is the Korean equal of our own KWVA. Adams announces that the KWVA representative will be our newly-elected First Vice President, Nick Pappas of Delaware.

### "YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHED BLOOD TO BE WOUNDED"

Fellow Veterans of America's Forgotten Victory:

The Pusan Perimeter, Inchon, Yalu, Chosin, Hungnam, Heartbreak Ridge, Han River, Punch Bowl, Iron Triangle, Old Baldy, and Porkchop Hill. There were many more hills, names, and places, many personal "No Name Places and Battles" that we encountered at a tender age.

How about hearing screams like "Medic, Ammo, Incoming, Here they come, bugles, whistles, and Oh my god I am hit, a lot of things are said and done in the heat of battle, some will stay with us for life.

We all did not serve on the ground; we also had Mig Alley, the sea, the stress felt on a flyer as he came in at 500 MPH, the thought did he drop the napalm short, how about the man at sea sending in 2000-pounds shells 20 miles out, the stress did he short-round.

Certain noises, odors, jets overhead, the cold and snow of winter, seeing a mountain or hill, brings you right back to Korea. If you have flash backs, drinking or drug problem, can't sleep at night, and if you cannot get the war out of your mind after 40 years you have a problem. You could have "POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER DELAYED"

The place to go is the Mental Clinic at the nearest V.A.; they will treat you. They will not come to you; you must go to them. They know about it and are treating and awarding compensation for it.

Thank you. —KENNETH TARADASH; Telephone (407) 496-0283. 31st FA BN and 31st Inf Regmt; 7th Inf Div, Korea 52.

### June 1993

#### Predicted

#### Date for

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#### Approval

#### Says VFW

This is taken as-is from the August 1992 VFW Magazine.

VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary recently donated \$12,500 for "I am A Flag" posters and booklets that were distributed at the June 14 groundbreaking ceremony for the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the nation's capital. Final design approval for the memorial is expected by next June. VFW is a top donor to the memorial fund with over \$607,000 to date.

**FLASH NOTICE: The Eddie Lyons Chapter in Florida is planning their annual reunion to be held aboard a cruise liner September 4, 1993. Contact JOE D. FIRRIOLO, Pres.; 15158 NE 6th Ave.; Miami, FL 33162. Or call 1-800-942-8728; ask for Nancy Andreu (was USMC) and tell her you are a vet and interested.**



"This is our second and newest POW/MIA hot air balloon with the addition of an American eagle breaking its chain from the barbed wire — symbolizing the freeing of our American MIAs from their captivity. Freedom Flight continues to need the support of KWVA and will continue to keep the POW/MIA issue alive. Thank you for the great newsletter." —JAMES R. TUORILA (President and Pilot); Freedom Flight, Inc.; P.O. Box 7606; St. Cloud, MN 56302-7606. Phone 612-252-7208. (NOTE: On September 25-27 the balloon will fly for the National Ex-POW convention in Evansville, IN).

### GREATER CLEVELAND AREA CHAPTER

Editor Frank Aleksandrowicz produces an informative and easy-to-read newsletter from chapter offices located at 17800 Royalton Road; Strongsville, OH 44136.

In the "Awareness" column was this:

On April 25, 1962 President Kennedy signed Executive Order 11016 awarding the Purple Heart to those held as prisoner of war **after that date**. The problem is simple — there are still over 68,000 former prisoners of war from World War I and II, and Korea who are being deprived of the Purple Heart because of the indignities of being a prisoner of war for many years **before** a certain date.

Citizens: please show your patriotism and remember those so neglected. Take a pen or pencil and write to President Bush and ask him to issue an Executive Order, as Commander-In-Chief and Chief Executive of the United States, to rectify this inequity and injustice.

Write or phone your Representative in Congress and your two Senators. Ask them to co-sponsor S-1175, HR-2248 and to support an Executive Order for the Purple Heart for all ex-POWs.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
BY-LAWS  
EFFECTIVE: 0001, JULY 27, 1992

ARTICLE I  
OFFICE

The principal office of the corporation shall be located in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. All communications shall be directed to the office.

The corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of New York, as the Executive Council may determine.

ARTICLE II  
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS. Membership in this association shall consist of Honorary Members, Regular Members, and Associate Members.

A. HONORARY MEMBERS. Any person of good character may be elected as an honorary member by the vote of the Executive Council.

B. REGULAR MEMBERS.

1. SERVICE IN UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the armed forces of the United States, said service being within or without Korea, but during the Korean War era (September 3, 1945 - January 31, 1955), or who, as a member of the armed forces of the United States as defined by U.S.C. Title 10, served honorably in Korea from February 1, 1955, shall be eligible for membership. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability, so long as the individual meets the service requirements.

2. CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR. Any Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, so honored for service in Korea during the Korean War era shall be eligible for life membership.

3. PRISONER OF WAR. Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans or Chinese or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward shall be eligible for life membership.

4. UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AND KOREAN ARMY. Any person who served honorably in the armed forces of the United Nations Command or in the Republic of Korea armed forces during the Korean War era and thereafter shall be eligible for membership.

5. GOLD STAR MOTHERS. Any woman whose son was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War shall be eligible for life membership.

6. GOLD STAR WIVES. Any woman whose husband was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War shall be eligible for life membership.

7. APPLICATION. Any person qualified for membership as set forth above may present a written application to any member in good standing on a form prepared and approved by the Executive Council. The application shall be an agreement that said applicant will agree and abide by and conform to the Charter, By-laws and regular procedures of the Korean War Veterans Association. The application, when accompanied with the dues as set forth below, may be accepted by any Chapter, Department or National Office.

8. VOTING RIGHTS. Each regular member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

9. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. The Executive Council, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Council, may suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing, and by a majority vote of those present at any regularly constituted hearing. The Executive Council may, without a hearing, but upon notice to the member, suspend or terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership for non-payment of dues as set forth hereinafter. No Chapter or Department may take any action against a member, but may petition the Executive Council for such action, provided, however, that any such petition shall show that service of said petition upon the member complained about was given on or before the filing of the petition with the Secretary of the Association.

10. RESIGNATION. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but said resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

11. REINSTATEMENT. Upon written request signed by a former member and filed with the Secretary, the Executive Council, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Council, may vote to reinstate such former member to membership on such terms as the Council may deem meet and proper.

12. TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP. Membership in this Association shall not be transferred or assigned.

C. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. 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 Charter and By-laws shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the Association.

D. INELIGIBLE. Any person who has been separated from the service of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Armed Forces of any member of the United Nations

Command or the Army of the Republic of Korea under conditions other than honorable and who did not serve honorably, shall be ineligible for membership in this Association.

SECTION 2. DUES

A. AMOUNT OF DUES. Payment of dues is a condition of initial or continuing membership. Dues shall be \$15.00 per year for regular members. Honorary members, Medal of Honor members, POW members, Gold Star Mothers, and Gold Star Wives may pay dues but are not required to do so. Associate members shall pay \$12.00 per year.

B. LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES. Life membership dues shall be \$150.00.

C. PAYMENT OF DUES. Payment of national dues shall be paid at the national office. All dues shall be due and payable on the anniversary date of said membership. Life dues are to be paid in no more than six (6) consecutive quarters. All dues collected by a chapter shall be paid to National headquarters within twenty-one (21) calendar days of such collection.

ARTICLE III  
ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

SECTION 1. OFFICERS. Members eligible to vote shall elect a National President, National First Vice President, and National Second Vice President prior to the annual meeting to be held every year, and the term shall be for two years in accordance with the procedure set forth hereinafter. The National President elected at said meeting shall appoint a National Secretary and National Treasurer during the annual meeting, which offices may be held by one person. Other officers shall also be appointed, to wit: a Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian, MIA-POW Chair, Public Relations Chair, assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, as well as other officers as needed. Only the Secretary and the Treasurer positions may be held by one person.

SECTION 2. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. The national corporation shall have an executive council consisting of twelve (12) members, each elected for a three year term, and four of whom shall be elected annually by the members eligible to vote prior to the annual meeting.

A. VOTING. All votes shall be by a majority of members in attendance voting.

B. QUORUM. Six members of the Executive Council shall make a quorum. If there is not a quorum, the meeting shall be continued until a quorum is present.

C. OPEN MEETING. All members of the corporation may attend the meeting of the Executive Council. If there is a need, and an attendee is so invited, such a member may address the Council. Only members of the Council may vote.

D. SPECIAL MEETINGS. The President or six members of the Council, upon written two-week notice giving the time, place and agenda of the meeting, may call a special meeting.

E. BUSINESS WITHOUT A MEETING. Any member of the Executive Council may conduct business without a meeting if there is a conference telephone call, or each member is contacted and acquiesces, which is then followed by a written resolution signed by each. Any such action must be ratified at the next meeting of the board.

SECTION 3. NATIONAL ELECTIONS. The election of the National President and two National Vice Presidents, as well as four members of the Executive Council, shall be conducted as follows:

A. Each regular member shall have a vote for all national officers. Each member shall cast only his or her vote. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

B. The National Secretary shall issue a call for an election which shall be published in the Graybeards in the first issue following January 1 of each election year. The call for election shall state the offices and that any qualified member may announce for said office. The call shall state the Nominating Committee Chair's name and address; the address for collecting the submitted declarations of candidacy; all deadlines for declaring and for voting; and the procedures to be followed in filing for office. The notice shall be on the front page of Graybeards. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three people including one member of the Executive Council who shall serve also as Chair.

C. No later than March 15 each year any person seeking to run for either President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, or an open seat for Director shall make his or her intentions known to the Chair of this corporation in writing in the following form:

1. A certified letter of intent to run for office and designating the office sought;
2. A resume or other description of qualifications for office;
3. A photograph suitable for publication; and
4. a readable DD 214 with a release for verification.

D. This information shall be sent by Registered Mail to the name and address of the Nominating Committee (see also Section 3, Paragraph B., on page 4). The Nominating Committee Chair shall then certify that the candidates are qualified to stand for office. Their declarations in full shall be then sent by the Nominating Committee Chair to the editor of Graybeards for publication in the following June issue of Graybeards; those declarations may also be published in earlier issues of Graybeards should they have been submitted in a timely fashion.

E. The editor of Graybeards, working with proper officials, shall prepare and publish a ballot for printing, which shall appear in only the June issue of Graybeards. No other ballots will be honored or accepted.



## BY-LAWS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

F. The member shall cast his or her ballot by marking thereon his or her choices and returning the official ballot by July 10 to the specified address where a Certified Public Accountant shall count the ballots and render a report at the appropriate time and place at the annual meeting each year.

**SECTION 4. TERM OF OFFICE.** All elected and appointed national officers shall have a term of office of two years and shall take office on the 27th day of July each second year and shall relinquish said office on the 26th day of July of the election year. There is a two-term limit on the number of terms one may serve in any individual office.

**SECTION 5. REMOVAL.** Any officer elected or appointed to any office, chapter, department or national, may be removed by the Executive Council whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Association would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the official so removed.

**SECTION 6. VACANCIES.** Any vacancy in any office for any reason whatsoever may be filled by the Executive Council until the next election for the unexpired term of office.

**SECTION 7. POWERS AND DUTIES.** The several officers shall have powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified in resolutions or other directives of the executive council. In the absence of such specification, each officer shall have the powers and authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of the officers of the same title serving in nonprofit corporations having the same or similar purposes and objectives as this Association.

The duties of the elected and appointed officers shall be as follows (the use of the masculine gender in the following paragraphs should be taken to mean either masculine or feminine gender):

**A. PRESIDENT.** The President shall perform the functions conferred upon him by these By-laws and shall generally be responsible for the execution of the policies and programs decided upon by the Executive Council. He may appoint standing committees and ad hoc committees composed of members at large to assist him in the execution of his duties. He shall have the power to call meetings of members of the Association at the Korean War Veterans Reunions and shall preside at such meetings, and he may call for meetings of the Executive Council over which he presides. He shall recommend to the Executive Council any action he considers necessary and proper for the welfare of the Association. All documents which shall be legally binding on the Association shall be signed by the President, except in the case of disbursements by check or draft from the funds under the Association account of the Association, or to an account managed by it; such checks or drafts will be signed and endorsements made by the Treasurer.

**B. VICE PRESIDENTS.** The two Vice Presidents shall assist the President in the performance of his duties. The First Vice President has seniority, and in the absence of the President shall serve as, and have the powers of, the President. In the absence of both the President and the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, whose term of office shall be for two years, shall be responsible for the Membership of the Association. The Second Vice President shall be responsible for the Association Reunions held during his term of office.

**C. SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Executive Council. He is responsible for the management of the day-to-day business of the Association, and shall perform all administrative duties required of him by the President. He shall be responsible for recording the minutes of meetings of the Association and shall keep records of the Association. He shall maintain communications with the membership and reunion committees, offering assistance as required to publicize their actions to include assisting in development of Charter Groups and in making arrangements for reunions. Thirty days prior to each reunion he shall submit to each officer and member of the Executive Council an agenda for the Association Business Meeting and an agenda for the Council Meeting. He or his deputy shall be Editor of the Association bulletin and from material provided by the members and other official and unofficial sources, shall maintain quarterly communications with all members on matters of general interest, with specific attention to Korean War Veterans activities and Chapter news. In the performance of his duties, he may hire clerical or other assistance for the proper and expeditious conduct of the Association affairs, as authorized by the Executive Council.

**D. TREASURER.** The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Executive Council. He shall be responsible for collecting dues and other monies in behalf of the Association and for making timely and proper disbursements from the funds in his charge. He shall maintain custodianship of certain funds and shall prepare financial statements for publication at Korean War Veterans reunions. At the direction of the Executive Council, he shall be bonded.

**E. CHAPLAIN.** The Chaplain shall conduct the Annual Memorial Service to honor the members of the Korean War Veterans Association who were killed in action, or died of wounds as a result of hostile action and to memorialize Association members who are deceased. He shall work closely with the Reunion Chairman and the Secretary and Treasurer and perform such other functions as requested by the President.

**F. HISTORIAN.** The Historian shall prepare an annual history of the Association and be responsible for obtaining news releases and other material pertinent to the maintenance of a Korean War Veterans Association historical record. He shall perform other duties as requested by the President.

**G. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.** The President of the Association shall be chair. Members shall include the Immediate Past President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Directors. The Council shall formulate policies and supervise the execution thereof. It shall have at least one stated meeting during the Annual Reunion preceding the Association Business Meeting, and one immediately following the Business Meeting. It shall meet at other times as required and called by the President, and may vote by mail upon call by the President. It shall establish rules for itself and its internal committees and is responsible for orderly and timely actions between its regular meetings. The Executive Council may make rules as to the manner of notifying its members of business meetings and as to dispensing with such notices in the case of Council members who are not within the convenient traveling distance of the place of the meeting. No person shall receive any salary for services as a member of the Executive Council or the services as President or Vice

President. The Executive Council may, from time to time, establish fees for services of Secretary or Treasurer. The Executive Council shall have the control and management of the affairs, property and funds of the Association and shall decide the policies of the Association. The term of office of members of the Executive Council shall be concurrent with their term in the office which qualified them for membership on the Council.

**H. COMMITTEES.** There shall be two types of committees, to wit: (1) Standing Committees, and (2) Special Committees. Standing Committees (1) shall include the following: Budget and Finance, Membership, Memorial Scholarship Award, Nominations, Resolutions, and Reunion Site. The membership thereof shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Executive Council for a term of one year, and subject to yearly reconfirmation from the membership at large, except that the chairman of each standing committee shall be chosen from the current membership of the Executive Council. Having thus been chosen, he will continue to serve for the full term regardless of his status as a Council member.

The Special Committees (2) shall be appointed by the President as needed, and shall serve at his pleasure. Such committees include, but are not limited to: Publicity, Reunion Operations-Current Year, and Reunion Operations-Future Years.

The duties and responsibilities of each committee are defined in the charge issued to that committee.

**SECTION 8. INDEMNIFICATION.** Each officer, elected or appointed, and each member of the Executive Council of the Association now or hereafter serving as such, shall be indemnified by the Association against any and all claims and liabilities to which he or she has or shall become subject by reason of serving or having served as such person for all legal expenses reasonable incurred by him or her in connection with any such claim or liability, provided, however, that no such person shall be indemnified against, or be reimbursed for any expense incurred in connection with, any claim or liability arising out of his own willful misconduct or gross negligence. The amount paid to any officer or director by way of indemnification shall not exceed his actual, reasonable, and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the matter involved, and such additional amount as may be fixed by a special committee appointed by the executive council. This right of indemnification herein-before provided for shall not be exclusive of any rights to which any director or officer of the Association may otherwise be entitled by law.

#### ARTICLE IV ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

**SECTION 1.** The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on July 26 of each year at the place of the Reunion.

**SECTION 2.** The selection of the site of the reunion shall be at the recommendation of a Time and Place Committee, agreed to by the Executive Council, and ratified by a majority vote of the annual meeting.

**SECTION 3.** Elections of National Officers shall not be conducted at the annual meeting, but in accordance with the Article III, Section 3.

**SECTION 4.** The vote on all other matters shall be decided by regular members in good standing in attendance at the annual meeting. Proxy votes will not be used.

**SECTION 5.** A majority of those attending and voting shall determine all issues.

**SECTION 6.** Where all members are given notice of the meeting, one hundred (100) members in attendance shall constitute a quorum.

**SECTION 7.** A special meeting of the corporation may be called by a thirty (30) day written notice by the President, or over one-half of the Executive Council, or ten (10) percent of the regular members in good standing by affixing their names to a petition for said meeting. The business of the meeting shall be described in the notice calling for the meeting, which shall also state the time and place of the meeting.

#### ARTICLE V DEPARTMENTS & CHAPTERS

##### I. DEPARTMENTS

**SECTION 1. LOCATION.** Each United State (50), United States Territory (American Samoa, District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), as well as a Department(s) for the nations of the United Nations Command and Korea, shall be designed as a Department upon the establishment of two or more certified chapters within said department.

**SECTION 2. INCORPORATION.** Upon the certification of two or more chapters within a department, an organizational meeting shall be called adopt by-laws not inconsistent with these by-laws and make application to the appropriate authority for a certificate of incorporation for a corporation known as Department of \_\_\_\_\_, Korean War Veterans Association and to prepare for a Department convention and election during the month of June next occurring.

**SECTION 3. OFFICERS.** Each Department of the Korean War Veterans Association shall elect a Department President, Department Vice President, Department Secretary and Department Treasurer during the annual meeting for said Department to be held prior to the end of the month of June each year. The results of said election shall be transmitted forthwith to the National Secretary. The President shall appoint all other officers and committees as needed. No person may hold two elected department offices, except for Secretary and Treasurer, which offices may be held by one person.

**SECTION 4. DEPARTMENT COUNCIL.** The Department corporation shall have a Department Council consisting of the elected officers, the appointed officers and each Chapter President, or a member selected by the Chapter President.

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**SECTION 5. TIME OF ELECTIONS.** The election of department officers shall take place at the annual meeting of the said Department of the Korean War Veterans Association prior to the end of the month of June at a time and place agreeable to the several chapters and upon a minimum of sixty days written notice of said meeting, unless waived in writing by each chapter.

**SECTION 6. TERM OF OFFICE.** All elected chapter officers shall have a term of office of one year and each shall take office on the day of election.

**SECTION 7. VACANCIES.** Any vacancy in any elected office for any reason whatsoever may be filled by the chapter members at the next chapter meeting.

**SECTION 8. POWERS AND DUTIES.** The several chapter officers shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified in resolutions or other directives of the Executive Council. In the absence of such specification, each officer shall have the powers and authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of the officers of the same title serving in nonprofit corporations having the same or similar purposes and objectives as this Association.

## II. CHAPTERS

**SECTION 1.** A Chapter shall consist of twelve (12) or more members in good standing, but may grow to any size thereafter.

**SECTION 2. INCORPORATION.** Upon the certification to the National Secretary of his designee that twelve or more members in good standing or proposed qualified members, the proposed members shall be certified as acceptable members in good standing. The proposed membership for the chapter shall hold an organizational meeting which shall be called to adopt by-laws not inconsistent with these by-laws and make application to the appropriate authority for a certificate of incorporation for a corporation to act as a subsidiary of the Korean War Veterans Association and to prepare for an organizational meeting preparatory to the annual meeting on or before the June next occurring.

**SECTION 3. OFFICERS.** Each Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association shall elect a Chapter President, Chapter Vice President, Chapter Secretary and Chapter Treasurer during the annual meeting to be held prior to the end of the month of April each year. The results of said election shall be transmitted forthwith to the National Secretary. All other officers shall be appointed, as needed. No person may hold two elective offices except for Secretary and Treasurer, which offices may be held by one person.

**SECTION 4. TERM OF OFFICE.** All elected department officers shall have a term of office of one year and each shall take office on the day of election.

**SECTION 5. VACANCIES.** Any vacancy in any elected office for any reason whatsoever may be filled by the chapter members at the next chapter meeting.

**SECTION 6. POWERS AND DUTIES.** The several chapter officers shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified in resolutions or other directives of the Executive Council. In the absence of such specification, each officer shall have the powers and authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of the officers of the same title serving in nonprofit corporations having the same or similar purposes and objectives as this Association.

**SECTION 7. DISSOLUTION.** Chapters may be dissolved in accordance with the laws of the United States and the State of Incorporation. All property of the said chapter will be disbursed in accordance with the United States Internal Revenue Code and the laws of the state of incorporation.

ARTICLE VI  
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All meetings shall be conducted under the provisions of these By-laws and the Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (or most current issue).

ARTICLE VII  
AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

**SECTION 1.** Any proposed amendment to the Charter may be submitted by any regular member of this Association. The proposed amendment shall be read at the next annual meeting by the Secretary at which time it will lay on the table, be available for the consideration of the members and published in the newsletter, and voted upon at the following annual meeting. Adoption of all such amendments must be approved by two-thirds of members present and voting.

**SECTION 2.** By-laws may be amended by a majority of the Executive Council and ratified by the members at the annual meeting.

**SECTION 3.** Resolutions may be proposed to the Resolutions Committee no later than thirty days prior to the mid-winter and annual meetings of the Executive Council. The Resolutions Committee must present all resolutions in whatever order it desires and may comment favorably or unfavorably upon each. Rather than read the entire resolution, the Resolutions Committee may submit the gist of the proposal to the body. The majority of the members or delegates voting shall constitute approval and a directive for subsequent action upon the resolution.

END OF BY-LAWS

FROM THE DESK  
OF THE  
1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Members: I want to thank all for allowing me the privilege of being 1st Vice President of KWVA. Even though unopposed, I consider it an honor to serve you for the next two years.

KWVA was founded in 1985, by a small group of determined Korean veterans. Their objective was two-fold: (1) establish a national monument to memorialize the 5.7 million Americans who served in the Korean Conflict, especially those killed, missing or wounded in action and POW's. (2) ensure all Americans, present and future, would always remember the "Forgotten War." The first objective is now "fait accompli." Completion of the Memorial is now a federal responsibility.

We must now look beyond, to the second objective. All members who attended the Reunion, received a "White Paper", the platform for my candidacy. Included in that "White Paper", were 5 recommendations, broad in scope, to improve and stabilize our organization to effectively execute the aforementioned objective. The Executive Council has approved actions on parts of those recommendations; others are currently being finalized for presentation/approval/implementation during the Council's mid-winter business meeting.

As your duly elected 1st Vice-President and a member of the Executive Council, I consider the 5 recommendations a mandate and will vigorously campaign to have them all approved and fully implemented.

Implementation will require the support, of not only the Executive Council, but all State Departments, chapters and independent members affiliated with National.

Support is: (1) Mutual trust and respect up and down the Association's chain of responsibilities, and an abidance of by-laws and coherent decisions; (2) a forum for construction criticism, actions, recommendations and decisions to enable us to govern/manage our organizational infrastructure more efficiently and effectively; (3) closer coordination and cooperation between all elements of our organization to eliminate communicative errors/interpretations that create discontent and fuels disruptive rumors.

**REMEMBER!** We "Graybeards" have only a short time to complete our objectives, before KWVA goes the way of the "Dinosaurs" and the "Grand Army of the Republic".

Being 1st Vice President, a member of the Executive Council and a current State Department and Chapter President, places me in a unique position to represent all levels of our organizations. This will cause some conflict, but any actions or decisions I participate in will be for the betterment of the organization.

"Your voices will be heard", if in a constructive mode.

—NICK PAPPAS; 209 Country Club Dr.; Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

## WWII COMMEMORATIVE COIN ASKED FOR

A bill has been introduced in Congress asking authorization to mint a commemorative coin recognizing the 50th anniversary of WWII to help raise money for the WWII Memorial. Ask your senators to co-sponsor S-3195, offered by Senators Glenn and Thurmond.



## HERE'S HOW TO TELL KWVA OFFICERS WHAT YOU WANT DONE

The best way to place your request before the Executive Council is through a written Resolution. The Executive Council is made up of the three officers and the 12 Board of Directors members who have voting authority. Several appointed committee members are generally present at meetings but have no vote authority.

The Council meets at least twice each year: at the annual reunion in July (generally on July 24); and usually in mid-February at different locations around the country. Its members travel at their own expense.

It is requested that your proposed resolution be in the hands of the designated committee head at least 30 days before February 1 and thirty days before July 1. That will give the Resolutions Committee time to send copies to parties involved; to study your proposal; to reach a conclusion; and to prepare for presentation to the Executive Council for voting.

For 1992-1995 send your suggested Resolution to: Kathleen Cronan Wyosnick; P.O. Box 3716; Saratoga, CA 95070.

The Council may act upon a Resolution and may choose to place it before the July convention for final decision. Here is a suggested format to follow when you wish to send your proposal to the Council.

### A RESOLUTION

*WHEREAS (here put, in your own words, what you think is the present event or procedure that is causing the problem).*

*AND WHEREAS (here put additional explanation as you see necessary to clearly state the problem you want corrected.)*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED (here put your opinion of what is needed as official KWVA action to correct the problem).*

*Sign your name and full address, including telephone.*



## COMMENTS FROM A NEW DIRECTOR

THANK YOU for the opportunity to serve KWVA on the Board of Directors.

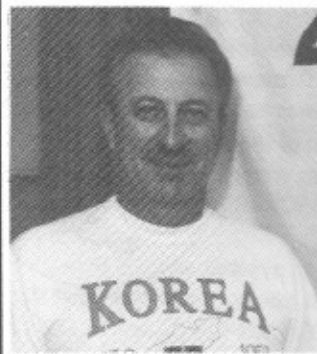
"I, like most of our members, believe that the voluntary, positive and cooperative effort of men and women of good will can fashion one hell of a good veterans organization. . . one that will perhaps serve as a model for veterans organizations everywhere. Because we are new and in transition, we have opportunities that the more established veterans organizations do not have. The challenges we face can be overcome by use of the same characteristics we exhibited in combat, specifically: good preparation, courage, confidence, stamina, perseverance and esprit de corps. Let's AIM HIGH AND DO IT.

"I plan to listen to individual members, to travel and recruit, speak out on the issues and conduct myself in a manner that serves the best interests of our organization.

Hopefully, when my term is complete, some members can honestly say, 'There goes a director who served well, who served unselfishly, and made a decent contribution to our organization.'

"I would be deeply honored if some member added, 'He had integrity and a sense of objectivity.'"

—HANSEL C. HALL; P.O. Box 14648 Univ. Sta.; Minneapolis, MN 55414-0648.



## COMMENTS FROM A NEW DIRECTOR

Thanks to those who voted me in as director. I will always keep in mind the best interest of the membership, in all matters that come before me. I hope the newly amended by-laws, especially the mail-in ballot section will help restore harmony to our organization. We lost a lot of good people over there during the war.

Now, we are starting to lose a lot of good friends because of failing health. It's too late in life to start fighting over silly issues. I pledge to work for a smile on everyone's face.

Now that our major goal of a national memorial is almost a reality, let's start thinking of some new ideas that will help keep us united. The next meeting of the Executive Board will be in February, down in Alabama. If there is anything on your mind, any idea or suggestion, write to me and I promise that I will submit your thoughts to those attending this meeting. Stay healthy, wealthy and wise.

Your friend, RICHIE ALEXANDER; 14 Wisteria Drive; Fords, New Jersey 08863. 1-908-225-2474.

## DIRECTOR RESIGNED JULY 6

Dear Dick:

Please accept this letter as my immediate resignation as KWVA Director, Judge Advocate, and Co-chairman of the P.O.W./M.I.A. Committee. I do not wish to run for re-election during the coming convention.

Recent conditions warrant this untimely resignation. When I was nominated and voted on by the Board of Directors I had sold my company and was semi-retired. However, recently I have entered into a new employment contract with the purchasers of Wes-Way Sprinkler Co. Inc. and I will not have the time to perform the duties of the KWVA positions from which I am now resigning.

I would like to thank you and the officers and directors for nominating and electing me as a director. I apologize for any inconvenience this resignation may cause you, the board, or the membership. I appreciate the support and co-operation I have received and I wish all of the officers and directors the best of luck.

I will remain a life member of the KWVA. As such, I do hope that the future will see our organization come more closely together with all members working together, pulling together instead of pulling apart, for the good of the KWVA.

Very truly yours,

—WES WORSHAM; Rt. 1 Box 1260; Kilmarnock, VA 22482-9801.

WANTED--Military Payment Certificates, Series 461. 10 cents and 5 cents. I need these two only, to complete a display. Please contact: Richie Alexander; 14 Wisteria Dr., 1-A; Fords, NJ 08863.

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"As for the author, as a fighting man, he writes that he had moments of fear, but the fear was invariably wiped away by the passion aroused by the fighting itself. At one point, for example, he was actually anxious to bayonet some of the enemy and he exulted as he saw Chinese troops crumbling before his machine-gun emplacements.

"LIKE ALL GOOD combat leaders, he was concerned constantly about the welfare of his troops. He saw that they had proper rations, that they had blankets when the weather was frigid and that they had everything needed to maintain high morale.

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Korea, 1951. The author, Sergeant Charles Winder, and two of his companions are caught behind enemy lines. They are force-marched for six days, suffering tremendous torture at night, with the promise of spending the rest of the Korean War in an enemy prison camp looming before them. With a remarkable surge of guts and glory, they escape their captors just hours before incarceration into a North Korean prison. Thus begins this fascinating and fact-based tale of how these brave men evaded the enemy and survived on their way back to their own lines and safety. The trek took forty-eight days. Forty-eight unforgettable days.

Charles Winder writes *Escape and Evasion* with a vivid storytelling ability, using stylish prose and suspense to create this unique presentation. While the story illuminates the saga of these men from August 1951 through October 1951, the memories that these harrowing events evoke in the reader of that time in our country's history are sure to affect every American. Mr. Winder brings all of his characters to life with the believability of the action and the true-to-life agony and heartache of war itself. Although he is the only surviving member of his group, he writes with the bold eloquence and fine sense of timing that breathes life into all those who have now passed away.

From its mellow beginning to its thrilling conclusion, this story is a captivating literary experience. In almost hypnotic fashion, the author Winder weaves his tale of intrigue and excitement while portraying his rich understanding of human nature and the tricks it can play in the heat of battle. The pace is fast and furious, the moments of glory and anguish real, and readers will be turning page after page to see just what happens next.

Flowing like a power river, *Escape And Evasion*, by Charles R. Winder, is highly recommended for its action-packed plot, realistic characters and energetic rendering. This story is only one of thousands occurring to servicemen throughout this "police action" war we fought, however, it is emblematic of the courage and honor of those who fought it. Read it and feel your chest burst with pride!

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR** Charles R. Winder was born in Morton, Texas, and he attended school in Morton and Lubbock, Texas, before joining the Army in 1949. After basic training and leadership school, he went through Airborne training jump school and Ranger training, eventually ending up in Korea in 1950 with the 4th Airborne Ranger Company. Wounded, captured and tortured by the enemy, he escaped with several buddies and evaded the enemy for almost two months while making his way back to safety. He was one of the most decorated soldiers in the Korean War, having been awarded the DSC, Silver Star, two purple Hearts, United Nations Medal, Korean Service Medal with six battle stars and the Synghman Rhee Citation.

After being medically discharged from service in 1969, Mr. Winder attended Texas Tech University, Eastern New Mexico University and Sul Ross State College. He earned a BA in Civil Engineering and became a general contractor until his retirement in 1989. He has written this book, in one sense, as a detailed account of the treatment of POWs in Korea, and most of it was written while the author was a patient in VA hospitals in La Jolla, California, and Amarillo, Texas. The author continues to be a lifetime member of the 4th Airborne Ranger Company Infantry Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the Korean War Veterans Association.

His greatest support comes from his loving wife of thirty-seven years, Betty. The couple have two children and one granddaughter. This is Mr. Winder's first published book.

Let me thank you for commencing the delivery of "The Graybeards", which I had not previously received since joining K.W.V.A. Stan, I hope you can give me some direction with an item that I am trying to locate. I'm told there is an item called a letterhead-type sticker but of course much smaller. Can you suggest any retail facilities you may have heard of? Thank you for any assistance and please contact me:—KEITH E. KRAMER; 4120 Parklawn Ave.; Edina, MN 55435.

## ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Anyone know whereabouts of Capt. PETER J. BORSIK, the CO of L COMPANY, 31ST INF REGT, 7TH DIV (later promoted to Maj.). Also, of Lt. Harry L. Corkill, the CO of COMPANY B KQMD KOBE, Japan 1948 (his home was Corpus Christi, TX). Also anyone that served with the 49TH FIGHTER 5TH AF in Taegu. If you know of these, please contact: Charles T. Lindsey; 6390 Southfield; Detroit, MI 48228.

7TH INF DIV — anytime. Anyone that served, please know that the 7th Div has a reunion every two years. Next one will be in 1993. If interested, contact: Perry V. Whitmore (Exec Sec); P.O. Box 16030; Little Rock AR 72231.

The U.S.S. DeHaven (DD-727), which was in Korea when it all began. Is there an association of former crew members 1949 thru 1952? I would appreciate your assistance. Contact: Charles A. Harrington (former RD2); 11833 Spring Grove Drive; Houston, TX 77099.

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1ST CAV DIV, 8TH REGT, 1ST BAT, COMPANY C — from 1948 - 1951. Would like to hear from anyone. Also would like to know the whereabouts of Gordon Erickson and Don McDowell. If you could help me in any way I would appreciate it. Contact: Russell S. Haye; Rt. 2, Box 743; Proctorville, Ohio 45669. Or call collect: 614-886-6877.

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68TH OR 69TH CHEMICAL SMOKE GENERATOR COMPANY: I would like to find out what happened to my outfit. We were stationed in Edgewood Arsenal, MD; then left for Korea in 1950. There we had to wait for our equipment to come in so spent most of the time in Pusan. We went to Kimpo Air Base and made napalm bombs. I was sent to Japan because I was sole surviving son, but we did volunteer to take vehicles to Sinizu, North Korea. Capt. Brower was our CO. If you can tell me anything, contact: Eugene Horton; P.O. Box 1; Remsen, NY 13438.

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I would like very much to contact JIMMY L. MACOMBER. His serial number was US 55345117 and he was in Burlington, MI the last time we heard from him in 1958. He knew my late husband, CHARLES DUKE, and recorded the song that Charles wrote titled "You might as well let me love you." Please contact: EVELYN DUKE; 8780 Barlow Lane; Lascassas, TN 37085. The biography on Charles will be in Vol. II of the book being printed by Turner Pub. Co.

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TWIN TUNNELS, OR CHIPYONG-NI: Author seeks veterans' accounts of those battles in Feb 1951. Col. Ken Hamburger, previous head of military history at West Point is writing a book emphasizing combat leadership in these campaigns. Anyone associated, combat area, support, artillery, medics, Air Force crews supporting. Please contact me at 42-C Wilson Rd.; West Point; NY 10936-1912. Or phone 914-446-5358. I am interested in diaries, letters, pictures, personal accounts written today, etc. if you want to include them. Thank you.

The United States deficit is about 3 1/2 trillion dollars. To help you understand how much money we owe, ponder this: one million dollars in \$1000 bills will make a stack four inches high. Our national debt — 3 1/2 trillion dollars stacked in \$1000 bills make a stack about 220 miles high.

## KWVA OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

546 Lindsay Rd.; Carnegie, PA 15106

412-276-5059 (night) or 276-5302 (day)

July 9, 1992: The Allegheny County Commissioners today commended the Korean War Veterans Association of Western Pennsylvania Chapter No. 1 for having faithfully performed their duty in response to National Policy in Korea from 1950 to 1955 and proclaimed July, 1992 "Korean War Veterans Month." They praised the Korean War Veterans Association of Western Pennsylvania for representing the 313,600 Korean men and women veterans residing in our community and seeking recognition for those who served and remembering those who did not return and may still be held captive.

EDWARD E. STEVENS (25TH Div), Pres of the Chapter accepted a special proclamation for the event.

The other officers are: Richard E. Kohler, (1st VP); Walter Emrich, (2nd VP); Lawrence Donovan, (Treas.); James C. Lillie, (Sec); John P. Malay, (Historian/Editor); John E. Meyers, (POW/MIA Officer); Bob Aubele, (Judge Advocate); Don Allen, (Qtr/Master); Bruce Carter, (Sgt at Arms); John Choma, Jr, (Sgt at Arms); Robert Pastorius, (Chaplain).

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

P.O. BOX 991418; REDDING, CA 96099

President: Paul Chamberlain. Vice: Bill Osenga.

We were well represented in Reno for the National Reunion. 18 members attended! The speakers were great, as well as the food. Elections went well and as we had hoped, our Dick Adams is in for another term, our own Kathleen Wysonick was re-elected as a Director. We sat together as a group and that is the way it should be. Our yellow caps, ties and white shirts received many compliments from people attending. We will report on the reunion further at the Chico meeting.

Wish we would have had a better turnout in Mt. Shasta, but had a good time anyway. It is always nice to get with our Northern members. Thanks to all who came and to Ray Ramsdell for all your footwork and effort you put out on the parade.

As you know, nominations and elections for our officers will be coming up soon. Please get your thinking caps on as we need good, dedicated men or women to fill these offices. Don't be afraid to get your feet wet. Each one of you is needed to make our chapter grow.

—BOB CREWS, Secretary. (916) 246-7552.

## LOUISIANA CHAPTER

At our August meeting the following officers were elected to serve for the 1992 year:

President: Lamar O. Hooks. Vice President: George L. Huhner, Jr.; Secretary: Milroy J. Beydler, Jr. Treasurer: Robert L. Hatfield.

Our correct mailing address is: P.O. Box 55321, Metairie, LA 70055.

Our congratulations to Dick Adams on again being elected President of The K.W.V.A.

Memorial Committee: It looks like we are well on our way toward obtaining a site for the construction of our local monument. Chairman Tony Birkel and Kim Rogers met with Mike Evans of the Jefferson Parish Zoning Department and Councilman Giambelluca. Both not only agreed to help us get approval for the Veterans Boulevard site but also pledged their support in helping make the monument a reality. The site we are trying to obtain is on the land located in the middle of Veterans Memorial Boulevard, one-half block west of the Causeway Boulevard overpass in Metairie Louisiana.



## ARE YOU OUT THERE?

I'm writing a book about **THE BATTLE FOR HILL 851** that the 17th (Buffalo) Regiment fought for and captured in late August and early September, 1951. I'm looking for eye witness accounts of that battle from the men who fought it. Also, I'm looking for these men who served during 1951 in the **3RD PLATOON OF I COMPANY OF THE 17TH REGIMENT**: Frank C. Bejar, Donald R. Harmon, Robert J. Holly, Christopher Musella, George C. Roberts, Holland P. Sanders, and Herman D. Sutton. Contact: Jack Dean, P.O. Box 428, Sterling, AK 99672 Phone #(907) 262-9769.

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Any Marine who served 1952 - 1953 **M.P. CO. HQ**  
**BTN, MARINE BKS**, Camp Pendleton, Calif., and any Marine  
who went thru Boot-MCRD San Diego, Plt #30 - 1950. (Write):  
**RALPH L. HICKS**: Box - 608; Wellington, Texas 79095.

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I am trying to locate former members of my **FIRE DIRECTION SECTION OF 'C' BTRY 780TH FIELD ARTILLERY BN.** that served in Korea 1951-9152. Edward E. Larkin, Richard W. Roberts, Daniel Scholler, Donald Milliman. I was operations Sgt in FDC and have been unsuccessful in locating any of the above. Please put in next issue of Graybeards in your "Are You Out There?" section. Thanking you very much, I remain; GEORGE J. ELLIS; 1020 Wildwood Pk. Rd.; Florence, AL. 35630.

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I am trying to contact the men in my Division for a Reunion. The **24TH DIVISION, 13TH FIELD ARTILLERY, A BATTERY**, that served in Japan and on to Korea on a LST in July of 1950. All correspondence should be sent to: Paul Wurzer; 886 Britton Road; Rochester, NY 14616; (716) 663-3153.

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Looking for members of the **581ST SIG. RAD RELAY CO** that served in Korea from Sept. 1950 to Jan. 1952. Contact: Raymond G. Bucci; 35 McDonald Dr.; Cohoes, New York 12047.

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Looking for members of **COMPANY M, 279TH INF REGT.; 45TH INF. DIV.** If you or any members know any person who may have been in the 279th Company "M" and a Sgt. called Blackie, or a radio operator who went by the nickname of Brooklyn. This was in Korea 1952/1953. I would like to get in touch with them. Also any one who knows the where abouts of any Company "M" group and this goes the same with Company "L" group. Contact: Max D. Baumbach; 1869 West 8th Street; Brooklyn, New York 11223.

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I want to find 3 of my buddies that I served with in Korea in 1950. They are; PFC. Edward Demoski, RA-19353943; PFC. Walter P. Gowen, RA-132922075; PVT Earl E. Larson, RA-16320723.

We served in A-1-32ND - 7 INF DIV. and the last time we were together was Nov. - Dec. 1950 at the "Chosin Reservoir".

If anyone knows their whereabouts please contact me,  
Donald F. McAlister; 115 Mills Ave., Stockbridge, MI 49285 PH  
517-851-8858.

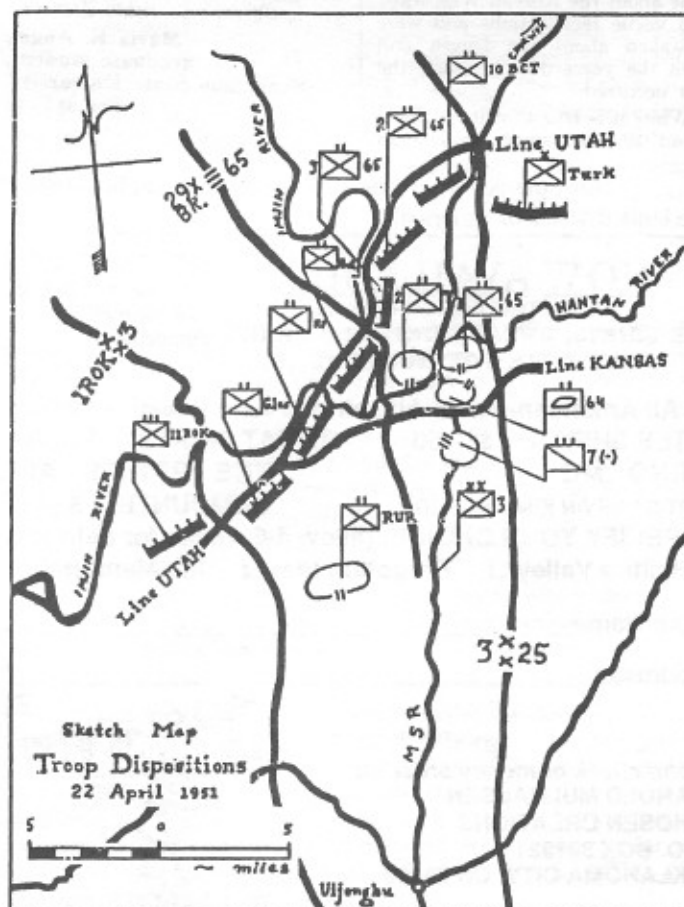
Keep up the good work Stan and I agree that the names should be on the "memorial".

## ARE YOU OUT THERE?



This photograph shows, left to right: Don Brodeur, Carl Herzog, and Bill McGuiness (me). Taken aboard destroyer USS Mackenzie DD-836 in Sasebo, Japan 1950. Don and Carl were radarmen aboard the Mackenzie and I was a radarmen aboard the USS Thompson DMS-38, a destroyer minesweeper. Both ships saw plenty of action in the Korean War and my ship got a unit citation. The three of us graduated from Ridgfield Park, NJ high school. Carl and I are looking for Don Brodeur. If you can help, please contact: Bill McGuiness; 524 Winne Ave.; Oradell, NJ 07649. Phone 201-262-0094. Any other crew members, please call.

Does anyone have an old Japanese or Korea map showing the location of a small village called Popsu-dong? It is not shown on my Korean maps. The family of CPL John Essenbagger, A Company, 1st Bn, 7th Regt, 3rd Inf Div is requesting location. John was awarded the CMH posthumously for his action at Popsu-dong on 25 April 1951. The town was within the 3rd Inf Div zone of action and more than likely near the border of the 29 British and 65th on the troop disposition sketch (see below). Any info you have would be deeply appreciated, contact me: PETE ROSE: 26 Pilgrim Rd.: Braintree, MA 02184.



## AMERICA: ARE YOU LISTENING?

You veterans: are you listening to the cries of anguish from other Americans? Are you listening to the pleas from children to save America? Are you listening to the pleas of KWVA to contribute to our TELL AMERICA program?

CHARLES A SHAW; 1051 N. Menard; Chicago, IL 60651, sent a news story reporting thoughts of a young student who had tried to make a class report on the Korean War. In case you have not been listening to our plea to support Tell America, maybe you will take about two minutes and read what this young lady said:

## Knowledge about Korean War is fading

28 CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1992

As part of an assignment, members of a historical policy analysis class at Sangamon State University in Springfield were asked to prepare a comparison of U.S. policy during the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Although information about the Vietnam War was plentiful and easily obtained through the most basic research, data regarding the Korean War was challenging to find, incomplete and sometimes inaccurate.

The group of seven students uncovered differing figures for the same engagements and had a difficult time assembling a complete picture of the Korean War.

Efforts were made to ask individuals who were adults at the time about the Korean War. Most had vague recollections and were mistaken about the length and even the years during which the war occurred.

While it is true that it has been about 40 years since the Korean

War occurred, it has been more than 100 years since the U.S. Civil War, and trivia as well as pertinent facts about this war are easily recalled by most of the populace.

The reason for this is simple—in addition to the information children learn in history classes, there are many historical sites and markers associated with the Civil War that anyone may visit.

A memorial to mark the Korean War would provide the opportunity for exposure to more information and foster greater understanding of the war.

Children and adults would be more aware of the sacrifices made by these veterans.

At last, they would be remembered with the honor, respect and gratitude they so richly deserve.

Maria K. Angel,  
graduate student,  
Sangamon State University,  
Springfield

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## BOOKS ABOUT THE KOREAN WAR

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By Edward Murphy

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"Korean War Heroes" tells the story of America's "Forgotten War" from a special perspective: the exploits of the 131 Medal of Honor recipients from the Korean War are woven into an anecdotal history of what actually happened, from the dark days of the Pusan Perimeter to the trenchwar stalemate at the end.

Author Murphy's narrative is fast-paced and exciting. He paints the "big picture" so vividly that the reader will easily grasp what happened during this agonizing and often confusing war.

But the heart of the book is the profiles of the Medal of Honor recipients. Men like Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, whose last-ditch defense of Taejon in which he personally fought oncoming North Korean tanks, and his subsequent captivity, are the stuff of legend.

Within each chapter, the stories of the heroes are told in expanded profiles. Throughout each chapter there are shorter, vignette-type profiles of other Medal of Honor recipients, giving brief accounts of their background and heroic acts. The result is an unforgettable view of the Korean War and of human nature in its finest moments.

Contact: Presidio Press; 505-B San Marin Dr.; Suite 300; Novato, CA 94945-1340. Phone 415-898-1081. FAX 415-898-0383.

*LET US NOW PRAISE FORGOTTEN MEN. . . and some there be, which have no Memorial; who are perished, as though they had never been. (Ecclesiasticus).*

*"Dear Sir: I am sending this poem I have written about the Korean War and Love Company. My father, DALLAS GRIFFITH, was in Love Company and told me what happened there. I was born when he was over there. This poem is for my Dad and all who served in the Forgotten War, and in Love Company."—JUDY KILLEN; 3075 Collins Rd.; Collins, OH 44826.*

### LOVE COMPANY

It's been a long time this war was fought,

But for those that were there

It will never be forgot.

Oh the names and the faces

buried in memory,

What will,

What pride, the Love Company.

Almost all were gone,

But to hold was a must.

Not once did you give up that closeness and trust.

When all was over and for those that walked away.

Still talk about the pride they felt that day.

For all were heroes

In this was fought so far away.

But God bless the men still living

And those in your memory of that brave and true,

The fighting Love Company.

*"THE WILLINGNESS with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportionate to how they perceive veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation." —George Washington, America's first president and Commander-In-Chief.*

The mid-winter meeting of KWVA National Council will be held about Feb. 14, 1993 near Pensacola, FL. If interested in attending, ask any Director or Officer





**SHE IS 85 AND WANTS TO KNOW  
IF HER SON'S NAME WILL BE  
ENGRAVED ON THE MEMORIAL  
KIA OCT 7 1952**

"Dear Sir: I am writing to inquire as to the Korean monument. I would like very much to know about the monument that will be finally built for Korean War vets. All I know is what I read in Graybeards. Will it have the names on the Memorial same as the Viet Nam one?"

"My son was killed in Korea. His name is SGT HOWARD RYAN serial number XC17072468. He was killed October 7, 1952. I have sent you all information on my son."

"Would you please write and let me know if the names of the men who were killed in the Korean War will be on the Memorial and when will it be finished."

"I hope I live long enough to see it. I am 85 years old come September 8, 1992." —ANNA DE ANGELIS, Gold Star Mother; President of Oceanside Chapter, Nassau County; 840 Uniondale Ave., Apt. 7-J; Uniondale, NY 11553-3345.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Those of us who have lost a child know the anguish in this mother's heart and soul. How can I explain to her that the bureaucrats and generals in Washington have set themselves up as supreme powers to deny her son's name a place in eternity? Why do we let bureaucrats/politicians take our children, destroy them, and refuse to acknowledge their service to our nation?*

*Graybeards receives many letters expressing anger over the handling of the Memorial, and the waffling by the bureaucrats charged with that sacred trust by the American people. Certain others object to our publishing anything more on the Memorial, but Graybeards feels obligated to continue reporting what the membership is telling us. Therefore, a few excerpts of letters from across the nation are shown here:*

"... That makes the \$500 my brothers and I put together for the Memorial appear to be less than puny. I must express my feelings. . . the names must be there. That is what memorials are all about. They can be put on the back side of the wall opposite those faces. . . I hope that all the changes have ceased and we can get on with our Memorial before we die of old age. . . who are they (the bureaucrats) supposed to be working for?" —WELLS B. LANGE; Box 339; Niwot, CO 80544.

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"While I'm at it I would like to mention that many, many vets are very unhappy that the Korean memorial will not have a visible listing of those veterans KIA, MIA, etc., and cannot understand the pigheadedness of the committee. Having an impersonal computerized listing is not the same. As much as the media has publicized the healing power of "The Wall" for the Viet Nam veterans, you would think they would understand this. It makes you wonder who the memorial is really for? Is there anything any of us can do to change their minds?" —DOLLY YOUNG; 115 N. Gibson; Oakland City, IN 47660.

**57TH FA BN DEC 6, 1950**

I am seeking MICHAEL YUROS and WILLIAM TILLERY. Both men knew my brother Cpl BEN H. DICKSON, M.I.A. Dec. 6, 1950. They all were in 57th Field Artillery Battalion. Please contact me, Ben's sister, at: MARTHA D. RUSSELL; 306 Old Walthall Rd.; Eupora, MS 39744. Or call 601-258-3469. Thank you

"It is obvious that the opinion here in Erie is that the names of all KIA/MIA/POW who died in prison camps should go on the wall of our National Memorial. . . . It would be nice if those people in Washington could get some plain old common sense in their heads for a change. Also not to make any reference to the Korean War or the dates it took place is rather ridiculous."

—ANTHONY PRESTON; 505 Colorado Ave.; Erie, PA 16505.

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"I still cannot believe we are spending \$16 million plus for a Memorial with not one name." —BILL HOTHAN; 515 Lowell Ave.; New Hyde Park, NY 11040.

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This excerpt is from a letter sent to Trent Lott, U.S. Senator from Mississippi: "For a long time now the monument effort has been bogged down by three different bureaucratic commissions, some having members who never served in the Armed Forces, but who have managed to spend three millions of our dollars. The point that enrages me and many other vets of that bitter war is the fact that the bureaucrats refuse to permit the inscription of the names of KIA/MIAs on the monument. Such posture is an outrage. Congress should DEMAND that these names be inscribed on the Korean War monument. Anything less demeans the veterans who fought and died." —KENNETH W. FAIRLY (former Sgt); 348 Wild Cedar Place; Brandon, MS 39042.

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"The American Battle Monuments Commission is a creature of Congress. If the Congress can't direct it in an advisory role, this country is in one hell of a shape." —KENNETH W. FAIRLY.

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"We know that the very people who refuse to put the names on the Memorial are those in charge of design and construction. I personally am forced to conclude that somewhere in the hidden activities of those bureaucrats' activities is a bunch of our donated dollars being traded for special favors. If we could ever find and prove such circumstances, a hanging party *a la* old Wild West would be promptly in order." —STAN HADDEN; P.O. Box 131; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

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"I just sent a letter to President Bush. We need to have the KIA/MIA names on the Korean War Memorial wall. I support your stand. Why not have a VOTE and see how many veterans in the membership are in favor of having KIA/MIA names on the Memorial?" —LEONARD CAPOZIELLO; 82 N. Princeton Ave.; Columbus, OH 43222.

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"I have been a member of KWVA about 21/2 years. When I heard that the names of our KIA/MIA would not be on the Memorial I could not believe it. I want to see my buddies' names on the wall — not in some computer." —JAMES A. ADKINS; 1903 Pump Rd.; Richmond, VA 23233.

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**BODY BAGS ANYONE?**

"Does anybody out there know where I can obtain a body bag (or several)? Demonstration facsimiles full size will do. Eventually will require approximately 54,000 — to wear with names of Korean War Killed In Action and Missing In Action to our Memorial dedication as Uniform Of The Day — if names of our KIA/MIA are not engraved on the Memorial wall." —PAT TEEVENS; P.O. Box 0395; South Rockwood, MI 48179.

## REUNIONS

**PLEASE NOTE** that *Graybeards* is normally published/mailed in January, April, June and September. The usual deadline for receiving your news story is about one month earlier. If you do not observe that deadline there is no assurance your notice will be printed — or if it will be timely for your purpose. —THE EDITOR.

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**1ST BATTALION 7TH MARINES** — former members who served in Korea from Inchon landing to March 31, 1951 are planning a reunion in Toledo, Ohio for September 10, 11, & 12, 1993. Contact William Cartledge; P.O. Box 21; Liberty Center, Ohio 43532-0021 (419/533-7861 Office) (419/533-4941 Home).

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**40TH INF DIVISION** — reunion, Thurs - Sun Sept 17 - 20, 1992. At the Nevele Hotel; Ellenville, NY 12428 (phone 800-647-6000). For information, contact: EDWARD LOWN; 210 Highland Ave.; Maybrook, NY 12543.

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**THE MOSQUITO ASSOCIATION:** members of 6147th Tac Con Grp 5th AF in Korea will hold annual reunion Sept 22-27, 1992. Possibly this notice will be too late for your action; contact Stephen J. Rooney; 3210 Balmoral Dr.; Sacramento, CA 95821 (phone 916-489-0476) for future reunions.

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**7TH INFANTRY DIVISION** veterans reunion and final salute to the Division at Ft. Ord, Calif. before it moves to Ft. Lewis Wash. The reunion will be at Monterey/Ft. Ord, Calif. May 31st thru June 3rd, 1993. Contact: Maurice Reeves; 7303 "H" St.; Little Rock, Ark. 72205 Ph. 501-663 4622.

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**19TH INF REGT, 24TH INF DIV** is looking for men who served Japan/Korea for reunion in Savannah, Ga., Sept 22-27, 1992. Contact Dick Stuben, 3560 Jackson St. #3, Omaha, Ne. 68105-1308, phone 402-345-8593.

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Recently, several World War II and Korean War Cruiser sailors got together and organized the **U.S. NAVY CRUISER SAILORS ASSOCIATION** and we are actively seeking members. Membership is open to all ship's company, Marine detachment and aviation division personnel that served or are serving aboard cruisers. Associate memberships are also available for past and present Navy men and women, reservists, widows of cruiser sailors and interested associate members."

For further information contact: RONALD J. MACIEJOWSKI, Secretary; 55 Donna Terrace; Taunton, MA 02780; (U.S. WORCESTER CL-144).

### THIS MIGHT ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO CAMPAIGN FOR KWVA OFFICE

"President Adams: I propose a fund be established to assist those called into the National Board Meetings. This fund would assist them in paying for transportation and hotel accommodations only. I feel too many of our members are denied the opportunity to become candidate for an office in this Board, for monetary reasons." Submitted by Paul S. Phillips, Pres. Mo. Chap. 1.



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If your payment is not received in about 45 days, we will be forced to remove your name from our mailing list and membership roll. Please do not let this happen!

### MISSOURI CHAPTER NO 1.

P.O. Box 190075; St. Louis, MO 63119

In observance of the 39th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, KWVA Missouri Chapter No. 1 held a special ceremony at the Korean War Monument in St. Louis' Forest Park on Saturday, July 25, 1992.

### CHAPTER EDITORIAL

As Americans, the actions of those we elect should receive our regular attention. As veterans, perplexed by sudden swings in law at all levels, we should remain constantly alert to developing directions that may threaten those things promised us during a national emergency. . .

We are approaching what may turn out to be the most important election of the century, as far as the common people go. With our billfolds riddled by the profligate excesses of the "Me" generation of professional politicians, we voters should abandon traditional party lines — whatever they may be — and consider the real issues. Not those phoney "sound bites" that will soon dominate the air waves, but the issues that affect our daily lives.

Consider your candidates carefully, on all levels. Look closely at those who would run the government for you, especially those seeking re-election. Do their soothing words today reflect their actions in the past?

Can you "read their lips"? If so, what are they saying?



## REGARDING THE "GROUND-BREAKING" AND NO REFERENCE TO KOREAN EX-P.O.W....

29 June 1992 Dear Stan; Would you please run this letter in the "Graybeard". Enclosed is a letter I wrote to Gen. P.X. Kelley, with support from other ex-Korean prisoners of war that were at the ground breaking.

As I understand at the first Ceremony we were not mentioned there either. We would just like to bring this to the attention of who ever put these ceremonies together.

Of the 16,500 MIA-POW and unaccounted for only 24% returned home. That's more than 76% of our MIA-POW and is the highest rate of any war.

They did mention the American Ex-Pow Association but we are a separate organization. Thanks —HARLEY J. COON; 2439 Lantz Road; Beavercreek, OH 45434. Ph. 513-425-3626.

### HERE IS HIS LETTER TO GEN. KELLEY

Dear General Kelley:

I was very pleased to attend the Ground Breaking Ceremony of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. on June 14, 1992.

The Ceremony was in itself a very beautiful occasion -- a long overdue remembrance of the Korean War Veterans.

I, along with other former Prisoners Of War were disappointed that you did not recognize our group. Out of 7400 Prisoners of War plus 8700 Missing in Action and 389 still not accounted for only 4000 came home. Most of us came home to shame because of the 21 Americans who did not want to return.

We were not treated like other Prisoners from other Wars. Most who stayed in the service of our country could not move up the ranks. The ones who returned to civilian life were often questioned by the F.B.I. Although there were many who deserved, not one American Prisoner of War received any citations. We not only had to absorb the physical torture, we had to resist the so called "Brain Washing" technique.

The wounded P.O.W.s received no medical treatment. Many men died from cold, starvation, and disease while others were just shot. When the dead were buried in unmarked graves on a lonely hillside in North Korea only the 23rd Psalm was said as their last rites.

We are not heroes but a group of soldiers who just did their job the best they could, most were sacrificed to protect the main bodies so a new line of defense could be established.

The Korean Ex-Prisoners of War are big supporters of the Korean War Memorial. All across the country, we collected and donated over \$13,000 to the National Memorial. All of this money was collected by passing the hat at our annual reunions. This may seem a small amount, but these guys gave not from what they could afford, but it came from their hearts.

I hope that in the future at the dedication of the Korean War Memorial we are not like the Korean War itself -- Forgotten.

—Respectfully yours, HARLEY J. COON; Co-chairman P.O.W./M.I.A. Committee, Korean War Veterans Association; Vice President, Korean Ex-Prisoner of War Association.

### HERE IS THE REPLY FROM ABMC:

Dear Mr. Coon:

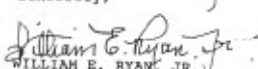
Thank you for your letter to the Chairman of June 18, 1992 and your kind words concerning the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Korean War Veterans Memorial. General Kelley is presently out of town and will be for a approximately two weeks.

The Korean Ex-Prisoners of War as well as the Korean War Veterans Association from the beginning have been great supporters of the memorial for which we are most grateful. General Kelley spoke warmly of the 26 veterans organizations which have given so much support to the memorial. Both the Korean Ex-Prisoners of War Association and the Korean War Veterans Association are among those 26 organizations. In order to maintain some brevity to the ceremony in deference to the President, who had just returned to the United States from Rio, the 26 veterans organizations were not individually mentioned. Insofar as the program material is concerned, only those organizations that donated money, material or services specifically in support of the ground breaking program were mentioned.

By the way, just six veterans organizations received the opportunity of a photograph session with the President. The Korean Ex-Prisoners of War were represented by Tom Lyke, your President, in the photograph taken with President Bush and the American Ex-Prisoners of War.

Please be assured that the Korean Ex-Prisoners of War have not and will not be "forgotten."

Sincerely,

  
WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.  
Colonel, Air Defense  
Director of Operations  
and Finance

## TO CLARIFY VARIOUS REVISIT TRIPS TO KOREA

—KATHLEEN CRONAN WYOSNICK ("Lt. Honey"); KWVA National Director 1992-1995; P. O. Box 3716; Saratoga, California 95070; Phone: 408-253-3068; Fax: 408-973-8449.

In 1979 The Korean Veterans Association (Seoul) arranged that the KVA would invite Korean War combat veterans to journey to South Korea for the purpose of seeing the economic recovery from the total destruction of war. The intent, in addition, was to express the gratitude of the Korean Government, KVA and citizens of South Korea to the people who came to their aid.

The Program is financed in its entirety, with the exception of airfare, by the Korean Veterans Association, under the auspices of the South Korean Government. It includes all U.N. Military Personnel who fought for South Korea's defense.

In March, 1990 an exchange of meetings with Officers of KVA and KWVA evolved our present affiliation with the Revisit Program.

National KWVA President Dick Adams requested me to co-ordinate the trips with KVA and KWVA, which I have done in both 1991-1992 and, will do again in 1993.

*There are numerous and sundry other Korea Revisit Programs "floating" about and surfacing from time to time. National KWVA, KVA-Headquarters/SEOUL and I, DO NOT in any fashion, support, sanction or affiliate ourselves with them.*

On August 22nd, 1992, I received an angry phone call from KWVA Member, Art Manger, charging me and National KWVA with not supporting/promoting his Los Angeles - based Korea Trips, sponsored by Olympus Travel. My response was one of denial, as I have referred many of our KWVA Members to him. Further, I believe it is imperative that I clarify the correct facts of Art's Trips, as follows:

First, they are neither supported or sponsored by KVA-Seoul or National KWVA. Olympus Travel Trips have the flexibility of including ANY person who served, honorably, in the U. S. Military. Eligibility to return to South Korea, includes; the veteran's family members, those serving in a civilian capacity-Korea, National Guard units serving any where in the world during the period of 1950-1955 and, if I am correct, any Korean War combat veteran and family members who have previously been to Korea on the joint sponsored KVA-KWVA Trips.

Should you desire more information on Art's Revisit Trips, you may contact him: Arthur J. Manger, USN (Ret); Olympus Travel-Military director; 2528 West Olympic Boulevard; Los Angeles, California 90006; Phone: 213-487-0947; Fax: 213-487-5130.

I would like to stress, that on the above trips, you will NOT receive the Korean Medal Ambassador To Peace!! Otherwise, the Programs are very similar in nature. You will be guests at formal dinners, during one of which you will be presented with The Navy League Commemorative Medal, which I believe is South Korea.

It is my sincere hope that I have managed to contribute to your knowledge of the many Korea Revisit Programs.

**RUTH HADDEN (the editor's wife of 53 years) thanks all who helped make her first KWVA reunion one to remember and cherish. She also announces: "Our first great-grandchild, a boy, was born August 9, 1992 in Pensacola, Florida. Justin Patrick Woodburn weighed-in to life at 7 pounds."**

**IF YOU WANT IT PRINTED IN GRAYBEARDS, SEND TO THE EDITOR, P.O. BOX 131, HARPERS FERRY, WV 25425.**



These survivors met in Ft. Stewart, GA last June 18 and formed The Outpost Harry Association. Officers elected are: Martin Markley (Pres); Jim Evans (V-Pres); Jerry Cunningham (Sec-Tres); Dan Braucher (Editor); and Leonard Lassar (Medic). See story below and contact Dan at address shown. They have a roster available.

### OUTPOST HARRY JUNE 10-18, 1953 "HOLD AT ALL COSTS"

East of the Chorwon Valley there was an outpost called Harry with her sister outposts to the West called Tom and Dick. Harry was closer to and higher than the MLR. (Main Line of Resistance) For political leverage the CCF (Chinese Communist Forces) were attempting to take as many UN Outposts as possible before the soon-to-be ceasefire. (July 27, 1953).

The outpost was in the 15th Infantry area of responsibility and the 3rd Battalion had charge of the immediate sector and was manning the outpost with a reinforced company. If lost to the CCF the MLR would be in grave jeopardy so orders came down from 8th Army thru the 3rd Division to "hold it at all costs".

In the evening of June 10th, K Company, commanded by Capt. Martin A. Markley was hit by a large number of CCF after a tremendous artillery and mortar barrage. The CCF forces were estimated at a reinforced battalion and succeeded in overrunning the outpost for a time until friendly VT artillery was called in to stop the CCF attack.

This, plus hand-to-hand combat finally drove the CCF off of Harry. K Company was so depleted that they were immediately reinforced by a reserve platoon and then replaced by another company of the 3rd Battalion.

The CCF continued their nightly attacks with forces up to 3600 and thousands of artillery and mortar rounds. All nine rifle companies of the 15th Infantry took part in reinforcing and holding Harry against tremendous odds. Estimates are that 30,000 rounds of artillery and mortar were fired on Harry during the course of the main attacks. This included CCF fire as well as friendly.

The 39th and the 58th Field Artillery were firing as fast as was possible. After 8 nights of attacks the CCF had depleted their manpower with estimates of 6,000 KIA and WIA. The all-costs effort cost the 15th Infantry, a Greek Battalion, the 5th RCT and other supporting units 4,200 KIA AND WIA.

The top of the outpost was so pulverized with artillery and mortar fire that bodies were found later 8 feet below the existing surface. Several companies involved took up to 80% casualties.

Armored personnel carriers and tanks were used to evacuate the WIA's and the KIA's. The 15th "Can Do" Infantry Regiment held the outpost at a dear price against overwhelming odds. This action prevented a CCF breakthrough just before the truce.  
—DAN BRAUCHER; 710 73rd Court; Willowbrook, IL 60521.

Another way to aid victims of Hurricane Andrew is to send your contribution to the Salvation Army and earmark it for where you want the money to go.

### DID MY MISSION SERVE ITS PURPOSE?

HEARTBREAK RIDGE 23RD INFANTRY 1951

Sometime during the month of September 1951, while Operation Touchdown was being conducted, the Div Rear received a request from the 23rd Regt for flamethrowers to help them dig the North Koreans out of their caves and trenches. They needed them "like right now".

Three flamethrowers were located and delivered to the Div airstrip as the fastest means of delivery. Two of them were rigged with parachutes (the only two available) to be dropped from the L-19. This airplane was to be flown by Cpt Daniels. Because no other parachute was available but still had to be delivered the Div Avn officer determined that the CG's helicopter was the next best choice. Since it had to be delivered in serviceable condition it was obvious that the pilot would have to land and give the flamethrower to whomever was going to use it. I was the pilot who made that delivery.

The mission took place sometime during the last ten days of Sept. I flew through the Mundung-ni valley and up the south slope of Heartbreak Ridge. I circled once to determine a landing site, came back around and landed on the reverse slope of HILL 931. I remember as I landed a mortar barrage was coming in and as I touched down saw no one in sight. Shortly I saw a man approaching from my left, he came running up and yelled "What the hell are you doing here"? I got out of the chopper and walked around to the pax seat to lift out the flamethrower and as I handed it to him I said "You ordered a flamethrower, well here it is".

As we were exchanging the flamethrower the L-19 appeared overhead with the other two weapons. The pilot dropped them both simultaneously. One streamered in and the other floated over to the North Koreans. Of the three flamethrowers only the one that I delivered was received and usable.

I wish to contact anyone from the 23rd Inf who was in the Company or unit that got this third flamethrower or who has knowledge of the mission as I described it. It is from memory and is at least 98% correct to the best of my ability. I am not trying to sell anything, I only wish to know if my mission served its purpose.

Please contact: H. EDWARD ZIEGLER; 1914 Hercules Drive; Colorado Springs, CO 80906. Call collect: 719-632-0019.

"Please be advised: Get-Well Cards are in order; one of our own is down but not out. The good Lord is in charge but CHARLES WINDER, T/Sgt Rangers, POW Korea, Heartbreak Ridge, is having heart problems. He and wife BETTY are at 3214-B 74th St.; Lubbock, TX 79423. —from R. L. Hicks.



The generations of Americans who are the Korean War veterans are at the head of the list of those who "Knew America When". . . when we truly were land of the free and the home of law-abiding citizens who trusted their government. Now — something has happened to our nation. One minor report on what is being done to our children was sent by ED FELLABAUM; 50000 Boltz Hill; Clarington, OH 43915.

The story at right is from the Wheeling Intelligencer of April 1992. Ed commented: "And we think our public educators aren't teaching kids about Korea . . . shame on us?" This story shows how our American educational system is failing not only to tell our kids about the Korean War — they are actually feeding them dis-information — or is it lies? — or is it ignorance on the part of our educators?

*This newspaper report was sent by*  
ED CHIZ; R.D. #4, Box 40-A; Elizabeth, PA 15037:

### 405 YOUNG AMERICANS LOST IN CHINESE AMBUSH ON 5TH RCT

WITH U.S. 24TH DIVISION, Korea, May 26 (UP) This is the story of "Death Valley" and the 405 brave Americans of the 5th Regimental Combat Team who died or were captured there in a Chinese ambush.

It is the story of a company commander who was hit nine times by machine-gun fire while leading futile counter-attacks, but never faltered.

It is the story of medics who fired machine guns when the men at the triggers fell dead.

AND IT MIGHT never have happened if the trapped men hadn't stayed behind to rescue 65 surrounded American Rangers. The ambush occurred last April 25 in a deep mountain defile north of the Chongpyong reservoir on the west-central front during the first stage of the Chinese spring offensive.

Lt. Col. Harry S. Wilson of Brownsville, Tex., commander of the 5th regimental combat team, had been holding a rear-guard perimeter to screen the withdrawal of other 24th division elements. With him were the combat teams of 1st and 2nd battalion with 105MM howitzers, and "B" company of the 6th (Patton) tank battalion.

WILSON WAS about to order his men out when he learned that a company of Rangers had been surrounded farther north by a Chinese regiment while trying to hold a wide-open flank. The commander decided to hold on a little longer and sent five Patton tanks to the rescue. Two hours later, they returned with 65 survivors, most of them wounded.

Wilson gave the order to withdraw. The first of the convoy, led by Maj. Claude Aker of Saranac, Mich., commander of the 1st battalion, passed safely through the defile.

BUT AS THE FIRST truck of "C" battery neared the south exit, a figure in white jumped a ditch, whirled, and fired a hip-

supported heavy machine gun into the cab.

The vehicle careened backward, and the big gun it was pulling crashed into the truck behind knocking it out of control. As if on signal, Chinese appeared on the ridgeline, along the slopes and in the roadside rice paddies.

FROM SOMEWHERE, mortars coughed and laid their explosive eggs along the length of the column. Automatic weapons opened up killing many GIs in the cross fire. The 1st battalion rallied around the bellowing leadership of beefy Capt. Horace W. (Captain Combat) West of Nazareth, Pa., commander of "A" company. West's company made three futile counter-attacks down the road.

"B" company attacked up the hill to the west and "C" company assaulted the ridge on the east. All were repulsed.

WEST WAS HIT nine times by machine gun fire, but never stopped. A young air force tactical officer, 2nd Lt. Walter Fay who had arrived in Korea only three days earlier, stayed with his radio jeep and called in air strikes which worked within 100 yards of the beleaguered Americans.

He was wounded once, but stayed at his post. Medics worked feverishly to aid the wounded and load them on trucks. The Chinese did not fire on the medics, according to Maj. William Hedberg of Honolulu, who treated wounds for four hours.

SOME MEDICS, like Sgt. James L. Harrison of Riverside, Calif., jumped on half-tracks and fired their quadruple .50 caliber machine guns when the gunners were killed.

A number of jeeps, trucks and supplies were lost or destroyed.

"Every man who got out alive can thank God." 1st Lt. Leon Banashak of Chicago, said.

### Commentary

## Dropping A-Bomb on Korea Johnny Can't Read Accurate History Books

By GEORGE ROCHE

A lot of kids today are convinced that history is the most worthless subject in school.

Well, it pains me to say it—since I have a Ph.D. in history—but the tragedy is that those kids are mostly right. If you've had occasion to examine public school books any time during the last 20 years or so, you've probably noticed that history texts have been pretty much stripped of any tangible content that could make studying history worthwhile.

In recent years, publishers have come under pressure from feminists, civil rights organizations and the "leaders" of various ethnic groups and ideological factions. Since book selection is generally under the control of centralized state agencies—which are lobbied intensely by political interests—publishers have tended not only to "soften" facts that could be construed as critical of any particular point of view, but to water down information that might support views with which aggressive groups disagree.

Likewise, America's economic prosperity is often dismissed as the exclusive result of good natural resources and a mild climate. The benefits of free enterprise or (God forbid) competition rarely receive more than passing mention—when they're mentioned at all.

But if avoidance of controversy explains why history seems worthless, there's another problem with textbooks that almost defies explanation. Many of the most widely used works are just plain wrong. Some misstate dates or blur facts. For instance: History of the United States, published by Houghton Mifflin, notes that "In 1796, George Washington won the presidency." Actually, Washington's election was in 1789. John Adams, our second president, won in 1796.

Well, dates are tricky. But how about the following whopper? ...

\* American Voices: A History of the United States: Volume II, published by Scott, Foresman & Co., declares about the Korean War that "... The United States easily settled the conflict by using the bomb." That is, the atomic bomb. Now, this would have been news to the Koreans—not to mention the Japanese, who are the only people to have experienced a nuclear attack.

Such inaccuracies—if indeed, that word is strong enough—are by no means isolated. There's a textbook that sets the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1942 instead of 1941. Another identifies Sputnik as "the first successful, intercontinental ballistic missile ... (which) carried a nuclear warhead," rather than the first satellite. One has John F. Kennedy assassinated in 1962 instead of 1963, while another gives the Reagan administration an extra year, extending it into January of 1990. The book that claims we nuked Korea, calls Jimmy Carter the first Democrat to win the White House since Harry Truman.

All this has sparked a prairie fire in Texas, where these errors were uncovered by a study group run by Mel and Norma Gabler of Longview. The Gablers have been critiquing school texts for 30 years and they recently forced the State Board of Education to mandate changes in the book acquisition rules that will force publishers to tighten their fact-checking and proofreading—or forget about doing business in Texas.

This is good news, because book purchases in big curriculum materials markets like Texas and California determine what texts will be available to schools throughout the rest of America. As Austin goes, so goes the nation.

Still, it's only a start on removing a major stumbling block to educational reform. Columnist Suzanne Fields observes that the vacuity and inaccuracies in textbooks represent "a missed opportunity. Not only are (some texts) the literary equivalent of fast food," she wrote recently, "they throw away a powerful opportunity to hook young learners on reading, deepen their understanding of historical change and provide realistic insights into the life they'll find when they grow up."

In other words, worthless is as worthless reads. And if Johnny is reading worthless books, his future isn't likely to be worth much.

☐ Roche is president of Hillsdale (Mich.) College.

### MISSOURI CHAPTER NO. TWO

"Pursuant to Article IV, Section 3, the Korean War Veterans of Chapter 2, Kansas City, Missouri conducted an election of Officers in our June meeting. The following Comrades were elected and duly installed on July 10, 1992:

"ROBERT L. RIEGER, Commander; 8402 Dittman; Raytown, Mo. 64138. 816-356-9112. CHESTER L. DICKERSON, Sr. Vice Commander; 505 Berry St.; Belton, Mo. 64012; 816-331-2633. ALBIN KOS, Jr. Vice Cmdr; 7700 E. 108th Terr.; Kansas City, MO 64134. 816-765-3173..

"The constitution and by-laws have been amended allowing chapters to use military titles: Commander instead of President; Sr. Vice Commander instead of Vice President; Adjutant instead of Secretary; Their duties are the same as set forth in the original by-laws. An office of Jr. Vice Commander was also established as an elective office.



Dick Ziembra; 373 County Rd.; W. Wareham, Ma 02576, sent this photo of some New England KWVA attending a meeting in the Natick Museum last June 13. BACK ROW, L to r: Ed Gregory (2nd Div); Joe McCallion; John Dixon. Front row, l to r: Bob Lochiotto (27th Inf); Bill Kingston (14th Inf); Ed Duff, Leo Mullins, and Phil Dooley (all 27th Inf.)

### ADIRONDACK CHAPTER

216 Ridge Street, Glens Falls, New York 12801

The following have been duly elected officers of the Adirondack Chapter. Please send any correspondence to the proper officer:

Pres. George W. Goodwin; Pilot Knob Road; Pilot Knob, N.Y. 12844. Tel. (518) 656-9757.

1st V.P.: James H. Corcoran; 8 Robertson Ave.; South Glens Falls, N.Y. 12803. Tel. (518) 793-2474.

2nd V.P.: Nicholas Marschhauser, 364 Fortsville Road, Box 1500; Gansevoort, N.Y. 12831. Tel. (518) 798-5277.

Secretary: Eugene R. Slavin; 216 Ridge St.; Glen Falls, N.Y. 12801. Tel. (518) 793-2358.

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Chaplain: Paul A. LaValley; 238 Main St.; South Glens Falls, N.Y. 12803. Tel. (518) 792-2087.

John V. Washburn Esq.; 23 Leonard St.; Gansevoort, N.Y. 12831. Tel. (518) 792-0398.

MIA-POW Officer: Fred Marino; 3 Queen Ann Court; Queensbury, N.Y. 12804. Tel. (518) 798-6503.

Historian: Chauncey Huestis; 38 Burgoyne Ave.; Hudson Falls, N.Y. 12839. Tel. (518) 747-6376.

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THE KIDS!**

### DEPARTMENT OF DELAWARE HAS NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED

This letter (June 21, 1992) is an application to establish a State Department for the KWVA of Delaware. Delaware now has two chapters, and in accordance with national by-laws, is entitled to a State Department.

Enclosed is a slate of Officers, serving on a temporary basis, until elections are held at our state convention. We are planning a campaign to promote KWVA and increase membership, not only in Delaware, but the Delmarva peninsula. Quick approval would be greatly appreciated. An official State Department would greatly enhance our campaign.

The Department temporary officers are: President: Nicholas J. Pappas; 209 Country Club Dr.; Rehoboth Beach, De 19971; 302/227-3675 (Pres. Chapter 1); Vice President: Philip A. Mackey; 1 Ivy Lane; Newark, De 19713-1056; 302/453-9869. (Pres. Chapter 2).

Sec-Treas: Robert Long. Chaplain: T. Eugene Womach. Service Officer: Joseph J. Hernandez, Historian: Henry J. Mitchell. POW/MIA Chairman: Nicholas Tosques.

### WHERE THE VETERANS' TAX DOLLARS GO

Following is excerpt from "The Federal Diary" column written by Mike Causey, Washington Post Staff Writer:

By Mike Causey 1992  
Washington Post Staff Writer

**S**tarting in July, workers at the federal government's central personnel office will get a special \$21 tax-free check each month if they promise in writing to use the money to get to work by bus or subway.

The Office of Personnel Management and the American Federation of Government Employees tentatively have agreed to put OPM in the transit subsidy program. There are 40-plus agencies and departments in the Washington area that are giving the benefit to about 11,000 workers. OPM has about 8,500 employees, most

of them in the Washington area.

Most agencies in the program give employees \$21 Farecards or bus token packets. A few, like OPM, cut a special monthly check.

Few private employers are taking part in the subsidy program because they can't afford it. The Bush administration has proposed raising the tax-free amount that workers (public or private) can receive each month to \$60. If private companies are allowed to write the subsidies off as a business expense, more will adopt it. But for now, the back-to-public-transportation incentive is largely a benefit for government workers.



# A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU... THE MEMBER OF KWVA

## YES! YOU CAN HELP!

Now that about 16 million dollars has been given for the National Memorial, — **AND THE OFFICIAL NATIONAL FUND DRIVE HAS ENDED** — you can help to **TELL AMERICA ABOUT THE KOREAN WAR!**

**SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TODAY!**

**PLEASE SEE COUPON BELOW:**

It is high time for each of us to sit down, look in the mirror, and ask ourselves: How can I do something good for my family, for my country, for my fellow veterans?"

**BUILD AN ARCHIVE!**

**PUBLISH TEACHING MATERIALS!**

**CREATE PRESS RELEASES PACKET!**

**FIND THE TRUTH ABOUT M.I.A.s!**

### YES! I WANT TO HELP!

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### FOR TELL AMERICA ABOUT THE KOREAN WAR

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**P.O. BOX 127 — CARUTHERS, CALIFORNIA 93609**

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**ESTABLISH OUR NATIONAL OFFICE!**

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← **PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AS YOUR WAY TO TELL AMERICA ABOUT THE KOREAN WAR**

### UNWANTED MEMORIES

by Donald Chase; (1 Co. 15th Inf. 3rd Div.)

46 Cochuate Rd - 305; Framingham, MA 01701.

Often when I sit alone, and twilight fills the sky  
I find myself recalling scenes, from other years gone by.  
Memories of Korea, still clutter up my head  
Those dreary days and hellish nights, and my friends long dead.

The many hills we fought through, which never seemed to end  
And all the while the fear inside, of death, around the bend.  
The clashes with the enemy, who sometimes fled away  
But, for every hill we won, someone had to pay.

Maybe one was lucky, when a bullet found an arm  
For a little while at least, you were safe from harm.  
My mind recalls the weather, when diseases took their toll  
When frozen feet were common, from winters numbing cold.

The trench line with its bunkers, and grimy faces there  
Where if you were observant, you saw the burnt-out stare.  
The pathway from the trenches, which led to no-man's land  
A torn and barren piece of ground, destroyed by human hand.

Always, there were those who fell, never to arise  
And to this day, I still can see, the shock in startled eyes  
These vivid pictures locked inside, although they do not show  
Never seem to leave my thoughts, no matter where I go.

### THE MINNESOTA 4TH ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD OCT 2 - 4, 1992

Chapter 1, Minnesota Korean War Veterans will hold their 4th annual convention this Oct 2-4 at the Thunderbird Hotel & Convention Center in Bloomington. For info, call ED VALLE at 612-771-5237. Or TOM CLAWSON at 612-457-6643. The Thunderbird numbers are 612-854-3411 (if outside Minn. 800-328-1931). Or write Ed Valle at 1639 Stillwater; St. Paul, MN 55106.

Honorary guest will be "RUDY" HERNANDEZ, Medal of Honor recipient, 187th Airborne Regt May 1951.

Registration of \$30 per person includes dinner, program and dance. If coming for only attendance, daily fee is \$5.

One of the speakers will be Stan Hadden, editor of Graybeards.



Two days before leaving for Reno a letter came from the lady shown in this photo. She wrote, in part: "Do you raffle off items to make money at the KWVA reunions? If so, I have just finished a red, white and blue afghan expressly for this purpose that I would like to donate to raise funds for the 'Tell America About The Korean War' campaign. I don't know how much you could raise from it but as they say, a dollar here, a dollar there, it soon adds up. Since time is so short if you would like to have the afghan call me". Thank you, Dolly. Your efforts brought in about \$200 for the Tell America Fund. (Dolly Young; 115 N. Gibson; Oakland City, IN 47660).

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Geri Ingerson, owner, said this: "For your 1993 convention in Minnesota, I have negotiated special air fares and car rental discounts. I have arranged for substantial discounts for the convention attendees with Northwest, American and US Air. The rates are presently being negotiated with the three airlines at a discount.

"Discount rates will be available after September 15, 1992. Car rentals (discount rates range from 20 to 30 percent or more.) Extensions are being offered to attendees to several beautiful areas around Minneapolis. A complete brochure detailing the pre and post trips will be published.

"30 percent of the commission earned on each airline ticket will be given to the Korean War Veterans Association from Ingerson Travel."

If you want an ocean cruise leaving Miami next May 22 for 7 nights, contact Ingerson Travel. She added that "a \$25.00 per passenger contribution will be given to KWVA."



Photo on left was taken at the Lotte World Hotel. General Joon Yeol So, the host, and his wife (on his right) are in the center of the photo.

Photo and story sent by LOUIS BALDOVI, Pres; 46-150 Nora Loop; Kaneohe, HA 96744.

### THUNDERBIRDS RETURN TO KOREA FOR 42ND ANNIVERSARY

Twenty-one Thunderbirds from Hawaii, together with Korean War veterans from New York, Los Angeles, Canada and the United Kingdom, revisited Korea the week of June 21-27, took part in memorial services at the National Cemetery in Seoul and the American Battle Monument near the Imjin River.

The 175 veterans, including spouses, were guests of the Korean Veterans Association. This was a gesture on the part of the Korea government to thank Korean War veterans for their part in the war.

On June 25, marking the 42nd Anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War the visiting Korean War veterans and over two thousand ROK war veterans, paid tribute to their fallen comrades by participating in two ceremonies at the National Cemetery. Combat wounded Clayton Murakami of the Hawaii contingent, bearing the colors of the 45th Infantry division, led the procession.

One of the most touching moments of the trip came when the veterans attended a two hour performance at the Olympic Area. They were greeted with applause and bouquets of flowers by the gracious Korean people. An hour later, in a spontaneous, unprecedented gesture, the entire visiting contingent of Korean War veterans, walked half-way around the arena and presented their bouquets to a large group of Korean War widows. Both parties were visibly moved by this act.

### THIS VET HAS SPECIAL PROJECT

PAT TEEVENS of Brownstown, MI sent this note:

"Anything you can do to assist Danny Castillo, a remarkably brave young American quadraplegic Special Force officer retired early by a chance sniper's shot in Nicaragua will be appreciated."

Danny's hobby turned into a dedicated project that now is shown at schools to educate children about military history. He collects autographed photographs of combat veterans, in uniform, from any war, all services, and at this time especially needs Korean War veterans.

He said: "My special project is collecting general officers, Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, Distinguished Service Cross recipients, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross, Silver Star, WWII OSS, Rangers, Green Berets, and POW. I will accept any size photograph. Please include a small biography. Thank you."

—DANIEL CASTILLO; 1287 Spur Road SE; Rio Rancho, NM 87124.

### THE FORGOTTEN WAR

Words and music by Dolly Schultz Young

(Written for husband, Hobe Young, and all Korean veterans)

The Asian shores whispered your name,  
A foreign land would spin its claim.  
You packed your bags and you left me.  
The price of peace is never free.

All through the lonely nights I'd know,  
When that war came, you chose to go.  
For sacrifice must sometimes be,  
The world is lost without liberty.

**Chorus:**  
**They let the Dogs of War destroy,**  
**Our hopes and dreams, my Soldier Boy.**

You knew that I was proud of you,  
And come what may, I'd stand by you.  
With guts and guns, and bravery,  
You fought to keep Korea free.

The bugles screamed all through the night,  
And some were trapped behind the lines.  
The Chinese came, but you fought on,  
Against all odds, from dawn to dawn.

**Chorus:**  
The hills ran red with the sound of blood,  
So many lost in that crimson flood.  
And no one seemed to give a damn,  
If you fought and died in a foreign Land.

Those hills were taken, given back.  
So many times that you lost track,  
But determination grim as hell,  
Stopped them at the 38th parallel.

**Chorus:**

Now crosses stand in stately rows,  
But you can hear, if you listen close,  
When the wind is right, their anguished cries,  
"Please don't forget our sacrifice..."

So forty years have come and gone.  
You all weep inside, but life goes on.  
But you won't forget the ones that died,  
Your wounded friends, the shattered lives.

**Chorus:**

You've all grown older through the years,  
And you've learned to hide the painful fears,  
When death was swift and good men froze.  
You sadly think, "And so it goes..."

And Korea's shores seem far away.  
A distant war, a distant day.  
But before you die you pray you'll see,  
A monument, for all that gallantry.

For it's our country's turn, you see,  
To remember those who kept us free,  
Remember what they were fighting for.  
Don't let it stay... "The Forgotten War..."

**Final chorus:**

Please don't ignore what they fought for,  
Don't let it remain, "The Forgotten War!"

—DOLLY YOUNG; 115 N. Gibson St.; Oakland City, IN 47660.



The Korean War Ex-Pow's had a reunion in Macon Georgia, July 29, through August 2, 1992. While there we took a tour of the Andersonville, "Civil War Camp" site. Although a different time the deaths and conditions were so like our situation in Korea.

I am enclosing a picture taken of men at our reunion who were 2nd. Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Division who were POWs in Korea 1950 though 1953.

**L to R: Ardon Rowley, Lloyd R. Cornwell, Ray McGinnis, Theo Baudoin Jr.; Marion W. Rankin, Vernon W. Clark. Kneeling: Thomas Kappel.**

—THEO BAUDOIN, JR.; Rt 3 Box 471; Dickinson, TX 77539. Ph. 713-559-2110.



## YOU WROTE IT



The VFW has adopted "Stand Up--Speak Out" as its 1992-1993 theme. The published photographs of that theme and its logo show clearly how the VFW has used the Korean War Veterans Memorial Coin design and made certain changes for its own use. The photo at right is taken from the June issue of the Ohio VFW News. Photo at left is of the Korean War coin.

The letter telling Graybeards about this came from Frank Aleksandrowicz (WWII and Korea); 343 Canterbury Road; Bay Village, OH 44140. He further stated: "It shows how the VFW infringes on the copyright of the designer's work on the Korean War Memorial Coin. Please note how they deleted the words to left of soldier; the dates above ships; and "Liberty" at bottom so as to substitute their own message and logo of the VFW. Can you speak out on this. I did write the Director of the Mint. Maybe I will hear something about this travesty."

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### CPL TROY CORNETT F CO., 17TH INF REGT

I am seeking information on my uncle, Cpl Troy Cornett, F Company, 17th Infantry Regiment, who was wounded near Seoul on 30 September 1950. He died later that day at the 122nd Field Hospital. I am specifically trying to locate two men who were wounded at the same time as my uncle. Information on these men follows:

Company F. 17th Infantry Regiment:

Albo, Luis RA42280108 Pfc.

Reid, Walter H RA14345481 Pfc.

Wounded near Seoul, Korea on 30 Sep 1950. According to F Company's morning report of 30 September, Cornett, Albo, and Reid went "duty to sick to the 122nd Field Hospital".

I am hoping that one of these two men might recall my uncle, Cpl Troy Cornett. Any assistance your organization could provide would be greatly appreciated.

—AMOS KEITH; 997 Round Bay Rd.; Crownsville, MD 21032. Ph. 410-923-2682.

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The Illinois Korean War Veteran Memorial Association is raising funds and offer tickets for a chance to win a 1993 Hyundai Elantra automobile. All proceeds will go to their memorial fund; winner need not be present. Contact for more info: Hershall Lee; 212 S. Kentucky Ave.; Danville, IL 61832; or phone Jim or Russ at 217-443-2815.

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I am writing on behalf of the Thanet Branch BKVA. I wish to inform you on the 18th July, 1993, the Branch will be unveiling a Monument in Margate Dedicated to the British and Commonwealth Servicemen who gave their lives in the Korea War. It is the hope of the Branch that we will see some of our friends who fought beside the Comm. Div. at the dedication.

—TONY YORE (Chairman Thanet Branch B.K.V.A.); 17, Herne Street; Herne; Herne Bay; Kent CT6 7HH.

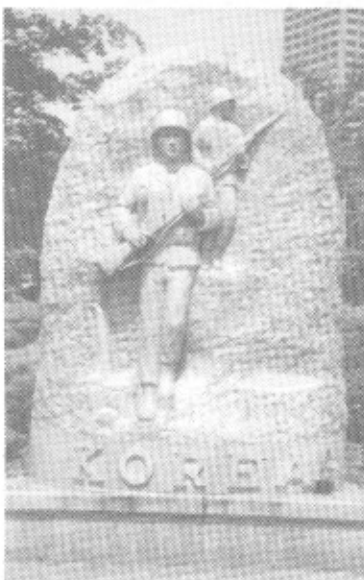


Joe Whouley (left), a Korean War vet and past state president Mass. & R.I. Moose Assoc; and Herb Mullaly (right) administrator of Chelsea Moose Lodge 736, present a check for \$250 to Ed Duff of KWVA for a brick in the local Korean War Memorial.



### WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA VETS PARADE

Several members of the Korean War Veterans Assoc. of Western Pa. took part in the Canonsburg 4th of July parade. Leading the march with the banner are President Ed Stevens, John Malay and Don Killmeyer. Flag Bearers were Don Allen, John Meyers (Ex-P.O.W.) and Larry Donovan (Ex-P.O.W.) Following in autos were Gene Tallon (Ex-P.O.W.) and his wife Fran; John Choma (Ex-P.O.W.) in convertible with Rich Kohler and Mrs. Killmeyer. The Association has 108 members and under the leadership of Ed Stevens is a growing organization. Sent by: LARRY DONOVAN (ex-POW); 362 Bartola St.; Pittsburgh, PA 15243.



While attending a seminar in Buffalo, New York I happened to walk along the water front and found this Korean War Veterans Memorial. It is very striking! Made me proud to be a Korean War Vet. —JOHN B. BRESLIN; 35335 Alta Vista; Sterling Heights, MI 48312.

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This is a picture of our 532nd Signal Construction Co In Seoul. I was attached from April 1951-Sept 1952. I have never seen anything in Graybeards on this outfit. If anyone out there was in the 532nd during that time, please write me: HERBERT STEARNS; 54 Bristol Rd.; Windsor Locks, CT 06096.



## TELL ME WHY THERE IS NOT A SINGLE PHOTO OF THE KOREAN WAR IN YOUR MAGAZINE

NORM JEFFERS; 1048 Bermuda St.; Port Charlotte, FL 33980.  
wrote last March to Time-Life and asked this:

"One month ago I mailed a two-page letter to Mr. Henry Muller, Managing Editor, TIME Magazine. The subject of the letter was the 1989 TIME'S SPECIAL COLLECTOR'S EDITION titled, '150 YEARS OF PHOTO JOURNALISM.' A copy of that letter is attached.

"On page one of the SPECIAL COLLECTOR'S EDITION you explain that the issue was a first for TIME and that the single-topic had only one advertiser, Eastman Kodak Company. At the end of your letter to the TIME'S readers, you said, 'You may not agree with those choices, but we hope you will find them—and the entire issue—a lively visual history of the past 150 years, as well as a feast for the eye.'

"It is simply beyond the limits of my thoughts and imagination why one of America's most understanding magazines would leave out one of this country's most controversial and brutal wars.

"I did not receive any reply from Mr. Muller's office. Would you take a little time and explain to me why there is not a single photo of the Korean War among the 30 photographs of eight foreign conflicts and world hostilities."

(Among the references cited by Norm was this one sent to LIFE management by photojournalist David Douglas Duncan who was their agent in Korea on Sept 18, 1950: "I'm going back — this time trying give you story which is timeless nameless wordless story which says very simply quietly 'This is war.' And it is hard to believe that the 1992 reply from Time-Life ignored that document. But ignore it they did, as see next).

Dear Mr. Jeffers:

March 16, 1992

We are sorry that you were so disappointed about the absence of Korean War photographs in TIME's 1989 special edition of 150 years of history's most memorable photographic images. Regrettably, there is little more we can say, except to convey managing editor Henry Muller's acknowledgment of your criticism and to note that you have also made your feelings known to George Russell and Robert Stevens.

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**KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE**  
**1-1-92 TO 7-31-92**  
**OPERATING FUND**

**REVENUE**

Membership Dues	\$57,395.	
Quartermaster	1,188.	
Interest	1,789.	
Tell America	797.	
Fundraising	(3,780.)	
Miscellaneous	2,595.	\$59,984.

**EXPENSE**

Office Supplies	\$ 3,489.	
Postage	5,173.	
Publishing & Mailing	32,359.	
Telephone	3,386.	
Secretarial Service	373.	
Miscellaneous	18.	
Travel	137.	
POW-MIA Activity	286.	
Memorial Activity	5,605.	
Reunion	550.	(\$51,376.)

1992 NET REVENUE	8,608.
OPERATING FUND RESERVE	123,427.
<b>TOTAL OPERATING FUND AT 7-31-92</b>	<b>\$132,035.</b>

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND**

BALANCE AT 1-1-92	\$66,370
1992 Revenue	13,530.
<b>BALANCE AT 7-31-92</b>	<b>\$79,900.</b>

**MEMORIAL FUND**

BALANCE AT 1-1-92	\$74,554
1992 Revenue	3,244.
Trans to Battle Monuments Comm.	(15,000.)
<b>BALANCE AT 7-31-92</b>	<b>\$62,798.</b>

**SUMMARY - ALL ASSETS**

OPERATING FUND	\$132,035
LIFE MEMBERSHIP	\$79,900
MEMORIAL FUND	\$62,798.
COMMEMORATIVE COINS -	
500 At Cost	14,000.
<b>TOTAL - ALL ASSETS AT 7-31-92</b>	<b>\$288,733.</b>

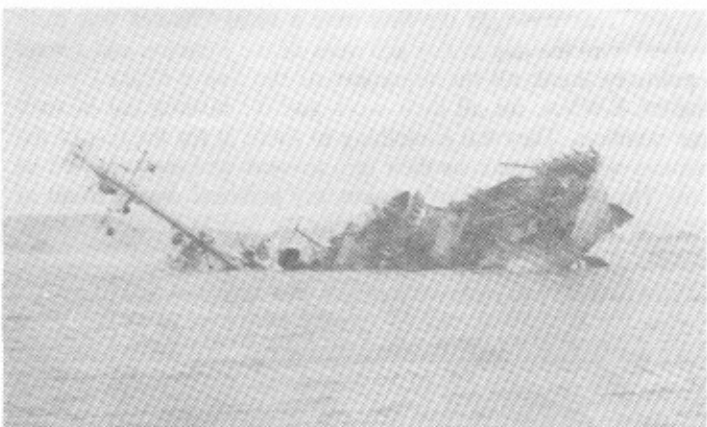
One of the candidates for Board of Directors at the July election was JOSEPH A. SALUZZI (USMC, machine gunner with D Co., 2nd BN, 7th MarRegt, 1st MarDiv). Unfortunately, he could not attend the meeting because in early spring he suffered a heart attack; on April 2 he underwent heart by-pass surgery; and in early June was involved in an auto accident. "Hasn't been my best year," said Joe when I talked with him. But he is recovering nicely at his home: 2339 East 12th St.; Brooklyn, NY 11229.

**WE HOPE YOU ALL WEATHERED ANDREW!**

The Eddie Lyon Chapter of the K.W.V.A. in Dania, Florida area recently held its 1st Annual dinner at the Fish Market Restaurant in Ft. Lauderdale which is in the Marina Bay Yacht Club. Shown here are L - R: Joseph Firriolo (our President); Frank Porvaznik; Dr. Vito Rao; Richard Cicilio; Charles Reed; Sandy Silverman (kneeling); John Williams; Hal Kersey; Ken Taradash; Fred Bendler; Roy Millinger. Photo sent by SANDY SILVERMAN; 7421 Lincoln St.; Hollywood, FL 33024.

"The Chamber of Commerce here in Piqua, OH is getting together to build a memorial to all veterans from this area. I am on the concept committee. I agree with Dick Adams that we need an office, better communications, monthly newsletter and a brochure to inform all veterans of over 10,000 KWVets in existence now."  
 —GENE BOWSER; P.O. Box 57; Piqua, OH 45356.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanx, Gene, for your comments. To reach the goals stated by Dick Adams we must have more people involved in contributing to the TELL AMERICA drive. It costs much money to reach the other goals and the KWVA Board of Directors and officers are hard at work on how-to-get-them-done. We are asking every member to see the TELL AMERICA coupon on page 25 and send what can be spared. Thank you.*



This is the minesweeper PLEDGE sinking off coast at Wonsan in winter 1950; from probably enemy shelling. Any survivors care to write Graybeards?

**A GREAT IDEA FROM ONE WIFE TO ANOTHER**

What about the wives of KWVA members helping to get new members? If each would get just ONE new member we could double our numbers. I put copies on bulletin boards in our local supermarkets, for example. It all helps. I feel there's a lot of strength in unity and . . . the better the chances of getting KIA/MIA/POW names on the Memorial wall." . . .

—CLARAJEAN BENNETT; 205 Salisbury Rd. The Blue House; Conneaut, OH 44030-1041.

### "THE MESSAGE FOR VETERANS IS: UNITE!"

Page 25 of last Graybeards stated "How can I do something for my family, for my Country, for my fellow veteran?" I would like to submit an idea to our comrades for a new battle to be fought.

In September of 1991 the Muskogee County and the Cherokee County Veterans council got together and formed the Eastern Oklahoma Veterans Coalition, made up of Veterans from all organizations, and has been meeting at various post. Our first meeting was attended by 400 plus veterans.

We have been endorsed at state levels by the VFW, American Legion, & the DAV and Washington has heard about us. Our main goal is to get the benefits restored for Veterans that have been taken away over the last twelve years. We are also a political arm of the Veterans. We have had various political candidates from the state and federal level come to our meetings and give their ideas, and views about the Veterans. We feel that by having all of the Veterans in the state registered, we can make a difference at election time.

Another goal is to get all of the Veterans throughout the nation to form a Veterans Coalition. If you read any of the service organization magazines, you get the message for all Veterans to "UNITE". This is what the Veterans of Oklahoma have done.

If you would like to start a Coalition, contact me: BILL WEBSTER; KWVA #2832 and Sec/Tres/ Okla Veterans Coalition; P.O. Box 2127; Muskogee, OK 74402-2127. Ph. 918-682-2163.

"Well, the first Reunion in the West, is over. I don't know if I'll live to see another one in the West but as far as the Sparks Reunion is concerned it was great. . . .

Finally, this past 24 July, at the Board Meeting the change I worked for for 10 months appears in the New By-laws. Now every Member, each and every one of you, in a Chapter or out, with money to attend the reunion or not, are now able to vote by a mailed ballot which will be sent to you prior to next year's reunion and general meeting.

"This was also the first time a local Chapter was truly involved with the day to day activities of the Reunion and I want to publicly thank all the members of the Santa Clara County Chapter, KWVA, for all their work and for turning out in such large numbers. They left something to shoot at for the rest of the Chapters when it becomes their turn to work and they showed us "How The West Was Won". Again, my personal thanks to all of you, your wives and friends for making the Sparks Reunion a huge success."

RON JABAUT; 125 Hobson St. #6-A, San Jose, CA 95110.

*And we thank you, Ron! from all of us.*

### THE MEDIC SEMINAR AT RENO

"Several people have expressed the hope that the presentation at Reno on the role of the Medical Services in support of the Ground Forces in Korea will be published in The Graybeards. Others have asked whether it will be.

"The truth is that this presentation was not given at Reno. Dr. Heefner and I did not present the program we had developed since our place and time were preempted. We were prepared to follow General Davis but were not able to begin until an hour and a half later at 11:30. By this time the audience had been sitting there for two and one-half hours. We had promised audience participation but knew that it would not be possible to maintain audience interest much longer. Because of this I eliminated one-half of what I had prepared and Wilson eliminated his presentation entirely. We maintained the audience's interest and many of its members did participate but I do not think that this would have happened if we had kept them much longer."

—ROBERT M. HALL, MD; 200 Transylvania Avenue; Raleigh, NC 27609. Phone 919-781-5715.



### MID-MICHIGAN CHAPTER; DAVISON, MI

Please put the enclosed picture of our Korean Vets color guard group in the Graybeards. We are the Mid-Michigan Chapter of the Korean Vets. Whenever we appear in parades we receive many compliments. We are proud Korean Vets. Pictured from left to right are Bob DeLay, Bud Sanchez, Arnie Wells, Joe Naganashe, Claude Ash, James Hunter and Charlie Willson. (V.F.W. Post 4087; Davison, MI.)

*There is an old military axiom:*

**LEAD! . . .**

**FOLLOW!**

**. . . OR GET THE HELL OUT OF THE WAY!**

Under a bright Memorial Day morning sun (Monday May 25, 1992) Monroe County Chapter No. 1 (Rochester, NY region) fell out for their first parade behind a new banner, shown here (at left) being blessed by Chaplain Elmer W. Heindl, USA Ret.

The banner, designed by Chapter Historian Frank Nicolazzo, was custom made in Korea, and was a gift to the Chapter from member Anthony Russo.

Shown holding the banner during the blessing are Don Cofsky, 1st Vice President (L) and Carl Lombard, Past President (R). In rank behind the banner (L to R): Gordon Pike; Historian Frank Nicolazzo; Alfred Evans; Chaplain Andy Robison; John Walsh; President Jim Cannioto; Charles Harshbarger; Bob DeMeco; Chaplain Heindl; Richard Alden.

—DONALD G. COFSKY; 36 Tilgate Glen; Fairport, NY 14450.





I am a disabled Korean veteran and former POW and a member of the KWVA, CARD #POW 111. I am sending you one of the Korean War Mini Memorials that I have been making over the past few months; am in hopes that you might be able to put an item in the Graybeards to promote them a little. I get \$18.95 plus \$2.50 for postage and packaging for total of \$21.45. I would be more than willing to contribute two dollars per copy to the memorial fund or for whatever need the organization happens to have at the time.



These little memorials are made from dry cherry wood. Each one is a little different due to the grain of the wood and the fact that I make them one at a time myself, they might vary slightly in thickness, but basically they are the same. When I show them to people, many never realized that the Korean War was so bloody, so I believe that we should display the statistics when ever we get the chance. "Lest They Forget".

These also come with the Mini CIB in place of the American and ROK crossed flags if any one would rather have them. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery. Also I am not equipped to handle credit cards, so personal check or money order is preferred.

Sincerely, —VERNON CLARK; Box 1120 R.F.D. No 1; Brooks, Maine 04921.

### VETS HURRICANE RELIEF

Emmett Benjamin (National Director) phoned from Miami to report heavy damage to his home; he and Virginia are coping and doing better than many others. He said the first four days were without any government — state or federal — help. That the victims themselves helped each other in a fine display of human closeness and caring. Now the Army has come in; things are much better. If you want to contribute to a special fund set up for veterans relief; make your check payable to KWVA/FLA VETS HURRICANE RELIEF. Send to Emmett (his address is on page 2). He added that "160 square miles of human habitation has been desolated."



I recently went to a Military reunion in Evansville, In. June 25th - 28th. On the 25th I represented the KWVA and presented a wreath to the Korean War Memorial there. I was received with an Honor Guard and the commander of the 1114 VFW Post Ivan Dimmett, the world's largest VFW post. This memorial is in progress of being built and is set for completion August 29th. They have asked me to come back and re-present the wreath at the dedication. I will up-date you with more pictures after the dedication.  
—JAMES ANDERSON; 602 Grand Ave.; Caruthersville, MO 63830.



Last July 18 the KWVA Indiana Chapter One had the pleasure of meeting and spending some time with the three bike riders and their support people crossing the country on behalf of Korean War Veterans and the International Memorial. They spent the night in Fort Wayne, compliments VFW Post 857. Photo below, L to R: Art Flotow; member support crew; Ralph Arthur; member support crew; biker CPL Dan Leach; Tom Dailey; biker 1st Lt Andrew Petranck; biker Sgt Doug Butler; Dan Boyle; Marcos Botas. We did not get address of the Marines; if anyone knows, please tell me: Art Flotow; P.O. Box 12272; Ft. Wayne, IN 46864-2727.



"Hey, fellows! Look what Special Services gave us!"



Below are members of Stanley A. Gogoj Chapter 38 of Philadelphia, PA on Memorial Day parade, proud Korean War Veterans all. The other photo was made at the June 14 ceremony in Washington, DC. On Pres. Bush's left is BOB FALMOR (1st VP) (24th Div Task Force Smith). On right is BOB YOUNG, 1st MarDiv; Mr. Bush asked him if he "was back in Korea digging a foxhole." Photos sent by BILL DURNIN, Sec.; 852 N 21st St.; Philadelphia, PA 19130-1431.

### MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TO UNDERGO HEART SURGERY

Harry Wallace wants you to know that he will undergo routine heart by-pass surgery on Sept. 16. During his days in the hospital, his son Matthew will carry on and administer all routine affairs associated with your renewal checks, new memberships, and all other questions needing answers. Just communicate at the address and number of Harry in Baltimore, as usual. Or get in touch with Stan Hadden editor, of Graybeards.



### NOTICE!

Dates for being eligible for joining KWVA have changed!  
See Line 1 Below.

----- (CUT HERE OR MAKE A COPY IF YOU PREFER) -----

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