



Above: Heartbreak Ridge.

Below: No-Man's Land. Looking at Chinese Lines



SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE BY DOUG FARGO

Board Of Directors To Consider Establishing A National KWVA Office

In his letter of December 14, 1992, to the Board of Directors, Pres. Dick Adams said as follows:

"It is my opinion that we have the necessary funds to establish a National Headquarters. The function of this office will be worked out at the February Board meeting. I would like to have our office in place by April 1st, 1993. Come to the meeting in February with your ideas. I will spend time in Washington, D.C. to help set up this office"

The Board will meet in Gulf Shores, Alabama Feb. 12 - 14, 1993. Directors and Officers travel at their own expense. Any other member is free to attend but cannot vote. See page 31.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE HELD

From: The chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Four (4) Board of Directors seats expiring in July 1993 are slated for elections. Nominees seeking election to these seats (1993-1996) must make his or her intentions known to this Chair, in writing, no later than March 15, 1993.

KWVA by-laws require nomination letters to include the following information:

1. A certified letter of intent to run for that office.
2. A resume or other description of qualifications for office.
3. A photograph suitable for publication.
4. A readable DD214 (or equivalent) with a release for verification.

"This information shall be sent by Registered Mail to the name and address of the Nominating Committee": Nicholas Pappas, 209 Country Club Drive, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971; "for certification that the candidates are qualified to stand for office."

Upon review and the concurrence of the Nominating Committee Co-Chairmen:

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LIAISON for VFW and American Legion: ROBERT WACKER; 634 Colfax Ave.; Kenilworth, NJ 07033.

CALL FOR ELECTION Continued from Page 1

New Jersey State President Bob Wacker and New York State President Bob Morga, I will certify the candidates qualified to stand for election and forward their declarations to the Graybeards Editor for a June 1993 publication; those declarations may also be published in earlier issues of Graybeards should they have been submitted in a timely fashion. The Editor will prepare and publish a ballot, listing the nominees certified for election for the 4 Board of Directors seats. No other ballots or names will be honored or accepted.

Members will cast their ballots by marking thereon their choices and returning the official ballots by July 10, 1993 to a specified address, where a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) will count the ballots and render a report during the 1993 Reunion in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Ballots will be checked against current membership listings by the CPA. Any ballot cast by KWVA members whose national dues are past due and not paid by June 30, 1993 will be considered invalid and thrown out.

Remember! Under the new by-laws, every KWVA member in good standing is entitled to vote. Let's make the system work, voters and candidates alike.

Nicholas Pappas, Chairman; Pasquale Morga, Co-Chairman; Robert Wacker, Co-Chairman. JANUARY 1993.

The failure to engrave our KIA/MIA names on the Memorial "strongly suggests" the "most rank act of discrimination against those who were killed or missing in action." See page 31.

WAR

This is taken from one of the Chosin Few excellent newsletters and, in our opinion, speaks volumes on the state of our nation today:

"War is an ugly thing — but not the ugliest of things.

"The decayed and depraved state of moral and patriotic feeling.

"... which thinks nothing is worth war

"is much worse.

"A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight —

"nothing he cares about more than his own personal safety. . .

"is a miserable creature

"who has no chance to be free

"unless made and kept so

"by the exertions of better men than himself."

TAPS

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

MARVIN HOWLING WOLF; Parshall, N.D.

JOHN H. HARTMAN; Wainwright, NY.

CARL J. PETERS; McCloud, CA.

ELI CHASTEEN; McGee, KY.

BRADFORD W. RAYWORTH; Littleton, MA.

HAROLD E. BARNETT; Peoria, IL; Oct. 18, 1992.

JAMES A. VAN FLEET. General in command of the field from April 14, 1951 until the war's end. He died at age 100 on Sept. 23, 1992 at his home in Polk City, FL.

ROBERT T. TYSON, SR., died on Friday, October 2, 1992, age 68. He served with the 224th Infantry Regiment, 40th Infantry Division in Korea. He was charter member of Chapter 2, Korean War Veterans Association, Lafayette, Indiana.

HAROLD E. (BILL) BARNETT died Sunday, October 18, 1992 in Peoria. Burial will be in Decatur. Gravesite service was Thursday, October 22 at Fairlawn Cemetery at 3:00 p.m.

THEODORE M. SUMODI; Valley City, OH.

I wish to inform you of the death of my brother, JACK D. COLEMAN (U.S.A., Ret.) Jack passed away September 26, 1992. He served in the Military Police in Korea 1950 - 1951. He also served two additional tours in Korea after the war. He was very proud of his military service and mostly his war service in Korea. His mailing address was P.O. Box 101, Crows Landing, Ca 95313. I, just as my brother, am proud member of the KWVA and the Santa Clara County Chapter of the KWVA. Forrest D. Coleman (#3462); 3066 E. Swift Ave.; Fresno, CA 93726.

Dr. DONALD JOSEPH BALLAS of Indiana, PA died Sept. 29, 1992 having suffered from illness for eight years. He served in the Korean War in the Air Force. Dr. Ballas was a professor of Geography at Indiana University of Pennsylvania for 30 years. If you knew my father please contact Norm Ballas currently living at Rt. 3 Box 10; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

TAKESHI KUMAGAI; Oct. 31, 1992; Alexandria, VA. He joined the Army in 1946 as an infantryman in Japan and served with the 34th Infantry Regiment in Korea.

In 1950, three weeks after U.S. forces entered the war, he was captured by the enemy, shot and left for dead. He was recaptured while making his way toward U.N. lines and was in the Death March from Seoul to Taejon. After escaping at Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea, he hid out until U.S. troops arrived.

"WHERE WAS THE KWVA"?

"How would you feel if your commander-in-chief told you to go into combat, as you did in Korea, but he himself would not and did not go?

"This is my beef with the KWVA. Why, not as a political ploy, but as one vet to another, did the KWVA not take a stand against Gov. Clinton for president? Would you obey your draft dodging boss, who told you to leave your home, loved ones, job, and go half way around the world somewhere to fight some political battle for little pay, with an excellent chance of never coming home? Hell NO! Neither would I. This is a possibility with your new president, it could happen. He could tell your grandson or mine to go, I wonder what I'll tell my grandson, I know what I'd tell Clinton." —RICH FISHCBACH; RR #2, Box 237; Shelbyville IL 62565 11-7-92.; Lifetime KWVA.



Howdy members of L-21 (Love Company 2nd Platoon 32nd Inf. Regt.)

The photos you see may bring back some old memories. First of all let's set the time and place. How about Nov. 1951, where you see all that treeless ground and our good ole fashion Bunkers of sandbags and logs. Does HEARTBREAK RIDGE come to mind? You guessed right. Now let's look down the road a piece and move the time to Dec. 1991 and a week in reserve. Yes, you guessed right — that's the L-2 Christmas Tree decorated with items from our XMAS boxes received from home. "MERRY XMAS" spelled out with rocks. And yes, that's your platoon leader LT. Doug Fargo trying to cover some of our Christmas tree by request. By the way, do you all remember our fantastic Holiday Punch. I don't think there will be another like it.

It was my sincere privilege to be a member of this fine group of combat Infantrymen. There are no finer in this USA. I wish for you all the Best in Health and Happiness.

—DOUG FARGO; 157 Tuscawill Hills; 106 Hickory Ct.; Charles Town, WV 25414. Ph. 304-725-0817. (Also WWII).



SUBJECT: KOREAN WAR KIA & MIA'S

CONTACT PERSON: CHARLES E. CASEY
4104 S 42 ST.
OMAHA NE 68107 1096
402 731 6715 OR 402 731 9897

At last you can have a published list of the men killed and missing in action from the Korean War. There are a few men listed who died of other causes, non battle deaths and accidents. The list is alphabetical.

This is what the book will show.

NAME	CITY OR COUNTY	ST	ID NUMBER	RANK	1	2	3	4	5
AARON GEORGE	NEW YORK	NY	A0768396	CAPT	F	KIA	531106	17	93
AARON JOHN JR	OCONEE	GA	RA44133747	PV2	A	KIA	500727	27	25
AARON MARION V	BIBB	GA	RA24753871	PFC	A	KIA	510316	32	1
AARON WILLIAM E JR	COAHOMA	MS	O-2002907	2LT	A	KIA	530422	29	7
AARONS LEONARD E	DICKEY	ND	RA17324607	CPL	A	KIA	530529	32	25
AASER MYLO S	NELSON	ND	RA17286264	PFC	A	KIA	510606	29	1
AASON ARDELLE E		ND							
ABBAS DIRK ROBERT	BRITTON	SD	1176074	SGT	M	KIA	521006	32	

For your copy send a check, payable to ISESF for \$39.00 plus \$3.00 S&H to KIA MIA Book 4104 S 42 Street Omaha, NE. 68107 1096. Be sure to give your street address.

THOMAS C. HARRIS, Sec; N. GA Chapter; 1304 Oak St. SW; Atlanta, GA 30310. (Ph. 404-753-5150) on Nov. 11, 1992 sent this as official word for all veterans of the Korean War:

KOREAN WAR VETERANS AWARDS & DECORATIONS

Per the Department of Defense, if you served 30 days in Korea during the listed periods, you are entitled to wear a campaign star. The total number of campaign stars for the Korean War is ten (10).

In a telco with Major Hershell Gibbons, he informed me that if you were discharged prior to March 1956, all your campaign stars probably are not recorded on your DD214. This is due to all the separate campaigns not being defined until December 1955.

Major Gibbons further stated that if you served 29 days in one period and 29 days in the next period, you are entitled to NO campaign stars for either period.

The campaign titles and dates are UN Defensive

27 June 1950 thru 15 September 1950

UN Offensive

16 September 1950 thru 2 November 1950

CCF Intervention

3 November 1950 thru 24 January 1951

CCF Spring Offensive

22 April 1951 thru 8 July 1951

UN Summer-Fall Offensive

9 July 1951 thru 27 November 1951

Second Korean Winter

28 November 1951 thru 30 April 1952

Korea, Summer-Fall 1952

1 May 1952 thru 30 November 1952

Third Korean Winter

1 December 1952 thru 30 April 1953

Korea, Summer 1953

1 May 1953 thru 27 July 1953

Medical records contain more detailed information regarding dates that you served in a given area due to shot records, hospitalization, blood donations, etc. You may obtain your medical records from the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, MO.

Army records are available by calling (314) 538-4261.

Air Force records are available by calling (314) 538-4243.

Modified and/or corrected DD214's are NOT issued. Supplementary documentation in conjunction with the DD214 is acceptable by the Departments of the Army, Air Forces, and Marine Corp. The Navy Department would neither confirm or deny. (Medical records, copies of orders, battle reports, morning reports, eye-witness accounts, aircraft manifests, ship manifests, etc.).



SGT HOWARD RYAN
1036624

Item Co 3rd Bat 7th Mar
1st Mar Div
KIA October 7, 1952

"I am writing to thank you for putting the letter I wrote in the Graybeards, inquiring when the Korean War monument would be finished and if the names of the men and women who gave their lives would be written on the monument. I am ill, turned age 85 last September 8 and still not doing too well.

"I am sending a picture of my son Sgt Howard Ryan and hoping someone who was in the same division with him will recognize his photo and be able to let me know all about my son Howard.

"This enclosed check is sent by my son Robert Ryan. God bless you all." — Mrs. ANNA DE ANGELIS; 840 Uniondale Ave.; Apt. 7-J; Uniondale, NY 11553; a Gold Star Mother.

RON BRADLEY **K.I.A. JUNE 11, 1953**

"My father, RON BRADLEY, was born on May 7, 1932. He was inducted into the Army on October 1, 1952 and left for Korea in March 1953. My father's height is 5'4" weighting 135 lbs. He has brown hair and brown eyes. He was reported missing in action on June 11, 1953. My father was a platoon runner for the first platoon of B company of the first Battalion of the 15th Infantry Regiment. My father was last seen in a bunker on Outpost Harry with his platoon leader, Lt. Holiday, and his platoon Sgt. Sgt. Zino Pamponin. All three men were reported missing. My father's company had relieved K Company of the 15th after they had been hit with 80% casualties. If printing my thoughts in your newsletter would help motivate people to get involved, please print it. Thank you; Rhonda McAuliffe; 830 Beaver Lake Blvd.; Plattsmouth, NE 68048. Her poem follows:

THE CHILD OF AN MIA NAMED RON

I was born with a missing father.
My mother prayed Ron would come home.
The government declares MIA's, KIA's after one year.
Our family is torn between the belief of Ron's life or death.

Grandmother says your daddy would have loved to have seen you.

Teachers say how sad her father is MIA.

I begin to ask questions.

Why is my father MIA?

Why couldn't they find his body if he is dead?

How can 8,179 American men be MIA's in such a small country?

Why doesn't the government find these men?

How can the families of all these men allow this to happen?

How can the men who survived this war look the other way and say it is over?

At a young age I was told by some that if they found my father alive he would be in such bad shape (brain washed) that we would not want him home like that.

And others would say there is no way he can be alive. He is dead.

MY FATHER IS NOT DEAD

HE IS MIA!

AND I WANT HIM HOME.



DID YOU KNOW LT. PIERSON?

I am trying to get some information on the death of: **1st LT. JACK D. PIERSON 3rd. BN. 15th INF. 3rd DIV.**

This happened on 19 May 1951 around the town of P Ungam-ni. Between 1200 and 1500 hours, crossing a field or paddy. Lt. Pierson was a forward observer with the 39th FA. Please send any information to Billy R. Smith; #6 MacCory Dr.; Oreana, IL 62554.

OUR MISSING IN ACTION



CPL CLIFFORD STANLEY
JOHNSON HDQ 57TH FA BN 7
INF DIV M.I.A. Dec 6, 1950

Cpl. Clifford Stanley Johnson of Valatie, New York, RA 12 288 090 with Headquarters, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7 Infantry Division, U.S. Army was in the vicinity of Hagaruri, North Korea when reported last seen on November 26, 1950. Officially Missing In Action December 6, 1950, presumption finding of death December 31, 1953.

If anyone has any news of Clifford; please contact his sister; Ms Glorianna R. Johnson, P.O. Box 30087, Bethesda, Maryland, 20824, telephone 1-301-652-2789.



LT. ROGER F. MEAGHER
HDQS 3RD BN 8TH INF REGT
M.I.A. NOV 1950

Wanted — anyone that would remember my brother: **LT. ROGER F. MEAGHER**; he was warrant officer in WWII and released from active duty in Dec. 1945. A Lieut in Mass Nat'l Guard, when he volunteered for Korea. He left in July - Aug 1950 and was M.I.A. early in Nov. 1950.

During push to Yalu River, near Unson, overrun by Chinese attack. Started on Nov. 1, 1950. 80% casualties. Is there anyone out there that remembers Roger?

Gov't declared him dead in 1954. But never much info. He died, never to return. I can't believe his name will not be on memorial. Please write to: Eileen Meagher Capozzoli; 119 Lake Street; Webster, Mass. 01570. 1-508-943-2721.



FRANK A. VELASCO
M.I.A. DEC. 2, 1950
A Co, 4th Plt, 32nd Regt,
7th Div

His cousin seeks any who knew Frank who became M.I.A. at Chosin Reservoir area. His remains were never recovered. Please contact: David Velasco; 150 Glendale; Houston, TX 77012. Ph 713-926-3165 or 713-462-4001. Thank you.



DO YOU REMEMBER PFC
MILTON L. ORR WHO
DROWNED IN 1952?

On November 17, 1952 my brother P.F.C. Milton L. Orr (Buddy was his nickname) drowned in the Soyang-Gang River near Chun-chon Korea while attempting to save the lives of two of his comrades who had fallen off an Amphibious vehicle which was crossing the River.

He was in Co B, 23rd Signal Construction Battalion and his C.O. was Lt. Largent Miller. If Lt. Miller, or anyone remembers this incident, or was there. I would be eternally grateful to hear from you. I have been working in our area to raise funds for our memorial so you will not be forgotten. God Bless.

—NANCY G. BAILEY; P.O. Box 98; Northville, N.Y. 12134. PH. 518-863-4025.

THE WORK OF THE WORLD DOES NOT
WAIT FOR PERFECT PEOPLE.

Next Graybeards will be April.
Copy deadline is early March.



SFC HAROLD ALVIN LLOYD
9 NOVEMBER 1953

"Enclosed I have a picture of my Dad whom I never knew. Dad died on 9 November 1953. Dad was with the 38th Infantry Reg, Hotel Company 2nd Infantry Division. I was three months old when my Dad left for Korea and he died 11 days short of going home.

I served in Korea with the U.S. Army, 595th Maintenance Company, 227th Maint. BN, Eighth Army. I was stationed outside of Seoul.

My Dad is very special man to me — he is a Hero I never knew, and yet I love him very much. Could you please find a spot in our Graybeards to see if someone knew my Dad and will contact me at our address and maybe I can locate the rest of my family. Behind the picture in pencil states where my Dad's picture was taken: "Parker Bridge, Western Front, Korea March '53." Thank you for your cooperation. My Dad's name is S.F.C. Harold Alvin Lloyd. Please send my Dad's picture back to me. In Brotherhood — Theodore Harold Lloyd; 28 Grand Mesa Dr.; Effort, PA 18330.

"In my humble opinion, what the hell is the sense of (saying we honor) our dead and MIAs if their names are not on the Memorial for all the world to see? Our blood, sweat, tears, and living on the edge of death every day and night was our entry fee. We (helped) raise the money and the brokers squandered it on different design changes. We should have some input (on the design). . . This cat and mouse game has gone on long enough. We must be forceful — hold our ground and tell those (bureaucrats) we are tired of playing games!"

—ALFRED D. RAMIREZ; RR 1, 2400 Imperial; Winterhaven, CA 92283.

"...WE ARE MUCH
INDEBTED TO HER..."

To: Editor of Graybeards:

It has come to my attention that some of our organization may be questioning the eligibility of Kathleen "Lt Honey" Wyosnick to serve as a Director because she may not be a bona fide Korean War "Veteran".

If this is true, I would urge such unidentified individuals to pause and reconsider their positions. Their intentions may be the best but I suggest they are sadly misguided.

It is my understanding that Ms Wyosnick certainly served during the Korean War, even if not within the Korean conflict zone as she desired. Her husband, an Air Force pilot, had been killed in action there and the government policy prohibited sending widows of war dead into combat zones.

No matter, however, whether or not she actually served in Korea during the war, I cannot imagine a KWVA Member more entitled to occupy a position of leadership than this lady. Aside from the compassion, understanding, and eternal gratitude we owe her as a war widow, I am persuaded that we are much indebted to her for her contribution of time, personal money and effort for the good of our KWVA cause. I think it is uncontested that she has labored long and hard and unselfishly in the vineyards on our behalf, and more by far than most of the rest of us.

I was fortunate this year, at long last, to make the "Korea Revisit" program and it was due almost entirely to assistance and support from Ms Wyosnick. I believe there are countless others who will attest that she has readily and reliably assisted them too in this, and many other, ways.

I have not examined in detail our Constitution or By Laws on the subject of membership for the Board of Directors. Even, however, if a case could be made under a strict interpretation that Ms Wyosnick is not eligible for the Board, I must confess I do not know what is to be gained by raising such a question concerning a person who has the credentials of this hard working member of the KWVA.

I think we are indeed fortunate to have someone like Ms Wyosnick to so helpfully serve. Her critics, if any, have a remedy. They can vote against her in the next election. In the meantime, I would hope we hear no more about what must be for her a truly heartbreaking matter.

—LT. COL. SHERMAN W. PRATT
 (USA RET.) 1512 20th Street; So.
 Arlington, Virginia 22202.

"...I AM A RECOVERING ALCOHOLIC AND NEED TO FIND OLD FRIENDS"

I was in Korea for 13 months April of '53 to May of '54. I helped build a PX, and a library, was active in T.I. & E classes towards the end of '53 and in '54. I was Co NCO for many activities, even asst Supply Sgt. with a Sgt. Broadbent.

I am a recovering alcoholic, and drank in the service, and in Korea (PX etc.) On my last nights, I caused some trouble in our squad tent, and in the Co. area. Throwing things, and pushing NCO's about. A Corporal put me to sleep with a good punch. I nearly missed my rotation ride in the A.M., because of having to fix up the tent, and make apologies. Had to run after truck!

Some of these names were them with me touring my tour, and I need one or two to remember that night in '54, and my drinking after the PX was finished. I am trying for a S.C. pension as to service connected drinking problems. Hope one or two are members or someone knows one or two names.

2nd Lt. J. Posey, Newark, NJ; Sgt. S. Maluquogio-E. Hartford, Conn.; Sfc. F.L. Alley-Cinn, Ohio; Sfc. D. R. Brinker-Beloive, OH; Sfc. L. Kusmuncyzk, Lochman, N.Y.; Sfc. D. Petit-Milan, Ind; Sfc. A Tibbits-Southport, ME; Sgt. J. Broadbent-Elkhart, Ind; Sgt. H. Conntemovne-Prov, R.I.; Sgt. M. Hennecke-Hymn, Ind.; Sgt. A. Holder-Houston, TX; Sgt. R. Jefferson-Middleboro, MA.; Sgt. L. Pilner-Movehecten, Conn.;

Sgt. A. Porter-Oakdale, Ill.; Col. R. Czewinsbi-Syracuse., N.Y.; Cpl. R. Gilmore-Hovana, Ill; Cpl. L. Hall-Armdum, ME.; Cpl. K. Hennche-Hymerva, Ill.; Cpl. C. Kondona-Adams, MA.; Cpl. F. Murray-Syracuse, N.Y.; Cpl. D. Rosinowerg-Iowa; Cpl. L. Ross-Koni, PA.; Cpl. M. Ivensch-McKeesport, PA.; Cpl. J. Vaughn-Elizabethtown, ILL.; Cpl. W. Wuchick-Akron, Ohio; Cpl. T. Zrakis-Manchester, MA; PFC A. Morris-Brookfield, MA.; PFC. F. Labune-Camden, N.J.

Any help appreciated.

—W.J. WALSH (2-14th Inf 25th Div); 77 Tibbetts Town Way; Charlestown, MA 02129.

See the suggested ad for recruiting on page 36.

Here's what "finding the real world" means: you finally reach the top of the ladder and find it leaning against the wrong wall.

THE CASUALTY

The other day I was moving boxes back and forth after moving my residence from a three bedroom house into a two bedroom apartment when I came upon a sealed box that was identified with a label: "just Ben's junk". Now I know I have a bunch of miscellaneous items, but I was interested to find out what junk was in this box.

When the box was opened to my surprise there was my high school items and year books. I opened the book from my senior year and mused over the pictures of my classmates. I remembered the pal with the unstylish long hair who, at the last class reunion was the "baldie" that I did not recognize. I remember the smart-aleck kid no one liked and is now a prominent physician. Most of all, I remember my best friend who has been married for many years to his high school girl-friend. He now has white hair and is a grandpa. Sadder still was the smiling faces of those school chums that didn't survive Korea.

I came upon a scrapbook on the bottom of the box. When I opened it, I found pictures galore, that I thought were lost long, long ago. There was a picture of me and my dad when we lived on a farm on the west side of Cleveland. There I was in my high school graduating robe and cap. Here I am, posing with my mother and dad before leaving for basic training in Virginia. Oh! here I am towering over my dad (gee, I always thought he was bigger) decked out in my new Ike jacket, compliments of the U.S. Army.

Oh, yes there I am before leaving for the West Coast for shipment to the Far East. God! I was good looking, slim, trim and a fighting machine.

Pictures and mementos of the good times were scattered about and unorganized. After sorting through them, I realized there were none to jog my memories of the bad times. Trying to remember, I found the memory clouded, but I do remember a buddy that caught a ride back to Japan and his plane flew into the side of a mountain. I remember the take-off flight of three F-80's, armed with napalm, when the wheel collapsed on the leader plane and all disappeared in a cloud of fire. I remember kids, no older than myself being taken to MASH units without arms or legs. I remember blood, blood, blood.

I remember my black buddy, Rick that slept with me, ate with me, cried and laughed with me and took good care of me times too numerous to count. Yet, when we returned home, he was warned not to stop

in the south but to keep traveling until he reached home.

I remember getting off the bus from the separation point and a cab driver asking me where I was stationed. Decked out in class "A's" with my new sergeant stripes, battle ribbons and 8th Army patch, I replied: "I was in Korea". Looking me up and down, he replied, "So what? You were kind of dumb to have to go to war and risk getting killed and it ain't even a war, just a police action."

What a reception for returning "hero" (if only in my own mind) of a war in a far off country!

Here it is 40 years later and I find myself in the same position. No one remembers that long forgotten war. When people think of war today, they think of WWII and the war in Europe, the Vietnam war and more recently of the war in the middle east (Desert Storm). If it were not for the popular TV series, M*A*S*H, Korea would have been forgotten ten years earlier. Few remember the war in Korea and the 55,000 sons and fathers that didn't return to their parents, wives and children. There were NO parades, NO statues or monuments. There is NO wall where remembrance brings tears or soul-searching except in one's own mind.

When I think back to this era in my life, I realize that by not remembering friends left behind, and the frugality of wars fought on a political and military front not only in Korea but also in Vietnam, then I too have become a causality of "The Forgotten War".

—BENJAMIN F. LYNCH; 6967 York Rd-#210; Parma Hgts, OH 44130.

N.Y. DEPT HAS NEW PRESIDENT

On October 17, 1992 John Edwards, President of the New York State Department, K.W.V.A., resigned his office of president. Upon his resignation, 1st Vice President Bob Morga assumed the duties of the president.

Mr. Morga will perform those duties until an election can be held and a new president is elected. A business meeting has been scheduled for some time in January. He intends to fulfill his responsibilities with the goals of the National Korean War Veterans Association uppermost on his agenda. Bob will also continue to be the President of the Central Long Island Chapter of the K.W.V.A.

—WILLIAM BEATTY, Secretary; P.O. Box 835; Bayport, NY. 11705.

You're getting old when you look forward to a dull evening.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM KATHLEEN

I was deeply and profoundly touched, even, astounded by the hundreds of "my" precious K-Vets who wrote and called me to express their loving concern and support during my recent spinal surgery! For a change, Lt. Honey needed some TLC.

I came through the operation with "flying colors" and after my R&R will be on the job, "fighting" on your behalf again.

Fortunately, there is, currently, a quiet lull with my Korea Revisit Trips and National agendas/issues, which has afforded me the rare opportunity to respond to the stacks and stacks of your letters that have accumulated this past year, a very busy and crowded one indeed, for me.

Again, more than words can ever express, I very much appreciate our members taking time and making the effort to contact me. I will NEVER "forget" you. . .and, continue to love and respect you without end!

—"LT Honey"; December, 1992

My Dear K-Vets,

It is with my sincerest apologies that I am unable to respond to your letters/phone calls/faxes, currently, other than urgent-"deadlined" correspondence.

I am in constant and severe pain, due to "ruptured" discs in my lower back and I am taking strong medication to alleviate the discomfort". I am scheduled for a laminectomy (to remove the discs) and a spinal fusion on Thursday, December 3rd. I will remain hospitalized for a week minimum, barring any complications. Hopefully, during my period, 4-6 weeks of enforced R&R, I will be able to reply to your letters, calls, etc. and, in addition, manage to mail "my" K-Vets Christmas cards.

Thank you very much for your understanding and patience! Love, Hugs and Kisses, —"Lt. Honey"; Nov. 14, 1992.

ROBERT HOWARD QUILLMAN CO B, 31st INF, 7th DIV M.I.A. Nov 30, 1950

"I would like to find out information about my father.

"My father's name is Robert Howard Quillman. His date of birth is 23, July '27 and his service number is RA 15 292 314. When he was serving in Korea his home address was 804 Daggett St. Napoleon, Ohio. We believe his unit was 31st infantry, Company B, 7th division.

"We believe he was part of a Task Force Drysdale. We would like to be

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| 1. | I want the KWVA Council to Tell America that we insist upon having names of our KIA/MIA on the National Memorial to be built in Washington, D.C. (See story #1 on page 24). | <input type="checkbox"/> YES
<input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 2. | I believe the KWVA Council should try to persuade the U.S. Senate to hold extensive public hearings on only the Korean War MIA/POW questions — and to emphasize interviews with the 2200 known survivors. (See story #2 on page 36). | <input type="checkbox"/> YES
<input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 3. | I believe KWVA should participate in a joint Memorial Service with the Korean Embassy on June 25, 1993 at Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C., and also have our usual July 27 ceremony. (See story #3 on page 37). | <input type="checkbox"/> YES
<input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 4. | I will support/participate on July 26, 1993 in a mass rally at the Memorial site in Washington, D.C. (See story #4 on page 37). | <input type="checkbox"/> YES
<input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 5. | I believe KWVA should work to build a national coalition of veterans. (See story #5 on page 27). | <input type="checkbox"/> YES
<input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 6. | I believe KWVA Council should seek a personal meeting with President Clinton in an effort to immediately resolve all the problems in building the Memorial, and to re-structure VA for veterans' medical care. (See story #6 on page 23). | <input type="checkbox"/> YES
<input type="checkbox"/> NO |

contacted by anyone that may have served with my father in November of 1950. Many of the details surrounding his fate are unknown. My father's unit marched north from Koto-ri. Their objective was to clear enemy movement from the area they were in to make safe passage for Task Force Maclean Faith. Col. Maclean was in command of this mission. When he became wounded, Col. Faith assumed command.

"My father's task force was in the vicinity of Koto-ri North Korea when they were attacked by the enemy. This was on Nov, 30, 1950. After about ten days, the regiment was reassembled at Hungman North Korea after completion of withdrawal from Chosin Reservoir. When the regiment was reassembled my father was not present.

"He was first listed as MIA and with no evidence to back up their claim, a board of officers in January 1956 changed his

status to KIA. I would like to be contacted by anyone that served with my father that was a witness to his fate. I will be anxiously awaiting your reply."

—MS. RHONDA QUILLMAN; P-550 Rd 2 Rt 1; McClure, Ohio 43534; Phone (419) 748-8869

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



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

Colonel Gripp 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 Gripp, 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.

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"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.



Care Of The Wounded Of The US Ground Forces During the Korean War

Robert M. Hall, MD
Colonel, USA (Ret)

The US soldier or marine who was wounded in Korea was cared for in a phased medical system that extended continuously from the front-lines where the casualty was wounded to the hospitals and medical centers in the continental United States. This system had been developed during World Wars I and II and was improved further during the Korean War. It took into consideration the requirements of the wounded casualty, the limitations imposed by the combat environment and the needs of the casualty's unit. Each successively higher treatment level was organized to correspond to the level of the Army or Marine Corps unit that it supported and was designed to provide the best treatment possible at that level. Each level provided more complete treatment than had been possible at lower levels.

The most forward elements of this system were the Army's medical aidmen and the Navy's hospital corpsmen who accompanied the infantry, artillery, armor and combat engineers. They were the "family doctors" for their platoon, battery or company. They were there "To Keep Men Fit To Fight and To Care For Those Who Cannot" which was the motto adopted by the medical service that supported the Marines. The numerous diseases that were present in Korea would have rendered our troops ineffective as a fighting force very quickly if they had not been prevented. The aidmen and corpsmen were the preventive medicine specialists at the platoon level who kept this from happening. They made sure that the necessary preventive measures were carried out by the members of their platoons and they cared for the others who became sick or were wounded. Responding without hesitation to the cry "Medic" or "Corpsman" and disregarding mines and incoming artillery, mortar and small arms fire as they did so they risked their lives to save the lives of others. They comforted the dying whose lives they could not save. The proportions of these medical personnel who were killed and wounded were greater than these proportions among the combat elements they supported. Unlike the other members of a platoon the aidman or corpsman often went on every patrol because he was the only aidman or corpsman left in a company. Like the medical personnel in the battalion aid stations farther to the rear they sometimes stayed with the wounded when their positions were overrun by the enemy. Like the other medical personnel they were then sometimes killed along with the wounded. It has been said that the combat medic was one of the combat infantryman's few heroes.

After the wounded casualty had received emergency medical treatment from the aidman or corpsman he was still many miles from a hospital. His evacuation to that hospital often began under enemy fire, sometimes when another rifleman helped the aidman or corpsman carry or drag the casualty to a less exposed position for treatment. After this if the wounded man could not walk he was carried by litter-bearers. This was hard and hazardous work and was especially difficult in Korea because of the mountainous terrain. Sometimes it was possible for the walking wounded and the litter-cases to be carried on the front-line ambulances or "litter-jeeps" whose drivers took their vehicles as far forward as possible. Sometimes a tank was used as an improvised ambulance.

The wounded casualties walked or were carried to the battalion aid station which usually was located a few hundred yards to the rear. Here they were first examined and treated by a physician, the battalion surgeon unless as was often the case they had already been treated by him farther forward. In the aid station the wounded casualty could be examined and treated more adequately than it was possible for the aidmen or corpsmen to do under fire in the platoon and company areas. In the aid station bleeding was stopped, fractures were splinted and other needed treatment was given if this had not been done previously.

The battalion aid station personnel sometimes furnished "tail-gate" medical support to casualties alongside a road if the battalion was moving rapidly. Sometimes the aid station was set up in an open field, a tent or in a building. At times a forward aid station was established to give closer support to one or more of the rifle companies. Wherever they were located, however it was in the battalion aid stations that the majority of lives were saved if they hadn't been saved earlier by aidmen or corpsmen in the platoon or company areas.

The Army's battalion aid stations were staffed by members of the regimental medical company; the aid stations of the Marine battalions by Naval medical personnel. Naval medical officers also served as battalion surgeons of some of the Army's battalions and treated patients in its hospitals during the first year of the war. They were members of the Naval Reserve who were loaned to the Army after it had called up all of its reserve medical officers who had no prior military service.

When the casualty was wounded he may well have been exhausted, sick, hungry, dehydrated and suffering from the intense heat of the Korean summer or the bitter cold of its winter. These factors influenced his body's reaction to his wound. If he had been seriously wounded his condition was going to get progressively worse until he either died or received the surgical and other treatment that would

See CARE OF ON PAGE 11.



Wounded member of "C" Company, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2d Division being given transfusion of whole blood by Surgeon, 1st Bn, during battle for "Old Baldy," 1 August 1952.



Company "A", 1st Battalion, 5th RCT, Chuk Chon Mountain, near Masan, 30 AUGUST 1950.



"C" Medical Company, First Marine Division 4 June 1952.



3d Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2d Division Near Kumhwa, 14 February 1952.



5th Regimental Combat Team Hudong Valley, 19 October 1951.

allow him to recover. First, though he had to be evacuated to the hospital where he could get this treatment. This often meant that he had to undergo and live through a long and jolting ride in an ambulance or in any other vehicle that was going to the rear. If he was in shock this had to be treated. If there was a possibility that he might go into shock on the way to the hospital this had to be prevented if possible. Blood plasma given intravenously was used for the treatment and prevention of shock during the early months of the war but was replaced later by dextran. Transfusions of whole blood were sometimes given for this purpose in the forward areas.

Not all casualties were evacuated farther to the rear from the battalion aid stations. The squads, platoons and companies from which they had come were now short-handed and were handicapped by their absence. It was because of this that wounded, injured or sick casualties were not evacuated any farther to the rear than that point at which they could be treated and returned to duty with their units.

An Army Regulation states that "The mission of the Army Medical Service is to conserve the fighting strength." One of the ways that this was done was by means of a sorting process that began with the aidmen and corpsmen in the platoon areas. This sorting process is called "triage," the term used for it by the French medical service from which our military medical services adopted it during WW I. After treatment by the aidman or corpsman those who had been lightly wounded remained with their units. The more seriously wounded were treated and evacuated. This same sorting process was carried out again at the battalion aid stations and was repeated at each successively higher level of care. At the aid stations those who were lightly wounded or mildly sick were treated and returned to duty or were held if their condition was such that they could be returned to their units in a short time and if the tactical situation made this possible.

From the battalion aid stations the more seriously wounded casualties were evacuated to the Army's regimental collecting station or the Navy's collecting and clearing company that supported a Marine regiment. These medical installations at the regimental level were of critical importance during the Korean War. Here it usually was possible for a tent to be erected that could be blacked out at night so that a light could be used while examining and treating the casualty. Here also a stove could be lit in the winter so that he could be warmed if necessary. Here also time was usually available during which shock could be treated and the casualty's condition stabilized so that he would be better able to withstand further evacuation to the rear. Triage was carried out here also and if the
See **CARE OF** ON PAGE 12.

tactical situation allowed it the lightly wounded or injured and the mildly sick were treated and held until they could return to their units.

Greater advantage was taken of the regimental level installations after the front had stabilized in 1952. The collecting and clearing companies that had supported the Marine regiments were converted into the four surgical hospitals that then supported the reinforced First Marine Division.

From the regimental level the wounded casualties were evacuated to an Army division's clearing station or the Marine division's hospital company. The red crosses on the sides of the 3/4 ton "box" ambulances that were used for this purpose were painted over very early during the war when it became apparent that these served only as targets for the enemy.

At the division level medical facilities the casualties were again examined, treated and triaged. Those who could be treated and held in the clearing stations remained until they could return to their units. The more seriously wounded or sicker casualties were evacuated to the nearby Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (the MASH), to a hospital ship lying offshore or to an Army evacuation or field hospital located farther to the rear.

About ten percent of the wounded required the immediate, life-saving surgery that the mobile army surgical hospitals were designed to provide. Such surgery was provided also by the hospital ships as well as by the Army's evacuation and field hospitals. Most of the severely wounded casualties were evacuated to a MASH from the nearby division clearing station if they had not already been evacuated directly to it from a forward medical installation such as a battalion aid station or regimental collecting station. Many times, of course casualties were flown directly to a MASH or hospital ship from the area where they had been wounded.

During the first seven months of the war the helicopter evacuation of casualties was carried out by Air Force and Marine Corps helicopters. The Army's first medical evacuation helicopters arrived in January, 1951 and some of the first use was made of them during the siege at Chipyong-ni in mid-February, 1951.

The helicopter evacuation of casualties was one of the important innovations of the Korean War. It was discovered to increase the need for forward surgical treatment capabilities, however since many severely wounded casualties survived the short helicopter flights who would not have survived a longer period of evacuation in a ground ambulance.

It was in the Army's surgical and evacuation hospitals and the Navy's hospital ships that the casualties were cared for by the members of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps. These nurses furnished the specialized nursing care needed by the casualties and supervised the care furnished them by



Seoul, 20 September 1950.



Helicopter Evacuation from Collecting Station, 23rd Infantry Regiment 2d division, Early Spring, 1951.

others. At times, especially during the early months of the war these nurses lived in and worked under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions. The wounded who reached the hospitals have not forgotten them and still speak with gratitude and admiration of the superb care and the boost to their spirits that they received from these nurses.

The Army's surgical hospitals which had been designed as 60 bed mobile units gradually became 200 bed evacuation hospitals that were staffed and equipped to care for all types of patients. Some of the Army's hospitals became specialized treatment and research centers.

The role of the hospital ships also changed.

During WW II these had carried wounded from one area to another in the Pacific theater or back to the continental United States. During the Korean War this function was taken over by the US Air Force. The sea evacuation role was continued during the early months of the Korean War, however. The British hospital ship HMS *Maine* was in a Japanese port when the war began and soon began carrying wounded casualties from the Korean port of Pusan to Japan. The Danish hospital ship *Jutlandia* arrived later and transported wounded members of the European UN Forces back to Europe.

The three US hospital ships, U.S.S. *Consolation*, U.S.S. *Haven* and U.S.S. *Repose* served as surgical

and evacuation hospitals. The U.S.S. Consolation was fitted with a helicopter landing platform in 1951 and was the first hospital ship to receive wounded casualties brought by helicopter directly from the combat area. Helicopter landing platforms were added later to the other ships.

It was in these hospitals or hospital ships that the wounded casualties received the necessary resuscitation, initial wound surgery and postoperative care. Later, they either returned to duty or were evacuated for further treatment in another hospital in Korea or in Japan. After the first six months of the war this evacuation was almost entirely by air. During these flights the patients were cared for by Air Force Flight Nurses and other medical personnel.

Patients who were evacuated to Japan were cared for in the US military hospitals located there. Some patients, after convalescence were returned to duty with their units or were assigned elsewhere in Japan or Korea. Others, whose wounds required further treatment in the large hospitals in the continental United States remained in Japan until their condition had improved enough so that they could withstand the long flights that were required.

An important surgical advance that saved many arms and legs during the Korean War was the use of arterial grafts. Sections of an artery from another casualty or of a vein from the wounded individual were used to replace sections of damaged arteries. This allowed the blood supply to be restored to many an arm or leg that would have had to be amputated otherwise.

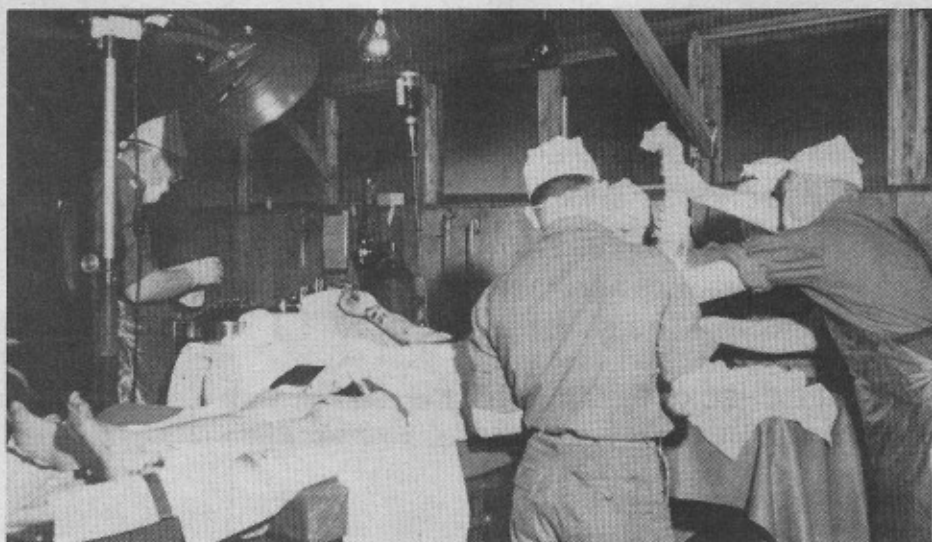
The soldiers and marines who were hit as the result of enemy action during the Korean War were more likely to survive than those who had been hit a few years earlier during World War II. More of the wounded lived to reach the hospitals and hospital ships and more of them lived after receiving hospital treatment. This was a team effort. The best-equipped hospitals with the finest surgeons, nurses and other medical personnel would have done the wounded no good if the wounded had not reached them. That the wounded reached the hospitals and that they did so in good enough condition to benefit from the superb care that was waiting for them was due to the courage, dedication and skill of the medical aidmen and hospital corpsmen, the litter-bearers, the litter-jeep and ambulance drivers, the helicopter pilots and the medical personnel in the battalion aid, regimental collecting and division clearing stations who made this possible.

It will be appropriate if all the medical personnel who served are represented at the Korean War Veterans Memorial. It will be especially appropriate if one of the figures represents the medical aidmen and hospital corpsmen who accompanied the Infantry and who so often gave their lives that others might live.



**AT LEFT: Battalion Aid Station
25 July 1950**

**BELOW: 8055 Mobile Army Surgical
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TOM CLAWSON (Pres. Minn #1) is co-chairman with Harry Wallace (National 2nd V.P.). Tom's phone is 612-457-6653. Harry is at 410-327-4854.

AS USUAL: all reservation forms with payment will go to Harry Wallace as shown below. We have asked the hotel to send confirmation to all who request rooms.

FRIDAY JULY 23

Board of Directors must arrive; others are welcome if so inclined to come early.

THE ANNUAL REUNION WILL BE JULY 24-28 IN BLOOMINGTON, MINN.

SATURDAY JULY 24

Board meeting first session.
Early Bird hospitality: 6-10 p.m.
There is RV camping nearby.

SUNDAY JULY 25

Registration: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Board meeting second session.
Chapel service (non-denominational): 11 a.m. - 12 noon.
Hospitality cabanas: 12 noon - 10 p.m.

Tours: Mall of America; also Minneapolis and Dome: afternoon.

OTHER EVENTS: Freedom Flight hot air POW/MIA balloon. Military vehicles and equipment display. War planes of Korea demonstration. Bus to Mystic Lake Casino. Night life on Mall of America.

MONDAY JULY 26

Breakfast on your own.
Registration 9 a.m. - 7 p.m..
Business meeting 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Spouses tours: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Hospitality cabanas: 5 - 10 p.m., with musical entertainment and dancing if you feel like it.
Bus to Mystic Lake Casino.
Mall of America "Nite on the town."

TUESDAY JULY 27

Special seminars 9 a.m. - 12 noon.
Memorial service 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
The 40th anniversary ceremony will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.
Dress code will prevail.

Reception 6 - 7 p.m.

Banquet, buffet style, 7 - 9 p.m. followed by our 40th Anniversary Dance. The usual dress code will prevail. Table seating arrangements will be assigned FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED. If you want your group seated together we advise you to be FIRST with reservations and NAMES/PAYMENTS for all.

WEDNESDAY JULY 28

Breakfast and closing ceremony 8 - 11 a.m. Please attend this important, but informal gathering of all men and women in attendance.

SEE BLUE BALLOT PAGE 7

ANY ACTION
WORTH TAKING
IS
WORTH TAKING NOW

PLEASE MAIL ----- **REGISTRATION FORM** ----- CUT HERE

THE 1993 REUNION JULY 24 - 28, BLOOMINGTON, MINN

ATTENDANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Your KWVA
Card NO. _____

**SELECT
No. 1 or No. 2**

Mail to: Korean War Veterans Association (REUNION)
P.O. Box 12205
Baltimore, Maryland 21281

Your Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____
(Please Print) (Please Print)

Address: _____

I WILL ATTEND _____ Yes _____ No SPOUSE: _____ Yes _____ No

1. { Reunion Fee of \$ _____ at \$69.50 per person enclosed; Check number _____
PAYMENT PLAN: (PER PERSON) ☐ ALL NOW ☐ HALF NOW ☐ BALANCE BEFORE JULY 10

OR PICK-AND-CHOOSE" as follows, for which payment is enclosed or arranged for as explained:

2. { ☒ Flat Fee MUST BE PAID - \$30.00 } ☒ _____ Persons at \$30 Flat Each = \$ _____ Due }
☐ Breakfast, 28 July \$12.00 } ☐ _____ Persons at \$12 Each = \$ _____ Due }
☐ Banquet, 27 July - \$27.50 } ☐ _____ Persons at \$27.50 Each = \$ _____ Due } \$ _____

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Korean War Veterans Association; Note "For 1993 Reunion"

Operating fund donation of \$ _____ enclosed; Check number _____

___ CHECK ___ MONEY ORDER

YOUR SIGNATURE AND DATE

AS KWVA MEMBERSHIP GROWS, WORKLOADS INCREASE

A Message from
NICHOLAS PAPPAS
1st Vice President



During the past 4 years President Adams has given much to KWVA. Under his leadership, membership has increased and despite legal ploys to oust him from office, being personally attacked, slandered and abusively criticized for his management style, he ran for President and was re-elected by his peers.

We must support him. There have been far too many negative accusations with no positive suggestions for

change. If any member has any complaint, bring it to the Executive Council meeting on Feb. 12-14. (See announcement on page 31).

If you cannot be present, write a letter. Or ask someone to represent you at the meeting. It's time to bring all those rumors out in the open.

WORKLOADS ARE HEAVY

During the last six months I have learned much about KWVA and its problems. Management workloads are divided and scattered. Administrative controls that have worked heretofore are gradually being overwhelmed by demands of a burgeoning membership.

A FEW PEOPLE DO MOST OF THE WORK

President Adams handles the administrative/financial work from California; Editor Hadden publishes the "Graybeard" in West Virginia; 2nd Vice President Wallace controls membership and associated computer data bases in Maryland; Blaine Friedlander, our legal affairs in Washington, D.C.; all functions that require extensive administrative/management support.

Additionally, communications within all segments of our organization, national, Executive Council, state departments, local chapters, and independent members are slow, and sometimes unresponsive, causing misinterpretations and discontent.

Fragmented and uncoordinated communications from some few individuals on the Board of Directors creates an organizational and operational infrastructure difficult to manage. As membership grows, workloads and new functions rapidly increase proportionately. The current KWVA management system is therefore getting overloaded with work, overwhelming the current responsible individuals beyond their capacities to quickly respond to the increasing demands of the organization and its members.

KWVA IS GROWING FAST

Many members do not realize or appreciate the thousands of hours of free

labor and out-of-pocket funds spent by the aforementioned officers to ensure KWVA remains a viable and potent veterans organization. KWVA is a large, expanding corporation that must eliminate "clerical mentality" approaches to management and apply modern practices to improve operations.

Applications of these practices will puncture rice bowls, alter or delegate certain responsibilities and create possible animosities, but we must bite the bullet to survive and achieve our objectives.

A NATIONAL OFFICE HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED

At the annual business meeting in Reno, action was recommended that KWVA establish an Executive Office in the Washington, D.C. area ASAP. Its purpose was to centralize and coordinate the management of delegated KWVA functions/responsibilities and to thus relieve the National Office of mundane administrative tasks. This was approved by the Executive Council and general membership.

By early fall, Council members were in receipt of three proposals for their review. Each proposal outlined various functional responsibilities and funding/personnel requirements for the Executive Office. The proposals had shortcomings, but overall provided a composite picture to enable the Council to develop and approve an organizational structure.

SOME DIRECTORS ARE NOT RESPONDING

The Executive Council, on the whole, was very lackadaisical in reviewing the proposals and providing in-depth recommendations to each other. The recommendations and comments received from the Executive Board members were inconclusive.

Stan Hadden and I requested a late fall Council meeting to discuss the merits/shortcomings of the three proposals and to formulate final policies, procedures and requirements to establish the Executive

"TIN SOLDIERS" IS NEW BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

In January of 1991 I offered to General Stilwell the use of an award winning short story of a battle in Korea. The story is entitled *Tin Soldiers*; its location is the mountains just above the 38th Parallel in central Korea by the Hawachon Reservoir. The story follows a Marine Fire Team of the 1st Marine Regiment during the initial 13 hours of the Marines advance to the Punchbowl. The battle lasted 17 days. Though the story is fiction the units utilized were involved at the locations mentioned.

Generals Stilwell and Davis had no means with which to take advantage of the story but they both encouraged me to pursue the project. After more than a year of dealing with publishers who take their own good time in replying and who do not wish to work with an unknown writer much less a short story, I have begun offering the story for sale in autographed manuscript form and have had some success.

The cost of *Tin Soldiers* is \$5.00 plus \$1.75 S & H. Checks or Money Orders are fine; they should be mailed to Bill Lohan; Route 1; Box 86L; Waubay, South Dakota 57273.

I served in Korea April 1951 - April 1952 with How Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment until wounded then I was assigned to Task Force Blaze whose mission was to buy enough time for the Air Force to fly the Saber Jets out of Kimpo (K-46) in case of an all out push by the Chinese.

Office by the first of the year. However, many Council members wanted to wait until the February meeting, hence extending the establishment of the Executive Office until "when"!

Nothing can be accomplished without Executive Council approval. President Adams can only "execute" what they approve. Without reorganization, internal problems will continue.

EVERY MEMBER CAN HELP!

I therefore recommend that members send donations (whatever they can afford) to help finance our Tell America program. Part of those funds will be used to help setup our executive office, where one of its functions is to administer and expand the Tell America program.. This edition of Graybeards offers every member an opportunity to help.

See page 31 for the ad selling campaign and page 41 for Tell America program.

Your donations may spur the Executive Council to act more decisively.

Nicholas Pappas
 First Vice President

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN

The search is on for women who have served or are currently serving in the military. Active duty, Reserve, Guard and veteran servicewomen are eligible for registration in the Women In Military Service Memorial.

At the heart of the Memorial, to be built at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery, will be the Register -- a computerized data base of the history and personal stories of each woman who has served. Your registration donation of \$25 will also help build the Memorial, which will honor and pay tribute to all servicewomen, past and present.

If you have served in the military or know a woman who has served, please call:

1 - 800 - I SALUTE

[1 - 800 - 472 - 5883]



Federal employees may contribute through the Combined Federal Campaign (#1203).

Your campaigns are listed for awards and decorations. See page 3.

WELCOME HOME!!!

Welcome home our heroes, Welcome home.
It's been a long time coming, but let me say to you,
Welcome Home our heroes, welcome home.

They sent you off a war to fight,
In a land so far away.
A land half way around the world,
A place where some would say.

Both day and night the war went on,
My friend you fought it well.
You watched your friends and comrades die,
You did your time in hell.

The war was finally over,
Back home to us you came.
For those who lost a loved one,
Life would never be the same.

The war had robbed you of your youth,
The youth came home a man.
There are some days your mind stays locked
In the shadow of that land.

Can we now say we love you?
And thanks for all you've done.
Freedom's price was terribly high,
God bless you everyone.

Welcome home our heroes, welcome home.
It's been a long time coming but let me say to you,
Welcome home our heroes, welcome home.

—JOANNE ENGNELL; Rt. 3, Box 301;
Princeton, MN 55371. 10-20-91

Nothing seems to slow a man down as
much as pushing his luck too far.



MASSACHUSETTS KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston have generously donated prime public property for the Memorial. It is located in Shipyard Park at the center of the Charlestown Navy Yard, adjacent to the famous warship USS *Constitution* and the Korean War veteran destroyer USS *Cassin Young*. It is also within the shadow of the Bunker Hill Monument, itself a great memorial to the sacrifices of our forebears in the creation of this great nation.

The hexagonal Massachusetts Korean War Veterans Memorial structure is forty-four feet in diameter including walks and benches. The gray granite Memorial will have six twelve-foot high columns spanned by five two-foot high lintels. The facing of the interior lintels will have inscribed the names of major battles fought in Korea.

The centerpiece of the Memorial is a nine foot bronze statue of a U.S. infantryman in winter combat gear standing on an eighteen-inch thick piece of Korean granite. The Korean granite was given in gratitude by the Korean government as a symbolic testimony to the sacrifices made by Massachusetts veterans in the defense of Korea. The soldier stands watch over the "Honor Roll" of Massachusetts troops who made the supreme sacrifice or are still missing in action, cast on bronze plaques set on the inside of each of the six columns.

The Memorial is being funded and built by the Korean War Veterans Committee of Massachusetts, Inc. a tax-exempt non-profit organization. Dedication is scheduled for July 27, 1993.

For further information call WM (RED) MASON, 508-823-4260, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. East Coast time.

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MASSACHUSETTS KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND
P.O. Box 6254; J.F.K. Station; New Chardon St.; Boston, MA 02114

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: AREA CODE (_____) _____

CHECK NUMBER: _____ DATE: _____

*Winning form to be drawn on June 14, 1993 - winner will be notified by certified mail - no entry forms will be accepted after June 1, 1993

Airline Tickets Valid Thru June 14, 1994



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**PAY YOUR
DUES TODAY**

**PLEASE
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YOUR
MAILING LABEL!**

See page one where we have placed your mailing label.
It should show the following information.

Membership number/	date your dues are payable
Name	↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑
Mailing address	PLEASE
City/Town/State mail delivery zip code	NOTE!

YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED: If any of the information on your label is incorrect: please write Harry Wallace, Membership Chairman; P.O. Box 12205; Baltimore, MD 21281. Or see page 2 for his phone.

If your dues are past-due, please send your payment to Harry. MARK IT with your membership number and the word "RENEWAL". Thank you.

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!

This newspaper clipping was handed to me by a friend here at the Soldier's and Airmen's Home. He has had it for sometime and thought I would like to have it. We don't know anything of the Author, though evidently he was in Korea in August 1952. Thought maybe you could print it. —ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE; Box 968 USSAH; Washington, DC 20317.

WHY?

Why am I here,
Why do I fight,
Why do I die,
Why?

Why in the middle of mayhem and strife
Do my thoughts always turn
And the question return,
Why?

Why do I die on a small piece of ground,
A valley low, or a hilltop high,
Why do I take a hill no one wants,
Where nothing grows, no one lives,
And no one even knows where it is?
Why?

Why do I fight to save a small child
Who doesn't understand me or know why I'm here,
Whose eyes only show a horrible fear?
Why am I fighting when my family is safe,
When there is no one fighting my United States?
Why?

In the noise of battle
And through the haze of fear
The answer has come to
Why I am here.
Why?

Because God decreed that all should be free
That freedom on earth as in Heaven should be,
Freedom of worship, freedom from fear,
Freedom to love all we hold dear,
The right to protect these things I hold dear,
Is the reason WHY I am here.

SFC. Charles E. Whitaker
Aug. 23, 1952.



From left, Korean War Veterans of Greater Lowell members Robert Page of Lowell, Frank Santos of Lowell, Harvey Legere of Lowell, President Leo Marquis of Tyngsboro, Mike Kalantzakos of Chelmsford, Dick Sawyer of Lowell and Lawrence Cristiano of Tewksbury unveil their new banner at the Polish American Veterans Club in Lowell yesterday. The one-year-old organization will be marching for the first time ever on Memorial Day weekend when members will participate in parades in Tewksbury, Pelham, N.H., and two in Lowell. We now number over 50 members. Leo H. Marquis, Jr. (President); KWVA-GTR-LOWELL; 201 Coburn St.; Lowell, MA 01850.

ACCURATE CASUALTIES NUMBERS ARE NEEDED

There has been considerable discourse on the feasibility of including the names of Korean War dead on the memorial to be built - we hope and pray - in Washington. If this were to happen, it would be critical that the information be accurate. Regardless, it is high-time that we clarify and eliminate the inaccuracies being repeated regarding Korean War casualties.

The primary purpose of this association being to "seek out the truth" and to "raise the awareness of the American People about the Korean War", we should first establish the truth.

A point that needs clarification - at least for me - is the figures on POW's and MIA's? Are the 8,177 MIAs included in the figure for KIA's? Although there are many who feel that there are still MIA's or POW's still alive in Russia, China or North Korea, I feel that the 8,177 MIA's should be added to the 33,629 KIA's - if they are already included. And, if names were to be on the memorial, the names of MIA's should be included.

Are the known POW's that died in captivity included in the figure for MIA's? Are they included in the figure for KIA's? Are they included in the figure for "other causes"?

Of one thing we are certain: the figure 54,000 is used inaccurately most of the time. I'm afraid we can place the blame for this on our Association. Following are three examples of this misinformation:

GRAYBEARDS-June '91 Page 18-Ltr of Sid Heyman: "...more than 54,000...lost their lives in Korea".

GRAYBEARDS-June '91-Page 19-Ltr Donald Lammers: "no names of the KIA's will be included...his name and the

other 54,245 men and women deserve to be listed."

GRAYBEARDS-Sept. '91-Korean Ambassador Hong-cho Hyun: "Ambassador Hyun paid tribute to the...54,000 who lost their lives there". (in Korea)

If this seems like nit-picking it is because I, and a lot of other veterans of the Korean War are tired of hearing the exaggerations of a younger generation and their war, and to try to outdo them with our own "facts" on our war is demeaning to those that went to the hell of Korea and died there in the bitter fighting.

I hope we can somehow publish an accurate accounting of combat casualties that will include only KIA's, MIA's WIA's and POW's.

Perhaps someone in Washington with access to the records could do the research to clarify some of the questions I have asked. The Association could commission someone to do this study. I have one suggestion for this person: Harry G. Summers, Jr. - Colonel of Infantry (Ret.) c/o Summers & Cunningham; 4011 Wharton Turn; Bowie, Maryland 20715.

Your newsletter is much appreciated. I look forward to reading it. My compliments on a job well done!

—HARRY C. VAN ZANDT; 22 Tamarock Lane; Clifton Park, NY 12065.

Editor's note: After 40 years it does not seem extravagant to expect our U. S. Dept. of Defense to have ALL the correct figures at their computer fingertips. Why don't you ask them for the explanation — and tell us through Graybeards?



"There's nothing impossible with God" is the central theme of songs written by Betty Winder and sung to instrumental country gospel music. Her cassette includes nine songs that you will enjoy. Husband Charles was in 4th AB Rangers. His story of being wounded, captured, tortured, and finally escaping is told in his Korean War book "Escape and Evasion". The Winders live at 3214-B 74th St.; Lubbock, TX 79423.

"I would like very much to touch my Dad's name (on the Memorial). See page 19.

CODE OF CONDUCT WAS SIGNED BY DDE IN 1955

I arrived in Korea on 26 April 51 assigned to H Co. 35th/25th. We quickly grouped and boarded a narrow gauge train en route to a depot closer to the front, which was just north of Seoul. I almost enjoyed the leisurely train ride through the countryside, past knocked out vehicles of all types, past obvious sites of battle. Suddenly our train made an abrupt stop, jerked into reverse, and sped off. We learned later that we had entered territory just taken by the Chinese. What a legacy within hours of our arrival in Korea!

In basic training we had had little or no training of what to do if captured. We knew we were required to give only our names, ranks and serial numbers, but were not instructed about our other duties or conduct. In 1955 President Eisenhower signed a MILITARY CODE OF CONDUCT. Much of it was established from hindsight of GIs captured during the Korean War. Enclosed is a copy of the Code of Conduct, that I hope you will publish in the GRAYBEARDS. Not that it will do any of us much good now, but it is something to meditate upon.

—HAROLD E. LONEY; 3679 SR-598; Willard, OH 44890.

THE MILITARY CODE OF CONDUCT

I — I am an American fighting man. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

II — I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command I will never surrender my men while they still have the means to resist.

III — If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

IV — If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

V — When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am bound to give only my name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

VI — I will never forget that I am an American fighting man, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

Signed by President Dwight Eisenhower 1955.

Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall not be disappointed.

Please show the blue ballot on page 7 to your other veterans posts or homes. Ask them to also vote. . .after all, we have the common goal of protecting our country at all times. Make all the copies you want!

CRUISER SAILORS ASSOCIATION HELD ITS FIRST CONVENTION

The U.S. Navy Cruiser Sailors Association held its First Annual Convention on Cape Cod Oct. 9 thru 12, 1992. In attendance were former cruiser sailors from WW II, the Korean War and Desert Storm.

Officers elected for 1993 were Frank Centazzo, President, James Fernandes, Vice President, Edward August, Treasurer and Ronald Maciejowski, Secretary. Joseph Maider was appointed National Chaplain; Leah Dondero, Widow's Representative and Edward August, Editor. Also, a Board of Directors, Regional and State Officers were elected. By-Laws were adopted. Three Resolutions were adopted.

For information about the Association and a copy of resolutions passed at this meeting, please contact Ronald Maciejowski, Secretary, U.S. Navy Cruiser Sailors Association, 55 Donna Terrace, Taunton, Ma 02780. (USS Worcester CL-144).

PHILADELPHIA VETS ASK HELP FOR MEMORIAL

We the Veterans of Korea, as well as the Veterans of all Wars from Philadelphia and surrounding areas, feel that it is time to remember and pay tribute. We feel it is time to unite and erect a fitting Memorial to those left behind fighting for freedom in the Republic of South Korea. A Memorial for those who didn't return to the Freedom we still enjoy! A Memorial so that these souls will always be remembered!

We are asking for your support as caring people. By getting involved in our goal to build this tribute in whatever way you can. We need your help. We need your contributions. We need you to volunteer some time in fund raising activities. Whatever you can do is needed and will be remembered! Please call Robert McGovern, President Memorial Association; 2124 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103; or call (215) 564-1100 or write to 2124 Race St.; Philadelphia, PA 19103.

**Yesterday is experience.
Tomorrow is hope.**

"I WOULD LIKE TO TOUCH MY DAD'S NAME. . ."

"I am writing in reference of our KIA's/MIA's names on our memorial which will be erected in D.C.

"My name is Theodore Harold Lloyd. I served in Korea 6 April 73 to 6 April 74 with the 595th Maint. Co. 227th Maint. BN Yon-song. My father SFC HAROLD ALVIN LLOYD was a career soldier who was with First Army stationed on Governors Island, N.Y. My dad was shipped to Korea when I was three months old.

"My dad served with the 38th Infantry Reg. 2nd Infantry Division Hotel Company as an M.P. My dad stood on Korean soil on 20 November 1952 and died on 9 November 1953.

"I never saw my dad. Our memorial is all I have of my dad, I am asking our association to do whatever they can do to have our KIA/MIA's names on our memorial.

"As a child I never touched my dad, at least I don't remember I did.

After 40 years I would like very much to touch my dad's name. I'm asking our association because as a soldier, patriot and son of a patriot please give me and others a chance to touch our loved ones and begin our healing. Thank you."

—THEODORE H. LLOYD; (son of a Patriot); RR 3, Box 28; Effort, PA 18330-9804.

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(During the Best Month of the Year)

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1993; April 2, 9, 16, 23, & May 7
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The Korean Revisit Program for Veterans is an excellent opportunity to visit this grand Oriental country. Family members are also invited to be a part of this Korean Revisit Program which is being sponsored by a consortium of the International Korean War Association, Korean Council of the Navy League and the United Nations Korean War Allies Association.

WHOM TO CONTACT:

For more information about this exciting travel opportunity, contact:

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Attn: Military Director
2528 West Olympic Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90006
Phone: (213) 487-0947
Fax: (213) 487-5130

Oct. 12, 1950 - We Lost Two Ships And Took 92 Casualties

In ref. to the photo of the USS Pledge sinking off the coast of Wonsan in 1950 the caption is incorrect. It states that the ship was "sunk probably from enemy shelling". It wasn't.

That day (Oct. 12, 1950), the aux minesweepers Pirate, Pledge and Incredible began minesweeping at 11:12 a.m. The destroyer minesweeper USS Endicott followed them to give them gunfire support. The Diachenko and Doyle were also ready to give support. The Redhead and Kite were also laying buoys in the area.

The Pirate, Pledge and Incredible all cut some mines loose and they were popping to the surface. The Pirate hit a mine that broke her main deck into two parts. Within four minutes the Pirate capsized.

The Pledge put her whaleboat in the water to get survivors. At the same time shore batteries on Sin-do island opened fire on the sinking Pirate. The Pledge opened fire on the shore batteries. There were thirteen mines floating in the water at this time. The Pledge was making a left full rudder turn and hit a mine at 12:20. The starboard hull was split and ruptured. The Pledge sunk.

The Endicott put boats in the water to rescue survivors. A PBM patrol plane saw the action and spotted the Endicott's gunfire into enemy positions. The PBM also strafed enemy positions. F4Us and ADs were also called in from the aircraft carrier Leyte.

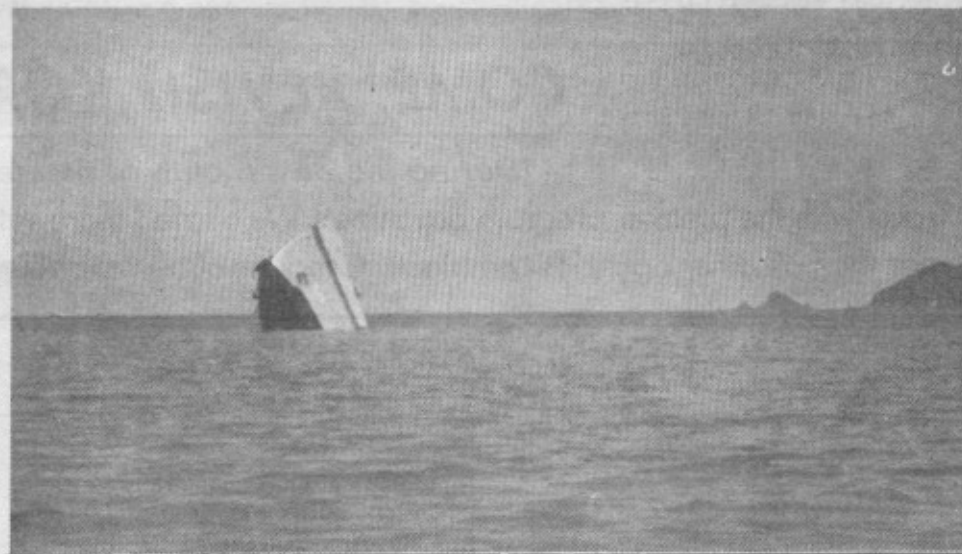
That day we lost two aux minesweepers, the Pirate and Pledge. There were 92 casualties from the two ships including 12 missing in action. One died from wounds after this rescue.

Some 3,000 mines had been laid off Wonsan under the direction of Soviet naval experts. These mines (both magnetic and contact type) played havoc on U.S. and United Nations ships during the Korean War.

I served aboard the USS Thompson DMS-38 (a destroyer minesweeper) during the Korean War. We destroyed 16 mines and performed shore bombardment exercises on the North Korean coast. We received the Navy Unit Citation for our minesweeping operations at Chinampo, North Korea. The Thompson was hit by shore batteries at Songjin killing three and wounding four (June 1951.) Almost one year later the Thompson was again hit by



THE MINESWEEPER U.S.S. PLEDGE (above) HIT A MINE AT 12:20 . . . AND THE U.S.S. PIRATE (below) HIT A MINE THAT BROKE HER DECK INTO TWO PARTS.



shore batteries at Songjin this time killing four and wounding several. Before war's end the Thompson was again hit by shore batteries but this time no casualties.

—WM J. MCGUINNESS; 524 Winne Ave; Oradell, NJ 70649.

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"Not one former Prisoner of War from the camps testified" before the recent Senate hearings. Why? See page 36.

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Is the road to building the Korean War Veterans Memorial actually paved with bureaucratic incompetence?

TO MOTHER

From A Korean Battlefield

Dear mother, I cry for thee.
Come to me your child destroyed.
By one such as I who also sees,
within himself visions of his home.
Whose own mother God enshrined,
Within his living soul and heart.
And as I yearn for you tonight,
From the recesses of my heart and mind,
I cry so much the tears run dry.
All that remains is my guttural sigh.
—PAT R. VIGIL; 317 60th St. NW; Albuquerque, N. Mexico 87105.

84TH & 62ND ECB REUNION -- April 16, 17, 18, 1993; Eugene, OR. Contact: VIC SWANSON; 1925 Broadview St.; Eugene, OR 97405. Phone 503-484-2197.

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

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



This picture in the Greybeards Vol 7 No 5 Sept. 1992 (above) is of my platoon in Korea in 1950. I was one of the S/Sgt in the platoon. I have pictures of most of these men in my personal things which I brought home from Korea in 1951. This platoon is the 2nd Platoon in the 2nd Mortar Bat. which was with the 24th Inf Division at that time. I am in this picture. I would like to have you print my name and address so I could hear from some of these men. Thank you. S/SGT CHARLES DURRUM RA 11186891; 14 Allen St.; Pouhtney, VT 05764.

Thank God the KWVA/Graybeards was started. Ten of us went to Korea. Six died; the other four of us are in wheel chairs, etc. and have many things that cannot be forgotten. I cannot forget all the men that I saw die, and the wounded, or the feel of steel going into my body. Just light hits; I was lucky. But I know that today I owe all my ex-buddies much. I would appreciate your help in finding some of them.

21st T. Car Co & G4, 8th Army Hq. Seoul 1951-1952. I would like to hear from anyone who served in these two groups, especially Lt. Col ANDERSON from G4. I am 100 percent disabled and need help. My records were burned in St. Louis in 1973. Any bit of information will be good; will write to you on what I need. MEARL NELSON; 51st & Minniehacha; Minn Veterans Home, Bldg. 17; Minneapolis, MN 55417.

I am trying to locate former members of "I" Co, 3rd BN 7th Mar, 1st Mar Div, Korea 1950. Squad Leaders, 1st Platoon, Sgts WILLIAM J. KELLY Ser #566251, EDWARD (CARL) BROOKS Ser # 551990 and replacement officer 1st/Lt JEROME N. PIETI Ser #049291. Sgts Kelly and Brooks were last known to be in the Chicago, IL area and Pieti attended Flight School in Florida, 1951. Contact: GySgt Ernest G. Pappenheimer, USMC Ret.; 51516 Lost Lake Farms; Holly Rt 2, MI 48442; (313) 694-0006.

I would like to contact Sgt. Philip (Sharky) Moore. Sgt Moore served with the 226 Signal Service Co. in Korea from 1950 to 1952. After rotating to the States in 1952 he was assigned to the 40th Signal Batt., Fort Devens Mass. I would appreciate any information as to his whereabouts. William J. Ryan; RR4 Box 268B; Ellsworth, ME 04605.

Philip Douglas (SSGT) H & S Co 13th Engr (C) Bn 7th Inf. Div. 1951-52. I would like to hear from you. Don Arp (SFC) 10004 Lexington N.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87112.

1st Tank Bn 1st Mar Div May 1, 1954 - Jan 1, 1955: I seek claims assistance for injury to my left

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

knee. Anyone who remembers me please contact: RALPH CANTERBURY; 54 Fifth Ave.; Clifton, NJ 07011. Thank you.

I served from Feb 1. 1953 to after the war in Korea. I was in L Co 32nd Regt 7th Div for appx 1 mo and then in M Co 32nd Regt. I entered as Pvt and left S/Sgt. I would like to hear from anyone who knows me. I served with men from N.Y. to Calif. We were in area of T Bone and Pork Chop. —A.L. (AL) JORDAN; 1885 Shamrock Dr.; Brentwood, Tenn 37025.

17th Inf Regt (Buffalos) Former members are urged to contact Ralph Colley. 408 K St, Barling, AR 72923. He is secretary of the newly formed 17th Inf. Regt. Assn. (East), in connection with forthcoming reunions and locator rosters,

I am looking for ERNEST L. CLOUGH from College Park, Georgia (outside Atlanta). His mother's name is Sadie Baxter. We took jump school together in Japan. In the Korean War he was a wire man in the second Div (2nd Div). I hope he is still alive. Please call: George Barr (215) 942-3361. Indian Run Village RD1; Honeybrook, PA 19344.

I'm looking for members of the 330th Comm Recon Co (ASA), who served with me in Korea from January 53 to June 54, and for any other ASA trainees who were at Fort Devens, Mass, from May 52 to December 52. Please contact Sandy Helfand at PO Box 125, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458.

I would like to contact anyone who was attached to the 79th MP-CID at Fort Leonard Wood, MO during April of 1952 through 1953. Commanding officers then were Capt. Jim Nolte and Lt. Spriggs. Would like to hear from someone. Ed "SPUD" KARNAFEL. (I was the department Photographer). ED KARNAFEL; 801 E. Monte Cristo; Phoenix, AZ 85022.

Anyone who remembers me getting my left knee dislocated, in a heavy mortar attack on 21 Dec. 1951. We were in the Punch Bowl area, on or near Hill 812. I spent 6 days in "A" Med. It burned shortly after I left and some of my records must have burned too. I remember Sgts Messerschmidt and Powers were up that day too. I am Glenn Sheridan HM2c. I was with "C" Co 1st Eng. 1st Marine Div. (See next story also).

On 6 Apr 1952 I was with "D CO 1st Eng 1st Mar Div. We were in an area, that would later become "Bunker Hill", removing mines in that area. We had a heavy weapons platoon with us. I think a Capt. by the name of "Thorton", or something like that. 2 men pulled an anti-tank mine, it had been booby trapped with a shape charge. Both men had very serious face wounds. I would like to hear from anyone who may have been there that day. Some names I remember are "Rhodes", "Garvey", "Mc Maw", "Delany". My address is Glen Sheridan; Box 177; Murdock, MN 56271.

Members of 90TH F.A.BN, Japan, Korea 1949-'53, Please send name, address, phone no. to R.M. McBride, 7514 Girard Ave. #630; La Jolla, CA 92037 for report on Oct. 1992 reunion. Include dates & battery served, and wife's name for inclusion in 1993 roster. Thank you.

Seeking men of Easy Co, 2nd BN, 5th Regt Korea 1950-54 Contact Bart Daulierman; 526 N. 2nd

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

St.; Lykene, PA. 17048. Phone 717-453-7472.

I am a Korean citizen (Rep. of Korea) 68 years old male and am very much proud of engaged in U.S. Army during the Korean War in 1950 - 1952 My unit was HQs, 32nd Construction Engineers Group APO 301, San Francisco and was to support US 10th Corp in eastern front line.

I was working for this unit for 3 years as an interpreter, senior grade of Korean employees and this unit was stationed in Wonju city and later moved to Chunchon city of Korea. Group Commander was Col. T. Fremont.

I should very much appreciate if you would kindly help me out to locate ex-Lt. Col. John Dewey (first name is not sure) who was Deputy commander of the group or someone else who were also in the same unit in that time so that I can communicate with them for exchanging our old unforgettable memories. Faithfully Yours: Park, Kyung Yun; Hyundai Apt. 106-1102; Abguchong-dong, Kangnam-ku; Seoul, 135-110 Korea.

"C" Battery 17th Field Artillery 8 inch Howitzer. Outfit I Corp 1952-10953. Stationed in Munsan-ni. Also Kumwha and Chorwon. Like to hear from any veterans of my outfit. Please contact ALEX GODO, 329 East 83rd St. New York 10028 N.Y. Apt 4C. Tel 212-249-9030.

I served with the 72nd Engr. (C) Company in Korea from July 31, 1950 to July 15, 1951. The 72nd was part of the 5th R.C.T. Since retiring last year I have written more letters than in the previous forty years, attempting to locate former 72nd members and have had some luck. At the present time there are eight of us that correspond with each other. All desire to locate more friends, buddies, etc.

—DAVID ZIMMERMAN; 25 Foundry St.; Candor, NY 13743.

It is approaching 40 years since my brother served in the U.S. Army, 196th Regiment, stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska, 1953-54.

We would like to contact some of those with whom he served. In particular, we ask your assistance in contacting CPL MICHAEL P. WARN, who was the Catholic chaplain's driver with H. Q. Company at Fort Richardson, Alaska in 1954. I believe his wife's name was Mildred and his son's name was Patrick. Of special interest is that they were expecting a baby at the same time my brother was, and we are interested in: How we can locate them; When and Where their child was born, and What they named it; and How are they all doing these past 40 years. —JUDITH A. GALEHOUSE, RN; 2170 Guava Road; Venice, FL 34293.

65th Combat Engineers Company "C" 25th DIV. would like to hear from anyone in the company from July 1950 to July 1951. I have often thought of my buddies of 42 years ago especially those taken prisoner the morning of Nov. 26, 1950. Ron Rutledge; 1423 Briarwood; Slidell, LA 70458.

TAPS

ROBERT G. DILLON, JR; died May 14, 1991. West St. Paul, MN. 25th Div 1951-53.

LESTER MEKOLI; died Nov. 1992; St. Paul, MN. Army Artillery 1953.

PHILLIP "Midge" J. BATTICK, JR.; December 20, 1992; Watertown, CT. USMC.

ARE YOU OUT THERE?



Enclosed is a picture of myself and a buddy named Pete Petersen from Florida. (He is the one with the helmet on). This was taken just north of the 38th Parallel we were Attack Co the 4th L.A.S. ninth corp (IX). If anyone of my buddies from the 4th L.A.S. sees this please write to: —JOSEPH J. GOOD, SR.; 50 Arthur St.; Yonkers, NY 10701-1540.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted—Artwork done by soldiers during the period 1950-53 in Korea, subject matter not important. I do prefer Oil and watercolor paintings or sketches of any Army activities during that period. Please send description, photo and requested price. T.F. Low; 95 Blackstone Blvd.; Providence, R.I. 02906

MILITARY PROPAGANDA DOCUMENTS WANTED— Researcher seeking U.S. and foreign propaganda leaflets, safe conduct passes and military currency from WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama and Desert Storm for research/museum project. All material received will be promptly acknowledged. Mail to: W. G. HARRISON, Army, Retired, 5546 N. Sixth Street, Fresno, CA 93710.

Combat Infantrymen's Association wishes to acknowledge and thank all the KWVA members who responded to our ad and joined our elite Association. The response has exceeded our own expectation and we appreciate all who replied. Fraternally yours: LEO E. KIBBLE; RD3; Smethport, PA 16749.

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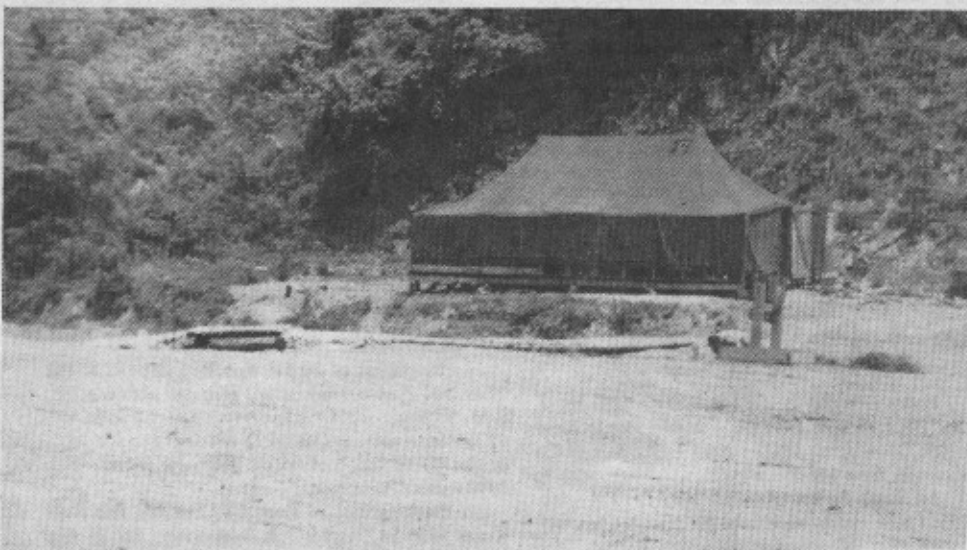
Rules of qualification for KWVA membership were changed to recognize that we are getting fewer in numbers and by drawing in the occupation troops we will maintain our strength to answer the call to save our nation — again. Please help KWVA help you. Pay your dues now.



HERE'S WHAT A DIRECT HIT on a supply tent did in BAT A 623rd FA BN. My camera and a box of cigars received from home that day. Five hours later we uncovered PVT WILLIE GATHER who was killed and blown into the side of the hill. He went into the drainage ditch when rounds started to come in. —JOHN B. BRESLIN (Sgt US 52182698); 35335 Alta Vista; Sterling Heights, MI 48312.

"Abagie and Papasan, the worst 8-balls in Korea; but lots of fun. They did a lot of the work — KATOSSHA. John Breslin standing at rear." Aug. 22, 1953.

"Here's the supply room before hit. 623 FA BN 1952-53" —John Breslin



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.**

Fellow KVV: Just an idea I would like to pass on regarding membership and the possibility of increasing our numbers.

In every issue of the *Graybeards* you have notices for reunions of various branches of the military. May I suggest that the individual placing the notice be sent a decent supply of membership forms to pass out at the reunion or He/She could photo copy from their latest *Graybeards* and pass around to those in attendance. — **TONY RIPOSA; 4326 Gypsy Rd.; Marcellus, NY 13108.**

(Editor's Note) **THANK! Tony.** We suggest that all may make copies of KWVA application blank on last page this edition — and hand'em out!

The 7th Infantry Regiment Association will be holding its annual reunion at Hinesville & Fort Stewart, Georgia, Home of the 2nd and 3rd BNS, 7th Infantry Regiment from May 27th thru May 31st, 1993. All former 7th Infantry "Cottonbalers" and attached units are welcome to attend. For membership and registration forms contact: Harry E. Cooke, President, 7th Infantry Regiment Association, 618 Hamilton Street, Lancaster, PA 17602-2131 or phone: (717) 291-9142 after 3:30 p.m. during the week.

88th Infantry Battalion Heavy Mortar (formerly the 461st Infantry Battalion Heavy Mortar) Members of this unit, if interested in a reunion during 1993, please contact: Paul E. Hand, Col. — **USAR Retired; 1429 Miranda Lane; Warminster, PA 18974. (H) 215-675-7269. (W) 215-322-0200.**

180TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 45TH DIVISION: Annual reunion for WWII and Korea Thunderbirds will be held 7-9 May 1993, Holiday Inn, McAlester, OK. Contact Raul Trevino, 7791 Woodchase Dr #1215, San Antonio, TX 78240. Tel: 210/681-9134.

CO. G 180TH INFANTRY 45TH DIVISION THUNDERBIRDS: Reunion for WW II and Korea, will be held 7-9 May 1993, Holiday Inn, McAlester, OK. Contact Jim Phipps, P.O. Box 347, Clarcona, FL 32710. Tel: 407/295-6759 or 703/686-5088.

USS INDEPENDENCE CVA-62 and Air Wings: I am organizing and coordinating our fifth reunion for shipmates to be held in Boston MA. July 8-11, 1993. Please contact: Denis Bagley; 12 Trenton Ave.; Edison, New Jersey 08817; Phone (908) 819-0359. Fax (908) 819-9016.

USS SATYR ARL 23. I am looking for any shipmates who served between 1950 and 1955 especially but all are welcome for the purpose of a reunion. For more information please contact: JAY A KLEINSMITH; 8005 Nancy LN; Ellenton, FL 34222.

25th Infantry Division Assoc. Announcing the 44th Annual Reunion-Convention, August 5-8, 1993, in Louisville, KY, for Veterans who served in the division during WWII, Occupation of Japan, Korea, Viet Nam, Operation Desert Storm, and in Peace-time. For more information on the reunion and association, contact Andy Ansell, R. D. #1 Box 336, Acme, PA 15610.

OUTPOST HARRY SURVIVORS ASSOC. Through *Graybeards* I made contact with others who survived the bloody battle for a combat outpost called "Harry". We had a reunion at Ft. Stewart in June 1992 - (see *Graybeards* page 22 Sept 1992) and it was a wonderful and emotional experience!

We formed the "Outpost Harry Survivors Association" and plan on meeting again in 1993. Please let every OP Harry participant (June 10-20 1953) no matter which branch of service know about our get together. Please ask them to contact Dan Braucher, 710 73rd Court, Willowbrook, IL 60521 for details.

24th Inf. Div., 21st Inf. Regt., Co. "L" (50-51) Korea, Reno, NV 17-20 May 1993. Contact Hugh A. Brown, P.O. Box 7511, Athens, GA 30604.

U.S.S. LSM (R) (Rocket) which was at the Inchon landing Sept 15, 1950. Also we were at Hungnam at the Evacuation; I believe that was Dec 1950. And also at Wonsan Harbor when one of the LSM(R) hit a mine in 1952. I am looking for any ship's company seaman or fireman; and also anyone who was in Co 48-131 San Diego Training Center. — **MARVIN EARL DELP; 215 East Eighth; Alton, IL 62002.**

NINTH AIR FORCE ASSN - 1993 Convention (All ranks from 1942 to present) - April 28 thru May 1, 1993. Colorado Springs. Info: Marvin Rosvold-chairman, 600 So. 13th - Suite One; Norfolk, NE 68701. ph 402/371-6633.

NINTH AIR FORCE ASSN-1994 Fiftieth Anniversary of D-DAY Convention May 31 thru June 8, 1994 aboard the "QE 2" sailing to NORMANDY where the ship will be your hotel during the Commemoration. Info: "9AFA-QE 2", Box 70; Valley Stream, NY 11582.

Story #6

See blue ballot on page 7.

"My suggestion to KWVA is to have an open letter signed by all of us or those on the executive board to **PRESIDENT Bill Clinton** to get the Korean War Memorial erected in WASHINGTON, DC now." — **JULES KURTZ; 16 Cherokee Ave.; Rockaway, NJ 07866.**

"OH, YOU WERE ONE OF THEM. THANK YOU."

I've been wondering who might appreciate hearing about an incident I was involved in a few months ago. After reading an issue of your paper, I suspect that perhaps only your readers would understand.

I've always suspected that my own Korea and post Korea experience was almost a universal one. I mean that when I came home I found that very few Americans cared one way or the other about what had happened in Korea. They only seemed to want to get on with their lives. So I put it all in a little compartment in my mind and sealed it up. Then I set about trying to get on with my own life. After 40 years I have become very used to the idea that few, if any really cared. Then quite unexpectedly, for me, at least, things changed.

One Sunday morning recently, I was ushering at my church. One of the visitors that morning was a young man who had as his companion a young Oriental woman. When he introduced her he said she was in the United States studying for her Ph.D. and that she was from Korea. Naturally interested, I asked where she was from and told her that I had been in her country. We talked for a few moments and then she was taken off to be introduced elsewhere.

Several minutes later, she excused herself from a group and came over to me. She asked me when I had been in Korea. I smiled and said that it was a long time before she was born. She persisted so I told her that it had been in 1952. And then she asked what I had been doing there and I told her that I had been a soldier. She looked at me very intently for a moment and then said, very softly, "Oh, you were one of them. Thank you."

I accepted the "Thank you" on behalf of us all.

— **DAVID B. MAGUIRE (A Co. 578th ECB, 40th Inf. Div.); 9 Edgemont Rd.; Newark, De. 19711.**

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Story #1 —starts on the two pages facing you, in several related factual reports for your information.

PLEASE SEE THE BLUE BALLOT ON PAGE 7.

NO! IT'S NOT A SECRET!

In December 1992, a Chapter newsletter said this: "...A decision on the design of our National Monument has not been made as yet." ...and it "seems to be a very closely guarded secret."

Graybeards has been reporting since January 1991 that no design has ever been fully approved. We told you again and again in the next 8 editions. Over and over. For 21 months.

BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT

And we are reporting it again in this January 1993 edition. So who has been keeping it "secret"? See related stories on pages 24, 25, and 26.

WHO OWNS THE DESIGN?

CAN IT BE CHANGED?

The American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) OWNS THE DESIGN for the Memorial. An ABMC spokesman said they "paid cash money to the designers for it. The ABMC has the proprietary right to change the design in any way needed in order to obtain acceptance by the approving agencies." (See *Graybeards* for Jan. 1991, bottom of page 14).

This position was upheld by the courts in Washington, D.C. according to a press release from KWVMAB last Feb. 25, 1992.

"...the Memorial must radiate a message that is at once inspirational in content and timeless in meaning..." continued ABMC and KWVMAB.

Ask yourself this question: will a memorial ever be "timeless" if it does not show the names of KIA/MIA?

NCPC IS PART OF THE MEMORIAL GRIDLOCK

There's another committee of bureaucrats in Washington that blocks our Memorial design and construction. It's the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC).

Graybeards has observed NCPC in action and is of the opinion that two people are the greatest influences on that commission. One: the mayor of Washington, D.C. (often called "the murder capital of the U.S.A.") who holds power over some key appointments to NCPC.

And two: the executive secretary of NCPC who wielded enormous influence over the actual wording of NCPC decisions in 1992. Last Feb. 4, 1992, at his recommendation, the NCPC ignored the requests from two U.S. senators and five Congressmen to give our Memorial its full support. *We were told that the executive secretary is a Civil Service employee of the federal government (your employee).*

When Will The Memorial Be Dedicated?

Graybeards asked that question last Sept. 17, 1992 and the reply on Sept. 18 from ABMC said

- (1) the design is not yet completed; and
- (2) the site won't be ready until 1 October 1993 (*but remember that "ground-breaking"?*); and
- (3) dedication might be in July or November, 1995.

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

18 September 1992

Mr. Stan Hadden
Korean War Veterans Association
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

Dear Mr. Hadden:

Reference is made to your fax of 17 September 1992.

Presently, we are in the "preparation of final design" phase. This spring we should begin soil compaction and site preparation. The site should be ready for construction in October 1993, by which time final design should be approved and a building permit have been issued. It is anticipated that the memorial will be completed in sufficient time to dedicate it either on July 27, 1995, the 42d anniversary of the signing of the Armistice or Veterans day, November 11th of that year.

How Much Money Has Been Spent to Date On The Memorial?

The ABMC letter of Sept. 18, 1992 replied that as of Sept. 1, 1992, "total expenditures are \$3,874,343: (nearly 4 million \$). Here's a part of that letter:

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Total ABMC Expenditures	3,260,939
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Total Expenditures to date	3,874,343
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- * Of the \$2,659,409 expended for design, \$1,325,000 were for changes to meet the Objections of the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission.

Graybeards notes this: Since Dec. 2, 1991 someone has spent \$1,135,483. At that rate of expenditure we can expect to see ABMC/KWVMAB/FAC/NCPC spend \$5,009,826 by October 1993. That's nearly one-third of the 16 million that was on hand.

How Is Site Prepared Before Construction Starts?

In response to a question from Graybeards, ABMC said this on Nov. 30, 1992:

"The condition of the soil was known when the site was selected. Nevertheless, it was the best site available. Its condition does not preclude construction of the memorial there. It does mean that the soil will have to be compacted prior to erection of the memorial. Information about the soil condition was included in the material that was provided to the contestants in the rules for the competition.

"Compaction of the soil will be accomplished during Phase I of the construction project. Plans and specifications for Phase I are complete and are presently out for bid. The opening date for the bids is 22 Dec 1992. The work includes installation of the utilities for the memorial and placement of a surcharge of earth over the site for a six month period to compact the soil. This will ensure that the soil condition will be strong enough to support the memorial."

D.C. V.I.P.'s REFUSE TO HEED YOUR VOICES

The Washington bureaucracy still refuses to put names of KIA/MIA on the Korean War Veterans Memorial. . . no names, no dates, nothing to tell which war or why they died.

Nationally, emotions are rising even higher over this issue, as judged by letters (see YOU WROTE IT section) and phone calls coming to Graybeards. For example:

"... I realize that etching all of the 54,260 names on polished granite wall of the KWVM may seem to be time consuming, but so would etching all of the 1,000 vague faces of no one in particular. After careful consideration, I'm sure none of us can say the few minutes it would take to etch each name on the KWVM is too much time to give, considering that each of these names to be etched on the wall represents all that is left of 30 to 50 years (approx.) of each life lost in the Korean war..."

"... The possibility of a video computer to provide information regarding the Korean war has been mentioned. One person even mentioned a talking computer. Computer gadgetry may be a curiosity for the public, but certainly would detract from the aura of solemn remembrance and respect that should surround a Memorial."

"... only way to never forget the Korean war. . ."

"I wrote a letter to the Editor of the Columbus Dispatch. It was slightly edited but still drives the point across that our K.I.A. and M.I.A. names must publicly be put on our Korean War Memorial Wall.

"A copy of the letter is enclosed, I believe more Veterans should write a letter to the Editor of their local newspaper, and voice their concerns to have our KIA and MIA names inscribed on our Korean War Memorial Wall. We may still be noticed and the news might filter back to Washington. We still have time to get our KIA and MIA names on our Memorial Wall. It's not too late!

"I believe the only way the American people will never forget the Korean War will be through the great impact our Memorial Wall will have on those who see it with our KIA and MIA names on it.

"I hope you will print my letter in the Graybeards so that we can keep this issue alive and other Veterans will keep trying to get our KIA and MIA names on our Wall."

—LEONARD J. CAPOZIELLO; 82 North Princeton Avenue; Columbus, Ohio 43222.

Why Not Put KIA/MIA Names On The Memorial?

JULY 15, 1992: a letter from ABMC to Senator Bob Graham explained why the KIA/MIA names would NOT be on the Memorial. The main reason cited for benefit of the senator was this: because the first 3 prize - winning designs (three years ago in June 1989) did not include names, etc., therefore

"... it is neither possible nor would it be appropriate to make such a major alteration to the design(s) which won the competition." *

Public Law 99-572, the legislation which authorized establishment of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Nation's Capital, charged the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board with selection of the design for the memorial. The board requested that an open national design competition be held, so that it could select the winning design from the submissions thereto. This was done. All of the competitors were given the option of including the names of the U.S. military dead of the Korean War in their submissions. A total of 543 designs were entered into the competition. The Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board, consisting of twelve Korean War veterans appointed by the President, selected first, second and third place winning designs, none of which incorporated the names of the U.S. military dead who lost their lives during that war. Under the circumstance, it is neither possible nor would it be appropriate to make such a major alteration to the design(s) which won the competition. Nevertheless, Mr. Martin's feelings are appreciated and understood.

Then Who/Why Changed The Design? *

JANUARY 1, 1993: So Graybeards will again ask the question: if the above statement to Senator Graham is correct, WHY did ABMC and KWVMAB and FAC and NCPC all get together and change the design?

That wall with faces was never on any designs selected in 1989. From the meetings that I (as your Graybeards editor) attended, it is my opinion that "faces on the wall" appears to have come straight from the architects of record. And ABMC/KWVMAB both apparently approved the change. We ask: is that correct?

THE DESIGN CHANGES ARE IMPORTANT FOR YOU — THE VETERAN — TO NOTE AND MAYBE ASK "WHAT'S GOING ON"

OCT. 28, 1992 — It was reported that getting the site ready to begin construction will take more than one year from now. **HOWEVER, WE ASK:**

is the design finalized yet?

When will construction start?

AND THEIR ANSWER IS THIS:

The design for EACH STATUE, and design for the WALL, must go before the Fine Arts Commission for approval in probably October 1993.

I want to assure you that it is my goal and I know that it is yours - to build this Memorial as soon as possible, before more of our comrades pass on without an opportunity to see it. Everything I do, with the Advisory Board, is with that in mind. Progress is being made. The site preparation phase (which the Corps of Engineers says will take more than one year) will begin before the end of 1992.

Site preparation is lengthy because the site (Ash Woods) is "fill-land." It used to be part of the Potomac River bed. All of the "trash" that was used as fill, must now be removed, the water removed, and a dead weight placed on the site for six months to consolidate the foundation before the actual construction/erection can begin. While this is going on, the specific design for each statue and the wall design must go before the Commission of Fine Arts for approval.

WE KEEP ASKING QUESTIONS SUCH AS THIS ONE:

Will "Total Numbers" Be On The Memorial?

SEPT. 10, 1992 — ABMC/KWVMAB say the Memorial will show "total numbers" but that no design for that feature has yet been established:

The Advisory Board and ABMC have always known about the importance of the display of these total numbers in some way in the Memorial, and they are fully committed to carrying out this design feature. The specific manner of display has not been finalized, but let us assure you and all Korean War veterans, that a suitable and dignified recognition incorporating the total numbers will be included for all US Armed Forces.

"...THE WALL WILL HAVE THOUSANDS OF FACES"

Last October 19, 1992 in a letter to Congressman John Boehner (Ohio), the KWVMB said, in part, these excerpts:

"...the public law calls for memorial...to honor...particularly those who were killed in action, are still listed as missing in action, or were held as prisoners of war..."

"...The highly polished wall is 150 feet long and will have thousands of images etched into a mural..."

* These thousands of faces will provide the basis for telling the story of the Korean War. Whenever you look at a photograph you usually see someone you think you recognize..."

"The Advisory Board and ABMC have also approved an additional element which will include an interactive video database of names/details of all known KIA/MIA's which will be accessible throughout the Memorial by all visitors. The visitor will not only be able to see the name but also the details (such as the date, time and location of the action) that caused the KIA. We are even working with the design team to see if there is a way the visitor can take a printout of this information with them as a memento from visiting the Memorial. The system can be updated as new information becomes available and is verified..."

"We are pleased to say today that over \$16 million (including interest) has been deposited in the treasury. Nearly \$3 million has been spent on authorized activities to date. Those include normal project start up costs, initial design competition, architectural engineering and design costs, and Army Corps of Engineers management fees."

But on Sept. 1, 1992 (about 6 weeks before the letter to Cong. Boehner) Graybeards received a copy of the Memorial financial report stating "Total expenditures to date: \$3,874,343."

* LOOK AGAIN AT PAGES 24 - 25.

If You Have Problems Getting Graybeards

"...and you wonder whether it's the slow mail — or the editor — please check FIRST:

Have you paid your dues on time? If not, your name might be taken off the list. LOOK AT your mailing label on page one; see when you should pay your dues.

Have you moved? And forgot to tell the editor? We can't find you without your help. Many copies are returned by the post office as 'FOE' meaning they can't find you either.

SO PAY YOUR DUES ON TIME AND TELL US WHEN YOU MOVE. Also note this: the postal system is slow, and Graybeards moves at third-class rates. Have patience.

KOREA REVISIT 1993

In the interests of our Combat Vets who may have missed my previous articles regarding the trips, I will NOT have the specific dates or allotments until KVA-Headquarters/Seoul faxes me that info around the first or middle of February.

In the interim, I am taking "reservations". For 1993, there are four projected trips: April, September, October and either June or July. It is not currently necessary for you to indicate your preference as to the month you wish to return to Korea, unless, of course, you presently have one.

KVA has informed me they plan to generously add approximately 200 extra spaces for 1993.

When writing me, I would very much appreciate it if you would include your phone number and apprise me if a spouse or adult child will be accompanying you to Korea. Also, copies of your DD214 are not required as I will later mail you applications forms requesting your Military History during the war.

PLEASE CONTACT:

Kathleen ("Lt. Honey") Cronan Wyosnick;
P.O. Box 3716; Saratoga, California 95070
Phone: 408-253-3068
Fax: 408-973-8449.

DAYTON OHIO MEMORIAL WILL LIST ALL M.I.A. NAMES YOUR DONATIONS ARE REQUESTED

Harley J. Coon P.O.W.-M.I.A. Committee Chairman, has issued the following plea: Dear Korean War Veterans: After the Korean War there were over eight thousand (8000) families not knowing what happened to their father, son, brother or other member of the family. There are also 389 unaccounted for. The M.I.A.'s of the Korean War are all but forgotten, as is the war itself. The Korean Veterans Memorial Board of Dayton will not let this happen.

The City of Dayton, Ohio has donated land for the erecting of a Korean War Memorial. This Memorial will include the listing of all 8,177 names of the M.I.A.'s. In order to build this Memorial we must have Your help along with the help of Veterans and Families,

We understand there will be no names on the National Korean War Memorial. It is our intention to list on this Dayton memorial all the names of those still Missing In Action and the 389 still accounted for.

What we need is sponsors for the names; each name will cost \$50.00. This is a tax deductible donation as we incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the State of Ohio. The Internal Revenue Service has classified us as 501 (c) (3) organization.

If you are interested please make checks payable to:

Korean Veterans Memorial Board; P.O. Box 1371; Dayton, Ohio 45401; and mail to this address.

Yes I would like to help.

Name of M.I.A. I would like to sponsor _____

K.V.M.B. use a name off official list _____

Enclosed is \$50.00 x Number of Names sponsored \$ _____

Your Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

MARINE MUSTANGS TO MUSTER IN SPRINGFIELD, MO.

SEPT. 7-12, 1993

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. — they call it a "Mustang Muster," when members of the Marine Corps Mustang Association (MCMA) get together for their annual meeting and reunion. Now more than seven years old and over two thousand strong, they plan to hold their sixth Mustang Muster, at the Springfield Sheraton Inn; close to Branson, Missouri—Country Music's Show Capital of the World.

To qualify for "Mustang" designation, a Marine must have begun his or her service in the Corps as an enlisted Pvt. and subsequently earned promotion to Warrant or Commissioned Officer grade. "They earned it the hard way, up from the ranks!" As the saying goes. Although many members are retired Marines, membership is open to all Marine Mustangs (Active Duty, Reserve & Veterans).

Membership information and application forms are available from National Headquarters, Marine Corps Mustang Association, Inc., P. O. Box 1314, Delran, NJ 08075-0142, or by telephoning Executive Director Bob Richter, toll free (800) 321-USMC.

K-WAR REMEMBERED

They answered as they heard the call
And sailed off to the foreign shore;
They stayed, they served in spite of all
The boredom, loneliness, and gore.

They sailed back, indecisively—
For they had neither won nor lost
The fight to keep Korea free,
Which added to that baleful cost.

No grand parade invited them
To come rejoin their native land;
They filtered back by train or whim
To live the lives that they had planned.

Though nearly forty years have passed,
Some "conflict" vets are still around;
The valor and resolve they cast
Go unmarked on their native ground.

They answered when they heard the call
To serve their country over there;
They did their best in spite of all—
When will we show them that we care?

On Flag Day, nineteen-ninety-two,
A turn of spade, our native ground,
Turned disregard, away from rue,
And made Ash Woods yet more profound.

—GUS WENTZ, Ph.D.; P.O. Box 102;
Sandy Springs, SC 29677. ©1989
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**You can help! See page 31
for how to sell ads for
Graybeards.**

Why Not Put KWVA As The Leader?

**Story # 5
See blue ballot on page 7.**

BILL WEBSTER; P.O. Box 2127;
Muskogee, OK 74402. Ph.918-683-9566.
The last September Graybeards had his story on page 30 concerning how/why to form a Veterans Coalition.

His plan is already at work; more veterans have now contacted him for more information. Very briefly here is the idea:

Talk all veterans groups to join one big coalition with these few main objectives: get all vets and their families registered to vote. As a non-partisan political action group, ask Congress members to speak or otherwise act on matters such as VA medical care, (and such as our Memorial foot-dragging), education of our young people, taxes, etc. Don't become a PAC to "buy" a Congressman's vote — make him work for the good of all our people.

There is a critical need for veterans — all wars, all peacetime, all years, all organizations — to band together as a very powerful economic and political force. KWVA can be a leader in unity — thereby giving supreme service to the goals of KWVA.



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WANTS A COLD WAR VICTORY AWARD ESTABLISHED

Fellow KWVA members, I received my Ph.D. in 1991 following a dissertation on awards and decorations. In short, I know a lot about how and why ribbons, medals, and badges are awarded.

I am trying to get a Cold War Victory Medal or Ribbon award established. The U.S. Government is against the creation of a Cold War Victory Medal or ribbon.

Precedent for creation of a Cold War Victory Award (CWVA) exists: Victory medals were created following our successes in World Wars One and Two. No such medals were offered following Korea or Vietnam, for obvious reasons.

Several short-sighted arguments have been offered attacking creation of CWVA. Graybeards has only so much space, so I can't go into great detail. Suffice it to say the Cold War victors, including (and ESPECIALLY) Korean War Veterans, deserve the recognition they are due for participating in WINNING A WAR.

Opponents are concerned about the cost of producing and distributing a new award: Therefore I suggest a ribbon versus a medal for the CWVA.

Ribbons are only a bit of cloth and a pair of metal stampings to give the cloth its shape. At 45¢ a ribbon, one can still buy two ribbons for less than a dollar. Who will gripe about buying a 45 cent ribbon to represent a new award that one is proud to receive? A new ribbon won't break anyone's bank!

A Cold War Victory Medal would be more appropriate than a ribbon, as the precedent for a medal award was set following WWI and WWII victories. But if cost and complexity are considerations, a ribbon is definitely cheaper and simpler than a medal.

In summation: (1) A victory medal precedent exists from WWI and WWII. (2) A Cold War Victory Award is not redundant. The National Defense Service Medal was and is awarded for periods of conflict, but did not cover 22 years of the Cold War — fully half the Cold War period. (3) A ribbon would be simple and cheap to create and distribute, and administrative burdens would be minimal.

It seems that a Cold War Victory Award is not forthcoming for the simple reason that no high-horsepower individual is fighting for it. The Southwest Asia Service Medal was created because Gen. Schwartzkopf wanted it — we could have gotten by with the Expeditionary Medal, which participants in the Grenada and Panama invasions received, but the General wanted a new medal, AND HE GOT IT.

South Dakota Congressman Tim Johnson and South Dakota Senator Tom Daschle support my proposal. We have high-level interest. . . we need high-level sponsorship.

I served two tours in South Korea during the Cold War, and two years in occupied West Berlin. I know the sacrifices and contributions of the Cold War servicemember, and especially the Korean War veteran.

Fellow KWVA members, if you agree with me, please write your congressmen and senators and DEMAND the recognition due you as a Cold War victor! World War victors got their medals — it's time the Cold War winners got their due! Did we win or not? WE WON! Claim your just recognition!

—WILLIAM F. SIMS, Ph.D., Capt, USAF; PSC 80, Box 15092; APO AP 96367.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION INC STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE 1-1-92 TO 11-30-92 OPERATING FUND

REVENUE	
Membership Dues	\$ 97,756.
Quarter Master	2,061.
Interest	4,358.
Tell America	2,534.
Miscellaneous	2,756.
	\$109,465.
EXPENSE	
Office Supplies	\$ 5,483.
Postage	7,869.
Publishing & Mailing	45,257.
Telephone	5,161.
Secretarial Service	1,173.
Miscellaneous	24.
Travel	137.
POW/MIA Activity	286.
Fund Raising	5,960.
Memorial Activity	6,095.
Education & Promotion	75.
Reunion	550.
Plastic Membership Cards	8,180.
	\$ 87,060.
1992 Net Revenue	\$ 22,405.
Transferred To Memorial Fund	(33,399.)
Operating Fund Revenue	\$123,427.
TOTAL OPERATING FUND AT 11-30-92	\$112,433.

SUMMARY - ALL FUNDS

Operating Fund	\$112,433.13
Life Membership Fund	\$ 89,150.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 97,797.00
Commemorative Coins	\$ 14,000.00
	\$313,380.13
Bank Balance 11-30-92	\$ 89,380.13
CD-101-031896-000	75,000.00
CD-101-030344-000	75,000.00
CD-101-030336-000	60,000.00
500 Coins at Cost	14,000.00
	\$313,380.13

**VOTE YOUR OPINION ON
THE BLUE BALLOT. SEE PAGE 7.**



AT LEFT:

On October 18, 1992, the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, dedicated a new memorial to those who died during the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

The new memorial lists the names of the 168 servicemen and one woman who died during those conflicts.

Pictured raising the flag for the first time during the dedication are veterans: (left to right) Edward Morin, Korea; James Patenaude, Vietnam; and Evan Johnson, World War II.

—EDWARD A. MORIN; 49 Emily Lane; Northampton, MA 01060. (Morin served with the Heavy Mortar Co., 31st Inf. Reg., 7th Div. in 1952).



Pictured is a group of those members and guests of Chapter 2, Korean War Veterans Association, Lafayette, Indiana who gathered at American Legion Post 492, West Lafayette, Indiana on October 24, 1992 for a dinner meeting.

Speaker for the evening was Shelia Klinker, local representative in the Legislature who discussed upcoming legislation that is to be considered in the next session. The members of Chapter 2, Korean War Veterans Association would like to express our thanks to American Legion Post 492 for the use of their facility, the kitchen staff for meal preparation, and to 492 Post Commander Joe Thomas and 492 Child Welfare Officer Fred Priest, who being members of our organization, wore two hats for the evening and helped prepare and serve the meal.

—JOHN M. RUTLEDGE (Publicity Chairman); 208 Eastland Drive; Lafayette, In 47905-4805.



Enclosed is a negative and proof of the members of the Medical Detachment; they are left to right: first row Richard Nagy, Lorenzo Robinson, Charles Graham. Second Row: Joe Palmer, Edward Ambrose, Sin Kum Chul. Third Row: Paul Turner, Tom Sicking, Bennie Johnson, Leonard Black.

We were the medical detachment of the 1903rd E.A.B. The Engineer Aviation Battalions were forgotten part of a forgotten war. Do you remember SCARWAF? This picture may interest someone to start a reunion. —TOM SICKING; 4933 Columbia; St. Louis, MO 63139.



DOROTHY WACKER (WAC veteran; P.O. Box 177; Murdock, MN 56271) and Stan Hadden on Oct. 3 at the Dept. of Minn. banquet in Bloomington. The Graybeards editor was keynote speaker for the event.



Korean War Hero JACK HANSON of Escatawpa was memorialized on May 25, 1987 when the new Escatawpa bridge was dedicated and named the JACK HANSON Memorial Bridge, linking Mississippi and Alabama.

"Private First Class JACK HANSON, RA18359825, Infantry, United States Army, a machine gunner with the 1st Platoon, Company F, 31st Regiment, 7th Infantry Division distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action against an armed enemy of the United Nations near Pachidong, Korea, on 7 June 1951. The company, in defensive positions on two strategic hills separated by a wide saddle, was ruthlessly attacked at approximately 0300 hours, the brunt of which centered on the approach to the divide within range of Private Hanson's machine gun. In the initial phase of the action four riflemen were wounded and evacuated and the numerically superior enemy, advancing under cover of darkness, infiltrated and posed an imminent threat to the security of the command post and weapons platoon. Upon orders to move to key terrain above and to the right of Private Hanson's position, he voluntarily remained to provide protective fire for the withdrawal. Subsequent to the retiring elements fighting a rearguard action to the new location, it was learned that Private Hanson's assistant and three riflemen had been wounded and crawled to safety, and that he was maintaining a lone-man defense. After the 1st Platoon reorganized, counterattacked and resecured its original positions at approximately 0530 hours, Private Hanson's body was found lying in front of his emplacement, his machine gun ammunition expended, his empty pistol in his right hand and a machete with blood on the blade in his left hand, and approximately twenty-two enemy dead lay in the wake of his action. Private Hanson's consummate valor, inspirational conduct and willing sacrifice enabled the company to contain the enemy and regain the commanding ground, reflecting lasting glory on himself and the noble traditions of the military service."

Awarded Medal of Honor posthumously.

My best advice for you is this: go to the library and read the Declaration of Independence.

A FRIEND IS SOMEONE YOU CAN BE QUIET WITH.

The letter here reproduced is fully self-explanatory:

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Reno, NV 89510
Phone: 702-626-6313
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Dick Adams, President
Korean War Veterans Assoc., Inc.
P.O. Box 127
Caruthers, CA 93609

November 1, 1992

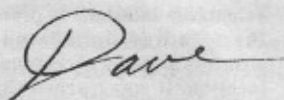
Dear Dick:

I read in September's Graybeards your letter and the letter from Art Patterson. He is stating that the election should be held null and void due to the absence of a quorum. He further states that when the bylaws of an organization fail to address the constitution of a quorum, the quorum is then defined as the majority of those eligible to attend and vote at the meeting; in other words, one-half of the general membership. If this were to be a fact, then I would venture to say that you have never had a quorum in all the years that your organization has existed.

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, Chapter 2, pages 19 and 20 (copies attached), states in typical Robert's language what an official quorum is. By common parliamentary law, in meetings of a convention, unless the bylaws of the organization provide otherwise, the quorum is a majority of the delegates who have registered at the convention as in attendance irrespective of whether some of them may have departed or are not at the particular meeting as long as the date and time were published in advance. Furthermore, it is the opinion of your conference parliamentarian that a quorum did exist, and the election results should be upheld.

If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Levine



K-8 (Kunson) early spring 1954, part of Co B, 822 EAB. L to R, front row: Ed Gevers, St. Louis, MO; Stanley Sun Wong, CO; Pedro. (?) Back row: Albert Spaans, SD; Morgan Thompson, AZ; myself Francis Tuck, (1105 Woodward St; La Porte, IN 46350) and Francis Sumner, VT.

70th TANK BN WANTS NAMES ON MEMORIAL

KEN FAIRLY; P.O. Box 1753; Brandon, MS 39043, sent a copy of the resolution passed on Sept. 12, 1992 by his unit, the 70th Tank Battalion and Armor Association. Briefly, it said:

WHEREAS, bureaucratic committees and commissions have lost sight of the congressional intent and have announced that the names of those killed or missing in action WILL NOT be inscribed or engraved; (on the proposed Korean War Veterans Memorial)

WHEREAS, the fact that the Vietnam War Memorial contains the names of those who were killed or missing in action strongly suggests that failure to inscribe or engrave in like manner the names of Korean War KIA/MIAs is the most rank act of discrimination against those who were killed or missing in action in an effort to halt Communism.

WHEREAS, failure to inscribe the names as described would result in national dishonor to the valiant members of the Armed Forces who died in combat in the service of their country during the Korean War;

The 60th Heavy Tank Battalion and Armor Association on September 12, 1992 voted unanimously to express the strong conviction of combat veterans that the names of those who were killed or listed as missing in action be engraved on the Korean War Memorial Monument and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to those with power to act favorably.

FORGOTTEN WAR

I Can't Forget

One month I lost nine friends.

I Can't Forget

My friend lost both legs

I Can't Forget

A high school friend lost one leg

I Can't Forget

My friend lost his mind

I Can't Forget

I killed

I Can't Forget

I did things I can't tell about

I Can't Forget

I dream and fight the war over

And over

I Can't Forget

I still see friends sick from

The war

I Can't Forget

How cold I was

I Can't Forget

Now I am older will my God forgive me

I Can't Forget

I was a combat soldier

I Can't Forget

I hurt my loved ones

I Can't Forget.

—GILBERT E. ISHAM; 9544 W. Morgan Ave.; Milwaukee, WI 53228.10-1-91.

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☐ 1/6 page at \$85. (See sample below for split-space)

☐ One column inch at \$18. ☐ Other.

I have already taken my 10% commission. ☐

Please send me my 10% commission ☐

Just use my commission for TELL AMERICA ☐

Attach customer copy to this.

☐ CHECK
☐ ONE
☐ ONLY

THIS IS A SAMPLE OF A

1/6 - PAGE AD.

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AD FOR
THIS SPACE,
PLEASE?**

IF YOUR NATIONAL DUES ARE NOT PAID, WE WILL NOT MAIL YOUR GRAYBEARDS.

PARDON OUR ERROR

The Sept, 1992 Graybeards on page 24 listed Department of Delaware temporary officers. We somehow failed to say that STEPHEN LAKATA, JR.; 1919 E. Zabenko Dr.; Woodmill Village; Wilmington, DE 19808 — is temporary Sec.-Tres. We apologize for the error.

ANNUAL MID-WINTER BOARD MEETING WILL BE FEB. 12-14

The Gulf Coast Chapter will host the mid-winter Council Conference in Gulf Shores, Alabama, Feb. 12-14.

Officers and directors will travel, at their own expense, to meet, discuss, and vote on all matters coming before it.

They will include those shown on the "blue ballot" on page 7. Your vote will be reported by Graybeards editor Stan Hadden.

Nearest airport is Pensacola, FL. Any member may attend but only Council members will vote.

Guests may be queried by Council members on matters of interest. Those interested in attending may contact director "Scooter" Burke, at his address given on page two.

"Let's not cause the public to perceive us as a bunch of complainers. . ." See page 44.

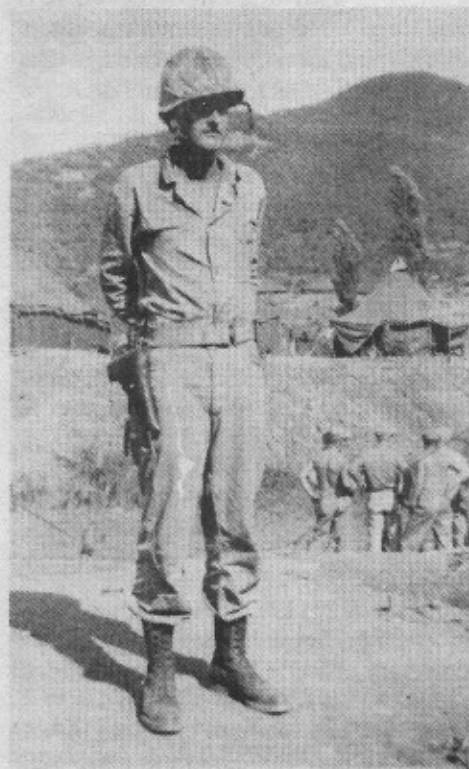
An incompetent workman always finds fault with his tools.

IT BEGAN FOR ME IN 1952...

BUNKER HILL IN 1952 AND AGAIN IN 1992

BY

(Sgt) TOM DREW 1027018
Dog Co 2nd BN 7th Regt 1st MAR DIV



Tom Drew — got some new boots Aug '52 a few days before going back up to line.

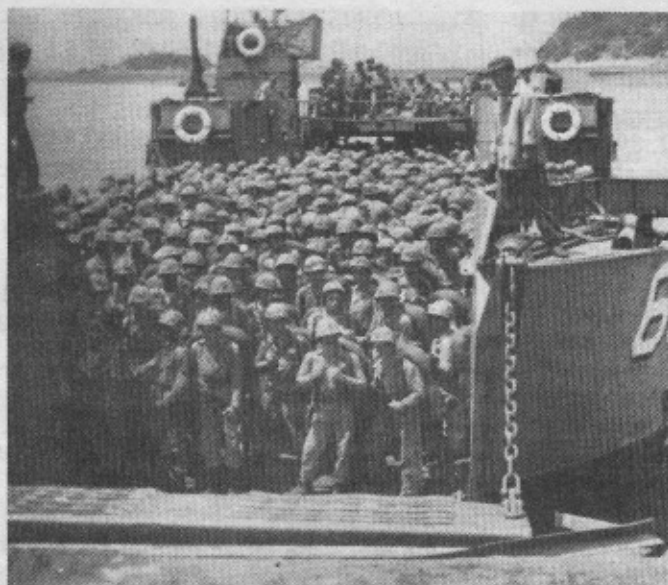
Here's a story including two poems, of a Battle I wrote about thirty-some years ago while it was still fresh in my mind.

The enclosed poems of remembrance are dedicated to the men who fought the battle of "Bunker Hill" on the Western-front in Korea. Hill 122, (Bunker-Hill), was in the center-sector of the Division looking up the throat of a 775 foot elevation known as TAEDOK-SAN". It was the first major-victory action in Western Korea of 9-16 Aug. 1952.

"Bunker Hill" lay approximately 550 yards South/West of outpost "Siberia". (58A), and not quite a thousand yards in front of the "M.L.R." Jamestown.

Siberia lay about 350 yards into "NO-MAN'S LAND" as the line curved North/East. The first rounds against hill 58A, (Siberia) squad-manned, started the diversion attack for hill 122, (Bunker Hill), as strong enemy forces from O.P. 120, (North), and O.P. 110 (North/East), lay siege against O.P. Siberia.

Across "no-man's land" two Chinese
see **BUNKER HILL** on page 33 —>



Replacement draft
going ashore
at Inchon



Snipin' time
on MLR
east of
truce zone
early '52.



Inside CP bunker getting the
last dope prior to a raid.

Divisions faced approximately 3,603 1st Marines along their O.P.'s and the trenches of Jamestown, (M.L.R.) It was the SACRIFICE of Siberia (58A), for better terrain coverage, to observe the enemy's outposts, because of Bunker Hills higher ground. Thus Bunker Hill, (122), and Siberia outpost 58A stand together in dedication for and to the men in green who fought and died in valor.

Cold staring, silent, grim forces met each other while the last few rounds of our 105's found their mark. Forces of a creed of men, some not able to vote, others the fathers of little Marines at home still learning daddy's song The Marine Corps Hymn. Faces where shock had ceased to grow, where indifference had set into the aspect of a thinking machine. Now, mind over muscle so strongly coordinated to the vital link of battle discipline achieving a gory-glory victory or a simple pine - BOX.

"I got my heart, you got yours?"

"Hell, it would take three purple hearts to get any 'R & R'."

"Patch-um up, and send'um back up, to the lines, that is."

So here we were, ambiguous to death, optimist to pessimist, and yet, not a man who wouldn't do his best; to go as far as he can — who could go farther? There was a low mumble now among buddies, and teams as each checked his weapon, again.

"Got enough grenades?"

"Ya-sure!"

"Give me a bite of that plug will ya, my beetch-nuts all gone."

"Hey you sexy lookin blot if humanity, how about that five Bucks you owe me?"

"Pass the word along, move out in two minutes."

"First platoon up!"

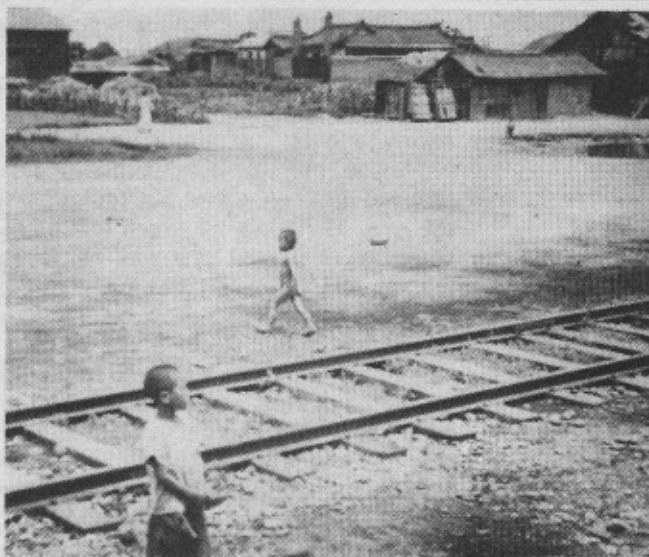
"Ready, boys NOW!!"

The Barrage was scarcely over when the word came to on-slaught the treacherous slope, and dig the enemy out of their well fortified positions. A quarter of the way up a torrent of grenades, mortars, and machine-gun fire lashed out, crumpling many men in green.

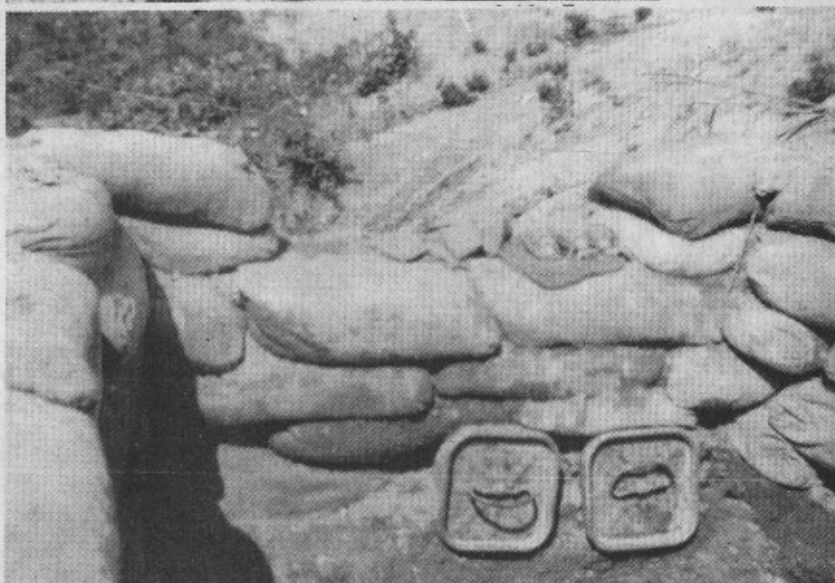
The Leathernecks had to hold-up against the devastating fire, to again establish fire-superiority; to out flank, or act in any conceivable means of arresting the now desolate situation. The cries of the wounded were pure agony when one couldn't get to their aid.

It was then I saw Doc fall in screaming-pain clutching his right eye as it dangled by a thread of flesh. The mortar had sent him reeling with added concussion

See **BUNKER HILL** on page 34. ➡



Boy-son (one is naked)
near Seoul railway station.



My private fighting hole with ammo and grenades. Below the wire are Bouncing Betty land mines, napalm, TNT, etc.



Connecting
trench
between
bunkers
July '52.

BUNKER HILL - from page 33

of profuse bleeding from nose, ears, and mouth. He lay whimpering while new spurts of continuous fire threw sand in our



Corpsman: "Doc (at left) won the Navy Cross. Tom Drew on right; just before the battle of Bunker Hill.

face, and occasionally a bullet finding its target with a sick sounding thud.

"Retreat hell—we couldn't move."

"Pinned down to become more statistics in the 'Police-Action' that nobody gave a damn about anyway."

"Damn bastard gooks."

"Hell, who isn't scared, but let me at least have the chance to cut up a half-dozen or so — for company."

One of my boys, a little Jap born and raised in Hawaii kept popping his head up from his hole like a gopher to jerk off a round or two, and damn if he didn't get blown clean out of his hole. Those gooks sure could lob a hunk of steel into your back pocket; must of learned from Lou Diamond.

The next few seconds of crescendo seemed hopeless when I glanced over towards Doc who had ceased to moan. I'll be a 'S.O.B.', if he wasn't right down on all fours crawling for a discarded "B.A.R." which lay just out of his reach in perfect view of a "gook" fire lane. A couple of other guys saw him at the same time as he picked it up, leveled it Western style", and starting spraying the "goonies" from his hip yelling like a stuck pig who had just been castrated.

Doc was not alone—first there were three, four, and instantly the whole damn line was up with fixed-Bayonets gleaming. It sounded like the football touch-down winning the championship for ole "Alma Mater" as the boys fought up each rotten step to seconds away from hand to hand combat.

I have never seen bayonet training

paid off as it was in the remaining phase of this battle. Crushed heads, ripped-bellies, slashed throats, and not one mind you, not one of our boys wounded in return by a enemy bayonet.

Doc, our inspiring corpsman later received the Navy-Cross, but couldn't save the eye. There wasn't much left of the company, reinforced as it was, but let me tell you this, the enemy had a new respect for those bastards in yellow leggings; the respect for the cold-steel.

That's why they fought so hard when we would pull off a raid. That's why they would always have us out numbered. That's why they would fill their pants if we couldn't be stopped after their first few shockers, because the garlic-smelling bastards knew their guts were going to be ripped out by U. S. Marine cold crimson steel. Spit a wad of tobacco-juice in his face before your stick-em was our motto; it kind of conditions-em.

See the next page for
Sgt. Drew's 1992
return to his MLR.



Two photos taken 38 years apart. At top: my original trench line and bunkers in 1952. Below: the same view in 1992.

**TO DOC**

By SGT. TOM DREW

I saw him fall beneath the wire,
As anguish calls among the fire,
Advance held fast within our goal,
Increasing blast to shake the soul.

Staccato guns had pinned us down,
With precious time in losing ground,
The moment came for us to choose,
Retrieve our game or sorely lose.

He stood up firm from where he fell,
Advancing on to break the spell,
The cries were great among our own,
To turn the fate where death was sown.

Now from his hip he spread the fire,
It was the right which did inspire,
So, "off and on" —up to the foe,
We inched and fought to give the blow—

That history keeps in memory now,
To those concerned create this vow:

This is our creed among us men,
United we can all depend,
To fight and die we are a team,
The essence of our battle theme.
Our valor bred to conquer foe,
Here's to the dead we couldn't know,
And in our hearts we do implore,
United Marines, our country's Corps.

AND A 1992 REVISIT!

POST SCRIPT: 38 YEARS LATER

After holding a memorial service at INCHON, KOREA, two "carryalls" loaded with eight Korean War Combat Veterans on a "REVISIT TRIP TO KOREA", and we headed North to the "D.M.Z." a few miles East of PANMUNJON. Within a few miles of our goal, tank traps on both sides of the road gave evidence to the constant alertness of the South Korean government.

Suddenly I heard a sharp-command as the check point guard post snapped to attention in our honor; they knew we were coming, because nobody goes beyond this point screened by your Republic of Korea (R.O.K.) on duty personnel carrying an M16.

General Davis, (Medal of Honor recipient from the Chosin campaign) had secured permission from the powers that be, and here we were — almost to the hill on the "D.M.Z. where a great battle had been fought in August of 52.

Rounding a bend in the dusty road gave silence to our group as similar ruts bounced the "carryall", and flashbacks ensured. My mind returned to 38 years ago to the troops movement from DIVISION RESERVE to convoy North to our trenchline. Around another corner of the winding depleted road, and I saw the red-triangle hanging on some rusted barbed wire denoting MINE FIELD! Again I couldn't believe it; it was like walking back in history. The same original mine-fields, (and then some), on the reverse-slope of the "D.M.Z."

By now, as we slowed to a crawl, sand bags and fighting holes were evident,

and our abrupt stop ceased mind-games. We were there except to climb some fifty steps to the top.

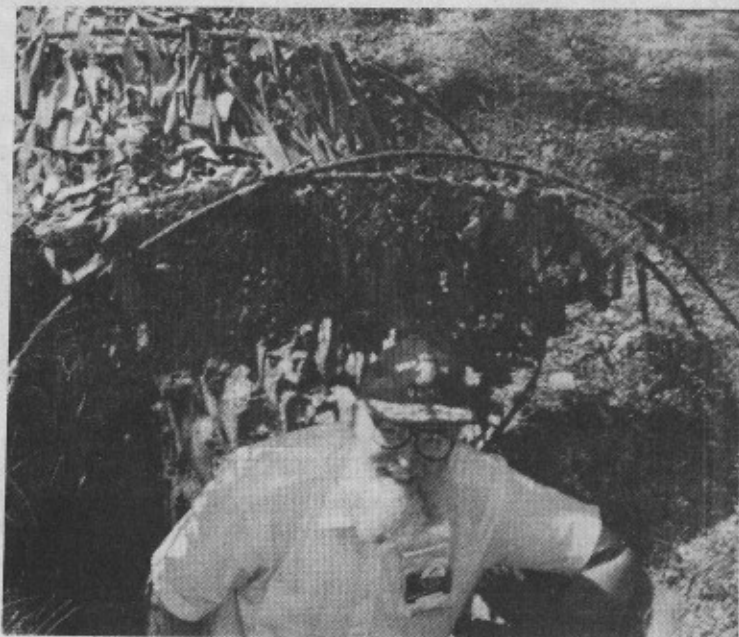
Memories again of my very own words of 38 years ago, "so this is the front". Only at that time a sniper greeted me with a shot that dropped a branch to my feet, and I scrambled to find that branch to crawl under.

The smiling "R.O.K." colonel bid us to our seats under a camouflage bunker looking out into North Korea. An overlay type of map designated the immediate terrain that his sector protected. After a short talk of Korean Military duties, popping flash bulbs, and some "G.I." coffee I couldn't believe my ears. THE NORTH KOREANS WERE PLAYING MUSIC FOR US; yes, they too knew we had arrived.

Leaving the Bunker Complex I scaled up a ladder of some twelve stairs to the jaws of a 50 Cal. Machine gun manned by two M16 carrying R.O.K. soldiers. I was allowed to take as many pictures as I pleased ONLY looking North. And looking North I found TAEDOCSAN.

During the Korean War, my sector faced TAEDOCSAN, which held a Battalion of Chinese troops, which we engaged daily, and now I'm looking at it again. The battle scarred no-mans land had new births of vegetation where many a man went as far as he could; who could go no farther.

—CHAPLAIN TOM DREW, D. MIN.;
P.O. Box 145; Union Grove, WI 53175.



TOM DREW
in 1992
climbing
out of his
MLR
original
trench
of 1952.

THE BATTLE MARTYRED

By SGT. TOM DREW

Through the driving force of steel,
Whining threats of shells so real,
Come the "Leathernecks" to feel,
The cost of battle martyred.

Girthed of human-flesh we surge,
Spurning death with kindred urge,
A rabid, vile, inflicting purge,
To reap the battle martyred.

Crimson bayonets are beaming,
Feral foe is violent screaming,
Imbraced cadavers grisly gleaming,
Still ensures the battle martyred.

Blurted orders-again the call,
Stalwart men through trenches crawl,
Acrid up here where bodies fall,
Pulses the battle martyred.

Torrid shrapnel mortal bound
Fused melee on vital grounds,
Caused a brave Marine to sound,
Harvest the battle martyred.

Norms of war now briefly still,
Infinite lives whose blood did spill,
Courageous Corps in fighting skill,
Ended the battle martyred.

So hover on the crest up there,
Beseech our Lord in grateful prayer,
Commit to mind the battle grind,
Name it the Battle Martyred.

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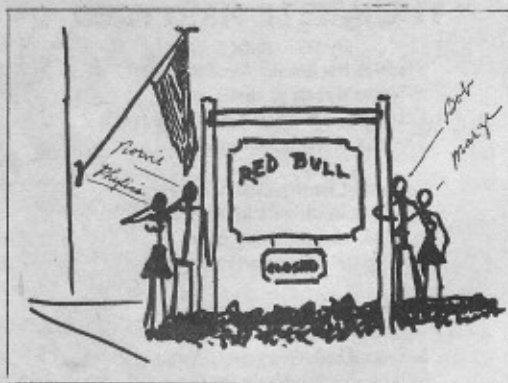
We are trying to work with an author who is considering putting your stories into one true hard-hitting book or movie similar to "The Longest Day" of WWII. Please bear with us. Thank you.

—Stan Hadden, Editor

Stan

Q. — How many U.S. WIAs occurred during the Korean War?

A. — 103,284, if you include only those hospitalized. No records were kept on the number wounded, treated and returned to duty without hospitalization. If the Viet Nam ratio was applied to the Korean War, the WIA would number about 205,500.



Bob and Marge Snider and Norvil and Phyllis Finney, members of the KWVA and their friends Carol and Bob Hackett celebrated the Korean War Armistice weekend (last July 25) at Harpers Ferry in beautiful West Virginia. We stopped at our editor (Stan Hadden's) Civil War Antiques shop in "Bolivar" to take this photo. (The bosses weren't home; - they were in Nevada with many of you). We took a few minutes to get a good pose. Too bad there was no film in the camera, Norv! Oh well — this sketch by Marge will have to suffice.

Monday AM we went to Washington D.C. and attended the ceremony put on by "No Greater Love" and the Korean Embassy. It was really beautiful and meaningful. That "Appreciation" is always there.

After the ceremony the Korean Ambassador invited all who attended to a buffet lunch at a Korean Restaurant in Crystal City. It was a very special day.

—BOB AND MARGE SNIDER; 138 Fairview Rd.; Massapequa, NY 11758.



CPL MARTIN SMITH: 7th RECON 7th INF DIV Charlie's Outpost Oct 1952. Today he lives at 3620 Airport Rd.; Allentown, PA 68163. He has heard from JOHN FORLENZA and ART HORNING.

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Story #2.

See blue ballot on page 7.

FROM HARLEY COON

President of the

Association of

Ex.P.O.W's of

The Korean War Inc.

2439 Lantz Rd.

Beavercreek, Ohio 45434 (513) 427-9445

Due to a Prior commitment I was unable to attend the P.O.W.-M.I.A. hearing in Washington D.C. However, I was able to watch some of the hearings live and some on tape.

My first impression is that the Korean M.I.A. is all but forgotten. There seems to be all importance placed on the Vietnam M.I.A.'s This committee is to disband after the hearings and so there goes our last chance to gain information. As I understand, the hearings were to be held before a committee of twelve (12). If this is so then where were the others, I only remember seeing two.

The one missing link was that not one former Prisoner of War from the Korea camps testified. To my knowledge none was even asked to appear. WHY? There used to be an advertisement on a automobile that stated: "If you want to know, ask the man who owns one." I think the same holds true about the Korean P.O.W. Ask the men who were there.

After I read the transcript maybe I will have a better understanding of exactly what the hearings accomplished.

Meantime, I have the names and addresses of 2200 former Korean War P.O.W. who probably could be interviewed by our U.S. Senate. And that is when the truth will finally start to come out.

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YOUR OPINIONS
ON
NATIONAL EVENTS**"NARCISSISM AND GRAFT HAVE
REPLACED TRUE LIBERTY..."**

"David Hackworth's essay (Jan 1992) emphasized disreputable feelings of anguish, animosity and antagonism with our educational, political and social institutions. . . The primary focus of the central leadership seems to stem towards individual invested interest rather than benefitting citizens. Narcissism and graft have replaced the principles of true liberty and justice which motivated our forefathers to attain national independence.

"The article also reminded us that 'we should first look in the mirror and face the guilty party'; ourselves! . . . Nevertheless, there are still good human beings, imbued with good will, within the governmental system who possess integrity and honorably fulfill their duties. The electoral process requires us to be aware of such persons and vote for them.

"Serious introspection dictates that we must be involved in good government. We must uprightly reattain a cohesive common purpose; not be a collection of undisciplined individuals. The time tested traditional values of honesty, integrity, morality and personal responsibility enhances sincere commitments. Self-discipline conquers unbridled human nature with its excessive indulgences and irrational desire. Good judgement then will be restored, which upholds proper decency and human dignity in a civilized country."

—(BROTHER) WILLIAM C. MARSHALL; La Salle School; 391 Western Ave.; Albany, NY 12203. Ph 518-489-4731.

**"I BELIEVE WE ARE A LOST
NATION..."**

"I can no longer support those in office who want to open relations with Vietnam. I know that the government goes along with big business who wants to go to Vietnam and get their share of money and profits, even if it means killing our POW/MIA's who are still unaccounted for.

"I believe we are a lost nation because our government does not care for those who served their country, and would rather forget about them. . .

"I believe those in office are more concerned with themselves and not with the wishes of the people who put them in office. . . The government has to start listening to the cry of the people who put them in office, and not only listen to the fat cats who want profits above anything no matter what."

—ALFRED GOSSELIN; 22 Maria Circle; Franklin, MA 02038-1250.

**KWVA MUST TELL
AMERICA ABOUT OUR
KIA/MIA**

Graybeards has reported many many times that KWVA is NOT IN CHARGE OF DESIGNING OR BUILDING THE MEMORIAL. However, we receive many letters that ask a question like this:

"... All the money came from private donors, family members, etc. Who in the hell dictates to our organization as to what will or won't go on the Memorial? It's our dead, our M.I.A's, and our organization should be the one to dictate to those people what goes on the Memorial.

"... Just a Memorial standing there does not let the American people know how many lives are gone and forgotten by the people who put us in the damn war. America has got to be told, very loud." — DICK WYCKOCKE (B Co 7th Regt 1st BN 1st Cav); 4242 S. Grove; Stickney, ILL. 60402.

(Editor's note: the answer of course, is the bureaucratic boards and commissions in D.C. who go their merry way and ignore our plea. Also, the politicians who are too busy running for re-election to heed our letters. This next letter warns us as follows):

"Dear Friends: Like many other folk, I am appalled by what is said, what is done, and what is not said and not done regarding the Korean War veterans generally/nationally. Someone said (paraphrased) 'Bad things happen when good people fail to speak out'. Such is the case about the KOREAN WAR VETERAN. I say to you great men, and to our relatives and friends, the hour is late.

"If one can reason, then one can readily ascertain that when the Korean War Veterans place our heads on pillows at night, WE ARE COMPLETELY ALONE AND UNCARED FOR. THAT IS A FACT OF LIFE. FELLOW VETERANS: IT IS LATER THAN WE THINK! Can you still write? Talk? THE GOING IS TOUGH! LIKEWISE: IT IS TIME FOR THE TOUGH TO GET GOING! Indeed; the Korean War Veteran can still be heard. BUT FIRST WE MUST GET OFF AND ON - UP AND OUT! The hour is late fellow Americans! The hour is late!"

—CLARENCE A. DUNN, JR; P.O. Box 521; North, SC 29112. (803) 247-2913.

♦
I am not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday and I love today.

♦
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**Why Don't We Also
Have A Ceremony
On June 25?****Story # 3**

See blue ballot on page 7.

JOSEPH BECK; 809 Thompson St.; Rockledge, PA 19111. Ph 215-663-9637. has made the following suggestions:

Why don't we consider having, on June 25, 1993 a joint commemorative ceremony at Arlington with the Korean embassy? A ceremony on that date, at Arlington, would solve many resentments and problems we now have. This would be in addition to our regular July 27 ceremony which will be held in 1993 at Bloomington, MN.

**Shall We March
On Washington
To Remember
Our KIA/MIA?****Story # 4**

See blue ballot on page 7.

Joe continued: The 25th would be a solemn day; and in 1993 will be on Friday. On the next day, Saturday June 26th, those veterans who want to do so may participate in the following actions: come prepared with small crosses, painted white and bearing names of KIA/MIA of personal choice; made in the shape of the Christian cross or the Star of David. As a group, proceed to the Mall site of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and stick the crosses there in a symbolic gesture of trying to recognize all those who died.

Needless to say, there would be an uproar and the news media, if alerted in advance, would cover the event probably fully.

**This kind of effort
tells America
about the Korean War**

Danville, IL -- Last June saw the start of a community program designed to recognize local people who demonstrate selfless dedication to any worthy community cause.

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The above advertisement was placed by JOE "Doc" GROSSMAN; 1/5 Cav, 1st Air Cav; he is a member of KWVA.

AMONG THE CHAPTERS

INDIANA Chapter 1 (Art Flotow) has this new address: P.O. Box 12727; Ft. Wayne, IN 46864-2727. (219-747-7235).

MISSOURI Chapter 1 (Paul Phillips); P.O. Box 190075; St. Louis, MO 63119 said this in a newsletter:

Now that ground has been broken for that belated recognition, some KorVets feel the "battle is over, the war won", as their interest wanes.

"Unfortunately, only the first skirmish is over. Even though ground for the monument is broken, bickering still exists as to the final appearance of that memorial — and when, exactly, it will be finished and dedicated. On that basis, alone, there is need for us to continue to press our case."

(Editor's note: see pages 24, 25 and 26 for latest 1993 information on the Memorial).

ARIZONA — Phoenix Chapter 1 (Pres. Gene Young); P.O. Box 11767; Phoenix, AZ 85061-1787, in a newsletter said this:

"How many KIA's and MIA's do you remember? Do you feel they may be looking down on us and thinking "I wish that I had just one more chance to shoot the breeze and have a drink with those guys"?"

"Maybe they could tell us what it feels like to die thousands of miles from their loved ones, scared and alone."

"Maybe they could tell us of the pain and the terror."

"And maybe WE could explain to them why it's "just too much trouble" to attend a 1 1/2 hour meeting."

"As for myself, (Editor Roger Scalf) I would give everything that I have to see and talk with my Brother, M/Sgt. William M. "Mac" Scalf, KIA April 11, 1951. Just give me 1 hour. It's been more than 41 years and I still miss him. Mac never got to see his daughter grow up and get married. He never saw his grandchildren, never heard them laugh, never heard the words "I love you, Grandpa".

OHIO — Greater Cleveland Area Chapter (Bob Haas, Pres); 17800 Royalton Rd.; Strongsville, Oh 44136 and editor Frank Aleksandrowicz call attention to this:

Andersonville, GA National Historic Site is unique in the National Park System as the only park to serve as a national memorial to all Americans ever held as

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE →



Cleveland, OH Chapter members at art museum, left to right: Bob O'Hara, Jang-hyun Won, Joe Faris, Yu-rim Jin, In-young Paik and Frank Aleksandrowicz. Richard Danielson took the picture.

prisoners of war. Located 50 miles south of Macon, Georgia, the 470-acre park consists of the national cemetery and the old prison site of the Civil War.

The current Visitor's center and museum are not equipped to display all material to tell a proper story of the POW ordeals. A fund drive has been authorized and it continues in a low key manner. Please help honor all those who died or were POWs by sending a donation (deductible) to: ANDERSONVILLE HISTORIC MUSEUM FUND; c/o William L. Fornes, Andersonville; Coordinator, American Ex-Prisoners of War; 606 West Park Ave., Valdosta, GA 31602. Tel: 912-247-4273.

FLORIDA — Col. Alice Gritsavage Chapter (Chuck Kiernan, Pres., ph. 694-2013). Editor Amy Carafano wrote: Last Nov 24 we had a special covered dish dinner and a program full of surprises in honor of "Col. Alice" and her devotion to her army nursing career. (We won't tell the colonels' age, but 90 is probably some years ago).

CANADA — We do not have a winter "ARRIANG" Newsletter but you may write them at P.O. Box 462, Station "A"; Weston, Toronto, Canada MSN 3N1. Don't forget to add extra postage to your letter!

ILLINOIS — Robert Wurtsbough Chapter (Ray Spicer, Pres.); 418 Ave. F; Danville, IL 62832; ph. 431-2996, in an undated newsletter said this:

"We would like to start putting a brief Resume of the Membership in the Newsletter. If each member that so desires would submit to the office something in writing that gives us the information, such as the branch of service, organization served with, or anything that you were involved in Battles etc.. We will see to it that it gets into the Newsletter. It would help each member to get to know more about the other and draw us closer together. I would like to start this with the next issue of the Newsletter."

ARIZONA — Edwards W. Rhodes Chapter; 9001 E. Rosewood St.; Tucson, AZ 85710-2559 in its Nov, 1992 newsletter included this:

The last regular meeting approved the expenditure of \$125.00 (\$25.00 per woman veteran member) to be contributed in her name for the memorial being erected in Arlington National Cemetery for women who served in the armed forces.

CORRECTION NOTICE

In the rush of typesetting the By-Laws in Reno last July, an error was made. The portion printed on page 10 of Sept 1992 Graybeards should have read as follows:

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 ~~the~~ Korea, ~~in~~ 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.

Again, at ART. III, Section 3, paragraph D, should have read as shown here:

4. a readable DD 214 with a release for verification.

ARTICLE IV

D. This information shall be sent by Registered Mail to the name and address of the Nominating Committee (see also Section 3, Paragraph ~~5~~, 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.

Executive Council will be asked at its February 1993 meeting to make these corrections.

The board of directors also recommended that a Personal History File Form be sent to all members to be placed in the individual's file. It could also be used in "The Membership Memorial Book" we are putting together. We have requested each member submit a short autobiography with a photograph taken during the Korean War period and one taken recently. This is part of our way to "Tell America about the Korean War". We need your information!

Our promise to "Tell America about Korea" has begun. At the dinner we were honored to receive the memorial flag and other items to start the biography of Edward W. Rhoads, Jr. PFC, Co G, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. Sonny, as we know him, died in a prisoner of war camp in North Korea. His remains are in the veteran's section in South Lawn Cemetery.

Our efforts to find those who could tell Sonny's story has led to many veterans who knew him and were with him at different times during his days in Japan and Korea. At our picnic two men who were POW's made the trip to Tucson to bring information and tell us about that tragic time. We have gained first hand information that tells some of the story, but we are looking for more information from others we have contacted.

"ATTENTION ALL KOREAN EX-P.O.W.'S" "LOST LEAVE PAY"

President Bush has signed a bill that authorizes the Department of Defense to pay all Korean Ex-P.O.W.'s their lost leave. This is pay for over 60 days that you lost because we could not take furloughs. The president signed this bill on Oct. 22, 1992 and it is now public law 102-484.

Now that legal problems with the wording of the original authorization bill, have been corrected, DOD will be proceeding with contacting the veterans eligible for the reimbursement. However, the verification form to be used by the DOD in the mailing must be printed in the federal register for 30 days. Immediately thereafter, letters will be mailed to the 2000 individuals which have been compiled from the VA and Private POW/MIA groups.

Press Conferences will be held in an effort to communicate with the remaining 1000 individuals for which there are no address. In addition, the private POW/MIA groups will be notified to assist in locating the remaining eligible Korean War POW's.

If you have any questions please contact me: —Harley J. Coon, President; Association of Korean War EX-POW's; 2439 Lantz Rd.; Beavercreek, Ohio 45434. (513) 427-9445 Fax same as telephone.

THE SAD PASSING OF THE INFANTRY REGIMENT

Is there no one out there among the old war horses and veteran heroes that shares my deep grief over the regrettable and uncalled for passing of the infantry regiments? In recent times we have seen them disbanded and retired into oblivion and their battalions scattered to the winds and relocated into newly created brigades with no glorious histories amongst the combat divisions. Former members of the regiments, and countless artillery, armored, engineer and other combat units who proudly supported and fought with particular regiments are saddened by the disappearance of the infantry regiment.

One can only speculate as to the motivation, judgment and identity of these misguided and shortsighted staffers or chiefs somewhere within the confines of the vast Pentagon, or elsewhere in the Army command, who gave birth to or nurtured this unnecessary, counter productive and even disastrous development.

"Rally men to the Queen and the Regiment" our British and other counterparts have shouted over the years in times of stress in or out of combat. It is to the Regiment that Brits traditionally have paid their heaviest allegiance, second only to their country or monarch. It is to their Regiments that many Brits have remained assigned often for their entire military careers. To the Brits their country and their Regiments will prevail until the apes disappear from the Rock of Gibraltar.

While Americans may have never viewed the importance of the Regiment in quite the same fashion as our friends the Brits, we nevertheless have always placed the greatest importance on our regiments as the basic fighting and best recognized element of our armed forces. Witness, for example, the "Old Guard" 3rd Regiment at Fort Myer, Virginia that provides elite troops for ceremonies, the Tomb of the Unknowns, and other events.

Our regiments have enjoyed specific numbered designations and nicknames such as the Wolfhounds, the Cottonbalers and so forth. Battalions have been important, generally, only to the extent they were a part of a particular regiment and brigades have never established themselves as enduring units. Some regiments have prevailed on continuous active status. Others have been inactivated only temporarily between the wars. The colors of many have been emblazoned and heavily laden with campaign streamers from the many wars and engagements in which

our country has been historically involved and where our troops have shed blood.

All that now is no more. Those proud symbols of our national efforts, sacrifices, achievements and glorious history are but memories. They no longer live. Our regiments have been disbanded, inactivated, erased, retired, and laid to rest. Their records gather but dust in the archives in Suitland, Maryland or elsewhere. With the passage of time the few remaining former members of the regiments will also expire and with them will go the last semblance and recollection that the backbone of the American Army was once the fighting regiments — not battalions and not for sure brigades.

"Oh, but the battalions of the regiments still live on — they are thriving and continuing units in the new brigades of our active and reserve divisions," one will hear. Really? and for how long, if ever, will it be recognized over the years that the X battalion of a brigade of the X division in Germany, Korea, Fort Stewart or elsewhere was once a battalion of its former regiment? Even now, how many new members of a given battalion will associate their unit with the regiment that it was formerly a part of? Few, if any, I suspect.

If it was necessary in the interests of "modernization", or for other reasons, to restructure our combat divisions (and many of us old timers will question whether it was so necessary other than to give a staff officer in the Pentagon something to do) and to organize commands called brigades with four battalions in our divisions then one can well ask, why didn't we just add a

fourth battalion to the three battalions in existing regiments? After all, we had a highly successful precedent for such an approach. In Korea, as any vet of that conflict will remember, most of the troops of other UN countries that helped there were of battalion size and they were simply attached to and fought as part of our regular infantry regiments. Operationally, tactically and logistically the four-battalion regiments performed admirably and there was no need to terminate the regiments and form brigades.

I believe the termination of our infantry regiments in the American Army was one of the most monumental and appalling blunders in military organization in modern times. Those responsible, no matter how good their intentions, are not to be thanked. The cost in fighting morale and combat efficiency and the loss of support from vets whose help the army needs, is still yet to be realized. Fortunately, it is not too late to make amends. At little or no cost in effort or money or time, the regiments could be reconstituted with a single stroke of the pen and the faceless, bland and unhistorical brigades could be redesignated as regiments. Or is the institutional inertia and intransigence and inability to accept constructive criticism in the army command structure too firmly established to accomplish this?

In the meantime old vets can but grieve and despair but also hope and labor for the return of the meaningful regiments.

—LT. COL SHERMAN W. PRATT (USA RET.) 1512 20th Street; So. Arlington, Virginia 22202. 12-30-91.



Last May 24, 1992, this group participated in dedication ceremonies of a National Cemetery. Left to right: J. (JIM) M. Lewis, Phil Dooley, Ed Duff, Bob Liberty. Jim was recalled to active duty for Desert Storm and was still on active duty.

NOW THAT THE MEMORIAL HAS ALL THE MONEY ASKED FOR

(\$16 million at last notice) and D.C. officials say that is enough to build the Memorial, we are asking you to turn your attention to letting your children, your grandchildren, indeed all of America. . . let them know about the Korean War. And only you — the veterans who were there — can tell the factual history of those times.

We realize that times are tough; we have all been there. But don't we want our young people to know *what it took to give them* what we all have today — freedom?

And, more importantly — **KEEP IT!**

Please — at least read the personal message shown on this page and give what you can. Thank you.

In the encyclopedia, she found
15 pages on the Viet Nam War.
2 pages on World War Two.

One paragraph on the Korean War.

That's why KWVA was started by founder Bill Norris.

So what are you — the Korean War veteran — going to do about letting our nation know the historical facts?

**THIS MESSAGE
IS SIMPLE:
NATIONAL KWVA
SEEKS YOUR HELP
TO
TELL AMERICA
YOUR STORY!**

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!

I AM ENCLOSING WHAT I CAN GIVE AT THIS TIME.

FOR TELL AMERICA ABOUT THE KOREAN WAR

CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MADE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

MAKE PAYABLE TO: KWVA NATIONAL TREASURER. DO NOT SEND CASH.

YOUR CANCELLED CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT.

MAIL TO: KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

P.O. BOX 127 — CARUTHERS, CALIFORNIA 93609

**MAIL
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YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS: (PLEASE PRINT)

ESTABLISH OUR NATIONAL OFFICE!

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

Stats on U.S. Wars:

War	Duration	Men Engaged	Dead
American Revolution	8 years	250,000	4,000
War of 1812	2 yr. 7 mo.	528,000	2,000
Mexican War	1 yr. 5 mo.	116,600	13,000
Civil War	4 yr. 1 mo.	2,129,000*	497,821
Spanish-American	4 mo.	280,500	2,446
WW I	1 yr. 7 mo.	4,355,000	116,000
WW II	3 yr. 8 mo.	15,272,000	406,000
Korean War	3 yr. 1 mo.	1,200,000	54,246
Vietnam War	9 yr. 5 mo.	3,108,500	57,685
Persian Gulf	43 days	540,000	268

*(Union side only-Confederate side unavailable)

WHEN THE WAR ENDED

On July 26, 1953, a flash message went out to the 26,000 Marines manning the main line of resistance (MLR) in western Korea.

It directed that there be "no celebration firing related in any way to the advent of the armistice." Each frontline company was authorized to fire one white star cluster at 2200 (10 P.M.) to signal the cease fire.

According to the plan, thousands of flares illuminated the sky along the 155-mile front which stretched from the Yellow Sea to the Sea of Japan.

KWVA 1ST VP REPORTS HIS TRIP AS OFFICIAL REP TO IFKWVA SEOUL

BY NICHOLAS J. PAPPAS

My visit to Korea to attend the 9th Executive Council Meeting (ECM) of the International Federation of Korean War Veterans Associations (IFKWVA) as personal representative of KWVA was enlightening and educational. The IFKWVA was founded September 29, 1978 in Seoul, Korea. Membership consisted of the following U.N. Korean War Veterans Associations: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Columbia, Denmark, France, Greece, India, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, South Korea, and now the United States, unanimously approved by the Council.

Council members in attendance were: President, Sir William Keyes - Australia; Vice President, MG (Ret) Peter Donward - U.K.; Secretary General, Col. (Ret) KYOO - Tek Ahn, Korea; Treasurer General, Col. (Ret) UN Tae Kim - Korea; BG (Ret) Claude Tainguy - France; Mr. Donald Urquhart - Canada; Col (Ret) Rudolphe Luty - Luxemburg; Col (Ret) Thomas G. Batilo - Philippines; Dr. AKE J. Eck - Sweden; Col. (Ret) Cevat A. Guven - Turkey; BG (ret) J.E. Lello - South Africa and myself.

The first day of the ECM, the delegates laid a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown soldiers, visited General (Ret) SO Joon-Yeol, President of the Korean Veterans Association (KVA), where he presented the South African delegate and myself an "Ambassador of Peace Medal."

After a tour of the newly constructed KVA office building and lunch, we met with Vice Minister of National Defense Kwon for a briefing on Korea's military status and reunification efforts with North Korea. The fear of attacks and conflict continues on the Korean Peninsula. There is still a Republic of Korea and communist North Korea, separated by the DMZ that is jealously guarded, despite reunification talks. While there, North Korea placed their forces on alert because of resumption of "Team Spirit", a joint US/ROK military exercise. That evening our host for dinner was General (Ret) SO.

The second day dealt with various issues: reunification of Korea; South Korea's efforts to establish formal relationships with China; control of mass destruction weapons; student exchange programs for young people to visit

countries involved in the Korean War; that Korea re-visit programs by Korean veterans continue; a minor reorganization of the listing structure of IFKWVA veteran associations; development of a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War, June 25, 2000 AD; and the formation of the press release about our resolutions.

Various officer and member association reports were also read and approved and that the 5th IFKWVA General Assembly be held October 23 - 28, 1994 in Seoul, Korea. That afternoon we attended a luncheon reception, hosted by Mr. CHI Kap-chong, President of the UN Korean War Allies Association. This was a recognition ceremony for about 80 American service personnel who had more than 100 months of service in Korea; the children and grandchildren of Korean veterans and one master sergeant still on active duty. In attendance were many military and service dignitaries, keynoted by General R.W. Riscassi, CINC, United Nations Command.

The last day of the ECM was spent touring the city, lunch on the 59th floor of 63 DLI Building and a scenic cruise on the Han River. Afterwards we returned to the hotel to review and approve the Council minutes and the press release. That evening the IFKWVA delegates went to Sheraton Walker Hill Hotel to attend a dinner in honor of about 150 visiting Korean veterans (United States, Norway, Canada, Denmark) hosted by General (Ret) SO, KVA President. The affair was attended by military and consular officers of the visiting countries as well as high ranking retired Korean military.

Limited time prevented a more complete tour of Korea. I was able to visit areas nearby Seoul, but this did not satisfy me. I wanted to see more of Korea, especially the northeast sector around Inje, Yanggu, Punchbowl, etc. . . where I had served most of my 16 months. I chartered an airplane and pilot, spending about a half day flying above the permissible parts of the northeastern sector as well as the central, eastern and southern parts of Korea. The aerial view was overwhelming, causing the re-write of an article I had started on the 12 hour flight to Seoul, which was published in the local paper on Veteran's Day.

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The official press release highlighted these decisions:

North Korea should be required to cease immediately the development, manufacture, and deployment of weapons

of mass destruction whether nuclear, biological or chemical.

The Council congratulated the Korean government on its achievements in the economic, social, diplomatic and political fields since delegates last met together two years ago.

Other matters discussed were:

The Korean War Memorial fund set up to assist young people to visit Korea and other countries involved in the Korean War.

The Korean Revisit Program under which KVA and the Korean Government host Korean War veterans, over 14,000 of whom had now returned to Korea.

Preliminary planning for commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War on 25th June 2000, an event which delegates considered of very special historical importance, not only to Korea but to the whole free world.

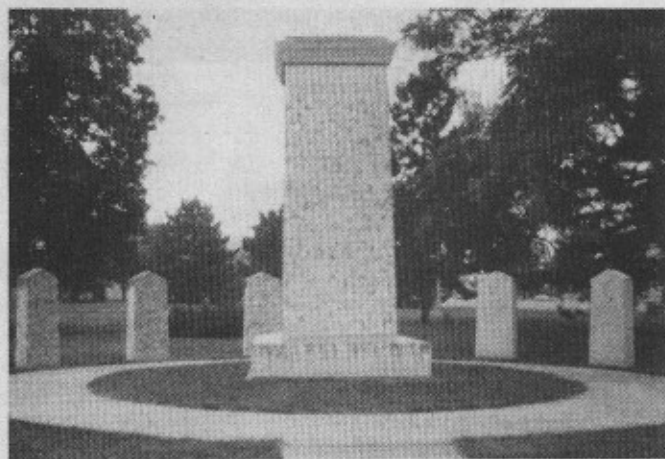


I am a disabled Korean War veteran and former POW and a member of the KWVA, CARD #POW 111, I am sending you one of the Korean War Mini Memorials that I have been making over the past few months; am in hopes that you might be able to put an item in the Graybeards to promote them a little. I get \$18.95 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.



I am enclosing photos of our nice Korean War Memorial located on the Iowa State Capital Grounds in Des Moines, Iowa. It is one of many Memorials and Monuments of past wars on display at this location.

We were too long building and honoring those who served so valiantly. We hope that its completion will help those living and future generations better understand the sacrifices of those who served.

The photos show the blurred position of the inscription on the back of the large center stone, and the readable inscription up close on the pictures.



the large stone while the perimeter small stones each have inscriptions honoring other units and branches of service. The speckling is from the light rain that day of the pictures.

Thanks again Stan for your continued commitment to the Nations Korean War Memorial in Washington and here's hoping that it too will soon be completed like our State has finally finished this Memorial. All funds were done by volunteers giving of time and money. — DONALD L. STILES; RR Box 71; Rippey, IA 50235.

Korean War quotes and comments...

"Every Communist must grasp the truth; political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

Mao Tse-tung
Chairman of the Communist Party of the
Peoples Republic of China

On June 28, 1950, President Harry Truman met reporters for the first time since the North Korean invasion. He was asked several times to characterize the U.S. response.

Q—"Mr. President, everybody is asking in this country are we or are we not at war?"

A—"We are not at war. The members of the United Nations are going to the relief of the Korean Republic to suppress a 'bandit raid' on the Republic of Korea."

Q—"Mr. President, would it be correct under your explanation to call this a 'police action' under the United Nations?"

A—"Yes, that is exactly what it amounts to."

So 'police action'...a euphemism not of Truman's coinage became his political downfall.

"The Korean War veterans laid the foundation for the march of democracy around the world today."

President George Bush

"Rarely in American history have so few been asked to do so much with so little."

Maggie Higgins
New York Times combat correspondent

"The wrong war, in the wrong place, at the wrong time, with the wrong enemy."

General Omar Bradley
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

The above story came from the CITIZENS' VOICE of Wilkes-Barre, PA, July 20, 1992. On that date they published an excellent special edition honoring Korean War Veterans.

NEW ADDRESS for Indiana Chapter One is: P.O. Box 12727; Ft. Wayne, IN 46864-2727; attn ART FLOTOW.

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION? NEW LOOK OF GRAYBEARDS

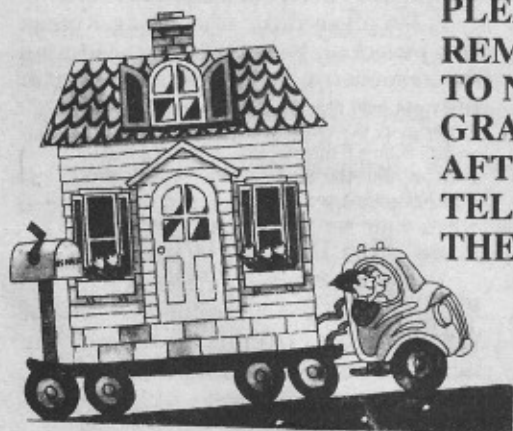
What's your opinion of this new format for Graybeards? When Executive Council members were polled by mail and by telephone on steps required to get this new look, the vote was: one no-vote, one abstention, one no, twelve yes.

The cost dropped considerably for this one edition. The rest of 1993 looks even better for saving several thousands of dollars!

Write: Stan Hadden, editor; P.O. Box 131; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

If you believe the Memorial design is all finished — read pages 24 and 25. Then ask questions. And see blue ballot, page 7.

MOVING?



PLEASE!
REMEMBER
TO NOTIFY
GRAYBEARDS
AFTER YOU
TELL
THE KIDS!

YOU WROTE IT

Graybeards is trying to print your letters although some are several months late. . . but the subject matter and thoughts you expressed then are just as important and relevant today. Here are some of them:

"I agree 100 percent with Richard J. Fischback's letter on page 17, January 1992 Graybeards. All of us Korean War vets are tired of that section of Nam vets crying all the time. It seems they feel they got cheated. Please tell me how.

"I served in Korea from 1950 until 1952; wounded in 1951 the first time. Got discharged in 1953 on a medical with 30 percent disability. And a short time after I got home my disability was taken away. YES IT WAS SERVICE CONNECTED. Also I did not receive my Purple Heart until 1988 along with other awards I was entitled to.

"The big issue is: I was awarded the Bronze Star in 1951 — and today I am still arguing with Uncle Sam and filling out forms and getting the run-around and still don't have my Bronze Star.

"Viet Nam vets got their memorial. I can't figure out what they were cheated out of. When I came home I got nothing from Uncle Sam, not even what little I am entitled to. But every day I thank the good Lord above for bringing me back home to my family. I'm proud to have served my country, as so many other vets also are. But us Korean War vets have not cried for years.

"We are veterans of the Korean War, the Forgotten War. We fought hand-to-hand, nose-to-nose and got nothing in the way of thanks from most of the people. Just remember the good Lord brought us back home to our loved ones. He blessed us with life. Let's give thanks for this and be grateful.

"This is my noise. Thank you for reading it."—ROBERT J. HEATER; P.O. Box 490; Appomattox, VA 24522. 1/3/92.

"I cannot understand why we the Korean War Vets are allowing the bureaucrats in Washington to betray us again like they did during the Korean War.

"I'm appalled to think that over 54,000 of our nation's finest young men, who fought so gallantly and sacrificed their lives, are being denied the honor of having their names placed in posterity in our nation's capital on their memorial. . .

". . . Please, let's not lose this battle; let's fight this time for a complete victory. Let's inform whoever is responsible for this

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tragic omission that we are not going to be forgotten again."

—JOHN W. THOMAS; 2404 Thomas Lane; Wilmington, DE 19810.

"Are these powers of committee deaf, blind, or just plain dumb? This is the main purpose of a Memorial; to recognize and pay tribute to Fallen Comrades in Arms, and lost loved ones.

"My father was a WWII Veteran, was wounded in the "Battle of the Bulge", and was MIA. He was one of the lucky ones because he was located in an Army field hospital. He later came home, got married, and had a family.

"My husband was a Korean War Veteran, he also was one of the very lucky ones; neither wounded or an MIA. He came home, got married, had and raised a family. We know now how many never came home to their mothers, wives, or wives to be, to have and raise children, or to even have a chance to have a wife, let alone a family.

"I think it's time for our Politicians to stop being Political Machines, and start being Human Beings. It's high time they wake up and smell the coffee!!!!"

—ELAINE GREAR; P.O. Box 146; Haddon Heights, NJ 08035.

Thanks for the great work you do with the Graybeards. I look forward to each issue. I'd like to respond to some of the recent letters.

I can understand the frustrations of some of the members with the lack of concrete answers to questions about MIA's, POW's, memorials, etc. The writers make a lot of good points. But some of the letters exhibit, I feel, an attitude which does not reflect credit upon the majority of Korean War veterans, or, on the conduct of the war itself.

True, many mistakes were made by both political and military leaders, and the outcome of the war was somewhat less than satisfactory.

However, wouldn't you rather be remembered as a fighter in a just, well-intentioned war than in a ridiculous, useless public-relations war? I would! And I happen to believe the war was not only justified and, originally, non-political, but also absolutely necessary. Communism was on the march all over the world; our leaders had to make a gut-wrenching decision as to whether we should stand back and see what happened, or should try

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to stop them. I believe our leaders made the correct decision to enter Korea and also to be satisfied with driving the Chinese and North Koreans out of South Korea without trying to conquer North Korea.

I also believe we won the war. It's easy to look back now, with Communism on the decline, and ask what was the big deal? But I happen to believe that our intervention in Korea was a major beginning to the eventual downfall of a severely-flawed political system: Communism. And I'm proud to have been a part of it.

I hope Vietnam veterans feel the same about their war. I do. They know, as we do, that they could have won that war if the politicians seeking votes from draft-dodgers hadn't had their way. They also know that they contributed mightily to the downfall of communism even though people tell them they "lost" the war.

The good citizens of the U.S.A., including most congressmen and senators, will respond much more favorably to requests from positive-thinkers than to plaintive cries from disgruntled veterans who think all of our country's politicians were then, and now, a bunch of nin-com-poops.

Let's not cause the public to perceive us as a bunch of complainers looking for medals and monuments just because we're jealous of the Vietnam Memorial. Let's just tell the world we're proud of what we did in Korea and that we'd do it again if we had to; and that we'd like to have a fitting national memorial to our lost comrades.

I served as a rifle platoon leader in the 1st Cav in Korea and was lucky to have gotten out of it with only one crippled leg. I also spent five months as a rifle platoon leader in France in WWII, but I don't know of any national WW II memorials. Should there be one? Sure, but there won't be.

I'm all in favor of a fitting Korean War memorial, but not if it means losing the respect of WW II and Vietnam veterans and the fine citizens of the U.S.A. —MORTON WOOD, JR.; 9221 Holly Oak Dr.; Bethesda, MD 20817. Ph. 301-365-1795.

The Illinois Winner

The winner of the raffle of the 1993 Hyundai Elantra Auto is Jim McDanel of Williamsville, Illinois to support the Illinois Korean War Memorial. As of this letter the total ticket sales \$19,905.00 — Danville, Ill Chapter, per Hershall Lee.

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I keep reading about not having the names of our buddies on this memorial — the guys who fought and gave their lives. I am lucky to be able to talk about it and feel this memorial is long time overdue. I cannot believe that some people will allow this to happen.

It's been 42 yrs and it still hurts. So I pray to God that we will be allowed to have their names on a beautiful memorial.

—THOMAS MAC NEIL (CMDR D.A.V.); 144 Prospect St.; Manville, RI 02838.

"Since the latest design of the Korean War Veterans Memorial looks like the Chicago Bears football team going to the locker room at half time, why not petition the ABMC to halt all work on the memorial until such time as the present composition of the Fine Arts Commission in Washington, DC can be replaced with sane people who may have an idea of what constitutes a column of infantry troopers?"

—W.W. WOODS; Rt #2 Box 228; Bending Bow Drive; Ten Mile TN 37880.

EDITOR'S NOTE: You will be surprised, apparently, to learn that ABMC is primarily responsible for the confusion surrounding the Memorial. They don't listen to the vets, as Graybeards keeps reporting. See pages 24, 25, 26.

What's with the powers that be that we can't have names of the K.I.A.'s and M.I.A.'s on our monument? There are entirely too many non-Korean vets telling us how to build our memorial. A memorial is built to remember. That's what it's all about. Let's get these dead-wood civilians out and just have Korean War Vets run the show. Civilians don't know beans about the Korean War and they didn't lose a lot of buddies in that war. So why in hell do they tell us how to build our memorial?

What's fair is fair. We know what we want and we should have it!!! We fought the war and we should have the final say. We're sick and tired of all this crap. Washington, wake up and smell the coffee! Let the Korean War Vets have what they should have had years ago.

—RICHARD A. BLANC; 19200 Pawnee; Cleveland, OH 44119-1725. 1-216-486-8156.

Shortly after the September 1992 Graybeards was sent out I received four letters about Charles Byers. After 42 years, all of our questions were answered. The

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hell and horror he went through before his death were difficult for his family and friends to know and yet those who wrote and were in the P.O.W. camp where he died are daily and nightly living that hell.

It was so very gratifying to receive a letter from Wayne A. Johnson mentioned in the letter: Wayne A. Johnson; P.O. Box 26134; Phoenix, AZ 85068. EX-P.O.W. He is made of the stuff that we should like to think we could muster if called upon.

—DONALD R. OAKLEY; 10¹/₂ Stewart St.; Amsterdam, NY 12010

No one gave me a parade or even met me when I returned home from WWII in August 45.

No one gave me a parade or met me when I returned home from Korea and Japan in January 54.

No one even missed me when I was recalled from retirement for the US Army in 1965-1966.

But in my heart I know what and why I served — my family respected me and even put up with me when I'm sort of withdrawn sometimes.

Our four sons served in Viet Nam, two Army and two Marines.

I read all the letters in the Graybeards, but those letters should be written to the President of the USA and to Congress and the Senate.

I've mailed my copy of Graybeard to the President. May not read it or may, but I've let him know how I feel.

I was serving in the Army before, during and after WWII, Korea and retired in 62. Recalled in 65-66. So I feel I earned the right of free speech. I also vote in all elections, so I feel I can criticize.

—MILTON CRIPPIN; 1208 E. Seminary; Danville, IL 61832.

I must say that my association with the KWVA has created some very exciting moments for me, as well as having been able to make a great many new friends from the ranks of the "Forgotten War."

My Revisit Trip to Korea in September 1991 was most exciting. It was an emotional experience that would be very hard to equal. I was most fortunate to be able to take my wife. I wanted to share with her a place and people that represented a very important part of my life. Although she could not experience the COLD of the winter or the HEAT of the summer as we did in 1951-52, she did have an opportunity to meet a very grateful

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people from a nation which really appreciated our presence during those difficult years. The ceremonial evening and the presentation of the Korean Ambassador to Peace Medals was an absolute apex to a wonderful revisit. Incidentally, although I had never served with or even seen any of the military people who went on this very special trip, the common thread of having served together at the same time in some place in Korea has created a very strong bond of friendship amongst our group. I would like very much like to go again and I would urge any "Forgotten War" soldier or marine to go.

—THEODORE F. LOW; 95 Blackstone Boulevard; Providence, RI 02906. (401) 521-5660.

Thank you for printing my letter in September 1992 issue, page 3 about the town of Tewksbury, Massachusetts awarding the citations to Korean War Veterans. So soon and the response is great. As you said in your return note, it may be the first in the nation.

Were we first in the nation to give such award? Can you run that question in the next issue using my name and address? I will be happy to field all the responses and keep you on top of it. Also if it is, I will try to get the town some recognition for it's having done so.

—EDWARD C. FONSECA; 1268 Main Street, Suite 193; Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876.

TO MOTHER

From A Korean Battlefield

Dear mother, I wish to feel your arms,
As they caress my broken body and mind,
To feel your velvety fingers,
Stroking through my hair,
And restore with thy golden flair,
Life anew to me your crying son.

I wish not to die before the morning dawn,
For this would rob my want,
For to view the lifting mist will reveal,
Your love and care for me so far away.

—PAT R. VIGIL; 317 60th St. NW; Albuquerque, N. Mexico 87105.

"I believe there is a need for a Korean veterans organization, but we need one with a sense of duty and dignity the present organization lacks. And as for a sense of mission, frankly I don't believe any POW/MIAs survive from the Korean War, and the question of a memorial is a minor matter in the cosmic theme of things." —T. R. FEHRENBACH; P.O. Box 6698; San Antonio, TX 78209

THE FORGOTTEN COUNTRY IN THE FORGOTTEN WAR

We Korean War veterans, often when talking about the war, often speak of soldiers from other countries; how they fought, good or bad. One country in particular was South Africa, I said South Africa.

Late in November of 1950, South African's hearing the call for help from another United Nations force, had hundreds of volunteers, airmen and ground crews ready to fight for the South Koreans. Forty-five days later 207 pilots and ground crew members were in the skies destroying enemy targets and knocking down communist aircrafts. . . The 2nd CHEETAH Squadron SAAF lost 34 flyers killed in action along with two ground crewmen, with several taken prisoners of war in the two years and eight months, until Armistice Day July 27, 1953.

Thirty-six men does not sound like a lot of losses, but one was too many. Assigned to the Fifth Air Force they supported ground forces in every area of north and south Korea, with Pilots flying over twenty-five sorties each day and night. One period alone from February 9th to the 15th 1951 they participated in Operation Thunderbolt, Roundup and Killer destroying enemy forces in all areas enabling our troops to recapture Seoul.

One story retold to me was about a group of American pilots who were talking about a bridge in North Korea that they could not destroy, even with their heavy fighter bombers. One of the Cheetah pilots said "why don't you give us a go at it." They did, hitting the target low with rockets from the their new Saber jets and destroying the bridge.

With tremendous air strikes the Cheetahs hit targets in Wonsan, P'yongang, Chosin Reservoir and the Khumwah Valley areas killing many communist troops and knocking out their equipment. Sometimes the troops would stand on their tanks and high ground just to watch the precision strikes made.

General Strotlemeyer, Chief of all forces and Commander of the Fifth Air Force decorated the Cheetah pilots with 176 Air Medals, 55 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 2 Silver Stars, 3 Legion of Merit Medals, 1 Soldiers Medal and numerous citations from other foreign countries who they supported.

—JOSEPH M. POGGI; 610 Poplar Rd.; River Vale, NJ 07675-6431. Ph. 201-573-0515. 2-7-92.

". . . halfway across we still didn't know where we were going. . ."

In the fall of 1950, the 27th Fighter Wing of the Eighth Air Force was called upon to pack everything we had at our base in Austin, Texas. No one knew what was going on. We flew to San Diego in double decker MATS. We loaded our aircraft carriers from bottom to top, and on top was our F-84's, and the 4th Fighter Wings F-86's.

We used three Navy CVE's. I was on the last one which went through a typhoon in the middle of the Pacific on a Kaiser Carrier. For those of you who don't know, the Kaiser carriers have been known to split in-half in severe weather. This was an emergency going to Korea, but half-way across, we still didn't know where we were going.

The carrier had rusted out the bulk heads on the hanger deck. The Captain, if he was there, never introduced himself and the navy crew did not know each other. We were in such heavy seas, we were taking water over the flight deck and the screws were coming out of the water when we went down the other side of sixty foot swells. I have read mostly of the Army and Marines, and I know they took the worst of it. Well the 27th and 4th Fighter Groups, with the F-84 and F-86 gave these guys the greatest air coverage.

I would like to mention here two very good pilots I knew. One is Jacob Kratt, 27th Fighter Wing, Austin, Texas, I played

baseball and football with him for a short time. The other is Jim Jabara, who was with the 4th Fighter Wing, and F-86 pilot on my carrier. When we weren't pitching and rolling, we played volley ball on the hangar deck. Jim was the first Ace of the Korean War.

My winter of 1950-51 was the coldest time of my life, but at least I had a tent and bunk with a space heater that froze and stopped working about 4 A.M. due to the temp., like 40° below zero. What about the guys on the front lines? Want to know the truth? Guess what? They were wearing World War II combat boots and gear, also equipment to fire weapons did not match 1950's equipment. In 1951, we got, what I saw in my indoctrination, as survival gear in 1947.

You have no idea the amount of casualties we had, Army and Marines, due to (bad or wrong kind of) survival equipment. The U. S. Government won't tell you, it's too embarrassing. What more can I tell you. No wonder they didn't want a Memorial. They wanted to forget it. It's politics and some of the 27th Fighter Wing, 8th Air Force, have never been found and I imagine the same with the 4th Fighter Wing.

—KEN HEISNER; P.O. Box 289; Clinton, PA 15026. 7-20-92. (27th FTR WING 8TH AF, assigned to 5th AF Korea 1950).

HUNGNAME SURVIVORS GROUP NOW NEARLY 150 STRONG AND LOOKING FOR OTHERS

In 1989, we printed this notice:

The Saga of the Hungnam Beachhead is the Forgotten Cattle, within the Forgotten War and I am trying to reunite all units of the 3rd Inf Division who participated in "Task Force Dog", all units who defended the Beachhead so that we could successfully be evacuated. I'm particularly interested in members of the 39th F.A. Bn (3rd Div) of which I was a member. The 39th was the last artillery outfit on the beach.

And now we print the following:

Hi Stan. Thanks for your call and the help you have given us over the past three years. You were instrumental in helping us get off the ground. 3 years ago our group numbered 16, now we are approaching 150. Without the exposure you and other Veteran Publications gave us it wouldn't have happened.

We keep our reunions in the Society of 3rd Inf Div, it is much simpler for us. We just had our 3rd Reunion and our best yet.

Our excursion into North Korea and our link-up with the First Marine Div will always be a vivid memory, its hard to believe that was 42 years ago. Any help you can give us in locating additional 3rd Inf Div survivors of this era would be greatly appreciated.

—PAUL A DUDASH ("B" 39th FA Hungnam); 1375 Mt. Hope Rd.; Fairfield, PA. 17320.

"...HAVING SERVED WITH COL. PRATT IN BAKER CO 23RD REGT 2ND INF DIV..."

The "Forgotten War" came to life again. On the 30th of Oct. I received a copy of Col. Pratt's "Decisive Battles of the Korean War" as an early Christmas gift. Having served with Col Pratt in Baker Co. of the 23rd Regt. 2nd Inf Div., many memories of Korea were brought back to mind. On Monday, the 2nd of Nov., I mailed a letter to Col. Pratt about his book and some of my remembrances. Later Monday I took the book to a friend for him to read hoping he would find the book as interesting as I had.

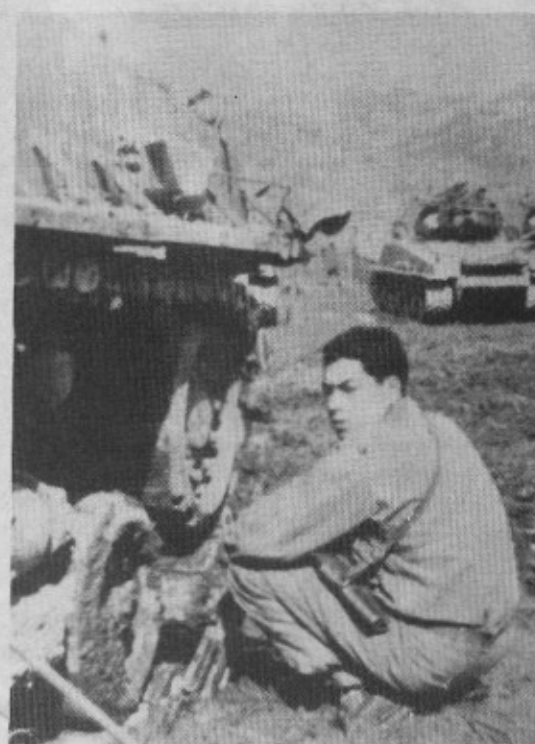
Monday evening I was surprised to receive a long distance call from Col Pratt. It seems that my friend, George Schmitz, had called him about me serving with the Col. We had a very pleasant 20 minute conversation and plan to meet at KWVA National Convention next year.

Also Col Pratt stated that he is to send me an autographed copy of his book since I was one of the first of his old outfit he has been in contact with since leaving Korea. He also is writing a new book of his experiences with the 3rd Div during WWII in Europe. I had also been in Europe with 42nd Inf Div during WWII. His new book is called "Autobahr to Berchtesgaden".

So to some of us the Korean Conflict is not forgotten!—FRANK D. LEE; member of MO KWVA Chapter 1.



"These are some of the many photos I took in 1951-1952 while with the 622nd MP."—
CLINTON W. BOSTOCK; 51 Hampden Rd.; Stafford Springs, CT 06076.



ALFRED D. RAMIREZ; RR1, 2400 Imperial; Winterhaven, CA 92283. 3rd Platoon; "A" Co, 89th Tank BN, 25th Inf Div Nov 52 - Oct 24, 1953. Picture was taken in Chorwon section in the spring while I was platoon SFC.

THE CORNFIELD COMMANDO

This book chronicles the experiences of the author during thirty years of military service including action in Korea with the 24th and 7th Infantry Divisions, and service in Vietnam. The author entered the Army in 1948 as a Private and retired in 1978 as a Major. The book may be purchased from the author, Major (Ret) Neil F. Young; 810 N. Santa Fe Avenue; Chillicothe, IL 61523-1748, for \$10.95 plus \$2.00 for postage and handling.



RON ROSSER, recipient of Medal of Honor, stands in front of Russia defense headquarters while on a visit to Moscow in May 1992.

"WE WERE THERE TO DO WHATEVER WE COULD"

"Dear Editor—The picture in the September issue, of the USS Pledge sinking was from taking a direct hit from a North Korean mine. The Communist had mined the entire harbor of Wonsan, outside the harbor and also had set adrift mines to sink ships at will. The USS Pirate was also sunk. The loss in lives was 92 men. I know because my ship, the USS Hanson, was there.

"The popular opinion of many veterans of the Korean War was that the Navy had it pretty soft. And we did, much of the time. Having served on a Destroyer, and then a Destroyer Escort, the only answer I can give is this. My ships went in "harms way" many times, and by that I mean within 400 yards of shore. I'm certain our skipper would have closed the distance but the depth of water would not allow it. Getting that close, north of the bomb line, meant you were going to take hostile fire, which we did many times. My ship mates were not brave or daring but just did their jobs, and during those times we earned our pay.

"Recently released documents from Communist China tell of the Soviet Unions intention of entering the battle when the

Chinks crossed the Yalu. If they had it would have been a different war. The Russians changed their minds and for that I am thankful. Our task forces were small, with few replacements, and had the Russians came in I wonder how soft we would have had it, or who would have come to our rescue?

"We were there to do whatever we could and I'm certain that the rest of the Navy men in the KWVA; ship board on big or small ships, in the air, or on the land which many of them were, are proud of our service and the small part they played in the Victory, which it surely was, and no one will convince me otherwise." —RON JABAUT; 125 Hobson St.; #6-A; San Jose, CA 95110.

KOREA RE-VISIT

The 75th AIR DEPOT WING ASSOCIATION is sponsoring a return visit and tour to Korea. Contact Vern Wriedt; P.O. Box 3921; Davenport, Iowa 52808. Phone 319-391-7185.

The names that should be engraved on the Memorial wall total 33,629 KIA/MIA and would not present a major problem of design or production, according to knowledgeable sources.



"Look, Sarge, the little pin came loose."

"IN UNITY WE HAVE STRENGTH"

RICHARD FOLTYNEWICZ; 920 Chestnut St.; Ottawa, IL 61350. Phone 815-433-4429 — writes as a veteran of WWII and his mission is to have December 7 officially declared as permanently "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day."

"In unity we have strength," said Richard. Several members of Congress are prepared to introduce legislation again in 1993 supporting the mission. About 300,000 veterans of WWII were also in Korea.

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