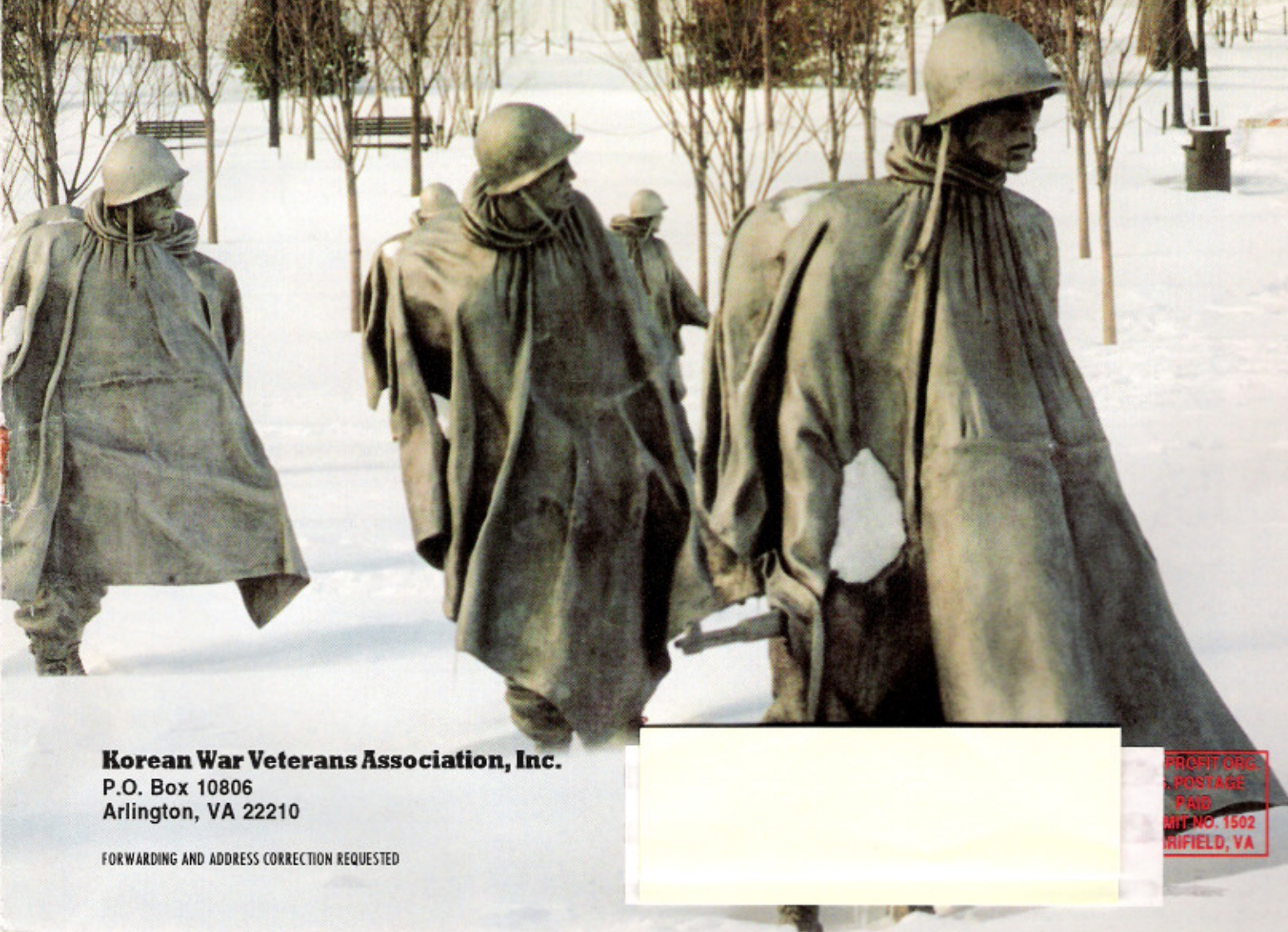


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# President's Message

## FY 1995 KWVA Deficit

Exceptional operating expenses caused by the Reunion/Dedication and increased number of *Graybeards* published has created a deficit for 1995. The costs for the two items equated to about fifty-five percent (55%) of total expenditures.

To offset the deficit and ensure 1996 operational costs stay within approved budgetary limits, the Council at the Mid-Winter meeting decided Chapters should pay for additional *Graybeards* distributed to them for the remainder of the year. Price to be two dollars (\$2.00) per each copy, to cover the extra printing, shipping and handling costs involved.

## PROCEDURES

Each chapter will receive five (5) copies of this issue versus the usual twenty-five (25) previously shipped at no cost. Chapters desiring extra copies of the next four (4) issues of *Graybeards* must place a "single" order for "all" four (4) issues. Whatever number of magazines the Chapter orders, must be the same for all subsequent issues. For example, (10 copies x 4 issues = 40 x \$2.00 = \$80.00). No changes in orders (increases or decreases) will be accepted. This is to ensure Editor Camp knows the exact number of copies to have published.

Additionally, "full payment" (10 x 4 x \$2.00 = \$80.00) must accompany each order. (Use Order Form at the end of this message).

Payments to be made to KWVA *Graybeards*, earmarked EXTRA COPIES and sent to Editor Amos Camp, 7828 Rebel Drive, Annandale, VA 22003. Cut-off date for orders/payments is 1 May 1996. Orders placed after that date, will be returned.

## EXPLANATION

*Graybeards* was the major expense contributing to the deficit. Increasing the *Graybeards* from four (4) to six (6) issues a year and a thirty-five (35%) rise in the price of paper, coupled with sending twenty-five (25) copies of each issue to all chapters for recruiting purposes without charge were the primary causes.

Approximately ten dollars (\$10.00) of each member's dues went to the publishing/mailling and boxing/shipping of the *Graybeards* to individual members/chapters. This averages out to about one dollar fifty-eight cents (\$1.58) per newsletter. This left about five dollars (\$5.00) of membership dues for operating costs.

The Reunion/Dedication, a once in a lifetime event, also was contributory to the deficit. Costs were banquet tickets/awards for dignitaries, additional Reunion planning meetings in Washington, DC, phone calls from members/overseas guests requiring research and answers, hospitality rooms, membership refunds, extra Quartermaster merchandise shipments, etc. Expenses that were paid out of KWVA "operating" funds, not by the "contracted" Reunion Fund, which is still being audited by our C.P.A.

Other options the Council considered to reduce expenses were: cut the *Graybeards* back to four (4) issues a year, delay State Rebate Program payments for a year, count election ballots internally versus a C.P.A., and cancel all 800 numbers. After much discussion by the Council and attending members, it was decided these options were detrimental to the health and welfare of the KWVA.

Hence, the alternative was either to eliminate the "free" distribution of *Graybeards* completely or have

Chapters pay for the additional copies, until we get more advertisements to defray its costs. Editor Camp and Publicity Chairman Depew are trying to get more ads. Note the Cadillac ad in the last issue of *Graybeards*.

This action, along with other Council recommendations to reduce expenses, will keep operational costs in line for 1996. Our dues are still among the lowest, when compared to many other national organizations.

## OTHER INFORMATION OF NOTE

Some members have recently raised questions about how much National officers and Board members receive in salaries and expenses from the KWVA. I want to put this matter to rest.

No member of the Executive Council is paid a salary. All of us are volunteers and serve for free. The only expense the KWVA pays for is the rooms for Council members when attending meetings. All travel and meals are paid by the individual members.

The organization also pays the phone bills, postage, secretarial costs required to support the National office. My own out-of-pocket personal expenses to perform my duties as President were \$6,500 last year in addition to the time I have donated. Consideration must be given to how much each of the other seventeen members of the Executive Council had to spend in personal expenses and volunteer time to perform their duties, also.

On a sad note: The Executive Council held a minute of silence to pay their respects to long-time National Poppy Chairman/New Jersey State President Bob Wacker who passed away February 7, 1996. He was a very strong and active member and will be missed by all who knew him.

## SUMMARY

Despite the past year's deficit, the KWVA has become a well-coordinated, smooth functioning and recognized veterans organization. Membership is growing, chapters are increasing and communications/services between National and the membership has greatly improved. The *Graybeards* is the finest veterans magazine in the country and its message is reaching out to all Korean veterans.

We have solid long term goals and objectives to achieve along with an exciting Memorial that personifies and recognizes the Korean War veteran's place in history and its aftermath. Let us not stop now, but look to the future to further advance the KWVA and its mission: Ensure the "Forgotten War" is always remembered and that "Freedom is not Free." Only the membership can make that happen. Your voice must be heard.

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## Why Is My Son in Korea?

BY DAVID LAWRENCE

The mother of a boy twice wounded in Korea asks this writer: "Why is my son fighting in Korea?" The question was not a protest but an earnest search for a definition. American boys are fighting in Korea —

1. Because the sacrifice being made in Korea can save millions of young men now at home — the 18-year-olds, the 16-year-olds, the 12-year-olds — sparing them the necessity of fighting another world war.

2. Because from those who fought at the Marne and Chateau Thierry, in Tunisia and at Anzio, in the Battle of the Bulge, at Midway, on New Guinea, Guadalcanal, the Philippines, Iwo Jima and Okinawa — from those brave men there has been passed down the responsibility to preserve the American nation for which so many of them died. This generation now is demonstrating in Korea that a great nation, untainted by the materialism of territorial ambition or the greed of conquest—having twice fought for principle and laid down its arms without a single act of selfishness toward its allies or a single act of dishonor toward its enemies — still will fight for principle and the cause of humanity.

3. Because America sees in the Korean war a challenge to freedom everywhere. Korea — the small, helpless nation trampled under the heel of the Red invader — is the Cuba of Spain's cruelty in 1898, the Belgium of the Kaiser's invasion of 1914, and the Britain, the France, the Holland and the Belgium, the Poland and the Norway of Hitler's aggression of a decade ago.

4. Because an attack against free men anywhere is a menace to democracy everywhere. A readiness to meet the aggressor in Korea can deter the master of that same aggressor from precipitating a larger-scale war elsewhere.

5. Because America cannot allow the aggressor to come by sea or air or land to our shores. If aggression were to be successful in Korea, the Russian-Chinese alliance could then invade Japan and its northern islands and secure air bases for attack on nearby Alaska. If Northwest territory were threatened, so would our own Pacific Coast cities soon be threatened too.

6. Because America must mobilize her strength and not risk the defeat that can come if the whole free world is conquered and the total resources of our present allies are then appropriated by our enemy and its satellites for a final strike against us.

7. Because misguided minds among our own allies are ready to yield to the aggressor and run away, little another dictator, even as they unwittingly did in the Rhineland episode of 1936 and at Munich in 1938.

8. Because today statesmanship is lacking, leadership is lacking, moral scruple is lacking and the need is for sacrifice to raise aloft the banner of great ideals — so that once more the souls of men may be saved through the power of heroic example.

9. Because it is essential to the peace of the world that an international organization, such as the United Nations, stimulate a will to peace, and this means also a will to fight against aggression. Unhappily among our allies it has been questioned whether a shell-shocked populace can regain the will to fight. What we do in Korea can revive the fighting spirit of European peoples and demonstrate to peoples everywhere that the American will to fight for a just cause has not perished.

10. Because the American boys who fought and came home and the boys who never came back from World War I and World War II will have fought in vain

if there now is a disintegration of spirit, a dissolution of the great moral purpose that guides brave men to give their lives in a noble cause.

11. Because, just as Christianity does not condone the suicide of the individual, Christianity rejects the suicide of the State — the basic fallacy of pacifism.

12. Because we are our brother's keepers and because, as we see a drowning man struggling to reach the shore, the instinct is to go to his rescue. What that instinct means to the individual, it means to a nation whose greatness today, as in the past, is still sublimated by an unselfish effort to relieve human suffering and to emancipate men, women and children from slavery. On the battlefields of Korea our youth is saving our own democracy from its sins of materialism, and its indulgences and making it strong again. And it must be strong to insure the survival of the forces of good in the world and their triumph over the age-old forces of evil.

13. Because the troops in Korea and the airmen and sailors nearby are the crusaders of our times — crusaders for Justice and crusaders for the rights of free men to live in this world free from fear, free from the perennial terror imposed upon us by evil men.

14. Because the brave youth in Korea are putting to shame those thoughtless brethren in Britain and France and even in America who begrudge the dollars and pounds they now must forego, who worship the false gods of creature comfort even as the battalions in Korea, despising such weakness, lift their faces to the next ridge with the immortal courage that makes them fight.

*From the Michigan Chapter Newsletter*

## Chaplain Griep's Greeting!

On 28 April 1951 my unit was encamped on the Seoul to Uijongbu road, near the village of Uidong. The weather had been dry for about a week, with the roads and trails in heavy dust. This morning it rained hard, so now we have mud. But we are in a beautiful area, we are right in the middle of a fine Seoul suburb. There are fruit trees in blossom, forsythia and azaleas are in full bloom. A home, now only a pile of ashes, was surrounded by peonies and daffodils. From the ash pile two steel frames for piano strings, with strings still attached, speak of a previous music-loving occupant. Not too far away I found a Korean well, around which I decided to conduct a service for the 8th Engineers.

Naturally my topic or text had to be the passage from the 4th chapter of the Gospel of John, in which the lady at the well asked Jesus about the correct place at which to worship God. The answer still comes through loud and clear today: the site is irrelevant, what's important is the attitude of the heart — we can and must worship God in spirit and in truth. So there at the well, surrounded by the contrasts of beauty and desolation, we worshipped God that spring of 1951, as we also may today.

To this springtime season of new life and resurrection, of Passover, Easter, and the blossoms of March and April, may we find the time to really worship God. Amen!

— Frank Griep  
National Chaplain, KWVA



# Campfire



AMOS T. CAMP, EDITOR

## Blind Spots

Now that we are in the political season, we are watching and reading about the various candidates, their platforms, news reports and advertisements on television. You would assume this would equip one to make an informed judgment on whom to support come election day. Don't be too quick to make a judgment before all the evidence is in. The fact is you have blind spots. Most of us do. It is like a disease. If you think talking it over with others before going to the polls on election day is a waste of time, you have blind spots. It is especially important you talk with people known to be on the other side of the political fence. Try to understand why they talk and act differently from you. You may be surprised. You just might discover they have just a little different perspective from your own and this could make all the difference.

I was privileged to know General Bruce Clarke in the last 10 years of his life. Clarke was a Corps Commander in Korea during that war and later commanded all the ground forces in Europe at the time the Berlin Wall went up. I came to understand he was truly a soldiers soldier resulting from the many conversations I had with him.

Clarke believed in the value of preparation and training. He understood the hands on work of the men was where the real work was done. The officers responsibility was providing the training and tools enabling the men to do their job. If the men failed, it was the officers who did the training that were to blame.

Clarke might be described as the father of the modern system of military training. "If the student fails to learn, the instructor has failed to teach," was one of his favorite expressions. He was responsible for planning the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, commanded the Continental Army Command where the training doctrines for all Army units worldwide originated. Earlier in his career, while commanding the ROTC program at the University of Tennessee, he helped coach football. He taught the spirit of the men who fought would ultimately determine winners and losers on the battlefield.

Knowing of the accomplishments of General Clarke, over a long and distinguished career, seems small when compared to what I remember most about the man. *He believed every commander had blind spots.* I fear just about everyone of us feels we know a lot more about things than we really do. This is natural, since without this feeling a certain amount of confidence doing the job at hand is lacking. But Clarke was not viewing the matter of blind spots as being a weakness. It was his greatest strength.

Let me explain by telling a story. On inspection trips he always arrived at an installation or unit to be greeted by the top people because of his rank. He knew he would be given the VIP tour. He also knew that what he saw would be only a fraction of what was really going on. They would make sure what he saw would be impres-

sive. Therefore, if the inspection was to have meaning, he had to overcome his own blind spots with an alternate plan. What he did was dispatch his Sergeant to do the real inspection. The Sergeant would go down to the NCO club and have a few drinks and be a regular guy. He would drop into different unit orderly rooms and talk to the people there. In no time at all the readiness of the inspected command would be known. This is how he really discovered what was going on. Clarke always knew the men who do the work would know what and where were the real problems. After the inspection and with the Sergeant's briefing, General Clarke would now have a handle on what would go into his report and could address the real problems of the command.

This points out what blind spots are all about. No person, however well schooled, well read, well briefed and highly experienced can know enough. We only know what we know from our own perspective. This is not enough. We have too many blind spots.

Why tell this little story? The readers need to be reminded they also have blind spots. We are prone to be critical of our leaders, the motives of others, etc. — all without the benefit of sufficient information or perspective to make these kinds of judgments. We have too many blind spots.

What I learned from General Clarke was very important. I had never considered my own blind spots. If there was a problem I reached for the field manual or the regulations or whatever source available and acted on it. I thought I knew enough to act intelligently. Now I realize, by failing to ask around to colleagues and the people doing the work, I was not covering my own blind spots.

Thanks to General Clarke, I am more willing to hear and explore far more of the alternatives than ever before. You see, I had a bad case of "knowing it all." Editing the magazine and hearing from so many of you by letter, phone and fax is a sobering experience. It confirms how little I really know, yet spurs me on to keep on learning. It also confirms my belief we all have much to offer each other and the magazine is a splendid way to communicate.

Our organization is composed of members with one thing in common — we are veterans. However, the nature of the service each rendered during the Korean War differed in substantial ways. Some were in the most difficult of combat situations, others in supporting roles behind the fighting front. Therefore, it is impossible for any one of us to be an authority on the war. Our war, the one we experienced, is the only war we remember. Regrettably, little learning can take place without talking and respecting each other. This applies to whatever services one rendered during the war as well. And this speaks to our organization. It is impossible to reach worthy goals without respecting each others knowledge and experience since the war. All of us have blind spots.

Thus, recognizing we have blind spots is the first step. How you go about covering those blind spots is up to you. Will you seek out new sources of information? Will you listen to someone on the other side of the political fence and try to understand what he is talking about with an open mind? Must our natural bias and prejudices govern our actions in too many cases? As veterans, we fought to make this country a safer and better place for ourselves and our families. Let's not blow it now. Resolve to be as free of blind spots as possible. You and I will be better citizens and our country will be proud!

Amos T. Camp, Editor



# Bronze Star Story Continues

## Opening the Records proves matter of medals is in disarray.

by Blaine P. Friedlander

### 1. Thanks!

Please accept my thanks to those over 250 readers for your response to the several articles recently appearing in the *Graybeards*. It refutes those in the KWVA who have been telling the Pentagon that this is a dead issue. It is not a dead issue and your letters not only have kept the Bronze Star issue very much alive, *your continued correspondence can assure its success!*

### 2. The White House

As stated in the January-February Issue, I wrote to President Bill Clinton. Last week, I was advised that the Bronze Star is very much alive and is being seriously considered. I have an appointment March 19, 1996 to further the cause.

If you would write to President Clinton expressing your views on the need to award the Bronze Star Medal, it would be a healthy reminder. In fact, if you would like to copy this article and endorse it, it would do just fine. His address:

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Washington, D.C. 20500

### 3. The Pentagon

In the January-February issue, I reported I would also write General John Shalikashvili, figuring that he may wish to resolve the Bronze Star Medal issue. I hand delivered the letter to a Sergeant in Gen. Shalikashvili's Joint Chiefs of Staff secretariat. I explained the package and the copy of the *Graybeards* included. The Sergeant told me he would put the package on General Shalikashvili's desk within 15 minutes. I am still awaiting his reply.

Last week I received a hilarious telephone call reporting a general in the Pentagon called one of our members in New York stating that the general called this guy personally to tell the KWVA member the Pentagon was not going to pay any attention to the Bronze Star Medal issue. I was asked to name that general. When we finished laughing about a report of a general picking up a phone and deciding policy for the President, I decided I would list the Generals in the chain of command so that you can figure out who this mysterious general might be. If this really happened, the General should make himself known.

As this article is going to press, Lt. Col. David R. Cathell, Chief, Personnel Service Support Division wrote that his branch could do nothing about the Bronze Star Medal issue. I spoke with him on the telephone. Col. Cathell furnished me with an up-to-date list of the chain of command for medals. He certainly didn't indicate this matter is dead. This is the chain of command:

Secretary of Defense	Hon. William J. Perry
1000 Defense Dept., Wash. DC 20301	
Joint Chiefs of Staff	GEN John M. Shalikashvili
Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20318	
Secretary of the Army	Hon. Pogo D. West, Jr.
101 Army, Wash., D.C. 20310-0101	
Chief of Staff	GEN Dennis Reimer
Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20318	
Deputy Chief of Staff (Personnel)	LG Theodore Stoup
U.S. Total Army Personnel Command	MG John Thompson
Adjutant General (He should be a BG shortly)	Col. Earl Simms

Asst. to Adjutant General

Col. Glassner

(This is the same Col. Glassner who wrote the form letters)

Personnel Service, Support Div.

Lt. Col. David R. Cathell

Military Awards Branch

Maj. Peter Dagnes

This is the end of the line. If you care to write a letter, I would suggest you write to the top officials. Be sure to send me a copy in order that we may keep track.

What happens is this: The decision is made at the highest level, while the citizen deals with the lower ranking officials. The Defense Establishment must now tell us which step in the command structure will make the decision and we will deal with that person. There are four generals in the chain of command.

### 4. The Congress is becoming involved.

Congress is becoming involved. *The Stars and Stripes* goes to each congress person each week. *The Stars and Stripes* is covering the Bronze Star Medal, thus Congress staffs are beginning to talk with us. Your letters to your Senators and Representatives will have a great effect this election year. Let me know to whom you write and the response you receive.

The addresses are:

Honorable \_\_\_\_\_

United States Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Honorable \_\_\_\_\_

United States House of Representative

Washington, DC 20515

### 5. I'll bet you did not know that U.S. Navy members were eligible for the CIB and CMB!

The Code of Federal Regulations states: The Combat Infantryman (Medical) Badge(s) may be awarded only to members of the United States Army OR NAVY. 32 CFR #578.61 (b)(1),(2).

The way it works is (1) Congress may enact a law, (2) the executive branch may adopt a regulation and publish it in the Code of Federal Regulations. Or (3) the services may adopt regulations. In this pecking order, a regulation published in the CFR may have the force of law. Apparently, it has been overlooked for my contact in the Pentagon never heard of the CFR section. I had not either until I rechecked the code and CFR. That this is true may be found in 32 CFR #578.61 (b) (9)(e), where it specifically states any corpsman serving with an infantry unit in contact with an armed enemy force is eligible for the CMB.

The fair position — the correct position — of our members and the armed forces must be that the United States Marine Corps is a fighting force and is an infantry outfit. Whether the Marines are better than an Army line infantry division or the paratroops is a matter to be settled in one bar or another. If the formation functions as an infantry unit, and they are Navy, they are eligible for the CIB. If a corpsman operates with an infantry unit, then they are eligible for the CMB.

### 6. The medal confusion.

In 1944, the Bronze Star Medal and the CIB were put into service. The CMB came into service sometime later. At this time, the Bronze Star Medal and the combat badges were, by regulation, awarded retroactive to December 7, 1941.

World War II ended in Europe on May 8, 1945, and the total war ended officially on September 2, 1945. At

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that time there is no record available to us that would interpret law or regulations (United States Code, Code of Federal Regulations, or Army Regulations) as providing for the award of the Bronze Star Medal upon the qualification of the CIB or CMB.

During the past several weeks I was advised that General Maxwell Taylor, by Division General Orders, awarded the BSM to all those who had qualified for the CIB or CMB. At that time a member of my VFW Post told me he was in the 101st ABN DIV and survived the Battle of the Bulge and was unaware of the Taylor order. An archivist, at my request, furnished me with the General Orders of the 101st from December 1944 until December 1945. If General Taylor issued such an order I did not see it. What I saw was a great number of orders issuing thousands of Bronze Star Medals and one CIB. All of the orders were signed by the division chief of staff, Ned Moore. I knew Ned Moore, now deceased.

What we need is a better grasp on how the Bronze Star Medal was awarded, and how the combat badges (CIB and CMB) were handled. For example, one outfit (I think in the Pacific) required a test after the combat part was completed. **Would you kindly, write me what unit you were with, dates you were in combat, and how your unit awarded the BSM, and qualified men for the CIB and CMB, if any?**

### **7. The mess in 1947.**

The war had been over two years, and Korea was split. No Korean War was contemplated at the time.

In March, 1947, Change 12 to AR 600-45 eliminated three of the criteria, leaving only heroism as the basis for awarding of the BSM. This was an odd thing to do, for World War II was over. The only logical answer was there was mass confusion. From later documents one gathers the Army was receiving a lot of flack and seeking a way out.

Examples abound. In 1945, one officer reported he was to award medals to everyone in his provisional brigade. However, the engagement was over, as was the war and the provisional brigade was disbanded, and he was able to award only 70 medals.

General Marshall was directed to respond to a father who forwarded his son's letter detailing the corruption (bribery and extortion) in one unit in the awarding of medals and badges as World War II ended.

In 1946, the Army ordered the War Department Decorations Board to formulate a policy on medals and print a manual. MG Sloan had written a report which has not yet surfaced. He wrote a report incorporating the many letters of complaint from the men and generals. On the day after V-E Day, General Vinegar Joe Stilwell wrote a blistering two page letter complaining about the distribution of medals. A general on General Hodge's 7th Army, wrote a strong report about the wrongs in awarding medals, which report was endorsed by Ike and Marshall. In late 1945, archival records indicate that MG Sloan reported to Walter Reed Army Hospital and out of sight. In June 1947, MG Harold O. Bull cited the Sloan report and came up with one of his own, reported on in the January-February issue of *Graybeards*.

While the Bull report was discussed, Change 13 to AR 600-45 was published, this time bringing in the combination of awarding a Bronze Star to certain holders of the CIB or CMB. I could not find any documents telling the world why the change, but I did find instruc-

tions to the WDDDB not to keep any records, and most of the files had been classified, mostly SECRET. While the Bull report stated the awards during World War II were corrupt, the thrust was that the BSM was an achievement award, that is — any man on the front lines for 90 days should receive the Bronze Star Medal. MG Paul, G-1, concurred so did General Eisenhower and General Bradley, later Chiefs of Staff of the Army.

I cannot find any explanation as to why the policy changed so radically while the Bull Report was being prepared.

We shall try to explain what happened in the year 1947 with the cooperation of The Pentagon. It is important to report this information, for now veterans from Viet Nam are joining us. Yes, Viet Nam! Several Viet Nam Veterans (holders of the CMB) had written to the Pentagon seeking the Bronze Star Medal, and received the same canned response Korean Veterans had been getting. They are beginning to join our effort as we go to press.

### **8. The Bronze Star Medal today**

According to 32 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) #578.11 one is eligible if:

- Anyone serving in the U.S. Army after December 7, 1941 engaged in **heroic or meritorious achievement or service**, not involving flight, in connection with military operations **against an armed enemy**. [Note: this criteria clearly covers those who received the CIB and CMB.]

- Meritorious achievement and service is less than that for a Legion of Merit, but activity has been meritorious and accomplished with distinction. [Note: It would appear that one who has received the CIB or CMB fits this criteria.]

**9. Our position should be:** Those who received the CIB or the CMB since December 7, 1941 are eligible for the Bronze Star Medal. All who were in combat with an armed enemy should be recognized for service 90 days under the gun, as recommended by General Bull. All should be honored with a Bronze Star Medal and a CIB or CMB or comparable badge. We must factor in the Navy, Marines, Artillery, Tankers, and so on.

In World War II 1,500,000 Bronze Star Medals were ordered and manufactured according to one requisition in the archives. We must remember that the BSM, CIB and CMB were to counteract the Air Medal and boost the morale of those who bear the battle. Where General Marshall wanted the medals and badges distributed widely, only 59,000 were distributed, while over 600,000 Air Medals were awarded.

The BSM is a medal for achievement, that is following the Bull/Paul criteria: 90 days, non-consecutively, in combat, or if one was awarded a CIB or CMB.

I would like to hear from you. If I took the time to write this, it would be helpful to hear your reaction, and your letters to the decision makers would be welcome. There are over 10,000 readers. How close to 1,000 letters can we receive in response?

I am, yours truly,

Blaine P. Friedlander

2341 Dale Drive

Falls Church, VA 22043-3019

**Editors Note: A Viet Nam vet stated all who fought in Granada received the BSM. If you have any knowledge, write Blaine immediately. He is also asking the Pentagon about this report.**



# Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. — Financial Report & 1996 Budget

<u>BUDGET VS ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VAR</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET VS ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VAR</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
	2/20/96	DEC. 95				2/20/96	DEC. 95		
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>Admin. (Cont.)</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>
<u>Dues</u>					Secretarial Serv.	3,600	136	-3,464	300
Member Dues	129,113	126,659	-2,454	115,000	Scholarship Exp.		71	71	200
Associate Dues	1,500	610	-890	600	Taxes/Lic./Fees	264	333	69	250
Reinstatements	240	0	-240	0	Misc.	3,594	4,406	812	2,000
Life Dues	24,000	56,225	32,225	55,000	Memorial Gifts		1,000	1,000	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>154,853</b>	<b>183,494</b>	<b>28,641</b>	<b>170,600</b>	Awards	60	31	-29	30
<u>Other</u>					U.P.S.	600	2,636	2,036	2,500
Graybeard Advert.	15,000	4,218	-10,782	6,000	United Nations	10,000		-10,000	10,000
Interest	12,348	8,394	-3,954	9,000	Election Exp.	2,000		-2000	2000
Shipping	600	1,303	703	900	Canadian Exch.	10		-10	0
Commissions	5,760	1,538	-4,222	2,000	NSF Checks	84		-84	0
Refunds	1,752		-1,752	0	Books & Manuals	600		-600	0
Tell America	564	7	-557	25	Accounting	3,000	675	-2,325	3,000
Donations	3,444	448	-2,996	500	Travel	0		0	150
Other	21,924	18	-21,906	0	Graybeard Layouts	7,200		-7,200	3,500
Credit Card Fees				5	Newsletters	300		-300	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>61,392</b>	<b>15,926</b>	<b>-45,466</b>	<b>18,430</b>	Refunds	84		-84	0
<u>Reunion Income</u>					Rebate Program	9,600		-9,600	10,000
Misc	0	23	23	0	Scholarship Awards	2,400		-2,400	20,000
<u>Totals</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>0</u>	<b>Total Admin.</b>	<b>235,529</b>	<b>261,172</b>	<b>25,643</b>	<b>256,130</b>
Merchandise	18,852	72,261	53,409	50,000	<u>Tell America</u>				
<u>Total Sales</u>	<u>18,852</u>	<u>72,261</u>	<u>53,409</u>	<u>50,000</u>	Office Supplies	60	197	137	0
<b>TOTAL REV.</b>	<b>235,097</b>	<b>271,704</b>	<b>36,607</b>	<b>239,030</b>	Copy Services	84	99	15	0
<u>Cost of Sales</u>					Postage	997	142	-855	0
Purchases	7,541	53,588	46,047	20,000	Tele/FAX	300	537	237	0
<u>Total Cost/Sales</u>	<u>7,541</u>	<u>53,588</u>	<u>46,047</u>	<u>20,000</u>	Taxes/Lic.	60	0	-60	0
<b>Gross Profits</b>	<b>227,556</b>	<b>218,116</b>	<b>-9,440</b>	<b>219,030</b>	Misc.	60	0	-60	0
					Computer Supplies	0	11	11	0
					<b>Total America</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>-575</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>					<u>Quartermaster</u>				
<u>Administration</u>					Computer	0	0	0	250
VA Service	0	118	118	150	Office Supplies	0	0	0	300
Disaster & Relief	0	30	30	25	Postage/UPS	0	44	44	1,500
Audit Expense	0	2,275	2,275	2,300	Printing	0	0	0	400
Bank Charges	240	804	564	100	Tele/FAX	0	45	45	1,000
Data Processing	6,000	18,056	12,056	12,000	Supplies	0	88	88	2,500
Advertising Comm.	24,000	1,635	-22,365	5,000	<b>Total-QM</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>5,950</b>
Credit Card Fees	660	879	219	1,000	<u>REUNION (1995)</u>				
Board Meetings	22,000	4,457	-17,543	12,000	<u>Expenses</u>				
Computer Exp.	2,400	7,014	4,614	2,000	Registration		1,600	1,600	0
Copy Services	660	1,224	564	1,500	Tele/FAX		0	0	500
Expansion & Ret.	0	1,728	1,728	1,000	Freight		90	90	150
Gold Star Mothers	0	150	150	850	Board Expense		4,247	4,247	8,000
Insurance	7,285	7,295	10	7,800	Flowers		0	0	2,000
Incidentals	0	3,116	3,116	1,000	Postage		0	0	2,500
Graybeard Postage	18,000	19,154	1,154	18,000	Printing/Sta.		0	0	3,500
Graybeard Exp.	60,000	114,135	54,135	120,000	Copy Service		576	576	2,000
Dues & Subs.	420	319	-101	350	Secretarial Service		0	0	1,200
Legal Fees	768	700	-68	500	Signs/Banners		0	0	1,000
P.O. Meter Rental	360	244	-116	250	Promotions		504	504	2,000
Office Supplies	2,400	7,524	5,124	3,500	Dignitaries Exp.		3,978	3,978	5,000
Postage	17,280	10,192	-7,088	10,000	Misc.		406	406	1,500
P.O. Box Rental	360	216	-144	250	Tours		11	11	600
Printing & Sta.	14,000	3,676	-10,324	3,000	Refunds		3,561	3,561	0
FAX Lines	2,700	1,786	-914	1,500	Transportation		733	733	2,000
Telephone	3,000	8,163	5,163	7,000	Insurance		0	0	1,000
Telephone (800)	3,600	12,062	8,462	11,000	<b>Total Reunion</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,706</b>	<b>15,706</b>	<b>32,950</b>
Calling Cards	3,000	5,363	2,363	1,000					
Transportation	0	212	212	200	<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>237,090</b>	<b>278,041</b>	<b>40,951</b>	<b>295,030</b>
Typesetting	0	1,863	1,863	300	<b>Net Profit/Loss</b>	<b>(9,534)</b>	<b>(59,925)</b>	<b>-50,391</b>	<b>(76,000)</b>
Mailing Services	600	1,200	600	1,200					
Daisy Acct.		80	80	150	<b>Increase in Exp.</b>		<b>60,000</b>		<b>includes 2</b>
Office Equipment		1,045	1,045	300	<b>due to 2 additional</b>				<b>Add't Greabeards</b>
Office Equip. Rprs.		30	30	50	<b>issues of Graybeards</b>				<b>@ \$30,000 ea.</b>
Public Relations		8,617	8,617	10,000	<b>plus postage</b>				
Special Meetings	2,400	6,522	4,122	3,000	<b>ACT Profit</b>		<b>\$1,992.00</b>		
					<b>(SEE KWVA BALANCE SHEET ON PAGE 55)</b>				

# Official Announcements

The Nominating Committee takes great pleasure in announcing the candidates certified to seek those offices open in the 1996 Elections. The following have met the requirements of our by-laws:

## For President - Through 1998:

**Stan Hadden** - P O Box 131, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425 - Member # LC00015.

**Nicholas J. Pappas** - 209 Country Club Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 - Member # LR06509.

## For First Vice-President - Through 1998:

**Tom Clawson** - 953 Gorman Ave, West St Paul, MN 55118 - Member # LR06090.

## For Second Vice-President - Through 1998:

**Edward L. Magill** - 1557 Tippicanoe Court, Melbourne, FL 32940 - Member # LR03004.

## For Director - Through 1999:

**Donald E. Barton** - 8316 N Lombard St #449, Portland, OR 97203-3727 - Member # P000257.

**Kenneth P. Cook** - 1611 N Michigan Ave, Danville, IL 61834-6239 - Member # LR01764.

**Harley J. Coon** - 2439 Lantz Road, Beavercreek, OH 45434 - Member # P000003.

**Arthur P. Gaughran** - 15 Central Ave, Apt 1B, Staten Island, NY 10301 - Member # LR06936.

**Oreste "Rusty" Tramonte** - 119 Flagger Drive, PO Box 43, Marshfield, MA 02050 - Member # R05500.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. R. "Dick" Wainwright, Director 1993-1996  
Nominating Committee Chairman, KWVA, Inc

**"Editors Note:** In accordance with the KWVA By-Laws, the official ballot to elect Officers and Board Members listed above will be published in the May-June issue of *"Graybeards."* No other ballot will be honored or accepted.

**Biographies of Candidates begins on page 11**

## Moving?

Please notify  
*Graybeards*  
of your change  
of address.



KWVA, PO Box 10806, Arlington, VA 22210  
Attn: Membership Secretary

## MINUTES

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

February 10, 1996 meeting of the Executive Committee, Adam's Mark Hotel, Houston, Texas. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Nicholas Pappas, President. After the pledge of allegiance, Chaplain Potts led all attendees in prayer. Roll call of officers and directors: Nicholas J. Pappas, Tom Clawson, John Maison, Rusty Tramonte, Dick Adams, Scooter Burke, Kenneth Cook, Harley Coon, Dick Wainwright, Andy Lynch, Ed Grygier, Jerry Bey, Bill Van Ort, Emmett Benjamin, Richard Danielson, Bob Morga, and Dot Schilling. Harry Wallace was excused. Minutes of the Fall 1995 meeting approved.

Mr. Maison presented the Financial Report, noting a 23% net increase in membership. The 1995 actuals were presented and reviewed, as well as proposed 1996 budget. Discussion was held as to each line item included, and notations made as to necessary revisions.

1. **Income:** "Quartermaster sales" include granite stone.

2. **Expenses:** Data Processing - Mr. Pappas noted a new program implemented Commented Nancy Munson has done a wonderful job sending delinquent members reminder notices. The problem of duplication in names on membership roster has been cleaned up.

3. **Credit Card Fees:** Mr. Maison explained that these fees (approximately 2-1/2% of sales) are paid directly to credit card companies in exchange for permitting membership to use credit cards to purchase merchandise, pay dues, etc.,

4. **Computer Expense:** Encompasses supplies, ribbons, toner, etc.

5. **Copy Service:** Mr. Maison explained category very high due to mailings to members, board of directors, bylaws, minutes, etc. Mr. Burke mentioned perhaps KWVA should purchase a copier. Mr. Maison stated he has purchased copier of his own and charges KWVA only for actual cost of paper and toner used.

6. **Expansion/Retention:** Expense for necessities to start new chapters, i.e., bylaws, petitions for new chapters, information sent to aid those persons wanting to begin new chapters, etc.

7. **Telephone:** Discussions why KWVA needs calling cards and 800 numbers. Mr. Maison explained calling cards needed when access to 800 numbers not available.

8. **The Graybeards:** Conversations ensued regarding cost of each *Graybeards*, inclusive postage, colored paper, photos, number of issues per year, etc. Several members stated magazine was used as a recruitment tool. Suggestion made perhaps number of issues published and number sent to each chapter be reduced.

9. **Tell America:** Line item is to be removed from 1996 budget and combined with public relations budget.

10. **Reunion:** Reunion expenses are being audited at present. The figures from Richard Green & Associates state that KWVA owes them \$46,000.00. No payments will be made until audit is complete. On authority of Board Directors and CPA, payments to Richard Green & Associates have been made in amounts of \$10,000 (advance), \$16,000 in May, 1995, a \$10,000.00 in January, 1996. \$16,000.00 remains in bank until audit completed.

Mr. Adams motion as follows: Cut number of *Graybeards* issues to 4 per year (from 6) and not send extras to chapters unless the chapter pays for them. Mr. Burke seconded. After discussion roll-call vote ensued; motion defeated 9-5: YES-Burke, Adams, Coon, Cook, Van Ort, NO-Clawson, Bey, Wainwright, Lynch, Grygier, Benjamin, Danielson, Schilling.

Mr. Grygier motion to put out 6 issues of *Graybeards* and no extras to chapters, unless requested and pay for all extras copies. Mr. Morga seconded, roll call vote ensued: YES-Adams, Burke, Cook, Coon, Wainwright, Grygier, Bey, Van Ort, Benjamin, Daniel, Morga, Schilling. NO-Lynch.

It was, therefore: **RESOLVED**, that six (6) issues of *Graybeards* be published annually, and no extra copies sent to chapters unless specifically requested and paid for.

Mr. Pappas will put note in next issue stating if more magazines are wanted, chapters must pay extra for entire year. Mr. Coon asked how chapters will order extras. Mr. Pappas stated the matter would be handled through Amos Camp.

Mr. Pappas stated there would be savings in 1996 due to reduced expenses for special meetings, reunion, United Nations, etc.

Motion Burke, second Adams, and unanimously approved, it was **RESOLVED**, that KWVA Executive Board meetings be reduced to two per year.

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## Minutes from page 9

11. Life memberships: 1400-1500 new members added in 1995. Mr. Pappas stated there were 2,274 active life members as of December 31, 1995. Mr. Pappas noted further that from January 31, 1996 to-date, 36 new members had been added to roll 65 had paid back dues, and 26 had converted to life memberships.

A discussion of telephone, fax and calling card expenses ensued. Motion Adams, second Schilling and unanimously approved it was: **RESOLVED**, all calling cards except those belonging to Messrs. Reiner and Camp, be canceled and an 800 number be installed for Mr. Clawson.

Discussion was held on budget allocation for public relations. Motion Burke, seconded Van Ort, and approved, it was: **RESOLVED**, that line item 72 (Public Relations) be reduced to \$7,500.00.

Education Committee expenses reviewed. Upon motion duly made by Adams, seconded by Mr. Grygier, and unanimously approved, it was: **RESOLVED**, Mr. Van Ort be given a calling card and \$1,000.00 be budgeted for Education Committee expenses.

Mr. Maison stated he would rerun budgeted expenses and bring revised 1996 Budget to meeting on February 11.

Representatives from Adam's Mark Hotel presented suggestions for future reunion sites. Galveston, Texas was mentioned as a possibility for 1997 or 1999. Day trips could be arranged to Merv Griffin's Casino in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Galveston has The Strand, various home tours, shopping, etc. Adam's Mark will arrange space for meetings, advise in fund raising activities, etc.

Mr. Pappas reviewed the content of a resolution passed at the 1995 reunion. The resolution states that members who are not members of the National Association cannot vote or hold office. The Texas Lone Star Chapter, as well as other chapters in Minnesota and New York, do not agree with the resolution, and have voiced their concerns. Jerry Weber of the Texas Lone Star Chapter stated, as Secretary of his chapter, he wants to work more closely with National, but does not want to have to join National in order to vote. It was pointed out that if a member joins a local chapter, but not National Association, he or she becomes an "associate member". Further, if a chapter member does not belong to the National Association, he cannot have full chapter membership privileges and participate fully in local chapter business. Motion Burke, seconded Danielson, unanimously approved, it was: **RESOLVED**, Executive Committee of KWVA recommend the general assembly rescind the resolution regarding membership requirements adopted at the General Membership Meeting on July 26, 1995. Mr. Lynch to present this matter at the General Membership meeting in July, 1996.

Mr. Pappas presented Legislative Committee Report. The Committee met on January 26, 1996. Larry Smith has volunteered to serve in Washington, and Vince Krepps will attend all POW/MIA affairs. Regarding endowment and fund-raising. Possibility of setting up a non-profit corporation. Discussed museum. Committee thinks it should be independent. Mr. Pappas stated every Veteran's Day the KWVA in conjunction with the Viet Nam Veterans, will participate in activities, to include wreath-laying ceremony, in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Grygier while in Washington in November 1995, there was no sign in park pointing to the KWVA Memorial. Further, we should contact Department of Interior (Park Services) to ensure sign is installed.

Paperwork has been completed in effort to gain recognition of Veterans Administration. KWVA must be recognized by the Veterans Administration before it can be accepted into the Coalition. Mrs. Schilling and Mr. Reiner are working on the matter.

Mr. Pappas noted that a committee has been established to begin work on hotels and other arrangements for the 45th anniversary KWVA reunion to be held in Washington, D.C. in 1998. The Baltimore, Maryland chapter will assist with the work.

Larry Smith is working on language for McNulty Bill. Congressman McNulty has been working for over one year to get Navy Combat Action bill passed.

KWVA is researching the possibility of issuing a 50th anniversary postage stamp. The Legislative Committee is also working on a resolution to issue Korean War service ribbons. The Committee checked into acquiring a federal charter. Congressman John High (a member of KWVA) has stated no more federal charters are to be issued.

Mr. Maines will be calling another Legislative Committee meeting in the near future.

Mr. Pappas presented the Veterans Day Service Officer Report and noted that six volunteers from around the country would be serving.

A discussion followed on Bill Norris' letter. Mr. Pappas noted that he asked Amos Camp to edit it prior to placing in *Graybeards*. Mr. Burke stated he did not approve of the letter as written. After much

discussion, it was decided this issue would be better addressed on Sunday, February 11, 1996. Motion Morga, seconded by Clawson, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING Held on Sunday, February 11, 1996**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Nicholas Pappas, President. After the **pledge of allegiance** and opening prayer, Mr. Benjamin presented Mr. Pappas with a ROK Navy cap.

Mr. Maison presented the Revised 1996 Budget (copy attached as **Exhibit "A"**) for review. Motion Adams, seconded Coon, and unanimously approved, it was **RESOLVED**, that the Revised 1996 Budget be approved as presented.

A roll call of officers was held. Present were Pappas, Maison, Mr. Tramonte, Clawson, Adams, Burke, Cook, Coon, Wainwright, Lynch, Grygier, Van Ort, Benjamin, Danielson, Morga, and Schilling. Wallace and Bey were excused.

Mr. Maison presented the 1995 Reunion Report. The reunion lost money; we took in \$31,000.00 less than we spent. Mr. Stan Mariner, C.P.A., is currently performing an audit, and Mr. Maison hopes to have complete audit and report ready by the 1995 reunion. A discussion followed regarding Richard Green & Associates and its performance of its 1995 reunion obligations. Mr. Maison stated that KWVA has paid a total of \$35,000.00 thus far to Richard Green & Associates (\$10,000.00 of it recently); he further stated that there was a discrepancy as to the balance owed, and that no more should be paid until the audit was completed.

Mr. Coon stated that the KWVA has the most beautiful memorial of all, and commented that the reunion was worth it if for nothing other than seeing the memorial. Motion Schilling, seconded Lynch, and approved unanimously, it was **RESOLVED** the \$10,000.00 payment to Richard Green & Associates be ratified, as well as the total amount of \$35,000.00 paid to-date.

Mr. Benjamin presented the KWVA Restructure Resolution requesting that 1 director each be elected from 8 regions in an effort to provide for better representation. A general discussion was held as to number of veterans in each region, the states allocated to a given region, and so forth. Mrs. Schilling noted that directors should not hold any KWVA elective office at the State or Chapter levels during their 3-year terms on the Board. Further discussion followed regarding Chapter/National recommendations. Motion Schilling, seconded Adams, and approved by a roll call vote 11 to 2 and 1 abstention, it was: **RESOLVED**, to table this issue indefinitely.

Mr. Van Ort presented the College Education Report. Last year 10 awards were given at \$2,000.00 each. Read thank you letters from 2 recipients. Two negative reports received, complaining of discrimination in awarding funds to nine women, yet only one man. Mr. Van Ort has responded to these complaints.

Mr. Van Ort has approached Samsung of America requesting funds. Mr. Benjamin asked if Hyundai had been approached, or any other Korean corporations. Mr. Burke asked if there was any vehicle in place to accept monies from a corporation. Mr. Van Ort replied that the KWVA needed to obtain a separate 501(c) corporation for these funds. Mr. Pappas inquired as to the size of directorships and Mr. Van Ort replied perhaps 3-5, does not know for certain as yet.

Mr. Van Ort introduced Mr. Hank Cleary, an attorney from California. Mr. Cleary has agreed to help on a volunteer basis. Mr. Cleary spoke of the formation of a vehicle to accept scholarship funds, and requirements to be met to form a corporation for charitable educational purposes:

1. Submit an application for Tax-Exempt status to the Internal Revenue Service. The Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the corporation must be submitted with the application.
2. Once IRS approval is granted, the corporation applies for tax-exempt status from the state of its origin.

Mr. Cleary has drafted a set of Articles of Incorporation with five directors. He proposes that this corporation be completely separate from the KWVA. If not, corporation would have to operate as a subordinate of KWVA which would require a Bylaw amendment. One member of the Board would be the National President (or his nominee) - others would be appointed. Mrs. Schilling stated that she is familiar with non-profit corporations in Wisconsin and that an accounting report must be filed with the State as well as a return with the Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. Cleary stated that one requirement of a non-profit corporation is that it must receive a percentage of gross receipts from public. Motion Burke, seconded Coon, and unanimously approved by roll-call vote, it was: **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors accept the concept of

See Minutes on page 54

The following Officers and Directors, certified by the Nominating Committee for elective office and to appear on the ballot in the May-June issue of *Graybeards*, are listed by office and where more than one, in alphabetical order.

## For President

Stan Hadden

### DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

I am STAN HADDEN and hereby declare myself a candidate for the office of KWVA President in the 1996 election. Mail address is P.O. Box 131; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. Phone 304-535-2259.

I am one of the original 39 who started KWVA in 1985; number 00015. I served as 2nd Vice President 1986-1988; as Director 1990-1993; as Editor of *Graybeards* from April 1988 to February 1994. I am the man who established the present *Graybeards* format; starting with four pages in January 1988 that I typed at home and for which I personally paid the printing costs because we had no money in our KWVA treasury for that expense. That action by me was largely responsible for KWVA's continued life and membership growth.

I believe my past services for KWVA and my own experiences of a long lifetime, including over 3 years in WWII, qualify me to again serve you, as KWVA President.

As your President my three main goals will be:

(A) To REPORT TO YOU the true facts of happenings within KWVA management; and

(B) To LISTEN TO YOU tell me and the Board of Directors exactly what you think and what you want our organization to try and do; and

(C) To REPORT TO YOU in plain language exactly how and when your money is being spent, and for what and by whom.

The Korean War has its own unique place in the history of our nation. You stand tall. You fought for the freedom of others. You fought to maintain those principles of liberty and honor that are the basic rocks upon which our nation is founded.

But now . . . now you and I are forced to stand by and watch in growing numbed disbelief as self-titled power groups have taken over our system of government. Those people have thrown our Constitution on the trash pile. They have dared us – you and me – to even try and change their control.

Among the scores of evils shoved down our throats and upon our sore backs by those elected officials in Washington, D.C. and our state capitals are these:

The lack of moral and family values; loss of good jobs through "deals" such as NAFTA; weakening of veterans benefits; probable loss of old age and health care for our children; our children are not being taught even the simplest reading, writing and arithmetic; our teenagers kill each other while babies have babies; our criminal justice system is a bad joke. The flood of illegal drugs coming into our country is tolerated by Congress; it has stolen our children and turned our elected officials into a mass of greedy hands reaching out to clutch dirty dollars and corrupt power over you and me.

You and I are watching our once-great nation lose our God-given rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I AM NOT WILLING TO LET IT CONTINUE HAPPENING. ARE YOU? I say this:

As your KWVA President, I intend to try and convince you that the five main objectives of KWVA must now be these:

(1) To bring veterans together for a trip down memory lanes.

(2) To give the veterans a chance to honor all those who in times of war and peace, served and are not in this world today.

(3) To teach the younger citizens of the United States of America that the freedoms and peace they enjoy today did not just happen. We will try and explain to them that those blessings were made possible by personal sacrifices of millions of people serving in brutal wars.

(4) To show and tell our young people what a VETERAN is.

(5) To recognize the hard fact that we KWVA veterans MUST get involved and be the leaders in a new citizens' group named Veterans of the USA to try and achieve better and more honest government for ourselves and our posterity.

Thank you! Your vote for me will be my pledge to you!





## **For President**

### **NICHOLAS J. PAPPAS**

209 Country Club Drive  
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971  
(302) 227-3675

To: KWVA Nominations Chairman

I herewith declare my candidacy for the office of President. Enclosed is my resume and DD214 as required by the Bylaws.

#### **PERSONAL DATA SUMMARY**

Born: Elkton, Maryland, November 10, 1929, the son of James and Sateria Pappas.

Education: Graduate of West Nottingham Academy, 1947 Graduate of American University, 1960

Military Service: Served with 29th Infantry Division, National Guard, April 1948 - May 1950; U.S. Army, November 1951 - October 1953; Korea from April 1952 - October 1953 with 1343rd Engineer Combat Battalion, 19th Engineering Group.

Employment: Retired from Federal government, November 1991 with 37 years of service; recipient of Navy Department's 2nd highest award, Superior Civilian Service Medal, 1984.

Association Affiliations: A&P Union Shop Steward, Retail Clerks International, 1953 - 1955; Vice-President, Elkton Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1954 - 1955; Senior Vice Commander, American Legion Post 15, Elkton, MD, 1954 - 1955; Vice-President, Society for the Advancement of Management, American University, 1959 - 1960; Vice-President, Citizens Association of Rehoboth Beach, DE, 1991 - 1992; Trustee, VFW Post 7234, Ocean View, DE, 1992 - 1994; President, Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) of Delaware (Chapter 1), 1992 - 1994; National First Vice President, KWVA, 1992 - 1994; American Representative, International Federation of Korean War Veteran Associations (IFKWVA), Seoul, Korea, 1992 - 1994; Board of Directors, Lions Club, Rehoboth Beach, DE, 1992 - 1995; Member, American Legion Post 5, Rehoboth Beach, DE; NARFE; AARP. National President, KWVA, 1994 - 1996; 2nd Vice President, IFKWVA, 1994-1996; Recipient of Korean Ambassador of Peace Medal, Seoul, 1992; Honorary Membership Medal, Republic of Korea Veterans Association, Washington, DC, 1995



I will attend all called Executive Council meetings, acknowledging that two (2) unexcused absences could result in removal from office.

As to my accomplishments during my tenure as KWVA President and 1st Vice President, I will let my record speak for itself. The membership will decide if I served them well. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

Nick Pappas  
Life Member #6509

## **First Vice President**

**Tom Clawson**

Nominating Committee Chairman  
Korean War Veterans Association

RE: Announcement of Candidacy for 1st Vice President

I take great pride to announce my candidacy for a second term for 1st Vice-President of the Korean War Veterans Association for 1996 - 1997. I served in Korea, "B" Co. 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division 1951. "Old Baldy" 57 mm recoilless rifleman, Headquarters Company 1952 - and early 1953. Received Combat Infantryman Badge, Korean Service Medal with three stars, UN, Army Occupation and National Defense Medals.

KWVA and Veteran Involvement: Life member KWVA and MN KVV #1 and member American Legion, VFW and Amvets. Presently serving as KWVA 1st VP, Chairman of Budget Finance Committee, Chairman of KWVA State Department Rebate Program, represented KWVA - USA at the 5th General Assembly of the International Federation of Korean War Veterans (22 United Nation Countries served during the Korean War) held in Seoul, Korea 1994. Served on several committees of 1995 KWVA Reunion during the Korean War Veterans Memorial Dedication. Co-Chairman KWVA 9th Annual Reunion, Minnesota 1993; directed team approach to provide KWVA members with best possible hospitality and accommodations. Past President (1991-93) Minnesota KVV Chapter #1 with goals of promoting teamwork and positive activities and programs.



Education: University Of Minnesota, B.S. Degree. Civil occupation and experience: Civil Service (Ret) State of Minnesota: administered programs in the Department of Natural Resources and Trade & Economic Development. Superintendent Municipal Parks and Recreation.

### Platform - Goals:

1. Support a team approach in KWVA leadership.
2. Vigorously press for satisfactory solution to POW/MIA issues as a high priority.
3. Continue and maintain the financial accountability of KWVA through the Budget and Finance Committee.
4. Continue the delegating of the Per-capita rebate program to KWVA State Depts.
5. Strive to maintain and improve the quality and effectiveness of the KWVA "Graybeards" as the life blood of our organization.
6. Strongly support the planning requirements required with the Truman Library Institute for the future Korean War Research Center.
7. Work steadily to improve comradeship and harmony within KWVA to accomplish its goals and its objectives.

Respectfully submitted.  
Tom Clawson



## Second Vice President

**Edward L. Magill**

I, Edward L. Magill, 1537 Tippicanoe Court, Melbourne, Florida, 32940, (407)255-6837, Member R03004, announce my candidacy for Second Vice-President of KWVA for the term 1996-1998.

I was born in Palm Beach, Florida on July 4, 1926. I served as an enlisted man aboard ship in the U.S. Navy during WW II. Following my release from the Navy, I obtained my undergraduate degree from the University of Miami, and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in December, 1948. After completing the Basic Officers' Course at the Artillery School, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, I was assigned to the 7th Infantry Division in Japan.



During my service in Korea, I was a firing battery officer with the 57th Field Artillery Battalion. I took part in six campaigns including the Inchon landings and the Chosin Reservoir battle. I was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart medals.

Following my release from the Army in 1954, I obtained a law degree from the University of Miami. I am licensed to practice in the State of Florida and have been so licensed since 1957. I am admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits, and all appellate and trial courts in the State of Florida. I am a civil trial lawyer. As a reservist, I was a mobilization designee assigned to the Staff and Faculty at the Judge Advocate Generals' School, Charlottesville, Virginia, for ten years.

I am presently serving as the Judge Advocate of the KWVA and have a good working knowledge of the legal structure and operation of the organization. I have also served as an officer and board member of other veterans organizations.

My background is such that I believe I can materially assist the officers and directors of the KWVA in efficiently operating the organization for the benefit of its members.

## Director

**Donald E. Barton**

Telephone No. (503) 289-7360, KWVA Member No. 0257 POW 8316 N. Lombard, Portland, OR 97203

I am a Candidate for the Position of Director, Board of Directors, for the 1996-1999 term.

### Military Service:

U.S. Army, Jun 15, 1950 - Jan 17, 1957. Retired for reason of Physical Disability.

### Korean Service:

Feb 1951 - Sep 1953. Medical Aidman, 23rd Medical Co., 23rd Regt., 2nd Inf. Div. Captured May 18, 1951 near Hangye, South Korea during major CCF spring offensive. Elements of Unit was overrun, cut-off and surrounded. Released from POW status and returned to military control on Sep 3, 1953.

### Civilian Employment:

Jan 1957 - Sep 1957 Veterans Administration, San Francisco, California.

Sep 1957 - Jan 1988 Bonneville Power Administration Portland, Oregon, A Federal Power Marketing Agency for Columbia River Dam's Hydro Generation. Retired Jan 1, 1988 from the U.S. Government.

### Qualifications:

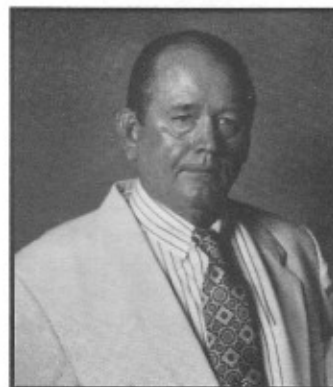
I have held numerous appointed and elected positions in the following veterans organizations. Includes serving on the Board of Directors for the Korean War ExPOW Association since 1989:

1. Korean War Veterans Association, 1989 - Present
2. Korean War Ex-Prisoner-of-War Association, 1986 - Present
3. American Ex-Prisoners of War 1984 - Present

### If I am elected:

I will work to advance the cause of the KWVA in the Pacific Northwest where there is no KWVA National level Representative at this time. I will assist others in forming and chartering new KWVA Chapters in the region. I will use the Office of Director as a tool to strengthen the KWVA organization and spread the word of the existence of the KWVA which many-many Korean War Veterans have never heard of and know nothing about in the Western Region of the United States.

A new phase of the "Tell America Program" should be to blanket the country, particularly the Western Region, with news releases seeking out Korean War Veterans, many who would become KWVA members.



## Director

Kenneth Blaine Cook

I am seeking the office of the Board of Directors of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 1996-99.

My lovely wife Katherine and I have been married 39 years. We have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. I am a retired truck driver.

I was drafted into the Army August 15, 1951. I took my basic training at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland. I attended the C.B.R. (Chemical, Biological and Radiology) Warfare School in Japan. I arrived in Korea May 1, 1952 and was assigned to the 195th Ordnance Depot Company, 74th Ordnance BN, 8th Army, Ascomcity, Korea. Departed Korea June 1, 1953 and discharged July 9, 1953.

I have served 5 years as President of the oldest Semi-Pro Baseball League in the United States (Danville Two-Light Baseball League). I am a life member of the KWVA and a Director of the KWVA 1993-96. I am President of the Robert Wurtsbaugh Chapter of KWVA 1993-96. Also a life member of the V.F.W. and a member of the American Legion. I served as 1st Vice President of the Department of Illinois K.W.V.A.

My goal for the Korean War Veterans Association is membership. Without members you have no organization. We must work for this one goal. Reaching out to signing new members, but also getting back to old members that have dropped their membership and resigned them. Let's get busy and start new chapters.

I served as a Director the past 3 years and one thing you must do is to listen to your members. What do they want? I am slow on my voting as I want to think "is this good for the membership and will the KWVA benefit from this" then I can vote.

If elected, I will listen to you the members, vote for the membership and serve the KWVA to the best of my ability.

92% of the membership do not vote. Why? The National Board tried different ways to make the voting ballot simpler and easier for you to vote. There is no reason for you not to vote. Even if I was defeated and there were 65% membership voting I would be satisfied knowing that is what the majority of the membership wanted. Please get out and vote for the best candidate. Yes, I do want your vote.

Kenneth B. Cook LT1764  
1611 North Michigan Ave.  
Danville, IL 61834-6239  
(217) 446-9829



## Stan Hadden is A Candidate For President of KWVA

- I strongly support putting names of our KIA/MIA on the Memorial and to also provide for those names of all others who died in the war of other causes.

- I strongly support taking action to get better VA benefits and medical care for those deserving them.

- Your vote and support for me will be my pledge to you.

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## OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### Director

Harley Coon

Nominating Committee Chairman

Please accept this letter as my official notification of intent to run for re-election to the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. For the position of National Director for the next three years, beginning in 1996 through 1999.

My qualifications are listed below:

- \* Harley entered U.S. Army September 28, 1948. Served with "B" Company, 35th Infantry, 5th Division from early 1949 until taken captive by Chinese enemy forces on November 27, 1950 after serving for five months on front line duty. Held prisoner of war for 33 months and 4 days. Served for a total of 38 months in Korea.

- \* One of few Ohio Korean War Veterans awarded all 10 battle stars. Also Awarded Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Prisoner of War medal, Two (2) Presidential Unit Citations, Korean Presidential Citation and many other awards.

- \* Inducted in The Ohio State Veterans Hall of Fame on November 1, 1994. Presently serving on Boards and Commissions.

- \* National Director: American EX-Prisoners of War Association, Inc. Membership Chairman, Awards Chairman, Served on ways & means committee.

- \* National Director: Korean War Veterans Association.

- \* State President: Department of Ohio, Korean War Veterans Association.

- \* National POW/MIA Chairman: Korean War Veterans Association.

- \* Past President: National Korean War EX-Prisoner of War Association, Inc.

- \* Past President: Greene County Veterans Service Commission.

- \* Past Treasurer: Korean Veterans Memorial Association. (State Memorial).

- \* Life Member: M.O.P.H., DAV Chapter 95, 25th Inf. Div. Association, V.F.W. Post 8312 and AMVETS, Member American Legion Post 673.

- \* Attended Wilbur Wright High School, attended the University of Dayton, awarded Associates Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1958.

- \* Harley and his wife Sylvia celebrate their 42nd Wedding Anniversary on March 13, 1996. They have three children Debi, Sandy, and Chris. They also have 5 grandchildren. Harley and Sylvia reside in Beavercreek, Ohio.

My current mailing address is: 2439 Lantz Road, Beavercreek, Ohio 45434. My phone number is, (513) 426-3626 - KWVA, membership number is: P000003.

Harley Coon, Candidate for National Director



### Director

Arthur P. Gaughran

Nominating Committee Chairman

Please accept my application for consideration to run for The Office of Director of The Korean War Veterans Association. I will serve to promote and educate the public as to the service we performed in Korea.

I served on an island in Pusan Harbor as a ship's carpenter from February 1953 to April 1954, U.S. Army Transportation Corps. As one of the original members of the CPL. Allen F. Kivlehan Chapter, I now serve as First Vice President. I also serve as Second Vice President of The New York State Department K.W.V.A.



Due to the Army, I received my G.E.D. diploma in 1952. Under the G.I. Bill, I graduated third in my class at The State University of New York as an associate in Applied Science with a major in Building Construction. I have contributed to the construction of the U.S. Steel headquarters in Pittsburgh, PA; the Xerox headquarters in Rochester, New York; Chase Manhattan Plaza in New York City, New York and many others. Recently, with the members of our chapter, we designed, excavated, formed, compacted, and placed twelve yards of concrete walks at our Staten Island Memorial.

I have attended several executive meetings here on the east coast. If elected, I will attend all required meetings.

Arthur P. Gaughran, Life Member #6936  
(718) 816-8943  
15 Central Avenue, Apt. 1B  
Staten Island, New York 10301

#### COVER of the MARCH-APRIL 1996 ISSUE

Photographer Scott Boatwright captures the scene at the Korean War Veterans Memorial following the "Blizzard of '96" with the Lincoln Memorial looming in the background. Scott gives his beautiful picture to *Graybeards* for publication. It is sure to provoke memories of Korea during the winters of 1950-1953.

Many are unaware the memorial takes on different looks, not only as seasons change, but also each day from dawns early light to the twilight of evening. Then, as darkness falls and shadows deepen, tiny spotlights turn on illuminating the shining faces of the "Patrol" and the etchings on the wall. There is no other Memorial like it anywhere in the world.

## Director

Oreste (Rusty) Tramonte

This letter is to announce my intent to run for a different office in the National KWVA. The office being sought is a seat on the National Board of Directors.



Qualifications: Presently I serve as National Secretary of the K.W.V.A. and have been since appointed in July, 1994. I have worked closely with the Departments, National Officers, National Directors and Chapters including individual members. I have been a Chapter Commander of the D.A.V. twice, in 1983 and 1990. I served as an aide to the state D.A.V. Commander three times. I am a life member of the D.A.V., V.F.W. and the K.W.V.A. I am a life member of the 1st Marine Division Association and a member of The American Legion.

I have been a private investigator for forty-one years. I have been appointed by the courts to do investigations as well as to represent the indigent. I have also worked with the Attorney General in Massachusetts and in other states as well as several district attorneys. I have investigated both criminal and civil cases throughout my forty-one year career. I have been retired for a number of years and my Investigation Agency has been taken over by my sons.

In addition, I have been Director of Security for several department store chains, making policy for them and seeing that it was enforced, thereby cutting their losses. I have been elected in 1983 and 1986 by the National Association of Police Chiefs to "Who's Who in American Law Enforcement". In 1990 I completed a course given by the Police Chiefs Association on Ritualistic Crime and the Occult. In 1987 I completed a course given by the National Association of Investigative Specialists on Political Campaign Security.

I am the President and Founder of the Lopes/Ferris KWVA Chapter in Marshfield, Massachusetts. I have been active in all Veterans Affairs in town including placement of a Christmas Tree in front of Town Hall with names of those who served in the Gulf from Marshfield. I have a call in TV show each week on Politics and Veterans Affairs. As National Secretary, I have represented the organization as an invited guest and keynote speaker throughout the states at chapter functions and dedications.

119 Flaggler Drive - P.O. Box 43  
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National Secretary LR-O5500

## No Badge For Them

*The tankers rise in early morn  
Their battle dress is old and worn.*

*Their silence broke as engines roar  
They cross the lines, they came to war*

*Without support they clear the way  
The infantry will come that day.*

*The tankers face that very day  
Enemy tanks that come our way.*

*Antitank guns are hidden well  
Their mortars spit and some men fell.*

*Enemy mines that blow tracks apart  
Will also cause the fire to start.*

*A tank that burns and it burns well  
With men inside, a living Hell.*

*The first ones out, they get it all  
The last ones back, they do it all.*

*They carry out the wounded and the dead  
Their rations short, they share their bread.*

*Many battles would be lost  
Without the tankers that pay the cost.*

*They're asked to go and clear the way  
When coming back, they're told to stay.*

*They place their life in danger's way  
And lose it there without thanks  
They die in coffins we call tanks.*

*When tankers earn a badge each day  
The infantry they have their say  
No badge will come along your way  
You don't deserve it this we say.*

Former S/Sgt James G. Harris  
B Co. 70th Tank Bn, U.S. Army  
Korea 1950-1951  
615 Rosa Drive  
Lebanon, TN 37087

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## Those 76's Are Breaking Up That Old Gang Of Mine

*On that Distant Korean Hill  
Old Joe Chink is Mighty still,  
But let one man show in the pine  
And them 76's are breaking up that  
old gang of mine.*

*On out post Harry the holes were deep.  
But Joe's line of sight was mighty steep.  
His 82's are mighty fine.  
And them 76's are breaking up that  
Old gang of mine.*

*Then on Jackie, by 528  
Old Joe Chink was mighty straight.  
At Midnight the Flares would shine,  
And them 76's are breaking up that  
Old gang of mine.*

*And 528 was a bitch  
The MLR was just a ditch.  
With his 82's he played the line.  
And them 76's are breaking up that  
Old gang of mine.*

*To the Wyoming Line they said we'd go.  
Where old Joe Chink was putting on a show.  
The Burp Gun Boogie he played sublime  
And them 76's are breaking up that  
Old gang of mine.*

*Then 27 July came to fame.  
A burning sun was aflame  
At Dinner we Sat to dine,  
And them 76's are breaking up that  
Old gang of mine.*

*Now things are quiet along the front.  
No more patrols do we hunt.  
The men we have here are fine.  
But those 76's have broken up that  
Old gang of mine.*

SFC Lee LeBowe  
CO B 65th Inf  
3rd Inf Div 1953

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## Freedom is not Free — How Long Must We Wait — Names on the Wall — Bronze Star — Another 40 Years?

The Korean War will finally be remembered so long as mankind finds instruction in history. It marked one of the stupendous achievements in human experience. The work of our service men and women was completed and the work of our diplomats begun. There are no words that can characterize adequately the endurance, heroism and devotion for our war dead and MIAs and not to forget who were POWs for many months or years — under inhumane conditions that they only know. Our war dead and MIAs offered their lives and all that life contained in order that victory might be won and mankind freed. Korean veterans gave their all and services on the altar of democracy. The greatest service that we, the living can give, is far too small for so great a sacrifice — their lives. Only their families and friends really know the true loss they endured. As I look at some of the photographs of the dedication in Washington, the words "Freedom is not Free," I stop and think the wall is over 165 feet long. Instead of fighting a battle that can not be won — and I speak of trying to get the Bronze Star reissued — would it have been more appropriate to put the names of our dead and MIAs on the Wall? I am not saying that it is a wall that we should be ashamed of — it is a perfect tribute to the Korean veterans and for those who come after we

fade away well knowing there was a Korean War and how many of our men and women never returned. Remember the wording, "Freedom is not Free."

As for the Bronze Star — will it take another 40 years to accomplish — who of us will be left? When I see that we have over 13,000 members left, and only 200 responded, I think, and am sure you think, forget it, and remember those who did not return. Let's get on with the names on the Memorial Wall we want.

Oreste (Rusty) Tramonte, National Secretary  
PO Box 43, Marshfield, MA 02050

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### A very good question

**Soldiers sacrifice the prime of their youth, may die or be maimed, often without even knowing the purpose of their missions. A soldier's faith in his country is that great. The men who died in Vietnam, Korea and World War II died cold, exhausted and often alone. If soldiers do not deserve monuments, then who does?**

Joe Chung, West Point, N.Y.

In a littoral war like Korea, our control of the sea and air gave our commanders one key advantage: strategic mobility. Nowhere was this more evident than in the dramatic amphibious landing at Inchon.

During World War II, we perfected this type of operation at places as dissimilar as Salerno, Normandy, and the countless atolls of the South Pacific. While the British had dabbled in this type of combined operation, it was essentially an American show. Our Marines had long championed amphibious warfare, a logical outgrowth of their traditional role as the spearhead of naval landing parties. History is replete with the heroic actions of leathernecks storming ashore to capture forts and other strongpoints; incredibly, one of the places was Inchon itself in 1871! (This landing was an attempt to force the Koreans to trade with us).

To our good fortune, fate placed the one man who was more qualified to lead this type of assault, and had the political clout to match his ability, in the right place at the right time. I'm referring of course to General Douglas MacArthur.

All along the long road back to Japan, from New Guinea to the Philippines, MacArthur had leapfrogged the Japanese held islands with a series of brilliant amphibious landings. Only the Marines who were fighting their way across the Central Pacific could match his expertise. Now these two forces would be linked in a dramatic stroke to defeat the enemy.

One trip to South Korea in late June 1950, convinced MacArthur that there was little we could do to stop the North Korean People's Army (NKPA) from pushing the Republic Of Korea (ROK) military and the hastily assembled U.S. forces far to the south; perhaps even into the sea. Rather than try to attack the NKPA head on with the resulting heavy casualties, MacArthur's plan was to land where the enemy was most vulnerable, at Inchon. Not only was this port in close proximity to the major airbase at Kimpo, just outside Seoul, but because of its extremely difficult approach from the sea, he felt it wouldn't be heavily defended. In other words, "hit em' where they ain't."

But the whole plan was riddled with uncertainty. Our forces were already stretched to the limit and if this landing turned out to be another Anzio or Omaha Beach we could well give up on saving South Korea. The narrow channel leading to Inchon could be blocked by the sinking of one ship and numerous off shore islands could be used by the opposing army as points of attack on the landing force. The monstrous tides locked us into a step by step approach that completely eliminated any chance of quick surprise. Moreover, Inchon was a city of a quarter of a million with no beaches. We'd be landing into a fortified port with a high seawall. Once ashore we could be faced with a street by street, house by house defense with all the grim results that portended. The British had tried this once at Dieppe in the summer of 1942 and it was a disaster. Lastly, the distance from Pusan to Inchon was 140 miles, a very long way to linkup between forces. But MacArthur was convinced that his plan could work and was worth the gamble, and with his famous dramatic ability he convinced the Joint Chiefs that the operation was feasible.

His problems were monumental. Because of the legendary high tides (32 feet), a landing in daylight was limited to three days a month. With that in mind, 15 September was chosen as D-Day. The question was could the Navy and Marines be ready in time (it was less than two months away), and could the forces in the south under General Walker be able to hold off the North Koreans long enough for Inchon to work?

If there was ever a navigators nightmare it was the approach to Inchon: huge tides, shifting sand bars and a tidal current that often reached 8 knots, close to the speed of most landing craft. At the end of this torturous channel lay the heavily defended island of Wolmi. At Inchon itself, there were no landing beaches as we'd known them in the Pacific and few piers. Nothing we'd attempted in World War II had prepared us for this. In this action everything would have to go like clockwork and even if all went according to plan, CHROMITE (the code name) would need a generous dollop of that most essential element of all military endeavors: luck.

Unfortunately, that vital component appeared to have deserted us at the very outset of this campaign when the task force carrying the troops from Japan ran into a typhoon. Giant waves and winds of close to 100 knots battered the ships, but they pushed on and reached their assigned areas at the prescribed time.

Early on the morning of 13 September, the destroyers and cruisers moved up the narrow channel to bombard Wolmi. They would be joined by ADs from PHILIPPINE SEA CVA-47, who would provide the needed air support.

The following ships steamed toward the objective: Cruisers USS ROCHESTER and TOLEDO; HMS KENYA and JAMICA and destroyers USS HENDERSON, GURKE, COLLETT, SWENSON, MANSFIELD and DE HAVEN. With the cruisers as backup, the DDs moved in close to Wolmi as the Skyraiders attacked the defenders with bombs and rockets. DE HAVEN engaged an enemy battery and the battle was joined. In spite of a withering barrage from our surface forces, two of our destroyers were hit; GURKE twice, and COLLETT seven times. Later, after most of the enemy guns had been silenced, the "tin cans" were ordered to withdraw. While this maneuver was being executed, the last of the serviceable North Korean batteries found the range on the USS LYMAN SWENSON, killing Lt.(jg) David Swenson, who by a stroke of fate was the nephew of the sailor for whom the DD was named.

For the next two days the task force and its supporting aircraft plastered Wolmi until almost nothing moved. Finally, at 0540 on the morning of 15 September, the order everyone had been waiting for was issued: "land the landing force—away all boats!" With that, every cruiser and destroyer in the force opened up with renewed fury and they were soon joined by a squadron of Corsairs. As if this wasn't enough destruction concentrated on a small island, three rocket ships (LSMRs) fired three thousand 5 inch rockets!

At 0630 the first wave hit the beach: 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. In less than a half hour most of the island was in our hands. At 0800 the marines raised the Stars and Stripes above Radio Hill, the highest point on Wolmi, and by noon the island was secured. Seventeen wounded was the price we paid, a ringing testament to the effec-

# INCHON: The Turning Point

by Jack Sauter



**"The Navy and Marines have never shone more brightly than this morning. MacArthur." In all of the Korean War, it was America's finest hour.**

tiveness of sea and air support when applied in tandem. Now Inchon lay seven hundred yards across a narrow causeway, burning in the afternoon sun.

In spite of being so tantalizingly close, the tides caused us to wait until 1700 for the final assault on the port itself. In the interim the cruisers worked over Red Beach, Blue Beach, and the waterfront. Again came the Navy Corsairs and Skyraiders, this time reinforced by the BOXER's Air Group just lately arrived on the scene after a long high speed run. At 1725 the first landing craft touched down and the Marines were ashore on the mainland. The Marine Corsairs were leaving nothing to chance. PFC, Fred Davidson, who was in the first wave said, "Those Corsairs came in flying through the smoke not more than thirty feet over our heads. Hot, spent machine gun shells fell on us. Talk about close air support!"

At Red Beach the leathernecks quickly overcame the dazed defenders and headed inland. They were soon joined by our forces on Wolmi who charged across the causeway with tanks and heavy weapons. On Blue Beach there was a seawall to be scaled and the enemy had many mortars zeroed in, but fire support from the destroyer GURKE and the rocket ships carried the day. Up and over the Marines of "Chesty" Puller's 1st Marine Regiment went and headed inland. As an amusing sidelight to this action, a Marine demolition squad was ready to blow a hole in the seawall for tanks and tracked vehicles when they saw a barge approaching. They screamed, "Lay off, you stupid bastards!" The helmsman on the barge shouted back, "This is Admiral Struble's barge." "I don't give a shit whose barge it is, get clear before I blow the wall!" replied the Marine. The barge moved off.

But there's always a human cost even under the most ideal conditions and this one was no different. A famous photo shows a number of Marines waiting to scale the seawall. One man, however, is already on the ladder: his back is hunched and his right leg is on the seawall. His name is Baldomero Lopez, 1st Lieutenant, USMC. He immediately goes into action. He knocks out one bunker. A second bunker remains. Lopez begins to attack it but he's hit before

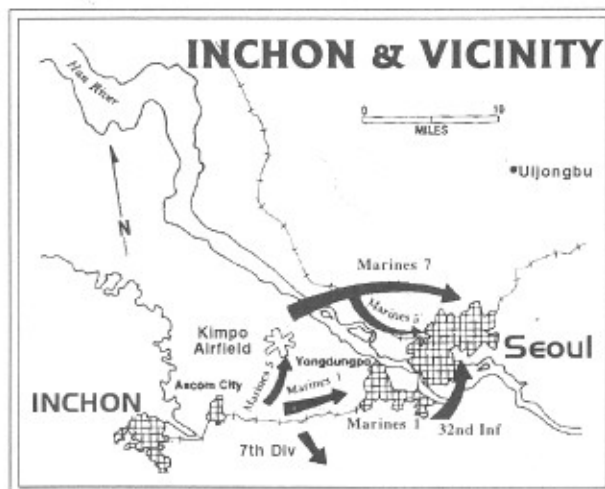
he can throw the grenade in his hand. The live grenade falls to the ground, but before it can explode Lopez covers it with his body to save the men around him. Lopez was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

This operation was a perfect example of naval gunfire in support of ground troops. Each battalion had a destroyer assigned and provided a 5 inch barrage on call. By midnight our forces had reached their objectives.

However, there were more than just destroyers performing valiantly. Minesweepers, transports, oilers, LSTs and cargo ships all carried their weight and forged a chain that insured victory. As in most battles, logistics may not grab the headlines, but they guarantee success.

The swiftness of our victory and the remarkably low casualties may give the impression that this whole battle was nearly problem free and that the Joint Chiefs were little more than "weak sisters" for opposing it. Nothing could be further from the truth. Lady Luck was with us all the way. Consider the following "What Ifs": Without the unbelievable coordination of all involved, from gunfire support to air/ground missions, the losses could have been much greater than the 174 casualties (21 dead, 1 missing) suffered on D-Day. What if the NKPA had not manned Inchon with their greenest troops and further reduced them to cover another small landing at Yonghung-do? What if the approaches to Wolmi were mined, as the enemy had intended? Scores of these deadly weapons were found stored on the island. What if bad weather prevented the close air support so necessary to the success of this mission? What if the North Koreans had used those three days we had to wait from the initial bombardment to the final landing to bring up seasoned troops? The delay caused by the huge tides effectively eliminated any hope of surprise, but the North Koreans waited much too

long to send any reinforcements. By that time we had an overwhelming advantage in men and armor. One should remember that this was perhaps the only amphibious operation that had no rehearsal. Half of the troops came from Japan, the other half were sea-lifted from Pusan where they had been desperately holding the line of the shrinking perimeter. That's how short-handed we were. There was no run through for the naval air. Most of the pilots were briefed about their targets only a short time before take-off. And the coxswains manning the landing craft had never worked in formation. Everyone expected a communications foul-up, a problem that had plagued us in earlier actions, but ground/air miraculously worked without a hitch. Consequently, the deep concerns expressed by the Joint Chiefs were not



without cause. Nevertheless, in spite of this patchwork approach, everything came off far better than a peacetime exercise.

Perhaps in the end, the immense difficulties faced by the planners of this operation worked to their advantage. Each obstacle we had to overcome; the tides, the narrow channel, the fortified island and the steep seawall only reinforced the belief of the defenders that Inchon would not be the sight of an invasion. A similar set of circumstances six years earlier and a half a world away, had convinced the Germans that the Allies would never attempt a landing in Normandy. MacArthur's strategy of "hitting them where they ain't" had paid off in spades.

## ... a rare opportunity for all branches of the service to work in harmony

Bolstered by the Inchon landing, the 8th Army broke out of the Pusan perimeter and headed north almost as fast as the retreating North Koreans. Seoul was recaptured on 28 September and by early October we had crossed the 38th parallel. Thousands of NKPA soldiers had been killed or captured and the rest were on the run. The "noose" hadn't closed completely however, and many troops had fled north along with most of their senior officers. But if anyone mentioned this it was considered "sour grapes." We'd liberated South Korea and met the original aim of the United Nations resolution. The war could have probably ended then and there, but the optimism generated by our success at Inchon deemed otherwise.

Later, we would bitterly learn that Lady Luck can be a fickle friend and that our overconfidence would come back to haunt us. But that was

down the road and for now we could enjoy the great tactical victory that good fortune had given us.

Whatever lay ahead, the fact remained that the amphibious landing just below Seoul had saved South Korea. It also demonstrated to the Communists that in spite of our woe-filled unpreparedness, we could mobilize enough forces and move them 12,000 miles to stop a well prepared enemy in his tracks. Kim Il-Sung had blown his one chance for a quick victory without Chinese involvement.

It was also a rare opportunity for all branches of the service to work in harmony. Everyone carried their weight and performed heroically under the most demanding conditions. The Army, the Air Force, the Marines and the Navy all came through with flying colors when the chips were down. Perhaps nothing demonstrated this fact more than the message received by Admiral Struble on

the morning of 15 September 1950 which said, "The Navy and Marines have never shone more brightly than this morning. MacArthur." In all of the Korean War, it was America's finest hour.

The following books were used in preparing this article:

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Jack Sauter also wrote "Remembering That Other War" and "The US Navy In Korea: The Forgotten Service Of The Forgotten War," which appeared in the July/August and November/December 1995 issues of *GREYBEARDS*. His book, *SAIORS IN THE SKY*, McFarland & Co. has just been published and is reviewed in the January-February 1996 issue.

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## Korean War

### An Editorial

It may have been forgotten but it was important.

The Korean conflict lacked the redemptive glory of World War II, the high tragedy of Vietnam. It was the in-between war, fought in cold misery and concluded in something less than sparking victory. Among its less appealing features were the spectacle of "brainwashed" G.I.s denouncing their country the sacking of legendary Gen. Douglas MacArthur for insubordination, and, after seesaw offensives and counter-offensives, more than 54,000 U.S. dead.

Now the country is remembering the Forgotten War. The therapy for our national amnesia is the Korean War Veterans Memorial that was unveiled Thursday in Washington. Nineteen stainless steel fighting men on a winter patrol — the memorial's centerpiece — lead viewers down a trail of recollection. Let's move out.

Remember, North Korea's invasion of South Korea in June 1950 marked the first post-World War II attempt by a communist state to con-

quer a sovereign country by arms. Had Harry Truman abandoned the South other Marxist tyrants might have sped Kim Il-Sung, with awful consequences for world peace. Soldiers like the memorial's 19 quite possibly prevented World War II by confronting the aggressors.

Remember, too, that a fledgling organization called the U.N. proved its mettle in the mountainous Asian icebox. With the Soviets sulking in boycott, the United Nations Security Council passed a war resolution against the invaders. Though the United States and South Korea provided 90 percent of the troops, 15 other nations chipped in soldiers; still others sent doctors.

Remember that American military leadership was superb. With an outgunned U.N. force pushed almost into the Sea of Japan, and "Pusan" threatening to become a synonym of Dunkirk, MacArthur launched a brilliant amphibious assault at Inchon that routed the North Koreans. When the Red Chinese entered the fray, Matthew Ridgway jeoped to his crumbling front ended "bugout fever," and turned back the seemingly innumerable enemy.

Remember that valor imbued all ranks. If war is hell, at the Chosin Reservoir it froze over. In 30-below weather, 16,000 U.S. Marines and 4,000 other troops stood off 120,000 Chinese for 14 days. When the smoke cleared, 40,000 enemy lay dead and the defenders had collected 17 Medals of Honor. The record stands.

So, incidentally, does a free and prosperous South Korea. In any consideration of the Forgotten War that is the key point to remember.



## The Road North from Seoul

Photo was taken by Robert Hudson Jones, 2961 Givens Drive, Norton, OH 44203

Excerpts from an editorial from the *Star Beacon* of Astabula, Ohio, July 29, 1995.



## Chapter Affairs

### Indiana Chapter #1 Swears in New Officers at December Christmas Party



Past President Mel Aldrich installs new Chapter #1 1996 Officers during the 1995 Christmas Party. They are: President, John M. Settle; Vice President, Ski Wisniewski; Treasurer, Dick Norton; Secretary, Walt Roemke; Sgt. At Arms, Bob Hobson; and Trustees, Howard Rules, Ed Hagadorn and Dick Renbarger. The Chapter Address is P.O. Box 9037, Fort Wayne, IN 46809.

"Whereas the citizens of Indiana have always honored the brave veterans of our nation's wars and now wish to commemorate in a tangible way the courage, valor, and sacrifice of the members of the armed forces who served the United States of America in the Vietnam and Korean Wars."

I, Evan Bayh, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order:

"The Vietnam / Korean Wars Memorial Committee to arrange for the construction of a memorial honoring Indiana veterans of the Vietnam and Korean Wars and to manage a fund-raising program to receive private donations for this construction."

Executive Order 94-8 dated July 13, 1994

### NATIONAL KWVA

#### Rehabilitation Flower Program

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5. PLEASE BE ADVISED, THE FLOWERS MAY BE USED AT ANYTIME YOUR GROUP DESIRES. A SUGGESTED PERIOD IS TO START AT THE END OF JUNE AND CONTINUE TO THE END OF JULY. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, WE WILL NOT BE CREATING ANY PROBLEMS WITH OTHER VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS WITH SIMILAR PROGRAMS. AT THAT TIME, IT ALSO HAS A DEFINITE SIGNIFICANCE WITH THE DATES.

### It's Time For a Change!

#### Capital Chapter Members Support New Date for KWVA Annual Reunion

At a recent meeting among Chapter members and new forming chapter charter signers, many things were discussed. A primary agenda item was support for the traditional annual Memorial Service at Arlington National Cemetery and a Commemorative Ceremony at the Memorial site. It was agreed unanimously the Memorial Service must continue, and a Memorial Ceremony must begin at the site. Many inquiries have been received from our allied nations regarding these matters.

If KWVA members from the metro area of Washington, D.C. and the states of Maryland, Virginia, and other groups from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia participate, how can we be in two places simultaneously. The other place is the national convention. We want to attend!

Many states have Korean War Memorials. This was ascertained from volunteer efforts at the Korean War Memorial Advisory Board. Korean War Veterans in those states are planning their special memorial ceremonies.

Therefore, we recommend the annual convention be in Washington, D.C. or be moved to another date more particularly mid May or mid September. It is not feasible to hold the convention during the months of March, April, May and the first two weeks in June in D.C. because of the extremely heavy school tourists. Let's move the convention to a saddle month and enjoy lower hotel rates and more comfortable weather.

*KWVA Members, Metro area of Washington, D.C. and surrounding states.*

### Santa Clara County Chapter Alerts KWVA Members

#### Western States Reunion Planned

There is a movement among Korean vets here in the West to renew the unique bond that began on that fateful Sunday June 25th forty-six years ago. Plans are now in progress for the first annual KWVA Western States Reunion to be held 23-25 June 1996 at The Sands Hotel in Reno, Nevada.

KWVA Chapters are requested to alert membership and other veterans, and promote this reunion throughout their state. With your support this will be a prelude to the final **hurrah**, the 50th anniversary of the July 27th Armistice being observed throughout the West.

For specific details write Bob Holtzer at 4664 W. Leonesio Drive Sparks, Nevada 89433-8211. Please enclose a SASE! Bob is accommodations chairman.

I am confident we Korea Veterans can call on our unique bond to formulate the necessary action needed to make this reunion a success and be of benefit to our Western States Region and to National. Feel free to contact me with your concerns and questions.

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Mr. Nicholas J. Pappas, President

At a meeting not long ago you asked me to drop you a line giving the background of the Federal Law which created the "National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day" and pointing out how this law impacts on the Korean War Veterans Association and its membership. The provision for National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day is found in Section 2005, Public Law 104-19.

Public Law 104-19 is entitled, "EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE, FOR ANTI-TERRORISM INITIATIVES, FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE RECOVERY FROM THE TRAGEDY THAT OCCURRED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, AND RESCISSIONS ACT, 1995.

Section 2005, Public Law 104-19, July 27, 1995 reads as follows: SEC. 2005, July 27 of each year until the year 2003 is designated as "National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and to urge the departments and agencies of the United States and interested organizations, groups, and individuals to fly the American flag at half staff on July 27 of each year until the year 2003 in honor of the Americans who died as a result of their service in Korea.

The passage of this act was reported and the text of Section 2005 was reprinted in the September-October *Graybeards*. Section 2005 was added to the Senate-House Conference Committee Report on the Rescissions Bill at the request of Senator John Warner of Virginia and Congressman G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery of Mississippi, who for more than two years had been sponsors of Joint Resolutions which incorporated the same intent but which for various reasons had not been voted on by the members of Congress when the Conference Committee report was approved by both houses of the Congress. It was forwarded, including Section 2005, to the President, who signed it into law on July 27, 1995 - the same day as the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Nation's Capital. For Korean War Veterans who cannot visit Washington or attend ceremonies on July 27 at the Memorial, this piece of legislation opens up a number of options for their own local recognition.

Practically speaking, the law does not really cause anything to happen except for the issuance of a Presidential Proclamation and the flying of the American flag at half-staff on Federal Buildings and properties. Anything else is left up to the people of the United States and the "interested organizations, groups, and individuals." That puts the ball in the Korean War Veterans' court. If we really want to be recognized for our service and sacrifice, we must do something such as conducting "appropriate ceremonies and activities," which will give all of the people of the United States the opportunity to "observe such day."

Except for the planning and conduct of the annual Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony at 10:00 AM, July 27, 1996, and the celebration of the anniversary of the dedication of the Memorial at 2:00 PM, the Korean War Veterans Armistice Day Coordinating Committee has all but exhausted its options for bringing any more public recognition to the Korean War and the Korean War Veterans, especially the dead and the missing. From

## Chapters, Departments and Members Urged to Organize and Participate in Korean War Veterans Armistice Day Observances Each July 27

this point on the initiative for the conduct of appropriate ceremonies and activities across the nation is up to Korean War Veterans and their friends and families.

Over recent years Korean War Veterans have been called, and have called themselves, the "Forgotten Veterans of the Forgotten War." Well, we now have our own memorials in the Nation's Capital and in several other locations across the country, and July 27 has been set aside in Federal Law for the next seven years as a special day recognizing veterans of the Korean War. We have been accorded the recognition we sought, what we do with it is up to us.

- We can sit back and do nothing; or we can, for starters, take action to have the legislatures of fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa authorize and encourage their governors or chief executives to issue their own proclamations, fly the flag at half-staff on their buildings and give recognition to the service of Korean War Veterans each year at least until 2003.

- We can act to have the mayors of our cities, county executives, or leaders of our townships issue proclamations and fly the flag at half-staff on July 27 and give recognition to the service of Korean War veterans each year at least until 2003.

- We can ask everybody who has a bell tower to ring the bell(s) at 10:00 AM, July 27 this year and every year at least until 2003.

- we can find out who is responsible for Ceremonies in the posts and chapters, districts and departments of our local veterans organizations and ask them to plan and conduct appropriate ceremonies and activities to recognize Korean War Veterans on July 27 this year and every year at least until 2003.

For forty years the Korean War Veterans have been concerned about not being recognized for what we did. Well, here's our chance to turn it around.

Look forward to hearing from you.

John F. KENNEY, JR.  
Veterans Coordinator

### To: The Members

The above letter is by the KWVA Legislative Affairs Advisor, John Kenney. His recommendations are sound and valid. We now have a National Memorial and a Day of Remembrance.

The Korean War Veterans Armistice Day provides us a great opportunity to expand knowledge of the Korean War and our contributions to history at the grassroots level.

It will take a great amount of effort, but if we all join together, we can make July 27 a memorable and halcyon day, not only for all Korean Veterans, but for the ones who did not return and their loved ones. Let us all unite to make it happen. Many of us will be honoring July 27 at the St. Louis Reunion. Hopefully, the rest of the members will be doing the same in their hometowns.

## "DUTCH" NELSEN CHAPTER

Bob Davis who had his 80th birthday, was presented with a birthday cake at the 20 January meeting of the Chapter. Charlie Snow reported on the monument's progress, and that the fund drive is going well. Still needed is around \$4-5000 to complete the needed amount.

"Dutch" Nelsen stated that in 1989, there were 10 members at the first meeting and now we have over 50 from all over the US. Also, on average, we have an attendance of 40 members and guests every month. Dutch

also showed on the screen where the monument would be located at Memorial Park with an ideal view of the mountains in the background. That the ceremony would be held on the 27 July 1996 in the morning and would invite many local and state officials. In the evening will be a dinner/dance at the Sheraton Hotel for all members and their guests. We expect members from the east coast also to attend. There will be a program and all details on the activities for that day will be published later.

## NEW MEDAL OF HONOR ROW CREATED AT WILLAMETTE NATIONAL CEMETERY PORTLAND, OREGON

Donald M. Cohen, Korean Service Co.D, 38th. Regt. 2nd Inf. Division reports former members of the U.S. Army 2nd Infantry Division, who saw war-time service in Korea, came together to create a Medal of Honor Row at the Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Oregon.

In the cemetery were graves of three Medal of Honor recipients, each located in a different section.

The idea to move these Hero's to a Medal of Honor Row was conceived by Cohen, Sam Radow, with help from Fred Liddell. They felt visitors would appreciate being able to visit the graves of these distinguished Americans if they were brought together in a place of Honor befitting their prominence.

The veterans enlisted the aid of Cemetery Director Billy Murphy and his staff at Willamette. They agreed to move the graves provided permission to do so was granted by the families of the deceased. This proved to be a real challenge. After months of searching the families of Arnold Bjorkland, World War II; Loren Kaufman, Korea; and Lawrence Dahl, Vietnam were located and each gave permission to have their loved ones moved.

After receiving permission from each family, Director Murphy and Staff relocated the graves to an area where Memorial Day ceremonies are held each year, across the road from the Flag pole.

In a special ceremony last May,

Korean born Oregon State Senator, John Lim presented Loren Kaufman's sister with the Republic of Korea's highest award, **THE KOREAN WAR RANG**, with **Silver Star**. Special guest at this ceremony was Korean War Medal of Honor recipient Stanley T. Adams, Bend, Oregon.

Participants in the ceremonies were Lt. Col. Sammy Radow (US Army - Retired) 23rd. Regt.; Don Barton, - EX-POW, 23rd Regt.; Donald Zupan - 9th Regt.; Donald Cohen - 38th Regt.; E. Larry Streeby - 2nd Engineers; Richard Crow, - EX-POW, 38th Regt.; and J. Fred Liddell - EX-POW, 38th Regt.

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## Treasure Coast Chapter

The Treasure Coast Chapter of the Korean War Veterans met recently and announced the successful completion of their first fund raising drive, far surpassing the goal that had been set. Comrade Gordon Case also presented a check to the Chapter on behalf of the Picnic Committee. Over sixty members, spouses and guests enjoyed a perfect Florida day at the covered dish affair which included games and activities for the adults and children. Many a Korean battle was refought as well as the ongoing (but good natured) dispute as to whether the war was won by the Army, Navy, Marines or Air Force.



L to R - Fred L. Shear, Department of Florida Vice President; Gordon Case, Annual Picnic Chairman; and Bob McCaffrey, Founder and Chapter President.



# Long Island Chapter Cheer Veterans

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## Local Korean Businesses and Churches Support Gift Giving to Nursing Home

On Tuesday December 20, 1995, five members of the Central Long Island Chapter of the KWVA showed up at the Long Island Veterans Nursing Home.

They spent over two hours dispensing over 350 holiday gifts to the residents of the home. (see photo to the right) From right to left: Mr. Lee representing the Council of Korean Churches of Greater New York; Joe Donlon, Chapter Treasurer; Bob Morga, Chapter President; Harold Krantz Chapter Director; next 4 Nursing Home Staff; far left, Sal Scarlato, Chapter Director.)

The funds for these gifts were donated by local Korean Businesses and Korean Church Groups at the Chapters Holiday party. Those who also attended the party were Hyon Hong Lee, Ambassador Consulate General of the Republic of Korea, Nam-Jim Zeon, the Consul to the Consul General of the Republic of Korea, from left to right, (see photo to right) presenting the donation is Jung Soo Chang,

Secretary General of The Advisory Council of Democratic and Peaceful Unification, Bob Morga Chapter President, Lila Kim Chairperson of the Women's Forum, William Beatty Chapter Secretary.



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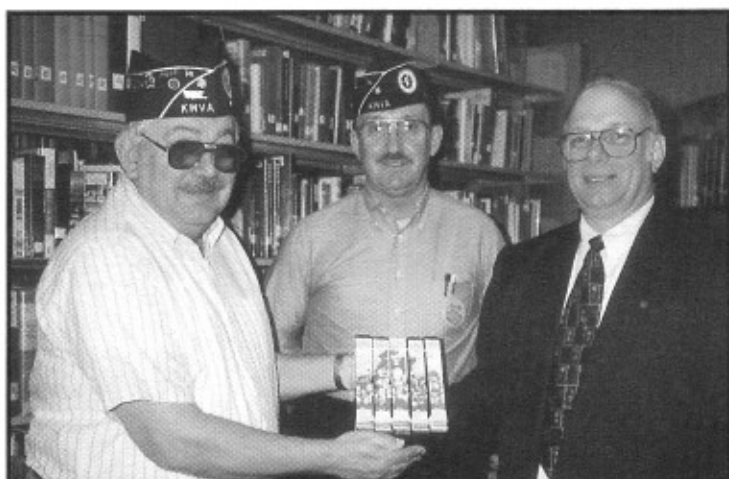
## Florida Suncoast Chapter Christmas Parade 1995 Pinellas Park



Pictured left to right, Herb Gilbert, Raul Reyes, Tom Carrick, Ken Robertson, Bernie Christy, Gordon Bennett (Canadian), Ray Smith, Jack Edwards and Chuck Dawson.

# Cpl. Richard A. Bell Chapter

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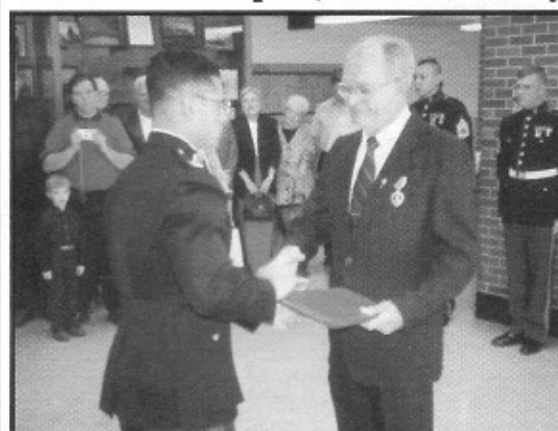


Chapter President Henry C. Waldeck and Norbert A. Meyer, Chapter Treasurer are pictured presenting the 5 volume set of the Korean War Video documentary to John Reid, Director of the West Bend Community Library, West Bend, Wisconsin. According to President Waldeck this was the first community project of the Chapter. He also reported the set has been well used in the short time it has been in the library.

This is a fine project for other Chapters interested in telling the public about the Korean War. The video set is available from the KWVA Quartermaster, John Maison.

## CHAPTER AFFAIRS

### Oklahoma Chapter, Oklahoma City



**Captain J.A. Catore presenting Bill Cockrell, member of the Oklahoma Chapter his Purple Heart.**

On February 9, 1996, after 45 years and four months, Marine private Bill Cockrell of Blanchard, Oklahoma receives his Purple Heart for wounds received while serving with D27 First Marines at the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea on November 29, 1950. Bill is a member of the Korean War Veterans Association and the Chosin Few.

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### Military Nurses in the Korean War

by Alice Gritsavage (1994)

The Far East Command medical community was sorely pressed when war broke out in Korea. It was geared mainly to meet the needs of peacetime military personnel and their dependents. From June 24, 1950, until July, 1953, I was the FEC military nursing consultant (Japan, Okinawa, Guam and The Philippines). This was a very complex job and made more so by the war. The large influx of wounded and sick from Korea had to be treated. Facilities, staff and supplies were not nearly up to the job. Prior to the Korean War there were only 400 nurses to cover the whole FEC. This was a ratio of one nurse to about 50 patients. Military nurses strove selflessly and valiantly to meet the new war demands.



The patient census increased vastly as the battle casualties streamed in. Many a casualty wound up in the same hospital facility that was treating a family member at the time. There were many servicemen's families living in Japan during the occupation period so pediatric and maternity supplies were an additional requirement. Many of the dependent women and teenagers helped in the hospitals during the war. The American Red Cross organized volunteers and trained them in basic nursing skills. They were used to increase the hospital staffs. May God bless those many fine American Red Cross nurses who served on my team for they arrived in a time of great need and did their duty very well.

The nurses of the Korean War were women of valor whom were imbued with a dedication to help heal the wounded and sick brave warriors of the Korean War. The women were of impeccable behavior and reflected honor upon their chosen profession and that chapter in history.

Their dedication made my job easier and best of all, made the difference between life and death for many casualties.

Hardship was also shared by many a military nurse as she experienced the fear of war, the biting cold of winter, the sweltering heat of summer, mud, dust and destruction that was then Korea.

Many a nurse will ever remember holding the hand of a dying serviceman as he drew his last breath. At that sad moment in time, she undoubtedly represented his caring mother and his final moment was surely somewhat eased. There are really no words to adequately describe such an event involving human compassion.

I am saddened to see that those gallant people are now depicted by that TV sitcom, known as M.A.S.H. One would think that the Korean War was mostly fun and games.

It is no wonder that the deeds of our patriots are so easily forgotten and we are still waiting for a national memorial.

Many thousands of our Korean War veterans lost their lives and many thousands more still suffer from their injuries of so long ago. We must also remember the emotional wounds suffered by the families. The National Korean War Memorial will surely help send a message to them that America did not forget them after all.

[Alice M. Gritsavage is a retired colonel, who served in both World War II and Korea. She lists her age as 92+]. Thanks to Norm Jeffers of Port Charlotte, FL for sending me this article. ATC

### A GRATEFUL NATION SAYS

A Grateful Nation Says...Thank You VETERANS!!  
(Washington sure has a funny way of doing it)

I can remember way back to...NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE,  
that was when WW II had just...begun.

Our nation put out a really frantic...call  
one that was answered by our youth...ONE and ALL!

Volunteers, both the young and...the old,  
rallied to defend our nation...all were needed, we were told.  
And those who just couldn't...volunteer,  
anxiously awaited their draft number...to appear!!

Patriotism was everywhere...it could be felt in the air,  
because every single American...really did care!  
It was our duty to fight...that ugly war,  
so that all world conflicts, would be banished...forever-more!!

When the conflict finally came...to an end,  
Congress vowed never again...would they send,  
our youth to fight and die on any foreign...shore,  
no-siree...never again would we fight a war...anymore!

But then of course, KOREA...came to be,  
and some were asked to go again...yep, there were many like me  
who gave up families and homes...and some very good jobs,  
to freeze in foxholes, mudpiles and to live...like real slob!

Although Congress called this "an action"...and not a war,  
more than 54,000 young people...are not here anymore!  
Then of course VIETNAM...sent out a plea  
and now we're going to set a place called BOSNIA...free???

Yet our Congressmen...who live off the fat of our land,  
with "cushy" jobs and benefits and pay raises...on demand,  
not to mention health-care, that is truly...second to none,  
keep spending our money like fools...trying to please "everyone"!

Now that they realize they've spent themselves...into a bind,  
want to lay blame on everyone else...while trying to find,  
a cure that will keep them in office...for yet another term,  
so a bigger underserved pension...they'll be able to earn!!

OH WHERE, OH WHERE CAN THESE "FAT-CATS"...SAVE SOME DOUGH?  
Why not from the Veterans, they're very patriotic...y'know!  
When we needed them before...they were always there,  
maybe they'll support us again...WHEN WE CUT THEIR MEDICARE!

We already increased the taxes...on their SOCIAL SECURITY  
and they didn't vote us out...so let's try again and see,  
how far we can "push" those patriotic...old fools,  
by taking away more of their..."old-age" tools!!

So we Veterans, who fought hard...through a real living hell,  
and are lucky enough to still be around...to tell  
of what we did for this great country...when we were able to,  
DON'T DESERVE WHAT THESE POLITICIANS...are trying to do!!

So now is the time to tell those politicians...just where to go,  
if they're going to play around with...OUR RETIREMENT DOUGH!  
The place to cut money is from their own filthy...backyard,  
not the places that will make our few remaining years...HARD!

—NATHAN JURIST

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From the February issue, MO Chapter  
*KorVets News*

## Sgt. Windrich M.O.H. Chapter 3

A Hammond native, Medal of Honor recipient Staff Sgt. William G. Windrich, who died in the Korean War, has been honored by the City Council passing an ordinance



renaming Madison Street in Windrich's honor. In a park area behind and north of the Civic Center has also been renamed as Windrich Park. Pictured in front of the sign honoring Sgt. Windrich are members of the Sgt. Windrich Chapter 3 to inspect the sign. The are shown from left, Joe Ochoa, Richard Roach, Secretary Steve Paunovich, Treasurer Tom Koval, Historian Eliseo Castaneda, Second Vice President Peter Change, President Herb Verrill, park founder David Komau and Luis Aguilera.

## Western Ohio Chapter "VALENTINES FOR VETERANS"

Pictured L to R:

Dick Stoughton, James Rogers,  
Dick Davis, Lon Meek, Bob  
Kubla, John Asher President, VA  
Director, Dayton VA Med. Ctr.,  
Tariane Linman, Edith Perando  
and Charles Garland.



# One Man's Air Force Experience

## Early Days Of The War Challenged Good Men To Action

by James S. Allen

The article, "Quick Response from Air Force" by Reginald H. Cooper, Nov/Dec 1995 issue, brought back many memories. I was in the 35th Air Police Squadron, Johnson Air Base (AB), Japan, at the time Mr. Cooper writes about.

The Air Force (AF) was establishing itself as an independent service, and not all the changes were completed when I arrived there in 1948. We wore Army OD uniforms with MP crossed pistols lapel brass, brown shoes, Sam Brown MP gear, the "MP" arm band, and the 5th AF patch on the left shoulder. My MOS was 677 unskilled, and about a year later it was upgraded to 677 skilled. In early 1950 my MOS became an Air Force Specialty Code 96130. The arm band changed from "MP" to "AP" to identify us as "Air Police."

The Provost Marshal was Major Tolivard B. Thompson, the Operations Officer was 1ST. Lt. Dougherty, the Provost Sergeant was T/Sgt Zarnecki, the NCOIC of off base patrol was T/SGT Henry Comber, and the NCOIC of investigations was T/SGT Frank Verloove. The most famous NCO in our unit was M/SGT Horace M. Justus. He was famous for the swagger stick he carried, his service in World War I, and in the Islands during World War II. Initially he was NCOIC of the 5th AF Stockade at Johnson Field. In late 1949 he became the First Sergeant of our unit.

Sunday morning, June 25, 1950, was business as usual in the Air Police Squadron. Guard mount was at 0730, the guard changed at 0800, and Sunday was usually a "slow day." I worked town patrol in Hanno-machi, a small town some eight to ten miles Northwest of the base. My patrol ended at 2400, Saturday night, and my next guard mount would be at 1530.

But this Sunday was different. Just how different none of us realized when the call came over the bitch box to assemble in the squadron area in fatigue uniform.

***The commander told us the North Koreans had invaded South Korea across the 38th Parallel. We didn't know where these places were, or what the 38th Parallel was, and our commander could not tell us what to expect.***

The First Sergeant fell us in, dressed us to the right, and reported to the commander that all were present or accounted for. The commander told us the North Koreans had invaded South Korea across the 38th Parallel. We didn't know where these places were, or what the 38th Parallel was, and our commander could not tell us what to expect.

I do recall that I was the first one in front of the First Sergeant's desk volunteering to go to Korea. Why? I have no earthly idea! As the old GI saying goes, "No excuse, Sir." I guess I was just a dumb kid who was tired of garrison duty in Japan, and this might offer some "excitement." It did, and I got my fill of "excitement!"

In just a matter of two or three days I was on a troop train with hundreds of other AF types drawn from the bases in Northern Honshu and Hokkaido Islands en route to Sasebo, Japan, for transport to Korea. We were the advance element for 5th AF Headquarters (HQ). We loaded our supplies, equipment, vehicles, and personnel onto two LSTs and with a U.S. Navy escort left for Pusan, Korea. In the group were 40 to 50 Air Policemen, and security of equipment and personnel was our duty.

We docked at Pusan the morning of the second or third day out from Sasebo. We unloaded the LSTs and moved into the compound of a school yard on a hill over looking the harbor. Two days later we loaded our gear and people onto a train and started to Taejon to set up 5th AF HQ. Air Policemen were posted along the train to afford as much protection as possible. We expected an attack before we reached Taejon. A long tunnel between Pusan and Taegu was an ideal place, so the train stopped when we got there. A detail of Air Policemen went through the tunnel to check the track and flush out would be attackers.

The tunnel was secure and we proceeded on through Taegu. Some distance from there our train was stopped at a road crossing by U.S. Army troops. A discussion with our convoy commander, while we Air Police fanned out from the train about 50 yards, took several minutes. They expected Taejon to fall to the enemy in a few days. Our orders were to put the train in reverse and backup to Taegu. From there to take a siding track to an old Japanese airfield East of Taegu. Later, we heard one of the men at the crossing was General Dean who was captured in August 1950 and held as a POW.

The train had only one speed in reverse, and that was slow. In Taegu we found the side track to the airfield and got there just before daylight. The soft duty of town patrol was far behind, and by then a longed for relief. Everyone worked, each section began arranging its schedule and making ready for air operations. The Air Police setup check points, scouted the perimeter for security, and helped in the unloading of the train. The "runway" had some weeds and potholes, but was not in bad condition. The engineers set to fixing that, and we were receiving flights in a matter of hours.

Fifth AF HQ Advanced, was set up in Taegu. The Provost Marshal in Korea was Major Bill Casey. He was a Master Sergeant in the 35th Air Police at Johnson AB when the war began, and was recalled in his reserve grade.

On July 18, 1950, while guarding a convoy of supplies being trucked into Taegu for 5th AF I was severely injured in an accident. I was air evacuated to the 118th Station Hospital at Fukuoka, Japan, where I was operated on by a Dr. Hollingsworth from Oklahoma. I remember this very clearly because my mother's maiden name was Hollingsworth. I cannot remember how long I was there, but sometime in August 1950 I returned to my unit. The airfield was designated as "K-2." Later it became Taegu AB.

The Taegu/Pusan perimeter was a bad time for everyone. Major Dean Hess and other American pilots

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flew ROKAF F-51s from K-2. During those hard days I watched our pilots make strike after strike in sight of the flight line. They took off south to north, turned to their right, dropped their bombs or napalm, made strafing runs, and returned to the base landing South to North. They were never out of sight as we watched them. They remained in the cockpit while the aircraft was refueled and rearmed for another strike. And off they went again. There were several flights of South Africans, Australians, and U.S. Navy enlisted pilots land there to refuel and rearm their aircraft.

During the evacuation of K-2 a convoy took supplies and personnel to Pusan along "The Green Diamond Highway." Others left by cargo planes. Some of us remained at K-2, mostly Air Police. Elements of the 1ST Calvary Division moved in one night and set up in the river bed just to the North of the runway. Their tanks had 90mm cannons, quad 50s, and other armor. They pounded the enemy with all they had, and our F-51s continued their strikes. Our orders were to link up with Army units in case the enemy took the base, and get out to Pusan or the East coast. By that time Pohang had fallen, so our aim was Pusan. But, thanks be to God the line held and K-2 was saved.

We Air Police became the Air Force "Infantry." We were under manned, under armed, and under trained. Our duty in the Occupation Forces in Japan had been primarily law enforcement. That first year was pure hell for everyone. We finally got replacements in early 1951 who had been in the service for a total of six weeks. They couldn't even clean their mess kits, so we had to train them in everything. But we were glad to have them.

There were three or four parent units at K-2 at different times. The 6149th Air Base Unit, 6149th Tactical Support Wing, and the 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing. The Wing Commander was Colonel Aaron W. (Pete) Tyler, a native of Mississippi, and on occasion we talked about our home state. He was a born leader, an excellent pilot, and one who could motivate his men to reach beyond their strength and capabilities. His promotion to Brigadier General in 1950 caused his transfer to Nagoya, Japan, where he died in a F-80 crash in May 1952. About eight years ago I found his only surviving son in a small town near where I live. He was eleven when the General was killed, and I am the only person he has met who knew his Dad in Korea. We have become very good friends.

I want to share something else with you. This has haunted me all these years, and I can still see it just as clear in my memory as the day it happened. They were flying F-84s from K-2, doing air to ground strikes in mid 1951. Some were armed with sixteen rockets under each wing. Some carried napalm, some bombs, whatever the mission required. One afternoon as the flights were returning I was on the flight line with the emergency vehicles. One of the planes was badly damaged and came in for a wheels up landing. The pilot touched down about half way down the length of the PSP (Pierced Steel Planking) runway. The plane immediately broke apart and burst into flames, the tail in one direction and the main fuselage in another.

I was the first to reach the main part of the plane, the canopy was gone, the pilot was strapped in, and he was on fire. The wings, cockpit, everything was on fire, and I couldn't get to him. He burned to death and I couldn't help him. I saw his Major insignia melt from the shoulder of his flying suit, and run down his arm.

That memory has flashed before me many times since then. I feel guilty that I didn't rush into the fire to save him. I've rationalized that he was already dead, or that I would have been killed. But it hasn't helped; I feel guilty because I couldn't get to him.

At K-2 we had a B-26 Night Fighter Squadron. They had planes equipped to drop large flares that fell under a parachute to illuminate the battlefield so others could make air to ground strikes. I watched one night as a flare plane took off south to north. Everything looked okay to me, I saw nothing wrong. But when they were about 200 feet airborne the plane exploded in a bright flash. There was a crew of three or four, and in following daylight we helped retrieve their remains scattered over a wide area.

Several B-29s made emergency landings at K-2, and some crashed. All suffered severe damage, some crew members dead, and others injured. I recall one in particular. The pilot and copilot were killed when a MIG attacked them. The crew chief, a Master Sergeant, took over the controls. I heard his initial call for help on the Base Operations radio. Two F-51s flew north to lead him to K-2.

We saw him come over the mountains north of the base. He lined up on the PSP runway, his landing gear was down, and he touched down at the right place. The left gear had a damaged tire, so it caught in the PSP and quickly jerked the plane to the left. The Sergeant fought with all his might, cut his two remaining engines, and the plane came to a stop. The medics went into the ship to help the wounded, and care for the dead. The Sergeant came down the ladder, and the Flight Surgeon offered him a shot of whiskey. The poor old boy was so shook up he fainted right on the spot. But I guarantee you no one laughed at him. He earned his pay that day.

Recently a man saw the retired AF license plate on my car and laughed at me saying the AF had never done anything worthwhile. I talked to him long enough to learn he was an Army veteran, and not yet my age. I get the idea sometimes that other service members look down on us AF veterans. But I want to assure everyone that I spent many days and nights in a hole in the ground. I slept in a hole, I worked 18-20 hour days, I went hungry, I ate C-Rations, and not me only, but all us AF types at K-2.

I know other servicemen had it worse than we did, and I recognize their efforts, their hurts, their losses. But we were there too. I am very proud of the accomplishments of everyone in Korea. Together we worked for a common good. The Communist saw their plans of aggression fail. We paid a high price. We lost some who will never be found. Today our troops are in Bosnia in Harm's Way. A repeat of Christmas forty-five years ago. Those of us who know can understand their plight.

I left Korea in late October 1951. After spending a few days at home with my parents I went to Eglin AFB, FL, for another assignment with the Air Police "Infantry" of the Air Force.

I would be happy to hear from anyone who made the trip across on the LSTs, or was at K-2 in those days, especially Air Policemen, or any Korean War veteran. I will answer every letter and telephone call. My telephone number is 601/353-0419, and my address is included.

Proudly we served,

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## Arizona Starts Two New Chapters

### "Forgotten War Chapter"

### "Richard Countryman Chapter"

This year a memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C. to those that served in Korea in The "Forgotten War". Here in the Valley of the Sun two new chapters were organized for the first time in many years. One is the Forgotten War Chapter and the second is named for the past Director of the Veterans Service Commission, Richard Countryman who helped start the new Veterans Nursing Home and the Arizona National Veterans Cemetery. He also worked on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The first meeting of the East Valley "Forgotten War Chapter" was held in November at the Mesa American Legion Post with 24 new members attending. Since that time 10 new members have joined with applications still out. The "Forgotten War" chapter has members from Tempe, Mesa and Apache Jct.

The first meeting of the "Richard Countryman Chapter" was held in December at the Sun Lakes Country Club with 26 new members attending. Several applications are still out. This South East Valley chapter has members from Gilbert, Chandler and Sun Lakes.

Any Veteran seeing service between 1945 and 1955 during the Korean War era is welcome to join to remember those that served in the "Forgotten War." For further information and an application contact William A. Harper at 602-895-0676 any evening for both chapters.

## Video Review

by David De Pew

**BLOODY KOREA**, Dane Hansen Productions, Running time: about 60 minutes.

Of all the videos offered on the Korean War, this is probably the most concise, most complete. Without sermonizing, and in a succinct manner, it details the actions of the War and their effect on its participants. Interspersed between the combat footage throughout are penetrating interviews with participants whose own words add unique emphasis and great insight into what it was like to be a combatant in the 20th Century's bloodiest war.

**BLOODY KOREA** opens in tranquility — with a brief video of the 1993 Korean Veterans Memorial dedication ceremonies as an introduction. From there, it moves back 43 years to the Land of the Morning Calm on a Sunday in June.

Using carefully selected National Archives film footage of combat, **BLOODY KOREA** follows the development of the North Korean attack, the initial retreat, then the UN counterattack, Chinese intervention and later stalemate. Interviews with participants in each specific action underscore the brutality of modern war, and the unique viciousness of the battles on the Korean peninsula. Use of the interviews gives **BLOODY KOREA** a particularly penetrating personal, and at the same time, chilling effect, and the viewer will recall it well after seeing it.

Particularly, **BLOODY KOREA** is an excellent vehicle for giving others a quick understanding of what we went through in those long ago days. For example, as part of the "Tell America" program it will give schoolchildren an excellent understanding of the "forgotten victory", while keeping the rapt attention of both boys and girls throughout.

The author recommends the video for each chapter's video library. **BLOODY KOREA** is available from Dane Hansen Productions, P.O. Box 18163, Boulder, CO, 80501, 1-800-346-8871.

## CHAPTER AFFAIRS

## Missouri Department Expands Recruiting

With recruiting new KWVA members as prime national objective, members of the Missouri Department conducted a "get acquainted" meeting recently in Branson, MO, a major retirement area. As a result, eight new members were signed.

On February 13, six members of Missouri Chapters 1, 3 and 4 under the leadership of State Commander, Stu Ballou, met with 35 prospects at American Legion Post #230 in Branson. As part of their presentation, the Kor-Vets described KWVA, its activities and benefits. Attendees asked many questions, receiving prompt, complete answers.

## COL Alice Gritsavage Chapter Ocala, Florida

Our February monthly meeting will focus on the Chapter President, Dick Merrill's report on the Department of Florida's Executive meeting, Department business and the Korean War Memorial to be built in Tallahassee.

On March 3, some of our members plan to go as a group to Biloxi, MS for fun.

Nominations are in order for the next set of officers, both for the Chapter and Ladies Auxiliary. Most importantly the Ladies Auxiliary meeting in honor of our Secretary's wife, Doris Burke. Good health & good luck to all our patriots and their ladies.

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**Editors Note:** In this issue of *Graybeards* on page 27, there is an article written by COL Alice Gritsavage on the role of nurses during the Korean War.

## The U.S. Cavalry Association

The U.S. Cavalry Association welcomes membership of anyone interested in the mission of preserving and supporting the traditions and continuing history of the United States Cavalry. Membership applications can be obtained by writing the U.S. Cavalry Assoc., P.O. Box 2325, Fort Riley, KS. 66442.

The Association participated in the Rose Bowl Parade on New Year's Day. Led by the US Cavalry Assoc. standard, the "Grand Finale" of the parade consisted of three groups of mounted cavalymen representing three principle eras of Cavalry and U.S. history.

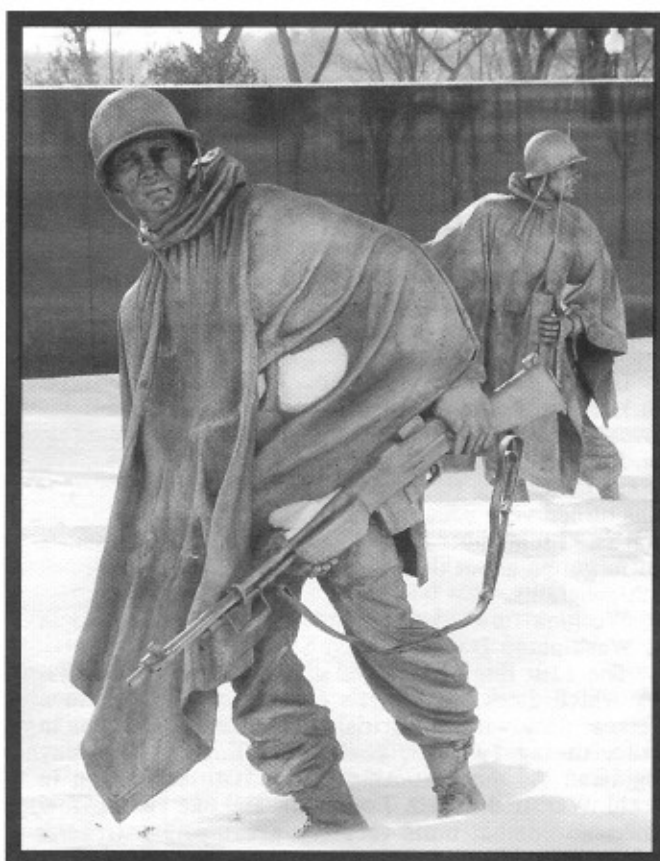
# Blizzard of 1996



# Blankets Memorial



Photographer Scott Boatwright couldn't wait for the first snowfall of the year to take pictures of our Korean War Memorial. He had not anticipated the "The Great Blizzard of '96" that blanketed the Northeast and our Memorial. The photographs on the cover of this issue of *The Graybeards*, and the shots pictured here, will certainly affirm our "men" marching to the flag will make it, just as did those who fought the cold and storms on the battle fronts of Korea.





# 11th Engineer Combat Battalion — KOREA

## 3rd Annual Reunion



**11th Engineers, St. Louis Missouri September 24, 1995**

Left to Right: Row #1— Billy D. Boyce, Dominick (Spike) Mazza, Yong Soo Hou, Fred Boelsche, Delmar Thornton, Donald Phillips, Ed Robillard, Dutch Heiney, Rudy W. Beale. Row #2. — Charles McAninch, Fred F. Boehle, Leon Bowen, Jack Gray, Ed McEniry, Russ Meredith, Carl Baswell, Gene Bowler. Row #3 — Nelson E. Holmes Jr. Richard Soehlke, J. Wesley Blackmer, John R. Spehar, Ernie Reeves, Dave Schouweiler, Robert J. Bushaw, Melvin J. Fiegen.

The third annual reunion of the 11th Engineers was held at the Holiday Inn of St. Peters, St. Charles, Missouri—just west of St., Louis, Missouri—on September 22nd-24th, 1995.

Twenty-seven members and their wives attended, making this year's reunion our best turnout since the group was formed three years ago. Many members were meeting for the first time, while others were renewing friendships started forty-five years ago in Korea.

The members traveled from eighteen different states. Also, in attendance was Colonel Carl Baswell (Ret.)—former Commanding Officer of the 11th (1963/64) while the 11th was stationed in Korea—who traveled from Germany, to attend this reunion.

During our Friday meeting, "Dutch" Heiney (LTC Ret.) showed slides he had taken during 1953-54, his period of service with the 11th, and at the Sunday meeting, Jim Jones (LTC Ret.) showed a video of slides taken during his service in Korea, 1950-51. These presentations turned very vocal as the members made comments such as, "I remember that," "I know who that is," and "I had forgotten about that." Everyone thoroughly enjoyed both programs.

We look forward to our next reunion to be held in the Washington D.C. area next September, 1996.

The 11th Engineers have a long and respected history which dates back to it's conception in 1916, then overseas duty with the British and American Armies in France during 1917-18, as the 11th Engineer Railway Regiment. As the first American unit to see action in World War I, the 11th Engineers are one of the few American combat units to carry a campaign streamer embroidered "Cambrai".

During the years between 1920 and 1943, the 11th

Engineers were stationed in Panama, where they earned the title "Jungle Cats," and adopted the symbol of the black panther. The unit was also known as the "Panama Panthers."

The unit saw action in World War II in France and Germany, from November 1944 until the end of hostilities.

The 11th Engineers were in Japan when the Korean conflict started, and were shipped to Korea in JULY 1950, to support the 24th Infantry Division. The 11th Engineers were the first complete TO&E unit to deploy to Korea. At various times during the Korean War the 11th was committed as infantry. Between 1950 and 1952 the 11th supported various divisions including the 24th, 25th, 2nd, 7th, and 1st Marine Divisions, the 27th British Brigade, and the British Commonwealth Brigade. The 11th went on to earn ten battle stars and was awarded two Meritorious Unit Commendations for the periods of 1950-1951 and 1953-1954. The 11th Engineers continued to serve in Korea until 1971.

Since January 1992, the 11th Engineers have been part of the new Engineer Brigade of the 24th Infantry Mechanized Division at Ft. Stewart, Georgia. During the past year, the 11th Engineers were in Kuwait as part of the 24th Infantry Division—a repeat of 1950, supporting the 24th overseas.

**NOTICE TO ALL PAST MEMBERS OF THE 11th ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION.** Plans are presently underway for the 4th annual reunion in the Washington D.C. area in the fall of 1996. Watch for reunion notices in future issues of "GRAYBEARDS."

Special thanks go to Fred Boelsche, our secretary/treasurer for the above article.



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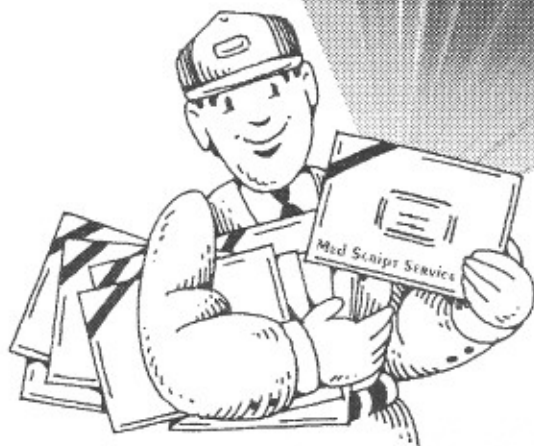
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## College Educational News

by Bill Van Ort, Chairman  
College Educational Committee



Mr. Henry V. Cleary, KWVA member from Palm Desert, CA is the newest member of the College Educational Committee. Hank was appointed the 5th of February. Welcome aboard Hank!

The Executive Board meeting in Houston, TX has given the CEC Authority to begin the necessary work to prepare to register separately from the KWVA a new 501 (c) (3) corporation. Plans are being set in motion to file in the State of California later this summer, and then apply for an IRS ruling later on in the year. This process will take some time, but the final outcome will benefit Korean War Veterans Association members and their descendants.

The reason to form a separate Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation, is to solicit funds, specifically for our members from the Corporate and Business World, and supplement the current funding of the College Grants by the KWVA. Using a the current 501 (c) (19) for Veterans Organizations limits greatly what we can do as a non-profit organization.

The NEW Corporation will have as it's members; Bill Van Ort as the President of the Board; Hank Cleary will be the Secretary of the Board; Hansel Hall as Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer; Emmett Benjamin, "Scooter" Burke and Tom Chilcott as Directors; and Dick Adams appointed as Director by the President of the KWVA, as his representative on the Board. Further assignments will be made after filing with the State of California and the IRS.

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Pictured to the right are members of the new Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation. (L to R.) Emmett Benjamin, "Scooter" Burke, Tom Chilcott, Bill Van Ort and Hank Cleary. (Missing from the picture are Dick Adams and Hansel Hall).



The CEC is still operational for the benefit of our members and our descendants. No change in operations is anticipated. We will award 10 Grants of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to each worthy student this year at our Reunion in St. Louis, MO. As this issue of *The Graybeards* is printed, the CEC is hard at work to grade the many applications that we have received. Announcements of the winners will be made at the banquet in the Adams Mark Hotel the night of the 27th of July.

The membership of the KWVA still has the responsibility to educate our descendants. The committee, over the past year, has asked for support from the membership, over and above the assessment of \$1.00 from each members' dues. So far, we have not been very successful. We will continue the following classifications with the new corporation as we do now with the CEC. "Sponsor" shall apply to each person or entity who shall contribute, donate, give, bequeath or devise to the CEC the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) or more in any fiscal year. "Special Sponsors" shall apply to each person or entity who shall contribute, donate, give, bequeath or devise to the CEC the sum of one Thousand (\$1,000.00) or more in any fiscal year. The term "Honorary Sponsor" shall apply to each member of the Korean War Veterans Association. Until we get our new organization on track we urgently need the support of each member to make this a successful undertaking.

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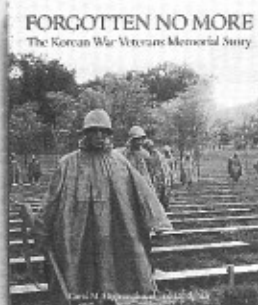
"For those K.W.V.A. members who, as yet, have not purchased one or more tickets (donations) for the Chevrolet Cavalier, to be given away at our annual Reunion in St. Louis, MO, we sincerely implore you to do so as soon as possible. Maybe you could interest others to purchase tickets. If every K.W.V.A. member would purchase only one (1) ticket, the College Education Committee will be able to increase their awards (additional grants) to college bound students. Thank you for your needed support."

Bill

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## KOREA, THE FORGOTTEN WAR

*We ask for so little and we ask for no more  
but, please remember Korea, the Forgotten War.*

*Some men are members of the Chosin Few,  
a place in Korea that we never knew.*

*We got there the 27th of November,  
at the Chosen Reservoir, I'll always remember.*

*So many died but they all died in vain,  
some died quickly, but many died in pain.*

*Thirty-four trucks loaded with wounded and dying,*

*Oh Lord, what a shame,*

*I watched gas poured on them and then,*

*I saw them go up in flame.*

*When I go to Heaven, as all God's children do,*

*I'm sure I'll meet the men of the Chosin Few.*

*This is the end of my story,*

*but I'll ask it once more,*

*please remember Korea, the Forgotten War.*

*The hills around us bombed with napalm were bare,*

*and "yes" Hell did freeze over once,*

*I know because I was there.*

*My name is Fred and my brother is James,  
we survived going through that misery and pain.*

*After 44 years, I read and hear by mouth  
that in Korea, there's still a North and a South.*

*This is truly the end of my story and*

*I'll say no more, but when James and I left Korea,*

*we had won our war.*

*— by Fred M. Lane*

*3rd Bn, 31st Regt, 7th Division*





# OUR AMERICAN PRESENCE IN BOSNIA

## A Justifiable Mission

There seems to be some around yet who do not favor, to put it mildly, our American military presence in Bosnia. One editor in my locality characterized it with much feeling as "misguided" and "ill-conceived". I don't know how this might sound to our service people there who must think they are on a worthy and justified mission, but to me I could hardly more strongly disagree. I regret that those who feel as I do have not more often spoken out on the matter.

The bloodshed and atrocities in that hurting land on an unspeakable and massive scale may not constitute any threat to our own National Security, nor probably any substantially direct harm to our economic well being, but surely it is in our national interests as a super power and leader of a world that looks to us for guidance, to do what we can, within limitations, to stop the carnage. How can we live with ourselves with a clear conscience if we do not? Isn't it the height of irresponsibility and hypocrisy for the so called civilized nations of the world, which I hope includes us, to simply turn their backs and callously walk away from such a modern day holocaust? We once had a Secretary of State who spoke critically of the immorality of neutrality, the idea being that to witness a wrong and do nothing about it when it could be relatively easily stopped makes the observer an accessory equally, or nearly so, guilty of the offense.

Many must remember the news reports some years back of a couple of dozen people standing around a NY corner and watching some poor chap being mercilessly beaten to death by a bully. People everywhere were aghast in disbelief that such a thing could happen here in America. They asked how can people in good conscience not move to stop such abuse. Did they not have a clear moral obligation, even if not a legal one, to do what they could to save the poor soul being hideously eliminated? By not moving to stop the abuse, did not those witnessing the crime also share heavily in the guilt?

The extent of the barbaric and enormous suffering by women, children, families, and the elderly in the besieged Bosnian area boggles the mind. If there is a moral or substantive difference in the NY street corner slaughter and the ones in Bosnia, it is only in scope and massive degree. We saw endless news clips of long lines of people in agony staggering and dying through the bitter mountain snows with only the meager clothes on their backs. We daily saw innocent civilians and children regularly and deliberately gunned down by snipers on the various city streets. We saw the graves of countless hoards who were systematically executed without any cause. We heard of the widespread rape of women and young girls who, but for the Grace of God, could have been our own mothers, children or wives.

Should we have continued to turn our backs on all this and yet hold our heads high with pride as Americans, perfunctorily saluting our flag and singing our National anthem on July 4th or other patriotic occasions with moist eyes and tingling flesh? I for one do not think so. The desire not to become involved in a dispute that admittedly has been going on for centuries is understandable, but not necessarily justifiable.

I, among many, take great pride in being an American. I have painfully fought her battles in two wars. Why am I so proud? Because, in addition to our basic democratic principles, I like to think that America, more than any nation in world history, is a model for decency, mercy, liberty, compassion, and generosity when it comes to helping others who are desperately in need of assistance to ease their agonizing misery and especially to save their lives. To me this is precisely the reason we are now in Bosnia and I am proud of my fellow Americans serving there on such a humanitarian mission, and proud of my country for having sent them there. If this sounds like corny patriotism, then so be it.

And I will add a thought on the over worked cliché we hear so often that, "There is nothing in Bosnia that would justify the loss of a single American life." Here

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*Our Armed Forces personnel are members of the greatest and most justified military establishment ever organized in history. They exist primarily to protect our country and carry out its national interests that includes answering a call for help from a sinking people.*

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too I must disagree. Our Armed Forces personnel are members of the greatest and most justified military establishment ever organized in history. They exist primarily to protect our country and carry out its national interests that includes answering a call for help from a sinking people. In doing so, it is unavoidable to avoid casualties, and our service people must be charged when enlisting with a recognition that there was an element of danger involved. I especially am sensitive to any prospects of body bags and anxious as anyone to avoid them whenever possible. But to not fulfill our national responsibilities because there might be some loss of life would be no more defensible than not sending in our police or firemen to put out domestic fires because they might be killed or hurt. Any American casualty in Bosnia will have fallen in the service of his country on a just cause and in furtherance of America's glory. We can look upon him proudly and with honor.

All of this is not to say that we should have gone into the Balkans unilaterally, or nearly so as we regrettably did in Vietnam to our detriment. But it is to say that we long ago should have participated as a member, and perhaps even leader, of the NATO organization with powerful strength easily capable of handling what ever might arise in Yugoslavia as we are seeing it now do. There are other lands where misery and oppression exist that we cannot do much about for a variety of reasons. But in Bosnia we could and can. Its on the door steps of NATO and its awesome strength.

We don't know what will be the eventual outcome of our military and other efforts in the Balkans but when it is over we can proudly hold our heads high and say we did not turn our backs shamefully on suffering humanity by not at least lifting a hand to help to the extent we could.

Sherman Pratt  
1512 S. 20th Street, Arlington, VA 22202

# LETTERS

## Combat Medics Praised

Dear Amos,

This is a response to the letter from Robert W. Evans in the Jan/Feb issue, in which he notes the lack of attention given to combat medics.

Briefly, I'll give the view of an Infantry soldier, and, hope, the view of tens of thousands of others. Medics, as we saw them, were grunts like us, living in the midst of the assaults, shelling, patrols and mud, and were a part of us; not just visitors who drew their pay from and were carried on the rolls of some remote Headquarters Company. They differed from us only in that they had special talents for not only patching up torn bodies but helping with their steadiness and fearlessness. To us they were a part of our team and should be included in any accolades given to the Infantry.

My platoon medic in Korea not only patched me up on the battlefield and started me on the way home, but, days earlier, had given me comfort and understanding, plus showing me on my own map where we were dug in when I had become stunned and disoriented after a costly battle.

We saw medics as fellow soldiers; heroes with aid kits slung over their shoulders instead of M-1's.

Robert, if you haven't gotten recognition and praise from the history books and the medal-givers, at least you get it silently, but continuously, in the memories of those with whom you served.

Morton "Pete" Wood Jr., 1st Lt., Retired  
9221 Holly Oak Dr.  
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## MARINE MUSTANGS TO MUSTER IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO AUGUST 7-10, 1996

DELRAN, NEW JERSEY.— They call it a "Mustang Muster" when members of the Marine Corps Mustang Association (MCMA) get together for their annual meeting and reunion. More than ten years old and close to three thousand strong, the Mustangs will hold their muster in Albuquerque, New Mexico; 7-10 August, 1996.

Committee chairpersons Jack and Gaylene Whiteaker have announced that the "The Land of Enchantment" beckons you and promises a motto of "Short on Speeches and Long on Fun!" We predict this could be the largest turnout to date.

To qualify for "Mustang" designation, a Marine must have begun his or her service in the Corps as an enlisted Marine who subsequently earned promotion to Warrant or Commissioned Officer grade. "They earned it the hard way; up from the ranks!" 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 you can telephone Bob Richter, toll free (800) 321-USMC, or FAX (609) 786-4155, or E-Mail him at:

TopMustang@AOL.COM.

## Tell America — Where Are You?

In 1992 *Graybeards* announced the inception of a **Tell America** program. Funds were requested from members for the program. Many ideas were bandied about, from donating tapes to furnishing texts on the Korean War to various schools. As of this date there is no national Tell America program.

What are we waiting for? As aging men and women our time could be spent as to what kind of material would be suitable for the schools, or should there be material distributed prior to a presentation, or should we just get out there and DO IT! To quote President Pappas, "We have the only veterans organization singularly interested in ensuring that posterity remembers the impact of the Korean War and our contributions to world history." (*Graybeards* Nov-Dec. '95). Great, but how is the above objective to be implemented?

We in Nassau Co. Chapter #1, after numerous phone calls and questionnaires decided to form our own Tell America committee. We have visited numerous schools, civic and fraternal organizations as well as the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Our committee is composed of 10 combat veterans; supplied with handout, maps and a video who encourage group participation. We have been invited to return after each of our presentations.

Our program has been noted in the media as we were twice featured in Long Island Newsday (circulation, 600,000). Come on national, if a tiny chapter can be so successful in a small area (Nassau Co., L.I.), why can't we spread our message throughout the land so that our legacy cannot go down in history as the forgotten war.

William Rose  
Nassau County Chapter #1  
P.O. Box 1591  
N. Massapequa, NY 11758

## '96 Reunion Memorial Service

Just a note to let you know that I just sent a FAX to Pres. Pappas in reference to next July's KWVA convention.

In reference to a Memorial Service I suggested that it might be appropriate to include my Memorial address of last July in an issue of the *GRAYBEARDS* which comes out just before the meeting, and also be available for sale or distribution at that meeting. I am not sure that I can improve on that, so that's the best I can do for the '96 Memorial Service. I suppose it is quite likely that the St. Louis Chapter will want to plan the '96 service.

Again, thank you for a beautiful issue. Your editorial was especially great, of course I agree with every word of it. You must be having real problems in trying to improve each succeeding issue over the previous one, as you are doing. Keep it up, but don't have a nervous breakdown or a heart attack.

Chaplain F.R. Griep  
National Chaplain, KWVA

### Microfiche Set of Non-Battle Casualties, Korean Operation Located. (All services represented)

As you know, my two previous letters in *The Graybeard's*, March/April 1995 (Pg. 39) and November-December-1995 (Pg. 47) outlined information on Korean War deaths obtained from the Department of Defense. What was missing was an accounting of 2,452 Army non-battle deaths which are not included in DOD's data base file nor included in any DOD listing in the Pentagon or in the National Archives.

The only information maintained by DOD on Army non-battle deaths is a statistical summary entitled *Battle Casualties and Medical Statistics: U.S. Army Experience in the Korean War*, By Frank Reister, published by the Surgeon General, Department of the Army in 1973. The summary includes 1943 deaths attributed to injuries, burns, wounds, poisonings, suicides, homicides and other; and 509 deaths attributed to diseases.

For many years now, a considerable number of Army veterans have attempted unsuccessfully to get a hard copy listing of the Army non-battle deaths from the Department of the Army and the Army Surgeon General. One man said he tried for three years with almost 50 letters to Army commands with follow-ups every three months - and came up with zilch! Finally, in 1996 it took a hard-charging Marine to get the list for us! Using the same grit and determination he exhibited at Inchon and Frozen Chosin, Top Gyrene John Everts was able to capture a microfiche set of 30,618 names which was prepared in 1954 by DA and which INCLUDES the names of Army non-battle dead.

The DA reference is: 601-87 (Fiche page No.s 0001 - 0018) "POW, MIA, Non-Battle Casualties, Korean Operation (All Services, Korean War, as of March 31, 1954." [Note: the title would lead one to believe that there are not KIA, DOW; however, they are included.] The list begins with the name AARON, John Jr., and ends with ZYCHOWICZ, Melvin T. The microfilm consists of 18 sheets (ea. approx. 5 3/4" wide and 4" long). Each sheet contains 63 pages for a total of 1,134 pages. Each page contains 27 names for an estimated total of 30,618 names.

Following his lead, I also was able to get a set from DA using just a letter request. The address at DA is: Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, VA 22332-0405 Attn.: Robert Dickerson, Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Officer. Upon receipt, I wrote Dickerson for a hard copy printout, but he said that DA would only consider requests for microfilm.

Exactly how many Army non-battle dead are listed in the DA list is unknown at this time. I have located a machine here in Maine, but the cost would be over \$340 for production and copying, plus additional charges for photocopying. Currently, KWVA members Bill Hothan, John Washco, Everts and I are attempting to locate someone who will donate a microfiche machine and produce a copy which then can be photocopied and distributed.

We think, however, that DA should make hard copy sets available to the public, at no cost just as DOD makes its printed list of 34,461 names available to the public at no cost - OR AS A MINIMUM, THE DA SHOULD PROVIDE THE NAMES OF ALL OF THE ARMY NON-BATTLE DEAD INCLUDED IN THE SET. We are willing to pay DA \$.03 (what the National Archives charges per copy) for each page. If we are successful in

producing a printout, we will try to make the list available to KWVA members. I have filled in Nick Pappas on all of this.

In order to see what's on the film, I made a few random copies. I cross-referenced all of the KIA, DOW, MIA, POW names to the 1995 DOD/National Archives list of 34,461 names and found that they are included. But the ARMY non-battle deaths are not.

Now, after so many long years, we have the unique opportunity to find out who they are by name. (As far as I know, no such list of ARMY non-battle deaths exists anywhere else.) I'm sure that what we will find on the microfilm will be of great interest to Korean War veterans and family members all over the country. Some of the chapters who have built and who are building memoirs also should find this information of interest.

We need your HELP; all ideas welcome.

Martin J. O'Brien

11 Meadow Rd. #202, Augusta, MA 04330

### The Beat Goes On

New York State on the Capitol grounds has erected 2 war memorials, the Vietnam Memorial has over 2,200 names of our honored dead. Not far away is the Korean War Memorial with no names. We are no longer known as the forgotten war but now we are known as the forgotten dead. The 2 memorials were erected nearly 3 years ago and rededicated in 1995. If any of our members wish the names of our dead to be added just drop a note to: Gov. Pataki, Executive Chambers, Albany, NY 12224.

William Hothan, #2419

513 Lowell Ave., New Hyde Park, NY 11040

### YONGDUNG PO Chapter 114 Chartered

It is with great pride, yet humble satisfaction to announce a dream I have had ever since joining the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., — founding the YONGDUNG PO CHAPTER 114, in historic Bucks County, Pa. The Charter was issued on October 13th, 1995, upon the delivery of a petition at our Executive Council meeting in Kansas City, MO., and our National Secretary, Oreste Tramonte, did me great honor when he swore me in as YONGDUNG PO CHAPTER'S acting president on December 15, 1995. Thereafter, at our organizational meeting on December 17, 1995, I had the great privilege to swear in the acting officers of this small, yet energetic chapter — 1st Vice President Thomas McManamori; 2nd Vice President Ernest Fleming; Secretary; Joseph Trucks; Treasurer Delores Shay; Judge Advocate Jolin Keepers; POW/MIA Attilio Cauti; Sergeant-at-arms Edward Papaycik; and Gerald Jonas Historian.

Our 1st regular meeting was held on Sunday, February 1995. Our motto is "YONGDUNG, PO—WATCH US GROW"

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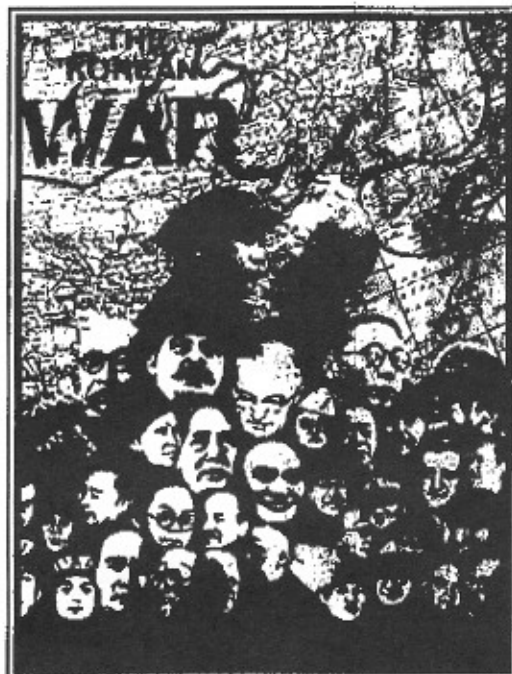
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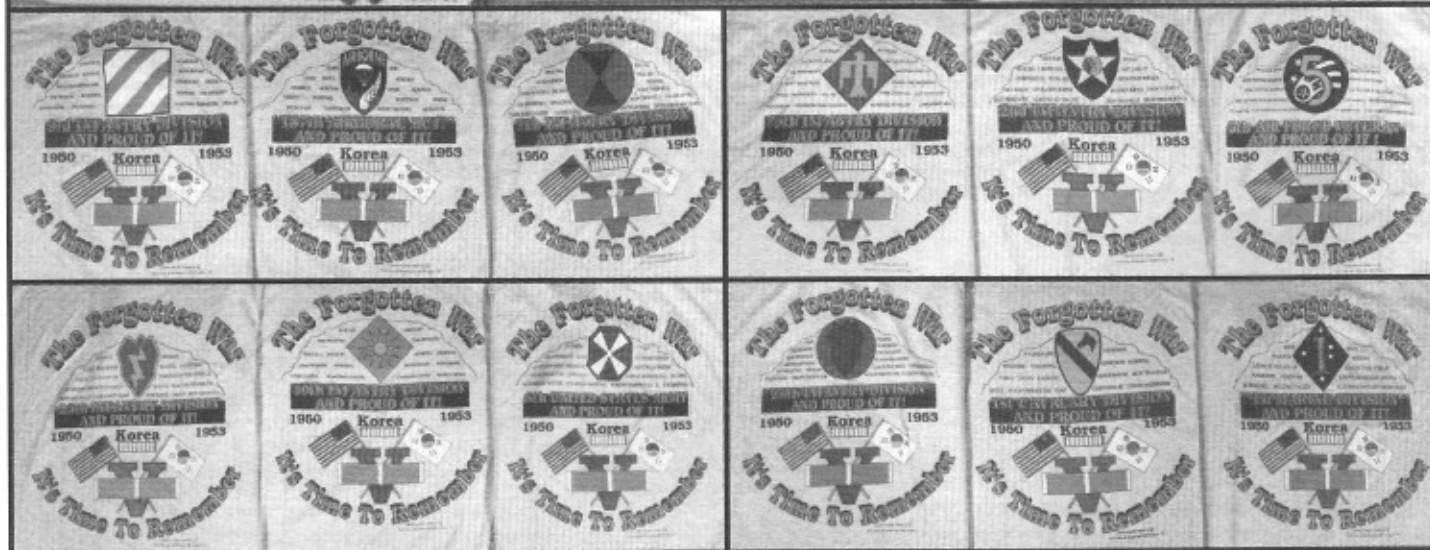
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### No Recognition

ALOHA. As a interested veteran, retired Navy and member of the Korean War Veterans Association I have been following the merry-go-round regarding the Combat Infantryman's Badge and Bronze Star along with the Combat Medic Badge vs the Silver Star. Thought it might be interesting if I would add my 2 cents into the ring and pose some additional questions. As a "Combat Medic", only a Navy Hospitalman assigned to "B" Co., 1st Tank Bn, 1st MARDIV in Korea where might "Medic's" like myself fit into this picture. There is NO "Combat Medic Badge" for Navy Medics serving with Fleet Marine Forces in the field. I recall some "scuttlebutt" (small talk) that the 1st MARDIV was offered the "CIB" as a honorary item. As we heard it was turned down as each Marine is a "Combat Infantryman" and would not require the badge. Now to add to the situation Navy Medic's today are qualified to receive the Fleet Marine Force ribbon indication combat operations with Marines as a medic. But Navy Medic's that served in Korea with FMF Forces do not qualify for this (guess we are too late and too old). Therefore, No Bronze Star, No Silver Star, No Combat Infantryman's Badge, No Combat Medic Badge and No FMF Ribbon (for Navy Medics). YES - IT WAS A LOUSY WAR IN ONE HELL OF A PLACE FOR OUR MILITARY FORCES TO LOOSE BLOOD, LIFE AND LIMB. We did OUR JOB, but feel lost why this overall hassle knowing it is a "Dead" and "Forgotten" issue for Navy Medics that served with FMF Forces. I am sure most of us were happy to just come home and try to forget it. And for those of us that also served throughout the Pacific during World War II feel extra pleased just to be around and put in our 2 cents now and then. Like the old song "Cheer up my Lads, BLESS THEM ALL". MAHALO NUI LOA.

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### Opposed to American Troops in Bosnia

After reading the article by Blaine P. Friedlander in the Nov., Dec. 1995 issue of *Graybeards*, pg. 13, I felt I should voice my opinion on the article. I, like Treasure Coast Chapter, Dept. of FL also wrote a to the President of the U.S. stating my opposition to sending U.S. Troops to Bosnia. It's a terrible situation, but I don't see it as a direct threat to

### New Information Clarifies History of Korean War

I very much enjoyed your January-February 1996 edition, as usual.

However, as I was reading Jacques K. Doyle's piece I began to feel as though I had just stubbed my in-grown toe nail.

For some years after my service in Korea in 1953/54, as a US Army aviator with the 40th Infantry Division, I wondered what really happened. Like most veterans of that military action, although I flew around much of Korea, I knew very little of what had really gone on.

As my curiosity grew I began to accumulate what is now a personal library of over 500 volumes relating to the conflict. I have read almost all of them and continue acquiring and reading old and new books on the subject.

In July 1995 I attended the seminar at Georgetown U. on the history of the Korean War. Present were many authors, professors, historians (and veterans) from the US, Britain, Russia, China and Korea. I acquired several new volumes, some of which are based on information from Russian and Chinese archives.

It is true that in our democracy everyone is entitled to his or her opinion. I respect that. But works in my library by the likes of the Kolkos, Foot and Goulden have been pretty well proven wrong by new information. Doyle seems to want to join that now discredited rat pack.

For anyone wanting to get the other side's view of what happened in the years of static war, as well as during the opening shots, I suggest two recent, well documented books: "China's Road to the Korean War" by Chen Jian and "Mao's Military Romanticism" by Shu Guang Zhang. These contain excellent discussion of how the PRC and NK were influenced by outpost actions such as Doyle condemns. I suggest he read these books before writing any more crap, and depreciating the valiant efforts of UN soldiers.

Norman R. Zehr, KWVA Life Member # 4536  
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U.S. security. And no matter how many American soldiers may possibly die there, I don't think the U.N. can force the opposing parties into lasting peace. One American Service man to die in Bosnia, in my Opinion would be one too many.

David Lomax  
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### Proud of Service to Freedom Loving People

After planning for a year to go to the Korean War Memorial Dedication in Washington, D.C., I was unable to attend due to illness. I wanted to have all the festivities wash over me and my wife. When you are 67 you get ailments now and then.

I had two photos I took of North Korean atrocities, but I tore them up in a fit of anger or sorrow. At Kimpo Airfield the North Koreans made South Korean and (reported) American GIs dig a trench and kneel in it. The next thing the North Koreans did was mow the prisoners down with machinegun fire. So you see I am not too keen on giving American diplomatic recognition to North Korea. Hopefully, some day there will be a unified Korea, but only on UN terms.

Many Korean veterans from the Mid-Hudson Valley region visited the Tallix Foundry where the statues were made. I think its pretty neat that I live about 14 miles from the site in Beacon, NY, Dutchess County.

I have no truck with folks that reap all the benefits our country has to offer, and down-grade it.

I am proud to have helped freedom loving people, in America, live their American dream by holding back the Communist threat.

Hopefully I will see you all at the St. Louis Reunion.

Jim Daley  
10 Meadow Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

### Troopship Named for General

I have recently authored a biography of the late MG Edwin D. Patrick, *Twentieth Century Warrior: The Life and Service of Major General Edwin D. Patrick*. This book may be of interest to members of the KWVA, since some may have been transported to Korea on the troopship General Patrick, the *USNS General Edwin D. Patrick*, AP 124. The Patrick also participated in the Wonsan and Iwon landings. My biography chronicles the career of this heroic Regular Army infantryman in World War I, through the interwar years and service in World War II to his death in March 1945 on Luzon, commanding the 6th Inf Div. The appendix includes the history of the ship. Order the book from White Mane Publishing Co., Inc., P.O. Box 152, Shippensburg, PA. The price is \$24.95, plus \$3.00 S&H. Pennsylvania residents add 6% sales tax.

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## LETTERS

DEAR Kelly,

I was handed your letter on December 6th, 1995. I noticed that your letter is dated November 11th, 1995. I trust my answer to you is not too late for your school assignment.

I want to thank you for the context of your letter, especially the opening statement.

You are only one of a VERY few Americans to say thank you for what we gave up, a very important part of our lives to protect and preserve your Freedom and your Future to live out your life based on the decisions that you make as a result of values instilled in you by your Mother, Father, Family, Teachers and Friends.

Kelly, I am older than you may think. I have been home for a very long time and yes, thanks to God's will, I came home healthy.

Kelly, From the first shots fired at Concord to the young Americans going to Bosnia to protect the ideals of Democracy, we have been placed in harms way to defend the Freedoms that we cherish so dearly. I am an Air Force Veteran of the Korean War. I was stationed in Japan at Yokota AFB when the North Koreans invaded the Republic of South Korea. This was on a Sunday, June 25th, 1950. On July 13th, 1950, my Squadron, the 40th Fighter Squadron, 35th Fighter Group was sent to Pohang, Korea. For the next 13 months we moved up to Hamhung, North Korea, back to Japan, then back to Pohang, over to Taegu and down to Pusan where we almost lost all of Korea. It was the invasion of Inchon by the Americans who broke the back of the Communist Army that brought about the cease fire that prevails to this day.

On July 27th, 1995, a memorial was dedicated to the Korea War Veterans. For 45 years the Veterans of the Korean War were known as the Veterans of the Forgotten War. On this day, Politicians, and Military strategists from all over the World proclaim that the Korean War as being responsible for the collapse of the Communist plans for World Domination.

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Dear U.S. Veterans,

11-11-95

Thank you for Protecting me and our country. My name is Kelly Fiumara and I am almost 15 years old. I'm writing to you for a class assignment, but I don't mind I hope you enjoy it. I'm in 9th grade and I play freshman volleyball, and I may ski this winter. I like to come to school to see my friends, but that's about it. I have an uncle who is in the army, he lives in Texas. I spend a lot of time listening to music, mostly rock like rock. My favorite group is called Rush. Well, I hope you write me back, I'd like to hear about you and plus I will get extra credit in English class. I also hope you come home healthy soon, peace.



*Kelly Fiumara*  
KELLY FIUMARA

With our Victory in Korea of stopping the Communist onslaught, we brought about the start and eventual crumbling and fall of the Berlin wall and the beginning of the end of the Soviet Union Empire.

On June 25th, 1995, the Korean Church of Syracuse invited the Korean War Veterans of Central New York to a celebration of the saving of their country that has given them the Freedoms that our people have enjoyed and made their country an economic force in the world today. This was the first time that most Korean War Veterans that I know of felt that our sacrifices were not in vain.

Kelly, 54,246 Americans died, 103,284 wounded, 8,177 MIA's and 389 POWs still unaccounted for.

Inscribed on the granite wall of the Korean War Memorial are these words, FREEDOM IS NOT FREE. I think that you will agree that we paid

a high price to save the people of South Korea. VICTORY in Korea, You bet and we are proud to have been part of that Victory.

Kelly, there are Books, Videos and much written about Korea. I hope you will continue to research this rich history of your countrymen's willingness to fight and die to preserve Freedom and Democracy in Korea. Forgive me if this letter is too long for your school assignment. This brutal war is too important to World History and your Freedom to hide the facts on a few footnotes and filed away in some dusty archives only to be remembered by the dwindling few Korean War Veterans still holding the Flag proudly aloft.

Kelly, I hope you get an "A". God bless you and all your classmates who took the time to say thank you for what you did to a VETERAN.

Very Sincerely Your's,

Reginald H. Cooper  
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## Combat Engineers Deserving

I would like to comment on your editorials concerning the Bronze Star and the CIB.

First of all I would remind you there were other warriors in Korea besides the Infantry. Your inclusion of the "Combat" Artillery was interesting but why did you leave out the Combat Engineers? As a Combat Engineer during the Korean War, my unit spent two-thirds of its time in front of the Artillery and behind the Infantry. More of ten than not the Combat Engineers labored directly under the enemy's nose, constructing floating bridges on one side of a river while advance elements of infantry were fighting the Chinese on the other side, or pulling one of our bridges in the nick of time during an enemy advance. It has been said that a single day's task for the Engineers in Korea would discourage the slave-masters of a dozen Chinese work battalions. I would venture to say that many of us who served as Combat Engineers in Korea were probably shot at as much as some Infantry who served thirty days on the line and never fired a single shot at the enemy.

Therefore I cannot agree that anyone who received a CIB in Korea should get a Bronze Star. As for a Combat Artillery Badge, I would have no objection as long as a Combat Engineer Badge was also awarded. I know of no Combat Engineer Badge that exists, but one could be designed easily by placing an Engineer Castle over the musket on the CIB and changing the Infantry Blue background to Engineer Red.

Again I would like to remind you that anyone owning a CIB certainly deserves it, but the Infantry did not and could not have won the war by itself.

Chuck Havey No. 8162

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## Poor PR at Reunion

I applaud your call to all KWVA members to publicize our chapter activities. However, I was very disappointed that at the Dedication of the Korean Memorial in Washington, DC, not a single word was mentioned about the KWVA. I thought that at least Nick Pappas or some representative of our organization would be given the opportunity to speak of our existence. This is poor public relations when at a time we are trying to increase membership.

Henry E. Nowicki, 2nd VP

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## Colonel Hackworth Off Base

I find that David Hackworth's response in the July-August edition of *Graybeards* to a letter by Harley Coon, is to say the least, very insulting and demeaning to the overwhelming majority of American POWs in the Korean War.

Colonel, you are saying that two out of three American POWs were turncoats. This is a shameful accusation to make and utterly without foundation. I do not know where your information came from nor does it matter in the least. It is utterly and completely erroneous. Your 110 medals do not qualify you whatsoever to make any such accusations as judgment.

Colonel, you were not there and that is the only way that anyone can make charges of any kind. In my

camp ten percent would be a high estimate of the number that supposedly cooperated in some way. And I would say that would hold true of the Vietnam POWs, of which there was a much smaller number.

I do respect and admire you for your exploits during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. I read your book. However, Colonel, even you do not know how you yourself would have held up, or if, as a POW. As I said before, you were not there.

Only when you have walked in our shoes (when we had them) would you be qualified to offer an opinion. Therefore, I believe you owe a further apology. Less than fifty percent of those captured in Korea survived. That should tell you something also.

William E. Hamilton

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## Issue of Bosnia and America's Wars

As I was reading through my November-December issue of the *Graybeards* magazine, I became totally outraged at reading Blaine Friedlander's supercilious, self-righteous, condescending, response to Mr. Robert McCaffery's letter to President Clinton expressing his Treasure Coast Chapter (KWVA) position on the President's decision to deploy U.S. troops to Bosnia. In the first place, it was right and proper for Mr. McCaffery to write such a letter since he was the duly elected official of an organization who wanted to have its opinion registered with the President, and since it voiced the consensus of that group. That is the American Way we have all fought to preserve. Friedlander had no right to challenge this position or this concept.

Secondly, Friedlander had no right to misquote or take out of context, McCaffery's position statement. Friedlander writes "Robert McCaffery writes to the President of the United States stating the Members of the Treasure Coast chapter do not wish their children to fight on foreign soil, particularly Bosnia. This is most interesting, for it implies that it would be all right to fight on American Soil." McCaffery's statement did not say that. It said "We are not in favor of sending our sons and daughters to a foreign land and fight on a foreign soil, Under Foreign Officers, in a land that has not been able to resolve its inner tensions over the past many years."

One statement does not equate to the other. Friedlander goes on to say, in his retort, "What difference does it

make where the war takes place, it is war, nonetheless." Well, I don't know about you, but it makes a lot of difference to me whether the enemy is blasting down my house and killing my family as opposed to making waste some far off land that hasn't quit fighting for the last 100 years.

Thirdly, in Friedlander's long and rambling synopsis of American military history of our wars, he fails to point out that all the wars enumerated we (American citizens) had a very strong vested interest such as freedom from tyranny (Revolutionary War); prosecution of those who would tyrannize us (War of 1812); assistance to contiguous neighbors and defense of national borders (Mexican war); Protection of strategic interests and support of treaty agreements (Korean War); among others. In Bosnia we have no such enticements for support. There is no vital U.S. military interest at stake, no clearly defined Mission Plan, and no well-defined EXIT PLAN, and no popular support. This is Somalia revisited!

It is obviously indicative of the public mood when all recent polls show that public opinion is against troop deployment to Bosnia. It is further indicative when all major veterans organizations, the AL, the VFW, the Marine Corps League, etc., are against troop deployment to Bosnia. It is further indicative when both houses of Congress give only small, begrudging approval of President Clinton's decision. Friedlander's pompous attitude toward this issue indicates an unawareness of the

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# My Turn — Members Soundoff

**No Name Calling in *Graybeards***  
TO: KWVA National Directors  
FROM: KWVA Dept. of FLORIDA

RE: *GRAYBEARDS* Magazine

We the KWVA Dept. of Florida held a meeting on Feb. 3, 1996, at St. Cloud, FL. The membership discussed the issue of KWVA Directors (past & present) airing their animosities, name calling and issues that are better resolved in private or closed sessions by parties involved.

We the KWVA comrades of Florida present this letter to the Council for action and/or policy directing the Editor of *Graybeards*, Amos Camp to cease and desist any article that is detrimental to the KWVA organization.

Comrades that read this magazine are interested in Korean War history and the plans and programs of the KWVA. This magazine is read by all members of KWVA, other veterans organizations and potential new KWVA members.

We, the elected leaders of this great organization, must carry our banner high and proud. By so doing, we set an example for our current members and future members as they come on board.

Yours for KWVA,

Jack Edwards, Pres.

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## Writer Seeks Information

A writer is working on a book about a Korean War POW who died in North Korea in 1951. The POW was Army PFC James Eugene Williams, who at the time of capture on May 18, 1951, was a member of Co B, 38th Regt, 2nd Div. PFC Williams was a native of Bedford County, Pa., and entered the service from Troy, N.Y. Anyone having recollections of PFC Williams, or of the combat situation at the time of capture, or of the Mining Camp or of Camp #1 at Changsong, is encouraged to contact: Roger K. Miller, 1848 Falls Road, Grafton, WI 53024. The phone number is 414-375-0351, and e-mail is 72274.2101@compuserve.com.

## Bosnia not in US Interest

Editor,

I would like to know if the article by Blaine Friedlander in the reference December 1995 issue of *Graybeards* is the "official Position and/or Policy" of the KWVA or merely an opinion of Mr. Friedlander?

It has been my impression that the KWVA is an apolitical organization. The article appears to support the concept of "One World Government." I have discussed the current situation in Bosnia with many Korean and World War II veterans. All were of the opinion that the United States should not be involved in "peace keeping operations" anywhere in the world that is not of vital interest to the United States. The Gulf War was most definitely in our national interest, i.e. oil. Bosnia is definitely not in our best interest.

In addition, I have found not one veteran who believes our armed forces should be placed under the command of any foreign commander or entities. Bosnia is a no win situation for the United States. These people have been adversaries for hundreds of year and will certainly continue to be.

As a long time support of the KWVA, I believe all members are entitled to know the position of KWVA concerning this issue.

Robert L. Main  
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## Bosnia Could Be Fiasco

Blaine Friedlander's lengthy and mostly irrelevant excerpt from a book in response to our letter to the President of the United States (*Graybeards*, Nov.-Dec. '95) is full of quotations from famous Americans. May I quote one more?

(Paraphrased): "Oops, sorry. We screwed up." Robert McNamara (1995).

Can Clinton guarantee that Bosnia won't be the same fiasco as Viet Nam which he personally so neatly avoided?

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## Women Also Served

As a veteran of WW II, WACS, Korea and numerous veteran organizations, I am rather bent out of shape as we women who too served our nation in all these conflicts are brushed aside. Not once, not on reference in your publication mentions we women who served in that theatre of operations. Perhaps we did not physically bleed as you men did on the battle front, but we were deeply involved as the men returned and were administered to in the hospitals (as my unit was the 343d General Hospital) direct from MASH units to be repaired and healed. Is this to be treated so lightly? Not fair sir, not fair. We were there and we served too.

Ruth K. Schairer, Apt 305  
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## Names on the Wall

I was just looking through the Nov.-Dec. *Graybeards*, News Clips page 19 about the KIA-MIA names on the Memorial, also about the copy-righting the wall of faces and the Memorial. If this is so, we Korean War Vets still have no Memorial — we are forgotten again or yet. Its nothing more than a Memorial for the Government-Architect-Sculptor-Muralist. I say doze it down and do it over ourselves, unless the names of KIA, MIAs are on it, not a book something like the Vietnam wall where we can all walk up to, feel or touch and take photos of it. It should be changed. To me and a couple of hundred others, its disgusting and nothing we want. I have talked and written to other K vets about this. They all feel the same as I do. All of us help complete the International Korea War Memorial at San Pedro, CA. It really is our Memorial. No government fingers have anything to do with it at all. This is how I feel with so many others.

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Readers are welcome to submit letters, poems, articles and stories to "The *Graybeards*" for publication. The editor publishes on the basis of suitability, length and timeliness. Opinions and comments published are the sole responsibility of the author. All official positions of the Korean War Veterans Association are located under Official Announcements.

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**Anyone who knew Emiel Sinner, 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing.** Contact Theodora Sinner, 657 E. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13205. Call 315-492-9492.

**Anyone who knew Captain Frank J. Roberta, Sv. No. 01318 825, SSN 393-14-8024.** MIA Dec., 1950. Updating family history. Contact nephew, David Mooney, PO Box 36, Warrensburg, IL 62573-0036

**I have beautiful 4 x 6 color photos** (over 255 color prints) 955 Field Arty. BN. 1st Nat. Guard Arty. unit to arrive in combat in Korea. I have pictures of COL Gillen, COL Knowlton, Lt Hogerty, Mammone, Evans, Purificato, Chriakis, Di Mattei, Gustina, Marino, Crowe, Hawkins, Scarpaci, Mollica, Capt Edwin Boysen (MD), Joe Mondone, Zimmerman, Shigamoto, Billy Jack, Greene, Tursellino, Ward, Garini, Thin Curley haired Texan (no name), Kim (Big handsome man - Family murdered by N. Korans) Medic (Black replacement), Jamor Farthing (Hq Btry), Capt (Blond) from HQ Btry, Robt Crider (Medic-Pueblo, CO) (Gilligan, Kahane, Laranaitis-Medics), 2 (on tractor) marked D251, 8 (4 x 6) of 17 FA BN (The persuaders marked on the gun barrel (200 MM-Long Toms), 25 school children, principal & teachers in Yangsan, So. Korea Jan 1951 (girls & boys) posing in front of school; Sign 39 FA (Hq Korean Art. ROK) Sign 88 AAA Unit, Sign 3rd AAA HQ CP in vicinity of Chorwon May 1951, also 26 Korean Temple photos and 50 guns (A Btry) in recoil - action photos with men in action. Contact Tom F. Cacciola, 25 Skyline Dr., Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632. Telephone: 201-567-7279.

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**All former members of 87th Ranger Co. (Prov).** Writing a history of the 87th. Like to see us have a reunion. Call or write Anthony V. Biebel, 324 Mimbres Dr., Los Alamos, NM 87544. Tel. 505-672-9856.

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Cost: \$31.00 per person. — A guided tram winds through 79 acres of flora of climates as diverse as a tropical rainforest to the driest desert. See St. Louis through three of its most historic neighborhoods. Includes Garden admission and tram, lunch, Destination luxury motorcoach transportation.

DETACH AND RETURN TO: K.W.V.A. 1996 Reunion - P.O. Box 1839 - Fairview Heights, IL 62208  
1996 ST. LOUIS REUNION SIGHTSEEING TOUR OPTIONS REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*A 4% service charge applies to credit card orders.

If paying by check, make payable to:  
Korean War Veterans Association.

#1 Casino Queen	_____ @ \$35.00
#2 Fairmont Park Racing	_____ @ \$37.50
#3 Brewery and Forest Park	_____ @ \$17.50
#4 Gateway to St. Louis	_____ @ \$16.00
#5 Botanical Garden	_____ @ \$31.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Reunions

**Korean Veterans, all service branches.** Planning the first CA state reunion. Contact: Mike Glazzy, 3361 Williams Rd., San Jose, CA 95117, 408-296-8282

## MAY

**USS Philippine Sea (CV/CVA/CVS-47) All Hands Incl. Mardet, Air Grps, Squad FAU, etc. May 2-5, Cincinnati/Covington, KY area.** POC Chuck Davis, USN (ret), Sec/Treas. USS Philippine Sea Assoc., PO Box 8020, Port Charlotte, FL 33949-8020, PH: 941-743-5460.

**61st Field Artillery Bn, May 2-4, 1996, Best Western Yankee Square Inn, 3450 Washington Dr., Eagan, MN 55122.** 612-452-1100. Contact Francis "Pat" Bohnert, 3566 149th St. W., Rosemont, MN 55068. Tel 612-423-1520.

**3rd Inf Div. Western Region, May 9-12, 1996, Dan Diego, CA.** Contact H. Miceli, 2723 Lompoc St., Los Angeles, CA 90065.

**USN Cruiser Sailors Assoc. Annual Mtg, May 15-19, Holiday Inn, Portsmouth, VA.** Info from Ray Snapp (USS Pensacola CA-24) 3705 Heatherwood Dr., Tipp City, OH 45731-932. Tel: 513-339-3217.

**USAF Piolet Class 51-P Reunion, May 16-18, Fort Walton Beach, FL, Ramada Beach Resort/.** Rescheduled. Contact 51-P Reunion, 111 S. Beal Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 FAX 904-664-2460, Attn: 51-F.

**84th & 62nd Eng. Construction BN, May 21-24, Wisconsin Dells, WI.** Contact Merlin Mageland 608-637-3676.

**The Chosin Few - Army Chapter, May 21-25, Radisson Hotel, Asheville, NC.** Contact COL John E. Gray, 7655 NC 801 Highway, MY, Ulla, NC 28125-8618.

## JUNE

**25th Inf Div, Tri-State, New England Chapters & Wolfhounds 27th RCT Inagural Reunion, June 7-9, Kingston, NY, Ramada Inn.** For Info contact Bob Stryker, 610-933-9607.

**304th Signal Op BN, Korean Vets all years reunion, June 18-20, 1996, Rapid City, SD.** Contact: Leland Dibley, 5 Ridge Rd., Spearfish, SD 57783. 605-642-0407.

**KWVA meeting, June 25, 1996, Memphis VA Medical Center.** Contact Clayton Payne, PO Box 176, Heth, AK 72346. Tel: 501-657-2308.

**Illinois Korean War Veterans State Convention, June 29-30, Danville, IL, Ramada Inn.** Complete Info from Ken Cook, 1611 N. Michigan Ave., Danville, IL 61834-6239, PH 217-446-9829.

## JULY

**Montford Point Marine Assoc., July 10-14, Kansas City, MO, Westin Crown Center.** Contact Deputy Conv. Dir. Garfield James, 9008 Justine, Chicago, IL 60620. Tel. 312-239-6729.

## JULY CONTINUED

**413th/523rd Ord., July 12-14, Williamsburg, VA.,** Contact Ralph E. Pickering, 06521 St. Rt. 364, New Bremen, OH 45869, Ph. 419-629-3997.

**3rd Bn, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Div., 1952-53, July 23-28, 1996, 4th Annual Reunion, San Diego, CA.** Contact Vince Walsh, 1953 Flying Hills Ln., El Cajon, CA 92020, Tel 619-448-9179 or Bob Farrell, 2248 #. Briarvale Ave., Anaheim, CA 92806. Tel 714-774-7238.

**839th & 840th Engr AVN BNs, Other SCARWAF welcome, July 24-28, Des Moines, IA.** Contact Don K. Tomajan, 1443 Avenida de Cortez, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272. Tel. 310-459-4034.

**USS Brinkley Bass (DD-887), July 25-28, Eleventh Annual Reunion, Seattle, WA.** Contact Bob Shetron, 347 W. Leaside, Glendora, CA 91741. Tel. 818-335-8040.

## AUGUST

**728 MP BN, Aug. 2-4, Best Western Shelton Motor Inn, Decatur, IL, Contact Billy R. Smith, #6 Mac-Cory Dr., Oreana, IL 62554, Tel: 217-468-2049.**

**Korean Veterans Assoc. of Canada, biennial convention and reunion, Aug. 23-25, 1996, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.** All Korean Vets welcome. For brochure write: 143 Whitlock Cl. N.E., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T1Y 4X2 (403) 285-8048, FAX 403-293-2612.

**204th Field Arty BN (Li'l Joe), Korea, 1950-54, August 25-30, 1996, Warwick, RI.** Info call Nick Vanderhave, 1333 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950 or call 201-538-7189.

**USS LST Assoc., Aug. 28-Sept. 2, Boston, MA.** Contact USS LST Assoc., P.O. Box 167438, Oregon, OH 43616-7438, Ph: 1-800-228-5870 or Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948, PH: 409-579-3732.

## SEPTEMBER

**Gitmo Reunion, Sept. 1-4, Savannah, GA.** Contact Stanley Hunt, 5944 Glasgow Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560-1411. Tel 419-882-1723.

**Women Marines Assoc., Sept. 2-7, San Antonio, TX.** For complete info. contact Maria E. Crowley, 7320 Williamswood, Dallas, TX 75252-6336. Tel 214-231-9191.

**George Co, 3rd BN, 1st Marines Korean War, Sept. 3-8, San Francisco (Reunion), CA, Cathedral Hill Hotel.** Contact Clark Henry, 276 Northgate Ave., Daly City, CA 94015.

**3d Inf Div Society, 77th reunion/convention, Sept. 6-9, 1996, Pittsburgh, PA.** Greentree Marriott Hotel (1-800-525-5902). Info contact Thomas R. Maines, 1801 Saw Mill Run Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15210, 412-881-2010.

**USS John R. Craig Assoc., Sept. 9-14, Los Angeles, CA.** Contact Bob Owens, 9 Cobbler Lane, Marlton, NJ 08053. Tel. 609-983-7129.

## SEPTEMBER CONTINUED

**3rd BN, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Div, Korean War Vets 6th Annual Reunion, Sept. 10-14, Burlington, VT.** Contact Charlie Durham (502) 789-1002 or Jake Hanshaw (706) 861-3793 or Al Perales (210) 341-8825.

**532nd EBSR, Sept. 11-14, Vancouver, WA.** Info Lyle Bose, 9203 N.E. 53rd St., Vancouver, WA 98662-6000. Tel 360-256-1653.

**780th Field ART Reunion, Sept. 13-15, Fort Sill, OK.** Info.- George J. Ellis, 1020 Wildwood Pk. Rd., Florence, AL 35630. Tel. 205-764-5938.

**USS Wilhoite DE 397/DER 397, Sept. 18-21, Orlando, FL.** Contact Robert R. Long, 234 S. Main St., Pine Grove, PA 17963. Tel 717-345-4712.

**USS Finch (DE/DER-328 & Coast Guard WDE-428) 9th. Sept. 18-21, 1996, Seattle, WA.** Details contact Chuck Poreda, 5510 Southampton Dr., Springfield, VA 22151. 703-323-6019.

**USS Wilhoite DE 397 - DER 397, Sept. 18-21, Orlando, FL.** Contact Robert R. Long, 234 S. Tulpehocken St., Pine Grove, PA 17963. Tel 717-345-4712.

**USS Hornet CV-8, CV/CVA/CVS-12, 48th Reunion, Sept. 18-22, 1996, Jacksonville, FL.** Contact Carla Svendsen, Secy. USS Hornet Club, PO Box 1147, Denver, NC 28037.

**106th Ordnance Co (Korea), 1st Prov. Ord. Bn. 32nd Ord Bn, 8th Army, Sept. 17-19, Springfield, MO.** Info Robert J. Weeks, 720 South Scott Cir., Republic, MO 65738 e-mail: weeks@mail.orion.org>

**45th Div Assoc. (Thunderbirds) WWII and Korea, Sept. 19-21, Radisson Inn, Oklahoma City, OK.** Info contact Raul Trevino, 2145 NE 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111. Tel: 210-681-9134.

**USS Montague AKA-98, Sept. 19-22, 1996, Washington, DC.** Contact F.C. "Fred" Machado, 5445 S. Blythe Ave., Fresno, CA 93706. Ph. 209-266-2976 or Gerald Lady, 1944 Hillcrest Dr., Visalia, CA 93277, 209-625-1299.

**999th AFA BN (Armored Field Artillery Bn) Army Korea 1950-54, Sept. 20-22, 1996, Edgewood Resort, Edgewood Park, Alexandria Bay, NY.** Contact Emanuele (Red) Falcone, 102 Sharon Rd., Solvay, NY 13209. Ph. 315-487-5361 or Summer 315-689-3406.

**93rd Chemical Mortar BN, Sept. 26-29, Alexandria, VA.** Howard Johnson Hotel. Contact Joseph P. Towell, 5749 Azalea Garden Rd., Norfolk, VA 23518. Tel. 804-855-1858.

## SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

**B Co., 15th Regt, 3rd Div. (Korean War), Sept. 30-Oct 4, 1996, Ramada Inn, Lancaster, PA.** Contact George Scott, 306 McCaffrey Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108, 412-264-8975 or Peter Zofchak, 324 Locust Ave., Houston, PA 15342, 412-745-6356.

## OCTOBER

**USS Thomas F. Nickel (DE 587) October 2-3, 1996, Reno Nevada.** Contact John Ward, 955 Arlington Court, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Tel 408-736-8475.

**USS Shasta, AE-6 (42-69), October 1996, Washington, DC.** Contact Patrick Hunt, 11714 Lariat Lane, Oakton, VA 22124. Tel 703-620-4665.

**10th Defense/AAA BN World War II (All Defense/AAA BN members welcome), Camp Lejeune, NC,** Onslow Inn, Jacksonville. Contact Clark Henry, 276 Northgate Ave., Daly City, CA 94015.

**35th Armor - 1951 to deactivation, Reunion Oct. 9-12, Louisville, KY.** Contact James W. Robblee, 5773 Olde Wadsworth Blvd. 8A, Arvada, CO 80002. Tel. 303-421-2308.

**H/3/1 KOREA USMC 5th reunion, Oct. 9-12, Pensacola Beach, FL.** Contact Jack Dedrick, 6 Sheridan Ter., Swampscott, MA 01907-2042. or 617-598-9726.

**USS Buck DD-761, Corpus Christi, TX, Oct. 10-12, 1996.** Info: John B. Connolly, 7 Tenerife Wy, Hot Springs NP, AR 71909, Ph 501-922-3969.

**USS Rochester (CA-124), Oct 12-14, 1996, 50th Anniversary Reunion, Rochester, NY.** Contact: Bart Bartholomew, 2448 Ellington Rd., Gerry, NY 14740 or call 716-985-4273.

## OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

**13TH ENG. [C] Bn 7th Inf Div [all] Oct. 30-Nov. 3, Springfield, MO, Sheraton Hawthorn Park Hotel.** Contact Lenoise Bowman, 311 Lake Dr., Lakeland, FL 33813-3409. Tel. 941-644-1531 or L.O. "Rabitt" Haire, 6078 Danbury Ct., Morrow, GA 30260.

## SEARCHING FOR SOMEONE?

Would you be interested in finding someone? A long lost buddy perhaps?

1. Fill out Information Slip below. (If you have more than one request, make a copy of information slip and use for each request.)
2. Payment of \$5.00 either cash or check for each name (make check payable to Nancy C. Monson).
3. Self-addressed stamped envelope (32¢ postage)

Mail completed Information Slip, payment (\$5 each name - make checks payable to Nancy C. Monson), and self-addressed stamped envelope to KWVA-Name Search, PO Box 10806, Arlington, VA 22210.

Keep in mind, we will be sending you a list of **possible** addresses and phone numbers for the person whose name you provide. There is no guarantee that the list we send you will be the person you are looking for. If no information is found for the name you requested, your money **will** be returned.

### INFORMATION SLIP

Name of person to locate: \_\_\_\_\_  
(include a middle initial, if possible)  
List possible U.S. area (state) where this person might be located: \_\_\_\_\_



## Information-1997 Revisit Trips, Korea

As I indicated in my January-February article in *Graybeards* (page 52), all 1996 Revisit Trips/Korea are completely filled, with "wait lists" for each trip! Therefore, if you are considering going on one of the 1997 Revisit Trips (April, June and September), I urge you to contact me, ASAP!!

Currently, as of February 22, I have received approximately 75 requests for reservations, 1997. And, assuming KVA Headquarters, Seoul gives me a quota of 150 (the Total for 1996), I expect the 1997 Trips to be "Sold Out" within the next few months!! Incidentally, FYI, the 150 allotment includes Family Members, accompanying a Combat Vet.

To receive an application, info, 1997 Revisit Trip, please, write, or phone me: Kathleen Cronan Wyosnick, Coordinator-Revisit Trips, P.O. Box 3716, Saratoga, California 95070-1716. Phone: 408-253-3068, Fax: 408-973-8449.

## Ladies Auxiliary Plans Activities Program for St. Louis, '96 Reunion

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Louis will sponsor a full program of spousal activities during the St. Louis '96 Reunion, including tours, a luncheon and women's fashion show. Those interested in attending must make reservations before June 1, 1996.

To be held July 25, 1996 at St. Louis' unique Tudor-styled Cheshire Inn, the luncheon and fashion show will include participants from St. Louis' leading department stores and fashion boutiques. Seating will be limited to 200. A tour of St. Louis' magnificent "New Cathedral" follows the luncheon. Cost will be \$25 per person.

On Friday, July 26, the Auxiliary will sponsor a 10:00 a.m. non-denominational church service at the "Old Cathedral on the Mississippi Riverfront. An historic landmark, the "Old" cathedral was built in the early 1800s and is beautifully restored and maintained. Following the service, from Noon to 4:00 p.m., there will be bus transportation to one of America's premiere malls, the St. Louis Galleria, home to leading department and specialty shops, such as Lord & Taylor, Sak's Dillards, and Famous-Barr (May). Cost of the bus transportation is \$7.00. Registration is required no later than June 1. See form below.

Detach and return to K.W.V.A. 1996 Reunion  
P.O. Box 1839, Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Luncheon &  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Fashion Show  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 ea  
Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ St. Louis  
Mc/VISA\* No. \_\_\_\_\_ Galleria  
Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Trip  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7 ea

\*A 4% service charge applies to credit card orders.  
If check, make payable to Korean War Veterans Association

## National American Legion PR Praises Videos

Dan Smith, President of KWVFE (Korean War Veterans Family Endowment), recently received a letter from Len Wood, Director National Public Relations for The American Legion. After reviewing the videos produced for the KWVFE he noted:

"I was very impressed with the video on the dedication itself, titled *'The Forgotten War Remembered.'* The video accurately records every significant element of that event in excellent detail, and more importantly, captures the emotions displayed in so many ways by the participants and the really important ones who attended . . . the Korean War vets themselves.

"The video is one that every veteran of the Korean War should want in his library, whether he served in theater or not.

You and the KWVFE, as well as Courage Productions, are to be commended for a job well done in preserving the memories of a most significant chapter of American military history . . . and ensuring that it is no longer 'forgotten.'

I wish the KWVFE much success in its efforts to distribute these videos, and in its support of the humanitarian needs of Korean War veterans and their families."

Wood served with the First Marine Division in Korea in 1951.

**Editors Note:** There is an AD on the inside back cover of *Graybeards* with details about price and ordering instructions.

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facts illuminated in MacNamara's recent book, or Stevenson's revelations in her book "Kiss the Boys Goodbye."

As to Friedlander's disassociated ramblings about "War's Casualties," "Combat Fatigue vs. Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome" "Surgical Techniques and Practices during the Civil War," Ad Infinitum, Plato's profound pronouncement should admonish us all, when he said "Only the dead have seen the end of war!"

In my opinion Mr. Friedlander attacked the wrong party, for the wrong reasons, citing the wrong examples, in the wrong arena, to attempt to impress his views over those of another party of equal status and knowledge. Our Magazine, *The Graybeards* shouldn't be a party to this type of Machiavellian chicanery.

James H. Appleton Former Lt. Col. USMC, KWVA #1636  
Service in Korea: 5/51 to 6/52, I-3-5/1st MARDIVF  
1039 Regency Dr., Melbourne, FL 32935

For those attending the 1996 KWVA Reunion in St. Louis, MO and are planning to travel in RV's, the following information is for your convenience in locating an RV Park near the Reunion site.

St. Louis RV Park  
900 N. Jefferson  
St. Louis, MO 63108

100 sites / Store / Laundry / Ice / Swimming Pool / 24 Hour Security

Reservations Recommended  
Call 1-800-873-3330  
VISA & Master Cards accepted

## 27 July '96 Memorial & Commemorative Ceremonies Arlington National Cemetery & Memorial Site

Exceptional interest is being shown towards the annual Memorial ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery held each year on 27 July. Countries who joined in the Korean War are inquiring about the continuation of the Memorial Ceremony, and a Commemorative Ceremony at the Memorial site. They want to participate and contribute to both.

Memorial service will commence at 9:30 A.M. at Arlington National Cemetery Amphitheater (it should be completely revamped and repaired) with presentations by a military band. Laying of the wreath will occur at 10 A.M. followed by a memorial service. The Korean ambassador will participate and deliver a message from the President of Korea. The ceremony will end with the laying of flowers at the Memorial bench.

At 2 P.M. a Commemorative ceremony will be occur at the site. A military band will be present in addition to speakers. Laying of wreaths by those wishing will end the ceremony.

The White House will designate a representative to participate at both ceremonies, and the Korean War Veterans in both Houses are being invited. Ambassadors, military & defense attaches of the participating

countries will be present at both events. Other veteran organizations advised they will participate in both ceremonies.

In the offing is a reception in the early evening. Such an affair is tentative at this time.

For information on either event please call or write to:

John Kenney  
8602 Cyrus Place, Alexandria, VA 22307  
703-780-7835

J. Norbert "Skip" Reiner  
6632 Kirkley Ave., McLean, VA 22101-5510  
703-893-6316

Korean War Veterans Armistice Day  
Coordinating Committee.  
P.O. Box 7027  
Alexandria, VA 22307

If you wish to join or participate please advise.

### Attention KWVA Members

**An Opportunity to own  
the 8-page July 27, 1995  
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"A Pictorial Scrapbook"  
in full color as it appeared  
in the September-October  
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forming a separate non-profit corporation; further, that the Board of Directors empowers the Education Committee to proceed with setting up a nonprofit corporation (in the State of California), and all other necessary procedures to accomplish tax deferred status with the Internal Revenue Service and the State of California. Mr. Van Ort extended his gratitude to all, and Mr. Burke offered his thanks to Mr. Van Ort for all his efforts. Mr. Pappas announced that Dick Adams is to be the KWVA representative on the Board of Directors.

Mr. Wainwright presented the Election Committee Report and reviewed nomination procedures. He also submitted a form (attached hereto as (Exhibit "B")), Mr. Wainwright stated that a nominee completes the application and submits photo and letter (Bylaws state that application must contain all information and must be submitted each time a candidate runs for office). In addition, Mr. Wainwright reported that over 200 responses to the I Was There! form (Exhibit "C") have been received thus far. Those candidates for officers and directors for the next election are: President: Nicholas Pappas, Stan Hadden; 1st Vice President: Tom Clawson; 2nd Vice President: No candidate(s); Secretary: No candidate(s); Candidates for director positions are: Don Barton, Harley Coon, Kenneth Cook, and Artie Gaughan.

Mr. Lynch delivered the Women's Auxiliary Report, and a Resolution (photocopy attached as Exhibit "D") was presented, requesting full (not associate) membership rights for all relatives of Korean War Veterans. Mr. Pappas appointed Mr. Morga to chair a committee to work with the Auxiliary and do legal research into the matter, then present a report to the Board of Directors in July. Mrs. Schilling mentioned that Auxiliary should not have gender attached.

Mr. Maison presented the 1996 Reunion Report. He noted that the plans are coming along well. As of February 8, 1996, there are 214 confirmed attendees. The tentative agenda is as follows:

Monday, July 22, 1996: Registration - tour; Tuesday, July 23, 1996: Registration - vendors - P.M. - Busch Gardens Memorial; Wednesday, July 24: Registration; Executive Board meeting. P.M. - Tour of St. Louis - Riverboat cruise; Thursday, July 25: Registration - Executive Board meeting - Quartermaster opening - Ladies' fashion show; Friday, July 26, General business meeting - results of election; Saturday, July 27, 1996: Memorial Services tentatively to be held at the St. Louis Arch - President's reception - Banquet/dance; Sunday, July 28, 1996: Farewell - buffet breakfast; trip to Branson, Missouri.

Mr. Maison stated that Paul Phillip, President of KWVA St. Louis Chapter 1, will head committee to organize and help out. Adam's Mark Hotel will be headquarters. 1,000 rooms have been blocked at Adam's Mark and surrounding hotels. The Board of Directors should plan on being in attendance July 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27. The KWVA will award a 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier at the Reunion, the grand prize of the raffle. The car will be in the lobby of the Adam's Mark hotel. If necessary, proceeds from raffle can be used to defray cost of Reunion. The net proceeds are to be used for the Education program.

Mr. Clawson stated that KWVA watches had been given to Anderson Trucking workers in recognition of their efforts with the granite wall memento sales. It was noted that Mr. Pappas had paid for the watches out of his personal funds. Motion by Mr. Clawson, second Burke, and unanimous approval, it was: **RESOLVED**, that the KWVA reimburse Mr. Nick Pappas in the amount of \$250.00 for KWVA watches purchased for Anderson Trucking workers.

The Board discussed the matter of the Bill Norris letter. Motion Burke, seconded Coon, unanimously approved: **RESOLVED** that Nicholas Pappas, President of KWVA, direct Amos Camp, Editor of *Graybeards*, to send a letter (written at the Board's request) to Mr. Norris, requesting that his article eliminate all personality comments and be reduced to one page in length in order for it to be printed in the *Graybeards*. Further, motion Burke, seconded Lynch, and unanimously approved, it was **RESOLVED**, that the Board table any further activity on Mr. Bill Norris' January 24, 1996 epistle.

The meeting adjourned for lunch, and reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

Mr. Maison presented a proposal from the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico as a convention site for 1997. The package contained letters from the convention center, hotels (rates from \$60.00 & free shuttle service), and a letter from the Mayor. Mr. Maison stated that committees have been formed and that Mr. Todd Cornell awaits Board approval to begin. Motion Burke, seconded Adams, and approved by the Board, it was **RESOLVED** that, as Mr. Maison will be visiting Albuquerque within the month, he will appraise the area and forward information to Board for its review; the Board will then decide the issue by mail.

Recommendation was made that Mr. Coon submit a convention site

bid from Ohio. The location of the 1998 reunion was considered. Motion Lynch, seconded Burke, and unanimously approved, it was: **RESOLVED**, that the 1998 (45th anniversary) Reunion be held in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Pappas addressed the KWVA State Rebate Program: \$9,000.00 is to be rebated and letters have gone out.

Mr. Van Ort mentioned that some states may not be in compliance with National's Bylaws. Further consideration was given as to whether or not the National Association can afford to pay the rebates. Thereupon, motion Coon that the Rebate Program not be implemented this year; that it be studied and reevaluated in one year. Burke seconded the motion and a roll-call vote called with a vote of 6-5. Motion defeated.

Chaplain Paul Procetta (with the Houston Lone Star Chapter) and Mr. Al Cortez addressed the Board and expressed their enjoyment with the attendance and proceedings at the meeting. Motion Burke, seconded Grygier, and approved by a 10-3 roll call vote, it was: **RESOLVED**, that the 1997 reunion be held during the month of July, specifically between the 21st and 27th.

The Membership Report was presented. At present, there are 10,964 active members. Of that number, 2,274 are active life members. There are approximately 1,500 members delinquent in payment of their dues, and reminder notices are to be sent out shortly. Mr. Adams mentioned that honorary members need to be added to list so they can receive the *Graybeards*. Consideration was given to changing Gold Star membership from just mother/wife to family. Mr. Coon is to submit resolution to committee for presentation to the general membership.

Mr. Pappas presented the Public Relations Report. He noted that on January 12, 1996 a meeting was held with the Koreans in an effort to further discussions of joint recovery operations and, hopefully, implement such a recovery operation. The meeting lasted 3-1/2 days. On the final day, differences within the North Koreans surfaced, and the meeting ended with no agreement.

Mr. Pappas presented a poster created by a member in Missouri. The member has requested that the posters be sold through Quartermaster for \$12.50 each. After discussion, the Board suggested that the member buy a space in the vendor booths at the Reunion and sell the posters at that time.

Mr. Pappas stated that he had received letters from two chapters requesting KWVA develop a line of Christmas cards. The Board suggested that Amos Camp be asked to look into this matter.

Mr. Pappas has received a letter from a member requesting adoption of Korean Veterans March as the official song of the Association. Mention was made that the Association already has an official song.

In Mr. De Pew's absence, Mr. Pappas delivered the Publicity Report. Mr. De Pew has been working on the Tell America program, and believes efforts should be made to make the general public aware of the Korean War. He suggests visits to schools (including showing Paul Hansen's video tape), and suggests a follow-up essay contest be held for students in elementary through high school. Mr. De Pew will have everything together by the time of the reunion in July.

Mr. Clawson delivered a report on the Memorial Dedication Granite Pieces. As of December 31, 1995: Assets in fund: \$23,407.60; Revenues: 20,602.25; Balance: (2,805.35). Inventory on hand: 719 pieces. There will be a supply of pieces for sale at the St. Louis reunion.

Mr. Clawson mentioned that he would like to continue ad in *Graybeards*, but perhaps not in the front inside page. The break-even point is approximately 60 pieces to sell.

Mr. Maison reported that the Med-Script program had sold 41 prescriptions as of January 31, 1996. It was noted that the program was cost free and that Med-Script was paying for an ad in the *Graybeards*. A full report will be made at the convention.

New business was brought before the meeting. Mr. Coon spoke of a program on "60 Minutes" regarding people's false claims of having been awarded ribbons, medals, etc. A judge in Chicago had falsely claimed for 15 years he held a medal of honor. Mr. Coon reported many claim to have purple hearts and other honors, but cannot prove it.

Motion Coon, seconded Burke, and unanimously approved as follows: **RESOLVED** that the KWVA suspend national membership privileges until a member's proof of service is delivered to the chapter.

Mr. Maison reported that as of December 31, 1995, 510 coins were on hand. Coins sell for \$35.00 each, or 2 for \$55.00. He further mentioned that he will perform a physical inventory of the coins.

Mr. Maison requested that any Memorial packages left from the reunion be sent to him. They are being sold to chapters for \$1.00 each. Chapters sell the packages to members for \$5.00 each.

Medal sales were considered. Mr. Maison mentioned that Bob Foster is going to give him something to put in the *Graybeards* to aid in

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**KWVA-QM— P.O. Box 1839, Fairview Heights, IL 62208**  
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**Minutes from page 54**

selling medals. Can make \$12.00 on sale of each medal and there is no up-front cost; if the medals are not sold, they can be sent back. Thereupon, upon motion duly made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Burke, and unanimously approved, it was: **RESOLVED**, that the KWVA make 100 medals available for sale to general membership.

Mr. Lynch presented a letter from a chapter in Pennsylvania requesting official gravemarkers for Korean War Veterans. Mr. Grygier suggested the gravemarkers be made of plastic, as bronze markers are frequently stolen. Mr. Lynch recommended that we make plastic gravemarkers available to those chapters who wish to use them. Mr. Grygier is to research costs and the entire matter is to be brought up again in July.

Mr. Morga suggested that any candidate running for National President should have served on the Executive Council. Mr. Pappas suggested matter be put to committee for study as to legality and so forth. He asked Mr. Wainwright of Nominating Committee and Mr. Coon to work together to accomplish this goal and deliver a report in July.

Mr. Maison mentioned that KWVA had no parliamentarian and suggested that the President appoint one.

Mr. Adams stated that the Association objective needs to be printed in the *Graybeards*. Mr. Pappas will see that it is printed in the next issue.

Mr. Clawson gave Mr. Coon materials from "Minnesota Won't Forget". Mr. Coon is to confirm that it is a bonafide organization. If the organization checks out, would like to be at the July 1996 convention.

Mrs. Schilling noted that all three branches of Veterans Administration are being downsized. Mr. Morga emphasized the need to put something in the *Graybeards*, as well as write letters to congressmen. Further, request a response to correspondence.

There being no other business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

*Rusty Tramonte, Secretary*

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION**  
**Balance Sheet**

Period ending December 31, 1995

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash & Checking	28,574
CD's	102,430
Fixed Assets	4,053
Other Assets	77,034
Inventory	19,961
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>232,052</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	50,070
Fund Balance	206,523
<b>Current Period Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-59,925</b>

**Profit & Loss Statement**

<b>Revenues Year to Date</b>	
Dues	183,494
Merchandise Sales	72,261
Other Income	15,926
Reunion	23
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>271,704</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>	<b>53,588</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>218,116</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Administration	261,172
Reunion	15,706
Tell America	986
Quartermaster	177
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>278,041</b>
<b>Net Profit/Loss</b>	<b>-59,925</b>

# Veterans Services

by J. Norbert "Skip" Reiner



Thanks for the letters and telephone calls relative to my last column. If I was late to respond, please forgive me. You realize I have no staff and all inquiries are answered by me with assistance from my spouse.

**ACCREDITATION:** Thousand thanks to our illustrious Dot Schilling (member of the Board) for her invaluable assistance. For several years we (KWVA) have been stymied in obtaining our accreditation certificate from the Department of Veterans Affairs. We needed persons qualified to represent claimants before the several appeal boards and the Court of Veterans Appeal. Negotiation were conducted with veterans organization in accord with Title 38, U.S. Code regarding representation. We were unsuccessful and becoming frustrated. Into the picture steps Dot and she assisted us in arranging representation from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). The document from the DAV was presented to the General Counsel's office of the Department of Veterans Affairs and was accepted. A few more pieces of paper must be filed and we will be certified and fully recognized by them. The DAV is the busiest and very knowledgeable in representing veterans, we hesitated to contact them; it proves the old adage "always ask a busy man to do a job and he will get it done". Thanks to Dot and DAV we are extremely overwhelmed with your generosity.

**VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE:** The KWVA has applied for membership to the Veterans Day Committee. This group is limited to 25 members. This is coordinated by the Department of Veterans Affairs which conducts the Veteran Day Ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. We have filed the required papers and hope we will receive a favorable vote to become a member of the Board if the vacancy remains open, or become an associate member.

**WREATH LAYING AT THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL:** Please be aware permits must be obtained from the U. S. Regional Capital Park Service. If any group wishes to lay a wreath with a small ceremony, i.e. short speech, **prayers**, taps, etc, you **MUST** have a permit. Assistance in obtaining a permit will be given by addressing a letter to **GRAYBEARDS** to my attention or by calling **me**. Others will be listed in the next **GRAYBEARDS** to provide full coverage. Park rangers will disallow any wreath laying service without you being on their register. Permits will grant you the area, time frame and considerations needed.

**MEMORABILIA AT KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL:** Members among the KWVA who regularly visit the Memorial notice items being left at the site. Inquiry was made to the appropriate office of the U.S. PARK SERVICE to determine if these items are being collected and stored. The question is being resolved at this time. You will be advised in the next issue of **GRAYBEARDS**.

**REDUCTIONS IN FORCE:** Recently 75 people in the office of construction were released from the Department of Veterans Affairs. There have been and are subtle reductions throughout the Department of Veterans Affairs. They are occurring in the Medical Centers and Regional offices, we would like input on this from your experiences with the VA. How are these affecting you?

**FRAGMENTATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS:** Another aspect will affect service to the veteran is fragmentation of management of veterans programs and areas which affect veterans benefits. The VA sends part of a program to Tennessee another part to Arkansas, and a small part remains in Washington, D.C. (Exaggerations for emphasis). The KWVA must join other veterans organization to protect veterans rights. Something to consider at the next convention. Consolidation of the Veterans Affairs Regional office with a Medical Center is not a negative affect but only enhances a veterans ability to obtain better service. The latter is beneficial the foremost statement is not.

**DOD BENEFICIARIES:** Soon DOD beneficiaries may be eligible to receive aid and health care from a Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC). Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs, Dr. Kenneth W. Kizer and Department of Defense, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Dr. Stephen C. Jones are establishing a memorandum of understanding. This will involve CHAMPUS receivers and those under the TRICARE programs to use VAMCs for treatment and care. A reimbursement arrangement is being negotiated. This is supposed to be fully implemented by May 1997. We will keep you informed.

**VETERAN CLAIMANTS MUST BE FULLY ASSISTED BY THE VA.** It is the law. The VA must make every effort to assist veterans who file claims to obtain their veterans service medical records. Also, they must certify all methods to obtain a veterans medical record have been exhausted should a decision be made without them. A veteran is then given 60 days to furnish an alternative source. Note: we now have assistance from the DAV who are experts in this. Please be aware all veterans service officers (VSO) of veterans organization are usually keenly sharp in these matters. Make sure your VSO is aware of this requirement. The VA must search for other medical evidence in other federal agencies or departments, if the veteran states such records exist. The VA must also go to private sources to collect the medical records. If the VA is unsuccessful in their efforts because a release or similar is required, the veterans will be advised and he will have 60 days to respond. A claim can not be denied before all effort to render assistance have been totally exhausted. It's the law.

## Chaplains Report

We served together in Korea and we looked out for one another, we should do the same at home. **Let's not ever forget.**

Chaplain Roy McGhee  
Reprinted from the February  
issue of the Maryland Chapter  
Newsletter.

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*We love this place where the Sentry stands  
Watching over our comrades at rest.  
'Tis a place of honor . . . for gallant souls,  
Who once were our nations best.*

*They didn't come home like most of us  
To warm welcomes and a loving embrace,  
Only tears of grief and pain were there . . .  
And some words at their burial place.*

*We love this place where the Sentry stands  
With flags flying in the ocean breeze.  
'Tis a peaceful place . . . Where flowers grow  
And bay waters flow back to the seas.*

*We come here often . . . up the red brick path,  
To pause and reflect for a time . . . as we  
Turn back the clock, and gaze at the names,  
Of the comrades we left behind.*

*We love this place where the Sentry stands  
With it's columns and benches and plaques.  
How fortunate we are to have such a place,  
To pay tribute. . . to pray . . . and think back.*

—Leonard Buckland



# A Korean Twilight

## Interrelated Short Stories of the Korean War

by M.E. Cohane

### The Mustache

Division Forward had designated the 60th Infantry Regimental Combat Team to attack Reilly Hill and retake the high fortress from its Chinese defenders. The enemy from the north, with an ease which surprised few knowledgeable observers, had cracked through the elite guard of Syngman Rhee's ROK infantry division.

In the cold predawn of a day late in November, the American 60th regrouped hastily. They left the shelter of tent city and moved out before the first light of day appeared over the eastern ridges. The pride of Rhee's crack troops were still fleeing down the trails in a withdrawal so hasty, they left behind a legacy of eight medium tanks, a dozen armored personnel carriers, an arsenal of automatic weapons and enough field rations to feed an army. They left behind, as well, some token wounded who had been caught in midflight by a concentrated barrage of 120 millimeter mortar fire. The line had been decisively cracked at two vital points. Despite the intense cold, many of the wildly fleeing troops had even left their boots behind. In a matter of hours the battle weary 60th was hastily thrown into the breach.

Charlie Company, of the First Battalion, had been designated to spearhead the counterattack, not withstanding the presence of three factors which would virtually assure Charlie Company's failure. Communications were non-existent, ammunition was in critical supply, and there was a woefully ineffective liaison between attacking infantry and supporting artillery units. So it was, that the resulting 'short rounds' from friendly fire quickly turned the steep slopes into a blood bath. Within minutes after the uncoordinated artillery barrage, Charlie Company had become all but a memory.

Able Company was then directed to storm the hill, but they too found the position to be untenable, not only because of the short rounds, but because the volunteers from Puerto Rico spoke little or no English. As such, the remaining units of attacking infantry conceded the hopelessness of the situation and retreated pell-mell down the mountain side.

Click-click went the wires of the UP and AP as they informed the world of the 60th disgrace under fire.

Colonel Arthur Andrew Collins, Commanding Officer of the 60th, fairly reeled under the assault of a press that questioned not only his judgment, but his leadership capabilities. Even the mass courts-martials enjoined with the Eighth Army's massive information and education campaign, did not soothe the ruffled feathers of a man whose sense of honor meant more than the lives of his men.

The winter passed. With the advent of spring, the 60th struggled to repair the ongoing breaks along the line manned by Rhee's elite guard. And, as it was with other divisions assigned to the sector — the 60th, a small force comprised mainly of Puerto Rican volun-

### Sixth of a series

teers— fought on to reaffirm the integrity of the 38th Parallel; until, with spring at last passing into summer, all battle action had deteriorated mainly into the realm of patrol warfare.

**Patrol.**

**Patrol** —contact and destroy the enemy.  
**Patrol** — obtain information and report.

Each night, at basically the same hour as the day before, patrols from the 60th would move out to seek their enemy counterparts. During the multi-phased course of such moves, the friendly patrol would check-in with the parent unit from predesignated check points. But, with the standard SOP often adopting the same routes as the previous day, it was not uncommon for the enemy to lie in concealment while awaiting the arrival of the American unit. Thus, with the subsequent battle reports dutifully relayed to headquarters, metaphors such as 'clay pigeons' and 'shooting gallery' were used more often than not. And with death reigning ever supreme, the cries of the wounded would rise above the hushed aftermath of the battle.

**Patrol**—seek—find—destroy.

Each night, the men would form outside the bunkers to listen for their names to be announced for patrol. Each night, as the sun fell from the Korean countryside, the ritual was always the same.

It has long been presumed that the German military's adoption of the crew-cut was traditional; surely, it was no less a tradition whereby the Hebrew's affinity with a beard dated back thousands of years; and no less a tradition in presuming that a Latino's preference for a mustache be viewed as simply the journey from puberty to manhood.

Colonel Arthur Collins emerged from his converted communications trailer to greet a new day. The colonel, still smarting from earlier memories, managed to ignore the latest success in the field, as he continued to seek a punishment compatible with his ego.

Collins, heading towards the officers mess, coldly eyed two enlisted men drawing water from a Lister bag. Noting that the men drank from a single canteen cup, Collins pulled up abruptly, a broad smile slowly creeping across his face. Chuckling softly,

**An earlier misunderstanding between the editorial staff and the author no longer exists. We now understand that *A KOREAN TWILIGHT* has been proffered to *The Graybeards* as nonfiction; and other than the names being changed, and an occasional literary license, the author stipulates that each story is true.**

***"Buck up and stay the course, Jack! It's only incoming artillery and mortar fire — we get it all the time up here!"***

he turned on his heel and made a beeline for the headquarters bunker. One hour later, a tersely worded order appeared on the makeshift bulletin board.

**Enlisted personnel persist in drinking from cups other than their own personal issue. Whereas, an unshaven upper lip is believed to be a carrier of germs, the removal of such unsanitary growth is hereby ordered. This order will be complied with not later than 1700 hours this day.**

Arthur A. Collins  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

The men were stunned. They knew the true reason for the posting of the order, and they were ashamed. At the other end of the spectrum, upon eyeing the despair in the newly shorn faces, the Colonel's spirits were raised appreciably.

With the advent of spring, ammunition had become available in stockpiled quantities for the first time in recent memory. The 60th Infantry Regimental Combat Team went off the line, and then right back on again, always under the eye of the brooding Papasan. But things were different now; there were hot showers and frequent changes of clothing, and even the mail began to arrive daily. At Panmunjom the truce talks were on again, this time in a positive vein, as the troops eagerly computed the points which would ship them back to the states. Thus, with enormous stockpiles of weapons and supplies at the ready, it was a given that history and Arthur Andrew Collins awaited destiny's call.

On a night late in April, the 60th Infantry relieved the 92nd on a relatively small hill known as Outpost Steven. The relief, effected under the cover of darkness, met with no enemy resistance and the troops simply settled down to await the new day.

At 0330 hours, long before dawn would appear in the eastern sky, several loudspeakers suddenly shattered the stillness.

"Welcome, members of the 60th Infantry!" cried a Chinese linguist in credible Spanish.

"We congratulate you on your secret move and we have a special treat for you! Not only will we provide music from your beloved Puerto Rico, but the selections are especially for Love Company — for it is they who are now manning the outpost!"

"Enjoy the music while you can, amigos! Soon, many will die without seeing their lovely island in the sun again! Adios, muchachos ..."

Before the last echo sounded across the hills, latino theme music tripped woefully over badly scratched phonograph records. While the music played on, there was no attack, and not a single incoming mortar round marred the entertainment. The music continued to blare until just before dawn. When it suddenly stopped, an eerie silence fell over the entire outpost and surrounding areas. The regimental command post was loaded down with brass, Major Griffin was tucked away in a far corner, pouring over his latest intelligence reports. His harried clerk, recording the various sightings, struggled with a battery of jangling telephones. At the other end of

the bunker, Major Maguire was shouting at his operations sergeant, while Lieutenant's Wojechoski and Ryan (there were no officers of latin heritage) were busily keeping up with reports from various observation posts. And, as was their normal wont, Division Rear continued to tie up the lines with irrelevancies. There was even a special visitor present — an American Colonel who was attached to the Korean Military Advisory Group; while in the midst of all this action, Colonel Arthur Collins stood ramrod straight in the center of the bunker.

Griffin, disturbed at the unusual silence accompanying the relief move, worriedly tapped his pencil as he waited for the Colonel's little game to begin — a game to be played for the benefit of the KMAG visitor who had never known battle.

Under Collins' personal supervision, dummy explosive charges had been planted just outside the CP. In accord with the Colonel's plan, the dummy charges were to be detonated by prearranged signals. It was the colonel's intention that his visitor from KMAG be indelibly impressed. And to further enjoin atmosphere with realism, he had arranged for his personal Jeep to be overturned, his driver to be smeared with catsup, and his body to be carried into the CP.

When the first charge exploded just outside the bunker, Jack Millburn, the gentleman from KMAG, began to tremble noticeably.

Enjoying his game, Collins slapped his friend on the back and cried,

"Buck up and stay the course, Jack! It's only incoming artillery and mortar fire — we get it all the time up here! Did you suppose you were invited to a party? We're in a war, man!"

When the second charge exploded with a tremendous roar, Millburn turned a deathly pale, his face beginning to bead with perspiration.

The heavy door was kicked open, and four soldiers entered, carrying the limp form of Sergeant Rodriguez. The hapless orderly's face had all but disappeared under the oozing mass of catsup. When the bearers gently deposited the body on the rough-planked floor, a medic quickly knelt and began to work in earnest. At that very moment, every phone began to ring at the same time, while the regimental switchboard operators flooded the lines with fictitious casualty reports.

Millburn, unprepared for the horrors he was experiencing, turned to stare helplessly at Collins. But the commander never wavered as the shrill jangling of the phones continued to add to the bedlam.

Later, with the fun and games at last milked dry, Collins gave the final signal and everyone began to roar with laughter. It took a considerable effort to convince the visitor that all had been in fun.

Those inside the command post were still joking about the successful ruse when the phone from the Third Battalion rang. Griffin took the call, his face ashen as he began to write quickly. Some minutes later, he acknowledged the message and climbed slowly to his feet.

"Listen to me, Colonel," said Griffin, his voice a strangled whisper.

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"Love Company was hit by a full strength battalion. Somehow, and only God knows, we managed to drive them back. At this time, they're still trying to get a count of the dead and the wounded. Mike Company had already moved into position when I took the call. At this time, Colonel, that's all we have—"

Collins shook his head and turned to the room.

"This—is not part of the game," he said uneasily, turning back to Griffin.

"Nor it's not part of the game," Griffin said, his monotone cutting through the piercing silence. "We only have the initial fragmented report, but it confirms that Love Company put up a fight that was one for the books. The problem is, Colonel, that Love Company no longer exists—" Knowing that he had to stop himself before it was too late, Griffin found that he could only shake his head. But it was indeed too late, he knew, and this day was a long time in coming. The cauldron inside his brain was already boiling over as he stared stonily at his commanding officer.

"The Division and Eighth Army will sing your praises," Griffin told him. "A lone rifle company repelling a full-strength battalion!" he cried, seeing that he had crossed the point of no return.

"You and me, Colonel, we're alive, but we shouldn't be. It's a dull war, you once told me. There just wasn't enough action to suit a fighting man like you. But the fighting men were all out there dying. Dying, you miserable bastard — dying while you were spilling your fucking catsup..."

Amidst the stunned silence in the bunker, Collins pointed his finger at Griffin.

"You are relieved from duty, Major," Collins said coldly. "Pending my report to Division, you are confined to quarters. As far as I'm concerned, Griffin, your war is over..."

During the days that followed, the 60th was attacked by a numerically superior enemy, only to be repulsed with staggering, unacceptable losses. Click-click went the AP and UP as they lauded the Destiny Regi-

ment (so dubbed by its commanding officer) for virtually annihilating a Chinese division. Arthur A. Collins, Infantry, Commanding, was cited for the Distinguished Service Cross.

Richard Griffin was diagnosed with extreme battle fatigue and was shipped back to the states for extensive psychiatric treatment.

One day, during the early Khumwa summer of 1953, as the victorious 60th was preparing to depart for tent city, a terse notice appeared in the daily troop bulletin.

An earlier health hazard having been eliminated, an upper lip growth is authorized, effective immediately.

The terrain has changed significantly after some forty odd years—but not the seasons. In that land where time once stood still for so many young men, the winds still blow across the summits of Heartbreak Ridge and Kelly Hill. They blow and they swirl throughout the Valley of Chorwon, surely blowing across a relatively small hill where four hundred men fell without a mustache. ■

## "Since I Met You, I'm Not Afraid"

*Look God, I have never spoken to You ... But now I want to say, "How do You do." ... You see, God, they told me You didn't exist ... And like a fool, I believed all this ... Last night from a shell hole I saw Your sky ... I figured right then, they told me a lie ... Had I taken time to see things You made, ... I'd have known they weren't calling a spade, a spade ... I wonder, God, if You'd shake my hand? ... Somehow I feel that You will understand ... Funny, I had to come to this Hellish place, ... Before I had time to see Your Face. ... Well, I guess there isn't much more to say. ... But I'm sure glad, God, I met you today ... I guess the "Zero hour" will soon be here ... But I'm not afraid, since I know You're near ... The signal! Well, God, I'll have to go ... I like You lots, this I want you to know ... Look now, this will be a horrible fight ... Who knows, I may come to Your Home tonight. ... Though I wasn't friendly to You before, ... I wonder, God, if you'd wait at Your door ... Look! I'm crying! me...shedding tears, ... I wish I had known You these many years ... Well, I have to go now, God, goodbye! ... Strange, since I met You, I'm not afraid to die ...*

—Found on the body of a dead soldier in Korea

The above poem was taken from the pocket of an American KIA and found by Sgt. Jack Cuthrell, 1st Platoon, Hvy Mtr. Co., 35th Regiment, 25th Division (somewhere north of Seoul, September 1950). The original was sent with his personal affects. Sgt. Cuthrell was a buddy of Richard Koerner whose articles appear regularly in *Graybeards*.



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A Adams Mark	MO	\$97.33	\$97.33	1,2,3,4,5
B Holiday Inn	MO	\$74.43	\$74.43	1,2,3,4,5
C Days Inn	MO	\$70.75	\$70.75	1,2,3,4,5
D Embassy Suites	MO	\$112.96	\$112.96	1,2,3,4

## ALL TAXES INCLUDED IN PRICES QUOTED

KEY: (1) Guest Parking • (2) Non-smoking rooms Avail. • (3) Dining • (4) Lounge  
(5) 24-Hr Rm Svc

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

## (10) Method of Payment

\_\_\_\_ Check Enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to: 1996 KWVA Reunion.

\_\_\_\_ Charge my credit card: \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Amer. Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Discover

Acct. # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Your Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE HOME \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS

(1) Enter Letter Codes from Hotel Choices below.

(2) Enter 1st Hotel Choice. Indicate Single or Double room. Enter Occupancy Rate with tax. Multiply across.

(3). (4). (5). (6) Enter number of people. Multiply across on each line.

## ★Costs are Estimates

(7) Total the right column.

(8) Pay \$100 Deposit per Room Now.

(9) Indicate method of payment:

- ☐ by Check  
☐ by Credit Card

(10) Fill out Method of Payment Below.

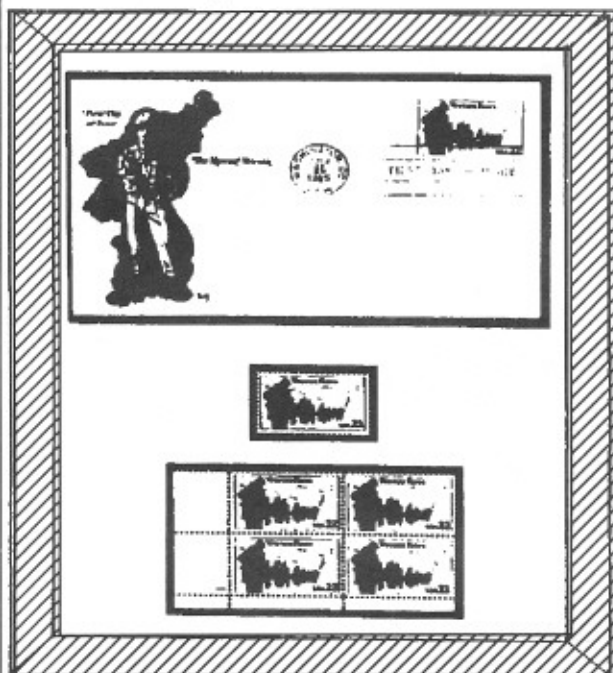
## IMPORTANT

Registration and Package Plan forms are due with \$100 per room Deposit by April 1, 1996 to guarantee rooms.

## MAIL TO:

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62208

# First Day Issue Stamp Offer



Now you can get the special first day issue of Korean War Special Stamp! The Korean War Veterans are pleased to announce the following unique and collectible offering to its members.

On August 26, 1985, the U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp in honor and memory of all those who served their country during the Korean War. Each framed set contains an authentic First Day Cover indicating the date and place of issuance of the stamp and bears an artistically crafted design called a Cachet. Also included therein is a serial number block of four stamps along with a mini singleton to complete the collection.

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Yes! I want this soon-to-be scarce Korean War stamp set.

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

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Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Middle East \_\_\_\_\_  
Vietnam Veteran \_\_\_\_\_  
POW Stamp \_\_\_\_\_  
WW II Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Vietnam Memorial \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
Medal of Honor \_\_\_\_\_  
Navy Stamp \_\_\_\_\_  
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Air Force Stamp \_\_\_\_\_

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8 4" Patch .....	5.00

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(Please Print)

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Dates of service in Korea were

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Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ VISA ☐

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Harry Wallace, Membership Chairman (Phone 410-327-4854) (Baltimore, MD)

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chapter (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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B. **Regular Members.**

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

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