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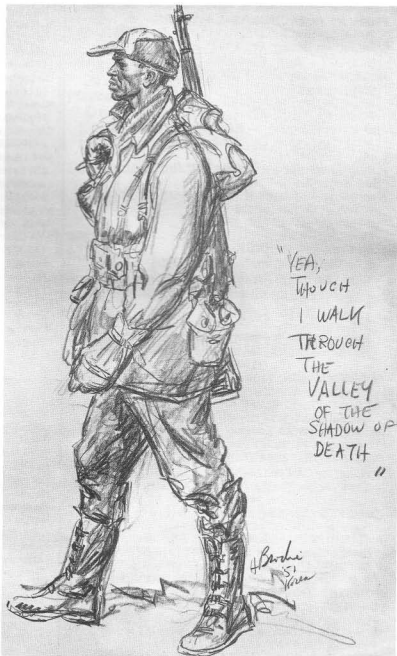
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We were on an assault on a hill, all of a sudden I heard firing ahead, and I know that some had been injured, killed, or whatever, because one of the GI's made his way back and said, "oh, Rosie's dead," then a hulking GI came down over the bank with this man in his arms — one of the GI's in the skirmish here turned and said, "I thought you was dead, Rosie, I thought you was dead." And it was so moving to feel this thing and even one of the litter-bearers turned his head around and he was weeping. So we think that GI's are just macho men but they're very human, and they sigh and they cry, and they die.

—Howard Brodie



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A STRIKING EXAMPLE OF CLOSE AIR SUPPORT

as related by Frank H. Armstrong

The 30th of November 1950, the U.S. Army suffered more battle deaths than in any one day in the history of the nation. Most of the casualties were in the 2nd Infantry Division which was slated to conclude the Korean War with far more KIA than any U.S. Division had in World War II. The so called gauntlet, where the 2nd Infantry Division had most of their losses, was along the road leading south from Kunu-ri to Sunch'on. The Chinese losses have never been revealed. However, an analysis of the Chinese killed that day, particularly in the 7th Cavalry Regiment's sector, make it probable that their losses exceeded ours. Two days later, the Chinese forces attempted to cut-off most of 8th Army by driving a force through Sunch'on and on westward to Sukch'on.

The 1st Cavalry Division set up blocking positions to the anticipated Chinese assaults. The British Argyle Battalion, attached to the 7th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division, was scheduled to withdraw on 2 and 3 December just south of Sunch'on. On 1 December, the 1st Cavalry Division's 8th Combat Engineer Battalion was assigned to construct a 30-ton bridge across the Tasdong River for use by the British in their withdrawal. The bridge location was just east of Chasan-ni. Two companies of the Engineer Battalion were constructing the bridge at about 0900 hours on 2 December when they were attacked by a large force of Chinese who had slipped in behind the British from the east.

Fortuitously at that very instant, the 0830 Tuxedo Flight from the 6147th Tactical Control Group of the USAF was flying over the scene. The pilot of the AT-6, Lieutenant Chester Kochan, was cruising at a low altitude. I was Chester's observer and saw engineers constructing a bridge down below. I noted from the vehicular markings that the engineers were from Companies "A" and "D" of my own 8th Engineers. A few days earlier I had been detailed for thirty days as an aerial observer.

Chester and I observed a large Chinese Force moving along the ridge line southeast of Sunch'on which was perpendicular to the Taedong River and which led to the bridge site. The ridge line was barren except for a few low growing shrubs. The Chinese did not seek cover at the approach of our airplane. We flew in over the engineers and dropped them a note alerting them to the danger. Within one minute of our alert, the Chinese deployed for their attack on the engineers. Those engineers on the east bank tried to swim across the icy-cold river. Sergeant Cousins walked his bull dozer into the river to rescue several floundering troopers. A few men were lost including a squad leader.

Chester and I made radio contact with a flight of F-80's who joined us on the scene just as we marked the target with a purple smoke grenade. We reported upwards of 10,000 Chinese, and remained on the site directing two more flights. There were four airplanes in each flight. When they arrived on the scene they reported in to the aerial controller with a listing of their load. Inevitably napalm was included along with 500pound

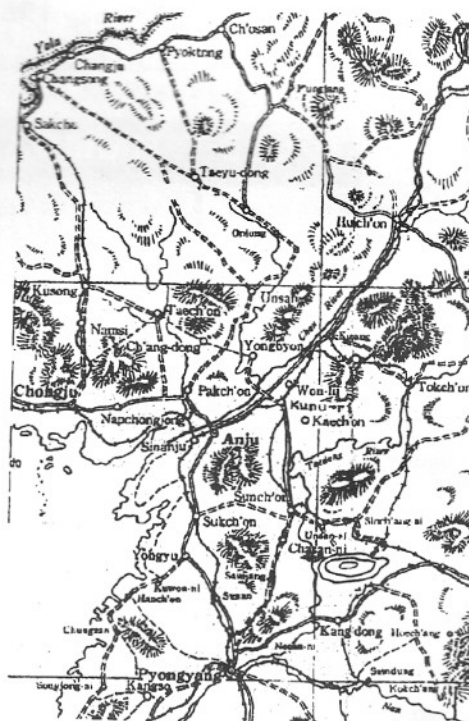
bombs. The napalm devastated the Chinese who hovered in dense masses close to the ground. The 500-pound bombs detonated sending ground-skimming shrapnel in all directions reaching out to the Chinese who had not dug in. Our relief aerial controller arrived on the scene and took control at about 1130 hours.

Our debriefing attracted considerable attention in light of the immense Chinese force. Our replacement Tuxedo flights were directed to carry on at the scene, and each flight reported increasing numbers of Chinese. Chester and I returned on the 1430 hour flight where we found the Chinese trying to withdraw. We directed two more F-51 flights loaded with napalm. This gave the Chinese an even greater incentive to withdraw. Amazingly the Chinese did withdraw into a wooded area as the daylight closed down. The 6147th Tactical Control Squadron lost four AT-6 aircraft in the month of November. Two of the losses were definitely attributed to ground fire. In the Taedong River incident, I never observed any enemy anti-aircraft fire. This allowed us to fly in at very low altitudes and to carefully coordinate our close air support.

Just before dark, the 1st Cavalry Division reinforced the Taedong River site with one company of the 70th Tank Battalion and elements of the 16th Reconnaissance Company. The Chinese did not attack that night although our troops were prepared for an enemy attack.

The engineers completed the bridge. The British Battalion moved over the bridge on 3 December and then they demolished it before moving south. The Engineer Battalion's official war diary reported that a total of 18 aerial flights worked the Chinese over that one day. This very close tactical air support was enabled by the Taedong River which was a clear line of delineation; by the colored smoke grenades lobbed from the cockpit of control planes (later we used marking rockets); and by fighter plane control by aerial controllers. Some of the aerial strikes were only two hundred yards from the engineer positions.

This one case of close air support saved a great deal of 8th Army. It also refutes those reports from writers who were not there but reported 8th Army to have retreated in a disorganized manner following the late November Chinese attacks.



PyongYang to Unsan

Ref. *The 1st Cavalry Division and Their 8th Engineers in Korea America's Silent Generation in the Hot Spot of the Cold War*
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President's Message

Based upon information, provided to me by our CPA, Stan Myrda, in November 1996, I requested an in-depth analysis of our financial operations, instead of a normal audit, and to keep me informed, which he did.

On 7 February 1997, I received two (2) reports, titled: 96 Reunion Compilation Report and KWVA Special Procedures Report for FY 96. Both reports were marked "Preliminary Draft For Discussion Only". After review of the two (2) documents, I requested Mr. Myrda to send copies by "overnight express" to Judge Advocate Magill for his "perusal" and recommendations. Upon advice of the Judge Advocate and CPA, and by my letter of direction [ref (a)], Mr. Myrda was instructed to take specific actions and any other he deemed necessary to preserve KWVA assets.

By the same "referenced" letter, Mr. Maison was suspended as KWVA Treasurer/Quartermaster. He was also requested to meet with Mr. Myrda to reconcile the "findings" in the draft reports and be prepared to explain all at the February 15-16, 1997 Mid-Winter Council Meeting. Instead he "opted" to resign effective 11 February 1997, stating he could not attend the Council meeting because of illness.

At the Mid-Winter Meeting, in "Executive Session", Mr. Myrda briefed the Draft Reports and all actions taken. He was authorized by the Council to conduct a more comprehensive and detailed review of the KWVA's financial affairs and Quartermaster operation. He was also granted a "limited" power of attorney to deal with associated issues. These actions would give Mr. Myrda the authority to seek additional information that was not previously "accessible" to him, i.e. detailed vendor bills, bank records, credit card transactions, etc. Mr. Myrda pointed out that it was "tax season" and he could not "totally" devote his efforts to pursue the issues involved immediately, a point that was understood by the Council.

Further actions approved by the Council to ensure KWVA continues to operate in FY 97 were: (1) appointed Secretary Martin as Acting Treasurer; (2) canceled all 1-800 numbers; (3) temporarily suspended all FY 96/97 payments for the State Rebate and Scholarship Programs; (4) Quartermaster operations be contracted; (5) Council members pay for their rooms at all meetings; (6) implementing the National Commemorative M-1 and M45 Fund Raiser for the *Graybeards* ASAP; (7) kept the *Graybeards* at six (6) issues with 48 pages, subject to funding availability; (8) request members to donate at least five dollars (\$5.00) to maintain the *Graybeards* at six (6) issues; (9) reduced other administrative costs in the FY '97 budget; (10) Chairman Tom Maines plan to increase membership adopted; (11) the postal (9) noted digit/zip bar code already in effect; (12) Chapter News-letter competition not affected; (13) did not renew the National KWVA Rehabilitation Flower contract.

Some members have circulated letters that contain erratic fiscal information, insinuations and dubious demands. The Council will only take action based upon facts and the advice of the Judge Advocate, CPA and our Illinois "Legal Advisor", which has been done. Not on the assumptions of "errant" dissidents who have personal axes to grind, such as sending "confidential" KWVA fiscal information to a New York newspaper or

contacting the IRS, respective Attorney Generals and other affected officials. Their "antics" can subject the KWVA to possible litigation and jeopardize the investigation and presentations of KWVA claims. The matter is in the hands of the proper authorities for their action. We do not need "clubhouse" lawyers continuing to muddy the waters. Furthermore, the National Officers are NOT resigning. We were "elected" by the membership and intend to stay the course.

The survival of the KWVA is of paramount importance at this time and can only be accomplished if we maintain and preserve the cohesiveness and legality of the organization. It is important for you, the membership, to understand that during any legal/fiscal investigation, your Council members are bound to maintain "confidentiality" to protect everyone's legal rights, until such time as final conclusions are reached. To speak without "evidential" conclusions puts the KWVA in a potential "libelous" situation. Therefore, because of the reasons presented herein, I have "instructed" Editor Camp not to publish "any" letters, information, etc. received from members pertaining to this matter. After all of the facts are determined and "substantiated" and the fiscal issues are resolved. Then the results and subsequent actions will be published.

Our current financial status (as of 15 April) is as follows: Bills due = \$87,404; bills paid = \$52,484; Cash on hand = \$20,622. In addition, any losses we have incurred over the past year are covered by insurance. Our priorities are to continue to reduce the "deficit" and publish the *Graybeards* as scheduled.

A shorter version of this Message was prepared to be sent to all members in early March. Because of mailing costs (\$3,900) it was only mailed to chapters for distribution. Also, because of limited resources, the *Graybeards* will have a "temporary" new look. On page 6 is an ad asking for members to donate funds to support the *Graybeards*. If sufficient funds are contributed, Editor Camp will be able to continue publishing in its usual format.

On a side note, I am deeply grateful to Director Cook and the Illinois/Missouri Chapter members who moved the KWVA Quartermaster inventory and are in the process of pricing it out for the CPA (see page 10 for more information). Their efforts solved a major management problem for the KWVA.

On a sad note, KWVA National VAVS Representative Bill Carr passed away on March 31, 1997. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

In closing, the Council members and I thank the "loyal" members for their support and understanding. With your help, we shall persevere and overcome the present obstacles, despite the "dire" epitaphs by a few malcontents. Please continue paying your dues.

Because of the current "funding" shortfall, members who do not pay their "national dues" within 60 days after the due date, are considered "delinquent" and will be removed from the *Graybeards* mailing list. It is not fair to "paying" members, including POWs, CMOHs, etc., to bear the burden of the cost for publishing the *Graybeards* for members who have not paid their dues.

The spirit shown in '95 is still alive. The KWVA will survive.

Support *The Graybeards*

In this issue you will note major changes in *The Graybeards*. This issue contains only 32 pages rather than 64, black ink on lesser quality paper, fewer black and white photos, no color printing on the cover, photographs and advertising. These steps and others were mandated to stay within budget restraints prescribed by the Executive Council meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico in February. These necessary changes and their cause impacts on the whole organization as well as the magazine. The reasons for the financial crises are reported in the President's message on page 5.

The Executive Council is on record as wishing to support publication of six issues of *The Graybeards* a year containing 64 pages as was the case during the 1995-1996 calendar years. This schedule of publication provides for timely reporting of patriotic observances, recognition and notices important to our members and helps secure supporting advertising. Further, the Council along with the vast majority of the members believes our magazine has brought much prestige to the KWVA. It has helped bring recognition to our organization as a veterans organization in good standing by the Department of Veterans Affairs. It has helped in recruiting new members. Many have reported *Graybeards* is the best veterans magazine being published. Fi-

nally, they see it as the most effective vehicle for recognizing the sacrifices made by those who fought the "Forgotten War" and our need to "Tell America" about it. Further our children and grandchildren need to know about this war and the true importance of it in the history of our country. They need to understand restoring freedom in the world, wherever threatened, is a continuing fight. Since we are not getting any younger, time is of the essence.

Unfortunately, staying within budget restraints has become necessary. Sadly, a substantial amount of materials such as letters, articles, poems, pictures and other valuable submissions remain on file unpublished.

This most unfortunate circumstance cries out for remedy. However, this is not possible with the present financial shortfall. Members have suggested those wishing to continue *The Graybeards* in its earlier form temporarily help underwrite the cost of publication by making a voluntary contribution. Such funds would be sent to the KWVA earmarked for support of *The Graybeards*. With a positive return, the Executive Council would authorize use of such funds to restore the magazine to its former standard. As an example, only \$5 from each member would immediately restore the magazine in time for the May-June issue. Therefore, members may respond by sending your contribution to KWVA, P.O. Box 35406, Baltimore, MD 21222 marked: Support of *Graybeards*. Every donation will be recognized in the magazine.

About The Cover

The quotation on the front cover of this issue of *The Graybeards* is taken from an interview with Jim Lehrer, Monday, May 27, 1996 during the Newshour on PBS. The drawing is from the book, *Drawing Fire: A Combat Artist At War* with a foreword by Walter Cronkite who calls Howard "the ultimate journalist." General Colin Powell writes the artist saying, "Your words are as moving as your skillful drawings." Dan Rather of CBS news said, "Brodie is the best of his generation and one of the best of all time." The caption for the drawing on the cover is as follows:

28. Captain Forrest Walker

I joined an Easy Company attack on Hill 233 commanded by Captain Forrest Walker. Over his shoulder he advised me, "You better stay with the weapons platoon; they'll be in the middle." We jumped off: second platoon in the lead; weapons platoon behind it; first bringing up the rear.

"Where is the third platoon?" I asked.

"There is no third," answered a GI. "We've had too many casualties."

Patricia Holt of the *San Francisco Chronicle* writes about the book, "Like Bill Mauldin, Brodie has a knack for reducing the huge and sweeping forces of a world war or a 'police action' to the mundane requirements of survival."

The book is available from Portola Press, 848 Sonia Way, Mountain View, Calif. 94040. 159 pages, \$16.95 + \$4.00 shipping, paperback. (415) 967-6011. e-mail portola@svpal.org. (Raymond L. Wilson)

From 1st Vice President Tom Clawson

**Yes — I'm proud
of those who I
served with."**

**"Yes — I support our
own society —
the KWVA."**

**"Yes — I will attend
the New Mexico
KWVA Reunion."**

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Campfire



AMOS T. CAMP, EDITOR

Adversity

Most people long for a life free from worry and strife. They often make elaborate plans to avoid any kind of struggle. Yet, very little of worth has ever been achieved without some form of hardship or struggle. Call it adversity.

Those who have experienced combat situations, understand when the danger is high, greater alertness is demanded. Every fibre of one's being goes on full alert. In other words, our minds and bodies respond to a higher sensory level when we know or have that feeling all is not well. This seems to be nature's way of preparing one for a future that is uncertain at best.

Many of our members have learned or will learn our organization is in the midst of a financial crises. It will have impact on our future in ways yet unknown. However, whatever the outcome, let us not forget the purposes for which our organization was founded. We worked for a National Korean War Memorial in Washington, DC and are in the process of establishing memorials all over the nation. We have only started in our efforts to "Tell America" about the importance of the Korean War. We have only begun to build strong chapters around the country. They are the ones who will provide the muscle and substance to tell our story to America.

It has been just 12 years since the KWVA was founded by Bill Norris. His determination to found this organization and lead it in the early days must be recognized. He, as were just about every veteran of the Korean War, was aware the public knew little about the war if they had heard of it at all. And sadly, it was simply a "Forgotten War." No recognition, no monuments, too few books, only a paragraph, if anything at all, in the textbooks of our nation's schools about the Korean War.

But this unacceptable predicament aroused a sleeping giant. A group of Korean War veterans organized for action. They began the long process of organizing and building this organization we now recognize as the Korean War Veterans Association.

Obviously, there were many problems along the way. If it had been easy and these early pioneers had said, "forget it, it can't be done," we would not be the organization we are today. Happily, they took the job seriously, stood up to adversity and setbacks. Today we have a National Monument in Washington, D.C. which is helping to tell our story. Your editor is swamped with mail almost daily telling of the accomplishments of chapters and individual members. It is a challenge to keep the momentum going, as we have such a long way to go.

If we look at what was done, we can be sure the men and women who fought the earlier battles must have been operating in a climate of adversity. We know they didn't stop, but continued to go forward anyway. This is the hallmark of achievers. They don't let adversity stop them from taking their objective. They fight! They win!

I believe every young man or woman when faced

with the decision to heed their country's call, did so at the beginning of the Korean War. Many didn't understand what it was all about, they just did their duty. Later we learned our service in Korea against the communist aggression and other potential hot spots around the world had enormous historical significance. We stopped communism in its tracks in Korea. The South Koreans then proceeded to become an economic powerhouse in Asia and is today one of the leading industrial nations. The Korean people didn't let adversity stand in the way of their success. They fought and died so a better life could be won for themselves and their posterity.

The same thing happened in this country. No nation on earth, including the majority of our citizens since the ending of the Korean War, has ever been as prosperous as those of us in the USA. The last half of the 20th century is the most dynamic in history because our generation has taken advantage of the rich resources and discoveries made and used them well. It is our generation that did the job by taking advantage of the opportunities presented and acted on them. We didn't let adverse conditions stop us from creating a nation that has come to be the only Super Power. It started with the Korean War. Therefore, those of us who are Korean War veterans contributed mightily to that success.

In 1950 I had no idea of ever being on active duty in the service of my country. Yet, when those North Koreans crossed the 38th parallel into South Korea on that fateful June 25 the die was cast. A large number of ordinary citizens, like myself, were going to get a testing like no other. The truth is, we were going to face some pretty adverse situations to our health and happiness. Had we not done so, we wouldn't be talking about it today. We did the job in spite of the adversity.

Our organizational problems resulting from this latest financial development is to take action against what is wrong and be a positive force for what is right. I believe this organization is far too important to sacrifice it because of the failures of a few at the expense of the many. However, we must face the conditions that exist in the best way we can, regardless of any adversity we might face.

The first thing we must do is not to accept at face value everything we hear about the situation. Only the facts will speak for themselves and they are often hard to get. But it will be done.

Second, we should redouble our efforts to bring in new members. Many of our age are Korean War veterans. They are our friends and neighbors who do not belong to any veterans organization.

Third, we must realize, many members of the Congress of the United States have never seen military service. These members look to save money at the veterans' expense. We must not allow this to happen. Our interests can only be protected by being organized.

Fourth, we must continue to find new ways to educate and "Tell America" about the significance of the Korean War. The country can not afford to have a whole new generation of young people growing into adulthood with little if any knowledge of the Korean War. A clear grasp of our own history and passing it on is essential for equipping future generations of Americans to lead the free world.

As you can see, our work is cut out for us. Let us not permit the adversity of the moment to keep us from focusing on the real purpose of membership in KWVA.

Amos T. Camp, Editor

Official Announcements

CERTIFYING NOMINEES FOR THE 1997 ELECTION

The Nominating Committee takes great pleasure in announcing the candidates certified to seek the office of Director for the four positions available in the 1997 elections. The term is for three years and ends on July 27, 2000.

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- 5 C. J. "Skip" Rittenhouse, Member LC00022, 1540 Norma Road, Columbus, OH 43229
- 6 Kermit K. Schauer, Member LR04140, 675 Farney Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005-3314
- 7 Paul C. Wilkey, Member LR19742, 57105 Claudia Lane, Middlebury, IN 46540
- 8 William H. "Bill" Van Ort, LR07770, 8968 Thomas Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125-7602

Respectfully Submitted,
M R "Dick" Wainwright
Nominating & Elections Committee Chairman

Editor's Note: In accordance with the KWVA By-laws, the official ballot to elect Board Members listed above will be published in the June-July issue of *The Graybeards*. No other ballot will be honored or accepted.

Biographical sketches of each candidate begins on page 12

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

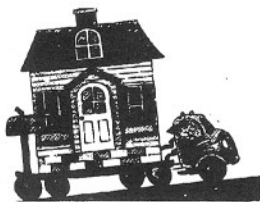
RESOLUTION FROM YONGDUNG PO CHAPTER #114, Commitment for a "WALL OF HONOR" with names of Korean War KIA/MIA/POW—Published in *THE GRAYBEARDS*, JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1997, Page 21.

The above RESOLUTION was passed unanimously on February 16, 1997, by the Executive Council at the Mid-winter Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico and President Nick Pappas asked National Director Andrew J. Lynch if he would consider chairing this committee or recommend someone. Director Lynch accepts the chair of this committee with National Director Oreste (Rusty) Tramonte agreeing to co-chair.

Andrew J. Lynch
KWVA National Director
Resolutions Chairman

Moving?

Please notify
Graybeards
of your change
of address.



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

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The Rose of Sharon is sold by the dozen. Sample order is 4 dozen, \$2.50 per dozen = \$10 plus \$3 S&H. Minimum order is 20 dozen @\$50 plus \$5 S&H.

Ordering Address: Mr. Earl House
1870 Yakona Road
Baltimore, MD 21234
Phone (410) 661-8950

DEATH NOTICE OF A MEMBER OF KWVA

The following notice is submitted for publication:

Name of deceased _____

Date of death _____

Department/Chapter _____

Home of record _____

Army ☐ - Navy ☐ - Marine Corps ☐ - Air Force ☐ - Coast Guard ☐ —

Other _____

Primary Unit of service during Korean War _____

Submitted by _____

Relationship to deceased _____

Send to: Editor, *The Graybeards*
P.O. Box 10806
Arlington, VA 22210

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Black & White	1 issue	2 issues	4 issues
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2/3 page	450	425	400
1/2 page	325	300	275
1/3 page	225	210	195
1/4 page	175	160	145
1/6 page	125	120	115

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Black and second color	earned rate plus \$650
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Fifteen percent to authorized agencies on space, position and color. Terms for payment are net with order; net 10 days with prior approval.

The information and proof copy on reverse side or attached have been checked and are approved for printing.

Signed: _____ Date _____

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Thank You For Your Patronage

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

QUARTERMASTER CLOSED

Effective immediately, until further notice no more orders for merchandise will be accepted for Quartermaster items as advertised in the Graybeards. Only orders that are currently in the Mail System will be processed by Ken Cook, who is temporarily handling these orders. Orders having "checks/money orders" will be filled if the merchandise is available, otherwise the funds will be returned. Credit card orders cannot be filled, because the card processing equipment is not available. Those orders will be returned.

This closing became necessary following a detailed audit of the financial affairs of the KWVA. The Executive Council, meeting in Albuquerque, NM on February 15, 1997, ratified the actions taken earlier closing the Quartermaster. As of this writing, the merchandise of the Quartermaster is being inventoried under the direction of the auditor. This precautionary measure is designed to preserve and determine the value of the inventory. At such time as this process is completed, it will be decided how to best dispose of the inventory and as quickly as possible recover its financial value.

A new Quartermaster will be named ASAP. We are sorry for the inconvenience. You will be informed.

Attention KWVA Members

All 1-800 numbers listed on page 2 of the January-February issue of *The Graybeards* are cancelled effective 1 April 1997. The new telephone numbers are:

Nick Pappas 302-227-1309
Nancy Monson 703-522-9629
Tom Clawson 612-457-1266
Jim Martin 401-282-8498

1997 National Reunion Notes

In spite of last minute adjustments, your 1997 Reunion is in Full Swing! Make your deposit **NOW** and pay the balance by 1 June 1997. (Use the Registration Form on page 11). —After that date there will be a **price increase!!** **ACT NOW** to make sure you are included in an exciting, informative reunion. Each person will receive a receipt and a letter with all the details.

Sign up for FIRST CLASS tours in the Land of Enchantment

In 1540, Francisco Vasques de Coronado came searching for the fabled golden cities of Cibola. What he found was the heart and soul of *The Land of Enchantment*. The Command Post also known as the War Room will have a complete list of every advertised event in the Albuquerque area. There is plenty to do from shopping at our new mall, daily trips for native bingo and gaming, to golf and much more. Express your desires and there is a very good chance the busy bees of Albuquerque can set it up for you.

The following tours offered are based on a specific number of people required by the tour company. Fill in the form at the end of this announcement.

• **Tour One** - Thursday 24 July—10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A tour of the Turquoise Museum, Old Town Albuquerque and the Indian Pueblo Cultural Centers. Discover the difference between handmade and hand crafted jewelry at the Turquoise Museum while surrounded with one-of-a-kind turquoise specimens from over fifty-mines. Across the street in historic Old Town with time for lunch and sight-seeing. Then board your deluxe coach for a trip to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center featuring an Indian Museum and exhibits on the history of the state's 19 Indian Pueblos. The price is \$25 per person, based on 35 paid guests. Number x \$25 = \$_____.

• **Tour Two** - Friday 25 July — 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. A tour of Acoma "Sky City" Pueblo. This is the oldest city in the United States dating back to 1150 AD. You

will have a guided tour with plenty of time to shop for native pottery and sample native cuisine. Coach transportation, guide and box lunch for \$35 each. Need 35 people to sign up. Number x \$35 = \$_____.

• **Tour Three** - Saturday 26 July from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. tour of Santa Fe. A guided walking tour of the large historic plaza with many art galleries, museums, churches and much more. Bus and guide for \$23 each. Need 35 sign-ups. Number __ x \$23 = \$_____.

Should we need to contact you, please make sure to fill in the following:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check enclosed for \$_____
All check or money orders payable to: 1997 KWVA Reunion

Mail check and registration form to:
Albuquerque Chapter One - KWVA
P.O. Box 80123, Albuquerque, NM 87198-0123
Call Tod Cornell at (505) 255-4967.

CREDIT CARDS: Charge my credit card:

☐ M/Card ☐ Visa ☐ Amer. Exp. ☐ Discover

Acct. # _____ Exp. Date _____

Your Tel. # _____

Card Holders Name: _____

Signature _____

Mail credit card charge and registration to above address.

1997 REUNION

PACKAGE PLAN FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM AND REGISTRATION IMMEDIATELY

1997 Korean War Veterans Association

13th ANNUAL REUNION

ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87198-0123

JULY 23-28, 1997

DETAILS ANNOUNCED IN FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS

REGISTRATION

Member Name: First _____ MI _____ Last _____ KWVA# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home _____ Office _____

Hotel Selection	1 or 2 Persons	# of people	x	# of days	
Pinnacle (Headquarters)	\$82.92	_____	x	_____	= \$ _____
LaBaron	\$57.49	_____	x	_____	= \$ _____
Banquet, 7/27/97 @ \$28 each,	# attending	_____	x \$28		= \$ _____
Breakfast, 7/28/97 @ \$10 each,	# attending	_____	x \$10		= \$ _____
Registration Fee @ \$32/single person		_____	x \$32		= \$ _____
Registration Fee @ \$55/couple		_____	x \$55		= \$ _____
TOTALS					= \$ _____

Total Package Plan Balance: 1/3 by 03/01/97 = _____

1/3 by 04/01/97 = _____

Balance by 06/01/97 = _____

\$100.00 deposit guarantees a room, Your deposit will apply to your account for the activities you choose from the latter mailing.

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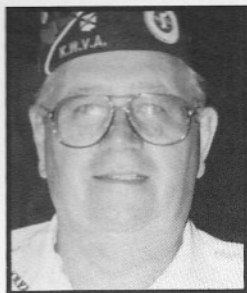
KWVA, 1997 Reunion

Albuquerque Chapter One - KWVA

P.O. Box 80123

Albuquerque, NM 87198-0123

Candidates for the Office of Board of Directors



John (Jack) George Edwards
9330, 89th. Way N., Seminole,
Florida 33777 (813) 397-8209
Please accept this notification as
my candidacy for the office of Na-
tional Director for the period 1997
through 2000. Below is my resume,
and attached is my DD214.

PERSONAL DATA SUMMARY

Born: Binghamton, New York, October 17, 1931.

Education: Graduate of St. Paul's High School, Binghamton, N.Y.; Graduate of F.A.A. Aeronautical Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Associate Degree in Criminal Justice, John Jay College, N.Y.; N.Y.S. Police Training Academy; F.B.I. Training Academy; US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration; N.Y.S. Institute for Law Enforcement Managers.

Military Service: Served with U.S.A.F. from September 1949 until November 1957. From December 1951 until December 1952 served in Korea with the 5th Air Force as communications sergeant, attached to the 452 Bomb Wing L; Assigned to 1993 AACS Squadron; Attached to Marine Air Group 33, First Marine Air Wing. After Korea entered USAF Reserve (Active) until resuming full active duty from 1954 until November 1957.

Employment:

Federal Aviation Agency; International Business Machines; Link Aviation Space Program; General Electric Helicopter Program; Bendix Radio Technical Representative with USAF; New York State Law Enforcement Agency retiring as Chief Officer.

Service Association Affiliations: Life Member of American Legion Post 1645, Binghamton, N.Y.; V.F.W. Post 478, Binghamton N.Y.; Air Force Sergeants Association; Korean War Veterans Association; AACS Alumni Association.; AFSA Blue Dolphin Chapter Vice President; AFSA Division Five First Trustee; KWVA Suncoast Chapter President; KWVA Department of Florida President; Pinellas County Veterans Liaison Council - Secretary.

My wife Jean and I celebrated our 43rd wedding anniversary in January this year, we have seven children and twelve grandchildren. Communications being my specialty I would endeavor to represent the KWVA membership as a whole nationwide and not only in a specific geographical area, my many years of experience in this field will be a most valuable asset in accomplishing this, working together with my fellow elected KWVA officers. I would hope to give each and every issue thorough consideration before making a decision, taking, whenever necessary, advice from fellow members. I will attend all called Executive Council meetings, acknowledging that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office.

Robert G. Fleig, 2001 Old St. Augustine Road, Tallahassee, FL 32301-0609 - (904) 656-2001. Life Member No. 1986. Please accept this letter as my official notification to run for the office of National Director for the 1997-2000 three year term of office.



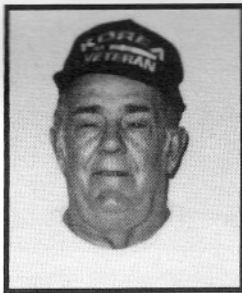
Rosemary and I will celebrate our 44th wedding anniversary on April 18, 1997. We have three children Steven, Ellen, and David, and five grandchildren. I am retired from the New York State Education Department where I was an Associate in Business Education. I am presently a Project Manager, Institute of Science and Public Affairs, The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida.

I was drafted into the army in February 1951. Processed through Ft. Devens, Massachusetts. Assigned to Headquarters Signal Company, 40th Infantry Division, Ft. Rucker, Alabama. Instructor in radio school. Sent to Korea, January 1952, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. Awarded Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), Korean Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, U. N. Service Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation. B. S. degree from University of the State of New York. M. S. degree from State University of New York at Albany. Graduate, N.D.E.A. Institute Advanced Studies for Media Specialists. Attended numerous management training institutes at various locations across the country. Coordinated the development, field testing, validation and implementation of a statewide system for evaluating student progress in occupational education programs. Designed the statewide management system for the implementation of a revised business education program. Instituted a five-year plan for growth development of FBLA. Designed and implemented in-service training programs in business education.

Charter member and President, Capital City Chapter KWVA. 1st Vice-Commander Sauls-Bridges Post 13, American Legion. President, Teacher's Union, Waterford-Halfmoon School District. State Advisor, Future Business Leaders of America. Chairperson, Individual Professional Staff Development Committee. Member of Professional Staff Development Committee, Division of Occupational Education Programs. N.D.E.A. Project Director. Member of Quality Circle Committee for the Reorganization of the Division of Occupational Education Instruction, New York State Education Department. Conducted national competition for Mr. & Miss FBLA.

Life member KWVA; VFW Post 6510, American Vocational Association (AVA); NYS Business Teachers Association (BTA); and NYS Association Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Member of La Societe Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux (40/8). I want to stay active in our organization. If elected, I will serve to the best of my ability. I will be a voice for the membership. I will vote my conscience.

Candidates for the Office of Board of Directors *Continued*



Edward Grygier
10 Riley Place
Staten Island, New York 10302
(718) 981-3630

My name is Edward Grygier, I am running for re-election as National Director of the Korean War Veterans Association. I served with the Heavy Mortar Co. of the 19th Regiment, 24th Infantry Division from October 1949 to

July 1951. I also started the Alan Kivlehan Chapter in Staten Island, New York, serving as President for three years.

I helped the Department of New York State, serving as Vice President for two years.

I was elected as National Director in 1994. Since, 1994 I have attended all board meetings and eight reunions.

I believe my vote on all matters of concern was always in the interest of all members. Therefore, I ask once again for your continued support in re-election for another three year term.

Thank you.
Edward Grygier
KWVA Member Number RO02558

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC. 1997 PROPOSED BUDGET

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENSES	AMOUNT
<u>Membership</u>		<u>Administration</u>	
Regular Dues	117196	VA Service	125
Associate Dues	2496	Election Expense	2000
Life Members	30000	Data Processing	15000
		Daisy Account	150
<u>Total Dues</u>	149692	Legal Fees	700
		Audit	6000
		Accounting	600
		Office Supplies	5000
		Fax Lines	1200
		Telephone	4000
		Calling Cards	500
		Secretarial Services	1500
		Public Relations	500
		Bank Charges	500
		Taxes/Licenses	250
		Postage & Mail Service	7000
		Awards	400
<u>Other Income</u>		Insurance	7500
Graybeard Ads	5000	Incidentals	1000
Interest	4487	Rifle Raffle Expenses	0
Royalties	200	Executive Council	0
Donations/Graybeards	1000	Reunion'97 Expenses	2000
Other Income	96	(Dignataries)	
National Rifle Raffle	0	<u>Total Admin. Exp.</u>	55,925
Other Donations	450	<u>Graybeards Expense (6 Issues)</u>	
		Publications Expense	78000
<u>Tot. Other Income</u>	11233	Layouts	6000
		Postage	21000
TOTAL REVENUES	160925	Adv. Commissions	0
		<u>Total Graybeards Exp.</u>	105,000
		TOTAL OP. EXP.	160925

Andrew J. Lynch
2404 Oriole Drive S.
Besalem, PA 19020
(215) 638-8810



Please accept this announcement as my intention to run for a second term of office as National Director.

I first joined to help us get our memorial, and am still going full tilt to get it finished, and finished right.

My military experience:

Enlisted in the Regular Army, 1949, sent to 3rd Armored Division, Fort Knox, KY for basic; assigned to 4th Infantry Division, Fort Ord, California, 1950; later, Headquarters Company, 6th Army, Special Troops, Fort Ord, California; TDY to Fort Campbell, KY — parachute training; 6th Army to Camp Stoneman, CA; 29th Infantry Regimental Combat Team, Camp Napunja, Okinawa. 1st and 3rd Battalions 29th RCT had already been shipped to Korea and nearly wiped out at the Hadong ambush near Chinju; assigned to Regimental Headquarters setting up replacement units and training 8 week basic troops arriving from the U.S., Volunteered for Korea service and was reassigned to 21st AAA Aw Bn, 25th Infantry Division. Stayed with the 25th Division until my big "R" back to the U.S.A; reassigned Cadre-to a Receiving Company at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey until my discharge, late 1952. Awarded 6 Decorations because FREEDOM IS NOT FREE. Member in good standing in the 25th (TROPIC LIGHTNING) Infantry Division Association; 29th (WE LEAD THE WAY) Infantry Regiment Association, Fort Benning, GA.

KWVA experience: Worked many years to help raise money for our memorial in Washington, D.C.; wrote articles for National and Metropolitan Publications, appeared on radio, and other media, whenever I had, or made, an opportunity to get our message out.

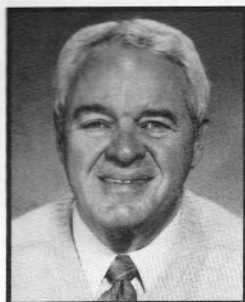
Elected National Director in 1994 for three years—never missed a meeting in that time—even making an extra meeting during our preparations for the Memorial Dedication in Washington, D.C.; Chairman of the Resolutions Committee — 3 years.

Founded and organized the YONGDUNG PO CHAPTER in Bucks County, PA. Elected first Chapter President 1995. Recruited over thirty new KWVA members — both National and Chapter and assisted others in forming new chapters.

Dedicated to achieving "OUR WALL OF HONOR", I need your support for another 3 year term as National Director to see this to fruition.

**Support Your 1997
Korean War Veterans Association
13th ANNUAL REUNION
ALBUQUERQUE,
NEW MEXICO
JULY 23-28, 1997**

Candidates for the Office of Board of Directors *Continued*



C. J. "Skip" Rittenhouse
1540 Norma Road
Columbus, Ohio 43229
(614) 885-4118

I am C.J. (Skip) Rittenhouse and I am declaring myself a candidate for the office of Director of The Korean War Veterans Association for the 1997-2000 term. I am one of the original 39 who founded the organization in 1985.

I hold both a B. Sc. and a M.Sc. from The Ohio State University. I finished my bachelors degree under the G.I. Bill and went into commissioned selling until 1972 when I became a vocational teacher.

I was drafted in 1952 and took my training at Aberdeen Proving Ground. I graduated from the Leaders Course before being sent to Korea where I served with the 7th Division (707 Ord./32nd Rgt.) during the last months of the war.

I am President of Central Ohio Chapter and Executive Vice-president of the Department of Ohio of the KWVA.

I have, with the help of Harley Coon, started chapters in Columbus, Cincinnati, Portsmouth, Marion, Toledo, Youngstown and Akron.

Until November 1996 West Virginia had no chapters. In that month a meeting was convened in Charleston, the state capital and leadership was created for an organization which hopefully will create, not only the "Capital" Chapter but will also lay the ground work for a structure which will form another chapter in nearby Huntington and then throughout the Mountaineer state.

My enthusiasm for building the organization is such that I feel I can do even more as your director. Please allow me the opportunity to serve you.

KWVA Member Number LC00022

Kermit K. Schauer
675 Farney Road
Las Cruces, NM 88005-3314
(505) 523-4198 home
(505) 522-7111 work



I intend to run for the office of Director for the 1997-2000 three year term. I believe the qualifications I bring to this office will be of great benefit to the Association.

I hold a Bachelor degree in accounting and Master and Doctorate degrees in management and administration.

I am a **Certified Public Accountant (CPA)** with thirty-five years experience in public practice. In addition, I hold professional designations of **Certified Management Accountant (CMA)** and **Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)**.

My experience includes teaching at the University level. I have held numerous leadership and director positions. For example, for the past ten years I have served as a Director/Treasurer of Fort Bliss Federal Credit Union at El Paso, Texas. The credit union has 80,000 members, mostly military, and has \$250 million in assets. I am a past Wing Commander of the USAF Auxiliary CAP and am a current member. I am a past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Mexico and still serve in other capacities.

I am a member of the American Legion, VFW, DAV, MOPH, and the KWVA.

I believe my knowledge, skills and abilities with veterans groups, military personnel, nonprofit organizations, management, accounting and taxes will be as asset to the Association.

KWVA Membership Number LR4140

Nassau County (NY) Chapter Hears Educators On Why The Korean War is the Forgotten War

At the March meeting of the Nassau County Chapter No. 1 of the KWVA (Long Island), Locust Valley social studies teachers, Dr. Evor Parsons and Mr. William Ober spoke about the "Teaching of the Cold War and the Korean War." Dr. Parsons, a Vietnam veteran, is Chairman of the department and strongly favors educating students about the importance of the Korean War. In fact, the Tell-America Committee will be making a presentation at the Locust Valley Middle School in a few weeks.

What came as quite a surprise to the 45 members present was that the New York State history standards don't even mention the Korean War! They mention the Mexican War, Civil War, World War I and II, our involvement in Southeast Asia...but Zip about the Korean War. (No wonder its called the Forgotten War).

The New York standards mention "Rosa Parks' decision to challenge the Jim Crow laws in Alabama in 1955." With no disrespect meant for Mrs. Parks' courageous act, this writer feels that five million men and women who fought in the Korean War with 54,000 killed deserve to be included in the State standards. Historians should also recognize that the military was finally integrated in the Korean War with whites and blacks fighting side-by-side for the first time in American history.

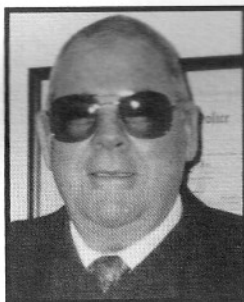
Dr. Parsons pointed out that it is up to the department chairman to supplement the basic standards with other educational programs. He pointed out that Locust Valley has sponsored programs on D-Day, Vietnam, A More Perfect Union, and trips to Washington, DC, the Intrepid Museum in New York City and other places of historical interest.

Irwin Braun, Nassau Co. Chapter #1
Tell America • Speakers Bureau



L to R: President John Leignadier, Dr. Ivor Parsons, William Ober and Vice President John Quinn

Candidates for the Office of Board of Directors *Concluded*



Paul C. Wilkey
57105 Claudia Lane
Middlebury, Indiana 46540
(219) 825-5178

I respectfully submit the following resume as to my qualifications for the office of Director for the Korean War Veterans Association Inc.:

1. **Military History:** I served with the 7th Medical detachment, 7th Infantry Division from 1952 - 1953 and was honorably discharged June 1953.

2. **Personal:** I am sixty four (64) years of age, married to Dian for thirty-eight years (38), I have two (2) children, and my wife and I are both retired.

3. **Education:** I have a Master of Science Degree from Indiana University with endorsements in Sociology, U.S. Government, and U. S. History.

4. I served twenty one (21) years with the Indiana State Police and retired. I have taught both on the high school and college level and have retired.

5. **Interest:** My grandchildren, traveling, fishing, history, reading, and woodworking.

6: **Future Plans:** My wife and I plan to remain fully retired and just enjoy life.

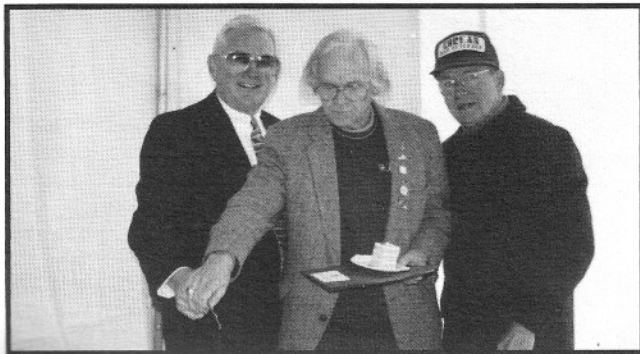
Respectfully,

KWVA Number LR19742

National Korean War Memorial Computer Kiosk Opens

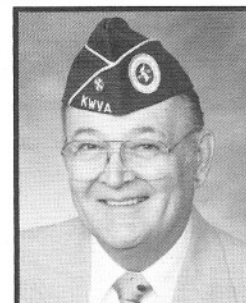
The long awaited Computer Kiosk was officially opened on February 17, 1997. The kiosk is located to the right of the Lincoln Memorial and directly in front of the Korean War Memorial.

The kiosk provides a place where visitors may query "The Korean War Veterans Honor Roll" database to see whether the name sought is on file. If the veteran is in the database, the name, home of record, birth date, Service, rank & serial number, cause & date of death, and a short description of the circumstances of the action where death occurred. This can then be printed out on request and taken as a Honor Roll souvenir. The process was demonstrated at the Dedication of the Memorial on July 27, 1995.



A Sherm Pratt Photo
KWVA members Ray Donnelly, Amos Camp and Sherm Pratt showing cutting the ceremonial cake following the opening of the Computer Kiosk.

William H. "Bill" Van Ort
8968 Thomas Drive
Woodbury, Minnesota, 55125-7602 (612) 578-3475
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announce my candidacy for reelection to the position of Director, for the term 1997-2000.



Entered the U.S Army, and served in Korea with the 11th Engineer

(Combat) Battalion from late 1951 to early 1953 as the Battalion Engineer Supply Sergeant. After returning home, transferred to the USAR. Joined the Army National Guard in 1956, and received a commission as a 2nd Lt., MSC. Retired in 1963 due to a squad car accident while on duty as a St. Paul Police Officer, which shortened my associate military career.

Married to my wife Peggy for 43 years and have eight children and thirteen grandchildren. My wife is also a KWVA member. Attended high school in St. Paul, Lakewood Community College and the University of Minnesota. Was nominated by my peers in 1982 as "Police Officer of the Year" and after serving 28 years, retired from the Department in 1984. I am a Life Member of the Minnesota Peace and Police Officers Association. Retired from Honeywell Corporate Security in 1992, which now allows me more time to work for veterans' entitlements and issues.

Have been active with church and school organizations as a parish council and school board member. Was awarded the prestigious "St. George Award" in 1968 for adult Catholic scouts, and have been named as the "Scouter of the year" for Indianhead Council, BSA. I Have been a active 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus for over 20 years. Life member and Officer of my VFW Post # 5725; Life member of TROA and member of Minnesota Chapter, TROA; Life member of the KWVA (#07770) & Member of MKWV Chap. #1. I serve on the United Veterans Legislative Council of the State, representing all Minnesota Korean Veterans.

Served on the first "TELL AMERICA" campaign of the KWVA and was the originator of the **State Rebate Program** as it is now known. Created the **Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation** to replace the College Educational Committee of the KWVA. I am currently a **National Director** of the KWVA, and **President & CEO** of the KWVEGC.

Our memorial is now completed in Washington, DC; The **GRAYBEARDS** is one of the best veterans magazine published, and our "TELL AMERICA" is now becoming a very solid program through out our country. I strongly believe that education is the future of the KWVA. We must do more in this field to provide more grants for our descendants. We must provide them the necessary monetary help to attend the college of their choice through our College Educational Grant program.

Thank You for your support and your vote.

**Fly your flag
on Flag Day
June 14**



Will An American "TOMMY" Please Stand Up?

By Thomas Roy Harney

Rudyard Kipling's poem "Tommy" rose from the depths of my so-called brain recently, triggered and recalled from those depths by the print-media news. "Tommy", a lawyer's guide to veterans affairs, is the name of the quarterly newsletter published by the Veterans Law Section of the Federal Bar Association, but I had somehow previously failed to make the obvious connection between the poem and the newsletter. The poem "Tommy" is from a different time, 1892; a different country, Great Britain, and almost a different language, English Cockney; yet it is right on point concerning American veterans and all Americans today. "Tommy Atkins" or "Tommy" is the British equivalent of the American GI (e.g. Bill Mauldin's Willie and Joe in his popular cartoon series "Up Front," and "Tommy Atkins" is the speaker in Kipling's poem.

The speaker is calling our attention to the gross disparity in the value that the citizenry places on its soldiers. The unjust disparity he observes is the miserable treatment accorded the soldier and ex-soldier in peace-time, contrasted with their treatment when the winds of war are blowing or, as Tommy puts it, when "there's trouble in the wind." Kipling's tribute to Mr. Thomas Atkins is relevant today, because in 1997, more than 100 years after it was penned by him, an American "Tommy" wouldn't have to look too far for modern-day American examples to support his disparity contention.

Were he speaking today, Kipling's Mr. Atkins could have cited the statement released by Pentagon officials recently that the military logs for an eight-day period during which thousands of American troops might have been exposed to nerve gas and other Iraqi chemical weapons shortly after the Persian Gulf war appear to have been removed or lost and cannot be located despite an exhaustive search.

There are several mysterious gaps in the otherwise meticulous combat logs. The gaps include the period in early March 1991 in which American combat engineers blew up the sprawling Kamisiyah ammunition depot in southern Iraq, an event that exposed thousands of American troops to nerve gas. One wonders if "Mr. Tommy Atkins" would feel the need to point out that the Department of Defense had originally denied to Congress that such combat logs even existed, and only after a Georgia veterans group sought them under the Freedom of Information Act did the DoD release the logs.

Only recently has the Pentagon acknowledged that the nerve gas Sarin and other chemical weapons had definitely been stored in the Iraqi ammunition depot at Kamisiyah that was destroyed by U. S. troops in March 1991.

That event at the Kamisiyah ammunition depot exposing thousands of U. S. soldiers to a cloud of the nerve gas Sarin and other deadly chemicals; poisoning from anti-nerve gas tablets, and poisoning from pesticides are the three major presumptive sources of the disabling physical health problems that have been plaguing veterans and children of veterans of the Persian Gulf War.

As an attorney, I respect the way Kipling's speaker, "Mister Atkins," makes his case; his supporting examples are clear and visual, his logic is straightforward and his closing line poses a clear point for all Americans to ponder.

The concerned but muted and fragmented chorus of American voices would do well to find a present-day point man like "Tommy Atkins" who, armed with fresh examples to support his disparity contention, could forcefully champion the rights of responsible Americans and blast his closing line to stonewalling Pentagon officials, the Defense Department, the Veterans Administration and others—shouting, the final and dramatic line of the poem: "An' Tommy ain't a bloomin' fool; you bet that Tommy sees!"

Thomas Roy Harney, a San Jose attorney, served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War era, is a member of the Santa Clara County Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, and is now a Captain in the Retired Reserve.

— Tommy —

by Rudyard Kipling

*I went into a public-house to get a pint o' beer
The publican 'e up an' sez, "We serve no red coats here."
The girls be'ind the bar they laughed an' giggled fit to die,
I outs into the street again an' to myself sez I:*

*O it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an' "Tommy, go away";
But it's "Thank you, Mister Atkins", when the band begins to play,
The band begins to play, my boys, the band begins to play,
O it's "Thank you, Mister Atkins", when the band begins to play.*

*I went into a theatre as sober as could be,
They gave a drunk civilian room, but 'adn't none for me;
They sent me to the gallery or round the music-halls,
But when it came to fightin', Lord! they'll shove me in the stalls!
For it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an' "Tommy wait outside";
But it's "Special train for Atkins" when the trooper's on the tide.
The troopship's on the tide, my boys, the troopship's on the tide,
O it's "Special train for Atkins" when the trooper's on the tide.*

*Yes, makin' mock o' uniforms that guard you while you sleep
Is cheaper than them uniforms, an' they're starvation cheap;
An' hustlin' drunken soldiers when they're goin' large a bit
Is five times better business than paradin' in full kit.
Then it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an' "Tommy, 'ow's yer soul?"
But it's "Thin red line of 'eroes" when the drums begin to roll,
The drums begin to roll, my boys, the drums begin to roll,
O it's "Thin red line of 'eroes" when the drums begin to roll.*

*We aren't no thin red 'eroes, nor we aren't no blackguards too,
But single men in barracks, most remarkable like you;
An' if sometimes are conduct isn't all your fancy paints,
Why, single men in barracks don't grow into plaster saints;
While it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an' "Tommy, fall be'ind",
But it's "Please to walk in front, sir", when there's trouble in the wind,
There's trouble in the wind, my boys, there's trouble in the wind!*

*You talk o' better food for us, an' schools, an' fires, an' all:
We'll wait for extra rations if you treat us rational.
Don't mess about the cook-room slops, but prove it to our face
The Widow's Uniform is not the soldier-man's disgrace.*

*For it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an' "Chuck him out, the brute!"
But it's "Saviour of 'is country" when the guns begin to shoot;
An' it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an' anything you please;
An' Tommy ain't a bloomin' fool — you bet that Tommy sees!*

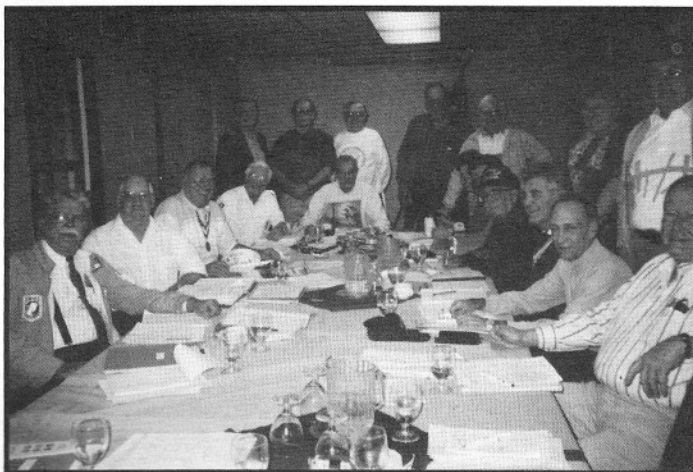
Chapter Affairs

Cpl. Richard A. Bell Chapter Supports Fire Department



President Henry Waldeck Center presenting a check for \$100.00 as a donation to the West Bend Fire Dept. to be used to purchase equipment for the Dept.. The Fire Chief Ray Roskopf (Left) receiving the Check and looking on is Jerry Jung (Right) public relations officer. Both Henry and Jerry are officers in the Cpl. Richard A. Bell Chapter, Korean War Veterans Association, West Bend, Wisconsin. Also in the picture is one of West Bend Fire Dept's newest trucks.

Reunion Plans Approved



Pictured above is the Executive Council meeting with the Reunion Committee in Albuquerque, New Mexico on February 15, 1997.

The Chairman for the Reunion is Tod D. Cornell of Albuquerque. His presentation to the Executive Council was impressive and all in attendance expressed their appreciation for the excellent plans proposed for this years 13th Annual Reunion July 23-28, 1997.

Department of Delaware Honors Men Who Gave Of Themselves In Support Of Delaware Veterans Cemetery

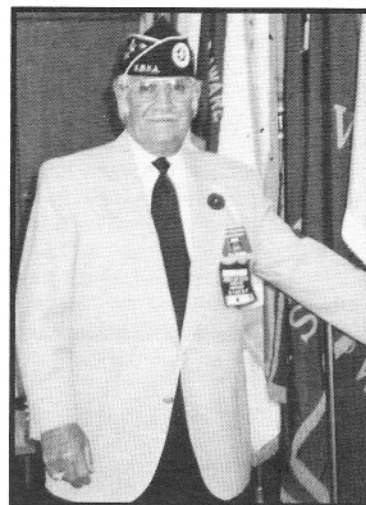
Department of Delaware Chapters 2 & 3 raised the monies in support of the Delaware Veterans Cemetery, Bear, Delaware



Gene Rose, Chairman of the Plaque Program. Gene served with the 25th Div.



Jerry Mathena, donates well over \$500 for the new Korean War Vets Flagpole and flags that now adorn our Place of Honor within the Vets Cemetery. Jerry served with the 90th Tank Bn, 1st Cav Div.



Pat Giordano served in WWII and in Korea with the U.S. Navy's CB's and donated the Beautiful Flag and Staff that now adorns the Veterans Cemetery Chapel.

KWV plaque that adorns a place of honor within the Chapel at Bear, Delaware.



CHAPTER AFFAIRS

Two Chapters Added To National

In February, two new chapters were added to the national organization.

On Feb. 10 **The Mountaineer Chapter** was formed in Charleston, West Virginia. At it's first meeting the following officers were elected:

Jack Tamplin President
Franklin (Frank) Goff, Vice Pres.
Jim DeCarlo, Secretary
Warren McGinnis, Treasurer
The Rev. Franklin Goff is the Chaplain.

The meeting was attended by 25 veterans. Mr. Gail Harper, the State Director of Veteran's Affairs for West Virginia and Skip Rittenhouse the Executive Vice President of The Dept. of Ohio of the KWVA also attended.

This is the state's first chapter and plans are already underway to create chapters in the Huntington and Beckley areas. The chapter will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the John Brawley American Legion Post #20 in Charleston.

On Tuesday February 18th the **Hocking Valley Chapter** met for the first time in Logan, Ohio. The 26 assembled veterans elected the following officers:

Pres.: Salvatore (Sam) LoSchiavo
1st Vice-president: Jim Inboden
2nd Vice Pres. Larry Walker
Secretary: Sonny Kreuger
Treasurer: Bob Parry

Five members of the nearby Central Ohio Chapter attended. They were: Mike Mahoney, Chuck McKinniss, Larry McKinniss, Norman Swartz and Skip Rittenhouse. Tim Woodgeard the Hocking County Veterans Service officer also attended and was a big help to the fledgling group. The next meeting will be on St. Patrick's Day at 7:30 PM at the American Legion post # 78 in Logan.

Gulf Coast Chapter

President Neil Livingston reports the transition to the Chapter's new meeting place at American Legion Post 88 was very smooth and the reception and welcome was tremendous. The Chapter has been more or less offered carte blanche access to the new home according to Livingston.

The KWVA State Convention is to be in Mobile, AL May 30-June 1.

Minnesota Chapter One



One of the many projects of Minnesota Chapter One is pictured above at the V.A. Hospital. The Chapter gives valentines to vets and special ones to Korean vets. The gal in the picture is are guide, a Major in the Marines in World War II. A total of 12 members participated. The lady in civies is one of the wives.

New "Louisiana Korean War Memorial" Spearhead by Louisiana Chapter



Memorial Committee Left: Louis Huhner, George Huhner, Joe Lichtenstein, Milroy Beydler, Bob Hatfield Chairman, Harold Schwalb, Lamar Hooks and Clyde Livaudias

The new Korean War Memorial is located at the intersection of Veterans Memorial Blvd. and North Causeway Blvd. in Metairie, Louisiana (a suburb of New Orleans).

The memorial is constructed of black and gray granite and contains the names of the 588 Louisiana Veterans who served during the Korean War and paid "The Supreme Sacrifice". The memorial stands some 11 feet tall and 35 feet long, and was paid for by the Louisiana Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

The Parish (County) of Jefferson made available to the Korean War Veterans Association, \$138,000 that was used to build and landscape a "Veterans Memorial Square" where the Memorial is now located. The Parish hopes that other war memorials will consider locating in this area.

At the dedication ceremony the "Keynote Speaker" was Colonel William E. Barber, United States Marine Corps (Retired). He received the Congressional Medal of Honor in the battle of the "Chosin Reservoir".

Chapter #137, Youngstown, Ohio

CHAPTER AFFAIRS



Back row L to R: Bob Bakalik, 1st V.P., Don "Barnabas" Locke, Chaplain; Bud Homman, Trustee; Will Springer, 2nd V.P.; Fred Keslar, Member. Front row: Richard Koker, Secretary; Steve Colucci, Historian; Dean McClain, President; Richard Schulz, Trustee and Ray Ong, Treasurer

The Chapter was born on the 4th of July 1996 following an article in the Youngstown (Ohio) *Vindicator* advertising the establishment of KWVA Chapter #137 in the Youngstown area.

From an initial enrollment of 3 men in July to a paid membership of over 50 vets (57) in only 8 months and growing rapidly under the leadership of Dean B. McClain and his staff, the Chapter is a growing force in our area.

All meetings and events are well attended, such as our July 27, 1996 sunrise service at Austentown Veterans Park marking the 43rd anniversary of the end of the Korean War, to our Christmas Party where we were entertained by performers from our local Korean community.

Our members have been featured by our local cable community channel. We are in the process of having a bridge in Youngstown named after the Korean War vets.

A request for reservations has been submitted for several couples to visit Korea in the year 2000 under the Korean Government Revisit Program.

Tri-County Chapter, North Alabama placed a military marker and conducted a ceremony to honor Pvt. Barrier, killed in action. A Distinguished Unit Citation was read and indicates a good way to "Tell America" we have not forgotten those who did not come from the Korean War.



L to R William A. Haynes, Stella Haynes, Eileen Ballentine, Ronnie Ballentine, Barbara Barrier, Thomas and June Barrier, Ellen and Joe Barrier and Sammy Barrier

Central New York Chapter Korean Vets Adopt a Highway

Central New York Korean War Veterans will maintain roadsides along Route 690 in the Town of Lysander as part of the Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway Program. The work will take place from Rte. 31 to State Fair Blvd. for 2 miles to Van Buren Rd.

Ed Monarski, Commander of the Chapter reports Rt. 690 has been named several years back: *Korean Veterans Memorial Highway*.

Under the Adopt-A-Highway Program, begun in New York in 1990, volunteer groups and organizations commit to beautifying stretches of State highways and keeping them litter-free. The Department of Transportation coordinates and assists volunteer groups participating in the program. This program is operative in other communities and might adopted by other Chapters.

First Major Memorial Honoring Women in the Military Nears Completion

Construction is continuing of the Women In Military Service For America Memorial, located at the ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. It is expected to be completed for the October 18 dedication. Donations are still needed to raise \$6 million to furnish and equip the education center where visitors will have computer access to profiles and photographs of the women who have been registered by the memorial.

For information on how to donate or register a service-woman past or present may do so by calling 1-800-4-SALUTE. There are some 1.8 million women who have served or are currently serving in all branches of the U.S. armed forces.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 1997

Some of our earlier goals were one time projects which we completed. One time goals are certainly necessary, but perhaps we should seek out projects that are continuing from year to year and ones that perform a service for the community. Here are some ideas that came from a Delray Beach, FL newsletter.

1. To expand our membership and encourage active participation by all our members.
2. To perform voluntary service in our communities for those in need, especially veterans.
3. To expand volunteer services to include a VA Medical Center or a State Veterans Home.
4. To begin an educational program in our schools educating our children about the Korean War, its importance as a first step in stemming the tide of Communist aggression, and of the service and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the armed forces during that period.
5. To install commemorative and memorial plaques in appropriate places in our communities in honor of those who served and for those who died in the Korean War.

The newsletter listed other activities in which we are already involved. One of particular note from above, is our own "Tell America Program," which is educational and is directed toward our local schools. Our purpose here is to generate ideas to get more members involved. Involvement generates interest and enthusiasm, which in turn promotes pride in organization, which ultimately attracts more members.



"Old Glory"

The Waving of the Stripes

The Glisten of the Stars

The Furling of the Cloth

Whether it be Day

Whether it be Night

It Will Forever Be Right

"God Bless America"

Charles R. Bell
123 Route 7, Raymond, NH 03077-12

Friendly Fire On Charlie Battery – Korea, 1952

Charlie Battery, 780th F.A., was in position in a six mile long valley; northeast of the Punchbowl. We were in the Northern most position in the valley, DT 30.6 - 40.9; the destroyed village of Kajon Ni. The 105's of the 11th Marine Regiment was to our right. The 155 Howitzers of the 196th F.A. was to our rear; and the Soyang-Gang River ran to the left of our position. I was Operations Sgt. of our fire direction center for our four 8" Howitzers. On January 29, 1952, I had almost completed my shift, in the fire direction bunker, and was waiting for relief personnel to arrive at 1200 hrs. At exactly 1135 hours, I heard the WHUMP! WHUMP!, of which I suspected was incoming; followed by the rattle of machine guns; and the roar of planes, overhead. I raced out of the bunker in time to catch a glimpse of a gull winged Corsair going over our position. Looking back through our valley and to our left, the 11th Marine fuel dump was belching flame and black smoke skyward.

As I glanced toward our Howitzer, I saw Sgt. Franklin Hitt, of First Section, already up on a M-4 Tractor, scrambling to remove the canvas cover of a .50 Cal. Machine Gun; and I felt a sense of pride. Sgt. Hitt

and I had come up through the ranks of the 104th AAA; and the thought raced through my mind: "As you train, so will you fight". We were preparing for another strafing run; but, instead of the roar of aircraft, we only heard the dull booms of exploding gas and diesel. Our howitzers and vehicles did not receive any damage; and our only casualty was PFC William Owens, who received a minor wound from flying debris. I do not know if there were any Marine casualties. We found out later that three Navy/Marine F4U Corsairs had made the run of the valley; but only the first aircraft had dropped two 250 lbs bombs and strafed an area a couple of hundred yards long. The strafing had ignited the fuel dump. The other two planes had, evidently, spotted the white stars on our vehicles and held their fire. I do not know if any disciplinary action was taken against the pilot of the first aircraft.

Charlie Battery would not be so lucky on the second occasion. It was December 21 of 1952. Charlie battery was still in position at the Northern Most Sector of the same valley. In the #4 Section Bunker, Sgt. Robert Rayburn, Cpl. Elmer Powell, and an unidentified black soldier were

relaxing, between fire missions. An undisclosed number of U.S. Air Force Jets were observed making a South to North run of the valley. As they approached our position, they pulled up, banked sharp left, and released an unknown number of bombs. Most of the bombs impacted on the hill to our front. On hit between the Third and Fourth Section, doing little damage. The last bomb hit the back portion of the #4 section bunker. The rear section of the bunker where Sgt. Rayburn was last seen was completely caved in. Although wounded, Cpl. Powell and the black soldier crawled through the debris to reach Sgt. Rayburn. But, it would be too late. Sgt. Robert L. Rayburn, of Jennings Indiana would be listed as Killed in Action.—Just four days before Christmas.

Total casualties sustained were: One killed, six wounded; with no damage to howitzers or other equipment. The next day, representatives from Fifth Air Force inspected the area. It is not known if any disciplinary action was taken for the pilots of the jets.

Once again, "Friendly Fire" had taken it's toll in the Korean War.

George J. Ellis — 780th F.A. Bn
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Innovation Bags 38,000 Prisoners

In World War II, I served as a navigator in the 8th Air Force with 35 missions over Germany. I was recalled to active duty in the Korean War. With much trepidation, I was assigned to the 6153rd Psychological Warfare Squadron for another 75 missions. We dropped South Korean guerrillas north of the bomb line at night and leaflets by day. The leaflets were tied in small stacks with light string so as to break and scatter on impact. This worked fine until November 1951 when the battlefield was knee-deep in snow. The leaflet bundles went "plop" and were of no value even as toilet paper for the enemy.

I overheard our C.O., Lt./Col. John Tyson talking to operations about changing our altitude from 9000 feet to 300 feet to allow the leaflets to free fall. I asked why we couldn't use some of the delayed action leaflet bombs that had been used successfully in WW II. They replied that the Korean War would be over long before we would receive them.

We got some empty flour sacks from the bakery and put in a midnight requisition for some delayed action detonator caps from the Corps of Engineers who were working on our runway. We dumped the leaflets into the flour sacks, tied the detonator caps into the end and cut the fuse for a 38 second free fall. After presenting the leaflet bomb to operations, we were allowed to demonstrate it to the Army "brass". We dumped the first sack at 9000 feet and the leaflets blew out of the bag at 300 feet just like confetti at Mardi Gras.

The system was adopted and according to *The Stars and Stripes* we took over 38,000 prisoners without firing a shot. What we did not know, was — at the mechanical mixing of residual flour and leaflets caused the North Koreans to claim that the leaflets were germ coated.

One of our pilots, Capt. Gene Layer was shot down. He was classified as a war criminal by North Korea and forced to draw pictures on a note pad to show how "we glued germs on the leaflets". He was held until the last day of the P.O.W. exchange. His release came only after his name surfaced when other P.O.W.'s were debriefed.

As an American innovator, I was awarded the Bronze Star. The North Koreans, however, did not hold me in the same regard. Gene told me later that the North Koreans had issued a contract for my early demise.

Paul G. Hogan
2015 Forest Lane, Mobile, AL 36605



One day on Pork Chop Hill

Beside being a rifleman in a platoon, I also drove an M-39 personnel carrier. We would bring patrols supplies, ammo, etc. to the top of the hill. The road was only wide enough for one vehicle at a time. Coming back down we would bring wounded and dead G.I.s and Chinese, and also prisoners.

During one trip up, they were loading ammo and a grenade fell from an open box to the floor. We paid no mind to it figuring they would get it when they emptied us at the top of the hill.



When we got up there, Sgt. Bike, my squad leader and I went into a bunker for orders while the infantry fellows were emptying the supplies. When we came out there were 11 Chinese P.O.W.s in the personnel carrier and one guard. I

told him about the grenade and we were both very alert watching them until we got to the bottom of the hill. When we unloaded them, there on the floor was the grenade.

Later on that evening, after bringing up a patrol, we were coming down the hill. It was pitch dark and we hit the embankment and turned over. We had to go down the rest of the way on foot.

We were lucky to run into a G.I. patrol going up because we did not know the password.

It was quite an exciting day. I was only a couple weeks away from rotating home.

Lawrence Busini
— Central Long Island Chapter
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Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Report

by Bill Van Ort

The KWVEGC is proud to announce the appointment of **Col. Robert H. Kies, USA (Ret)** to the position of Director as of the 24th of January. "Bob" served with the 1st Cav, 8th Regiment in Korea. He began his career in the Army as a PvtE1 in 1944, rising to the rank of Colonel, retiring in 1977. "Bob" presently lives in Petersburg, VA. He replaces Emmett Benjamin who resigned in December.

There is only a short time remaining until the winners of the College Education Grants will be selected. Completed applications were sent out, and are presently being graded. Winners will be announced at the 13th Annual KWVA Reunion to be held this July in Albuquerque, NM.

Since the financial dilemma of the KWVA has become known, and the slow start of our solicitation campaign, the number of winners, and the amount that they will receive has not been decided. The reason is very simple. The College Education Committee still doesn't know how many dollars that we will have to award this July.

Letters have been sent to each Chapter of the KWVA asking for their financial support. In the Jan-Feb 1997 issue of *The Graybeards*, we asked for support from the general membership. At the time that this article was sent to press, we don't have any idea how successful the campaigns have been or how much money has been raised. Hopefully, the Chapters and individual members will still come to our aid.

The January issue of *The Retired Officer*, the Magazine of The Retired Officers Association, stated that they received more than \$1 million from bequests and cash donations in 1996. These monies will be used for their 1997 College Scholarship program. What an enviable position to be in!

If the KWVA's 125 Chapters would each donate \$500 to the KWVEGC, it would amount to \$62,500. If the 12,500 individual members would each donate \$10 per member, that would be another \$125,000. That terrific start would really take care of all of our college bound students for this year and the next. Some Chapters can afford more than the \$500, while other newer or smaller Chapters can not donate that much this year.

The same is true of individual donations. \$10 may be a lot of money for some veterans, while others may donate much more, and for that, we thank you very much.

Realistically, if we would only receive 20% of the above funds, we could still realize over \$37,000, more than enough for the 1997-1998 school term. Below is a form that you may clip or copy, and send along with your donation to the College Education Committee. What ever amount you or your Chapter could send, will be very much appreciated by the students. All monies collected, minus the printing, postage, telephone calls, etc. related to college grants, are used for students. We have no other expenses.



KOREA TRIPS

The Sept. Trip/Korea has been rescheduled, departing the U.S. on Saturday, Sept. 21 and returning from Kimpo Airport on Friday, Sept. 26.

Year 2000 Trip/Korea

The 50th Anniversary Trip is in the process of being planned by KVA (Korean Veteran's Association, Hdq., Seoul) has not been announced. KWVA will NOT be receiving the specific quotas/allotments, or date, until approximately late 1999, or early 2000.

I decided I will be unable to coordinate the Year 2000 Trip as this will require the services of a "Professional" Travel Agency who has the required staff to arrange ticketing, send applications, etc. If you wish any further information, please contact:

Military Historical Tours, Inc.

1707 Duke Street, Suite 300

Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3480

Ph: 703-739-8900, 1-800-722-9501, FAX 703-684-0193

Col Warren Wiedhahn, USMC (Ret) will be in charge of this trip. He also generously offered to coordinate the 1999 Trips for KWVA. Colonel Wiedhahn is a Life Member, KWVA.

Kathleen Cronan Wyosnick

P.O. Box 3716, Saratoga, CA 95070-1716

Tel: 408-253-3068; Fax 408-973-8449

Students of Korean War Veterans Deserve an Equal Chance to Attend College Too!

That is why I will gladly pitch in to help give them an opportunity to receive a college education.

Enclosed, please find my tax-deductible donation for:

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Name _____ KWVA# or SSN# _____

Grade/Branch of Service _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Clip and return this form with your check payable to:

Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation
Lt. Col. Hansel Hall, USAF (Ret.) Treasurer & CFO
P.O. Box 14648, University Station
Minneapolis, MN 55414

"... for the Children of our Sacrifice. ..."

LETTERS

Telling Our Representatives Like It Is

My name is James Eubanks and as a Korean War veteran 1950-1951 1st Calvary Div. and as a member of the K.W.V.A., I along with our other 13,000 members nationwide are designating March 1997 POW/MIA remembrance month. We have petitions going nationwide asking your best efforts in convincing President Clinton and his appointees to do more, much more to get North Korea and China to join in with an accounting for as many of the 8,100 MIA's and POW's if any are still in that terrible land and to the DNA labs in Hawaii.

I am sending you about 1,500 names of your constituents in the Cullman, Vinemont, West Point, Fairview, Eva, Falkville, Massey, Hartselle and Decatur, Alabama areas. My wife Mary and I have gotten in about 20 days, lots by just walking the streets and by just leaving with schools, papers, libraries, businesses, trade days and a host of other places. Most everyone is appalled that we have not gotten closure on this—a lot of people say "The Forgotten War". I can tell you for sure it is not forgotten by me or my late brother who was a Marine, who by the way suffered for 43 years with a Chinese wound and took his own life three years ago. It is very personal to us of the K.W.V.A. and we want pressure applied of the first order on this. I fully realize that you can't go in North Korea and China with an army to find our men, but we have a weapon called Trade & Relations. Use it as our lever. We have teams in Vietnam searching. Sir, this is something you all who are representing us need to know. Of the 2,000 or so people that I spoke with their opinion is that they do not trust our own government, their leaders, special interests, lobbying, etc. Too much tax money spent on one group investigating the other and vice versa. Too much denying Agent Orange in Vietnam, atomic veterans wars, Korean mistakes at the signing of the 1953 Armistice in not demanding an accounting. The Persian Gulf Syndrome—now who wants to serve in an armed force that won't stand for their men and women? They are already dropping the 12th grade requirement to get 75,000 replacements, for people don't trust our government to do what is right. I personally would not fight again for the USA unless my life was in jeopardy after reading and studying for the last 47 years. Please think of all this when you speak for America and Alabama.

It is the desire of us fellow Alabamians that you will not ever fall into the traps of the special interest and will make your place in Alabama history as a Man of the People and for the People. I feel sure that you will but I just wanted to say that. Sir, I am sending to you along with the names, which by the way took a lot of footwork, gas money and some disappointments, a couple of pages from our K.W.V.A. 6 issues per year *Graybeard* magazine. This will show you the lady's name, Mrs. Kristoff, who is an assistant to the President or something of that effect. You will see from the article that it gets pretty depressing on this POW-MIA issue. Too much foot dragging. They say that it is a sensitive issue and you can bet that it is for 8,100 families of these missing people. I will send you a copy of the newspapers who have lent their support: *Decatur Daily*, *Hartselle Enquirer* and the *Cullman Times*. Also one radio station in Cullman and one television station in Cullman helped. One of the *Decatur Daily* articles was a copy of the Associated Press that went nationwide.

Sir, the North Koreans do not want closure for they know that they killed, starved, and tortured to death our men, along with some sent to China and Russia. I am very sorry for rambling on so for I feel so frustrated it's like walking in a maze. Thank you and keep voting and doing whatever is right for America and make us all proud that you represent us. I would like to hear from you and know what you plan to do. Thank you again so much,



James and Mary Eubanks
1286 Evergreen Rd.
Falkville, AL 35622

Editor's Note: James & Mary Eubanks sent the above letter to the 4 Alabama Congressmen in their area as well as securing the support of newspapers and a TV and radio station. It is pretty obvious why we won the battle in Korea. It was because of men like James Eubanks. I want to personally congratulate James and Mary for their superb job in forcefully bringing this disgraceful issue to their congressmen and representatives attention in no uncertain terms. If we did this kind of job nationwide, the issue of the MIAs and POWs would be resolved. I am including the picture of James and Mary so we will tell the world what real Americans look like.

Issue of Medals Still A Run Around

Its definitely the best publication put out for vets I've subscribed to. Hand I not met Ed. Hagadorn at the last 8th Cav reunion I would never have known about the KWVA of which I am a proud member now. I know you are really trying to get the Korean War vets medals they were cheated out of. Here is one I wish you would pursue. The 1st Cav Div was awarded the Gold Bravery Medal of Greece by GO 2, 1956. I called the awards people on this and was told by some nut up there it was awarded to the colors of the outfit and couldn't wear it. You know as well as I do all unit awards are put on the colors. In the meantime how could it be awarded to the colors of a unit in Korea when no colors were carried over there; as non are being carried by American units since the civil war? Is it another case of them not authorizing it for wear because it is evidently made of gold and they don't want to spend the money to pay for it. They have spent the money to pay for the Kuwait medal however which has gold in it. Different place different time.

Tom O'Donnell
Fayetteville, NC 28314

A Thank You For A Job Well Done

Thanks to David De Pew for his fine work as Chairman of Public Relations and the "Tell America" program. David resigned in February in order for he and his wife to pursue extensive travelling in the coming months. Best of Luck !

ATC

KWVA Indiana Chapter #1 Salutes Fighting Men And Women In Korea

Commander
Camp Casey
Unit 55143
APO AP 96224-0453

Dear Sir:

As Past Commander of the Korean War Veterans Association, Chapter 1, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and on behalf of all its members, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for the fine job you and all your men and women are doing. Being on a constant state of alert is very difficult and stressful. Keeping moral high, I am sure must be of concern.

Most of our membership were stationed on or off the Korean Peninsula between July, 1950 until well after the cease fire, July, 1953. Upon our return to the States we were not acknowledged for anything we did in Korea, not even a welcome home!

To that end, the membership of KWVA Chapter 1, which includes holders of the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart, from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines and whose service we all took pride in, we stand and salute you! We at Chapter 1 are thinking of all our service men and women in Korea and that no harm will come to anyone.

Furthermore, we do not get news from the DMZ just how tense the situation is from time to time but from your forward positions and observation towers to the rear echelon we know you have it under control, and the former veterans and all concerned Americans wish you the best!

Please distribute this letter and word of encouragement to all of our armed service personnel.

HAPPY SPRING HOLIDAYS TO ALL KWVA MEMBERS!

We wish you a Happy Easter, a joyous Passover, or just a life-restoring Spring. These are not mere trite words, but filled with vibrant meaning.

Easter celebrates the victory over despair and death culminating in the Resurrection of our Lord. Passover commemorates the release from slavery and the passage into a new life of freedom. Springtime signifies the breaking of the spell of cold, ice, and snow, and the return of beauty to flower and field. These three we celebrate in one joyous union at this season.

To Korean War veterans these holidays have a special meaning. The sacrificial death of our comrades, from the first KMAG soldier killed in June 1950, to all of the over 33,000 who died in battle in the three year war, to the 43 US soldiers killed in the 'No-man's land' between 1966 and 1969; all of them speak eloquently of the deathly cost expended to provide Freedom and liberty to the people of South Korea, and to preserve the same to our own nation.

This spring we are happy to note that our KWVA takes care of its own. Our contributions to the Scholarship Fund open the doors to liberating knowledge to our own young people. Many of our Chapters exert themselves to provide for the homeless. In our fellowship we support each other as we all grow a bit older. May Easter remind us to keep up this happy work.

Best wishes from your Chaplain Griep.

Good luck and God speed from the Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 1, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

We would welcome any correspondence from you or any of the service men or women to be read to our membership.

With Fondest Regards,
Mel Aldridge, Past Commander
KWVA Indiana Chapter #1
cc: Commander HQ US Forces, Korea
Unit 15333 APO AP
96205-0177

Editor's Note: *The approximately 250 members of Indiana Chapter #1 feel strongly about the importance of recognizing our service men and women standing guard in this very dangerous spot in the world and hope other Chapters will see fit to write and show their appreciation for the job our troops are doing in Korea in 1997.*

Let Us All Promote Goodwill

Mr. Ralph Bocuzzo
1665 Hope Street Stamford, CT 06907
Dear Ralph:

Reference: Your letter to the editor which appeared in the January-February issue of *The Graybeards*.

On the basis of your letter, I and a number of other Korean War veterans in the state dashed off "Tell America" letters to *The Rolling Thunder Express* at Newport.

When publisher Jerry Angel saw all those letters pour in, he was very upset. Jerry called me, then sent me a copy of the article. I wish I had read Barbara Desso's article before I sent my letter to the newspaper - for I never would have sent it. Maybe that's a good lesson learned for the future?

In my opinion, her article was inclusive in its coverage of all of our wars and veterans and DID IN FACT specifically make reference to the Korean War and our service people who still man the DMZ.

Also, in my opinion, her article was very beautifully written - a personal journey, explaining how over the years she slowly came to appreciate fully the men and women, past and present, who put their country before themselves in order to keep America truly the land of the free.

She finished with these words: "To you veteran, my heart is filled with gratitude and a thank you for protecting us, your country, which you were willing to die for."

That's good enough for me!

I wish more Americans in 1997 felt like Barbara.

Ralph, this letter is not meant to be critical; we all see things differently.

I am enclosing a copy of Ms. Desso's article; perhaps, on second reading you may change your mind? In any event, best regards.

Sincerely,

MARTIN J. O'BRIEN, POW/MIA Officer
Maine Korean War Veterans
11 Meadow Rd, #202, Augusta, Maine 04330
Copy: Mr. Amos Camp, *The Graybeards*.

We want to assure Publisher Jerry Angel and columnist Barbara Desso we admire your work and Full Speed Ahead! From this episode you know our members read their magazine quite carefully. ATC

My Turn — Members Soundoff

Chance To Make History

As a Life member of KVA USA and dedicated member of KVA Canada I very much look forward to receiving my copy of *Graybeards* as after all I served with the US Forces during the Korean War — 187 ARCT. **White House/State Department and POW/MIA issue** —

As I see it — I found the article quite interesting (page 12-13) Jan-Feb 97 issue. However it appears you are making little headway as this Sandra Kristoff, Senator Tom Daschle and National Security Advisor Anthony Lake are simply part of the do nothing bureaucracy that Washington is famous for.

I would suggest you get two copies of *SOLDIERS of MISFORTUNE* give one to President Clinton (He will probably not read it) give the other copy to Hillary Clinton she will read it. Also write Mrs. Hillary Clinton a letter if Pres. Clinton wants to be remembered in History as a President that did something, now is his chance. — It is a disgrace, the cover up Pres. Eisenhower & Bush did to the American people. — Both of these Presidents were soldiers. — Clinton on the other hand is a draft dodger — Now is his chance to be a man??

This letter and view are my own. Although I am a Canadian by birth I am very proud to have served in the US Army and consider myself as much of an American as I am a Canadian.

James W. Lang, President KVA Unit 50
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News Brief

Korea, the "Forgotten War" was the same for Japanese Americans. At the 47th annual Nisei Veterans of Foreign Wars Reunion, the second generation Japanese Americans dedicated their reunion to the Korean War veterans who served in Korea.

As part of the recognition process, a memorial wall listing the names of the dead, paid for with \$150,000 in donations, is scheduled to be dedicated on Memorial Day at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles.

Japanese Americans were forced into labor camps during World War II. Later the government permitted loyal Japanese Americans to enter the service, but they were assigned and fought in segregated units as the 100th Infan-

Questions Management

DEAR EDITOR:

To: the KWVA Council (Officers and Directors); and members nationwide:

If you sit idly by and swallow the dictates of the Feb. 28, 1997 Pappas letter "re: FY-96 Fiscal Operations" it is my opinion you thus violate our By-Laws. Sec. 7, Paragraph One says in its twelfth sentence: "The Executive Council shall have the control and management of the affairs, property and funds of the Association and shall decide the policies of the Association."

Why do you let "Pappas, Magill, and Mydra" (who is he?) arbitrarily dictate how to "control and manage" KWVA "affairs, property and funds"? This question must especially be asked when there is a distinct possibility that handling of KWVA finances might now be in violation of federal/state laws covering fraud.

I do not accept the statement that "Oh, you know how Nick always wants to run things by himself."

When was Article III, Section 1 of our "By-Laws" changed to let the Second Vice President also be the Judge Advocate? According to the copy I have of the "By-Laws," that is a big violation!

The Council screwed up the "By-Laws" by letting the former treasurer in 1992 write his own version and date it "001, July 27, 1992". I happen to be of the opinion that that version, and all "amended" versions, are a lie.

So, is it "here we go again" time?

STAN HADDEN, #00015
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try Bn and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Both units were among the most highly decorated in World War II. However, the number of Japanese Americans serving in Korea is a mystery. The armed forces were no longer segregated by race and thus were identified as were all others of Asian descent as "Mongoloids."

Deng's No Hero

Among all the comments about Deng Xiaoping, I have seen no mention of China's surprise intervention in the Korean War in the winter of 1950 or of his role in that intervention.

Deng must have had a major role in that decision. Why was he promoted to vice premier in 1952? It certainly couldn't have been for timidity. It certainly couldn't have been for opposing his government's action in Korea.

China's intervention was a crushing blow to United Nations forces in Korea. The Chinese Communist forces were a major factor in the Korean War for 33 months. They were responsible for many of the casualties suffered by the United States. And they hampered efforts of the free world to throw North Korean forces out of South Korea. Deng Xiaoping, the Communist Chinese leader, is no hero to veterans of the Korean War.

This letter appeared in *USA Today*, 2/25/97.

Robert D. Rutter
26 Ware St., West Brookfield, Mass

Stop Unrest and Discord

For too long our organization (KWVA) has been plagued with unrest and discord over one issue or another. Now our Chaplain, Frank Griep, has come under fire for invoking the name of Jesus in a Christmas prayer. The prayer was a prayer of thankfulness for all God has provided as well as a blessing on all His creatures, men, women and children.

As a Christian I am sure I would not be offended if a Jewish Rabbi or Buddhist Monk offered to ask God's blessing on me. Nor would I expect him to do any differently than to follow the convictions of his faith. A Christian should not be expected to do otherwise either.

Earl Goss
23 Curtis Ter., Pittsfield, MA 01201

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.

Reunions

MAY 1997

Veterans of all wars, May 10-11, 1997, 8am/5pm, Lincoln Monument, Washington, D.C. Contact George Davis, 275 Wickhamford Way, Houston, TX 77015.

5th US Cavalry Assoc., May 12-16, 1997, Townsend, TN. Contact Howard Beacom, VP, PO Box 822, Columbia, MO 65205-0822, Tel 573-443-0237.

8th Cav Regt. Reunion, May 15-18, 1997. Contact Jerry LoFollette (816-233-5576). Also RVN & Desert Storm.

USS Hawkins DD/DDR 873, May 17-22, 1997, Charles- ton, SC. Contact C.A. "Buzz" Butterworth, 4260 Jones Rd., Macon, GA 31206-6144. Tel: 912-788-9339.

5th Regt Combat Team, May 20-25, 1997, Henry VIII Hotel, St. Louis, MO. Contact John W. Sonley, 5443 W. Geronimo St., Chandler, AZ 85226-4582.

USS St. Louis CL-49 Assoc., May 21-24, 1997, Red Lion Hotel, Portland, OR. Contact R. Sumner Blossom, 4404 N.E. 29th Ave., Portland, OR 97211-7124. Tel: 503-281-4431.

USN Cruiser Sailors Assoc., May 28-31, 1997, Holiday Inn, Randolph, MA. Contact William E. Polcsa, U.S.S. Columbus CA-74, 15 Winona Way, North Weymouth, MA 02191-1042. Tel: 617-337-3762.

JUNE 1997

USS Davison DD-618/DMS-37, June 3-7, 1997. San Diego, CA. Contact Walter F. Hamill, Sec., 103 Taylor Ave., #3, Norwalk, CT 06854. Tel 203-853-4759

Outpost Harry Survivors Assoc. (Korea June 10-18, 1950) **June 6-8, 1997, Ft. Benning, GA.** Contact: E. Douglas Jones, Sec., 1446 Channel Dr., Mount Vernon, WA 98273. Tel: 360-466-5855 or Jerry Cunningham, Reunion Chairman 803-783-4491

Korean War Veterans - Western States, June 22-25, 1997, The Sands Regency Hotel in Reno, NV. Deadline May 30. Contact Mike Glazzy, 3361 Williams Rd., San Jose, CA 95117, Tel: 408-296-8282.

AMMO Co, 1st ORD, 1st Marine Div. (Korea), June 23-25, 1997, Kansas City, MO. Contact Jim Hunter, 2102 Ainsworth St., Flint, MI 48532. Tel: 810-230-9068.

All Korean War Veterans Reunion, June 27-29, 1997, Bangor, Maine. Contact: Canada-Bill McPhee Tel: 506-459-8616, E-Mail: WillBill@nbnet.nb.ca; Northern Maine-Jim Burton Tel: 207-532-6838, E-Mail: burtonii@juno.com.

JULY 1997

Montford Pt. Marine Assoc., July 9-13, 1997, Teaneck, NJ. Contact Richard Woodard, MPMA, 346 Broadway, Suite 806, New York, NJ 10013

15th Inf Regt, 3rd Inf Div, July 18-20, 1997, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact George Pilkington, 19544 N. State Rt. 97, Cuba, IL. 61427. 309-785-2663.

JULY 1997 CONTINUED

999th AFA Bn (Armored Field ARTY Bn), Korea 1950-54, **July 19-20, 1997, Holiday Inn, Monroe, MI.** Contact Bernie Jones, 2317 Carleton West Rd., Carleton, MI 48117. Tel: 313-654-6915.

Tiger Survivors, July 21-27, 1997, Holiday Inn Select, Knoxville, TN 37902. Contact Shorty Estabrook, 24922 Muirlands Sp 46, Lake Forest, CA 92630.

223rd Regt. Reunion Assoc, 40th Inf Div. 1950-54, July 23-27, 1997, Oklahoma City, OK. Contact Richard C. Fette, 6866 Stewart Sharon Rd., Brookfield, OH 44403-9789. Tel: 330-448-6520.

Army Post Office 201, attached or detached to Hq & **Hq Co. 1st Cav Div, July 25-28, 1997.** Belleville, IL. Contact John Kronenberger, 102 Williamsburg Dr., Belleville, IL. 62221-3157 or 618-277-2311 or Fax 618-277-2004.

3rd Annual Korean Veterans Reunion, July 26, 1997, Waterloo, NY, V.F.W. open to all present and past members. Contact Thomas James Lewis, 15 Reed St., Waterloo, NY 13165. Tel: 315-539-2928

AUGUST 1997

USS Independence CV/CVA-62 Predecommission **Reunion, August 1997, Chicago, IL.** Contact Denis Bagley, 12 Trenton Ave., Edison, NJ 08817. Tel 908-819-0359. Fax 908-819-9016.

96th Field Artillery Bn Assn., August 7-10, 1997, Green River, WY. Contact Arnold Anderson, 1350 4th St. SW, Huron, SD 57350

F-2-5, 1st Mar. Div (Korea), Aug. 20-23, 1997, Wash- ington, D.C. Contact George S. Kenney, 1447B Ocean Pines, Berlin, MD 21811. 410-208-1870

USS Francis Marion APA-LPA 249, Boston, MA. Aug. 21-24. Contact Bob Martin, 16 Staples St., Melrose, MA 02176.

Panama Canal Marines Annual Reunion, August 28- 30, 1997. King of Prussia, PA. Contact MSgt John Boyce, 5115 MacNamara Dr., Fredericksburg, VA 22407-6563. Tel 540-786-2878

11th Annual Korean Veterans Reunion, Aug. 29-31, 1997, Columbus, NE. Contact: Bill Kline, 165 9th Ave., Columbus, NE 68601. Tel 402-564-5994.

SEPTEMBER 1997

1st Marine Amphibian Truck Co. Korea 1950-53 **Reunion, Sept. 1997.** Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact W.R. Poff, 639 Candlewyck Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601. Tel 717-569-3995

538th ORD MAM Co. (Korea) 1950-55, Sept. 3-5, 1997, Washington, D.C. Contact: Dohenick Carrero, 525 Westminster Rd., Wenonah, NJ 08090. Tel: 609-468-1097.

USS John R. Pierce DD753, 7th Reunion, Sept. 3-7, 1997, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact Eugene R. Slavin, 216 Ridge St., Glens Falls, NY. Tel: 518-793-2358.

SEPTEMBER 1997 CONTINUED

62nd/37th Troop Carrier Squadrons Assoc., September 4-7, 1997, Kansas City, MO. Open to all present and past members. Contact: Kemp F. Martin, 806 Oak Valley Dr., Houston, TX 77024. Tel: 713-464-0401

511th AC&W Group Reunion Association including the 613th, 847th and 848th AC&W Squadrons, Sept. 4-8, 1997 at Colorado Springs, CO. Contact Don Simmons, 704 S. Grove Rd., Richardson, TX 75081-5116, PH 972-231-6518, Internet: dona7112@iadfw.net.

24th Inf. Div., 26th AAA (AW) Sp Bn A Battery (Japan-Korea), Sept 4-8, 1997, Tulsa, OK. Contact Bill Earley, 25 Kelly Rd., Hamden, CT 06518. Tel: 203-248-6834.

14th Inf. Regt, 25th Div. (1951-1953, Korea) Sept. 5-8, 1997, Escanaba, MI. Contact Roman Gill, 1713-8th Ave., S., Escanaba, MI 49829. Tel. 906-786-5710.

Carrier Air Group Two (CVG-2), all hands who served in CVG-2 with VF-23, VF-24, VF-64, VA-65 or VC/VT/Hu Detachments Korean War (1950-53), Sept. 10-14, 1997. Contact R.A. Wallin, 5904 Comanche Place, Lynchburg, VA 24502. Tel: 804-239-0428 or E-Mail address rawall@aol.com.

90th FA Bn, Sept. 11-13, 1997, Kansas City, MO. Contact Merlyn Winterfeld, 719 West Elm St., Ogden, IA 50212. Tel 515-275-4066.

USS Kermit Roosevelt ARG-16, Sept. 11-13, 1997. Bloomington, MN. Contact Charles Alois, 230 Seaview Ave., Staten Island, NY 10305 Tel: 718-351-9163 or Bob Simpson, 10136 Chicago Ave. S., Bloomington, MN 55420 Tel: 612-881-2436.

12 Reunion George Co, 3d Bn, 1st Marines Korea Assoc. (1950-55), Sept. 11-14, 1997, Orlando, FL. Contact Dave Carter, 5901 Albeth Rd., Orlando, FL 32810, 407-299-1525

90th Field Arty Bn Assoc. Sept. 11-14, 1997, Kansas, City, MO. Contact Lee Robarge, P.O. Box 21742, Milwaukee, WI 53221. Tel: 414-541-2936

USS Bausell DD 845, Sept. 12-14, 1997. Contact Donald A. Loherty, 4153 Ruby St., Schiller Park, IL 60174.

1st Marine Div-C-1-M, Korea, Sept. 12-14, 1997. Williamsport, PA. Contact Tom Wolverton, 434 Cypress Lane, Trenton, NJ 08616. Tel: 609-587-3430 or Chuck Roan, 2309 W. Mt. Ave., S. Williams, PA 17701. Tel: 717-321-9003

44th Eng Broken Heart Bn, Korea, Sept. 16-18, 1997, Charleston, SC. Contact Kenneth Cox, 10529 Canter Ave., St. Louis, MO 63114-1901. Tel 314-423-5483

4th Fighter Interceptor Wing (all personnel - Korean War era), Sept. 17-19, 1997, Raleigh, NC. Contact Tom Moneypenny, 192 Hilbish Ave., Akron, OH 44312.

86th Ord Co. Assoc., Sept. 17-19, 1997, Stoney Creek Inn, Galena, IL. Contact Richard Schilbach, 101 S. Whiting St., Alexandria, VA 22304. Tel: 703-370-2707.

30th Inf. Div Assoc., Sept. 17-20, 1997, The Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY. Contact Richard Jepsen, 2409 Lookout Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502-2918. Tel: 913-539-4816.

USS Finch DE/DER-328, CGC WDE-428, Sept. 17-21, 1997, Branson, MO. Contact Chuck Poreda, 5510 Southampton Dr., Springfield, VA 22151. Tel: 703-323-6019.

45th Inf. Div. Asso. (Thunderbirds), Sept. 18-20, 1997, Oklahoma City, OK. Contact Raul Trevino, 1918 Leander, San Antonio, TX 78251. Tel: 210-681-9134.

Third Inf Div, Sept. 18-21, 1997, Ft. Worth, TX. Contact Richard L. Addison, 1317 Lyric Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76134. Tel: 817-551-7540

532nd E.B.&S.R., Sept. 18-21, 1997, Arcola, IL 62447. Info from Bill Britt, Rt. 1, Box 198B, Neoga, IL 62447-9801. Tel 217-895-3770.

568th ORD HM Co. (Korea) 1950-53, Sept. 18-30, 1997, Louisville, KY. Contact Paul Sullivan, 309 Woodberry Dr., Nashville, TN 37214. Tel: 615-883-2605.

25th Div., 14th Regt., Korea 1950-53, Sept. 19-21, 1997, Escanaba, MI. Send \$2 for info to Horace Dean, 2116 W. Kern Rd., South Bend, IN 46614. Tel: 906-786-5710 (Roman & Gayle Gill).

USS Hornet CV-8 CV/CVA/ CVS-12, 49th Reunion, all ship's company, air groups, Marines, Sept. 19-21, 1997, San Jose, CA. Contact Carla Svendsen, Secy, PO Box 1147, Denver, NC 28037. Tel: 704-483-2764

USNR Midshipman's School, New York, Sept. 24-28, 1997, San Antonio, TX. Contact Joe Trainor, 7731 Tuckerman Ln, #197, Potomac, MD 20854. Tel: 301-299-4756

USS Knapp DD653, Sept. 25-27, 1997, Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact Peter F. Brady, 308 Beachwood Dr., Calabash, NC 28467. Tel 910-579-9253

USS Waldron DD699, September 25-28, 1997, Nashville, TN. Contact: Charlie Stanton, 601 Greenfield Dr., Livingston, TN 38570. Tel 615-823-4092

USS Montague AKA-98, Sept. 25-28, 1997, Monterey, CA. Contact F.C. "Fred" Machado, 5445 S. Blythe Ave., Fresno, CA 93706, Tel 209-266-2978 or Rob Raftis, 1890 16th St., Marion, IA 52302, Tel: 319-377-5815.

OCTOBER 1997

115th Medical BN (40th Inf Div), October 1997, Las Vegas, NV. Contact Herb Wittenberg, 767 S. Sunset, Suite #6, West Covina, CA 91790. Tel 818-337-6138 or Fax 818-337-8610

USS Oglethorpe AKA 100, October 2-5, 1997, Annapolis, MD. Contact Ron Williamson, 639 Oxford St., Belvidere, NJ 07823 or tel: 908-475-4435.

USS Endicott D495/DMS35, October 5-8, 1997, Charleston, SC. All who served from launching through 1954. Contact Ted Wieber, 1076 Charolais Dr., Ballwin, MO 63011. Tel: 314-227-3879

USS Weiss APD 135, October 3-6, 1997, Arlington, VA. Contact George Mason, 605 Evesham Ave., Voorhees, NJ 08043. Tel: 609-429-0157

Reunions Continued

OCTOBER 1997 CONTINUED

I Corps Artillery Reunion Alliance, Korea 1950-54, includes all AA, Field, Mortar & Rocket. Units attached to Corps, October 5-10, 1997, Colorado Springs, CO. Contact Nick Vanderhave, 1333 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950, 201-538-7189.

Air Trans. Sqd Twenty-Two (VR-22), October 6-8, 1997, Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact Fred W. Swanda, Jr., 400 Tenth Ave., South, N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29582. Tel 803-272-7547

B Company, 15th Regt., 3rd Div., October 6-10, 1997, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, OH. Contact Robert Grodhaus, 1092 S. Yearling Rd., Columbus, OH 43227, 614-237-0077; Charles Waugh, 1350 Vester Ave., #213, Springfield, OH 45503, 513-399-7485; Dr. Don Sonsalla, 2322 Dorothy Ave., White Bear Lake, MN 55110, 612-429-1634

72nd Tank Bn, 2d Inf Div (Korean War), October 9-11, 1997, Ft. Knox, KY. Contact Harold Ward, 2303 Sherwood Dr., Lemon Grove, CA 91945. Tel: 619-469-3810

802nd Eng. Assoc., October 9-12, 1997, Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact Raymond C. Griffith, 5 Cooper Lane, Chester, NJ 07930-2637. Tel: 908-879-5687

USS Satyr ARL 23, open to all ships company, October 12-15, 1997, Washington, DC. Contact Jay Kleinsmith, 8005 Nancy Ln, Ellenton, FL 34222. Tel: 941-729-4259

724th TROB 712th Trans. Railroad Operating BN (Korea 1950-58) (724th Reunion Host), October 23-26, 1997, Wilmington, DE. Contact Dean McClain, 521 Westgate, Youngstown, OH 44515 or call Toll free 1-800-305-1312 for details or call Walley

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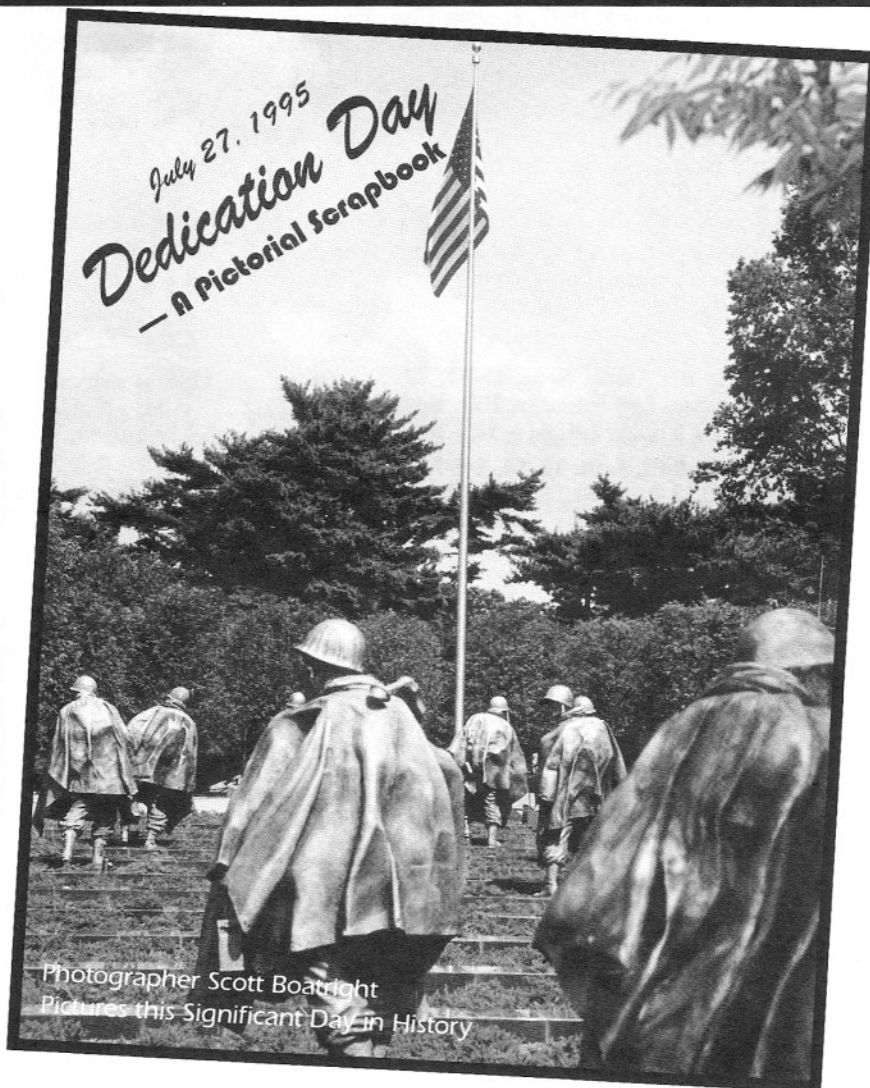
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Veterans Services



By J. Norbert "Skip" Reiner

Following is a summary of an interview with Kenneth W. Kizer, MD, MPH., Under-Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs. Dr. Kizer was interviewed with Amos T. Camp, Editor "THE GRAYBEARDS."

FROSTBITE. KWVA: I am sure you are aware of the severe cold weather experienced in Korea, some guys froze and many, many sustained frostbite.

Dr. Kizer: (The Chosen Few had consulted Dr. Kizer on the same subject.) "I think I underscored some of the deficiencies and medical knowledge" about frostbite. "I have some prior professional background, in this area, and have worked in this area, not with veterans, but with mountain climbers and other such folks. I felt we (VA) should take a more judicious look at it recognizing the medical literature and familiarity with the subject was not as great as, perhaps, that had been taken in the past suggested. There may well be, and I think there is some demonstrable sequels for long term effects from that type of cold injury; many which have not been defined in medical literature. We would like to investigate this kind of out of the way area. I have dealt with some of these out of the way areas in my career... most practitioners are not familiar with them. I have asked people to re-look at this, to pull together an advisory group. I know (them) from other efforts in which I have been involved. They are very competent and a very good group. ...One thing they will end up saying is 'we don't have as much knowledge as we would like to make definitive statements about causation or contributory causation.' My general posture is, I know there is more work to be done. We should be very circumspect about this and be open to the fact that this type of environmental exposure may have more effect than people have historically viewed it having. We may, just in some cases, end up making 'policy judgments'...giving the benefit of the doubt to the veteran. ...the bottom line is we must be open or take a broad look at this, opposed to a more narrow one that was apparent in the past."

"We have issued guidance" regarding this subject. "We will provide it in an information letter." Because the subject has been raised by the Chosen Few and KWVA more research will be done. "Military is always going to be confronted in dealing with adverse environmental cold as well as heat in many scenarios. We have discussed this with Dr. Jack Foisner, ...our new chief of research and development...about some of the specific things, about people having a registry. I am a proponent of registries. Although, in this case it may not be the best way of answering the question." There are questions regarding exposure to risk, comparison to those not having exposure and other variances. "I think we should be moving on multiple paths to commence, but that is certainly part of the overall effort."

(Commentary: Recent studies based on limited data estimates the temperatures to have been -56° F. [+ -49° C.] with a wind-chill factor of -130 to -145° F. [+ -99° C.] in Korea — 1950-59).

SNAKE BITES. KWVA: Some of the troops were bitten by snakes, they state they are experiencing problems today from them?

Dr. Kizer: "I am not aware of any specific effort in this regard. I would be less concerned from a medical point of view. This is part of things with which I am familiar. Just the type of venom exposure that would occur in a venomous snake bite is not such that I would consider a long term effect."

KWVA: "You get well or suffer the consequences."

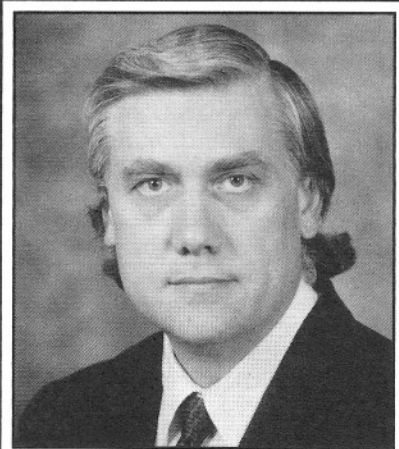
Dr. Kizer: "...you either die or get sick, and if you get sick you get better. Thus ends the story. The exception is with sensitization which could occur from anti-venom. You may be at risk for an allergic reaction if you're again exposed to horse serum. One of the great dangers then is when one is bitten again and they have to get anti-venom, they can have an allergic reaction to the serum." But it is not something that will lead to a long term problem unless bitten again.

DUST, MUD, & PESTICIDES. KWVA: Troops ingested dust, mud, etc. because of the conditions, some are claiming skin ailments. Also, they claim this mixed with the pesticides used are causing them breathing problems, heart and lung difficulties?

Dr. Kizer: "Some of these areas are a little less obvious on how they can be biologically connected. The main pesticide used in Korea was DDT. Probably some malathion was used. It is hard to make a connection there, than say, the Gulf War, where the pesticides are a different type. Phosphates versus DDT. There are multiple different classes of pesticides by different types. There is some question about neurological damage. I can respond ...from the biological aspect. From the point of view as a toxicologist and public health person I want to keep an open mind. It is a the type of thing the VA is or should be well positioned to look at over a period of time. And, from an investigative point of view, I would like to see us doing more in this area in the future than we have done in the past."

"I am not aware of any studies that have been published to date regarding this chemical (DDT). It is the

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Dr. Kenneth W. Kizer, M.D., M.P.H.

Under Secretary for Health, is the chief executive officer of the Veteran's Health Administration. He oversees the nation's largest integrated healthcare system, with a medical care budget of over \$17 billion, approximately 200,000 staff and 173 hospitals, 401 ambulatory care clinics, 131 nursing homes, 33 domiciliaries, 205 readjustment counseling centers and various other facilities. He is board certified in five medical specialties, and has authored over 300 articles, book chapters and other reports in the medical literature.

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sort of thing we have groups of veterans who are self identifying these concerns. This is something I am open to taking a look at, and doing what seems appropriate. What you tell me about the Australians/New Zealanders is new information.

(*Comment: Question was asked what data the U. S. has on reaction to chemicals used in Korea.*) I do not know what it means in numbers, how many types, similar type of conditions. This is the sort of thing we need to look at further. We must be thoughtful. Be open. There may be something or there may not be.

The use of DDT in those days was extremely cavalier. I review text books for medical journals, two recent were on medical entomology – two different publishers. The ironic thing is scientists stated in the 1950's they were going to eradicate malaria, typhus and all these other things because of this wonderful pesticide DDT. We applied billions of tons. Guess what! Mosquitoes are still here, and malaria is ever present; tics are still here; we didn't do very much at all. That is why ... we must be humble when we look at what we know and don't know. Keep an open mind, because things do not turn out the way we hope or anticipate up front."

HANTAN VIRUS-HEMORAGHIC FEVER.

KWVA: *How familiar are you with this? Are there any studies? Are there latent effect problems. Has the VA developed anything in this area?*

Dr. Kizer: I am not terribly familiar with this. Hemorrhagic Fever! There is a group of viruses that cause hemorrhagic fever. I am not aware of any study. I would like the opportunity to go back and ask some people about this. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THE CASES THAT ARE OCCURRING SO THAT WE COULD PLUG THAT INTO THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE TO SEE IF THERE IS SOME STUDY THAT SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN. Treatment is basically supportive. That is, you take care of yourself with rest and fluids. Until recently there were no drugs to treat virus infections. Now there are a couple for influenza and herpes. The treatment for hemorrhagic fever is the same today as it was then, it is supportive treatment. Today however, there are a number of new viruses identified, actually there are several groups of viruses that cause hemorrhagic fever. Through history this has been a common problem. Often more deaths and injuries are caused by rats and fleas and other such vermin than the battlefield injuries per se. War is a dirty business especially in that type of situation (Korea). Whether hemorrhagic fever leads to long term effects is something that we (medical profession) do not know."

CLOSING COMMENTS: "I will emphasize the points I have already made on many of these questions, we need to be open to new information, new ways of thinking. I think the VA is in an excellent position to be providing the answers. Have you heard about the new research realignment and some things we are doing in our research programs? We geared to make those processes more focused on these type of questions. I wish to establish that concept and a committee, notwithstanding some of the research being done is great. The question is, why are we doing it, if our mission is focused on veterans? I think in the future we will be able to answer question as you presented more fully. We will still have veterans with problems and will probably never be able to rigorously and scientifically determine the cause. We

are going to have to make some judgments, what is fair and equitable in dealing with the real world conditions that existed.

KWVA: Thank you, Dr. Kizer, for openly and honestly answering the questions presented. We shall follow up with you regarding the areas you advised you must research. The KOREAN WAR VETERANS and all VETERANS know they will be in good hands with the attitude and concepts you demonstrated throughout this interview.

COMMENTARY: Personal observation. The National Service Director never experienced such openness and direct answers to questions by any VA doctor during his 20 year employment with the VA. He held a position that was supposed to investigate and ask questions why things were being done, especially in area that were not pertinent to VETERANS. Also, he questioned other policies while working in the office of Memorial Affairs. However, he was ridiculed, chastised, and punished for being pro-active for VETERANS. I am sure the attitude of disregard for the VETERAN yet prevails within the VA ranks (as 80% of VA employees are not VETERANS). We must wish Dr. Ken Kizer success and offer full support for his concept of the **VETERAN FIRST**.

If you experience a problem regarding FROSTBITE at any VA Medical Center or Out-Patient Clinic ask for the Chief of Staff or Director, and explain in a courteous manner your problem. Take a copy of this article with you. Remind the people you encounter how much you appreciate their new approach to **VETERANS FIRST**.

REMEMBER: If you suffer from or have had any effect regarding the illnesses or diseases mentioned in this interview with Dr. Kizer, please forward them to him with all the documentation you have available or take them to a VAMC with a note requesting the Director or Chief of Staff to forward them to Dr. Kizer. Refer to Dr. Kizer's comments.

Other Items:

OFFICIAL KWVA FLAG: We will publish a photograph with description in the next issue of **THE GRAYBEARDS**.

UN-NAMED STORY in **THE GRAYBEARDS** is getting more honey buckets awards in the mail received by the NSD.

BURIAL IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY: The veterans family who criticized the VA for not providing an elaborate ceremony only allowed for the President and certain other dignitaries (21 gun salute, etc.) reminds me of the item that once appeared in **THE GRAYBEARDS**. Either the veteran never read his veteran magazines or was never a member of a veterans organization. There are over 2.7 million gravesites available in the USA in the National Cemetery System. No, you are not entitled to a special National Cemetery in your backyard. Did the veterans family or the funeral director determine if there was a VA sponsored States Grant Veterans Cemetery nearby. This practice is expanding in the VA. Information appeared in previous **THE GRAYBEARDS**. NSD.

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KOREA—The FORGOTTEN WAR

Oh, Korea, Land of the Morning Calm, we beseech thee,
Where are our comrades, our fallen brothers?
Have they, too, been forgotten in ignominy?
Their sacrifice was made for the lives of others.

We stood not alone but with many another nation,
Shoulder to shoulder with but one resolve—
To rid your country of foreign intervention
So that freedom, honor and equality might evolve.

Those of us who survived must never forget
The battles we fought here in themselves cannot
Assure us that democracy is free of future threat;
We must defend those ideals for which we fought.

We must dedicate our lives not in martyrdom
But to support all nations in freedom of speech,
Freedom from fear, free will, freedom of religion
And thought – these tenets we must never breach.

So, Korea, Land of the Morning Calm, we beseech you
To remember us not as heroes nor conquerors
But as comrades in arms – this injustice to undo,
That liberty and peace might be eternally yours.

Now that we are home with our loved ones, families
And friends, we pray that our service in Korea
Shall not embitter us but that our memories
Will serve us to strive for freedom and equality.

And, America, our country that we honor so deeply,
Why do you perpetuate this as a forgotten war?
We answered your call and served you so proudly
And all we ask is a just remembrance forevermore.

—C. Everett
1997