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and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

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On the cover...



Pictured on the cover of this issue of the Graybeards is the illustration photo take from the book called "High Flight." The poem is on the back cover. I chose to use this photo and poem to honor our brave airmen. Following is the history for writing the book and those who were responsible.

High Flight A Story of World War II

"Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered
wings."

John Gillespie Magee, Jr. was only a teenager when he penned the words that have inspired millions of people who have flown, both in peacetime and in war. Born in Shanghai to an American missionary family and educated at Rugby School in England, Magee was a lively, bright youth who showed early promise as a poet. Impatient to take part in the war raging in Europe, he gave up a place at Yale University to enlist in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Not long after writing the poem "High Flight," John Magee, aged nineteen, was killed in an air accident over Britain.

Like so many of his time, John Magee died far too young, but his words are a legacy that continues to comfort and hearten generations. Since its publication in 1941, "High Flight" has become the anthem for all who love to fly. It is recited by pilots, by cadets, and has even made its

way to the moon with astronauts.

High Flight: A Story of World War II is a book for young people discovering some of the twentieth century's most turbulent times, as well as for those people who experienced the war firsthand. Most importantly, it is a tribute to all who understand the awesome lure of the skies.

Linda Granfield brings history to life as she tells the dramatic story of John Gillespie Magee, Jr. against the background of the terrible air battles of the Second World War. The fascinating text is perfectly complemented by Michael Martchenko's beautiful, detailed paintings.

Linda Granfield is passionate about history. She has written more than fifteen books including the acclaimed *Amazing Grace: The Story of the Hymn*, *The Legend of the Panda*, *Silent Night: The Song from Heaven*, and *In Flanders Fields: The Story of the Poem by John McCrae*. Born and raised in Boston, Linda Granfield makes her home in Toronto.



Michael Martchenko is best known for his lively, colorful illustrations of many of Robert Munsch's books. He is also a very fine artist, with a particular interest in collecting and painting military memorabilia. Michael Martchenko lives in Toronto.



(I have seen and read Linda Granfield's two current books. Being a veteran of war, I found that High Flight and Flanders Fields (a book written about WW I) are great books for all ages. The illustrations in both books are a story in themselves. All the emotions both at home and with those that fought are relived while reading these special books. I and many Korean War Veterans hope that Linda will find the time to write about our war. Our Tell America Programs really need this book for us and our younger Americans. Available at your local Barnes & Noble Bookstore.—Ed)

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President's Message



Harley Coon
President, KWVA

First I want to wish every one a very Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year. I want to thank you for all the cards and well wishes. May God watch over you and your family. To all Korean War

Veterans may we all unite this year and remember we are not going to be The Forgotten War any more.

Since the successful September convention in Mobile, AL. I have been able to attend several department and chapter functions. One of the first questions asked is "How is the National financial situation?" I can tell the general membership that we are in the best financial condition we have been in for the last 5 years. As of October 31, 1999 we have \$375,705.34 cash in the bank in all funds (see Balance Sheet). We have paid all bills. The next expense will be the *Graybeards* issue for Nov.-Dec. Someone in New York asked how were we able to turn our finances around. The answer is that the Finance committee and I established spending controls and looked for better interest rates from other banks. I can only thank Tom Gregory Treasurer, Howard Camp Asst. Treasurer, the late Dan Nicholas and the Finance Committee of National Directors Dot Schilling, Bill Van Ort and Norb Reiner for their help with the process we have incorporated. Your Korean War Veterans Association money is safeguarded. (see minutes of 9/12)

The first stop was the Department of New York conference. It is great to meet Veterans from other parts of the country. Jim Ferris (Department President) invited me to their board meeting and I was able to answer questions about national operations. We were able to address any and all problems and find solutions. It was a very good feeling to be able to work together. Other Department officers are 1st. VP Thomas Flavin, 2nd VP George Culik,

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Secretary K. Dave Allen, Treasurer Peter Dodd and Judge Advocate Jerry Lake (Jerry is also National Membership Chairman). The conference concluded with a very nice banquet.

Next it was on to Ocean City, MD for the Maryland Chapter Fall Conference. At the board meeting there were two great speakers, one spoke about AARP and Social Security. The other speaker was from AAA Auto Club. There was a lot of information presented which will be helpful to Korean War Veterans. On Sunday morning I had the honor of installing the new officers. President Edgar Herman, 1st VP Hosurl Pak, 2nd VP Sylvester Walker, Secretary Jack Cloman, and Treasurer William Wahlhaupter. Good luck to all new officers.

After I left Ocean City I went to Washington D.C. On Nov. 1st, I met with LTC James Fisher and LTC Diana Waters of the 50th. Commemoration Committee. LTC Fisher introduced me to everyone on the staff, these are wonderful people to work with. This committee is commis-

sioned by Congress to assist in any way to promote the year 2000 to 2003. The 50th Commemoration committee is working very hard to make the 50th Commemoration one that the Korean War Veterans will be remembered.

That afternoon I had lunch with the staff of the Sheraton National and our committee for the 2000 year convention. Jack Cloman and I will Co-chair this committee. Jack Murry and Sherm Pratt will be in charge of the hospitality room, Vince Krepps will be our publicity man. Warren Weidhahn will be coordinating with General Davis with the host hotel headquarters and Marine Corps Drum and Bugle for our banquet. Norb Reiner, Sherm Pratt and Jack Cloman will be working on program at the Korean Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. Norb and Jack will be negotiating bus transportation. Tom Gregory will handle the raffle and National Headquarters will handle registration. The convention committee met again on the 10th December to review the contract with the hotel and to finalize some plans. The 50th Commemoration Committee of the DOD will be assisting us in any way they can. We are going to strive to make this convention the best we have yet.

There are a lot of events planned between now and July 2000. On April 7 through 10th the Hawaii Chapter will host a Prisoner of War ceremony at the National Cemetery (Punch Bowl) headed up by Nick Nishomoto. Contact Nick at (808) 455-5088.

On April 16th the Australian Korean War Veterans will dedicate a Memorial in the capitol City of Canberra. I was with an Australian soldier when I visited Korea in June. They are looking forward to seeing many American Korean War Veterans at their dedication. I plan on attending this event. More elsewhere in this *Graybeards*.

The Korean War Ex-Prisoners are planning a mini reunion on June 23, 24 and 25, for a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. You can contact Nick Tosques at (302) 537-7826.



Elliot Sortillo, (l) with Harley Coon at White House.

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It's that time again...

...When your dues are probably due.

Please look at the mailing label used to mail this magazine to you. Your dues date appears on label on the right hand side of the second line, just before it says "PKG"). If it says:

- ❖ "01/01/00"—your dues are due in the amount of \$20.00 for the calendar year 2000.
- ❖ "POW"—your subscription payment in the amount of \$6.00 is due for the calendar year 2000.

If you have a dues date for 1999, the following applies: January through June, 1999, the amount is \$40.00—this will pay you until January, 2001; July 1, through the end of the year is \$30.00—this will pay you until January, 2001. This will get you on the calendar year basis.

- ❖ If it says anything else, just wait until you receive a notice. We are attempting to get all members' dues payable the first of each year and we will notify you of the proper amount to pay you to the first of the year 2001.

Send your dues payment to: KWVA,

PO Box 10806, Arlington, VA 22210.

Incidentally, if you move (or just head South for the winter) always notify us of your address change at least three weeks ahead of a move. The post office merely notifies us that you are "AWAY" and we do not receive a forwarding address. This costs us 50 cents each. So let us know.

To expedite your mail...

- ❖ Vincent Krepps gets everything regarding The Graybeards.
- ❖ Nancy Monson and Lynne Eldridge (Membership Office) get everything regarding dues, address changes, etc. This office also provides new Chapter CID numbers.
- ❖ Howard Camp gets all chapter materials.
- ❖ Thomas Gregory gets other financial matters.
- ❖ Ken Cook gets all quartermaster requests.

Addresses for all of the above are on the inside cover of this magazine. Sending it to the Membership Office only slows your request down as we must then forward it to the appropriate person for

handling.

Notice to Chapters

Please include your chapter ID number on all applications and be sure to use the new membership application with the new dues amounts. Be sure all information is filled out on a new member application—zip code, area code, unit of service, etc. We recently provided all chapters with forms to help expedite dues payments. Your cooperation in using them will be much appreciated. It will save us much time.

It's important not to abbreviate—you may know what "P'sville" is, but we don't—we then have to take additional time and look it up by the zip code. Another item sometimes missing is the telephone area code.

When Ed Markart passed away, chapter officer information got lost in the cracks. We ask that each department and chapter advise the Membership Office (in writing please), of the name, address, and telephone number of your president. We are attempting to get this list brought up to date and your cooperation will be helpful.

Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul

Veterans Stories Wanted!

Do you have a true story about yourself or someone you knew during their time at war... or in the years that followed? A story that would uplift or inspire people all over the world? If so, we invite you to share your story with us! The New York Times best selling book series, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, is now collecting stories for an exciting new book, *Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul*! Veterans have many stories to tell. It is important to capture this time in the lives of the many men and women that served to defend our freedom. We invite stories from every war and every branch of service. Please send us your story and be a part of recognizing and honoring veterans everywhere!

Sample topics may include: Heroism, Comradery, Laughter, Sense of Duty,



Closeness in Combat, Leadership, Reunions, and Patriotism. If you have a topic not listed here, we are happy to receive it.

A good *Chicken Soup* story will give you goosebumps, bring a tear to your eye, inspire you, or make you laugh out loud. It's a story that happened in one's life that can bring joy and awareness to our

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Chicken Soup readers. It is not an essay, reminiscence, or tribute. We value the special talents of our contributors and welcome new contributors to our *Chicken Soup* family. If you have questions or doubts about your story, send it anyway and we'll be the judge!

Submissions up to 1200 words accepted. Compensation offered for selected stories. We will also be contributing a percentage of all profits to associations benefiting veterans. **Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2000** (but we will welcome stories after this date for a second book being planned).

For story submission guidelines, visit our web site: www.vetstories.com or call us toll free @ 1-888-387-6373. Options for sending stories: Email: remember@vetstories.com; Mail: *Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul*, 607 W. Broadway, Fairfield, IA 52556; Fax: 515-472-0719.

Korean War Veterans Association — General Membership Meeting

**Holiday Inn
Mobile, Alabama
September 14, 1999**

Before the general meeting was called to order, Director Jack Edwards asked the general body to suspend the by-laws. The reason was that Hurricane Floyd forced many to return home. The body agreed.

The general membership meeting was called to order by President Coon at 9:10 am. The Gulf Coast Chapter posted the colors. The National Anthem was sung by Cindy Ballard. 2nd Vice President Ken Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance. Assistant. Chaplain Howard Camp. gave the invocation.

President Harley J. Coon read the rules of the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Jackson to accept the rules, seconded by Larry McKinniss. Membership passed motion.

President Coon introduced MOH recipient General Ray Davis (Ret.USMC).

President Coon then introduced Mobile Mayor Mike Dow. Mayor Dow welcomed the Korean War Veterans, and presented President Coon a Key to the City.

President Coon then introduced the Executive Board, the Gold Star wives and POWs. Director Dot Schilling gave the treasurer report. as of 6/30/99 total funds in the bank was \$390,304.19.

Dot explained the present voucher system being used by the treasurer and president is to insure a proper check and balance system to assure proper accounting of the funds being spent. It will require 2 signatures on every voucher and check being issued. The voucher will be filed with all receipts and a carbon copy of said check so the auditor or CPA can make an accurate report to the association of money involved. All incoming checks are filed and copied before being deposited. The financial chairperson and financial committee will receive a monthly report from the treasurer. Every 3 months there will be a CPA report.

Life membership fund is set at \$130,000.00 and every year 10.2% of that amount will go into the general fund. Each year every new life

member dues of \$20.00 will go to the operating fund, until the membership account is depleted.

There were 2 (two) recommendations from the Executive Board

1. To reimburse the Board member up to \$250.00 for National Convention and \$150.00 for the mid winter meeting. This money will be some of the interest income, thus it does not tax the membership.

A motion by Dot Schilling to accept recommendation of Executive Board, seconded by Norb Reiner. Membership passed motion.

2. That KWVA purchase a tile for \$300.00 at the National Korean War Museum.

Motion by Dot Schilling, seconded by Warren Weidhahn. Membership passed motion.

Motion by Lowell Pieper to accept the financial report, seconded by Ken Cook. Membership passed motion.

President Coon introduced LTC Diane Waters of DoD US Army, Major Bob White US Air Force, Lt. Tom Farrell, US Coast Guard and Pete Peterson Eighth Army Korea. LTC Waters gave a presentation on the up coming 50th Commemoration of the beginning of the Korean War. Events in USA and Korea were discussed.

Election Chairman Ken Cook introduced Co-chairman Dick Wainright. Mr Wainright stated that some of the ballots were copied from original ballot. These ballots were disallowed because the by-laws state that ballots cannot be copied.

After much dissuasion **Mr. McCarty made a motion to have a new election, seconded by Larry McKinnis. Membership defeated motion unanimously.**

Mr. Wainright then gave the election results as follows: Bob Morga 459, Rusty Torment 455, James Jones 392, John Kerr 344 and Ted Trousdale 336 votes. The resolution to discontinue scholarship finance passed 380 to 166.

Mr. McKenny made motion to accept the election results, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Membership passed motion with one nay.

President Coon introduced General Davis MOH recipient. General Davis urged this group and all veteran groups to get out and vote in any and all elections, Veterans can make a difference.

George Scott from Canada was introduced by President Coon.

Director Jack Edwards by-laws chairman spoke about the bylaws. The Korean War Veterans Association is in the process of obtaining a National Charter. It was recommended not to introduce any by-law changes at this time.

Norb Reiner made a motion to continue operation of KWVA under by-laws passed July 1997, seconded by Ed Gryger. Membership passed motion

President Coon introduced revisit chairman Warren Weidhahn. Mr. Weidhahn spoke on the revisit program and on the Australian Memorial Dedication. Warren also spoke of some of the events in Korea during the 50th Commemoration..

Executive Director Norb Reiner was introduced and presented the latest information on the National Charter, the Korean Service Medal and extension of Arlington Cemetery. There will be more information in the Graybeards.

President Coon gave information on the raffle and the program book for the 50th Commemoration.

President Coon also spoke of his recent visit to Korea with the Evangelical Church.

Assistant Chaplain Howard Camp gave the closing prayer.

The Gulf Coast Chapter color guard retired the colors.

President adjourned the meeting at 12:00 Noon

The Minutes will be presented to general membership at the 2000 Convention for final approval.

Minutes submitted by National Director Dot Schilling and National Acting Treasurer Howard Camp.

PRESIDENT from page 6

Congratulations are in order to Neil Livingston for being chosen Veteran of the year of Mobile, AL. and to National Director Richard Danilson for his induction into Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

It was a honor to attend the White House breakfast and the Arlington Cemetery ceremony with Elliot Sortillo and his wife Sondra. Elliot is the National President of the Korean War Ex-Prisoners of War Association. We laid two wreaths at the Tomb of Unknown Soldier. One for Korean Prisoners of War /Missing in

Action and one for the Korean War Veterans Association. We attended the reception at the National Sheraton, hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This was a day to remember our veterans from all wars. I would like to thank Warren Weidhahn (our revisit chairman) for his assistance during this event.

In closing I would like to thank Vince Krepps for keeping our *Graybeards* the best veterans publication.

Till next time I remain,

Harley

The Korean War Veterans Association and "The Gathering" are planning a joint reunion at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, VA July 24-29, 2000.

More information to follow in upcoming issues of "The Graybeards."



Call for nominees for Election

TO: Members Korean War Veterans Assn., Inc
SUBJECT: 2000 Election of Officers and Directors

Dear Members:

The By-Laws of our organization state that a call for nominees for election at the annual reunion be stated in the "Graybeards" each year. This call is for any qualified member who seeks one of the positions available in the 2000 elections to submit their request..

The positions open for this election are President, First Vice-President and Second Vice President for the 2000-2002 term. Four Directors positions are open for tile 2000-2003 three year term. Those desiring to apply will be required to meet the following requirements as stated in our By-Laws.

(Reference Paragraph C, Section 3, Article III of the bylaws amended July 27, 1997.)

C. No later than February 15 of each year where offices are to be filled, any person who is a member in good standing of The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. of New York seeking to run for President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, or Director shall make his or her intentions known to the Nominating Committee in writing using the following format:

1. Requirements:

- a. Must present proof of service by submitting a copy of a DD-214 or other document notarized as a true copy showing eligible service and a statement releasing your document for verification by the Nominating Committee.
- b. Must present a current photograph suitable for publication in the association newsletter.
- c. Must submit a letter with the following:
 - (1). Your intent to run for an office and the office sought.
 - (2). A resume of your qualifications for this office stating your experiences that will be of benefit to the association.
 - (3). Your current mailing address, home phone number and KWVA membership number.
 - (4). This letter will be limited to approximately one typed page.
- d. A statement that you will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and that you understand that two (2) unex-

cused absences could be used for your removal from office.

e. *Your dues must be current through the term of the office you are seeking.* You will sign a statement to this effect. Payment of delinquent dues shall not be retroactive for the purpose of establishing eligibility to run for office within the association. (NOTE: If dues are not paid in accordance to this paragraph, candidates will be automatically disqualified with no recourse to run for an office.)

f. Send the above items by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested to the

Nominating Committee Chairperson to arrive not later than February 15 of the current year. Applications will be addressed to:

Nominating Committee
Maurice R "Dick" Wainwright
9001 E Rosewood St
Tucson, AZ 85710-2659

It is the duty of the Nominating committee to receive, review and certify the nominees. The approved certified declarations will be forwarded to the Editor of "Graybeards" for publication.

The March-April issue of the "Graybeards" will list each certified nominee and the Official Ballot. Each member in "Good Standing", those whose dues are current when the "Graybeards" is mailed, is eligible to cast their vote by mail. The instructions to cast your vote will be listed on your ballot. It is imperative that you follow the instructions, complete your ballot and mail the ballot so it will arrive to the CPA by July 10, 2000.

Nominees are requested to write to the Nominating Committee for a copy of the checklist and the required statements.

President Harley J. Coon to seek re-election

I have been asked if I would run for another term. This past 2 years has been a challenge. I have enjoyed working with everyone on the board and the membership. I feel that working together we have put the KWVA on the right course. We are sound financially and "The Graybeards" has been the best veterans magazine. With the 50th Commemoration coming up, I would like to lead the Korean veterans during the next 2 years. We should work together to unite all Korean war-era veterans. I will ask for your support.

Submissions to The Graybeards

Readers are welcome to submit letters, poems, articles, notes and stories to *The Graybeards* for publication. Submissions are selected for publication on the basis of suitability, length, and timeliness.

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National VA/VS Representative Report

By Norman S. Kantor

VAVS, members ask what does it mean? And what is it for? Over 52 years the Dept. of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service has provided service to our Nation's hospitalized Veterans in VA health care facilities. Since 1946 VAVS volunteers have donated over 475 million hours of service.

As VA has expanded its care of Veteran patients into the community, volunteers have become involved. They assist Veteran patients by assisting the staff in such settings as hospice programs, foster care, hospital based home care, hospital wards, nursing homes and Veteran outreach centers. VAVS volunteers are a priceless asset to these Veterans and to the Dept. Of Veterans Affairs.

Every Department President, Chapter President and the the Members should ask yourself one important question "do I care about other Veterans?" If you do, than prove it to yourself. Sadly some Chapters only care about parades, rushing home to watch TV, or after a Chapter meeting to rush over to the snack table. If your Chapter does not show concern about the hospitalized Veterans, step forward contact me by phone, mail or fax. *You* are

needed. Do not wait for the other fellows. Sons, wives daughters, brothers, sisters, friends and neighbors could be of great service. The Korean War Veterans Association is becoming well known through out the VA system. We are rolling up hill as a team, lets put more steam into the engine.

KWVA Ladies Auxiliaries are performing wonderful accomplishments in the VAVS Program. A 21 gun salute reaches out to those ladies in Florida, Missouri and New York, other Chapter Auxiliaries are idle. Budget cuts and less staffing effects the hospitalized Veteran. Some VA Centers have closed off entire floors or are now sending patients to other medical centers. Ask yourself, "What can I do to help?"

A new up to date listing will be mailed to every Dept. President, and also Chapter Presidents showing various ways YOU can help, ask your officers to show you the listings.

Send me (print) your name, address, state, zip code, phone number, name of your Chapter, also what VA center or clinic you wish to volunteer at. Certification will be sent to the VA and to you. Do it now, *you* are needed.

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- ❖ Tour of Special Sights

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Korea, The Forgotten War..... remembered

New York Remembers



Nassau County legislators (L to R) Dennis Dunne, Bruce Blakeman, and Nora Gonsalvez are shown with Korean War Veterans Assn. President John Quinn dedicating the Korean War Veterans Memorial Drive in Nassau County, NY.



About 275 members of the Korean War Veterans Assn. marched and participated in the dedication of the drive. Other groups participating in the dedication were Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, 1st Marine Division Assn. and officers of the Marine Corps.

Press Release: Presiding Officer Bruce A. Blakeman (R-Woodmere, 7th L.D.), Legislator Norma Gonsalves (R-East Meadow, 13th L.D.) and Legislator Dennis Dunne, Sr. (R-Levittown 15th L.D.) today announced that a special dedication ceremony to designate a portion of Merrick Avenue as "Korean War Veterans Memorial Drive" will take place on Tuesday, July 20th, at 10:00 a.m. in Eisenhower Park just south of the Stewart Avenue entrance to the park). Unanimously passed in the Nassau County Legislature, the resolution sponsored by Presiding Officer Blakeman and Legislators Gonsalves and Duane recognizes the brave and courageous veterans who served their Country during the Korean War. "The veterans of the Korean War gave above and beyond their call of duty in the defense of democracy," Presiding Officer Blakeman stated. "This is Nassau County's way of recognizing their bravery and remembering those who sacrificed their lives." "I am proud to recognize our courageous Korean War Veterans," said Legislator Dennis Dunne, Sr. "These men and women risked their lives and left their families to protect our freedom. They deserve this recognition." "The driving force behind the renaming of a section of Merrick Avenue to "Korean War Veterans Memorial Drive" was Shelly Swirsky," said John

Quinn, president of the Korean War Veterans Assn., Nassau County Chapter No. 1. "For two years Shelly wrote letters and made phone calls to our legislators until they saw the light. He never gave up and he deserves full credit."

(Thank you Irwin Brawn for the photos and news release.)

Maryland Remembers



Participants at the Memorial Tree and Plaque Dedication were: Left to right - Rear Admiral David P. Sargent, Jr., USN, Association Secretary Ronald J. Maciejowski, Association Maryland Representative and Coordinator for this event Lawrence S. McLean, Association President Chief Signalman Edward J. August, USN (Ret.) and U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation President and Chief Operating Officer Rear Admiral Henry C. McKinney, USN (Ret.).



USNCSA Secretary Ronald J. Maciejowski (left) stands by while Association Maryland Representative and Memorial Dedication Coordinator Lawrence S. McLean sprinkles water from the Seven Seas.

Notice:

When calling an officer or the editor and you are leaving a message on an answering machine, speak slowly and leave your name and phone number twice. We are having problems responding because of not hearing your phone number clearly.

Ohio Remembers



American Legion War Memorial located at the City Hall in Lowellville, Ohio for (l to r) WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

(Thank you James W. Smith for photo. James has his name on the last three plaques. Ohio, Lowellville, KWVA and all veterans are proud of you and your service, James.)

Kentucky Remembers



Korean War Memorial is located on the lawn of the Harrison County Courthouse in Cynthiana, KY.

(Thank you Paul Steffen for the photo of a beautiful memorial remembering the local veterans who gave their lives in the Korean War. We also thank the town of Cynthiana for remembering those heroes. Those that made this memorial possible are special people.)

Memorial Photos Needed

If we have not shown your memorial (whatever size) in the last 2 years please send in a photo. We will accept photos with veterans near the memorial if you will identify the memorial and the veterans. Send us the best photo that does your memorial justice. Describe your memorial in detail and give us the location. I will also send that photo on to our webmaster to place on our KWVA web page. Please do not send photos you want returned. Please no newspaper clippings. —Editor



This Marker and a Living Tree ("October Glory" Maple) were dedicated in Honor and Remembrance of all who served aboard U.S. Navy Cruisers. All Photos by: PH3 Laura

Heinkel, USN

(Sorry I can only assume that Ronald J. Maciejowski or someone from the U.S. Navy Cruiser Association sent in these photos. I thank you for the photos and somewhere in my many stacks of mail that I try to keep organized in folders, I have a booklet and an envelope from this Assn. that will allow me to give credit and location of plaque when I find it.)

Arizona Remembers



Mast of USS Arizona, old Capitol Dome and new Capitol in background.

Photos taken on July 27, 1999 in Arizona showing flags flown at half-staff remembering those lost in the Korean War.

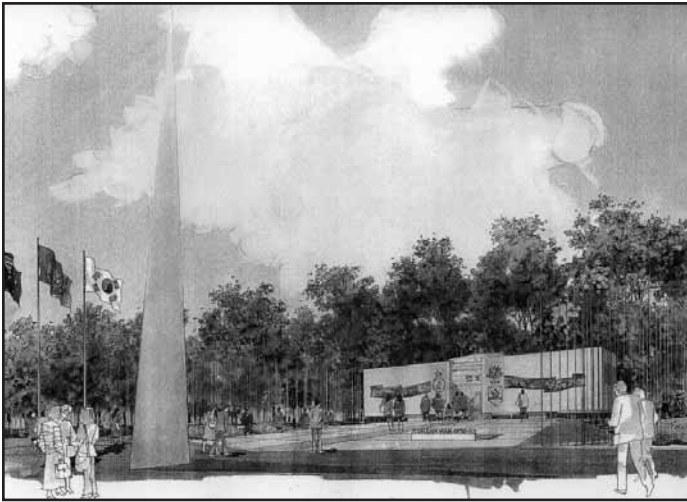
(Thank you Ken Markstrom for the photos. Wish I could show all six. We are proud of you and your state.)



Arizona Korean War Memorial.

The Korean War Veterans Association and "The Gathering" plan a joint reunion at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, VA July 24-29, 2000. More later in following issues of "The Graybeards."

Australia Remembers



Artist Sketch of Australian Korean War Memorial to be inaugurated in April 2000.

The Ground breaking Ceremony

On Friday, 17 September in a very simple and short ceremony His Excellency Kim Dae-jung, President of the Republic of Korea and the Honorable John Howard, Prime Minister of Australia symbolically commenced the construction of the Australian National Korean War Memorial by turning the earth at the memorial site. They also laid a wreath and unveiled the foundation stone of the memorial. The construction has begun.

The Design

Memorials are essentially symbolic and it is inappropriate to attempt to represent every detail so long as important aspects are identified by their inclusion in architectural or graphic features or words. Even words have to be economic in covering the commemorative purpose and inspiring further exploration. The concerns that have been most represented are that service in the Republic of Korea after the armistice on 27 July 1953 should be mentioned, that 'K Force' should be acknowledged and that 'the stepping stones' of the mobile phase and the nature of the static phase of the land battle should be recognized. All these matters are included in the text of descriptive panels and particular actions are recorded on the map with its chronological legend. The figures of the representative sailor, soldier and airman are being finalized. With the invaluable and willing help of the staff of the Australian War Memorial there is a comprehensive coverage of actions, activities and situations from photographs and paintings for the collage panels. In some cases also we have been helped by private photograph collections which in turn have added to the material of the AWM's photographic archives.

Fund Raising

In 1994 we set a goal of \$1.5 million for the construction of the memorial. We have collected just over \$1.5 million. The main contributors have been the Federal Government (\$700,000), the Government and people of the Republic of Korea (\$200,000), the State and Territory governments and local governments (about \$200,000), the Federation of Korean Industries (\$63,104.23 or 50 million Korean Won). The RSL,

Australian veterans organizations particularly Korean War veterans organizations and veterans organizations from the Republic of Korea, the United States of America and France have made a great contribution by direct donation and by fund raising events ranging from 'chook' raffles to golf days. In response to our appeal to Australian companies we have received just under \$50,000.

It has been a tremendous effort and the Korean War veterans community is grateful for the important contribution made to our fund by so many people but we still need more. Inflation, cost escalations and the need to provide for some of the costs of the dedication program mean that we still need \$150,000. The shortfall has obliged us to leave the glass roof of the contemplative space as a retrofit item. The Committee is still maintaining the momentum of its fund raising campaign. The Government has announced that it will extend the period during which tax deductible gifts of \$2 or more can be made to the Australian National Korean War Memorial Trust Fund from 2 September, 1996 up to and including 1 September, 2000.

The Dedication Program, 16–18 April, 2000

(More on this in past, current and future issues. Located on other pages in "The Graybeards.")

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Thank you Mr. Crawford for the update. The members and I are looking forward to seeing you, your Memorial and the Korean War Veterans of Australia in April 2000.

Harley J. Coon, President
KWVA National

Korean War veteran receives belated Purple Heart

Former Army squad leader was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds sustained in action during the Korean War in a ceremony at Yongsan recently, more than 47 years after he was pulled by medics from the rubble of a collapsed bunker in North Korea.

Covered by logs and sandbags after the bunker he was in was hit by Chinese artillery, then Staff Sergeant Fred O. Simpson, 19, waited for several hours on the night of Nov. 12, 1951, in the Chorwon corridor near Sehyon-ni.

Medics from the Korean Service Corps carried Simpson from the collapsed struc-

ture. He then began his journey back to the United States where he recovered from injuries to his back and left leg at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

In 1976, after obtaining copies of his medical records from the Veterans Administration, Simpson said he discovered they read he "was stooping over when a bunk fell on him, striking him across the lower back.

"Evidently, the doctor didn't know the difference between a bunk and a bunker, nor did he realized there were no U.S. barracks in North Korea" Simpson said.

Because of the mistake, Simpson never

received his third Purple Heart until after a letter he wrote to the President of the United States recently prompted the presentation today.

Air Force Major General Michael V. Hayden, deputy chief of staff of U.S. Forces Korea, presented the medal to Simpson, who said that he was glad to finally receive the award. About 50 members of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee and other interested individuals attended the ceremony.

Simpson said during the ceremony that the terrible suffering of the Korean people, and two experiences in particular, had a personal impact on him. The first being the Korean people who formed endless lines trying to escape the carnage of war.

"I had a deep empathy for the Korean people then, and today a great pride for what they have accomplished," he said. The second image that haunts Simpson is that of the terrible cost of war. "I still have dreams about the little Korean boy, seven-to-eight years old, from a recently destroyed village in North Korea with one of his arms blown off- blood and tears streaming down his face and in deep shock." Simpson said he applied a tourniquet to the boy and called a medic to take care of the boy as best he could. "Through the years, I often think about the little boy and it still breaks my heart today to remember what he was going through. I often wonder if by some miracle he survived." he said.

Simpson was a forward observer for the 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment where he was often engaged in combat during the Korean war, sometimes in hand-to-hand conflict. He has received two Bronze Star Medals and a "V" device for valor, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm and nine battle stars.

Simpson, 69, retired as a Master Sergeant and currently lives nine months a year in Seoul and three in Kansas City, Kansas. He said he enjoys fly-fishing for trout and perch and playing piano.

CPL. Clark Park at e-mail address <ParksSU@usfk.korea.army.mil>

(Thank you Cpl. Park for your service and remembering others.)

VFW Korean Vets donate to war memorial in Atlantic City, NJ



Pictured, left to right, are Art Schaulfer, a survivor of Chosin Reservoir, All State Commander Richard Hudson, VFW State Chairman Larry St. Laurent, Governor Whitman, Post Service Officer Art Madge, Senior Vice Commander Fred Fleming and the Governor's husband, John Whitman. All of the men were veterans of conflict in Korea.

Our VFW post formed a committee and raised \$3,000 that we gave to the Committee Chairman of the VFW, Mr. Larry St. Laurent. He came to our post for the presentation and was so impressed, we were the only VFW post to be invited to the Governor's Mansion in Princeton, NJ to present the check to her. It was one of the proudest times for us. We just thought we would let you know that we, in South Jersey, worked hard for this Memorial and we are proud it's going to

be in "our back yard."

(Thank you Richard T. Evans, Jr. for the photo. We also thank all above for remembering. The donation by the VFW is special. Now please do us one more favor. Those Korean War veterans shown above and that all Korean War Veterans wish to remind you and all who use the words **conflict and police action** in your current newsletters, letters etc. would be equally honored if you would call it what it was, a war.)

Letters



A letter to our Web Page <www.kwva.org>

Hello, I am SSgt John David (J.D.) Smith, Jr., USAF (Ret) (1978-98). Although I wasn't born until 9 years to the day, after the landing at Inchon, I have a special interest in the Korean War. My wife and (subsequently) my in-laws are Korean. I have served 6 years in Korea between 1984-1994. 1984-85 - Kunsan AB, 1986-88 - Kunsan AB, 1988-90 - Suwon AB, 1993-94 - Osan AB. I am wanting to learn all I can about the Korean war, so I can educate my daughter and future grandchildren of the history of the country of their grandmother and ancestors. I appreciate your site and am thankful that there are folks out there who strive to ensure that this war is *not* forgotten and our fellow American and foreign servicemen are remembered for their efforts and contribution. I'd like to be placed on your email list (if you have one) and would like to know if there is a Chapter of the KWVA in WA. State. Thank you again for providing this site. I look forward to hearing from you soon. J D Smith, Tacoma, WA. E-mail address <Defender@Integrity OL.com>

(Thanks J D for your kind remarks. We honor you and value your service. We do not have a mailing list but would be grateful if you became a member of our association by copying the application from our web page and I do not have a Washington State Chapter listed. For those that do not know, I am the person that answers the <info@kwva.org>. I have received many letters similar to this one about our web page and our newsletter. I printed this letter mainly because J D hit the nail on the head with his remarks stating what makes our web page and "The Graybeards" so important. Thank you again J D and say hello to the family for all the Korean War Veterans.)

Reserve Officers Association of the United States

"Preserving The Nation's Defense For 75 Years"

As the 50th anniversary years of the Korean War draw near, the Reserve Officers Association of the United States (ROA) plans to acknowledge the nation's "Forgotten War" in The Officer, ROA's official publication. In the magazine, emphasis will be a series of Korean War Remembrances, from June 2000 through September 2003, written or submitted by ROA members.

To lead into the series, the editors hope to feature a Memorial Day travelogue in May, directing readers to Korean War memorials throughout the country. Letters requesting memorial information have been sent to department presidents of Korean War Veterans Associations nationwide and to KWVA chapter presidents in those states where a department does not exist.

If your chapter has not received this letter, *The Officer* editors issue a request of *Graybeard* readers to submit information about memorials in their areas, along with photos. Details should include a brief description of the memorial and its location (directing visitors to a specific site), date or expected date of dedication, name of architect, any pertinent or unusual details about the memorial, its surroundings, fund drive, etc., and whether the memorial is a statewide, district or local one. Please include your name, address, and daytime phone number.

If you prefer to provide PR write-ups, memorial brochures, newspaper clippings, etc., please ensure that the above, basic information

is included. Submit material prior to 30 January 2000 to Carol A. Kelly, ROA s Korean War Memorial Survey, 1699 Vaquera Pl., Cincinnati, OH 45255. ROA, One Constitution Avenue, N.E., Washington; DC 20002-5655, Telephone: (202) 479-2200 * FAX: (202) 479-0416 * 800-809-9448 E-mail <71154.1267@compserve.com>

(Chapters, please respond to this request. You will do your memorials and the people who donated efforts and money the honor that is deserving and long overdue.)

Dear dad, this letter in poem is for you and all POWs

The Hell of Camp 5

There's a story of a POW I need to tell, its about camp 5 and a trip to hell. So listen now so not to forget the stories of the POW vets. A capture of innocence both young and old. There are not many left for this story to be told. The marches, they went on was not just a walk on a lonely trail, but more like ascending straight into hell.



Marvin E. Dorsey, 19th Inf. Reg., 24th Inf. Div.

During this time the boys became men. They lost old and made new friends. Between them became a bond with ties, never to be broken, and with in them the truth lies, in their trust in God, and each other and how they manage to survive.

As they laid there, they heard the cries of their buddies who later died. They were forced to except without a doubt, there was no escape, and no way out. At night the tears flowed and the tortures dream's came. That things would be different, and never the same.

They fought for our right to be Free. In front of all the world to see.

They say Korea is the forgotten War. But not if you listen to the stories they tell about camp 5, and their trip to Hell. Someday the battle they still fight will end, with you precious lord, their life really begins. There be no more tears in the middle of the night. Our lord will finally make things right.

So keep it peaceful by Yalu where so many brave men lie. There daughters didn't get a chance to say good-bye. The Yalu would be empty if not for the tears, that these men cried for those three years. For those who came home, you can rest easy at night. For your buddies are at peace in Gods hands tonight.

As for me the proud daughter of one of these brave men, whose father s torture is now at an end. The men in camp 5 are heroes to me, that's where my dad had to be. So I pray all the camps are still by the Yalu beneath the hills. So daughters put your arms around your fathers, and hold them tight especially the ones who were with Marvin E. Dorsey in the Hell known as camp 5.

I honor my father, My hero. My Loss is Our Lord's gain. I love



Marvin E. Dorsey

you Dad. Your Daughter S. Jane (Dorsey) Adams. Ps. I want to dedicate this to all POWs who were in camp 5 and forever your new family. Jane (Dorsey) Adams at e-mail <TTOTT55@aol.com> Short bio of Marvin E. Dorsey: DOB 7-11-29 DOD 11-23-88 D Co., 19th Inf. Reg., 24th INF. Div. Captured 11-4-50, Released 8-11-53.

(Thank you Jane. I will print a few photos then return all later. It was

great to meet you and the other Ex-POWs and families at the reunion in Macon, GA.. I know your dad is proud of you also. Your poem is beautiful and expresses the pride all family members and friends have for our POWs. We will remember them.)

Thanks, from the son of a sailor

I write this in humblest of apologies ... I am a very poor correspondent. To stir your memories, I am the son of a sailor who served on the USS Sicily and had wound up in touch with all of you about Dad's service and the ship herself - almost a year ago. You were all so kind in your responses, up to and including a copy of an October 1950 Collier's (which featured a story on the ship), for which my family and I were very grateful. His birthday would have been yesterday and, when I thought of him, I also thought of his service and, as a result, you. Again, I am sorry for not having stayed in touch. I wish you all health, happiness and prosperity. Russ Daniels, e-mail address <RMDAN@aol.com>

(Thank you Russ for the kind words. We remember your dad.)

Happy Birthday Gen. Moses

Please note information concerning a Korean War Veteran. I know this man well and I think he is deserving of having, some print on him in the Graybeards. I am a Life Member of the KWVA. Thank you. Donald Barta, Box 342, Wagner, SD 57380

Lloyd R Moses (MG Ret), will celebrate his 95th birthday on 30 Sept. 99, Lloyd is of sound mind and body and would like to hear from some of his old friends he commanded or served with during his military career and especially those from the Korean war. Then Col. Moses commanded the 31st Inf. Reg. (Polar Bears) 7th Inf. Div from Jan 52 till Nov 52. Col. Moses planned and executed operation "Showdown" which was the assault on Hill mass 598 (Triangle Hill, Jane Russell and Sniper Ridge) in the Iron Triangle area of the Central front. He later went on to command the 8th Inf. Airborne Div in Germany and retired from the Army on 30 Sept. 64 as a Major General. Mr. Moses current address is: 116 N Harvard Street, Vermilion, SD 57069.

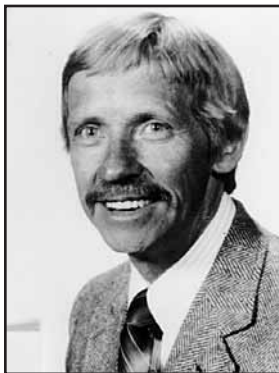
(All Korean War Veterans and KWVA members wish you a Happy Birthday General Moses and many more in good health.)

Welcome from Ethiopian KWVA members

Captain Zewdie W. Kirkos, (Ret.) from Ethiopia and several of his Korean War veteran friends were in London for the International Korean War Veterans reunion in July. They stayed at the same hotel with General Ray Davis, and I and we became friends. Zewdie is a member of KWVA. He was in town visiting his son Fithunsew Zewdie, of Alexandria, VA recently and dropped off these pictures. He asked me to please mail them for possible insertion in the *Graybeards*. Thanks, Warren Wiedhahn. (Photo and history on page 24.)

(Thank you Warren and Captain Kirkos for photo and history.)

69-year-old wants chance to show stuff in boot camp



Roy Miller wants to be in the Army. He is especially eager to jump into basic training. The harder it is, the better, he says. Mr. Miller is 69 years old. But he is not joking. "I am very serious about it," he said. Mr. Miller, who grew up in Toledo noted that Sen. John Glenn's space shot tested physical stress on an older person. He wants to do the same thing, not in space but in boot camp.

His proposal is for medical science to focus on his 69-year-old body going through the tough physical training of an Army recruit. He could make it, according to word that has filtered back to the offices of Ohio's two U.S. senators. "I don't actually want to join the Army, I just want to go through basic training, so they can study how an older body takes it."

The Army has received Mr. Miller's request, said Army

spokesman Maria Taylor in Washington yesterday. She declined to comment about the request. Mr. Miller knows about physical training. He is a runner and has raced in numerous marathons. And he knows the armed forces.

He was in the Army in 1951 and 1952, when he was 21 years old and he went through the usual rigorous boot camp to be toughened as a foot soldier. "If you want to know, I thought it was kind of easy," he said. Now he wants to go through boot camp again, for a nobler reason. "It would be to find out the effects of hard training on an old person." "I know they have an age limit but I'm sure the space team does, too," he wrote, referring to former Sen. Glenn's space-flight training. Please help me by writing your Senators.

(Sorry Roy for printing your story so late but you sure have my vote. From the photos and details given you certainly deserve a chance to prove yourself. Please, make sure they understand many of us 69-year-old veterans do not want to be drafted again nor do we volunteer to run any farther then from the easy chair to our dining areas. We are proud of you, please keep us posted.)

U.S.S. THOMPSON

By William J. McGuinness

In reference to the story "Memories of USS Foss DE 59" by Kimber L. White on Pg. 15 of the Nov./Dec. 1998 issue of "TheGraybeards," my ship the Destroyer Minesweeper USS Thompson DMS 38 also participated in this campaign at Chinnampo, North Korea in the winter of 1950. I was a radarman 2/c and in addition to watching the radar I also handled "voice" communications from ship to ship. Our call sign was "LUMINOUS."

From the period of Oct. 28 to Nov. 25, 1950 we executed mine-sweeping operations day after day in treacherous tidal currents, freezing temperatures, heavy snow, dense fog and the constant threat of attack from North Korean batteries on shore. We worked with R.O.K. and Japanese small minesweepers to clear mines to open up the Port of Chinnampo. We then kept the waterways open so that ships could deliver troops and supplies to this Port. Chinnampo was on the northwest coast of North Korea and the seaport for Pyongyang. Our ship and crew received the "Navy Unit Commendation" for this effort.

Ships that we operated with at this time were the *USS Forrest Royal* DD 872, *USS Pelican* AMS 32, the landing ship dock *USS Catamount* LSD 7, *USS Carmick* DMS 33 and Japanese freighters S 226 and S 109.

The Chinese had now entered the war and they and the North Korean forces were rapidly approaching Chinnampo. On Dec. 2, 1950 we steamed into Chinnampo and moored alongside the *USS Foss* DE 59 which was moored to the coal Pier and was supplying electricity to Chinnampo. A group of us went ashore and were walking into town when we were stopped by 8th Army soldiers. They were sweeping the road and paths for land mines and told us we were at our own risk. We returned to our ship with the soldiers as escorts and stayed aboard.

Several other ships now arrived as it was evident we would have to evacuate Chinnampo. Ships now present were the British Ship *HMS Bataan* DDE 191, the Australian ships *HMAS Athabaskan* DDE



219 and *HMAS Warramunga*, THE *USS Pelican* AMS 32 and *USS Gull* AMS 16. There were other ships present but I can't remember their names.

Strange things happen in wartime. On the night of Dec. 4th one of our engine room men, "W. Secrist," came out of a hatch to dump a pail of slop. It was a darkened ship and so dark he couldn't see. On this side of the ship there was an opening at our sea ladder and he walked through this opening and fell overboard. This was December in a Siberian winter. He was paralyzed in the freezing water. Luckily sailors manning our 40mm guns heard his cry and sounded the man overboard alarm. We got our ship's gig in the water immediately and rescued him. Treatment: He was given a rub down and 3 ounces of alcohol. He survived. Then we had other sailors volunteering to jump overboard so they too could get 3 ounces of alcohol.

On the night of Dec. 5th as the enemy was closing in, our ships fired their 5"/38 guns point blank in to Chinnampo to destroy anything that would be worthwhile to the enemy. Ships also evacuated all Military personnel and as many civilians as they could handle. Sadly, many had to be left behind. We sailed back and forth all night escorting ships through the mine swept minefields and safely out to sea. By Dec. 6th all the ships were clear of Chinnampo. The ships formed a convoy and sailed south to Inchon.

For the remainder of December (with at least one trip back to Sasebo, Japan for supplies, fuel, water and repairs) we served as the Inchon Harbor entrance control vessel. We intercepted and investigated ships and junks entering Inchon Harbor. We celebrated Christmas day Dec. 25, 1950 at sea off Inchon. I was twenty years old. After that we sailed to the east coast off North Korea and continued minesweeping in the daytime and conducting shore bombardment at night.

The *USS Thompson* DMS 38 spent three tours of duty in the Korean War from 1950 through 1953 and had seven of her crew killed and several wounded by enemy shore batteries.

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They Also Served

By Jack Tamplin

This is a story, not about heroic action at the Chosin Reservoir, Pork Chop Hill, Old Baldy or the other bloody battles in Korea that resulted in so many casualties. This then is a story about a group of Air Force men who were the casualties of fate.

The 167th Fighter Bomber Squadron of the West Virginia Air National Guard was formed on March 7, 1947 shortly after the end of World War II. The roots of the 167th lie in the 369th Fighter Squadron of the Eighth Air Force in Europe during World War II. The 369th participated in the Normandy Invasion, European Air Offensive, Ardennes, Central Europe, the Rhineland and the Northern France campaigns.

Operations of the 167th began at Clark Field, a small grass strip near Charleston, West Virginia. Construction of the new and modern Kanawha Airport, later named Yeager Airport in honor of "Chuck" Yeager a native West Virginian, was not yet complete. As soon as the runways were operational the 167th moved its base of operations to the newly completed airport.

The first and long time Commanding Officer of the 167th was Lt. Col. James K. McLaughlin. Col. "Mac" a B-17 pilot in the European Theater of Operations, who had many missions under his belt, flew the command B-17 on the infamous "Black Thursday" raid on the ball bearing factories of Schweinfurt, Germany. This raid cost the Army Air Corps more losses than any other mission of the war, 65 B-17S

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and 594 Airmen.

The aircraft inventory of this first unit of the West Virginia Air National Guard was a hodgepodge of WWII aircraft: 12 P-47 Thunderbolts, 3 B-26 Invaders, 2 Beech C-45s, 2 C-47 "Gooney Birds" and 2 AT-6 Texans. Not long thereafter the unit was able to trade the P-47s for the faster P-51 Mustangs.

One unique factor about the pilots of the unit was that they come from a mixed bag of flying experiences in both the Army and Navy Air Services. Some had been bomber pilots, some transport pilots, some had been Navy pilots and a few had fighter plane experience. Another unique trait of these pilots was the attire worn by them while in the cockpits of their Mustangs.

The new airport at Charleston was constructed by leveling the surrounding hills and filling in the valleys to make a flat area that was suitable for an airport. One of the hills that was leveled was called "Coonskin Ridge." It did not take long for some imaginative "hot dog" pilot to come up with the idea of attaching coon tails to their flying helmets and calling themselves "The Coonskin Boys." This trademark stayed with the unit until its activation into the Air Force. The Air Force however frowned on this attachment to the helmets so all the coon tails had to be removed.

As pilots are prone to do, good matured ribbing was always at the forefront. One often told story has it that the pilots of the B-26 Invaders were always into it with the F-51 pilots about which was the better pilot and who had the better, faster aircraft.

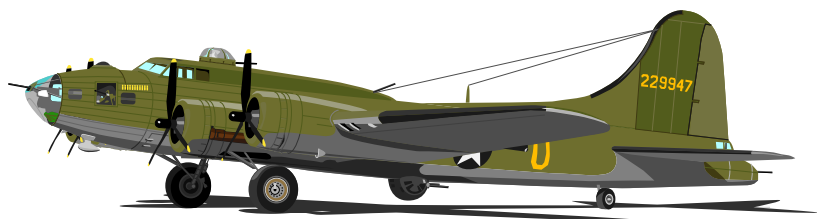
On one occasion, the pilot of a B-26 Invader who was flying 2000 feet above a group of four F-51s decided it was pay back time, he went into a steep dive to gain air speed, as he reached the flight level of

the F-51s slightly behind and to the right of the group, he shut down the left engine and feathered the propeller and zoomed by the F-51s waving "bye bye", in essence telling the F-51 pilots that his plane, with one engine was faster than theirs.

Another story about one of the "hot dog" F-51 pilots of the unit was that during "Operation Southern Pines", a joint Army, Air Force, ANG training exercise, the F-51s of the 167th were charged with defending Fort Bragg, N.C. against an attacking aggressor force of F-80 Shooting Star jets. The gun camera assessment of the "furball" indicated that the F-51s had destroyed all the F-80s but one and he was high-tailing it out of the area. The "hot dog" pilot of the F-51 couldn't pass up this opportunity to embarrass the F-80 pilot, so he, the F-51 pilot went to full military power and at approximately 485 MPH, pulled alongside the F-80 and saluted. Needless to say, two results of this action were: one, the engine of the F-51 had to be replaced and two, it is reported that the F-80 pilot on landing, had to quickly charge his shorts.

During 1948 and 1949 the 167th spent its two week summer camps at Atterbury Army Air Field, Columbus, Indiana and at Newcastle, Delaware. During these periods and on weekend drills, the pilots practiced their flying and gunnery skills that would prove so helpful to them in the not too distant future. In 1950 the unit was at Lockbourne Air Force base, Columbus, Ohio. Shortly after returning to Charleston, news of the North Korean incursion of South Korea on June 25th was front page news.

Rumors ran rampant during late June and early July 1950 as to whether the 167th would be called up if the United States become deeply involved in Korea.



Those betting that we would be called up felt pretty comfortable with their position when, on July 25th the Air Force reclaimed 12 of the 167th's Mustangs for use in Korea. Lt. Col. McLaughlin led the ferry flight that took the planes to the west coast where they were loaded on board ship bound for Korea. As other stateside units converted to the new F-80s, the 167th was able to regain the 12 F-51s it had given up and was once again up to strength.

In late September of 1950 the unit was notified of its imminent activation and all the members began to get their personal affairs in order. On October 10th 1950, the 167th was activated and thus became part of the United States Air Force. The unit deployed to Godman Air Force Base, Fort Knox, Kentucky and began flight operations.

While stationed at Godman AFB, the unit and its Mustangs took part in firepower demonstrations, supported the Army with close air support training at military installations around the country and training and cross training pilots into the F-51.

One story about cross training pilots was that of a young Air Force pilot who had just won his wings in the F-80 Shooting Star, which had a tricycle landing gear. The F-51 however was a different animal in that it was a "tail dragger." The new trainee tried on multiple occasions and with multiple F-51s to learn to land correctly, but having been introduced to flying in the F-80 he would constantly make three point landings with the propeller of the F-51 being the third point. After several propeller and engine changes this new pilot was terminated from the program.

While stationed at Godman AFB the unit began to fragment. Some of the pilots and ground crew were sent to Korea, others transitioned into the F-84 Thunder Jet and were transferred to Manston Royal Air Force Base near London, England. Other members of the unit were sent to other units around the country to fill existing vacancies.

During the period of activation, double tragedy struck the 167th. On April 5th, 1951, one of the 167th pilots who was completing a training mission at Eglin AFB, Florida, was on the taxiway await-

ing clearance. Another F-51, unaware of the first F-51 slammed into it killing the 167th pilot instantly. The pilot's body was returned to Charleston, home base of the 167th for the funeral. On Sunday, April 8th, 1951, two C-47 transports left Godman AFB for Charleston. On board these C-47s were members of the 167th who would serve as an honor guard and attend the funeral of the F-51 pilot. The two planes had reached the Charleston area and one was on approach to Yeager Airport when it struck a hillside approximately 8 miles from touchdown. Nineteen souls on board were killed outright and two others died within two days of burns incurred.

Included among the casualties were 10 Officers, most of whom were pilots in the unit and 11 enlisted Airmen of the 167th. On April 10th Memorial Services were held at a packed Memorial Auditorium in Charleston for all those who had died and lined up across the stage were the 21 flag draped caskets.

The crash caused a pall of gloom to descend on the Charleston area since all those who died were from this locality. Very few persons did not know one of the victims or some member of the extended family.

The reason for the crash was never determined. There was heavy fog in the area but aside from that the investigating team found that both of the engines of the C-47 were functioning perfectly at the time of the crash. The pilot of the C-47 was very familiar with the terrain, having flown in and out of the Airport many times.

One strange thing deepens the mystery even more, the cockpit escape hatch was found one and a half miles back along the flight path. Something positive did happen as a result of the crash. The investigating team found that the top of the hill contained a magnetic field that could affect the navigational instruments in any approaching aircraft. The top of the hill was removed thereby eliminating any possible chance for a future accident of this nature.

The entire unit of the 167th was not committed to the battle area for fear of



possible disproportionate losses to such a geographically associated group. However, the 167th suffered the casualties of the crash plus losing 11 Officers and 12 Enlisted men in Korea the fickle finger of fate struck with a vengeance..

The Air Force deactivated the 167th late in 1952 and the members returned to their home station at Yeager Airport. Several years later the 167th was disbanded as a fighter bomber squadron and reorganized as the 130th Tactical Airlift Wing and began flying the C-119 Flying Box Car and picking up many missions for the Air Force. The author flew with the unit as a Loadmaster for many years.

During the late 1980s the unit transitioned to the C-130 "Herky Bird" aircraft and during Desert Shield and Desert Storm the 130th, formerly the 167th, was activated again for the duration and was based in Saudi Arabia.

Whether it be at Pork Chop Hill, The Chosin Reservoir, Old Baldy or any of the other bloody actions of the Korean war, the deaths were tragic. The deaths of the members of the 167th were just as tragic and just as final.

The new War Memorial at the State Capitol in Charleston, contains the names of the 21 individuals who died in the crash plus the 11 Officers and 12 Airmen who died in Korea along with the 800 West Virginians who lost their lives while in service to their country during the Korean War.

Even though all these lives were lost during the "Forgotten War" these men will never be forgotten, "Rest in Peace Gallant Warriors."

Command Reports and how to retrieve them

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Information for Researchers

Records at the National Archives at College Park include the cartographic and architectural holdings; the Nixon Presidential Materials; electronic records; motion picture, sound, and video records; the JFK Assassination Records Collection; still pictures; the Berlin Documents Center microfilm; and numerous textual records groups. A Fax-on-Demand service, for use with the handset on a fax machine, gives information on many topics. Call (301) 713-6905.

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Gopher and WWW Addresses

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Still Picture reference:	713-6625 x234

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Level	Archival Materials
2	<i>Textual Records</i> 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 3:30
3	<i>Cartographic Records</i> 9:30, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:30
4	<i>Motion Picture, Sound & Video</i> 9:00, 10:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30
4	<i>Microfilm And Berlin Document Center</i> Self-service during all research hours
5	<i>Still Picture Records</i> 9:30, 10:30, 11:45, 1:30, 3:00
6	<i>Electronic Records</i> Upon Request: 8:45-4:45
2	<i>White House Health Care Task Force Records</i> Pulled During All Research Hours Mon – Sat
2,4,5	<i>Nixon Presidential Materials</i> 9:00-noon, 1–3; audiovisual 8:45–3:30 Watergate Tapes listening hours are Mon – Fri, 8:45 – 4:00
2,4,5	<i>JFK Assassination Collection</i>

9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00

Research Hours

Monday & Wednesday 8:45 am – 5:00 pm Tues., Thurs. & Friday 8:45 am – 9:00 pm Saturday 8:45 am – 4:45 pm (Closed Sunday)

Orientation and Research Room

Procedures

Researchers first visiting the National Archives at College Park speak with a consultant archivist in room 1000 located off the main lobby. The archivist provides an orientation to the building and records and conducts the registration procedure.

Research Rooms

The Research Center contains these rooms:

- Textual Floor 2
- Cartographic and Architectural Floor 3
- Library Floor 3
- Motion Picture, Sound, and Video Floor 4
- Microfilm Floor 4
- Still Picture Floor 5
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Paper and pencils are provided to researchers. Researchers may bring approved loose paper research notes, hand-held wallets and/or coin purses into research rooms but those items are subject to inspection when researchers enter or leave the research center. Researchers may not bring enclosures such as briefcases, boxes, satchels, valises, purses, or other large containers into the research rooms. Lockers are available for which a quarter is required that is refunded when the locker key is returned. The lockers are emptied nightly. Rules for Using Historical Records in the National Archives [GIL 57], available through Fax-on-Demand or by calling the general reference number, gives additional research room rules.

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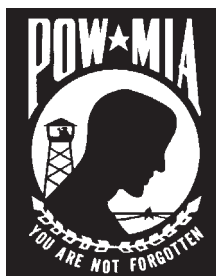
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September 24, 1999

Remains Repatriated in China

Remains believed to be those of American airmen were repatriated today (China time) in ceremonies in Guang Xi. On behalf of the U.S. government, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs Robert L. Jones accepted the remains and turned them over to the team leader of the excavation team, Major Andy Irwin to prepare them for shipment to CILHI in Hawaii.

Mr. Jones is in China meeting with officials regarding Korean War POW accounting. Following his meetings in Beijing, he traveled to southern China to the area where U.S. and Chinese teams have been working at the site of a WWII B-24 bomber crash. The CILHI teams have been conducting excavations there each fall since 1997.

Previously, a formal repatriation ceremony took place in January 1997, and included the remains first recovered by Chinese officials. CILHI teams have also brought back remains from that crew following their excavations in 1997 and 1998.

The senior Chinese official was the Guang Xi Director of Foreign Affairs, Huang Yong Qiang. He formally presented the remains, in a sealed case, to Secretary Jones, who then presented them to Major Irwin. Major Irwin draped the case in a U.S. flag, making it ready to transport to the laboratory in Hawaii. All the other remains from this excavation are undergoing forensic identification at this laboratory.

The U. S. was also represented by Ms. Mary Richards, counselor from the U.S. Consulate in Guang Zhou, the closest consulate to Guilin.

DPMO Researchers Locate Key Korean War Documents

Three DPMO personnel conducted

archival research on Korean War/Cold War cases at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis last week. They copied approximately 3,000 documents associated with numerous loss incidents.

The researchers copied over 400 Report of Death Memoranda on U.S. Army personnel who were killed-in-action or who died while POWs and whose remains have not yet been recovered. These documents summarize eyewitness and hearsay accounts of the deaths of specific individuals and also include other information (name mentioned in communist propaganda broadcasts or included on communist-generated POW lists). To date, DPMO personnel have copied over 1,100 Report of Death Memoranda related to U.S. Army personnel. These memoranda were filed in a casualty's personnel file after the Korean War. The majority of the personnel files of these 1,100 casualties were destroyed in the 1973 fire at the NPRC. Carbon copies of the memoranda were sent to the NPRC as part of its post-fire records-reconstruction effort. An NPRC military archivist recently located these records and notified DPMO.

Researchers located and copied a list of burial sites of victims of the Suncheon Massacre. Their remains were interred at the UN Cemetery in Pyongyang, North Korea. Also found was a repatriated U.S. POW's list of other POWs he encountered while incarcerated in North Korea. DPMO personnel will analyze the list to clarify the fates of those missing personnel whose names are listed.

A DPMO analyst found documentation on a wounded 7th Infantry Division senior officer who was captured by the Chinese People's Army (CPA). This document clarifies the officer's fate and provides a basis for further analysis. Also located was the U.S. Army RECAP-K Master List containing the names of approximately 4,900 repatriated U.S. Army personnel. This list will be used to support DPMO's oral history program.

The team also reviewed selected morning reports (November-December 1950) from the 1st Cavalry Division, 2nd Infantry Division, and 7th Infantry

Division. Analysts will correlate this information with other source documents to clarify the fates of our missing personnel. The team also copied information on two U.S. aircraft (one U.S. Navy and one U.S. Coast Guard) that were lost as a result of a Cold War incident in the Taiwan Strait.

The researchers reviewed dozens of individual personnel files on U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, and U.S. Marine Corps Korean War/Cold War and operational losses. Documents relating to specific losses will be forwarded to the service casualty offices. DPMO analysts will review the material as part of our ongoing analytical effort.

DPMO and NPRC continue to refine and improve the research strategy to locate additional data on Korean War/Cold War losses.

JCSD Staff Interviews Russian and European Archivists

Senior staff members of the Joint Commission Support Directorate of DPMO from Washington and from Moscow attended a two-day conference of GULAG survivors and historians held in Berlin this week. Speakers at the conclave include archivists from Russian and East European repositories who may be of some assistance in expanding the network of contacts among researchers interested in the fate of missing personnel. The conference also provides an opportunity to interview personnel who spent time in the GULAG system during the Soviet era and who may know of Americans who endured a similar experience.

Following the Berlin conference the staff members traveled to Sofia, Bulgaria, for a series of interviews with officials identified from past visits to Bulgaria. Contact is being resumed with Bulgarian organizations representing survivors of forced exile and incarceration in Soviet camps during the Stalinist era.

October 12, 1999

Chinese Cooperation on Korean WAR POW/MIAs Continues

A Department of Defense delegation has concluded its second visit to China to seek additional cooperation in resolving Korean War POW and MIA cases.

Robert L. Jones, the deputy assistant secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs, led a four-man team to China recently to continue discussions there on U.S. servicemen missing in action from the Korean War. Jones had earlier presented 44 case inquiries to the Chinese. He requested specific information relating to Americans missing from four areas: Korean War POW camps; ground battles (Chosin Reservoir, Chongchon River, Demilitarized Zone); air losses; and POW names appearing in Chinese publications during the war.

"I am pleased that the Chinese government is taking seriously our efforts to resolve these POW and MIA cases," he said. "We all know the difficulties in locating or reconstructing records that may be 45 years old, but the Chinese have told me they will do everything they can to help us move forward on this humanitarian issue."

While in China he visited Mao'er mountain near Guilin in the south and received briefings on the joint U.S.-China operation to recover the remains of WWII American airmen whose B-24 crashed in 1944. He was also invited to serve as the senior U.S. representative to participate in a repatriation ceremony to receive more American remains from that crash site.

The remains, and those repatriated during the past two years, have been shipped to the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii. All the other remains from this excavation are undergoing forensic identification at this laboratory. The CILHI teams have been conducting excavations at the crash site each fall

since 1997.

Prague Trip Planned by JCSD Analysts

Two personnel from the Joint Commission Support Directorate of DPMO are planning work in the Czech Republic for this fall. The team plans to follow up on leads received as a result of Czech press coverage of their trip last May. They will be interviewing Czech citizens who reported either having seen or talked to people they believed to be American POWs or having heard rumors of the presence of American POWs in Czechoslovakia. In each case, the team will investigate the lead to gather as much information as possible in order to identify the reported American and corroborate or refute the report. They also intend to continue on-going efforts to obtain documents from Czech intelligence archives. Finally, they plan to continue to search for and interview Czechs who held official positions under the Communist government that may have provided them access to information concerning U.S. POWs, such as those individuals who served in Korea or Vietnam during the wars.

New Cold War Database to Open on DPMO Web Site

The last of three databases listing information on MIAs is expected to appear on the DPMO web site in the near future.

This database will include the names and other information on Cold War MIAs shot down in the 1950s and 1960s. There are 124 servicemen still listed as MIA from that conflict. Another 18 have been accounted for through the work of the U.S.

Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs, DPMO analysts and the Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii.

Internet visitors to the web site will find several choices in searching for Cold War information. Names of the MIAs may be found in an alphabetical listing, as well as a listing by state, and a listing according to the date of loss. Other details, such as the type of aircraft, may also be found.

The Cold War database joins MIA databases from the Korean War and the Vietnam War. These have been some of the more popular sites visited by Internet viewers since they have been posted on the DPMO web site. The Internet address for the DPMO web site is <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo>. Readers may then click on any of the databases once they reach the DPMO home page.

Internet Research Tips

Readers of the DPMO web site tell us that occasionally the large lists (such as the Korean War database) go blank when selected for downloaded.

This is a common problem, especially with large databases. The "blank" indication is simply the user's computer trying to gather all the information before it displays it on a screen. Eventually, the whole database will appear, but users must often wait an extended time before it shows on the screen. Be patient. It is there. More powerful computers and faster modems can speed the download time.

In an effort to speed up the download time, DPMO computer specialists have kept graphics to a minimum on the home page.

Proud Korean War Vets Display Tags



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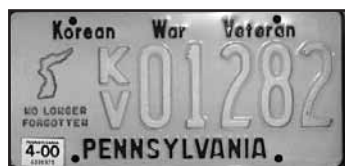
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Documents on Korean War MIAs to be released

The McCain Bill, as amended, seeks to make available for public review all documents related to the government's work on POW/MIA accounting. Exceptions may be made when family members do not wish documents on the treatment, location or condition of their loved one released to the public.

The bill requires that every effort be made to afford family members the opportunity to decide if their information may be viewed by the public. The military service casualty offices have been pursuing an aggressive outreach program for the past several years to reach Korean War families. When located, those families are asked to indicate their desires on the release of information on the treatment, location or condition of their loved one. That outreach effort will continue, but given the several years' search thus far, it was determined that a reasonable effort had been made. Documents related to servicemen whose families could not be located will be placed in the National Archives, without redaction, where researchers may review them. If a family has been located but has not indicated its choice, their information will not be released.

October 21, 1999

North Korea Agrees to Repatriate Remains

Agreements have been reached with representatives of the North Korean government to transfer remains of what are believed to be four American soldiers missing since the Korean War. Delegations from the United States and North Korea met in New York City this past week to work out details for the immediate repatriation of the remains which had been located in recovery operations earlier this year. These talks included a representative from the United Nations Command.

Robert L. Jones, deputy assistant secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel, will lead a delegation to Pyongyang on Oct. 25 to accept the remains. He will be accompanied by a repatriation team from U.S. Forces Korea. From North Korea, the team will travel to Yokota Air Base, Japan, and Honolulu, Hawaii, where the U.S. Army's Central

Identification Laboratory will seek to positively identify the remains.

Jones and his team will be flown into North Korea aboard a U. S. Air Force C-17, where they will receive the four sets of remains, and drop off the CILHI team which will begin the last joint recovery operation in North Korea during late October-early November.

The C-17 will return to Yokota AB, Japan, where the first ceremony will be held, then it continues with the remains to Hawaii for the final repatriation ceremony as the remains are moved to CILHI to begin the identification process.

These agreements signify an end to the stalemate that had hampered recovery operations since June of this year.

Russian Archival Work Continues

All of the Russian military documents received from the Podol'sk archives last fall that correlate to an unaccounted-for American POW/MIA have been translated and sent to the Primary Next of Kin. In addition, these correlated documents have been redacted and sent to the Library of Congress and the National Archives.

JCSJ researchers in Moscow are continuing work reviewing the Soviet 64th Fighter Air Corps records held in the Russian Military Archives in Podol'sk, Russia. Analytical work to correlate Russian documents received during 1999 with unaccounted-for American POW/MIAs continues. All information discovered relating to an unaccounted-for American POW/MIA is

analyzed, translated into English, and forwarded with the original Russian through the services to the primary next of kin.

The Russian material received is entirely unclassified. The entire collection of Russian documents received through June 1999 is available to the public in the original Russian, with some translations, at the National Archives (Record Group 330 II.8 1) in College Park, Maryland. In addition, some Russian archival material that has been translated into English is available online at the Library of Congress website (<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/tfrquery.html/>).

October 29, 1999

North Korea Repatriates Remains to DOD Delegation

A Department of Defense delegation

has returned from North Korea with remains believed to be those of four American soldiers missing in action from the Korean War.

Led by Robert L. Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs, the delegation arrived at Yokota Air Base, Japan Monday evening (Japan time) for a brief ceremony which included U.S. honor guards.

Jones led a delegation of Department of Defense and Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii (CILHI) officials to Pyongyang, North Korea, to accept the remains that were located during joint excavations earlier this year. The four soldiers, thought to have been killed at the battle of the Chongchon River between late November and early December of 1950, represent only a few of hundreds killed in that region during a period of fierce fighting. More than 8,200 Americans remain missing from the Korean War.

Following the turnover of remains in Pyongyang, Jones joined North Korean officials for informal discussions about future meetings and concepts for future remains recovery operations. He also raised the issue of access to American deserters living in North Korea.

Since joint recovery operations began in North Korea in 1996, the United States has recovered remains believed to be those of 39 American soldiers. Of those, three have been positively identified and returned to their families for burial with full military honors. A U.S. recovery team is currently in North Korea, conducting the final joint recovery operation for 1999.

Jones accompanied the remains to Hawaii where they were transferred to the Army's Central Identification Laboratory. There they will undergo a complete forensic review, including the use of mitochondrial DNA, if appropriate, to make identification.

Discussions concerning recovery operations during the year 2000 are expected to take place with the North Koreans in December.

National Personnel Records Central Search Planned

Preparation for the mid-November DPMO trip to the National Personnel

Records Center (NPRC) is underway. The NPRC in St. Louis houses Korean War records we are interested in accessing—our preparation work involves screening for specific candidates for which we want them to do records searches and sending them the list ahead of time by two-three weeks so that the records will be ready for viewing during the trip days.

The DPMO analysts are expected to review over 350 unaccounted-for personnel files and research/review October and November 1950 Morning Reports related to the 1st Cavalry and 7th Infantry Divisions.

November 9, 1999

JCSO Expands Contracts in Bulgaria

The pro-democratic newspaper *Anti* published an appeal recently for information regarding unaccounted-for American servicemen, shortly after two DPMO staff members visited Bulgaria in September and October. No responses have been received to date, but the appeal may be published later in one of Bulgaria's larger newspapers. A Bulgarian television reporter who visited North Vietnam during the war has expressed an interest in meeting with DPMO staff members during their next visit. DPMO has received information that some former Bulgarian military attaches to North Korea and North Vietnam may be willing to meet to discuss the POW/MIA issue in the near future. Leads are also being explored to arrange for the team to meet with former ambassadors to the regions of interest before determining the dates of the next trip to Sofia.

North Korean Operations Conclude for 1999

The final joint recovery operation for this year has concluded in North Korea. The operation began following the late October repatriation at the Pyongyang Sunan Airport of four sets of remains believed to be those of U.S. servicemen lost during the Battle of the Chongchon River. This operation continued the search of the Chongchon River area (as did those earlier this year and 1998). It is about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, and was the site of heavy fighting between the U.S. Eighth Army (2nd and 25th Infantry Divisions) and the Chinese Peoples Liberation Army in November and December of 1950. The remains found by

the team are expected to be repatriated on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Plenum Underway in Moscow

U.S. members of the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs are in Moscow for the commission's sixteenth plenum. It is scheduled to continue through Nov. 11.

Agenda topics were prepared for each of the four working groups that represent the core issues facing the commission: World War II; the Korean War; Cold War, and Vietnam War.

This session will be the first one at which Maj. Gen. Roland Lajoie will serve as U.S. Co-chairman, a position he has held since replacing Ambassador Malcolm Toon last December. It is also Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs Bob Jones' first opportunity to participate in the commission's formal proceedings and have a close look DPMO's field office operations at our embassy in Moscow.

Specific points to be addressed at the plenum are defined by the individual working group. The general theme is to seek ways to further cooperation on POW/MIA issues. Stalwart topics such as intensifying and expanding archival research and probing numerous reports about American servicemen on Soviet territory immediately following World War II and through much of the Cold War period, are expected to be underscored throughout the plenary session.

Latvian Remains Search

Remains discovered in a Latvian cemetery thought to be associated with a 1950 loss of a U.S. Navy PB4Y2 Catalina were disinterred last month in hopes they might represent missing in action American servicemen.

Anthropologists and odontologists from the U.S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory determined through the use of dental records, however, that these remains could not be associated with the loss of the Navy aircraft. Interviews with other sources in Latvia will continue, however, in the search for information on that crew.

This case is also being examined in the ongoing meeting in Moscow of the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs.

Book Review



We Called It War!

By Denzil Batson

There aren't many first-hand accounts of the Korean War. In fact, this war fought in Korea's hills and rice paddies has nearly been forgotten. Except by those who were there.

In *We Called It War!*, just released from Leathers Publishing, Denzil Batson tells the story of a two-day assault on a 60-degree slope with chilling detail. At the end of this assault, half of his platoon had been wounded or killed. At the time, Batson was just eighteen and newly married. It was the winter of 1951-1952 and Batson was a sergeant of the Second Platoon, F Company, 3rd Division, recaptured that 60 degree slope called Little Gibraltar from the Chinese.

Batson grew up on a dairy farm near Republic, Missouri. His words are those of the frontline soldiers and tell how men went about trying to survive in battle. He recreates the sights and sounds that caused him to sometimes shut his eyes to block out the horror, from artillery fire to heart-sickening screams for medics - all the things he would remember for a lifetime.

To order *We Called It War!* (\$11.95 plus \$2.50 shipping), please contact Leathers Publishing, 4500 College Blvd., Leawood, KS or Phone: 913-498-2625. Toll-free: 1-888-888-7696. Fax: 913-498-1561.

Email:

leatherpub@aol.com

(Great story about the 3rd Div. in Korea.)



My Old Box Of Memories — Thoughts Of The Korean War

*By William M. Allen Sgt., C Co,
19th Inf. Regt., 24th Inf. Div.
POW - Jan. 1, 1951 - Aug. 1953*

Introduction: There have been many books written about the Korean War. Some written by historians. Others written by journalists who did huge amounts of research. Then there are the books written by the people in high places with

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Kagnew Battalion, Ethiopian Army awarded Unit Citation



The Kagnew Battalion at Distinguished Unit Citation awards.

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1 "The Kagnew Battalion displayed such superlative effectiveness in accomplishing its mission as to set it apart from and above other units participating in the action. The extraordinary heroism, determination of purpose, and magnificent fighting spirit of the members of this battalion reflect great credit on themselves and are in keeping with the most esteemed traditions of the military profession."

2. "The Heroism and courage exhibited by the members of these units in denying the

enemy a vitally strategic area reflect great credit on themselves, their organization, and the Ethiopian Army."

3. "The superb esprit de corps and extraordinary heroism displayed by the members of the units reflect great credit on themselves, their organization, and the Ethiopian Army"

4. At Sam-Hyon, Kumhwa and Toksan-in-Korea are cited as samples.

The Korean War Veterans Association of Ethiopia (Established 8 June, 1992)
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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
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Tell us about your plans

From Us Forces Korea - 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Committee

There are many fine veterans organizations that are working on reunions and group trips to attend the commemoration events that will be held in Korea. Though we cannot organize reunions or group trips ourselves, we can help spread the word about your plans. Please let us know the "who, what, when, where" on your reunion or group trip and we can list the basics on our web site. Please provide

a point of contact for the event, so that other veterans know who to contact. If your veterans group has a section on a web site involving a reunion or group trip, you can provide that information also. Since we are a government agency, we cannot recommend any commercial agencies, so we cannot list "Mary's Military Tours of Korea, Incorporated," etc. Please email the information to: <kw50ann@usfk.korea.army.mil.> Our regular mailing address is: 50th AKWC, PSC 303 Box 90, APO AP 96204.

Update

Korean War Ex-POW

Excerpts taken from Korean War Ex-POW September 1999 newsletter. Written by Past President Pate including message from the new President Elliot Sortillo.

Elliot's Message:

Thanks for the vote of confidence in allowing me to be your President for the coming year. I look forward to the challenge but I will need everyone's help in order to succeed.

All of us on the Board of Directors coordinate throughout the year so that our next reunion will be successful and, we're looking for a great time in 2000 at Spokane, WA. As you know this will be the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War, and we hope to have some special activities. Please make the extra effort to attend.

Please address all your concerns about the organization including sick call, members passing, etc, to me at 2533 Diane St., Portage, IN 46368-2609 or, by phone and/or fax at 219-763-1915 or phone 219-762-2405. Also my e-mail address is <elliot.sortillo@gte.net>.

Stay well my friends, Elliot.

Pate's Message for Elliot and himself:

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the Reunion in Macon. It was one of the largest we have had in several years. I want to thank all those who took the time to write and tell me what a great time you had in Macon, even with all the glitches we had with the hotel.

Through the generosity of all of you we took up a total of \$5,864.00 for the association. I especially want to thank Dixon Poole and Tom and Charlotte Lyke for their more than generous donations.

Next Years Reunion

Next years reunion will be held in Spokane Washington. It will be held at the Ridpath Hotel. *The dates are 23-30 July, 2000* or any part thereof. The Telephone Number is 1-800-325-4000. The room rate is \$79.00 per night plus 8.1% tax. There is a very limited amount of RV parking with *no hook-ups*. This will be on a first come-first served basis. There will be a lot more

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Chapter Affairs

Dutch Nelson Chapter of Colorado Springs, Co



The newly elected officers of the Dutch Nelson Chapter of Colorado Springs, Co on Korean Armistice Day July 1999 at their Korean Memorial, in Memorial Park. The officers (L to R) are Walt Walko, Treasurer, retired AF CM/Sgt, HQ 75th Air Depot Wing, Leonard Johnson, Secretary, 3rd Recon and C Co., 64th TK Bn, 3 ID, Martin (Sonny) Canape, 2nd. V.P.B Co., 2 Bn., 65th Rgt., 3rd ID., & A Co., 2nd Bn., 9th Inf. Reg., 2nd ID., Scott L. Defebaugh, 1st V.P., LTC, (Ret.) USA, HQ 24th Med Bn, 24th ID., William H. Riester, Jr., President, Captain, (Ret.) USA, G Co. and Svc. Co, 8th Cav., 1st Cav. Div. All officers were elected for a 2 year term ending June 2001

The major project of the chapter for this year was the distribution of a 4th, 5th, and 6th grade level book to the public schools in Colorado Springs, and other communities. The book, *In Flanders Fields, The Story of the Poem by John McCrae*, written by Linda Granfield and illustrated by Janet Wilson. The Chapter decided that although they represented "The Forgotten War" and this book was about WWI, that they did not want any war that Americans gave their lives in, forgotten. As a result of their efforts, approximately one hundred books have been distributed.

(Thank you Scott for the photo of fine looking veterans. I am sure your chapter will do well with these officers. As you know I did a book review on Flanders Field and I highly recommend all veterans to purchase it and pass on to the youngsters in the family. High Flight WWII is next then we hope for a book on Korea)

"Johnnie" Johnson Chapter #115 of Lima, Ohio

Ohio Lima Chapter #115 KWVA has been renamed the "Johnnie" Johnson Chapter after Korean War hero Wayne "Johnnie" Johnson. Johnson, an Army veteran, said he was surprised and "overwhelmed" by the announcement which came at the July meeting. Present at the meeting were two Korean POW buddies of Johnnie's -Harley Coon, National President of KWVA, and George Bingham Lima Chapter member. While Johnson was held prisoner for more than 3 years during the



Gene King (left), President and Johnnie Johnson

Korean War, he created a list of soldiers, who died, in captivity, and smuggled it out in a toothpaste tube. 500 names, hometowns, dates of death, and how they died were on this list. I figured that, would be the only place they would never look for the list, he said. The list has since been used to inform families of the fate of their loved ones. For more information about Johnson's List see article in January 1997 Readers Digest by Malcohn McConnell. The experience as a POW changed Johnson's life forever. "After a couple of years you never think you're to get out, but you never lose hope," he said. Johnson, now 67, lives in Scottsdale, Arizona. He is originally from Lima, Ohio. He received the Silver Star, the nation's third highest medal of valor, for his efforts.

(Thank you Wilbur L. Hurd, (Sec.) for the photo and story. A well deserved honor and maybe other chapters will do the same.)

Indiana Chapter #1



Our Korean War Veterans marching in our local Three Rivers Parade. I truly enjoy this wonderful group of Veterans and their spouses. The fellow leading the group is our President, Bernard "Ski" Wisniewski. Mary Anna Roemke, Publicity Chairman

(Thanks Mary for the photo. I am sure they are proud of you.)

Imperial Valley Chapter #102 El Centro, CA



20 members and guests attended the June 27 Presbyterian Church "Thank you" dinner program for the Korean Veterans. Chapter 102 was presented with a 29 inch color TV which was loaned to the Senior Citizen and Adult Exercise class at the Community center. L. G. Electronics of Mexicali donated the TV.

(Thank you Merrill Andrews (Secretary) for photo. A great event given by special people who remember.)

Central Florida Chapter #153



Attending the ceremonies for A1C Brian McVeigh was 7th Dist., FL Congressman John Mica flanked by Chapter 153 Ladies Auxiliary. From l to r: Amy Carafano, Frances Nicolo, Jeanette Schumann, Helen Saccente, Jessie Schumann, Cristina Kent, Mary Gaffney, and Annette D Amico.

Members of Central Florida Chapter #153 attended ceremonies at Debarry Memorial Park honoring, A1C Brian McVeigh (felled in 1996 terrorist bombing in Saudi Arabia) on May 31, 1999

(Thank you Tom Gaffney for the photo of our ladies honoring a fallen hero. Our ladies do many things and get little credit.)

Greater Cincinnati Chapter #121 of Ohio



Bob McGeorge President Greater Cincinnati Chapter 121 Holding trophy for Best unit in the 4th. of July Parade in Montgomery Ohio.

(Thank you Bob for photo.

Congratulations to you and your parade unit.)

Mid-Michigan Chapter #39



August 14, 1999 Chapter Picnic at Richfield Park Genesee County. Chapter Past President, Chuck Wilson is driving tractor for hay ride. A good time was had by all.

(Thank you Thomas Chilcott for photo. Wish I were there.)

Cape and Islands Chapter 1 of Massachusetts



On 27 July 99 our Chapter and members remembered the KIA's and the MIA's of the Korean War. Also remembered were the 88 Korean War Veterans from the Cape and Islands that left us in the last 12 months. Helping us with these Honors were members of all five services, 12 Color Guards and our brothers from the KWVA in Taunton, Mass.

(Thank you Stanley A. Jones, (Honor Guard) for photo and remembering our KIA s and MIA s.)

Department of West Virginia

The first state convention of the KWVA of W.Va. was held on Sept. 29th and 30th. at the Flatwoods Conference Center, Sutton, W.Va. There were 122 registrants for the banquet on the 29th. Guest speaker of the evening was Ralph Albertazzie, Col. AF (Ret.). Col. Albertazzie, a veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam, served 28 plus years in the military, the last seven was as Command Pilot of Air Force One. Another guest, Command Chief M/Sgt. Dan Chandler of the 130th Air Lift Wing, present-

ed a patriotic theme, "A Salute to the American Veteran. The Business session was held on Sept. 30th at which time the following State Department officers were elected. Jack Tamplin - State President, Jack Buckalew - Vice President, Frank Goff - Sec/ Treas.

(Thank you Jack for photos. Congratulations on your first convention and great selection of "Graybeard of the Year in W. VA.")



Pictured left to right: Mrs. Loren Jackson, Loren Jackson, Pres. Fairmont Chapter, "Skip" Rittenhouse, National Director, Mrs. Nick Pappas, Nick Pappas, Past National President, Col. Ralph Albertazzie, Jack Tamplin, State President, W.Va., Lorraine Tamplin, Gail Harper, Dir. W.Va. Dept Veteran Affairs.



Prince Clyburn, Jr. (R) awarded "The Graybeard of the Year in W. VA."

Central Long Island Chapter of NY

People did not know how to get rid of old and ragged flags, some people called our command post to ask us how to dispose of them. That is when we decided to do something about it. For the next three months we advertised in the newspaper, for American flags that were not in good condition and would be disrespectful to display, by June 12th, the day of the ceremony. We had over 250 flags. People mailed them to us, some brought them to the local Post office, others delivered them to our command post, including the Water Authority, Boy Scouts, Forest Rangers and ordinary proud Americans who would not just throw them away, out of respect, but just saved them until they found a way to properly dispose of them.

Fifteen men from the Central Long Island Chapter held a solemn ceremony and burned all of the flags. We will do the same service next Flag Day



TOP: Flag Retirement by unnamed members of the Central Long Island Chapter of NY with President Bob Morga (top-4th from left) shown above with flags to be burned. BOTTOM: Chapter received flags from 4 in. by 6 in. to 10 ft. by 30 ft.

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August 28, 1999

Mr. Bob Morga., President

K.W.V.A. Central Long Island

Dear Bob – our honored friend,

There is one signature at the conclusion letter, but please understand that each word I express to you and each member of this honorable Chapter, represents the sincere feelings of our President, Doctor Ata Erim, and our entire membership.

Bob, our Federation wishes to extend our deep appreciation and gratitude to you and each of our friends at the Central Long Island Chapter, for kind contribution toward our fund-raising campaign for the victims of the horrendous earthquake in Turkey. The catastrophic loss of human beings and destruction has caused anguish in our hearts and we know your organization shares our grief.

For your information, I am including our Federation I.D. number: 501-C3, which indicates non-profit status. Also, for your tax records I am giving you our tax deductible number. This way your contribution can be considered a charity deduction. With our profound gratitude and warm affection, I remain as always, your faithful friend,

Edward Tashji- Director Public Affairs

(Thank you Bob Morga for photos and two of your chapters special functions in 1999. I will put your photo and re- visit to South Korea in the next issue.)

NW Alabama Chapter #11



Display at the North Alabama State Fair. Display won 2nd place and added \$125 to the Chapters treasury. Handouts explaining the Korean War and the KWVA Organization were passed out.

(Thank you George Ellis for photo of a super event.)

Minnesota Chapter #1



The Grilling Crew. They are from left to right: Jerry Herron, Chapter Hospital Chairman - VAVS Rep; Ed Valle, Chapter President; Joe Kottles, Chapter Assistant Hospital Chairman; and Floyd Jones, Chapter Assistant Hospital Chairman and Picnic Chairman.

On September 2, 1999 the Minnesota Korean War Veterans, Chapter #1 had a picnic for the Residents of the Minnesota Veterans Home in Minneapolis. The Chapter members and their wives served a number of hot dishes, salads and desserts. Hamburgers and hot dogs were grilled on an outdoor grill. The Chapter was happy to help brighten the day of these Veterans as many had to be brought to the picnic in wheelchairs. We showed them that we remembered and that they are not forgotten!

(Thank you Floyd for the photo of veterans helping veterans. A special deed done by special people.)

James P. Dickel Chapter of Maryland



Shown left to right is Past President Tom Stimmel, George Moore the Administrator who spoke to over 50 Veterans at our Feb. meeting (Martinsburg VA Center.) and Miles Paugh VA Rep.

(Thank you Miles for photo. Sorry to be so late in printing)

Central Massachusetts Chapter #36



Our Chapter is raising funds for a Korean War Memorial in Worcester. Fund raising included a drawing for a commemorative M1 rifle which was won by Michelle Guntor of Brookfield, shown with Chapter Commander George Shepard.

(Thank you Robert Rutter for the photo. My comment is that if you told me Michelle won the Miss Massachusetts beauty contest then no problem, but an M1! The only thing I can think of is that I bet a lot of your veterans are now saying they were experts on the range and wish to give her lessons on the M1.)



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Central New York Chapter #105



New chapter officers shown left to right: Jim Farris Commander, Jack Sweet 1st V Comdr., Bob Sheltler Adjutant, Tony Vaquero 2nd V Comdr., Floyd Bennett Board Chairman, Tom Kelly Chaplain, K. Dave Allen Treasurer/QM, Fred Thompson Judge Advocate.

(Thank you Kenneth Allen for photo. A super Board. Good luck to all.)

Yongdung-Po Chapter 114 of Pennsylvania



On May 31, 1999, Korean War Veterans participated in the 3rd Annual Memorial Day Service at St. Ephrims, in Bensalem, PA. Left rear: Secretary Joe Trucks; Historian Gerry Jonas; President Tom McMennamon; Leonard Wieczczynski; M/Sgt Frank Henninger, USMC (Ret.); Front: Server Patrick Sicilia; Rev. Joseph Howarth, Sgt-at-Arms Eddie Paypaycik; Founder/Past President Andy Lynch.

(Thanks Andy for the photo and update of officers.)

Northwest Ohio Chapter #131



Memorial Day Parade members of the color guard. Saturday 29 May 1999 in Toledo, Ohio.

(Thank you Dan Draheim, Chapter Secretary for a photo of great looking Korean War Veterans.

Northwest Illinois Chapter



The Korean War Veterans shown above are all from the L Co., 7th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div., 1950-51. Their reunion was held in LaCrosse, WI., on the third week of September.

(Thanks Lauren Davis for the photo of a special event.)

Sunshine State Chapter #159 of Florida



At 100th Anniversary Celebration of VFW, Chapter Officers shown are Dave Hanson 1st VP, Jack Edwards President/National Director, Gene Manfrey Member, Mike Tucci Sgt at Arms and Ernie Croley Treasurer.

(Congratulations to the VFW)

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Department of Missouri



St. Louis Area Chapters Celebrate Armistice. ROK and U.S. National Anthems sung by Mrs. Sarah Pak, wife of Tom Pak, publisher of the St. Louis Korean-American newspaper.

Missouri Chapters 1, 3 and 4, along with members of the St. Louis-area Korean-American Society, celebrated the 46th anniversary of the signing of the Korean War armistice in ceremonies at the Korean War Memorial in St. Louis' Forest Park, Saturday, July 24.

The program opened with remarks by Don Gutmann, Chapter 1 Commander, followed by posting of the colors by The Young Marines. Chapter 1 Vice Commander Dwight Henderson led in the Pledge Of Allegiance, followed by both the ROK and US National Anthems.

Several special guests remarked on the meaning of the War and the Armistice, including: Gene Blandford, Commander of Chapter 3; Joe Quick, Commander of Chapter 4; Bill Turner, Past Commander of the local DAV; Fred Wahl, President, Gateway Chapter of The Chosin Few; James Kness, 10th Dist. Commander, The American Legion; Bob Meeker, Past

Commander, 12th Dist. VFW; Mrs. Song, Korean Seniors Association; Joe McMahon, Director of the POW-MIA program for KWVA Department Of Missouri; and Stu Balleu, KWVA Missouri State Commander. A family-style picnic concluded the activities.

As part of the program the St. Louis-area National Guard displayed current military equipment, including trucks and a 155mm gun. St. Louis newspapers, television and radio stations gave the program good local coverage.

(Thank you David De Pew for the photo and letter. We value our Korean-American friends across America. They never forget and are always giving.)

Cpl Clair Goodblood Chapter #2 of Maine



On May 10, 1999, at Headquarters, Camp Keyes, Augusta, Maine, the new officers of the CPL Clair Goodblood Chapter #2, KWVA, for the June 1999 - May 2000 term were installed. They are, from left to right: Phil Tiemann, Secretary/Historian (25th Inf Div); Marty O'Brien, 1st V.P./Editor (1st Cav Div); Art Bonenfant, President (2d Inf Div); Bill Webber, Treasurer (3d Inf Div); and Ken Cyphers, 2d V.P. (2d Inf Div). Marty was presented with a plaque in recognition of his service as President for the preceding two years.

(Thank you Marty for the photo, Sorry for the late insertion. I am sure this chapter is in good hands.)

The Maryland Chapter

Maryland Chapter held their Annual Fall Conference in Ocean City, MD at the Dunes Manor Hotel. This two day meeting was a mixture of business and a lot of fun.

Newly elected Officers were installed by Harley Coon National President. New officers are Edgar Herman President, Hosurl Pak 1st Vice President, Sylvester Walker 2nd Vice President, Jack Cloman Secretary, William Walhlhupter, Treasurer, Directors: Tony Cirincioni, Edward Hechmer and Edward Ilgenfritz.



(Thank you Mary Kaufman, Associate Member for photo. It was a great event. Also a big thanks to our National President Harley Coon.)

Dear members and readers.

I must repeat again that articles from newspapers take a lot of time to scan and most are too long to retype. Photos from newspapers also do not copy well. I tend to use original photos and

articles that are typewritten in lower case.

I still have to optically scan everything in to the computer and it sure helps when you type them well, in 12 point type and keep the length to a minimum. . — Editor.

Department of Ohio and Greater Cleveland Chapter of Ohio



This is a picture that was taken on this past Memorial Day. This was at the all veterans memorial in downtown Cleveland Ohio.

The members in the picture are from Left to right Mr. Arthur Becks & Mrs. Patty O'Hara. Color Guard - Mr. Joseph F. Shearer, President - Mr. Robert O'Hara, Sgt. At Arms - Mr. Paul Romanovich, Vice President - Mr. Frank Aleksanderwicz - Mr. Jose Rodrequez and Mr. Frank Zortek. Also, the officers for the Department of Ohio that were elected for the coming year were ---President, Michael Mahoney, Executive Vice President, Joseph F. Shearer - -Treasure Nomination open until the Sept. meeting due to the untimely death of current treasure Dan Nicholas. Secretary Mrs. Cathy Rich Storey

(Thank you Joseph for the photo of a sharp looking Color Guard and the update on your Department and Chapters.)

The Chapter was started a little over a year ago by Martin "Jackie" Gleason and Joseph P. Turner. Most of the members are transplanted northerners seeking Florida's warmth. (They remember those winters in the Land of the Morning Calm).

Auxiliary was formed and received Charter from President Harley J. Coon in August. Among the Chapter's members are Ray Wilkinson, the great grandson of our country's 19th President, Rutherford B. Hayes. Ray is also President of the Ocala Chapter of the Order of the Purple Heart. Daniel "Ed" Fenton who spent 28 months as a POW and President of the Prisoner of War Assn., is a Chapter Director. Chapter Historian is Carol Becker Gold Star Widow. Several members have brothers that are KIA s.

Chapter Officers are: President Joseph Madeline, Vice President Martin "Jackie" Gleason Secretary Mary Lum, Treasurer William Jones. Board of Directors: William Taylor, Joseph Turner, Daniel "Ed" Fenton, Sergeant at Arms Peter Fagnoli, Chaplain Harold Siever, Historian Carol Becker - Gold Star Widow, Quartermaster Charles Rogers. Auxiliary Officers: President Jane Jones, Vice President Beverly Taylor, Sec./Treasurer Helen Rogers, Coordinator Monique Gleason.

The Chapter and it's Auxiliary meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 2:00 PM. Meetings are held at the Leesburg Senior Citizens Center, 1211 Penn Street, FL 34748. All Korean War Veterans and their spouses are invited to attend.

(Thank you Joe.)

Nashville Chapter #86 of Tennessee



The Nashville Chapter of the KWVA rode in the Veterans' Day parade November 11, 1998 in a restored half-track. Military collector Art Couch bought the vehicle and offered the use of it to the chapter if they would help him in restoring it. His Father, Dr Art Couch served in the Pacific during WWII and on occupation duty in Korea with the 40th Infantry Division. It took many hours of hard work to get the half-track back in shape. All the 1/4 inch Armor plates was taken off, the rest removed, repainted and then remounted on the vehicle; new tracks and tires, wheel cylinders and brakes, carburetor, fuel pump, electrical wiring, and much more were included in the restoration.

It was a big attraction in the parade which was chaired by chapter president J. B. Loring who was assisted by member Bill Berkley. Several veterans joined the KWVA because of the attention the half-track drew.

(Thank you Lee H. Tomberlain, Sr. for great photo. Sorry for showing so late. My brother drove one of those in Korea with the 2nd ID in 1950. Until he was MIA/POW/BNR)

Groundbreaking in Mobile



Korean War Veteran Memorial Groundbreaking ceremonies were held at Battleship Memorial Park in Mobile, Alabama. during the KWVA National Reunion. Shown left to right with shovels are, Mobile Chapter member, Mayor of Mobile, Harley Coon National President, Gen. Ray Davis MOH, 3 Korean Generals, George Scott Canada, Dept of Alabama President and Debbie Livingston Mobile Chapter Aux. President. *(Thank you Jack Edwards for photo..We look forward to seeing new Memorial.)*

To all our Veterans.....



THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas,
He lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house made of
Plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney
With presents to give,
And to see just who
In this home did live.

I looked all about,
A strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents,
Not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle,
Just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung pictures
Of far distant lands.

With medals and badges,
Awards of all kinds,
A sober thought
Came through my mind.

For this house was different,
It was dark and dreary,
I found the home of a soldier,
Once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping,
Silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor
In this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle,
The room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured
A United States Soldier.

Was this the hero
Of whom I'd just read?

Curled up on a poncho,
The floor for a bed?

I realized the families
That I saw this night,
Owed their lives to these soldiers
Who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world,
The children would play,
And grownups would celebrate
A bright Christmas day.

They all enjoyed freedom
Each month of the year,
Because of the soldiers,
Like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder
How many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas Eve
In a land far from home.

The very thought
Brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees
And started to cry.

The soldier awakened
And I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry,
This life is my choice;

I fight for freedom,
I don't ask for more,
My life is my God,
My country, my corps."

The soldier rolled over
And drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it,
I continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours,
So silent and still
And we both shivered
From the cold night's chill.

I didn't want to leave
On that cold, dark, night,
This guardian of honor
So willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over,
With a voice soft and pure,
Whispered, "carry on Santa,
It's Christmas day, all is secure."

One look at my watch,
And I knew he was right.
"Merry Christmas my friend,
And to all a good night."

This poem was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa Japan. The following is his request. I think it is reasonable.....Please.—Ed

Would you do me the kind favor of sending this to as many people as you can? Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due to our U.S. service men and women for our being able to celebrate these festivities. Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us. Please, do your small part to plant this small

Courtesy: Frank Detkowski

At the time of this printing I have many more poems sent in by members and friends. I intend on printing them all. Some are hand written which will take some time putting into type. I am trying to print the oldest postmark first of those that are typed. The non-typed ones will be intermixed in order to not delay this and other issues. Please try to type all poems and articles if you can.—Editor.

They Also Serve Who Wait

On her 80th birthday my sister, Consuelo “Chelo” Muniz gave me a diary she kept during my two year hitch in the US Army. I served in Korea with Service Company, 224th Regiment, 40th Infantry Division. During the second Korean Minter I was assigned as a Track-Vehicle Mechanic to Tank Co., 224th Rgt, which operated in the Iron Triangle area of Kumsong, Pyongyang, and Kumwha. Chelo wrote in Spanish in her diary. I have translated it to English and I hope I have not deleted the anguish, and pain which comes through in her writings in that diary, of those difficult days, of a family-separated from their youngest child. These then, are excerpts from Chelo’s war time diary.

The Diary

11 Jan. 52 - “Arnold is 23 years old today. God Bless my baby brother.

22 Jan. 52 - Today we mailed him a package of cookies and other goodies. Arnold is still at Eta Jima, Japan.

9 Feb. 52 - Today Arnold graduated from Track Vehicle Mechanic School. He finished number four in a class of fifty. We are all so proud of him.

Feb. 52 - Today Arnold leaves Eta Jima and will rejoin his outfit. According to the newspapers the 40th Division has been in Korea since the 3rd of February 52.

15 Feb. 52 - The morning edition of the San Antonio Express said that the U.S. Army would release several National Guardsmen from the 40th, 43rd, 45th and 28th. Please let it be so dear God. Please God have mercy on us sinners. Please God end this war. Note: Newspaper item referred to “Guardsmen,” not draftees, so Arnold would not be coming home soon.

16 Feb. 52 - I received a package from Arnold. Got some real pretty Japanese records, but the music sounds sad.

17 Feb. 52 - The Family had a pleasant day, thinking that the newspaper article will prove true.

18 Feb. 52 - We spent the day with Aunt Adela. We stayed till 8 p.m., playing the Japanese records. It was very good day until we got home and Papa greeted us with the bad news. My brother Ernest had received a letter from Arnold and the letter came from Korea. Mama, Papa, Elvira,

A Sisters Diary

By Arnold A. Muniz

Juliet and I were overcome with fear and sadness. God is Our refuge and he will have mercy on us all. Dear Lord, protect my hermanito. Make him brave so that he might do the things you have for him to do. Bring him home Lord. Bring him home safe and sound. I ask this on my knees. Amen. We did not sleep this night. Mama cries a lot. I pray my mother lives to see her youngest again.

19 Feb. 52 - Even the morning is sad. The day is cloudy and cold. Along with my body my soul is also cold. I don’t want to cry too much in front of Mama, but I am not very strong.

20 Feb. 52 - Had a Doctor appointment today. Returned to find Mama very sad. She had received a letter from Arnold. He is 90 miles away from the front. He has yet to rejoin his company. We are all sad but our faith in God remains strong.

21 Feb. 52 - Received a letter from my baby brother. He is well. He is still at the replacement depot.

25 Feb. 52 - Mama received a letter from Arnold. He says that on 17 Feb. 52 at 9:45 am he crossed the 38th Parallel. He is back with Service Company. He says he is about 50 miles north of Chunchon Korea in the central front. He has been assigned to Tank Company. Only God can protect him now.

28 Feb. 52 - Received a package with clothes from Arnold. Package was dated 2 Feb. 52.

1 Mar. 52 - Letter from Arnold. He is now in Kumwha Korea. Guard him my Lord.

7 Mar. 52 - Got a letter from Arnold. Included his diploma from Eta Jima Tank School.

8 Mar. 52 - Today marks the one year anniversary when Arnold came home on leave. It’s been a long year, full of dread and fear, full of worry for him. Only our faith in God sustains us. I wish time would fly and he would return to us.

9 Mar. 52 - Morning brought a sad day, a gray day, a wet day. Papa is 69 years old today. Protect our Papa dear Lord.

14 Mar. 52 - A year ago Our hermanito left after his leave. Seems like a century ago but God is with us in our sadness and He will bring him back to us. Bless him dear Christ.

28 Mar. 52 - Haven’t heard his voice in over a year.

31 Mar. 52 - Another month goes by. Received a letter from Arnold today.

2 Apr. 52 - Arnold’s 40th Division was pulled from Kumsong and set up in Kumgong.

9 Apr. 52 - Letter from Arnold, says they moved again to Kumhwa. Tank Company base is 3000 yards from MLR. May God protect him.

1 May 52 - Arnold went back to “rear ordinance”, repairing some vehicles. He will be there 5 or 6 days. Hope he returns home soon. God keep him.

6 May 52 - Arnold was promoted to Corporal and he received two battle stars. Note: Battle stars authorization was cut back to one star only.

24 Jun. 52 - Arnold went on R and R.

10 July 52 - We are worried for Arnold. No letter from him in ten days. God keep him. Please God bring him home to us.

July 52 - Finally! Mama received a letter from Arnold. He says he is in Pusan. A safer place. Bring him home Lord.

26 July 52 - Arnold writes from Koje-Do, an island where he will guard prisoners of war. He says he got there on 17 July 1952. God bless him.

7 Aug. 52 - Arnold was promoted to Sargent. God help him with his new responsibilities. September is near and that is when Arnold will leave Korea. God willing he will never, never have to return. to that terrible war.

7 Sept. 52 - It is Sunday and we were visited by some of Arnold’s buddies who have returned home. They tell us and that we will be seeing him very soon.

20 Sept. 52 - Arnold wrote, says he is still in Koje-do. Says that on 25 September, God willing, he will leave Korea. We are anxious for his return and the days grow long and tedious, but all we can do is wait. We’ve waited so long that a few more

days are nothing.

27 Sept. 52 - Mama got a letter from Arnold. Says he'll depart Pusan on the 23rd for Sasebo, Japan where he'll be for 5 to 10 days and then home. God keep my brother. Arnold says he, will get home by the 25th of October. May God make it so, and he gets home safe and sound. We will be waiting.

5 Oct. 52 - Our letters to Arnold are being returned now. A sign that he is on the way home.

12 Oct. 52 - No letters from Arnold. Where is he? God keep him and God calm the seas. Bring him home Lord.

20 Oct. 52 - Arnold called us from Washington state, at last he is here. He called at about 9 p.m. Thank you God for your mercies. Arnold says he will be going to Fort Hood Texas and then Home. Thank God. After all these days of agony. At last he is safe. We are all very happy. Be gentle dear Lord.

21 Oct. 52 - He arrived on this Tuesday night at Ft. Hood Tex.

24 Oct. 52 - Friday. Arnold called. Army wants to keep him a few months because of a bladder infection. He does not want to stay. Mama told him to come home now. He may be home Monday.

25 Oct. 52 - Saturday. Arnold came home today after 2 years of absence from our home, 2 years of pain, of sadness, of anguish. Only our faith in our great and powerful God, who heard our prayers and who brought him to our side got us through. Arnold arrived at about 20 minutes before 8 p.m. He got a ride with the brother of one his fellow Tankers, Jesse Villalpando.

25 Oct. 53 - Today marks one year of Arnold's return. May God bless him always and protect him where ever he may go, and may he always be a good and honorable man.

My sister Chelo is 87 years old now. Although she is partially blind, she is healthy and strong. She lives with my two other sisters, Vira and Juliet. My parents Francisco and Leonor along with my big brother Ernest have been called home by God. Chelo still worries over this 69 year old hermanito and insists on staying in contact with me. I came, home from Korea safe and sound which speaks loudly about the power of a family's prayers. I reside in my home town of San Antonio, Texas with my wife Elisa. The hermanito came home.



Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation

By Bill Van Ort, President KWVEGC –
National Director, KWVA



The KWVEGC is now accepting applications for college grants that will become available for the 2000 - 2001 school term. Eligibility for these grants must be consistent with our bylaws.

Applicants or sponsors have two (2) ways to get applications. The first way is "down loading" off the Internet. If you

have a computer or have accessibility to one, click on to <www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~natres/KWVEGC.html> and you have the forms in front of you. The second way is to send a business sized, pre addressed envelope and stamped with \$0.55 postage for each application to; KWVEGC, 8968 Thomas Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125-7602.

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Decatur, IL 62526

UPDATE from page 24

info in the next newsletter, but I suggest you get your reservations in as quickly as possible. You can also call the hotel direct at 509-838-2711. This is not a toll free number.

Now the sad part. Below is listed those who have passed on since the last newsletter.

Ashworth, Bill
Mackrall, Blaine
Davis, Jack R.
Mc Govern, James W.
Harbour, John T
Vavrek John F. Sr.

Following is a letter from Arden Rowley. Please read it and if you can help out with this worth while project please do. Until I see you in Spokane, good luck and take care.

Pate

To: Korean War ExPOWs
From: Arden A. Rowley, Historian

The Officers and the Board of Directors of the Korean War Ex POW Association have given me the "go ahead" to solicit funds for the publishing of the book, U.S. POWs In the Korean War: A Study Of Their Treatment and Handling by the North Korean Army and the Chinese Communist Forces.

My goal is to raise \$35,000 for the printing of 1,000 copies of the book; 800 to be placed in libraries across the United States. The book would be in the 8 1/2" x 11" format with a hard, cloth binding. If we receive enough money in time, the publishing of the book will coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. Arrangements have already been made with a publisher. The American people need to know what happened to U.S. POWs during the Korean War. This book will accomplish that. There will be a greatly increased interest in the Korean War during the next three years. The book will become a great

resource for high school and college teachers and students and many others who become interested in the Korean War.

Now, concerning the remaining 200 books; a complementary copy will be presented to all who donate \$500 or more. The remaining ones will be sold to other donors at a price based on the amount of their donation. A formula will be worked out. If there are books remaining after that, they will be sold to non donors at a reasonable retail price. Any funds remaining after that could be used in one of two ways; to print additional books to sell or to deposit in the association's treasury. Whatever the case any remaining funds will go to our organization.

Your donation checks should be made out to the Korean War Ex POW Association and as such will be tax deductible. Your donation will be sent to and a record kept by the association's treasurer, Bill Norwood. Bill has assured me that a separate account will be established, within our organization, to hold these funds until publication can begin.

I received \$210 in donations at the reunion in Macon and a pledge from one member for \$1,000. I told him I would match it. If there are 33 more of you members that would do the same right away, publishing could begin real soon. I'm, sure there are some of you who could afford to give more. I'm also sure that there is at least one independently wealthy Ex POW out there who could give it all for the completion of this worthy project.

As your historian, I don't expect any compensation for my efforts, except, perhaps, a copy of the book. If you have any questions about this matter or need to be informed about anything in connection with this project, please contact me at: Phone 480-964-9444, Fax 480-964-9898, E-mail

<rowleyxpowk@juno.com>.

Thanks, Arden

Make checks payable to the Korean War Ex POW Association and send to Bill Norwood, 909 Whisperwood Trail NE, Cleveland, Tn. 37312

(KWVA ASSN. Editors Note The KWVA Chapters all have Ex POW's as members. Many contribute so much to our chapter events. It would be nice if the chapters found a way to purchase a book for their Tell America Programs. You can also loan it to chapter members or POW/MIA Committee. I called Arden to tell him what I was doing and he said that he would also agree to let the \$500 donor have a second book to place in the library of their choice. The price to some seems high but remember raising \$35,000 in a few months takes large donations. By the time you read this we will be only days away from 2000. Please take this message to your chapter members and board the next meeting. Your help is needed and their story needs to be told now.)

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These issues are limited so get your order in early. \$1 per copy plus \$3.20 postage Make your check to KWVA National and state in message or note on check "For Back Issues." I suggest minimum orders of 7 issues. Mix your issues as you want. Send your orders to Editor. See address on page 2. Response has been very good for back-issue orders and has necessitated revising this message. Please check above listing for availability before ordering.

Korean War Veterans Association — Financial Status

PROFIT AND LOSS January - October 1999 ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE

INCOME

KWVA GRAYBEARDS

Advertising	4,154.00
Donations	5,461.85
POW Subscription	30.00
Sales Graybeards	1,146.53
KWVA GRAYBEARDS - Other	<u>81.00</u>

Total KWVA Graybeards **\$10,873.38**

KWVA INCOME.

Contributions, Income	54.00
Donations	793.25
Income, Interest	
Interest Income MM	1,943.60
Income Interest - Other	<u>7,368.97</u>

Total Income, Interest 9,312.57

MBNA, Visa Commission	799.25
Members, Associate Dues	36.00
Members, Associate, Life	5,370.00
Membership, Life Dues	47,044.94
Membership, Regular Dues	146,978.88
Quartermaster	1,469.00
Refund	<u>377.84</u>

TOTAL KWVA INCOME **\$212,235.73**

Misc. Income 2,143.99

TOTAL INCOME **\$225,253.10**

EXPENSE

Accounting	675.00
BEQUEATH	187.18
Chapter Loan	75.00
Flags	156.92
Fright, Misc.	<u>11.85</u>

KWVA GRAYBEARDS

Commission, Graybeards	1,533.00
Editor	2,052.80
Postage	25,161.78
Printing	<u>39,771.38</u>

TOTAL KWVA GRAYBEARDS **\$68,518.96**

Returned Check	190.00
Uncategorized Expenses	<u>494.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE **\$70,308.91**

NET ORDINARY INCOME **\$154,944.19**

OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE

Other Expense

KWVA-EXPENSE

Audit (CPA) Expense	14,820.60
Bank Charges	691.09
Credit Card Expense	137.49
Dues KWVA Int. Other	75.00
Insurance	<u>7,580.00</u>

KWVA OTHER EXPENSES

Election Expense	1,800.00
Membership Expense Monson	14,304.43
Membership Office Supplies	19.19
Patches	375.00
Quartermaster	1,845.99
Reunion Expense	2,602.25
Telephone	6,943.10
Treasurer Expense-Acctg.	450.00
KWVA- Other Expenses - Other	<u>2,228.03</u>

TOTAL KWVA OTHER EXPENSES **\$30,567.99**

Office supplies	1,776.47
Postage Expense	967.64
Postage Membership	300.00
Return Deposit Expense for NSF	215.00
Scholarship	<u>35,505.48</u>

TOTAL KWVA EXPENSE **\$92,636.76**

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE **\$92,636.76**

NET OTHER INCOME **\$92,636.76**

NET INCOME **\$62,307.43**

BALANCE SHEET As of October 31, 1999

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1st Union	1.58
Bank One	42,890.19
Money Market	<u>82,813.57</u>

Total Checking/Savings **\$125,705.34**

Other Current Assets

KWVA Assets	
Life Membership Reserve	<u>250,000.00</u>

TOTAL KWVA ASSETS **\$ 250,000.00**

Total Other Current Assets 250,000.00

Total Current Assets 375,705.34

TOTAL ASSETS **\$375,705.34**

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

EQUITY

Opening Balance	305,845.24
Retained Earnings	7,552.67
Net Income	<u>62,307.43</u>

TOTAL EQUITY **\$375,705.34**

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **\$375,705.34**

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THE GALLOPING GHOST

Continued from "The Graybeards" –
September/October 1999.

USS ERNEST G. SMALL (DD-838)

Much like Sir Galahad, searching for the Holy Grail, sailors searched for the 'ultimate liberty'. The 'Grail' was not to be found in Nara, nor in Kure or Yokosuka and it certainly was not to be found in Sasebo....the search went on.

Once in dry dock, the Harima yard workers cleared the damaged area and washed down the oil covered decking and bulkheads. They constructed a temporary bow for our voyage home. The bow looked like a cross between a snow plow and a Pekinese. On the 8th of November, an inclining experiment was satisfactorily completed. The next day, dry dock #2 was flooded, while yardworkers checked for leaks with watertight integrity guaranteed the flooding continued until the ship lifted off the blocks. With the new bow attached, we were towed out of dry dock and at 0800 we were underway for sea trials accompanied by the fleet tug *Yuma* (ATF-94). That afternoon we moored to a pontoon float and refueled from *Kosio Maru*.

On November 10, we got underway, pointed the snub-nose bow towards Yokosuka arriving on the 12th at 0800 with ATF-94 not too far astern. We remained in Yokosuka until our escort back to the U.S. came alongside. The men who missed out on R and R in Nara were sent to Atami for five days.

On November 20, we were underway again in company with *USS Tortuga* (LSD26), we were making 7 to 10 knots and steering Southeast. We arrived at Midway Island on December 1st, disturbing the residents (gooney birds), who used the island for a toilet. We refueled and released *Tortuga*. Set the special sea detail at 1723, again it was December 1st since we crossed the international date line. We were happy to sail out of the realm of the golden dragon. We formed up with LSMR Div 32 at 1800, enroute to Pearl Harbor, hula girls, the traditional welcome committee were on the dock

when we arrived on Friday December 7th, 1951, the tenth anniversary of the Japanese Imperial Navy attack. We had two days to enjoy this paradise.

We were underway on December 9th, with LSMR-409, LSMR-412 and LSMR-525. I wondered if they were the ships that rocketed the North Koreans at Inchon. Our next destination was Long Beach, California. We headed East making nine knots, wishing that the LSMR's could go a little faster. There was plenty of time to reminisce after leaving the territory of Hawaii. I thought of Christmas' past and in particular the one in 1950. Our troops were caught in the Chinese crossfire at the Reservoir and other MLR's. They would have to fight their way down to the South. My problems were less pressing.

A Christmas package had arrived from home. A thoughtful and admiring friend sent through the mail a bottle of scotch whisky packed in popcorn with affectionate note attached. The liquor made the 9000 mile voyage in pristine condition. Unlike our British counterparts, who were allowed a daily 'rum ration', alcohol on United States Navy Ships was considered a criminal offense. Once aboard I stowed the green jug deep in my locker, there it would remain until I could devise a plan to deal with the beverage. The dilemma... I certainly did not want the bottle discovered and put in jeopardy my good conduct medal, it was too valuable to throw overboard or turn over to the Captain. I would smuggle it ashore the next time that I had liberty in Sasebo. Hopefully, the officer on deck would not notice the bulge under my pea coat. Soon we would moor in Sasebo to take on provisions, fuel and ammo. Ashore I went with the concealed contraband, the entire liberty party close astern.

A safe distance away from the fleet



landing and the shore patrol, my anxious shipmates assisted with the 'grand opening.' Scotch was not my brew of choice but I would have one drink for all of my troubles. There would be no problem emptying the fifth of remaining hooch, every sailor within range of the odor took a swig and passed it along. The empty green bottle discarded like ordinary trash within minutes. There was a great sense of accomplishment as well as relief much like I supposed the Marines felt when boarding the transports in Hungnam on Christmas Eve, rescued by the U.S. Navy. We were proud of that. Some things we would never forget.

The voyage back to the states was boring and uneventful. Our deck log entries were primarily 'steaming as before', we were making 7 to 10 knots and steering east. We had left Japan, The Land of the Big PX on November 20. We moored to berth 18-b, Long Beach, California at 1000, on December 18.

The U.S. Marine Corps Band was assembled on the dock playing Sousa Marches as we secured the special sea detail. It was a reception that most Korean War vets did not receive. The unbowed destroyer, *Ernest G. Small* had returned home. Life magazine would feature *Small* in a later issue, 'Destroyer sails backward to find a new bow.' A committee was formed to organize a ship's party, it would be called, The last cruise of the Dirty Ernie, scheduled to be held on January 9, 1952, in the Marine Ballroom of the Wilton Hotel in Long Beach. Many of us were transferred prior

***Small* became flagship of the Taiwan Navy. Her new name would become *Fu-Yang*. Her new number appropriately would be 7... she was one lucky lady.**

to the bash.

'Mac' O'Donnell and I were granted leave, we hitched a ride to Tinker AFB where we got a M.A.T.S. hop in a B-26 to Westover Field in Massachusetts. Mac took the train to Buffalo and I rode the rails to Worcester, then on to Webster, Mass. I was ordered back to Long Beach on December 31 for transfer. Things were not the same in Webster as when I left 17 years of age and fresh out of high school. I was glad to get back to the ship, the *Small* had become my home...the crew was my family.

By the end of December the entire crew was being processed for transfer to other units of the fleet. *Small* was moored alongside her identical twin *Seymour D. Owens* (DD-767). The Owens was never commissioned and would give up her bow to the 838. *Small* was designated DDR-838 in 1952. She was framed in 1961, had distinguished service in Vietnam and in 1971 *Small* became flagship of the Taiwan Navy. Her new name would become *Fu-Yang*. Her new number appropriately would be 7... she was one lucky lady.

From the action report of Cdr. R.L. Neyman 11/1/51:

While it has not yet been definitely established, it appears that the major factor which contributed to the occurrence of the underwater explosion was a misinterpretation of the boundaries of the swept area. This resulted in the ship being outside of the swept area for a considerable period prior to and at the time of the explosion.

COMCRUDIV 3 (*USS Helena*) R.E. Libby responds: "I would state categorically that

the E.G. *Small* had been provided with the latest available official minesweeping information; that it was completely intelligible, and that if it was misinterpreted by the personnel of the *Small* the responsibility must rest with those personnel...the responsibility of the safety of the ship continues to rest with the Commanding Officer."

In 1962, presumably after all investigations and testimonies were concluded, James A. Fields, Jr. writes in his book, 'History of Naval Operations-Korea' ... *New Jersey, Helena* and some destroyers bombarded the Hungnam area for the first time since the X Corps evacuation destroyed an oil refinery and some ammo dumps. But although the clearance (mines) of Hungnam had been successful, not everyone heard the details and on October 7. The Destroyer *Small* got outside the swept area and was mined with considerable damage and heavy casualties.

Fields seems to confirm the old adage, 10% never get the word.

A reunion of E.G. *Small* crew members, is held annually. In 1998, the host city was San Antonio, Texas. Attendees traveled to Fredericksburg to conduct a memorial service at the Gillespie County Courthouse where a monument stands proudly to those who gave their lives in service to their country. Allen Schlueter's name is inscribed on the granite memorial. A wreath from the USS Ernest G. *Small*, was placed at the base of the monument by Jackie Schlueter Hogan, the daughter that damage controlman Schlueter never saw.

The end.

It's now or never for Korean Vets

By Irwin Z. Braun

There is an old adage that states it is better to light a candle than to sit and curse the darkness. And in the darkness surrounding the Korean War, we surviving veterans have sat back and cursed educators, historians and the media for ignoring the war.

Next year, we have our last major opportunity to get the facts out about the Korean War to the American public. As we all know, it's the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the War and some of the bloodiest fighting took place in 1950.

If you expect the Department of Defense to take over this job, wake up and smell the coffee cooking! The Department of Defense is giving this project a lick and a promise. They have created a program that is a rehash of a program that they created for World War II. It passes the buck back to local communities to create educational and other programs about the Korean War. It also passes the buck back to the local communities to get media -radio, television and newspaper attention.

So what can we do about it? Plenty. First, let us not assume that someone else is going to do this job for us. We veterans have to do it ourselves. Listed below are some of the programs that the Nassau County Chapter No. 1 of the KWVA are implementing:

Speakers Program

We have stepped up our speakers program by making personal calls to colleges and high schools and following it up with personal letters. If they will not let you in a classroom, then offer to speak to a social studies/ political science club or a veterans day commemoration.

Conference Booth

Every year the Social Studies teachers on Long Island have a conference and our chapter is given a booth for free. It gives us an opportunity to pass out literature on the Korean War and to line up future speaking engagements. We also have an opportunity to talk to teachers about the war - and what they don't know can fill the Grand Canyon.

Workshop

This year we will be conducting a workshop for teachers on The Korean War :

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The requests for extra *The Graybeards* to support printing of same was such a success, we will offer extra copies for every issue on a first-come first-serve basis. For future issues, if you wish to make sure your orders are filled, I must have advanced payment.

The Graybeards is a great tool for the chapters in New Membership and Tell America Programs. We request minimum orders of 5 at \$1 donation per copy plus \$3.20 postage. We can send up to 7 copies for \$3.20 postage. For orders above 7 copies or future issues, additional costs for postage is \$3.20 for each increment of 7 plus \$1 per copy. Example: if you wish to order a full year (7 copies each of 6 issues) then a check for \$61.20 and your request is needed.—Editor.

their expert opinions and hindsight. Then there are the people like myself, the little guy who went to Korea as a young kid, still wet behind the ears, fresh out of high school, who joined a peace time army, but soon found himself in one of this countries most controversial military and political situations known at that time. When it was over we came home as veterans; no longer were we the kids down the street. We were now that guy home from the war, the war that only a few knew very much about, a war that was unpopular and a war that was soon to be forgotten. Forgotten only by those who did not have to fight it.

Men came home from the Korean War the same way men have always come home from a war. Some were in a body bag; others had a visual appearance of what a war can do to the human body. Also, there are those that look as any normal person would look, but there is something that isn't quite right. They themselves don't understand what it is. At that period of time there is nowhere to go to get help in solving the problem. Then there are the ones that came home after the fighting was over, the ones that never were able to pull their tour and rotate home and the ones that were wondering if they would ever get home. When that day finally arrived they had to leave many of their friends behind, but never forgotten, always remembered in their hearts and minds. Last, but certainly not least, is the Unknown, the MIAs. For them there is no returning. Where are they? What was their fate? They too were the kids wet behind the ears, the father that never knew or saw his children grow up and the guy that left the girlfriend behind and the soldier with the name, rank, and serial number with the notation, MIA.

When I returned home from Korea there were a lot of old letters, telegrams, and newspaper articles, different things that my father had put aside and saved for me. I never looked at them. Over the years I kept getting more and more war related information. It got to the point that I didn't know what to do with all the stuff. As a last resort, I stored it in a cardboard box. Everything that was

about Korea went into that old cardboard box. When we moved to different locations that old box went with me. Forty plus years have now passed and that old box sure has been moved around to a lot of closets. It is beginning to show signs of wear and tear. As I would sometimes look into that old box I would think to myself, "There sure are a lot of memories packed in there." That's when I started wondering just what was in that old box?

When I learned that the Korean War Memorial was to be dedicated on July 27, 1995, I finally opened the box and started going through some of the stuff that had been stored in it for so many years. So many of the memories came back. Some good, but most of them bad. In the very bottom were articles dated July 1950. Then I thought I would write a little information for my grand children to read and have and pass on to future generations. Most of the information that you read is from My Old Box of Memories to my grandchildren.

The story begins when the Korean War started June 25, 1950 and follows the events that lead up to my release as a prisoner of war. Most of the details are from memory and information that was stored away in that old cardboard box. I have been as factual as possible. The events may vary a little in date and time, but be assured, they did happen. In many cases I have received written confirmation from fellow veterans to verify events that happened in the way that I remembered them. Without my old box of memories it would have been impossible to have written this journal. As you read on, it will be in part like a diary. After reading *Afterthoughts*, the last segment of my journal, I continue to make entries regarding my thoughts on different subjects. This I will do until I am no longer able to write.

In closing, I go on record as saying that what I have written is my recollection of the events that happened at that time. I did not write to pass judgment or to put the blame on another person, group, or military unit mentioned in My Old Box of Memories because of the outcome of certain military situations

that the average GI had no knowledge or control over.

Publisher not named. Write to William M. Allen, 421 4th Ave N, Tierra Verde, FL 33715-1730

(Sorry William, I have not had the time yet to read your book. After reading the introduction I plan to read it as soon as I can).

Jasiu – Or Lumpy Oatmeal and Burnt Toast

By John F. Nowak.

There is a writer in each of us. John F. Nowak tells his story here, in his own words and style, because he feels that his life represents that of the average man. From his childhood in Lowell, Massachusetts, to his first girlfriend, through years in school and the service, to travels with Earthwatch, and more, Nowak describes key moments in his life through his poetry and stream of consciousness prose. Philosophical, informative, and humorous, from sentimental to bold, Nowak's book will keep your attention from the first page to the last. John F. Nowak, 36 Ottawa St., Lowell, MA 01850 Tel: 978-459-3489 "JASIU", my autobiography. I have several copies left over for sale. The book is written in a humorous style and tells of my experiences in the military (USAF, USN, USNR).

(Contact John for book and cost.—Ed)



Rutgers University Press Announces the Publication of...

Retrieving Bones – Stories and Poems of the Korean War

*Edited by W. D. Ehrhart
and Philip K. Jason*

Literature from America's Forgotten War

Without Laying Claim

Without laying claim
to an impossible innocence
I must tell you how
in the midst of that crowd
we calmly pulled the pins
from six grenades
mumbling an explanation
even we didn't believe
and released the spoons
a lump in our throats

By William Wantling

New Brunswick, N.J. - On June 25, 1950, North Korean troops crossed the 38th parallel, the demarcation line between Kim Il Sung's communist North Korea and the non-communist south established by the Allied victors at the end of World War II. It was a full-scale assault, the object of which was the reunification of the Korean peninsula. Though three years of brutal fighting resulted in millions of casualties, the final truce line of 1953 corresponded almost exactly to the positions the opponents held when the fighting began. Back home, the returning veterans met with little interest in or appreciation of what they had endured. Consequently, literary responses to the Korean War did not find an eager readership. Few people, it seemed, wanted to read about what they perceived as a backwater war that possessed neither grand scale nor apparent nobility, a war that ended not with a bang, but a whimper.

Yet an important literature has come out of the Korean War. As we mark the fiftieth anniversary of the war, these

writings are well worth our attention. There are 12 stories and 50 poems assembled in *Retrieving Bones of the Korean War* (Publication date: July 30, 1999; 266 pages, 2 maps, Paper, \$22.00, 0-8135-2639-6; Cloth, \$52.00, 0-8135-2638-8) edited by W. D. Ehrhart and Philip K. Jason have long been out of print and are almost impossible to find in any other source. The editors have enhanced this collection by providing maps, a chronology of the Korean War, and annotated lists of novels, works of nonfiction, and films. In a detailed introduction, Ehrhart and Jason discuss the milestones of the Korean War and place each fiction writer and poet represented into historical and literary contexts.

Contributors to *Retrieving Bones* are: Robert O. Bowen, Eugene Burdick, James Lee Burke, William Chamberlain, William Childress, John Deck, Donald R. Depew, James Drought, Lee Fulton, Rolando Hinojosa, James Magner, Jr., Thomas McGrath, Mark Power, Reg Saner, Vern Sneider, Henry Steiner, William Wantling, Stanford Whitmore,

and Keith Wilson.

W. D. Ehrhart, a poet and anthologist of the Vietnam War, is currently a research fellow of the University of Wales in Swansea. Philip K. Jason teaches English at the U.S. Naval Academy and has written several books and essays on Vietnam War literature.

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(Again, I wish I had more time then to scan over this book in order to give it a proper review. Many great veteran stories and poems inside. Recommended reading for Korean War Veterans.)

Mitchell Lang Ring ad

Looking for...



I am trying to locate any Korean Veterans that were in the **698th AAA Gun Battalion "C" Battery** out of Camp Stewart, Georgia in 1952-53. We are planning a reunion and trying to locate as many as we can. Contact me at Kenneth Ramsey, 300 North Cowan Street, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425 or you can e-mail me at <FRBR3529@aol.com>



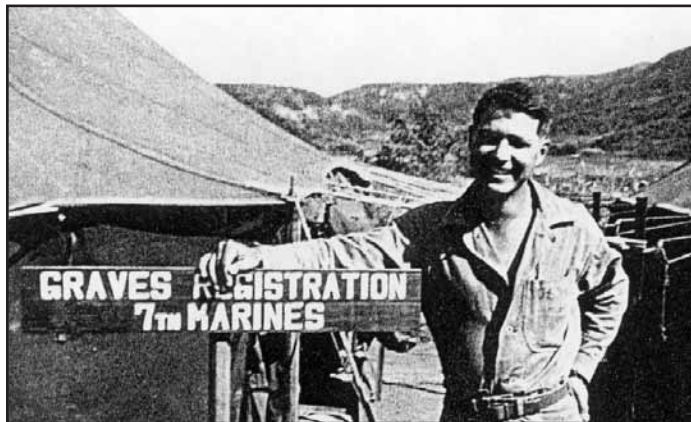
I entered the service in April, 1951, taking my training at Fort Ord, CA. I was sent to Korea probably in August 1951. I was attached to the 7th Div., 32nd Regt., 2nd Bn, Co. H. I am seeking any information I can get especially about Co. H. I cannot find anyone who was in Co. H during the time I served overseas. I was shipped to stateside on or about August of 1952. Then I was assigned to the 9th AAA Gun Bn. stationed at Ft. Scott, Winfield, CA. Was this part of the 7th Div., or was it something else? Contact Milton Friesenhahn, 3636 S Ranch Drive, Ponca City, OK 74601 Tel: 580-765-8826



Searching for an old buddy, **Lauro Curz** who joined the Marines in 1949 or 1950 from San Antonio, Texas. Contact Mike S. Mayen, 8415 Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Texas 78223



I am looking for Marines of **Graves Registration** who served in 1952 in Korea on the 38th Parallel that would write to me. George O. Houser, 6526 Sunland Drive Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815-5444. The Marines are: Jesse Armstrong, African American Winston Salem, North Carolina, James Burchett, Ohio James Wineburger, St. Joe, Michigan, "Gums" George Corwin, Long Island, New York and Donald Smith, Munice, Indiana



George O. Houser, Graves Registration, 1952 in Korea on the 38th Parallel.



Approximately in May 1951, a USO (entertainment group) visited our area in Korea and put on a delightful show. I took several photos, one of which I enclosing. I blew up the section with the billboard sign of the Memorial Theatre in memory of those killed, 10 were killed of the **82nd FA BN**. I would like to locate any of the family or people who are still living who knew these men. PFC Donald Ashley, CPL Jessie CP Bone, PFC Donald Cozad, PFC Robert J. Fralick, PFC Robert T. Gould, CPL Gilbert

W. McKenna, CPL Raymond McMahon, 1st Lt Earl Seat, PFC Cone E. Shipley, and CPL Carlos N. Salizar. Please contact Thomas F. Cacciola, 25 Skyline Drive, Englewood Clfs, New Jersey 07632-1815. (Could not print copy of photo. Quality not clear. Editor)



I am looking for anyone who knows the whereabouts of these men who served with the **92nd Armored "Red Devil" F. A. Bn**, 1950-1954. Paul Drake, 1st Sgt, C Btry, 1953-54, Colorado Springs, Kenneth J. Bono, Sgt., C Btry, 1952-53, Coal City, IL; Joe Gagner, Cpl., C Btry., 1952-53, R.I; Gerald M. Streeter, Sgt, C Btry, 1952-53 VT; Sal Russo, CPL, C Btry, 1952-53, Brooklyn, NY; Kermit Watts, Sgt., C Btry., 1952-53, Brooklyn, NY; Anthony J. Padden, B Btry., 1952-53, NJ. Contact Peter Taormina, 1011 SW 16th Street, Boynton Beach, FL 33426-5417, Tel: 561-732-8881



Seeking Information from Veterans who saw Bell Sisters perform with USO in Korea. I am doing research on my aunts' singing and recording career. My aunts (Cynthia and Kay Strother) were the Bell Sisters, an RCA recording group in the early 1950s, who are best remembered for their song, "Bermuda," although they recorded over 20 songs for RCA in 1952 and 1953. The **Bell Sisters** traveled twice with the USO in the Christmas of 1953 and 1954 to Korea to perform for the troops in the field and hospitals, etc. I would appreciate any written memories (possibly even photographs or home movie footage) from those soldiers who were serving in Korea and Japan during the Christmases of 1953 and 1954 and saw the Bell Sisters perform (or perhaps performed with them). Contact Rex Strother, 758 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102. Tel: 801-536-6625, Work; 801-322-1908, Home; E-mail <rstrother@pblutah.com> I have built a web site about the Bell Sisters' career which you might like to review. It is at <http://members.xoom.com/rexstrother/> and includes pictures and RealAudio song selections. (Check the site, it is great. Editor.)



Looking for those that knew my father, Sgt., **Ronald E. Pettus**. Joined the service out of CP Atterbury IL. Shipped out of Ft. Sheridan, IL on 3-21-51, discharged 2-4-54. Attended NCO Academy, K511 ABN Infantry, Army Par7ar635-205 SPN411 overseas return. This is all the information I have mostly from old news paper clippings. My dad passed away 8-14-77 when I was 11 years old and I did not know him well but maybe someone else might be able to tell me more about him. Contact me at e-mail address <SPe8457605@cs.com>



Looking for any soldier who served in **Wire Co., 304th Signal Operations Bn.** in Korea between Nov. 1950 and Dec. 1951. Particularly any soldier who served in the Imjin River battle area. Contact Walter A. Walko, 25736 E Jamison Cir SO, Aurora, CO 80016, Tel: 303-690-7399 or e-mail at <WAWLAW1@JUNO.COM>

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I am inquiring as to how to obtain either a copy of the July/August 1997 Graybeards or a reprint of the whole article "Memories of Life as a POW 35 Years Later" by Dr. Sidney Eesensten which appeared in that issue and the two following which I have. I somehow misplaced the July/August issue. Dr. Eesensten was my mother and sister's physician as well as physician to many of my friends from the south Minneapolis neighborhood where we lived. I was unaware of his military service and was quite impressed by his article. Please let me know if it is possible to obtain one or the other. I am also interested in locating any members of the **434th Engineer Construction Bn.**, a US Army Reserve Unit mobilized from Vicksburg, MS in the summer of 1950. I served with them from June 1952 thru August 1953. Contact Ronald A. Hoffmann, 913 S 7th Street, St. Charles, IL 60174 Tel: 630-584-7782. (You may obtain that issue for \$1:00 donation to KWVA National plus \$3.20 postage by writing the editor of the Graybeards)

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Jerry Keohane, 16 Saint Margarets Court, Buffalo, NY 14216 is looking to buy at your price any or all three **World War I USMC Shoulder Patches** of the 5th Marine Regt., or 6th Marine Regt. plus the 6th Marine Machinegun Bn.

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My name is Teresa Seymoe and I found an old scrapbook in Thomasville Georgia and it had lots of pictures taken during the Korean war and letters from one serviceman to his daughter and wife. His name from an old New Jersey school certificate was **Paul Dewey Graham**. However, I don't know his unit etc. since he was writing to his daughter he didn't include that type of information. There is also another letter in the scrapbook with the following information: 1st Lt Eric G. Flack, 451 MMS CMR #1, P.O. Box 2354, APO SF 96570. Information on either of these gentlemen would be helpful since I want to return this scrapbook. Contact Teresa Seymoe at e-mail <higgins@tdo.infi.net>

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My father served aboard the **USS Princeton** Aircraft Carrier during the Korean War. He served two terms. I was wondering if there was anyplace I could go to obtain information regarding the ship during the war years and chapters dedicated to the men who served aboard at that time. Contact me at e-mail address <Rick174@aol.com>

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My brother, **William Francis Creel**, just passed away today. I know very little of his military history except that he was in the Korean war and was discharged from the U S Army with an Honorable Discharge on 17 June 1953, His Service Number was RA18268962. I just want to know more about his life in the Army and have just begun to look for that information. Any help that you can give me would be greatly appreciated. I salute you men and god bless you all. Contact Rick Creel at e-mail address <rlccreel@bellsouth.net>

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Since joining your worthy organization, I have been searching for any mention of the K-Site where I was stationed. Granted, we

were known as the smallest K-Site (Air Force) in all of Korea, but we did play a major roll during the "war." We were the 547th Ammo Supply Squadron Depot. We furnished the 5th Air Force with all of their major ammunition, up to and including 2000 pound blockbuster bombs. We received, stored, and shipped numerous types and sizes of bombs and dispersed them by rail all over South Korea. Our K-Site consisted of the **547th Supply Squadron, and the 7th Motor Vehicle Squadron**. We unloaded bombs from LST's, transported them by truck to various revetments in the hills for temporary storage, then reloaded them on railroad cars and shipped them all over South Korea, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. We were small, but I think we played a large part in bringing the "war" to its final conclusion. I would love to hear from any of the troops I was stationed with during the time I was there (Feb-Nov 1953). We were located approximately 70 miles north of Pusan. A small village known as Ulsan was located just outside our gates. A few of the names I can recall serving with were a Walter Lefleur from Oklahoma, Jack Werntz from Virginia and Tony Romagnoli from New York. I can be reached by calling 717-866-5563 home, 717-866-4675 business, 717-866-4675 fax. Contact Herb Hilgartner, Post 6076, Myerstown, PA 17067. I can recall a large sign outside our gates saying FEALOGFOR, 547th ASSD, Home of the Screaming Demons.

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Mrs. Shirley Farkas is seeking information on her brother **Lt. Edmund King**, U. S. Army who was known to have been captured in Feb. 1951, and reported missing in action 13 Feb 1951, and reported to have died 15 April 1951, in Prison Camp. Edmund was captured in the vicinity of Hoengsong, South Korea. Bernard H. Radoszewski (unknown branch of service) was known to be a prisoner in the same camp as Edmund. Please contact Mrs. Farkas through <CTUTOROWSR@AOL.COM> if you knew or have any information on Edmund, or Mr. Radoszewski.

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Seeking help in locating the following war Buddies. Last known address for them was Fort Ord, CA. **Phillip D. Jernigan, William P. Reel and Charles E. Halquist** Contact David M. Williams, 3375 Hillside Ct., San Jose, CA 95132-2412 or E-Mail at <onesnakey@aol.com> Tel: 408-251-6148.

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Would like top hear from any personnel stationed at the **44TH MASH** (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital from July, 1953 until August, 1954. Contact Jules Kuretz, 16 Cherokee Avenue, Rockaway, NJ.

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I hope you can help me or at least point me in the right direction. My father fought in the Korean War. He has now decided that it is time that he would like to try and find some of his men in his squadron, but he can't remember his flight or squadron number. I have his discharge papers and the following is what I can give you. Please help us as he is not in good health and I would really like to help him. **Willard Jay Hammond**, Service #AF12413819 Specialty # 6033, Most Significant Duty Assignment, 3201st Trans. Sq. (APGC). Medals: United Nations

Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal. He enlisted in the service on July 8, 1952 and was sent to Sampson Air Force Base in NY. He was also in Eglin Air Force Base in FL, but I am unsure if he was in Korea before Eglin AFB. He served July 8, 1952 - July 11, 1956. Contact Debbie at e-mail <MonkeyC4@aol.com>



I am an Australian-born (now a U.S. citizen) retired journalist whose parents opened their home to GIs on **R & R during WWII in Sydney**, and am organizing a "reunion" of these veterans (and others who served alongside Aussies and New Zealand forces in WWII, Korea and Vietnam). I would appreciate any assistance you may be able to give me in contacting these veterans. My internet webpage is WWW.ANZUSA.COM and I will personally reply to each inquiry. Contact Keith Davidson <kdavidson98@yahoo.com> P.O. Box 36271, Pensacola, FL 32516-6271



Looking for **John W. Hill**. He served in Korea 1951-52 with the 1st FAOB. He was from the Page, Tennessee area. Contact: Calvin Hibbs 11 Ridge Ave, Mozart Wheeling, WV 26003 Tel: 304-233-3735 E-mail address <Glory4l3@aol.com>



I am "Looking For" news of my husband, **Pfc. Ralph Keith King**, 55220035, Co. K. 32nd Reg., 7th Inf. Div. On Aug. 6, 1952, near NamMyon, North Korea (the Iron Triangle) he and E3



Pfc. Ralph Keith King

Gerald L. Newman 55224607 (KIA 8-6-52) were last seen helping wounded Lemiah Buckam, Jr. #096247455. A search of the area the following day gave no trace of the men or equipment. I have recently learned from the internet that Buckam was repatriated. He died 8-22-81, age 54 yrs. It was never confirmed that my husband was a prisoner but it has always been my belief he could have been. At the time of "Operation Glory", his name appeared on a list of 944 men believed to have been held by the

Communists at one time. He remains MIA, and was presumed dead 2-16-54. He is still unaccounted for by our government. Anyone with information please contact: Helen King Famuliner, 30506 S. Famuliner Rd., Garden City, Mo. 64747-8336. Tel: 816-862-6395.



Anyone who might have known **Eldred ("Jumbo") Brauer**, Co. I - 7th Cav. Rgt. 1st Cav. Div. MIA 8-8-51; declared dead 12-31-53. Please notify Marvin H. Rull, 1601 Wexford Way, Woodbury, MN 55125. Tel: 651-735-5712.



I am attempting to get some information on a bunker buddy that was severely injured or most probably died. His name is **Keating**. I never knew his first name. We were with the 25 Div., 35th Regt., II Batt., Easy Company. This would have been in the

first three months of 1952. We were in the north rim of the Punch Bowl. I have contacted the National Archives in College Park, MD, and they can't seem to come up with any information. I am hoping that someone out there can fill in the blank spaces. Contact Ruben Carlson, 9171W 1350N, Elwood, IN. 46036 or e-mail at <dottie@indetdirect.net>



Lt. Gabriel Anselmo

Did you know or see this service man? 1st **Lt. Gabriel Anselmo**, Co. E, 24th Inf. Regt, 25th Div. reported KIA August 19, 1950 at Mt. Mazan. If you know of him or was with him at the time of death please contact me his sister. I would like to have some information. Gloria Newville, 16255 SE Clare Court, Milwaukie, OR 97267 Tel: 503-654- 6234



Looking for **Kenneth Miller, Odell Olson and Greeley Gibson**. We were in Korea together in 1952 and 1953, in the 45th Inf. Division, Company "L" 180th Inf. Regt. Please contact Lawrence "Red" Gnau, 4351 Old Route 14, Lyons, NY 14489 or e-mail at <gnaue@yahoo.com>



Looking for **George Neff** who served as platoon sergeant with "I" Co., 3rd Bn 7th RCT, 3d Inf. Div. Korea 1951-52. Later served in Japan with 1st Cav Div and probably Ft Dix. Came from Pennsylvania. Please contact Paul Tardiff, Bangor, ME (207) 947-7296 or e-mail <sgtmaj9@bangornews.infi.net>



I have been trying to help my father, a Korean War veteran, in his attempts to locate a buddy from this service. He has some information regarding his friend but his search--and mine--have been fruitless thus far. I have contacted government agencies listed on the net but their replies are that they only track currently enlisted. **Cpl. Gerald L. Fryer** Air Force Serial #19342305 DOE: 31 July 1950; DOS: 30 July 1954. My dad and Mr. Fryer were in Korea together around October 1951. During that time, Fryer spoke alot of Modesto, Stockton, and Woodland, CA. I have scanned the phone books of these towns and my dad has called several Fryers, listed but only met a dead end. I think my father is about to give up and decide his search is hopeless. Contact Terri Price at e-mail address <terri@gw.tallahasseeuseum.org>



Seeking to locate **Sgt. Albert Powell Battle**. Last known assignments: Honolulu, HI and El Toro, CA. Send information to: "Aliipupuli@aol.com"



I'm trying to find the family of **Chester Craven** KIA Aug. 14, 1950. We were together in Japan and Korea. Was in Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 7th Regt., 1st Cav. Div., went to Korea as a unit. Chester was in my squad when he was KIA. Later I become 1st Sgt.

Thomas C. Lewis. 318-343-5103 email me at <tnlewis@webtv.net.> Home address 109 Dillingham Dr., Monroe, La. 71203



I am looking for anyone that was in the **696th Ord. Ammo Co.** stationed in the Uijongbu area from May 1952 until Aug 1953. E-Mail Seymour Weiss at <Rookie0130@aol.com> or 884 Viceroy Road, Wantagh, NY 11793-1647



My father, **Edwin A. Redfern, Sr.** served in the Korean War in the 111th Counter Intelligence Corp. (CIC). He passed away in 1972. I'm trying to get information on what the CIC unit did. Any insight would be very helpful. Names of any vets that knew him would also be of interest. I think I remember him saying he was in Philadelphia during the war, but I'm not sure. He was born 3/10/1929 and raised in Stamford, CT. Contact Ed Redfern, Jr. at e-mail address <eredfernjr@hotmail.com>



Frederick J. Giroux, Captain, U.S. Army

Looking for anyone who may have known **Frederick J. Giroux**, Captain, U.S. Army prior to or during time of capture. He was with the 1st Cav. Div., 3rd Bn. 8th Cav. Rgt., Co. L. He was a POW at Pyoktong, North Korea, Camp #5. Captured Nov. 2nd or 3rd 1950. Please contact his daughters: Gail Gouger at 12 Rock River Terrace, Newfane, VT05345, <chickyelvis@yahoo.com> or Judy Aubin, 304 Overlake Dr., Fairfax, VT 05454, <gretcheraubin@hotmail.com>



Looking for all former members of the **25th Div. 35th Regt., Heavy Weapons Co.**, that served in Company during 1950-1953 for possible reunion next year. My e-mail address is <gilnet@nwiowa.com> or address Gil Scribner, 1002 W. 4th St., Spencer, Iowa 51301.



I am the niece of **Sgt Homer I. May**, Co. L, 17th Infantry Reg. who was last seen in hand to hand combat on hill 851 near Chup'a-ri on September 1 & 2, 1951. I would be most grateful to hear from anyone who could tell the family what happened to Homer that day. Contact Judith Knight at <judirue@hotmail.com> or <judirue@gateway.net> or 260 Hill and Dell Drive, Warrenville, S.C. 29851



My father, **Charles Wayne Mancil** was in Korea and received a Bronze Star I believe in 1950. I don't know anything about the war, he would never talk about it. I am trying to find information about the war and about my father's part in it.

Maybe even about the Bronze Star and why he received it or if there were any other medals he may have received. I live in Mobile, Alabama. Please e-mail me at <mmancil@zebra.net>. My father died 15 years ago this month from a accident while BBQ'ing. I found a document that apparently they sent out naming people who were receiving medals. The header on the page reads as follows:

Headquarters 24th Infantry Division, APO 24, General Orders Number 153, Feb. 3, 1951. Under my father's name it reads as follows: Private First Class Charles W. Mancil, RA14293928, Artillery, United States Army, A Member of Service Battery, 11th Field Artillery Battalion, 24th Infantry Division, 2 July - 2 November 1950. Entered Military Service from Theodore, AL.



Looking for **USS Stoddard DD-566** shipmates for a reunion for 2000. Contact Walter G. Roemke GMI E-mail to: <comau-ma@rexnet.net>



I am trying to find out information about my dad. He was in the Korean war, but he did not die in the war. He died after he returned home and when I was about two. I am trying to find out anything about him. I never lived with my mother. I was a ward of the courts and all records with association to him are lost or deleted! My long term goal is to contact family, but my short term goal is to find out about my dad. Here is some more information about my dad. **James Holman** Army, EOD or DOE 9-11-1951 - Des Moines, IA, RAD or DOS 5-27-1953 - Camp Carson,

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I am the Veterans Service Officer for American Legion Post #57, Jacksonville, AL. A local veteran of the Korean War, **Pvt. Robert Ramsey**, Jr, RA16375078, 339 Warren Drive, Jacksonville, AL 36265 Phone 256-820-8566 is looking to contact anyone who serviced with him April 1951 to Sep 1954. Robert is attempting to establish Health Benefits with the VA. His military records were burned in 1973 in the fire at the Records Center. Robert served with the 5th RCT while in Korea. He recalls, Sgt Henry Clark, Dearborn, Michigan, giving him a ride back to front lines, after he was checked at an aide station for an injury to his foot. Please feel free to publish Robert's information. You may use my email. Helping veterans ... Sincerely, Carol A. McCormick, Veterans Service Officer. E-mail address <WACHouse@aol.com>

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Paul John Iddings, Jr. Killed in Korea - September 10, 1951 RA 13164306 Co. A, 31st Inf., Reg. If anyone that was with him during his last days, please write me at David Iddings, 3823 Prospect Road, Street, MD 21154 or please call me at 410-836-1001

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We are trying to locate **Marines from Platoon 40**, July through September 1950, San Diego, Ca. If you have any information contact John & Rosie White at e-mail address <john-rosa@home.com>

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My fathers name is George J. Domin. He is looking for a friend named **Carl Brown**. (no middle initial-dad does not remember) They were in Korea in 1952-53 together. Army ERC Arty-5th Army area. 555th Bn., 138th Hq. 45 Inf. Div. Contact Sharon at e-mail address <SLEDS2@aol.com>

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I served in Korea with the **25th Div., 27th Inf. Regt., "L" Co.** (Wolfhounds) from March to December 1952. During this period the USO entertained the 25th. Div. I participated in a boxing exhibition during the USO entertainment. Would anyone that attended this USO show or knows of a film that was made of it, please contact me, Alexander D. Pepe, 25 Commodore Lane, Marstons Mills, MA. 02648 Tel: 508-420-5337.

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I am trying to find out any information I can about my uncle who was killed in Korea on Nov. 30, 1950, somewhere near the Chosin Reservoir. His name was **Cpl. James T Mainhart** (Tom or Tommy as he went by). He was in the 31st Rgt., 7th Div., I Co. I am doing this for my dad who is a veteran of WWII and the Korean War. We have sent for and received his individual deceased personal file, but it was not much help. We did learn that he is listed as KIA but he was unaccountable for. We would like to find any information we can or correspond with any one

who knew him or the circumstances about his death. As far as we know he was a cook and he would have been 19 years old at that time. I do have some old photos that were his with some names on the back of one. I also have a roster dated April 18, 1949 with a list of people being promoted to Sgt. and Cpl. for the voyage to Yokohama, Japan. Thanks for any help or direction that you can give us. It would be greatly appreciated. Contact Thomas E. Mamhart, 475 Portman Rd., Butler, Pa 16002, Tel: 724-287-1834 or e-mail address: <Mainharts@aol.com>

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Looking for **Coast Guard Korean War Veterans** - 24 Cutters, 9 Loran Stations, 2 AKA Ships, 2 shore units and at least 1 Air unit. CW04 Baker Herbert, USCG (Ret) P.O. Box 544, Westfield Center, OH 44251-E-mail <USCGW64@aol.com.>

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I am **Cpl. Van G. Richardson**. I was on Cho-Do Island from January 1952 until May 15, 1952 attached to the 606 AC&W Squadron. I was a squad leader on a M55 Quad 50 machine gun. I was replaced by the 933 Asian American Unit. I served in the 78th AAA Gun Battalion, Battery B. I was on the point on the other side of the two twin 40mm guns. Can anyone help me out with a map showing exact location of Cho-Do Island? Contact Van G. Richardson, 2011 Margo Lane, Jonesboro, AR 72401-9194

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Looking for **Rhea Thomas** who was drafted from the Los Angeles area and served in Korea 51-52. He was part of a mortar crew when hit in forehead with shrapnel. After he was released from hospital he was reassigned as a field cook rather than going back on the line. I served in Korea from Feb. 52 to July 53 in 1437 Engineer Treadway Bridge Co. I would also like to hear from anyone who served with me. Contact C. Virgil Plume 62480 Oscar Ct. Montrose, Co. 81401 or e-mail at <cplume@gwe.net>

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Don Zack and Ron Hann on the USS Kenneth Whitting, 1954.

Looking for **Don Zack**. I served with him on the *USS Kenneth Whitting* AV-14 in 1954. We also graduated from Class A radioman school in Bainbridge MD, class of 24-54. The ship I think he last served on was a LST. He was originally from Vandergrift, PA and last known address was Pittsburgh, PA. If anyone has any info please e-mail me at <rghaun@aol>.com or address, Ron Haun, 5 Bittersweet Lane, Orchard Park, NY 14127-4505

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The Northeast New York Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association is seeking information about the men from **Schenectady County, New York** who died in the Korean War. Any information from training or about the circumstances of their deaths will be greatly appreciated. Our organization is hopeful of also acquiring photos to add to the computer bank at

the Memorial in Washington, DC. Below is the listing containing some pertinent known data. Anyone who can help please contact Robert Hall Jr., 6 Vine Street, Scotia, NY 12302-1814. Tel: 518-377-9190.

Borgia, Harry W. Capt, Army, KIA 5-11-52, Aerial Observer, Division HQ, 25th Inf. Div.; DeCoste, Thomas, Capt., Army, MIA 10-18-50, H&H Co, Aerial Ob, 21st Inf., Ret, 24th Inf Div; Finch, Wm. P, 2n Lt., USMC, KIA 3-2-51, Weapons Co. 3rd Bn., 1st Marine Regt., 1st Marine Div.; Hall, Stephen C., Pfc., USMC, KIA 10-27-50, B Co., 1st Bn, 1st Marine Regt., 1st Marine Div.; Harlan, Gary L., Pvt., Army, KIA 10-26-52, 9th Inf. Rgt., 2nd Inf. Div.; Hicks, James Edw., Pfc., Army, KIA 10-14-52, 31st Inf. Rgt., 7th Inf. Div.; Hoehn, Herbert G., Pvt., Army, KIA 9-10-50, 19th Inf. Rgt., 24th Inf. Div.; Kelly, Geo. R., Cp1., USMC, DOW 6-7-51, Weapons Co. 2nd Bn., 1st Marine Rgt., 1st Marine Div.; Lamont, Leroy A., Pfc., Army, KIA, 9-8-51, 35th Inf. Rgt., 25th Inf. Div. (Medic); Pappas, Geo., Cpl., Army, MIA 12-2-50, D Co. 1st Bn., 32nd Inf. Reg., 7th Inf. Div.; Sperbeck, Robt. W., Pvt., Army, KIA 5-18-51, 32nd Inf. Reg., 7th Inf. Div.; Stempkowski, John, MSgt., Army, DOW, 9-5-50, 8th Cavalry Reg., 1st Cavalry; Thompson, Harwood H., Cpl., Army 2-19-51, cause of death unknown, G Co. 2nd Bn, 23rd Inf Reg, 2nd Inf Div.; Blankschen, Douglas, Sfc., Army, cause of death unknown 10-10-50, Unit unknown, Listed as "non hostile casualty."

(Editor Note From my experience I found most of the data listed for our MIA's and KIA's is standard and can be obtained many ways. Anything else must come from the families and/or veterans. Many of us have done extensive research in order to get closure and a first-hand accounting. The freedom of Information Act sometimes stops non-family members from getting more details. My understanding is that with family approval more data on our MIA's and KIA's will be available at the National Archives in the near future. Adding updates is in progress and some of it may be available now on the Internet. Check our <www.kwva.org> web page and DPMO and other links to our page.)



Looking for past members of the **25th Div., 64th F. A. Bn., "A" Btry., 6 Section.** who served in Nara, Japan 1948-49 and in combat in Korean War 1950-52. I have other photos to share. Contact: John (Jack) Dodson, 7246 Pinehurst Drive, Spring Hill, Florida 34606, (352) 683-0985.



TOP: 25th Div., 64th F. A. Bn., "A" Btry., 6 Section. Notice refugees in background. BELOW: Sign reads "Kentucky 9,465 1/2m", "Oh Section." Near Masan Korea - 1950. Sgt. Russell Cummins, KY; John R. McMains, KY; Richard C. Convery, MO ; Silas E. Gentry, KY; and Clarence Joe Sieg, NY.

(Dear readers and veterans: I know how important it is for those in this column to receive any bit of information about a lost loved one, just a friend, or a buddy that shared your experiences. Our time is running out to get that special letter, so please if you can reply to any request no matter how important your information is. We cherish your response and usually just a few words can lead to another missing link and believe me your letters give some closure to those still waiting for answers. Please attempt to type your letters, if not take the time to print or write clearly. Editor)

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Turning point in American and World history. It gives us an opportunity to educate the educators.

Essay Contest

Our Chapter will be sponsoring an essay contest for middle school and high school students on the importance of the Korean War.

Contacting Media

We will be contacting television and radio stations, newspapers, magazines, etc. about the upcoming anniversary. A press kit will be sent to our contact and followed up

with phone calls. If you get turned down by a reporter, call the station president or newspaper publisher. Chances are that some of the top executives may have served in the Korean War.

Traveling Exhibit

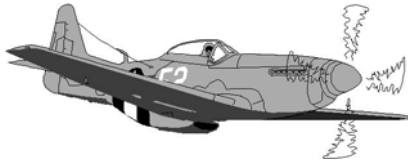
This exhibit will contain all kinds of memorabilia including photos, maps, books, propaganda leaflets, etc. We will be displaying these at libraries, banks, schools and veteran's day celebrations.

These are just some of the programs that our Tell-America Committee has come up

with. Remember it's now or never. Let's make it NOW! If you would like to additional information call: Irwin Braun at 516-379-1596. Irwin Braun is Co-Chairman of the Tell America Committee, KWVA Nassau County Chapter No. 1. He served with the 32 Infantry Reg. 7th Inf. Div. in 1952 and 1953.

(Irwin is well educated on the history of the Korean War and a leader in the Tell-America Program. I suggest all chapters follow his plea and get involved.)

Close Air Support



Pusan's Shrunk Perimeter Taegu, South Korea, Late July, 1950

Typhoon Gloria swept across Japan on July 22nd, 1950, and we in Korea caught the downpour on the fringes. We were missed by the highest winds, but the low clouds ... right down onto the deck, and heavy rains prevented us from doing much flying. If we had sent anyone off, even for a weather check, he would never have been able to find his way back down to Taegu. Instead, we used the time in an attempt to improve our living conditions; we erected a couple of 20 foot pyramidal tents to replace our little one-man pup tents, putting them up during a pause in the rainstorms. Unfortunately, we pilots, novice tent erectors did not allow sufficient slack in the dry ropes to compensate for shrinkage when they became rain-soaked.

That night, during a heavy downpour, the lines tightened like fiddle-strings and, one by one, pulled the tent pegs out of the ground. Around midnight, the last two or three pegs came loose, and the whole thing came down around us like a giant, clammy elephant skin. The tent tipped, gradually, until it rested across my straw sleeping mat. Combined with the weight of the heavy canvas, it was too much to move, so I just slid the straw mat out from under the pole and away from the trickle of water that was making a small rivulet from one side of the tent to the other, used a carbine rifle as a prop to hold the canvas away from my face and went back to sleep ... there would be time enough to make repairs in the morning...in daylight.

We were getting our asses whipped, in no uncertain terms, and it was becoming just a matter of short hours before we would have to give up the base at Taegu ... evacuate, or be over-run by the North Koreans.

Flying weather improved enough on July 23rd to resume our mission pace, but the heavy rains had changed the red Korean dust to red Korean mud... sticky, clay-like mud. It was picked up and stuck to our shoes, jeep tires, airplane landing gears ... everything it touched. Our grimy flying suits, already filthy from sweat and dust, became caked with mud.

At that time, our bathing facilities were limited to the water we could carry in a steel helmet. With little spare time, and less concern for personal appearances, we were dirty and unshaven most of the time during those first few weeks. We looked almost as bad as our airplanes. Shortly after the rains, when we could finally stand it no longer, we had the Koreans build a framework to hold a couple of 55 gallon drums, and devised a shower head below. We had no clean water, except the little used for cooking, which was transported from the city, and

we had to have water carried from a nearby creek to supply our "shower". It was cold water, even in late July, and it was far from being considered "sanitary", but we were finally able to rinse off part of the grime that had accumulated during the past weeks. The basic facilities were extremely primitive, but they were the least of our worries, and we soon became used to doing without the small amenities.

By July 30th, when the twenty-five "new" Mustangs arrived aboard the USS Boxer, with a few new pilots as well, and the 67th Squadron arrived in Ashiya from the Philippines ... things began to look up for the 12th Squadron's "Foxy Few", which we had chosen for our new logo. I had just logged my twentieth combat mission ... averaging two per day for ten straight days, three days of which I had to stay down to work my intelligence chores.

My tail was beginning to drag from the intense pressure of the daily pace ... flying combat during the days, and doing the vital paperwork far into the nights. On July 30th and 31st I flew four missions each day, hitting targets all along the battlefronts to the west, north and east of our tenuous little airstrip ... all within 30 miles of our home base at Taegu.

We were getting our asses whipped, in no uncertain terms, and it was becoming just a matter of short hours before we would have to give up the base at Taegu ... evacuate, or be over-run by the North Koreans.

The situation on the east coast, where the enemy in Hunghae were already shelling the airstrip at Pohang, was no more promising than ours at Taegu. We were fighting as if our heads were on the chopping block ... they were!

By early August, 1950, the momentum of the North Korean's three-pronged drive into the south had proved immensely successful. They had completed their end-around on the west and south coasts, their east coast drive had progressed far enough to force evacuation of our fighter squadrons from Pohang air base after only a few days' active use of the strip, and their central thrust was in the process of crossing the Naktong River to knock on our last bastion of defense ... our home base at Taegu.

Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War

by

Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman,

Lt Col, USAF, Ret

The North Korean's objective, to surround Taegu, then march on Pusan and have control of the entire peninsula, seemed just a few days short of accomplishment. We were in deep, deep trouble!

Despite our intensive aerial firepower from dawn to dark every day, we just didn't seem to have enough airplanes or pilots to stem the North Korean's onrushing tide.

In our favor, though, was the fact that we were forced to concentrate our air strikes over an ever-decreasing geographic area as the Reds tightened their noose around what ultimately became known as the "Pusan Perimeter". As the distances to the front lines shrunk, it meant that we would fly shorter missions ... many as brief as 35 to 40 minutes from takeoff to landing; and that, of course, had the same effect as multiplying our striking power.

On the darker side, it also increased the time we were actually in physical combat with the enemy. We were down close to the ground where more and more of them were shooting at us a much greater percentage of the time ... with the result that we were taking a lot more battle damage, and losing many more airplanes to ground fire.

During the first ten days to two weeks of the war, the Reds had raced madly forward in broad daylight, with little opposition to hinder their movements. By the third week in July, when our meager Dallas Squadron opposition began to take effect, their losses mounted to an uncomfortable level, and the North Korean commanders were required to modify their tactics.

By the first week of August they were forced to travel only at night, and hole-up in the villages during the day, camouflaging their tanks and trucks inside buildings and under trees in an effort to keep them from our fighter pilot's sights.

Their attempts at camouflage were rather futile at first, for we could usually pick out the tank tracks in the dirt leading thru the fields to a house or a grove of trees; and we would then conclude that there was a worthwhile target inside ... as was usually the case. Their camouflage techniques improved with time and practice, but it was also a time consuming pre-

caution which helped to slow the momentum of their advance, because of the time it took prior to dawn each day to try to hide their equipment from us.

They found, too, that there was a maximum travel distance which they could move supplies within a single summer night's darkness, and as they tried harder to tighten our noose, needing more and more replacement arms, their supply lines became more and more exposed to our interdiction attacks. At some time during the long trip south from the Yalu River or from Pyongyang, every train, tank or truck would be exposed to our air attacks.

But as the enemy lines closed in on Taegu from two directions ... from the west and from the north, and our Army forces had to back steadily into an ever-shrinking defensive perimeter, we found it necessary to direct almost all of our mission effort to close tactical support of the frontlines, thereby reducing the number of sorties we could send north to interdict their replacement supplies.

It was a "Catch 22" situation: we couldn't afford to slack off on our interdiction attacks because the armor coming onto the line would jeopardize our fragile hold on the perimeter's front lines, but if we didn't help our troops on the front, there wouldn't be any perimeter left to defend!

It is not possible to adequately describe the intense feeling of gratification we fighter pilots felt when we could hit the Reds attacking our-front-line troops.

By August there were enough radio jeeps operating on our frequencies, and airborne T-6 Mosquito spotter planes, that we could work with reasonable safety within just a few hundred yards of our own Army troops. When the verbal orders of the man on the ground were insufficient to tell us precisely where to strike, we'd ask the spotter to fire a smoke rocket, or the ground artillery to place a white phosphorus shell onto the target. With positive target identification like that, we could work over the Red's dug-in positions with a vengeance. It was doubly gratifying because we were not only taking the enemy pressure off of our troops, but they would often stand right up in plain sight to cheer us on.

We knew that our close-support efforts were deeply appreciated, so we would inevitably press our attacks a little harder ... a little closer, or a little lower than was prudent for the safety of our own hides. But we knew, too, that when we finally ran out of ammunition and had to head back over the nearby hill to our base at Taegu, those poor characters below had to stay in their muddy foxholes all night to protect our position and our lives. Too often they didn't make it through the night, for that was when the Reds liked to attack ... at night, when our planes weren't around to break up their thrusts.

We picked up a lot of damage to our battered Mustangs on those close support missions, mostly small arms: rifles and machine gun fire which, if we could get the ships back to base, our mechanics could often quickly repair with a sheet of aluminum and a rivet gun ... or, in an emergency, even a piece of cloth tape.

The F-51 was fondly nicknamed the "Spam Can" because, from the side, the shape of its fuselage looked as deep and flat-sided as the namesake tin-can used for packing the processed meat. In those days we, for a fact, used the tin from Spam cans to patch bullet holes in the skin of our airborne Spam Cans.

Sadly, not all holes were minor; we started losing more and more pilots to enemy ground fire. Some were fortunate and were able to land unhurt, or with minor wounds... crash landing behind our lines to be picked up by the Army, as Danny Farr, Owen Brewer, Ed Hodges, Harry Moreland and several others of our group were able to do. Many were not so lucky, as our mounting casualty lists reflected.

So on the evening of August 5th we at Taegu air base were racing to complete our evacuation preparations before dark; planning to move out, to Bug Out, on the following day ... on 6 August 1950....

But, unbeknownst to us or, reportedly, even to the 5th Air Force commander, General Partridge, the Army was planning to make last ditch stands north of Taegu and at the Naktong River.

D. E. 'Bud' Biteman, Lt Col, USAF, Ret
"...one of those OLD, Bold fighter pilots..."

Next Issue: Para-Pants: Humor was invaluable ... as long as they were not my pants!

During the Thanksgiving Holidays of 1997 my brother was visiting from Florida. While staying with my father he spent a little time showing him how to use the internet. To spark his interest he was demonstrating how it can be used for a topic of great interest to our father his Korean war experience. While "surfing the net" they came upon a message attached to a veterans group web page. The message was from a woman seeking information about her father who was killed during the Korean War. Her father was Lieutenant William M. Millar.

My father immediately recognized the name as that of his platoon leader who was killed in action on October 9, 1950. My brother Gary and my father immediately sent a message to the anonymous person seeking the information. Recognizing that she may be skeptical of the response, they sent specific information that would confirm that my father was in fact present when her father made the supreme sacrifice. On the following morning the anonymous daughter called my father. The emotion of this telephone meeting was evident .

Within a couple of days she sent a letter expressing her thanks for sharing his experience and information about her father who she never knew. Lieutenant William M. Millar's daughter was only about one year old when he was killed.

He died on October 9, 1950 while as a platoon commander he was leading F Company of the Fifth Cavalry Regiment, U.S. First Cavalry Division across the 38th parallel into North Korea. The Company came under attack from North Koreans on a hill to the left of their column. Lt. Millar ordered and led an attack on the hill. The platoon had only 2 or 3 men wounded until they neared the top of the hill when Lt. Millar was killed instantly by a single round from a North Korean rifleman. The platoon secured the hill with no survivors among the enemy.

Lt. Millar's daughter, Debbie and my father had the opportunity to meet personally on July 18, 1998. Debbie's father left for Korea from his home in Putnam Valley New York, while my father left his home in Perryton, Texas for service in Korea. The incredible chance meeting resulting from a demonstration of the internet revealed another surprise. ...Debbie now

lives only a 40 minute drive from my parents home outside of Baltimore, Maryland.

Another twist is that the maiden name of the wife (Debbie's mother) of Lt. Millar is Robinson. So far we have not determined any relationship. However the relationship formed by this chance meeting is very strong. As Debbie said in another letter to my father, the questions he was able to answer brought "peace of mind that I needed ... and his death to a closure ... full circle."

Prior to their meeting in July I exchanged e-mail with Debbie and responded to her request for an idea of a gift that my father might appreciate. Upon learning that she was an artist I suggested that he would enjoy a painting of the Korean War memorial in Washington D.C.. Debbie presented my father with the painting which included a depiction of her father etched into the granite wall.

No other gift would have been more meaningful to my father. While he was not able to be close to his Lieutenant who was his platoon leader for only three weeks before he was killed he was able to bring one of the many tragedies of this war to a closure. This chance meeting was as meaningful to him as it is to Debbie. Which brings me to another coincidence. My parents have six sons and only one daughter her name is also Debbie. The death of Debbie's father within feet of our father forms a connection that will "never be forgotten."

One final aspect of this story is that while my ten year old son Christopher and I were sharing a story about heroes I read the portion where the author implied that there are no more heroes left. My son interrupted me to say that "dad, yes there

are ..pop-pop is one.". How right he is.

This story is dedicated to Lieutenant William Millar and to my father and hero Sergeant Dennis G. Robinson, F Company, Fifth Cavalry Regiment, U.S. First Cavalry Division.

Another item you might want to consider is a poem written by my son (grandson of a Korean War combat veteran). He titled it "A Soldiers Story."

Please let me know if you will be able to use it. I would like to surprise my father if it is published.

Thank You, Denny Robinson

A Soldiers Story

I heard once a soldier's story
Told was the tale of all his glory
Never at the first sign of battle
did he cower
Not at the cannon fire nor his
enemies formidable power

To his home and flag
he pledged his allegiance
Stood his ground with
sublime perseverance
Left his home and family to fight
in a bloody war
Never stopped to ask why
and what it was for

By sword, by musket,
he performed his duty well
Once stood by his men with honor
till the last man fell
Marched a thousand miles
with the infantry
Led his men to battle
with unseen gallantry

Died his death upon his horse
Beneath the Earth
there lies his corpse
Gave his life to his great nation
Charged unto his death
without hesitation

It's been told from the land
and told from the sun
Though the soldiers are gone
our lives are just begun
The path has been paved
the story now read
Our lives have been shaped
by those who are dead

Bob Robinson '99

(Thank you Denny and Bob for the great story and poem. I e-mailed Denny so he could surprise his dad.)

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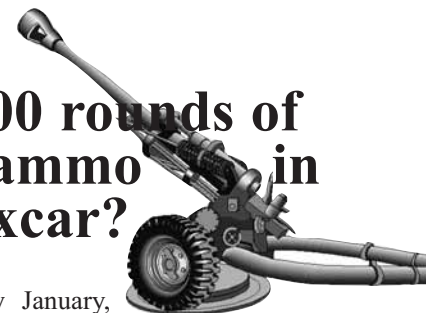
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25,000 rounds of 105 ammo in a boxcar?



In early January, of 1952, I was Division Transportation officer of the Third Infantry Division, As the Chinese usually attacked after midnight, I usually stayed up until after that, so that I was there if G3 or G4 called for the Reserve Battalion.

"We fired all fifty thousand rounds," he said "I could only ask, "Did you hit anything?"

On this night, about 12 or one AM, the phone rang. It was the Diverty 4, "Get me all the trucks!, the Chinese are pressing us and we need all the 105 ammo we can get!" I said, "OK", and hung up. As I put the phone down, I thought: (it will take a while, beginning now, to get the trucks and drivers from the QM, and the Artillery trucks but immediately, I remembered that I had driven up past the Ammo Supply Point, that afternoon and there were two red box cars in there. Grabbing the phone, I called the Ammo officer, "I saw two box cars in your place, what is in them? He said, "105s" I said, "Is the firing data with them? (I remembered from my ROTC days) He said, "Yes, it's ready to go!. I said, "Get ready, the little locomotive will be there in a few minutes, Divarty," I said, "they need them Pronto!" On the phone again I called the RTO at the trackside. "Can you get that little engine going right quick?" "Yes," he said. "Take it down to the ammo supply point and get the two box cars fast, up to Kyle Station". Then, one more call to the Divarty 4. "Send your 105s Battery trucks to Kyle Station, two box cars of 105s are on the way I suggest that you bring the battery trucks, instead of Service battery, so they can move it directly from rail to gun."

The next morning, as I went in the tent for breakfast, I said to him, "I don't want to hear any more "One O Five" from you for 6 months." "We fired all fifty thousand rounds," he said" I could only ask,

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such as the Nixon White House tapes and copyrighted newsreels.

Special Equipment

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on the hour

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8 am - 5 pm
on the hour

The R3 Metrobus, serving the Greenbelt, Prince George's Plaza, and Ft. Totten Metrorail green line stations, also stops at the College Park facility. It does not run on Saturday. For run times contact Metro at (202) 637-7000.

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12:15 pm 5:00 pm

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9:45 am 2:45 pm
10:45 am 3:45 pm
11:45 am 4:45 pm
12:45 pm 5:30 pm

(The above is a few years old and changes may have been made so please check with the National Archives for the latest rules and information.)

Thanks for Supporting The Graybeards

Many members have responded to the suggestion to temporarily help underwrite the cost of publication of *The Graybeards* by making voluntary contributions. This issue is still being printed considering cost restraints and due to change of printer and mailer we have been able to continue to reduce the cost per issue and also try to upgrade your newsletter.

Your heartening response has made this step possible. Hopefully we will be able to restore our newsletter to a higher quality with other desired changes in subsequent issues. Members please continue to

respond by sending your contribution to Editor KWVA, or Treasurer KWVA marked: **Support of Graybeards.** Every donation will be recognized in the magazine. Those that do not respond for any reason are still valued members, for your dues also contribute to the printing of our newsletter. Names listed came from those wishing to support KWVA by donations for: *The Graybeards*, "Looking For," "Reunions," and "In Memory of." At the time of publication the following names of donors and "Memorials" have been reported to *The Graybeards* and are listed as follows:

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Pfc. King - KIA
7th I. D. 32nd Reg.
(By Helen King Famuliner)

Taps

All of us in the Korean War Veterans Association extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.



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Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library — Progress Report

Museum Update - December 1, 1999



It seems like every day the TV stations are reflecting on the past as we approach the millennium. How will the future generations view the Korean War? If you rely on the history books, the 33,629 Americans that died, the 103,284 Americans that were wounded, and the 8,177 Americans missing in action is covered in a small paragraph. Forty-six years have past since the truce. Korea has not had a real peace. Small incidents happen all the time with North Koreans. The news just doesn't cover these stories unless they are of a great magnitude.

At the present time, the KWVA's Tell

America program is telling the story of the Korean War. Two generations are now living, our children and grandchildren who still to this day do not know what the Korean War was and how the United Nations came to the rescue of this small nation. Nor do they know about the great build up of troops in Europe at that time to stop the Russians from becoming more involved. It is our duty to educate the generations of the significance of the Korean War. This was the first battle of the Cold War and was the critical factor in the failure of communist theology. *Freedom is not Free.*

The KWVA can be an important part of this education. Now is the time for you to support the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library to be built in Tuscola, IL. Now is the time to prepare for when we can no longer do Tell America programs. Don't let your

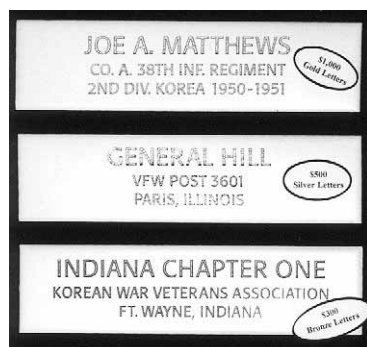
service experiences and those of your friends that were killed in Korea become lost forever. Your story and their story can be preserved in the museum and library. Through the use of the latest electronic tools, access to the Korean War story will be provided for everyone to know. It will be a place where the story continues forever.

Please don't let your efforts for the freedom of South Korea be lost forever. We need your help *now* to see that the Korean War Veterans Museum and Library becomes a reality. Please send in your membership and contributions to show your support for this project.

Robert Kenney, President

E-mail: kwmuseum@advancenet.net
Web Site: www.theforgottenvictory.org

Korean War Veterans National Museum Convention Center Wall Tiles



8" x 2" CONVENTION CENTER TILE

Tiles for the convention center wall of the National Museum are available for purchase in three categories:

\$300 - bronze tile; \$500 - silver tile; \$1,000 - gold tile.

Proceeds from the sale of tiles go into the building fund to purchase land and construct the national museum.

Three lines of text are available on each tile. Fill out the order form below to purchase a tile in your name or in memory of a special friend or veteran you would like to honor:

ORDER FORM

Check appropriate category: ☐ \$300 -bronze; ☐ \$500 -silver; ☐ \$1,000 -gold.

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Name, address, phone number of person ordering tile:

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Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Irvin L. Sharp

Lo and behold! the holiday seasons are with us again. Here we are in the month of November and we have already celebrated Veterans Day. Looking forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas is in the very near future.

Again, I would like to focus on Veterans Day, which is traditionally observed on November 11th. I'm sure we all recall from our youth that this day was originally known as Armistice Day.

The first Armistice Day was declared on November 11th by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919, 12 months after the end of WW I. Subsequently, President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill declaring November 11th an American holiday called Veterans Day to honor Veterans of all wars, not only those of the first world warfare. We commemorate our compatriots who fought so valiantly to keep Ole Glory "waving o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

We have now entered into our senior years and as we prepare for Y2K we will always keep the memories of the Korean War (our fallen buddies, the POW's and MIA's and our living comrades) in our hearts.

Again, for inspiration during the Christmas season, I recommend that each of you attempt to hear a performance of Handel's Messiah.

Always remember your blessings.

We ask God to bless the members of the Korean War Veterans Association and their families. My wife, Velma, and I wish you and your loved ones, **Happy Holidays!!!**

Thought for the Season

For unto us a child is born,
Unto us a son is given
And the government will be upon
his shoulders
And his name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty
God.
Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



President Harley J. Coon to seek re-election

I have been asked if I would run for another term. This past 2 years has been a challenge. I have enjoyed working with everyone on the board and the membership. I feel that working together we have put the KWVA on the right course. We are sound financially and "The Graybeards" has been the best veterans magazine. With the 50th Commemoration coming up, I would like to lead the Korean veterans during the next 2 years. We should work together to unite all Korean war-era veterans. I will ask for your support.

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Golf Shirts, T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts for Sale

Golf shirts — \$20.00 plus \$3 shipping (White Only)

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Shipping costs for 2 is \$3.00

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Order from or contact:

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Largo, FL 33779-5298

Telephone: 727-582-9353

Book ad

"The Korean War"

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Reunions

March 2000

4.2/7 Marines, 1st Marine Div. - Korea 1950 (Chosin Few) March 23-27 will hold a reunion at the Quality Inn, Branson, MO. Contact John M. Settle, 2236 Goshen Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN. 46808, tel: 219-484-3339 or Rob Hawkins, 6003 Willow Oaks Drive, Richmond, VA. 23225-2426, tel: 804-231-2279.

April 2000

73rd Tank Bn. and 73rd Armor reunion April 6-9 at the Holliday Inn North, Columbus/Ft. Benning, GA. Contact Curtis J. Banker 44 Westcott Road, Schuyler Falls, NY 12985-1940. tel: 518-643-2302

May 2000

U.S. Navy Crusier Sailors Assn.: May 3-7 at Henry VIII Hotel and Conference Center in St. Louis, MO Contact Bob Tallman, 6484 SW Burlingame Pl., Portland, OR 97201, Tel (503) 246-7550, fax: 503-246-8976, e-mail: bobbattall@juno.com or Carl T. Hartzell, 33 Redbay Ct. W., Homosassa, FL. 34446, Tel. (352) 382-1238, email: chartzell@xtalwind.net

June 2000

Korean War Marines June 1-4 at Sioux City Convention Center in Sioux City, Iowa. Contact Glen or Christina Callaghan, 112 N 8th Street, Mapleton, Iowa 51034 Tel: 712-882-1824

AP Transport Group - USS Generals Mitchell - AP114; Randall - AP115; Gordon - AP117; Richardson - AP118; Weigel - AP119; Hodges - AP144; Breckinridge - AP176 and USS Admirals Benson - AP120; Capps - AP121; Eberle - AP123; Hughes - AP124 and Mayo - AP125. Includes Coast Guard, Navy and Marines. Milwaukee, WI area June 1-4. Contact Chuck Ulrich, 35 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park, NY 11040-2339. Tel: 516-747-7426.

USS General Harry Taylor – AP145 June 1-4 at Olympia Resort and in Oconomowoc, WI. Contact Jim Bonnot, Jr., 312 Bellwood Ave., Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. Tel: 423-429-5698.

USS Noble APA-218 June 15-17 in Denver, CO. Contact Bill Murphy, 98 W

Albion Street, Holley, NY 14470-1062. Tel: 716-638-6060.

USS Warrick AKA89. June 18 - 21 in New Orleans, LA. Contact Loy W. Smith, 4349 Albury Ave., Lakewood, CA 90713. Tel: 310- 425-0236.

728th MP Bn. Korea. June 22-24 in Tuscola, IL contact Don Parido, 308 N White Street, Leroy, IL 61752. Tel: 309-962-7037.

Canada KWV June 23-25, in Ottawa, Canada at Crowne Plaza Hotel and Convention Centre. This will be the site of the Reunion, General Meeting and banquet. Located at 101 Lyon Street, Ottawa, 237-3600 or call toll free 1-800-567-3600. Contact C. I. Bordeleau, President National Capital Unit No. 7, 2-889 Bermuda Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, K1K-0V8. Tel: 613-745-2190, Fax: 613-745-2708.

September 2000

Osaka Army Hospital, 1950-1953. Former personnel and patients, Sept 16-20, at Doubletree Hotel, Santa Fe, NM. Contact Wilson A. Heefner, M.D., 7205 Park Woods Drive, Stockton, CA 95207-1409. Tel: 209- 951-4748.

October 2000

Reunion/Beach Bash for veterans of the **UN Partisan Forces, Korea** (8240 AU and associated units) at Panama City Beach Florida. October 18-22. Sponsored by Florida Chapter XXI, Special Forces Association. Contact Bob Dewey, PO Box 581, Fountain, FL 32438.

In reading other magazines I see that they charge for reunion notices. I hesitate to ask a member or a supporting organization of KWVA National to pay for reunion notices. Since we are in need of support at this time, I think it is appropriate to ask you to send a minimum donation of \$1.00 for each reunion notice. Again, this request is not mandatory. Please send notices directly to editor; make checks payable to KWVA National. Typed reunions preferred.—Editor

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United States of America Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War

Purpose

- Identify, thank and honor the veterans of the Korean War, their families, especially those that lost loved ones.
- Recognize and remember the Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA).— POWs: 7,140; Returned to Military Control: 4,418; Died in Captivity: 2,701; Refused to return: 21)
- Recognize the contributions of women and minorities to their Nation during the Korean War.
- Provide the American public with a clearer understanding and appreciation of the lessons, history, and legacy of the Korean War and the military's contributions to the Nation in maintaining world peace and freedom through preparedness and engagement.
- Remember United Nations forces engaged in preserving the peace, freedom and prosperity of the Republic of Korea and strengthen the bonds of friendship and relationships throughout the world focusing on the 22 countries that fought as Allies.

Commemorative Community Program

- States, Military and civilian communities, and civic and patriotic organizations will be requested to become Commemorative Communities to assist a Grateful Nation in thanking and honoring veterans in their home towns (to include hospitals, retirement centers, nursing homes, etc.), and supporting schools in teaching the history of this era.

For ordering Program Details contact: Department of Defense, 50th Anniversary of the Korean War, Commemoration Committee, 1213 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Ste 702, Arlington, VA 22202-4303 Tel: 703-604-0831 Fax: 703-604-0833.

Web Site: KOREA50.ARMY.MIL

Proposed Entitlements

- A certificate signed by the Secretary of Defense designating your state,



county, town, organization or group as an official "Korean War Commemorative Community."

- An official 50th Anniversary of the Korean War commemorative flag and leader lapel pin.
- Informational and educational materials pertaining to the Korean War, including maps, posters, fact sheets and a historical chronology.
- Authorization to use the 50th Anniversary logo on your letterhead, magazines, newsletters, and for other purposes.
- The "Korean War DISPATCH," a quarterly newsletter and a source of official information on Korean War Commemorative events.

Find a supporter or one that shows interest – then order.



Proposed Commemorations of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War



Event	Place	ODV	Date ((2000))
Hill 180 Memorial Ceremony & Wreath Laying	Osan, Korea	USFK	Fri Feb 4
National Memorial Day Concert	Capitol (West Lawn)	Nat'l Committee	Sun May 29
Memorial Day Breakfast and Wreath Laying	Wash DC/ANC/KWM	MDW	Mon May 30
Korean War 50th Anniversary Commemoration	Conference Ctr, Univ of Pittsburgh	Univ of Pittsburgh	Fri-Sat June 23-24
Hostilities Commence: National Commemoration	Wash, DC	Nat'l Committee	Sun June 25
Hostilities Commence: Inte'l Commemoration	Seoul, South Korea	USFK	Sun June 25
Korean Service Women's Commemorative Event	Wash, DC/ANC	Women's Memorial	Sun June 25
Korean War Documentary Film – <i>Fire and Ice</i>	The History Channel		Sun June 25
Dedication of Korean War Memorial	Columbia, SC	State of SC	Sun June 25
Task Force Smith	ANC	Suwon, South KoreaK	Wed June 28
Task Force Smith	Suwon, South Korea	USFK	Wed July 5
Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony	Korean War Memorial	KWVA	Thu July 27
40th ID Korean War Memorial Dedication	Vandenberg AFB, CA	CANG	Fri Sep 1
Breakout of Pusan Perimeter*	Taegu, South Korea	USFK	Wed Sep 13
Historical Symposium/Marshal Found'n & VMI	VMI	VMI	Wed-Fri Sep 13-15
Defense and Breakout of Pusan Perimeter	Norfolk	City of Norfolk	Fri-Sun Sep 15-17
Inchon Landing	Inchon	USFK	Fri Sep 15
Veterans Day Breakfast and Wreath Laying	ANC	VA	Sat Nov 11
Nations Parade	NYC	NYC	Sat Nov 11
Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir	US TBD	Nat'l Committee	Mon Nov 27
Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir	DMZ	USFK	Mon Nov 27
Hungnam Redeployment and Evacuation	Navy Memorial, DC	Nat'l Committee	Tue Dec 12
Evacuation of Hungnam	Pusan	USFK	Tue Dec 12

(See KWVA Web Page <www.kwva.org> and linked 50th Commemoration Web Page for updates)

Update Korea Revisit

By Warren Wiedhahn Chairman, KWVA Revisit, Pusan – Inchon – Seoul – “Chosin” 1950

Korea 2000 Update

So much has happened in both the U.S. and Korea recently that it's hard to know where to start! Probably the best place is with our annual July reunion in Mobile, Alabama. In attendance from Korea was LTG Yang, In Mok, ROKA (Ret.), MG Kim, Dong Ho, ROKAF (Ret.) and Major Lee, Yong-Sup, ROKA (Ret.). General Yang is the Chief of Staff of the ROK 50th Anniversary Committee which is chaired by our good friend and legendary Korean War hero, General Paik, Sun Yup, ROKA (Ret.).

General Yang briefed us thoroughly on the ROK plans for the commemoration years (2000-2003). He said that President Kim, Dae Jung, and the people of Korea, are determined to ensure that all Korean War veterans, regardless of country, (as well as their families and loved ones) are welcome and warmly received in Korea. General Yang said further that their government has approved millions of dollars to ensure that the international communities, as well their own brave veterans, are commemorated and thanked for stopping the spread of communism and saving their country in the early 1950's.

1999 Revisit Details

The initial 1999 Revisit quota was smaller than previous years primarily because of the recession in Korea. However, in the second half of the year, we received small increases so that most of the veterans that were on our waiting list could participate. 1999 wound up a good year for the U.S. KWVA Revisit Program.

2000 Details

There were some serious questions about whether the “Korea Revisit” program, as we now know it, would continue. The concern came about because of President Kim, Dae Jung's invitation for all Korean War veterans to return during the commemorative years. As you readers know, the official ROK “Revisit Program” has some restrictions as to who can and cannot participate. (This is a government-funded program, open only to veterans of the countries that participated in the war.)

The Good News

LTG Yang informed us that the Korea Revisit Program will continue in the year 2000 and probably will be approved through the year 2003, however, we do not have any idea yet what our quota will be. In the past, the quotas have been handed out in December or January. We will keep you posted on developments as they occur. In addition, the decision is still being explored in view of possible reduced cost tours being offered by the ROK 50th Anniversary Commemoration Committee. These tours are offered to additional Korean War veterans who still desire to visit Korea during the Anniversary years, but cannot take advantage of the official “Revisit Korea” program because they have participated in the past.

Future Planning

I personally will accompany General “Ray” Davis and a small group of U.S. Korea 2000 planners to Seoul in early December for a top-level meeting between the U.S. and ROK commemorative planning groups. We anticipate a much clearer picture to share with you upon our return.

Other U.S. Commemorative Tour Plans for Korea

Contained elsewhere in this magazine is the jointly approved Korea 50th Anniversary commemoration plans for the year 2000. Should you and/or your unit desire to return to Korea during any of these six events, please fill out our revisit form and send it to me at Military Historical Tours, in Alexandria, Virginia. If you call us, please ask for George Malone or Bill Alli, two of my most trusted associates. Many of you know George, since he has lead numerous KWVA Korea Revisit tours to Korea and China since 1996. Bill is also a Korean War veteran (1952-53), and a member of KWVA. He returned to Korea for an orientation and familiarization visit in November.

In conclusion, all Korean War veterans can return together and with their families and friends to Korea! Your heroic deeds will be commemorated during the anniversary years and all of us at *Military Historical Tours* look forward to helping make this possible!

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 _____

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Other _____

Primary Unit of service during Korean War

Submitted by _____

Relationship to deceased _____

Send to: Membership, P.O. Box 10806, Arlington, VA 22210

KWVA Members and Friends

Visit the KWVA web site at: [HTTP://www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)

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“Did you hit anything?” “Yes, we counted 3,000 this morning.” For many years I have been trying to find an artillery-man who can tell me: Can 25,000 rounds of 105 shells be put in a 4-wheel Korean box car? Could the battalion have fired 50,000 rounds without burning out the barrels?

I'd like to hear from anyone who was there that night; I've had trouble getting people to believe what I tell them. I honestly believe that the ammo was moved from ASP to Kyle station in less than an hour. Anybody have any facts? Contact LtCol. (R) Robert E. Wallace, 950 Torchwood Drive, DeLand, FL, 32724

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High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds, - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air....

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew –
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

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