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Washington, D.C.

The following from the Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Association is given for the month of January 2015.

To: President and Board of Directors for the Korean War Veterans Association

**RECRUITMENT:**

- Over this past month I have received many suggestions from Korean War Veterans on how they would recruit Korean War Veterans and Korean Defense Veterans into the KWVA.

A new Chapter in the State of Pennsylvania has been sent to the membership office. The name of the chapter is: **GEN. JOHN H. MICHAELIS CHAPTER # 32**

Mike Glazzy LR05656 writes: *Are ROK veterans eligible to become members of the KWVA? If not, why not?* Also see Mike Glazzy's strategy paper which is also attached to this report

George E. Lawhon LR18750 writes "*IT'S TIME FOR A NAME CHANGE*". Please see his attached letter to this report.

Jack Cloman writes: *The best means to sign up Korean Defense Veterans is to have them sign up while serving in Korea. This would be the best and most efficient way them to join the Association.*

Mike Glazzy LR05656 writes: *Has the Korean War Veterans Association ever thought of establishing social media accounts such as "Facebook", Twitter, etc...? It would appeal to the younger generation of Korean Defense Veterans.*

"**The Chosin Few**" association voted at their annual meeting this month not to consolidate their organization under the Korean War Veterans Association. They may consider revisiting this proposal next year.

The Recruitment and Membership Committees are considering these suggestions for discussion at the March meeting.

- There was an interesting comment made to me during my monthly meeting with LTC JS Hong, assistant Defense Attaché for the Republic of Korean Embassy. He stated that Major General Shin, Defense Attaché for the Republic of Korean Embassy was interested in starting an association for "Korean Defense Veterans". He was under the impression that they could not join the KWVA. I informed LTC Hong that this was not the case at all and that the KWVA is **actively** pursuing Korean Defense Veterans into the KWVA.

I also informed him that the KWVA is looking at a motion to change their name from Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) to Korean Veterans of America Association (KVAA). He stated that he thinks MG Shin would approve very much of letting Korean Defense Veterans join the KWVA and that we are considering changing the name.

- I received the following email from Ms. Stephanie Zanelotti, Co- Chairman of the 2015 Chesapeake Beach Stars and Stripes Festival (CBSSF). It reads as follows:

*I am contacting you as we get closer to the 2015 Chesapeake Beach Stars and Stripes Festival (CBSSF) to inquire about your input and participation in our Korean War themed Festival.*

*We are in search of the following for the Festival that we hope you can help out with or point us in the right direction to accomplish our honoring of the fallen heroes of the Korean War.*

1. *Korean War Veteran Speaker for Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 10:00 am at our Veterans' Memorial Park in Chesapeake Beach, MD (southern Maryland about 40 minutes south of Washington, DC)*
2. *Korean War displays of war collections - anyone who would like to present a video and/or speak (Saturday and/or Sunday)*
3. *Museum displays (last year the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund was involved by bringing the traveling Wall That Heals Museum)*
4. *Participation by a group of Veterans who might want to have a table with our non-profit organizations to share information about the war or a specific organization, etc.*
5. *Any and all suggestions welcome*

*Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. I look forward to hearing back from you.*

*Stephanie Zanelotti*  
*CBSSF Co-Chair*  
[sasz\\_cbssf@comcast.net](mailto:sasz_cbssf@comcast.net).

This request is being passed on to the Recruitment and Membership Committees for consideration in participating in this event.

#### **EVENTS/MEETINGS:**

- The KWVA Spring Board Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2015 at the Sheraton Pentagon City hotel located at 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204.

All the Directors have RSVP'd and will be attending this Board Meeting.

We have a room rate of \$99.00 a night for March 26-27, 2015 with a departure date of March 28, 2015. Please do not make reservations. Reservations have been made. Once you check into the hotel please pay with your credit card. They have your name on the list.

[http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=829&language=en\\_US](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=829&language=en_US)

- The Defense Attaché for the Republic of Korea Embassy, Major General Shin has graciously invited the KWVA Board of Directors for Dinner on Friday, March 27, 2015. The dinner will take place at his residence: **1315 Summerwood Court, McLean, VA 22102**, starting at 6:00PM.

- Transportation from the hotel to his residence and back is being worked on as we speak. Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can get a firm count to his caterer.
- **REMINDER!!** If you have agenda items for the March 27, 2015 Board Meeting, please have them submitted on STANDARD PROCEDURE MANUAL (SPM-005 R004a), SPM FORM 4.6-1 to the Secretary of the Board of Directors, Mr. Frank Cohee, no later than February 20, 2015.
- The Committee for the July 22-27, 2015 events met with the National Park Service (Robbin Owen) and the National Park Police on January 22, 2015 to discuss the events of July 25 and 27, 2015 at the Korean Veterans Memorial.
  - The flyer I previously sent to you is attached. Please share this with your chapters, and fellow Korean War veterans.
  - Dr. Jongwoo Han, President of the Korean War Legacy Foundation and the Korean Youth Corps will also be staying in the DoubleTree Hotel during July 22-27, 2015. They will have approximately 70 college and high school students attending their workshop.
  - It looks good for Saturday, July 25, 2015 for both the Commemoration event (10:00AM - 12:00PM) and the start of the reading of the names at the Memorial (July 25-27, 2015).
  - The Park service will provide the VIP Chairs for the Official Party and the podium. The following logistic items will be provided by KWVA/KVWMF.
    1. Wreaths - 22 Allied nations and United States Wreath
    2. Sound System
    3. Chairs for audience - 700
    4. Water for audience - 1000 bottles
    5. Programs - if desired
    6. Invitations to VIPs
    7. Reserved seating placards
    8. Bus support for Korean War Veterans

Since none of the above listed items are in our budget, we are seeking sponsors and donations to help KWVA and the KVMF pay for these items. If you have any interested parties that would like to donate, please let me know.

- Robbin Owen requested that we meet every other month to provide updates on the following items:
  1. VIPs in attendance
  2. Master of Ceremonies - I will find an appropriate MOC
  3. Embassies that will be represented
  4. Military Support needed for the event
  5. Transportation Plan
  6. Timed Sequence of events
  7. Script
- Reading of the Fallen: At the conclusion of the official ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on July 25, 2015, commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War and the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Korean War, the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation will conduct the first ***“Reading of the Fallen”*** of the Korean War.

These readings will start at 1:00PM on July 25, 2015 and run through 12:00PM on July 27, 2015. All of the names of the fallen that died in Korean theater of war will be announced.

The names of the fallen will be read by state. The Foundation are seeking individuals (Korean War veterans, members of Congress, families of the fallen, military officials, and others) to read a minutes worth of names from the podium. The Foundation is planning to record all of the names by state on CDs so that if the individual states might like to consider using the CDs to have a ceremony at their state memorials.

The names will be read on the following dates and times:

July 25, 2015 – 1:00PM – 10:00PM

July 26, 2015 – 6:00AM – 10:00PM

July 27, 2015 – 6:00AM – 12:00PM

At the end of each day (10:00PM) Taps will be played. If there are not enough people to read the names, the CDs will be playing the names over the speakers that will be set up at the Memorial.

- In the Works: The ground breaking for the new “Chosin Few” Memorial is tentatively slated to take place during the week of July 22-27, 2015 at Quantico Marine Base next to the Marine Corps Museum. As soon as we hear the finalized plans we will pass them on to you for dissemination.

### **FUND RAISING:**

- Thomas Mc Hugh, Director Chairman Fundraiser Committee has published the annual flyer for the Korean War Veterans Fund Raiser. The document is attached to this report. The price per ticket is \$20.00 for a chance to win one of the following prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$2,500.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize- \$1,000.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00

4<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00

Deadline for ticket sales will be October 15, 2015 with the drawing taking place on Veterans Day, November 11, 2015 in Washington, D.C. Winners will be notified in Greybeards and on the KWVA website [www.kva.org](http://www.kva.org)

### **LEGISLATIVE:**

- Due to the Holiday break and the recent State of the Union address, no meetings were scheduled with members of Congress.
- Many of you have mentioned that you personally know members of Congress or someone on their staff. I understand that you cannot visit these officials in Washington, D.C. to state our cause.
- I am requesting that you send me the name and contact information of your contacts that you mentioned so that I can set up a meeting with the member of Congress or his staff and present our needs and seek their support. I need to start knocking on doors so that the Korean War Veterans Association can continue to move in the right direction.

### **THE KOREAN CULTURAL CENTER WASHINGTON, D.C**

- Some of you may have already received this information, but I am passing it along for those who have not. The Embassy of the Republic of Korea is pleased to share with you our latest booklet of upcoming cultural programs for January-March, 2015.

- Since 2010, the Korean Cultural Center Washington D.C. has strived to inform and communicate the spirit of Korean culture to the American society through a variety of activities. Through mutual cultural exchange, the Korean Cultural Center Washington D.C. has exerted much effort in strengthening mutual understanding and friendly relations between Korea and the United States.
- [Download the complete program booklet in PDF here](#)
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## **WETA - Public broadcasting for Washington –Documentary on the Korean War**

In November I was contacted by a friend of mine who works for WETA television here in Washington, D.C. He is one of the producers for the filming department. They are planning to produce a four hour documentary film on the Korean War. It will cover from World War II up to what the present situations are in both North and South Korea.

This four hour documentary will be shown over four evenings on National television. They would like to air the documentary for sometime in 2017 – 2018.

My friend has requested that we provide him with Korean War veterans who wish to be interviewed pertaining to their participation in the Korean War. He made one stipulation. He would like only those Korean War veterans who have not been public interviewed on television before. He is looking for stories that have not already been aired to the American public.

If you know of a Korean War Veterans who has a story to tell and has not already have told it on another film documentary, please let me know and I will pass it on to WETA. I will need their contact information so that WETA can contact them.

- WETA is the leading public broadcasting station in the nation's capital, serving Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia with educational, cultural, news and public affairs programs and services.
- WETA's mission is to produce and broadcast programs of intellectual integrity and cultural merit that recognize viewers' and listeners' intelligence, curiosity and interest in the world around them.
- WETA is one of 354 television stations that make up the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). [WETA TV 26](#) reaches 1.3 million Washington area viewers in an average week who tune in for broadcasts of [children's programs](#), news and public affairs, history and culture, and science and nature programs. WETA's other channels include WETA HD, WETA UK, and the WETA Kids Channel.

Respectfully submitted,

*James R. Fisher*

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