



**THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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MONTHLY REPORTS FOR March 2016
Washington, D.C.

The following from the Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Association is given for the month of March 2016.

1. **MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT REPORT:** Submitted by
Mr. John "Sonny" Edwards - As of March 29, 2016

New members recruited past 30 days	55
New members recruited YTD	164
New members recruited LYTD	181
Active members LYTD	14,222
Active members TYTD	13,489
Decrease	733

Deceased comrades reported JAN-96, FEB-124, Mar-100 = Total 320 YR.
Departments recruited 4 or more past 30 days. FL-9, IL-4, NV-6, PA-4, TX-4, VA-4.

2. **AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE MEDAL PRESENTATION:** Due to schedule changes in General Shin's calendar, the ceremony scheduled for presentation of the Korea Medals of Peace in Los Angeles, California, is now scheduled to take place on Saturday, April, 23, 2016. The site of the ceremony will be the Angels Gate Park. This site is near the Korean Friendship Bell and Pavillion. This event will be presenting to approximately 100 American Indian Korean War

Point of contact for this ceremony is Mr. Don Loudner, Korean War Veteran and President of the American Indian Veterans Association of the USA. His contact info is as follows: Phone: 605-770-7106 email: poisonarrow32@yahoo.com

3. **ELECTIONS:** Chairman of the Elections Committee, Albert H. McCarthy has published in the next copy of the Greybeards magazine the ballots for those seeking election to the following positions: Korean War Veterans Association President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and four Directors.

- President to serve from June 25, 2016-June 25, 2018
- First Vice President to serve from June 25, 2016-June 25, 2018
- Second Vice President to serve from June 25, 2016-June 25, 2018
- Four (4) Directors to serve from June 25, 2016-June 25, 2019

The following members of the Korean War Veterans Association have applied to run for the following positions:

- President: Mr. Thomas Stevens
- 1st Vice President: Mr. Warren Wiedhahn and Mr. George Covell
- 2nd Vice President: Mr. Jeffery Brodeur and Mr. Stanley J. Grogan
- Directors: Mr. Dave Clark
Mr. William Bishop

Mr. George Bruzgis
Mr. Paul Cunningham
Mr. Luther W. Drappen
Mr. Bruce Harder
Mr. Wilfred Lack

PLEASE VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE!!!!

4. **LEGISLATIVE:** Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act of 2015
Introduced in Senate (08/05/2015)

Authorizes a Wall of Remembrance, as part of the previously authorized Korean War Veterans Memorial, to include: (1) a list by name of members of the U.S. Armed Forces who died in theater in the Korean War; (2) the number of members who were wounded, listed as missing in action, or prisoners of war; and (3) the number of members of the Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army, the Republic of Korea Armed Forces, and the other nations of the United Nations Command who were killed, wounded, missing, or prisoners. Prohibits using any federal funds to construct the Wall.

List of Senate Cosponsors	Date Cosponsored
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]*	08/05/2015
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	09/08/2015
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	09/08/2015
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	09/10/2015
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	09/16/2015
Sen. Toomey, Pat [R-PA]	09/22/2015
Sen. Durbin, Richard [D-IL]	09/24/2015
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	09/28/2015
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	10/21/2015
Sen. Tillis, Thom [R-NC]	10/27/2015
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	10/27/2015
Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]	10/27/2015
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	10/27/2015
Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL]	11/03/2015

List of Senate Cosponsors	Date Cosponsored
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	11/03/2015
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	11/03/2015
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	11/04/2015
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	11/09/2015
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	11/16/2015
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	11/30/2015
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	12/15/2015
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	02/02/2016
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	02/04/2016
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	02/11/2016
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	02/23/2016
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	03/01/2016
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	03/15/2016

Former legislation H.R. 5903 “To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat recipients of the Korea Defense Service Medal as war veterans for purposes of determining whether contributions to posts and organizations of war veterans are charitable contributions.” Mr. David Eiselsberg and Mr. Jett Thompson whom both work in Representative Sam Johnson’s are in charge of making this H.R. happen quickly. They stated to us that after H.R. 1475 is through mark-up, they will be putting a “full court press” on to make the old 5903 legislation up to date.

Congressman Johnson strongly stated that he will be personally pushing this legislation through. He firmly believes that it will be passed.

He also stated that he will need **ALL OF OUR HELP** in reaching out to his colleagues on the Hill encouraging them to support this Bill.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that when the new House Resolution is ready to be introduced **ALL KOREAN WAR VETERANS, DEFENSE VETERANS AND FAMILIES** will need to flood their Congressman’s office with requests to support this new House Resolution (HR). We will keep you informed once the new HR is published.

We will be publishing a one page fact sheet on this legislation with talking points to share amongst all our members and chapters to say when contacting their Congressmen and women.

5. **2016 ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD MEETING:**

As we all know, we will be heading to Las Vegas Nevada for our annual Korean War Veterans Association Membership meeting and Biannual Board Meeting.

- The dates for the meetings will be October 10-14, 2016.
- The venue for the meetings will be the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, 4000 West Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV.
- The website for the venue is: www.GoldCoastCasino.com
- Room Rates are as follows:

Deluxe Rooms

Sunday- Thursday \$35.00 plus tax and resort fee = \$53.75
Friday & Saturday \$99.00 plus tax and resort fee = \$125.43

Premium Rooms

Sunday – Thursday \$42.00 Plus Tax & Resort Fee = \$ 61.58
Friday & Saturday \$ 114.00 Plus Tax & Resort Fee = \$ 142.23

- To make reservations on-line go to <http://www.goldcoastcasino.com/groups>
- To receive your special KWVA group rate, you will need to enter the assigned **Group Reservation ID: A6KOREA**
- If you are calling to make reservations, please call 888-402-6278 and identify yourselves as members of a group convention. **Group Reservation ID: A6KOREA**

SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **CUT-OFF DATE** September 9, 2016 – It is HIGHLY recommended that you make your reservations now. We are expecting a large contingent of Korean War Veterans and their families to attend this year.
- Parking is free
- Swimming Pool and Jacuzzi is free
- 73 Lane Bowling Alley on site
- Restaurants on site:
 - Cortez Room
 - Ping Pang Pong
 - Noodle Exchange
 - Port O'Call Buffet
 - T.G.I. Fridays
 - Red Zone
 - Java Vegas Coffee
 - Bowling Snack Bar
- Free shuttle bus every 30 minutes to the Las Vegas Strip and back to the hotel
- Shuttle Bus to and from airport \$9.00 each way
- Day trip/tour to the Hoover Dam and Grand Canyon
 - Evening show on the strip. To Be Determined
- Major General Shinn and his wife have already RSVP'd along with that they will be attending.
- Minister Park (MPVA) and Congressman Kin have received invitations to attend.

6. **REVISIT TO KOREA PROGRAM:** Quotas for the Revisit to Korea Program are now published. Please contact to 1st Vice President Warren Wiedhahn or to Mr. Jamie Wiedhahn if interested when the tours are being conducted.
7. **POW/MIA Report:** On Thursday, March 31, 2016, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) -Family, Veterans, and Military Organizations Teleconference. DPAA Director Michael Linnington, conducted his monthly teleconference with Veterans Service Organizations and families of those still Missing in Action. The purpose of the teleconference is to discuss DoD's past conflict personnel accounting mission and the continued progress of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. The agenda for the teleconference was: Update on Personnel Accounting Mission (Director Linnington), Operational Update (Deputy Director BG Spindler), and Q&A. Mr. Rocky Harder represented the Korean War Veterans Association, USA.
8. **HONOR FLIGHTS:**
The Honor Flight statistics for 2015 have published. A large percentage of Korean War Veterans are included in these figures:

20,886 **TOTAL** Veterans flown on Honor Flights in 2015

9,946 WWII Veterans

8,382 Korean War Veterans

2,423 Vietnam War Veterans

65 Veterans from Other Conflicts

19,093 **TOTAL** Guardians flown in 2015

130 Active Honor Flight Hubs

44 States with active Honor Flight hubs

159,703 **TOTAL** Veterans flown since 2005

107,527 **TOTAL** Guardians flown since 2005

21,032 Veterans still on waiting lists

20% WWII Veterans

43.5% Korean War Veterans

36% Vietnam War Veterans

0.5% Veterans from Other Conflicts

The 2016 Honor Flight schedule is attached to this email

9.

TELL AMERICA PROGRAM:

The Map Poster of the Korean War continues to be requested. The map is available to those participating in the Tell America Program. If you would like maps for your presentations, please contact:

Director Roy Aldridge
Chairman, Tell America Program
6544 Grand Ridge, Dr
El Paso, TX 79912
Phone: 915-581-4725
email: Royaldridge@sbcglobal.net

10. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Submitted by the Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Fred Lash.

- Prepared and distributed news release (sent out on March 4th) regarding the KWVA leadership's meeting with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)
- Interviewed incoming KWVA president Tom Stevens for upcoming *Graybeards* article....currently drafting the article
- Prepared KWVA's response to incident involving a member at a Trump rally in Louisville, KY
- Responded to numerous calls from members and reporters regarding this same issue
- Interviewed by two Louisville area radio stations, focusing on KWVA's official position on the Al Bamberger issue
- Assisted Associate Press journalist Eric Talmadge who was writing an article regarding the Korean War remains still in North Korea
- Advised President Larry Kinard in preparation for his televised interview by AP regarding the above issue
- Forwarded applicable information regarding the KWVA to the Department of Florida for its publication
- Continuing to coordinate a Marine Corps Association-sponsored book signing event for author Adam Makos and his novel, *Devotion*....to be co-sponsored by the KWVA
- Writing article for *Foreign Policy* magazine focusing on KWVA member George Lampman and his years in South Korea, Japan, and China

11. **EMBASSY NEWS:** Ambassador Ahn is planning a possible visit to Ann Arbor, Michigan in the near future and requested that I identify the nearest Korean War Veterans Association Chapter near Ann Arbor and some names of Korean War Veterans who live in this area. No further information given at this time as to whether there will be a trip and what the trip is for. I provided the information as requested.

12. **FUND RAISING:** Director Tom McHugh has published the 2016 flyer for the Korean War Veterans Associations annual fund raiser. The goal for 2016 is to raise \$70,000.00 to be applied toward administrative costs to run our organization. PLEASE help and sell the fund raising tickets below.



"Freedom Is Not Free"



1950-1954



1954-Present



KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION INC.



KWVA Coins - \$20
Bulk Sales 25/50 Available



Winners to be drawn at October banquet 2016.
Donation \$20 for each ticket. To enter this fundraiser,
complete the attached form. Winners will be
announced on www.KWVA.org and in the Greybeards.



Special KWVA Coins - \$20
20th Anniversary Memorial

Deadline for ticket donations is Sept 15, 2016

Super Cash Prizes!

1st Prize
\$1,500

2nd Prize
\$1,000

3rd Prize
\$1,000

4th Prize
\$1,000

5th Prize
\$1,000



FIVE ALL CASH PRIZES FIVE HAPPY MEMBERS
This (ALL CASH DRAWING) will allow the winners to: Enjoy life.
Go on vacation. Buy a rifle. Fix a car. Get an item of your choice.

Most importantly, SUPPORT THE KWVA

For more tickets, copy or go to www.KWVA.org For applications click "HOW TO JOIN" link

KWVA INC. Korea War and Korea Service Veterans

Contact: Thomas Mc Hugh, Director Chairman Fundraiser Committee, tomchugh@msn.com for info.

Make check payable to: KWVA or Pay by Credit Card | Visa | Master Card

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date ____/____/____ V-Code _____

You need not tear the page out of the Greybeards magazine. You may copy the page and send tickets with your payment to: KWVA Membership Office, P.O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407

Return this ticket with donation of \$20

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Membership No: _____

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13. GENERAL NEWS:

- Executive Director attended the 2016 NAE Legislative Summit on Monday, March 21, 2016 at the Capitol Hill Club.
- President Larry Kinard will be the keynote speaker at the State of Florida's Korean War Veterans Association State Meeting on April 16, 2016.
- President Kinard and his wife along with Director Tom Stevens and his wife have been invited to Korea by Elder Kim of the Sae Eden Presbyterian Church in Seoul Korea to attend the annual Remembrance Day commemorating the start of the Korean War. The event will take place during the week of June 18 – 23, 2016. A group of MIA/POW families from the United States will also be attending the ceremony
- There has been a **change of date** to the **KWVA Virginia State** meeting that was originally scheduled Saturday, 16 April 2016. The meeting will be held at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond, VA at **1:00 on May 14 2016**. Much more information will be forthcoming about the Meeting but the immediate concern is to get the applications for the Ambassador of Peace Medal and the DD214s in time to be processed by the Korean Embassy.

This email is going to every KWVA member who has a email address listed on the National Roster, Active and Inactive alike. We are also advertising to Korean War Veterans who have never been affiliated with the KWVA. The Medal is being given as an expression of gratitude for the sacrifices you made to secure and ensure the on-going freedom of the people of the Republic of Korea. We will be grateful to you for sharing the attached information with any veteran who meets the criteria.

I have provided my email, twhit35@gmail.com. Please get the information to me as soon as possible as the Embassy will need at least 30 days lead time.

PLEASE CHANGE THE NLT DATE BELOW TO: 7 APRIL 2012.

- Time is running out for those individuals planning to come to Washington, D.C. over the Memorial Day weekend, I have secured rooms at the Comfort Inn located on South Glebe Road in Arlington, VA. The room rate for one night is \$119.00 plus tax. This rate also includes a FULL American breakfast each day, transportation to and from Reagan International Airport, free parking and van transportation to the METRO station. I will need to know **SOONEST** if you would like for me to secure a room for you at this hotel. This rate applies for May 28th, 29th and 30th with departure on the 31st.
- If any Korean War Veterans would like to march in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. on Monday, May 30, 2016, Please let me know soonest. If any KWVA Chapter Honor Guard would like to march in the one mile long parade, I need to know ASAP. We have 3 - Jeeps, 1- ¾ ton truck and 1 - 2 ½ ton truck for Korean War Veterans to ride in during the parade.
- The Republic of Korea's Army Chief of Staff will be visiting Washington, D.C. on Monday, April 13, 2016. He is scheduled to present a wreath at the Korean War Veterans Memorial at 4:30PM on this day. The Army Chief of Staff is requesting five United States Army veterans from the Korean War to attend the wreath presentation and have dinner with his and MG Shin immediately following the

wreath presentation. The following Korean War Veterans will be attending this event: COL Bill Weber, Mr. James Butcher, Mr. John C. Phillips, Mr. Jack Cloman and Mr. Earl A. House.

- On April 13, 2016, the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal (BCGM) will be unveiled to the public at the United States Capitol by Congress. The National Committee is the nationally appointed Congressional Medal Liaison created to identify the veterans who served in the 65th Infantry Regiment and help organize the Ceremony and other activities which will take place to honor the Borinqueneers.
- Mr. Les Bishop and KWVA Chapter 312 are planning to host a regional get-together of Maryland and Virginia Korean War Veterans Association chapters. The gathering will be conducted on April 13th 2016. The address for the Funkstown American legion Post 211 is: 12 N. Westside Dr, Funkstown, MD 21734.

The plan is: We will open the doors at 11AM for a social time. Please arrive when you can. There will be beverages available and we can just chat and renew friendships. It has been a long time since we have gathered and we need to catch-up on things. At noon (1200), there will be a light lunch buffet (no menu yet) and we are going to ask for a small donation to cover costs (probably \$5). After lunch, we will introduce some special guests, big wigs or just anyone who has something to share with the group. This is not a meeting, but since we haven't been together for a while, I am sure there is some good information to be shared.

The address is:

From the east: Take I-70 West to Exit 32 (Rt 40 – Hagerstown). Go to first traffic light (approx 1 1/2 mi) and turn left (Edgemont Dr). Go approx 2 mi to first traffic light and turn right. You are now in Funkstown and it is not that large! Go thru town to second traffic light and turn right. The Legion is almost immediately on your left. Dive around back to Dining Room entrance.

From Virginia and the west: Take I-81 to I-70 to Exit 29B toward Hagerstown. There is a light almost immediately as you come off the ramp, so counting that light go two more lights and turn right, There is a Sheetz on the far corner as you turn right. Go approx 2 – 3 mi. As you wind down into Funkstown, you will cross one lane bridge over Antietam Creek. The Legion is on your left right after you cross the bride. If the wire is down, you can enter there or go up to the traffic light and turn left. The Legion is on you immediate left. Please go around back to the Dining Room entrance.

If none of this is clear, my cell # is 240-382-0289.

- I have been informed by the 65th Infantry Regiment Task Force (Borinqueneers) out of New York City that they will be submitting 25 applications for the ROK Ambassador for Peace Medals to be presented at a banquet on April 23, 2016 in New York City. They have reached out to me to see if MG Shin can come to the banquet and present the medals to these Korean War Veterans. I informed MG Shin's staff that they may be receiving an invite to do this.

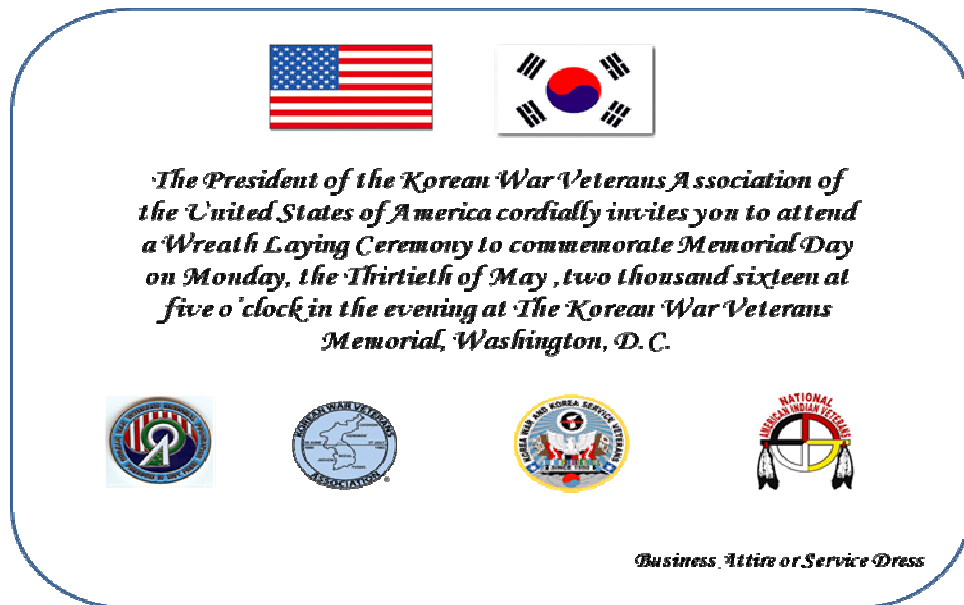
Met with MG Shin, LTC Lee from the Republic of Korea's Embassy along with COL Bill Weber, Mrs. Weber and COL Rick Dean to discuss the fund raising efforts for the maintenance fund to take care of the Korean War Veterans Memorial, which is in need to some repairs. We also discussed the ceremony to honor the KATUSAs on June 25, 2016 and the two Gala's to raise money for the KWVMF maintenance fund.

14. **UPCOMING EVENTS:** All Korean War Veterans, Korean Defense Veterans and Korean American War Veterans are allowed to participate in the parade. Anyone with vintage Korean War vehicles are also welcomed to participate.

The parade will be nationally televised on a cable station and for the Armed Forces Network around the world.

Additional areas covered in our monthly meeting were:

- Memorial Day in Washington, D.C. Monday, May 30, 2016
 - 2:00PM – 4:00PM – National Memorial Day Parade – Washington, DC- Constitution Ave from 7th-17th Street, NW. Parade website: <http://www.americanveteranscenter.org/avc-events/parade/>
 - 5:00PM – 6:00PM – Wreath Presentations at the Korean War Veterans Memorial
 - a. Wreath Presentations by:
 - ~ Korean War Veterans Association
 - ~American Indian Veterans of the USA
 - ~Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation
 - b. Bugler to play Taps
 - c. Performance by “Operation Song” - Bob Regan <http://www.operationssong.org>
 - d. Performance by “Rocky Lynn” <http://www.rockielynne.com>
 - e. Remarks by: Larry Kinard, Don Loudner, COL Weber and MG Shin



- Korean Memorial Day Ceremonies – Saturday, June 25, 2015.

The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation in partnership with The Embassy of Korea will conduct a memorial ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 9:00AM. This year’s ceremony will pay tribute to the Korean Augmentation Forces (KATUSA’s) who fought with the United States during the Korean War and continue to work side by side with American Forces in the Republic of Korea. KATUSA’s from both the United States and the Republic of Korea will be in attendance for this special event. The children’s choir from the Far East Broadcasting Company-Korea will be performing at both of these events at the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

- Armistice Day – Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 10:00AM. A wreath presentation and a special speaker will be commemorating the Armistice of the Korean War with a ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on Wednesday, July 27, 2016. Korean War Veterans who reside in the surrounding Washington, D.C. area are encouraged to come to this special event.
- Peace Vigil - Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 10:00AM. Miss Hannah Kim from Congressman Rangel's office will conduct her annual Peace Vigil at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on July 27, 2016 at 6:00PM. All Korean War Veterans are encouraged to attend.
- Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation Fund Raising Gala: Tuesday, October 4, 2016, Building Museum, Washington, D.C. Gala is raise money for the maintenance program at the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

15.

CONCERT IN NEW YORK CITY

- **Dr. Billy Kim**, Chairman of the Far East Broadcasting Company-Korea "Christ to the World by Radio" will be conducting a concert at 7:30PM, Carnegie Hall in New York City on Friday, June 24, 2016. President Larry Kinard and his wife will represent the Korean War Veterans Association along with over 140 Korean War Veterans and their wives at the concert.
- This organization was founded by American Missionaries just prior to the war breaking out. They hold American Korean War veterans in high esteem. This group is legit. I have researched them and they are above board. They have conducted numerous concerts in the past in the United States honoring our Korean War Veterans.
- They have invited all Korean War Veterans and their families to attend a free concert in their honor at Carnegie Hall in New York City.
- Mr. Sal Scarlato is the KWVA point person for this event. I consider him our liaison with New York City. Sal will take the lead in getting Korean War Veterans and their wives to attend the concert.

16. Annual Management Overview KWVA Veterans Affairs Voluntary (VAVS) FY 2015 – Report submitted by Director J.D. Randolph- VAVS Director/National VAVS Representative

The Fiscal Year 2015 Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) performed with flying colors. The General Membership should be proud of our volunteers who provide support to all veterans. We do have shortcomings:

- In a few States, we need more support from the State Departments and their Chapters getting more volunteers involvement.
- Over the last five years we have decline in numbers of volunteers by 38% and volunteer hours by 23%.
- We can overcome this problem, by getting more families and friends to volunteer and put their hours to the KWVA. Anyone can put their hours to the KWVA-317 and we get credit for their hours.
- Our shortcoming is that we do not have VAVS Representative and volunteers in many of the major VA Medical Centers. We can improve with all Chapter President having VAVS Representatives in the Major Medical Centers and Outpatient Clinics.

This year we are still supporting Youth Volunteers (16 to 18-year-old High School Student) during summer vacation. The student volunteered 575 hours at the VA North Texas Health Care

System and is part of the regular scheduled hours.

- 248 Members Volunteered in the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) that services both the VA Health Care System and the VA National Cemetery's.
- 23,580 Regular Scheduled Hours.
- 641 Occasional Hours.
- Total of 24,221 Hours with an average of 97.6 per person, plus VAVS Representative and Deputies Representatives part of the local VAVS committee attendance with 448 Hours with a total Volunteers Hours of 24669. Using the VA's Monetary Value based on \$23.28 per hours we were able to save the VA\$574,294.32.
- We also gave cash donation a total of \$24,000.00.

The top four (4) Chapters with the most hours are as follows:

- Chapter 270 Dallas VA Medical Center 4,671 hours \$ 108,740.88.
- Chapter 14 and 159 Florida Bay Pine VA Healthcare System \$74,728.80
- Chapter 171 New York Harbor Health Care System 1,983 hours \$46,164.24
- Chapter 177 Muskogee Jack Montgomery VA Medical Center 1,882 hours \$43,822.96

The total of all organizations both VA National Advisory Committee (NAC) and Non-NAC hours exceeded over 10,000,000 hours or 128 hours per volunteer.

We can improve by having more KWVA representation and volunteers in more VA Medical Centers. We presently have volunteers in 70 facilities with only 45 facilities with KWVA VAVS Representative and Deputies.

17.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship committee has done another wonderful job in presenting the qualifications for the 2016 American Veterans of Korea Foundation scholarship program. Please make distribution to families, students and schools who can use this scholarship. Please note the deadline as to when ALL applications are due to the committee. (April 15, 2016)

AMERICAN VETERANS OF KOREA FOUNDATION Honorable KIM, Jung Hoon, Chairman Korea Veterans Scholarship Program

The Korea Veterans Scholarship Program is an outreach of the American Veterans of Korea Foundation (AVKF), a foundation founded by the Honorable Representative Kim, Jung Hoon, member of the Republic of Korea National Assembly. The AVKF's mission is to provide support to American Veterans of Korea and their families in appreciation for the selfless sacrifices of United States veterans for Korea's peace and freedom during the Korean War and to honor their legacy.

Scholarship Program

This Scholarship Program consists of multiple \$2,000 non-renewable scholarships. The funds may be used for any term during the next academic school year following receipt of the scholarship. Although this scholarship is not renewable, the applicants may reapply for the scholarship in subsequent years.

Qualifications

- The applicant **MUST** be a descendant (child, grandchild, or great-grandchild) of a Veteran of Korea who is a Regular Member, currently in good standing, of the Korean War Veterans Association. Descendants of deceased veterans are eligible to apply with proof of Veterans service.

- Must be a citizen of the United States.
 - First year students must have a Letter of Acceptance as a full-time student from the applicant's university or college.
 - Must be pursuing an Associate, Bachelor, or Advanced Degree in any discipline.
 - Must have a minimum 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. GPA stated on application must be verifiable from transcript. High school and college transcripts must be submitted and must have school name printed on it.
 - For high school students entering college this is cumulative GPA for grades 9-11 and first semester of 12th grade.
 - For students currently at a freshmen level in college it is cumulative GPA for grades 9-12 and first semester of college.
 - For college students who are sophomores or higher, it is their college transcript for all semesters completed.
 - Must submit a 200-400 word personal essay entitled, *“My future goals and aspirations and how I can use my college education to help achieve them”*.
- Descendants of current Korean War Veterans Association officers and board members and descendants of members of the Scholarship Selection Committee are not eligible.

Deadlines: All scholarship applications and requested materials must be submitted via US Postal Service and **RECEIVED** by April 15, 2016.

- The Scholarship Selection Committee will not acknowledge receipt of applications. For verification that it was received, send the application via U. S. Postal Service Certified Mail.
- Faxes or emails will not be accepted.

Notification to Recipients

All scholarship recipients will be notified by June 1, 2016. Only recipients will be notified. Checks will be delivered to the Financial Aid Officer at the recipient's college or university to be credited to the student's account.

No notification means the student did not receive the scholarship.

All decisions made by the Scholarship Selection Committee will be final.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at a banquet to be held either in the Washington, D. C. area in July 2016 or at the KWVA Annual Meeting Banquet that will be held in October 2016 in Las Vegas, NV. Scholarship recipients will be notified of the date and location of the recognition banquet at a later date. Although attendance at the banquet is not mandatory, scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend. Underage recipients are encouraged to travel with an accompanying adult.

Required Materials

The following items are required to complete the application process. These items must be submitted in a single envelope in the order listed. All items received separately will not be considered.

- Application – must be on the original form, printed legibly or typed and signed.
- Essay – must be typed (double spaced) consisting of 200-400 words.
- GPA – submit all applicable high school and college transcripts.
- First year student's Letter of Acceptance.
- Proof of service for applicant's deceased Korea Veteran ancestor.

Mailing Address

American Veterans of Korea Foundation
Scholarship Selection Committee
310 Clay Hill Drive
Winchester, VA 22602

**AMERICAN VETERANS OF
KOREA FOUNDATION
Korea Veterans Scholarship Program**

Application Form for Academic Year 2016-17

Student Information

Applicant's Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Name of Applicant's Korea Veteran Ancestor _____

Applicant's Relationship to Veteran _____ KWVA Member # _____

Note: If Applicant's Ancestor is deceased, applicant must provide proof of service.

College or University Information

School the student will be attending or is currently attending on a full-time basis leading to an Associate, Bachelor or Advanced degree.

In the 2016 Fall Semester I will enroll as a:

() Freshman () Sophomore () Junior () Senior () Advanced Degree

School _____ Degree Sought _____

School Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Financial Aid Officer _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Current Information

Cumulative GPA (as described on information sheet) _____/4.0 scale.

In the space provided in each of the following categories, list your activities, leadership positions held and honors/awards received.

Scholastic Activities

In-School Extracurricular Activities

Community Activities

Employment History including Military Experience

By my signature, I certify that all information and documents included in my application for this scholarship are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, my signature certifies I understand that if the terms of the scholarship are violated, the scholarship will be withdrawn. (Terms: I understand that I must be officially accepted for enrollment in 2016 classes at the school stated.)

Signature _____ **Date** _____

- Prayer List:
 - Director J.D. Aldridge – presently going through medical tests for undetermined illness.
 - Mrs. Virginia Edwards (Sonny’s wife) – Cancer – Chemo – Healing
 - Sonny Edwards – Recovery from shingles
 - COL Bill Weber – recovery from a broken leg, new prosthesis
 - Director George Bruzgis – Continued strength in recovering from lack of circulation in leg.
 - Director Richard Brown – continued healing of his heart condition
 - Director Thomas Stevens – Recovering from pneumonia
 - Director Thomas McHugh – Recovery from surgery
 - Director Tine Martin’s wife – recovery from recent heart surgery

It is an honor to work with each of you and I hope we continue to look forward to continuing our progress in the coming year.

May God Bless our Korean War Veterans, our Korean Defense Veterans and our families and may God continue to Bless the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Fisher

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Korean War Memorial in Washington in great need of supports from South Korean and the U.S. private sectors

March 3, 2016

“Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.’s National Mall is a very symbolic place but is lacking fund to pay for its maintenance cost. I am asking South Korean and the U.S. private sectors for their supports to fund the memorial.”

Mary Grigsby Urquhart, director of special events at the U.S. Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, said during the interview she had with Maeil Business on March 3 that she was “very touched and felt once again the generosity of Koreans”. She expressed that “Korean companies I met couple of days ago have actively expressed their willingness to support by saying ‘this is the right thing to do’ and asking ‘what can we do to help?’”.

Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation is planning to hold a fundraising event in Seoul in July this year. Another event is also scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C. towards the end of this year for individuals and companies in the United States. Meanwhile, Samsung Electronics has already made USD 1 million donation to the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation last October.

Mrs. Urquhart was working as Los Angeles community activist when she decided to join this cause after hearing a story from one of her close friends. She felt that it was a “new task“ for her to lead when her friend told her, “my brother is a war hero who was awarded two silver medals and most of the war veterans are aging and may pass away any time. It makes me very angry that we can’t even maintain the War Memorial”.

She explained that, “I realized I had to use my ability to help reach out to more people about this problem” and added, “many of the public establishments in the United States are being operated with financial supports from the average American people and it was natural for me to get involved in this fundraising project given my vast experience in volunteer works”.

A book issued by the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation is titled 'Forgotten No more'. The title expresses its regret for the Korean War being forgotten from the general public. It seems that the lack of fund to pay for the maintenance cost of the Memorial is also a reflection of this sad reality. Mrs. Urquhart said, “average American does not really know about the Korean War” and stressed, “the most important task of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation is to make sure the U.S. veterans who are already at least 86 years old receive the public acknowledgement before they pass away”. She said, “the Korean War is not talked about in the United States in neither positive nor negative way” and pointed out, “it is very different from the Vietnam War which is being portrayed in many movies and various art forms”. Mrs. Urquhart also added that it is “shocking” that “so few people are reminded of the Korean War even with so many current issues we are facing surrounding North Korea(its nuclear weapon)”.

She has much expectation from the building of ‘Wall of Remembrance’ which was passed by the House of Representatives last week. It is expected that the U.S. government will put it into motion this summer once the similar bill is passed by the Senate. Mrs. Urquhart said, “the names and the flags of the countries that fought in the war will be carved on the Wall of Remembrance” and projected that once the ‘Wall of Remembrance’ law comes into force, it will help raise social awareness about the Korean War through media in the United States. “If we can get a celebrity to help urge people to take part in supporting the building of the ‘Wall of Remembrance’ just as Tom Hanks came out on TV to help support building Vietnam War Memorial, it will be a good opportunity for patriotic sacrifices made by the Korean War veterans to be acknowledged”.

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Korean War Veterans Association Annual General Membership Meeting



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