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**MONTHLY REPORTS FOR May 2016**

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

1. **MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT REPORT:** Submitted by Mr. John “Sonny” Edwards - As of May 30, 2016

New members May 2016	55
New members May 2015	50
New members TYTD	271
New members LYTD	312
Active members LYTD	14077
Active members TYTD	13404
Decrease	673

Deceased comrades TYTD 510

\*Note 107 reported the past 30 days

Departments with 4 or more new members  
May 2016 CA-6 FL-10 NY-5 OH-6 IL-4

Please make plans for your Chapters & Departments  
to make recruiting a top priority the next two Months.  
I thank each of you for your support.

Thanks to each of you for your Prayers and e-mails for my wife

2. **AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE MEDAL PRESENTATION:**

3. **ELECTIONS:** The Chairman of the Elections Committee, Director Albert H. McCarthy has published the results of this year’s election for Officers and Directors in the Korean War Veterans Association.

<u>Office</u>		<u>Votes</u>	<u>Winner</u>
PRESIDENT	Thomas W. Stevens	1,752	X
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	Warren Wiedhahn	1,144	X
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	Jeffrey Brodeur	1,166	X
<b>DIRECTORS:</b>			
	George Bruzgis	964	X
	David J. Clark	873	X
	Paul Cunningham	1,100	X
	Luther W. Dappen	1,094	X

#### 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.**

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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Warren Wiedhahn or to Mr. Jamie Wiedhahn if interested when the tours are being conducted.

- **Announcing the 2016 Peace Camp For Youth -21–28 July 2016**

With the 65th Anniversaries of the Korea War commemorations continuing this year, the Republic of Korea (ROK) government has made the decisions to once again commemorate not only the veterans from all the United Nation Countries and their contributions to saving their country from Communism, but to welcome all the veteran's grandchildren to Korea on a very special program in July. Called the "Peace Camps for Youth" (PCFY), this program was a huge success in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 & 2015 and we have quotas to continue the program this year.

General information & requirements:

1. Participant must be a Grandchild or Great-grandchild of a Korean War Veteran in a college program.
2. Be at least eighteen (18) years old (waivers for 17 year-old high school graduates.)
3. Grade Point Average of 2.5 required.
4. Be in "relatively" good health since some physical hiking/walking is involved.
5. Have a current passport.
6. There are forty quotas and it will be first come, first served. The group will have a tour escort.

7. All expenses for the grandchild while in Korea, will be paid for by the ROK government (Double occupancy.) Each participant will receive subsidized air to Korea. (The ROK Government will pay a 50% portion of both the domestic & international roundtrip airfare.)
8. A service charge of just \$250 is required for administrative handling, U.S. tour escort, ticketing, health and disability insurance (required by the ROK government.)

All programs are conducted in English. See the attachment and application to this email.

7. **POW/MIA Report:** Submitted by Mr. Rocky Harder, KWVA POW/MIA Coordinator.

On May 5, 2016, I represented the KWVA at DPAA's monthly teleconference meeting with Veterans service organizations, Family Groups, and other POW/MIA groups. This was the second DPAA teleconference meeting with KWVA participation. The meeting started promptly at 2:00 PM lasted for approximately 45 minutes. As usual, DPAA will prepare their notes from the teleconference meeting they hosted. When I receive a copy of the DPAA meeting notes I will pass them along. I recommend we consider publishing the DPAA meeting notes on a regular basis in our Graybeards Magazine.

Director Mike Linnington provided a summary of his recently completed trip to China (April 25-29, 2016) and the Republic of Korea (April 29-May 1). Director Linnington said the talks with the China PLA Archives about the archival research cooperation program searching for information about unaccounted-for U.S. personnel from past wars went well, but he was disappointed that the Chinese asked the U.S. to postpone the joint field activity in Liaoning Province scheduled to take place in May 2016. This mission was to investigate cases of unaccounted-for U.S. servicemen from the Korean War. A new scheduled date for the mission was not provided, but is expected to be announced soon. Director Linnington said his talks with the Chinese focused on ways to improve the archival research arrangement between the U.S. and China. Director Linnington said his visit to the ROK went very well. While he was in Seoul, the U.S. repatriated the remains of 15 ROK servicemen from the Korean War (most of them KATUSAs) which had been recovered during past joint field activities in North Korea between 1996 and 2005. At the same ceremony, the ROK repatriated the suspected remains of two U.S. soldiers from the Korean War, which had been recovered in the ROK by South Korean MAKRI (Ministry of Nation Defense for KIA Recovery and Identification) teams over the past year. Those U.S. remains are now in the DPAA laboratory in Hawaii undergoing the identification process.

During the meeting DPAA provided a world-wide summary of current operations underway to search for the remains of unaccounted-for U.S. servicemen from past wars and the results of the most recent family outreach meeting which was held in Austin, Texas on April 16, 2016. Of note, a DPAA investigative team has been deployed to the ROK to work with the ROK's MAKRI team to search for U.S. servicemen missing from the Korean War. Also, 83 Korean War family members attended the meeting in Austin, which was the highest number of family members from any of the past wars at that meeting. The next DoD family outreach meeting is scheduled for May 14 in Boston, Massachusetts.

DPAA announced that a new director has been hired for External Communications at DPAA. Details will be provided in their report.

I asked two questions at the end of the teleconference meeting. The first one was if they had a new date for the joint investigative mission in Liaoning Province in China. The answer was not yet. The second question I asked was during the recently completed talks with China if DPAA discussed with the PLA Archives Department if they had engaged the Ministry of Public Security regarding records they might be holding from the POW camps in North Korea during the Korean War. The answer to that one was that the PLA Archives said they were still working the issue with the Ministry of Public Security.

- **Army Sgt. Billy J. Williams**, 20, of Madisonville, Texas, was buried May 17 in Madison County, Texas. On Feb. 14, 1951, Williams was assigned to 2nd Reconnaissance Company, 2nd Infantry Division, when his company was attacked by Chinese forces in the vicinity of Chuam-ni, North Korea. He was declared missing in action after the battle. It would be later learned he had been captured, but died in captivity in April 1951.

dam to power the Chongchon River No. 10 Hydroelectric Station.

North Korea began construction of the plant about four years ago. In the process, digging in the area of the village of Ryongyon-ri, some 100 miles north of Pyongyang, uncovered a substantial number of bones. According to an *Associated Press* report, they could represent from 70 to 100 sets of remains.

At this point, there is no evidence that the remains are those of U.S. troops, or even humans. Skeptics say that North Korea is using construction of the dam as leverage for restarting talks to resume U.S. remains recovery operations and collecting payment for them.

Joint U.S.-North Korea recovery teams collected 229 sets of American remains during 33 operations from 1996-2005. The U.S. stopped the searches when the safety of its members could not be guaranteed. Then, six years later, the U.S. broke off talks to restart the program when North Korea conducted a ballistic missile test.

Maj. Natasha Waggoner, a spokesman for the Pentagon's Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), told the *Associated Press* in March that there is no schedule "at this time" to resume talks.



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY CPL. CODY W. TORRELLSON

**The remains of Army Sgt. Wilson Meckley are transferred at Reagan National Airport, Va., April 1, 2016. Meckley was assigned to A Co., 1st Bn., 32nd Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div., during the Korean War. He was reported missing near the Chosin Reservoir on Dec. 2, 1950.**

DPAA says Kujang County could yield up to 1,600 sets of remains. Almost a dozen searches were conducted there between 1998-2000. DPAA says it continues to be "committed to achieving the fullest possible accounting" of Korean War remains in a "humanitarian effort for our missing servicemen, their families and the American people."

DPAA noted that as of March 21, 2016, a total of 7,820 Korean War GIs remain unaccounted for.

## Korean War Remains Recovery in Jeopardy

Construction of a hydroelectric plant in North Korea could thwart efforts to recover up to 1,600 sets of remains of missing U.S. Korean War soldiers.

A valley in Kujang County that was the site of major Korean War battles in late 1950 will eventually be flooded after the communist country builds a

8. **HONOR FLIGHTS:** The Honor Flight schedule for the month of May is HUGE. Please see the attachment for the list of days and the Honor Flights that will be attending on these days. If you can make it out to the KWV Memorial to greet them, I know they would be very appreciative.

A THANK YOU TO Miss Hannah Kim (Congressman Ragel's office and MG Shin (Republic of Korea Embassy and Ms. Michelle Won

THE HONOR FLIGHT SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2016 IS LISTED BELOW.

5/30	HF Houston	25	5/30	5/30	Ashley French
			10:00 AM	11:15 AM	817-690-6300
	HOU		11:00 AM	12:00 PM	<a href="mailto:contactus@honorflighthouston.org">contactus@honorflighthouston.org</a>
6/2	Honor Flight Northern NM	27	6/2	TBD	Sonya Williamson
			TBD	TBD	469-878-7370



	ABQ		TBD	TBD	<a href="mailto:honorflightnm@yahoo.com">honorflightnm@yahoo.com</a>
6/3	Honor Flight DFW	42	6/3	6/3	Tudy Giordano
			3:40 PM	5:00 PM	214-597-6119
	Love Field		4:40 PM	5:30 PM	<a href="mailto:tudygio@verizon.net">tudygio@verizon.net</a>
6/4	HF Houston	25	6/4	6/4	Ashley French
			10:00 AM	11:15 AM	817-690-6300
	HOU		11:00 AM	12:00 PM	<a href="mailto:contactus@honorflighthouston.org">contactus@honorflighthouston.org</a>
6/4	RI Fire Chiefs Honor Flight	24	6/4	6/4	George Farrell
			10:30 AM	12:15 PM	401-741-7999
	PVD		12:00 PM	2:00 PM	<a href="mailto:gsf799@aol.com">gsf799@aol.com</a>
6/4	HF Columbus	82	6/4	6/4	Susan Barr
			12:00 PM	1:30 PM	740-272-0612
	CMH		1:15 PM	2:45 PM	<a href="mailto:HonorFlightRN@gmail.com">HonorFlightRN@gmail.com</a>
6/4	Leatherstocking Honor Flight	48	6/4	6/4	Greg Furlong
			12:15 PM	4:00PM	518-366-9296
	ALB		1:30 AM	5:00PM	<a href="mailto:gfurlong1@nycap.rr.com">gfurlong1@nycap.rr.com</a>
6/4	HF North Country	14	6/4	6/4	Joe Staves
			1:00 PM	1:00 PM	518-569-4185
	NCHF		3:00 PM	3:00 PM	<a href="mailto:cstaves@charter.net">cstaves@charter.net</a>
6/4	Talons Out Honor Flight	85	6/4	6/4	Bobbie Bradley
			TBD	TBD	269-719-6931
	AZO		TBD	TBD	<a href="mailto:bjbradl04@gmail.com">bjbradl04@gmail.com</a>
6/6	HF Bay Area California	26	6/6	6/7	TBD
			9:00 AM	9:00 AM	TBD
	SFO		10:30 AM	10:30 AM	TBD
6/7	Greater Peoria Honor Flight	80	6/7	6/7	Margaret Hanley
			10:30 AM	12:00 PM	309-472-1703
	PIA		11:30 AM	1:00 PM	<a href="mailto:business@gphonorflight.org">business@gphonorflight.org</a>
6/7	Greater St. Louis HF	23	6/7	6/7	Rolando Lopez
			11:30 AM	1:15 PM	314-226-5713

	STL		12:45 PM	2:30 PM		<a href="mailto:info@gslhonorflight.org">info@gslhonorflight.org</a>
6/7	HF of West Central Florida	80	6/7	6/7		Gary Dombrowski
			12:30 PM	2:30 AM		727-858-1837
			2:00 PM	3:30 PM		<a href="mailto:gfd@tampabay.rr.com">gfd@tampabay.rr.com</a>
6/7	Honorflight Bluegrass, Louisville	85	6/7	6/7		Doug Foster
			10:50 AM	12:30 PM		502 767 4240
	SDF		12:20 PM	2:00 PM		<a href="mailto:quietman9@twc.com">quietman9@twc.com</a>
6/8	HF Chicago	105	6/8	6/8		Mary Pettinato
			12:35 PM	2:00 PM		773-495-2278
	MDW		1:45 PM	3:10 PM		<a href="mailto:mpettinato@honorflightchicago.org">mpettinato@honorflightchicago.org</a>
6/11	HF Cleveland	24	6/11	n/a	BWI 6/11	Joe Benedict
			8:45AM	n/a		216-225-5841
			n/a	n/a		<a href="mailto:krbjeb@sbcglobal.net">krbjeb@sbcglobal.net</a>
6/11	HF INLAND EMPIRE	21	6/11	6/11	BWI 6/10	MARK SITAR
			9:00 AM	10:45 AM		909-376-3639
	ONT		10:30 AM	12:15 PM		<a href="mailto:marksitar@verizon.net">marksitar@verizon.net</a>
6/11	TLC/Lone Eagle	56	6/11	6/11	BWI 6/10	Jim McLaughlin
			9:00 AM	10:45 AM		614 558-6220
	A/P varies **		10:30 AM	12:15 PM		<a href="mailto:chairman@honorflight.org">chairman@honorflight.org</a>
6/11	Franklin County HF	36	6/11	6/11	BWI 6/11	Dave Henroid
			10:45 AM	12:15 AM		636-399-9722
	STL		12:00 AM	1:30 PM		<a href="mailto:dhenrod@yahoo.com">dhenrod@yahoo.com</a>
6/11	Stars & Stripes HF	90	6/11	6/11	DCA 6/4	Paula Nelson
			1:00 PM	11:30 AM		262 305-6424
	GMIA Milwaukee		1:45 PM	12:15 PM		<a href="mailto:paulanelson19@gmail.com">paulanelson19@gmail.com</a>
6/14	Flag City Honor Flight-Ohio	85	6/14	N/A	BWI 6/11	Deb Wickerham
				11:30 AM		N/A

			3:00 PM	N/A		<a href="mailto:redwick80@aol.com">redwick80@aol.com</a>
6/16	KANSAS HONOR FLIGHT	26	6/16	6/16	BWI 6/15	Mike VanCampen
			9:00 AM	10:00 AM		620-546-3509
	(ICT/STL)**		10:00 AM	10:45 AM		<a href="mailto:mvincamp@sctelcom.net">mvincamp@sctelcom.net</a>
6/18	HF Rochester	62	6/18	6/18	BWI 6/18	John Burns
			9:00 AM	10:20 AM		585-410-3257
	(ROC)**		10:00 AM	12:00 PM		<a href="mailto:jjbnymets@frontoernet.net">jjbnymets@frontoernet.net</a>
6/18	Great River HF	35	6/18	6/18	BWI 6/18	Barry Cheyne
			12:00 PM	10:30AM		703-395-5324
	STL (St. Louis)		1:00PM	11:45AM		<a href="mailto:cheyneb@comcast.net">cheyneb@comcast.net</a>
6/18	HF North Country	14	6/18	6/18	BWI 6/18	Richard Cutting
			1:00 PM	1:00 PM		518-569-9672
	NCHF		3:00 PM	3:00 PM		<a href="mailto:rcut01@yahoo.com">rcut01@yahoo.com</a>
6/19	Honor Flight New England	65	6/19	6/19	BWI 6/19	Joe Byron
			TBD	TBD		603-682-9456
	Boston		TBD	TBD		<a href="mailto:honorflightnewengland@gmail.com">honorflightnewengland@gmail.com</a>
6/21	NCK Honor Flight	35	6/21	6/21	DCA 6/20	Beverly Mortimer
			8:00 AM	9:15 AM		785-243-0836
	MCI		9:00 AM	10:00 AM		<a href="mailto:bmortimer@usd333.com">bmortimer@usd333.com</a>
6/21	LAND OF LINCOLN HF	80	6/21	6/21	DCA 6/21	JOAN BORTOLON
			10:15 AM	11:30 AM		217 652 4719
			11:15 AM	1:00 PM		<a href="mailto:JMB4604@AOL.COM">JMB4604@AOL.COM</a>
6/23	KANSAS HONOR FLIGHT	26	6/23	6/23	BWI 6/22	Mike VanCampen
			9:00 AM	10:00 AM		620-546-3509
	(ICT/STL)**		10:00 AM	10:45 AM		<a href="mailto:mvincamp@sctelcom.net">mvincamp@sctelcom.net</a>
6/25	HF Nevada	45	6/25	6/25	BWI 6/24	Jon Yuspa
			12:00 PM	1:45 PM		410 727-1144
			1:30 PM	3:15 PM		<a href="mailto:Jon@honorflightnv.org">Jon@honorflightnv.org</a>
6/25	Space Coast Honor Flight	25	6/25	6/25	BWI	Tim Olson



			12:20 PM	1:30 PM	6/25	321-482-4539
	MCO (Orlando)		1:30 PM	2:00 PM		<a href="mailto:tim.olson1234@gmail.com">tim.olson1234@gmail.com</a>
6/28	Greater St. Louis HF	23	6/28	6/28	DCA 6/28	Rolando Lopez
			11:30 AM	1:15 PM		314-226-5713
	STL		12:45 PM	2:30 PM		<a href="mailto:info@gslhonorflight.org">info@gslhonorflight.org</a>
6/29	Central Valley HF (CA)	70	6/29	6/29	BWI 6/27	Al Perry
			9:30am	3:00pm		(559) 970-9853
	**		11:00am	3:45pm		<a href="mailto:alperry559@gmail.com">alperry559@gmail.com</a>

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: [Royaldrige@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Royaldrige@sbcglobal.net)

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

- Prepared and released a news release that detailed the various events that were KWVA-related, taking place on Memorial Day, May 30
- Sent out approved news release to more than 30 reporters and editors; followed up with them one week prior to the events
- Prepared and released a news notice regarding the appointment of KWVA's newly elected officers and directors
- Assisted a reporter with *The Washington Times* in gathering information and obtaining interviews with KWVA President Larry Kinard, Jim Fisher, and others; article was published on May 26
- Continued with interviews of KWVA member George Lampman for a forthcoming article in *The Graybeards* that regards his service in Korea, Japan, and China prior to, and during, the Korean War
- Attended chapter meeting at Funkstown, MD in April and provided assembled members with a brief overview of KWVA national-level news an ongoing issues; assisted a local Hagerstown reporter with a newspaper article about the meeting, which ran a few days later
- Attended a chapter meeting in Springfield, VA in May and briefed the members present on current issues of interest and plans for Memorial Day
- Assisted in coordinating press activities at the Memorial Day events on May 30; interviewed by WJLA (Channel 7) at the Korean War Veterans Memorial prior to events that day
- Photographed events on Memorial Day, including Korean units participating in the National Parade and the Remembrance Ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial
- 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

## **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 will provide the information as it becomes available.
- The Director of Public Affairs at Korea Economic Institute of America (KEI) based in Washington, DC. KEI is a not-for-profit think-tank established in 1982 devoted to promoting dialogue and understanding between the U.S. and South Korea. They organize a lot of outreach programs in DC as well as throughout the country to educate & promote the importance of US-ROK alliance. They are currently planning an outreach trip to Louisiana with Ambassador Ahn Ho-young, the Korean Ambassador to the U.S. in mid-June. They will visit the Korean War Memorial located in Metairie, LA and lay a wreath to show our appreciation of those served on Korean War.

**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](http://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**



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**KWVA INC. Korea War and Korea Service Veterans**

Contact: Thomas Mc Hugh, Director Chairman Fundraiser Committee, [tmruchugh@msn.com](mailto:tmruchugh@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: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this ticket with donation of \$20

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### 13. GENERAL NEWS:

- 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
- 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](mailto:twhit35@gmail.com). Please get the information to me as soon as possible as the Embassy will need at least 30 days lead time.

### 14. UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **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.
- **KWVMF Fund Raising Galas**: Thursday, July 7, 2016 at the Sheila Hotel in Seoul, Korean and on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, Building Museum, Washington, D.C. The Gala is to raise money for the maintenance program at the Korean War Veterans Memorial.
- **CHANGE OF DATE: San Francisco Korean War Memorial Dedication**: Opening Ceremony Monday, August 1, 2016, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, Lincoln Boulevard at Sheridan Avenue, The Presidio, San Francisco. Here is the update posting on the KWVMF website: <http://www.kwvmf.org/memorial-opening-ceremony/>. The change was necessitated by conflicting events in San Francisco, as well as by schedule conflicts for several of the guest speakers. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Warren Wiedhahn will represent and give remarks on behalf of the Korean War Veterans Association, USA. All veterans and their families, as well as friends, supporters and members of the media are invited to participate. For additional information, or to request an invitation, contact Eleanor Zapanta at, 415- 921-1933 or Email: [eleanor@kwvmf.org](mailto:eleanor@kwvmf.org).
- **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.
- **Congressional Reception**: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 in the evening there will be a reception in Congress. More details to follow!

- **Peace Vigil** - 9th annual Remember727's Armistice commemoration and Peace Vigil will take place on Saturday, July 23, 2016 from 6-8pm in front the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool. It will of course include a wreath laying at the KWV Memorial. Miss Hannah Kim from Congressman Rangel's office is the person in charge of this very special event. All Korean War Veterans are encouraged to attend.
- **CHANGE OF DATE:** General Olmstead has informed the Korean War Veterans Association that the **Chosin Few Memorial Dedication** has been moved to Thursday, September 15, 2016 at Quantico Marine Corps Base (Museum).

15. **VETERANS DAY 2017:** - submitted by L T WHITMORE, KWVA National Director, Chairman, Ceremonies Committee
- On 31 May 2016 Jim Fisher and I attended and participated in a Veterans Day Planning Meeting of the Polish League of American Veterans. Representatives of the Catholic War Veterans Association (at whose National Headquarters we met) and of Blind American Veterans Association also participated. Mr. Edward Brooks, KWVA, sat in as observer. This was the 3rd meeting of this committee which is charged with planning for the Veterans Day Observance at Arlington National Cemetery on 11 November 2016 when the PLAV will be the **HOST VSO.**

Our urgent interest in this planning lies in the necessity for the Korean War Veterans to prepare for Veterans Day, 2017 when we will be Host VSO.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and agenda items included:

- Review of quotes from caterers for Reception. Polish food items were included in the menu and reflected in the quotes of just under **\$32,000 (this includes all taxes and usage fees)**. This represents the largest single expense.
- Logistics of setting up the reception area to provide informative information regarding the PLAV, membership applications, National Service Director on Benefits available to veterans. Volunteers to "man" the tables, greeters and personnel to check the names of guests against the issued invitations. (Must meet restrictions and/or rules set by VA) Signage and its display.
- Invitation Cards for the reception.
- Ordering Lapel Pins for reception attendees and possibly members who will be unable to attend.
- Reception location. Women in Military Service Memorial Building. **RENTAL FEE: \$1,500,00** (SUBJECT TO CHANGE).
- Determination of Need for a Specific Checking Account for the 2016 Veterans Day Event with the requirement that 2 signatures be required for all checks. ( This item makes clear that a Fund Raising Committee was already in place.)
- Hotels and Transportation needs for Departments. Consideration of "Specials" such as tours and monument visitations. Several area lodging sites had been visited and were discussed.
- Seating for the Ceremonies at Arlington Amphitheater and Bus information. Early arrival for PLAV is encouraged because of expected crowds. Amphitheater seating is limited and opens to the public on a "first come-first seated" basis after 8:00AM

Agenda items for the 5/31/16 Meeting included:



- Reminder that the (KWVA) President's Planned Remarks must be reviewed well in advance of the event.
- White House Breakfast Tickets will be limited to two (2) per VSO.
- Security Badges on Lanyard will be issued to PLAV attendees and will serve as entry passes to the reception. Invitations will be sent or issued to others.
- Further discussion of Reception Menu which will include Beer and Wine. Updated catering costs are now estimated at **\$36,974.10**.
- Further discussion of Decorations, Signage and Applications. Plans to show short video in the Theater Area.
- Determination that 8 buses would be required to transport attendees from the amphitheater to the Women's Pavillion.
- Determination that NVD Pins would be issued only to those who are in attendance.
- Fund raising continues with emphasis on donations and issuance of Special Bulletins.

I will copy and send the above referenced PLAV 12 November 2015 minutes (and the 5/31/16 minutes as well when I receive them). I will also send a copy of the Veterans Day National Committee Host Organization Responsibilities (MOAA. 2015) and the Planning Document of Military Order of World Wars (2011).

I am sending this information without comment, or suggestion at this time. I will add these when I forward the above mentioned items. In the interim I request Jim Fisher and Ed Brooks to correct any errors or clarify any of the above.

### **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.

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### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

#### **KASF Scholarship for Descendants of American Korean War Veterans**

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To express our gratitude to these Veterans for their sacrifices, KASF-ERC will offer their descendants an opportunity to apply for a scholarship. KASF-ERC scholarship program will recognize outstanding students who have demonstrated outstanding talents and potential for success. Awardees will receive a check of \$2,000 scholarships from KASF and be able to attend the KASF-ERC Award Ceremony & Banquet in Washington, D.C.



## Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

### The applicant should be:

1. Direct descendants of an American Korean War Veteran who served in Korea from June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955 (Korean War Era, as designated by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs)
2. Enrolled as a full-time student during the 2016-2017 academic year
3. Attend a school located in the KASF Eastern Region: DC, DE, IN, KY, MD, NC, PA, VA, & WV

### Timeline

Applications Available Online: **April 1, 2016**

Application & Recommendations Deadline: **July 8, 2016** (Postmarked by)

Announcement of Awardees: **August 2016**

Award Ceremony: **September 2016**

### How to apply

Complete the application form online at <http://www.kasf.org/eastern>

If you have any questions, please contact us at [erc.scholarship@kasf.org](mailto:erc.scholarship@kasf.org)

*Founded in 1969 by a small group of concerned Korean American community leaders in Washington, D.C., KASF began as a local organization with limited focus and funding resources. However, with the dramatic growth of Korean immigrant communities in the U.S. and ever increasing need for financial aids for Korean American students, KASF became a national organization in 1989. While headquartered in Washington D.C., KASF has six regional chapters in Washington D.C., Los Angeles, New York, Atlanta, Chicago, and Detroit (see states that are covered by each regional chapters). While all regional chapters operate under a single KASF bylaws, each chapter operates independently to raise funds, manage educational/cultural programs, and to award scholarships.*

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### 17. JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER ~ AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF KOREA VETERANS ASSOCIATIONS - Thought you might like to see what is taking place down under!

This newsletter welcomes the new Consul-General of the Republic of Korea Mr Yoon Sang Soo and his wife Mrs Shin Hee Young; we look forward to working with him and wish them both a happy and productive tour

of duty based in Sydney. It covers the change to the date of the NSW Premier's reception for veterans of the Korean War and families, the ongoing work to locate and identify the remains of the missing-in-action of the Korean War, Australian veterans' access to the Republic of Korea's Korean War Medal and the visit of Mr Lee Sang Ho, an assistant deputy Director of the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs for an MPVA fellowship program in Australia.

I shall be overseas for late June, all July, returning to Australia 2 August. Harry Spicer will be away from last Friday and will be back home on 22 June. We shall respond to emails but this may not be straight away.

#### NSW State Premier' Reception for Korean War Veterans

Because the date of the Premier's Korean reception coincides with the Federal election, it has been decided to reschedule the reception. There is no new date as yet but we expect it will be in late September or October 2016.

#### Search for and Identification of Australian Missing-in-Action of the Korean War

Our main activist efforts in recent months have been to encourage progress in the search for and identification of the remains of Australians missing-in-action from the Korean War. Below are summaries of the first two Korean War MIA working group meetings. The Korean War Project Officer, Unrecovered War Casualties - Army

reports that he is arranging to have these summaries and the Fact Sheet published on the UWC-A website shortly.

In the Summary of Key Outcomes it should be noted that the full nature of discussions is not included for the reason that it is considered that to do this would stifle open and honest working group discussion over time and is not in the common interest of working group members or their constituents.

Consistent with this note ACKVA has taken the position in respect of the four unknowns at the UNMCK, Busan that of these four there is reason to believe that one or two could be Australian.

We believe that the UNMCK Commission, where Australia is represented by the Australian mission in Seoul, has the authority to request the exhumation of remains for testing against dental records and mtDNA data. It can be argued to other members of the UNMCK Commission that the outcome of these tests could be beneficially made available to all countries should they take the initiatives that have been taken by American and Australian MIA family activists. We continue to ask that the Australian mission, Seoul should request this measure be taken by the UNMCK Commission.

The tests would also settle for the peace of mind of Australian and American family members lingering concerns that have persisted about the identification of these remains. This peace of mind is becoming more pressing 65 years after the Korean War and the fading of family connections to those who remain MIA. For the same reasons in the interests of the Australian Korean War MIA family community ACKVA will be pressing to know the outcome of the letter written by the Deputy Chief of Army to the Director of the DPAA raising a number of issues related to Australia's servicemen who remain missing from the Korean War.

#### Korean War MIA Meeting

Wednesday 9 December 2015

#### Summary of Key Outcomes

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RAAF - WGC DR Peter Gibb, SQNLDR Gregory Williams  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade - Korea Section, Mr John Williams  
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Welcome and introductory remarks – COL Andrew Hocking

COL Hocking thanked representatives for attending and outlined his aim for the meeting, which was to provide an environment for open dialogue in a face-to-face environment and to commence the process of improving engagement by the Defence community with key stakeholders representing Australia's Korean War MIAs.

As Chair of the meeting, COL Hocking indicated that the first two agenda items would enable Defence staff to provide relevant background information to attendees, but that the main focus of the meeting was to provide a forum for people to raise any issues that they wished to raise personally, or on behalf of the organisations that they represented, and for those issues to be discussed in an open and constructive manner.

UWC-A update – Mr Brian Manns

Mr Manns delivered a Powerpoint presentation that outlined the responsibilities and mission of UWC-A, including providing examples of past recoveries of Australian MIAs from different conflicts and parts of the world. This presentation provided context to meeting attendees on the wide range of activities undertaken by UWC-A.

Status of Korean War MIA projects – MAJ David Wilson

MAJ Wilson outlined the priority tasks being undertaken under the Korean War Project within UWC-A:

- Maintaining a family contact database;
- Collecting family trees for MIAs in order to identify suitable family reference sample (FRS) DNA donors;
- Collecting DNA FRS from appropriate family members of MIAs; and
- Liaising with families, counterpart organisations in other nations and other government agencies in relation to Australia's Korean War MIAs.

General business

COL Hocking then opened the floor to next of kin and representatives of veteran organisations to raise issues for discussion. There was wide-ranging discussion that has been distilled into the following Meeting Outcomes which will set the work agenda for the group for the immediate future.

Meeting Outcomes

*Strategy regarding recovery and identification of Australian MIA*

1. Liaise with American and South Korean authorities to determine whether any remains they currently hold are those of Australian servicemen.
2. Use diplomatic and defence networks to encourage other nations to assist in getting North Korea to cooperate with the international community regarding recovery of remains from their country. For example China, which has good relations with both North Korea and Australia, may be able to facilitate improved cooperation.

*Relating to DPAA/AFDIL*

3. Provide to the US Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) for inclusion in their database the set of FRS collected by UWC-A from the families of Australia's Korean War MIA. Provide to AFDIL future FRS collected from families at regular intervals as soon as practicable after collection.

4. Link the FRS collected by Mr Ian Saunders and provided to AFDIL (via JPAC) with the FRS provided by UWC-A.

5. Seek advice from AFDIL regarding the process they undertake when checking remains against its database of FRS and the notification protocol that is followed after a positive identification. This information will then be promulgated to families and other relevant stakeholders.

6. Seek advice from DPAA regarding the ongoing program for processing human remains (including both DNA testing and dental records) recovered from the Korean War held at their laboratory and within the "Punchbowl", noting the possibility that Australian servicemen may be included among those remains.

#### *Relating to Counterpart Organisations*

7. Consider raising with the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission (UNCMAC) the possibility of exhuming the remains of certain unknown soldiers from the UN Memorial Cemetery in Korea in order to obtain DNA samples and dental records for distribution to relevant nations. It is noted that the proposal could require broader contributing nation agreement.

8. Consider the level and degree of formality of engagement with our counterpart organisations in relevant countries ie AFDIL, DPAA, MAKRI, JCCC and whether a Memorandum of Understanding or Statement of Intent would enhance our cooperation with these agencies.

#### *Relating to families / veteran associations*

9. Provide a fact sheet / list of frequently asked questions for publication on the UWC-A website and dissemination to families and other interested stakeholders.

10. Notwithstanding that they may have provided a FRS to AFDIL previously via Ian Saunders, encourage relevant family members to provide UWC-A with a further FRS so that the Australian Government can attempt to obtain a full set of mitochondrial and Y-STR FRS for all Australia's Korean War MIA over which it will retain custody and control.

11. Enhance communication and engagement with the families of Australia's Korean War MIAs and veteran associations.

12. Raise community knowledge and engagement regarding Australia's Korean War MIA.

13. Acknowledge that Mr Ian Saunders has a significant role in representing the general interests of the Korean War MIA family community. However, Ms Julie Dorrington and Mrs Jill Talty have also indicated they wish to continue to be involved in Korean War MIA issues and other family members will also be encouraged to become actively engaged.

Closing remarks - COL Andrew Hocking

COL Hocking advised that the outcomes of the meeting would be documented and sent to attendees for consideration and that Defence's engagement and communication with the Korean War MIA community would continue to improve.

Next meeting: Likely to be March 2016. Attendees agreed to consider the composition, location and frequency of future meetings.

#### List of Acronyms / Terms

AFDIL - Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (USA)

AHQ - Army Headquarters

DCOS - Deputy Chief of Staff

DPAA - Defense POW / MIA Accounting Agency (USA)

FRS - Family Reference Sample (of DNA)

MAKRI - Ministry for national Defence Agency for KIA Recovery and Identification (South Korea)

MIA - Missing in Action

Mitochondrial DNA – maternal DNA, passed from mother to all offspring  
JCCC - Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre (UK)  
JPAC - Joint POW / MIA Accounting Command (now known as DPAA) (USA)  
UNCMAC - United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission  
UWC-A - Unrecovered War Casualties - Army  
Y-STR - paternal DNA, passed from father to sons

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#### *Update on agreed actions from December 2015 meeting*

##### Liaison with American and South Korean authorities

The meeting agreed that stronger bilateral relations with MAKRI were desirable, rather than using the DPAA/MAKRI liaison arrangements to progress Australian interests regarding our Korean War MIAs.

##### Provision of Australian FRS to AFDIL

The meeting agreed that Australian FRS would be provided to AFDIL as soon as practicable after they agreed to receive these DNA samples, to enable comparison of Australian FRS against the AFDIL database of recovered Korean War remains.

##### Correspondence from the DCA to the Director DPAA

The Deputy Chief of Army has written to the Director of the DPAA raising a number of issues related to Australia's servicemen who remain missing from the Korean War, including:

- linking the Australian FRS that we propose to provide with those previously provided to AFDIL by Ian Saunders, for comparison against recovered Korean War remains held by American authorities;
- the notification protocol adopted by DPAA/AFDIL following a positive identification;
- the locations in North Korea from where remains were recovered during joint field activities between 1996 and 2005; and
- the timeline for the ongoing program of processing Korean War remains held by AFDIL/DPAA.

#### Possible MOU

The meeting agreed to pursue the development of an MOU with DPAA, with the aim of facilitating the recovery and identification of Australia's missing servicemen from the Korean War.

#### Fact sheet for MIA families

The Chair acknowledged the contribution from Julie Dorrington and encouraged other stakeholders and family members to submit any further questions that they may have. The document will be published on the UWC-A website shortly.

#### *Proposed additional actions*

- i. In order to give stakeholders greater confidence in the DNA testing process, UWC-A will:
  - consider a more robust bilateral relationship with MAKRI;
  - seek positive confirmation from DPAA and MAKRI that Australian FRS will be checked against all recovered Korean War remains; and
  - in addition to sharing FRS with DPAA and MAKRI, ask these organisations what more we can do to facilitate recovery, identification and repatriation of each country's Korean War MIAs.
- ii. A lay explanation of the identification/exclusion process using DNA, including diagrams, is to be included in the Family Fact Sheet and published on the UWC-A website.
- iii. After the minutes of each Korean War MIA meeting have been finalised a general summary of the meeting is to be sent to attendees to share with other stakeholders and published on the UWC-A website.

#### *Closing remarks*

Three of the attendees at the meeting shared anecdotes that reinforced the moral obligation of the nation to use all possible means to pursue the recovery, identification and burial of our Korean War MIAs and the time imperative involved, particularly for the aging family members of the same generation as the MIAs.

#### *Future meetings*

It was agreed that meetings would continue to be held approximately quarterly at this stage, with the next meeting to be held around August 2016.

#### Australian Access to the Republic of Korea's Korean War Medal

ACKVA continues its mission aim for Australian veterans' access to the Republic of Korea's Korean War Medal.

Visit to Australia of Mr Lee Sang Ho, an Assistant Director of the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs. Mr Lee Sang Ho visited Australia during the first half of this year under an MPVA fellowship programme. We facilitated his meeting the ex-patriate Korean veteran community and his participation at an RSL event focused on the multi-cultural communities, including Koreans, and tried to help his access to the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. In the event he decided to visit Melbourne to see the Shrine. He attended a number of commemorative events.



- Prayer List:
  - Mrs. Bettye Kinard – Recovery from heart condition
  - Mrs. Virginia Edwards (Sonny’s wife) – remission
  - COL Bill Weber – recovery from a broken leg
  - LTG William Maloney – Recovery from pneumonia
  - Director George Bruzgis – Continued strength in recovering from lack of circulation in leg.
  - Director Richard Brown – continued healing of his heart condition
  - Director Tine Martin’s wife – recovery from recent heart surgery
  - Dody Green – Upcoming 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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Executive Director  
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