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**MONTHLY REPORTS FOR July 2016**

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

**1. MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT REPORT: Submitted by Mr.**

John "Sonny" Edwards - As of July 29, 2016	
New members July 2016	50
New members July 2015	28
New members TYTD	406
New members LYTD	417
Active members LYTD	14127
Active members TYTD	13301
Decrease	836* - AVERAGE /MONTH 119

\*In 7 Months our deceased comrades has exceeded 12 Months last year.

= Departments with 4 plus new members last 30 days. - FL-6 IL-4 NV-14 NY-5

= Nevada in the past 28 days has recruited 8 new members  
I thank each of you for your support.

= I have broken down the numbers of the ages of our active members on the graph on the next page.

1922-1936 approximately 9,015 68% age 95-80

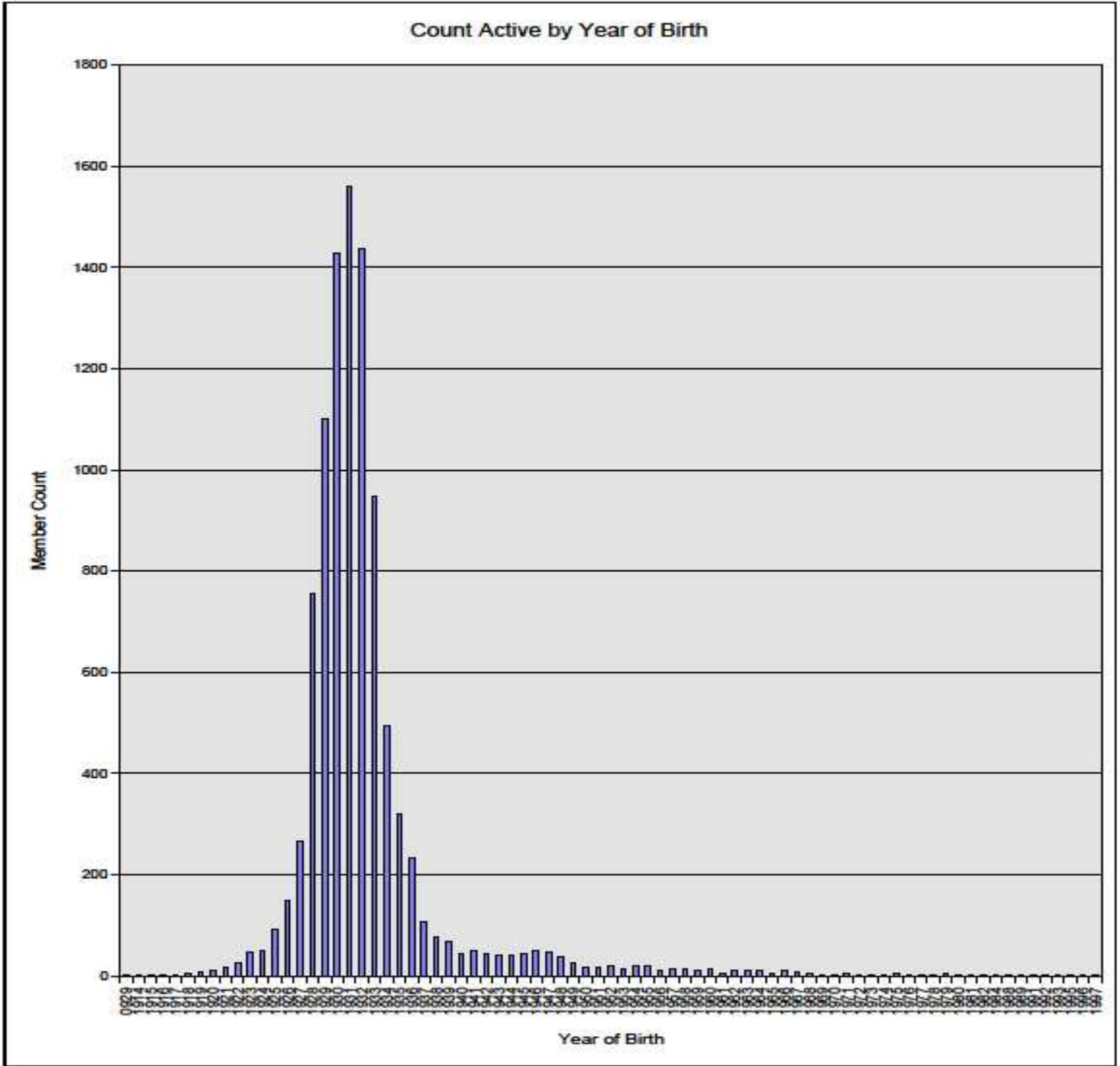
1937-1945 approximately 495 4% age 81-71

1922-1914 the numbers are hard to count due being so small on the graph

1945-1997 the same thing

Please understand this may not be 100% accurate but it gives us an idea what we are facing.

= Thanks to each of you for your support in recruiting, it is a must that we keep recruiting a top priority. Thanks again to each of you for your Prayers for the healing of my wife from Cancer. May God bless each of you.



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

The Embassy has been backlogged with the number of requests for the Ambassador for Peace Medal. This has caused a longer delay in processing the medal for Korean War Veterans. We will stay on top of this issue and hope to have all requests for the medal processed in a timely manner.

### 3. LEGISLATIVE:

- A U.S. Senate committee has passed legislation calling for erecting a "Wall of Remembrance" in Washington that lists the names of all American soldiers killed during the 1950-53 Korean War.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee unanimously approved the Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act of 2016 (H.R.1475) at a meeting on Thursday, according to congressional records.

The bill was introduced last March by Rep. Sam Johnson (R-TX), a Korean War veteran, and passed the House in February. It calls for authorizing the wall's establishment at the Korean War Veterans Memorial and allowing certain private contributions to fund the project.

The Senate is expected to vote on the legislation after a seven-week recess.

"I am proud to join Reps. Johnson as an original sponsor of this important bill," said Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), also a Korean War veteran who co-sponsored the legislation. "The wall will remind people that freedom is not free. I am pleased that the Korean War Veterans Memorial will add a place for those to remember the sacrifices of our veterans and the heroes who never returned home.

"Our nation has a responsibility to make sure that we do not forget the nearly 1.8 million members of the United States Armed Forces who served alongside Republic of Korea and 20 other Allied nations during the Korean War," he said.

The United States led the 21-nation Allied Forces to help South Korea repel the Chinese-backed communist troops invading from the North. More than 36,000 American soldiers sacrificed their lives and 103,000 were wounded.

- 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.

### 4. VETS WILL SEE SAME COST-OF-LIVING HIKE AS SOCIAL SECURITY IN 2017

Veterans benefits will match the Social Security cost-of-living increase in 2017, thanks to a measure finalized by Congress this week. But veterans groups hoping for a more permanent answer to the annual legislative hand-wringing over their benefits boost will have to wait longer for that solution. Under law,

annual cost-of-living increases are automatic for Social Security benefits, determined by the executive branch without intervention from Congress. But veteran's benefits fall into a different category, one that requires lawmakers to vote on an adjustment every year. In the last few decades, veterans have seen their annual adjustment differ from the Social Security COLA only one time (in 2000, as a result of a minor rounding difference between the two rates.) But outside groups have called having the two increases dealt with separately confusing at best and potentially ripe for abuse or mistakes. The measure finalized by the Senate this week — it passed without opposition late Wednesday — links the veteran's benefits boost to Social Security rates for 2017 alone. Legislation to permanently tie veteran's payouts to the Social Security cost-of-living calculations was passed by the House in February, but has languished in the Senate since then. Bill sponsor Rep. Ralph Abraham, R-La., said he is still hopeful that measure can advance through Congress later this year.

#### 5. **LAWMAKERS PUSH TO LINK VETERANS' COLA WITH SOCIAL SECURITY**

“Providing a cost-of-living adjustment for veterans is an important step to ensure their financial stability,” he said in a statement. “It is certainly encouraging that both houses in Congress have passed my COLA bill this year, but we need to go further. “Veterans deserve the peace of mind that comes with knowing a COLA will come annually, rather than hoping Congress can break its gridlock to provide for them.”The change affects the annual rates of VA disability compensation, dependency compensation for surviving children and spouses, and medical clothing allowances for veterans, among other benefits. It will not affect adjustments for military retirement pay, which are calculated through other methods.

#### 6. **VFW, SVA NOW ACCEPTING 2017 LEGISLATIVE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS**

*Opportunity allows 10 student veterans to address issues directly with Congress*

WASHINGTON (July 14, 2016) — The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and Student Veterans of America are now accepting applications from student veterans interested in participating in the 2017 VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship program. Now in its third year, the fellowship offers 10 selected student veterans the unique opportunity to meet face-to-face with their members of Congress during the annual VFW National Legislative Conference, as well as provides additional opportunities for fellows to address veterans' issues in their communities.

Student veterans interested in applying for the 2017 VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship must complete an application package that includes a proposal that addresses one of these four specific legislative issues:  
The success of veterans in the civilian job sector;  
The future of VA health care;  
The success of veterans in higher education; or  
The successful transition from military to civilian life

The essay should discuss why the issue is important to the veterans' community, and how the fellowship candidate plans to address the issue through community-based advocacy. Selected fellows will then be flown to Washington, D.C., to storm Capitol Hill alongside fellow veterans' advocates as part of the 2017 VFW Legislative Conference, Feb. 26 to March 3.

All applications must be submitted by close-of-business Oct. 21, 2016. Selected fellows will be notified before Thanksgiving, with a formal announcement of the fellowship class at the SVA National Conference in Orlando, Fla., in January 2017. For full details about the fellowship and to apply, visit [www.vfw.org/StudentFellowship](http://www.vfw.org/StudentFellowship).

Many past fellows earned academic credit for their experience, as well as found internships, accepted additional academic opportunities, and even landed jobs as a result of their fellowship experience.

#### 7. **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 is 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

**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.

Since MPVA approved Korea Defense Veterans (KDV) to participate in the *Revisit Korea* program. This program is receiving many more requests for 2017. The Data Base now contains over 400 total and more come in each week. These figures are both War and Defense veterans.

**UPDATE:** KWVA just received an increase in the September 2016 Revisit Korea Tour from MPVA, Seoul. The dates are:

- ~Official subsidized Revisit Korea tour: 19-25 Sept
- ~Optional pre tour: Korea 16-20 Sept
- \* Iron Triangle, Punchbowl, Heartbreak Ridge, etc.
- ~Optional post tour: China 25 Sep-1 Oct
- \*\* Beijing, Forbidden City, Great Wall, etc.

Register on line at [www.miltours.com](http://www.miltours.com) or call 800-722-9501. "First Come, First Served!"

8. **MINISTRY OF PATRIOT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS – REPUBLIC OF KOREA:** Invited President Tom Stevens to participate in the Armistice Commemorations in the Republic of Korea over July 26 – 28, 2016. Due to prior commitments in Washington, D.C., 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President represented the Korean War Veterans Association of the United States of America at the following events:
  - a. Film preview of “Chromite (Incheon Landing Operation)” on July 26th.
  - b. July 27th armistice ceremony with the Prime Minister
  - c. July 27<sup>th</sup> “Thank you banquet”
9. **2016 PEACE CAMP FOR YOUTH -21–28 JULY 2016**

The Republic of Korea (ROK) government conducted the annual Peace Camp for Youth on July 21-28, 2016. Those in attendance were either a Grandchild or Great-grandchild of a Korean War Veteran in a college program. Each student was at least 18 years old and maintained a grade point average of 2.5. Forty students were selected for this program. All expenses for the grandchild while in Korea, were paid for by the ROK government. Each participant received subsidized air to Korea. All programs associated with this program are conducted in English.
10. **POW/MIA REPORT:** Submitted by Mr. Rocky Harder, KWVA POW/MIA Coordinator.

On Thursday, July, 28, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Acting Director, Mrs. Fern Sumpter Winbush, conducted the Family Group/VSO Update to discuss DoD's past conflict personnel accounting mission and the continued progress of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. This month, Mrs. Winbush hosted the meeting at the DPAA headquarters in Crystal City (241 18th St South, 8th Floor, Arlington, VA 22202. Mr. Rocky Harder attended this meeting representing the Korean War Veterans Association of the United States of America.

Of note, because of the departure of Director Linnington, the DPAA regular monthly teleconference meeting in July has been changed to a face-to-face roundtable meeting, which will take place at the DPAA headquarters on July 28. Each organization is permitted one representative because of the large number of organizations which are expected to attend.

Since Director Linnington departed, the acting Director for DPAA is the Principal Deputy of DPAA. She is: DPAA Acting Director, Mrs. Fern Sumpter Winbush. She was appointed as a DoD Senior Executive (SES). This lady arrived on the scene after I departed DPAA on July 32, 2015, so I do not know her. All I know is that she is a retired army colonel who was selected for the position with Linnington's recommendation. At the DPAA facility in Hawaii, an army active duty BG, Mark Spindler, is still aboard and is still the Deputy Director for DPAA. Listed below is a biography for Mrs. Winbush.

The DPAA staff members I met with told me that they did not know when a new DPAA Director would be selected, but they expected the process would take some time. Also, they confirmed that a KWVA representative would be permitted to attend the DoD's Annual Briefings to the Korean War and Cold War Families. That meeting will take place in Washington (actually Arlington, VA) on August 11-12. I can attend that meeting as the KWVA representative if you agree. I have confirmed that DPAA is aware of the Congressional resolution on resuming talks with North Korea on the remains recovery issue.

However, DPAA is not permitted to comment on the draft resolution at this time. I do know that DPAA

is looking at the many requirements for resuming talks and possibly resuming operations in North Korea. However, I do not think there is much chance of resuming talks with North Korea on this issue under the current administration.

Progress on accounting for the remains of Korean War continues at the DPAA laboratory in Hawaii from remains we recovered in the past and from selected remains that have been disinterred from the Punch Bowl Cemetery in Hawaii. The numbers are current on the attached DPAA Progress Paper. I want to emphasize that no new Korean War remains have been recovered from North Korea since the unilateral turnover in 2007. A small number of U.S. Korean War era remains have been recovered from the ROK over the past several years including two this year.

11. **Army Sgt. Harold L. Curtis, 18, killed in the Korean War, has now been accounted for.**

In late November, 1950, Curtis was a member of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, on the east side of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea, when the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces (CPVF) attacked the regiment and forced the unit to withdraw south to the Pungnyuri Inlet. Many soldiers became surrounded and attempted to escape and evade the enemy, but were captured and marched to POW camps. Curtis was declared missing in action as a result of the battle that occurred Dec. 12, 1950. In 1953, during the prisoner of war exchange historically known as "Operation Big Switch," one repatriated American soldier reported that Curtis died in the vicinity of the Chosin Reservoir in December 1950. Between 1990 and 1994, North Korea returned to the United States 208 boxes of commingled human remains, some of which were recovered in the vicinity of where Curtis was believed to have died. Lab analysis, in conjunction with the totality of circumstantial evidence available, established Sgt. Curtis' remains were among those returned to the United States. Interment services are pending.

12. **Army Cpl. Larry M. Dunn, killed in the Korean War, has now been accounted for.** On Dec. 1, 1950, Dunn was a member of Company B, 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, when his unit was fighting through a roadblock that was heavily defended by enemy forces near Sonchu, North Korea. Dunn went missing in action as a result of the battle. In 1954, the remains of Korean War service members were returned to the United States in an operation called "Operation Glory." The remains unable to be identified were interred as unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. Due to advances in technology, the remains were exhumed in 2015 for analysis. Lab analysis, in conjunction with the totality of circumstantial evidence available, established Cpl. Dunn's remains were among those exhumed. Interment services are pending. Welcome home and rest in peace, Cpl. Dunn.

13. **Army Master Sgt. Ira V. Miss, killed in the Korean War, has now been accounted for.** On February 5, 1950, Miss was a member of Headquarters Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, supporting South Korea against units of the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces (CPVF) in the area known as the Central Corridor in South Korea. The CPVF launched a counterattack with overwhelming numbers, forcing South Korean units to withdraw, and leaving U.S. Army units behind enemy lines. Miss was reported missing in action on February 13, 1951, after Chinese Communist Forces overran the roadblock he was manning. In 1954, the remains of Korean War service members were returned to the United States in an operation called "Operation Glory." The remains unable to be identified were interred as unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. Lab analysis, in conjunction with the totality of circumstantial evidence available, established MSG Miss. Welcome Home MSG Miss.



<b><u>Korean War Statistics:</u></b> Total unaccounted-for				<b>7812<sup>1</sup></b>
Total joint field activities (JFAs) completed in North Korea: 1996 – present				33
Total joint field activities (JFAs/KFEs) completed in South Korea: 1996 – present				51
Remains recovered and repatriated through JFAs	229	112	(49%)	
Remains repatriated through North Korean unilateral operations, 1990 – 1994 in 208 boxes <sup>2</sup>	400	154	(39%)	
Remains repatriated through North Korean unilateral operations 2007	6	6	(100%)	
Remains disinterred from the “Punchbowl” Cemetery in Hawaii, 1999 – present	104	60	(58%)	
Remains repatriated through recovery operations in China	1	1	(100%)	
Remains repatriated through recovery operations in Japan	1	1	(100%)	
Remains repatriated through recovery operations in South Korea, since 1982	20	11	(55%)	
Total remains identified and accounted-for, 1982 – present	<b>761</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>(45%)</b>	

**Korean War Accounting Efforts on the Peninsula**

- Korean War Personnel Accounting Strategy – main avenues of pursuit are:
  - **Resolution of the Live Prisoner Issue.** Finding live Americans is the highest priority of our accounting process. Department of Defense (DoD), with the full support of the U.S. intelligence community, aggressively investigates all credible reports and sightings of alleged American survivors of the Korean War living in North Korea. Since 1995, more than 25,000 defectors from North Korea have been screened for information concerning Americans possibly living in the North. To date, this effort has produced no useful information concerning live Americans. Most reports of live Americans in North Korea pertain to six known U.S. military defectors. Of the six defectors, only one remains alive in North Korea. Four are reported to have died in the North, and one, Sergeant Jenkins, was returned to U.S. control in 2004.
  - **Joint Field Activities (JFAs) in North Korea.** JFAs consist of investigative and recovery operations. The U.S. conducted 33 JFAs in North Korea from 1996 through 2005. The U.S. government pays fair and reasonable compensation for the efforts associated with recovering remains, but does not pay for remains or information.
  - **Identification of remains already recovered and under U.S. control.** Unidentified Korean War remains are located at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and at JPAC’s Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii. Efforts are underway to identify these remains using DNA and other methods.
  - **Investigative and remains recovery operations in South Korea and China.** Approximately 950 remains are located in South Korea and fewer than 20 are known to be in China.

<sup>1</sup> This is a working number from the Personnel Missing Korea (PMKOR) list.

<sup>2</sup> 208 boxes of remains received from DPRK unilateral operations; many remains were commingled; possibly 375-400 remains in the 208 boxes.

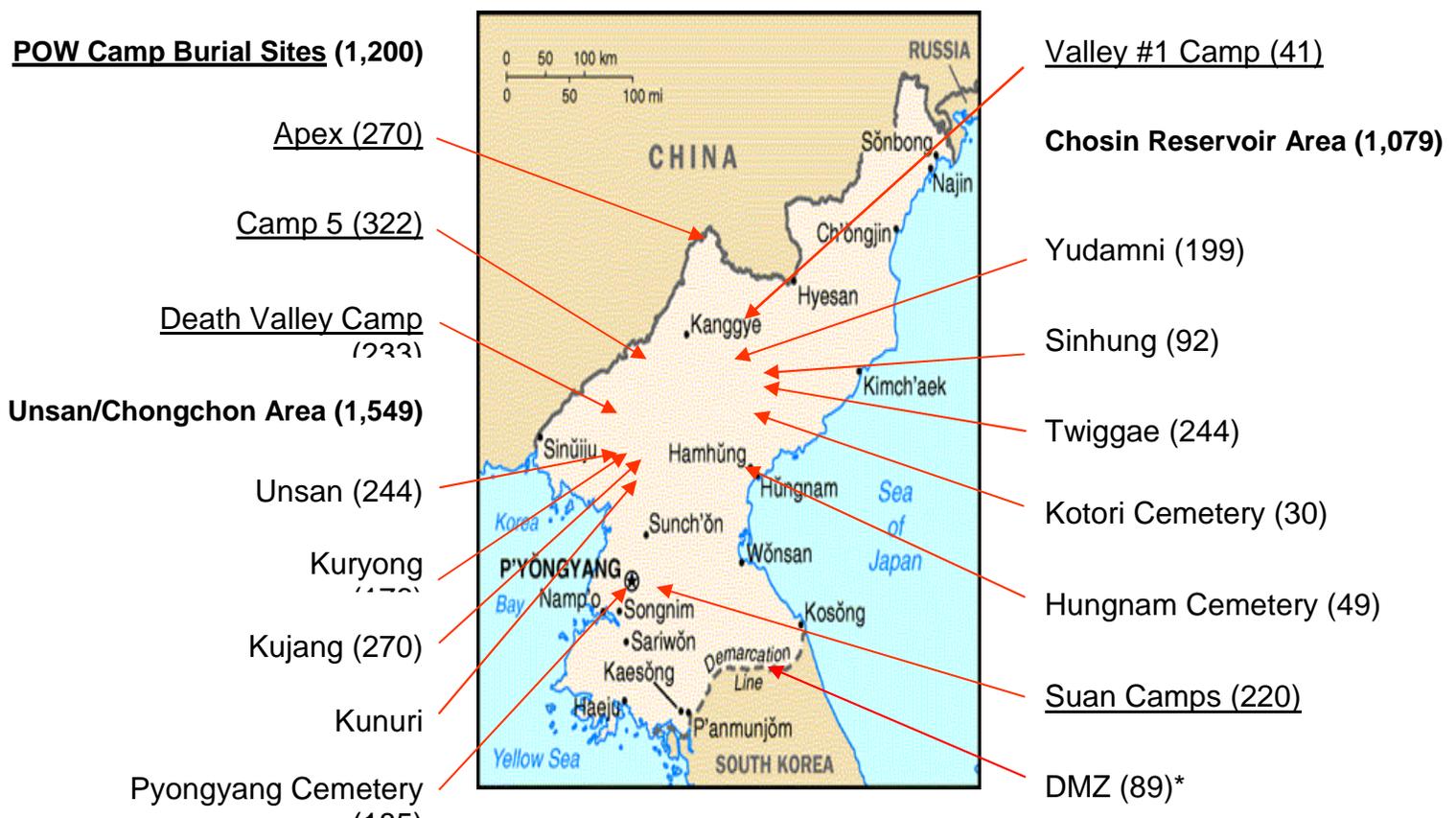
- **Korean War era archives.** DoD continues to conduct archival research in the U.S., South Korea, Russia, Eastern Europe, and China. We have also conducted research in North Korean archives, and currently we have an arrangement with China for the Peoples Liberation Army to search its military records for information on U.S. personnel. Chinese Communist Forces administered and operated the POW camps in North Korea for most of the war.
- **Oral history programs in the U.S., South Korea, Russia, and China.** DoD periodically interviews Korean War veterans in the U.S., South Korea, Russia and China. These efforts are designed to uncover information that will help determine the circumstances of loss for missing servicemen; build our knowledge base of Korean War loss incidents; and gain eyewitness accounts of prison camp life and prisoner movements.

**Cold War Loss-Sea of Japan:** On April 15, 1969, North Korean fighter aircraft shot down a U.S. Navy EC-121 aircraft carrying a crew of 31 over the Sea of Japan. U.S. Navy ships recovered two remains; 29 U.S. service members are still unaccounted-for as a result of this incident.

### **Major Remains Concentrations in North Korea**

Estimated numbers of remains are in parenthesis

\*1954 estimate by U.S. Army Graves Registration Services on number of remains recoverable in DMZ.



14. At 1300 on July 28 at the DPAA headquarters location in Crystal City, Rocky Harder attended the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's (DPAA) monthly update meeting for representatives of the family groups, Veterans Service Organizations, and other related organizations, the meeting lasted for exactly one hour. This meeting was a face-to-face/teleconference meeting with the acting Director of DPAA, Mrs. Vern Winbush, Her regular job is the Principal Director for DPAA. She has been aboard

since September 2015. Therefore, since I retired from DPAA on July 31, I have never worked with her in the past. Yesterday's meeting was the first time I met her. Not all the organizations could provide a representative for the face to face meeting so those organizations that could not send a person were allowed to participate via the teleconference method.

DPAA announced that minutes of yesterday's meeting will be distributed next week. Rocky will forward all a copy when I receive them.

Mrs. Winbush main talking points were an update on the status of the search and selection process for the next Director of DPAA and the DPAA budget issue. Bottom line on the first topic: There are 96 applicants for the job and the election process is going to take a while. The current Under Secretary of Defense for Policy will make the selection of the new DPAA director. Apparently, former Director Linnington's departure was very sudden and unexpected. As you know. Linnington accepted the position of CEO for the Wounded Warrior Project. Winbush said she thinks it will take until the end of the year before DPAA has a new director named. Regarding the DPAA budget, DPAA is making a plea for a budget increase to about the \$130M level. The decision on that issue will be made by the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy in consultation with the DoD Comptroller. The reason given for the proposed budget increase is so that DPAA can maintain it's current operations tempo and hire additional people to fully staff DPAA.

Referencing the recent Rangel Congressional Resolution, I asked the question at the meeting if either the U.S. Government or the North Korean Government have made any proposals to hold talks aimed at discussing the possible resumption of Korean War remains recovery operations in North Korea. The answer was: DPAA is not aware of any such proposals from either side. DPAA can't comment on Congressional resolutions except to say they are aware of it.

Below are some details about DPAA operations. Korean War (KW) related activities are mentioned below

~Last 60 Days - In support of global recoveries we executed:

Vietnam War: 6 - Recovery Teams

2 - Investigation Teams

1 - Vietnam Recovery Team

1 - Unilateral Excavation

Korean War: 1 - Investigation Team

WWII: 2 - Recovery Teams

2 - Investigation Teams

~Current Operations (139 Deployed Worldwide):

WWII: 3 - Recovery Teams (2 in France, 1 in Ukraine)

1 - Investigation Team in Tarawa

1 - Recovery Team in Papua New Guinea

~Future Operations (Next 60 Days):

Vietnam War: 5 - Recovery Teams

2 - Vietnam Recovery Teams

2 - Investigation Teams

Korean War: 1 - Site Reconnaissance

WWII: 4 - Recovery Teams

5 - Investigation Teams

Defining planning and requirements for FY 17/18 Operational Plan (OPLAN) (Next 60 Days):

Aug 16: Consultation Talks with Laos Officials in Hawaii Sep 16: Plan Conference with Philippine Officials - in Philippines

Sep 16: Tech talks with Vietnamese Officials - in Vietnam

Current ID Numbers:

For the FY: 124 (WWII - 67, Korea - 48, SEA - 9)

15. **DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY (DPAA) NEW INTERIM DIRECTOR**

<http://media.defense.gov/2015/Dec/11/2001324523/-1/-1/0/151211-O-ZZ999-001.JPG>

Mrs. Fern Sumpter Winbush was selected on October 27, 2015 to serve as the Principal Director for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). In support of the Director, DPAA, she is responsible for leading the Washington D.C. office in formulating policy, overseeing business development, and increasing outreach initiatives to achieve the agency's goal of providing families and the nation with the fullest possible accounting of missing personnel from past conflicts.



Mrs. Winbush hails from Boston, Massachusetts, where she was a 1989 honor graduate of the University of Massachusetts and a distinguished military graduate of Suffolk University's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program in Boston. She began her military career as a Private First Class in the Army Reserves in 1983. Her service continued upon her transfer to the Massachusetts Army National Guard until her active duty appointment as a Military Intelligence Second Lieutenant in 1990. Over the next 25 years, she held numerous positions of increased responsibility in Germany, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Korea, and the Netherlands culminating with a deployment to Operation Enduring Freedom in Kabul, Afghanistan and subsequently, as the Commander of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in Arlington, Virginia. Mrs. Winbush retired from the Army after 31 years of military service in January 2015.

Her education includes a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in Business Management-Information Systems from the University of Massachusetts; a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces; Command and General Staff College; Military Intelligence Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; and Airborne School.

Her awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (First Oak Leaf Cluster), Distinguished Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (Sixth Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster), and the Army Achievement Medal. Mrs. Winbush is married and has one son.

16. **FORMER USFK DEPUTY CHIEF ASSUMES COMMAND OF PACIFIC AIR FORCES**

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — The former deputy commander of U.S. Forces Korea assumed command Tuesday of U.S. Pacific Air Forces, saying those in uniform must stand firm against aggression in the region.

Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy was given his fourth star shortly before taking command during a ceremony that included remarks by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein and U.S. Pacific Command head Adm. Harry Harris. Former PACAF commander Gen. Lori J. Robinson departed in early May to become commander of U.S. Northern Command. Since then, PACAF had been temporarily led by Lt. Gen. Russell J. Handy, commander of 11th Air Force, which is based at Joint Base Elmendorf-



Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska. PACAF's area of responsibility, or AOR, includes about 46,000 airmen based in Hawaii, Alaska, Japan, South Korea and Guam. They fly roughly 490 aircraft.

"There has never been a more important time in our history to command well, amongst a threatening and dynamic global environment affecting every part of your new AOR," Goldfein said to the new commander. "At the end of the day, our job as commanders is to take the greatest treasure in our nation's arsenal — our men and women in uniform, our airmen — mold them, train them, pair them with the best technology on the planet, and through our domains of air, space and cyberspace, make the world a safer place for our children and our grandchildren."

Harris listed off the hats worn by O'Shaughnessy while in Korea — Air Component Command, Republic of Korea/U.S. Combined Forces Command, and the Seventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces at Osan Air Base, as well as the dual role as deputy commander of United Nations Command Korea and USFK.

17. **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](mailto:Royaldridge@sbcglobal.net)

18. **CAROLINE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS** Honors Korean War Veterans: Ms. Ruth Judd is a History Teacher for the Caroline County Public Schools in Virginia. She is a co-sponsor of a history club whose focus is veterans and the Korean War. Their school is located on the 38th parallel and we have built a Korean War Memorial Garden. They work with (honorary member) the Richmond chapter KWVA. They come to their events and ceremonies and go on field trips with them, but even more importantly they have built relationships with the club members as they have been interviewed and participated in their activities.

They are also contacted with Dr. Jongwoo Han and the Korean War Digital History Project. They are now planning to reach out to additional KWVA Chapters located in Virginia. Chapter 100 is scheduled to meet with this history club at the beginning of the new school year in September 2016.

Attached is a write up of their garden which is what started it all and a link to an article from a Korean paper <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/news/2015/05/23/0200000000AEN20150523000200315.html>

If you would like to contact Ms. Ruth Judd M.M.L. Ed., Caroline County Public Schools her phone number is 804-994-4499.



# "Freedom Is Not Free"



1950-1954



1954-Present

## KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION INC.



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.**



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

Deadline for ticket donations is Sept 15, 2016

### Super Cash Prizes!

Special KWVA Coins - \$20  
20th Anniversary Memorial

**1st Prize**

**\$1,500**

**2nd Prize**

**\$1,000**

**3rd Prize**

**\$1,000**

**4th Prize**

**\$1,000**

**5th Prize**

**\$1,000**



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19. **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.

20. **HONOR FLIGHTS:** The Honor Flight schedule for the month of August is listed below. If you can make it out to the KWV Memorial to greet them, I know they would be very appreciative.

VISIT DATE 2016	HUB NAME & DEP. A/P	VETS	WWII DATE ARR TIME DEP TIME	KOREA DATE ARR TIME DEP TIME	ARR A/P	AIRLINE FLT# ARR TIME	
<b>Wednesday, August 10, 2016</b>							
8/10	HF Chicago	105	8/10	8/10	IAD 8/10	SWA Charter	Mary Pettinato
			12:35 PM	2:00 PM		8013	773-495-2278
	MDW		1:45 PM	3:10 PM		9:20 AM	
<b>Tuesday, August 16, 2016</b>							
8/16	LAND OF LINCOLN HONOR FLIGHT	87	8/16	8/16	DCA 8/16	SUN	JOAN BORTOLON
			10:15 AM	11:30 AM		8603	217 652 4719
	SPI		11:15 AM	tbd		9:00 AM	<a href="mailto:JMB4604@AOL.COM">JMB4604@AOL.COM</a>
<b>Saturday, August 20, 2016</b>							
8/20	HF Cleveland	24	8/20	n/a	BWI 8/20	SWA	Joe Benedict
			n/a	n/a			216-225-5841
			n/a	n/a			<a href="mailto:krbjeb@sbcglobal.net">krbjeb@sbcglobal.net</a>
8/20	Space Coast Honor Flight	25	8/20	8/20	BWI 8/20	TBD	Tim Olson
			TBD	TBD		TBD	321-482-4539
	MCO (Orlando)		TBD	TBD		TBD	
<b>Saturday, August 27, 2016</b>							
8/27	Greater St. Louis HF	23	8/27	8/27	BWI 8/27	SWA	Rolando Lopez
			10:15 AM	12:15 PM		1622	314-226-5713
	STL		11:45 AM	1:45 PM		9:00 AM	<a href="mailto:info@gslhonorflight.org">info@gslhonorflight.org</a>
8/27	HF Kentucky	45	8/27	8/27	DCA 8/27	charter	Jeff Hohman
			2:20 PM	4:00 PM		tbd	859-771-1532
	LEX		3:50 PM	5:30 PM		9:30 AM	<a href="mailto:jeff@honorflightky.com">jeff@honorflightky.com</a>
<b>Tuesday, August 30, 2016</b>							
8/30	HF of the Ozarks	75	8/30	8/30	IAD 8/30	SUN	Chris Stark
			11:20 AM	1:30 PM		TBD	417-860-5666
	SGF		1:15 PM	3:00 PM		9:20 AM	<a href="mailto:chris@cistarklaw.com">chris@cistarklaw.com</a>

8/30	Honor Flight Tri- State	72	8/30	8/30	DCA 8/30	AA	Cheryl Popp
			1:50 PM	3:35 PM			
			3:25 PM	5:30 PM		9:20 AM	

21. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Submitted by the Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Fred Lash.  
No Report submitted

22. **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 Defense Attaché for the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, MG Kyoung Shin will be leaving his position toward the end of 2016. He has been a true friend to the Korean War Veterans across the United States. He will be truly missed.

***Save the Date!!***  
***Farewell Dinner Honoring***  
  
***MG Kyoung Soo & Mia SHIN***  
***Thursday, November 10, 2016***  
***6:30 - 9:00PM***  
  
***More Details to follow***

23. **PEACE VIGIL** - 9th annual Remember727's Armistice commemoration and Peace Vigil was conducted on Saturday, July 23, 2016 from 6-8pm in front the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool. Miss Hannah Kim from was the person who faithfully conducts this event each year. Remember727's 9th Annual Armistice Day Commemoration was conducted at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, to remember the "Forgotten War," to honor its veterans and victims and to hope for peace on the Korean Peninsula and elsewhere conflict persists.

The Korean War, which halted in a ceasefire agreement on July 27, 1953, has technically not ended and is America's longest war. From 1950-1953, the Korean War not only involved more than 1.8 million Americans, but also involved people of different backgrounds from a total of 25 nations in 6 continents. There were a very eclectic mix of speakers (including COL Bill Weber) and performances to reflect the global scale of the conflict. The Program included Wreath presentations ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial which was followed by the Unity Walk along the Reflecting Pool.

24. **AMISTICE DAY CEREMONIES** – On Saturday, June 25, 2015. The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation in partnership with The Embassy of Korea conducted a memorial ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial to 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 were in attendance for this special event. Over 2,000 visitors were able to view this event when they visited the



25. **POSTPONED: KWVMF Fund Raising Galas:** The Gala Benefit scheduled for, October 4, 2016, Building Museum, Washington, D.C. has been postponed to a later date. The Gala is to raise money for the maintenance program at the Korean War Veterans Memorial.
26. **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).
- Sunday, July 31, 2016 the San Francisco Sunday Examiner featured a very well-written story about the Opening Ceremony of the Korean War Memorial, and about several local Korean War veterans. Here's the link:  
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/etched-history-korean-war-veterans-honored-presidio-memorial/>
27. **Chosin Few Memorial Dedication** is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2016 at Quantico Marine Corps Base (Museum).
28. **VETERANS DAY 2017:** Director Paul Cunningham has been appointed Chair of the Veterans Day 2017 Committee. Other members include Director Whitmore and Executive Director Jim Fisher. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please inform Director Cunningham.

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 2017 Veterans Day Event with the requirement that 2 signatures be required for all checks.
- 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

29. **ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY’S FUTURE:** A discussion this week about the future of Arlington National Cemetery. Currently, only one percent of those eligible choose to be buried or inured at Arlington, with the rest being interred at the VA’s 134 national cemeteries or in state veterans cemeteries or elsewhere. Even so, based on its current pace, Arlington will run out of space sometime between the years 2050 and 2070, a timeframe that takes into consideration the 90,000 current available spaces, the 27,000 additional spaces from its millennium project, and the 45,000 to 50,000 spaces to be gained from a southern expansion into where the Navy Annex once stood. The question the Arlington advisory committee is pondering is whether changes could or should be made to eligibility requirements to extend the cemetery’s lifespan. Presently, all active-duty deaths are eligible, as well as military retirees, those with qualifying medals, and those with honorable discharges.

30. **Korean War Vet finds new home through VA program.** VERONA, Mo. — Korean War veteran Ed Patron's room in rural Verona looks out over a backyard where the homeowner, Tom Jones, grows tomatoes, pole beans and Brussels sprouts. Patron, 83, who likes to walk, frequently strolls around the property on a path that Jones cut through the grass. He also likes to do chores such as pulling weeds. "Never been treated so well," Patron said. The veteran has been living in the spacious home of Tom and Jenni Jones through a government program called medical foster homes. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs helped Patron find the home. Funds for the care may come from the veteran or from a federal program that helps pay living expenses of veterans who served during wartime. Until about three months ago, Patron was living in a nursing home where he said he was miserable. Ron Bauder, the coordinator for the program in Southwest Missouri, said he learned of Patron from the social worker at the nursing home and help match him with the Jones family. Bauder said potential caregivers must go through an extensive approval process that includes repeated interviews and visits. The veterans for whom he has helped find medical foster homes, Bauder said, tend to do well mentally and physically in their new homes. "Their health gets better," Bauder said.

Tom Jones, the caregiver, previously worked at the Missouri Baptist Children's Home. He's also worked in restaurants. Jones spends most of his days with Patron, taking him on errands or working in the kitchen while Patron works in the yard. Jenni Jones is a respiratory therapist. "He's family now," Jenni Jones said.

The program is for veterans unable to live independently safely or who need nursing home level care, according to the federal regulations that govern the program. The veteran must enroll in a VA program for veterans who need help with daily living such as bathing, dressing, fixing meals or taking medicine. Bauder said the frequent visits to the home by medical providers help ensure that the homes are good for the veterans.

Patron, a tank driver in the 7th Infantry Division, said he was awarded four Bronze Stars for his service during the Korean War. The stars are on a bureau in his room. Patron said he later worked for the Missouri Department of Employment Security, helping people find jobs.

Bauder said Patron, who has dementia and diabetes, hasn't been able to tell him much about why he was awarded the Bronze Stars. Bauder said Patron told him that he saved the lives of more than 70 men.

"Because of his dementia, he can't remember the specifics," Bauder said.

Patron was part of the Veterans History Project, a program at the Library of Congress to collect oral histories from veterans. Bauder said he has ordered the video interview and plans to watch it with Patron.

Online court records show Patron is under the guardianship of the Greene County public administrator.

Bauder said Patron was declared legally incapacitated because of his dementia.

"Sometimes he remembers his caretaker's name," Bauder said. "Sometimes he doesn't."

A white board in Patron's room has the date and the day of the week written on it. Clothing is labeled in small bins in his walk-in closet.

Robert Snook, the deputy public administrator in Greene County, said he plans to visit Patron every 60 to 90 days to keep an eye on his care. Snook said Patron seems happy so far and thinks the medical foster homes could be a good option for other veterans who are unable to live on their own.

"He's overjoyed with the move," Snook said.

Patron showed a reporter around the property, pointing to the path where he walks around the property and the area where he pulls weeds. It reminds Patron of the tasks he did when was able to live on his own.

"He keeps me very busy, and I enjoy it," Patron said.

Medical foster homes

The VA is looking for more foster homes, especially in Springfield and Joplin. There are currently four medical foster homes in Southwest Missouri. The caregivers who provide the homes are paid \$1,500 to \$3,000 a month. For more information about applying, people may call Ron Bauder at 417-655-3816

31. **PRAYER LIST:**

- Mrs. Virginia Edwards (Sonny's wife) – remission
- Fred Ragusa's wife – Three upcoming surgeries
- COL Bill Weber – Blood clots in leg
- Director George Bruzgis – Continued strength in recovering from lack of circulation in leg.
- 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.

Respectfully submitted,

*James R. Fisher*

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