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The following monthly update for May 2017 is submitted by the Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Association of the United States of America.

1. MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT REPORT: Submitted by Mr. John “Sonny” Edwards - as of 05-26-17

NEW MEMBERS MAY 2017 41
NEW MEMBERS YTD 222

ACTIVE MEMBERS LYTD 13,404
ACTIVE MEMBERS TYTD 12921
DECREASE 483

DECEASED COMRADES TYTD 383
AVERAGE/MONTH 77

NEW MEMBERS/ DEPARTMENT OR CHAPTERS PAST 30 DAYS
FL-5 PA-4 ALL OTHER HAD 3 OR LESS

2. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

The elections results of the Korean War Veterans Association Board of Directors have been verified. The following members have been selected to hold the position of Director – Korean War Veterans Association, USA:

- Tom McHigh
- Eddie L. Bell. Sr.
- Tim Whitmore
- Wilfred Lack

3. NEW CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES FOR STATE VETERAN NURSING HOMES: On Thursday, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. David Shulkin announced new guidelines for construction of State Veteran Nursing Homes. The new regulations will streamline the construction process for State Veteran Nursing Homes by eliminating red tape. Previously, to qualify for VA State Veterans Home grants, governors and state officials had to follow federal construction design guidelines. With the new regulations, that is no longer the case. Governors are authorized to follow their own state guidelines in the construction design of these facilities, while still qualifying for the same level of federal grant funding as before. This announcement is a great improvement which enables states to expand long term care for veterans. The VFW applauds Secretary Shulkin for his forward thinking attitude with this announcement, as it will have an immediate and positive impact on veterans.

4. VA WARNS THAT SCAMMERS ARE TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CHOICE PROGRAM USERS

There's a phone line that has been set up to scam veterans who happen to misdial the Veterans Choice Program phone number.

The only difference between the phone numbers rests in the area code, warns the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Veterans Choice Program phone number is 1-866-606-8198. The scammer's number replaces 866 with 800.

VA officials say the scam phone number will not provide any information on the Choice Program or its eligibility criteria, but it will offer a \$100 rebate for the caller's credit card information. The VA says they would never ask for this information, nor would they ever offer incentives through the Choice Program.

Also the real Veterans Choice Program hotline will automatically tell the caller that they have reached the "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs." The fake number will only tell callers they reached the "Veterans Choice Program" after the caller asks.

The VA is currently working with the Office of the Inspector General to get the scam phone line shut down through legal action.

Information on the Veterans Choice Program can be found [here](#). You can also find further protection against identity theft by going [here](#) or contacting 1-855-578-5492. The Veterans Affairs Safety Service toll-free number operates every weekday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. EST and has a voicemail for after hour messages.

5. **VA SPECIALIZED SERVICES HEARING:** The House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Tuesday, focusing on foot and ankle issues and treatment within VA. According to a report released by VA in February 2017, nearly 2 million veterans using VA are at risk for foot wounds, infection and amputations, with an expected increase in demand for treatment for primary and specialty podiatry services. Subcommittee Chairman Brad Wenstrup invited podiatrists from multiple podiatry associations, retired military doctors and podiatrists from VA to testify. [Watch the video or read the testimony.](#)

6. KOREA APPOINTS FORMER ARMY PILOT AS MINISTER OF PATRIOTS AND VETERAN AFFAIRS



Newly appointed Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs Pi Woo-jin burns incense at the Daejeon National Cemetery in Daejeon on May 18, one day after her official appointment proceedings was announced at the Cheong Wa Dae (Blue House) in Seoul

President Moon Jae-in's appointment of Pi Woo-jin, 61, a lieutenant colonel in the army reserves, as Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs on May 17 is remarkable for a number of reasons. It's unprecedented for a female field officer in the reserves with progressive tendencies to be appointed to lead the Ministry, which has typically been directed by conservative male generals in the reserves. Pi is the first female Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs since the Ministry was established in 1961. It's also noteworthy that the new minister's appointment was announced one day before the memorial service for the 37th anniversary of the Gwangju Democratization Movement on May 18, an event that is organized by the Ministry.

Born in Chungju, North Chungcheong Province, Pi graduated from Cheongju University with a degree in physical education and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the army in 1979. After commanding a company in the Special Forces, Pi served as the army's first female helicopter pilot. "In a career that is even challenging for male soldiers, Pi shattered the glass ceiling through her own strength and blazed the trail for woman," the Blue House said.

Pi's military career was jeopardized when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2002. She returned to health after a mastectomy and chemotherapy, but the military forcibly discharged her in Nov. 2006, applying a regulation in the military legal code that mandates automatic retirement for soldiers who have lost a body part. Pi filed a lawsuit to be reinstated to the army, and after a legal battle that lasted for one year and seven months, she returned to active service in May 2008. While she was fighting her legal battle with the Defense Ministry, she also ran as a proportional representative candidate for the New Progressive Party in the 2008 general election. After rejoining the army, Pi directed the department of doctrinal development at the Army Aviation School in Nonsan, concluding a military career that lasted for more than 30 years at the standard retirement age for her rank in Sep. 2009.

Since 2015, Pi has been a non-permanent expert member of the National Human Rights Commission, and on Apr. 25, she gained attention by issuing a statement supporting Moon's bid for presidency along with female soldiers in the army reserves, speaking as president of the Young Women Soldiers' Forum. This was the first time in the 67-year history of female soldiers in the reserves to declare their support for a particular candidate. In Pi's declaration of support, she emphasized that "security without people is false security."

"Taking care of our veterans is the past and future of security. These days, I understand that veterans' families feel somewhat neglected and are really worried that they're being forgotten. In the future, I will implement veteran policies that are focused on veterans' families," said Pi on May 17. When asked whether "March for the Beloved" would be sung during the memorial service in Gwangju on May 18, Pi said that both the national anthem and "March for the Beloved" would be "sung energetically."

"The Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs has failed to unify South Koreans' hearts until now. We hope the appointment of a new minister who has demonstrated the meaning of patriotism with her whole body will bring the Ministry closer to Koreans," said a key official at the Blue House. On May 11, the day after his inauguration, Moon dismissed Minister Park Seung-chun and gave orders the following day for the "March for the Beloved" to be sung in unison during the Gwangju May 18 memorial ceremony. Park was appointed as Minister in Feb. 2011, during the presidency of Lee Myung-bak (2008-13), and remained in that post for six years and three months. During his time in office, Park concentrated on providing security education to the public, which he dubbed "education in patriotism," provoking sharp criticism that he was neglecting the Ministry's original purpose.

Astute observers of the Korean political scene and of the sentiment of the public in South Korea opined that newly elected President Moon Jae-in would appoint a woman as Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, to replace Minister Park Sung Choon who left his post in the same week that President Moon took office. Such observers also agreed that she would have to be a woman of outstanding credentials, whose personality and record of achievement would strike vibrant chords with eager South Koreans who were watching expectantly for President Moon to form his promised new progressive-thinking cabinet. Few should have been disappointed by his selection of Minister Pi Woon-jin. In fact her appointment as Korea's first woman minister in that post was cheered throughout Korea by women, by the larger general population, and by virtually all Koreans of younger years.

There are strong reasons why she was the new President's selection. Minister Pi, like her predecessor, retired Minister Park, has military credentials, which resonate among veterans and also the wider Korean public. (*In Korea, virtually all men are veterans as military service is compulsory at age 18 – the Korean Veterans Association, for instance, has membership of several millions*).

Minister Pi also is a woman's rights activist, whose military career was replete with valiant efforts to combat some of the holdover archaic Confucian attitudes that demeaned women soldiers and restricted their roles in the Korean Armed Forces. Pi once commanded a company of Special Force soldiers, and President Moon, at an early age, was also a Special Force soldier. In fact, in 1976 he was one of the unarmed combat specialists rushed to Panmunjom in a show of strength at the time that Captain Arthur Boniface and Lieutenant Mark Barrett of the U.S. Army were murdered by axe wielding North Korean guards. Moon was one of the soldiers standing at the ready while a team cut down the tree that Major Boniface's team of Korean Service Corps laborers had been trimming when they were attacked. Neither Captain Boniface nor Lieutenant Barrett had been

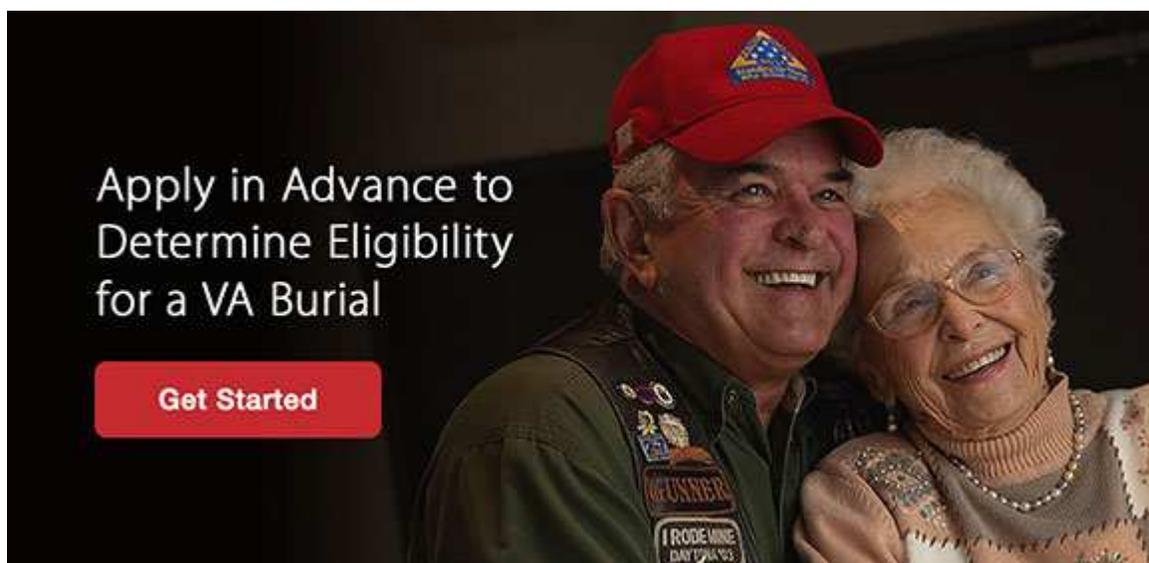
armed. President Moon also is a civil rights lawyer who has fought hard for many of the people's causes. And Minister Pi is a pioneering, courageous woman's rights fighter who is well known for her tenacious spirit and accomplishment in getting reforms introduced in the Korean Armed Forces.

Minister Pi lauded by Senior Presidential Advisor

At the Blue House on May 17 Pi's nomination was read out by Senior Presidential Advisor Cho Hyeon-ok. Advisor Cho, a university professor, herself has celebrity as the first woman ever appointed to such a high administrative post on the presidential staff. Cho said of Minister Pi:

"The new head of the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, Pi Woo-jin, was commissioned as a lieutenant in the forces of Korea in 1979. Since then she has broken through many glass ceilings, becoming the first female commander of the Special Forces, as well as a helicopter pilot in the Army's 205th Aviation Battalion.

"In 2006, following surgery to treat breast cancer, Minister Pi returned back to the Army after having been unfairly discharged from service. Through her actions, she has in many ways moved the spirits of women across the country, as well as the greater public."



- 7. APPLY IN ADVANCE TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR A VA BURIAL:** The VA's new pre-need eligibility determination program allows you to find out in advance if you are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery. This allows families to plan ahead, and streamlines access to the burial benefits that Veterans have earned through military service for themselves and their eligible family members. Want more information about this new program? Visit [ExploreVA](#) or click the button below to learn how to apply in advance for burial in a VA national cemetery.

- **How to Apply**

To find out in advance if a Veteran or family member is eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery, click "Apply for Pre-Need Burial Eligibility" to fill out and submit the application.

[Apply for Pre-Need Burial Eligibility](#)

If pre-need eligibility has not been determined, upon the death of the Veteran or his or her spouse or dependent (also called the time of need), family members should locate the Veteran's [DD-214](#) or other discharge papers if readily available and click "Schedule a Burial" to begin the process. Then make arrangements with a funeral home, National Cemetery Scheduling Office, or directly with a VA national cemetery.

[Apply for Pre-Need Burial Eligibility Schedule a Burial](#)

VA Memorial Benefits

VA takes special care to pay lasting tribute to the memory of Veterans who served and sacrificed and that of their families. VA meticulously maintains 135 VA national cemeteries in 40 states and Puerto Rico and is working to increase access to accommodate Veterans and eligible family members close to home. In a few years, 95 percent of Veterans will have a burial option in an open VA, state or tribal veterans cemetery located within 75 miles of their home. Some benefits are also available for Veterans who choose burial in a private cemetery.

Veterans with a qualifying discharge are entitled to VA burial benefits. Spouses and dependent children are eligible too, even if they predecease the Veteran.

The following burial benefits may be provided:

Burial in a VA national cemetery

- Opening and closing of the grave or burial of cremated remains or placement in an above-ground vault, also called a columbarium
- A government furnished grave liner
- Perpetual care of the gravesite
- A headstone or marker with an inscription
- A burial flag
- A Presidential Memorial Certificate
- Transportation of flower arrangements from the committal service shelter to the gravesite

Burial in a private cemetery

- A government headstone, marker, or medallion
- A [burial flag](#)
- A [Presidential Memorial Certificate](#).
- Some survivors may also be entitled to VA [burial allowances](#) as partial reimbursement for the costs of funerals and burials for eligible Veterans.

Please note that gravesites in a VA national cemetery cannot be reserved in advance. To prepare for a private cemetery burial, VA suggests families [review these questions and complete required forms](#) in advance.

VA Requirements

- [Discharge papers](#) to establish your [eligibility](#) for burial services

[Explore VA Memorial Benefits Today](#)

VA Application Process

Burial in a VA national cemetery

- To determine eligibility before the time of need: (Read More)
- To request burial at the time of need when eligibility has been determined: (Read More)
- To establish eligibility at the time of need: (Read More)

Burial in a private cemetery

- To receive a headstone, marker, or medallion: (Read More)
- To receive a burial flag: (Read More)

- To receive a Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC): (Read More)
- To apply for a VA Burial Allowance: (Read More)

You can learn more about VA Burial Allowances and eligibility on this [special compensation overview page](#).

8. DEPENDENTS AND SURVIVORS SURVIVORS PENSION BENEFIT

Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly non-taxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Career Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance and/or Dependents and Survivors' Benefits.

WHAT IS SURVIVORS PENSION?

Survivors pension (formerly death pension) is a needs-based benefit paid to surviving spouses and children of wartime Veterans, who meet certain age, disability, and marriage requirements.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? You may be eligible if:

- the deceased Veteran was discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, AND
- he or she served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war*, AND
- you are the unmarried surviving spouse (or previously married and the marriage was terminated prior to November 1, 1990); OR
- you are the unmarried child of the deceased Veteran who is under 18, who became permanently helpless before 18, or is between 18 and 23 and pursuing a course of instruction at an approved educational institution, AND
- your countable income is below the amount listed in the chart below, AND
- you meet the net worth limitations.

*If the deceased Veteran entered active duty after September 7, 1980, he or she must have served at least 24 months of active duty service. If the total length of service is less than 24 months, the Veteran must have completed their entire tour of active duty. For the current maximum annual pension rate, visit our Survivors Pension Rate Table.

HOW MUCH DOES VA PAY?

VA calculates annual pension by first determining for your particular circumstances the Maximum Annual Pension Rate (MAPR), an amount set by Congress. For example, if you are a surviving spouse with no dependent children, the MAPR is \$8,630. Next VA determines your countable income. VA determines countable income by subtracting from your total annual income the amount of those exclusions provided by law. VA then subtracts from the MAPR your countable income; the difference is Pension and Fiduciary Service – December 2015

is your yearly pension entitlement. VA divides this amount by 12 and rounds down to the nearest dollar, this is the approximate amount of your monthly pension payment.

VA deducts certain expenses paid by you, e.g., unreimbursed medical expenses, from your annual household income, which will decrease your countable income and increase your monthly pension payment. A complete list of these exclusions is provided in section 3.272 of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations.

HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

You may apply for survivors' pension by filling out VA Form 21-534EZ, Application for DIC, Death Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits, and mailing it to the Pension Management Center (PMC) that has jurisdiction over your claim. If you do not know which PMC has jurisdiction over your claim, you may submit your application to the VA regional office closest to your current residence. See our directory of VA regional offices.

We ask that you provide a copy of the Veteran's death certificate with your claim.

9. TOP 3 REASONS TO USE THE VETERANS HEALTH LIBRARY



Have you heard about the [Veterans Health Library](http://www.Veteranshealthlibrary.org) (VHL) found at www.Veteranshealthlibrary.org ? It's a Veteran's one-stop shop on the Internet for health information. It's also a resource to help Veterans be more involved in their health.

There are a lot of reasons to use the VHL, but here are the top three:

A. It's made specifically for Veterans.

"Every piece of information in the VHL was designed for Veterans, their families, and caregivers. The information is also reviewed by VA experts regularly," says Becky Hartt Minor, Health Educator at VA's National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (NCP). "The VHL includes information on issues that affect Veterans specifically, such as [post-traumatic stress disorder](#), [combat-related traumatic brain injury \(TBI\)](#), and [Agent Orange](#)." And the VHL is now available through multiple devices, like Smartphones and laptops.

B. It can help you get the most out of your medical visits.

"Sometimes Veterans may leave a medical appointment not really understanding what they need to do," Minor says. "The VHL can help them prepare for their clinical visit by asking their health care provider the right kinds of questions. In fact, 97% of surveyed users felt that using VHL information had the biggest impact in helping them feel more prepared to ask questions during an appointment." For example, this article on [Talking to Your Healthcare Provider](#) offers tips that may help you feel less nervous when talking about sensitive subjects. [Preparing for a Visit with Your Healthcare Provider](#) discusses important items to bring, such as a list of your medications or a notepad.

C. It can help you stay well.

If you want advice on how to stay healthy, look no further than the VHL. It offers the following resources:

- A [Living Well](#) section that suggests things you can do to feel better, such as managing stress and losing weight
 - A [Living With](#) section that can help you deal with chronic illnesses, such as diabetes
 - More than 2,000 pages of information about [medications](#)
 - A link to [My HealthVet](#), a Web site that helps you manage personal medical information, order medications, and privately contact your health care providers
- In addition to Web pages, you'll find:
- Over 150 [Videos](#)
 - Illustrated On-line [Flipbooks](#) that can be printed for easy reference
 - [Interactive Go-to-Guide Workbooks](#) that include audio, video, and quizzes

So the next time you have a VA medical appointment, think of yourself as a partner in your care by visiting the VHL at www.Veteranshealthlibrary.org and learning more. Preparing yourself with health information, strategies, and helpful tips from the VHL can help you [get the most out of your medical visits](#) and [get more involved in your health](#).

And if you want to learn more about what the VHL has to offer, go online and take the VHL [video tour](#) today!

10. ARMY: CHANGE TO BURIAL ELIGIBILITY WOULD EXPAND LIFE OF ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

By NIKKI WENTLING | STARS AND STRIPES Published: May 1, 2017
WASHINGTON — Extending the lifetime of Arlington National Cemetery will likely require further restrictions on which service members and veterans are eligible for burial there, the Army wrote in a report released to Congress.

Tightening the eligibility requirements — already the strictest of any national cemetery — is one of several options that the Army outlined in its report, which asks Congress, veterans organizations and the departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs for urgency in making decisions about changes to eligibility or the size of the cemetery. Arlington is expected to reach capacity in about three decades if nothing changes, meaning most veterans from recent wars wouldn't have the option to be buried there.

“Arlington National Cemetery is at a crossroads,” reads the report released Thursday. “When one thinks of ANC, it is natural to envision it stretching on forever – not only in physical space, but in time. The truth is that ANC is running out of space. ANC and those it exists to serve must... confront the reality that, at some point in the near future, the cemetery will no longer continue to operate as it does today.”

The Army, which manages the cemetery, has warned of space issues for years. Demand at Arlington is higher than at the 135 national cemeteries managed by the VA. Approximately 400,000 people are buried at Arlington, and it conducts about 7,000 funeral services each year. Even with the opening of a 27-acre expansion this fall, the cemetery is expected to reach capacity in the early 2040s. Congress passed legislation last year requiring the Army to produce the report provided Thursday, which cemetery officials said they hoped would start a national dialogue about the cemetery's future.

The report lists seven options for changing eligibility requirements at Arlington, the most stringent being to allow only Medal of Honor recipients and service members killed in action. Officials anticipated the change would allow Arlington to remain active for the next two centuries. The cemetery now interrs approximately 200 service members killed in action or on active duty each year, and fewer than 800 service members have received the Medal of Honor since World War II. Cemetery officials are anticipating backlash about the idea, stating in the report that some of the ideas to tighten eligibility would “exclude a large number of veterans,” “disenfranchise certain veterans' groups” and “be viewed negatively by the public.”

The cemetery is now open to service members who die while on active duty, retired military and certain other veterans and family members. “[T]he status quo is not a viable option if the goal is to extend ANC as an active cemetery well into the future,” the report reads. In a statement Thursday, the Army wrote it had not chosen a preferred option for how to extend the cemetery's use. But in the report, it called one of the eligibility changes the “most feasible, acceptable and suitable.” The option calls for stricter criteria for in-ground burials while maintaining eligibility for above-ground inurnments as it is now. For example, in-ground burials could be restricted to servicemembers killed in action, who die on active duty or receive certain awards, while above-ground services would remain open to veterans who meet length-of-service requirements, according to the report. Officials estimated the option would allow the cemetery to remain active until the middle of the next century. Under law, the Secretary of the Army has the authority to decide most eligibility requirements for Arlington, and changing eligibility wouldn't require legislation, according to the report. Army officials presented additional options to help with space limitations, including prohibiting any future use of cemetery space for erecting monuments. That change would require legislation. Cemetery officials are also seeking a southern expansion of the cemetery. During a congressional hearing in March, Karen Durham-Aguilera, director of Army National Military Cemeteries, showed lawmakers a site that would create approximately 40,000 to 60,000 new gravesites. It would extend Arlington as an active cemetery into the 2050s, she said at the time, but will require various land acquisition deals and approximately \$274 million. Another option in the report is for Congress to establish an entirely new cemetery, separate from Arlington and managed by the Defense Department. “This would mean building a new cemetery in a suitable place that would offer the same burial honors as ANC,” the report reads. “While it is impossible to recreate the aesthetic appeal and history of ANC, this new cemetery could grow to become iconic over time, in the same way that ANC has gradually evolved over the past 150 years.” Creating a new cemetery would take decades, the report states, and work would need to start soon, or else it would not be established by the time Arlington ran out of space. Cemetery officials also offered the idea of “green burials,” where a tree is planted above a burial site, to save capacity. In the report, Army officials asked Congress to support and fund a study between the Defense Department and VA to gauge veterans' interest in nontraditional burials. Instead of asking Congress and veterans organizations to choose one option to extend the use of the cemetery, the Army is proposing several changes implemented in a phased approach. “The most effective course of action could be a hybrid of multiple options introduced over time,” the report reads.

In one example, the cemetery would – during the next three years -- prohibit monuments, begin a southern expansion and tighten its eligibility, and allow above-ground inurnments to veterans who served two years of active duty. It now allows inurnments for any honorably discharged veteran who served one day of active

duty service. More eligibility restrictions and land acquisitions would be added in two more phases during the next 10 to 20 years, in that example.

Speaking to lawmakers last month, Durham-Aguilera conceded limiting eligibility criteria “is a hard topic.” The cemetery’s report asks for public meetings where veterans organizations can offer their feedback. The Army also wrote it sought support from Congress and Defense Secretary James Mattis “as difficult eligibility decisions are debated.”

“More dialogue and engagement are needed over the coming months and years,” the report states.

“Discussion on these options and courses of actions should continue at a series of open meetings.”

It was uncertain Monday when a public meeting about the cemetery would be held, but the report expounded on the need to act quickly. “If the American people wish to preserve it as an active burial ground, we must act quickly and decisively to shape the future direction,” the report states. “Every day and every year that passes without a decision brings the cemetery closer to capacity.”

11. Those wishing to read the **ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY’S CONGRESSIONAL REPORT:** <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/News/Post/4178/National-dialogue-begins-at-Arlington-National-Cemetery> (POC: karl.p.sondermann.mil@mail.mil)

12. **VA OFFERS TRAINING FOR CLERGY:** The VA has training programs for local clergy to assist veterans in their communities. “We want to reach out to anyone who will help us connect veterans to the local VA,” said Jeffrey Weir, chaplain for the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System. “We want to connect with not only clergy, but with helping organizations who serve veterans.” Weir was the guest speaker at the Care Leadership Team’s April meeting. The Care Leadership Team is made up of people representing local agencies and organizations, communities, churches, schools, volunteers and hospitals who network to share community concerns, information and to connect resources. “If you run into veterans who have needs we have resources for them,” Weir said. “One issue is that not everyone who says they’re veteran is a veteran. Don’t worry about that, we’ll sort that out.”

Central Texas Veterans Health Care System includes the Olin E. Teague Veterans’ Medical Center, Waco VA and six outpatient clinics, including a large Austin clinic. “We have 39 counties in Texas that we cover and most are rural,” he said. “You could drive in any direction from here and within a few minutes you’d be out in the country.” Weir talked about training available to clergy. In small communities many times the person in distress will reach out to a church leader, he said. The VA training modules are On Military Culture and The Wounds of War. This provides an overview of military culture with an emphasis on its conflict with civilian culture. This involves a discussion of the fundamentals of pastoral care with attention given to spirituality in relation to the development of meaning and purpose in life. This is designed to provide community clergy with an overview of mental health services available in rural communities. n Building Community Partnerships. Local communities are often the most important and most neglected resources for reintegration of returning service members. “We want to make people aware of what’s going on with veterans,” Weir said.

There are physical wounds as well as other wounds — sexual trauma, traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress disorder, he said. The wounds impact families and the community, Weir said. A veteran who can’t work may have to get help from community resources. About 20 veterans a day commit suicide and most of those victims never come to the VA for help, he said. The Central Texas Veterans Health Care System serves about 100,000 veterans and had more than a million outpatient visits last year. “That’s not all of the veterans in our service area, that’s the number of veterans served by the VA,” Weir said.

For information, call Weir at 254-743-0991.

13. **TRICARE FORMULARY CHANGE:** Nexium, a popular drug used to treat gastroesophageal reflux disease, will be removed from TRICARE’s formulary list. Effective June 28, 2017, the drug will no longer be available in military hospitals and clinics and those patients who choose to remain on the drug will pay increased fees. The change comes because the drug’s producer, biopharmaceutical company AstraZeneca, cancelled the Department of Defense’s 10-year Nexium preferred pricing agreement on April 1. The increased price is costing the DOD an additional \$1.6 million per day. The almost 338,000 TRICARE patients currently prescribed Nexium are advised to contact their doctors to determine if Nexium is medically necessary or if they can safely be switched to an alternative drug. Patients taking Nexium should receive letters from the Defense Health Agency with more details. [Read more about alternatives and costs.](#)

14. KOREAN WAR VETERAN'S 'FINAL MISSION' IS TO FIND POWS HE HELPED FREE

Posted, May 3, 2017, by [Tribune Media Wire](#)

NOBLESVILLE, Ind.-- Sgt. Charles Layton was 6,000 miles from home and 21-years-old when he became a prisoner of war. In the early 1950s he spent four months in captivity in the bitter cold, [suffering daily beatings](#). "The pain was so intense," said Layton. "I couldn't speak for several days. I wish I could rip it from my memory out of my head. Even with shoes on I can still feel the pain." The memories, now 65 years old, haunt him still. "I knew I had to do it for us to escape. I had no alternative but to kill the guards," he said. "Taking somebody's life is not a happy memory, and I felt tremendously guilty and carried that guilt a long, long, long time." He thought he was going to die.

"They were butchers," Layton [told WTTV](#). "They would slap you. They would hit you. They would punch you. They would kick you." He survived, and so did dozens of others because of his heroism. He led a group of POWs into the fight for their lives. "When the guards came on duty and got warm and they were intoxicated we made a noise at the back guard. And he came in and we took him down," said Layton. It took more than 60 years for the hero to share the story. No one knew, including his wife and children, until he [wrote it in his book](#).

Today, the Purple Heart recipient lives in Noblesville, Indiana. Unfortunately, he can't find the heroes he helped escape captivity. "My goal has been to try to find somebody that was with me, and I have been unsuccessful," he said. He knows there were 36 others. Two of them were French, but he didn't know anyone's names. "The guys that I was with, I never saw a face because we were bearded, dirty, filthy," he said. He's worried this mission to find his friends could fail. "I want to hug 'em. I would be pleased as punch to find one. I'm 88. What are my chances?" he asked. Layton's wife and friends are concerned they're running out of time. WTTV hasn't found a lot of help for situations like this. The station called the V.A. and Korean War veterans non-profit to put out word for his compatriots with no luck. Here are some essential components of his story:

- Layton was captured early November 1951 and held until late February 1952
- He was approximately 12 miles north of the 38th Parallel
- Layton served with the 22nd Ranger Battalion and was with both the 2nd Infantry Division and 7th Division
- Friendly forces picked up Layton and the others after an L-19 airplane spotted them; he doesn't know how far they walked but said the walk lasted about five hours

15. KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL OF REMEMBRANCE:

Are you aware that the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation (a non-profit Foundation chartered in the District of Columbia is seeking funding to place the names of the 36,574 fallen veterans on a Wall of Remembrance (WOR) to be added to the National Korean War Veterans Memorial in our Nation's Capital, so as to honor all who gave their all during that War? That Wall of Remembrance will finally give credence to the Memorial's theme that "Freedom is not Free." Just as Huntsville honors its veterans from every war, so will the Foundation honor our nation's veterans fallen in battle during the Korean War.

Someone once said that "our nation owes a debt to its fallen heroes that we can never fully repay, but we can honor their sacrifice" and that the Foundation seeks to do. It was just last October when the Foundation's efforts to shepherd legislation through numerous Congresses finally succeeded in having the legislation signed into law (Public Law 114-230) to build that Wall - using solely private, tax-deductible, funding.

If you are interested in writing another or follow up story on particularly the Korean War Veterans to let your community know of the Foundation's efforts, please get back in touch with me.

Annelie Weber, Secretary/Treasurer

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Winners to be drawn at October banquet 2017.
Donation \$20 for each ticket. To enter this fundraiser



ANNOUNCING THE 2017 KWVA FUNDRAISER

The time has come to enter the 2017 KWVA Fundraiser. As always, we need your help to keep the KWVA functioning. Several things are threatening our future. With your help we can eliminate them.

First and foremost, I want to thank every member that participated in the 2016 fundraiser. Our 2016 goal of \$70,000 was surpassed with \$75,026 raised. This included individuals that preferred not to participate in the drawing and gave direct donations. A few others wrote KWVA and their member number on tickets. Had they been drawn, the prize would have been put into the fundraiser total. Thank you all, it is greatly appreciated. That being said, let's reach our goal of \$70,000 again this year. There are no administrative costs. All donations go to helping support the Graybeards, "Tell America" and other KWVA programs.

The "ALL CASH PRIZES" are: FIRST PRIZE \$1500 plus FOUR \$1000 PRIZES. Winners can: Take a vacation; pay bills; or purchase a special item. These are "MEMBER ONLY PRIZES". Each ticket requires a donation of \$20.00. Be certain to put your member number on the ticket. I look forward to again notifying the winners. President Stevens enjoyed picking the 2016 Winners and looks forward to picking the 2017 winners. We thank you and wish "GOOD LUCK" to all members that donate.

I especially again ask all members that have not had to pay dues, in at least the last 10 years, including "LIFE", "POW" and "HONORARY" members to please help support the costs of the Graybeards Magazine. It is not our goal to reduce issues of the magazine just to save the money.

In addition to the chances in the enclosed flyer, KWVA Challenge Coins, with Bulk Prices, Hats, Pins, Patches (including the "NEW KOREA WAR and KOREA DEFENSE PATCH") are available through our Membership Office. Please call Sheila 217-345-4414 or visit the KWVA.org website to purchase these items. KWVA Coins are an excellent way to raise funds for your Chapters. They make fantastic gifts for your supporters and our Wounded Military cherish these coins. I personally, along with 2nd VP Jeff Brodeur, and others have given hundreds of these challenge coins to our Wounded Warriors over the last several years when visiting Bethesda/Walter Reed hospitals. The wounded troops are always happy to receive these special coins from the Korean War Veterans. We are proud to do it, and you can do it also. Buy some coins at bulk prices. Sell some for \$20.00 and give some away to the wounded personnel in the hospitals and veterans homes. Donate some of the profit back to the KWVA. We need your support.

If anyone has a question, problem or needs help in any way, please contact Director Thomas McHugh, Chairman, Fundraiser Committee 908-852-1964 tmmchugh@msn.com Address available in the Graybeards. Thanking you in advance for your participation. Always Remember: "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

Thomas McHugh, Director
Chairman, Fundraiser Committee

Winners will be announced on www.KWVA.org and in the Greybeards Magazine

Deadline for ticket donations is Sept 15, 2017

Make check payable to: KWVA or Pay by Credit Card Visa Master Card
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16. Helpful Services: Phone Numbers and Web Sites

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Regional Office (Benefits)	800.827.1000	VA.gov
Office of the Secretary	202.273.4800	VA.gov
Office of the Inspector General	202.461.4702	https://www.va.gov/oig
Office of the National Cemetery System	202.461.6240	www.cem.va.gov
Arlington National Cemetery	703.607.8585	www.arlingtoncemetery.mil
Board of Veterans Appeals	202.565.5436	www.bva.va.gov
Central Office (Main Switchboard)	202.273.5400	
Funeral Arrangements & Eligibility	703.607.8585	www.cem.va.gov
Government Life Insurance	800.669.8477	www.insurance.va.gov
Personal Locator	202.273.4950	

Other Veteran Government Agencies

Department of Defense	703.545.6700	https://www.defense.gov
Veterans Employment & Training Office	202.693.4700	https://www.dol.gov/vets
Small Business Administration (VA)	202.205.6600	https://www.sba.gov

Congressional Committees

Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs	202.224.9126	www.veterans.senate.gov
House Committee on Veterans Affairs	202.225.3527	https://veterans.house.gov
Congressional Rural Health Care Coalition	202.225.6600	www.ruralhealthinfo.org

Other Veteran Related Offices and Agencies

U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims	202.418.3453	uscourts.cavc.gov
Questions on specific Cases	202.501.5970	
National Organization for Vets Advocates (Attorneys)	877.483.8238	https://vetadvocates.org
USO	888.484.3876	https://www.uso.org

POW/MIA

Department of Defense, POW/MIA Affairs	703.699.1169	http://www.dpaa.mil/
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Incarcerated Veteran

Federal Bureau of Prisons	202.307.3198	https://www.bop.gov
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PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)

VA Readjustment Counseling Service	202.273.8967	www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/317
VA PTSD Information	802.296.6300	www.ptsd.va.gov
VA PTSD Help – In Crisis – Suicide Prevention	800.273.8255	www.veteranscrisisline.net
National Center for PTSD – Behavioral Science Division	857.364.4172	www.ptsd.va.gov/PTSD/about/divisions

Locator and Reunion Services

Army Worldwide Locator	866.771.6357	hqdainet.army.mil/mpsa/per_locator.htm
Navy Times Locator Services	901.874.3388	https://www.navytimes.com
Personnel Locator	800.333.4636	

Archives

Air Force Support Office	202.404.2264	www.afhistory.af.mil
Marine Corps Historical Office	703.432.4877	guides.grc.usmcu.edu/archives
National Archives – Military Records	866.272.6272	www.archives.gov/research/military
Naval Historical Center (Operations Archives)	202.433.3170	www.history.navy.mil
United States Army Center of Military History	866.272.6272	www.history.army.mil

Women Veterans

Women in Military Service-America Memorial Foundation	703.533.1155	www.womensmemorial.org
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US ARMY DIRECTORY

Arlington National Cemetery: (877) 907-8585
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil>

Armed Forces Retirement Home: (800) 422-9988; <http://www.afrh.gov>

Army & Air Force Exchange Service: www.shopmyexchange.com **Army**

Echoes: <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes>
Editor's e-mail address: ArmyEchoes@mail.mil

Army Echoes Blog: <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/blog>

Army Emergency Relief: (866) 878-6378; <http://www.aerhq.org>

Army Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/USArmy>

Army Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/soldiersmediacenter/>

Army Homepage: <http://www.army.mil>

Army Live Blog: <http://armylive.dodlive.mil/>

Army mobile phone apps: <http://www.army.mil/mobile/>

Army Retirement Services: <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>

Army Stand To!: <http://www.army.mil/standto/>

Army Lodging Program: (877) 711-8326; <http://www.pal.army.mil>
Reservations: <http://www.ihgarmyhotels.com>

Army Twitter: <https://twitter.com/USArmy/>

Army YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/usarmy>

Casualty Assistance Checklist for Retired Soldiers: <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/docs/Post/CasualtyAssistanceChecklist.pdf>

Chief of Staff, Army Retired Soldier Council:
<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/RetireeCouncil>

Combat-Related Special Compensation: (866) 281-3254 opt.4;
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/CRSC>

Commissary: <http://www.commissaries.com>

Concurrent Retired & Disability Pay: (800) 321-1080,
<http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/disability/crdp.html>

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: (855) 411-2372
<http://www.consumerfinance.gov/>

Death — Report a Retired Soldier's Death: Call HQDA Casualty Operations Center, (800) 626-3317; from overseas, call (502) 613-3317 collect.
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Reporting%20A%20Death>

DS Logon: <https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/identitymanagement/>

Funeral Honors (Military): Army Coordinator: (502) 613-8218
<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/mfh/>

ID Card Facilities: (800) 538-9552; Nearest facility: www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl

Legal Assistance Locator (Military): <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/content/locator.php>

Long Term Care Insurance: (800) 582-3337 <http://www.ltcfeds.com/>

MyArmyBenefits: <http://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/>
Help Desk: (888) 721-2769 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST Monday - Friday);

Survivor Outreach Services: (855) 707-2769, <https://www.sos.army.mil/>

Reserve Component Retirements (888) 276-9472
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Reserve%20Component%20Retirements>

RC Application for Retired Pay: Human Resources Command; ATTN: AHRC-PDR-RCR; 1600 Spearhead Division Ave.; Dept 482; Ft Knox, KY 40122-5402; (888) 276-9472; download the application from:
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/Default.aspx?ID=13664>

Soldiers Magazine: <http://soldiers.dodlive.mil/>

Space-Available Travel: <http://www.amc.af.mil/Home/AMC-Travel-Site>

Soldier for Life on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CSASoldierForLife

Soldier for Life on Twitter: www.twitter.com/csaSoldier4Life

Soldier for Life on Linked In:
www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=6627257&trk=anet ug_h

Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program: (800) 325-4715;
<https://www.sfl-tap.army.mil/>

Survivor Benefit Plan: <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/sbp>

Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act:

<http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/usfspa>



U. S. Army Retired Lapel Button and Badge: Type "Soldier for Life" into the search box at <https://www.shopmyexchange.com>

Veterans Service Records — Replace DD Form 214, awards:

Retired 4/1/1996 or later: Visit <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/>, Click on "Army White Pages" at the bottom, then log in. Next click on "Click Here to Access Your Army Record."

Retired 3/31/1996 or earlier: Call Human Resources Command at (888) 276-9472 or visit <http://vetrecs.archives.gov> National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records); 1 Archive Drive. St. Louis, MO 63138-1002

DFAS (800) 321-1080 (M-F, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST) <http://www.dfas.mil/>
myPay (888) 332-7411; <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>
Retiree/Annuitant web page <http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html>

Social Security (800) 772-1213 <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/>; If overseas, contact the American Embassy/consulate, or visit <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/foreign/phones.html>.

Medicare (800) 633-4227 <http://www.medicare.gov>

TRICARE <http://www.tricare.mil>

Health Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinator:

<http://www.tricare.mil/bcadcdao>, or nearest military treatment facility

TRICARE North: (877) 874-2273; <http://www.hnfs.com>; CT, DC, DE, IL, IN, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT, VA, WI, WV, some ZIPs in IA, MO, TN

TRICARE South: (800) 444-5445; <http://www.humana-military.com/>
AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, OK, SC, TN (except 35 TN ZIP codes near Ft Campbell), and TX (except the extreme SW El Paso area)

TRICARE West: (877) 988-9378; <https://www.uhcmilitarywest.com/>; AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, IA (except 82 Iowa ZIP codes near Rock Island, IL) KS, MO (except the St. Louis area), MN, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, OR, SD, SW TX, UT, WA, WY

TRICARE Overseas: (888) 777-8343; <http://www.tricare-overseas.com>

TRICARE for Life: (866) 773-0404; TDD (866) 773-0405
<http://tricare.mil/Plans/HealthPlans/TFL.aspx>

TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery: (877) 363-1296;
<http://www.tricare.mil/homedelivery/>

TRICARE Network Pharmacy: (877) 363-1303; <http://www.express-scripts.com>

TRICARE Retiree Dental Plan: (888) 838-8737; <http://www.TRDP.org>

US Family Health Plan: <http://www.usfhp.com/>

Armed Forces Recreation Centers <http://www.armymwr.com>

Hale Koa Hotel, Hawaii: (800) 367-6027; <http://halekoa.com>

Edelweiss Resort, Bavaria: 011-49-8821-9440
<http://www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com>

Shades of Green, Florida: (888) 593-2242; (407) 824-3665
<http://www.shadesofgreen.org/reservations.htm>

Dragon Hill, Korea: 011-822-790-0016 <http://www.dragonhillodge.com>

Veterans Affairs (VA) Information <http://www.va.gov>

Burial & Memorial Benefits: <http://www.cem.va.gov/> (877) 907-8199

Benefits and Services: (800) 827-1000 (Retired Soldiers overseas should contact the American Embassy/consulate); TDD (800) 829-4833
<http://benefits.va.gov/benefits/>

GI Bill: (888) 442-4551; <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

Health Care Benefits: (877) 222-8387; <http://www.va.gov/health>

Insurance: SGLI/VGLI: (800) 419-1473; All other insurance: (800) 669-8477

Sister Service Publications for Retired Service Members

Air Force Afterburner: <http://www.Retirees.af.mil/afterburner/>

Coast Guard Evening Colors: <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews/>

Marine Corps Semper Fi: <https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/> then click Career/Retired Marines, then Semper Fidelis Newsletter

Navy Shift Colors: <http://www.navy.mil/> then click Links/Shift Colors

RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICERS (RSOs)

Do you have questions about benefits, SBP, Retiree Appreciation Days, or anything else retirement-related? Then contact the RSO for your area or go to the Army Retirement Services website <http://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/rso>.

INSTALLATION RSOs

(states/territories without Army installations list the RSO serving that area)

ALABAMA

• Redstone Arsenal (256) 876-2022 usarmy.redstone.imcom.mbx.retirement-services@mail.mil
• Ft. Rucker (334) 255-9124/9739 usarmy.rucker.usag.list.retirees@mail.mil

ALASKA

• JB Elmendorf-Richardson (800) 478-7384 (AK only) (907) 384-3500 rso@richardson.army.mil
• Ft. Wainwright (907) 353-2099 fwarso@wainwright.army.mil

ARIZONA

• Ft. Huachuca (520) 533-5733/1120 usarmy.huachuca.imcom-central.mbx.retirement-services-officer@mail.mil

ARKANSAS

See Ft. Sill, OK
CALIFORNIA
• Presidio of Monterey (831) 242-4986 usarmy.pom.imcom-central.mbx.retirement-services-officer-pom@mail.mil

COLORADO

• Ft. Carson (719) 526-2840 usarmy.carson.imcom-central.mbx.retirement-services-ft-carson-co@mail.mil

CONNECTICUT

See West Point, N.Y.

DELAWARE

See Ft. Meade, Md.

D.C.

See JB Myer-Henderson Hall, Va.

FLORIDA

• Central & West MacDill AFB (813) 828-0163 army.rso@amc.af.mil
• Rest of FL, see Ft. Stewart, Ga.

GEORGIA

• Ft. Benning (706) 567-1805/2715 usarmy.benning.imcom.mbx.g1hrd-rso@mail.mil
• Ft. Gordon (706) 791-2654/4774 usarmy.gordon.imcom.list.fg-retiree-service-office@mail.mil

• Ft. Stewart (912) 767-5013/3326 usarmy.stewart.usag.mbx.dhr-retirement-services@mail.mil

• Ft. Riley (785) 239-3320 usarmy.riley.imcom.mbx.rso@mail.mil

KENTUCKY

• Ft. Campbell (270) 798-5280 usarmy.campbell.imcom-southeast.mbx.dhr-mpsdr-retire@mail.mil
• Ft. Knox (502) 624-1765 usarmy.knox.imcom-atlantic.mbx.dhr-rso@mail.mil

LOUISIANA

• Ft. Polk (337) 531-0363 rso@polk.army.mil

MAINE

See Ft. Drum, N.Y.

MARYLAND

• Aberdeen Proving Grnd (410) 306-2322 usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.imne-apg-hrm@mail.mil

• Ft. Meade (301) 677-9603 armyrsomeade@mail.mil

• Ft. Meade (301

17. REVISIT TO KOREA PROGRAM:

Over 350 veterans and family members returned to Korea on the ROK government subsidized program that was commenced in 1975. The big change this year was that the Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA) approved Korea Defense Veterans, and their families, going for the first time. We have been told that there are 160 allocations for Korean War Veterans and a family member to participate in 2017. The only current figures we're working on are 60 Revisit Korea quotas 21-27 June and 30 "Peace Campers", 23-30 June. The months are usually June, July, September, and October. These quotas go very fast so it's highly recommended that you submit your registrations ASAP. For more information see: www.KWVA.org or www.miltours.com

18. 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

19. 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: \$5,000.00** (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



20. 2017 Retired and Annuitant Pay Dates:

Entitlement Month	Retiree Payment Dates	Annuitant Payment Dates
January 2017	February 1, 2017	February 1, 2017
February 2017	April 1, 2017	April 1, 2017
April 2017	April 31, 2017	April 3, 2017
April 2017	May 1, 2017	May 1, 2017
May 2017	June 1, 2017	June 1, 2017
June 2017	June 30, 2017	July 3, 2017
July 2017	August 1, 2017	August 1, 2017
August 2017	September 1, 2017	September 1, 2017
September 2017	September 29, 2017	October 2, 2017
October 2017	November 1, 2017	November 1, 2017
November 2017	December 1, 2017	December 1, 2017
December 2017	December 29, 2017	January 2, 2018

21. READING OF THE FALLEN: The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation has been conducting a reading the names of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice during the Korean War. In 2015, all of the American Servicemen who died during the war had their names announced in a very dignified and solemn ceremony. This year all of the Korean Augmentation to the United States Army soldier's names who were killed had their names read at the Memorial. **On June 25, 2017, The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation will read all of the fallen from the Allied Countries who came to the aid of South Korea will have their names read at the Memorial.**



22. INVITATION: RECOGNITION AND HONORING KOREAN WAR VETERANS

Good afternoon Korean War Veterans Association.

I want to let you know about an important event we are hosting in Concord NC on Sunday, July 30. It is an event to recognize and honor Veterans of the Korean War. This special event is free for Korean Veterans and 1 guest. Please help us get the word out. I have attached the event and sponsor fliers. We would welcome someone from your organization to attend and make a short presentation.

See event introduction below

The "We Honor Veterans" program at Hospice & Palliative Care Center and Rowan Hospice & Palliative Care is hosting a July 30th dinner to recognize and honor Veterans of the Korean War, similar to the two Spirit of '45 Celebrations we facilitated for our WWII Veterans on 10/15/15 and 8/28/16.

The Embassy Suites in Concord has agreed to participate again and is holding the afternoon of Sunday, July 30 open for this event. This special event will begin at 4:00 pm and continue to 7:00 pm.

The Korean “Police Action” has become known as the “Forgotten War”. For many people their knowledge of this war is a TV comedy show called MASH. These Veterans have never received the recognition they deserve and we, with your help, would like to change that for them. This war was as difficult and brutal as any, and in some ways more so. See details below.

The Korean War by the numbers:

- June 25, 1950 – July 27, 1953.
- **Americans Killed: 33,664**
- Americans wounded: over 100,000
- Medal of Honor winners: 131
- **Americans MIA – Still Unaccounted for: 8,176**
- Americans POW: 7,140 (Liberated: 4,418, Died as a POW: 2,701, Refused repatriation: 21)
- Over 5 million people killed – **over 50% were civilians**

I am confident that the Veterans of the “Forgotten War” will be just as grateful, if not more so.

Thanks...Don Timmons

Veteran, Army – 1969 & 1970

Community Partnership and Veterans Support Coordinator

Hospice & Palliative Care Center and Rowan Hospice & Palliative Care

Office: 336 331-1309 Mobile: 336 403-1964

don.timmons@hospicecarecenter.org

SEE FLYER BELOW

"No Longer Forgotten"

A Special Event to Recognize and Honor Those Who Served in the **Korean War**



Please join us for this special event to honor Veterans of the "Forgotten War" for their service to our country. There will be a reception and dinner followed by entertainment featuring Letters From Home.

☆☆☆☆☆☆ **Sunday, July 30, 2017** ☆☆☆☆☆☆
4:00 - 7:00 pm

Embassy Suites by Hilton
Charlotte-Concord/Golf Resort & Spa
5400 John Q. Hammons Dr. NW, Concord, NC 28027

Check-In Begins at 3:00 pm
Group Photo @ 4:00 pm, Followed by Program & Dinner

This special event is **FREE to Veterans of the Korean War and one guest**
Individual tickets to the event are \$45 for other attendees

Sponsor Packages Available - Call Don Timmons at 336 331-1309





23. **POW/MIA REPORT:** Submitted by Mr. Rocky Harder, KWVA POW/MIA Coordinator. Monthly Teleconference, DPAA-Family Organizations/VSO/MSO

- **Army Cpl. Louis A. Damewood**, 21, of Carroll County, Md., will be buried May 12 in Suffolk, Va. Damewood was a member of Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, operating near Hoengsong, South Korea. He was declared missing after his unit attacked an opposition road block on Feb. 13, 1951. [Read about Damewood.](#)
- **Army Cpl. George A. Perreault**, 20, of Burlington, Vt., will be buried May 13 in his hometown. Perreault was part of Support Force 21, assigned to Headquarters Battery, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, near the Central Corridor in South Korea. While supporting Korean-led attacks on Chinese forces, they were caught in a massive Chinese counterattack on Feb. 11, 1951. Perreault was declared missing on Feb. 13, 1951. **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**
- **Army Cpl. Glen E. Kritzwiser**, missing from the Korean War, has now been accounted for. <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1182332/soldier>
In early February 1951, Kritzwiser was a member of Battery C, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, when American units began supporting Republic of Korea Army (ROKA) attacks against units of the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces (CPVF) in an area known as the Central Corridor in North Korea. The support group, known as SF21, provided artillery fire support for the ROKA during its attack north on Hongch'on. On the evening of Feb. 11, 1951, the CPVF launched a massive counterattack against the ROKA. The ROKA withdrew, leaving Kritzwiser's unit and the rest of SF21 behind at Changbong-ni. The SF 21 marched south along Route 29, fighting through ambushes and roadblocks, to Hoengsong and eventually to the city of Wonju. Kritzwiser was reported missing in action as of Feb. 13, 1951 when he did not arrive to report in Wonju. On January 7, 2017, based on research and analysis, remains possibly corresponding to Kritzwiser were disinterred and sent to the DPAA laboratory for analysis. Laboratory analyses were used in the identification of his remains. Interment services are pending.
- **Army Cpl. Richard Seadore**, missing from the Korean War, has now been accounted for. <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1182323/soldier>
In December 1950, Seadore was a member of Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, when all units of the United Nations Command were moving south after units of the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces (CPVF) staged mass attacks during their Second Phase Offensive. On Dec. 14, the Regiment sent out a reconnaissance patrol. While Seadore's company did not participate in the patrol, they remained in defensive positions north of Uijong-bu, South Korea. The CPVF attacked and penetrated the company's defensive line. As the unit prepared to move the following day, Seadore could not be located and was he was reported absent without leave (AWOL.) His status was later amended to missing in action. Remains were handed over to the agency on May 28, 1992 and sent to the Central Identification Laboratory (now DPAA) for analysis. Interment services are pending.

- **Army Cpl. John Lane**, missing from the Korean War, has now been accounted for. <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1182327/soldier>
In late July 1950, Lane was assigned to Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, when the Korean People's Army attacked the city of Chinju, South Korea. The regiment set up defensive positions before withdrawing east to regroup. Upon arrival south of Masan the battalion began accounting for its soldiers and when Lane could not be accounted for, he was reported missing in action as of July 31, 1950. Remains were disinterred by the Chinju Sanitation Department in 1987 and sent to the Central Identification Laboratory for identification. Recent technology in DNA and laboratory analysis were used in the identification of his remains. Interment services are pending.
- **Army Pfc. Manuel M. Quintana**, 19, of Klondyke, Ariz., will be buried May 19 in Boulder City, Nev. Quintana was a member of Company K, 3rd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment. In late July 1950, the regiment unexpectedly encountered enemy forces while moving toward Hadong, in present day South Korea. Following the battle, Quintana could not be accounted for and was declared missing in action as of July 27, 1950.
- **Army Cpl. Frank L. Sandoval** was a member of Battery A, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. Sandoval's unit, part of Support Force 21, provided artillery fire support for South Korean forces from Changbong-ni. On Feb. 11, 1951, Chinese forces launched a massive counter offensive, forcing the support force to withdraw. Sandoval could not be accounted for after the unit reassembled in Wonju on Feb. 13. Interment services are pending.

24. MIA Families Sought: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is seeking families of missing American service members to attend informational update meetings and to collect DNA samples if one is not already on file. Learn more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/Families/Family-Events/>.

25. TRUMP WARNS NORTH KOREA'S MISSILES WILL GET BETTER:

SEOUL, South Korea — President Donald Trump said after North Korea's latest failed rocket launch that communist leader Kim Jong-Un will eventually develop better missiles, and "we can't allow it to happen." In a taped interview broadcast Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation," the president would not discuss the possibility of military action, saying: "It is a chess game. I just don't want people to know what my thinking is." Separately, Trump's national security adviser, Army Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, said North Korea's most recent missile test represents "open defiance of the international community." He said North Korea poses "a grave threat," not just to the U.S. and its Asian allies, but also to China. Speaking on "Fox News Sunday," McMaster said it is important "for all of us to confront this regime, this regime that is pursuing the weaponization of a missile with a nuclear weapon." "This is something that we know we cannot tolerate," McMaster said. On Saturday, a North Korean mid-range ballistic missile broke up a few minutes after launch, the third test-fire flop this month. The program's repeated failures over the past few years have given rise to suspicions of U.S. sabotage. In the CBS interview, the president was asked why the North's rockets keep blowing up. "I'd rather not discuss it," he said. "But perhaps they're just not very good missiles. But eventually, he'll have good missiles." He added: "And if that happens, we can't allow it to happen." The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Wayne E. Meyer, left, is underway April 25, 2017, alongside the Republic of Korea multirole guided-missile destroyer Wang Geon during a bilateral exercise. Wayne E. Meyer was on a scheduled western Pacific deployment with aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson. Trump also called North Korea's leader "a pretty smart cookie" for being able to hold onto power after taking over at a young age. "People are saying, 'Is he sane?' I have no idea," the president said. North Korean ballistic missile tests are banned by the United Nations because they are seen as part of the North's push for a nuclear-tipped weapon that can hit the U.S. mainland. McMaster said that Trump "has made clear that he is going to resolve this issue one way or the other," but that the president's preference is to work with China and others to resolve it without military action. That means, McMaster said, working to enforce current U.N. sanctions and perhaps ratcheting them up. "And it also means being prepared for military operations if necessary," he said. Trump said he believes China's president, Xi Jinping, has been putting

pressure on North Korea over its missile and nuclear weapons programs. The launch comes at a point of particularly high tension in the region. Trump has sent a nuclear-powered submarine and an aircraft carrier to Korean waters. The U.S. and South Korea also started installing a missile defense system that is supposed to be partially operational within days. Residents in the village of Seongj, where the missile defense system is being installed, scuffled with police on Sunday. About 300 protesters faced off against 800 police and succeeded in blocking two U.S. Army oil trucks from entering the site, local media reported. A few residents were injured or fainted from the scuffle and were taken to a hospital. A South Korean protester holds up a card during a rally to oppose a plan to deploy the advanced U.S. missile defense system called Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, near U.S. Embassy in Seoul, South Korea, Saturday, April 29, 2017. A North Korean mid-range ballistic missile apparently failed shortly after launch Saturday, South Korea and the United States said. The Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense system, or THAAD, is controversial in South Korea, and presidential front-runner Moon Jae-in has vowed to reconsider the deployment if he wins the May 9 election. He has said that the security benefits of THAAD would be offset by worsened relations with China, which is the country's biggest trading partner and is opposed to its deployment. Trump raised eyebrows in South Korea last week when he said would make Seoul pay \$1 billion for the missile defense system. McMaster said Sunday that the matter is subject to negotiation.

26. SOUTH KOREA'S NEXT LEADER WILL ENGAGE NORTH, RECONSIDER THAAD

SEOUL, South Korea – Some of the key policies of Moon Jae-in, who is set to be South Korea's next president after his main rivals conceded following Tuesday's election:

ENGAGEMENT WITH NORTH KOREA: A former aide of late liberal President Roh Moo-hyun, who sought rapprochement with North Korea, Moon has been critical of the hard-line stances that conservative governments in Seoul maintained against North Korea over the past decade. Moon says the confrontational approach did nothing to prevent North Korea from expanding its arsenal of nuclear weapons and missiles and only reduced Seoul's voice in international efforts to deal with its rival. He calls for sanctions and pressure against Pyongyang to be balanced with engagement efforts, and says he's open to the idea of holding talks with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un over the nuclear issue, which would mark a sharp departure from recent South Korean policy. He also vows to reopen an industrial park in the North Korean border town of Kaesong that was jointly run by the two Koreas before the government of impeached South Korean President Park Geun-hye, who is in jail awaiting a corruption trial, closed it last year following a nuclear test and long-range rocket launch by the North.

RECONSIDERING U.S. ANTI-MISSILE SYSTEM: Moon has also shown a willingness to challenge the United States, a key ally of South Korea, saying that Seoul should reconsider its deployment of an advanced U.S. missile defense system to better cope with North Korean threats. Moon says that the security benefits of THAAD, or Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, would be curtailed by worsened relations with China, whose help Washington and Seoul are trying to enlist to pressure Pyongyang into giving up its nuclear ambitions. China, South Korea's largest trade partner, has raised concerns that THAAD's powerful radar could be used to peer deep into its territory and monitor its flights and missile launches. Seoul has raised suspicions that Beijing is retaliating against plans for THAAD by limited Chinese tour group visits to South Korea.

27. TaLK: Teach and Learn in Korea (Fall 2017)

Apply by June 21, 2017

The Teach and Learn in Korea (TaLK) Program invites young, adventurous college students and recent graduates to teach English to elementary school students living in the rural areas of South Korea. Funded by the Ministry of Education (MOE), the TaLK Program aims to cultivate English skills while participants will have the opportunity to learn about the many facets of Korean culture and find time to travel to distinct regions of the Korean peninsula. For fall 2017 assignments, apply by June 21. **Information here** or potential US applicants can contact the Korean Education Center at sychang90@mofa.go.kr or 202-939-5681.

28. SENATE CONFIRMS NEW AIR FORCE SECRETARY: The Senate approved the nomination of former congresswoman Heather Wilson to become the new secretary of the Air Force. Wilson, who represented New Mexico's 1st Congressional District from 1998 to 2009, was the first woman veteran to serve out a full term in Congress. She served seven years as an Air Force officer after being a distinguished graduate of the Air Force Academy's Class of 1982. She is expected to be sworn into office soon.

29.

KWVA PRAYER LIST

- a. George Bruzgis - Bedridden – Possibility of losing his leg
- b. Mrs. Virginia Edwards (Sonny's wife) – remission from cancer and Hip Replacement
- c. COL Bill Weber – Fitting of new prosthesis
- d. Director George Bruzgis – Operation on his legs – Circulation problems
- e. Our Country (USA)
- f. Our Countries Leadership
- g. Men and Women serving in the Armed Forces
- h. Situation in the Korean Peninsular

KOREA 65

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The Forgotten War Remembered

The Korean War took the lives of millions, separated families and heavily influenced the Pacific Northwest. Sixty-five years later, the war resonates with veterans who survived savage combat, the loved ones of soldiers who never returned and thousands of orphans adopted by Washington families. More than 60,000 Koreans and Korean Americans live in Washington today. South Korea is one of the state's leading partners in international trade.

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They called him Fearless Frailey. Flying a sleek F-86 Sabre, Richard Frailey of Tumwater prowled "MiG Alley" along the Chinese border during the war. In a stunning turn of events, Frailey was shot down by friendly fire a few weeks after bagging his first enemy jet.

As a teenager during World War II, Barbara Nichols of Lacey built B-17 bombers at Boeing. By 1950, she was one of the first Army nurses sent to Korea. Nichols soon received a battlefield promotion to captain, and in her spare moments aided missionaries to help children orphaned by the war.



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KWV YC founded
(descendants of KWVs)

2013



2015

History & Social Studies
Teachers Professional
Development Conference

Digital history of
Korean War and
post-Korean War
developments

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2016

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In 2000, the Maxwell School established The Ambassador Pyo Wook Han Lecture Series on US-Korean Affairs. Ambassador Han (SU alum '42) founded the Korean Embassy in Washington D.C. in 1948 and met with President Truman for US aid during and after the war. Local KWWs invited to the Lecture Series brought pictures and other historical artefacts. In 2005, SU's digital library project with Kim Chaek University of Technology, D.P.R.K. was completed, and the idea of making a digital

memorial to preserve veterans' artefacts was formed.

Purpose

To preserve memories of Korean War Veterans, to honor their sacrifice and services, and to educate our young generations on the legacy of the Korean War—the U.S.'s most successful involvement since WWII and its strategic alliance with Republic of Korea and Korea's simultaneous economic development and democratization.

Our Signature Public Diplomacy Projects on the Korean War and post-war Developments

- Project I. Completion of KWW's Digital Archive
- Project II. Making Digital History Teaching Materials
- Project III. Teachers Professional Development Conference
- Project IV. "Korea Residency" Programs
- Project V. International Educators Cooperation



Teachers, Youth Corps members, and Veterans at the annual Conference (June 2016, Orlando, FL).

Digital Archive

With the average age of KWWs being 85, it is imperative to document every possible oral history and historical artefact as soon as possible. Currently, the KWWLF has accumulated more than 1,000 in depth-interviews and 8,000 historical artefacts including pictures, letters, diaries, flyers, posters, and private & public documents related to the Korean War. The KWWLF's Teacher Fellows are working to turn this digital archive into the "Korean War Memory Bank," which teachers and students can use in classrooms.

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Focusing on the foundation's major theme, "What good can come out of the Korean War?", the KWWLF has run the following programs for teachers:

- 1) Annual Teachers Conferences
- 2) Annual Korea Visit
- 3) Korea Ambassadorship
- 4) U.S.-Korea Exchange Residency
- 5) International Cooperation

Korean War History Project

To challenge the myth of the so-called "Forgotten War," the KWWLF—with official endorsement of National Council of Social Studies—launched a series of educational projects based on its digital archive (kwwlm.org):

- 1) Korean War Memory Bank
- 2) Curricular Resources
- 3) Documentary Film

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October 4 - 8, 2017

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<u>Wednesday, October 4</u>				
8:00a	- 4:00p	KWVA Board Members/Officers Arrive		Hotel
5:00p	- 8:00p	Registration Desk Open		Lobby
6:30p	- 8:30p	Welcome Reception		Monticello Room
<u>Thursday, October 5</u>				
8:00a	- 11:00p	KWVA Summer Board Meeting		Brandon A & B
9:00a	- 5:00p	Registration Desk Open		Lobby
11:30a	- 4:00p	Tour – US Naval Facility - Norfolk	\$52.00	Tour
10:00a	- 6:00p	Hospitality Room Open		Monticello Room
<u>Friday, October 6</u>				
9:00a	- 5:00p	Registration Desk Open		Lobby
9:00a	- 11:00p	KWVA Annual Membership Meeting		Providence Ballroom 3 rd Floor
1:00p	- 4:00p	Tour–Nauticus Museum & USS Battleship Wisconsin	\$36.00	Nauticus
1:00p	- 9:00p	Hospitality Room Open		Monticello Room
1:00p	- 5:00p	Korean War Veteran Interviews		Westover Room 4 th Floor
<u>Saturday, October 7</u>				
9:00a	- 11:00a	Korean War Veteran Interviews		Westover Room 4 th Floor
10:30a	- 3:00p	Tour -Victory Rover Harbor Cruise	\$65.00	Hampton Roads Harbor
		Tour- General Douglas McArthur Memorial Wreath Presentation		McArthur Memorial McArthur Memorial
11:00p	5:00p	Hospitality Room Open		Monticello Room
6:30p	- 10:00p	Reception and Banquet	\$35.00	Providence Ballroom 3 rd Floor
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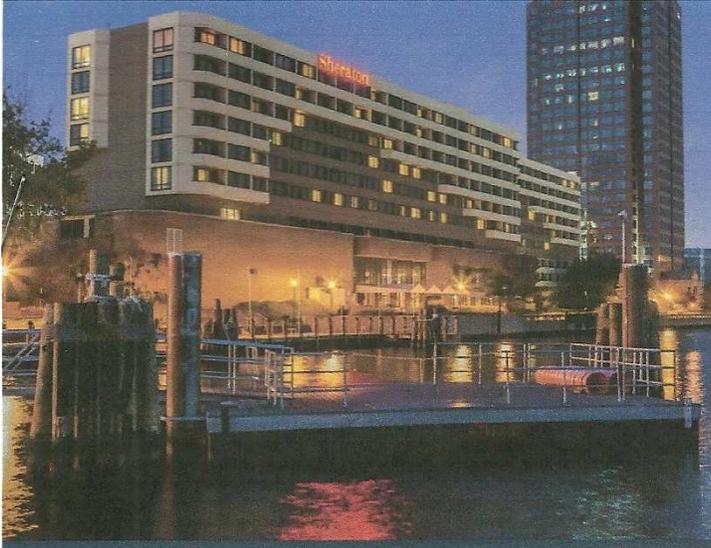


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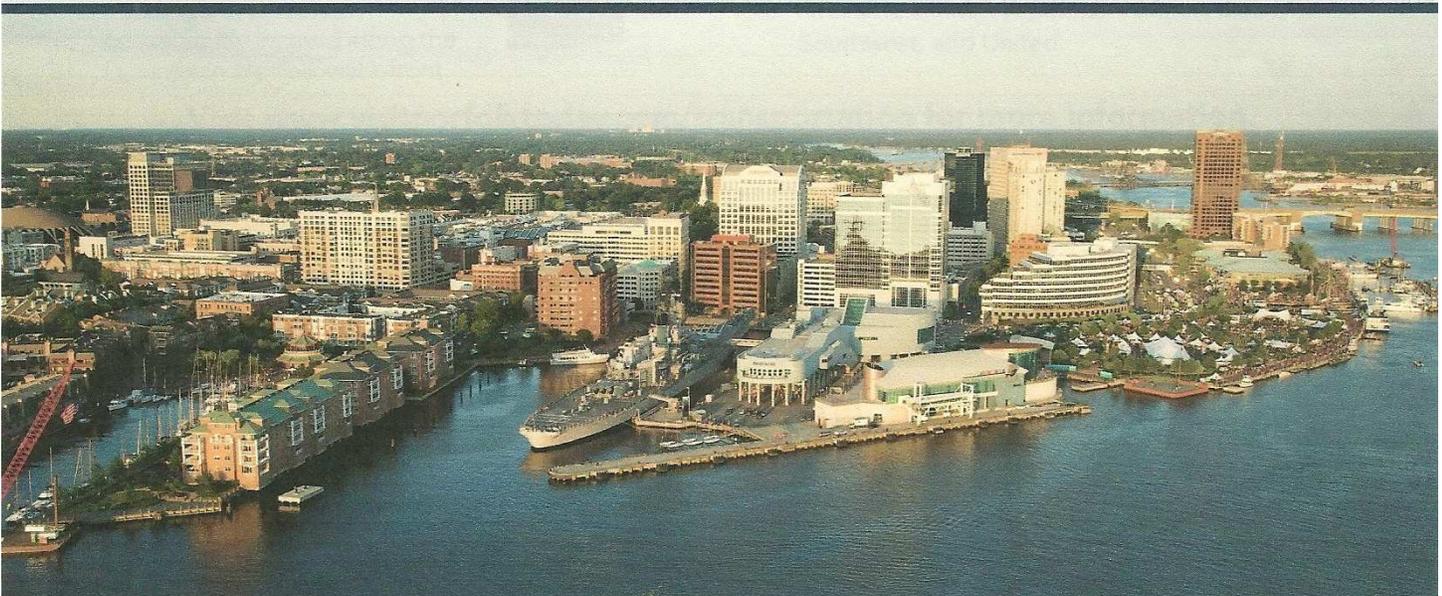
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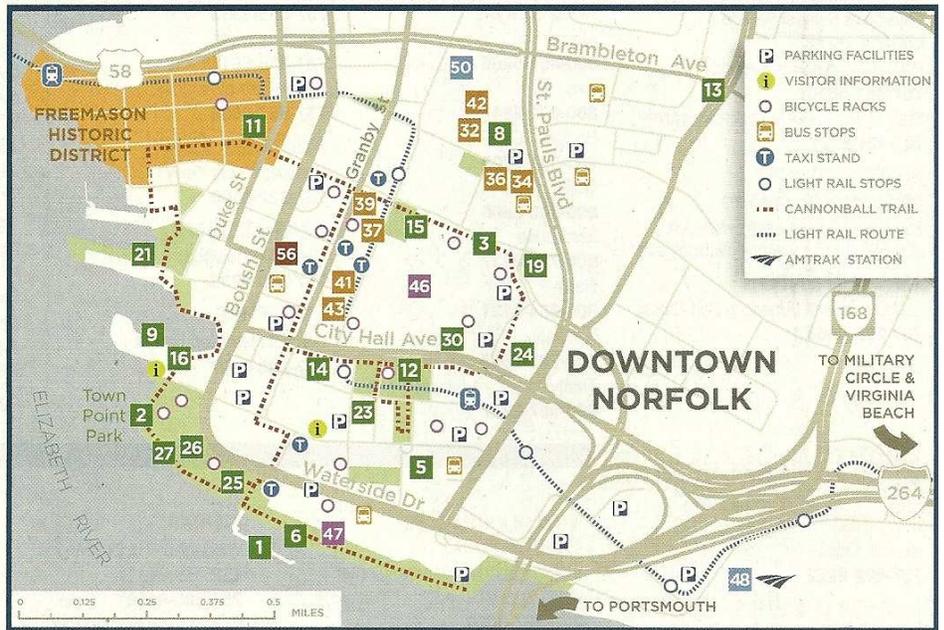
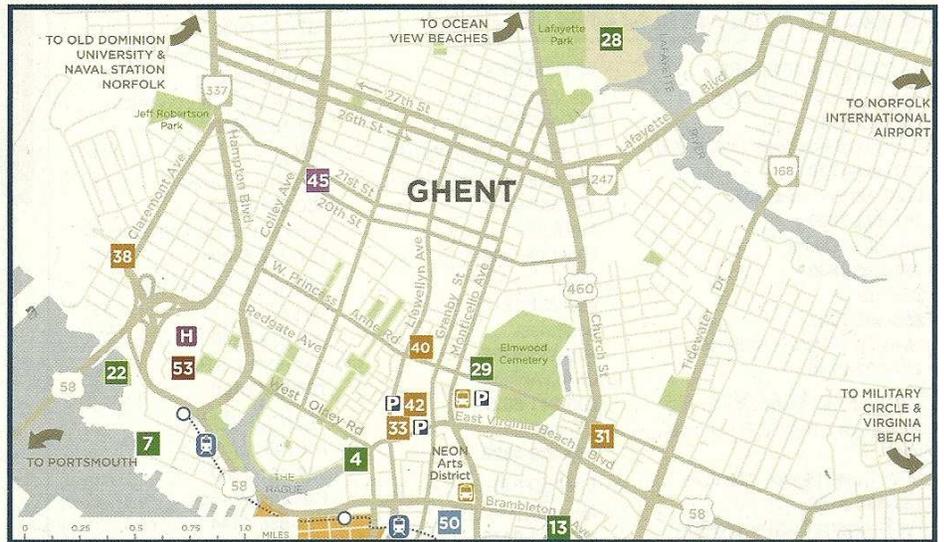


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- 28 Virginia Zoo
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- 29 West Point Monument, Elmwood Cemetery
757-777-8192 | norfolksocietyforcemeteryconservation.org/west-point-cemetery
- 30 Windows on History

PERFORMING ARTS FACILITIES

- 31 Attucks Theatre
757-664-6464 | sevenvenues.com



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 32 Chrysler Hall
757-664-6464 sevenvenues.com 33 Harrison Opera House
757-664-6464 sevenvenues.com 34 The Hurrah Players & The Perry Family Theatre
757-627-5437 hurrahplayers.com 35 L. Douglas Wilder Performing Arts Center
757-823-2063 nsu.edu/wilder 36 Robin Hixon Theater
757-282-2800 37 The NorVa
757-627-4547 thenorva.com 38 The Little Theatre of Norfolk
757-627-8551 ltnonline.org 39 Tidewater Community College / Roper Performing Arts Center
757-822-1450 tcc.edu/roper 40 Virginia Opera
1-866-OPERA-VA (673-7282) vaopera.org | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 41 Virginia Stage Company
757-627-1234 vastage.com 42 Virginia Symphony Orchestra
757-892-6366 virginiasympphony.org 43 Wells Theatre
757-664-6464 sevenvenues.com |
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SHOPPING

- 44 Military Circle Mall
shopmilitarycircle.com
- 45 Ghent Shopping & Antiques
ghentnorfolk.org
- 46 MacArthur Center
757-627-6000 | shopmacarthur.com
- 47 Waterside District
norfolkwatersidedistrict.com

2017 Honor Flight Tour Schedule

Tour Date	Honor Flight Chapter	More Information
June		
6/1/2017	Honor Flight of Northern New Mexico (NewMexico)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/2/2017	Honor Flight Dallas Fort Worth (Texas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/3/2017	RI Fire Chiefs Honor Flight (Rhode Island)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/3/2017	Honor Flight Houston (Texas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/3/2017	Honor Flight Central Florida (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/6/2017	Honor Flight West Central Florida (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/7/2017	Old Glory Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/7/2017	Flag City Honor Flight (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/8/2017	Kansas Honor Flight (Kansas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/8/2017	Honor Flight of the Quad Cities (Illinois)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/9/2017	Honor Flight Bay Area (California)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/9/2017	Stars & Stripes Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/10/2017	Franklin County Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/10/2017	Honor Flight Columbus (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/10/2017	Leatherstocking Honor Flight (NewYork)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/13/2017	Greater Peoria Honor Flight (Illinois)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/17/2017	Honor Flight Rochester (NewYork)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/10/2017	Greater St. Louis Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/20/2017	Land of Lincoln Honor Flight (Illinois)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/22/2017	Kansas Honor Flight (Kansas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/24/2017	Great River Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/24/2017	Lone Eagle (Various States)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/24/2017	Space Coast Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
6/29/2017	Kansas Honor Flight (Kansas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub

July		
7/1/2017	Greater St. Louis Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
7/5/2017	Honor Flight Austin (Texas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
August		
8/19/2017	Space Coast Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
8/22/2017	Honor Flight Tri-State (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
8/29/2017	Honor Flight of the Ozarks (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
8/31/2017	Honor Flight of the Quad Cities (Illinois)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
September		
9/2/2017	Honor Flight Dayton (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/7/2017	Kansas Honor Flight (Kansas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/8/2017	Honor Flight Bay Area (California)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/9/2017	Honor Flight Columbus (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/9/2017	Lone Eagle (Various States)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/9/2017	Space Coast Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/9/2017	Indy Honor Flight (Indiana)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/11/2017	Never Forgotten Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/12/2017	Honor Flight West Central Florida (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/16/2017	Honor Flight Kentucky (Kentucky)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/16/2017	Greater St. Louis Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/16/2017	Badger Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/16/2017	Brushy Creek Area Honor Flight (Iowa)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/18/2017	Greater Lafayette Honor Flight (Indiana)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/18/2017	Honor Flight Northern Colorado (Colorado)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/18/2017	Eastern Iowa Honor Flight (Iowa)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/20/2017	Old Glory Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/20/2017	Flag City Honor Flight (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/21/2017	Kansas Honor Flight (Kansas)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/23/2017	Franklin County Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/23/2017	Collier County Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub

9/23/2017	Honor Flight Huntington (WestVirginia)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/26/2017	Greater Peoria Honor Flight (Illinois)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/26/2017	Heartland Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/30/2017	Honor Flight Dayton (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/30/2017	Honor Flight Columbus (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/30/2017	Honor Flight Syracuse (NewYork)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
9/30/2017	Honor Flight Twin Cities (Minnesota)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
October		
10/7/2017	South Willamette Valley Honor Flight (Oregon)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/7/2017	Honor Flight Southland (California)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/7/2017	Badger Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/7/2017	Honor Flight Huntington (WestVirginia)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/9/2017	Never Forgotten Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/10/2017	Central Valley Honor Flight (California)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/13/2017	Honor Flight Bay Area (California)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/14/2017	Greater St. Louis Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/14/2017	Honor Flight Kentucky (Kentucky)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/14/2017	Franklin County Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/14/2017	Lone Eagle (Various States)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/14/2017	Space Coast Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/14/2017	Honor Flight Savannah (Georgia)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/18/2017	Old Glory Honor Flight (Wisconsin)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/18/2017	Eastern Iowa Honor Flight (Iowa)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/21/2017	Honor Flight Columbus (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/21/2017	Collier County Honor Flight (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/21/2017	Indy Honor Flight (Indiana)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/21/2017	Honor Flight of Southern Indiana (Indiana)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/23/2017	Greater Lafayette Honor Flight (Indiana)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/24/2017	Honor Flight Tri-State (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub

10/24/2017	Honor Flight West Central Florida (Florida)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/24/2017	Honor Flight of the Ozarks (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
10/27/2017	Utah Honor Flight (Utah)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
November		
11/1/2017	Honor Flight of the Quad Cities (Illinois)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
11/4/2017	Honor Flight Dayton (Ohio)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
11/11/2017	Greater St. Louis Honor Flight (Missouri)	Contact Honor Flight Hub
11/11/2017	Lone Eagle (Various States)	Contact Honor Flight Hub



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