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The following monthly update for February 2018 is submitted by the Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Association of the United States of America.

- **MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT REPORT:** Submitted by Mr. John “Sonny” Edwards – as of 2-26-18
NEW MEMBERS TYTD 77

ACTIVE MEMBERS LYTD 12,762
ACTIVE MEMBERS TYTD 12,271
DECREASE 491

DECEASED COMRADES TYTD 165 AVG/DAY 2.75 REPORTED

DEPARTMENTS & CHAPTERS WITH 3 PLUS NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH
CA-4 FL-3 GA-3 NV-3 VA-5

- **REVISIT KOREA TOURS** – the Korean War Veterans Association has received the 2018 dates for the Revisit to Korea Program. Please contact Warren Wiedhahn for additional information.
 - 20-26 June
 - 22-28 July
 - 9-15 Sept
 - 7-13 Nov



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wartime Veterans
and their families.**

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2. Totally and permanently disabled, **OR**
3. A patient in a nursing home receiving skilled nursing care, **OR**
4. Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance, **OR**
5. Receiving Supplemental Security Income

Veterans who are housebound or require the aid of another person to perform daily activities may qualify for pension at an increased rate. To learn more and apply, visit [Explore.VA.gov](https://www.va.gov/Explore) or click the button below.

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- **LOCATIONS OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS:**

If you are looking for a VA Hospital or Medical Center near you, please click on to the attached site and each hospital and medical center is located under the state you line on.

<https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/allstate.asp>

- **VA ON-LINE INFORMATION SITES:**

- The digital 2017 Benefits Book is here: https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp
- The Benefits Assistance Service (BAS) has a BAS also has a summary of VA benefits available here: https://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/benefits_summary_materials.asp
- Veteran Data Pocket Card: Attached and at the following link: <https://www.va.gov/vetdata/docs/pocketcards/fv2018q1.pdf>
- VA Cemetery Factsheet on Weekend Burial: https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/docs/factsheets/NCA_Weekend_Burial_Program.pdf

- **IRS ANNOUNCES TAX SEASON, VETERAN AND SERVICE MEMBER-SPECIFIC FILING INFORMATION**



The Internal Revenue Service announced recently that the nation's 2018 tax season is underway and reminds taxpayers claiming certain tax credits that refunds won't be available before late February. The IRS will begin accepting tax returns on Jan. 29, with nearly 155 million individual tax returns expected to be filed in 2018. The nation's tax deadline will be April 17 this year – so taxpayers will have two additional days to file beyond April 15.

Although the IRS will begin accepting both electronic and paper tax returns Jan. 29, paper returns will begin processing later in mid-February as system updates continue. The IRS strongly encourages people to file their tax returns electronically for faster refunds. Choosing e-file and direct deposit for refunds remains the fastest and safest way to file an accurate income tax return and receive a refund. The IRS anticipates issuing more than nine out of 10 refunds in less than 21 days from the time returns are received.

A dozen brand-name Free File partners, acting through the Free File Alliance, offer their software free to eligible taxpayers. Each partner sets its own criteria, but any taxpayer earning \$66,000 or less will find one or more software products available. Some providers offer both free federal and free state tax preparation, a seamless way to file taxes.

Active duty military personnel with incomes of \$66,000 or less may use any Free File software product of their choice without regard to the criteria.

For taxpayers who earned more than \$66,000, there are Free File Fillable Forms, which will be available Jan. 29. Free File Fillable Forms, provided by the Free File Alliance, is best for those taxpayers experienced in preparing returns by hand and with limited assistance.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) offer free tax help to people who qualify. VITA and TCE sites can be found using the VITA/TCE Locator and entering your ZIP Code or download the IRS2Go smartphone app to find a free tax prep provider.

Military OneSource is a Department of Defense-funded program that provides a range of free resources for Veterans and their immediate family up to 180 days after separation or retirement from the military. MilTax, Military OneSource's tax services, provides online software for eligible individuals to electronically file a federal and up to three state returns for free through the Military OneSource website. The service also includes tax consultants available by phone to answer tax questions related to deployment, multi-state filing, combat pay, plus share information on military-specific and civilian tax deductions and credits.

Veterans may be eligible to claim a federal tax refund based on:

- An increase in the Veteran's percentage of disability from VA (which may include a retroactive determination) **or**
- The combat-disabled Veteran applying for, and being granted, Combat-Related Special Compensation, after an award for Concurrent Retirement and Disability.

Special tax considerations for disabled Veterans occasionally result in a need for amended returns.

Disability benefits received from the VA should not be included in your gross income. Some of the payments which are considered disability benefits include:

- Disability compensation and pension payments for disabilities paid either to Veterans or their families,
- Grants for homes designed for wheelchair living,
- Grants for motor vehicles for Veterans who lost their sight or the use of their limbs, or
- Benefits under a dependent-care assistance program.

If you are a military retiree and receive your disability benefits from the VA, see IRS Publication 525 for more information.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), Office of Service member Affairs has a Financial Coaching Initiative, focusing on Veterans to help them with their financial goals. This program places certified financial coaches in organizations around the country to provide individualized financial support services. The program is managed through the Armed Forces Services Corporation (AFSC) at various locations for Veterans in the United States.

The phone number to talk to a financial coach is 1-844-90-GOALS. More information about this free program for Veterans can be found at the Financial Coaching for Veterans website.

For more information about Veterans, please go to the "Information for Veterans" website on IRS.gov.

The IRS also reminds taxpayers that a trusted tax professional can provide helpful information and advice. Tips for choosing a return preparer and details about national tax professional groups are available on IRS.gov.

- **VA RESUMES APPLICATIONS FOR NEW VETERANS ID CARD:** After temporarily suspending applications for the recently created veterans identification (ID) cards due to high demand, VA is once again accepting applications. The new veterans ID card was created by the *Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015* so veterans who do not have a Veterans Health Identification Card are able to prove their veteran status

without having to carry their DD-214. The cards are valid only for proving military service and cannot be used for VA or military benefits. [Apply for a new veterans ID card.](#)

- **POSSIBLE MEDICARE SCAM –BE AWARE**

Just a heads up that there is a scam going around involving the new Medicare Cards coming out in April. Pass it along . It might come in handy to know Medicare will never call you on the phone.

It is true that the new cards will be sent out from April 2018 to April 2019. Medicare has also warned on scams. They do not charge for cards or want your personal information over the phone.

This change is coming up. DO NOT give out information over the phone.

Medicare Cards without Social Security Numbers Coming ..

Example of the new Medicare cards



This is pretty important to get to people with Medicare, their families, and friends or adult kids who help parents with Medicare

Starting 4/1/18 Medicare will start a year-long project to replace all current Medicare cards for beneficiaries to convert to alphanumeric ID numbers. Currently, the ID number is your social security number. This is starting to hit the media.

Scammers are opportunistic .

First of all the new Medicare card will come to you in the mail. You don't need to request it or do anything. It will show up.

WHAT'S THE SCAM?

Somebody from "MEDICARE " will call to tell you-you are getting a new Medicare card. But until it comes you will need a temporary card. Fee for the card is between \$5-50 dollars. They want personal information, bank account or credit card so they can process your temporary card.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Medicare will never call you unless you ask them to.

Medicare does all communications by mail unless you ask them to call.

Ditto for anybody saying they "work with Medicare to make sure you get everything you are entitled to".

- **MIA UPDATE:**

-- **Army Sgt. 1st Class Richard G. Cushman**, 18, of Springville, Utah, whose identification was previously announced, will be buried Feb. 3 (rescheduled from Nov. 11, 2017) in Cypress, Calif. Cushman was assigned to Company A, 72nd Medium Tank Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. On Dec. 5, 1950, his unit withdrew to the village of Kunu-ri, on the western side of the Korean Peninsula, under heavy attacks by Chinese forces. While in the village, a task force comprised of Cushman's company and an



infantry platoon were ordered to destroy a roadblock and eliminate enemy troops. Cushman could not be accounted for after the battle and was declared missing in action. Later, two returning American POWs reported that Cushman had died while being held by the Chinese. The Army subsequently declared him deceased as of March 31, 1951. Read about Cushman.

-- **Army Sgt. Ollie E. Shepard**, 22, of Hugo, Okla., whose identification was previously announced, will be buried Feb. 7 in Bradley, Okla. Shepard was a member of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. In late November 1950, his unit was assembled with South Korean soldiers in the 31st Regimental Combat Team on the east side of the Chosin River, North Korea, when his unit was attacked by Chinese forces. Shepard was among more than 1,000 members of the RCT killed or captured in enemy territory and was declared missing on Dec. 3, 1950. Shepard's name did not appear on any prisoner of war lists and no repatriated American POWs reported him as such. The Army declared him deceased Dec. 31, 1953. Read about Shepard.

--**Army Pfc. David Baker**, captured during the Korean War, has now been accounted for. In late November 1950, Baker was a member of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, positioned in the vicinity of Yongbyong, North Korea. Baker's battalion moved north and lost contact with two other regiments. On Nov. 25, 1950, 3rd BN met with enemy resistance and was attacked by Chinese People's Volunteer Force. The battalion suffered heavy casualties and Baker was declared missing in action as of Nov. 28, 1950, when he could not be accounted for by his unit. Later reports indicate that Baker was likely captured by the enemy during battle.

Interment services are pending; more details will be released 7-10 days prior to scheduled funeral services. Baker's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

--**Army Cpl. Leonard V. Purkapile**, killed during the Korean War, has now been accounted for. In late November 1950, Purkapile was a member of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, engaged in combat operations against the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces (CPVF) in the vicinity of Unsan, while withdrawing southeast to Yongbyon, North Korea. Following the battle, Purkapile could not be accounted for and he was reported as missing in action on Nov. 28, 1950. By the end of the war, his status was changed to deceased and his remains deemed non-recoverable.

Interment services are pending; more details will be released 7-10 days prior to scheduled funeral services. Purkapile's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

**15th CONGRESS
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H. RES. 129

Calling on the Department of Defense, other elements of the Federal Government, and foreign governments to intensify efforts to investigate, recover, and identify all missing and unaccounted-for personnel of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 15, 2017

Mr. Sam Johnson of Texas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Calling on the Department of Defense, other elements of the Federal Government, and foreign governments to intensify efforts to investigate, recover, and identify all missing and unaccounted-for personnel of the United States. Whereas more than 83,000 personnel of the United States are still unaccounted-for around the world from past wars and conflicts;

Whereas, though recognizing that an estimated 50,000 of these World War II personnel were lost deep at sea and are unlikely ever to be recovered, thousands of families and friends have waited decades for the accounting of their loved ones and comrades in arms;

Whereas the families of these brave Americans deserve our Nation's best efforts to achieve the fullest possible accounting for their missing loved ones;

Whereas the National League of POW/MIA Families, and their iconic POW/MIA flag, pioneered the accounting effort since 1970 and has been joined in this humanitarian quest for answers by the Korean War, Cold War and World War II families, fully supported by the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, Special Forces Association, Special Operations Association, Rolling Thunder, and other more recently formed groups, and thousands of families are yearning and advocating for answers concerning the fates of their loved ones and comrades in arms;

Whereas the mission of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency of the Department of Defense is to provide the fullest possible accounting for missing members of the Armed Forces of the United States, designated civilians of the Department, and other designated personnel; and

Whereas the recovery and investigation teams of the Department of Defense deploy to countries around the world to account as fully as possible for these missing and otherwise unaccounted-for personnel of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) calls upon the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and other elements of the Department of Defense, other elements of the Federal Government, and all foreign governments to intensify efforts to investigate, recover, identify and account as fully as possible for all missing and unaccounted-for personnel of the United States around the world; and

(2) calls upon all foreign governments with information on missing personnel of the United States, or with missing personnel of the United States within their territories, to cooperate fully with the Government of the United States to provide the fullest possible accounting for all missing personnel of the United States.

• **VONN SCATTERS ASHES OF GRANDFATHER, A KOREAN WAR VET, NEAR DOWNHILL COURSE**

By: Hyung-Jin Kim, The Associated Press



United States' Lindsey Vonn competes in the women's combined downhill at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Jeongseon, South Korea, Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018. Vonn said she had recently scattered some of the ashes of her grandfather, who served during the Korean War, on a rock near the mountain where the downhill races were run. (Luca Bruno/AP)

JEONGSEON, South Korea — Lindsey Vonn came to South Korea with the goal of taking home an Olympic medal and leaving behind something even more special. She did both.

The American ski great said Thursday she recently scattered some of the ashes of her grandfather, who served during the Korean War, on a rock near the mountain where the downhill races were run.

"I know that it would mean a lot to him to be back here, a part of him is in South Korea always," said Vonn, who shared her story with The Associated Press and the Chosun Ilbo newspaper. Vonn said she sprayed parts of Don Kildow's ashes "just a few days ago" on a rock that she was told was special when she visited South Korea last year to be named a Pyeongchang Olympic ambassador. She described the location as "right by the men's downhill start."

Vonn burst into tears when she was asked about her grandfather during a news conference in Pyeongchang this month before the Olympics. He lived in Milton, Wisconsin, and died in November. "I miss him so much," she said. "He's been such a big part of my life. And I really had hoped that he would be alive to see me (at this year's Olympics). But I know he's watching, and I know that he's going to help me and I'm going to win for him." Vonn won a bronze medal in the downhill, but skied out of Thursday's slalom leg of the Alpine combined in what was likely her last Olympic race. Later in the day, a group of elderly South Korean men gave her family some gifts and a letter of thanks to mark her grandfather's service during the 1950-53 Korean War.

"To be able to race for him in these Olympics was very special for me. And I tried everything I could to win for him," Vonn said. "I got a bronze, which, you know, to me was very special. And I think he would be proud of that." During Thursday's brief meeting with seven elderly South Korean men, Vonn nodded a greeting several times and repeated "thank you so much" to them. In their letter of appreciation, the South Korean men said they expressed their thanks for what they call her grandfather's contribution for the freedom of South Korea. They also gave her traditional Korean fashion accessories and gloves.

Kildow served two years in South Korea in the Army Corps of Engineers in areas near Jeongseon, one of the three Olympic venues. He never had a chance to return to South Korea, but he had talked about the country in a "very favorable" way, according to his son, Alan Kildow, who attended Thursday's event with his two other daughters.

Alan Kildow broke into tears while talking about his father's memories of South Korea during the war. He said he separately scattered parts of his father's ashes in the country. After the Olympics, Vonn plans to go home to get ready for the World Cup finals. She said she's "enjoying the last remaining days of the Olympics" with her family.

At the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, Vonn won gold in the downhill and bronze in the super-G. She missed the 2014 Sochi Games because of injury. The elderly South Koreans are from a fraternal society in Seoul called Yongsan Club, named after a neighborhood in the capital where the U.S. military command is headquartered.

About 37,000 U.S. troops were killed during the war, which ended in an armistice, not a peace treaty, technically leaving the Korean Peninsula in a state of war. The United States still stations about 28,000 soldiers in South Korea to deter potential aggression from North Korea.

Its military presence and cultural influence have been a long-running source of anti-American sentiments among many South Koreans who want greater footing in relations with Washington.

The Yongsan Club members were about 7 or 8 years old during the war but still vividly recall the devastation, saying South Korea could not have defended itself without the American-led U.N. forces.

“We were starving and we truly suffered lots of difficulties,” club member Kim Soung Soo said. “Given that South Korea’s economic prosperity wouldn’t be possible without the support from the United States and other U.N. member states, we determined we must hold this kind of event to express our gratitude toward them.”



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• **2017 Was Tough For Veterans Nonprofits. Here's How To Weather 2018**

By Chris Ford on February 12, 2018

According to Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin, demand for services by veterans peaks about four decades after a conflict ends. The year 1978 was relatively quiet for active American military personnel, besides a brief Air Force involvement in South Zaire. Yet today, in 2018, the demand for veteran services is as high as many observers can remember it ever being.

Statistically speaking, veteran service organizations (VSOs) should be in a period of regeneration, as they prepare for the growing needs of military families and veterans. The millions of veterans involved in the myriad conflicts that came after 1978 — including the wars and conflicts in the Persian Gulf, Bosnia, Kosovo, Syria, Libya, Yemen, and of course Afghanistan and Iraq — will continue to need support today and into the future.

Yet, on the whole, these military-serving organizations aren't growing; quite the opposite. Despite 16 straight years of war and no end in sight, giving to VSOs was down last year for the 15th year in a row — from .18% of all philanthropic giving to .13%. Similarly, the number of nonprofit organizations focused on veterans and military families continued to decline in 2017, to around 41,000 from a high of 48,000 less than a decade ago.

Additionally, there were noteworthy turnovers in leadership in the VSO community that will have significant impacts on service consistency and organizational sustainment. For example, the executive director at San Diego based non-profit zero8hundred left after three years, and the leadership at a leading women-focused veteran nonprofit has turned over for the third year in a row. One NAVSO member and partner, R4 Alliance, had to close its doors despite years of hard work to build a sustainable model. Other organizations that have served broader populations for decades defunded their programs focused on veteran reintegration.

Why the shift? Money. Years of hard work failed to develop enough sustainable revenue to keep the organizations or veteran-focused programs alive. Many fundraising campaigns that organizations relied upon experienced significant year-over-year decline, with annual corporate sponsor campaigns yielding only a fraction of the donations and many individual donors moving on to other cause areas.

Given NAVSO's work with such a large number and wide variety of veteran-focused nonprofits, government agencies, and funders, we have a unique bird's eye view of trends. This broad, holistic view of the marketplace is why I don't despair. There was, and is good news. While the 2017 statistics and trends for VSOs may seem bleak, I believe there are larger forces at work.

'Right-sizing' veterans' services

One of those forces may be a natural right-sizing of the veterans' services marketplace. Many nonprofit organizations, once founded on a passion for helping our military families, simply failed to offer practical and necessary services, were duplicative, or just plain didn't understand how to sustain a tax-advantaged business. And yes, there should be an emphasis on the word "business." While they are nonprofits and do receive a tax advantage, a solid business-minded strategy and team must be in place along with excellent fiscal discipline in order to keep the doors open. Passion gives energy and a sense of purpose, but it is not a strategy. As the deployments have slowed, the visibility and sense of urgency in local communities have waned. While failure is disappointing for the organizations' founders, I submit that it is likely better for the veterans and their families to have, in some cases, fewer higher-quality options.

Working with and through the VA

Political change has put a different lens on veterans and military families, with a renewed focus on improving the VA from the inside out. Only time will tell how these policy changes impact the veteran community, but in the short term, they are a direct reflection on how Americans, not directly affiliated with military service, feel about our community and decide to invest their charitable dollars in veteran causes.

In the last congressional session and early on in this new one, Congress introduced legislation aimed at helping veterans and military families get the care and support they need. However, if history has taught us anything, it's that the VA can't go it alone. Veterans, their families, and the nonprofits that support them rely heavily on their communities to help. No discussion of 2017 would be complete without acknowledging the funders who helped bridge the gap or even doubled

down on their efforts last year, to support veterans and military families.
Succeeding under tough conditions

I believe that the community writ large is still engaged and moving in the right direction. NAVSO, like many other organizations, had their best year yet. Resources earned, veterans served, outcomes measured: Many were solidly up. Our exclusive grant prospecting tool, Grant Map, helped members find new sources of diverse and sustainable revenue and our relationships with funders hoping to get a better return on their grants helped several NAVSO members garner an additional \$325,000 in Q4 of 2017 alone. For VSO sustainability and ultimately impact, the bottom line is about the bottom line.

Implementing ‘lessons learned’

One more piece of encouraging news: There is now a playbook. The Military Family Research Institute (MFRI) at Purdue University and NAVSO member, directed by Dr. Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth, and the Center for Deployment Psychology, directed by Dr. David Riggs, just published a groundbreaking book, *A Battle Plan for Supporting Military Families*. In this book, leaders from a wide variety of sectors and organizations reflect on the lessons they learned as they worked successfully to support military and veteran families since 2001.

This research will help current and future leaders examine their organizations and put mechanisms in place before they are needed. Dr. MacDermid Wadsworth and her colleagues posit that with better “battle planning,” there can be faster responses, better coordination, fewer missteps, and — most important — more effective support for families. Being able to measure an organization’s impact will increase funding, as evidence, metrics, and measurement always trump passion.

I remain not just hopeful but optimistic about the future of veteran service organizations. Still, as much as I hate to say it, I agree with the experts that we haven’t fought our last war. If Dr. Shulkin is right, we can expect a dramatic uptick in demand for veterans’ services in a few years, and that demand will continue for the foreseeable future. If you’re part of a nonprofit that serves veterans and their families, your resources are probably already stretched thin. You may be wondering how in the world you’ll cope when demand increases again.

The time to strategize is now. By learning from those who are surviving and thriving under difficult conditions — and from those who have failed, and leveraging modern tools and technology, I am confident that an organization can continue to meet today’s needs — and build a strong foundation that will allow well-meaning VSOs and funders to meet the needs of tomorrow’s veterans and their families.

• **POSSIBLE MILITARY PARADE**

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is eyeing Veterans Day for a military parade but says he’ll scrap the idea if it can’t be done at a “reasonable cost.”

Trump wasn’t asked to define “reasonable cost” during a telephone interview Saturday with Fox News Channel host Jeanine Pirro. But White House budget director Mick Mulvaney recently told Congress that a parade could cost between \$10 million and \$30 million. Trump says officials are discussing Veterans Day in November as the likely date for the Pennsylvania Avenue parade, although he likes July 4. But the president says a parade would be “something great” for the country’s spirit.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 20, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Veterans Day Military Parade

The President has directed that the Department of Defense organize and execute a Veterans Day Military Parade on November 11, 2018.

This event should honor our veterans and celebrate the service members who protect our Nation and defend the American way of life. This event should highlight the 100th Anniversary of the Allied victory in World War I and encompass museums and other venues across the National Capital Region. This event should be inclusive of all of our Armed Forces, the military academies, historical military institutions, such as The Citadel and Virginia Military Institute, and appropriate veterans service and support organizations. The general parade route should begin at the White House and terminate at the Capitol.

The President has further directed that the Secretary of Defense brief him concerning potential concepts of operation for this event.



H.R. McMaster
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• NORTH KOREAN ENVOY, IN SOUTH, OPENS DOOR TO US TALKS

By: Hyung-Jin Kim, *The Associated Press* and Kim Tong-Hyung, *The Associated Press*



South Korean President Moon Jae-in, front row fourth from right, his wife, Kim Jung-sook, and Ivanka Trump, U.S. President Donald Trump's daughter, watch the closing ceremony of the 2018 Winter Olympics along with Kim Yong Chol, back row right, vice chairman of North Korea's ruling Workers' Party Central Committee, in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018. (Aaron Favila/AP)

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — A North Korean envoy making a rare visit to South Korea said Sunday that his country was willing to open talks with the United States, a rare step toward diplomacy between enemies after a year of North Korean missile and nuclear tests and direct threats of war from both Pyongyang and Washington.

Kim Yong Chol, who Seoul believes masterminded two attacks in 2010 that killed 50 South Koreans, was in South Korea for the end of the Olympics. He said North Korean leader Kim Jong Un wanted to improve ties with Washington and had “ample intentions of holding talks” with its rival, according to the South’s presidential office.

He made the remarks during a meeting with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who is eager to engage the North after one of the most hostile periods in recent years on the Korean Peninsula.

No ‘bloody nose’ strategy for North Korea, says U.S. official, senators

The Trump administration has no strategy for a pre-emptive “bloody nose” strike against North Korea, according to two lawmakers and a Trump administration official.

By: Joe Gould

Moon, who was invited a day after the opening ceremonies to Pyongyang for a summit with Kim Jong Un, also said that Washington and Pyongyang should quickly meet to “fundamentally solve” the standoff on the Korean Peninsula.

Kim later sat in the VIP box at Olympic Stadium in Pyeongchang for the Olympic closing ceremonies, just feet away from Donald Trump’s daughter, Ivanka, and the top U.S. military commander on the peninsula, Gen. Vincent Brooks. The former anti-Seoul military intelligence chief watched K-pop divas and fireworks and stood for the South Korean national anthem.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in, from bottom left, first lady Kim Jung-sook, Ivanka Trump, daughter of U.S. President Donald Trump, and Chinese Vice Premier Liu Yandong applaud as athletes from North and South Korea walk together during the closing ceremony of the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Sunday, Feb. 25,

2018. Standing at top right is Kim Yong Chol, vice chairman of North Korea's ruling Workers' Party Central Committee. (Patrick Semansky/Pool, AP)

Even the faintest possibility of diplomacy will be welcomed by many. But there will also be widespread skepticism among conservatives in Seoul and Washington, with many wondering if the North is simply looking for economic relief after a series of increasingly tough international sanctions slapped on Pyongyang for its illicit weapons programs or more time to develop those weapons.

Moon has yet to accept the North's invitation for a summit, but he has advocated engagement with Pyongyang his entire political career and likely wants to go.

But he must first strike a balance with Washington, which has a policy meant to isolate and sanction the North until it agrees to give up its nukes. Some observers believe that Pyongyang is trying to drive a wedge to win concessions from Seoul.

There was no immediate comment from the United States, where it was dawn when the statement was released.

Kim Yong Chol was head of the North's military intelligence when the 2010 attacks on South Korea took place and is currently a vice chairman of the ruling party's central committee tasked with inter-Korea relations.

With decades of experience, he is one of the most powerful people in the North's ruling regime. Seoul decided to temporarily take him off of a blacklist to allow the visit.



Kim Yong Chol, center, vice chairman of North Korea's ruling Workers' Party Central Committee, arrives to attend the closing ceremony of the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, at the Korea-transit office near the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) dividing the two Koreas in Paju, South Korea, Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018. (Korea Pool/Yonhap via AP)

South Korea is hoping to ease tensions by allowing the North to participate in the games and send senior delegations.

Kim Jong Un's sister, Kim Yo Jong, attended the opening ceremony in an historic first — no member of the ruling Kim family had ever traveled to the South before. She invited President Moon Jae-in to a summit with her brother in Pyongyang. The delegation to the closing ceremony was expected to follow up on that invitation while in South Korea. The delegation's arrival was met by protesters calling for Kim's arrest for his alleged role in the 2010 attacks — the sinking of the

warship Cheonan that killed 46 South Korean sailors and an artillery strike on a South Korean island that killed four people.

Outside Olympic Stadium, just before the ceremony, more than 200 anti-Pyongyang protesters waved South Korean and U.S. flags, banged drums and held signs saying "Killer Kim Yong Chol go to hell." They denounced the South Korean government's decision to allow the visit.

"How can a murderer who killed 46 sailors on the Cheonan warship can be invited, protected and defended? This is the state of what the Republic of Korea has become," one protester shouted into a mic, referring to South Korea's formal name

The protesters also hung a sign that read: "We are against Pyongyang Olympics: fallen into the propaganda of the terrorist Kim Jong Un's brutal regime."

There were no major clashes.

At the opening ceremony earlier this month, Kim Yo Jong sat in the same VIP box with Moon and U.S. Vice President Mike Pence, creating some awkward moments. Though Pence stood to cheer the entrance of the U.S. team, he remained seated when the athletes from North and South Korea marched together behind a "unification" flag, leaving Moon to instinctively turn around and shake Kim's sister's hand.

Pence's office claimed afterward that the North had pulled out of a planned meeting at the last minute.

The North's state-run news agency ran a story Sunday quoting a "spokesman for the Korea Asia-Pacific Peace Committee" as saying that Pence insulted Kim's sister with his hard-line rhetoric after returning to the U.S. and "we will never have face-to-face talks with them even after 100 years or 200 years."

-----2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS-----

GENERAL WALTON WALKER MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

2018-19 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The General Walton Walker Memorial Foundation was established in 1971 by Ri-Jin Kim, a Korean War veteran, to honor General Walton H. Walker, the first 8th Army Commander in Korea. General Walker, who issued the order, “Stand or Die”, is a hero who defended the Pusan Perimeter, and the Nakdong River Line during the Korean War despite being outnumbered and outgunned by North Korean forces. The Foundation under the leadership of current Chairman, Jong Min Kim, is proud to provide scholarships to descendants of Korean veterans to express appreciation for the sacrifices made by veterans that has allowed South Koreans to enjoy freedom and peace today.

Scholarship Program

The General Walton Walker Memorial Foundation Scholarship Program consists of fifteen (15) \$2,000 non-renewable scholarships. The funds may be used for any term during the next academic school year following receipt of the scholarship. Although this scholarship is not renewable, the applicants may reapply for the scholarship in subsequent years.

Qualifications

- The applicant **MUST** be a descendent (child, grandchild, or great-grandchild) of a Veteran of Korea who is a Regular Member, currently in good standing, of the Korean War Veterans Association. Descendants of deceased veterans are eligible to apply with proof of the Veterans service.
- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- First year students must have a Letter of Acceptance as a full-time student from the applicant’s university or college.
- Must be pursuing an Associate, Bachelor, or Advanced Degree in any discipline.
- Must have a minimum 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. GPA stated on application must be verifiable from transcript. High school and college transcripts must be submitted and must have school names printed on them.
 - For high school students entering college this is cumulative GPA for grades 9-11 and first semester of 12th grade.
 - For students currently at a freshman level in college it is cumulative GPA for grades 9-12 and first semester of college.
 - For college students who are sophomores or higher, it is their college transcript for all semesters completed.
- Must submit a 300-400 word personal essay entitled, *“What should the United States do to combat the world threat posed by the North Korean regime”*.
- Descendants of Korean War Veterans who are currently serving as a member of the **National KWVA** Board of Directors and descendants of members of the Scholarship Selection Committee are not eligible.

Deadlines

All scholarship applications and requested materials must be submitted via US Postal Service and **RECEIVED** by **May 1, 2018**.

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

Notification to Recipients

All scholarship recipients will be notified on or about May 10, 2018. **Only recipients will be notified.** Checks will be delivered to the Financial Aid Officer at the recipient's college or university to be credited to the student's account. All decisions made by the Scholarship Selection Committee will be final.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized in Washington, D. C. on May 28, 2018 during the Memorial Day ceremony at our Korean War Memorial. Detailed information will be provided to scholarship recipients at a later date. Although attendance is not mandatory, scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend. Underage recipients are encouraged to travel with an accompanying adult.

Required Materials

The following items are required to complete the application process. These items must be submitted in a single envelope in the order listed. All items received separately, except transcripts which may be mailed directly from your school, will not be considered.

- Application – must be on the original form, printed legibly or typed and signed.
- Essay – must be typed (double spaced) consisting of 300-400 words.
- GPA – submit all applicable high school and college transcripts.
- First year student's Letter of Acceptance.
- Proof of service for applicants deceased Korea Veteran ancestor.

Mailing Address

General Walton Walker Memorial Foundation
Scholarship Selection Committee
310 Clay Hill Drive
Winchester, VA 22602

**GENERAL WALTON WALKER
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

APPLICATION FORM FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19

Student Information

Applicant's Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Name of Applicant's Korea Veteran Ancestor _____
Applicant's Relationship to Veteran _____ KWVA Member # _____
Note: If Applicant's Ancestor is deceased, applicant must provide proof of service.

College or University Information

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

In the 2018 Fall Semester I will enroll as a:

☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Advanced Degree

School _____ Degree Sought _____

School Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Financial Aid Officer _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Current Information

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

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

Scholastic Activities

In-School Extracurricular Activities

Community Activities

Employment History including Military Experience

By my signature, I certify that all information and documents included in my application for this scholarship are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, my signature certifies I understand that if the terms of the scholarship are violated, the scholarship will be withdrawn. (Terms: I understand that I must be officially accepted for enrollment in 2018 classes at the school stated.)

Signature _____ **Date** _____

**AMERICAN VETERANS OF
KOREA FOUNDATION
HONORABLE KIM, JUNG HOON, CHAIRMAN**

2018-19 KOREA VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

Scholarship Program

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

Qualifications

- The applicant **MUST** be a descendant (child, grandchild, or great-grandchild) of a Veteran of Korea who is a Regular Member, currently in good standing, of the Korean War Veterans Association. Descendants of deceased veterans are eligible to apply with proof of Veterans service.
- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- First year students must have a Letter of Acceptance as a full-time student from the applicant's university or college.
- Must be pursuing an Associate, Bachelor, or Advanced Degree in any discipline.
- Must have a minimum 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. GPA stated on application must be verifiable from transcript. High school and college transcripts must be submitted and must have school names printed on them.
 - For high school students entering college this is cumulative GPA for grades 9-11 and first semester of 12th grade.
 - For students currently at a freshmen level in college it is cumulative GPA for grades 9-12 and first semester of college.
 - For college students who are sophomores or higher, it is their college transcript for all semesters completed.
- Must submit a 300-400 word personal essay entitled, ***"Historical Lessons Learned from the Korean War"***.
- Descendants of Korean War Veterans who are currently serving as a member of the **National** KWVA Board of Directors and descendants of members of the Scholarship Selection Committee are not eligible.

Deadlines

All scholarship applications and requested materials must be submitted via US Postal Service and **RECEIVED** by **June 10, 2018**.

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

Notification to Recipients

All scholarship recipients will be notified on or about July 1, 2018. **Only recipients will be notified.** Checks will be delivered to the Financial Aid Officer at the recipient's college or university to be credited to the student's account. All decisions made by the Scholarship Selection Committee will be final.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized in Washington, D. C. in July 2018 during the commemoration ceremony at our Korean War Memorial. Detailed information will be provided to Scholarship recipients at a later date. Although attendance is not mandatory, scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend. Underage recipients are encouraged to travel with an accompanying adult.

Required Materials

The following items are required to complete the application process. These items must be submitted in a single envelope in the order listed. All items received separately, except transcripts which may be mailed directly from your school, will not be considered.

- Application – must be on the original form, printed legibly or typed and signed.

Note: You MUST use the 2018-19 Application Form which supersedes all previous Application Forms and add no extra sheets.

- Essay – must be typed (double spaced) consisting of 300-400 words.
- GPA – submit all applicable high school and college transcripts.
- First year student's Letter of Acceptance.
- Proof of service for applicant's deceased Korea Veteran ancestor.

Mailing Address

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

**AMERICAN VETERANS OF
KOREA FOUNDATION
KOREA VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

APPLICATION FORM FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19

Student Information

Applicant's Full Name_____ Date of Birth_____

Home Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone_____ E-mail_____

Name of Applicant's Korea Veteran Ancestor_____

Applicant's Relationship to Veteran_____ KWVA Member #_____

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

College or University Information

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

In the 2018 Fall Semester I will enroll as a:

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

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Financial Aid Officer_____ Email_____

Address_____ Phone_____

Current Information

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

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

Scholastic Activities

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Community Activities

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By my signature, I certify that all information and documents included in my application for this scholarship are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, my signature certifies I understand that if the terms of the scholarship are violated, the scholarship will be withdrawn. (Terms: I understand that I must be officially accepted for enrollment in 2018 classes at the school stated.)

Signature_____ **Date**_____



APPLY TO BE A 2018 KOREA DEFENSE VETERAN ASSOCIATION SCHOLAR

KDVA is awarding University and College Scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each.

Applications to become a KDVA Scholar are due by April 13, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. EST

The KDVA Scholarship Program provides scholarships to KDVA members and their spouses, children, grandchildren (including step children) to help them attain their educational goals.

Scholarships are awarded only for coursework from accredited institutions.

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a member of KDVA or the spouses, children or grandchildren, (including step children) of a KDVA member who served honorably.
2. Applicant must be accepted into an accredited college or university.
3. Applicant must be a high school graduate with a minimum of a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) to apply.

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2. Applicant must be accepted into an accredited college or university.
3. Applicant must be a high school graduate with a minimum of a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) to apply.

Evaluation Criteria:

The application will assess five major areas: GPA, Essay, Extracurricular Activities, and Leadership in Extracurricular Activities, and Financial Need.

The five categories are evaluated and weighted as follows:

- GPA – 25 points
- Essay – 25 points
- Extracurricular Activities – 20 points
- Leadership – 20 points
- Financial Need – 10 points

Total points possible – 100

Refer to KDVA Application – This form is required and must be submitted online.

Awards:

Selection of the KDVA Scholarship recipients are made by a Scholarship Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the KDVA.

Scholarships are awarded only to students accepted to accredited institutions. The funds will be sent to the academic institution for documented expenses and must be used in the academic year awarded. The academic year of the award begins the Fall semester after the award announcement. These funds may not be used for prior academic expenses.

If selected, KDVA Scholarship recipients are to provide: a) a photograph and a statement for use in KDVA publications, newsletter, website, social media, and marketing materials, etc. and b) follow-up information and feedback as to how the KDVA scholarship assisted in their education for KDVA research and marketing.

Application Deadline:

All application materials, including the application form, official transcript(s), proof of matriculation at designated accredited academic institution, essay, list of involvement in extracurricular activities, leadership positions in extracurricular activities, and written statement of need.

Application must be submitted and received via email scholarship@kdva.vet not later than Friday, April 13, 2018.

KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 1

CONTACT INFORMATION

FULL NAME: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

I AM A KDVA MEMBER OR CHILD, GRANDCHILD, STEP-CHILD, SPOUSE OF KDVA MEMBER.

CHECK YES

NAME OF KDVA MEMBER: _____

RELATIONSHIP OF KDVA MEMBER: _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

NAME/ADDRESS OF CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY:

DATE OF GRADUATION AND/OR EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL POINT OF CONTACT (EX: GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, ADVISOR OR TEACHER)

KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL POINT OF CONTACT:

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA): _____

**Must include high school transcript or grade point average for most recent semester completed with application.

LIST NAME AND ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER OF UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AND PLAN TO ATTEND/OR ARE ATTENDING:

**Must include letter of acceptance from college or university you plan to attend.

PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN ESSAY on “The Importance of the ROK-US Alliance – Now and Into the Future” **

Essay must be 2 pages or less, typed, 12 font, Times New Roman, double-spaced and attached with application

PREPARE AND ATTACH A STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED In 250 words or less describe your financial need for this scholarship. **Statement must be typed, 12 font, Times New Roman and attached with application

KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 3

LIST OF SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (SPORTS, CLUB ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY /CIVIC ACTIVITIES, EMPLOYMENT, ETC):

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FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

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FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

3
FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

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FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

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FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

LIST OF LEADERSHIP ROLES IN ACTIVITIES LISTED ABOVE, AS APPLICABLE:

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FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

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FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

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FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

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FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

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FROM (DATE): _____ TO (DATE): _____

KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 4

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: SCHOLARSHIP@KDVA.VET
(DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018)

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT:

I certify that the foregoing facts set forth in this application are true and accurate. I understand that if any statements contained herein are false, I will not be considered for a scholarship or if such a scholarship has been granted, it is subject to forfeiture. I further authorize and give permission to KDVA or their duly authorized representative to investigate the statements contained in this application, to contact any person or institution named herein, and to require any information it may desire with respect thereto. If awarded a scholarship, KDVA Scholarship recipients agree to provide: a) a photograph and a statement for use in KDVA publications, newsletter, website, social media, and marketing materials, etc. and b) follow-up information and feedback as to how the KDVA scholarship assisted in their education for KDVA research and marketing.

APPLICANT'S FULL NAME

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

KOREA DEFENSE VETERANS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 5

Check list of what must be sent in with application for consideration.

1. Completed typed or computer-generated application
2. Verification of KDVA membership or child, grandchild, step child, spouse of KDVA member
3. Official transcript from high school/university through the most recent semester completed showing your grade point average.
4. Letter of acceptance from the University/College you have applied to or are attending.
5. Essay on “The Importance of the ROK-US Alliance – Now and Into the Future”
6. Financial Statement of Need
7. List of school, community activities, and/or employment experience
8. List of leadership roles therein in activities listed above.

For more information visit: www.kdva.vet/programs/scholarship

- **KOREAN WAR VETERAN REUNITED WITH LOST DOG TAGS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY**
[ROBERT SORRELL / BRISTOL HERALD COURIER](#)



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Harrison Gilley smiles as he looks at his recovered dog tags that were found by Jack Thompson (left) while he and his wife, Robin, were clearing the property they bought last year in Blountville. Gilley was contacted through the internet and his church, and, on Thursday, he was reunited.



BLOUNTVILLE, Tenn. — The power of the internet has brought together a Bristol, Tennessee, Korean War veteran and a Blountville couple who found his long-lost military dog tags.

William Harrison Gilley, 86, said he didn't even know he lost his dog tags, which were likely given to him by the military at the end of his service in the mid-1950s. The veteran served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

Earlier this week, he received a surprising phone call from Trey Stapleton, a Jonesville, Virginia, native, now residing in Knoxville, Tennessee.

"He called and asked if I was in the service," Gilley recalled of the conversation.

Stapleton, who is also a veteran, asked Gilley if he had served in the Air Force and if he could remember his service number.

"I have remembered that for 65 years," Gilley said.

Stapleton's relatives, Jack and Robin Thompson of Blountville, found the dog tags back in late 2017. Jack Thompson said they had purchased property along Yoakley Gottland Road on the shores of Patrick Henry Lake and were in the process of tearing down a small barn.

While working on the barn, Jack Thompson said he discovered the dog tags hanging on a nail.

His wife said she placed them in a drawer in their new home and kept thinking she had to try to find the owner. She also tried to clean the dog tags, which appeared to have been in the lake for some time.

Robin Thompson then posted about the discovery on Facebook on Jan. 29.

“These were found on our property,” she wrote. “I would love to return these to him or his family.”

Robin Thompson said the property deed on her new property never mentioned a Gilley owning the property.

“I’m not sure which year or war this is or how old they are,” she wrote. “If anyone knows this person or family, please contact me. Also please share! Thanks for your help to get these back to the owner or his family.”

Her nephew, Stapleton, said he quickly began doing some online research and reached out to local churches.

“I’m a modern-day detective, I guess,” Stapleton said. “I’m a veteran, too, so it’s pretty important to get it back to him.”

Gilley, along with his wife and daughter, met with the Thompsons and Stapleton on Thursday afternoon at the Yoakley Gottland Road property.

The property owners handed Gilley his dog tags, which brought back some memories of the 1950s, he said. Although Gilley doesn’t know how he lost his dog tags, he recalled water skiing on Patrick Henry Lake and visiting nearby Warriors Path State Park. He might have lost them while on the water, he said.

Gilley, a Fries, Virginia, native, had lived in Kingsport.

“I was surprised,” Gilley said. “I wondered where my dog tags were.”

The veteran said he recently saw a similar story in the news about someone being reunited with their dog tags. He began wondering what happened to his own after he realized he didn’t remember seeing them.

“I really appreciate you guys finding these,” Gilley said after receiving the dog tags, which were attached to a chain with what appeared to be Korean coins. “They are something else.”

Gilley shared his memories of the war with the family.

“I was over in Japan and Korea,” he said.

Gilley served with the air communication company. He was sent to Korea from Japan to check on American soldiers in the field.

“I was over there about three times,” Gilley said.

He remembered a couple of incidents, including one when an airplane scraped the mess hall. While inside, everyone hid under the tables. On another occasion, he recalled Koreans trying to enter the base. Everyone got in the foxholes, he said.

Gilley later opened an insurance business in Bristol.

Now that they’ve been found, Gilley plans to wear his dog tags, he said.

While chatting, the two families discovered they are both avid University of Tennessee Volunteer football fans. There’s a chance they might meet up again.

PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES OF KOREAN WAR MIA/KIA SERVICEMEN

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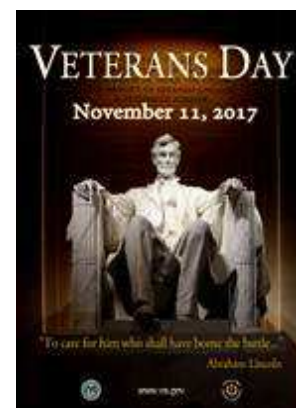
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--Ministry of Patriot and Veterans Affairs

2018 National Veterans Day Poster Contest

Calling all artists! The 2018 National Veterans Day Poster Contest is underway. Each year the Veterans Day National Committee publishes a commemorative Veterans Day poster. The poster is selected from artwork submitted by artists nationwide and is distributed to VA facilities, military installations around the world across cities and town in our nation. It also serves as the cover of the official program for the Veterans Day Observance at Arlington National Cemetery.

Over the years these posters have illustrated the rich history of our country's service men and women. The poster clearly reflects our pride and patriotism in saluting Veterans while providing the thematic artistry for the year.



2018 marks the Centennial Commemoration of the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. The theme for the 2018 Veterans Day Poster is: "The War to End All Wars".

The origin of Veterans Day came from Armistice Day.

Poster guidelines, submissions must:

- Be 18" x 24" at 300 dots per inch, scale down submissions to 9"x12."
- Submissions are not restricted to "human centric" presentations, such as a joint color guard. Imagery of American icons, monuments or scenery can qualify, for example, the American flag.
- Representative of the Veterans serving during World War I. The Committee may select a particular submission but ask the artist to make modifications to the original design. Additional changes may be required prior to printing.
- Include sufficient information to demonstrate that the image is the work of the artist and is not copyrighted material (i.e. photos and concepts).
- To view examples of past winning submissions visit: <http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/gallery.asp>.

Submit electronic versions as jpg images or PDF files by email to vetsday@va.gov or send copies of artwork on a CD with artwork files to:

Veterans Day National Committee (002D)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

The deadline for submissions is 1 April, 2018. The Veterans Day National Committee will convene a selection sub-committee in May 2018 to review submissions and make a final selection.

Questions? – contact the Veterans Day Coordinator at vetsday@va.gov.

- **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 November 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.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

Help us commemorate those who served and sacrificed.

To make a contribution, please visit:



WWW.KOREANWARVETSMEMORIAL.ORG

The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, tax exempt foundation chartered in the District of Columbia as a 501 C3 Foundation.

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Bridging Past And Present

June 24-27, 2018



Charleston, South Carolina

Hosted by The Korean War Legacy Foundation, Inc.



DATES

- Check in: June 24th
- Conference: June 25th to 26th
- Check out: June 27th

ELIGIBILITY

The conference is open to educators who are willing to either:

- Complete 1 interview of a veteran
- Complete 1 transcript of a veteran interview in the archive.
- Educators who exceed expectations will be considered for a research trip to South Korea.

LOCATION

Patriots Point Maritime Naval Museum (Quality Inn)

COST

Thanks to the generous support of the KWLF, there is **NO COST** for double occupancy room, meals and conference speakers. Attendees only pay a \$55 registration fee.

- New attendees are eligible for a \$450 airfare scholarship.

Join educators and Korean War historians to learn more about the Korean War and its legacy. Participants will hear from top experts and learn how to bring veterans and their stories into the classroom.

- **EXPLORE** the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown. Feeling adventurous? Take the option to stay overnight on the ship on June 24th.
- **LEARN** how to set up an interview day at your school, and how to incorporate veteran artifacts into the classroom.
- **CREATE** lesson plans for the coming year that allow students to learn history straight from veterans.
- **HONOR** our veterans with a special banquet event in remembrance of June 25, 1950, the start of the Korean War.

REGISTER TODAY

www.kwdhproject.org/teacher-conference



• **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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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/rsi

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

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/bcacdcao>, 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.dragonhilllodge.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

• **ARMED KOREAN WAR VETERAN, FACING EVICTION OVER SERVICE DOGS, KILLED BY POLICE AFTER CONFRONTATION** By [Lucia I. Suarez Sang | Fox News](#)



Miami-Dade police said a suicidal Korean War veteran was shot and killed by officers. (GETTY)

An armed Korean War veteran – slated for eviction from his Miami-Dade apartment over complaints about his service dogs – was killed Monday by police officers who responded to a call of a man threatening to commit suicide.

Police officers rushed to the home of Raymond Bishop, 84, and extensively pleaded with him – even praising Bishop's military background – to get him to surrender his handgun. But at some point at least four Miami-Dade officers opened fire, the [Miami Herald](#) reported.

“These officers begged this gentleman to put the weapon down,” John Rivera, president of the Florida Police Benevolent Association told the newspaper. “They had no choice. These situations officers are confronted with daily, and it’ll remain with them forever.” Bishop died inside his home. His service dogs, Roxie and Ranger, were found inside the apartment and were not harmed, the Herald reported. “He was very quiet, very patient. He was very helpful,” neighbor Christian Rodriguez told [Local10 News](#). “He helped us through the hurricane. We had no water upstairs, but he was a very, very pleasant guy.”

According to court records, Bishop lived at the Hidden Grove apartments under a Miami-Dade County government subsidy.

The apartment complex went to court in July 2017 to try and get him booted from his ground-floor unit for allegedly “harboring unauthorized pet dogs” and allowing them to be without a leash. In the lawsuit, the complex claimed one of Bishop’s dogs attacked and injured another resident.

A Veterans Administration psychiatrist said in court documents that the pets “provided invaluable emotional therapeutic benefit.” The case had been in mediation but talks between the two sides failed.

The case had been in mediation, but talks between the two sides had failing, the Herald reported. It was ongoing. Bishop’s lawyer, Christopher Brochynus of Legal Services of Greater Miami, told the newspaper he was stunned by the death. “He was a really nice guy to talk to,” he said. “He loved his animals.”

- **HOW TO REPORT THE DEATH OF A RETIRED SOLDIER:** Contact the Department of the Army Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center anytime by calling (800) 626-3317. You will be immediately referred to a local Casualty Assistance Center, who will report the death to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to stop retired pay and initiate the survivor benefits process. When reporting the death, please provide as much of the information below as you have:

- Full name
- Next of kin information
- Social security number and/or service number



- Circumstances surrounding the death
- Retirement date • Copy of the death certificate
- Retired rank
- Copy of the Statement of Service (Last DD Form 214)

- **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:
Chairman, Alves J. Key, Jr., Tell America Program
5506 Emerald Park Blvd.
Arlington, TX 79912
817-472-7743
- **ATTENTION ALL RETIREES AND ANNUITANTS,**
The Defense Finance and Accounting Service's addresses changed. The old addresses are being discontinued and will be replaced by addresses in Indianapolis. The new addresses are:
Retired Pay:
Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Retired Pay
8899 E 56th Street
Indianapolis IN 46249-1200

Annuitant Pay:
Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
8899 E 56th Street
Indianapolis IN 46249-1300

Respectfully submitted,

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