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On the cover...

USO Show – Inje, Korea

The front cover was sent to me by Glenn “Ed.” White along with a letter. Glenn’s letter stated: “After arriving in Korea in December 1951, the 279th Inf. Regt., 45th Inf. Div. was relieved by the 38th Inf. Regt., 2nd Inf. Div. and sent to Eighth Army Reserve near the town of Inje on July 14, 1952. Although this break was a great change from the front line, very strenuous training followed.”

The cover photo shows the men of the 279th Inf. Regt., 45th Inf. Div. enjoying the USO show in August 1952. The location is near Inje, Korea. Company L and M are shown in the foreground and the building behind the stage is an old Korean movie theatre. Further in the background is the Soyang River and some very steep mountains. Also shown is the many squad tents of the 279th Inf. Regt. The USO show had a great effect on the morale of the men! (Elsewhere in the magazine you will find a story on the Bell Sisters who also entertained the troops in Korea. Also in a photo page you will find Penny Singleton (Blondie), Terry Moore and Connie Stevens who did their share of entertainment during that era. We are proud to salute those USO entertainers of yesterday and today that continue to serve our Armed forces all over the world.—Editor)

On the back cover...

POW/MIA Recognition Day Poster

What it means...

- The somber black tones of the poster symbolize the darkness in our lives from those taken from us ………those who are missing.
- The black background with white border brings to mind the stark black POW/MIA flag.
- In the upper left-hand corner is the missing American. This is our loved one, our son, our father, our brother. He is not with us. He is missing. He is always with us.
- The telegram symbolizes the link to the families of our missing….those who have for so long….sought answers
- The jet aircraft are flying the traditional “missing man” formation. Their comrade is not with them. They know that someday, they will all be able to say “three’s in”
- And the serviceman in the foreground symbolizes the soldier, sailor, airman or Marine who wears the military uniform today. Our commitment to them is firm. Our nation’s obligation to them is steadfast. We will never forget their service, nor their sacrifice.
- And “LEST WE FORGET” is simply a reminder to all who love America, that our loved ones will always be with us …….our commitment to them will never be forgotten

(Our thanks go out to all on the DPMO, CILHI, and Joint Recovery Teams. Visit their Web Site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/>. Keep your veterans up to date in your monthly Chapter and Department newsletters on the POW/MIA issues.—Editor.)

Korean War Veterans Association Website: www.KWVA.org
We (KWVA) have over 16,000 members and still growing. We have formed over 10 new chapters in the past 2 years.

This past two years has been very rewarding. Working together we have turned the KWVA into one of the finest Veterans organization. The credit goes to the membership for their support.

The first thing on our agenda was to get the finances corrected, with the support of the board of directors, finance committee and with the support of the membership we were able to incorporate strong financial controls. I do not have the final results of the raffle but as of July 5th, 2000 we had receipts of $100,000.00. We will have the final report in the next Graybeards. I must thank Tom Gregory (treasurer) and Howard Camp (secretary) for their work in keeping track of the sales and deposits. We have had over 5,000 deposits to make.

The next item on our agenda was to increase our membership. We have over 16,000 members and still growing. We have formed over 10 new chapters in the past 2 years. All in all, we have accomplished many good things for the KWVA. As for myself it has been very gratifying to watch our organization prosper. I have traveled all over the United States and several countries representing the KWVA. We are a respected veterans organization now. Our next goal will be to get a national charter.

The latest trip to Korea with the Honorable Togo West, Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs and his lovely wife Mrs. Gail West. We were joined by The Honorable Congressman Charles B. Rangel (I have asked for his help on our National charter) and a group from the 503rd of the 2nd. Inf. Div. We were on the Presidential Mission to Commemorate the 50th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. There were 5 other Ex-Prisoners of Korean War with me, Jim Thompson, Leroy Sykes, Donald L. Minter, John R. Worley, and Robert Lee Wyatt. All of us were captured around the same time. The soldiers in the 503rd 2nd. Inf. Div. were captured near Kunu-Ri Pass while I was captured a little north at a town called Ipsop.

It was a turn of fate because on the 23rd or 24th of November 1950 “B” Co. liberated about 29 wounded soldiers from the 1st Cav. Div. that had been wounded and left by the Chinese. When the Chinese pulled back we were able to get them to the rear for medical attention. Three or four days later we were overrun and captured. Col. Roy Appleton (Ret.) wrote in his book “Disaster in Korea” that “B” Co. (of Task Force Dolvin later Wilson) 35th Reg. 25th Inf. Div. held hill 234 with a force of 203 men. The Chinese attacked at about 15 minutes after midnight with wave after wave. When daylight broke there were only 27 men of “B” Co. left, but they still held the hill. Out of the 27 there were only 7 or 8 that survived the Prisoner of War camp. The 503rd 2nd Inf. Div. fought very well and some could escape but many were killed or captured. Many were wounded. The results of these battles enabled the 8th Army to withdraw to better defensive positions and save South Korea from another “Dunkirk”

We were repatriated 33 months later and when we were flown by helicopter from

Harley Coon
President, KWVA
The West Point Class of 1950, individually and collectively, significantly contributed to this Nation’s winning the Cold War.

Immediately upon graduation in June 1950, one hundred fourteen members of this class fulfilled their commitment to “Duty, Honor, Country” by leading men in combat in the Korean War and offering the ultimate sacrifice of their lives. Forty one men died in this “Forgotten War.” Ultimately, over three hundred fifty of this class served in the war. Later, they again led men in combat or planned the military’s role in Vietnam, Panama, and Grenada. (Indeed, many of this class had also served in the military in World War II). One member of this class, Lt. Gen. Dick Leavitt was a U-2 pilot; Maj. Gen. Grayson late was a key member of the team that developed the Nation’s rockets and ballistic missiles. Prank Borman, the astronaut, contributed greatly to this country’s effort in winning the race to the moon. Three members of this class were Chiefs-of-Staff of their respective services, all at the same time. Gen. John Wickham, U.S. Army; Gen. Charles Gabriel, U.S. Air Force; and Gen. Fidel Ramos (later elected President of the Philippines). Many rose to leadership positions in industry and educational institutions: men such as Robert McBride and Ward Wheaton. This book tells the story, of these men and other “Cold War Warriors” of the West Point Class of 1950.

People of America, as well as other Nations, need to know about the selfless dedication and substantial contributions these men made to winning the Cold War and in maintaining Freedom throughout the world.

The book’s foreword is written by former Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger.

Phil Bardos is a graduate of the West Point class of 1950 and saw combat during the Korean War. He resigned to pur-
LISTEN UP

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Total Invalid Ballots – 71
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* New Officers and Directors.
All Nominees wish to thank the membership for their support in this election.

National VA/VS Representative Report

By Michael Mahoney

First of all, I was asked to replace Norman Kantor who resigned as National VA/VS Representative.
This will be a short report, being new at this job and just getting the records, it will be a few months before I get on track.
My goals in this endeavor are to have a better understanding between the Chapters and myself. We must remember this a Volunteer Program, and that is what is wanted, Volunteers.
Hospitals are not the only place that our fellow Veterans need aid, a visit or help. At their homes for the shut-ins, nursing homes and where ever a veteran looks for a friendly smile and a visit. That’s where it is at, remember Volunteering is the word.
My address and other information appears under staff officers. I hope that all present Chapter Rep’s and Deputies remain in place.
Please keep up the good work that all of you started.

PRESIDENT from page 4

Freedom Village to Inchon, I recall I sat in the #1 seat by the door. 47 years later I sat in the #1 seat by the door again when we were flown by helicopter back to the DMZ and taken to the Bridge of No Return. Six Ex-Prisoners of War that crossed that bridge 47 years ago stood again on that bridge. Our thoughts standing there were about the 8,100 still missing in action and the thousands that died in the prison camps. Their remains will probably never be returned home.

I think Master Sergeant Donald L. Minter said it best when he said “Going back to Korea during the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War is important because it gives recognition of the sacrifices and patriotic service the black segregated soldiers of the 503rd unit gave to their country.” An enemy bullet doesn’t distinguish between race, color, creed, religion, or branch of service, every one bleeds red.

When we flew to Korea, I was privileged to set next to Lt. Gen. William R. Maloney USMC (Ret). We both had hearing aids with a remote control. I was watching Fire and Ice on the plane TV. All at once my hearing aid went dead. I then touched my control to on, then Gen. Maloney looked at me then we started to laugh. It seems that our hearing aid controls were on the same frequency, from that time on we had to make sure we were far enough apart that we wouldn’t interfere with each other. It was funny and strange that two people would have the same frequency on their controls.

We went to visit the Korean War Memorial and the one thing that impressed me most was the bronze plaques, with raised letters. All the States were listed in alphabetical order, listed on each State plaque was the names of the American Soldiers killed in Korea from that State. All names were listed in alphabetical order. The plaque with the Ohio names had over 1,700 names killed in the Korean War.

While I was in Korea, Mike Mahoney, President Department of Ohio KWVA on June 25th had representatives from the Governors Office read the names of those killed in Korea at the Ohio State War Memorial in Columbus.

While we were in Korea we were honored to meet three USO stars that performed for the troops in Korea during the war. They were Terry Moore, Penny Singleton, Dagwood & Blondie), and Piper Laurie. Penny Singleton is 92 years old and she still made that long flight to help commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. What a wonderful person.

The New Zealand KWV will be commemorating the 50th Anniversary from October 27th through the 30th. New Zealand Korean War Veterans are wanting Americans to attend. Our revisit chairman Warren Weidhahn will have a tour covering that event combined with others in Korea.

I am proud to have served you this past two years. We can continue to have success with the membership support.

The No-Gun Re Report by a KWVA member has been proven to be false. The person that dreamed up that story has been removed from the KWVA.

Until then I remain.

Harley

SORRY... WE ARE CLOSED

Notice:

All members and friends of the KWVA

The membership office will be closed from August 19, 2000 through September 5, 2000
Please mark your calendar.
Pieces of History
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4-color ad
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To Fellow Korean War Veterans:

As we strive to have a National Chanter issued to the Korean War Veterans Association, I am finding out more and more that our major stumbling block is the fact that #HR1671 is co-sponsored by only 35-members of the House.

In order to force the House Bill out of the sub-committee and put on the floor, we need the support of 218-members. You will find below a suggested form letter that seeks the support of the members of Congress from your District. As stated, it is only a suggested format and I urge each of you to contact your representative and have him/her sign on. It is also suggested that they do so on their Congressional letterhead. Please don’t delay, as we need to have these in hand by October 30, 2000. Remember - this is an election year.

Have them address the letter to: Congressman Steny H. Hoyer, 1705 LHOB, Washington, DC 20515: and send or fax it to me and I will accumulate the responses.

Blair E. Cross
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SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Congressman Hoyer,

In support of the over 6-million military personnel who have served this Country in the Korean War, and those men and women who are still serving in harm’s way, I would be honored to add my name as a sponsor and urge passage of #HR1671, granting a National Charter to the Korean War Veterans Association Inc.

In as much as this Charter is long overdue, I request consideration and acknowledgement.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed by Member of Congress)

USO Korea 1953 – 1954

The Bell Sisters

If you were stationed in Korea, Japan or the Pacific Islands during the Christmas time of 1953 and 1954, you may have had a chance to see the Bell Sisters (Cynthia and Kay Strother, 17 and 13) perform with the USO. Now, with a new web site to their career at “http://www.bellsisters.com/” you can hear and see them again.

The Bell Sisters were discovered on October 31, 1951, singing “Bermuda” on a Los Angeles television program called “Peter Potter’s Search for a Song.” Their subsequent rise to “fame” was immediate; the song, which Cynthia had written, was picked up that night by a music publisher who was one of the judges of the evening’s amateur compositions.

Within a week, the young duo cut a demo of the song in Hollywood for Henri Rene, orchestra leader and the West Coast A & R man for RCA Records. At this session, Mr. Rene liked the girls’ self-arranged vocal harmonies so much, he decided they should record the song for RCA themselves.

Because several other artists (including Brenda Lee, Dinah Shore and Ray Anthony) were also recording the song, the girls hurried once again into the studio and on Nov. 11 recorded “Bermuda” (with a new arrangement by Henri Rene). The Bells’ recording of “Bermuda” was rushed through the RCA pressing plant in just a few days (instead of the usual several weeks). By March of 1952, “Bermuda” had reached #7 on the Billboard charts and eventually sold well over 1,000,000 copies.

Cynthia and Kay, adopting their mother’s maiden name of Bell for their act, enjoyed a rollercoaster ride of success, releasing eleven records (22 songs) for RCA and hitting the charts again with “Wheel of Fortune” (up to #10) and “Hambone” (recorded with Phil Harris and charting as high as #19). They appeared on many popular radio and television programs, includ-
Christmas with the troops. What a lucky GI.

Kay (L) and Cynthia Strother (Bell Sisters) in Korea.

Cynthia (L) and Kay Strother (Bell Sisters) visit hospital.

Cynthia (L) and Kay Strother (Bell Sisters) in Korea.

Kay (L) and Cynthia Strother (Bell Sisters) spend Christmas with the troops. What a lucky GI.

But one of their biggest thrills was being asked to tour Korea with other Hollywood performers and the USO. Kay, being only 13 on their first tour, was the youngest performer ever to tour with the USO; her mother had to travel as their chaperone. “The thing I remember best about Korea,” says Cynthia, “is the cold. We had a little pot-bellied stove in our tent and we would snuggle as close to it at night as you could get, and we were still freezing. I can’t imagine how the soldiers stayed warm.” They made many friends with soldiers and officers at different stops, some remaining pen-pals throughout the years.

After their peak in 1952-1953, the Bell Sisters continued to perform around the United States at state fairs and charity telethons for several years. They were excellent acapella singers and were very popular at military hospitals and bases, where they frequently had to perform without a band.

Eventually, the girls moved on with their lives and stopped being “stars;” settling down to raise families. Cynthia, 65 years old this year, is now retired and keeps busy with her children, grandchildren and making jewelry. Kay, 60, is an elementary school teacher in Southern California. Both ladies look back on their career as Bell Sisters as just one phase in their very active, full lives.

Forty-eight years later, Cynthia still earns royalties on “Bermuda” and it is played all over the world. Now in twelve CD’s by many artists including the Bell sisters.

If you remember working with or seeing the Bell Sisters perform, or have a special memory you’d like to share, they’d love to hear from you at the website. You can contact Rex Strother, their nephew, from the website or by email at “rstrother@pblutah.com”.

(Many thanks to you Frank Praytor and Kathy for photo and the many other kind e-mails. Frank spent time in Korea from Nov. 1951 to Nov. 1952 as a correspondent for “Stars and Stripes.”—Editor)
I felt that being a part of a ceremony last week for Memorial Day activities, I must submit this story of what the human heart can contribute from and towards history. The history of veterans who take pride not only one part of the year or even a day to remember his fallen comrade.

This story is about a small town in Wrentham, MA on May 29th year 2000. Memorial Day was celebrated by a gathering of people, maybe 100 or so. The site was a newly built commercial building owned by a Korean War Veteran of 1953. Along side this building runs a road which this day was to be named for another Korean War Veteran of 1953 who also was from Wrentham.

We must introduce these two gentleman. The building owner is Frederick F. (Fred) Holmes Jr. who served in Korea with the US Air Force, assignment to the 6150th Tactical Control Squadron at Chunchon (K47). The other gentleman, A1C Kenneth A Miner, was assigned to the 36th Fighter Bomb Squadron at K13. Needless to say, Kenneth did not make it home, as he was killed along with 128 others on board a C124 Globemaster, June 18th 1953, four minutes off the ground from Japan enroute to Korea.

The years have passed and all go their way except Fred who had this new building constructed this year. He had the opportunity to name the road “Kenneth A. Miner Road”. What started as a thought in Fred’s mind to do this, ended as a glorious achievement. With the help of his family members, he placed in the corner of his property a black granite stone with A1C Kenneth A Miner’s name engraved and the date of his demise (inset) completes the “Peaceful Corner.”

The American Flag that flew this day had 48 stars as it was the same flag that draped Miner’s casket. A black granite stone with A1C Kenneth A Miner’s name engraved and the date of his demise completes the “Peaceful Corner.”

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It was a beautiful day decorated with different colors from uniforms of the United States Forces who served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon and the Desert Storm.

All except Kenneth’s parents stood amongst us. They passed away long ago. His brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews were with us to pay tribute to a lost soul years past.

The American Flag that flew this day had 48 stars as it was the same flag that draped the casket of Kenneth Miner’s trip back home. Below it flew the US Air Force banner.

The colors were posted, the National Anthem played, invocations, welcoming address by Fred himself. Guest speakers included State Representatives and Servicemen from Wrentham.

Laying of a wreath was made by Kenneth’s two oldest brothers, Raymond and Robert Miner. Raymond himself being a US Air Force Korean/Vietnam veteran who made a career of the Air Force. Our friend Fred Holmes also provided white roses for presentation to the monument by the remaining family.

A new encased American Flag and medals that Kenneth had earned during his military service, including the new Korean Service Medal was presented to his family. The presented flag now flies over the monument to replace the one with 48 stars.

The two local American Legion Posts from neighboring towns fired volleys. TAPS echoing in the background, brought lumps to our throats, tears to our eyes and a profoundness only one can feel for your fellow man who stands tall aside you in salute. All there this day stood proud and strong in defending this country and others throughout the years.

Among the dignitaries this day, we must mention Santa Claus. He made entrance in his “Summer Sleigh” which
was a shiny black van. This van had painted slogans to support the bringing back of our MIAs from all wars. He was dressed in his patriotic garb which was star striped and dominate red, white, and blue. He wore knickers to show off his American flagged knee high socks. His sneakers also bore the stars and stripes. Santa also was presented a medal from Fred, The 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. The name this man bears is legally Santa Claus, but prior to, it was Virgil Noel Almeida, US Marine Corps, who served in Korea from 1950 to 1952, landing at Inchon with the 1st Marine Div, 7th Regiment. His memories are vast to war and its losses to men as he lost a few friends. His work during Xmas in entertainment to fellow Veterans and children is large and outstanding. We took pride to meet Santa this day.

In closing we must think of A1C Kenneth A Miner’s spirit lying at rest in a “Peaceful Corner”. We must also think and give thanks to a giant of a man he never knew. This man Fred, who bore all costs from his pocket to accomplish his dream in giving Kenneth his honors. Fred has always been a man of charity. He belongs to our Mosquito Association. The 6147th Tactical Control Group and the vast membership is aware of his deeds. His contributions to our Association has been highly appreciated. He also has been instrumental toward many memorials in the surrounding towns. We believe God has given this man a large frame to hold a big generous heart.

Fred will always stand tall above others in our eyes, for we are proud of this man we call “OUR BELOVED FRIEND”. (Thank you Richard for a beautiful story and photos. We thank all named especially Fred who honors our heroes. We know A1C Miner was proudly watching his family and friends on this special day at “Peaceful Corner.” —Ed.)

Santa Claus (aka.Virgil Noel Almeida, US Marine Corps) He made entrance in his “Summer Sleigh” which was a shiny black van with POW/MIA signs.

This memorial was donated by Fred Smith and wife. There were no memorials in this area of Illinois dedicated to the Korean War. This 2 ft. by 3 ft light gray memorial is located in Abingdon, IL Cemetery. Korea in large letters is engraved on back side facing road for all to see. Visit when you are in the area.

(Thank you Fred for photo and letter. We are proud of you and your wife for remembering when others in your area did not. Both of you are special people and those you honor will remember this special deed in erecting a great memorial. —Ed.)
This page is dedicated to all the men in the 82nd Battalion, and especially to those who died in combat. This gallant unit entered Korea in 1950 with 794 men and compiled the following record of honor, duty and sacrifice. 67 (KIA) Killed in Action, 10 (DOW) Died of Wounds, 21 (DOD) Declared Dead by Dept. of Defense, 5 (DOI) Died of Other Injuries, 95 (DIE) Captured-Died Non Battle while POW, 202 (WIA) Wounded In Action-Returned to Military Control and 103 (RMC) Captured-Returned to Military Control. 24 Silver Stars, 99 Bronze Stars with V Device, 53 Bronze Stars for Meritorious Service, 11 Army Commendation Ribbons, 1 Presidential Unit Citation.

Reunion 99 is over, but sure not forgotten by the 110 who attended. There were 52 former members of the Battalion, 3 widows, 38 spouses and 17 Family members and guests in attendance. Reunion 2000 will be held September 6 - 10, 2000 in Sea-Tac, Washington. See REUNIONS on page 66 for details.
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**KWVEGC Grant Winners Announced for 2000-2001**

On the 18th of June, 20 letters were sent to the winners of the Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation’s annual campaign. The following students were awarded grants for the 2000-2001 academic term. The Board wants to publicly thank all applicants who submitted applications for a college grant. The response was overwhelming. We hope those who were not successful will try again. Applications can be submitted now for the academic year, 2001-2002.

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Images of a “Forgotten War”

2: Sniper hill, location unknown.
3: Unknown Veteran stands in front of AAA vehicle.
4: Convoy from Korea to Japan–Home or R & R.
5: Great bunker located on hillside.
6: M16 Antiaircraft vehicle dug in to protect tracks. Ground support.

FREEDOM VILLAGE: I don’t know how the First Marine Division got its name on the Freedom Village sign. My battalion, attached to I Corps, set up the Village and this area in the Neutral Zone between the UN lines and the Chinese lines, had been in our hands for many months. –Silas Cooper, Jr.

(Thanks Marvin Reed for photos. Captions would have helped. I can only assume by markings that unit shown was part of 24th Div – Ed.)

Photos from Danial Ruscillo

Flying Tiger Airline (top left)
MP Patrol Scout Car (bottom left)
Danial ??? (bottom right)
(above) ...his tent
...his mess gear
...and his feet
Korean War Service Medal Available to Veterans

U.S. veterans of the Korean War are now eligible to wear a medal initially offered to them more than 50 years ago, but never issued.

In a May 13, 2000, letter to Defense Secretary William S. Cohen, Republic of Korea Defense Minister Seong Tae Cho formally announced that his government would provide the Republic of Korea War Service Medal (ROKWSM) to eligible U.S. veterans of that conflict, or to their surviving next of kin. The medal will be provided at no cost to veterans. The U.S. Air Force has been designated the lead agency to receive and distribute the medals.

“On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War,” Cho wrote, “the ROK government decided to issue the ROKWSM to pay tribute to the Korean War veterans for their historic endeavors to preserve freedom of the ROK and the free world.” The two governments will conduct fiftieth anniversary ceremonies throughout 2000-2003 and medals may be applied for at any time during this period. The war began on June 25, 1950, when North Korean forces invaded ROK territory. The armistice on July 27, 1953, ended the fighting, although a formal peace treaty has never been completed.

The medal was originally offered by the ROK in 1951 to United Nations forces serving in Korea and adjacent waters. At the time U.S. law prohibited the U.S. military from wearing medals issued by foreign governments. Congress changed that in 1954, but by then most U.S. service members eligible for the medal had returned home.

In 1998 the government of the Republic of Korea renewed its original offer of the ROKWSM to U.S. military personnel. On Aug. 20, 1999, the Defense Department approved the acceptance and wear of the medal. Approximately 1.8 million U.S. veterans of the Korean War are eligible to receive it. Next of kin to eligible deceased veterans can also apply for the medal.

To wear this medal on U.S. military uniforms, U.S. military personnel must have: served between the outbreak of hostilities, June 25, 1950, and the date the armistice was signed, July 27, 1953; been on permanent assignment or on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days, and performed their duty within the territorial limits of Korea, in the waters immediately adjacent thereto or in aerial flight over Korea participating in actual combat operations or in support of combat operations.

The ROK specifies the eligibility period and criteria. Only the ROK-provided medal is approved by the U.S. government to meet the U.S. criteria for wear on the military uniform.

To apply, veterans must provide a copy of their discharge paper, commonly known as a “DD-214,” or a corrected version of that document, a “DD-215.” National Guard members must provide their statement of service equivalent, “NGB Form 22.”

Additional information on how to apply for or request the medal can be found by contacting the Air Force Personnel Center, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (CST) at (800) 558-1404, or the Awards and Decorations Section (210) 565-2432/2520/2516, fax (210) 565-3118, or by writing to HQ AFPC/DPPRRA, 550 C Street West, Suite 12, Randolph Air Force Base, TX 78150-4714 or its web site <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards/>.

General information on Korean War commemorations can be found by contacting the DoD 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, 1213 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Gateway 4, Arlington, VA 22202, by calling (703) 604-0831 or web page <http://korea50.army.mil/>.

Because the order of precedence for non-U.S. service medals and ribbons is determined by date of approval, the ROKWSM should be worn after the Kuwait Liberation Medal, which was the last foreign medal approved for wear by U.S. military personnel. For the majority of Korean War veterans the medal will be worn after the United Nations Medal, or the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal if they served during that conflict.

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EXAMPLE REQUEST

July 1, 2000
HQ AFPC/DPPPRK
550 C Street W, Ste 12
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4714

Please send me a Korean War Service Medal for my service as a member of the United States military during the authorized period of June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. I have enclosed a copy of a source document with my Social Security Number/Military Service Number/Foreign Service Number, which verifies my service. I understand that the enclosed copy of my source document will not be returned. Additionally, since this is a foreign service award, I understand that this is a one-time issuance.

Please mail my Korean War Service Medal to the following address:

John Doe
P.O. Box 000
Pleasantville, Virginia  00000

Sincerely,

/s/ John Doe
Hat ad-1
pg19

Pick-up (pgs 29-30)
May/June issue
Hat ad-2
Pg 20
Pick-up from pg 30
May/June
New film provided
Thanks from Korean Teens

I related this story to my dad, who served in the Navy during the Korean war and presently lives in Missouri. He has mentioned in the past about sharing the feelings of many other Korean War Veterans about feeling forgotten and un-thanked for answering the Nation’s call.

I live in California and through my Church, First Baptist Church of Upland, we hosted 129 Korean children who were here for an English language camp. During their four week stay, the kids were hosted in the homes of church members. During one weekend, My wife and I hosted four teenage boys. Shortly after they arrived in our home, I showed them my Dad’s medals and Korean Veteran assoc. patch which he had put in a shadow box and now hangs in my family room. I showed them the medals and said these belonged to my Dad. When they read the Korean War Veteran’s patch, they all four immediately said thank-you. They then stood shoulder to shoulder facing the medals and clasped their hands together, bowed and repeated their thank-you.

I remembered that My Dad and other veterans have felt less than thanked and almost totally forgotten in their efforts and sacrifices. I immediately phoned my Dad and told him what had just happened. He repeated that since the war, he had never been thanked for his service, I told him that he had just been thanked by the Children’s, Children’s, Children of the Nation he helped to protect.

I also told this story to a Korean War Veteran who is a member of my church. He got a bit red eyed and told me that he had never been thanked either, but he had been told some very unpleasant things. I repeated to him that he had now been thanked by a third generation of children from Korea.

I was heartened to see that apparently while forgotten and un-thanked by the Nation they served and the following generations who have not been taught about their bravery and sacrifices, Korean War Veterans are never the less thanked and remembered by the descendants of those they protected and gave their all for.

I just wanted to pass this along. It was very emotional for me and my wife to see the spontaneity and sincerity of these four young Korean men as they honored my Dad for what he did and by proxy all Korean War Veterans.

Bill Peters <Bill Peters@fire.ca.gov>

We both served in Korea with the 57th Field Artillery in 1953-54. This was the first time we had been united since our military days together. I was a corporal and served as headquarters battery barber, and Chaplain Weaver served the religious and spiritual needs of the soldiers. At the 7th Division banquet dinner, Chaplain Weaver gave the benediction. Donald J. Burns, 74 West Melcourt Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14225

We meet again — I cut his hair and he said the prayer.

We want to honor you

I am the Marine Forces Korea (MARFORK) Action Officer for the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Committee (AKWC). I’m sure many veterans that are in your association will be attending events over the next few years. The two projects I am tasked to support are: The Inchon Landing and Chosin Reservoir Campaign

Any assistance your association can render in my assignment would be greatly appreciated. What I am mostly looking for is an “outreach” through your organization. By that I mean, can you make veterans aware of us over here at the 50th AKWC. I only
have a small staff, but we are totally committed to assisting any returning veteran for the above campaigns. Please feel free to contact me at this e-mail site <rnuellerjn@MARF0RK.USMC.MIL> Semper Fidelis, Joe Mueller, Col USMC

Replacements: Some came home, many are still waiting

Camp Casey, South Korea third week in June 1952. All of the above are replacements for front line units. Russell Dawes shown in rear row, fourth from right was sent to L Co., 179th Regt., 45th Inf. Div. If you are in photo contact him at 4214 28th Ave. NE, Niagara, North Dakota 58266.

Navy Honoring Korean War Veterans

Washington, D.C., March, 2000 — In observing the 50th anniversary of the Korean Conflict, the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington is encouraging naval service personnel Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Merchant Marine, active service or veterans to get themselves enrolled in the Navy Log in Washington, D.C. The Log has thus far collected names and service information of 245,000 present and former naval personnel. Most of the names are of living persons self enrolled or by gift tributes from friends or families but a large number are of deceased veterans enrolled in the Log by their descendants or by surviving shipmates. All enrollments form a part of America’s enduring naval heritage, a permanent and publicly accessible video register available for viewing at the Naval Heritage Center next to the Memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue, midway between the White House and the Capitol, or on the Memorial’s Internet web site www.lonesailor.org.

Each Log entry contains the entrant’s name, date and place of birth, dates and branch of naval service, highest rate or rank attained, up to five top medals and awards and five duty stations. Log enrollments help support the Memorial’s values based educational programs, which honor, preserve and celebrate America’s enduring naval heritage.

Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Merchant Marine active service or veteran desiring to enroll should send his or her name, date and place of birth, dates of naval service, highest rate or rank, up to five awards received and five duty stations served accompanied by a $25 tax deductible enrollment donation to Navy Log Dept Y2000, P. O. Box 96570, Washington, DC 20077-7685. A head and shoulders portrait photo may be added for an additional $25 (photos cannot be returned). Enrollments make welcome gifts to veterans. Sponsored enrollments are also sought from relatives of deceased naval veterans.

The Navy Memorial Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt organization that receives no government support for building and operating the Navy Memorial and adjoining Naval Heritage Center. Media contact: Jann Hoag (202) 737-2300, ext. 714

48 years later

After almost 48 years I found Al Tufo and Joe Campo. The last time I saw them was May 1953 when I left Korea. I found them using the Internet. On Friday March 3, I visited Al Tufo while I was in Florida. Al lives in Miami. The following day, I drove out to Naples, FL and spent the day with Joe Campo.

Maine Korean War Vets Remember!

Korean War era vets and family members and friends, are invited to attend a special 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Reunion at Bangor on August 18-20, 2000. The reunion will be held in conjunction with the 24th annual reunion of the Atlantic Provinces Korea Veterans Association, Canada. The event will be hosted by the BurtonGoode-Sargent Chapter #1, Korean War Veterans Association, Bangor, and the CPL Clair Goodblood Chapter #2, KWVA, Augusta.
For details contact Ken Buckley at 207 Forest Ave., Bangor 04401, tel: 1-207-942-2701 or by email <KBuc263924@aol.com>. Or Arthur J. Bonenfant, 169 Northern Ave, #1, Farmingdale, ME 04344, tel: 1-207-582-3327 or by email <ajb2engr@aol.com>.

A 47 year friendship

The year was January 1953, when four (4) strangers met in Hwachon Korea, just below the Kumhwa Pass. While serving with the 7th Ordnance (DS) Co. a friendship grew between them and has lasted (47 years). We still meet and get together for a dinner with our wives. It proves that when things are tough, good can come out of it.

CILHI needs your help

Dear Dr. Goldman, Hello, I hope you are well. I am a physical anthropologist from the Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii; we met at the AAFS meetings this year in Reno. We were only able to talk briefly at the meetings, but I am very interested in speaking with you more about mortuary-processing procedures used during the Korean War. There are two cases here at the laboratory from that era and we have been unsuccessful in sequencing them for mtDNA. Both cases are represented by complete skeletons and are in good condition, so the reasoning behind the sequencing problems are mystifying. At this point, we think it must have something to do with the way the bodies were prepared at the overseas mortuaries.

It would be of great help to us in identifying these individuals, if you could provide any information you may have on the processing procedures. From archival research, I have discovered that fungicides were poured on the bodies, but it has been difficult discovering what types of chemicals were used in the fungicides. There has also been concern that fluorescent light was possibly used on the bodies, but we have not been able to find a specific reference corresponding with that information.

There are approximately 800 unknown Korean War Veterans buried currently in the Punchbowl Cemetery here in Hawaii. We hope to overcome this problem with the mtDNA sequencing in order to identify these individuals and send them home to their families and friends. Any help you could provide us concerning mortuary-processing procedures would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to call, write, or e-mail me; I look forward to hearing from you. Sincerely, Gretchen A. Nelson, Physical Anthropologist, (808) 448-8062 ext. 16 or nelsong@cilhi.army mil

("Doc" Goldman asked me to print this letter in hopes that others out there may have answers to these questions and can respond to Gretchen A. Nelson.)

A family of friends: (left to right) Louis Flaclo and wife Marie, Rocky Marcarelli and wife Jeannette, Peter Realmonte and wife Elena. Ralph Mei and wife Sue. Sent by Rocky Marcarelli, 12 Getty Road, Stony Point, New York 10980-2708.

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IN MEMORY - LEAST WE FORGET

BY C. E. CASEY

The seconded addition, listing the men KIA/MIA in Korea 1950 to 1953, is now ready for printing. Request info on memorials in book. The Company has been added to thousands of the men (Army 90 to 99% some Regts.) and a few to the Navy/Marines and the Air Force.

Only the books ordered will be printed. There will not be any printed to sell later so send your name, mailing address and a check for $53.00 (postage paid) payable to:

KIA/MIA
2130 Franklin Dr.
Papillion, NE 68133.

Orders will close October 1, and mailed by 11/1/2000. If we do not receive enough orders, refunds will be mailed in October.
Hyundai Semiconductor America contributes to War Memorial

Thanks to a generous donation of $100,000.00 by Hyundai Semiconductor America of Eugene, Oregon, construction of the Oregon Korean War Memorial will begin in May.

The first phase of the work will include a 94-feet long carnelian granite Wall of Honor, a 20-feet wide brick terrace, fronting the wall, and four flagpoles holding the U.S., U.N., State of Oregon and Republic of Korea national flags. Wall and flagpole lighting will complete phase 1 work. Several wall panels will contain the names of Oregon’s Korean War dead, honor those wounded, MIAs & POWs.

An additional $125,000.00 is still needed to complete memorial funding. Anyone wishing to support this effort may do so by purchasing a brick paver for $75.00. These pavers will be installed as part of the 20 feet wide brick terrace. Names, up to 18 characters (including blank spaces) specified by the contributors, will be inscribed on each brick paver. Smaller donations are welcome as well.

If you want to help build the Oregon Korean War Memorial please send in your donation to purchase an Memorial Brick Paver or small donation. Make check(s) or money order(s) payable to: Oregon Korean War Memorial Fund and mail to Korean War Veterans Assn., Oregon Trail Chapter, P.O. Box 1902, Lake Oswego, OR 97035. Enclose full name and address of donor.

When ordering an brick paver in memory of, then also give name and text to be inscribed on brick.

The Korean War Veterans Assn., Oregon Trail Chapter, is registered with the State of Oregon, Department of Justice, Charitable Activities Section, as a tax-exempt, non-profit organization. DOJ Registration No. 21696.

President Y S Kim pledges support of Korean War Vets

Kwang nam Lee, KVA Liaison for Eastern Region KWVA, reports that Korean President Y. S. Kim stated in his letter following a meeting with Bob Morga, KWVA Director, and other KWVA members that he always includes American Korean War Veterans in all the events he can and will always do his best.

Kim also said he enjoys his job and will dedicate himself to Korean War Vets forever.

(Thank you John Kwang nam Lee for the photo and your dedication. We are proud to have you as a part of our Association.)
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KOREAN WAR/COLD WAR
DOCUMENT FAMILY RESEARCH

May 25, 2000
Analysts review Korean War records

Two senior analysts traveled recently to Carlisle, Pa., to research Korean War unit histories and other related documents at the U.S. Army Military History Institute Library. They reviewed over 4,500 pages of archives in the library and retrieved valuable information on combat unit dispositions during all phases of the war. Their findings include, but are not limited to, unit histories of the 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 24th, 25th, and 45th Infantry Divisions, and the 1st Cavalry Division. Also included are documents dealing with the Chosin Reservoir and North Korean Army Order of Battle (Korean War period), and reports from the Military Armistice Commission on “Meetings of Graves Registration Committee held at Panmunjom, Korea, 21 July 1954” and “Meetings of Staff Officers Designated to Discuss Body Recovery Program (1954).”

Cobra Gold exercise update

The Director of Operations, DPMO, observed Joint Search and Rescue Center operations during exercise “Cobra Gold” recently in Thailand. “Cobra Gold” is a regularly scheduled joint(combined) exercise and is one of the largest exercises involving U.S. forces in the United States Pacific Command this year.

It is the latest in the continuing series of U.S.-Thai military exercises designed to ensure regional peace and strengthen the ability of the Royal Thai armed forces to defend Thailand or respond to regional contingencies. This year, armed forces from Singapore participated for the first time. U.S., Thai, and Singaporean search and rescue specialists manned the relatively small rescue center established by the Joint Task Force. This was a notable improvement over U.S.-only manning during the 1999 exercises, and facilitated the effective coordination of the coalition effort to recover isolated personnel during the exercise.

Issues of interest during our observation included coalition force coordination during recovery operations, dedication of recovery-capable aircraft for personnel recovery operations, incorporation of special operations forces into the personnel recovery plan, control of Special Forces dedicated to recovery operations and priority of recovery operations during operations other than war.

Oral history initiatives

Analysts from DPMO and the USAF Casualty Office recently attended the 8th Attack Squadron Association Reunion at Randolph AFB near San Antonio, Tex. The government representatives from both organizations spoke to reunion attendees on the effort to develop information on the loss incidents of servicemen still missing from the Korean War, and the search and recovery efforts on the peninsula.

Also discussed was the outreach program to locate the next of kin of men still missing. Each of the military services has established a toll-free number for Korean War next-of-kin to contact the respective casualty office. The Air Force’s number is: (800) 531-5501; Army: (800) 892-2490; Marine Corps: (800) 847-1597; Navy: (800) 443-9298.

The reunion included attendees of the 8th Bomb Squadron (Light), as it was known in the Korean War. Veterans shared specific loss information on four aircrews of B-26 bombers which did not return from their missions. Information from the interviews will be placed in case files and passed to the Air Force for forwarding to the next-of-kin.

Director of Research and Analysis named

Ashton H. Ormes has been selected to head the Research and Analysis directorate in the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office.

Ormes has recently completed a long and distinguished career in the U.S. Army and will now lead the largest directorate in DPMO. His organization is responsible for analysis of individual MIA cases from the Vietnam War and the Korean War, to help resolve the more than 10,000 cases from those two conflicts.

His staff also participates in negotiations and technical talks with representatives of the governments of Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and North Korea. Working with other agencies, they assist in oversight of U.S. policies and operations in POW/MIA accounting.

Prior to assuming his position with DPMO, he served in the State Department’s Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs where he represented the DoD in interagency policy formulation and managed team projects within the interagency process. He also served as Secretary to the Military Armistice Commission with the United Nations Command at Panmunjom, Korea. There, he led negotiations with North Korea and helped develop armistice policy positions.

He also served in DIA’s Asia division, and later as deputy chief of the newly formed Office of National Security Issues. He served in other command and staff assignments in the U.S., to include the Joint Staff in the Pentagon as well as with NATO’s Allied Forces Northern Europe in Norway.

(I attempt to print everything associated with Korean War MIA’s that I have in my possession or on the DPMO web page. Below is what I received from the Family Update held on June 27, 2000.—Editor)

Immediate Release June 9, 2000

U.S., North Korean Negotiators Agree to Remains Recovery Operations

The Department of Defense announced today that U.S. and North Korean negotiators have reached an agreement in which teams of specialists will jointly recover the remains of Americans missing in action from the Korean War.
This will be the fifth consecutive year that the United States has conducted remains recovery operations in North Korea. During the past four years, the joint teams have conducted 12 remains recovery operations and recovered remains believed to be those of 42 U.S. servicemen. Three have been positively identified, with approximately 10 more in the forensic identification process.

The agreement following three days of negotiations in Kuala Lumpur, expands similar operations that have been conducted since 1996. Similar talks with North Korea broke down in December 1999 without agreement. The North Koreans returned to negotiations June 7.

The U.S. component of the joint recovery teams will include 20 members. Five operations are scheduled in Unsan and Kujang counties, a distance of approximately 60 miles, north of the capital of Pyongyang. Each operation is scheduled to last approximately 25 days, with the first beginning June 25. The final operation of 2000 will end Nov. 11.

Remains recovered through these operations will be flown by U.S. military aircraft from Pyongyang under escort of a U.S. uniformed honor guard to Yokota Air Base, Japan.

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**Memorial video donated to Museum**

Korean War Veterans Memorial video tape being presented to our Korean War National Museum and Library. Shown, left to right, is Donald Barton; Richard Huebner, Producer; and Museum President Robert Kenney. (Thank you Sharon Corum for photo. This is a very special video that shows our National Korean War Memorial in D. C. with music from highly acclaimed U.S. Armed Forces bands and choruses. See advertisement in this Graybeards.)

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**Dog Tag ad**

**Pick up - page 27**

May/June issue

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Korean War Ex-POW

Excerpts taken from Korean War Ex-POW June 2000 Newsletter written by President Elliott Sortillo and others.

TAPS
Walter Chambers
John D. (Tex) Ervin
Vance R. Frick
Donald L. Hand
James A Hargiss
John P. Pingree
Gene W. Reeves
Floyd Stone,

(From this newsletter had mostly information on the Ex-POW reunion in late July I only printed the Taps list. I also wish to remind Arden, when you get close to that last $1,000 needed to go to press on the POW book please contact me for I want to help get that book printed. I also suggest that all chapters join in with a donation or purchase a book for your chapter and the local library in the name of your chapter and your POW members.—Editor.)

8240th Army Unit, Special Operations Forces (Korea)

Search on for “South Korean Patriots”

Korean War Veteran begins search for Veterans of the 8240th Army Unit, Special Operations Forces (Korea)

On December 11, 1999 at the Fort Myer Officers Club, Colonel Doug Dillard USA-Ret presented to General Hugh Shelton, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, a shadow box containing the shoulder patches and badges of insignia created for use with the “South Korean Patriots” who comprised these “Forces” that operated behind the lines in North Korea to collect intelligence, conduct attacks against enemy forces, and destroy infrastructure and logistics support elements. These operations were conducted in the mountainous areas of North Korea, the offshore islands of the West Coast, as well as along the East Coast. By the Spring of 1953, 22,000 “South Korean Patriots” were under arms and organized into Five Partisan Infantry Regiments, the 1st Partisan Airborne Infantry Regiment with other unconventional warfare supporting elements. This well kept classified operation has been declassified and a need exists now to locate the “Veterans” of this unit and advise them of the “Reunion of all Special Operations Korea Veterans”

Col. Dillard has activated the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorative Community in the name of the 8240th Army Unit, also known as the Combined Command for Reconnaissance Activities (Korea), located at the address shown below. The Reunion will be held at Panama City Beach, Florida, 18 - 22 October 2000. The point of contact for the Reunion is Bob Dewey, either P.O. Box 581, Fountain, FL. 32438; call 850-722-8397; or E-mail 77sfgp@email.msn.com. The unique patches and insignia badges for “The Airborne, Amphibious and Guerrilla Forces” are available and have not been seen before, except by a few Special Operations personnel who have remained in contact since 1954.

Additionally, we seek information both verbally or in documentation to further explain the classified activities of these forces. Veterans from the Airborne Infantry Rangers Company, the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team and many WW II Veterans from the 82nd Airborne Division served in these elements. We now need to better document their activities. We have information on the recognition by Special Forces of these veterans as well as research on the award of the Combat Infantry Badge.

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Gore pays tribute to Krepps

Korean War Vets getting Reconition

Sunday, June 25, 2000
By Randall Mikkelsen

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Fifty years after the start of the Korean War, Vice President Al Gore kicked off U.S. commemorations of the event by proclaiming on Sunday that an end to the technically unresolved conflict was in sight.

“The end has not yet come, but it will,” Gore told an audience of Korean War veterans and other dignitaries in a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

Gore spoke after laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, commemorating a conflict that is emerging from a relative historical obscurity in the United States that led many veterans and others to regard it as “the forgotten war.”

U.S. veterans of the Korean war were finally getting a recognition they deserved, Gore said. “For too long the Korean War was a forgotten war, a critical turning point taken for granted, lost in memory between the glory that was World War Two and the trauma that was Vietnam.”

“The veterans of the war ... returned quietly, your sacrifices unheralded, your bravery all too often ignored. ... Your country greets you today, and says ‘welcome home,’” he said.

“As a nation, we can do more than honor their sacrifice. We can recognize the Korean War’s enduring contribution to America’s security and to that of the world,” he said.

Gore was accompanied at the Arlington cemetery event by Korea veteran Vincent Krepps. Krepps had spent 48 years seeking to learn the fate of his twin brother, Richard, who was captured in the war. Krepps learned two years ago from another former prisoner of war that his brother had died in captivity.

Gore paid special tribute to the Korean War veteran from Maryland, Vincent Krepps, who served together with his twin brother Richard in the 2nd Infantry Division. Vincent Krepps, who lives in Towson, Maryland won the Silver Star for heroism.
Reunions...

90th Field Artillery Bn., 25th Infantry Division (1950-1953)

Lobster Reunion – Korean War Veterans of the 90th Field Artillery Bn., 25th Infantry Division (1950-1953), held their Eighth Annual Reunion from 29 Oct. to 1 Nov. 1998, in San Francisco, California. Almost seventy five men and wives attended. Chairing the event was Evan C. Goldenberg (1st Lt., Baker Btry., July ’52 to Jan. ’53), center, front row, holding a proclamation from Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr., declaring Saturday, 31 Oct. as “90th Field Artillery Day in San Francisco”. The ninth Annual Reunion is scheduled for the Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, area next October. (This year’s reunion (#10) has not been sent in to the Graybeards and I have no date when this photo was sent to me. –Editor)

91st M.P. Bn. Pusan, Korea 1953-54


279th Regimental Combat Team, Heavy Tank Company, 45th Infantry Division

Some say they are troops of the “Forgotten War”, maybe so but they haven’t forgotten, nor have they forgotten their comrades. Early morning Oct. 1, 1998 a group of 70 year old Korean War veterans from seventeen states from California to New York flew from 3 metro airports to Chicago. They merged together and boarded another plane to Tulsa Airport in Oklahoma. Their former commanding officer Capt. John W. Russell Jr. was at the airport waiting to once again lead his men. This time not in a tank but on a special chartered bus to the Western Hills Ranch in Wagoner, Oklahoma. They attended a 1st East-West Army reunion. A memorial service was held for 41 deceased comrades with a cannon salute and a flyover in their honor. At the reunion old picture albums were present and a new tank company unit picture taken, plus a group including all the wives. They haven’t seen each other in 46 years.
Group of 18, now 70-year-old men, drafted into the Army on Oct. 4, 1950 all put into the same tank company and did their basic training together at Camp Polk, Louisiana and Hokkaido, Japan. In late 1951, they were sent into combat in Korea, at the tip of the United Nations "Iron Triangle" above the 38th parallel. In 1952 point rotation brought them all home on the same ship and honorably discharged the same day. They haven’t seen their comrades in 46 years. Their former Captain John W. Russell Jr. sat proudly once again in a photo with the men he trained and led in Korea. Their C.O. is seated front row, fourth from the right.

**Operation Chromite**

Operation Chromite (the invasion of Inchon) changed the course of the Korean War. It relieved the pressure on the Pusan perimeter and lead to the liberation of Seoul and the destruction of the North Korean Army. The United Nations was returned to the 38th parallel and thus preserved the Republic of Korea. American honor and pride was given a positive boost after months of tragic loses. The course of the war would change again and again and continue for almost three more years.

1.5 million Americans served in Korea during those three years. Almost 37,000 died in Korea and another 8,000 are still missing. 2 million Korean civilians died. We have no right to forget this war!

Please join us on Friday at 11 AM on 15 September 2000 aboard the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum. West 46th St. and 12th Ave., New York. NY for a special ceremony to remember those who fought and died to keep Korea free. Admission to the Intrepid will be free to all veterans on this day.

Semper Fi., Robert T. Rohde, President. 1st Marine Div. Assn
Tel: 516 433-5212

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**Big Apple to host Korean War Vets**

New York City's Korean War Veterans 50th Anniversary Commemorative Commission and the city's United War Veterans Council, are inviting military units (active duty, Guard & Reserve), high school bands, ROTC groups, Color Guard units, drill teams, veterans organizations and their auxiliaries from across the country to the Big Apple this fall.

**What:** Korean War Veterans' Nations Parade

**When:** Veterans Day, November 11 at 11 a.m.

**Where:** Up Fifth Ave. in Manhattan from 42nd St. to 79th St.

**Why:** To honor the veterans of all conflicts, salute the more than 1.5 million men and women who served in the Korean War, and recognize the contributions of 22 United Nations member states who sacrificed on behalf of South Korea.

“The Nations Parade is intended to be the largest Veterans Day parade in the country,” states parade coordinator Pat Gualtieri. “We’re eager to have veterans groups from around the world, as well as marching bands, floats, military vehicles and active duty troops all take part in this commemoration.”

To be a part of this historic event, provide your organization’s name, a brief description, point of contact, number of participants, mailing address, phone/fax numbers and e-mail address to parade planners as soon as possible. Mail, fax, or e-mail information to:

Patrick Gualtieri
Nations Parade Coordinator
United War Veterans’ Council
346 Broadway, Suite 807
New York City, NY 10013
Telephone: (212) 693-1476
Fax: (212) 693-1475
E-mail: Pat@unitedwarvets.org

You may also register on line at the Council’s parade website: www.nation-sparade.com. For more information about Veterans Day activities in New York City, visit the Nations Parade website, or the following United War Veterans Council websites: www.unitedwarveterans.org, or www.unitedwarveterans.com.
June 25, 2000 visit to South Korea

A special 50th Commemoration trip sponsored by VA to South Korea for June 25th DoD events honoring those that served.

Air Force Two Vice President Gore’s plane at Andrews Air Force Base awaiting its passengers.

Pilot and Co-Pilot of Air Force Two.

President Harley Coon’s office aboard Air Force Two.

Harley Coon and Hollywood (USO) Star Terry Moore.


Left to right, Harley Coon, Gretta Thomas Ambassador to Australia, Debbie (Harley’s daughter) and Teak (Harley’s son-in-law).
Memorative Events

June 25, 2000 Ceremonies in Washington, D. C.

Opening Ceremony Korean War Veterans Memorial 4:00 PM hosted by Secretary of Defense William Cohen. Keynote address by President Clinton. Remarks by Ambassador Lee and Senator John Glenn.

(All Korean War Veterans thank President Clinton, the above named individuals and Major Gen. Nels Running and his 50th Commemoration Team for a special 2000 kickoff event remembering our war and veterans.)

President Clinton honors Korean War Veterans.

Main stage at Korean War Memorial. U.S. Air Force Band entertaining the veterans. This was one of the many service bands on stage during this event.

Connie Stevens sang several songs including “God Bless America” as shown on large screen. Press and media platform (one of several) shown. The media mingled throughout the crowd and many veterans were quoted on TV and newspapers that day and the next.

There was also a vintage aircraft fly-over and the missing man formation.

Four of 22 wreaths, from each of the 22 countries participating in the Korean War, laid at the Korean War Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D. C. A beautiful sight. You were remembered.

7,000 veterans and families on the Mall.
Monuments and Memories

Korea, The Forgotten War............. remembered

Ohio Remembers

Posing at the Korean War Memorial Dayton Ohio while at the Department of Ohio Reunion April 28 - 30, 2000 are (left to right) Harley Coon National President, Howard Camp National Secretary, Bob McGeorge Cincinnati Chapter President, Roy Miller Cincinnati Chapter and Pat Dilonardo Cincinnati Chapter Secretary. (Thank you Bob for photo and letter. A great looking group. We are proud of Cincinnati, its Chapter and members.)

Virginia Remembers

Here in Keysville, a Korean War Memorial building project is import to families in Charlotte County and the surrounding areas. It is quickly gaining momentum under the diligent and energetic leadership of Leroy Shook.

Some quick phone calls were made to friends in Keysville who had also served. The wholeheartedness; of their support for

the idea of a local monument still surprised Shook. The most common reaction was, “It’s about time.” Freddy Church went over to Korea at the same time as Leroy and he immediately jumped on the bandwagon.

Between the two of them, a list quickly grew of men from the area who had lived to return and some who had died overseas or had since died. One name reminded them of another two. Leland Claybrook was enlisted. Leland offered the building at Keysville Auto Center for a meeting place.

Seventeen attended the group’s first meeting on December 7, 1999. In one hour, three officers were elected: a president (Leroy Shook), a treasurer (Leland Claybrook) and a secretary (John J. Clements).

The monument will be centered on a lot donated by Oat Pettus. The location is right oil King Street to the left of the One Valley Bank. The memorial will be completed in its first stage by Veterans’ Day, 2000. The design allows for names to be added after the initial dedication.

Mr Pettus and the members of the Korean Memorial Fund want everyone to know that “there is definitely a place in this park for future monuments” dedicated to the courage of service men and women.

By January 7th, Keysville’s mayor, Wilfred Pillow, had sought and gained approval of the Town Council for the monument location. The monument stone has been ordered by Randolph Duffer. Charles Martin has been contracted as the stonemason. He is donating all the decorative carving other than the names themselves as well as two park benches. Oat Pettus is also donating the bricks for the walkway.

The goal is to raise $10,000. This should cover all the expenses from laying stone, inscribing the names through to landscaping. Contributions are needed to keep this special chapter of our

Ground Breaking Ceremony, March 25, 2000 are (l to r) Leroy Shook, Keysville Mayor Wilfred Pillow, Freddie Church and John Clements. Sign in photo on left was painted by Christy Lee.
history alive “for our own grown children, for their children and for all generations to come.”

You may mail a donation to:

Korean War Memorial Project c/o Mr. Leland Claybrook PO Box 628, Keysville, VA 23947. Please make your check payable to Korean War Memorial. Indicate the honored veteran if that name is not on the check.

(Great job veterans and Keysville.)

Michigan Remembers

On July 27, 1995 at the dedication of the Korean War Monument in Bronson Park. Shown above, left to right, are Korean Minister from Berrian Springs, MI, June Wandrey Mann ANC WWII, Chang Ho Lee, the Consul General Republic of South Korea and Roger Horn Portage, MI KWVA.

(Thanks June for photo and I would like to get photo of memorial. Jane is well known for her book “Bedpan Commando” The book is about WWII and her experience as a Combat Nurse. I would like to get a copy of this book to do a review and tell others how to order. I hope someone will pass this message on to Jane. Thanks. — Editor)

Massachusetts Remembers

Greater Lowell Korean War Veterans’ Honor Squad in front of their monument in Lowell, Massachusetts. Pictured left to right are Sally Hourihan, Guide On, John Cull, John Hourihan, John Hipson, Leslie Cox, First Lieutenant, Bob Belleau, Fred Trissler, Charles Everett, and Leo H. Marquis, Jr., Commander of the Squad. Not pictured is the tenth member, John Cushion, who has passed away.

New Jersey Remembers

Date: May 25, 2000,
Place: Spotswood, New Jersey
Occasion: 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorative Community Memorial.

This marker was dedicated on May 21, 2000 A big “Thank You” to Frank Yusko and his students at the Spotswood High School History Club.

(Thanks to Richard Alexander for photos and all who made this memorial possible. We are very proud of the Spotswood High School History Club.)

Central Jersey Chapter #148 Korean War Veterans Association Color Guard from left to right are O’Kamura Aisakau – Retired Air Force, Frank Yusko – Advisor, Spotswood High School History Club, Erwin Hampson – Commander, Donald Yetman, Leon Kaczmarek and Thomas Smith. (Photo taken 5-21-2000.)

(Thank you Leo for the photo and letter. In Leo’s letter he said the following: “This photo is about 9 people who every time they are called respond, with no question, to honor any veteran of any war. I believe that they should be honored in some way. They pay for their own uniform and donate their time at no expense.” Leo, I must add all Chapters have that small group of dedicated men like yours that step forward. I agree they deserve special recognition. We are proud to show your group and this is what the Graybeards is all about. It is also special to have a commander that honors his men. We salute all of you.)
Phase 1 - 4 color
CD provided

The Korean War Veterans Association wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to Soldiers magazine for allowing us to reprint the four Phases of the Korean War published in the May 2000 issue of Soldiers. The remaining phases will follow in later issues.
Phase 1 - 4 color
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Chapter Affairs

Arden A. Rowley Chapter of Arizona

The Arden A. Rowley Chapter color guard at the KWVA Phoenix, Az. Monument on Memorial Day. Left to right – Carl Wells Sgt at Arms, Pete Stewart Treasurer, Larry Milfelt Commander and Pete Romero. (Thank Larry for photo and letter. Great looking color guard).

Miami-Dade County Chapter #110 of Florida

Some members of Chapter #110, Miami-Dade County Florida present when South Com represented by Col. Ron Williams (in uniform) presented the DOD remembrance flag to Chapter President Ainslee R. Ferdie (far Left) at Memorial Day Program at the Coral Gables Memorial Flag Pole. Host, was American Legion Post #98. President Ainslee Ferdie is National Korean War Remembrance Chairman for the Jewish War Veterans of the USA where he was National Commander 1973-1974. (Thank you Ainslee for photo, letter and remembering your veterans by becoming a Commemorative Community.)

Central Long Island Chapter of NY

May 27, 2000 at the Calverton National Cemetery. Members of our chapter participated in placing flags on the veterans graves. The veterans pictured from left to right: Tony DiPierro, Bill Mach, Rich Augustine, Ed Fitzsimmons, John E. Gaughran, Lou Caligiuri, Dave Besso, Ralph Schoene, Paul Fitzsimmons and sitting Christopher Wurglics (Grandson). (Thank you John for photo and letter and superb deed by your members.)

Cpl. Richard A. Bell Chapter #111 of Wisconsin

Members of the Cpl. Richard A. Bell Chapter, Inc. of West Bend Wisconsin participated in the 54th. National Flag Day Observance in Waubeka, Wisconsin. Waubeka is a little town in Ozaukee County where Flag Day originated in 1885 by a school teacher named Bernard Cigrand. Members of the Cpl. Bell Chapter are in the front row: Merlin Stockhausen owner of the Army 3/4 ton truck and VFW Post #1393 Commander, next is B. Harris, Stanley Olson Chapter member, and Chapter President Henry Waldeck. In the back row. Just barely seen is Norbert Carter, Chapter 1st. Vice President, Jerome Wenninger, VFW 6th. District Commander, and Arthur Horning. The Flags on the truck are front row: Cpl. Bell Chapter Flag, U.S. Army Flag and the U.S. Flag. Back row. Korean Commemorate Flag, 1st. Cavalry Division Flag and the South Korean Flag. The little boy in front unknown? This took place on Sunday June 11, 2000. (Thank you Harry Waldeck for photo and letter. A special way to celebrate Flag Day.)

KWVA Members and Friends

Visit the KWVA web site at: HTTP://www.kwva.org and add your chapter and memorials. Also sign our guest book by adding a message.
Greater Lowell Chapter of Massachusetts

Royal Miller on left and Bob McGeorge Cincinnati Chapter 121 hold a Proclamation from the City of Cincinnati Ohio for the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. It will be officially presented on June 23rd at City Hall. (Thanks Roy and Bob for photo. Cincinnati is on the ball)

The Joseph R. Ouellette Chapter of Lowell, Massachusetts was well represented in April at the dedication of the Australian Korean War Memorial in Canberra, Australia. Commander John Cull led a party of ten, including seven veterans and three spouses on a ten day trip down under. They were in good company, Harley Coon and Edward Magill, our National President and 1st Vice President respectfully, plus a group of veterans and guests too numerous to list. It may be noted that the three ladies were the only lady veterans marching in the dedication ceremony parade. We are quite proud of them.

(Thank you Ed for photo and letter. We are proud of all of you.)

Greater Cincinnati Chapter #121 of Ohio

(1 to r) Keynote speaker and retired Worcester mayor and retired judge Paul Mullaney, Chapter Commander George Shepard, and Memorial Committee Frank Carroll at the Central Massachusetts Chapter 5th annual dinner April 29, 2000. Note 48-star U. S. flag. The flag we went to Korea under!

Department of New York

Department of New York Officers take Oath of Office by National President Harley Coon. Shown (left to right) are Trustees: T. J. Lewis, Finger Lakes Chapter; Tom Riley, Nassau Chapter; Bernie Hoganson, Cpl Kivlehan Chapter; Charlie Malone, GAG; Sec Jerry Lake, Eagle Chapter; Secretary K. Dave Allen, CNY Chapter; Treasurer Pete Dodd, Cpl Kivlehan Chapter, 2nd VP George Culik, Eagle Chapter, President Jim Ferris, CNY Chapter. (Sick: Ist VP Tom Flavin, NE Chapter.)
(Thank you K. Dave Allen for photos of your N. Y. State Dept. Officers and the ceremony. A proud and great looking group of veterans. Congratulations to all.)

Lake County Chapter #169 of Florida

Meet Sgt. Elmo—mascot of Lake County, FL. Chapter 169. The Chapter members voted him “Chapter Mascot” and a certificate so stating was presented to his owner Chapter member Arthur Dube by President Joseph Madeline.
(Thank you Joseph P. Turner for photo and letter. Sgt. Elmo looks better then a few Sgts I remember from basic. We all salute Sgt. Elmo. A great idea for all chapters.

Graybeards Deadlines

Articles to be published in the Graybeards must be sent to the editor no later than the second week of the first month of that issue. Example: September-October 2000 articles must be received by editor no later then September 14. We print on a first-come-first-served basis. We also have a backlog.— Editor.

Chorwon Chapter of New Jersey

On May 13, 2000, members of Chorwon Chapter of N. J., placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Serviceman from the Korean War, in Arlington National Cemetery. In center is Commander Dick Bozzone. On left is Henry Osenbruck and on right is Glenn Wershing. Obscured in rear is Andrew Demes. The Chapter had 30 members and wives who also toured the Wash. D.C. Korean War Memorial.
(Thank you Dick for photo and letter. What a great way to honor our fallen veterans. Thanks to all of you.)

Department of Florida

Swearing in Officers of the Department FL KWVA by Jack Edwards National Director, in right foreground. Facing Edwards, from left to right is Tom Gaffney, President; Bob MacLean, 1st Vice-President; Clarence Dadswell, 2nd Vice-President; Jim O’Donnell, Treasurer; Ted Cedro, 3rd vice-President and Chuck Sterchele, State Secretary.
(Thanks Tom for photo. Congratulations to all.)

Moving??

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Maryland Chapter #33

Maryland Chapter, KWVA and Baltimore County Police Color Guards at Flag House in Baltimore, Md.

Flag Raising Ceremony
Star Spangled Banner Flag House and Museum
Flag Day, Wednesday, June 14, 2000  9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

Program
Welcome
Charles (Skip) Deeley
Star-Spangled Banner Flag House

Introductions
Charles Deeley

City Spring School
Lelia M. Newkirk
(Third Graders)
Principal Designee

Flag Raising Ceremony
Maryland Chapter, KWVA and Baltimore County Police Honor Guard

The Pledge of Allegiance
The Patriotic Leadership

“The National Anthem”
Beth Miller

Brief Remarks
Richard M. Patterson National Flag Day Foundation, Inc
Laura Joss, Superintendent
Fort McHenry National Monument
Historic Shrine

“God Bless America”
Beth Miller

Closing Remarks
Charles Deeley

Greater Cleveland Chapter of Ohio

Newly elected officers of the Greater Cleveland Chapter for 2000. From L to R; Vice President, Paul Romanovich- Back row is Sgt. At Arms, Bob O’Hara, Bob Johnson Treasurer, Edward Weigand Secretary and Joseph F. Shearer, President.

This is an award (thanking us for our service) that was presented to the Greater Cleveland Chapter in Nov. 99 from Towslee Elementary School, Brunswick, Ohio. From L to R, Vice President, Paul Romanovich, Roy King, Joseph F. Shearer, President and John Marinchek.

Picture was taken at the Wright Patterson Museum in Dayton, Ohio April 28th 2000. Form L. to R. (State Reunion) First two gentleman I don’t know, Paul Romanovich, Maj. Gen. Robert Haas, Don Wolf and Joe Shearer.

(Thank You Joseph for photos and letter. We wish all of you the best with your great chapter and leaders.)

Notice
When calling an officer or the editor and you are leaving a message on an answering machine, speak slowly and leave your name and phone number twice. We are having problems responding because of not hearing your phone number clearly.

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Department of Alabama

We had a great trip to Australia and the Australian Korean War Veterans have a very impressive War Memorial. Col. Warren Weidhahn and his staff prepared a real fine tour for us. Thanks Warren, Thanks Ms. Patti Huly tour leader and Paul Flebotte Tour Director.

The following photos are of trip to Sydney and Canberra Australia April 10 - 20 for the dedication of the Australian Korean War Memorial.

Walter Ballard, President
Dept. of Alabama. KWVA, Inc.
(Thank you Walter for the great photos and letter. Looks like all had a great time.)

President Harley Coon presents Silver Coin to U. S. Ambassador to Australia Genta H. Holmes.

Walter Ballard President Department of Alabama and Ms. Dianne Babcock daughter of Korean Veteran John Babcock and wife Shirley, all three were on this tour to Australia.

Dallas Mossman and President Harley Coon at farewell dinner held in Curzon Hall in Sydney April 19, 2000.

Department of Alabama President Walter Ballard gives thumbs up at Australia Korean War Memorial on Dedication Day April 18 in Canberra.

Korean ladies make music at the reception hosted by the Koreans in Canberra.

Dallas Mossman Ex-POW enjoys boat ride in Sydney Harbor.
Report of “Essay on Korea” Program

In December 1999 the Oklahoma Chapter, KWVA and the Korean Society of Oklahoma initiated an Essay Contest on the subject, “50 Years Later, The Significance of the Korean War”. We went to the Oklahoma Department of Education, and they disseminated the information statewide to a Activities Directors in every school district. We had a closing date for entries of March 31, 2000. There was an “Awards Banquet” held on May 6, 2000 at the Cimarron Steak House in Oklahoma City. Our prizes this year were; 1st $100, 2nd $50, and 3rd $25 for each of the grades 8 thru 12 respectively. Each student was also presented with a framed certificate denoting his or her award.

The winners were as follows (We only had these eight entries):

- **8th Grade**
  - Carl Albert Jr. High School: **James Choe–1st Prize**

- **9th Grade**
  - Edmond North High School: **Josh McCabe–3rd Prize**
  - Putnam City High School: **Sarah Spellmeyer–2nd Prize**
  - Edmond North High School: **Parry Acquaah–1st Prize**

- **11th Grade**
  - Westmoore High School: **Nhan Nguyen–1st Prize**
  - **12th Grade**
  - Norman High School: **Sandra Parker–2nd Prize**
  - Putnam City North High School: **Hwi Jin Tak–1st Prize**

- **11th Grade**
  - Jenks High School: **Josie Sung–Theme Prize**

This prize was created after we had read all the entries. Josie had not written an essay, but a story of a Korean father who tried to teach his son, who was born in this country, about his heritage as a Korean, and the Korean War. This story was so beautifully written and so closely followed the theme of the essay rules, that we gave it special consideration. Her prize was $75 and a special certificate.

Our Master of Ceremonies was Ms Jenifer Reynolds, a native Oklahoman who is the evening news anchor at KWTV 9 in Oklahoma City. She was very gracious in giving of her time on her day off to do the honors for us. There were 171 attendees at our awards banquet, including State Senator Keith Leftwich, a champion of Veterans Affairs in our state legislature. The audience was about equally divided between the two organizations.

The Reverend Kyung-Sung Tak of the Korean Church of the Nazarene gave both the invocation and benediction of our program. Rev. Tak speaks very little English. His presentation was given in the Korean language without an interpreter. It was the opinion of the organizers of the event that Prayer is universal and needs no interpretation.

We are very fortunate in Oklahoma that there is a very strong bond between the Korean War Veterans and the Korean Community. We share many activities throughout the year.

The entertainment was provided by the Tulsa Mugunghwa Dance Group. They were outstanding! They performed four Korean dances; Toraji (Flower Dance), Talch’um (Mask Dance), Puch’e Ch’um (Fan Dance), and Nong-Ark (Farmer’s Dance). Also performing were singers from the Korean Church of the Nazarene, who sang Korean folk songs and religious hymns.

Afterward, Ms Young Ae Hwang played three selections on the Kayagum. This lady is a professional entertainer and donated her time and performance to the occasion. The selections she played were; Kayagum San-Yo, Toraji, and Arirang. Many of my members who were present had never heard this instrument and were awestruck at the beauty of Ms Hwang’s performance. It indeed was very beautiful.
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“Return to Glory ad”

Film Provided
On November 18, 1998 the cruise ship Hyundai Kumgang set sail on its maiden voyage from the Tonghae Port, South Korea with South Korean tourists on board and returned after completing a successful 5 day tour of the Mt. Kumgang region. Now, a new attraction is available to foreigners at the approach of the new millennium. The Mt. Kumgang region, located in North Korea is open to foreign travelers for the first time. To meet the tourists’ diversified needs, a tour package will be developed linking the South (Cheju, Pusan, Kyungju, Seoul or Mt. Sorak).

Mt. Kumgang is the most beautiful unpolluted area in the region and until recently has not been seen to the public. Its unspoiled beauty is magnificent and sophisticated. Its scenery is said to surpass the Alps, the Rocky Mountains or Mt. Fuji. The superb ever-changing landscape never fails to inspire the imagination with its harmonious fusion of the abundant glories of mother nature.

Stretching 60km north and south and 40km east and west, the Mt. Kumgang region occupies 530km² including Kosong-gun, Kumgang-gun and Tongchon-gun of Kangwon-do. Pirobong at 1,639m is the highest among numerous summits called the “12,000 peaks.” There are infinite varieties of unusually shaped rocks, grand monolithic mountains with overhanging cliffs, small and large gorges of all shapes and colors, mirror-like ponds and fantastic waterfalls, all in grand harmony.

Mt. Kumgang has highlands, mountains, riversides, lakes, sea and littoral regions and a variety of animals and plants-a place where many natural attractions are gathered together. It is one of the few unpolluted tourist attractions left on the planet.

Mt. Kumgang has three famous zones: Naegumgang, Oegumgang and Haegumgang. Naegumgang in the west is noted for its graceful, feminine scenery centering around Pirobong Peak. Oegumgang has grand peaks, waterfalls and a dynamic masculine presence. Haegumgang is the name of the littoral area east of Oegumgang, characterized by its splendid seashore scenes.

(See Ad on page 9 this issue. – Ed)
**Schedule of Events**

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**Check Air Show schedule for exact gate opening and show times**

*Events and locations subject to change*
50th Anniversary of the Korean War 1950 - 1953

-Korean War Veterans Revisit Programs-

► Commencement of Hostilities
(June 23 – June 30)
Attend the Seoul ceremonies on June 25 commemorating the beginning of the War.

► Task Force Smith
(July 3 – July 10)
This was the first contact between the U.S. Army and North Korean forces. Visit the Task Force Smith site near Suwon/Osan.

► Breakout of Pusan Perimeter
(September 10 – September 17)

► Inchon Landing
(September 13 – September 20)
Re-enactment of the landing by U.S. and Korean amphibious forces.

► Chosin Reservoir
(November 9 – November 16)
Particularly of interest to U.S. Marine Vets who will remember this terrible winter ordeal, when thinly spread Marines were suddenly attacked by a huge Chinese force.

► Sample (8D 7N)

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      |       | Visit a Military Unit
      |       | DMZ |
| 5   | Pusan | UN Cemetery
      |       | Visit an industrial
      |       | Compound |
| 6   | Kyongju | Kyongju Tour |
| 7   | Yongin
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The Poets’ Place...

Poems printed on this page are not excluded from use on back page.

NAVY MEN IN KOREA 1950-1953
Hail to the crews who sailed their ships, so far away
To battles wide they sailed their ships, in harms way
We paid our price with death and scars
We earned some ribbons and battle stars
Ignored by the press, welcomed home with nary a fuss
What a shame that no one spoke kindly of us
Damned be to all that shunned us
Our ships were there...

By Ron Bennett

Now I know Why
I stand by your side as dawn breaks
And my heart is filled with pride
For you are the one who helped me learn
Why all the soldiers died
To save our beautiful country
To stand up strong and proud
But you are someone special
Amongst the silent crowd
And again I’ll march beside you
I’ll carry the flag once more
And the music the band is playing
Reminds me what it’s all for
For the love of a special soldier
You served your country proud
And did I ever thank you
For the time you have allowed
To help me be a better person
To stand strong and proud
This is that one special day of the year
That I see
When you will be here to stand beside me
I’ll always respect you
For you are the one
That I will pray for
At the going down of the sun.

By Sally-Jo (Whitfield)

My Plea
Why have you forgotten me
For all these fifty years
For I have sat in darkness
Thru beatings and bloody tears
Not once have I forgotten
All the freedom I once had
But to know that you’ve forgotten
Makes me very, very sad
We all came here with a purpose
To defend and fight
For a people who had lost their freedom
And many died of fright
We were all so very young then,
Infallible we thought
But Lord we learned a lesson
One that cannot be taught
We watched a lot of our buddies die
As we struggled to live on
But some of us were captured
And some never made it home
I know those of you who fought here
Never gave up hope
And know that you still pray for us
That with this prison I can cope
Please don’t let America forget
And tell them of my plea
Let them know these bloody team
Beg them to set me free

By Joseph F. Shearer

The Last Roll Call
Ghostly figures of infantrymen rise into view,
They march with the same spirit as they used to do.
“Hait!” the Sergeant commanded, loud and clear,
“This is our last roll call, just answer “here!””
As each name was called, the Captain thought,
“Yes, I remember him and how he fought,
Each man so gallant - so brave,
It was their total heart they gavel”
A leg missing here - an arm gone there,
A hole through the helmet for some to wear.
“All present and accounted for, sir,” the Sergeant said,
“Those still living and those now dead.”
“Thank you, sergeant - one last command,
Let’s all drink a toast before we disband.”
They saluted the glory of their past,
Then each slowly departed - this was their last....

By Bob Aline, Captain, Inf. Commander

(Bob passed away after writing this poem.)

At the time of this printing I have many more poems sent in by members and friends. I intend on printing them all. Some are hand written which will take some time putting into type. I am trying to print the oldest postmark first of those that are typed. The non-typed ones will be intermixed in order to not delay this and other issues. Please try to type all poems and articles if you can.—Editor.
sue entrepreneurial endeavors and founded a successful management consulting business. Among his many civic and community accomplishments was his election to the Los Angeles Board of Education. He is married to the former Sandra Mitchell. They have two sons and three grandchildren.

(A special book that retells the history of the 41 men that died and those that served in the Korean War and other wars. This 339 page book covers West Point, the Korean War and many of its more famous graduates. Complete listing of names of graduates of the Class of 1950. To order contact: Xlibris Corporation 1-888-7-XLIBRIS www.Xlibris.com Orders@Xlibris.com or call Phil Bardos at 805-985-0989, e-mail <pbardos148@aol.com>.

Unforgotten

By Daniel J. Meador

Extract from the novel Unforgotten continued from May-June 2000 issue.

They exchanged addresses and said they would try to keep in touch. As they shook hands and parted, John had the odd sensation of being for a moment connected with his distant past, of touching a living link to another time and place, to another John Winston, to an experience lie did not expect to have again on this earth.

The crowd had now swelled still more, and it was pushing toward the site of the ceremony John fell in with them and moved along. He was struck with the contrast between this crowd and gatherings of Vietnam veterans lie had often seen on television. Here no one was in old army uniforms. There was no sullenness, no looks of put-upon victims, no air of protest, no signs of drugs, no deliberately unwashed types, and few beards. He still couldn’t appreciate the air of high celebration. For him, the pathos of the occasion was overwhelming.

He stretched out on the grass along with the vast throng to listen over loudspeakers and watch the proceedings on giant screens erected behind the seats for dignitaries and special guests. The sun beat down relentlessly. He took another bottle of water from a strolling distributor, his fourth so far. It was approaching 3 P.m., and the temperature was now in the high nineties with humidity to match. If someone had dumped several buckets of water on him, he would not have been wetter. Near him he saw two limp men being carried out horizontally to the first-aid tent.

The band was playing the moving strains of the Korean national anthem. “Until the East Sea’s waves are dry, and Paek-Tu-San worn away, God watch o’er our land forever, our Korea set free...” Then came the “StarSpangled Banner,” followed by a chaplain’s invocation: “Almighty God... grant to them who served an abiding peace, a holy hope, and a blessed remembrance.”

The chaplain’s words caused John’s mind to drift far away, back into the long line of men moving northward on foot through the chopped-tip hills and valleys on the clear cold day after Thanksgiving, men grousing and complaining yet optimistic over reaching the Yalu and ending the war by Christmas, men marching unknowingly into the Chinese maw and to their doom. He thought of all the mothers and fathers and wives and children of those lost men. Were any of them here today?

Vice President Gore had spoken, and now the president of the Republic of Korea was delivering a message in Korean. When he finished, another Korean stood and gave an English translation. “The sacrifices of the Korean War veterans to defend freedom and peace were not in vain... The free world’s participation in the Korean War, its first resolute and effective action to stem the expansion of communism, changed the course of history. In this sense I would say that the Korean War was the war that heralded the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the demise of communism.”

Loud applause.

Now President Clinton was speaking. “They set a standard of courage that may be equaled but will never be surpassed in the annals of American combat... Thousands of Americans who were lost in Korea to this day have never been accounted for. Today I urge the leaders of North Korea to work with us to resolve those cases.” Prolonged applause and shouts. The president asked for a moment of silence to honor all those who lost their lives in the war.

John’s thoughts were filled with images of his platoon sergeants: Sergeant Sewinski, ripped open by a burp gun on Hill 274, and Sergeant Alton, lost on Hill 1080. There was Corp. Robert Donovan, who had escaped from the Chinese with him only to be killed in the half-track. And then he saw himself with Capt. Bruce Waller, both of them grimy and torn at the end of that unforgettable day on top of Hill 969, half their men left below, either dead or wounded. Lifted into some higher emotional realm, he was now oblivious to the heat and perspiration.

(“Unforgotten can be obtained from local bookstores or by calling Pelican Publishing Co. at (800) 843-1724 with a credit card number.)

Dog Company Six

By Edwin Howard Simmons

A Marine who wielded both pen and sword in a long and distinguished career captures the heroism and the horror of the Korean War in this gripping novel. In the early 1950s with his own experiences in the war still vivid, Ed Simmons put on paper the complex gamut of emotions and experiences that made the bloody encounter between East and West so unique. But for personal reasons, he kept these pages to himself until now. To commemorate the war’s fiftieth anniversary, now-retired General Simmons has resurrected the novel to offer a timely look into the past to the days when the Cold War first turned hot.

Reminiscent of the same intensity and realism that James Webb brought to the pages of Fields of Fire and the introspective depth that typified James Jones’s From Here to Eternity, the pages of this novel gradually immerse the reader in the reality of another American conflict, illuminating both the idiosyncrasies of this so-called “police action” and its similitude to all wars. Through a revealing series of events and flashbacks, reserve-Captain George Bayard answers the call to arms, journeying from a private school in Baltimore to lead his Dog Company
Marines in a series of battles from the mud flats of Inchon to the frozen wasteland of the Chosin reservoir. Along the way, he learns the difficult lessons of combat leadership and finds the true meaning behind the words of the Marine Corps’ motto, Semper Fidelis.

Edwin Simmons served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1942 to 1978, when he retired as a brigadier general after having earned numerous personal decorations for his service in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. A resident of Alexandria, Virginia, he is the author of several works of nonfiction, including The United States Marines: A History.


A Cruise in the Corps

By Gerald O. Ginnelly

This book will interest veterans and civilians who did not have the chance to serve. Veterans who have read it note the similarities between their own experience and the author’s time in the Corps, recalling situations forgotten for fifty years. Civilians who have not served in the military say that the book takes them through the tough training and rough life in the field for Marines that they had only heard about. The text is written in the course, salty lingo used in the Corps at that time.

This cruise begins in the crucible of boot camp at Parris Island, SC, under the iron fist of the Marine DI. The survivors of Platoon 136 train for Camp Pendleton for advanced infantry training, then board a troopship for Korea. For the men living and working outdoors, Korea is hot in summer and cold as Siberia in winter. The author explains the work of combat engineers of the 1st Marine Division, who while supporting Marine infantry regiments, also suffered casualties. After his tour of duty in Korea, Ginnelly takes us to the 2nd Engineer Battalion of the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC. From here “C” Co. ships out for two amphibious operations, one the CADMID exercises near the border of Virginia and North Carolina, the other at Vieques Island, Puerto Rico with an unusual liberty in Maracaibo, Venezuela.

“The author’s service in the Corps recalls the way Marines lived in the Pacific during WWII, aboard ship and on the beach. Only we didn’t have to contend with freezing weather in the tropics.” —Al Essbach, former SSgt., MAG 32-AWS #4, 3rd Marine Air Wing

“Ginnelly gives an accurate description of boot camp at Parris Island and advanced infantry training at Camps Lejeune and Pendleton. He gives a realistic view of 2nd Marine Division amphibious operations on The East coast and the islands off Puerto Rico.” —John Burch, Fox Co. 2nd Bn, 8th Marines 2nd Mar Div.

“A first hand account of what it means to be a Marine. The author takes you into the ranks of combat engineers working with amphibious craft and living in the field. Ginnelly tells his story ‘like it was,’ frankly, and with humor.” —G. L. Walker, Lt Cmdr. USNR, former Capt. LST 1080

(Being an Army man myself I choose to print reviews from those that served in the corps. This is not saying I could not relate it to my experiences in basic. I found this a great book that described military life stateside and a most interesting day to day task of those behind the MLR., which was far from a walk in the park. Great photos of Korea. Published by Castle Rock for $14.95. For sale at your local book stores. You can also contact Gerald D. Ginnelly, Author at P.O. Box 2052, Prescott, AZ 86302.)

A Practicing Poet


While in Korea
In the Infantry
I’d a worn a smile
If I’d a been paid
Not by the month
But for every mile
If I’d a drawn pay
For every pound
That I had to lug
Or been liberally compensated
For every hole I dug
Got a penny
For every bean
That I had to eat
Or for every
God-Damn blister
On my aching feet
If the Army
Had done that
While I was over there
I think it is safe to say
That I would be a
Millionaire....
Tell us about your plans

There are many fine veterans organizations that are working on reunions and group trips to attend the commemoration events that will be held in Korea. Though we cannot organize reunions or group trips ourselves, we can help spread the word about your plans. Please let us know the “who, what, when, where” on your reunion or group trip and we can list the basics on our web site. Please provide a point of contact for the event, so that other veterans know who to contact. If your veterans group has a section on a web site involving a reunion or group trip, you can provide that information also. Since we are a government agency, we cannot recommend any commercial agencies, so we cannot list “Mary’s Military Tours of Korea, Incorporated,” etc. Please email the information to: <kw50ann@usfk.korea.army.mil.>

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96th Field Artillery Bn. Assn. is still looking for members that served in Korea from Sept. 1950 - July 1958. We have over 300 members located and our Assn. is active with reunions bie-nially. For information please contact Arnold Anderson, HC83 Box 116A, Custer, SD 57730. Tel: 605-673-6313

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Looking for sailors whose ship was sunk or damaged in the Korean War 1950-1953. Purpose - A book of individual or ship stories of that event with photos if possible. Contact Mr. Ron Bennett, 2126 Benson Avenue, Apartment 4D, Brooklyn, NY 11214. Telephone 718-266-7484 or e-mail ronmar@jps.net

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My father Douglas Walter Clark served in the Korean War as a chef. My daughter has been given his medals and marches proudly each Anzac Day in Mildura. I am wondering if you would be able to help me find some information about dads service. Is there records somewhere that I can access? Also, after my daughter had marched last year I wrote a poem for her and the Korean vet she marches with every year, his name is Charlie Heyward, and I would like to send my poem to you if you are interested in seeing it. My father passed away 5 years ago, and I’m sure he would be proud of our association with the Korean veterans. My daughter has the greatest respect for all serviceman and women and I intend to continue to encourage and support her in her efforts to help the Korean veterans gain the recognition they deserve. Michele Whitfield at e-mail address <mist-ique@murraytel.com.au>

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Dec. 1955 the 34th Regiment was assigned to patrol the DMZ. I was attached to H-Co. This was a heavy weapons outfit. We went to Nite-MareRange and while on guard duty I heard voices coming my way. As they came closer I gave the command to halt. When I said halt, they took off running. I didn’t get a very good look at them. Without thinking I started after them. We came to a steep hill. Up I went. When I reached the top I heard nothing. Then I took a couple steps and I started sliding on ice. Down this hill I went, then over a 100 ft. cliff. I found out later, I just laid there, not daring to make a sound because I still didn’t know who was in the area. I kept quiet for what seemed like hours. By then I was freezing and hurting really bad. So I said the hell with it. I needed help before I lost consciousness. Without knowing help was close, I yelled “someone help me.” Then out I went. When I came to I was being lifted to a stretcher. Then a medic asked where I was hurting. I blacked out again. My head was pounding, my leg hurt and was bleeding. My back was hurt and my arms were pounding,. I guess I blacked out again, because I woke up in a ward. A nurse was by my side and called to the doctor. He came over. By this time I was going into shock and they gave me a shot. I awoke again later in another hospital. Two days or so later I was moved to 121st Evac, then to Toyko Army Hospital. I was there until March and then went back to my unit. The 34th was getting ready to pull back to a village called Pag-er ree. I was on light duty till my drop came down. At this time I’m trying to get help from the V.A. All my medical records were destroyed in the fire in St. Louis. After five years of searching, this is my last hope. I did receive morning reports for Dec. 3, 1955 that states I was sent to hospitals for treatment. I need to locate someone that treated me or can recall this. Those I remem-ber are Capt. Shoulenburg, Lt. Colby, Sgts Todd, Mercer and Pittman. Contact Dayton Davis, P.O. Box 19981 Kalamazoo, MI 49019 Tel: 616-342-2094

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I am a member of the Rockland County (N.Y.) Eagle Chapter of the KWVA. I am requesting stories of Korean war experiences for the purpose of organizing a book. Contact Jack Hegarty R023264, Home address 16 Knightsbridge Court, Nanuet, New York 10954, Tel: 914-426-1164.

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Looking for my Sgt. and Lt. with whom I served on F.O. while with HQ Btry, 90th FA BN, 25th Div. from July 1950 - Nov. 1951. Also the crew that we relieved. Contact Harold C. Huston, 329 W. Hill St., Virden, IL. 62690-1236

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Looking for anyone of the 64th Field Hospital stationed on KOJE-DO (POW Camp). I was there from June 1951 to October 1952. Contact Bill Webb, 1900 Stonehedge Drive, Findlay, OR 45840. Tel: 419-422-6965

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Looking for old buddies that I was stationed with or personnel at Base I was at that time. Contact Paul B. Ferreira, 3531 Rohlfiss Way, Napa, California 94558-4489

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Looking for anyone stationed at 44th MASH from July 1953 to Aug. 1954. Contact Jules Kurtz, 16 Cherokee Ave., Rockaway, N J 07866-1114

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Looking for info on my father, Lt Col Carl G. Goering. Service Number: 000225202. Unit: 8202nd Korean Military Advisory Group, 8668 Army Advisory Unit. Date of Incident:
November 27, 1950, Prisoner of War - Body not recovered. Date of death: January 10, 1951. Contact Carl L. Goering, 6 Avon Place, Alton, IL 62002-6718 Tel: 618-462-6062


Looking for MP’s, who served with the JSF Panmunjom, Korea Base Camp Munsan-Ni, “1954-55”. I served in Korea 1951-52 with the 78th AAA Gun Bn. After MP training my first duty station was 416th M.P. Co. Ft. Jay, NY. Later I was assigned to the 546th M.P. Co. Ft. Sill, OK., then back to Korea, duty with the 91st Military Police Bn. 563rd M.P. Co. Pusan, Korea. We patrolled the peace conference area, with North Korean and Chinese guards. Our shoulder patch was K-Com-Z. Contact Mike S. Mayen, 8415 Corpus Christi Rd., San Antonio, TX 78223

I was in Korea from June 30, 1950 until Dec. 3, 1950, with the 1st Cav Div. 8th Cav Reg. 1st Bn “D” Co. water cooled (heavy) 30 cal. machine gun platoon. Some of us were pulled out of our Bn. and sent to Korea with the 24th Div and later rejoined our units in Korea. After being wounded the 2nd time 28 Nov. 1950, I was transported around 3 Dec. 1950 south to Pyongyang airport for air transportation to Japan. It turned out to be the 155th Sta. Hospital and further hospitalized in Letterman Gen. California in April 51. Two pilots flew us (about 9-11) on stretchers to Japan that day. These two pilots told us we were on the very last plane that would ever leave Pyongyang as all personnel were burning everything that could not be taken South. These two pilots also took the time to get each of us a can of peaches to eat, great!!! after months of eating off this land and C rations, you can guess what happened as soon as the peaches hit bottom. The Chinese were very close to the airport when we left and I have often wondered where these two pilots were, if they are still alive I would like to thank them from the bottom of my heart and a warm handshake. If anybody knows these guys, please let me know. On 2 Aug. 50 we were pulled back into Div. Reserve for re-supply and replacements after a bitter fire fight with the North Koreans. The man who was to replace my 2nd gunner was a young man from Germany by the name of Wetterlund or Wedderlund, perhaps not spelled correctly but sounds right. He was hit in the head by rifle fire from an all civilian group in front of us. I have traced this man to perhaps Wisconsin and would like to see him once again if he is still alive. Any information from anyone would be greatly appreciated. Contact Raymond G. Davis, 3122 Canandaigua Trl., Lakeland, Florida 33810 Tel: 863-853-2433

We would like to hear from you if you served in Korea 1950 - 1953 with the 196th Field Artillery Battalion, Assigned the X Corps. Please write Charles B. Goss, 4473 Airways, Memphis, TN 38116.

Looking for the following fellows who were in Letterman Army Hospital of Spring 1953 to Aug. 1954. Joseph D. O’Hanlon, 187 ARCT; Ward D. Griffith, 2nd. Inf. Div; Hubert “Dale” Glasscock, 15th Inf. Regt., or any Korean Veteran who was placed in the Wooden Barracks over by the Main Mess Hall. I have some photos I would like to share with you. A lot that was taken in the Hollywood club. Phone collect, 530-274-3440 or e-mail Howard Walker at hwalker@jps.net Or write to Howard L Walker at; P.O.Box 832 Cedar Ridge, CA.95924.

Looking for George. G. Segovis; ex 8th US Army GHQ, G2 or G4 1958/9, rank SP4, last known address “ New York “. Anyone knowing the whereabouts or happening of George please advise me or him to contact me, as we were good off duty buddies on and off the base. I have tried for many years on and off to contact him so this is my last effort. Also any U.S.Korea veteran wishing to contact any Australian veteran known to them, please contact me, I will place an advertisement in the KVAA Inc. magazine “The Voice” published 6 times a year. Contact Allan Murray, 23 Ash Grove, Montrose 3765, Victoria, Australia. Tel: AUS inter code - 03-9728– 8998. EX23454995 GNR A.T. Murray, 5th Field Regt., Royal Artillery, seconded to U.N. platoon, 8th U.S. Army Honour Guard, Seoul, Korea.

My father, Donald Thiel served in the Korean War and was released from the service in December 1953. I am trying to find people who might have served with him. He was with Fox Company, 32nd Infantry. My dad received a Bronze Star for service the night of 7-8 July, 1953. The company ended up fighting on Outpost Pork Chop. Contact Kirk Thiel, 895 Highway 10 East, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Tel: 218-847-6423 or E-mail <thiel@tekstar.com>

Wanted: Foreign decoration set (ribbon and medal), images and information of and about “Chryssoun Aristion Andrias” (Gold Bravery Medal of Greece) awarded to the 8th Cavalry Regiment during Korean War; Army authorized streamer embroidered “KOREA” by General Order 2, 1956; also seeking copy of Army order and any citation that might exist. E. Keith Johnson, POB 95, Mountain Home, TN 37684-0095, mail@ekeithjohnson.com.

Looking for members of the 21st Finance Disbursing Section #72, in Seoul, Korea. The gentlemen my father particularly remembers include these other people also: Bob Krogman, Peter Klotz, Jerry Elias, Don Hansen (or Hanson), Gordon Burmester, David Nagler, Tom Shiroma, James E. Downey, William J. Hansen, Someone named Evans and Gotslinger and others. If you can find a list that have these people’s current address, please send. This was a finance section out of Fort Benjenin Harris in Indianapolis. Contact Marcia Moore Niemerg, 14206 E. 1420th Ave., Teutopolis, IL 62467 or e-mail mniemerg@effingham.net also Frederick M. Moore, 400 Eden Drive, Effingham, IL 62401.
Seeking copy of book entitled “1st Cavalry Division 1952-1954 Hokkaido Japan” by Warren C. Mahr, Division Historian published (out of print) by Albert Love Enterprises, Atlanta, Georgia. Contact E. Keith Johnson, POB 95, Mountain Home, TN 37684-0095, mail@ekeithjohnson.com.

My father served in the Korean War. He would like to be in contact with former buddies. His name is Floyd C. Farley, 180th Inf Regt., 45th Div. his address is 243 Jamestown St. Gowanda NY 14070 or e-mail Sue Farley Nixon at <RockMom75@aol.com>

Looking for: the battalion crests for the 58th Field Artillery. Its colors are red and gold with red lettering “Fire for Victory”. I need about 6 sets. I would also like to hear from anyone form the 58th. I was in the unit from June 1, 1953 until August 24, 1954. Contact James Derkacy 6912 West 113th St. Worth, IL 60482-58th. I was in the unit from June 1, 1953 until August 24, 1954. Contact James Derkacy 6912 West 113th St. Worth, IL 60482-58th. I was in the unit from June 1, 1953 until August 24, 1954. Contact James Derkacy 6912 West 113th St. Worth, IL 60482-58th.

On behalf of a man’s daughter I am trying to find out information of Miles John Schmitz of Caledonia, Minnesota. We, are trying to find what outfit he was in and how it was involved with the Korean Conflict. All help would be gratefully accepted. Thank you Fred T. Young, e-mail <shadetree38@yahoo.com> My address is 312 Valley St NW Preston Minnesota 55965

I would like to hear from any of my former B-29 crew members. We flew 27 combat missions from Okinawa to North Korea, November, 1952 - April, 1953. They are: M/Sgt Leo J. Sommer, Flight Engineer, A/1C Billy R. Kelly, Right Blister Gunner, A/1C John A. Lee, CFC Gunner, A/1C Gerald R. Lewis, Left Blister Gunner, Capt. Dinny J. Fotinakes, A/C, 1st. Lt. Leonard F. Martine, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Vernon D. Keegley, Navigator, S Sgt Robert A. McLean, Radio Operator, 1st. Lt. Vernon D. Groth, Bombardier. I am A/1C Tom Stevens, tail gunner. my e-mail address is <stevenst@swbell.net>

A gentleman by the name of George Waggoner is searching for a buddy with whom he served during 1951-52 at Pearl Harbor. This gentleman was named Rainbolt, and was on the USS Carpenter, DDE 825 based in Pearl Harbor during 1951-52. We have no first name but perhaps someone, somewhere will make the connection based on the ship and the years served. Contact Beth Amari at email <bamari@awod.com>

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Looking for 1953-54 members of 73rd Tank Bn., A Co., 3rd Platoon. (The Thirsty Third) Especially members of the 32 Tank. Contact: George Bruzgis, 230 Legion Place, Haledon, NJ 07508 email: gbruzgis@msn.com

Panama Canal Veterans: Those who served in Panama in any branch of the service from 19?? to 1957 are invited to join the 33d Inf RCT Assn. Reunions are held in Oct of each year. Contact Frank Ryan, Tel: 516-541-3891 or email <dolphindriver@3pc.com>

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served with me in Seoul with the 8th Army 580th Security Guard Co. 1954-1955. Also would like a list of the men in this unit and a list of the men who served with the 40th Div. 40th M.P. Co. 1953-1954. Contact Harold D. Burson, 9366 Garfield Drive, Shreveport, LA 71118-3319 Tel: 1-318-686-6668 or e-mail <BursonHD@aol.com>

Looking for information about a Sgt Merlin L. Parks US Army who died while stationed at Camp Essayan in Korea in the 60s. Also looking for members of Co. C, 116th Engineers (Combat) Korea, 1951-1952. Contact Bernard E Case, 6790 E 34 Rd., Cadillac MI 49601-9011 or e-mail at <Bcase72@mch-web.net>

I am looking for Sgt. John T. Reed who served with me in B Battery, 158th FA Bn., 45th Inf. Div. in Korea during 1952-1953. He entered the service from California in 1945 (?) and was regular army. Contact Del Wells, 4710 22nd Street, Lubbock, TX 79407 or e-mail <Dewell324@aol.com>.

I am looking for Bruno Carp (Karp) who served with me in Korea in Able Co. - 1st Bn.- 5th Reg., 1st Div., U.S.M.C. He was wounded in May 1952. He lived in Chicago. Contact Th o m a s A. Crane, 4975 Sabal Palm Blvd., Tamarac, Florida 33319. USMC (3/51-3/53) or e-mail me at <Tomanellie@aol.com>.

I’m looking for the following guys who were in POW Camp with me in North Korea. Camps 1, 2, and 5, or on many of the marches. Their names are: James Young, Joseph Travers, James Hodges, Joe McNeil, Edward Collins, Martin McDonough, Ramon Marinez, George McDonnell, and Johnny Traheal (not sure of this spelling). I was with Fox Co. 9th Inf. Reg. 2nd I.D., on November 18 1950, we where 3 miles N.E. of Kunu-ri when I was shot and wounded in the leg and captured. I was a bazooka man. Was released about 17 months later with a group of badly wounded and mentally incapacitated men. I was in pretty bad shape and not talking at all, can’t remember much only that it was in early 1952. The army lost all my records in the 1973 fire at the NRC and my medical records state I was shot in the leg by a Korean house-boy, suffered a self inflicted GSW, was wounded in action. I’ve been getting a 40% disability since the early 1950’s so how I got that from a self inflicted GSW I don’t know. The VA has a different DD214 on file to the original I have, theirs states none of my medals, Silver Star, Bronze Star, CIB and Purple Heart, or the fact I was wounded in action 11/18/50. They won’t accept my original as valid. After I was discharged in December 1952 the army mailed me a paper stating I was a POW, but with me suffering with then Undiagnosed PTSD and not able to get a job due to a brace on my leg, I gave everything to the garbage man and didn’t talk about my POW nightmare for over 40 years. My PTSD was diagnosed in 1994 and I’m still in treatment. I’ve just had my PTSD claim denied because I didn’t receive a Purple Heart or a CIB, when I received both. My only hope is to locate some of the above men. I found Wyman Kaiser in January 1999, his son told me his Dad was a POW in North Korea, but never talked about it and he died about 2 weeks before I called. I don’t know what to do next. Contact Larry Casilac, 719 Noriega Way, Pacifica, Ca. 94044, Tel: 650-355-0179.

I have been told that my uncle, Ralph Bax, was a medic in the 24th Inf. Div. in Korea during mid to late 1950. My grandparents received notice that he was last seen on Nov 29, 1950. Looking for the person(s) who knew him and if they know what happened to him. Contact Sherri Stone at e-mail <Sjwstone@aol.com>.

I served with the 955th Field in 1953. There was a Korean Boy, that worked around the mess & supply areas during that time, His name as I recall was Pat Moon in Duck (not spelled correctly) I do have a picture or two taken at the Headquarters Battery, 955 Field at that time. The boy would be around 50 years old by now. Contact Rick Douthit at e-mail address <rdouthit@mciworld.com>

![Rick Douthit (left), 955th Field and Pat Moon in Duck in Korea.](image)

My name is Stewart Koppel, and I was Company Commander of the 715th Transportation Truck Co. and later the 540th Transportation Truck Co. 1952 and part of 1953. Would like contact with personnel of either company. E-mail me at winebuf@aol.com

My father William L. (Lawson) Crawford was a Korean vet. I never knew much about his military life. He was in the Air Force. I would like to find someone who would remember my father and give me some information. His nickname was DUB. He was from Texas so he had a Southern drawl. He died in 1989 and so I need for his Air Force buddies to fill me in. Contact Pam Van DeWalle at e-mail address <pamvandewalle@yahoo.com>

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I am searching for anyone who might have known George E. Cranor of Ambulance Co., 7th Medical Bn., 7th Inf. Div. in Korea. His company commanding officer was J. E, Stoffer. Please contact Rita Getts, Tel: 219-931-0238.

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**Update**

**Korea Revisit**

*By Warren Wiedhahn*  
*Chairman, KWVA Revisit Program*  
*Pusan - Inchon - Seoul - “Chosin” 1950*

Dear fellow veterans,

Having just completed our Reunion in Washington DC in commemoration of the 47th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, I had the pleasure of meeting many of you there, as well as addressing both the Executive Committee and General Membership meetings regarding the Korea Revisit Program. I wish to add my thanks and congratulations to Harley Coon and Jack Cloman and all who made the Reunion such a special event for us all.

I am pleased to report that, after several trips to Korea in the past six months on behalf of the association, I have just received assurance from Korea that the KWVA Revisit Quotas for 2001-2003 will be increased considerably! Consequently, if you are interested in participating in the 2001-2003 Revisit Program, and have not done so already, you should fill out your application just as soon as possible to get on the registration lists. The sooner you get it in the better since we have been directed by our President, Harley Coon, to strictly keep the revisit reservations in date order of receipt.

Reminder - As a result of the repeated changes to the scheduling of the revisit program for this year, and in anticipation of further uncertainty of the exact months and quotas for the Revisit Program for 2001-2003, President Harley Coon has ordered that, in order to be fairer in the quota distributions, you will now be put on the Revisit Request list by year, rather than by month. Once we receive the quotas for each year, we will then notify each of you in order of your registration number and offer you the opportunity to select the specific Revisit Month as offered by KVA -Seoul, in that particular year. This will continue until all quotas are filled for that year.

A final reminder, many Korean War Veterans desire to return to Korea regardless of whether or not the Revisit Quotas

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VETERAN'S PERSONAL HISTORY (Please print or type)

Veteran’s Name: ____________________________________________________________ Date of Birth: ________________ Sex: ______

KWVA Membership #: ____________________________ Expiration Date: ________________

Name of family member and relationship: __________________________________________ Date of Birth: ________________ Sex: ______

Address: ____________________________________________________________ City: ________________ State: ________________ Zip Code: __________

Home Phone: ____________________________ Work Phone: Fax: ____________________

Veteran’s Soc Sec #: ____________________________ Family member’s Soc Sec #: ____________

Have you previously received the Korean War Medal from the Korean Veterans Assn in Seoul, Korea? ☐ No ☐ Yes Date ________________

Have you received the medal elsewhere? If so, where? ____________________________ Date ________________

VETERAN’S MILITARY BIOGRAPHY

Branch of Service: ____________________________ Service Number: __________________

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☐ I hereby certify that I have never previously accepted a KV A (Seoul) Revisit Tour. or

☐ I have previously accepted and participated in an Official KV A (Seoul) Revisit Tour in (Date). 

I am requesting my name be submitted for a waiver to participate in the 50th Anniversary Revisit Tours in the years 2001-2003. Veteran’s Signature: __________________________________________________ Date ________________

Please complete and mail, with deposit of $250 per person, (check or money order), made out to Military Historical Tours. (This deposit is fully refundable at anytime and for any reason, since there are more applicants than the limited amount of Revisit space available.) KV A Revisit Program, c/o Military Historical Tours, Inc., Attn: George Malone, 4600 Duke Street, Suite 420 Alexandria, VA 22304, 703-212-0695 Fax 703-212-8567.

Background and Eligibility - Official Korean Veterans Association KV A (Seoul) Revisit Program

Background

The Korea Revisit program was begun by the Korean Veterans Association (KVA, Seoul) in 1975, the 25th Anniversary year of the outbreak of the Korean War, to express their gratitude to veterans of the Korean War and to show them the bountiful results of their sacrifices and devotion.

KVA Eligibility

A. Korean War veterans and/or war correspondents of the 21 nations which came to the assistant of the Republic of Korea between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953.

B. Immediate family member of those killed in action in the Korean War.

Note: You are eligible to take a spouse or one immediate descendant with you. (Not a sister, brother, companion or friend.)

The family member must be housed in the same hotel room with you in Seoul. (Descendants must be over 18).

Privileges Extended Courtesy of KVA

A. Hotel accommodations (2 persons per room), meals, tours, and transportation while in Korea for 6 days and 5 nights.

B. Tour of Seoul and its vicinity: itinerary includes visits of Panmunjom, North Korean Invasion Tunnels, Korean War Memorial Monument, National Cemetery, National Museum, Korean Folk Village, Korean War Museum, plus other cultural/industrial facilities and activities in the Seoul area. (Other tours of battles sites and/or Inchon may be made through the local tour guide).

C. A special reception and dinner hosted by the President of the Korean Veterans Association (KVA) during which the Korean War Medal and Certificate of Ambassador for Peace will be awarded to each veteran. (Who have not received it before!).

D. The cost of the airline ticket must be borne by each individual visitor who will fly with the group.

E. Applications will be received/accepted on a “First-come, First-serve” basis.

Note: If you have previously accepted an official KVA (Seoul) Revisit tour from any sponsoring association or group) - you are not currently eligible to participate again. The reason for this is obvious; there are many veterans that have not gone before so, they get their “first right of return!” KVA Seoul now has all former revisit returnees in a computer database, so please don’t try and beat the system. We may not know it, and submit your name to KVA (Seoul), only to have it rejected. This could cause embarrassment for all of us, as well as, create a delay that could cause a bonafide Korean War veteran to miss the opportunity.

F. Those desiring to use frequent flier miles (or other means of “Free” air transportation) will be required to pay a $ 100.00 (per person) administrative processing fee. Caution: Not traveling with the KWA group air contract, can result in much higher Post Tour costs to China and other Pacific locations!
**Purpose**

- Identify, thank and honor the veterans of the Korean War, their families, especially those that lost loved ones.
- Recognize and remember the Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA). – POWs: 7,140; Returned to Military Control: 4,418; Died in Captivity: 2,701; Refused to return: 21)
- Recognize the contributions of women and minorities to their Nation during the Korean War.
- Provide the American public with a clearer understanding and appreciation of the lessons, history, and legacy of the Korean War and the military’s contributions to the Nation in maintaining world peace and freedom through preparedness and engagement.
- Remember United Nations forces engaged in preserving the peace, freedom and prosperity of the Republic of Korea and strengthen the bonds of friendship and relationships throughout the world focusing on the 22 countries that fought as Allies.

**Commemorative Community Program**

- States, Military and civilian communities, and civic and patriotic organizations will be requested to become Commemorative Communities to assist a Grateful Nation in thanking and honoring veterans in their home towns (to include hospitals, retirement centers, nursing homes, etc.), and supporting schools in teaching the history of this era.

*For ordering Program Details contact: Department of Defense, 50th Anniversary of the Korean War, Commemoration Committee, 1213 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Ste 702, Arlington, VA 22202-4303 Tel: 703-604-0831 Fax: 703-604-0833. Web Site: KOREA50.ARMY.MIL*

**Proposed Entitlements**

- A certificate signed by the Secretary of Defense designating your state, county, town, organization or group as an official “Korean War Commemorative Community.”
- An official 50th Anniversary of the Korean War commemorative flag and leader lapel pin.
- Informational and educational materials pertaining to the Korean War, including maps, posters, fact sheets and a historical chronology.
- Authorization to use the 50th Anniversary logo on your letterhead, magazines, newsletters, and for other purposes.
- The “Korean War Dispatch,” a quarterly newsletter and a source of official information on Korean War Commemorative events.

Find a supporter or one that shows interest – then order.

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**Proposed Commemorations of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War**

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*(See KWVA Web Page <www.kwva.org> and linked 50th Commemoration Web Page for updates)*
are available. We (Military Historical Tours) offer alternate tour packages scheduled over the Anniversary Commemoration Dates at reduced pricing for our members. Please read carefully the MHT ad contained elsewhere in the magazine and, if you are interested in more details, please contact our office in Alexandria, Virginia at 800-722-9501. When you call, ask for Bill Alli or Patti Huly – our Korean War Tour Specialists. Many of you have traveled with them to already to London, Australia, Korea and China, and they stand ready to answer your questions. You can, of course, always ask for me - I have been returning to Korea for 50 years now, ever since PFC Wiedhahn first landed at Pusan in 1950!

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**50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorative License Plate**

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These issues are limited so get your order in early. $1 per copy plus $3.20 postage

Make your check to KWVA National and state in message or note on check “For Back Issues.” I suggest minimum orders of 7 issues. Mix your issues as you want. Send your orders to Editor. See address on page 2. Response has been very good for back-issue orders and has necessitated revising this message. Please check above listing for availability before ordering.

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Pick-up (May/June issue)

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The third annual meeting of the KWVNM&L was held on June 3, 2000 at Tuscola, IL. The activities began with a welcome party at the Amerihost hotel on Friday evening. Registration began Saturday morning at the community building, site for our office. The business meeting began at 9:30 a.m. and was attended by 80 to 100 members, wives and friends.

Veteran and member Jim Burnside of Rushville, IL had a presentation of artifacts, pictures, etc. at 1:00 p.m.

Groundbreaking ceremony was held at 3:00 p.m. at our building site. KWVA National President Harley Coon, Department of Illinois KWVA President Norbert Bentele, Congressman Tom Ewing, Rep Tim Johnson, Rep Rick Winkle and Rep. Dale Righter participated in this event. Congressman Ewing also introduced to Congress the Resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. This resolution was passed by Congress and signed by the President. The Korean Counsel-General of Chicago and many other local officials also attended. Our attendance was approximately 400. Several Korean Americans from the Chicago area attended our groundbreaking and banquet.

After this event, we had refreshments at the Community building until time for the banquet. Our banquet was a sell out. Over 300 enjoyed a fine meal. Our guest speaker was Graybeards Editor, Vincent Krepps. Vince spoke about his search for information about his twin brother who died in a POW camp. The audience was very moved by his story.

Trustee Jae Won Lee has suggested our building site, that includes twenty-two acres, represents an acre for each country that participated in the Korean War. Our building plans and parking will not use the full twenty-two acres. We are considering the possible use as a Korean battlefield including some of the hills, such as Pork Chop Hill and Old Baldy. This would have to be on a smaller scale.

Our Charter Membership is now closed with 1240 members. But you can still be a valuable part as a member. We invite you to join now. The Korean War has become one of the most significant events of the 20th century. The involvement of the United Nations and twenty-two countries that participated to insure the Freedom of the South Korean nation and the people must be told, FREE-DOM IS NOT FREE. Each of us must be involved in telling our nation, our friends, our family and the world.

Robert Kenney, President

E-mail: kwmuseum@advancenet.net
Web Site: www.theforgottenvictory.org


Clockwise from above: Veterans gather for group picture after the Annual Meeting; Museum supporters gather waiting for groundbreaking ceremony; Colors posted by Mattoon H. S. Jr. ROTC, Mattoon, IL.
Clockwise from top right: Congressman Sam Ewing speaking at podium; KWVA President Harley Coon presenting $2,500 check; Groundbreaking by veterans with G. I. entrenching shovels; Volunteers being recognized at banquet; Head Table (l to r): Bob Kenney, Lorraine Kenney, Rosie Matthews, Joe Matthews, Vincent Krepps, and Jack Corum.

Many members have responded to the suggestion to temporarily help underwrite the cost of publication of *The Graybeards* by making voluntary contributions. This issue is still being printed considering cost restraints and due to change of printer and mailer we have been able to continue to reduce the cost per issue and also try to upgrade your newsletter.

Your heartening response has made this step possible. Hopefully we will be able to restore our newsletter to a higher quality with other desired changes in subsequent issues. Members please continue to respond by sending your contribution to Editor KWVA, or Treasurer KWVA marked: **Support of Graybeards.** Every donation will be recognized in the magazine. Those that do not respond for any reason are still valued members, for your dues also contribute to the printing of our newsletter.

Names listed came from those wishing to support KWVA by donations for: *The Graybeards*, “Looking For,” “Reunions,” and “In Memory of.” At the time of publication the following names of donors and “Memorials” have been reported to *The Graybeards* and are listed as follows:

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- Richard W. Krepps MIA/POW (By Emmett M. Lanier)
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- Paul D. Strohmeyer MIA (By Dick Wysocke)

Thanks for Supporting *The Graybeards*
Korea Battlefield Tour Programs

In commemoration of the

50th Anniversary of the Korean War

During the 50th year anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Period (June 25, 2000-2003) the Governments of the Republic of Korea and the United States have planned a number of large public Commemorations to remember specific events and actions of the Korean War.

California Pacific Tours, in cooperation with Korean Government, Military and Tourism authorities, has arranged a series of Battlefield Tour programs which will visit Korea during several of the Commemorative Events. Additionally, we have arranged tours for specific Veterans Groups and Associations, which will visit battle sites important to that unit. During these Tours, we will take Veterans, their families and friends to such locations as the Iron Triangle, Chorwon Valley, The Punchbowl (Do Sol San, Bloody Ridge & Heart Break Ridge), the Naktong River (Pusan Perimeter), Inchon, the Demilitarized Zone and many others; please call for details and program brochures.

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Other Association programs are being added to our schedule; please call if your Association would like to arrange its own Korea program

Tour Prices Include: Round-trip air from West Coast to Seoul, fully escorted Battlefield Tour program, First Class hotel accommodation, daily hotel breakfast and meals indicated in itinerary, all admissions, deluxe motorcoach, departure tax, and English speaking tour guides throughout.

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Toll free: 888-822-5258
I’m a Korean War veteran and also a motorcyclist. When I participated in Rolling Thunder (AKA: Ride to the Wall) I noticed many Vietnam Veteran Bikers Clubs and I’m interested in finding other Korean War vets that are also bikers that would like to form a club and make annual rides to the Korean War Memorial. If anyone is interested I can be reached at 410-483-2581 or e-mail <CVXIAN@aol.com>. C. V. (Chris) Christian.

Looking for Cpl. J. Lampere from Vermont, RA11159243, & Mst Sgt. Simpson RA34042352 from Tennessee. They were in C Co. & left for Korea July 1950 from Fort Benning, GA. They were in the 73rd Tank Bn. Contact Donald E. Mitchell, RR 14 Box 342 Bedford, IN 47421-9503 or Tel 812-277-1334 collect if necessary.

I am a reference librarian and our staff is trying to locate an article about a man who was seriously injured in the Korean war. He was a resident of the Bucktown neighborhood in Chicago and was injured early in the Korean conflict. The patron thinks he remembers his name as Roy Manning. Apparently this man was either the only survivor or one of a few survivors of a North Korean ambush of an American patrol unit somewhere in what is now South Korea. He is fairly certain that this man had enlisted in 1949 and was part of the first wave of American troops to reach Korea. He knows the man was home in the fall of 1950 on medical leave, and he thinks he returned to his unit by 1951. His dates are based on when he (patron) was drafted early in 1951. He is trying to locate an article he knows appeared in a Chicago paper, but has no dates or indexes to work with. Can you help us with this? Marilyn Uselmann Head, Night Owl Reference Service 500 N. Dunton Arlington Heights, IL 60004 Tel: 847-506-2670 Fax: 847-506-2636 or e-mail <muselman@nlsilius.org>.

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After the entertainment program, we gave away 21 door prizes. And then there was the grand door prize of one round trip ticket to Seoul, Korea from Dallas-Ft Worth. This ticket was donated to the project thru the Korean Society by Korean Air. This ticket was won by Ms. Soo Wang Brist of Oklahoma City. The organizers the project were:

Mr. William H. Hayward, President, OK Chapter KWVA Committee Chairman). Mr. Harold L. Mulhausen, Past Pres., OK Chapter KWVA (1st Vice Chairman). Mr. Joe A. Pizzii Treasurer, OK Chapter KWVA. Mr. Ki Yong Nam, President, Korean Society of Oklahoma (Committee Member). Mr. Young Hwan Kim, Vice President, Korean Society of Oklahoma. Dr. Kyung Whan Min, member, Korean Society of Oklahoma (Advisor to Chair).

This Essay Contest will be conducted the next three years, with a different theme of the history of Korea or the Korean War each year. Next year we hope to increase the value of our awards to the winning entries. Next year the theme will be, “20th Century Korea — 1900 to June 1950”. We hope to enlighten our Oklahoma students about Korea and her history, “The Land of the Morning Calm”.

Tri-State Chapter #126 of Ohio

Veterans, helping veterans

The Tri-State Korean War Veterans Chapter 126 hosted a luncheon for disabled veteran from the V.A. Hospital In Butler, PA. at the American Legion in Midland. The local, Korean Veterans organization has invited the group twice a year for the past four years. “It’s veterans helping veterans,” said Ray Hilliard.

Pictured are: (front) disabled Korean Vet and Midland native Mack McCauley and (back from left) Albert Goss, Dick Nohe, Dan Gallagher, and chapter 126 President Jim Stelts. “Sometimes I think this does more good for us than It does for them,” Stelts said. (Photo by Matt Stewart)

(Thank you Ray for photo and story. You and your veterans are to be commended for your efforts at the VA Hospital.)
Death Notice of a Member of KWVA

The following notice is submitted for publication:

Name of deceased ________________________________

Date of death ___________________________________

Department/Chapter ______________________________

Home of record _____________________________________

☐ Army  ☐ Navy  ☐ Marine Corps  ☐ Air Force  ☐ Coast Guard

☐ Other __________________ Primary Unit of service during Korean War

Submitted by ______________________________________

Relationship to deceased ____________________________

Send to: Membership, P.O. Box 10806, Arlington, VA 22210

Chaplain’s Corner  Irvin L. Sharp

RE: The 50th Commemoration Anniversary of the Korean War

No longer “the forgotten war - Fifty years after its beginning, all veterans of that terrible war can now proclaim “the Forgotten War is now remembered. We can never repay the first echelon of defense - our mothers and families, whose powerful prayers brought us through those ghastly times.

We “I always be mindful of the MIA's - their sufferings, physically and mentally, and the grief of their family members who received notice of their tragic loss. When you mourn, we also despair. We can not have final peace until all the MIA's are accounted for.

The 50th Commemoration Anniversary, August 24 - 28, was decidedly a monumental reunion. The events were well planned and we compliment all those who worked diligently for the unlimited success of this occasion.

We salute the representation of the U. N. Forces, the Korean Ambassador to the United States and the many other Koreans dignitaries who attended.

We greatly appreciate the political figures who took time from their busy schedules to address and be involved in the various gatherings

The Pentagon Tour, the Memorial Ceremony at Arlington Cemetery, the Banquet and the Salute to General Ray Davis (MOH), among the other assemblies were all very well attended.

The camaraderie and fellowship of the KWVA veterans, relatives and friends from all over the United States, Korea and the U.

N. countries will always be a wonderful memory to treasure for a lifetime.

We wish to commend the “army” of veterans, their wives and friends who volunteered their time and efforts, working diligently behind the scenes to assure realization of this wonderful event. We applaud them as well as everyone else who attended.

A momentous episode was had by all!
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Reunions

August 2000

42mm Mortar Co. 35th Regt. 25th Inf. Div. Korea, August 17-20 at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, VA. Contact Jerry Guinn, 3651-7 1/2 St., East Moline, IL 61244-3514. Tel: 309-755-5929 or E-mail <foursewe@webtv.net>

25th Military Police Co. August 18 & 19 at Grand Resort Hotel in Pigeon Forge, TN. Tel 1-800-362-1188. Contact Dave Wilson, Box 427, Brooklyn, IN 47822. Tel: 219-275-3581 or Ken Murphy, Box 6, North Tazewell, VA 24630. Tel: 540-885-2137.

HHC 1169th Engr Cpt. (C), Hq and H&S Co and A. 15 1st Engr Bn (C) which were mobilized in Huntsville, AL in August 1950 will celebrate the 50th anniversary of this event August 25. These units, part of the Alabama NG, served in Korea during 1951-52. For info: contacto: Caleb K. Brown, 256-536-7247, E-mail: <npb4@msn.com>.

If you served in a Korean War in a 105MM Self Propelled M-7 Howitzer Battalion that had an insignia of a cowboy on a bucking bronco within a triangle, you served with the 300th Armored Field Artillery Battalion from Wyoming, 50th Anniversary Reunion at the Holiday Inn—Sheridan, Wyoming on August 18-20. Visit our web page at http://www.geocities.com/afa300assn/ or call Bill Teter 1-402-330-2536 or Bill Day 1-701-735-2109 or Dick Thune at 1-218-543-4672 for reunion information.

Women Marines Association national convention from Aug. 31 to Sept. 5 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, VA. Contact: Helen Peters 703-979-1149.

September 2000

MCB#4 SEABEES, all eras Sept. 1-3 at Nashville Airport Marriott, 600 Marriott Dr., Nashville, TN 37224-5010. Contact Phil Murphy, 4 Whewitt Blvd., Danville, New York 14437. Tel: 716-335-8938.

USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN CVA-39, Sept. 5-10 at Hilton, La Crosse, WI. Contact: John B. Shirley, Reunion Chairman, 4218 Drake Way, Livermore, CA 94550. 925-437-2256. E-mail <sh Shirley@home.com>.

USS McNair DD679 and DesRon 20 Crewmembers, Sept. 8-10 in St. Louis, MO. Contact Stanley H. Schwartz, 313 Hollow Creek Road, Mount Sterling, Ky 40353. Tel: 606-498-4567, Fax: 606-498-6594. E-mail <shs313@ikh.net>.

999th AFA Bn. Korea, Sept. 8-10 at Holiday Inn, York, Nebraska. Contact Gerald Heiden, 2013 Road 11, Waco, NE 68460. Tel: 402-726-5435.

USS Buck (DD-761) Assn. in Bannister, MO, Sept. 9-12. Contact John B. Connolly Tel: 501-922-3969 or E-mail <jbonyn@usa.net> or Fax: 501-922-9631.

343rd General Hospital, former personnel & patients, Sept. 9th at American Legion, Jordan Road, Skaneateles, NY. Contact Ray J. Pitts, 3406 N. Beach St., Fort Worth, TX 76111. Tel: 817-838-5364.

46th Field Artillery Missile Bn., Sept. 10-13 at the Hilton Hotel, Huntsville, AL. Contact Norm Dougan, 3770 Bassett Road, Pacific, MO 63069-2423. Tel: 636-451-3567.


USS Bayfield APA-33. Sept. 10-14 at Imperial Palace Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. Contact John Shults, Boulder City, NV. Tel: 702-293-1449 or Art Nelson Las Vegas, NV. E-mail <arlt@bellsouth.net>.


USS Floyd B. Parks (DD884) Sept. 11-18 in Orlando FL. All former ship mates that served on board from 1945 to 1973. Contact James P. Robbins, P O Box 61, Twain CA 95984. Tel: 530-283-2165.

1st Engineer Combat Bn. Sept. 12-14 at Tobyhanna, PA. Korean Vets and all former members welcome. Contact Glenn Carpenter, 510 Glyncrest Dr. Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895. Tel: (419) 738-3399, E-Mail ICORP@bright.net.

21st Engineer Combat Bn. Sept. 12-14 at Newton Best Western Inn, Newton, Iowa. Contact Chuck Adams. Tel: 480-357-9881, Fax: 480-357-0534, E-mail <adamscs@yahoo.com>.


The U.S. Marine Corps Marine Combat Correspondents Association will hold its Annual Conference at The Handlery Hotel & Resort in San Diego, CA, September 13-17. Contact Don H. Gee, Executive Director, 238 Cornwall Circle, Chalfont, PA 18914-2318. Tel: 1-888-999-7819, or e-mail: USMCBCA@aol.com.

USS Valley Forge (CV/CVA/CVS-45; LPH-8; CG-50). Sept. 13-16, Dayton, OH. All ship’s company, all group, flag and marines. Contact Don Hamann at 319-385-2456 or Phone: 319-383-1082.

USS Wisconsin Assn., Sept. 17-18 in Mobile, AL. For more information visit our website at www.usswisconsin.org or write to USS Wisconsin Assn., PO Box B664, Rudolph, WI 54475.

USS Algal AKA-54, Sept. 13-16 in San Antonio, TX. Contact Tony Soria, 2045 Avalon Dr., Merced, CA 95340, Tel: 209-722-6005 or Art Nelson at E-mail <arberts@aol.com>.

Osaka Army Hospital, 1950-1953. Former personnel and patients, Sept. 13-17 at Marriott Courtyard, Santa Fe, NM. Contact Wilson A. Heefner, M.D., 7205 Park Woods Drive, Stockton, CA 95207-1409. Tel: 909-951-4748.


5800th, 581st, 582nd Air Resupply and Communications Wings, Sept. 14-17, Air Force Museum, Dayton, OH. Contact Ray Banks Tel: 623-935-4551 or mlbanks@uswest.org. Website: www.58os.org.


46th Field Artillery Battalion, Sept. 17-21 at Holiday Inn Resort, Pigeon Forge, TN (in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains). Cost: $405 per person. (4 days and 4 nights, all meals, transportation, five different shows, banquet dinner and free parking). For reservations contact Tennessee Receptive Services, 1-800-533-3993. Contact John Cole, 180 Walnut Creek, Cordova, TN 38018. Tel: (901) 755-4194 for details.

705th AAA Gun Bn., Korea 1950-52, Sept. 20-22, contact Robert Duval 911 Toll Gate Rd. Trl. 23, Warwick, RI 02886 tel 401-823-0250

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705th Field Artillery., Sept. 21-23 Vero Beach, FL. Contact George J. Ellis, 1020 Wildwood Pk. Road, Florence, AL 35630-3352. Tel: 256-764-9938


700th Ordnance Maintenance Co., 45th Inf. Div., Arbonica Tel: 352-750-3380, 206 Estrada Pl., Lake City, FL. 32159 or E-Mail 610-469-0833 or e-mail <boz7@aol.com>.

USS John W Thomason (DD760), Ludwig, 3214 W. Woodlawn Ave., San Antonio, TX 78228. Tel/Fax: 210-433-5973.

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