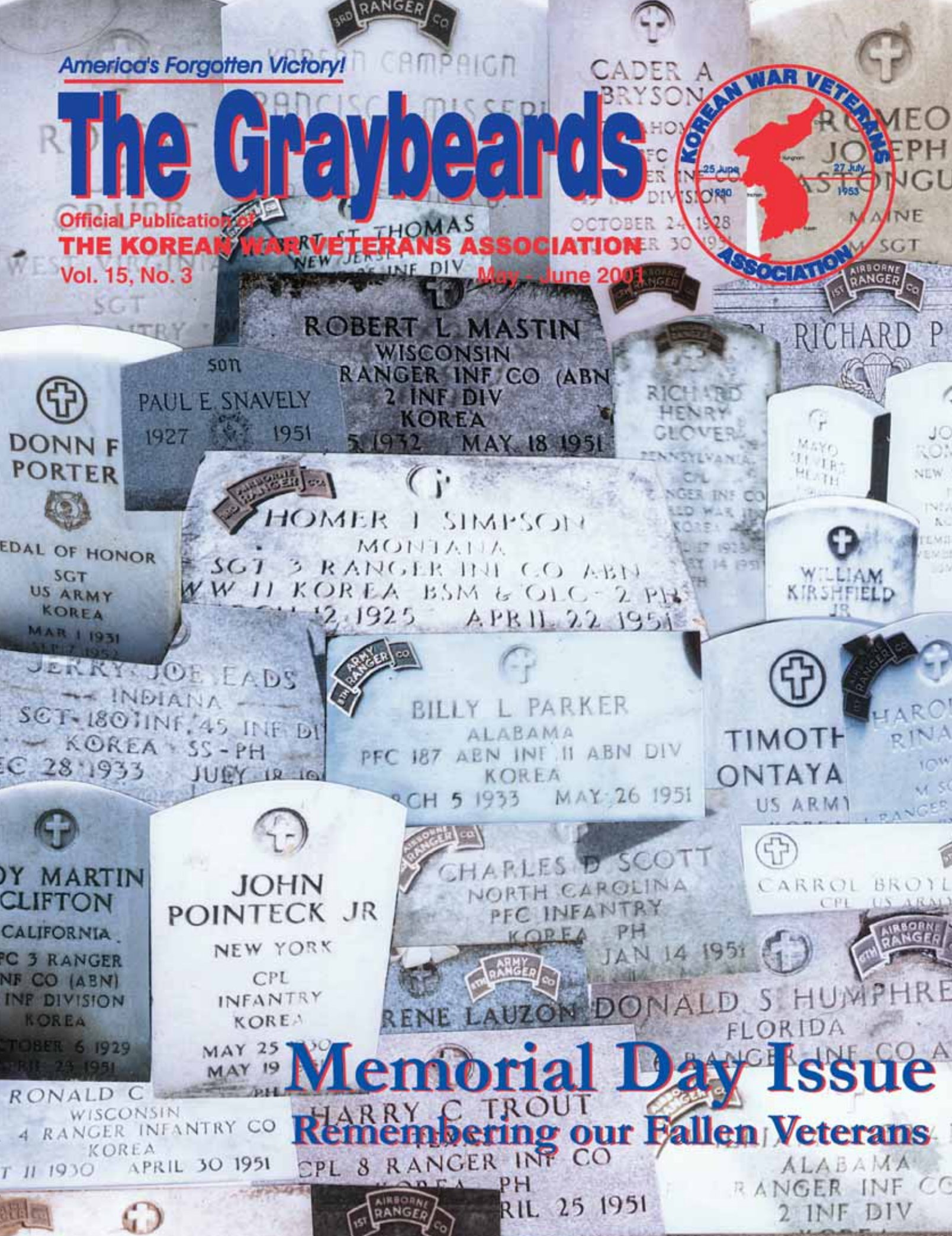


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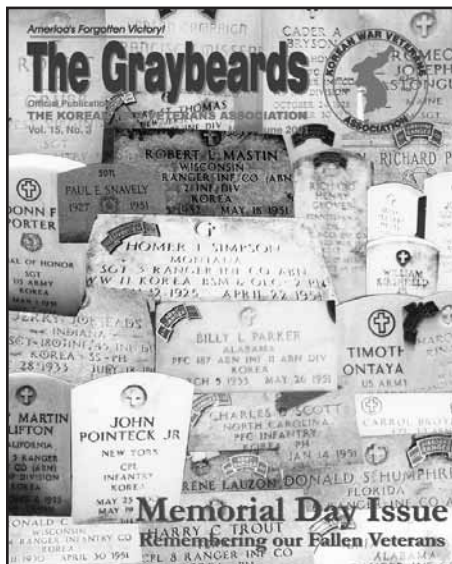
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# On the cover...



## Remembering fallen Rangers from all units.

On Memorial Day we remember our fallen heroes by holding events such as ceremonies, visiting graveyards to place flowers and flags at tombstones of our loved ones and friends. The front cover and this issue is dedicated to all veterans who served in all wars. We also wish to remember those in graves on the battlefields, POW camps and in the waters all over the world. Ranger Emmett E. Fike has went many steps further to remember the fallen. His story, which follows, should be an inspiration to all of us to do more on special days for honoring veterans. Ranger Fike you are a very great person in our eyes. We thank you.

Ranger Emmett E. Fike distinguished himself as a leader in heavy fighting while in the Counter Fire Platoon of the 187th Regimental Combat Team (ARCT) on TDY to the 1st Cavalry Division. In just three weeks of fighting the platoon of 22 men lost their officer and 10 enlisted men including 5 Rangers. It was then and there that the zeal was ignited in Ranger Fike to memorialize his fallen comrades. He was determined that they would not be forgotten. Ranger Fike later fought with the 187th Regimental Combat Team in the re-taking of Koji-do Island POW Camp and in the Kumwa Valley attached to the 7th Division. During these campaigns more of his friends were lost and his zeal became a vow. In 1984 Ranger Fike help organize The Ranger Infantry Companies Association (RICA) and served as president from 1987 to 1989. His battlefield vow to his fallen Ranger comrades had not diminished and in March 1985 he volunteered to serve as RICA's Memorial Affairs Officer, a position which he holds to this day. In that capacity Ranger Fike has visited the graves of 58 Rangers killed-in-action and has held 53 memorials at Ranger gravesites and installed 69 bronze Ranger scrolls on the gravestones of Rangers whom were killed-in-action. This is work that he loves, and in which he continues to be active. Ranger Fike worked tirelessly, often fighting uphill battles for the establishment, the site selection, the naming of Ranger Field at Fort Benning, Georgia, and for the construction and upgrading of the monument that bears the names of fallen Rangers.

*(Note on cover photo, the different Divisions that fought in the Korean War are etched in stone below the Ranger's name.)*



Ranger Emmett E. Fike, Jr., at right with the 187 Regimental Combat Team, and above at Fort Benning, August, 1998

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# President's Message



Harley Coon  
President, KWVA

## Used frequent flyers miles to Hawaii

Jerry Bruhkne joined my squad in late July of 1950. Jerry

remembered that when he joined our squad I told him if I wanted him I would call him.

The day before Jerry arrived, one

artillery round had killed five (5) of our men. We served with these men for 1½ years before we went to Korea. I went to Japan on the same ship with four (4) of these men in January of 1949. On the night on November 26th 1950 "B" Co. 35th Inf. 25th Div. was being hit hard by the on rushing Chinese.

I ordered Jerry and another man to get more ammo. That was the last time we saw each other. He heard I was killed in that battle. On his way back with the ammo he got hit, the medics were able to get him out. I along with 17 others got captured.

Last summer Jerry saw me being interviewed on "Fire and Ice." He called me and asked if I was the same Sgt. Harley J. Coon, his squad leader in Korea, Jerry was in Spain. About a week before I was to go to Hawaii, Jerry called and said he would be in Hawaii at the same time.

We met for the first time in 51 years. I was glad to hear he got out although wounded. I was able to get information about some of the other men in the company.

The day after I arrived Bob Hamakawa, President of the Hawaii Chapter #1, picked me up at the Ilikai Hotel and took me on a grand tour of the island of Oahu. The fol-

lowing day Bob took me to the Korean War Memorial where 34 members of Hawaii Chapter #1 were cleaning the marble blocks that had the names of those killed from Hawaii. The chapter cleans this memorial about once a month. Bob pointed out two (2) MOH recipients. The Hawaii Chapter #1 meets at Ft. Shafter every other month. They participate in several parades and ceremonies such as the Mayor's Memorial Day service at the Punch Bowl Cemetery, the Governors Day service at Kaneohe cemetery and ceremonies on June 25th and July 27th each year. A very active schedule is planned for this year. The officers are President Bob Hamakawa, Vice President Floranio Castillo, Treasurer Richard Higa, Secretary Harry Kumabe.

The Hawaii Chapter #1 and the Aloha chapter, President Jimmy K. Shin, are involved in the "Tell America Program."

Jimmy Shin invited me to have dinner with his chapter members, it was great meeting the Korean War Veterans from Hawaii.

As a side note, President Hamakawa's sister and husband live only 25 minutes from me.

April 9, 1942 when General Wainwright surrendered his troops to the Japanese, thus began the Bataan Death March. This day was chosen as Prisoner of War recognition day. The second Friday of September is the POW/MIA recognition day. This day was honored after the Vietnam War.

Nick Nishimoto a member of the Hawaii Chapter #1 organized this ceremony on April 9th for the last eight (8) years at the National Cemetery in Hawaii known as the Punch Bowl.

Keynote speaker this year was Ernest Reid Jr. (B.G. Gen Retired USMC) a Prisoner of War in Korea. General Reid spoke of his time as a Prisoner of War. He spoke of the food, living conditions, brainwashing, torture and the loss of freedom. Regardless, no one can ever understand unless they have walked in the shoes of a Prisoner of

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Above, Jerry Bruhkne (left) and Harley meet again in Hawaii at Prisoner of War Recognition Day. Right above, KWVA Chapter #1 Hawaii President Bob Hamakawa (left) and Bernhardt Alama. Right below, Nick Nishimoto Ex-Pow KWVA Chapter #1 Hawaii ceremony organizer



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# Listen Up

Official KWVA Notices and  
Announcements



## State of the Union — KWVA National

The KWVA is the only Veterans Organization that is still increasing in membership.

We have a good shot at getting our national charter during this session of Congress. This Charter would put us on par with the other Veterans organizations that are Nationally Chartered.

We are getting ready for our National Reunion in Arlington, VA. (see registration form in this issue). We expect as good of a turn out as we had last year. We would like to have some door prizes donated for our General Membership Meeting and Banquet. We will have a 50 / 50 raffle to help defray some expense.

We are seeking advertising for the reunion program book, the proceeds from the program will be used for *Graybeards* printing and postage. Some of the funds will help promote the 50th year commemoration. (See advertising prices in this issue)

The minutes from the Tuscola Mid-Winter meeting are published in this issue, any corrections will be made at our July 25 executive council meeting.

Every thing that has happened in the KWVA has had a positive effect for our organization.

I would like honor the wives of the KWVA Veterans by putting together a recipe book, just send in your name, husband's name and your favorite recipe and or someone you want to honor and we will put it together.

Send to KWVA Recipe, 4120 Industrial Lane, Beavercreek, Ohio 45430.

Thank You  
Harley J. Coon, President

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## Proposed changes to the bylaws discussed at the meeting in Tuscola, IL.

The below changes will need to be approved at the July 2001 Executive Council meeting, and ratified at the General

Membership meeting to become effective. For that reason it is important that these proposed changes be published in

The *Graybeards* so that the general membership will be prepared for their action.

*The proposed changes are:*

Article III, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, Section 2. Executive Council paragraph C. be amended as follows:

C. Special Meetings. The President may call a Council Meeting, or ten (10) elected members of the Executive Council may call a Council meeting for one specific purpose of business, by giving two weeks written notice to all members of the Council, stating the date and time, the exact location, which shall include the name of the meeting place, the street address, the city and state, and the purpose of the meeting.

Article III Section 4, Term of Office, paragraph A. be amended as follows:

The President, First and Second Vice Presidents, shall have a term of office of two (2) years. Directors elected shall have a term of office of three (3) years. All elected officers shall assume office on 27 July. The term of office of all appointed national officers shall be at the pleasure of the President, with Executive Council approval. There will be no set term of office for appointed positions.

*Reason for changes:*

The effect of the first proposed amendment would be to discourage the calling of special meetings by less than two thirds of the Executive Council in conflict with normally scheduled meetings, and to encourage the discussion of agenda items at normally scheduled meetings.

The effect of the second proposed amendment would be to delete the phrase pertaining to consecutive terms of Officers and Directors. Their terms would not change but the amendment would give the membership the choice of whether or not to replace an incumbent Officer after each two years or an incumbent Director after each three years, and would lead to better progression of business, and still leave room for changes, and for new candidates.

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By Jerry Lake, Chairman

*Congratulations* to all Chapter Organizers and the many more who had a hand in our making this the outstanding accomplishment that it has been.

Naomi has worked on 12 of the 43 new chapters that have been developed this past 18 mos. "AS MEMBERSHIP GOES, SO GOES THE ORGANIZATION" This could be said of any and all Organizations. As our Chapter development continues to grow at an accelerated pace, so does our membership. At the present time we are receiving over 100 new members every week. Many more members who left for whatever reason are returning in large numbers.

Chapters have been developed in states that never had a chapter or only had one. Texas is a good example. With the help of Howard Nathan and others, we are on a fast track in opening many more chapters. Tom Gaffney the Dept. President in Florida has done an outstanding job with new chapter development. I have forwarded a complete packet to each area being developed in an effort to help the appointed organizer with the task at hand.

This includes the following in most cases: Personal letterhead; personalized applications for membership; reply card letter; application for charter; national bylaws; suggested letter to National KWVA members in the area to be developed; KWVA logo sheet; press release letter; 50th Anniversary logo, etc. The past 18 months have been great with 43 new chapters developed or being developed around the country.

Join your fellow Korean War Veterans and start a chapter in your area if you do not have one now. Our National Organization has top quality people to see that the job at hand is done and done in the very best interest of the Organization. We are in good shape with the finances and membership growth has never been on a fast pace as it is now. God Bless and if you want to start a chapter, give me a call or drop me a line.

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### THE HUNGNAM EVACUATION

a professional artist and teacher, and was on board *Glendale* during the evacuation. His story, and that of the painting, were featured in that same issue.

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A second reproduction, *Glendale* at Inchon, shows *Glendale* sinking a suspected mine-laying junk in a dramatic night engagement is in the Korean War Exhibit Hall, Baltimore War Memorial Building and will be released as a companion print in the near future. However reproductions of *Glendale* at Inchon are available now as postcards in packs of 10 for \$16.00.

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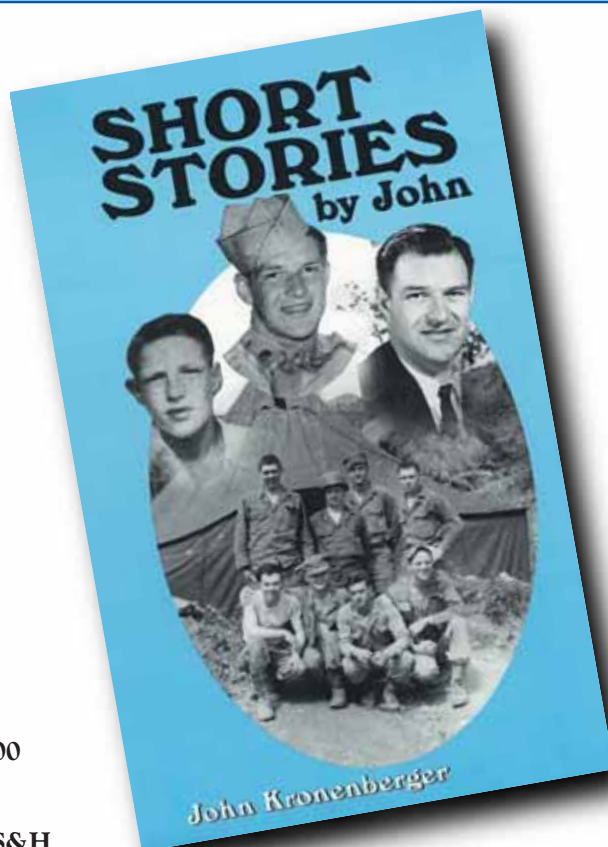
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Karl Lowe, Colonel, US Army (Ret.)  
Vietnam Veteran

"*Fightin' George* is a superb historical recollection of a young, poor Georgia farm boy serving far from home in war-torn Korea. The vivid depictions of the desperate, bloody battles fought amongst the mountains of Korea show the 'Forgotten War' as it was lived by the true heroes, the enlisted foot soldiers. The truth and candor displayed within these pages confirms the honor, patriotism, and determination that exists in the American GI when faced with a brutal, godless enemy. To fight for freedom, against all odds, this is the

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## National VA/VS Representative Report

By Michael Mahoney

The response to the VA/VS Program in the past year since I have taken it has been gratifying. In the past 6 months, 8 chapters have come on board. In the last 6 month, also the following hours were reported by the VA for the KWVA. 20,723 volunteer hours, that makes a total for this year of 38,842 hours.

The outstanding hospitals for this period are:

Bay Pines, FL	3193 Hours
Fresno, CA	1623 Hours

Muskgee, OK 1170 Hours  
Wilks-Barre, PA 1281 Hours

*Job Well Done*

I will be going to Tucson, AZ for the Annual VAVS meeting this month, (MAY) and will make a report at the 2001 Reunion in Washington.

A special Thanks to all of you for the continued support, I remain

*Mike*

## Remembrance Ceremony at Kangnung Air Base, Korea

I appreciate participation of U.S.A. in the Korean War for freedom and peace 50 years ago, when Korean people were going through many hardship and sufferings. The Korean War eventually provides the victory to the UN Forces over the invasion of North Korea. I believe this victory represented the world Liberty and Democracy, played a significant role in securing peace as well as deterring expansion of Communist powers

In commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War, ROKAF will hold the Remembrance Ceremony at Kangnung Air Base, Korea, November 9 - 10, 2001.

I would like to appreciate and commemorate your distinguished services by offering my heartfelt invitation to air force and marine corps pilots who had participated in Korean War (27 July, 1953-25 June, 1950) as part of the UN Forces,

ROKAF needs your help in identifying

the lists of the participated pilots in order to appreciate and recognize their precious works.

ROKAF will really appreciate, if the KWVA National can provide us detailed pilot information by listing their names, addresses, ages, nature of missions executed at the time of war to the following e-mail address by the 31 March 2001.

I will notify detailed invitation program in June after identifying the list of participants.

Sincerely

Lee, Young-hee,  
Brigadier General, ROKAF,  
Commander of Combat Development Group

*All should contact Harley Coon, President KWVA at 937-426-5105, Fax 937-426-8415, E-mail coonkoreanexpow@aol.com for this letter was sent to him and he must know who is going so we do not duplicate names of those wishing to go. Harley will also get the updated information to pass on to all going.*

## Give, for those who gave...



Photo and letter sent by John Quinn seeking donations to build a memorial. Some in photo lost their lives in Korea. (no names given). Send donations to John Quinn, President and Monument Chairman, Nassau County Chapter #1 PO Box 1332, North Massapequa, NY 11758.

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(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People in Room \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Check or money Order Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed (NO CASH). Check must cover one night stay minimum by June 22.

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ Diners Club

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (Contact Hotel for details on reservation & types.)



# Korean War Veterans Association ♦ 17th Annual Reunion ♦ 22-29 July, 2001

## EVENTS SCHEDULE

*NOTE: Please check Information Board for time or event changes.*

### Sunday, 22 July 2001 – Early, Birds

3-5 PM	Hospitality Room open.
6:00 PM	Get-together dinner. <i>your expense</i> – hotel restaurants.
7:30-10 PM	Hospitality Room open.
Registration open	8-10 PM.

### Monday, 23 July 2001

*Shuttle to and from Pentagon City Mall (Shuttle leaves every 1/2 hour from Hotel).*

9:00 AM	Bus leaves Hotel for Arlington National Cemetery.
10:00 AM	Afro-American Veterans Ceremony, Arlington.
11:00 AM	Reception at Space Hall, Ft. Myer, VA.
1:00 PM	Busses return to Crowne Plaza Hotel.
3-10 PM	Hospitality Room open.
3-5 PM and 7-10 PM	Registration open.

### Tuesday, 24 July 2001

10:00 AM - 8 PM	Registration and table reservations (must be registered to reserve tables).
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Department of Veterans Affairs Benefits Seminar for wives.
1-5 PM	Hospitality Room open.
6:00 PM	Welcome Party-Buffer Dinner – Entertainment - <i>By Reservation</i> – See Registration Form.
9-10 PM	Hospitality Room and Registration open.

### Wednesday, 25 July 2001

8:30 AM	Executive Board Meeting.
9:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration & reserve tables
12:00 PM	Lunch Break.
1:00 PM	Resume Meeting.
5:00 PM	Dinner, hotel restaurants
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Adjourn Executive Board Meeting.
6:00 PM	Busses load for Tattoo. <i>Bus tickets needed.</i>
6:15 PM	Busses leave for Tattoo at Ellipse & Reception at Ft. McNair – <i>Bus ticket required.</i>
7:30-10 PM	Hospitality Room open.

### Thursday, 26 July 2001

8:00 - 10:00 PM	Breakfast - hotel restaurants
9:30 AM - 5 PM	Registration.
10:15 AM	Busses load for Arlington Cemetery.
10:30 AM	Busses leave for Arlington

11:00 AM	Cemetery
	KWVA Wreath Laying Ceremony at Tomb of Unknown
12:00 PM	Busses load and return to hotel.
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch buffet - <i>reservation required</i>
1:30 PM	General Membership Meeting.
2:30 PM	Scheduled Hearing.
5:00 PM	Adjourn Membership Meeting.
6:15 PM	Buffet Dinner & Entertainment – <i>Reservation required.</i>
9-10 PM	Hospitality and Registration open.

### Friday, 27 July 2001

6:30-8:30 AM	Buffet Breakfast - <i>Reservation Required.</i>
8:15 AM <i>Sharp</i>	Busses load & leave at 8:30 AM for Korean War Memorial Ceremony.
11:45 AM	Busses return to hotel for lunch.
FREE TIME	
5:00 PM	President's Reception, Cash Bar open until 8 PM.
6:00 PM	Seating in Banquet Room – <i>Reservation required for banquet.</i>
6:15 PM	Opening Ceremonies.
7:00 PM	Banquet Dinner.
8:00 PM	Introduction of Guests.
8:30 PM	Keynote Speaker.
9:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies.
9:10 PM	50-50 Raffle and Prizes.

### Saturday, 28 July 2001

7-9 AM	Departure Breakfast – Optional - <i>Reservation required.</i>
8:30 AM	12 PM - Board Meeting.

**17TH Annual Reunion Ends.**

*Note: Times are subject to change.*

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**REUNION REGISTRATION FORM**

(Please print or type legibly)

	<b>Number of Persons</b>	<b>Cost per Person</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Registration, husband and wife* (Total fee for both = \$40.00) .....			\$ _____
Registration Fee - Regular (Individual) * .....		\$25.00	\$ _____
Registration - Children (15 - 18 years) .....		\$20.00	\$ _____
Bus to The Afro-American KWV Event, 23 July. Honors will be at Arlington National Cemetery Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 10:00 AM followed by a tree planting and plaque dedication. Afterward, a reception will be held at Spates Hall, Fort Myer, VA. ....		\$10.00	\$ _____
Welcome Party, 24 July (Optional)*-Buffet & Entertainment .....		\$15.00	\$ _____
Bus to Evening Tattoo, 25 July & Reception at Ft. McNair .....		\$10.00	\$ _____
Evening, 26 July, Buffet Dinner & Entertainment .....		\$20.00	\$ _____
Breakfast Buffet – prior to 27th Ceremony [Optional]** .....		\$16.50	\$ _____
Bus to Memorial and Arlington Cemetery* .....		\$14.00	\$ _____
Lunch at Hotel (Optional) .....		\$15.50	\$ _____
Banquet, 27 July 2001 - Crowne Plaza Hotel .....		\$36.00	\$ _____
Banquet only (if not registered with Reunion) .....		\$45.00	\$ _____
Prime Rib _____ or Salmon Filet _____ (Quantity of each per number of persons listed)			
Departure Breakfast Buffet, 28 July (Optional) ** .....		\$16.50	\$ _____
		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

See writeup for details of registration. Make checks payable to KWVA National, and mail to  
4120 Industrial Lane, Beavercreek, OH 45430.

\* Registration fee includes administrative costs, hospitality room snacks, table decorations, name badges and entertainment.  
You must register in order to attend shows, welcome party and bus to Korean War Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery  
ceremonies. \*\* Includes service charge and tax. (Make a copy of your form before mailing.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Military Service: Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL DIRECTIONS**

**Route 66 Eastbound Toward Washington, DC**

Take Route 66 East to Route 110 South. Follow 110 to Route 1 South (Jefferson Davis Hwy). Take exit for 15th Street. At the End of the Ramp make a left turn onto 15th Street. 15th Street will end Crystal Drive. Crowne Plaza will be on the left. Turn left into the driveway.

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Follow I-95 to Route 395 North. Continue on 395 North to Route I toward National Airport. From Route I take exit for 15th Street. At the end of the ramp make a left turn onto 15th Street. 15th Street will end at Crystal Drive. Crowne Plaza will be on the left. Turn left into the driveway.

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Follow I-95 across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge to Route I North exit. Stay on Route I North for about 5 miles: you will pass through Alexandria and head towards Crystal City. Take the 15th Street exit. At the end of the ramp make a right turn onto 15th. 15th Street will end at Crystal Drive. Crowne Plaza will be on the left. Turn left into the driveway.

**From Route 270 (Rockville-Gaithersburg Area)**

Follow Route 270 to I-495 South to the American Legion Bridge. Exit just past the bridge onto George Washington Parkway South. Follow the Parkway to National Airport Exit. Exit onto Crystal City/Route 1. After crossing overpass to Crystal City exit Route 1 North. Follow Route I North and take exit for 15th Street. At the end of the ramp make a left turn onto 15th Street. 15th Street will end at Crystal Drive. Crowne Plaza will be on the left. Turn left into the driveway.

**From National Airport**

Follow signs for Route I-Route 66 (on same sign) out of the airport to Route I toward Washington, DC. Take Route 1 North to exit for 15th Street. At the end of the ramp make a right turn onto 15th Street. 15th Street will end at Crystal Drive. Crowne Plaza will be on the left. Turn left into the driveway.

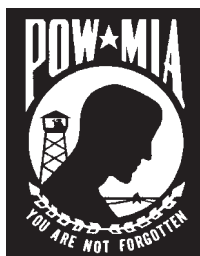
**Metro**

Yellow/Blue Line to Crystal City Station. Up the escalator, go to your right and left under the breezeway. Continue straight (Fed Ex office to your right) cross 15th street and Crowne Plaza is directly in front of you.



# Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update

KOREAN WAR/COLD WAR  
DOCUMENT FAMILY RESEARCH



February 28, 2001

## Results of Punch Bowl Analysis Announced

DPMO analysts have completed an ongoing review of records associated with the burial of unknown servicemen from the Korean War in the Punch Bowl Cemetery.

Writer Laurence Jolidon recently compared about 2,000 names of American remains turned over in 1954 by the communists to the 8,100+ names of missing in action servicemen, maintained by DPMO as the Personnel Missing Korea database (PMKOR). In comparing those two groups of names, he noted that 239 of the names were found on both. Some readers asked if that meant the identities of 239 sets of remains, buried as "unknowns" in the Punch Bowl, might actually be known - since those names were found specifically on records provided by the communists.

The analysis by DPMO confirms that of the 239 cases cited by Mr. Jolidon, fully 186 have achieved some sort of final disposition. All but three sets of these remains were positively determined through forensic science to be individuals other than those suggested by the Chinese and North Koreans during the Operation Glory turnover of remains. Of the remaining 53, records show that 33 cannot be the names originally cited by the communists - i.e. the anthropological examinations do not match the physical characteristics of the individual named. For the other 20 names there is simply not enough forensic evidence to confirm or exclude the possibility that the names offered by the communists match the associated remains. DPMO and CILHI are working together with available records to determine if it is possible that any of these 20 individuals might be buried in the Punch Bowl as an unknown.

Efforts are now underway to contact families to inform them of the results of the analysis. A copy of the complete

analysis may be found on the DPMO web site at [www.dtic.mill/dpmo](http://www.dtic.mill/dpmo), click on "news," then "special reports."

*(My twin brother Richard Krepps was one of those named as returned and buried at the Punchbowl. I was notified of the error: "i.e. the anthropological examinations do not match the physical characteristics of the individual named." - Ed)*

May 2, 2001

## U.S. POW/MIA Teams Begin NORTH Korea Operations

Department of Defense specialists have arrived in North Korea to begin operations to recover the remains of servicemen missing in action from the Korean War.

The 28-person team, comprised primarily of personnel from the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii, will operate for approximately 30 days in an area about 60 miles north of Pyongyang. If remains are recovered during this operation, they will be airlifted via U.S. Air Force aircraft from Pyongyang, and repatriated at the end of this month.

Negotiators from the Defense Department's Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office reached agreement with the North Koreans in December to set the schedule for operations in 2001. The agreement calls for 10 joint recovery operations. Eight of the operations will be in the areas of Unsan, Kaechon and Kujang, where battles involving the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry, 2nd Infantry and 25th Infantry were fought in November 1950.

Later in the year, teams will conduct two additional operations on the east and west sides of the Chosin Reservoir in the northeast portion of North Korea. Korean War analysts believe that as many as 750 U.S. soldiers and Marines may have been lost during battles in November and December 1950 near the Chosin.

The joint U.S.-North Korean teams have recovered 107 sets of remains since these operations began in 1996. Eight have been identified and returned to their families for burial with full military honors. Approximately 10 more are in the final stages of the forensic identification process.

The 10 operations in North Korea this year will conclude with a final repatriation

on November 11

More than 8,100 American servicemen are missing in action from the war.

## 2001 Family Update Schedule

Date	Location:
Aug 18	St. Paul, MN
Sept 15	Providence, RI
Oct 20	Orlando, FL
Nov 17	Little Rock, AR

## Youngchon Battle Memorial

IFKWVA is looking for: some American veterans who participated in the Youngchon battle near Nakdong River (Kyungbuk Province) during 4-13 September 1950. In accordance with the history of battle, the ROK 8th Inf. Div. was major forces on that battle and was assisted by one Tank platoon from US 1st Cavalry Division and Air supports from US Air Force, Marine, and Fleets.

For the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War (1950-1953), the Youngchon Battle Memorial Committee under this association will have a dedication ceremony of the Youngchon Battle Monument on 1st November 2001 at the battle site.

Invitation will cover hotel accommodations, meals, tours, and a transportation for the scheduled itinerary for 6 days and 5 nights. A round-trip flight ticket. should be bought by one's own expense.

Lee, Yong, Sup. Chief, Int'l Affairs Div.  
KVA Treasurer General, IFKWVA

## REVISIT KOREA PROGRAM

### Sponsored by KVA Korea

Nov. 2001 Revisit Korea program quotas for 2001 remain open for a few Korean War Veterans and Families.

Please reserve early and request application to: Tom Jin, Official Travel Agent to KVA Midwest, Western and Southern Region. For Information Call 847-883-8348 or Fax 847-883-8349.

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

## Illinois Remembers



Franklin Park Veteran's Memorial

The Memorial center piece depicts (in a semi-circle), five (5) granite stones, each weighing 5 tons, measuring 10' x 6' x 1', representing each branch of the United States services; Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. Each stone has the Servicemens/Womens name inscribed on it. Next to each name is a letter indicating what conflict they were involved in, i.e. S - Spanish-American War / I - World War I / II - World War II / K - Korean War, V- Vietnam War.

We also have two (2) granite stones measuring 6' x 3' x 1'; one representing a historical marker explaining each conflict from the Spanish-American War to the Vietnam War. The second one covers veterans that have not lived in Franklin Park, which was funded by the American Legion.

There are two (2) 105 MM Howitzers on each side of the memorial donated by the Department of Army in Warren, Michigan and shipped from the Kentucky Logistics Operation Center, Lexington, Kentucky.

We have the American flag (which has been flown over our nations capitol), along with an MIA/POW flag. There are also military flags representing each branch of the military service.

There are 890 names engraved on the granite stones of which seventy-seven (77) are Korean War veterans. Medals awarded to these Korean veterans are as follows: 1 Distinguished Service Cross, 3 Silver Stars, 4 Bronze Stars and 2 Purple Hearts

The Memorial is an on-going project to which names will be added as veterans become aware of its existence, either from the veterans themselves, friends or family members.

The only prerequisite to be eligible for inclusion is a copy of the veterans separation document (DD-214, etc.), showing proof of service, and also show proof of residence that the veteran had at some time lived in Franklin Park, IL. during his/her lifetime.

Should anyone be interested in more details about our memo-

rial, please feel free to contact me: Eugene C. Piltaver, Memorial Chairman (Korean War Veteran), 9613 Richard Ave., Franklin Park, IL 60131

*(Thank you Eugene for the photo and letter. Your memorial as described must make your veterans very proud. We honor and remember all of your veterans.)*

## Alabama Remembers



William McWilliams (left) and Hoyt French stand beside Korean War Memorial donated by local veteran's organizations and the Colbert County Commission on October 17, 2000. Monument is located on grounds of Colbert County Court House in Tuscumbia, Alabama.

*Thank you Hoyt for photo and letter about a very special memorial. We also thank all who donated this memorial.)*

## Rhode Island Remembers

We have placed and dedicated a black granite stone at the Veterans Park located in Warwick, Rhode Island. . We got a great review in the Warwick Beacon newspaper. This memorial was dedicated on December 12, 2000. This memorial was placed between the two



Monument located at Veterans Park, Warwick, RI. flag poles which fly the American flag and the other pole which flies the POW/MIA Flag. This Memorial was ordered and paid for by the Korean War Veterans of Rhode Island. Over 39,000 Rhode Islanders served in the military during the Korean War.

*(Thank you John A. Caruso for photo and letter. The review in the Warwick Beacon was special also but as you know I do not*



copy text and photos from newspaper clippings. From time to time those clippings are important in helping me tell the story such as the last line above. We honor and respect all of our veterans and especially those that served in the Korean War that was once forgotten.)

## California Remembers



Albert C. Bosma sits beside memorial in his 50 year old uniform (and it still fits). He was with the HQ. Co., 1st Bn., 180th Regt., 45th Infantry Division. Dates in Korea Nov. 1951 to Aug. 1952

Korea War Veterans Memorial was erected on the west bank of the Sacramento River in Sacramento California. Sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8762 in West Sacramento. Dedication was Nov. 20, 1999.

*(Thank you Albert for photo and letter. The Memorial looks very good but you look better. Be careful the Army still needs some very good men.)*

## Pennsylvania Remembers



Korean War Memorial on the South lawn (now snow) of the County Courthouse in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Memorial in front is for the 309th Army National Guard who lost 33 men in a train wreck in Ohio on the way to Korea. All killed were from Wilkes-Barre.

*(Thank you George F. Kierman for photo and letter. We also thank your County and citizens for remembering.)*

## Jersey City Remembers



Groundbreaking Ceremony for new Korean War memorial. From the left, Ralph Pasqua, Fund Chairman; Anthony Lisa, VP Provident Bank; Mr. Kim, Korean Dry Cleaner Assn.; Dr. Raveche, President CEO Stevens Institute; Tom DeGiese, City Council President; Mayor Bret Schundler; Michael Yun, President Merchant. Assoc. of Jersey City; Joseph Cassella, President KWVA of Hudson County; Mrs. Lancia, Survivor of Frank Caruso, KIA in Korea and Rabbi Berger.

For three years the Hudson County NJ Chapter of the KWVA has been asking for a site in Jersey City for a memorial honoring local war heroes KIA in that conflict.

On Wednesday evening, April 11, the Jersey City Town Council overwhelmingly approved the site in the cul-de-sac end of Washington Street across the canal from NJ Liberty State Park. On Thursday afternoon, April 12, the Groundbreaking Ceremony took place on the site with Jersey City Mayor Schundler officiating.

Stevens Institute of Technology is conducting the engineering phase of the memorial, the construction stage should be completed mid-2002. The memorial will cost in excess of \$200,000 with fund raising still progressing.

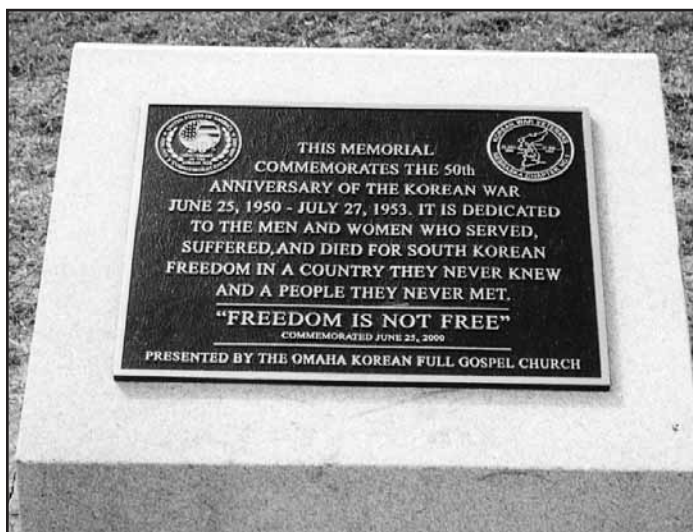
*(Thank you William H. Doring COL USA (Ret.) for photo and letter. Please send a photo of the new memorial when erected.)*

**Korean War Veterans Association Website:**  
**[www.KWVA.org](http://www.KWVA.org)**



The USPS will not forward Standard mail (3rd class) so please be sure and notify *The Graybeards* of your new address so that you will get your next issue or fill out USPS Form 9076 "Authorization to Hold Mail" if you will be away from your regular mailing address for 30 days or less. For an address change, contact the KWVA, PO Box 10806, Arlington, VA 22210, Attn: Membership Chairman or call Nancy Monson at (703) 522-9629.

## Nebraska Remembers



The memorial plaque shown above has been dedicated in observance of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. This memorial was presented to the Nebraska Chapter No. 1 of the Korean War Veterans Association and all Korean War Veterans by the Omaha Korean Full Gospel Church of Omaha, Nebraska. It is located at Memorial Park in Omaha, Nebraska.

*(Thank you James W. Anderson for Photo and letter. A beautiful Memorial that was provided by people that never forgot.)*

## Kentucky Remembers



At the Five Star Memorial, Elkhorn, KY (left to right): Mrs. John Bevins, Mrs. L. G. Slone, Mary Counts, Joan Little Auxiliary Commander, Annalene Sanders, Madeline Baldrige, Mrs. Sanders and Alka Coleman

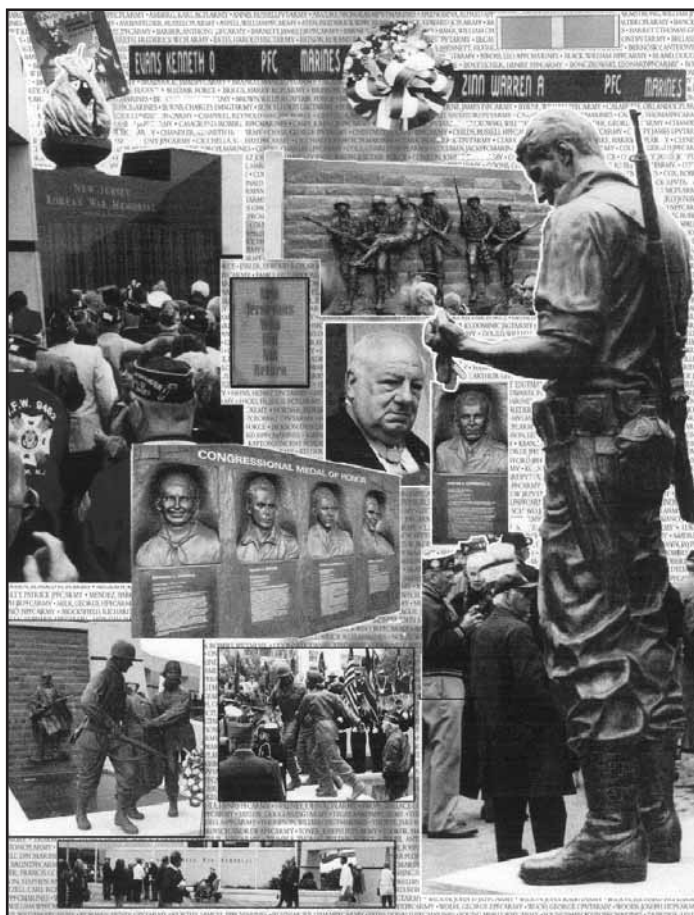
A newly erected memorial that is called "The Five War Memorial" and is located in Elkhorn, Kentucky on Patty Loveless Blvd. The Memorial is dedicated to WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm. All the veterans that were killed from this area are listed on the memorial.

*(Thank you Claudie D. Little for photo and letter. We are proud of your memorial and your ladies. All are very special.)*

**KWVA Members and Friends**

Visit the KWVA web site at: [HTTP://www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)

## New Jersey Remembers



The Memorial is located at Park Place and the Boardwalk. Although it is right along the Boardwalk (small photo at bottom), that wall acts as a buffer between the shrine within and the more carefree pedestrians on the "boards." Short flights of steps on either side of the wall, take you down into an open air (what I call) three-walled rotunda. And the first thing you see coming down those steps is the that black Wall of Names at the back of the rotunda.

Look to your right, and there is the huge bronzed infantryman holding the dog tags, and the six bronzed figures mounted on the wall to his right. On the inside of the Boardwalk wall, is a grotto-like cove in which are mounted plaques of New Jersey's four Korean War Medal of Honor winners. Ironically, two of those men — Edward Benfold and Nelson Brittin — are from the same small town of Audubon. On the other side of the ramp people can see the entire interior of the Memorial.

On the reverse side of the Wall of Names, where you enter from the street, is a three-figure life-size bronze of two infantrymen helping a wounded buddy, and another life-size bronze ponchoed grunt mounted on the back of the Wall of Names. My buddies Kenny Evans and Warren Zinn (KIA's) are singled out at the top of the page. The little gray picture mortised between the two walls is the program page with all the names. A surviving MOH winner from New Jersey is Marine Hector Cafferata.

*(Thank you Jack Carty for the great montage of a beautiful and very meaningful memorial. I hope to see it soon and I believe the location is proper. Editor)*



To Fellow Korean War Veterans:

It is very encouraging to me to receive letters and responses from so many Chapters around the country that are working to help push the Charter through Congress. It is also encouraging when I get copies of letters from your people in Congress who have signed on as co-sponsors and promise to help push it through legislation. Although we are getting good reports, we cannot afford to let our guard down. Stay on our members in Congress.

Another issue I have been working on is trying to put the word out to find our Black Korean Veterans and Female Veterans who served during the Korean War. I know the Department of Defense is planning a special ceremony on July 23, 2001 to honor Black Veterans and we need to let them know about our charter.

I also know that the Reunion Committee has been working very hard to have our programs and ceremonies the finest we have ever had. Please try to attend and let yourself be known and honored.

Another item Congress and the D.O.D. has been trying to make all veterans aware of. That is to wear your medals and entitlements on your civilian clothes. The medals must be of the miniature size and can be worn on your business clothing or as many of us call the Korean War Veterans uniform that consists of black trousers, white shirt, black tie and light blue sport jacket or blazer.

I would like to see all Chapter members at the reunion wearing your entitlements.

Last but not least, I have received complaints from some veterans who have applied for the Korean Service Medal and have not received it. If you sent your request to Randolph Air Force Base in Texas, I assure you, you will receive it. The request for this medal has been overwhelming and it does sometimes take four or five months as they are being prepared for mailing by volunteer help.

## Update

# Korean War Ex-POW

Excerpts taken from Korean War Ex-POW May 2001 Newsletter

Louisville here we come. Listed below is some information that you need to know and, will also help us prepare for your arrival. Please do your part by sending the correct, completed forms to the proper addressees.

## Room Reservations

If you have not already done so, here is the information you need to reserve your room:

- Executive West Hotel, Louisville, KY
- Actual Reunion Dates Aug 5 to Aug 12, 2001
- \$65.00 Plus Tax For the period Aug 4-15.
- In State call 1-800-633-8723
- Out of State 1-800-626- 2708
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## Banquet Form

Select the number and type of meals,

enclose the form and your check and, mail both to Ray & Elsie Unger.

## Banquet Meal Deadline:

**August 8, 2001.**

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Read and select the tours you want to go on, mark your choices and the number of tickets needed, mail the completed form and your check to VIS-ITOURS. DEADLINE FOR TOURS IS JULY 17, 2001.

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3. One addressed to VISITOURS for the Tours.

*See Korean War Ex-POW newsletter for forms.*

*Shorty Sez:*

**Reminder** – The Tiger Survivor Chop-Chop will be on 10 August 2001. See input from my last newsletter. So, get the check in the mail..this is going to be a big one. Come and see your brother POW and family while there is still time

## TAPS

Junior (Ben) Alford	John Narvin
Tony Apodaca	Adam Nash
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President Coon opened Executive meeting at 8:45 am CST. Colors posted by Dept. of IL. Color Guard. Pledge of allegiance by Jack Edwards, Chaplain Irvin Sharp gave the invocation, National Secretary Howard Camp called the roll.

**Present**

**Elected Officers**

President Coon,  
2nd Vice President Ed Grygier,  
Directors: Richard Danielson, Dorothy Schilling, James Jones Jr., Kenneth Cook, and Joseph Pirrello.

**Appointed Officers**

National Secretary Howard Camp  
National Treasurer Thomas J. Gregory.  
Judge Advocate Sherm Pratt  
National Chaplain Irvin Sharp.

**Absent**

1st Vice President Ed. Magill  
Directors: Thomas Clawson, John Settle, Theodore Trousdale, Bob Morga, Oreste Tramonte, Richard Adams and C. J. Rittenhouse.

President Coon noted that there was not a Quorum present. Then he asked Judge Advocate Pratt if we could have a meeting. Judge Advocate Pratt stated that in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, any business would have to be ratified at the next regular meeting.

President Coon stated we would continue for informational purposes for the Executive Council.

Treasurer Gregory presented the Treasurer Report.

As of 24 March 2001 we have on hand \$602,000.00 in CD's, Savings and Checking account, all bills are paid. Treasurer Gregory reported on the progress of the insurance company. He stated that a committee plan on meeting with the insurance Company sometime in May 2001 The committee would be CPA Andy Scholes, President Coon and Treasurer Gregory. We want to get this insurance affairs behind us. The CPA Stan Myrda could not be discussed as it is in litigation. Judge Advocate Sherm Pratt explained the legal details of the Myrda case. Jere Crise # LR 25086 offered some suggestions as to what our options we have to deal with CPA Myrda. Treasurer Gregory then gave a report from Nancy Monson on the growth of KWVA membership the last 2 1/2 years has

produced a net gain of over 3,000 new members. Our membership stands at 16,100 plus members. Treasurer Gregory complemented membership Chairman Jerry Lake for his fine work. National Director and Finance chairperson Dorothy Schilling gave the finance committee report.

A. Recommended to table a request to return 40% of the dues collected to the Department of Florida.

B. Recommended to table a request from the Department of Florida to Reimburse the State of Florida roughly \$1,600.00 for the Korean Culture Group for their Presentation. (this presentation was performed in other parts of the United States on a no cost basis)

C. A hat was passed to repay a \$400.00 loan, borrowed from a Korean Church.

D. Recommended to table a request for a \$10,000.00 for the Korean War Museum and Library in Tuscola IL. until July 25, 2001 Executive Council meeting.

E. Recommended to table a request of \$20,000.00 from the 2000 Federation until July meeting to get more information.

F. Discussion to pay the council members that attended illegal meeting in St. Louis in October 2000 and the meeting in Arlington on February 24, 2001 a total of \$650.00 for each member. Executive Council referred to General Membership to make a final disposition of this request.

G. National Director Ken Cook suggested a vote of confidence for Treasurer Thomas Gregory to continue with the Insurance claim. All 6 members stated yes to support the Treasurer.

H. Treasurer gave a breakdown of 2000 reunion cost.

Election Chairman Ken Cook gave a report on the nominations. Running for Director Mike Mahoney, Jerry Lake, Jack Edwards, Don Byers, John Settle and Joe Calabria.

Blair Cross gave a report of the status of the National Charter for Korean War Veterans Association.

At 10:30 am President Coon called for

recess of 15 minutes and stated the General Membership Meeting would convene at 10:45 am.

Executive Council meeting reconvened at 2:00 pm CST. Roll Call by National Secretary Howard Camp.

**Present**

**Elected Officers**

President Coon  
2nd Vice President, Grygier  
Directors Danielson, Schilling, Jones, Cook, Pirrello, McKinniss, Bingham.

**Appointed Officers**

Judge Advocate Sherm Pratt  
National Secretary Howard W. Camp  
National Treasurer Thomas J. Gregory  
National Chaplain Irvin Sharp

**Absent:**

Magill, Clawson, Settle, Trousdale, Morga, Adams.

The Following reports were given:

- ♦ Jack Cloman reported on the up and coming reunion in Arlington VA. On July 22 thru 29, 2001.
- ♦ Vincent Krepps Reported on the increased production of the Graybeard.
- ♦ James Jones reported on the By-Laws corrections. Amendments to be printed in Graybeard.
- ♦ Jerry Lake reported the increased membership, Chapters an Departments. Our Membership has increased to over 16,100. The chapters have increased to over 240.
- ♦ Blair Cross gave report on National Charter Bills SB 392 and HR 952.
- ♦ Ken Cook Nomination and Election Chairman reported that there were 6 candidate manning for 4 open seats on the Board; of directors.
- ♦ Richard Danielson Gave a report on the procedures manual.
- ♦ Mike Mahoney reported on activities of the VAVS program.
- ♦ Bob Kenney Reported on the progress of the Korean War Museum and Library.

Executive Council Meeting adjourned at 4:30 CST

**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.



President Coon called the General Membership meeting to order at 10:45 am.

Sgt. Of Arms, Jack Edwards reported that 121 Members signed in and all credentials were checked, 10 States were represented. Executive Council present, President Coon, 2nd Vice President Grygier, Appointed Officers Secretary Camp, Treasurer Gregory, Judge advocate Pratt, Chaplin Sharp. Directors Present, Danielson, Schilling, Jones, Cook, and Pirrello.

Because there was a lack of a quorum for the Executive council, the issues that required approval was forwarded to the General Membership for final disposition.

The first issue presented to the membership was the \$250.00 requested by the directors that attended the St. Louis meeting. There were 9 members present. Because 7 members of the Executive Council were not properly notified the Judge Advocate Pratt ruled the St. Louis meeting illegal. The second issue was the payment of \$400.00 for the Arlington meeting on February 24. This meeting was called one month before the regular scheduled March 24 Meeting in Tuscola. The membership could not find any benefit for the KWVA and the meeting was unnecessary

**A motion by Jere Crise membership # LR25086 from Illinois not to pay the \$650.00 expenses for the 9 members total-**

**ing approximately \$6000.00** Second by Larry McKinness Membership #LR 15874 from Ohio.

**Motion Passes. 120 voted yes to motion. Director Danielson abstained.**

President Coon asked Sgt. of Arms Jack Edwards if Director Oreste Tramonte was present for his hearing. Sgt of Arms reported that Director Tramonte or a representative were not present.

President Coon Asked Director Pirrello to read the sworn charges against Director Tramonte.

In Violation of said by laws Article III Section 3 Paragraph C subsection U3.

**After a motion by Reginald Rawls membership # LR10954 from New York and seconded to expel Oreste Tramonte from the KWVA.**

President Coon asked anyone to make any statement either in favor of or against the charges.

National Director Danielson questioned the process used. President Coon then asked those in favor of the motion to stand after those standing were seated President Coon asked those against the motion to stand one stood up. Mr. Danielson stated that he abstained.

**The vote was 119 yes, 1 no and one abstained. Motion carried.**

The question of C. J. Rittenhouse missing

scheduled meetings was addressed.

**A motion by Jerry Guinn # RO 25720 from IL to remove C. J. Rittenhouse from the Executive Council** for violation of the by-laws Article III section 3 paragraph C subsection D second was made.

President Coon then asked for discussion. Judge Advocate Pratt explained the Article III.

**A vote was taken 120 yes in favor of motion to remove C. J. Rittenhouse from office, National Director Danielson abstained.**

**A motion by George Pempek LR08739, President Department of Illinois that Larry McKinness Membership #ROI5874 be appointed to fill the vacant seat of C. J. Rittenhouse for the remaining two (2) years and that George Bingham Membership # LP00178 be appointed to fill the un-expired term of one (1) year of Oreste Tramonte.**

President Coon asked for discussion. There being none a vote was taken.

**Vote 120 yes and director Danielson voted no.**

President Coon then administered the oath of office to Larry McKinness and George Bingham.

The General Membership was adjourned at 12.15 pm CST.

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## **PRESIDENT** from page 4

War.

After the General spoke, several organizations laid wreaths, to honor the fallen heroes. Colors were posted by the Joint Service Color Guard, a 21 gun salute using 105 cannons was rendered by the USMC.

Several Ex Prisoners of War from the Mainland flew to Hawaii to attend this service. Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jones a WWII Prisoner of War (Jack was a gunner on a B17 shot down over Germany), Mr. & Mrs. Charles Minietta (Past National Commander AMEXPOW), Mr. & Mrs. Bill Norwood (Founder Korean Ex-POW Assn) Mr. Fred Liddell (Past President Korean EXPOW), Mr. Henry Stokes, Maeie Patchosk, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Delong, Mr. & Mrs. Avid Lamboro, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Brunelle, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Weatherman, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil

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On April 27/28 I attended the Department of Ohio State Reunion. Roy Miller chaired this event along with the Greater Cincinnati Chapter. Everyone commented what a great affair. At the banquet the tables were arraigned in a "V" shape, indicating victory in Korea. The city of Sharonville, OH invited the Greater Cincinnati Chapter to participate in a parade and ground breaking for an All Veterans Memorial.

By the time you read this issue of "The Graybeards" I am scheduled to attend the Department of Florida reunion in Ocala FL. From May 10 thru 13, 2001. On May 29th attend meetings in Washington D.C with the 18th annual KWVA & Gathering reunion committee. On June 6th I will attend the Department of Missouri State reunion then on the 10th of June I travel to Springfield, IL. to attend the Department of Illinois State reunion.

It is a honor for me to represent the Korean War Veterans Association throughout the world and in the USA. We are the fastest growing Veterans Organization in America.

Till next time I remain

Harley

# KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOC., INC.

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS

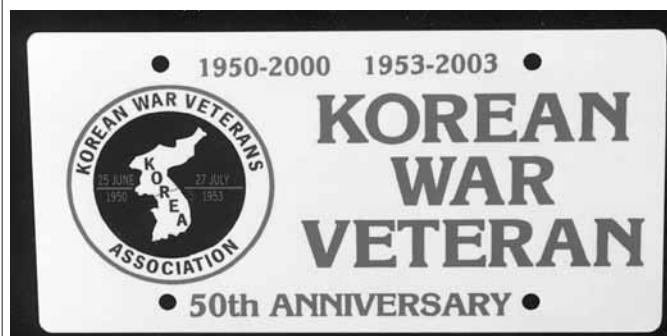
March 31, 2001

ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
CASH IN BANK-BANK ONE-CKNG	2,447.27	
CASH-BANK ONE-SAVINGS	83,005.53	
CASH-BANK ONE - (Money Market)	372,757.36	
CASH-BANK ONE - C.D.	50,000.00	
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ACCTS REC - GRAYBEARD	1,800.00	
A/R - NEW CHAPTER	100.00	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$ 610,110.16
FIXED ASSETS		
COMMEMORATIVE ASSETS-WEAPONS	3,000.00	
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		3,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 613,110.16
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
FUND BALANCES		
GENERAL FUND	473,513.39	
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	94,139.60	
CURRENT EARNINGS	45,457.17	
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		613,110.16
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		\$ 613,110.16

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - CASH BASIS FOR THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2001

	YEAR - TO - DATE AMOUNT	PERCENT
INCOME		
DUES INCOME	83,794.00	73.9
DONATION	1,280.00	1.1
MISCELLANEOUS	4,662.70	4.1
INTEREST	23,621.80	20.8
TICKET SALES	649.00	0.6
REFUNDS	(1,035.81)	(0.9)
ROYALTY	402.50	0.4
TOTAL INCOME	113,374.19	100.0
OPERATING EXPENSES		
TELEPHONE	4,474.15	3.9
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,784.09	1.6
INSURANCE	9,683.00	8.5
PRINTING	18,783.24	16.6
ACCOUNTING	500.00	0.4
LEGAL FEES	2,695.00	2.4
MEMBERSHIP	11,098.50	9.8
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	112.00	0.1
BOARD MEETINGS	2,000.00	1.8
REUNION	1,612.00	1.4
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	145.91	0.1
POSTAGE	3,942.10	3.5
LABOR	4,864.47	4.3
TRAVEL	972.56	0.9
RAFFLE	5,250.00	4.6
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This Memoir is a collection of remembrances of people I met and events I observed, as I made my way up and down that mountainous peninsula on one detached-duty assignment or another, which included service with the No. 2 South Africa Squadron at the Sinanju airstrip in North Korea.

I'd guess that many of you might have served with an Air Force unit in that war, as a combat pilot or as a noncombatant soldier-airman like myself. If you yourself weren't there, but had a relative or close friend who was, it might not be all that difficult to imagine that much of what is described in this book could have been experienced and written by that person.

Although turned down by several publishers, I've proceeded to "package" the Memoir myself. Price is \$12 plus \$3.75 S & H. (Costs \$8.00 to produce each book). 84 pages in spiral bound format. Font is easy-to-read 12-point Brougham. Cover & back are pebble-textured heavy vinyl. You may read excerpts on the Internet, at the Ink Peoples' Arts Online Website: [www.inkpeople.org](http://www.inkpeople.org). Click on ROBERT McCUNE'S KOREAN WAR BOOK webpage. Send checks to: P.O. Box 569, Trinidad, CA 95570.



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# Letters



## Where is my article, letter, donation

Editor Krepps: Received the Jan./Feb. 01 issue of *The Graybeards* and read the superb publication cover to cover as usual. The "Feature" articles were great (esp. pg. 16) and I also focused on "Letters" (pg. 22). Since I sent you a letter and enclosed check on January 4, I looked for some notation. I realize you have a letter backlog and mine may be in line for response. However, since I also sent a donation I was disappointed that my name was missing from the "Thanks" section (pg 54). My check should have been received well before the publication deadline yet received no recognition. Was my letter and enclosed check even received? If so, may I expect answers to my letter, questions and donation recognition in a future issue of *The Graybeards*? Sincerely, Paul L. Cooper, Airman VF-871, U.S.S. Princeton, Korea 1951. e-mail <mayor5@pacbell.net>

*(Thanks Paul for the e-mail about your submission. I have looked for your letter, donation, etc and found nothing so far. I will, in this issue, give you credit for donation. Like you stated above, my backlog is large and some members think I have a staff. My staff is my wife and myself. Our printer and mailer is in Florida and they print and mail what I send. My biggest problem is that many want their speeches and long stories printed, plus a lot of articles from the newspapers. Some letters need typed, some are typed in italics and fonts which my scanner and OCR program will not read. In this case I cannot use if I wish to be fair to others and also get the next Graybeards in the mail. The data is put aside in hopes of finding time or space in an upcoming issue. In most cases this does not happen. I have to make choices, so keep this in mind when sending in your next letter to the Graybeards. Photos and short details are the best if typed. Also send to my address as noted on page 2.)*

## Korean War Exhibit

At the unveiling of the painting of former Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Jesse Brown, I met William A. Hester, Senior Designer, Graphics, for the Agency. He showed me a very well done exhibit about the Korean War. It is made up of many panels that piece together and create a table top exhibit about (guessing) 10 feet wide and 5 feet tall. In its traveling cases, two of them, each about the size of two "three suit" pieces of luggage end to end, they can be shipped anywhere by UPS. Easy to ship, set up, take down, repack. Very nice to include in any event planned for the Veterans of the Korean War. Contact William A. Hester, Senior Designer, Graphics Department of Veterans Affairs, Media Services Division (032B) Room 175D, 810 Vermont Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20420. Tel: 202-273-9785, FAX: 202-273-9699 email: <William.Hester@Mail.va.gov>. If you would like to use this beautiful exhibit, please call/contact Mr. Hester for particulars (clearance, shipping instructions, etc.). From <raydonnelly@hotmail.com>

## Armed Forces Banquet & Gala

Plans for the 5th Annual Armed Forces Banquet & Gala are underway. The dining-in will feature a prime rib dinner, and brand new dinner Show Thursday, November 8th. A Ticket Hotline has

been opened at 866-481-GALA (toll free) and a mail order blank is now available on the internet at <http://www.pownetwork.org/branson/gala.htm> Our Afterglow party will once again be held at the Hotel Radisson, Branson. Please join us. Chuck and Mary Schantag <info@pownetwork.org> P.O.W. Network, Box 68 Skidmore, MO 64487 Tel: 660-928-3304, FAX 660-928-3303.

## 5th R.C.T. gives in War and Peace

Our annual Sam-Dong Boys Town (orphanage) project. The Sangamon County Chapter KWVA for the fifth year has sent money in the amount of \$750.00 to the orphanage near Seoul, Korea. This orphanage was started in 1953 by soldiers of the 5th RCT. Since Dec. '96, our Chapter has sent \$3,100.00 to Ms Chong Won Kim, Director of Sam Dong Boys Town. Every September we spend a Saturday selling poppies at several stores in Springfield, IL. This year should be a record for us since we already have \$773.00 on hand toward this prospect. Three members of our Chapter served with the 5th RCT in Korea and, our friend Jae Won Lee who served as Regimental interpreter during the war transmits the funds to the bank account in Seoul. We intend to continue to support the Sam-Dong Boys Town financially as long as we are still able. Sincerely, Walter Ade, CPL Co K, 5th RCT 1953, 3348 South Spring, Springfield, IL 62703-4668.

*(There is more to Walter Ade then being a Korean War Veteran and a person that remembers the children of Korea. I presume his special personality started with his early youth living in Germany during WWII. I have always felt those civilians in the country where the war was fought suffered the most. Walter lost a brother serving in the German Army. Part of a letter to me is printed below. Those of us that lost family members in war will always remember.)*



Military cemetery near Halbe, Germany where my brother of Walter Ade is buried. Remains of 20,000 German soldiers and civilians are buried here, 16,000 are unknown.

My brother's final resting place was given to me via Internet [www.volksbund.de](http://www.volksbund.de) (German language) by a private volunteer organization in Kassell, Germany C. My grandson in Austin, TX printed the message. There was only one soldier named Ade killed during WWII.

These volunteers, mostly youth groups travel to various countries where German soldiers graves are located and rebury them in military cemeteries. Russia and other smaller countries in the East are opening up for this kind of effort. Their news letter tells that many remains are still identifiable and are being registered



din their Internet address.

I received the same information plus pictures from friends that I met in 1998 in Treuenbrietzen (20 Miles South of Berlin). I had no idea how near my brother's grave was.

*(Thank you again Walter, George, Keith, Jae Won Lee, Robert and all my 1999 traveling buddies for your kindness to me which I will always value and your generous gifts to the children of Korea. Also thanks for photo and letter. I always look forward to seeing all of you.)*

## **We Remember our service**

I am writing in regards to my prospective membership with your organization. I believe that recognition of vets that have served in harms way (in the Korean area of operation) has been long overdue. I come from a family of Korea vets. My Uncle Harold was with the 35th RCT in the Iron Triangle, and my father was with the 1st FAOB from 1953 to 1955 at the DMZ area. He also participated in Operation Glory, and twice motored North to remote areas near the Manchurian border to retrieve American and UN dead. He and the other drivers were disarmed at gunpoint by the Chinese and forced into open gun emplacements until the transfer of the dead took place. The entire period that followed the signing of the armistice has been tainted with the pallor of shame. When my Uncle Harold and my Dad returned from Korea there were no jobs for them, and Korea wasn't openly discussed at all.

My experience roughly parallels that of my dad and uncle. I served honorably with the USMC from 1974 to 1978. I was a field radio operator with Btry. 'F', 2nd Bn., 12th Marines from approx. 12 Jun 76 to 15 July 77. Our battery was fire support for the 3rd Bn., 9th Marine Regiment (FMF) when we were sent from the Philippines to Korea in response to the murders of Capt. Art Bonifas, and Lt. Mark Barrett at Panmunjom. There was no doubt that we were heading into a combat situation. While we were enroute to Korea aboard the USS Dubuque, word came to us that the poplar tree in question had been cut down. This by no means meant that tensions had lessened, however. When we landed at Inchon around 25 or 26 Aug. 76, we were joined by the rest of the Bn. (2nd Bn. 12th Mar.) and motored North to an area near Camp Santa Barbara, I think. To the best of my memory, we remained at DEFCON 3 the greater time that we were up there. We shot from farmers' rice paddies into various impact areas, and covered an area from a few miles West of Panmunjom to a few miles North of Hwachon. While on a practice hipshoot at the point where Hwy. 3 ends at the wire, our FO spotted NK troops in or near the DMZ close enough to warrant our loading our personal weapons. We then ran what I perceived as being a recon exercise through Chorwon and Kumwha and then to the reservoir in that area. At that point we turned around and returned to base camp. I was operating the radios in the BOC and sitting next to the XO when this took place.

I clearly remember the B- 52's flying the DMZ while we were there, and we had Honest John rockets with us in the base camp, and moving through the mountain passes. We were told ( and we believed ) that they were tipped with nuke warheads.

My intent here is not to bring dishonor to the memories of the slain officers, the Marine Corps, or myself. I question the attempt at revisionist history that is perpetually being perpetrated on the

American people when the subject of Korea is breached. It appears to originate at the highest levels of our military, and the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States who carry the same memories that I have are forced into silence. While my memory of the reconning run / "hipshoot" may be difficult to establish without the personal accounts of the XO and the FO who were both present, I can get verification that we were in a state so close to all out war that the only thing needed was for a shot from either side to be fired. What sticks in my craw is that at the stroke of a pen, our unit participation was relegated to a "command exercise". Abandonment of the truth, you might say for the sake of political expedience.

I was subsequently made radio chief, and carried a bit of Korea with me until my discharge. Upon my return to Okinawa, my hair began falling out in patches. I was treated for it until my discharge in Feb. of 78 due to "cosmetic unsuitability", believe it or not. I say again that my service was in fact totally honorable, and feel no shame in telling you my story. Only irritation with the official spin - doctoring of history that has taken place.

In closing, I just want to say that if we never receive medals or parades it's OK by me. Hundreds of thousands of American servicemen and women have risen to the call and served without question. I just want our government and military brass to tell the American people that Korea was and is a combat zone, plain and simple. Tell the truth. Korea ISN'T a kind of Vietnam, but not as bad. When, and why did it become acceptable by our military leaders to look at Korea as a type of "area for realistic combat training"?!! Tell the 37,000 plus Americans in harms way there (when the North finally does jump) that they're NOT in a combat zone. Maybe I'm a dumb ass for bringing this up, but with the very real possibility of an artillery barrage from the North ever present, why don't our forward units have adequate bunkers in their respective Bn. areas? Not even an adequate fighting hole, with a cover over it. Who the hell is dictating policy concerning Korea, anyway? Respectfully, Daniel C. Glanz at E-mail <GlanzHomeSchool@aol.com>.

*(Daniel, we older veterans felt the same way about our time in Korea when they called it a Police Action and Conflict. Our men and women (34,000 plus) died during that time period, over 103,000 were wounded and 8,200 are still MIAs. This is why we started the KWVA. Our National Memorial is built, we now have over 150 Chapters in most states and over 16,000 members and growing. Many states now have more than one memorial and state roads and highways dedicated to our veterans.*

*We also recognize your service and that is why we consider you as equals, thus offering all who served in Korea up to today and beyond, membership. This is your association and we need more of you to join, become officers, and eventually take over the Graybeards. I do not get enough of your stories and photos but when I do you can be sure it will be printed. Today we are proud to be recognized after 48-50 years and have Korea now being called a War. It is now your turn to step up and take over what we started. We want to see your well deserved memorials and medals also. -Editor)*

## **Please remember this hero**

A highly decorated veteran passed away—Lt. Arthur Gerometta. He graduated from West Point where he played 4

years as a starter on the Army football teams (1944-47) during those national champion years with Doc Blanchard and Glen Davis. Art did some coaching for the Army team until the Korean War started. He was sent to Korea in 1950 with the 1st Cavalry Div. Wounded twice and two Silver Stars. Art returned home where he continued to coach.



Lt. Arthur Gerometta.

*(Thank you Robert Fitzgerald for photo, letter and most of all remembering your long time friend and golfing buddy. We will and must always remember our veterans.)*

## Remembering Memorial Day

This year, as I remember the loss of our Korean War comrades in arms, my thoughts are of the many changes our world has experienced. Beyond my high school memories of the early fifties, I recalled a static interval easily dismissed on the basis of tasteless clothing and social values easily laughable.

For those of us with more traditional appetites, I remember the maiden issue of Playboy, the debut of American Bandstand, Marilyn Monroe, James Dean, instant coffee and the polio vaccine.

And then, exploding with a flash that tore through many, many American homes, the stark reality of another war, following so soon on the heels of World War II. It reached into the heart of America and took so many of us to another far-off land.

To many of us boarding the troop ships to Korea, it was the price to pay for the age in which we lived. To some it was, a summons to the call of duty. To others the threat of another's freedom. All, some historians say, had the opportunity to prove themselves worthy of being called "America's best."

As Americans, we proved that we could change the course of history. Many of us lived. Others died. Some are still missing. All of us left parts of ourselves in Korea.

This was a war where men fought the elements as fiercely as the enemy. Where arctic winds penetrated both skin and soul.

And where blowing snow shrouded friend and foe. And where nerves became important as our weapons.

In meeting the demands thrust upon our marines, soldiers and air crews, we came to know the razor-back mountain passes of Korea. Dead ahead they lay, bold, blunt and ugly. The terrible mountains of Korea. They were the hills of pain, the hills of death. There was no sense to them and they ran in crazy directions. Their crests formed no significant pattern. Their valleys led

Americans for more than three exhausting years. Those denuded, shell-pocked hills were every rifleman's personal nightmare, a poignant trail of tears.

This was the war where nobody knew why he got the dirty job. But by sharing our common fate, we held together for each other. Not for flag. Not for country. For each other. Uncommon efforts, the sacrifices of the few.

Men came into maturity in Korea, some never to leave, including those we honor every May. Korea was the war of victory at Inchon, the Yalu River, torment at the Chosin Reservoir, the siege of Pork Chop Hill and Heartbreak Ridge and the endless frustration. Americans died in the sight of the peace lights of Panmunjom. And my personal agony on many of our A-26 light bomber missions over North Korean targets when I thought every flashing muzzle 2000 feet below was aimed at me. Our most cherished hope, many of us will recall was to return home alive.

Now, this May, we pay homage to many of our sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country we never knew and a people we never met.

It is therefore only fitting and proper at this time to share with you the personal poignancy of one soldier who eloquently expressed the prayer of all of us who were there.

That eloquence is reflected in an unpublished poem written by a rifleman who served in the 25th Division. It is titled "The Hills of Korea."

"There is blood in the hills of Korea,  
It's the blood of the brave and the true,  
Where GIs battled together  
For our banner of red, white, blue."

"Forward they went into battle  
With faces unsmiling and stern;  
For they knew as they charged up the hillside  
There were many that would not return."

"Some thought of their wives and mothers,  
And some of their sweethearts fair,  
And some as they plodded and stumbled  
Were silently saying a prayer."

"There are graves on the hill of Korea  
Of men who are now in God's land,  
And the soil where our soldiers are resting  
Will forever be part of our land."

"There is blood on the hills of Korea  
It's the gift of the freedom we love.  
May their names and faces live in glory forever.  
And their souls rests in Heaven above."

"Remember the hills of Korea,  
And the blood, the dust, and the rain.  
And remember our buddies always  
So they shall not have died there—in vain"

As the pain of that tender poem fades from your conscience, I ask you now to pause in May, the month of Memorial Day, to remember the spirits of those killed, still missing, captured and, wounded in Korea.

*Written by George Staudt  
Manasota Chapter Florida*

## The children of Korea remember

My name is Brandon and I am 15 years old. I was born in South Korea. My parents adopted me when I was 3 months old. So I do not remember anything about my birth country.

I have always grown up American. My parents try to help me know some of my cultural roots. But I am an American teenager.

As a little boy, I grew up not thinking about what it means to be an American. But as I have gotten older and am studying about the constitution and government, I am becoming more aware



about what my citizenship means.

I have studied about the Korean conflict. And even though it is not considered a war, I am thankful for the United States Armed Forces helping to defend the people of South Korea. Many Americans gave their lives for South Koreans to have a peaceful and free life. I am glad they were willing to do this. It was shortly after the Korean War that international adoptions began. So in a way, this war helped to pave the way for my family to be together, to bring my brother and me into my mom and dad's life. My family believes God has a plan for us before we are born. This was part of that plan.

I am proud that under the constitution I have the freedom of religion. I can worship with my family and go to church without fear of aggression. And even though I cannot pray aloud in school, I have a moment of silence each day before classes start that I can use for prayer.

Under the constitution I have the freedom of due process. I am innocent until proven guilty before a jury of my peers. Many people in many countries do not have this protection.

Under the constitution, I have the freedom of speech. I can voice my opinions. Many people in other countries, are silenced by their government.

Under the constitution, in a few years, I will be given the opportunity to vote for the President of the United States as well as other elected positions. It is hard to understand why so many people do not exercise this right. This past year, I watched the debates with my family. I watched the election returns and I followed the weeks following the election. It was good to see that the laws put in place by our government and lawmakers are

upheld and even though some people didn't like the outcome, there were no riots in the streets, no coo attempts, no gun fire. President George W. Bush was inaugurated with very little opposition.

Under the laws of this country, I am given The chance to have a free public education. And even though Duval County has been given a bad reputation, I am gaining a good education. I have had teachers who care about their students. Teachers that want to see the students achieve.

Every part of the constitution is important. Every part placed there to protect the citizens of this country. And although I have only talked about a very few, they are all equally important. They are the protections that our forefathers laid in place to protect us all. To give us Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

I hope that those of you who are old enough to understand what has happened to you this week by becoming citizen know it is something we must never take for granted. We have so many doors that are now open to us because we are citizens of the United States of America. We have so may opportunities that people in our birth countries do not have and may never have. And I hope that as the babies grow up that they will also know what pride we should always show.

And even though I will never be able to run for President, I would like to close in a way that President George W. Bush would do...."God bless you all and God bless the U.S.A."

*(A great outline written by a grandson so young but knows the price paid for his country and what freedom the American way means. We veterans thank you for being so special. Thank you Russell Haye for sending this essay school assignment to me.)*

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# US Army Signal Corps Unit in Korea



The Osan Repeater Station in Winter.

by Richard L. Johnston

Two days after the North Korean invasion of South Korea, ten men and ten trucks loaded with equipment were shipped to Pusan from the 71st Signal Battalion stationed near Tokyo, Japan. The orders were signed by Gen. MacArthur. As more men were sent, the unit was named the GHQ Long Lines Signal Group and became the 8226 Army Unit. It was comprised of the Company's A, B, 1, 2, Detachment 3, 518th Radio Relay, and Headquarters. The Group was later renamed the Korean Communication Zone Long Lines Signal Group in early 1953. Their task was to supply all communications back to Japan, Philippines, and the US.

This concerns one of the units, Co. 2, whose duty it was to operate and maintain the Mukden Cable. Around 1937 the Japanese constructed an underground telephone cable connecting Tokyo to Mukden Manchuria. The Company HQ was located in a schoolhouse in a small village outside Pusan. Between Pusan and Seoul there were ten carrier and repeater stations located approximately 30 to 40 miles apart along the cable adjacent to the MSR. From south to north they were Song Do (Pusan), Miryang, Taegu, Kumchon, Yong Dong, Yusong (Taejon), Chonan, Osan, Yong Dong PO and Seoul where communications were extended to Parmunjon.

Most stations were manned by 5 to 8 GI's consisting of carrier and repeatermen, cable splicers, powermen and others. Men and equipment were housed in concrete buildings built by the Japanese. Some stations were functioning with the original telephone equipment while others had new Japanese equipment in vans parked nearby primarily due to being badly shot up in the change of hands.

Osan, is where I was stationed, had 5 GIs, Korean Ministry of Communication personnel and other supplementary Koreans. It was located a mile north of Osan overlooking the MSR and rail line. There was an equipment van as the station had changed hands twice. GI equipment was utilized to provide open-wire communications to K-13 (Suwon) airbase, 7 miles north and to K-55 airbase to the south of Osan.

Richard "Dick" L. Johnston, 2234 NE Hancock Street, Portland, OR 97212, (503) 282-6767.

*(Thank you Richard for photo and letter. I am sorry it took so long to print what you sent but my backlog could fill a book. I value all stories, photos, etc. but just have only a few pages for every section. We also value your service and realize everyone that served in Korea was needed and are special.)*

## "Tanks for the Memories"

**RIGHT:** "Rice's Red Devils" – 89th Tank Bn., 25th Inf. Div. September 1950. Shown in photo top left to right: SFC Harold E. Wilcox (Tank Commander), PFC Albright (Loader). Bottom left to right PFC Corbin (Asst. Driver), Sgt Harold Arnold (Gunner), SGT Holloway (Driver).



**BELOW:** Former Tank Commander Harold E. Wilcox on same tank at Eustice, FL. in 1992 at Ford dealer 42 years later.



*(Thank you Harold for photo and letter. What a miracle to find your tank again. Harold would like to hear from former buddies. Contact Harold E. Wilcox, RD#1 Box 117, Damascus, PA 18415)*

### Memorial Photos Needed

If we have not shown your memorial in the last 2 years please send in a photo. We will accept photos with veterans near the memorial if you will identify the memorial and the veterans.

Send us the best photo that does your memorial justice. Describe the memorial in detail and give us the location. I will also send that photo on to our webmaster to place on our KWVA web page.

Please do not send photos you want returned and please no newspaper clippings. —Editor



## KWVA 50th Commemorative Events



### NATIONS PARADE NEW YORK CITY NOV. 11, 2000



New York City had one of its biggest parades honoring veterans on this annual Veterans Day celebration. This year it was held commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. The Cpl. Kivlehan Chapter from Staten Island was the honored veterans and led the parade up Fifth Avenue from 42nd Street to 72nd Street. Thousands of spectators lined both sides of the avenue cheering us, waving flags and thanking us for our services as we marched by.

The festivities had started on Friday, Nov. 10th with a military vehicles display at Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn and special tours aboard the host US Naval Ship, Vella Gulf (CG-72) and at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum on Manhattan's west side.

Prior to the parade a special mass for veterans was celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral by Archbishop Edward Egan who later reviewed the parade while standing in front of the Cathedral. At exactly 11:00 A.M. church bells were rung throughout the city and the parade followed thereafter. When the parade reached 59th Street there was a 21-gun salute by the New York Veteran Corps of Artillery.

The reviewing stands were at 62nd Street and many dignitaries were present including Mayor Giuliani who was one of the featured speakers. In starting his speech he stated:

"I am here with pleasure and pride as I salute the men, women and nations that are now commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. Fifty years ago nearly 200, 000 New Yorkers joined millions from 22 countries in a multinational effort against North Korean aggression.

"Our 2000 Veterans' Day Parade, 'The Nation's Parade,' is the first major Korean War Anniversary parade in the country. New Yorkers wish to show the Korean War veterans that we honor their service and their sacrifice."

Participants included the following Korean War Veterans Chapters: Central Long Island, Nassau County Chapter #1, Eastern Long Island, Korean War Vets of Long Island, Korean War Vets of Brooklyn, Queens, Korean Vets Assn. Chapter #171, Korean Vets Assoc. of West Bay Chapter 2,



The Chosin Few #1 Korean War 1950. Korean War Vets Assoc. Chapter 91, KWVA Taejon Chapter, KWVA Eagle Chapter, Korean War Vets Chapter 1509, Korean War Vets of Bristol, CT, KWVA Chapter #100, Korean War Vets Philadelphia, Republic of Korea (ROK) 35 Vets from Korea, KMAG, Korean War Branch 2nd Div., Korean War Vets Honorary Brigades.

This parade had over two hundred groups participating, including West Point Cadets

and their marching band with many military vehicles. Seventeen marching bands were well dispersed along the route of march with nine floats on which Korean Veterans with disabilities could participate and ride on. The parade lasted three-and-a-half hours and was on all the local radio and TV news stations. Photos by Ted Koszarski.

*(Thank you Ted for photo collage and letter. It was a great parade. Sent in by Bernie Hoganson.)*



# Reunion Showplace.....

## 82 AAA AW (SP) Bn. Reunion 2nd Inf. Div.



The 82nd AAA, 2nd Inf. Div. (left to right): First Row – Duane Datisman, Wilbur Webster, John Montgomery, Melvin Bailey, Edgar Jones, Joe Tureaud, Vernon Goetz, Dennis Fystrom, Perry Foust, and Lou Jurado. Second Row – Silvestre Asebedo, Frank Mc Neeley, Robert Baruch, Edward Hogan, Truman Davis, Reymundo Carr, Robert Sands, James Root, Glen Wilson, Eduardo Fernandez, Abel Garcia, William Hogge, William Goodner, and Donald Crist.

The 82nd AAA, 2nd Inf. Div. held its 9th Reunion in Scottsboro, AL in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the departure of the Battalion for Korea, twenty-six former members, eighteen wives, three widows and three guests assembled at the Double Tree Hotel in Sea-Tac, WA Sept. 6-10, 2000 for what proved to be a very exciting and memorable reunion.

Much to the credit of the 2nd Inf. Div. Korean War Veterans Alliance and the Fort Lewis Reunion planners, the day at Fort Lewis, starting with the parade by the Active Army 23rd Infantry unit, was an outstanding event in spite of the cool, cloudy, and sometimes “drippy” weather.

The parade was held on the same field where we had a 2nd Division parade just a couple of months before departure for Korea. This was certainly a nostalgia trip and there was a lot of “remembering” of the 198 members of the Battalion who made the supreme sacrifice while in Korea.

Jim and Elsie Root, with the assistance of the Root Clan, treated us to a great BBQ Salmon bake and anyone who left without his fill of the tastiest Coho Salmon ever experienced has only himself to blame.

The tenth Reunion of the 82nd AAA is scheduled for September 26-30, 2001 at South Padre Island, Texas. Contact Ray Carr at (956) 585-6150 for details.

*(A proud group of veterans, heroes all, sorry I could not be with you. –Vince.)*

**Dear members and readers:** Articles from newspapers take a lot of time to scan and most are too long to retype. Photos from newspapers also do not copy well. I tend to use original photos and articles that are typewritten in lower case. I must optically scan text in to the computer and it helps when articles are typed well and length kept to a minimum. . — Editor.

## 40th Inf. Div Military Police



ABOVE: Nine 40th Inf. Div. Military Police Veterans that served in the Korean War in Kumwha and Chorwon Valley areas in 1953-1954. Shown left to right are: Ernest Hamilton, Willie Rock (Junior), Paul Wright, Ron Unger, John Farnam, Joe Lamirande, Innis Wood, Hugh Ouzts and Bill Harrington.

BELOW: The Military Police Veterans with their wives (left to right): Ernie and Daryle Hamilton, Doris and John Farnam, William and Theresa Harrington, Ronald and Cathy Unger, Joseph and Angie Lamirande, Dixie and Innis Wood, Nancy and Paul Wright, Hugh Ouzts (wife not in picture) Willie (Junior) and Audrey Rock.



Photos above are of nine (9) 40th Inf. Div. Military Police Veterans that served in the Korean War in Kumwha and Chorwon Valley areas in 1953-1954. We stayed in contact the past few years and had a reunion in Atlantic City, NJ. on May 1-2, 2001. At long last after 47 years we all gathered together again to remember the past and talk about the present. We left Korea in 1954 and the nine of us were assigned to other units. We are planning another reunion next year and we hope others that were with us will come to our next reunion.

Contact <IDWoods@iopener.com> or call Ron Unger at 914-937-1116.

*(Thank you Ron Unger for photos and letter. I am guessing the e-mail address for it was nor clear or complete. Call Ron if the e-mail does not work. A great looking group of veterans and wives.)*



## 11th Engineer Battalion Association



The 11th Engineer Battalion Association at 8th annual reunion in San Antonio, TX.

The 11th Engineer Battalion Ass'n held their 8th annual reunion at the Holiday Inn in downtown San Antonio, Texas during September 22 – 24, 2000 with 34 members, 26 wives, and 7 guest attending. Two of our members attending for the first time formerly served with the 11th Engineers during the early 1940's in Panama.



**ABOVE:** LTC (Ret.) Robert Soden pins the Bronze Star on James Wyatt as President Heiney read the citation.

The highlight of our reunion was the presentation of the Bronze Star to our member James Wyatt. Award of the medal, after a wait of 50 years, to James, now 70 years of age was for "Meritorious Service" in action during the defense of the Pusan Perimeter in Sept. of 1950. James Wyatt, then a SFC, with the 11th Engineer (Combat) Battalion in Korea as a platoon Sgt.



**RIGHT:** Secretary Fred Boelsche congratulating James.

The 11th Engineer (C) Bn. Assn. will hold their 9th annual reunion in Kansas City, MO. next September 20 thru 23, 2001. All past or present members of the Battalion are invited to attend. For information, please contact our secretary at, Fred Boelsche, 54 Edstan Drive, Moonachie, NJ 07074-1239. Phone: (201) 641-5828.

*(Great looking group. Not enough room for names for group photo.)*

## 8221st F.A. Topo & Met Detachment



Veterans of the 8221st F.A. Topo & Met Detachment at their reunion in San Antonio, TX, on 10/8/2000. Altogether some 250 men served with the unit during 1950-54. The TO&E was 52. The 8221st A.U. Association has a membership of almost 100 veterans.

*(Thank you George Pakkala for photo and letter. A proud and great looking group of veterans. I hope most of you belong to a chapter or our National KWVA. Our time is now to work together and build our National Korean War Museum and Library in Tuscola.)*

## Hq. Co. & G Co., 2nd Bn. 129th Inf. Regt.



Veterans of the original unit stationed in Joliet, Illinois since reactivation shortly after World War II in 1947. The 44th Inf. Div., ILL NG was alerted for active service in Sept., 1951. The Div. trained at Camp Cooke, CA. Beginning in Aug. 1952. 85% of the troop were levied out to Korea as replacements to all the Combat Divisions. The veterans meet every year since 1956 on the third Saturday of Oct. at the VFW Post 367 in Joliet, IL.

*(Thank you Chris Dragatsis for photo and letter. A proud group.)*

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# KWVA 50th Comm

WASHINGTON — On Wednesday, April 11, the Republic of Korea, the Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, and the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home (USSAH), honored 34 Korean War Veterans who reside at the Home, by presenting them with the Republic of Korea War Service Medal (ROKWSM), a DoD certificate and a lapel pin.

The keynote speaker for the event was Lt. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, deputy chief of staff for personnel, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C. Col. Choong Soon Kang, air attaché, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, represented his country and offered remarks during the ceremony. The Executive Director of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running also spoke. MC was MG Donald Hilbert. Invocation by Father Patrick Healy.

A joint service color guard from the MDW and a brass combo from the Army Band performed. After the ceremony, the official party did present the same items to bedridden veterans."

*(Yes, there were tears in many eyes including mine and I was only taking pictures. A proud and deserving group of veterans that thought they were forgotten. Thanks to all that remembered.. Editor.)*

## DoD Honors Korean War Veterans in United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home

**Lt. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, Col. Choong Soon Kang, Maj. Gen. Nels Running, MG Donald Hilbert, and Father Patrick Healy were the speakers honoring the veterans.**



**Col. Choong Soon Kang, air attaché, Embassy of the Republic of Korea pinning medal on veterans as they stepped forward.**

**Air Force Maj. Gen. Nels Running (Ret.) gives DoD certificate and a lapel pin to veterans as they stepped forward.**



**Thirty four Korean War Veterans who reside at the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home Home, were presented with the Republic of Korea War Service Medal (ROKWSM), a DoD certificate and a lapel pin.**

## Fifty Purple Heart r

Lee G. Keir, who served in the Korean War, joined 49 other veterans from around the country on Dec. 2, 2000 in Baltimore for Army-Navy Football game.

The 50 veterans were chosen in a lottery from entries of Purple Heart winners submitted to the Veterans of Foreign Wars magazine. Steve Van Buskirk, VFW director of communications said "this is the first event sponsored by the Ralph Charles Kahle Jr. Endowment. Kahle, a Navy veteran, included the endowment in his estate to provide recreation activities, for combat war veterans." Korean War veterans were chosen for this first venture because it is the 50th anniversary of that war.

"Maybe the good Lord is smiling on me like he did over there." Over there for this Army veteran was Old Baldy hill in Korea. He'd been drafted Oct. 31, 1950, sent to Japan in March 1951 and landed in Korea in mid-December. By Christmas Day, he and other members of the 45th Infantry Division Thunderbirds were on the front line, moving back and forth in the Old Baldy, Pork Chop and T-Bone areas.

At 3:30 a.m. on June 24, 1952, Keir and his unit were moving up Old Baldy in North Korea. When he was wounded.



**The honored guests – our brave veterans of the Korean War.**



# Memorative Events

## Recipients treated to Army-Navy game by VFW



Purple Heart recipients pose for photo at the Army-Navy football game in Baltimore.

## KWVA Judge Advocate honored with plaque

1st Sgt Joe Marez (US Army-Ret), on behalf of himself and other troops in Sherm Pratt's company, presented the plaque on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle considered by some historians as the turning point and high watermark of the Chinese Communist cause in the Korean War. Marez now lives in retirement in Tacoma WA.

The plaques reads:

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**From: 1SG J. R Marez, USA Ret,**

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**PFC J. R. MAREZ - RIFLEMAN**

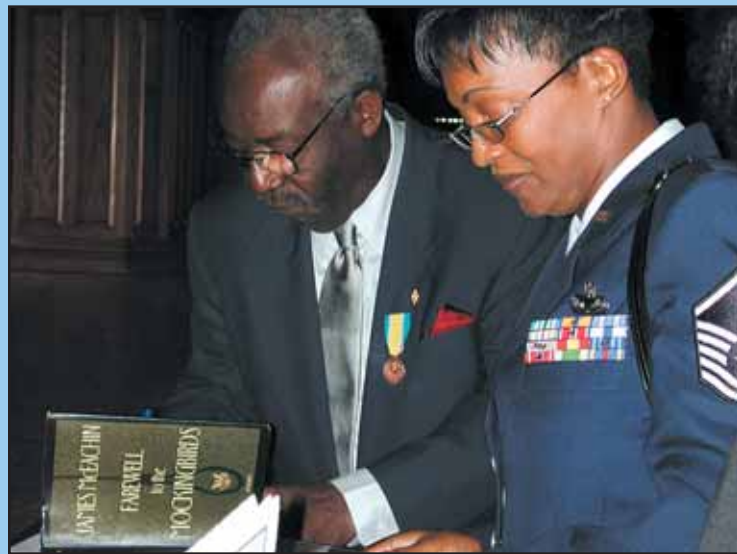
At the Chipyong-ni, siege, sometimes called the Battle of Gettysburg of the Korean War, Pratt's reserve company of the regiment counter attacked to close a gap in the perimeter created by the Chinese on the second day of the battle. The company suffered over fifty percent casual-



**KWVA Judge Advocate Sherm Pratt admires plaque presented to him by 1st Sgt Joe Marez (US Army-Ret) who was a trooper in Pratt's Company B, 23rd Infantry at the battle of Chipyong-ni Korea on February 15, 1951.**

ties. Lt Kotite's platoon with the above troopers led the counterattack. He was recommended by Pratt for a Medal of Honor but it was reduced to a DSC by higher headquarters. Kotite retired in Northern VA as a Brigadier General and died in 1980s.

## Korean War Veteran Honored by University



**James McEachin autographs his book "Farwell to the Mockingbirds" following award ceremonies at Morgan State University.**

*By Tech. Sgt. Michael Dorsey*

On February 1, a Korean War veteran was the first person to receive Morgan State University's lifetime distinguished achievement award in 2001. Soldier, television and movie actor, and author, James McEachin, earned the award for his service to the nation and his contribution to humanity.

McEachin's success began through humble beginnings as a private in the Army. He entered the service in 1947 and trained with the

24th Infantry Regiment. Discharged before the Korean War, he reentered the Army and joined the 2nd Infantry Division when he learned of the fighting in Korea. In 1951, at the Battle of Old Baldy, McEachin received the Purple Heart for leg and abdomen wounds.

The Department of Defense 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee also presented the Hackensack, N.J., native with the Korean War Service Medal and a service lapel pin.

## Tell America going on all over the USA

On April 26, 2001, I was invited to Commack High School in Commack, NY to do a documentary about the Korean War. This high school is doing Tell America differently than other high schools. Instead of going into the classroom and talking to students, they want to do a series of documentaries so that they can have it in their library so all students, at any time, can look up the history of the Korean War.

This is the first stage of the series and will continue until September, at which time the

documentary will be available in the school library. The student that interviewed me was a ninth grader (Doreen DiGangi) and the student that took the video was a 10th grader (Chris Napoli). As you can see in the picture, we are standing by a very impressive display noting the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. The supervisor of the Commack High School Library is Susan Glaser and she is very interested in the Korean War and getting it into the school system.

*Salvatore Scarlato*

# Remembering a Ranger...

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, has awarded the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS, posthumously, to

Private First Class  
ROBERT L MASTIN, U.S ARMY



His citation reads,  
For extraordinary heroism in Military operations against an armed enemy  
"Private First class Mastin, Infantry, United States Army, a member of the 1st. Ranger Infantry Company (Airborne), 2nd. Infantry Division, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy near Kunmol-gol, Korea on 17-18 May, 1951.

The Company, committed to secure commanding ground, moved into position under withering automatic weapons and small arms fire. Ranger Mastin, aidman, constantly braved intense hostile fire as he ministered to the wounded and assisted in their evacuation.

Although wounded himself in the initial action, he continued to perform his duties with determination.

The enemy launched repeated assaults, showering ranger positions with grenades, inflicting further casualties.

Disregarding his own safety, Ranger Mastin moved freely among the wounded and continued to render aid and assist them to places of safety. Despite additional wounds received during the action, he unhesitatingly made his way to the assistance of another wounded comrade through heavy enemy fire.

While continuing this heroic performance of duty and directing others in caring for the wounded, Ranger Mastin was hit repeatedly with small arms fire and lost his life."

Ranger Mastin's courageous actions were a source of great inspiration to all who observed him and his outstanding valor and consummate devotion to duty reflect the highest credit possible upon himself and upholds the finest tradition of the UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICE.

*(Thank you Emmett Fike for photos, poem, citation and letter. A Great memorial to a fallen Ranger. Emmett also sent in front cover and its story. You are special for remembering.)*

## ODE TO RANGER ROBERT L. MASTIN



"Our kit is filled with gauze and tape, we have no gun to shoot!  
Our place is with the Infantry and we wear the same old suit.

Sometimes they laugh and call us Doc, and think we're quite a jerk ! We lay around and roll the pills while they all march and work.

But when the angry bullets whine, and blood flows fast and red,  
we knell beside out critics then and treat their wounded head.

Our stretcher boys are in the lines to bring the wounded in;  
They brave the bullets, just like you, and hear the hellish din.

Our uniforms are starched with blood of comrades in the fight;  
We fear the dawn we wake upon, what was the score last night?

What fallen friend , who yesterday said, "Medics do not fight,"  
Needs help these dirty hands can give, with bandage soft and white.

God bless each dirty bearded guy, whose face we can't forget,  
Who thanked us with his tear filled eyes, for his last cigarette.

We know the hunger, dirt and tears, we feel the pain, the loss,  
Of every comrade as they sleep in graves beneath a cross.

We watched them live, we watched them die,  
Our hands with blood are wet;  
We fold them to our breast and pray, for friends we can't forget.

By Ralph E. Baker  
Medic, 77th. Inf. Div  
Guam, 1945

## Korean War Childrens Memorial



During the period commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, a unique Korean War memorial will be dedicated in a small park in Bellingham, Washington honoring the humanitarian aid the American service men

and women rendered to the children of Korea during the time of conflict and for years thereafter. Lost, wandering, homeless, hungry and ill children were taken in and cared for by American armed forces personnel, Korean civilians and UN personnel. With over 100,000

orphans the impact was visible wherever one looked. The American forces supported over 4,000 children in 18 orphanages in the Seoul area alone.

The children were fed, bathed, hugged, housed and supported by the servicemen who wrote for help from families and friends back home. Tens of thousands of packages of food, clothing, toys, medicines, tools and school supplies were mailed to individual soldiers and to the orphanages supported by them to aid those children in need. For further information, please visit [www.koreanchildren.org](http://www.koreanchildren.org).



# Korean War Battlefield Tours for 2001

For 2001, we offer the following Battlefield Tours of Korea. These programs offer much more than a simple trip to Seoul; you will travel out into the provinces to visit battlesites that Vets really want to see. Programs sponsored by specific Veterans' Associations allow you to choose which areas and battlesites you will visit; however, all programs listed are open to anyone - members or non-members, Vets, families and friends.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Association: "Operation Bumblebee"

October 6-14, 2001



1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division Vets return to Korea on a program which concentrates on the "Punchbowl" area of Yanggu County, north of the Hwachon Reservoir and the Hwachon - Yanggu - Inje Line, with famous battlesites Do Sol San, Kachilbong, Bloody Ridge and Heartbreak Ridge. This program will spend three full days in the Punchbowl area, allowing plenty of time to explore the area. Seoul / Chunchon, "Hwachon-Yanggu-Inje Line", Hwachon Reservoir, the Punchbowl, Ulchi OP, Tunnel #4, Chorwon / Iron Triangle battlesites / Incheon / Panmunjom.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Association: Korean Battlefield Tour Program Oct 31 - Nov 9, 2001



The 2001 Program will be the Association's second Korea tour; the 2000 Program was also in November, which is the peak of the color season and is not particularly cold. This year the Association will reprise the 2000 itinerary, which combined visits to major southern battle areas of interest to Cavalry Veterans (Pohang Harbor, Taegu, Kasan Mountain, Waegwan (Hill 303) and the Naktong River, leading up to Seoul through Yongdong and Taejon) along with the Uijongbu Corridor through Yonchon into the Chorwon Valley, near "Old Baldy" (Hill 346).

## Society of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division: 2001 Korea Tour Program September 17 - 25, 2001



This is the Society's second Korea tour; as with last year, this year's program departs the US immediately after the Society's Annual Reunion, held this year in Phoenix, Arizona. The 2001 itinerary concentrates on the major battle areas of the Division, from Chonan, south of Seoul (site of the beginning of the Spring 1951 Offensive) through Seoul and the Uijongbu Corridor, up into the "Iron Triangle".

## 7<sup>th</sup> Division Association: All-Unit Korean War Battlefield Tour October 11 - 19, 2001



In 2000, the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment Association, accompanied by 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Vets, had a very successful Korea tour. In 2001, the program has been extended to all Veterans of all 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division units. Seoul / TF Smith Monument, the Chorwon Valley - Iron Triangle, Pork Chop, Hill 350, the T-Bone, Alligator Jaws, OP's Arsenal, Erie & Spud, White Horse, Jackson Heights, Papasan (Hill 1062), Kumwha / Chunchon, Yanggu, Inje, Hwachon Reservoir, Punchbowl, Ulchi OP, Tunnel #4, Bloody Ridge / Incheon / Panmunjom.

## 24<sup>th</sup> Division Association: All-Unit Korea Tour October 20 - 28, 2001



For 2001, the 24<sup>th</sup> Division Association Program will return to Korea, and begin at the TF Smith Monument, tracing the route of the Division's desperate holding actions in 1950: Osan, Pyongtaek, Chonan, the Kum River battlesites, Taejon City and Tunnels / Tabudong, the Bowling Alley, Waegwan, Kasan, Taegu / Naktong River Bulge area; we then explore Chorwon and Iron Triangle battlesites, Incheon / Panmunjom.

### Program Sponsors:

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# Chapter Affairs

## Taejon Chapter #170 of New Jersey

Morton Rushfield finally received his Bronze Star Medal for heroic and meritorious service in the Korean War.



### Member awarded Bronze Star

On 6 April 2001, 48 years later Morton Rushfield finally received his Bronze Star Medal for heroic and meritorious service in the Korean War. Morton was with the 45th Inf. Div., 180th Regt. 1952-53. Morton is also the co-editor of the chapter's 12 page newsletter "Taejon Post."

*(Thank you Louis Quagliero for photos and letter. It is an honor to pass on to other members of Morton's unit that his deeds were not forgotten.)*

### Members march on St Pat's Day

On Sunday March 3, 2001 the Taejon Chapter 170 marches in the St. Patrick Day Parade in Pearl River, NY showing off their new banner, color, guard and proud veterans. Seventeen members attended the parade.



Holding new chapter banner is Jerry Van Brunt on left and Jay Braddock on right. Chapter members rally around banner.

*(Thank you Louis Quagliero for photos and letter. Your chapter is doing a super job. KWVA and I are proud of all our New Jersey Veterans.)*

## Gen. Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 of Texas

We are pleased to report that our Chapter is off to a running start. In just the first three months we have well over a hundred members and they are active. We now have all committee chairs filled and are beginning to function. We have joined with both the Dallas County and Tarrant County Veterans Councils and are active in them.

Our Committees consists of Membership and Publicity, Meeting Planning and Entertainment, Communication, Fundraising, Education, Newsletter, a representative in the V.A. Hospital in Dallas (Jim Hall- he will have an office there) and our Color Guard Commander is forming his crew.

We were planning on meetings every other month but I am being deluged with requests to meet every month. I will comply, as we are now well equipped to perform proficiently. New appli-



Executive Board Members/Chapter Officers shown left to right front Row: Chaplain Louis Holmes, President Dick Predmore, Editor of "Bulldog's Bugle" Gene Richards, Judge Adv. Byron Dickerson, Planning and Ent. Comm. Al D'Agostino, Back Row 2nd Vice President Larry Kinard, Secretary Bill MacSwain, Publicity and Membership Ed Buckman, and our Service officer Charles.





Picture of Gen. Walton Harris Walker From Belton Texas, Gen. Geo Patton called him the Little Bulldog, and was Patton's trusted aide. Our Charter Honoring Gen. Walker is displayed with great pride.

cations are coming in every day. We receive great input at each meeting, even as we try to keep the business short and to the point and also entertaining. Then of course the ladies keep the food in abundant delectability.

At our last meeting Ted and Hal Barker from the Korean War Project visited and joined as associate members. Their web site is at [www/koreanwar.org](http://www/koreanwar.org). This is a very exciting period for all of us here in North Texas, and like Ronnie said "You ain't seen nothing Yet!!!!"

*(Thank you Dick Predmore for photos and letter. All of you are to be commended and the KWVA is proud to have you as members and a new chapter.)*

## Robert Wurtsbaugh Chapter of Illinois

The Danville Illinois High School Music Dept. presented the 5th Annual "Salute to Veterans Concert" on May 10, 2001. The Robert Wurtsbaugh Chapter of Danville Korean War Veterans Association sponsored this concert which honored all Veterans. *(Thank you Milton Crippin & John Spencer for photos & letter.)*



WW II POW in Germany and Director of Danville War Museum, Mr. Harold (Sparky) Songer, (left); Director of Bands of Danville High School, Mr. Charles Hess, (center) and Chairman, Dr. John Spencer.

Posing after the 5th Annual "Salute to Veterans Concert," Director of Bands of Danville (IL) High School Mr. Charles Hess, (left); and Kenneth Cook, National Director of the National Korean War Veterans Association, Past President of Robert Wurtsbaugh Chapter of Korean War Veterans of Danville, IL.



Martin Crippin, on the right, is a decorated veteran of WWII (2 Purple Hearts), the Korean War (1 Purple Heart) and Vietnam. With him is WWII and Korean War Veteran Bruce Voges.



WW II Veteran Army Medical Officer, VA Administration Medical Officer Doctor William Kannapel. (center) presented the Pledge of Allegiance. Accompanied and assisted by Korean War Veterans Gary Bryant (left) and Arnold "Barney" Baroff. (right)

### Submissions to *The Graybeards*

Readers are welcome to submit letters, poems, articles, notes and stories to The Graybeards. Submissions are selected for publication on the basis of suitability, length, and timeliness.

Opinions and comments published are the sole responsibility of the author. Official opinions of the Korean War Veterans Association appear under "Official Announcements."

## Chapter 1 of Connecticut

The above photos were taken at a ceremony for one of our Korean War Heroes, Marine Lt. Sulliman, Navy Cross.



Chapter Firing Squad.



Chapter Color Guard.

*(Thank you William Yopp for photos and letter. Some names and more detail would have helped. This is part of the problem in selecting what is printed. Some write too much and some write nothing. I will do my best to print what is given to me.)*

## Yongdung-Po Chapter 114 of Pennsylvania



Shown left to right are Norm Shnitzer, Jerry Polansky and Harold Fisher. They came to D. C. National Korean War Memorial to remember our war and its veterans.

*(Thank you Louie Shapiro for the photo and letter. Louie took the picture. Thanks to all for remembering.)*

## North West Alabama Chapter II

On May 9-11 the chapter sent members to the Hibbett Middle School in Florence, Alabama to make presentations of personal experiences in the Korean War to 560 students during this three day period. The students enjoyed having the veterans there and were very interested in learning about the Korean War.



Olan Patterson (above )  
Carmel Olive (right) at  
Hibbett Middle School  
giving the history of the  
Korean War.

*(Thank you George Ellis  
for photos and letter. A  
great chapter event. We  
are proud of all of you,  
the school staff and  
students.)*



## Central Massachusetts Chapter #36



Ken Swift (1) presents a certificate of appreciation to Bob Wetmore, speaker at the Central Massachusetts Chapter's 6th annual dinner. Bob is an Army veteran of the Korean War and a retired Massachusetts state senator. Chapter President George Shepard is at the right.

*(Thank you Bill Rutter for photos and letter. We need to honor those that help our veterans.)*

### KWVA Members and Friends

Visit the KWVA web site at: [HTTP://www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org)



## Hudson County Chapter #94 of New Jersey

The KWVA of Hudson County NJ was honored by a request, which was quickly and humbly accepted, to represent all U.S. military veterans at the Stevens Institute of Technology Alumni Banquet on October 14th. The main honoree was Stevens Deans List Student graduate of 1988, Silver Star recipient and Fighter Squadron Pilot, Major John A. Cherrey.



The Hudson Chapter represented all veterans at the Stevens Institute of Technology Alumni Banquet on October 14th. Shown from left to right: John Burti, Arthur Colacino, Raymond Mahan, Eugene Cerreta, Richard Davidson, Major Cherrey, William Doring, Joseph Cassella President, Alfred Czarnecki, Robert McKnight, Gabe Cassella, David Cata.

Among the many notable guests and speakers was former Under Secretary of the Navy, Jerry MacArthur Hultin.

Major Cherrey was presented the Stevens Honor Award for 2000. As his Air Force citation details, "as overall Combat Search and Rescue Task Force Mission Commander, Major Cherrey courageously and repeatedly risked his life to rescue a fellow American pilot, shot down over hostile Serbian territory. He overcame problems of communication jamming, deteriorating weather, illumination by deadly surface-to-air missile systems, low fuel and enemy aircraft to ultimately allow the downed pilot's rescue." During the State of The Union address in January 2000, the President cited Major Cherrey as an example of "Americans worthy of recognition for service to their country." *(Thank you William Doring for photo and letter. A fine looking group of members enjoying a super event.)*



Shown left to right: Alfred Czarnecki, Robert McKnight, former Under Secretary of the Navy Jerry MacArthur Hultin, Major John A. Cherrey and Stevens Vice President, the affair organizer, James N. Snyder.

## Crossroads Chapter #205 of Louisiana



Shown are some of the 30 charter members of the newest KWVA Chapter in Central Louisiana. The new unit was officially chartered in March 2001. About a dozen of the members were part of the Cenla Chapter # 180 which was the first chapter organized in mid-Louisiana over a year ago. Cenla Chapter # 180 has now moved its headquarters to Leesville, LA.

Crossroads Chapter #205 is made up mostly of veterans in the cities of Alexandria/Pineville and surrounding areas in Rapides Parish, but has members of several adjacent parishes as well. Almost half of the #205 chapter are new members of the KWVA. The next step will be assisting other areas in Louisiana to form their own chapters and eventually set up a Dept. of Louisiana-KWVA.

Crossroads #205 officers are President, Clyde Durham; Vice-President, John Dennis; Sect/Treas, Cameron Hudson; Judge Advocate, George Tellifero; Chaplain/Public Relations, Jack Boren; Sgt. at Arms, Roland Laborde; Quartermaster, John Dupre and Historian, Glenn White.

Meetings are held at 1000 hours on the second Saturday of each month at the England International Air Park in the Resource Center. All Korean War Veterans in Central Louisiana are invited to meetings. For more information please contact Clyde Durham at 1016 Hwy 3128, Pineville, LA, 71306 or call him at 318-445-3247 or e-mail at [cgbdsdurham@aol.com](mailto:cgbdsdurham@aol.com).

You may also contact John Dennis, 303 Katie St., Pineville, LA 71360, phone 318-443-1851.

*(A Great looking group of Korean War Veterans. We welcome you and look forward to more photos. Send info to Editor.)*

## Greater Cincinnati Chapter #121 of Ohio

Bob McGeorge, President presented Bonnie Rost a Certificate of Recognition for her induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Bonnie served in the Navy Nurse Corps and is a Associate member of the chapter.

*(Thank you Robert McGeorge for the photo and letter. We are proud of your chapter for really remembering the truly forgotten heroes of the Korean War.)*



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# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War: Official Licensed Gifts



**A. Official 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Custom Framed War Memorial:** The cherrywood shadow box includes a vivid portrait of the Memorial, each side of the Official 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Coin, & interpretive text. Available in Spring Scene **\$179.00 ea.**

**B. Limited Edition Pen Box:** To commemorate the signing of the Armistice, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Committee has authorized the production of a limited edition replica of the Parker Pen used by General Clark to end the fighting in Korea. Each fountain pen is individually numbered, engraved with General Clark's signature, and decorated with the official seal of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War.

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## Manasota Chapter #199 of Florida



The Pittsburgh Pirates baseball organization paid tribute to American and Canadian Korean War veterans at recent spring training game.

Canadian and American Korean War Veterans were honored by the Pittsburgh Pirates during a recent spring training baseball game in Bradenton, Florida. Over 5,800 fans witnessed the ceremonies which included a US-Canadian Color Guard. The ceremonies were hosted by Manasota Chapter 199.

*(Sharp looking Honor Guard and veterans. Thanks for photos and letter.)*

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## Greene County Chapter #126 of Ohio

Jim Castle, has an interesting job at the Dayton VA Medical Center in Dayton, OH. Every week, Jim inspects all the wooden wheelchairs to make sure they are useable.

Any chair that needs repair is put in Jim's truck. He takes them home and does any repair work necessary and returns them, usually within the same week. Jim Castle was in the

25th Div., 65th Combat Engineers, Co. B. He wears the Combat Engineers Badge and Purple Heart.

*(You are special Jim and I am sure the VA is grateful)*



Jim Castle inspects wheelchair for damage at the VA Medical Center.

## Western Massachusetts, Chapter 2000



Members of the new Western Massachusetts Chapter recently attended a meeting of the Central Massachusetts Chapter. (1. to r.) Central Massachusetts Chapter Commander George Shepard, Western Massachusetts Chapter officers: Commander Ken Usher, Sr. Vice Commander George Gardner, and Jr. Vice Commander Leo Cote; Central Massachusetts Memorial Co-Chairman Ken Swift.

*(Working together is the best way.)*

### 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 than September 14. We print on a first-come-first-served basis. We also have a backlog.— Editor.



## South Lake County Chapter #188 of Florida

The South Lake County Korean War Veterans Association Chapter #188 sponsored a musical concert to commemorate the contributions of all veterans of the US military services in downtown Clermont on Friday evening April 6, 2001.



New Officers (l to r) Vice President Sam Cohen, President Bob Beasley and Secretary/Treasurer Roger Race.

Music was provided by the Lake Sentinel Community Concert Band. The Band started the concert with the Star Spangled Banner followed by a medley of the military service songs. The large audience quickly got into the tune of things and enthusiastically responded to the patriotic marches that followed. The concert included some Latin tunes and a medley of Glen Miller songs.

During the intermission Carl Duke, one of the co-founders of Chapter #188 made a presentation of a plaque to Mrs. Gorge Kinney in commemoration of Gorge's dedicated effort in founding Chapter #188. The inscription on the plaque read as follows: "Presented to Pattie Kenney, April 6, 2001, In tribute to George W. Kinney Founder of South Lake Chapter 188 Korean War Veterans Association. It was by his example of leadership and dedication The Korean War will never be a 'Forgotten War' The grateful men and women of Chapter 188."



Also recognized was the Chapter's Historian Mrs. Carol Becker, a Gold Star Wife, whose husband Corporal Robert Becker was killed in Korea by sniper fire almost one month after the

Welcome remarks from Florida State KWVA President Tom Gaffney.



Chapter member Carl Duke (r) presenting plaque to Mrs. George Kinney (l) and Mrs. Becker (center).

negotiated armistice ended hostilities in Korea.

The Band resumed the concert after the presentation ceremony with more delightful music. The audience response was so tremendous that the Band came back with two encores; the Tiger Rag and the finale was a rousing rendition of God Bless America with the audience joining in singing along with the Band.

*(Thanks Anthony Ricigliano for the photos. We congratulate each of you for your tribute to all veterans and remembering those no longer with us.)*

## South Suburban Chapter #23 of Illinois



Tinley Parks new Convention Center opening May 2001. Our chapter performed color guard functions plus we had a display table honoring the Korean War. Shown in photo front row are left to right: Rich Pawelek, Mort Rosenberg, Earl Peck, Rich Witt and Art Harrison. Back row left to right are: Ron Grafstrom, Frank Declomine, Tom Alanza, Bill Minnich, Woon Seo (ROK), Chester Poda, Arnold Feinberg, Gene Bodzis and Jay Pritchett.

*(Thank you Wilbert Minnich for photo and letter. A special event for deserving veterans.)*

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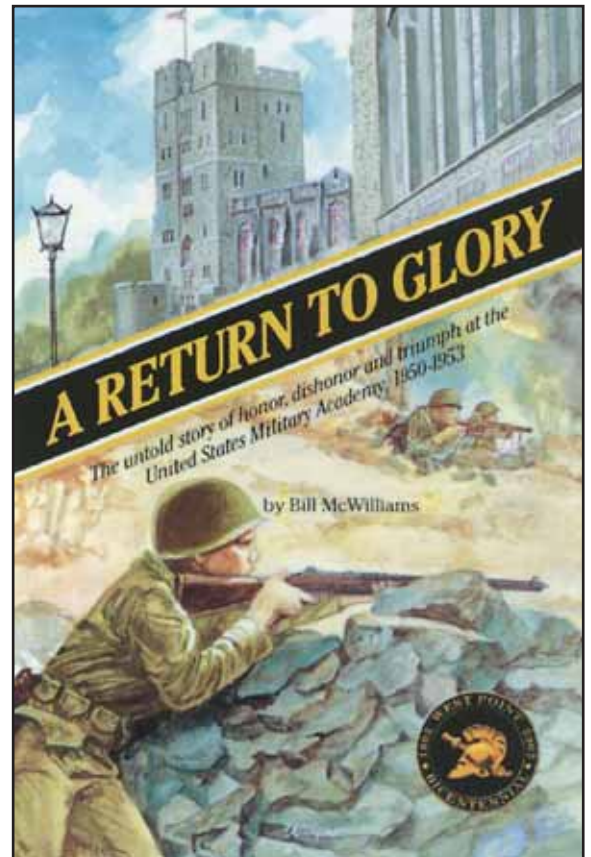
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## Department of Delaware

Outgoing Commander Sam Riebel (left) swearing in new Commander Bill Schulz at our annual KWVA Dept. of Delaware Convention on March 30, 2001.



The current list of KWVA Department of Delaware officers and the list of our current KWVA chapter officers. .

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Commander - Dick Schwalb, Vice Cmdr - Lonnie Dillon, Secretary - Dick Ennis, Treasurer - Walt Joiner,

*(Thank you Dave Hitchcock for photo and letter. KWVA National is proud of our chapters and veterans in Delaware. We hope to see more of your events in photos.)*

## Department of West Virginia

### West Virginia Graybeard Of The Year

At the second W.Va. State Convention held in October 2000 at the Flatwoods Conference Center in Flatwoods, W. Va Mr. Chet Fleming, a member of both The Mountaineer chapter in Charleston and the Elk River chapter in Clelndenin, West Virginia was selected as the Graybeard of the year. Chet has been instrumental in furthering the cause of the Korean veteran in many different ways and was guiding force in the establishment of the Elk River Chapter.



Mr. Chet Fleming (left), a member of both The Mountaineer chapter in Charleston and the Elk River chapter in Clelndenin, WV, was selected as the Graybeard of the year.

For several years now the Kenneth Shadrick chapter, located



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### Graduation Day

Prince A. Clyburn, Jr of Kenneth Shadrick Chapter was one of 25 Veterans given their diploma. All the veterans left their classrooms early to serve their country in war. Not a dry eye was seen among the veterans from WWII, Korea and Vietnam. An audience of 200 people, many relatives applauded, cheered and snapped photographs.



Prince A. Clyburn, Jr receives diploma delayed by war.

*(Thank you Jack Tamplin and Jack Cloman for the very moving photos & story.)*

## Santa Barbara Chapter #235 of California



We received our National Charter February 10, 2001 and we now have thirty members and growing. The chapter is led by Jack Calderon, President, Skip McCormick, Vice President and George Batzianis, 2nd Vice President. We meet the first Saturday of each month at the Veterans Memorial Building, in Santa Barbara, CA.

*(Thank You Jack for photo and letter. We welcome your Chapter and its proud veterans. We look forward to seeing more photos of our new chapter events.)*

## Gen. Raymond G. Davis Chapter of Georgia



New officers of the chapter: Left to right seated: Robert Sherman, 1st Vice President, Urban Rump, President, Thomas Woods, Historian. L to R standing: Thaddeus Sobieski, Judge Advocate, Thomas Harris, Secretary, James Conway, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Past President.



At a recent dinner hosted by The Korean Veterans Association, Southern Regional Chapter a presentation, by the Koreans, was made to one of our chapter members. Shown Left to right: A Buddhist Monk, Maya Seok, Mr. Lonnie Cross and Col. (Ret.) Kwang H. Kim.

(Thank you James Conway for photos and letter. Great looking officers and a great event honoring a Korean War Veteran.).

## Suncoast Chapter #14 of Florida



Frank Bisogna founder of "The Marine House" which housed relatives during veterans stay at Bay Pines VA Hospital, St. Petersburg, FL was given "The Korean Service Medal" at the VA Hospital by members of "Suncoast Chapter." Shown in photo left to right: Angelo Olvia, Clarence Dadswell, Jack Danley, two unnamed nurses, and Bill Miller. Frank has been in the VA hospital for 14 months.

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*By Jack Canfield,  
Mark Victor Hansen,  
and Sidney R. Slagter*

*What People Are Saying,*

"Accounts of America's past wars are necessarily geared to the actions and decisions of high level officials-generals, admirals and statesmen. That limitation keeps military writers from doing justice to the heroism and sufferings of the actual participants. Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul, concentrating entirely on the human side of our conflicts, is both a refreshing and moving book."

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Dannion Brinkley, author, *Saved by the Light* and chairman of the board for Compassion in Action (CIA)

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an's advocate, no book has touched me the way Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul has. It provides a poignant and personal insight into the experiences of veterans during their military service."

John F. Gwizdak, Commander-in-Chief,  
2000-2001 Veterans of Foreign Wars of  
the United States

*(I have heard so many good reviews about "Chicken Soup" and its previous books that this book about veterans was a must read for me. I must admit I just received the book for review and only scanned a few stories. The reviews by the above prominent people give a great overview of what the book is about. I can only say the few stories I read were very emotional for me being a veteran of the Korean War and also losing a twin brother in that war as a POW/MIA. The First story is called Freedom Village. "Operation Big Switch" was taking place where POWs from both sides were being returned. I could just put my brother on that bridge and see him coming home. I am sure the stories to follow will place all veterans and families into memories of the past. Yes, the tears will come. We must never forget our heroes and this book does not. 384 pages, 91 great stories for a small cost of \$12.95 To order direct contact Health Communications, Inc. 1-800-441-5569. Also Available at local bookstores. ISBN 1-55874-937-3 - May 2001. Editor.)*



## The Green Wave And The Navy

By Petty Officer First Class (SW)

Danny K. Edgar, USN

Craig E. Burgess, Educator and Poet

### Foreword



recipients. The citizens of Audubon are very proud of this special position of honor and have shown their pride in patriotism in ways that have attracted the attention of citizens everywhere. This PRIDE is a grass roots tradition that has reached far beyond

The Borough of Audubon, New Jersey, is a very special place. It has a population of approximately 9,000 residents and is the only town of its size in the United States to have three

Medal of Honor recipients. The citizens of Audubon are very proud of this special position of honor and have shown their pride in patriotism in ways that have attracted the attention of citizens everywhere. This PRIDE is a grass roots tradition that has reached far beyond

the territorial boundaries of Audubon. It has touched the spirits of educators and military leaders across the country and has served as the inspiration for the book you are about to read.

What makes the Borough of Audubon so special? The answer is that its residents have shown in their actions what many merely express with words - - and their actions reflect the true meaning of PATRIOTISM. They take pride in waving the American Flag; they take pride in remembering all those veterans who have fought - - and given their lives - - so that freedom will endure; they take pride in showing their children why growing up in Audubon is so special.

The information, the photographs, the interviews and the poetic tributes that make up this salute to Audubon will serve as a model for patriotic pride: a model that will enable YOU, the reader, to gain a deeper appreciation for the values that make our nation great - - values reflected in the friendship that has been established between "The Green Wave" and the US Navy, an ongoing friendship that began with the Christening of the USS BENFOLD, a naval destroyer named in memory of Audubon resident and Medal of Honor recipient Edward C. Benfold, and that will continue to strengthen during the 21st century.

Join Petty Officer Danny K. Edgar and me as we take you on breathtaking journeys through the history of a town, the history of a hero, the history of a ship in the Naval Fleet and the history of a friendship between the residents of a town and the crew members of a naval destroyer . . . . from the beginning of the 20th century to the present and beyond.

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*This is where the rest of the country begins to learn about Audubon. The United States Navy names a ship after HM3 Edward C. Benfold. Now we know why the Navy is in the title of the book but who is the "Green Wave." The "Green Wave" is the mascot of one of Audubon's schools. The above forward gives you a clearer idea of what is in the book, so I must stop. Last but not least the authors of "Green Wave And The Navy" must be thanked for allowing more of us learn about this special small town and its citizens. Redrosebud Press, Publisher also enhances the quality of this great book. You can order this hardcover, non-fiction book with companion CD recording for \$39.95 online at Amazon.com, Redrosebud Press www.inetba.com/portals2, co-author Burgess at (856) 547-2440 or ask for it at your local area bookstore. Editor, The Graybeards)*

**Note from the Editor.**— I have gotten so many books. The space in our magazine is limited, so I ask those of you that have not seen your review to be patient. We will print all as space allows. We print these reviews to let our veterans know there are many new books on the Korean War and on subjects of veterans interest. We all know at one time books on these subjects, mainly the Korean War were few and far in between.

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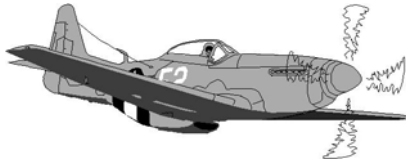
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## A ROCKY RETURN



### *Gear in the Gravel* August, 1950

However depressed we seemed to be, as the North Korean enemy's noose drew tighter around our base at Taegu, there were still moments of humor ...or pathos, depending upon your point of view, when we could look on the brighter side, and enjoy a few moments of levity, or wonder at the sometimes odd turns of events.

Fortunately for us, not all of our Unsung Heroes were casualties.

During early August, 1950, an Army Engineers unit arrived at our Taegu air base to see if they couldn't do something to improve the rapidly deteriorating, rutted dirt airstrip, which was becoming downright dangerous because of the heavy usage and recurrent rains.

We couldn't close down our high priority war operations while they worked to repair the runway surface, of course, so they had big road graders working right alongside the swerving, unsteady Mustangs as we took off or returned from the combat areas. It was as unnerving for the pilots as it must have been for the grader operators and truck drivers ... knowing that a collision between us would create one helluva boom, and dig a great hole where we'd met. But the repairs had to be completed, and quickly, if we were to continue using our one and only good airbase in central South Korea.

A very important factor of the project's plan included the hauling of tons upon tons of gravel, to be spread over the runway surface to stabilize the sandy surface, and to minimize interruption of our flying operations, the gravel was stacked in a long, neat 15 ft. high mound just alongside the take-off and landing path we were using for an airfield, from where the Engineers planned to prepare the surface late one night, after we had ceased daylight operations, then quickly spread the gravel and install pierced-steel planking (PSP) on the second night, so that, none of our daytime combat flights would be delayed ...it was a good, wellconcieved plan.

However; before the tall, one-mile long mound of gravel could be spread, a flight of four of our F-51 Mustangs, led by Captain Jim Peek, took off into the predawn darkness for their early mission to the frontlines, to be over the target area by first light; they returned to the base at Taegu, landing toward the east ...just at the crack of dawn, at the very instant that the brilliant summer sun slipped above the horizon.

Squinting into the intensely bright sun, the flight leader, was not able to differentiate between the long, smoothly- tapered mound of gravel ... which looked just like the long, flat runway from the air, and the old, rutted, "real runway."

He made a beautiful three-point landing...'left gear, right gear and propeller, right onto the crest of the long, symmetrical pile of gravel.

Jim Peek was not physically injured, fortunately, because the soft gravel absorbed the shock of his crash landing. But the '51s landing gear and propeller were badly bent.

Watching the formation approaching for landing, I saw the great cloud of dust billow up from the leader's crash, and had an immediate premonition of what was about to happen next ...and it did!

Gus Sonderman, Peek's wingman, flying the second plane in the landing formation, seeing the billowing cloud of dust, assumed it was just another normal, dusty landing on Taegu's sandy strip by the leader, so he planned his traffic pattern to land shorter... closer to the approach end of the runway, than Peek had, so that he could be on the ground before he ran into the typical dust blown up by the first aircraft.

Straining to look into the brilliant dawning sun he, too, wound up straddled atop the dusty gravel pile for another sudden-stop three-point landing as he tried to level a hundred yards of the great mound of gravel.. Gus also was uninjured as he nosed up and wrecked the prop and gear fairings.

Sensing that something was amiss, the other two pilots in the flight pulled up at the last instant, to circle the field while they decided where to land.

But we'd temporarily lost two of our precious airplanes without having a shot fired at them. Fortunately, the loose gravel just bent the props and landing gear fairings; both ships were repairable, and their embarrassed pilots were flying combat again the following day.

Within three days the gravel was spread and pierced steel planking (PSP) laid the length and width of Taegu's runway... a tremendous improvement to our combat operational capability.

*Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman, Lt Col, USAF, Ret*  
*"...one of those OLD, Bold Fighter Pilots..."*

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Next Issue: Lt. Harry Dugan.  
Not all bravery was demonstrated in the air.

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**Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War**

*by*

***Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman,***  
***Lt Col, USAF, Ret***

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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.

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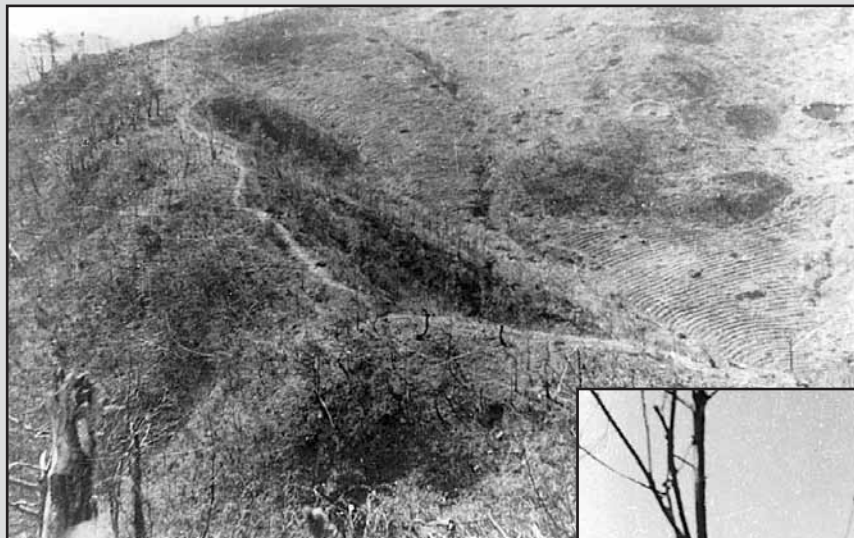
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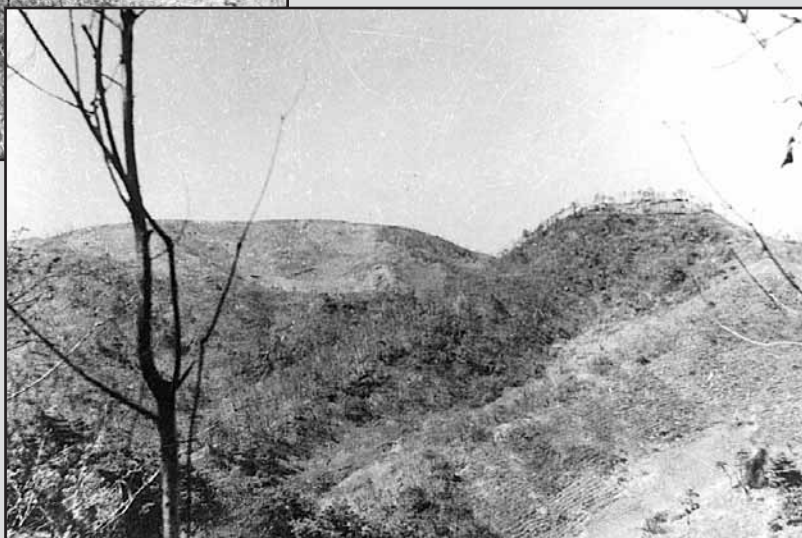


## OLD BALDY

**ABOVE:** Close-up of left west flank of Old Baldy in April 1952. Many units defended, lost and retook this hill from 1951 to 1953 and many hundreds of lost lives from the 2nd Div., 7th Div., 45th Div., and others.

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I am doing research for a book about **Artillery Forward Observers** in Korea from 1950 to 1954. I am looking for any Korean War Artillery F.O.s for interviews and collecting information for my project. Contact MSgt Anthony J. Sobieski, 514th Security Forces Squadron, 514th AMW Force Protection Manager, McGuire Air Force Base, NJ 08641. DSN 650-2178. Tel: 609-754-2178



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I would like to locate **Jeff Pruett, Ammo Co., 1st Ord., Korea**. Jeff was living in Seattle and his dad was a doctor. He then moved to California. Contact Bob Hall, 3827 Fraser St. Bellingham, WA 98226 e-mail at <robertmonahall@cs.com>



Looking for old buddies from **7th Div., 31st Inf. Regt. Korea 51-53 Heavy Mortar**. Contact Peter T. Aguilar, 16814 Halsted St., Northridge, CA 91343-2509



**Charles S. Sparks, Master Sgt., K.I.A.** on January 16, 1952 while serving with K Co. 23rd Inf. 2nd Div. At Un Yang - Ni. He also served in Honor Guard for Vice President Alvin Barkley when he came to Korea. His sister would like to hear from the men who were with him, Ethel Bradley, 602-B Church Hill Road, Bel Air, MD 21014 or call Dave Bradley, Delta, PA 717-456-9180.



Anyone who was in Korea in the **366th E.A.B.** I would like to hear from anyone that was there from 1952 to 1953. Contact Jennifer Clegg at e-mail <jaclegg@home.com>



Anyone Stationed at the **444th MASH** between July 1953 and August 1954. I would like to hear from anyone who was there then. Contact Jules Kurtz, 16 Cherokee Ave., Rockaway, NJ 07866. Also, can anyone help us to obtain a charter for a KWVA chapter in Morris County, NJ. Please contact: Leonard Speizer, 4 Prospect Ave. Budd Lake, NJ 07866.



How can I help my Dad find a buddy that he served with in Korea. His name is **George Edgely**. Boot Camp in San Diego in Jan. 1951 3rd platoon 5th Training Div. After that they were in E Co. 7th Tank Div., than Anti Tank Co. 4th Marine Reg. 3rd Marine Div., than in 1953 they were split up in Korea and George went to an artillery unit and was discharged in 1954. Contact Rick Schuft at e-mail <rschuft@massfin.com>



Looking for **Alva Ray Adams**. He was regular army during the Korean War. His dog tag regular army number is: RA-17258274, followed by T-48. He was born in Colorado and worked for the railroad as a civilian. He was in the 8th Army. He lived at one time in 1949 in Oakridge, Oregon and had a daughter named Janet Marie Adams. My email address is: <janet mark-donovan@acsalaska.net> Mailing address is: P.O. Box 143056, Anchorage, Alaska 99514. I would appreciate any help one of your readers might have to offer. Thanks; Janet Marie Adams Donovan



I would like to contact anyone in the **31st Field Artillery, Battery B, Number 3 Gun Unit, 7th Inf. Div.** We are looking for Sgt. Brooks, Sgt. Lavern Thompson, Henry Signs and George Morris. Contact Leroy L. Shook, 3818 Briery Road, Keysville, VA 23947 Tel: 804-736-9088.



Anyone that was with a **Pfc. Francis Hurst** from Hoopeston, Ill. that was in Korea. Died while captured 12 Feb. 1951. Contact Earl Drollinger Tel: 1-217-283-7987 call collect or E-mail <trevmsp@webtv.net> I was with the 7th div 49th FA, B Co



March 53 to Nov. 53, as motor Sgt.

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Looking for anyone who remembers **Lance Corporal Harry T. Wagner**. He was with the 1st Marines on Bunker Hill Ridge, fighting in August 1952. A picture was taken after the fighting by "time" magazine. The date that this was published was September 1, 1952. I am trying to identify him in that group of men in that picture. I have a copy of the picture but cannot identify him. If anyone remembers him please call collect or write to me. Arliss Freeman, 151 Locust Street, Wintersville, Ohio 43953. Tel: 740-264-3782

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I am looking for members of the **3rd Div., 58th F. A. B Battery from 1952-53**. Contact Joseph Powell at e-mail <deer-joe@msn.com>

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My dad served on the **USS Salisbury** in 1950, and I am looking for anyone that was aboard that ship during this time. Contact Tracy Ragen at e-mail <cturner@magnolia-net.com>

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I am trying to locate some one whom served with **Private First Class Charles Plantz** in the 31st Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div. He was killed in action in North Korea on September 23, 1951. E-mail: CLAYNELLC@aol.com

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The purpose of this letter is to get your help looking for a veteran. I am Mr. LEE, Yong-Sup working for the Korean Veterans Association as Chief of International Affairs Division. The information about the person I am looking for is in May 1952 as follows: Name: **Gerald T. Sajeski**, Rank : 1st Lt. (Army Inf.) Unit: Air Force Far East Technical Analysis Group, Position: Commanding Officer of Team Y. Contact Mr. LEE Yong-Sup, Seoul, Korea. Fax. 82-2-417-5273 or 5294

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I am Diego R. Dewar son of **James Carrick Dewar**. I know that he was a veteran of the Korean War and served in the Navy until approximately 1952. He passed away in July of 1973, and I would greatly appreciate if you could provide me with as much information as possible. I am living in Buenos Aires, Argentina now, but I am can be reached either by e-mail <DelCampoDewar@aol.com> Tel: 54-11-4-711-3424.

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My name is Gay Dehning, from Hazel Crest, IL. My dad Carl Hornburg talks so much about the Korean War. I was born while he was there. He has been trying to locate a man and cannot find him. My dad saved a lot of stuff from the Korean War. My dad drove the truck for the Chaplain there. His name is **Schuyler C. Marshall**, Chaplain. He should be around 77 years of age. My father had mentioned earlier that he thought he might have gone to New York. There are a few other names that were there: **Milton S. Littlefield**, **H.W. Beecher**, **David F. Peck** (chaplains assistant), **John C. Stranathan** (organist). They were in the 70th Transportation Truck Battalion, APO 301, Lt. Col. Frank G. Wise, commanding 351st Transportation Highway Transport Group. Contact Gay Dehning at e-mail <dgca2@juno.com>

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Looking for some info on my dad, his name is **George W Gallagher**. He was Cpl. in the 7th Inf. Div., 31st Inf. Regt. he also has 2 Bronze Stars. I would like to know why do they give out this award to my dad. He passed away in 1975. He did not talk about the war. I did hear that he was at Pork Chop Hill and I was told that he was also in some other major battles. I would like to find out as much as I can. Contact George Gallagher Jr. at e-mail <Jrga114347420697@gateway.net>.

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I am trying to locate **John Buckley**. As a First Lieutenant he commanded A/27th Infantry in Japan in 1949-1950, then later in Korea, where he was wounded. I was one of his platoon leaders in Japan. Anyone who knows his address and/or telephone number (or e-mail address), please share it with me. Incidentally, autographed copies of *Fighting on the Brink* are available. Anyone interested may contact me, Uzal W. Ent, 37 Golfview Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011, or e-mail ENT27@cs.com.

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My name is Teri Scott. I work for a television production company in Sherman Oaks, California. We produce a wide array of documentaries for **The History Channel** and we specialize in military shows. I am currently producing a documentary for The History Channel about Forward Observers. I am looking for Veterans to interview who served as Forward Observers in the Korean War. Also looking for magazine articles and/or books on the subject. Contact Teri Scott, Digital Ranch Tel: 818-817-9690 or e-mail at <4rubypearl@home.com>

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I am interested in family history and have recently found a newspaper cutting that my grandmother had kept. It was a photo of **Pvt. John Plock**, U.S. Army, in a reception tent at "Freedom Village" Korea. He was receiving a rosary from Fr. Rice. This was in the catholic newspaper the Universe, London, dated Friday 1st May 1953. Unfortunately, only the photo was kept and not the adjoining article. We think that Pvt. Plock was a relative (possibly nephew) to my grandfather. We have written to the newspaper asking if they knew Pvt. Plocks' address and they had written back to us saying that they didn't have that information and suggested that we try the American Embassy. Contact Mrs. Maxine Lucas at e-mail address <themax@btintenet.com>

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I am searching about information on my father. He served in the Army (3rd Inf. Div. in Korea sometime during 1951-53. I believed that he served there for 19 months before returning home to marry my mother. He has recently passed away and I am looking for any information I can find that I can pass on to his grandchildren. His name was **William Joseph Summers**, from New Jersey. Any info you can give me would be appreciated. Contact Ruth Boyle (daughter) at e-mail <Alwsintrb@aol.com>

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Can you tell me if there is a web site that tells what ship a sailor in the Korean war was stationed on? I am trying to find out what ship my uncle, **Robert Logan Undersinger**, was stationed on. He was killed aboard that ship on 26 Feb 1953 and, as he never married, I have no family who might know this information. He's list-

ed on <www.americanwardead.com> but his ship is not mentioned. He was from New York. Contact Pat Winne at e-mail <jwinne@netally.com>.



My name is Thomas Dolce and my grandfather served in the Army during the Korean War. His name is **Anthony G. Dolce**. He was a medic in the 3rd infantry division. I've been trying to find his military record for quite some time now. I was wondering if you knew of any places, sites, or anybody I could write to find out where my grandfather was stationed and who were some of his buddies that were in his company. It would help because my grandfather wants to get in touch with some of his old buddies. I would greatly appreciate the help. Contact Thomas J. Dolce at <DLee8@aol.com>



Looking for Korean War Veterans that have crippling nerve disorders such as **peripheral neuropathy**, or anything with a known or unknown cause. Please contact Jay Berman, E-Mail <HTIHTIHTI@aol.com> Tel: 661-250-3983 days, 661-250-7838 evenings. Pacific Time.



Looking for **Peter G McLean**. Last address McLean, VA. He was in M Co 32nd Regt, 7th Div in late 53. Had served tour with 25th before then. After I rotated he was promoted to M/Sgt. Contact A. L. Jordan, 1885 Shamrock Dr, Brentwood, TN 37027. Tel: 615-373-0585.



I am trying to find the platoon No. of **Earl Daniel Case** USMC that went to Parris Island on 26 June, 1944. After boot camp he was assigned to 8th. training battalion at Camp Le Jeune 6 Sept. He was KIA the first day at Iwo Jima. We are seeking a photo of this man & the Corps cannot help without the Plt. No. Maybe we even can get a buddy snapshot of this man. His son never saw his dad and has no picture of him. His niece has been searching for several years to no avail. Contact Alan C. Baum Jr. 922 Riverside Ave. Elizabeth City, N C 27909. Tel: 252-335-5953, e-mail <baumsite@adelphia.net>



I was able to pull from a Returnee Report, dated 24 Aug (no year) the following individual: **Pfc. William C. Stevensen** (or Stevenson) RA133351669 B 2 D. His statement is he saw my brother Jim die in prison camp of pneumonia. He knew my brother for one month. Claims he is buried at Putkong. He states Jim was captured at Kunuri. He may have been in the same company as my brother; however, it is hard to make out his former organization on the form. Contact Fred R. Bobovnyk, 1861 Cloverbrook Dr., Mineral Ridge, OH 44440.



In May 1954, a rotation draft was leaving Korea for the U.S.A. A U.S Marine by the name of **PFC Peter J. Reid** was aboard the USNS General John Pope. He had served with Easy Co., 2nd Bn., 5th Marines as a BAR-man and fire team leader of a rifle squad. In 1970, Mr. Reid passed away. His daughter Kelly was eight years old. Her quest now is to secure a photograph of her father as a Marine, if you have one in your album be it boot camp or

duty station. From my debarkation papers I list these Marines from "E" Co who may have known PFC Reid. Joseph F. Dean, Foxboro, MA., William J. Bradley, Sioux Falls, S.D., Billy D. Greek, Cedar Rapids, Neb., Harold G. Hamlett, Higley, AZ., Albert House, Suckeye, AZ., Leonard Howard, Venice, CA., Bernabe E. Huerta, El Paso, TX., David J. Hughes, Vernon, PA., Gerald L. Johnston, Chattanooga, TN., Albert L. Kahuna Sr., Laie, Hawaii., Harrison J. LeBlanc., Lafayette, LA., James E. Lynn, Sacramento, CA., Charles F. Robinson, Moorestown, N.J., David A. Shaw, Phoenix, AZ., Adams W. Sparks, Burkeville, TX., Gene A. Fletcher, Ponchatoula, LA., and Richard H. Hight, Houston, TX., Contact Kelly Summerson, 9448 Michael Drive, King George, VA 22485. Tel: 540-775-4430 or email at <psummer@crosslink.net> Re-submitted by Edward N. Musser, 7 Monticello Place, Fairview Heights, IL. 622208 Tel: 618-632-7714



My father passed away when I was quite young. My mother passed away a few years ago. I've just now discovered my father's discharge papers. All I have known through my life is that my dad was a Korean War Veteran. I'm wondering if through the information on the discharge paper, I might be able to find out a bit about my father and that period in his life. The following is some of the information found on the discharge paper : Name: **William Gerald Epstein**, Service Number: US56098939, Grade, Rate, Rank and Date of Appointment: PVT-2 P, 9 June '52, Specialty number: 1602, Related civilian occupation and DOT number: Ordinance man 4 - 52.418, Date of Separation: 11 Feb 54, Component and Branch or class: USAR-ARTY, Cognizant District or area Command: Sixth Army, Most Significant Duty Assignment: "C" BTRY 26th AAA AW BN APO 24. Given the above information on the discharge papers, my questions are as follows:

1. Where exactly did "C" BTRY 26th AAA AW BN APO 24 serve? What were their missions? Is there an information source or are there written records that could give me a complete history of their missions. 2. How may I find and contact other men who may have served with my father? Contact Michael Varnes-Epstein at e-mail <varnesep@mwt.net>



I am the daughter of a man who served in the Korean War. I am desperately trying to find out any information that I can about what happened to him during the war. He is deceased now and I need closure for both myself, my twin sister and my father. If you could provide me with any information on where I can find help, I would be forever grateful. His name is **Ellwood B. Jones**, 1st Armored Div., 81st Recn. Bn. C Company, 4th Armored Div., 501st A.I.B. H.&S. Co. US 52245452. He served from March, 1953-April, 1961. I believe that something happened to him mentally/emotionally while he served in the Korean War and I cannot get any concrete answers from my mother. She blames the abuse she inflicted on myself, my sister and my father by simply saying he was an alcoholic and she never helped him; she just helped along with his problem by torturing him too. I so desperately need to know something and I don't know where to go for answers. I would be forever grateful to you for any information that you



could provide me. Susan Jones at Tel: 215-725-8012 or e-mail: Garthsnow30@aol.com

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I am looking for anyone who has any information on a **plane crash. In the vicinity of Majondong** at approximately 1300 hours on the 11th December, 1950 an L5 Liaison plane hit high tension lines high on the mountain to the left side of the road. The plane fell approximately 300 feet from the point of contact. The plane crashed into the mountain. Approximately ten soldiers and marines was in the area of the incident. We all helped to remove the two officers from the liaison plane. One of the officers appeared to have a broken leg, while the others seemed to have suffered from shock and contusions. We carried the two officers from the plane to the MSR, a distance of approximately 300 yards to a waiting ambulance. The two officers were placed in an ambulance. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who was there to help, or the officers? Contact Robert J. Robinson, 2041 Ponderosa Dr. SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366 Tel: 360-871-9397 or E-mail <Rrobil3681@aol.com>.

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My father was a **ROK Veteran** he served in the east sea area. (Yoe Do Island in Young Hung Maen, Young Hung Bay. I am not sure if this is right spelling in English.) He did secret operations for the US 7th Fleet 888. Not only doing fight against north communist in many ways in Yoe Do but also serving in Donold Nicoles special intelligence unit. He was in charge of AISS 6006TH (Air Intelligence Secret Service) SAU 53 UNIT in O-Ru-Dong, Bu Pyoung. It will be a great honor to know veterans who knew Mr. Nicoles, and my father. I want to look for a picture which taken by aide of Nicoles and my father shaking hands together in his office before the operation. I will be waiting for your answer and I will visit America soon. My heart is beating so hard. Contact daumhwang at <sou6006@hanmail.net>

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Looking for anyone whom served with me in Korea 1985-86 in Camp Pelham Korea, or is presently there now. A Btry 2/17 FA **Shawn K. Finley**, 102 East Barney St., Gouverneur, NY 13642-1101 Tel: 315-287-0816 e-msil <skfl@gisco.net> or <munsani@excite.com>.

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Would like to contact buddies who were in or around Kangnung, Korea 1955 who were known as "**Mad Mountaineers**" on the relay site we were on. 606th ACW Unit. Contact Ray "Doc" Landry, RR 3 Box 237A Ava, MO 65608 or call me at 417-683-1717 or e-mail at <effinray@getgoin.net>

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**Pfc. Edward Pojatina** (Army) was a member of the 32nd Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Regt. in 1951. He was killed on August 27, 1951. Edward was my uncle and I would like to know more about the

history and the actions going on during that time. I hope some of his buddies will contact Allan Stojkovic, 9 W High St., Mt. Gilead, OH 43338-0240. Tel: 419-946-3856

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Looking for buddies that served with me in the **10th Provisional Artillery Battery, 8th F.A., C Btry.** at Camp Carson

and Korea 1950-51. Contact Allen M. Smith, 3338 Dupont Ave. N. Minneapolis, MN 55412-2512. Tel: 612-529-4567

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Looking for those that served in the **315th Aid Div., Combat Cargo** of Brig. Gen. Chester E. McCurdy. I served in the 5th Comm. Sqdn., attached to the 315th. Would like to have contact with Maj. O'Conner, Capt. Ayton, Lt. Mary Fern, 1st Sgt. Bello, Sgts: Klatte Pinson, Carrol, John Henry, Farrill; Airmen: Wilkie, Wright, Jones, Andy Anderson, Clausen, Ornduff, Cheribini and Shaw. Also looking for NCOIC's Sgt. French, Sgt. Julius House, A/1c Walter Kendricks, Col. Shea, Capt. Bielski, Col Baker, Maj. Hanna, Lt. Jack Younce, Major Emery, Cpt. Mabry, Maj. McGuire. Maj. Early, Capt Kay, Col Ewald, Cpt Max Leonard, Lt. Paul McCualey. Contact Frank Araniti, 112 Elmcrest Cir., Liverpool, NY 13090-2823.

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Seeking information from anybody who may have known **Sgt (or Master Sgt.) Robert Malley** (or Maley). He may have lived in California. I met him at the 361st Army Hospital and he transferred to Tokyo General Hospital. Contact Francis A. Bunker, 275 Snow Hill Road, Geneva, FL 32732. Tel: 407-349-5520.

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The enclosed picture was taken in the fall of 1951, somewhere in the Kumwha area. I can identify all but two of them. Top center is Carlson, top right is Lt. Baker, lower left is Pagliaccetti. Top left I think was our medic, bottom right I'm not sure. We were in the **25th Div. 35th Reg. 2nd Batt. "E" Co.** If you recognize any one of us contact Ruben L. Carlson, 9171 W 1350 N, Elwood, Indiana 46036 or E-Mail at <dot-tie70@voyager.net>



25th Div. 35th Reg. 2nd Batt. "E" Co., fall of 1951, Kumwha area,

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I was with the **40th Div., 625th F.A., B Battery** in Korea. In August 1952 the 40th Div. was building a school house in honor of its first GI killed in action. I was hauling lumber to the location I recall it as being south of Kumwha Valley. The school was named "The Kenneth Kizer High School. I never saw the finished school, so I am hoping someone could send me a photo of the school. Contact Gonzalee Misenheimer, 110 Pamela Street, China Grove, NC 28023-8465

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*(Can you help those in this column to receive any bit of information about a lost loved one, just a friend, or a buddy. Our time is running out to get that special letter, so please if you can reply to any request no matter how important your information is. Please attempt to type your letters, if not take the time to print or write clearly. Also add a land address or telephone number. Editor)*

# UNSUNG HEROS

## The Navy's role in Korea

### Part II

The falling tide prevented our rapid movement to the mainland, but as we waited, the ships and waves of Navy and Marine aircraft blasted the beach area. Task Force 77 now had three large carriers, thanks to the timely arrival of BOXER fought her way through Typhoon Kezia. By 1300 on 15th, waters began to rise and the familiar World War II order heard again for the first time, "Land the landing party." At 1725 the Marines were ashore and in a few hours Inchon was secured with the loss of only 22 men. MacArthur sent this message to Admiral Struble: "The Navy and Marine Corps have never shone more brightly than this morning."

Once the Army 7th Division followed the Marines ashore, NKPA forces around Pusan rapidly retreated to avoid complete encirclement. Seoul was taken on 29 September and early the following month UN troops crossed the 38th parallel. Captured North Korean troops said in interrogation, "We can take anything you throw against us except those terrible 'blue planes.'" In early October, another large carrier, LEYTE joined Task Force 77, making it the first time since World War II that we had four fast carriers in the Pacific. Earlier, the huge battleship MIS-SOURI entered the war and soon she was pulverizing targets around Wonsan.

While neither North Korea or later, China, used any of their naval vessels against us, they did employ a more insidious weapon, mines, and they soon took their toll. Off Tanchon two destroyers and two minesweepers struck mines with 127 casualties and the loss of two ships.

After Inchon, the UN forces surged forward unchecked. By late October Task Force 77 was running out of targets. On November, ADM Struble dissolved Task Force 77 and moved back to Yokosuka, Japan. The Navy, proud of its role, prepared to resume its peacetime activities. Little did the sailors know that their greatest challenge lay ahead.

By late November Chinese troops start-

ed to appear among our prisoners close to the Yalu. When intelligence made MacArthur aware of this, he shrugged it off, confident that Mao would never challenge the UN in Korea. Almost nine years ago to the day, we'd suffered another military disaster by underestimating a Far Eastern power and we were about to do it again.

At the same time our forces had been moving steadily to Yalu, the Chinese had been slipping tens of thousands of troops into the vast mountain areas of the north. Moving at night, they were invisible to our reconnaissance aircraft. Our ground forces ignored the increasing number of Chinese encountered because they'd been promised that all the troops would be home by Christmas. MacArthur ignored these reports simply because he had a mind-set: an often fatal mistake in war.

Without warning, 300,000 Chinese soldiers along with 65,000 North Koreans hit our stretched out forces and broke through everywhere. The Eighth Army was badly mauled and suffered over 11,000 casualties. A significant segment of the 2nd Division on the west coast was either killed or captured. In the east, separated by a mountain range, the 25,000 Marines under "Chesty" Puller, weren't aware of the size of the enemy attack until they found themselves surrounded at the Chosin Reservoir, fifty miles from the nearest port at Hungnam. Their position was a plateau 3,400 feet where the temperatures dropped to 25-30 degrees below zero. Their only connection to the sea was a narrow, twisting road where the Chinese held the high ground with 68,000 men. They turned to the Navy for salvation.

Under the cover of Navy Skyraiders and Corsairs, General Puller started his monumental withdrawal through Toktung Pass, Hagaru, and Kotori towards Hungnam on 30 November. Outnumbered nearly three to one, only airpower could give them the equalizer they desperately needed. By 2 December all of Task Force 77's aircraft were committed to the support of the Marines and Army troops. The next day, Marine air controllers handled 359 planes, predominantly AD Skyraiders, that bombed and strafed the enemy posi-

tions inflicting heavy casualties. When the ADs ran out of bomb, rockets and ammo, they circled the exhausted Marine columns warning them of enemy positions on their flanks. Other aircraft flew cover for transports carrying supplies and wounded out of Hagaru. F9F Panther jets from the carriers flew combat air patrol to prevent any interference from MIGs beyond the Yalu.

After a long week of grueling fighting, the weary Marines and Army troops reached Hungnam, where Army and ROK soldiers were holding a perimeter and the Navy was waiting with 28 ships to lift them to safety. Supporting the transports were the big guns of the battleship MIS-SOURI and the heavy cruisers ST. PAUL and ROCHESTER. Twenty-two thousand eight and sixteen inch shells rained down on the Chinese forces. In terrible weather conditions, nearly 400 naval aircraft provided an umbrella to the withdrawal. The operation was a combined masterpiece of timing and inter-service coordination. The Navy had completed an amphibious assault in reverse.

Evacuated were 105,000 troops, 98,000 refugees, 17,500 vehicles and 350,000 tons of cargo. From Wonsan the Navy also lifted 4,000 troops, 7,000 refugees, 1146 vehicles and 10,000 tons of cargo. Just as the last ships cleared their harbors, Navy demolition teams blew up the entire waterfront complex. It was December 25th, and this operation was the Navy's Christmas gift to the ground forces.

Accompanying the Marines were Navy hospital corpsmen who performed miracles under fire, saving countless lives. Although they were sailors, they wore the Marine battle fatigues and did everything the ground troops did except carry weapons. These brave men were recipients of five Medals of Honor, all of them posthumous.

Nevertheless, as Churchill said following Dunkirk in June 1940, "Wars are not won by evacuations." The entry of China into the war raised the stakes considerably. Simply put, there just weren't anymore reinforcements left in the U.S. Only one active division remained within the continental limits. Early on, MacArthur and the Joint Chiefs were resigned to evacuating



## During the Korean War, the Navy flew 186,000 combat missions, mostly close air support of ground forces, more than the entire World War II.

all of our forces to Japan. It was thought that we just didn't have enough manpower to hold off the Chinese. But we'd greatly under-estimated the punishment the enemy had suffered not only from our naval air, but from the ravages of winter. Mao's men were clad mostly in sneakers and light clothing and they perished by the hundreds in the hills of the north in the sub-zero weather. Through that winter, the UN forces retreated, making the Chinese and NKPA pay heavily for every mile. Gradually, with the new leadership of Matthew Ridgeway, and our stiffening resistance, we stabilized our lines just south of the 38th Parallel. It wasn't long before we started to move north again, regaining much of the lost ground.

With the loss of the airfields around the capital, the Air Force had to revert to Japan for operations, severely limiting their range, capacity and time over target. Carrier planes again proved indispensable, and the AD Skyraiders and F4U Corsairs played havoc in a new campaign designed to destroy the enemy's communications. Bridge after bridge was destroyed, seriously weakening the Communists ability to supply their troops in the field. On the west coast, the Battleship MISSOURI and the heavy cruiser ROCHESTER brought their big guns to bear in support. with aircraft spotting the fall of shells, the results were more than gratifying. In the month of March alone, 54 rail and 37 highway bridges were rendered inoperable and 444 more had been heavily damaged Railroad tracks had been broken in more than 200 places. By March we had recaptured Seoul and were pretty much back on the 38th parallel. We continued to move north, but much more slowly than we did the previous autumn when we faced a far weaker enemy

At this point the Navy kept three carriers "on line" with one refitting in reserve at Yokosuka. The fast carriers BOXER, PHILIPPINE SEA, PRINCETON and VALLEY FORGE shared these duties while BATAAN and the British, GLORY operated on the west coast

Although close support and interdiction were the primary tasks, the most striking carrier operation of this period was the attack on the Hwachon Dam, which by impounding the waters of the upper Pukhan, both provided a barrier to movement and held back water used for tactical purposes. In January, in hope of slowing enemy progress, Eight Army had asked the Air Force to hole the dam, but an attack by B-29s with six ton guided bombs failed. On 9 April as the UN army was moving forward, the enemy opened the gates, flooding a large area and impeding our progress On 30 April, 8th Army asked naval air to try and six AD dive bombers were flown off with two two-thousand pound bombs apiece. This produced a hole in one gate, but the dam remained essentially intact. Different tactics and weapons were called for.

A late night conference onboard the flagship came up with the idea of using torpedoes for the first time since World War II. Early the next morning, eight ADS were launched with torpedoes set for a surface run. One of the "tin fish" was a dud and another proved erratic, but the other six ran true and achieved a devastating result. The Hwachon Dam was out of commission.

As our offensive on the east coast gathered steam naval gunfire became essential in supporting our troops. The newly arrived heavy cruiser LOS ANGELES, accompanied by battleship NEW JERSEY bombarded enemy positions in the vicinity of Kosong to great effect. Other cruisers so engaged were HELENA, now on her second tour of duty and TOLEDO. On 1 June, BON HOMME RICHARD, another fast carrier, relieved PHILIPPINE SEA.

While neither the North Koreans or the Chinese engaged us with submarines or surface craft, their mine-laying activity



Crew arming bombs.

went on unabated. At times, it would have a deadly effect. Destroyer WALKER steaming 60 miles off shore as part of the carrier screen struck a mine killing 25. Four minesweepers were also sunk with heavy casualties.

Intelligence estimates revealed that the enemy had suffered disastrous losses in the 1951 spring campaign—over 450,000 casualties. While some may question these estimates, the effect on Chinese morale in the face of continuing air attacks was amply proven by the marked increase in prisoners taken: 3,000 between 16 and 22 May and another 10,000 the following week.

At home, the MacArthur hearing revealed that the UN had no intention of forcibly reuniting Korea and since the Chinese were in no condition to advance southward, this stalemate led the way to a Russian offer to negotiate an armistice, through their Chinese and North Korean allies.

In spite of early optimism, the war would drag on for two more years testing the staying power of not only the Navy, but the UN. Both stood up well under the strain, but often at great cost.

In retrospect, the war was one of surprise and more surprise The invasion of South Korea had come as a decided and unpleasant jolt to the United States and the intervention of the Chinese totally surprised MacArthur's command. Equally, it may be presumed, the rapid response of America's diplomatic and military forces

in the summer of 1950 surprised the Communists, as did the amphibious assault on Inchon and the remarkable recovery of the 8th Army after the terrible defeat of the first winter of the war. Most shocked of all perhaps, were the members of the prevailing school of American military planning. War had not come from Europe or the "single expected enemy." Despite the fact that assault from the sea had been relegated to the past, the Korean War had been shaped not by the heavy bomber or atomic weapons, but by the Amphibious Force and its spear, the Marine Division. In a littoral campaign, action and reaction become the predominant task of the Navy. The peninsula was blockaded and the enemy had to tie up considerable forces to defend against amphibious feints and commando landings.

In the interdiction of enemy supply lines naval air proved critical. During most of the action, two, three and later four ESSEX Class carriers were on the line, culminating in a record 746 flights from their air groups on 25 July 1953. The following attack flat-tops contributed their long-distance power during the three year struggle: ESSEX, BOXER, BONNE HOMME RICHARD, ANTIETAM, LEYTE, KEARSAGE, PRINCETON, ORISKANY, VALLEY FORGE, PHILIPPINE SEA and finally LAKE CHAMPLAIN. VALLEY FORGE carried the honors with four deployments; opening the air combat and nearly finishing it as she broke action on 25 June 1953. In addition, the smaller carriers that worked the west coast of Korea did outstanding work. They included BATAAN, BADOENG STRAIT, RENDOVA, BAIROKO SICILY and POINT CRUZ.

Battleships IOWA, NEW JERSEY, MISSOURI, and WISCONSIN added their fire-power, along with the cruisers BOSTON, BREMERTON, CANBERRA, HELENA, JUNEAU, LOS ANGELES, MANCHESTER, ROCHESTER, ST. PAUL, SALEM, TOLEDO and WORCESTER. Space does not permit the naming of all the gallant destroyers who performed admirably in all kinds of weather; dueling with enemy shore batteries, taking part in the critical Inchon landing and bombardment, landing commandoes behind Communist lines, rescuing pilots

and aircrewmembers from the sea and destroying enemy mines. Always they were the first line of defense against submarines. While none of the DDS were lost many sustained damage and casualties.

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But sometimes statistics alone cannot convey the human effort required to keep the planes flying around the clock. My carrier, LAKE CHAMPLAIN, was a "Johnny come lately," arriving in early June 1953 after sailing more than halfway around the world from Norfolk. Immediately we were caught up in blunting a massive Chinese offensive that was trying to gain as much ground as possible before hostilities ceased. The pressure on 8th army was terrific and they requested all available air support

In those last weeks, Task Force 77 broke their own records for sorties flown day after day. The air groups were flying so many missions and delivering such prodigious amounts of ordnance that we were refueling and rearming almost nightly. Our ADs often carried three tons of bombs and the jets burned fuel relentlessly. To refill our tanks, out of the darkness would appear an ammunition ship on one side a huge tanker on the other. Hour after hour, supplies, bombs, rockets and oil would come across a high-line between the moving ships. All the thousands of cases of food and supplies, along with the bombs and rockets had to be manhandled below. This would often involve hundreds of sailors who worked well into the early hours of the morning, night after night after standing their regular day watches.

In those last weeks, the four air groups were using over 9,000 barrels of aviation gas a day. These replenishments took place under the most adverse weather conditions, with visibility often down to a hundred feet in rain and fog.

Those in the squadrons maintained their aircraft in heavy seas, along with the snow and ice often found in the winter months. Many aircraft, damaged by flak experienced difficulty landing, often crashing the barriers. Flight deck accidents claimed many lives. LAKE CHAMPLAIN suffered a flight deck fire in the midst of

closely packed jets that missed being a disaster by the quick action of her crew. BOXER wasn't that fortunate, suffering the loss of three planes and 11 dead in a hangar bay conflagration. Carriers were literally floating bombs, stocked with ammunition and filled with high octane gas and jet fuel. But unrelenting, the air groups performed magnificently. In a never-ending routine, it was launch—respot—recover: day after day, week after week.

In the heat of the summer the living spaces of these un-air-conditioned ships often exceeded 100 degrees. In the winter, of course, working on the open flight deck on a ship moving at better than 30 miles an hour was like serving in Little America!

And always in the background was the Pacific Ocean supply line, which in the end made the difference. Nearly everything came by sea, including six out of seven military personnel. Sixty ponds of supplies were needed every day to keep each man in Korea. This meant 54 million tons of cargo and 22 million tons of oil and gasoline that were carried by ship. For every ton that came by plane, 270 tons moved by sea. Every tank, truck, cannon, shell, c-ration and yes, every roll of toilet paper came by ship. General Van Fleet said, "We simply could not have existed without the Navy."

The Navy has been called "The Forgotten Service of the Forgotten War." I hope this brief article will help dispel that belief.

While the Army, Air Force and Marines deserved all the laurels they attained, the Navy's important role has been the best kept secret of the Korean War. Let it not remain so.

The author flew early-warning and ASW missions from USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN in June and July 1953 as a combat aircrewman. radar/navigator. Mr. Sauter has written a number of articles for *Graybeards* and is the author of *Sailors in the Sky*, a memoir of the Korean War, published by McFarland & Co. in 1995.

*(A great story about our Navy. Thank you Jack for photos and story. Sorry I took so long in printing. I hope to do better in the future. Editor.)*



# Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library



## KOREAN WAR VETERANS NATIONAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

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Web-Site: [www.theforgottenvictory.org](http://www.theforgottenvictory.org)

### Fellow Veterans

**GOOD NEWS!** We will soon be moving into our temporary museum and library space at the Factory Stores Outlet Mall in Tuscola, Illinois. Charter Oaks Partners, Tyson Corners, VA the company that owns the mall are pleased to announce the Korean War Veteran's National Museum and Library will be moving to Suite C500 to open a temporary museum and library and office.

We are still wanting any memorabilia and artifacts from the war. Since we will now have a place to display Korean War items, we would appreciate any donations we can obtain.

Exhibits will be set up in glass display cases. There will be mannequins to display combat dress, uniforms, etc of the participating nations. We also need actual battlefield

maps, photographs, paintings, etc. This will be the start of our research library.

A Korean War veteran from Virginia has made an offer to donate 1000 sq. ft. of memorabilia. We have to find a way to have it transported to Tuscola, IL. Does anyone have a connection with a trucking company that might be willing to donate transportation services to donate transportation services to Tuscola, IL.

If you have not joined our association yet, we strongly encourage you to do so. When you belong, you will receive a newsletter 4 times a year which will keep you informed of the progress of our museum.

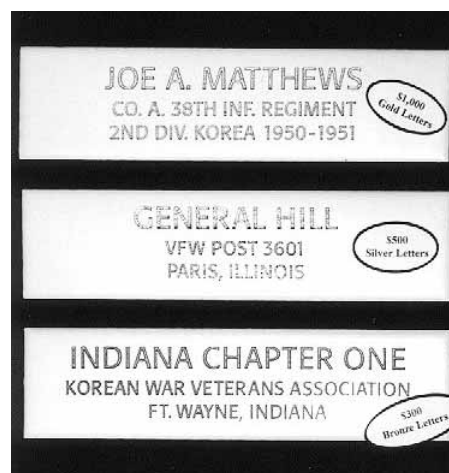
Jeremiah G. Crise, CPA/CFSA,  
1st Vice President,  
Chairperson-Building Committee,  
Chairperson-Advisory Committee

## CONVENTION CENTER TILE

The trustees of the Korean War Veterans National Museum & Library acquired the first of two 11 acres of land on January 27th. On February 6, some 100 Korean War veterans from six states gathered around the site sign to have their picture taken. Television camera crews and area newspaper reporters swarmed the place, along with local well-wishers, families and friends.

The land is located about 1/4 mile east of the intersection of Interstate 57 and Route 36 in Tuscola.

Proceeds from the sale of tiles go into the building fund to purchase land and construct the national museum. Fill out the order form below to purchase a tile in your name or in memory of a special friend or veteran you would like to honor.



## ORDER FORM

Check appropriate category: ☐ \$300 -bronze; ☐ \$500 -silver; ☐ \$1,000 -gold.

Three lines of text as follows (*type or print clearly*);

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(19 characters per line, including spaces & hyphens)
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(31 characters per line, including spaces & hyphens)
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(31 characters, including spaces & hyphens)

Name, address, phone number of person ordering tile:

\_\_\_\_\_

Mail check or money order to: **Korean War Veterans National Museum & Library, PO Box 16, Tuscola, IL 61953 USA.**

# Images of Korea



Copy of an official U.S. Army photo that was taken in June, 1951 and never released. I am the G.I. in the photo. At that time I was serving as a combat correspondent for the 27th Inf. Regt. I did not know William Rau, and since this photo was never released, I assume that his family may never have known about this battlefield dedication.

I have saved this picture all of these years. If any member of the Rau family will contact me I will gladly send them a copy of the picture and caption. Contact William M. Nugent, 4725 Lucerne Lakes Blvd. Apt. 211, Lake Worth, FL 33467. Tel: (561) 434-3705 or e-mail <wmn71029@webtv.net>

*(Thank you William for photo and letter. I think family needs this. I hope someone will contact you.)*

## Crossing Dedication

**William Rau, Co. C, 65th Combat Engr. Bn. 25th Inf. Div. was KIA and this bridge was built by his unit and dedicated to him.**



## The 38th Parallel

**Elmer Plachecki of Minn. (left) and Gerald Nelson at 38th Parallel in Feb. 1952 just North of Chunchon at the South end of Heartbreak Ridge. We are in the 568th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Co. Seoul, Korea.**



**Shown left to right are Ralph Deane of Maine, Elmer Plachecki of Minn. and Joe Rodriguez of Calif. We are at 38th Parallel in Feb. 1952 at South end of Heartbreak Ridge.**

*(Thank you Gerald Nelson for photos and letters. I hope your buddies see your photos and contact you at PO Box 193, Altura, MN 55910.*

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## Korean War-Era Air Force/Navy/Army Equipment Needed by the Air Force

The Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory (LSEL), part of the Human Systems Program Office, at Brooks AFB, Texas, is looking for Air Force and Navy Korean War-era flight equipment (boots, helmets, flight suits, survival vests, etc). We are also seeking Army ground equipment (boots, uniforms, web belts, etc) for the same period. We are doing this in anticipation of expanded MIA missions into Korea under the auspices of the Central Identification Laboratory - Hawaii (CILHI) and OSD/DPMO, the Pentagon.

Our laboratory does not deal with remains, instead we are involved in the scientific analysis of equipment which is used to indicate the possible presence of US soldiers, sailors, or marines. In order to properly do this, we need examples of materials from 1950-1953 for comparison purposes.

If you desire further information about our requirements, please send an email to the following address: [elton.hudgins@brooks.af.mil](mailto:elton.hudgins@brooks.af.mil) I will be happy to provide additional information, including detailed lists of our actual requirements. Any assistance you can provide will sincerely be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Human Systems Program Office  
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DSN: 240-8273

## DPMO Seeks States' Assistance to Locate Family Members of the Missing

The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs recently sent letters to the Directors of Veterans Affairs of all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands seeking their aid in locating family members of America's unaccounted-for servicemen. The letters also requested their support to ask family members of the missing to provide DNA samples in support of the identification of remains.

A vital part of the U.S. government's success in identifying recovered remains rests with its ability to locate family members of those who were lost. Although the government had success in maintaining contact with family members of those lost during the Vietnam and Cold Wars, this was not the case for Korea, where over 8,100 servicemen remain missing. Since 1996 the remains of 107 individuals believed to be American servicemen were repatriated from North Korea; only five have been identified. As ten recovery operations are planned for North Korea in 2001, it is highly likely that more remains will be recovered, and the need to contact family

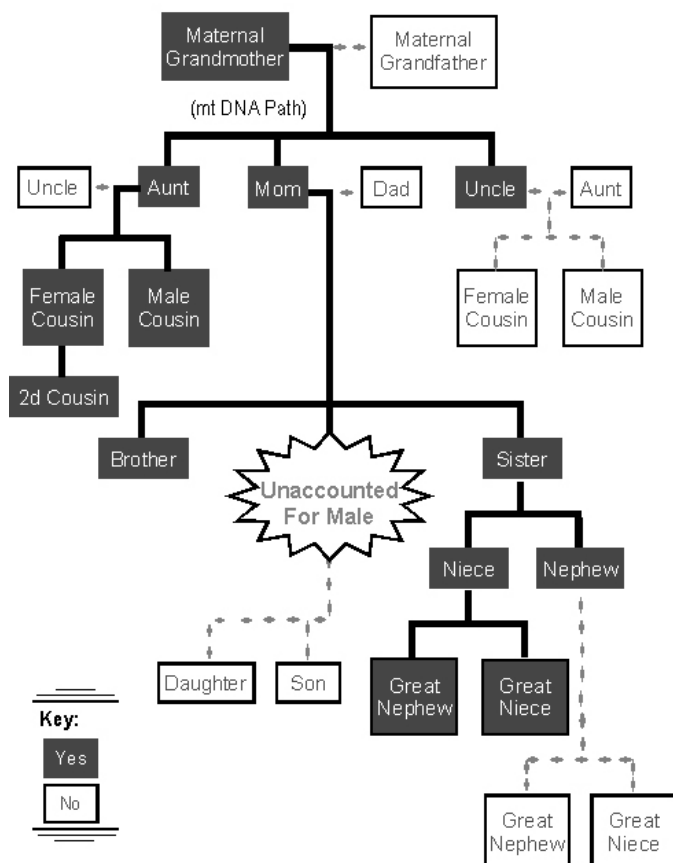
members of those missing from the Korean War becomes essential.

Since the time the letters were mailed, 21 states have contacted DPMO providing varying degrees of response to our request to find family members. As an added benefit, 54 family members (representing 44 cases) have come forward to volunteer a blood sample for DNA comparison testing. Representatives of the service casualty office will contact these family members to obtain a DNA sample.

Please print in your Chapter Newsletters this request and DNA Chart. We ask that all Korean War Veterans that know a family that lost a loved one to contact DPMO at the location listed if they have not already done so.

Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office  
2400 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-2400  
(703) 602-2102  
[www.dtic.mil/dpmo](http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo)

### Eligible Donors of MtDNA Samples





All of us in the Korean War Veterans Association extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

#### Alabama

- ★ Roger M. Nicholson
- ★ Thomas S. Simmons, Sr.

#### Arkansas

- ★ Harold S. Culdice

#### California

- ★ Dowell R. Atkinson
- ★ Jack E. Higginson

#### Delaware

- ★ Robert Heibeck
- ★ H. Niski

#### Florida

- ★ Col. (Ret.) Alice Gritsavage
- ★ Irma N. Reed (Assoc. Mem.)

#### Georgia

- ★ Robert Bohan
- ★ Edgar B. Boswell
- ★ R.F. "Pat" Gammans, Jr.
- ★ Henry "Hank" Jordan, Jr.
- ★ Johnny M. Long
- ★ James D. Matthews
- ★ Robert W. Neuenkirch
- ★ Jacob E. Pound, Jr.
- ★ Oscar O. Reed

- ★ Charles Day Quarles, Jr.
- ★ Col. (Ret.) John C. Wilkerson

#### Illinois

- ★ Lawrence J. McGinnis

#### Indiana

- ★ Clifford Gene Glass

#### Iowa

- ★ James E. McMahon

#### Kentucky

- ★ Wilgus Burton, Sr.

#### Maryland

- ★ Marvin L. Bloom

#### Massachusetts

- ★ John E. Ianucci

#### Michigan

- ★ William A. Elkins
- ★ Charles Herch, Jr.

#### Minnesota

- ★ John J. Hayes
- ★ Gerald Smith

#### Missouri

- ★ Ralph E. George
- ★ Neil P. Mc Broom

#### New York

- ★ William F. Bradley (Orig. 39)

- ★ David Cata

- ★ Richard Cifu

- ★ Clyde J. Donnelly

- ★ Anthony Gatto

- ★ Patrick J. Matthews

- ★ Gerald Mulqueen

- ★ Francis Wassell

- ★ Myron Wickens

#### Ohio

- ★ George B. Lewis

- ★ Boyd Thompson

- ★ Frederick J. Walsh, Sr.

#### Oklahoma

- ★ Louis Sullivan

#### South Dakota

- ★ Edwin E. Davis

#### Tennessee

- ★ Harold West

#### Texas

- ★ Norman Fisher

#### Unknown State

- ★ John J. Wulfange

### 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

### National KWVA Fund Raiser Flower Rose of Sharon

The Rose of Sharon is the National KWVA fund raising flower. The Rose of Sharon is sold by the dozen.

☐ Sample order is 4 dozen @ \$10 plus \$3.00 S/H.

☐ Minimum order is 20 doz. @ \$50 plus \$5.00 S/H.

**Order from:** Earl House  
1870 Yakona Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21234  
Phone 410-661-8950

Make Checks payable to: **Maryland Chapter – KWVA**



## Update

# Korea Revisit

*By Warren Wiedhahn Chairman*

*KWVA Revisit Program*

*Pusan - Inchon - Seoul - "Chosin" 1950*

Dear fellow veterans:

Even as I write this update, the first group of sixty veterans and their families are planning to leave for the first Revisit Korea tour of the year. We have requested an increase in quotas for both 2001 and 2002 but as I write this update, we have not had a response from KVA in Seoul. I hope that we will be successful since there are several hundred of you desiring to participate.

Please be reminded that the regular commercial (discounted) tours that appear elsewhere in the Graybeards do not coincide with the official KVA official *Revisit Korea* tours. If you have a very high quota number (over 150) and still desire to visit Korea this year, may I suggest that you consider transferring your deposit over to one of those.

At the present time, we have forty more Revisit quotas confirmed for October 11-16. Soon after the June tour departs we will begin to contact those of you on the list for the October tour. Don't be discouraged if you don't hear right away. We have found in calling the veterans that, for many reasons, to include health and personal problems, all those called cannot participate. Be patient! We are doing our very best to get all the veterans we can to Korea on a Revisit Quota.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn

President/CEO

Military Historical Tours

USA, KWVA Revisit Coordinator

## Action Book

### *A Platoon Sergeant's Diary*

During the Korean War (Sept. 1950-Sept. 1951), by B.R. Spiroff, 1stSgt-E8, USA (Ret). A realistic and detailed account of an infantry platoon's front line action.

Send \$10.95 plus \$1.50 (s&h) to:

B.R. Spiroff  
524 Old Annapolis Rd.  
Severna Park, MD 21146  
(410) 647-4503



## APPLICATION FOR KWVA REVISIT TOURS

**KVA (Seoul) Revisit Purpose:** *"To express the gratitude of the Korean Government towards Korean War Veterans of the United States who took part in the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953."* (Eligibility below).

Please check month and year of desired revisit tour:

**Month:** ☐ April ☐ June ☐ Sept. ☐ Nov.

**Year:** ☐ 2001 ☐ 2002 ☐ 2003

### 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

Have you received the medal elsewhere? If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### VETERAN'S MILITARY BIOGRAPHY

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Service in Korean War, from: \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year Arrived) to \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Year Departed)

Unit Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank Achieved in Korea: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Rank Achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Military Decorations: \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ I have previously accepted and participated in an Official KVA (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.) KWVA 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 KVA (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 Incheon 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!).

### Miscellaneous

A. The KVA Revisit Program privileges are provided for scheduled groups only.

B. Participants are required to be in possession of a valid passport. (A visa is not required for visits to Korea of 15 days or less.)

C. KVA (Seoul) is not responsible for any loss of, or damage to personal or other items, medical expenses, injuries, or loss of life due to any accident of whatever nature during the revisits. Trip insurance is available and recommended.

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 KWVA group air contract, can result in much higher Post Tour costs to China and other Pacific locations!

## CLEAR DAY FIFTY YEARS OF MEMORIES

Woke up this morning with a terrible dream  
 Sweating so profusely I wanted to scream  
 Memories flooding into my mind  
 Memories the kind you don't want to find  
 Thinking of the horrors of Korea fifty years ago  
 Horrors that seem to pass ever so slow  
 Remembering a mass grave dug at Koto-ri  
 Thinking of all the men I would never again see  
 I have been very lucky these past fifty years  
 Being able to bury the memories and the fears  
 Thinking back to Masan Korea listening to Chesty speak  
 Remembering so much from that epic week  
 New Years day nineteen-fifty-one  
 The sky so overcast no sight of the sun  
 Looking around to see how many of my men were there  
 Seeing so many are missing wishing  
 I didn't care  
 Wondering how this could have happened to me  
 Realizing it's the price we have to pay to be free  
 But to lose so many men so many boys  
 Thrown away like so many broken toys  
 Politicians sitting in their offices so smug  
 Tossing the war reports in their desks with hardly a shrug  
 Complaining of the snow and the difficult drive  
 Wondering if they'll miss the cocktail party at five  
 Caring only that they have won another term  
 By God this year they'll get a raise on that they're firm  
 And in Middle America there's a knock on the door  
 It's Western Union saying your son won't be home anymore  
 To the window you go to hang that Gold Star for all to see  
 Your husband your son died so they could be free  
 Buried in a hole in the frozen Far East  
 As his Senator sits down for a New Years feast  
 Troops coming home broken some with frost bitten feet  
 Hands shaking so hard they can't hold a fork to eat  
 Trying to put their lives back together trying to forget it all  
 Sitting in a chair with glassy eyes staring at the wall  
 Being so moody so withdrawn never speaking at all  
 Shutting down all the memories from winter to fall  
 Yes I woke up with these memories in Two-thousand and one  
 These memories of Korea from Nineteen-fifty-one

Dr. Kal Kalnasy

## KOREA - THE FORGOTTEN WAR

A folded flag, a telegram; some letters tied with string  
 A Purple Heart, your photograph - a graduation ring  
 Souvenirs and memories are all that remain  
 You served with pride and honor - you didn't die in vain  
 Broken hearts and empty dreams, funeral cars and limousines  
 The Honor Guard, the echoed sounds of three successive rifle rounds  
 The sound of taps in the winter snow  
 Vivid memories of a time so long ago  
 You were so young to go to war and die so far away  
 I often think of others, too, who lost their lives that way.  
 The bugle shrieks and charging hoards; The Yalu River -  
 "Chosin Reservoir" "Pork Chop Hill" and "Heartbreak Ridge;"  
 Prison camps and Freedom Bridge  
 Freedom's price is always high - some are wounded, others die  
 Blinded eyes and shattered bones; hospitals and nursing homes  
 You rest in peace - there's no more pain; no bitter cold or monsoon rain  
 No heavy pack or bandoliers; no sleepless nights and lurking fears  
 No hand grenades or bayonets; no eerie shadows or silhouettes  
 No fire fights or night patrol  
 Just silence now - God rest your soul

By Joseph P. McCallion, E Co., 27th Inf. Regt. (Wolfhounds) 25th I. D.

## MEMORIES

As I looked at him, his eyes returned the stare  
 His skin was black, mine white, though we didn't care.  
 Instant brothers, as from one mother's womb,  
 Now lying together in our earthen tomb.  
 He held my hand as he gasped for breath,  
 Our blood mingled as we fought against death.  
 We had met as youngsters only months before  
 And now lay dying, old men, from this war.  
 We talked quietly in our muddy hole;  
 We shared those moments and bore our souls.  
 He told of a wife and a baby due.  
 He spoke of his little boy, now only two.  
 He was afraid of dying, of leaving them alone.  
 He started to cry, and in pain, then, to moan.  
 It seemed insane that moments before,  
 We both had been healthy - had life by the door.  
 I had been walking just a few feet ahead  
 Hadn't noticed the mine planted in the field's green bed.  
 He lunged ahead, tried to push me away  
 The mine had exploded; our world turned to gray.  
 His legs were torn off, as though they didn't exist  
 His lips had been touched by Death's final kiss.  
 He gave up his life without any regret  
 To save me, his brother, he had only just met.  
 We held each other as the choppers grew near.  
 We held onto life, so precious and dear.  
 Both of us knew, they'd arrive too late,  
 Death was waiting, holding open it's gate.  
 The tears ceased flowing from his eyes of brown;  
 He pulled me closer, lifting his head from the ground.  
 "I'm dying, my brother," he whispered low,  
 "Tell them at home, so that they will know  
 That I died for my country, our freedom to save  
 For others to live, my life gladly I gave.  
 Don't let them forget us or the blood that we shed,  
 For to die without cause, when you die, you're just dead."  
 "Make them remember what their freedom costs.  
 Help them to know it can be easily lost.  
 Don't let them forget me or the other Vets  
 For we gave our all and paid a large debt."  
 He let out a sigh, as I gave him my vow,  
 Then he lowered his head, as though in a bow.  
 A smile appeared upon his face  
 And I knew he was now in a better place.  
 I'll never forget him - what he gave up for me  
 And for you, my brother, because you see,  
 He died for us all and we cannot forget  
 He died bravely - a Vet.

By Karen Offutt

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.



# Korean War Veterans Memorial—The Video



## Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War — 2000–2003



*Lead Scout*

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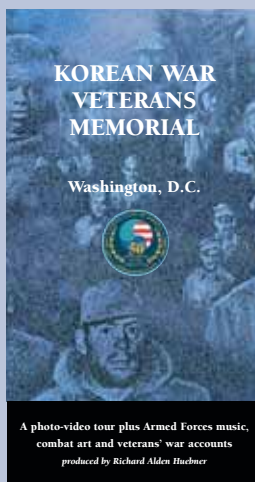
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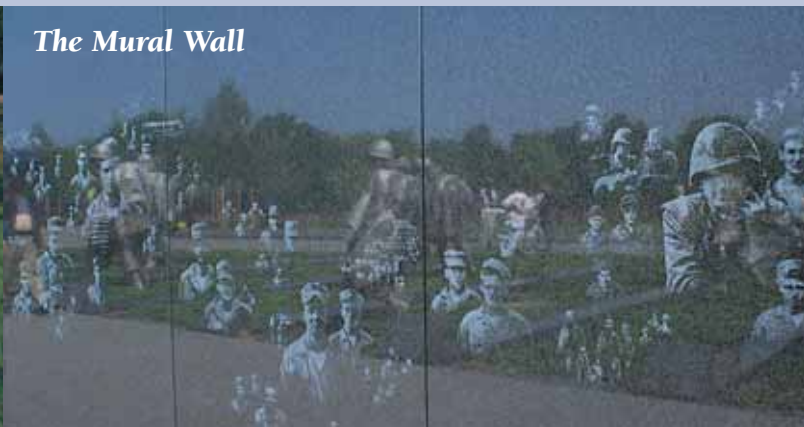


*U.S. Army Chorus*



*The Advance Party*

### The Mural Wall



# Reunion Calendar

## July 2001

**4th Inf. (IVY) Div. Assn. National Reunion & Div. Monument Dedication**, July 1-7. Contact: Roger Barton, 2 Spring Drive (R-1), Walkersville, MD 21793. Tel: 1-888-845-4040 or <www.4thininfantry.org>

**8th Engr. Combat Bn.**, meet every year on the third Sunday of July. Anyone interested can contact - Ken Smith, Easton, IL. 62633-9912

**D-2-5, Marines**, Korea, holding their Annual Reunion in conjunction with the 1st Marine Div. Reunion in Orlando, Florida, July 4-8. Contact, Frank R. Chang, 3678 Boyer Circle, Lafayette, CA 94549. Tel: 925-383-8668 e-mail frankd25@earthlink.net

**H-3-7 Marines** (1950-1953) Korea, July 4-8 at the Marriott Orlando World Center in Orlando, Florida. Contact Thomas J. Martin, 16553 Quantico, Apple Valley, CA 92310. Tel: 760-242-4558

**84th and 62nd Engineer Construction Bns.**, Korea, July 8-12 in Burlington, Vermont. Contact John Bohn, 19 Thurlow St. Plymouth, NH., 03264. Tel: 603-536-8916.

**9th Inf. Regt. (MANCHU) Assn.**, July 11-14 in Peoria, IL. Contact Ken Toeppe, 5508 Tabb Ave., Spring Hill, FL 34609, Tel/Fax: 352-683-8515, e-mail manchu@mymailstation.com

**24th Inf. RCT Army**, July 19-22 at Radison Riverfront, Augusta, GA. Tel: 706-722-8900. Contact Mary W. Elliott (Stanfield), 28 Stonegate Drive, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060-3292. Tel: 609-267-3875

**The USS Moale (DD693) Association**, June 21-24 at Virginia Beach, VA. Contact : USS Moale Association, C/O Don Boyle. PO Box 186, Winterville, NC 28590. Tel: 252 756-1855 Email: <ussmoale@usa.net>

**2nd Inf. Div. KWVA**, May 23-26 at Adam's Marke Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. Contact Tom Eastman, PO Box 1372, Poplar Bluff, MO 63902-1372, e-mail: <kwva2id@icmax.net> For the 37th FA Bn, Dinner Contact Ralph M. Hockley PO Box 42103, Houston, TX 77242, Tel: 713-334-0271, e-mail: <cghrmh@sprint-mail.com>

**91st MP Bn.** July 27-29 at Birch Run, MI. Contact Manual Sanchez, 4160 Burnham St., Saginaw, MI 48603. Tel: 517-793-4277

The **Department of Arizona, KWVA** is planning a Reunion of all Veterans of the Korean War era from the State of Arizona and surrounding states for the 27-29 July for Phoenix, AZ. Contact Department Commander, Wes Stapleton, 6725 W. Missouri Ave. Glendale, AZ. Tel: 623-846-5118, e-mail-WesStap546@Juno.com.

Would like the original **39 Charter Members** to attend the July 24-28 KWVA/The Gathering reunion. See Graybeards for dates and registration. Contact Stan Hadden, member # 15. P.O. Box 131 Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. Tel: 304-535-2259 or e-mail: <staneagl@intrepid.net>

**6147th Tactical Control Group, "Mosquito Association" Fifth Air Force**, Korean War. July 30 to 5 Aug 2001 at the Radisson (Penn Harris) Hotel and Convention Center, Camp Hill, PA., 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill (Harrisburg) PA 17011. Tel: 717-763-7117. Contact Richard L Souza, 79 Bradstreet Ave., Lowell, MA 01851. Tel: 978-453-3887

## August 2001

**USS Bon Homme Richard** (CV/CVA-31 Ships Company and Air Groups & USS Bon Homme Richard (LHD-6), Aug 10-12 to be held in Spokane, Washington. Contact Ralph Pound, PO Box 1531, 410 Clark Street, Tupelo, MS 38802 Tel Work: 662-842-0572, Tel Home: 662-842-8247

**999th AFA Bn. Korea 1950-54**, Aug. 17-19 at Holiday Inn, Kenner, LA. Contact George Cureaux, PO Box 51, 2814 Hwy 44, Grayville, LA 70051. Tel: 504-535-2441

**Greater Lowell Korean War Veterans**, the Joseph R. Ouellette chapter is hosting a Joint United States-Canadian Korea Veterans Reunion this coming August 17-19 at Lowell, Massachusetts. Contact Edward "Budda" Fonseca, 201 Coburn Street, Lowell, MA 01850. Tel: 978-924-5155 or e mail: <artg2@aol.com>

**USS Algal AKA 54**, Aug. 22-25 in Seattle, WA. Contact Tony Soria 2045 Avalon Dr. Merced, CA 95340 Tel: 209-722-6005 or Art Nelson at e-mail <artbets@cs.com>

**USS Maddox Destroyer Assn.**, at San Antonio, Texas Aug. 22-26. We will be at Hilton San Antonio Airport. Contact Carmel D. Olive, Tel 256-766 0791 or write, 147 Fairground Road, Florence, AL 35630 or e-mail <cdolive@juno.com>.

**Marine Mustangs** muster in New Orleans, Louisiana, Aug. 22-26, Contact Bill Max, Tel: 800-321-USMC or E-Mail <topmustang@aol.com>.

**All CACTI, 35th Inf. Regt.**, (All Years), Family and Friends) in Kansas City, MO, Aug. 23-26 at Hyatt Regency Crown Center. Tel: 816-421-1234. Contact Bill Burdick at <wburdick@earthlink.net> or Al Olsen at <samolsen@oz.sunflower.org>

**Korean Veterans Reunion Inc. - Nebraska**, Aug. 24-26 at Marina Inn Conference Center in South Sioux City, Nebraska, Tel: 1-800-798-7980 or 402-494-4000. Contact Charley Bernat, 301 East Walnut Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701. Tel: 402-371-7682

## September 2001

**92nd Armored F.A. Bn.** - Korea (Red Devils) Sept. 1-3 at the Doubletree Hotel in Arlington, Va. All personnel and their guests that served with this unit in Korea are welcome. Contact: Guy McMenemy (281)-469-2819 RedDevilBn@aol.com

**USS Weiss APD 135**, Sept. 4-8, Contact George Mason, 19 C Wintergreen Lane Whiting, NJ 08759 732-849-0944 e-mail <USSWeiss@aol.com>

**Navy Squadrons-VC-12/VAW-12** Sept. 6-9, Charleston, SC. Contact Bob Marvin, 7244 Lincoln Ave, Lockport, NY 14094. Tel: 716-434-1207 or e-mail <mar1207@pcom.net>.

**Sampson Air Force Base Veterans Assn.**, Inc. reunion at Sampson State Park, Sept. 6-9. Reunion Headquarters is the Waterloo, NY, Holiday Inn. All Korean Vets and interested persons are welcome. Please contact Chip Phillips at 716-633-1119 or by E-Mail at <Chip34@aol.com> or write Sampson Air Force Base Veterans Assn., Inc., P.O. Box 331, Williamsville, NY 14231-0331.

**151st Engineer Combat Bn.** Sept. 6-9, to be held in Lebanon, TN. Contact: Jack Cato, Tel: 615-444-9273 or e-mail <rmcato@concentric.net> or <jessiestewart@webtv.net>.

**14th Combat Engineer Battalion**, Sept. 7, 8, 9 at Branson, MO. All former members of this battalion from any and all periods of service. Contact Stanley H Schwartz, 313 Hollow Creek Road, Mount Sterling, KY 40353-9662, Tel: 859-498-4567, Fax 859-498-6594, email <shs313@mis.net>.

**USS Waldron (DD 699)** Sept. 7-9 in Pittsburgh, PA. Contact Walt Haidet, 214 Ennerdale Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-4027 Tel: 412-366-0137

**X Corps Army** and attached units, Sept. 9-22 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Contact Robert G. Johnson. Tel: 765-345-2652

**USS Essex CV, CVA, CVS-9, LHD-2 INC.**, Sept. 10-16 at Holiday Inn, Atlanta Airport North, 1380 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30344 Reservation: 1-800-HOLIDAY - mention Essex Group Frank R O'Connor froabo@aug.com or froabo2@juno.com, Vice Chairman/Membership/Publicity Secretary - C. Leonard Schlamp clschlamp@juno.com

**51st Signal Battalion**, Sept. 11-13 at Utica, New York. Korean Vets and all former members are welcome. Contact Glenn Carpenter, 810 Glyncrest Dr. Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895. Tel: (419) 738-3369, E-Mail (ICORP@bright.net).

**21st Engineer Combat Bn.** Sept. 11-13 at Fort Kearny Inn, Kearney, NE. Contact Chuck Adams, Tel: 480-357-9881 or E-Mail: <adamscf@yahoo.com>

**USS Wasp CV/CVA/CVS-18 Assn.**, is seeking any members of Ship's Company, Air Groups and Marines who served aboard the ship between 1943 and 1972, for both membership and information about it's next reunion which is scheduled to take place in Duluth, MN. Sept. 11-15. Contact Richard G. VanOver, 6584 Bunting Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127-3635 or call - 716-649-9053

**The USS Davison**, DD618/DMS37, 1942 to 1949, Sept. 11-16, at the Guest House Inn and Suites, Branson, MO. Contact Earl J. Lee, 2169 West Drive, El Cajon, CA 92021. Tel: 619-444-5384 or E-mail <dms37@sprintmail.com>

**50th AAA Aw Bn (SP)** All Batteries, Sept. 10-13 at the Sands Regency Hotel in Reno, Nevada. Contact Nelson Ruiz, Tel: 321-267-1106 or e-mail <amnel@mail.yourlink.net> or Bob Matis Tel: 352-686-0550 or e-mail, <bmat2294@aol.com>

**32nd Inf. Regt. Assn.**, Sept. 12-16 at Tacoma, WA. Contact Don Shultz, 12 Media Ct. St. Louis, MO 63146. Fax: 775-218-8036 or e-mail <DSHUTZ@aol.com> also contact Janet Bair, 9242 Chase Street, Spring Hill, FL 34606. Tel: 352-666-8605.

**568th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Co.** (Army), Korea 1950-53, Charleston, SC, Sept. 13-15. Contact: Herb Peppers, 612 Weatherbeaten Place, Hermitage, TN 37076. Tel: 615-883-1417.

**14th Inf. Regt., 25th Inf. Div.**, Korea 1951-53 Sept. 13-16 in Bloomington, MN. Contact Fred Hoge, 2422 Snowey Egret Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32224. Tel: 904-223-5036 or Kenny Hanson at 612-866-9904 or e-mail <ra17313465@aol.com>

**U.S.S. LEYTE (CV-32)**, Ships Company, All Air Groups Sept. 13-15. Woburn, MA. Contact Richard Bolin 308 S. Maple St. Farmer City, IL. 61842 Tel: 309-928-3552.

**Army Security Agency in Korea**, Sept 13-16 at Camp Hill, PA. Contact "ASA Korea" in care of "All-in-One" Tour and Cruises, 1530 Commerce Dr., Lancaster, PA 17601. Tel: 717-581-5333 or 888-681-5333.

**115/196 Field Artillery Assns** Sept. 16-19 in Memphis, TN at Wilson World Hotel, 2715 Cherry Rd. Contact John Cole at 901-755-4191 or e-mail <jcole442@aol.com> or Raymond Mason at 901-377-8248 or e-mail <emason1029@aol.com> Fax: 901-384-3557.

**Marine Corps 9th Special Basic Class** (9th SBC), The Basic School, Quantico, Virginia, June-December 1951 will hold the 50th reunion Sept. 17-21 at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington (Crystal City), Virginia. Contact: Ed Utley, 9th SBC Reunion, 8116 Arlington Boulevard, PMB 302, Falls Church, Virginia 22042, or email <ninthsbc@yahoo.com> Tel: 703-978-0971.

**32nd Inf. Regt. Assn.**, Sept. 12-16 at Tacoma/Ft. Lewis, WA. Contact Don Shultz, 12 Media Ct. St. Louis, MO 63146. Fax: 775-218-8036 or e-mail <DSHUTZ@aol.com>

**The Third Infantry Division Society** and attached units in war and in peace-time will hold their 82nd reunion Sept. 13-17 at the Embassy Suites in Phoenix, AZ. (800-527-7715). The hotel is located at 2577 Greenway Rd., approx. 10 miles from the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. Contact Carl R. Duncan, 14617 Shiprock Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351, Tel: 623-977-2347. Visit web site at http://members.home.net/3rdiv/

**45th Inf. Div. Assn** (Thunderbirds) WWII, Korea, Sept. 20-22 at Biltmore Hotel, 401



South Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73108. Tel: 1-405-947-7681. Contact Raul Trevino. 1918 Leander, San Antonio, TX 78251-2954. Tel: 210-681-9134

**"B" Co., 120th Engineer (C) Bn., (Korea)** Sept. 20-22 in Oklahoma City, OK at the Biltmore Hotel. Contact Jack Latham, 733 Kiowa Drive West, Lake Kiowa, TX 76240. Tel: 940-665-3021.

**2nd Chemical Mortar Bn.** (and 461st Infantry Bn.) Korea 1950-53, Sept. 20-24 at the BWI Airport Marriott, Baltimore, MD, plus events at Annapolis and Edgewood. Contact: William R. Thomas, 7418 Overdale Drive, Dallas, TX 75240. Tel: 972-387-1247.

**I&R Platoon, Hq. & Hq. Co. 31st Inf. Regt., 7th Div.** We are having our 4th reunion on Sept. 21-22 at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, VA. Contact: Don Zierk, 6 Weiss Place, Palm Coast, FL 32164-7873. Tel: 904-445-1603

**USS General A. E. Anderson (AP/TAP-111)** Association, Sept. 21-24 at Doubletree Hotel in Albuquerque, NM. Contact Gene Hamelman, PO Box 550743, Dallas, TX 75355 Tel: 214-341-4196, Fax: 214-341-8796. E-mail hamelman@swbell.net

**31st Inf. Regt. Assn.,** Sept. 21-24 at the Ramada Inn, Watertown NY. Tel: 315-788-0700. The room rate is \$55.00 plus tax per night. When making reservations identify yourself as the 31st Infantry Regiment Association to get the discounted rate. Contact Jack Considine at e-mail <jj\_considine@yahoo.com>.

**USS-Colonial (LSD-18)** Sept. 26-30 at the Holiday Inn Bayside 4875 N. Harbor Dr. San Diego CA 92106. Reservations: 1-800-662-8899. Mention Colonial reunion. Contact Jim Roberts 4819 Overcrest Dr Nashville TN 37211 or lsdl8@aol.com

**82nd AAA AW (SP) Bn.** Sept. 26-30 at Raddison Hotel in Saint Padre Island, TX Contact Ray Carr or Silvestre Asebedo at 1001 Berry, Mission, TX 78572-3602. Tel: 956-585-6150.

**U.S.S. Oglethorpe AKA 100** will take place on Sept. 27-30 in New Orleans LA. Write: Ron Williamson, 639 Oxford St., Belvidere, NJ 07823 or call 908-475-4435. E-mail mistyl@epix.net

Seeking all men who were in **Hq Det., 1st Cav. Div., Camp Drake**, from Sept 1949 to July 1950. Also those who were in Korea Hq. Det. July 1950 to through Sept. 1951 for a reunion around Sept. 2001. Location: southwestern Illinois, near St. Louis. Email: <skronen266@aol.com> or call John Kronenberger (618) 277-2311. Date still open. Some contacted already. Reply if interested.

**USS Satyr Assn.,** ARL 23 WW II - Korea - Vietnam will be holding their Ninth Annual Reunion Sept. 30 - Oct. 4 in Orlando, FL at the Best Western Airport Inn & Suites. Contact Bill Janosco, Lake Havasu City, AZ. Tel: 520-453-6755 or email <foojanosco@yahoo.com> or Mel Bennett, Secretary, Torrance, CA. Tel: 310-326-5091.

#### October 2001

**H-3-1 Korea USMC-Parris Island,** Oct. 3-7. Contact Jack Dedrick 6 Sheridan Ter. Swampscott, MA 01907-2042. Tel: 781- 598-9725 or E-Mail <jfddedrick@aol.com>.

**11th Evac. Hosp.,** Won-Ju, Korea 1950-53, Oct. 4-6 at the Moorings Hotel, Palatka, FL. Contact Ed Elliott, 86 Malone Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306-4110. Tel: 1-718-987-3557

**398th AAA AW BN., Korea** 1952-1954. Oct. 4-7 at Warrensburg, MO. Contact: Lawrence Lockard, P. O. Box 1317, Warrensburg, MO. 64093. Tel. 660-747-8549

**96th Field Artillery Bn. Assn.** (Korea, 1950-1958) Oct. 4-7 will hold its 6th Reunion at Branson MO. Contact Arnold Anderson, HC83, Box 116A, Custer, SD, 57730. Tel: 605/673-6313.

**26th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon,** Oct. 5-7 in Columbia, Missouri. Contact Don Secrist, 614 South Ivy Lane, Centralia, MO. 65240. Tel: 573-682-3007.

**USS Rasher (SS/SSR/AGSS-269)** Oct. 5-9, Charleston, SC. Contact Dick Traser, 913 N. Sierra View St., Ridgecrest, CA 93555-3013 Tel: 760-446-4659 or e-mail: <submariner@ussrasher.org>

**700th Ordinance Maintenance Co., 45th Infantry Division,** Japan-Korea, 1950-53, will conduct their Ninth Annual Reunion at the Settle Inn, Branson, MO on Oct. 6-10. Contact George Buhr, 1173 Maynard Road, Cheboygan, MI 49721, Tel. 231-627-7458.

**98th Bomb Group Veterans Assn.,** Oct. 9-13 in Tucson, AZ at Holiday Inn (Palo Verde) Resv. 520-746-1161 or Contact: Lee Taube 714- 546-0956.

**Korean War Recon Marines,** USMC Oct. 10-13, San Antonio, Texas at the Howard Johnson Inn & Suites - Medical Center 7401 Wurzbach (800) 468-3507. Contact Morris L. Estess, 12242 Ecksminster Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216. Tel: 210-494-7870, E-mail <lonestarhotels@aol.com>

**86th Ordnance Company Assn.,** Oct. 10-13, Braddock Motel, Cumberland, MD. Contact Richard Schildbach, 101 So. Whiting Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. Tel: 703-370-2707.

**USS Valley Forge (CV/CVA/CVS-45; LPH-8; CG-50)** Oct. 10-14 at Daytona Beach, FL. All ship's company, air group, flag and marines. Contact Don Whitman at 386-761-0355 or E-mail at <donrita@webtv.net>

**USS Cotton (DD669),** Oct. 10-14 in Pittsburgh, PA. Contact Red Hayes, 10244 Quail Run Dr., St. Louis, MO 63128. Tel: 314-849- 7517

**Korean War Veterans Reunion,** Oct. 10-14 at Surfside Inn in Virginia Beach, VA. Contact Richard R. Galmeyer, 808 Oldham Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23464-3024. Tel: 1-800-523-4715.

**Navy Fighter Squadron VF-54,** Oct. 11-14 at Clarion Hotel Tucson Airport, Tucson,

AZ. Contact Glenn W. Ward, 2240 N. Trenton St., Arlington, VA 22207-4039. Tel: 703-527-7315 or e-mail <wardgw@erols.com>

**75th Air Depot Wing,** 1952-1956. Oct. 11-15, Contact Walter A. Walko Tel: 303-690-7399, E-Mail <wawlaw1@juno.com>

Shipmates of the **USS William C. Lawe, DD 763.** We are planning a reunion Oct. 12-15 in Virginia Beach, VA. For information contact Owen O. Turner, 14 Gordon Terrace, Newton, MA 02458-1617. Tel: 617-969-8328 or e-mail <usslawe@aol.com>

**17, 75, 145, 96, 159, 176, 204, 213, 555, 623, 625, 632, 636, 937, 955, 976, 984, and 987 F.A. Battalions,** Korea 1950-1954, Oct. 13-17, in Albuquerque, N.M. Contact Corps Artillery Reunion Alliance Nick Vanderhave 1333 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, N.J. 07950 Tel: 973-538-7189. E-Mail <vanderhave@usa.net>

**USS Samuel N. Moore DD 747 Assn.,** Oct. 17-21 in San Antonio, Texas. Contact Bob Culver, 5910 Brookview Drive, Lincoln, NE 68506-3534 or Tel: 402-489-5910 or E-Mail <Torpedoman@navix.net>

**USS Ozbourn (DD846),** Oct. 17-21 at Ramada Inn in Seakonk, MA. Contact W. D. Minter 903-794-4748 for details.

**Heavy Mortar Company, 5th RCT,** Oct. 18-20, at the Executive Inn, 978 Phillips Lane, Louisville, Ky. Reservations Clerk, 1-800-626-2706. Contact Bill Conley, Tel: 412-885-2053, or E-mail <copconley@aol.com>.

**USS Francis Marion APA-LPA 249,** October 18-21 in San Antonio, TX. Tel: 781-665-9222, E-mail: tinman6l@juno.com Mailing Address: USS Francis Marion APA-LPA 249 c/o Bob Martin 16 Staples St. Melrose, MA 02176

**Arizona's Arden A. Rowley Chapter Picnic,** Oct. 20th at the Red Mountain Park in Mesa. Details are available at tel: 480-982-4717.

**USS Bayfield APA-33,** Oct. 20-23 in Orlando, FL. at The Enclave Suites. Host is Bobby & Carole Finestone Tel: 781-284-7330 or Art Nelson at <artbets@cs.com>

**A-1-1 USMC, Korea** 1950-53, Oct. 25-27 at Honeysuckle Inn in Branson, MO. Contact Ellis Reynolds, P.O. Box 152, Earleton. FL 32631. Tel: 352-468-3834, Fax: 352-468-3833, E-mail <ellisr5@aol.com>.

**USS Passumpsic AO/TAO-107,** Oct. 25-27 in San Diego, CA. Contact Don Bowles 316-722-8704 or e-mail <Dbo7265479@cs.com>

**1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion Association** is looking for anyone who served in the Battalion in Korea. The Association, which has about 200 members, will celebrate its 21st Annual Reunion in October. The purpose of the Association is to preserve the traditions and memories of the Battalion during its distinguished service in the Korean War and World War II. A comprehensive unit history has been published, and members receive a Newsletter three times a year. For information, contact Warren R Rehfeldt, 509 Mary Knoll Lane, Watertown, WI 53098, Tel: 920-262-2955, E-mail: <jarwrr@execpc.com>

#### November 2001

**Baker Co., 15th Regt., 3rd Inf. Div. Korea,** Nov. 4-8 at Quality Inn & Suites, 251 South Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach/Ormand Beach, FL (1-800-227-7220). Contact John Gogliettino, Tel: 203-269-0747 or Dr. Don Sonsalla, Tel: 651-429-1634 or e-mail <drsonnie@aol.com>

**29th Radio Squadron Mobile, USAF** (1952-1954) Nov. 11-12 in Biloxi, Mississippi. Contact Bob Rennick, 127 Oak Leaf Dr. Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Tel: 704-435-0555 or email: <Rennick@vnet.net>

**Korean War Veterans - Western States:** Reunion plans are in progress for a Baja cruise in October followed by LA sites. Send SASE to Mike Glazzy, 3361 Williams Road, San Jose, CA 95117. Tel: 408-296-8282, 408-296-6778 (fax), e-mail <mglazzy@earthlink.net>

#### Unknown Month

**B-1-1 Korea 8-52-8-53 24th Draft USMC,** planning reunion in 2001 at Vegas, NV or Branson, MO. Contact Tom Prendergast, 1120 S.E. Letha Circle, Apt. 1, Stuart, FL. 34994-4592 Tel: 561-283-6813 or Phillip Achert, 112 Turnberry Rd., Half Moon Bay, CA 94019. Tel: 650-712-9625

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# Korean War Veterans Certificate

The beautiful, full color 11" x 17" certificate pictured on the right is now available. It is produced on parchment-like stock.

A special certificate is available to family members of those who made the Supreme Sacrifice in the Korean War or who died of wounds received. The individual request should have the date of death and place and be certified by the requester.

Veterans who want to have a certificate made up for the spouse or descendant of a fallen buddy and can certify to the event, may do so. Multiple copies of the same certificate can be ordered if you have a number of children/grandchildren. You may order certificates to give to members of your unit or provide them with an order form.



Please be sure all information is printed clearly or typed and include your serial number and unit designation while in Korea. In some instances, it may be necessary to abbreviate. Begin your unit designation with the smallest designation and list to the largest.

The certificate will be shipped rolled in a protective mailing tube and total cost is \$20.00 paid in advance. This beautiful certificate can be framed in a 16" x 20" frame with appropriate matting, mounted on a 12" x 18" placard or a walnut plaque.

## Certificate Order Form

- ☐ I certify that I served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces in combat/support of the Korean War: 6/25/50- 7/27/53.  
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I served in: ☐ Army ☐ Air Force ☐ Navy ☐ Marines ☐ Coast Guard ☐ Other

**I would like the following information on the certificate:**

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# United States of America Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War

## 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.**



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

**1950 — 1953**

**2000 — 2003**



### Planned Events 2001

Date	Event	Location	Lead
Feb 15	Victory at Chipyong-Ni Ceremony	Ft. Lewis, WA	23rd RCT, 2nd ID
Feb 22-23	Symposium Cold War Reconnaissance	Bolling AFB	Bolling AFB
Mar 7	Han River Assault	Ft. Lewis, WA	Ft. Lewis AUSA
April 18	UN Participation	Pusan, South Korea (UNCMAC)	USFK
May 17	CCf Spring Offensive	Ft. Lewis, WA	Ft. Lewis AUSA
May 24	Battle of Chipyong-ni	Philadelphia, PA	2nd ID Assoc.
Sun-May 27	National Memorial Day Concert	Capitol Hill (West Lawn)	MDW (US Congress)
Mon-May 28	Memorial Day Breakfast & Wreath Laying	Wash DC WH/ANC/KWM	MDW
May (TBA)	America Salutes Korean War Veterans	(TBA)	USO Show (CC)
June 9	Battle of the Punchbowl	Yongsan, South Korea (EUSA)	USFK
June 12 *	Battle of the Punchbowl	Yongsan, South Korea (EUSA)	USFK
June 25-29	PACAF/Korean Air War Symposium	Hickam AFB, HI	AF/HO
July 23	African American KWW Commemorations	ANC	(CC)
July 27	Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony	Korean War Memorial, DC	KWVA/KWVF
July 27	Armistice Commemoration UWVC	Staten Island, NY	UWVA of NYC
Aug 18	Battle of the Outposts, Punchbowl, Bloody and Heartbreak Ridges	Camp Red Cloud, S. K. 2nd ID	USFK
Aug 18	Battle of Bloody Ridge	Battery Park, NY	UWVA of NYC
Aug 18	Battle of the Outposts	Battery Park, NY	UWVA of NYC
Sept 7 *	Battle of the Outposts, Punchbowl, Bloody and Heartbreak Ridges	Camp Red Cloud, S. K. 2nd ID	USFK
Sept 13	Battle of Heartbreak Ridge Memorial Concert	Central Park, NY	UWVA of NYC
Sept 22 *	Airpower Day	Osan AB	USAF
Sept (TBA)	Joint Meeting of Congress	Capital Building, DC	(CC)
Nov 11	Veterans Day Breakfast & Wreath Laying Ceremonies	White House & ANC	MDW
Date (TBA)	Full Military Review	Ft. Myer, VA	(CC)

\* (Changes from last issue as of February 1, 2001 per Maj. Guy Bartle as noted in 50th AKWC newsletter. To be updated each issue as required)

# Korean War 50th Anniversary

## Commemorative Tours for 2001

### "The Forgotten War, Forgotten NO MORE!"



★ September 4-10  
Battle of the  
Outposts  
Bloody Ridge,  
Heartbreak Ridge  
and more

★ September 17-  
25  
USN, USMC &  
USAF Airpower  
Commemoration

Seoul, Osan & DMZ

*"USAF Thunderbirds Demonstration"*



★ March 21-26, 2002  
Combat Jump and Battle of  
Munsan-ni  
Tour Host:  
Col Bill Weber, USA (Ret)  
187th RCT(A)



All tours offer a post tour to Beijing, China  
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more.

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**K.W.V.A. Regular Annual Dues — \$20.00 Associate Membership — \$12.00 Life Membership: — \$150**

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal Member # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ POW (\$6.00 fee for Graybeards)

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☐ Army

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Air Force

Battalion \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Navy

**Dates of service within or without Korea**

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☐ Marines

*(see criteria below)*

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Criteria for Membership in The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.**

Section 1. Qualification of Members. Membership in the association shall consist of honorary members, regular members, and associate members.

**A. Honorary Members.** Any person of good character may be elected as an honorary member by the vote of the Executive Council.

**B. Regular Members.**

1. *Service in United States Armed Forces.* Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, said service being within Korea (September 3, 1945 - June 25, 1950), within and without Korea (June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955), or who, as a member of the armed forces of the United States as defined by U.S.C. Title 10, served honorably in Korea from February 1, 1955 shall be eligible for membership. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability, so long as the individual meets the service requirements.

2. *Medal of Honor.* Any Medal of Honor recipient, so honored for service in Korea during the Korean war era shall be eligible for life membership.

3. *Prisoner of War.* Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward shall be eligible for life membership.

4. *United Nations Command and Korean Army.* Any person who served honorably in the armed forces of the United Nations command or in the Republic of Korea armed forces during the Korean War era and thereafter shall be eligible for membership. Ninety percent (90%) of members must be United States Veterans, ten percent (10%) may be other.

5. *Gold Star Mothers.* Any woman whose son was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War shall be eligible for life membership.

I was a POW in North Korea for over two years and was repatriated on the eve of the last day of the prisoner release, 5 Sept. 1953. My wife and I were living at Clark Field in the Philippines at the outbreak of the Korean hostilities. I was a member of the 18th Fighter-Bomber group there. In Korea I flew 81 combat missions in F-80s with the 8th Fighter Group, 36th Squadron before my bomb went off prematurely and blew me out of the sky.

While held in POW Camp 2 on the Yalu I came to know and respect a tough young Lieutenant named William J. (Bill) Wright, a real patriot who was always engineering escape plans, only to be recaptured and severely punished. He spent many miserable hours in the hole, refusing to cooperate with our Chinese guards in any way. After repatriation, Bill and his wife were our neighbors and close friends. Bill died in 1991 and Walt Mayo and I were the only EX-POWs who were able to attend his burial at Arlington.

My wife, who also attended, wrote the poem below.

James R. Kiser  
Col. USAF Retired

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## BURIAL AT ARLINGTON 1991

It is a day of ghosts,  
so cold the earth  
gives up its warmth  
in wisps, like apparitions  
on patrol, advancing  
and retreating  
through the markers.

The widow rests her hand  
upon the escort's arm,  
is seated like a wedding guest,  
There are no flowers.

She whispers to her son,  
points to the site where years ago  
the horse-drawn caisson  
bore her father to his place.  
She grips the son's hand  
fiercely and holds on.

The chaplain's words hang  
frozen in the air  
while sighs of friends  
form vapor bubbles  
without words.

Seven rifles crack  
one sound  
then twice again.  
While legions sleep  
a bugler plays their lullaby.

Young soldiers  
fold the flag with  
reverent hands.  
They do this every hour  
every day; present  
a neat triangle  
to the next of kin,  
a gift from a grateful nation.

Two men stand close  
against the wind,  
their bones remembering  
Siberian cold of  
forty years before when  
Bill endured the hole  
and never broke—refused  
to tell his captors  
where he got the match.  
One match against that cold

While others seek  
the warmth of waiting cars  
the veterans linger  
conquering their ghosts.  
“Bill's going to give 'em Hell,”  
says one. “His last assignment  
overlooks the Pentagon.”

By Margie Kiser

*This Memorial Day issue and your beautiful poem is dedicated to all our fallen heroes in all military and non-military cemeteries including those shallow unmarked graves in POW camps and battlefields. Our fallen Veterans, your wife and you will never be forgotten. God Bless All for remembering. —KWVA*

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