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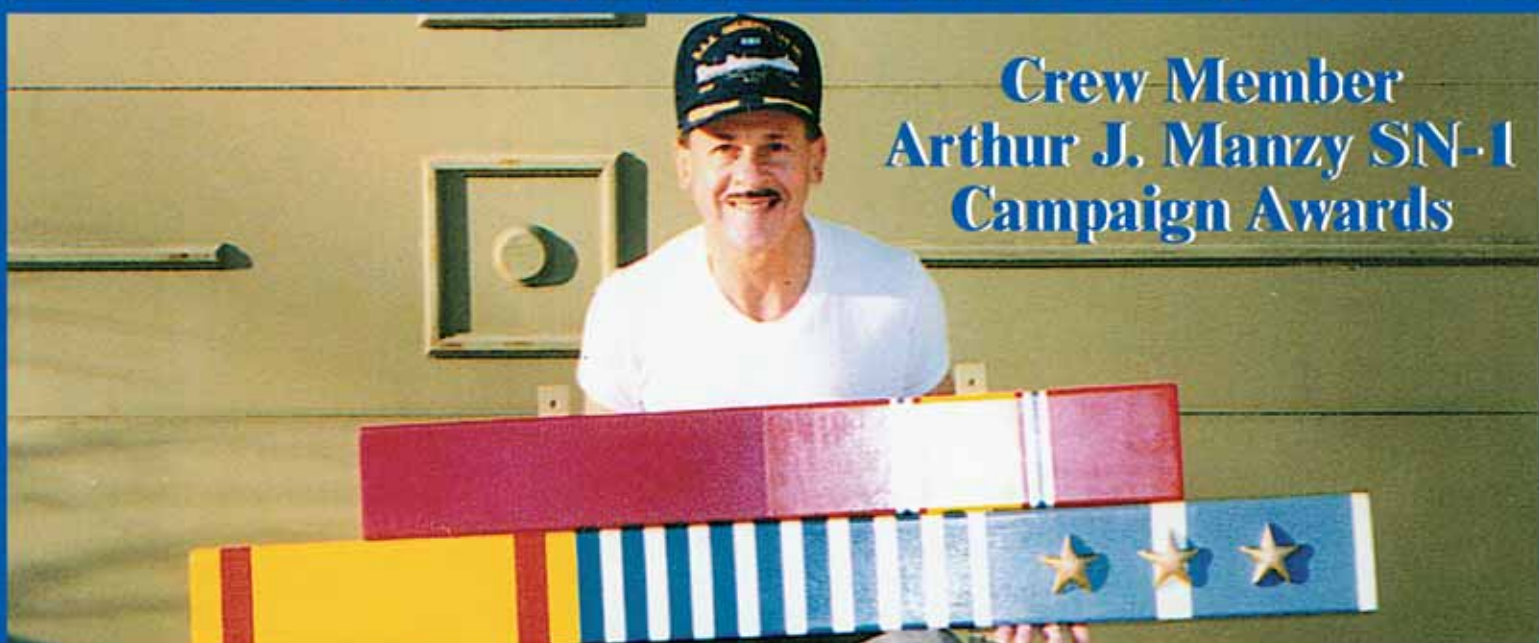
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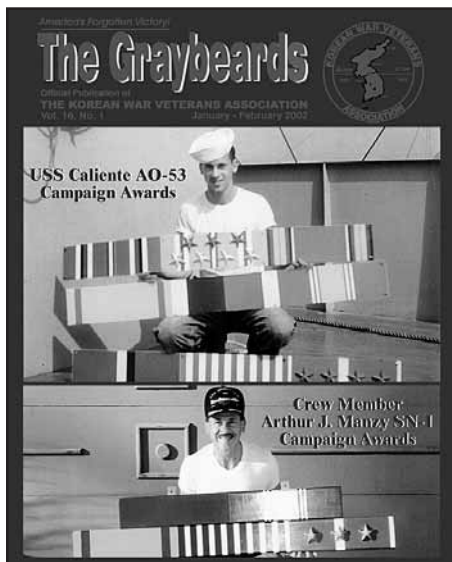
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# On the cover...



## Ships Wear Ribbons Too

By Art Manzy

Photo shown on front cover (top) aboard the U.S.S. CALIENTE, AO-53 showing the Award Ribbons I painted in September of 1953 which qualified the CALIENTE for World War II and the Korean War. These were attached to the port and starboard side of the ships bow. (Bottom) photo shows the Ribbon Awards I painted again in August of 1999 which I was qualified for that are now attached to the front of my home.

The CALIENTE was part of the 7th Fleet, 77 Task Force assigned to supply our War Ships with fuel i.e. black oil and Aviation gas during the war in Korea.

Our routine was loading up fuel in Sasebo, Japan and steaming out to meet the fleet along the coast of Korea. The fueling operation would start at 4:30 a.m. and take 9 to 10 hours to dump off approximately two (2) Carriers, one (1) Cruiser and about eight (8) Destroyers. It was a real excitement to have these ships come along side, passing lines and fuel hoses while steaming at 15 knots. When those ships were leaving our side they would return to firing operation along the coast of Korea. The CALIENTE was equipped with one (1) 5 inch 38 gun on the stern with quad 40 M.M. guns. On the bow of the ship we had two (2) 3 inch 50 guns with quad 40 M.M. armament. During our campaign the CALIENTE would sail along the coast of Korea from Pusan up pass the 38th parallel into Wonsan area, then steaming up as far as Vladivostak USSR. In the winter up north at sea, it was very cold especially when we had look-out duty with a pair of binoculars looking for "Mines" while the sea splashed us. Usually when we spotted a "mine" floating we would radio a Destroyer to blast it out of the water. The Korean War was very difficult to know where the enemy was at times. I remember the CALIENTE would anchor close to the Harbor in Wonsan with no problem. Maybe six (6) months later we were in the Harbor of Wonson and we got shot

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# President's Message



Harley Coon  
President, KWVA

We salute past Director and 2nd Vice President Ed Grygier who had to resign because of health reasons. Ed served proudly with the 24th Inf. Div. The first to fight in Korea. Ed served the Korean War Veteran's Association for nine years. He was a dedicated director and a great asset to the KWVA. Ed we salute you.

We lost Director John Settle to the heavens above. The next few years the ranks will be thinner. John was a good director, although he and I didn't always agree. John's brother told me that John joined the

Marines in April 1950 and went through boot camp. As soon as boot camp was completed John was ordered to Korea, landed at Inchon and later was in the Chosin area when the Chinese entered the War. John was wounded at the Chosin and returned to the states. He was ordered back to Korea in 1953 at the Wars end. National Secretary Howard Camp and I drove over to Ft. Wayne, IN. to offer our condolences both personally and from the KWVA. John's brother said John was a marine and died like a marine.

National Director George Bingham is in a Lima, Ohio Hospital. He had an aneurysm. George was a Prisoner of War for 37 months and a Tiger Surveyor. He served with the 24th Div. and like Ed Grygier was one of the first to fight in Korea. We ask prayers for George and hope he will be back with us soon.

I am sorry to report the death of John Moltar of Fayetteville, Ohio. John served 33 months as a Prisoner of War. He was captured at the Chosin Reservoir. John served with the 32nd. RCT. 7th. Div.

I have been doing a lot of flying since the disaster of September 11, 2001. The tightened security has not slowed people down from flying. I feel much safer now, than before the baggage checks. There is a lot more room in the overhead compartments since you can have only 2 carry ons.

Elections: We have elections for the offices of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and 4 Directors. There are a few experienced candidates running for office. I would suggest that you examine the past records. Vote for the ones that have supported the continued progress and growth of the KWVA during the past 3 years. The membership voted to do away with term limits, because they felt if a person is doing a good job, then keep them for 2003 Commemorative Years, if they are willing to serve. Another factor is the fact that our ranks are becoming thinner. In a few years we may not find too many people to fill these positions. With the amount of funds we have in our treasurer the most important question to ask the person running for President "Whom will you appoint for the position of Treasurer"? How will you protect our funds so they won't disappear as in the past? This is your KWVA and I hope everyone will vote. You decide who you

want to keep the KWVA running in a professional manner. Those running for office will be printed in the March-April issue of Graybeards in accordance with the by-laws.

The Midwinter meeting in Las Vegas was quite a success. There were 15 executive members present. There were approximately 60 members from 5 different states and chapters present. All rooms were only \$25.00 per night. Smith Travel was very instrumental in getting the Korean Veterans that room price.

The Honor Guard of the Nevada National Guard posted the colors. Mike Mahoney was appointed by the executive council to complete the term of the late John Settle. Warren Weidhahn was appointed by the Executive Council to finish the term of George Bingham because George is hospitalized in Lima, Ohio and not able to continue. 1st Vice President Ed. Magill resigned, no reason given.

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*T*he Reunion Committee are pleased to announce the site selected for our 18th Annual Reunion.

After review of several hotels, their locations, costs, etc the reunion committee members selected The DoubleTree Hotel in Crystal City. The address is 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. There were many reasons for choosing this hotel but the most important one was location. It is very near to our National Memorial in D. C., major airports, great shopping and eateries. This and other locations were visited and we all feel you

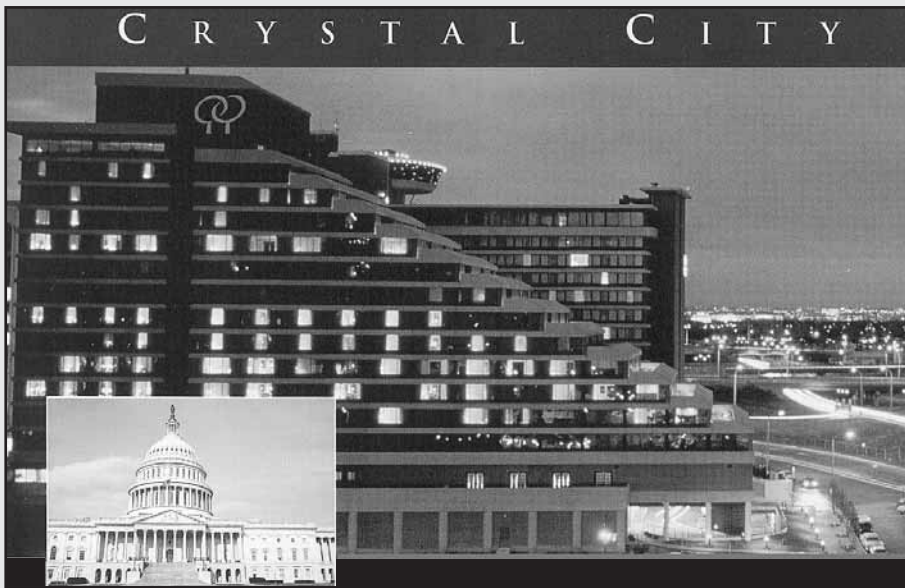
will be pleased with our selection.

As we move forward in the upcoming weeks we will be publishing more on this location, the activities, registration forms and many other important details. We hope you will start your planning to join your fellow veterans and friends in July 2002 at our 18th Annual Reunion. We expect all will be in the March-April issue of *The Graybeards*.

Thank You.

Reunion Committee Members

### DOUBLETREE HOTEL



The DoubleTree Crystal City boasts 630 rooms, including 152 spacious suites, many offering breathtaking views of D.C., as well as private balconies and spas. Every room features ample amenities including two-line phones with data port, cable TV with movie-viewing options, video check-out, free USA Today newspaper, in-suite coffee maker and more.

Windows over Washington. The Skydome Lounge is the area's only revolving rooftop restaurant. Breakfast and lunch buffets, as well as carryout are offered each day in our Lobby Café. Lobby Bar with big-screen TV.

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The Doubletree Hotel Crystal City-National Airport is located at 300 Army/Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. The hotel is ideally situated in the Crystal City corridor just minutes from the nation's capital.

§ Hotel vans will shuttle you to the nearby Pentagon City Fashion Mall or nearest Metro stop. The Metro provides transportation into the city to visit any of Washington's many world-famous museums and monuments. If you are driving, please contact the hotel directly for directions.

§ The Doubletree offers 630 deluxe guest rooms. Each guest room features cable TV, Spectravision, and Spectradyn (in-room check out.) They offer same-day valet service and a fully equipped health club. Treat yourself to a swim in the enclosed rooftop pool and then the sauna. The hotel's gift shop is located in the lobby. Best of all, Doubletree's famous home-made chocolate chip cookies will be waiting for you the night you arrive!

§ Handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms are subject to availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your reservation. Parking is available in the hotel's garage for the current fee of \$5 per day. Check-in time is 3pm, and check-out is 12noon.

§ The Café, serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the charming atmosphere of an outdoor bistro.

§ Window's Over Washington Restaurant, serves dinner only, Friday and Saturday. Continental and New American cuisine plus a spectacular view.

§ Skydome, a revolving rooftop lounge, well known as one of the city's most popular nightspots.

§ The Lobby Bar, which serves drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Room service is available.

§ The Doubletree Hotel provides free shuttle to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport. Call the hotel from the courtesy phone in the Baggage Claim area for service. No advance reservations. You may want to consider other transportation services, as space is always limited on complimentary services.

§ The hotel provides a RV parking lot behind the hotel, which is currently \$9 per day. For full hookup service, the Pohick Bay Park on the Potomac River is the closest park to the hotel. Call (703) 339-6104 for information, reservations, and directions.

§ Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details. All prices quoted include delivery fees.

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The *Glendale*, depicted in exquisite detail, is pictured leading the final convoy from Hungnam which is shown burning in the background. The original painting is in The National Korean War Museum and Library in Tuscola, Illinois.

This reproduction is printed on Fredrix canvas, mounted on a 3/8 " Medex museum quality panel, and is complete with a 2 3/4" frame. Because it is printed on actual artists' canvas it has the rich appearance and texture of an original oil painting. A Certificate of Authenticity signed by the artist is included which shows the number of the print in the limited 350 print edition. This stirring painting, done by an eyewitness to the historic event, was the cover illustration of the April 2001 *Graybeards* publication of The National Korean War Veterans Association. Gerald F. Doyle is



**U.S.S. GLENDALE PF-36**

### 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.

The image size is 12"x 16". The overall size including the frame is 17 1/2" x 21 1/2". The

handsome wooden frame is stained walnut with 2 lines of dark decorative beading and an inset of natural linen lining. The picture is ready to hang.

The cost of the framed print including shipping and handling is \$165.00, payable by check or

money order only. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax.

Reproductions of *Glendale* at Hungnam are also available as 4 1/4" x 6 " postcards. A pack of 10 postcards costs \$16.00.

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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# Korean War Ex-POW

Excerpts taken from Korean War Ex-POW Newsletter when available. Have not received latest newsletter, so I will print an upcoming Ex-POW reunion in 2002.

Aloha,

9th Annual POW/MIA Week  
Sponsored by American EX-POW  
Hawaii Chapter and Office of Veterans Affairs.

**April 7 Sunday**  
Arrival and rest.

**April 8**  
TBA

**April 9 Tuesday 10:00**  
A.M.Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific Ceremony, with wreath laying and Massing of the Colors.

**April 10th**

Tour of the *USS Arizona* Memorial *USS Missouri*, and the Central Identification Laboratory, Hickam Air Base.

**April 11th**  
TBA

**April 12th**  
TBA

**April 13th Saturday 5:30 PM**  
Banquet at Hale Koa, Waikiki Ballroom. Will request Korean entertainment from the Korean Consulate.

**April 14th**  
End of program.  
Contact Nick Nishimoto 445-5088 or Al Frumkin at 488-7655.

## PRESIDENT from page 4

There were three outstanding presentations given. We had the honor of having Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi. He informed the Executive Council of changes he wants to make and is making in the treatment of veterans. Col. Woodier and Major Jackson gave an update on the DPMO POW/MIA recovery operation in North Korea. It was interesting seeing the North Korean and American forces working together to recover our remains. Col. Jeff Douglas USMC represented the DOD 50th Commemoration Committee and gave the Executive Committee an update on

the up and coming events to honor the Korean War Veterans.

The members in the western States were assured that they are welcome members of the KWVA and we are here to help any way we can. The KWVA is approaching 18,000 members and there are many more that we should get into our organization. Our finances are in great shape and The KWVA is a highly respected Veterans Organization in and around Washington, D.C. We hope to have our National Charter before July 27, 2003.

Till next time I remain,

Harley

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## Book Review



### USS Hoquiam PF-5 Resected

By Mark Douglas

#### Author's Note Excerpts

This is a story about a class of ship formerly carried in the U.S. Naval Registry: Patrol Frigates, or PF's. Patrol frigates were 305 feet in overall length, about the same general dimensions as a Destroyer Escort, or DE. The PF's mounted 3-inch 50 caliber guns on deck while DE's had enclosed 5-inch 38 caliber gun mounts. Another significant difference, the PF's carried two to three times the number of depth charges than the DE's carried.

Early in World War Two, German submarines were sinking a huge number of ships in convoys crossing the Atlantic Ocean. Great Britain was in danger of being choked off from oil, food, medicine, and war supplies, coming from the United States and Canada.

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, aboard the HMS Prince of Wales, and American President Franklin Roosevelt aboard the USS Augusta, near St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada in August 1941, met. After agreeing upon the wording of what came to be called The Atlantic Charter, the two discussed a pressing problem: German submarines were devastating convoys from North America. The convoys desperately needed more escort vessels to knock out the German U-boats.

"Franklin," said the Former First Lord of the Admiralty, Winnie, "those fifty World War One American destroyers used to support convoys are just not enough. Your new destroyer escort design is very good but they take so long to build. The Allies need simpler, cheaper ships, faster to build, to kill U-boats." He continued, "What we need is something special like our River class Patrol Frigates, Franklin," then he paused as he lit up and puffed on one of his long cigars. "We shall give you our plans," he said stabbing his cigar at Franklin Roosevelt. This class of vessel was so

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at from the North Koreans in the hills. All personnel manned their guns stations and we fired back as we left port. The CALIENTE was lucky that day the ship didn't get hit. I remember some of the Warships that were hit by gun fire when they came alongside for fuel. I had a buddy that enlisted in the Navy with me and was assigned to the Cruiser USS Helena. I remember them coming along side for fuel and noticed the stern 5" gun was hit. Speaking over the radio phones Chester Z. (Buddy) told me they got hit by enemy fire. We also saw some of Our Destroyers (Cans) that were damaged. The CALIENTE would stay out at sea for a month to six (6) weeks replenishing the fleet, then back to Japan to fuel up for four days while the Tanker USS Navasota would take our place.

The CALIENTE was awarded action "Stars" for their engagement during the invasions in Korea. I remember seeing the battleship IOWA firing their 16 inch guns at different times. On one invasion early morning, our ship watched the Marines climb into the LST'S and sail toward the shore. While our men were sailing in, the Chinese and North Koreans left their hidden position and ran out to the beach to surprise our invasion, only to have their surprise backfire. I'll always remember what happened that day. When our men got close to shore, all of our flotilla made an 180 degree turn and headed back while our Warships with the IOWA 16 inch guns and the Cruiser 12 inch guns firing, blasting, and annihilating hundreds of the enemy and their positions. Later we found out how successful this operation was with zero U.S. casualty. This action was called a "MOCK" invasion.

After the Korean War in July of 1953 the CALIENTE sailed different courses. We went to Formosa, today called Taiwan, to assist the Nationalist Chinese while they held blockades around "Red China". The CALIENTE arrived into Kaohsiung, Taiwan Harbor on June 25th 1954. That week we noticed a Nationalist Destroyer bringing in a loaded Oil Tanker with no flag shown. As the ship passed by at a distance of 25 yards, I noticed a large paper covering

## Listen Up



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### Membership Lists

At the midwinter meeting in Las Vegas on January 14 - 15 2002 the Executive Council passed the following;

Anyone wanting a membership list be it chapter or department a request in writing must be submitted to National Secretary stating the purpose it will be used for.

The Executive Council

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The Executive Council

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one of their smoke stacks and from the wind pressing against the cover we saw the "Hammer and Sickle" with Nationalist Chinese guards standing aboard. The following day the Russians were accusing the U.S. Navy of piracy. Actually the CALIENTE was in Kaohsiung for assisting and R & R. While in Taiwan I was a duty driver for the Captain of our ship. I would chauffeur him in our jeep to the Chinese Nationalist Main Headquarters to meet with Chiang Kai'Shek and other government officials. I remember while driving, how the roads were bumpy and high along all the rice paddies and many Chinese with dark clothes, straw hats, and their oxen's in the fields struggling to stay alive during those middle 1950's.

From Taiwan the CALIENTE would sail to the Philippines to fuel some of the Warships that were steaming in the South China Sea. The CALIENTE sailed to the Island of Luzon and into the Harbor of Manila Bay. There we would load up and start the routine over again. During our stay in Manila the CALIENTE was ordered to move out fast and steam west toward Indochina in early 1955.

We understood from our Captain that our ship was to sail into a Vietnam Harbor up north and evacuate hundreds of Vietnamese aboard our ship because of North Vietnamese oppression that were driving these people from their homes. Most of the poor people had only a straw mat to lay on aboard our ship. After loading up with all the Vietnamese people, the CALIENTE steamed south to a port called Nha Trang. We had heard

that an organized group later called the Viet Cong were terrorizing and burning villages up North and these evacuees were becoming homeless. The French Foreign Legion which were stationed there did not help during this time. The CALIENTE crew gave these poor Vietnamese people blankets and food as we prepared to sail down South to the assigned Harbor. I'll always remember something different about the Vietnamese people. They could speak French and when they smiled their teeth were black from chewing "Beetlenut".

After that "Indochina" experience our ship sailed up the China Sea to Hong Kong, and back to Sasebo, Japan to refuel and begin another operation.

I lived on the CALIENTE for 3 1/2 years and was Honorably Discharged after serving in the United States Navy, 3 years, 11 months, and 17 days. My Campaign Awards for my duty in the Navy are as follows: Good Conduct, China Service (Ext.) National Defense, United Nations, Korean Service, Korean PUC and recently the Combat Action Ribbon (CAR). I am very proud to have served with the U.S. Navy and aboard the USS CALIENTE. Back on May 24, 2001, I looked forward to another reunion with my CALIENTE buddies that served aboard during Korea. We are 50 years older but we still talk about our times aboard ship. We all cried and hugged each other when we met for the first time in that many years. We were young lions (18 to 21) and today we are proud seniors.

*Arthur J. Manzy SN-1*

## Korean War Commemorative Event

# “THE KOREAN WAR, 1951-1952” Camp Lejeune, North Carolina - April 11, 2002

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. - The United States Marine Corps, on behalf of the three Sea Services, will host a major Korean War commemorative event here on Thursday, April 11. This all-day event, entitled “The Korean War, 1951-1952”, is open to the public and will honor and remember all Korean War veterans and their families and their moving example of courage, honor and commitment in the defense of freedom and our nation.

Senior military leaders, including Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James L. Jones, and hundreds of Korean War veterans and active-duty members of the military are expected to attend. The Secretary of the Navy the Honorable Gordon R. England, is scheduled to deliver the keynote address.

The day's activities will include an all-services honors ceremony at Liversedge Field from 10 to 11:15 a.m.; a static display of current Marine Corps equipment and Marine Corps Community Services-sponsored “fair” at W.P.T. Hill Field from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and a seminar on the conduct of the Korean War in 1951-1952 at the Base Theater from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The event had originally been scheduled for September 2001. Event organizers note that the day's activities will now serve as a particularly appropriate reminder of how Americans who fought for freedom in Korea are emblematic of all those in uniform who have defended our nation and values throughout our history including the current war against terrorism.

The seminar, co-sponsored by the Marine Corps Association and the Marine Corps History and Museums Division, will focus on Marine air and ground actions (e.g., Operations Ripper and Killer, the Punch Bowl, and the Hill Battles in 1951, battles at Bunker Hill and the Hook in 1952, and other naval and sea service actions throughout the 1951-52 period.) The seminar is intended to bring together Korean War scholars, veterans and active-duty military in a thought-provoking examination of the lessons learned from combat operations throughout this often overlooked period of the war.

Scheduled seminar speakers include renowned Korean War scholar and Professor of Military History at Ohio State University Col. Allan R. Millett, USMCR (Ret), Naval Historian and Writer-in-Residence at the University of North Carolina Cmdr. Thomas B. Buell, USN (Ret), and 1951 infantry combat veteran Lt. Gen. Charles G. Cooper, USMC (Ret). Among the Korean War veterans being honored throughout the day will be Medal of Honor recipient Gen. Raymond G. Davis, USMC (Ret). Davis, who served with the 7th Marine Regiment in Korea until June 1951 and who will be among the seminar panelists.

Other military units scheduled to participate in the commemoration include a parachute demonstration team from the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division (aboard Marine helicopters) and fly-overs by U.S. Army Helicopters, U.S. Air Force A-10 “Thunderbolts,” Marine Corps tactical (jet) aircraft, and the storied workhorse of naval aviation during the Korean War, the F4U “Corsair”.

For more information about the event, please contact Maj. Skip Crawley or Gunnery Sgt. Jim Riley at (910) 451-1714/5276 (DSN 751-), or e-mail [CrawleyS@lejeune.usmc.mil](mailto:CrawleyS@lejeune.usmc.mil) or [RileyJC@lejeune.usmc.mil](mailto:RileyJC@lejeune.usmc.mil). Additional information may be found at the Camp Lejeune website, <http://www.lejeune.usmc.mil/koreal951>.

For information about accommodations and lodging in the nearby Jacksonville, N.C. area, please contact Onslow County Tourism at (910) 455-1113, or visit their website at <http://www.onslowcountytourism.com>.

This event is part of the on-going activities of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard to honor and remember Korean War veterans and their families throughout the Congressionally authorized United States 50th Anniversary Korean War Commemoration. For more information about these activities, please contact Lt. Col. Ward Scott, USMC, Navy-Marine Corps KWC Coordinator at (202) 433-3085, or e-mail [ScottWE@hqmc.usmc.mil](mailto:ScottWE@hqmc.usmc.mil), fax (202) 433-7265 (DSN 288-) or YNI Victor Ward, USN, KWC Operations Chief at (202) 433-4223, or e-mail [WardVE@hqmc.usmc.mil](mailto:WardVE@hqmc.usmc.mil), write to: Navy-Marine Corps Coordinator, Korean War Commemoration, Marine Corps Historical Center, 1254 Charles Morris Street, SE, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5040, or visit the website at [www.history.usmc.mil](http://www.history.usmc.mil).

The Department of Defense Korean War Commemoration Committee has endorsed and is actively supporting this event. For more information about the DoD Committee and the national commemoration, please visit the official website at <http://www.korea50.mil/> or call toll free (866) KOREA50.

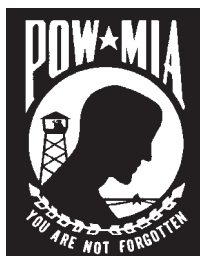
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# Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update



KOREAN WAR/COLD  
WAR DOCUMENT  
FAMILY RESEARCH

November 09, 2001

## Remains of U.S. Servicemen Recovered

Remains believed to be those of eight American soldiers, missing in action from the Korean War, will be repatriated in formal ceremonies Saturday, Korea time. This repatriation marks the end of this year's operations.

The remains will be flown on a U.S. Air Force aircraft from Pyongyang, North Korea, under escort of a uniformed U.S. honor guard to Yokota Air Base, Japan, where a United Nations Command repatriation ceremony will be held.

Operating near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea, a joint team recovered five remains believed to be those of U.S. Army soldiers from the 7th Infantry Division who fought against Chinese forces Nov.-Dec. 1950. Approximately 1,000 MIAs are estimated to have been lost in battles of the Chosin campaign.

Additionally, a second team recovered three sets of remains in Unsan and Kujang counties and along the Chong Chon River, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang. The area was the site of battles between Communist forces and the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division, and 2nd and 25th Infantry Divisions in November 1950. The Defense

Department's POW/Missing Personnel Office negotiated an agreement with the North Koreans last year that led to the scheduling of this year's operations.

The 28-person U.S. teams are composed primarily of specialists from the Army's Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii (CILHI).

This year's schedule of operations in North Korea was the largest since they began five years ago, with 10 individual operations conducted near the Chosin Reservoir, as well as in the Unsan, Kujang and Kaechon City areas.

Twenty-seven individual joint operations have been conducted since 1996 in North Korea, recovering 152 sets of

remains believed to be those of U.S. soldiers. Ten have been positively identified and returned to their families for burial with full military honors. Another 12 are in the final stages of the forensic identification process.

## 2002 Family Update Schedule

Date	Location
Jan 12.....	San Diego, CA
Jan 15.....	Honolulu, HI
Feb 23 .....	Dallas, TX
Mar 23 .....	Charlotte, NC
Apr 20 .....	Portland, OR
May 18.....	Columbus, OH
Jun 20-22 .....	Washington, DC*
Jul 26 .....	Washington, DC*
Aug 17 .....	Kansas City, MO
Sep 21 .....	Albany, NY
Oct 26 .....	Salt Lake City, UT
Nov 16.....	Tampa, FL

\* Family updates held in conjunction with the annual government briefings.

## Family and Veterans' Updates

The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) conducts monthly updates in communities across the country for family members of Americans who are missing in action, as well as for veterans in the local area. These updates are designed to keep families and veterans informed of the U. S. government's worldwide mission to account for those still missing, and to discuss in detail the latest information available about their specific cases.

Throughout the year, many family members travel to Washington, D.C., to review their case file. But many cannot, so this program brings information to their home communities.

These meetings are designed to address the specific needs of the family members, and out of respect for their privacy and the sensitivity of the issues discussed, the sessions are open only to them. The veterans' updates, however, are open to the public.

The programs include overviews of remains recovery operations in Southeast Asia, in North Korea and in other parts of the world. The agenda is tailored for the family members attending, and includes information about the U. S. government's work to account for Americans still missing in action from all conflicts. The agenda also

includes information about the U. S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs, which seeks to address issues about which the Russians may have knowledge. Briefings also include details about the forensic identification work done at the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii. The use of mitochondrial DNA to help identify remains is one of the high-technology tools used to confirm identifications. Experts on that and other scientific methodology discuss their work with the family members.

Finally, one-on-one discussions with family members cover the details of each of their cases. In these, casualty officers from the military services, as well as the other government specialists, ensure that family members have the latest information about the accounting work being done on their specific cases.

DPMO has conducted these monthly update programs since 1995.

For additional information about this program and the U. S. government's mission of the fullest possible accounting of our MIAs, please visit the DPMO web site at: <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo>

*(President Coon KWVA and your editor Vincent Krepps met Mr. Jennings Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs this past January 4th at the offices of DPMO in Crystal City, VA. The agenda was:*

- Greetings by Jerry D. Jennings
- Update on 2001 JRO's in North Korea by Mr. John Unangst.
- Plans for 2002 Negotiations with North Korea and for 2002 Operations by Mr. John Unangst.
- Open Discussion – Mr. Jennings, Mr. Coon, Mr. Krepps and staff members.

*The meeting went well and it was our honor to meet Mr. Jennings in person and see his staff again. I have several documents such as "Progress in Korea and China" that I will print in later issues. The activity and updates will be less in the next 3-4 months and these reports will keep DPMO in our minds over that period. Their motto is "KEEPING THE PROMISE." My motto is similar, "MAKING SURE WE AND THEY KEEP THE PROMISE, WE CANNOT FORGET OUR POW/MIAs." Editor.)*

# YOUR LAST “GRAYBEARDS”?

## Check your mailing label

If your dues remain unpaid for the calendar year 2002, you will be removed from our “Graybeards” mailing list at the end of April. We will mail a dues reminder to you prior to removal, but we are hopeful that you will save us these printing and mailing costs by mailing your dues now.

Soon after your **dues are received in full** for the calendar 2002, you will receive a self-adhesive sticker to attach to your membership card which you may use to verify that your dues are paid for the year 2002. If your dues expire somewhere within the calendar year, you will receive your sticker when your dues are brought on to the calendar year schedule.

To determine when your dues are due, please look at the mailing label used to mail this magazine to you. Your dues date appears on the label on the right hand side just above your last name. It's important to remember that the mailing labels for this magazine may have been printed as much as a month before the magazine is actually received by you. So if you have sent in your dues within the last month, it will not be reflected on your mailing label.

If you are a regular member (having served in Korea in the military or having served in the military during the Korean War (not necessarily in Korea)), there is an “R” in the numbers just above your first name and the following dues schedule applies to you:

“01/01/02” (translated this means January 1, 2002). This means your dues are due in the amount of \$20.00 for the calendar year 2002. (By the same token, some are paid a year or two in advance. This is also reflected by this date and you will receive your yearly stickers when that year rolls around.)

- If your dues are due January thru March of 2002,  
your dues are .....\$20.00
- If your dues are due April thru June of 2002,  
your dues are .....\$15.00
- If your dues are due July thru September of 2002,  
your dues are ..... \$10.00
- If your dues are due October thru December of 2002,  
your dues are ..... \$5.00

If you were a **prisoner of war**, there is a “P” in the number above your first name on the mailing label and the date on the right-hand side is 01/01/02, your subscription fee in the amount of \$6.00 is past due.

If you are an **associate member** (those who have an “A” in the number above their first name on the mailing label used to mail those magazine to you) your dues are:

- January thru March of 2002 .....\$12.00
- April thru June of 2002 .....\$9.00
- July thru September of 2002.....\$6.00
- October thru December of 2002 .....\$3.00

It is hoped that everyone will conform their dues to the calendar year basis as soon as possible.

Life membership is \$150.00 for regular and associate members—regardless of age.

A prisoner-of-war is automatically considered a life member; however, there is an annual subscription fee of \$6.00 if you wish to receive The Graybeards. A POW may elect to submit a life-time subscription fee of \$50.00.

**Send your dues payment to: KWVA, PO Box 10806, Arlington, VA 22210.**

## Other Matters:

Incidentally, if you move (or just head South for the winter) always notify us of your address change at least three weeks ahead of a move. The post office merely notifies us that you are “AWAY” and we do not receive a forwarding address. This costs us over 60 cents each. So let us know.

Sending your mail to the wrong person, results in lengthy delays. To expedite your mail...

- **Vincent Krepps** gets everything regarding *The Graybeards*.
- **Nancy Monson and Lynne Eldridge** (Membership Office) get everything regarding dues, address changes, etc.
- **Thomas Gregory** gets other financial matters.
- **Ken Cook** gets all quartermaster requests.

Addresses for all of the above are on the inside cover of this magazine. Sending it to the Membership Office only slows your request down as we must then forward it to the appropriate person for handling.

## Notice to Chapters:

Please include your chapter name and ID number on all applications and be sure to use the new membership application with the new dues amounts. Be sure all information is filled out on a new member application—zip code, area code, unit of service, etc. We recently provided all chapters with forms to help expedite dues payments. If you would like a set, drop us a note. Your cooperation in using them will be appreciated. It will save considerable time.

It's important not to abbreviate—you may know what “P’sville” is, but we don’t—we then have to take additional time and look it up by the zip code. Another item sometimes missing is the telephone area code.

We would very much appreciate receiving up-dated information regarding the name, address, telephone number of your chapter president. Our information has become very out-dated. Send this to me (Nancy Monson).

Thank you for your cooperation,  
Nancy Monson, Membership Office

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

## Ohio Remembers

### University of Akron

Dedication Ceremony of the new Korean War Memorial on the campus of the University of Akron (Akron, Ohio), November 13th.



The major contributor to the monument, Korean Combat Marine Vet, Tom Blair of Akron, Ohio, receiving an award by an active Marine Corps M/SGT.



Designed to rust, the five ton steel rectangle leaves a rust line on the globe to represent the 38th parallel.



The two Korean veteran originators of the monument: far right Tom Blair and to the left, wearing a cap, Bob Jones. The four marble columns represent the four major branches of the US Military Services.

*(Thank you Robert Hudson Jones for the photo and letter. A great looking memorial.)*

## Nebraska Remembers



Chapter members and officers surround memorial given to Nebraska Chapter #1 by the Omaha Korean Full Gospel Church in Omaha Memorial Park.

*(Thank you Bill Ramsey for photo and letter. We know all of you must be proud of the memorial given to you by a very thankful, never forgetting Korean/American people. They are the greatest in KWVA's mind.)*

## New Jersey Remembers



Middlesex County Veterans Memorial

The Middlesex County Veterans Memorial was dedicated on Veterans Day, 2001. The Memorial is made up of 8 large walls. Six of the walls represent the six branches of service, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines. They contain the official service emblem and a famous quotation related to that service. The other two walls contain messages that honor the sacrifices of Americans during the war. In front of the walls is a fountain that flows water over several sculptures. Commander Alexander was the Design Chairman



From left to right; Union County Chapter members Marty Farricker, Joe Specht, Ken Murray, George Malsam, Commander Richie Alexander, Dermott O'Grady, and John Stonaker.

and the Fund Raising Chairman. The project took 2 years to complete at a cost of \$300,000.00.

*(Thank you Richie Alexander for photos and letter.)*

## Washington Remembers

Korean War Memorial in Olympia on Capital Grounds. Row of flags honors all Nations that fought in the war. Name of state veterans lost in the war. The wording "Forgotten War" is also written in Korean. The soldier lighting the fire is using a Zippo lighter. I am 6 ft 3 inches tall and standing to right of soldier.

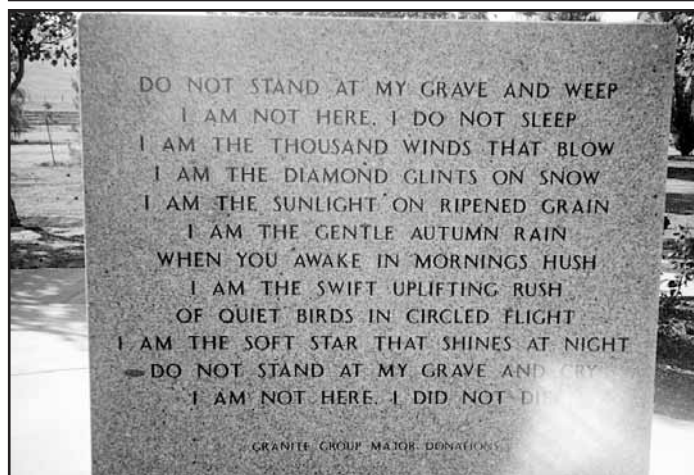
*(Thank you Captain Morest Skaret Coast Guard (Ret.) for photo and letter. I think we did show this Memorial. It is beautiful and worth showing again. There are 2 chapters in Washington. Call Dale McLain at 509-522-4876 or Dave Richmond at 369-385-3562.)*



## California Remembers

One of the highlights of our recent trip to California, was to visit the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery.

It was a beautiful sunny October day, as my wife Olga, and I were motoring south on Rte. 5, leisurely enjoying the San Joaquin scenery, we noticed a road sign advising us of the Korean War Memorial in the nearby town. We were approaching the town/community of Santa Nella, where the Memorial is situated, so we left Rte. 5 and drove onto Rte. 33 North for a short way. Further directions had us on a quiet country road (off Rte. 33) for a few miles. We passed a couple of homes/ranches and for a while thought we were on the wrong road because everything was so desolate, but decided to keep going, we were on



Fred Borowiec visited the Korean War Memorial at Santa Nella, CA.

vacation and had no other plans, so let's see where the road leads us. After driving what seemed like 5 miles, we reached the coast range foothills and then the entrance of the cemetery. We were impressed! Nestled in those 322 acres is a beautifully laid-out resting place for all those who fought for our country. Peaceful, serene and like an island unto it's own, away from the hustle and bustle of every day life.

It was in one section of the cemetery that we came upon the Korean Memorial. I am enclosing some extra pictures for your discretion. So glad we came here. California did itself proud when the cemetery was established, June 1992. We were told

that the area wears a coat of native green grasses in the winter. In the Visitors' Building, there was a display of Korean War Maps, memorabilia, etc. Highly recommend anyone being in the area to visit the cemetery. It will make you feel proud and do your heart good. P.S. The inscription is on the back of the stone I'm standing next to.

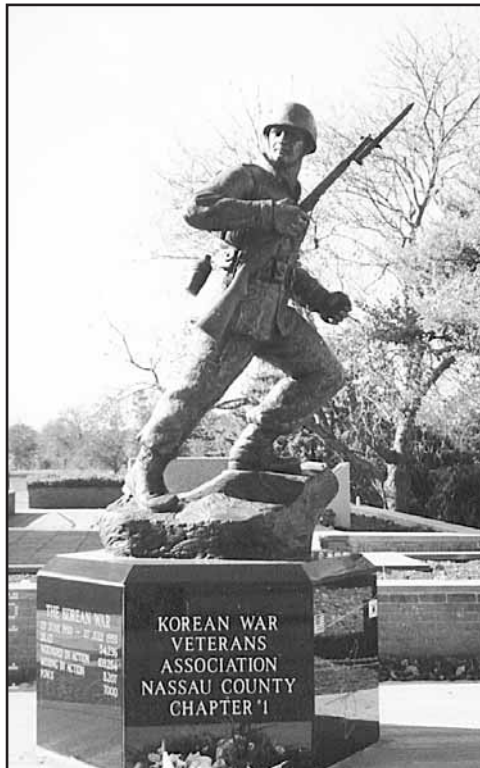
*Fred Borowiec*

*(Thank you Fred for photo and great letter. It is beautiful.)*

## New York Remembers

Korean War Monument located in Eisenhower Park (Nassau County) in Long Island. The dedication was on November 4, 2001 with about 1,000 people present. It stands 11 feet tall on top of a 3 feet high black granite base. The sculptor is Robert Shure of Boston, MA.

*(Thank you John Quinn for photo and letter. A super memorial erected by great veterans. Say hello to Jack Sauter for me.)*



## 40th Division Remembers



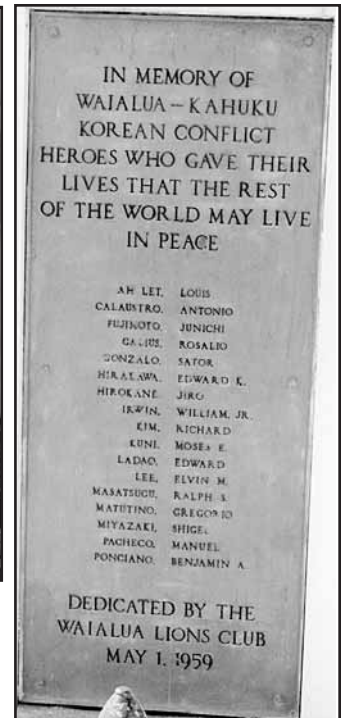
40th Div Korean War Memorial located at Vandenberg Air Force Base in Lompoc, CA.

*(Thanks Jim Powel for photo and letter. I have shown several photos of this memorial in past Graybeards. In an upcoming issue I will print how to purchase a plaque and your next reunion.)*

## Hawaii Remembers



Photos taken in Waialua, Hawaii where I discovered this Korean War Memorial. I don't recall seeing it published previously.



*(Thank you Charles A. Stepan for photos and letter. Are you sure it is not the leaning tower in another country??? It is a special memorial and it looks like it is dedicated to those in that area that died during the Korean War. I am sure I have never shown this one in other issues. It is great to know other states and countries honored their Korean War Veterans.*

*I hate the word "Conflict" but that was the word used until a few years ago when it was declared a war. Those words etched in stone are very meaningful and I am grateful to you for taking to time to pass on these photos so all can read "Korean Conflict (War) Heroes Who Gave Their Lives That The Rest Of The World May Live In Peace".)*

## Florida Remembers

The Eddie Lyon Chapter #15 Memorial. It is located on Young Circle in Hollywood, FL. Shown in photo are Al Losito and Frank Porvaznik. Photo taken on Veterans Day.

*(Thank you Joseph Firriolo for photo and letter. Nice looking memorial and it looks like it just rained. Maybe that is why there seems to be spots on the memorial or maybe it is a bad photo.)*



## Michigan Remembers

DEARBORN, Mich. - Dearborn's newest public monument — a tribute to the men and women who participated in the Korean War - was formally dedicated on Friday, July 27, the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the conflict that took the lives of 54,246 Americans, including 26 Dearborn residents.

A large crowd that included many Korean War veterans attended the ceremony to dedicate the memorial, which stands on the grounds of the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue. The "living memorial" includes three red baron crabapple



Dearborn's new Korean War memorial with commemorative plaque.



Participating in the dedication ceremony for Dearborn's new Korean War memorial were (from right to left) John Ruselowski, chairperson of the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council Korean War 50th Anniversary Commemorative Committee; committee member Joe Terry; Mayor Michael A. Guido; committee member Jim Hughes; Rev. Henry Reinewaid; and committee members Dave Dumas and Arman Alviani.

trees and a one-foot by two-foot rock with a commemorative plaque.

"It's a sad fact that in the American consciousness, Korea for many years was "The Forgotten War," said Mayor Michael A. Guido, "However, it could not remain 'forgotten' forever. The sacrifice of so many - both on the battlefield and here on the home front - demands our nation's full respect. This living memorial is part of Dearborn's tradition of remembering those who have served, and will remind this and future generations of the fact that freedom is not free."

The creation of the memorial is part of Dearborn's ongoing three-year effort to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. Last year, the United States Department of Defense named the city as a national "50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorative Community."

The Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council led the drive to establish the memorial. Members of the Council have also formed a special committee that has organized a series of activities for the year 2000 through the year 2003 to mark the 50th anniversary of the conflict and the role that Dearborn veterans and their families played in it.

*(Thank John Ruselowski for photos and letter. A super new memorial that honors all Korean War Veterans. We are proud of all of you, Dearborn, Veterans, Citizens and Local Government.)*

## Proud Korean War Vets Display Tags



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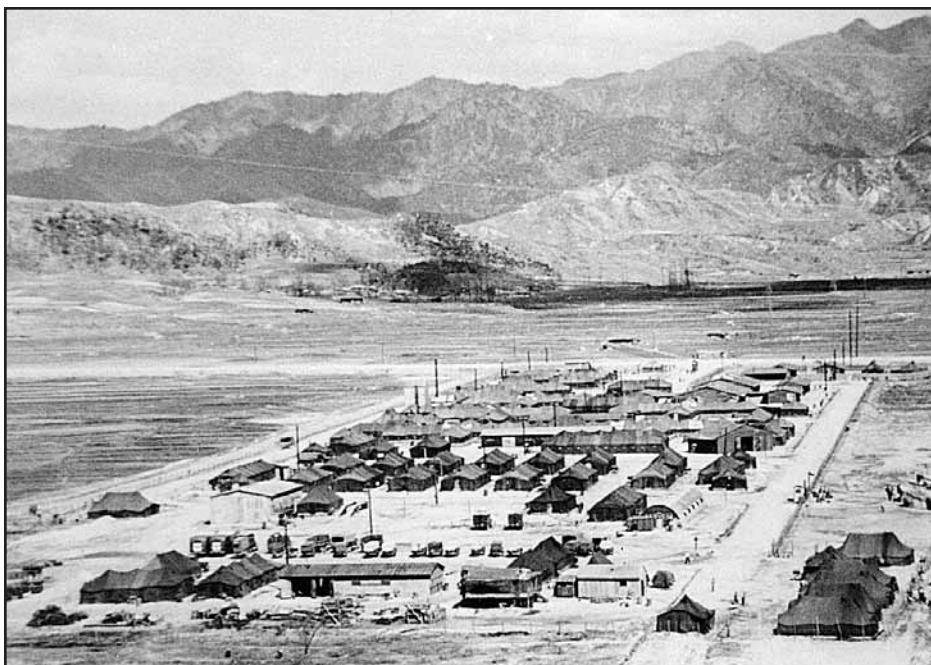


Nate McCoy

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

### 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.



**Aerial view of the 11th Evacuation Hospital in Wonju, Korea 1951-52. Admission office, nurses quarters, officers quarters, operating, dialyses in upper area, wards in center, motor pool lower center. Lower right are tents for Korean workers.**

## BEHIND THE BATTLE LINES

**The Story of the 11th Evacuation Hospital Group in Korea.**

*By Maria C. Laga*

**T**oday, more than ever we search for information telling us about the inaccurately dubbed, "Forgotten War," for we know that as time passes these events may be forever lost. Thus, we acknowledge a group of people stationed behind the battle lines who labored day and night to restore the mangled and broken bodies of the wounded as well as mend their spirits to make them whole again. This team, called the 11th Evacuation Hospital Group, made up of doctors, nurses, paramedics and medical assistants, was reactivated in Wonju, Korea from 1951 to 1953 after demobilization from service in two previous wars. These are some of their memorable stories.

Sargent Fenton Morris, the Army Administrator at the unit, relates how perseverance and determination won out despite personal loss. Many wounded were dying due to acute renal failure. The commanding officer, Col. Harold Glascock became extremely concerned.

He conferred with Dr. Lloyd H. Smith who had been trained in the use of the dialysis equipment at Harvard University. Advisement was that the dialysis equipment be requested. The Far East Command (FECU) in Japan denied the request. However, seeing so many soldiers die of kidney failure, Col. Glascock decided to take matters into his own hands. He ordered Dr. Smith to go to Washington, D.C. and pick up the kidney dialysis equipment at Walter Reed Hospital with all the necessary chemical and electrolyte supplies. Meanwhile, Col. Glascock set up a separate tent with its own power generator. Countless lives were saved. Then, from all over Korea, patients came for treatment for kidney dialysis even though treatment required several hours. Here Col. Glascock paid the price. He was passed over for promotion to Brigadier General. He resigned his commission shattering his dream to one day be a Surgeon General, a position his father once held. His comfort was in knowing that he had saved so many lives.

Andrew Kistler, one of the soldiers who benefited from the dialysis equipment, tells of his experience. On December 12, 1952, as an Army Sergeant, he was leading his squad into extremely cold terrain unaware that the area was infested with land mines. He stepped on two of them. He lost a finger and both his legs were blown off. He bled profusely. A chopper flew him to the 11th Evacuation Unit. Though the frozen bandages helped to control the bleeding, the greatest help came from the dialysis equipment -one of only two in the world at the time. Andy Kistler needed 86 units of blood before returning to the U. S.

Now, Andy walks on two artificial legs. He built a career as a juvenile probation officer and as a sales representative.

He also became a DAV National Commander. He has a wife and three wonderful children. He often claims that "the Almighty was looking after him" for his brother, a West Point graduate, was killed in Vietnam.

In another incident there was a most perplexing occurrence. There appeared to be a strange fever infecting the men and causing many deaths. The victims had extensive internal bleeding. At first, it was thought that this was caused by rats for there were many about the size of cats. However, Dr. Irwin Hoffman, who had been trained in pathology, autopsied all the Hemorrhagic Fever deaths. He carried the tissues to Pusan for study. It was found that the fever was caused by the Hanta virus, an infectious disease spread by ticks. Strict contamination procedures solved the situation though treatment studies continued.

Brigadier General L. Holmes Ginn Jr. then 8th Army Surgeon, presented the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 11th Evacuation Hospital on October 6, 1952. The unit was cited for exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period from May 2, 1951 to June 1, 1952. The commendation was formally received by Col. Fred W. Seymour, Commanding Officer of the hospital.

Who would have imagined that in a war zone with a fierce battle in progress that a wedding would occur. Yet, it did for on June 8, 1953, John Fisher and Doris

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Posner were married at the hospital chapel. They had met in Arkansas, fallen in love and when assigned to Korea decided to marry while still alive. It was the event of the year for it brought together many of different cultures in an atmosphere of love and kindness toward mankind. The Fishers revisited Korea years later and were given many presentations of honor by the Korean government.

Some of the most moving stories of the 11th Evacuation Unit centered about the orphans. Due to the devastation of war, many children were orphaned and homeless. They hovered around the unit looking for food, clothing and often for shelter as they lived in houses made of cardboard.

The staff at the hospital unit always tried to help in some way. Ed Elliott, a corporal at the time, was one of the soldiers who helped the children. Drafted into service October 1951, he trained at Fort Meade and arrived in Pusan in 1952. Among the many children he helped was a youngster about 13 years old, Lee Keum Sik. Lee remembered the kindness shown him and became inspired with democratic ideals. Lee Keum Sik became a major in the Korean Army. Later, he came to visit Ed Elliott in appreciation for all the generosity shown him. Now, Lee Keum Sik is the father of three children and is doing well in Korea.

"I was grateful to learn," remarked Ed," that this scrawny kid had become a

Major in the Korean Army. The memories of my time in Korea with Lee Keum Sik will always be something to look back on. It may be dubbed a "Forgotten War" but the friendships can never be forgotten".

It would be interesting to note that patriotism was evident quite emphatically in 1952. Gloria Elliott, Ed's wife, joined the All American Girls Professional Baseball League to keep the home fires burning until the men returned from war to play baseball again. The ladies played in Racine, Wisconsin and Kalamazoo, Michigan. A film, "A League of Our Own", was made in 1996 honoring these talented and dedicated women.

Julius Ptaszynski, principally served as a medical technician in the 11th Evacuation Unit from 1952 to 1953. He took care of the wounded soldiers, served on the Hemorrhagic Fever team and then was given a most special assignment. He became the Chaplain caring for the spiri-

tual needs of the wounded. He wrote many letters for the men unable to write as well as answered mail from their families. He received his discharge in 1959 using the GI Bill only to purchase his home. He worked for F. W. Woolworth and then went into the variety retail business. Now,

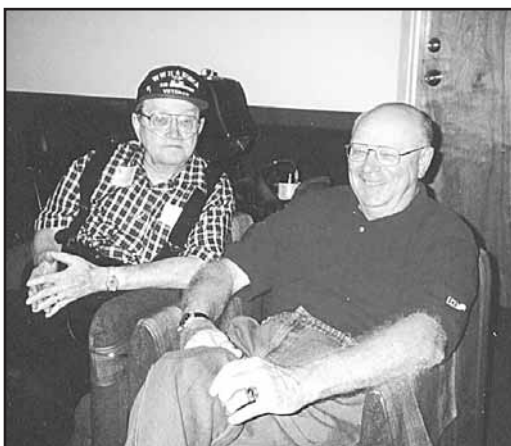


**TOP: Lee Keum Sik (center) as a boy. Ed Elliott on left.**

**BELOW: Lee Keum with his family after his Korean (ROK) Army service.**



**John and Doris Fisher.**



**Fenton Morris (left) and Andy Kistler.**



**Ed and Gloria Elliott.**

like many veterans, he is devoted to volunteer community work. Julius affirms that if he had to do this all over again, he would not do anything differently but he realizes now more than ever that "Freedom is not Free."

Towards the end of the war in Korea, the 11th Evacuation Unit became the scene of the transfer of war prisoners termed Little Switch and Big Switch. Little Switch referred to those POW's who needed special medical assistance while Big Switch referred to those just being repatriated. Many prisoners of war from North Korea and China chose not to return to their homeland. As a matter of fact, out of 4,439, only 21 did return to their homeland.

Among some of the well known visitors at this time were General Mark Clark, Secretary of State John F. Dulles and the President of South Korea Sigmun Rhee. They were unanimous in praising the professional handling of the POW Operation Switch.

By 1954, movement was made to close the activities of the 11th Evacuation Hospital Group. Transference was made to and from other units while continuous studies were made on Hemorrhagic Fever. In the early part of 1955, the 11th was notified that the end of its long and proud service was soon to occur. This gallant and prestigious unit, the 11th Evacuation Hospital Group had been activated and demobilized in two previous wars- World War I and World War II. Its work had been such that a television series "Mash" was based upon its activities. Dr. Stewart A. King, now deceased, MC US Army from Darien, Connecticut was a surgeon with the 11th Evacuation Unit and then transferred to a Mash Unit. He is credited with being the author of several Mash TV shows.

On October 4, 5 and 6th of 2001, this illustrious unit had a reunion in Palatka, Florida. Left was the memory of four lines from the poem, "Smiles" which recalled the 11th Evacuation Hospital Group's feelings towards our gallant soldiers and to mankind:

"It is in the doing and giving for somebody else  
On which all life's splendor depends,  
And the joy of this world, when you've  
summed it all up,  
Is found in the making of friends".

# My Service in Korea and More

By William L. Cluphf

**T**he 1st Provisional Brigade to which I was attached landed in Korea the first week in August 1950, our unit moved into an area occupied by a US Army Artillery Unit. Night fell upon the area and so did enemy mortar shells, one of our guns received a direct hit, killing the crew instantly. I was close enough to receive bits of body parts of that crew. I knew and had served as a member of that crew just prior to going to Korea. Frequently I wonder "What would have happened to me had I not been transferred to Headquarters Battery where I served as a Computer Operator for Baker Battery."

I survived to go on to several Campaigns, one of which we relieved another Artillery Unit of the US Army and immediately came under enemy fire. These shells were close enough to cause me to bleed from the ears, mouth and eyes. I went to the Medic and was told to go back, wash the blood off and see him the next morning. I was up all night - head ringing, couldn't hear and everything looked red that day we moved three times. Our Unit spent four days and three nights in this area in support of the US Army 24th and 25th Units.

We returned to the Marine Sector in support of the 5th Marines. All Marine Units were relieved and sent to Pusan where we boarded a LST and went North to Inchon, Korea. Landed on an island called Yudam-ni. Moving inland I came across a North Korean soldier buried alive to his chin with tears in his eyes. I cannot help him, but did give him a drink of water. I dream of this yet. We marched on inland, set up camp and started firing on suspected enemy positions. We received gun fire from US Naval ships in the harbor at Inchon, I experienced more bleeding from the ears. Finally we crossed the river on way to Seoul, the Capitol of Korea.

Our Unit drove North, came under fire and several of us jumped into fox holes and were stuck with the upper half of our bodies exposed. The Korean fox holes were not big or deep enough for we Americans. Great trauma over this as one

might expect - couldn't get in or out of the hole. I experience night mares about this.

Our Unit was relieved and sent back to Inchon where we held prayer services and buried the dead.

Reboarded LST made landing in North Korea and immediately moved further North, weather -terribly cold. Field jackets and summer sleeping bags just do not keep one warm enough to sleep. Continually moving feet and arms to keep circulation going. As the year moved into November it got colder, no sign of the enemy, but can hear Koreans talking in places out of sight. Upon investigation of the area found several caves, but no people. We sealed or caved the caves in.. Arrived at U-dam-ne - on left a large reservoir, we moved up rapidly by day setting up camp and breaking camp at night. It was really cold - well below zero even in the day time- people getting frost bite continuously. A lit cigarette will warm hands if one removes gloves, tricky - but it works. No fires allowed-enemy has been sighted. Chinese by look of things.

Thanksgiving arrives, as does the winds and snow, everything freezes if left to sit at all. No water, lots of ice, rations heated by powder bags from left over charges - usually melted bottom of a can. Fingers and feet do not have any feeling in them, hurt continuously, have had to cut fingers of gloves in order to feel rifle trigger and to get finger through trigger guard. Been this way for weeks now.

Looking forward to a hot meal for Thanksgiving, everyone says we are to have one - its a joke it's hot/warm going into mess gear, but sticks/freezes to the mess gear before you can eat it. Smelt good and had a good flavor when sucking on a piece, could not chew it as you would break your teeth as several Marines found out - no dentist near here. I lost track of days and name of days. The Chinese came forth with gun fire, mortars and people. I can honestly say I never seen so many angry at the Marines anywhere. The enemy came in droves, whistles, horns

See **SERVICE** on page 62

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## The Children Remember

My wife Kim and I went to Korea to visit Kim's unending number of relatives and also to see the other parts of Korea that we did not have chance to see when we were last there in 1971. Wow! What a transformation, from rags to riches in a mere 30 years. The country looks very much like any other "western country", including the good old traffic jams. The hustle and bustle style of life was too fast for me and, I must admit to you it isn't that bad here in the suburbs of Chicago. Anyway, my wife and I had a wonderful time.



Amerasian Christian Academy and children.

We did go to Tongdu-chon City, near the US Army Post Camp Casey, some 30 miles north of Seoul, to check and to visit our Amerasian Christian Academy. The school, I must say is efficiently run by Administrator James Kang McCann (Amerasian also). Enrollment is at 48 students today, as opposed to 18 Amerasian students when the school first opened in 1999. Sometime back I did mentioned to Administrator James McCann about the National KWVA President Harley Coon, Board of Directors as well as the general membership were helping us with our quest to get the Public Law 97-359 (Amerasian Immigration Act) reinstated so that the Amerasian children born after October 22, 1982 can also receive the preferential admission status to come to the States. Well, as you can readily see, he had the whole student body assemble outside the church (where the school is held) so we could take pictures of the banner and show them to the KWVA members.

John A. Ranum, Executive Secretary,  
Mission for Amerasian Children of Korea

## "Freedom is not Free"

That statement surely isn't new to any of us, we have seen it on many Memorials, especially those that are for the Korean War Era, and I imagine that each of us have an idea of what makes it real, based on some event or events that have happened to us, personally.

For many, it could be the front line fighting that took such a horrible toll in Korea, of the time spent in the mud and snow that made life so miserable, and knowing that at any moment, our lives, and those of our buddies could be ended or ruined forever.

For all of us, it is the time spent away from home and family, whether by being drafted or having enlisted, being taught how to sur-

vive under the worst conditions possible, and how to destroy an enemy, who was intent on robbing us of that very Freedom. We didn't question, at least very loudly, whether we should be there or not, we felt that serving our Country was necessary, and we wanted to do our part to the best of our ability.

And now, for the first time, for the majority of Americans, we are being attacked in our own country; a vicious, cowardly attack, not against our Armed Forces but against men, women and children in the places where they should feel the safest. The Freedoms that we have been taking for granted, have suddenly had a very high price put on them. Even the Freedom to feel safe on a day to day basis, has been threatened, by the fear that it isn't safe to fly on an airplane, or that opening a letter or package could cause us serious harm.

Again, we are ready to support our country, and our President, in whatever it takes to keep these Freedoms for ourselves, and for our children and grandchildren to enjoy as we have during our lives. "Freedom is Not Free", is not just something that is engraved on our Memorials, it is something that we are experiencing every day of our lives. And, God willing, may it always be so!

God Bless All of Us, and God Bless the USA!!

Joe Vogel, President  
Monroe County Chapter 1

## Korean War MIA laid to rest at Bliss

Cindy Ramirez-Cadena  
*El Paso Times*

The melancholy trumpet that echoed over the burial of Cpl. Ramon Mendoza Frescas on Friday brought tears and smiles to the family who'd waited 50 years to hear the music.

"I cried 50 years ago, and I wasn't sure I'd cry again," said Jose Frescas, 80, older brother of the corporal who had been missing in action since the Korean War.

"It still hurts, but at least he's home now. We can all rest in peace," Frescas said.

His brother had been listed as missing in action from B Company, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, since 1950 after the Chinese launched a massive offensive against United Nations forces.

His remains were exhumed in North Korea in April 1999 and recently identified by the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii. He was buried Friday with full military honors at Fort Bliss National Cemetery.

The corporal, who grew up in the former Fort Bliss area known as Smeltertown, is now listed as KIA—killed in action.

He was 20 years old when he died, though it was unclear whether he died Nov. 26 or 27, 1950. Frescas was later awarded the Purple Heart and the Korean Service Medal.

Retired Army Sgt. 1st Class Art Seelig was one of the few men who survived the Chinese attack. He attended the burial to say hello and goodbye to one of his comrades. "That night, all hell broke loose," he said. "We got a lot of wounded off the hill, but very few made it."

Seelig, who served with the 27th Regiment of 25th Infantry

Division near Frescas' unit in Korea, said it's never too late for veterans to be buried with honors.

"It gives it's a sense of closure and brings back the soldiers to the country they died for," Seelig said.

About 580,000 United Nations and South Korean soldiers were killed during the three-year Korean War.

Retired Army Sgt. C.J. Gomez of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of El Paso said Frescas might have been lucky despite his death.

"Many of our servicemen did not make it home at all," he said in a quavering voice.

Frescas' family said the corporal was ordered to go overseas six months before the end of his enlistment.

"I've been asking God for many, many years to bring him home," Frescas' older sister, Jenoveva Gloria Frescas-Parra, said as she held the rusted dog tags that once hung around her brother's neck. They were handed to the family Friday.

"Finally, the day came," she said.

### **Do you wish to form a Department of Pennsylvania**

All Korean War Veterans and Chapters interested contact: CPL. William McAllister MIA Chapter 1509 C/O Sam Slater 139 West Rosemar Street Philadelphia, PA 19120 Tel: 215-549-6627

### **Thailand mourns with America**

NO 148/12544

17th September 2001

Mr. Harley J. Coon, President

National Korean War Veterans Association

Sir,

The attacks of the terrorist to many points in the United States of America on the morning of Tuesday 11th September 2001, gave us the very sad news. The actions of those terrorists brought death to many thousand lives of the good citizen of many nationalities who had no connection and know nothing about the actions. They also threw the destruction to some part of the economic pattern of Your Country.

As we were partners of the Korean War, we, the Thai Korean War veterans would like to express our sincere sympathy to the people of the United States of America. We hope that those who acted and participated in those terrorism killing will and must be punished.

May we wish your great country be in peace forever.

Sincerely yours,

Chaveng Youngcharoen

General, Royal Thai Army (Ret) President

### **A Korean American Remembers**

Letter to the Veterans of the Korean War

"E. D" <af\_or\_bust@hotmail.com>

To the Fathers of Korean Freedom,

I am writing to you today with great emotion As a 26 year old American of Korean descent, I know that my freedom to be an American, to love our country, to salute our flag, and to pledge allegiance to it, did not just become available to me on the day I became

a citizen of the United States, but that it was given to me as a precious gift, 50 years ago when you (My Veteran Fathers) fought for, defended, restored and still today, preserve the freedom of the people and country of my parents, the Republic of Korea.

Just days prior to Veterans Day 1984, I was taught for the very first time of the Korean War as an 8 year old. It was during a history lesson and the teacher wrote on the chalk board all the students' shouted responses of wars fought in history. What she did next, would stay with me forever, she wrote in silence, "The Korean War, 1950 - 1953".

I remember racing home that day, running up to my father asking him if he knew anything about this war. My father's countenance spoke volumes of what words would only have failed as he knelt down and promised me that he would tell me all about it when I got older. Eight years later, my father would share memories that still stir great emotion, pride, and deep appreciation for you, my Veteran Fathers.

One poignant memory that was shared took place in the city of Suwon, outside of Seoul in the spring of 1952. My father was separated from his family. Alone and living in a shelter for orphaned children, my father told me the stories of his heroes, the American soldiers. He recalled the gentle and gracious eyes of these soldiers as they passed chocolates, candies, and raisins to him and the other children as they marched on towards battle. He shared with me how his heart weighed heavy as he wept for and prayed for these men, along with his older brother who fought in the war. He prayed that they all would have a valiant fight and a safe return. My father shared with me of the fear that was met with untold bravery, courage met with valor, and honor displayed with a noble humility. From the many stories and tearful memories of my father, I am reminded of how we are able to see a free Republic of Korea today, because of you and all the fathers of Korean freedom who laid their lives in that distant land.

As I look into the flag of our country, and gaze into her glorious stars and stripes, I am reminded of this truth that so many had taken for granted, and millions are relearning, that Freedom is not Free.

My Veteran Fathers, you fought in a country that was not your own, for a people you did not know nor belong to. You fought and served in a war you did not choose to be in, but you did, and you gave. For this, this son of yours is grateful beyond words.

Since September 11, I have been awakened, along with millions of my fellow Americans, to my country and my freedom being threatened. In the wake of the tragedy, and deaths of people I loved and the thousands who perished with them, I found strength in the shadow of God's loving arms in Christ Jesus and I was also encouraged by the memory of you. You fought to give us the freedom and liberty we enjoy today. Our freedom and your legacy will not be diminished, but will only grow stronger as America's heart beats with a deeper understanding and appreciation for you and all veterans.

Please know that this son's heart beats with deep respect, honor, tribute, appreciation, and a son's love for everyone of you and all my Veteran Fathers. God bless you and keep you, God cause His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Thank you. With deep appreciation and respect,

E.D. Park

*(Thank you Mr. Park for your kind letter and remarks. We also thank your father for remembering all the heroes of that war so long ago. Your title "Fathers of Korean Freedom" gives us extreme pride for our sacrifices and will also help in knowing that those that did not return did not die in vain. Mr. Park may be thanked by his e-mail address <af\_or\_bust@hotmail.com>*

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### Where are my buddies

This past October I was able to attend my former ships reunion for the first time. I eagerly anticipated seeing old shipmates from nearly 50 years ago, but was disappointed to find that I knew no one there. No old friends from the past, but I made some new ones. While we are old, these WWII guys are even older, but they show up. Where were the Korean vets?

There was only a handful of guys and their wives to represent a ship that had served in multiple wars from 1944 to 1968. I understand an APA is not a glamour ship with a large crew, but a lot of guys lived on this ship and depended on their shipmates for their lives. Where are they now? King, Jackson, Galloway, Fitzgerald, Morales where are you?

We will hold another reunion at a yet undecided place, about the second week of September 2002. If interested contact: Don Wright (R-div.) at (513) 481-8317 or 4289 Alex Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45211 or e-mail at <jdwrightstuff@cs.com>

### Pending Legislation

It is recommended that all chapters should consider appointing a member or a committee to track and inform members of legislation that effects veterans or that veterans may be interested in. This committee should endeavor to meet with and coordinate their efforts with other local veterans' organizations, such as American Legion, VFW, DAV, etc. They should meet with their local Congressional representative or assistant to express their Chapters view and report back to their chapter's their representatives' views on said legislation.

Some of the pending legislation are;

1. *HR 952 - KWVA Charter*

We still need 178 more sponsors to get the charter bill out of committee. Is your Congress person on board?

2. *HR 2623 - Posthumous Citizenship Restoration Act 2001*

An act to grant posthumously citizenship to immigrants who died while fighting in the uniform of the armed forces of the U.S.

3. *Renewal of the Amerasian Immigration Act Pub. Law 97-359 of 1982.*

This law will allow those who were fathered by U.S. citizens to file a petition for immigration to the U.S.

4. *The Flag Amendment*

This amendment will make it a crime to deface or otherwise disgrace the American Flag. Strongly supported by the American Legion.

5. *Attempt by the Veterans Administration to raise the amount of co-payment for drugs dispensed by the V.A.*

Let your representatives both in the House and Senate know how your chapter feels about this and other pending legislation. The best

way to do this is by going to their local offices and speaking with them or their assistants face to face. Let the members know their responses so that the members of the chapters may act accordingly. All members should be knowledgeable on all matters affecting Veterans so that they will be able to make an educated response.

/s/ Joe Pirrello, National Director

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### Saluting our veterans



David Somers, Lake Worth, FL, served in C Battery, First F A Observation Battalion in the Iron Triangle area.

To honor its local veterans, The Palm Beach Post of Palm Beach County, Florida asked veterans to send photos of themselves from their service days to their paper. The response was overwhelming. The pictures, along with some of their stories, were featured in the newspaper's November 7, 2001 issue to honor the veterans as Veteran's Day approached.

KWVA member, David Somers of Lake Worth, Florida, was one the many pictured. He served in the C Battery, First F A Observation Battalion in the Iron Triangle area of Korea

from March through April of 1952.

*(I cannot print the paper photos but it shows we are being remembered. Get involved and tell America your story and those of our buddies that did not return.)*

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### Bell brothers in Korea

In 1953, I Earl Bell was stationed at the K55 Air Base near Osan, Korea in the 398th Anti-Aircraft Artillery. At the same time, a brother younger than I, was on the front on Heartbreak Ridge, with a water cooled machine gun. In March 1953, I was given a three day TDY with my brother's unit so we could visit. It was several years before I realized that the Top Brass in both units were involved in



Kansas farm brothers meet at Heartbreak Ridge, March 18, 1953. Earl E. Bell (left) and Roy R. Bell.

getting us together some ten thousand miles from our Kansas farm home. Shown in photo are Earl E. Bell (left) and Roy R. Bell (right) at Heartbreak Ridge March 18, 1953.

### Re-visit to Korea

One thing I learned on this trip- you can go back, but prepare for a big change. Korea has really changed; in fact, you won't recognize it. All the veterans agreed that we did do some good in Korea. We gave these people a chance to rebuild their country and they are grateful and proud.



From left, Sharon (tour guide) Bob Domanoski, Doris Domanoski and Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Soong - Yeal Chung.

*September 30, 2001*

We went to the Ramada Inn a day early due to the traffic condition we observed last week. It took the limo driver about three hours to get to JFK airport and the Ramada Inn. Traffic was backed-up and slow from the George Washington Bridge to JFK airport. Tomorrow afternoon we will take the shuttle bus to terminal #8 and start the check-in process.

*October 1, 2001*

We waited all day at the Ramada Inn. We finally arrived at terminal #8 at 3:30 PM. Security was very tight. All bags must be x-rayed and then inspected. After that, a third security check at the entrance to the walkway to the terminal. Our plane took off on time for our seven-hour flight to Anchorage, Alaska. The western flight requires a stop for fuel. It was 3 am when we arrived and all the duty free shops were open for business. Now for the final leg of our trip to Seoul where we arrived at 6:30 am on October 3, due to crossing the International Date Line.

*October 3, 2001*

We arrived at the Incheon Airport (no more Kimpo) from the north and came down inland about five miles. I was on the starboard side of the airplane and could see all of the islands in the harbor and out to the West Sea. I imagined our forces coming ashore and steaming up the harbor waterways. Incheon Airport is new and beautiful. We went through immigration and customs very quickly. I was wearing my Korean Veterans cap and maybe that helped. We knew to look for the KAL bus to downtown Seoul and found it quickly. Everyone was most helpful in getting us on the bus and letting us know when our hotel stop was coming up. We traveled on a new highway linking the airport to Seoul. Thirty-eight other U.S. veterans will arrive

tomorrow along with ninety from other countries. We saw rice paddies as far as you could see in the Han River delta. Also, high rise apartment houses in groups of ten to fifteen and rising fifteen to twenty stories high. Many of them were at the river edge on both sides. What a sight compared to fifty years ago. Hotel check-in was fast and we were in our room two hours after landing. The Korea Revisit representative called to make an appointment to meet us that afternoon. Tonight Doris and I went to the Seoul Tower for dinner. We went by taxi to the cable car station and then took a cable car to the top of Namsan Hill. We had to climb about 150 steps to the base of the tower. We then took an elevator up about 580 feet to the observation floor. What a view of Seoul. It took walking up two more floors to get to the revolving dining room. Dinner was very good as we revolved around and saw Seoul from all angles. We had not slept in a bed for two nights so it felt good and we needed a good night's rest.

*October 4, 2001*

Today was a free day since most of the other veterans have not yet arrived. It rained early in the morning; however, by 10 am the rain had stopped. I was stationed in Seoul for fourteen months and looking at the maps and tourist books I was able to pick out some familiar locations to visit.

The first was the statue of Admiral Lee Sun-Sin. We walked north on Tapeyong and walked past the US Embassy, which was heavily guarded with Korean police carrying automatic weapons. We saw the gate to the Kyongokkung Palace. We then turned south to visit City Hall which is an old building and was not touched by either the North Koreans or Chinese. We continued south and came upon the Toksugung Palace just as they were changing the guards (2). By this time I could see South Gate. I remember South Gate because we did a lot of work on telephone cables that ran under the trolley car tracks and caused a lot of damage to them. We took a taxi to the MyongDong Catholic Cathedral where I had attended mass on many Sundays. Nothing had changed in fifty years. From the Cathedral we taxied to East Gate in the Hung-Injimum district. This was a large shopping area of hundreds of stalls with Koreans selling everything from hats to shoes and everything in-between. Also, all of the household needs. All of the gates look the same. The only difference is the setting.

Doris and I were getting tired; however, we still had not tried the Seoul subway. So we ventured into the subway using the blue line from station 421 to 423 (Chungmuro). The subway station was the closest one to our hotel, but we took our last taxi ride for the day. Tonight we had a buffet dinner and observed that the delegations from the US mainland and Hawaii had arrived. Still missing are the veterans from Greece and Guam. Tomorrow we rise early for a 6:30 am breakfast and briefing for our visit to Panmunjom. I almost forgot one of the most important things that happened today. While on the way to the Admiral's Statue, I saw an area that was familiar, even after fifty years. We walked back to the site and sure enough there was the Shinsegae department store that had been a PX fifty years ago.

Also, behind the PX was the Seoul central office for that area. However, when I went up the narrow street that I had driven up many times and parked my truck, there was no building only a vacant lot that was being used as a parking lot for the Bank of Korea.

Finding this location was most satisfying and brought back memories of fifty years ago. I remembered all of the times that I had used the PX and remembered most of the buildings around the circle, which now has a memorial. I could not identify it due to all of the vehicle traffic.

*October 5, 2001*

All of the veterans met for breakfast and a briefing by the commander of Panmunjom, which was very informative. We departed for Panmunjom and arrived in about an hour. I never realized how close North Korea is to Seoul. The highway was lined with barbed wire on the West Side because North Korea was on the other side of the Han River. Sentry posts were manned along the way. Upon arrival, we received a fifteen-minute briefing and then went to the DMZ where we entered the room that is half in South Korea and half in North Korea. We could move about both sides because no meetings were in progress.

We saw the fenced no-man's-land and many roadblocks where we had to sway side-to-side to get down the road. Boxes with large rocks were poised over the roadway that could be released to cascade down on the road to block it. Bunkers were everywhere; however, we could not take any photographs while moving through these areas. We saw the Peace building and spent some time in the Freedom building. Security was tight but we had access to many areas to take pictures. We then went to the Freedom Bridge and the U.S. Monument. All of the veterans participated in laying a wreath at the Monument dedicated to all U.S. veterans. The Republic of Korea troops assisted in laying the wreath, while two buglers played taps. Back to the hotel before the afternoon rush hour.

*October 6, 2001*

We departed for the National Cemetery where the KWVA and Greek Veterans laid wreaths at their Korean War Memorial. All of us passed through an honor guard of Korean Army, Navy and Marines. The cemetery has over 60 thousand dead buried in the surrounding fields. In addition, indoor panels contain the names of 102,000 missing Korean soldiers. In the center of the rotunda there is a sculpture of multiple people under which the remains of 5,700 unknown veterans are buried. The entire National Cemetery was very impressive and sobering. What a cost for freedom. Yes!! It is not free. The defense policy briefing was canceled due to internal activities. We went to the Korea War Memorial for an honor guard ceremony. The sun was out in full force and so were the Korean Military. More than three hundred Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine service men and women formed an honor guard with the band playing. We were escorted to review the troops as the band played a march. We then marched past another honor guard of about twenty service men as we marched into the War Memorial and what a memorial it is!! Bronze panels lining the walls with the names of all our killed-in-action service people by state. In the next two hours, I viewed the most comprehensive display of our war from both sides.

I cannot describe the detail the Koreans have taken to display how it was in 1950 to 1953. Doris told me she now realizes how destructive the Korean War was to people and their land. The military people that were supposed to give us a briefing arrived and requested we meet in the auditorium, which we did. They gave us a complete briefing on their situation with North Korea, including military, economic and human assistance. We then saw a fifteen-minute

video about the war. All of us were made a gift of the video, which I will make available to any of our members. Enough heavy stuff. We were given box lunches (Korean style) and taken to the Dongdaemoon stadium for a soccer game between their Army and Air Force. The game was great and the Army won. However, the cheering done by all four services was extraordinary because they used jackets with different colored fronts and backs to make all kinds of designs, shapes, airplanes, words and slogans. Not only this, but the objects moved from right to left and left to right. All this while the soccer game was going on. When a goal was scored, it was a mad house. So far the Koreans have gone out of their way to make us feel appreciated.

*October 7, 2001*

Today we journeyed to Suwon and the Korean Folk Village, which takes us back to the Chosin period. The village is located on 243 acres and contains over 260 traditional houses. It reminded me of just how Korea was back in the 1950's. In addition, at 11 am we saw traditional music and dance in the performing arena. The lunch today was in a local restaurant that served traditional Korean food. We had marinated beef cooked at the table along with rice, spinach, bean sprouts, Kimchi and other assorted items. Some or all of these were wrapped in a leaf of lettuce and eaten in one bite. What fun! We left Suwon and journeyed back to Seoul on the eight-lane highway we came down on. We took a short tour of downtown Seoul that included a view of the Blue House (blue roofed home of the president) which was under heavy security and all photos were prohibited even from the bus. I took two subway lines and went to visit the original Han River Bridge that I used frequently during my fourteen months in Seoul. The old four lane bridge is now eight lanes and in excellent condition. In 1950, there were two bridges; this one for motor vehicles and a railroad bridge to the west. Now the Han River has nineteen bridges with some of them being enlarged.

*October 8, 2001*

Inchon was our goal and the Inchon Memorial Hall. The memorial is located high on a hill overlooking the harbor. Many displays, plus audio and visual presentations and data on each country's participation and casualties. One display, the city of Inchon and the red, blue and green beaches and ships, was most informative. From there we went down to the waterfront for a closer look at the beach and harbor facilities. Then on to a great lunch at the Olympic hotel. After lunch we returned to Seoul for a short tour. We then spent an hour in a large indoor and outdoor market with many shops. Doris didn't purchase anything; however, it was an experience.

Tonight was the Banquet hosted by retired General Lee Sang Hoon, Chairman of the Korean Veterans Association. Dinner was preceded by a cocktail party. Before dinner, a Korea representative presented the Korean Service Medals, tie bars, and cuff links to each veteran at their table. Dinner was started with smoked salmon, egg drop soup, salad and filet mignon and a special custard dessert. There were several short speeches followed by Korean entertainment. A great tour was concluded.

Doris and I cannot praise the Korean Veterans Association enough for their execution of all phases of our tour. I could go on and on but, as Korean Veterans, we can express it very plainly, it was NUMBER ONE!!!

*(Great outline and welcome home again)*

# KWV 50th Commemorative Partner Events

## ◆ ◆ West Perry Senior High School Memorial ◆ ◆



Memorial plaque ready for mounting and Dedication Day.

The current two-year project of the West Perry History Club (advisor is Social Studies teacher Jeffrey Popchock) & Student Senate (advisor is Social Studies teacher Jeffrey Zeiders) will culminate in the dedication of a permanent Korean War memorial in front of West Perry near the school's permanent WWII memorial. The centerpiece, a bronze bas relief of a prone U.S. soldier in front of sandbags, was designed and sculpted in clay by West Perry students with the assistance of James Victor, a professional sculptor, and Alan Hench, an art teacher at West Perry Senior High. Jeff Popchock, advisor to the History Club, transported the sculpture to and from Laran foundry in Chester, PA, where it was cast in bronze. Funds for this \$3,000 plaque were raised by donations from veterans' organizations (primarily within the county), relatives of veterans, and private citizens. Fundraisers by the History Club included two Civil War Balls, with students making the decorations and learning the dances. During one of the balls, two West Perry students provided live music. Nearly a hundred members of the community as well as Civil War re-enactors attended each ball. Students also raised money over the summer by decorating and providing refreshments for a special Civil War Ball held by the PA Bucktail reenactors. Students raised over \$800 in a special ham & cheese sandwich sale and a bake sale.

Plans are now underway for another Civil War Ball fundraiser and a ham & cheese sandwich sale. Beyond the \$3,000 for the plaque, we have raised an additional \$3,000, which will help defray the cost of the stone on which the plaque will be mounted. The stone will be 8" thick rose-colored granite, approximately 4' high, with sides that angle in towards the plaque. The sides will have the names of the 13 Perry Countians who died during the Korean War era cut into the stone.

Information about these and other Korean War veterans from the county were researched by the History Club. The memorial will be approximately 5' long, with the inscription: KOREAN WAR 1950-53,



Students in the photo from left to right are: Trista Fite (History Club Treasurer), Erin Howard, Amber Arnold (History Club President), Nicole Sweger (kneeling in front), Denise Mellinger (standing on right), and Bethany Pote (History Club Vice-President).

**FORGOTTEN NO LONGER.** A 50-year time capsule with items related to the Korean War will be buried behind the monument. The Student Senate and History Club are currently developing the program for the May 24th unveiling ceremony at the high school, which will be attended by veterans, the general public, and the student body. Dignitaries are being contacted, and a luncheon for veterans will precede the ceremony.

West Perry Senior High School's address is: 2608 Sherman's Valley Road, Elliottsburg, PA 17024

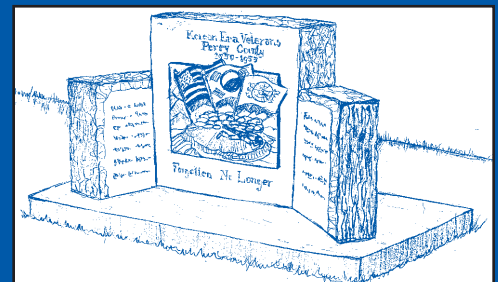
Jeffrey Zeiders and Jeffrey Popchock may be reached at the school at (717) 789-3931.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jett Popchock

*(Thank You West Perry Senior High School Teachers, Students, Community and all responsible for making this memorial possible. The Korean War Veterans Association and all veterans are very proud of you. We look forward to printing more in the future of the dedication and finished memorial. The 13 veterans who died locally and all those that gave their all will not forget you, nor will we the living veterans.)*



Sketch of final memorial when completed

# Reunion Showplace.....

## 96th Field Artillery Bn. Reunion



All Battery's 96th FA Bn.



E Battery, 3rd Bn., 96th FA, Ft. Sill

## Co. B 15th Inf. 3rd Div. Reunion



Photo of members of Baker Company, 15th Regiment, 3rd Division, Korean War Veterans, at their eighth annual reunion. We had 73 members including guests at the reunion. The reunion was held in Daytona Beach, Florida November 4-8. A highlight of the reunion was a visit to the Emory Bennett Memorial Veterans Nursing Home. The home was named after a Baker Company soldier, Emory Bennett, a Congressional Medal of Honor winner.

*(Thank You Dr. Donald Sonsalla for photo and letter. A great looking group of veterans. The reunion for 2002 is on another page in this issue and will be included for several more. Thanks also for the donation.)*

2001 was a good reunion year for my 2 groups as we combined for a big reunion at Branson, MO, Oct. 4 - 7. Both groups are Korea Veterans. The 96th Field Artillery Bn. had 52 Vets and 49 Ladies in attendance. "E" Battery, 3rd Battalion, Fort Sill Training Group, (FARTC) had 15 Vets and 15 Wives, plus several guests from both groups.

"E" Battery meets every year and the 96th meets every 2 years. Future meeting places have not been finalized yet but are under consideration.

Photos were supplied by Arnold Anderson.

We are still looking for more new members of both groups. Contact: Arnold Anderson, HC 83, Box 116A, Custer, SD 57730.

*(Thank you Arnold Anderson photos and letter. A great looking group of veterans.)*

## 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing Reunion



Shown is Ray Edward, Jim Anderson, Anthony Amorello and Chet Cutshall.

Last April we had our first reunion of the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing which was a huge success. At this reunion four former veterans were reunited. What made this so special was - all four of them shared the same tent back in Korea. And by coincidence they all had adjoining rooms at the hotel. This was one of the highlights of our reunion.

I would like to encourage all veterans to attend your units reunions as you never know who you may meet again.

*(Thank you Joseph Krakovsky for photo and letter. A super event for proud veterans and also honoring your service in Korea. I hope others will follow your suggestion an attend reunions. It is nice to see your old buddies again.)*

## Reunion in Korea - United Nations Partisan Infantry Forces



As part of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, a United States Veteran who served behind the lines with the Korean Partisans visited Korea September 25-30, 2000 and met with 350 Korean Partisans who have formed a Federation of Korean War Veterans and also activated the 50th anniversary of the Korean War Commemorative Committee for the wartime 8240th Army Unit, United Nations Partisan Infantry Forces (Korea). This committee is the brother committee to the 8240th Army Unit Commemorative Committee organized in the United States by Colonel Douglas C. Dillard, USA (ret.), so far the only US veteran of this organization to visit Korea and meet with his wartime comrades.

On September 28, Colonel Dillard met with 50 partisans in the ROKA National Cemetery in Seoul, where a hundred and twenty thousand war casualties are interred. A special section of the cemetery has been set aside for the partisans where they are interred by designated graves sites according to the partisan unit in which they served. Colonel Dillard placed a beautiful white carnation wreath on the Partisan Memorial and lighted a joystick. This was an emotional moment for Colonel Dillard as he had many of the dead partisans serve with him in 1952 while he was with the unit.

On September 29, Colonel Dillard, his wife Virginia and daughter Cheryl Starulakis visited the offices of the Korean War Veterans Federation and meet with 350 partisans, who were dressed in battle dress uniforms and wore black berets with appropriate insignia for their partisan unit. Commander Sang Joon Park who commanded The Tiger Brigade on the off-shore islands during the war, introduced Colonel Dillard to the assembled group after presentation of the partisan colors and the 8240th colors Colonel Dillard had made to represent the US element.

The first graduating class of special forces personnel were assigned to the 8240th Army Unit in March 1953. The first two combat casualties of the US Army Special Forces, as we know them today, were with the 8240th Army Unit. Lt. Castro was killed while leading a partisan raid against communist positions on the West Coast

of N. Korea, while Lt. Payne was killed during an attack by communist forces against his island, partisan base. Both officers are listed on the wall of honor at the US Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, NC.

A reunion was held at Panama City Beach, Florida, October 18-22, 2000 by US officer and enlisted veterans of the 8240th Army Unit. Fifty-two US veterans of this unit attended the reunion.

While in Korea, many of the Korean Veteran, Partisans indicated they would try and attend the reunion in the United States in 2001. There is an effort now in process in the Los Angeles area to locate the many Korean Partisan Veterans who moved to the United States and became naturalized citizens. The plan is to hopefully rally both the US and the naturalized Korean Veterans for our reunions.

With the present roster of 288 (as of 2000) US Partisan Veterans the additional naturalized partisan veterans could swell to about 500, a great undertaking if we can succeed.

*(Thank you Doug Dillard for photo and letter. Sorry it took so long to print. Doug's address is 12114 Longridge Lane, Bowie, MD 20715)*

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# KWV 50th Commemo

## Ripley County (Indiana) Becomes Commemoration Partner



From left, Joe Hountz, Dick Ecksteen, Don Pettit, and Ken Backhorst.

On June 23, 2001, more than 700 people attended services honoring Ripley County (Indiana) Korean War Veterans. There were 99 Korean War Veterans honored and presented their Korean War Service Medal. It was an emotional occasion for the honored veterans, their families and friends. The veterans entered behind a color guard and honor guard. They were given a long delayed "Welcome Home Korean Veterans". It was a beautiful service, There were many flags, banners and memorabilia. The service ended with a 21 gun salute and taps.

*(Thank you Betty Pettit for photos and letter. A great event for true heroes.)*

## CNY Chapter and 174th Fighter Wing NYSNG Commemorates the 50th Anniversary



From left, Bruce Ackerman, Fred Osborne, Fred Thompson, Nels Running, and Tony Vaquero

CNY Chapter and 174th Fighter Wing NYSNG Commemorated the 50th Anniversary of USAF Air Battles in October 1951. Keynote speaker was Major General Nels Running USAF (Ret) Director Dept of Defense 50th Anniversary of Korean War

*(Thank you Dave Allen for photos and letter. KWVA is proud to print this event and we thank all our Air Force Heroes.)*

## Atkinson Township Historical Society becomes 50th Commemoration Community Partner



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Above was copied from head stone at the cemetery. We did the window display from Oct. until the new year remembering him.

Atkinson Township Historical Society with William J. Freddy as curator was one of the first to become a 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorative Community or Partner, a small town of 1,100.

I am a volunteer (Arthur J. Holevoet and a Korean War veteran) and we do 3 to 5 different displays a year on the Korean War. I belong to the Korean War Veteran's Association, Quad Cities Chapter # 168, Rock Island, Illinois and the Charles DeCrane American Legion Post # 724, Atkinson, Illinois. I can be reached at 17881 County Hwy 5 Atkinson, IL 61235 Tel: 309-936-7621

*(Thank you Arthur for photo and letter. A great idea for a commemorative event. Thank also to Atkinson Township Historical Society for remembering the Korean War and lost loved ones.)*



Head Table (left to right) Joan Christensen - NYS Assembly, Nick Pirro - Onondaga County Exec., Nels Running - MG USAF (Ret.), Jeff Brown - 1st. Lt. 174th Fighter Wing, Tony Vaquero - Pres. KWVA CNY Chapter, Robert Knauff - Col. and Commander 174th Fighter Wing, Jim Ferris - Pres. KWVA Dept of NY, Joan and Tom Kelly - Chaplain KWVA CNY Chapter

# rative Partner Events

## Albuquerque Chapter Reorganizes



Albuquerque Chapter displays 50th Commemorative Partner Flag

Photo above was taken at a meeting held for the purpose of reorganization of Albuquerque Chapter One, Korean War Veterans Assn. held on December 4, 2001. At this time the Chapter has 22 members with the hope of more to come at our February meeting. Pictured left to right are the interim officers, Andrew Alderete, Treasurer; Russell Reinecke, Secretary; Joseph Rose, 1st Vice Pres.; Donald Arp, President. Hopefully this picture in The Graybeards will alert other KWVA members in the Albuquerque area to come and join us. Any interested veterans can contact me at (505) 298-6074. We wish to commemorate the 50th Anniversaries of the Korean War.

*(Thank you Donald Arp for photo and letter. We wish you great success with your chapter and future events.*

## Maryland Chapter, Maryland National Guard, Korean War Memorial Foundation - Commemorative Partners



Replica of National Korean War Memorial in D.C. on display at the Maryland War Memorial Building in Baltimore. Inset is Jerald Doyle's Painting *USS Glendale* (see M-A 2001 issue) is also to be displayed there. The ceremony was conducted by the above named in heading to tell Marylanders about our Korean War Memorial Hall Display and show the replica. Col William Weber (Ret.) was MC.

*(Photos taken by Graybeards Editor Vincent Krepps. More later.)*

## Ed Radice Park becomes a Commemorative Partner



New Korean War Memorial in Tampa, Florida



As a member of the Korean War Veterans Assn. of Tampa (The Lt Baldomero, Lopez Chapter # 175), and I am serving as Chairman of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, for my AL Post. This is a joint effort by several local Associations.

The Korean War Memorial in Tampa, Florida was dedicated on Monday, Nov. 12th, 2001 at the entrance to the Ed Radice Sports Complex, at 10710 South Mobley Road, Tampa, Florida. The complex is in Citrus Park, a suburb of Tampa. The Ed Radice Sports Complex is 140 acres in size and has 9 soccer fields, Little League baseball fields, and 5 adult softball fields.

The memorial consists of an Assembly of three flag poles. We are flying the U. S. flag on a 35 ft pole, and the State of Florida and Prisoner of War/Missing In Action flags are flown on 30 ft. poles, on a 24/365 schedule. Appropriate bronze markers are mounted at the base of each pole. The bronze dedicatory plaques at the base of the three flagpoles, read:

**At the U.S. Colors - 35 foot pole: Our Nation and our Community honors the Sons and Daughters who answered the call to defend Korea, a Country they never knew, and a people they never met, to stop the spread of Communism. June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953**

**At the State of Florida - 30 foot pole: The State of Florida and our Community honors It's patriots who sacrificed their lives serving In Korea, so Freedom would prevail. 1950 to 1953**

**At the Prisoner Of War/Missing in Action - 30 foot pole: Our Nation and our Community bears witness to the 7,140 Prisoners of War, and to the 8,177 Missing In Action troops who served during the Korean War. (POW/MIA'S) 1950 to 1953**

*(Thank you Henry Binder for photo and letter. A great memorial. I could not print all. I will print more in a later issue.)*

# LETTERS HOME

By Lt. Daniel R. Beirne (Ret.)  
Co. "K", 5th Inf. Regimental Combat Team

5 Sept. 1950

Dear Family:

Guess another week has passed and so will write. At the moment I am in a hole in the ground. Rain is pouring down outside. We have a pup-tent rigged up over top but the rain is beginning to leak in. The light is very poor so you must pardon any errors.

On 1 Sept, the North Koreans launched their big offensive. My platoon was in Bn. reserve the first night. We had been on outpost work and were back at Bn. for one nights rest. About midnight the big stuff started coming in. It was our first real artillery barrage. Shells dropped around all night long and yet not a man was hit. The North Koreans are poor shots and are successful only when lucky or when U.S. troops are grouped too close together.

They hit our Bn. but were driven off. That night I relieved another platoon on the front line. When I got up to the front there were a lot of dead Koreans lying about. K Company didn't get a single casualty that night. L Company held a high hill and that was what they were after. K Company held low ground on the left of L Company but we (my platoon) controlled the approaches. The 2nd night the North Koreans didn't come in across the rice paddies yelling etc. like they did the first, but came in quietly to attack L Company. My platoon heard them and we opened fire. I called Mortar fire on them also. They very carefully went around my position (we were well dug in) and hit L from the other side. Before they attacked, however, they really gave L a pounding with direct fire weapons (artillery), yet L had only one casualty from that. Then they blew whistles, yelled "Banzai" and charged. Well, one platoon in L Company got scared and broke and before long the entire company was just about off the mountain. When the sun rose only seven men remained on the top peaks end "gooks" were all around the bottom. There was I in my position and high on my right rear looking down was a mountain just about to be completely taken by the "gooks". Fortunately at the moment the jets hit the hill with rockets and drove the Koreans down a way. My company re-equipped L Company and they regained the mountain.

A great many North Koreans don't even have weapons. We captured a lot of stuff afterwards such as burp guns, machine guns, etc. They all looked like kids and seemed doped up. They carried off many of their dead and laid them out on a flat place about a mile away. I looked through glasses and counted at least 100 bodies.

A great many bodies were never removed so I figure they paid plenty for it. Yesterday I Company caught 75 of them in a trap and killed most. What they do is to infiltrate at night. When the sun comes up many are caught behind our lines. If they haven't taken a hill they are trapped in our valley and with daylight we rip them up. It's a funny war.

We are a little bitter because we were to be relieved, rested and join the 24th Division as it's 3rd Regiment. The 34th was so cut up it returned to Japan to reorganize. As it was the 34th Regt

(Negro) was pushed back and our replacement had to relieve them. The 2nd Division was pushed back and 24th Division which had been taken out to rest was sent with the British to the reserve. I only hope that this is their final burst of energy and they are spent.

It's funny here. The days seem like normal days. You sometimes don't even know a war is going on. We walk around our positions in the open. We watch the "Gooks" walking around. We sleep, bathe and so do they. Then at night all hell breaks loose. The difference of course is the air. The enemy can only move at night. The air has also saved us many times by smashing up concentrations right before an attack. They are a wonderful arm but they still can't do it alone.

It's getting cooler here, The flies are pretty bad still. We don't seem to have as much dysentery as before. I finally got a tooth brush. You ought to see my mustache.

Hope my film comes out. They are probably too short and jerky. The lighting will probably be poor etc. Still they are a record.

You are right when you say the Army just sits around and waits. We are just sitting around today. Some men are reading "Stars and Stripes". Most are sleeping. We all received Combat Infantry Badges the other day. Nice of them, ain't it? They even paid us. My pay is all wrong and I'll have to adjust it someday. They owe me somewhere around \$600.

Say "Hello" to everybody. Your letter of 25th arrived here 5th Sept. The biggest delay is out here I am afraid.

Love to all.

R

P.S. That article about ambush was about our 1st Bn. Saw James Blair of Sun Paper and spent most of a day with him.

14 Sept. 1950

Dear Family:

Here is another letter written soon after my last. Received pa's letter about a week ago and also one written the end of July to A.P.O. 707. You said you had trouble finding where the 5th had been. Well, the 5th built up a reputation of having been the only Regiment not pushed back in the big offensive. So we were pulled out of line by Bn. But when elements of the 25th Division were pushed back, some of our Bns. were sent to the rescue. Thus we have been split up and are now just getting together.

We were the first pulled out and were sent to Masan and from there to a rail junction and then to Taegu where we are now. We are in 8th Army reserve but actually under 1st Cavalry Div. We had no longer been here 6 hours than K Company alone was called out to plug up a gap in 1st Cav. between two Regiments. The "gooks" had penetrated between and we plus a bunch of cooks and bakers and the Air Force to drive them back and the line was stabilized. We were pulled out and are now back at Taegu with Bn.

When you get this letter a lot will have happened (probably) I hope. The old Man's feet went bad on him today, a bad case of ath-

letic foot and so he's gone to the hospital for a few days and I have the company. Whether he'll be back is doubtful. If he comes back then I'll have only 40 men, to worry about instead of 160. You have to hold the job down 30 days in combat to get a Captaincy. (That is the least of my worries). A few of my class are now Captains. It's all in how the cards fall. Bill Cooper, by the way, is now a Captain.

You keep saying in your letters that you no longer are in a position to tell me about life. Combat sobers a man up a lot but I still have the capacity to learn from you. Life isn't quite as simple as that. In all your years of living you still have experienced a lot of things that I must learn about.

You amuse me when you say Marraine's friends were surprised that officers went into battle with their men. The 5th casualties so far for 3,400 men has been 1,255. This is the lowest regiment.

Don't forget an awful lot are sickness and slight wounds that return. Please don't quote me on those figures. They were told to me.

I have found from experience as a commander that when a man is hit you can't think about him or it will get you

down. The reason officers and N.C.O.'s crack is that they think about the men as an individual too much and multiply that by all that were hit, you can see it wears the poor officer down eventually. You may want to think about the man and actually do, you still can't let it reach that pity stage or you'll break yourself. Too many people worry too much. I've reached a stage now where I worry a little before an attack as before a football game. You don't worry about incoming artillery or fire unless it's near you. Confidence in yourself and your men is the greatest combatant of fear. K Co. and I Co. reached a stage where they dared the "gooks" to attack them and yelled back at them in the darkness. That is confidence. Darkness seems to breed fear because you can't see and if confidence is lost a unit will break.

I was going to write you an entire letter on the Chinju operation but haven't. From first hand accounts I now have the facts. It was like Jackson's Valley Campaign. Units crossed each others paths and were doubtful of opposite size. Our Bn. (600) men went though a town that 2,000 North Koreans went through to our right one hour before we got there. They (North Koreans) moved because they thought we were a larger force. We thought they were smaller and moved on to Chunju. They turned around and came back, so did we and we just squeezed out of a pincers of 2,000 on each side by half an hour. An airplane above us watched the entire thing but his communications were out and he couldn't contact us. Fog of war.

Well, till I write again,

Love

R

P.S. Thank God for climbing mountains in my childhood. We really climb some whoppers and go up and down several in a day. What's worse is to be on one and have to come down for meals, etc.

Tell me how my movies come out. Took an entire roll yesterday of street scenes in Taegu.

Sept. 27 1950

Dear Family:

Well, the good news just arrived that the 7th Division finally hooked up with the 1st Cav. For your information we are part of the 24th Division now. It amuses me to read in the papers all the publicity the 1st Cav. 24th and 25th Divisions get. (not counting the Marines). For your information, each one of those divisions has gotten us to do their work for them. The 5th has definitely cloaked itself with glory in this war whether we get credit or not.

The 5th Inf. took Wegwan. Each Bn. took one of the three key mountains that protected that city. The papers merely said elements of the 24th Division took Wegwan. We came way around, swung in on a flank and pushed ahead of 1st Cav. to take it.

The 24th then pushed across the Naktong and kept pushing until they ran into opposition outside Kumchon. Guess who then moved through the 19th Inf. (of 24th Div.) and had to assault the 5 key hills protecting the city? Then once the city was occupied by us, the rest of the 24th came through and the 1st Cavs came through and pushed up to join the 7th several hours later.

Not much news that would interest you. We have been pushing so hard the men are pretty exhausted. Had our first night attack the other night. K Company assaulted a hill loaded with North Koreans. They were as frightened as we have been by their night attacks, and after throwing grenades they fled from the hill. Our casualties consisted of one man killed. He was a replacement and had been here one day.

Several amusing incidents. One is how fast these big master sergeants who have the garrison paunch thin out. Some are hard to reorganize now without the bay-windows. Another incident was about a replacement under fire for the first time. We were walking along beside a stream the other day and the North Koreans opened up on the column. From experience by listening to the crack etc. I could tell they were not too dangerous. The replacement however dove head first into the stream, rifle, helmet and all. I couldn't help laughing as he emerged with a dumb expression on his face.

The N. K.'s are now beginning to get rid of uniforms and become refugees. We've picked up a lot who having been isolated, put on civilian (whites) clothes and pass us refugees. We've caught a lot in the act of changing.

Just a short added note from Kumchon. We've been here on a road block for about 5 days. In fact we took Kumchon and then have never left. All other units have passed through to Taejon and so we are rear echelon. Hope this thing is about over. There are still pockets of resistance. We are still at a road junction hoping to catch units as they flee up from the South. I think most have changed clothes and become civilians. Some may try to break through us and get North but they'll run into trouble. We have tanks (the big boys) now. Not much goes on here. We sleep and eat. The nights are very cold and the days warm and sunny (usually) We are on a sandy beach by a river and we wander around in underwear and get sun-burned during the day. It is really an ideal rest spot during the day but of course at night we must be on the alert.

Love

R

# Chapter Affairs

## Central Long Island Chapter of NY



Photo on June 14, 2001, at our Flag Retirement Day Ceremony. Held at the chapter Headquarters in Bayport, New York. Shown from left are Paul Zerafa, Daniel Wolfort, Bob Morga, Bob Snyder, Bill Oelkers, Jeff Quarles, Dave Besso, Lou Caligiuri, John Gaughran Sr. & Jr.



Photo was taken October 14, 2001 at Saint Cyril and Saint Methodus R.C. Church, Deer Park, NY. Shown from left Stan Urbanowski, John Gaughran Sr., Dave Stahl, John Purificato, Larry Busini, Sal Scarlato, and John Bowie, kneeling left to right Jeff Quarless, and Paul Zerofa. We were there for a fund raising program.

*(Thank you John Gaughran for photo and letter. Great projects and super looking veterans. KWVA is proud of all.)*

I am forwarding six some pictures that were taken at Veterans Day parade in New York City on November 11, 2001. These pictures show members of the Central Long Island Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association. I would appreciate if you could place them in a copy of *Graybeards*. I have not listed names as most of them have too many members pictured. If possible could the pictures be returned, as the member who took them would like them back.

*(Thank you John E. Gaughran for photos and letter. Great Veterans and event. Your letter gives me a chance to express again my rules. I do not return photos. We have about 100 in*

*each issue. It would take much time trying to match up photos, sender and address. I throw away all envelopes. Old photos if properly marked and a self-addressed-stamped envelope will get them returned. I also need to know what issue they appeared in. I have thrown away current photos. I still have the old ones from the 50's. So if you want yours returned you must do the above by the end of February when they are returned to me.)*



### 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.

## Lake County Chapter #169 of Florida

October 27, 2001 the chapter held a members appreciation party. The affair was held three days before Halloween and prompted many members to attend in costume. An impromptu best costume contest was organized. Chapter member Art Dube and Dept. FL. President Tom Gaffney were designated judges. Sgt. Elmo Chapter Mascot was named the tie breaker.

November 11, 2001 the chapter held its Second Annual Veterans Auto Show at Citrus Towers, Clermont, FL. Gold Star Widow Carol Becker, Chapter Historian donated several patriotic wall quilts she made to be auctioned at the event. Proceeds from the affair results in the creation of several scholarships for deserving Lake County students. Chapter Past President Joe Madeline, Chairman of the annual show thanks members of Chapter 188 for their assistance.

At its November meeting membership our chapter elected the following new officers for the year 2002. President - Martin "Jackie" Gleason, Vice President - Harold Sievers, Treasurer - Romeo Caillouett and Secretary - Mary Lum  
(Thank you Joseph Turner for photos and letter. We are proud of your chapter and members. Keep up the great work.)



Above, from left, Arthur Dube, Sgt. Elmo (mascot) and Tom Gaffney.



Holding quilt are Vicki Velasquez (left) and Gold Star Widow Carol Becker.

## Department of New York



POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY 2001 at Syracuse NY VA Medical Center. Keynote speaker Harley J. Coon was introduced by James Ferris (above), President of the KWVA Dept of NY, CNY Chapter. Dinner for Harley at VFW followed.



Shown above (l to r) are Jim Ferris, Bruce Anderson, Harley Coon and Tony Vaguero.



Cake supplied by CNY Member Baker Tony Fallico who honors his fellow Vets.

(Thank you Dave Allen for photos and letter. A great program and we should always remember our POW/MIAs and our fallen buddies. We honor all our veterans by remembering our war and those that served.)

## A bit of history...

Imjin Chapter hat pin designed after the "Freedom Gate" bridge.  
(see page 39)



## Manasota Chapter #199 of Florida



The Chapter dedicated the Korean wing of the "Walk Way of Memories." The memorial bricks (foreground- lower right) feature the: names and service dates of area Korean War- veterans and are lovingly featured in the: city's Veterans' Monument Park. Cost of bricks are \$30. Above, chapter members gather for the kickoff ceremonies which resulted in 78 purchases.

Chapter recently hosted a breakfast for Bradenton, Fla. school leaders: The promotion provided a forum for exchanging information between schools and veterans' organizations relating to the "Veterans Educate Today's Students (VETS) program."

Chapter was well represented during Patriotism Week. Ceremonies recently in Bradenton and Flag Raising Ceremonies at a local Middle School and a parade.



Above, Larry Hanneken presents a Korean War Commemorative memento to a Bradenton teacher.

Chapter member Larry Hanneken was part of a multi-service color guard at Bradenton's Monument Park on Veterans Day.



Chapter president (L) Bill Field and (R) 1st Vice Gene Gillette and the school's vocal chorale.



The city's downtown parade featured the chapter's honor guard, marchers shown are Bill Field, with flag, Bill Gilkerson and Fred Weinmann.



Richard Kennedy in electric scooter leads the chapter's pick-up truck with a full complement of members in the city's largest Veterans Day Parade.

*Thank you Chapter 199 for photos and letter. We are proud of your chapter and its members. I cannot print all of your photos in one issue. With over 250 chapters, I try to give each some space, so please submit photos at a slower pace. Photos cannot be returned. I will return old photos when given a self addressed stamped envelope. I will only print processed original photos developed from your negatives (film) so order two sets.)*

### KWVA Members and Friends

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## Imjin Chapter of Illinois



Pictured, left to right, are Billy D. Gray-Director, Harry Reime-Treasurer, Bill Cummins-Chaplain, Marvi Donaldson- Secretary, Russ Klein-President, Ed Musser-Director, Floss Millatti-2nd VP Letisha Luecking-Newsletter Editor, Kermit Holtgrewe-1st VP, Bill Juergens-Public Relations. (in wheelchair) Jack McKean-Director.

On 7/29/01 we held the first annual rededication of our memorial in Mel Price Memorial Park located in Swansea, IL. The ceremonies included remarks by Mayor Mike Buelhorn, and a drill presentation by a drill team from Scott Air Force Base. The base color guard presented the colors. A time capsule with memorabilia from our members was buried at the base of the monument. The rededication will be an annual event. Mayor Buelhorn will issue a proclamation that names 7/29 of each year as Korean War Veterans Day in Swansea.

*(Thank you Harry Reime for the photo and letter. This must have been a special event for all that attended.)*



Freedom Gate Bridge taken North of Imjin River- 50's photo.

Chapter hat pin. In the background is the Freedom Gate bridge. Some have called this the "Butler" bridge. This pin was produced by a company in Taiwan, R.O. A. and returned to a novelty shop distributor in Belleville, IL.

*(Thank you Edward N. Musser for photos and letter. Great idea for a hat pin. It is shown in color on page 37 of this issue.)*

## Department of Ohio



Enclosed is a photograph from a parade by veterans to support the war on terrorism in which The Ohio Valley Chapter #70 KWVA participated. The parade was held on Veterans Day 11/11/01. Officers and members participating were from left to right, Bob Small, Gene Omatis, Joe Costain, Bob McColloch, Ed Waldman and Emil Samol. The parade was held in Wheeling, West Virginia.

*(Thank you Bob McColloch for photo and letter. KWVA is proud of the veterans of Ohio for showing their support for America's new war.)*

## Yong Dung-Po Chapter 114 of Pennsylvania



Chapter members attending Memorial Service at Church in Bensaler, PA. with President Tom McManamon

*(Thank you Cay Burns for photos and letter. Great Veterans, remembering others. Sorry I cannot use your other photo. The quality is very poor. Send original or get a photocopy at a photo shop. Color printers and scanners do a poor job if not of high quality.)*

### 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."

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## Suncoast Chapter #14 of Florida

As a result of the increase in veterans deaths, the Department of Defense has been tasked to provide funeral honor details for all veterans under the provisions of Public Law 106-65, Section 65.

The Korean War Veterans Chapter 14 is the first veterans' group to meet the requirements and to be certified to perform funeral honors under the Authorized Provider Partnership Program in conjunction with MacDill AFB personnel. With over 20 counties to service with funeral details, MacDill AFB often needs the assistance of local veterans organizations. The Authorized Provider Partnership Program will ensure Public Law 106-65 is carried out according to 1st Lt. Gregory Kuzma, USAF, the Officer-in-Charge of the local program "We feel honored to be the first Honor Guard team to be certified in Pinellas County to provide this help" said Sam Farina, the KWVA Chapter President.



The KWVA Chapter 14 Honor Guard has been available to provide military honors for veterans and their families since 1996.

Families of deceased veterans may request military honors services through their funeral director who then notifies Lt. Kuzma's office. The KWVA Chapter 14 Honor Guard has been available to provide military honors for veterans and their families since 1996. For information about the Honor Guard or KWVA Chapter 14, Call Sam Farina at 727-535-7884.

*(Thank you Joan M. Arcand for photo & letter. A special Chapter and Honor Guard. We are proud of all of you for the deed of remembering our fallen heroes. The families will always remember your respect for their loved ones.)*

### 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: March - April 2002 articles must be received by editor no later than March 15. We print on a first-come-first-served basis. We also have a backlog.—Editor.

## Department of Delaware

Cape May Lewes Ferry hosted the Korean War Memorial Day Commemoration Events, May 28, 2001. The sun came out and so did approximately 145 Korean War vets and their families. Special guest speakers at the ceremony included Senator Thomas Carper. Also, the U.S. Marine Barrack A Company Color Guard of Washington, DC, and the drill team of the Sussex Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol participated.

The Cape May-Lewes Ferry provided a luncheon for the vets to cap off a day that will be on their minds for years to come. And no one will forget the look in the vets' eyes when they interacted with the Marines. It was a day that filled the heart of each and every attendee.

*(Thank you Bradford Glazier fot photos and letter. Great vets and event. I cannot return photos.)*



Members in the shade enjoying luncheon.



Senator Thomas Carper talking to Korean War Vets.



Past President George T. Goss.



More vets heading to luncheon and events.

## Sunshine State Chapter #159 of Florida



Army Honors Night Nov. 29 Shown (l to r) Podium Jack Edwards, Gord Bennett, Lou Michaud, Gore Peoples, Top row standing (l to r) David Theall, Jack Yunker, Bert Bartz, Don Gorski, Bill Schmeer, Roy Peck, George Costage, Chuck Williams, Seated (l to r) Carl Bitzer, Arnold Stowell, Chuck Keirnan, Hayes Kennedy, and Grant Raulerson



Army Honors Night Nov. 29 Shown (l to r) Charles Cruse 45th I. D., Ron Rechtenbach 45th I. D., Mike Tucci 25th I. D., Frank Oddo 25th I.D., Gord Bennett 1st Royal Canadian Regt., Curley Thacher 187th R.C.T. and Ray Raymer 187th R.C.T.



Navy Honors Night Dec. 27 Shown bottom (l to r) Al Welch, U.S Navy; Ralph Beezhold, F.A.W. 14 Sqdn. 46; George Delorey, U.S.S. Miller; Lou Michald, U.S. Navy; Peter Palmer British Royal Navy; top (l to r) Gene Peoples, Director and Gord Bennett 1st VP



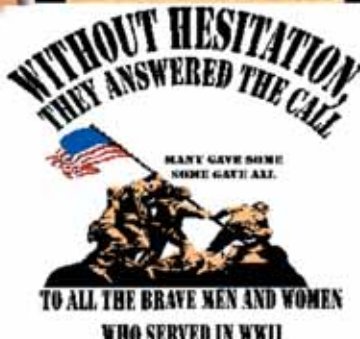
Army Honors Night Nov. 29 Shown (l to r) Canadian Korea War Veterans: Gord Bennett, 1st Royal Canadian Regt., Don Langlois 25th Canadian Inf. BDE, Howard Stribbell 191 Royal Canadian E.M.E., Ramon Brown 54th Canadian TPT. Coy.



Marines Honors Night Oct. 25, 225th Marines Birthday Shown top (l to r) Russ Holbrook, Richard Bohart, Ray McGuire, Henry Daniloski, Bill Baker, Jack Edwards (USAF) attached to 1st Marine Air Wing - MAG33 and bottom (l to r) Gerald Neisen, Dave Miller Vietnam Marine, Joseph Kadlub.

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## Sunshine State Chapter #159 of Florida (cont.)

Marines Honor Night:  
Oct. 25, 225th Marines  
Birthday, President Jack  
Edwards presenting  
50th Anniversary  
Commemorative coin to  
Ex-POW Don Denny  
U.S. Army.



*(Thank you Jack Edwards for photos and captions for each. All shown must have been very proud to be honored by your chapter. I will print Ex-POW photos in next issue. Some photos were not too good and some seemed to be duplicated. I will not print them. Also please have someone type your sub-titles and something about the event. Last but not least please send less photos at one time. Thanks for honoring your veterans and I understand you wanting to show and honor all with photos.)*

## Charles Parlier Chapter #24 of Illinois



Thirteen members of the Chapter Color Guard.



(L to R) Glen Thompson, David Mayberry, and Frank Delgado present check to Mr. Ronald Frillman, Administrator of the Illinois Veterans Home at Quincy, Illinois. Check is for one Lo-riser Bed and Christmas gifts for 48 veterans. (2nd Lo-Riser Bed donated.)



On the left, L to R) Dave Mayberry, Floyd Cooper, and Dr. William L. Williams. Folding Flag at a Flag Program at Stevenson Grade School in Decatur, Illinois before 250 students and teachers.-



On right, 1st Place Plaque won at the Arcola, Illinois Broom Corn Festival Parade in September 2001. Viewed by 10,000 to 12,000 people.

*(Thank you Richard Teike for photo and letter. Congratulations on your plaque, and great Color Guard, and special veterans. Your efforts at Nursing Home and Stevenson Grade School are super events. Your state should be very proud of you. KWVA and its members are proud to have you in our association.)*

## Chapter 2 of Lafayette Indiana



The new officers. Shown in front row left to right are: William Taber Treasurer, Fred Priest President, Betty Baker Secretary, Frank Littleton 1st Vice. Back row are left to right are: Don Easterly 2nd Vice, John Rutledge POW/MIA, Basil Bauch Chaplain, and Loren McMasters.

*(Thank you John Rutledge for photo and letter. We wish your new officers much success and also the best year ever for your members and officers.)*

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## Western Ohio #108 Chapter

### Special Tribute to Korean Veterans by Native Americans

The chapter had their "Food Booth at Rowdy's Festival in Covington, OH - October 6th & 7th. Our total proceeds from the weekend Festival will go to the 9/11 disasters in New York City and Washington D.C.

There were 2 Native Americans for Festival entertainment, they sang 2 songs of tribute to all Veterans. After their part of the program, Sherri Two Feathers asked our Vets to come and join in, as they wanted to honor us alone. Sherri's Indian name is: Tali Agwadontog. She is Eastern Band Cherokee from the Deer Clan. Her father was a Sergeant in a demolition Squad in Korea. Sherri is a nurse, pastor, has 4 children, a prison ministry, makes their traditional regalia, sings, plays flute and drums their traditional songs and made their beautiful and colorful clothes. Roger is Ojibway from the Eagle Clan, Missassauga of the Credit First Nation. His father was in both WWI and WW2 in the Canadian Army. They call themselves The Fireside Drums (based out of the New Credit Reserve First Nation, near Hagerstown, Ont.) Roger & Sherri (Lalflorme) are married and live in Cayuga, Ont. Canada.

We also met another native American & his name was Harold Darding. He was of Iroquois/Dutch Heritage. His Indian name was U-Tsu So'Qui-Li (Singing Horse). He is a flute maker and player, a story teller and men's traditional dancer. All our men were rounded up and Sherri & Roger lined them up for a Grand Entry Ritual. They sang two honor songs and then danced in and around a circle.

Don Thrash, who is part Cherokee, is one of our Vets. He and Sherri led them as Don carried the Eagle feather. This all happened Saturday at 12:45 pm.

The men that danced in the Grand Entry were: Ernie Stahl, Dick Swartz, Dale Snyder, Harvey Zimmerman, Lee Mendenhall, Don Thrash, Ron Boram, Joe Ferrier, Gene Bowser, Kenny Williamson & Buck Clawson. We were disappointed not to have a picture of this original 'happening' On Sunday Tyler Write took our group picture with Sherri and Roger (shown below). Some from Saturday could not come back, so we had to pull a few of our Vets from the



Don Thrash, holding the Eagle feather, later joined Sherri & Roger for the Friendship Dance & some of us missed this dance. The men in this picture with our hosts- Sherri, Roger are: Back Row - Roger, Sherri, Don Thrash, Dale Snyder, Ernie Stahl, Lee Mendenhall, Bob Straton. Front Row - Joe Ferrier, Kenny Williams, Harvey Zimmerman and Doug Birch.

grills again to fill in. It also gave them a chance to meet Sherri and Roger.

*(Thank you Lois Ferrier for photo and letter: A super event.)*

### Annual Christmas Party

The attendance was great and dinner was excellent (catered by: The Wooden Shoe Inn of Minster, OH). Every year we have a gift exchange. Each person brings a gift (marked man or woman) and Santa Claus usually gives out the gifts with a big HO HO HO. Our decorations were beautiful and we definitely had the look of Christmas everywhere.



President Coon and Kathy Clark.

Associate member Janice Petty received special recognition for all of her faithful services for the many jobs she handles within the Chapter. This too was one of the highlights of our Christmas party. President (National KWVA Headquarters) Harley Coon and his wife Sylvia were our special guests. They drove over 260 miles just to be with us on this special occasion. We always enjoy their company. Kathy Clark provided entertainment for the evening. Her program consisted of songs and lyrics she personally wrote. Included was "We're Still Standing Here" This song was written the day after the attack on America. (See book review this issue more about Kathy.)

We have a very unusual fellowship within our chapter. It is wonderful because we all work together to make it happen & this includes our Associate members as well.

*(Again thank you Lois E. Ferrier for photo and letter: You do have a great chapter and special events.)*

### In Memory

Owners Don and Diana Harper of Somerset, Ky. had their semi painted to express their pride and remembrance about the unifying effect of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

It will be entered in a number of truck shows. They are invited to the big one in Louisville, Ky. this coming March.





The artist, Jim Shively of Piqua, Oh. the son of Western Ohio Korean Veterans Chapter member Fredrick R. and Mary L. Shively.

*(Thank you Fredrick for photos and letter. A super paint job remembering a terrible event. We thank Don and Diana for telling America to remember.*

*I hope our veterans can make out the teardrop. It shows the two Trade Tower Buildings in flame and smoke after being hit by planes. Rear photo is great also. Let us know how it was received at the truck show. It should win first prize if there is one.*

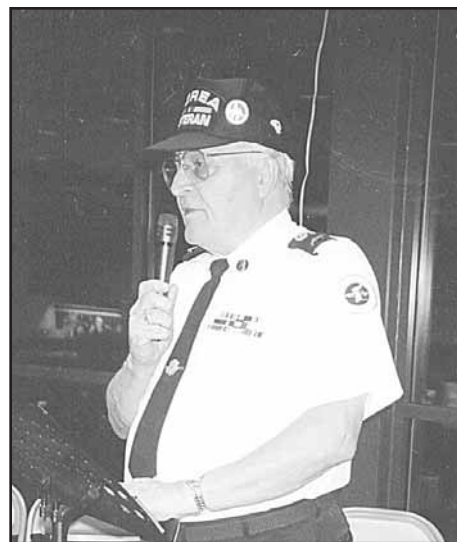


## Taejon Chapter #170 of New Jersey



Chapter members participating at the Barnes and Noble Book Store in Clifton, NJ for the release of the book "Band of Brothers." Members gave a short talk on their experiences during the Korean War. **TOP:** (l to r) Hank Ferrarini, John Di Lonardo, Jr., William Zimmer and Murray Cohen. WWII and Korean War Veterans. **BELOW:** L to r, Louis Quagliero, Harold Dinzes and John Meuser, Commander Taejon Chapter. .

John Meuser, Commander Taejon Chapter, gives talk on their experiences during the Korean War



*(Thanks Louis for photos and letter. Maybe you can use your pull to get me a book to review in the Graybeards. I will print our Veterans Day Parade photos in next issue.)*

## Gulf Coast Chapter #1 of Alabama

The chapter held their annual American/Korean picnic on the last Sunday of October and it was a smashing success. There were about 100 in attendance and the western food mixed with the Korean cuisine was outstanding. The fellowship was enjoyed by all and we look forward to next year's picnic.



Three of our guests in native costume.

*(Thank you Dot Tillman for photos and letter. We will print the poem in a later issue. Great looking ladies and veterans.)*



Members gather to pay farewell to Herbert D. Paul who died 8-24-01. Neil Livingston and Tommy Simmons also passed in 2001. We are trying to get our memorial built before our ranks diminish further. Shown l to r: Mackie Tillman, Claud Amos, Sonny Willisson, Edward Dees, Don Barton, Robin Hudson, Vernon Weldy, James Burke, Nealie McElhany, Bill Pitt and President Walter Ballard.

## Eagle Chapter of New York



Chapter members and families went to Villa Roma in Calicoon, NY for a weekend for social activities and just a little chapter business mixed in. A good time was had by all and we are planning to return.

*(Thank you Rocco Mafor the photos and letter. Sounds like a great weekend and event for all.)*

## Chapter 1 of Connecticut



Chapter members at parade in Enfield, CT. on Memorial Day.

*(Thank you Ernest Maynard for photo and letter. Do not know if I printed your poem (keep watching) I have hundreds yet to print. Your photo is a little weak. Please send originals you do not want returned.)*

## Hudson County Chapter #94 of New Jersey



Pictured left as Grand Marshal of the Beyonne, NJ Memorial Day Parade is John Ormsby, Korean War Veteran (Air Force Air Sea Rescue). On his right is Larry Barulli aide to the Grand Marshal and a Korean War Veteran.

*(Thank you Larry Barulli for photo and letter. Nice looking car and great looking veterans. Looks like a fine parade also.)*

## Brevard County Chapter #210 of Florida



Photo of chapter members 11th November 2001. Place: Brevard Community College, Cocoa, FL. This a National recognized ceremony. Members shown are (front row) L to R: Mickey Tutolo, Richard Williams, Ted Trousdale, Howard Maxcy, Nick Benenate and John Howard. 2nd Row: George Rosenfield, Chuck Hackney, James Christiansen and Julius Farago. Estimated attendance 800-900.

*(Thank you Paul S. Spescia for photos and letter. We are proud of your chapter and members. Super event wish I could print more from program you sent.)*

## Westchester County Chapter #91 of New York



Above, Memorial Day Parade in Yorktown, NY. Members of chapter marched in parade and carried our chapter banner.

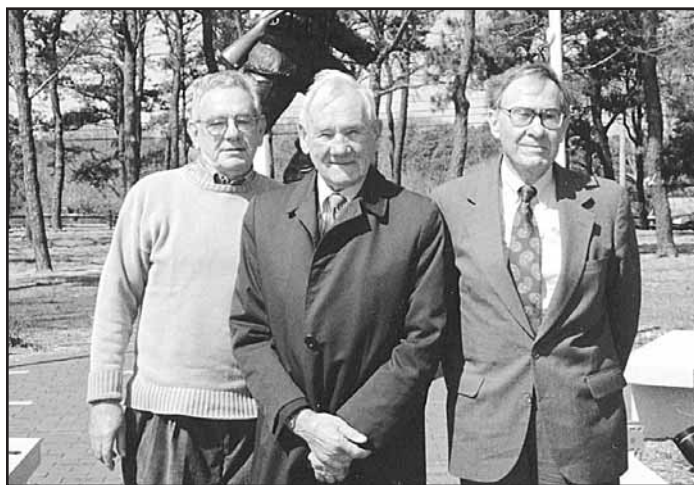
At right, Seymour Lehraou and 7 year old grandson Michael Pierz also marched in parade.

*(Thank you Rosaliud Lehraou for photos and letter. Great looking vets and grandson. Please next time take your time and print or type your letter. I am sure some names are misspelled.)*



## Cape and Islands Chapter 1 of Massachusetts

This past May, the Korean War Veterans Association of Cape Cod had Bevan Alexander, author of the book "Korea, The First War We Lost," as a guest speaker at our monthly meeting in Hyannis. Mr. Alexander is a professor of history at a college near his home in Bremono Bluff, Virginia. He was an officer and military historian in Korea in 1951.



This photo was taken at the Korean War Veterans Memorial overlooking Hyannis Harbor. Bevan Alexander is on the right. On the left is Don Duquette, past commander of our KWVA group and a combat photographer who took the pictures of the soldier on the monument in action in Korea. In the middle of the picture is Lt. Colonel F. W. "Mac" McAbee. McAbee was the operations officer of the 3rd Battalion of the 80th Regiment of the 1st Cavalry. McAbee, then a captain was highly decorated in World War II and Korea and was captured at UNSAN and spent three years as a POW from 1950 to 1953.

Bevan Alexander had written about McAbee's action and subsequent capture by the Chinese in his book but had never met McAbee until their meeting in Hyannis. McAbee is a living hero of two wars. He's still active and scoring his age (81) in Golf.

*(Thank you Albert Makkay for photos and letter. I hope I have the right Chapter. When you said Cape Cod, I looked at my Chapter listings and saw only one chapter with the word "Cod" as part of its name. Also as I said when I did the book review in a past issue I did not like the title. Not sure many Korean War veterans will. I guess telling America about our war may make it acceptable. Already got hell from a member.)*



Lt. Colonel F. W. "Mac" McAbee

## Greater Cleveland Chapter of Ohio



Holding the flag of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration issued by the U.S. Department of Defense, left to right, are Arthur Becks, Frank Akasandrowicz, Frank Zuretech, Jose Rodriguez and Joseph Faris.

On September 30th, at the 29th annual Woolly Bear Festival in Vermilion, OH, there were 280 units in the parade. Over 100,000 spectators lined the 3 mile route

*(Thank you Frank Aleksandrowicz for photos and letter.)*

Member of the KWVA Board of Directors Richard W. Danielson at podium was the keynote speaker in Lakewood, Ohio on September 29th during Korean War Commemoration program. It was held on Flag Island, Lakewood Park. Brig. Gen. Ed. Sunyak (ret.) (in uniform at rear with David Lippus) did the introductions.



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## Frankenmuth-Saginaw Mid-Michigan Chapter #251

Chapter #251 (formed in July, 2000) held its January 2, 2002 Meeting at the Michigan's Own, Inc. Military and Space Museum in Frankenmuth. 31 members and guests were present to this "Open House", given a free tour of the Museum and a full-blown meal as guests of the local V.F.W. #2725. We received 7 new members that evening.

*(Thank you Bob Simon for photo and letter. Your chapter is off to a great start. Best of luck to all.)*



Some of the members are: (front row) Harry Boesnecker, 1st Vice; Wallace Weiss, Adjutant; Ralph Parberg, Historian; Don Bell, 2nd Vice; Jacob Klem; (Back row) Bob Simon, President; Donald DeMaet; Richard Rosa; and John Doyle.

## Cpl. Kivlehan Chapter #66 of NY

### 82nd Veterans' Day Parade in New York City

The United War Veterans Council of New York County sponsored the 82nd Veterans' Day Parade in New York City on November 11. They requested our presence and all other Korean War Veterans Chapters to participate in this year's parade. They were honoring Veterans and the heroic efforts of the Police, Fire Fighters, Emergency Medical technicians and the brave volunteers who responded in the World Trade Center tragedy. It was a parade that had to be done to show our defiance and answer to terrorism.

A ceremony was held at the Eternal Light Monument at 23rd



Before the parade, color guard (1-r) Al Fowler, Frank Zielinski, Henry Wakie, Tom Harrison, Joe Ferris and Santo Fumando.



Formation being formed with Chapter 2nd VP and KWVA National Director Joseph Perrillo (left) leading the parade. In the background Nassau #1 Chapter is visible preparing for the lineup.

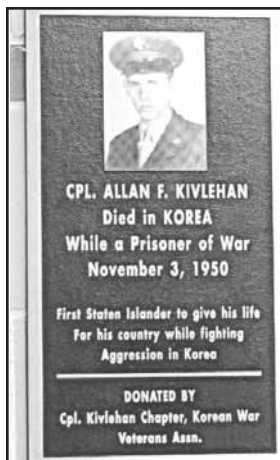
Street and Fifth Avenue and thereafter a march from 27th Street to 59th Street. Because President Bush was in town security warranted that the parade terminate at 41st Street. In spite of this adversity, the parade was well attended and received by the throngs of people who moved downtown to view us where we marched. We received applause all along the route of march with many flags waving briskly.

Besides the Cpl. Kivlehan Chapter, in attendance were the KWVA Chapters of Nassau County Chapter #1, Central Long Island (KWVA Director Bob Morga), Kings County, Delaware, and Taejon (NJ). Also participating, Korean War Veterans (Seoul, Korea), Korean Nations Parade Committee, Korean U.S. Veterans and the Chosin Few. It was quite a lineup of all Korean Veterans which made it memorable for our Anniversary.

### Staten Island School Named after Korean War POW

When the need for a new school was considered to be built on the south shore of Staten Island, the Cpl. A.F. Kivlehan Chapter of the K.W.V.A. came to the forefront with an ambitious request. After discussing this situation at one of our meetings, it was recommended that we approach the officials involved and recommend that the school be named "The Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan School." We were





informed that there was a list of prominent community people that were being considered for this special recognition. We inquired as to what was necessary for our request in being added to this list. It was quite an undertaking, but we went to work in trying to accomplish our goal.

We took our case to the New York City Board of Education referring us to the Borough Superintendent of Schools (who by the way is a member of our chapter) down to the Local School Boards. We had meetings on all levels of the bureaucracy. They all listened

and started building the school.

Our claim to fame was that this was the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War, once called "The Forgotten War" and that Cpl. Kivlehan was the first of 35 military persons from Staten Island killed during this war. Most of his surviving family and relatives still live here on Staten Island and supported us wholeheartedly. Cpl. Kivlehan had died while being held as a Prisoner of War in 1950 and that is one of the reasons we named our chapter after him with the permission of his then living mother, Harriet Kivlehan. She was given life membership in our chapter and supported us to her dying day.

The school was completed this year and was dedicated in June and was named PS 6, "The Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan School." This is the only school in New York City named for a veteran. What an accomplishment!!!

On Veterans Week on Staten Island the chapter donated and installed a bronze plaque in the lobby of the school showing our appreciation and explaining to all viewers acknowledging veterans and the sacrifice Allan made for his country 50 years ago. Pictured are Chapter members who attended this ceremony and the bronze plaque on the wall.

*(Thank you Bernard Hoganson for photos and letter: Great Chapters, Veterans, City and Events. KWVA thanks each of you for remembering a fallen brother.)*

## Dutch Nelson Chapter of Colorado Springs, CO.

### "Secretary's Notes"

The Chapter KWVA met at Elks Lodge #309, Colorado Springs, on Saturday, September 15. We were called to order by chapter president Scott Defebaugh. There were 65 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Davis and the invocation was led by Bill Hureau. Copies of the treasurer's report were made available.

First VP John Goodner introduced our speaker, MAJ Jeffery Robinette, a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute. He's been in the Army 16 years and is currently stationed at Fort Carson. He spoke on his experience with the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii and his MIA missions in North Korea. Every site is excavated in a scientific manner and is examined by an archaeologist and a physical anthropologist, while the bone fragments are examined by DNA experts. Of the 107 individuals returned from North Korea, only five have been identified.

Dutch Nelsen presented the Korean War Service Medal to Horbert Higgins, USMC, and Ignacio Lopez, 5th RCT. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

*(Thank you Leonard Johnson for note. I normally do not print much on chapter meetings for I rather get a photo of the veterans or the event with some detail. In this case I am printing some of your note mainly because I met Major Robinette in North Korea on a DPMO (DoD) sponsored viewing of a recovery mission for VSO's in 1998. I will never forget his words to me. "If I could spend the rest of my career in the service hunting for your loved one (brother) I would do it." A great man and veteran. A special event for your chapter.)*

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much cheaper to build than destroyer escorts, that the Navy decided to build a lot of these ships and designate them Patrol Gunboats (PG).

The U. S. Navy ordered one hundred fifty PG's from civilian shipyards along the Pacific Coast, Atlantic Seaboard, up the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, and the Great Lakes. BuNav assigned the names of cities located next to rivers, to PG's, in keeping with their British cousins' River class PF's. However, before many U.S. Navy PG's keels were laid, the Bureau of Navigation decided the correct designation for the intended function was Patrol Frigate (PF), after all. The first keel laid, designated PF hull #3, to be named *Tacoma*, gave the new class its name, the Tacoma class.

The U.S. Coast Guard, part of the U.S. Navy in wartime, manned 75 of the PF's. Great Britain received 25 PF's in Lend-lease, and the Free French got 5 PF's, also in Lend-lease. All performed convoy and weather station duties. A few served in the South Pacific in amphibious landings as Line of Departure vessels, for landing craft on the way to the beaches. Not one patrol frigate was lost to enemy action during World War Two. Two PF's are known to have sunk a U-boat in the Atlantic.

A full squadron of Patrol Frigates operated in the Aleutian Islands. Early in 1945, after much heated discussion, exactly one-half the crew of the USS Hoquiam PF-5 was transferred to other commands. The fully trained replacement officers and enlisted men were Negroes. The insulting but very serious intent was to determine if Negroes were fit for duties other than as Steward's Mates on mess duties in the Officers' Wardroom. Of course they were.

In the summer of 1945, during secret Operation Hula, 28 PF's were transferred in Lend-lease to the Soviet Navy from Cold Harbor and Dutch Harbor, Alaska. Soviet sailors received essential training from competent PF Coast Guard officers and sailors, and

sailed off to Siberian ports. After lengthy negotiations, the Soviet Navy returned twenty-seven PF's and one ice-

breaker, the Eastwind, to the U.S. Naval Base, Yokosuka, Japan, on November 1, 1949, in poor condition. Only a few of the PF's were steaming under their own power when they came into Yokosuka Harbor. A Soviet Navy Mother ship and the few steaming PF's were towing the other PF's.

The Soviet Navy crews ate their last meal aboard these ships, got up from the Mess tables, and marched off the ships leaving everything as it was and wide open. Transfer ceremonies completed their task. They marched aboard the Soviet Navy Mother ship, last seen heading towards Vladivostok, a naval port of the Soviet Navy. U.S. Navy Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Ship Repair Facility (SRF) personnel went aboard each PF long enough to secure all doors, hatches, vents, and the smokestack against the weather.

In the Small World category, in 1944-1945, my Dad, Lt.(jg)/Lt. Ivan H. Douglas USN, had duty at Naval Station Algiers, New Orleans, to inspect new Patrol Frigates coming down the Mississippi River from their builders. During the Korean War, 1950-1951, I served on the Hoquiam PF-5 as a Seaman Apprentice and Seaman. Lt. Cdr. Ivan H. Douglas USN stationed at Yokosuka, Japan, in ComNavFE staff, sold Patrol Frigates to Navies around the Pacific Ocean basin, in 1956-1957. I learned of this while we were discussing this story's early manuscript. Two of the PF's, sold to the Royal Thai Navy, were spotted in Singapore in 1997. They were the last known PF's in active service.

Twelve of the twenty-seven patrol frigates were restored to workable condition, and re-commissioned in the United States Navy. These ships served in a variety of functions: two ocean weather stations, Hong Kong Station ship, escorting convoys in the Sea of Japan and Yellow Sea, transporting personnel and mail between ports and other ships. Several PF's operated as minor combatants along the East Coast of North Korea, participating in every amphibious landing between Wonsan and Chongjin, bombarding troops, bridges, tunnels and trains, and assisting in the redeployment of Army and Marine personnel at Hungnam.

The story of the PF-5 is truthfully a

conglomerate of tales that happened to the twelve patrol frigates restored to service for the Korean War. - in a fictional setting. *(In reading this book I recalled our March-April 2001 issue dedicated to the Navy. It reminded me of Jerry Doyle's ship the USS Glendale. Many times I have heard that our unit or our branch has been forgotten. In reading all the reviewed books over the years I find that most if not all have not been forgotten. We need to start reading these great books not for just the history but to know you were not forgotten. This book may be purchased by contacting Mark Douglas, 1947 Rosswood Drive, San Jose, CA 95124. Tel: 408-371-1107 or e-mail <markdgl@hotmail.com>.)*



## Korea, I Was There

By Harold L. Gamble

### The Author

I was an 18-year-old high school student who was drafted in March 1943 for service in World War Two. I joined the U.S. Navy and was trained as a Pharmacist Mate in the Hospital Corps. I was then assigned to the Marine Corps as a medic and reassigned to the Navy ground forces.

Following World War Two, I entered the Army. I was assigned as a Sergeant in the Medical Company of the 29th Infantry, 1st Battalion on Okinawa in 1950. I then was assigned as NCO in charge of the Company medics and the litter bearers in each rifle company.

Many of the commissioned and non-commissioned officers had seen combat duty during World War II. There were a few of us who had been on Okinawa during the war. Okinawa was considered to be a hardship tour and because of this, our tour was only 15 months without dependents. Once an individual had completed a tour of duty on Okinawa, he was credited with a full three years of overseas duty. I guess they thought this made up for the lack of facilities and isolation from the world.

Much has been written and said about the condition of the 29th Infantry. They said we did not have our weapons zeroed in and were not prepared for combat. They said we were to receive an additional six weeks of combat field training in

Japan prior to our

going to Korea. They said we were to receive that field combat conditioning once we arrived in Pusan. These promises were made and broken.

Now I want to put to rest some of these statements. The 29th Infantry trained as every infantry unit does daily: physical training, close order drill, field exercises, small arms firing at the rifle range at Bolo Point. Each individual who completes basic training is taught how to zero in his weapon. He simply moves the sight back to zero and moves it forward 16 clicks, and after firing, they make adjustments for windage and distance. The infantry did this day in and day out in addition to their regular guard details around the island. We in the Medical Company routinely furnished medical aid men for the rifle ranges and field training. It is also true that many of these men were not as well conditioned for combat as we were during World War II. But they were not soft nor out of shape. Those who died at Hadong and Anui were for the most part found near their defensive positions.

These brave men were simply outgunned, surrounded, and overwhelmed by superior forces. No ifs, no buts, no stories to sell books or for military historians to make brownie points. They were not there. These warriors lived, fought, and died as this nation's patriots have for over 218 years. Perhaps many have said the same things about George Washington's forces. He may have lost every battle, but he won the most important one, the last battle.

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#### The Book

Though sometimes called "The Forgotten War," the Korean conflict remains vivid in the hearts and minds of those who fought there. Author Harold Gamble, who served as a medic with the 29th Infantry, has documented the experiences of the unit in a book that illumines the hardships and exhaustion, the terror and emotional pain felt by the soldiers who served there. Only 25 years old at the time, he was part of the occupying force of Okinawa when the call came in 1950 for troops to go to Korea, and he trained even younger medics on the troopship that took them to an uncertain future.

The focus of Gamble's book is the grit and heroism of the men he served with. Even against overwhelming odds, they persisted to achieve their military objectives. The greatest crises for the unit were the devastating ambushes at Anui and Chinju Pass, and the battle for the Pusan Perimeter. Included in the book are the extended accounts of two prisoners of war who were freed after years in captivity.

"Now my buddy is safe in heaven and no one can ever hurt him again," he murmured as he tenderly stroked the stock of his M-1 rifle, where he had etched his buddy's name.

Tending the wounded and dying for more than two years left Gamble with a permanently heavy heart and a desire that others should know of the greatness of the 29th Infantry in Korea.

*(335 pages of History of a unit in the Korean War and its members. Well writ-*

*ten and I must say the men you served with must be proud of you for telling America. The book may be purchased directly from Harold L. Gamble, 445 7th Ave, Pleasant Grove, Alabama 35127-1365. Cost \$20 plus \$2 shipping and handling cost. Telephone 205-744-0159.)*



## We're Still Standing Here

By Kathy Clark

Local artist patriotic song to be released nationwide

TROY, OH— Singer-songwriter Kathy Clark recently wrote and recorded the song, "We're Still Standing Here." The patriotic song was written on September 12, one day after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"Like everyone else I felt so helpless while hearing the terror that was happening in our country. I had to drive that day to a recording studio and was not able to watch it unfold, so I listened intently to the radio," said Clark. "As I sat in the parking lot of the studio and cried right along with the rest of America, the news continued to get worse. My husband has family in New York, just a few miles from the WTC. Our niece was just getting to



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the bridge to cross over into Manhattan when she saw the black smoke and immediately got off at an exit and was able to get to her mother's house. We called and everyone was safe but we lost contact with them as the phone lines went down. Later we found they had lost at least one friend and still didn't know how many more. I wanted to do something, but there was nothing outside of the most important thing, pray. Then I sat down Wednesday and wrote "We're Still Standing Here."

The chorus of the song:

*"Though it may seem we are buried in the ashes*

*Don't you believe it, that's just how it appears*

*For when the skies break through the darkness and the smoke finally clears*

*All the world will look and our enemies will see We are America, and we're still standing here"*

The song was released to radio station on September 28. Although several of Kathy's songs have been heard on stations across the U S, this nationwide debut will be the largest radio endeavor Kathy has been involved with. "I'm very excited because with the sale of the CD or cassette I will be able to send money to help New York City victims."

Kathy has earmarked part of the proceeds for the children who have lost parents, grandparents, siblings or other relatives or friends in the recent tragedy. She is taking it one step further though. Usually a soundtrack for a song is not available for quite some time after its release. But these special circumstances call for special consideration and the soundtrack will be available immediately for others who will find opportunities to sing this song.

"We're Still Standing Here" is not only a message to the American population that we are not defeated, said Clark, "but it is a reminder that throughout the years America has proven, she will rise up for what is right." She believes the lyrics will bring comfort to many.

The music was recorded by Steve Millikan who has worked with many artists, including Ray Boltz. Since the writing of this song, Kathy is receiving requests to provide other recording artists with patriotic songs. "I look forward to

helping the other artists with new songs, we haven't heard any for awhile. And that's kind of sad, because we should have been singing thanks to God all along for our country. Isn't it something how a tragedy like this causes us to reflect on that."

Some of the stations receiving the song in the tri-state include WFCJ 93.7 FM-Dayton, WNL 104.3 FM-Dayton, WGNZ 1110 AM-Dayton, WQRP 89.5 FM-Dayton, WEEC 100.7 FM-Springfield, and WAKW 93.3 FM-Cincinnati.

The CD and cassette will be available at local Christian bookstores. Kathy may be contacted by calling (937)335-4121 or by e-mail at Songwriter4JC@Juno.com

Clark's first album was recorded at the Gaither Studios in Anderson, Ind. She has since recorded 3 albums. She also teaches for SongU.com, an internet site out of Nashville. She was Songwriter of the Year for the past 3 years with the Country Gospel Music Association and authored the book When Music Meets Ministry, a guide to Christian Songwriting. Clark was recently honored by the Ohio House of Representatives for her work in Christian music. (From Christian Citizens USA Newspaper)

*(Cathy, I have played your CD many times while working on the Graybeards. It gives me strength to read, type, layout the many pages of the Graybeards. After entering my 5th year of editing this magazine, sometimes it takes a little more than being honored to print articles from my comrades and heroes of the Korean War. Thank you for the CD. I will also show a photo of you with our KWVA President Harley Coon in the Chapter Affairs Section under Chapter #108 Western Ohio. You are as beautiful as your song. Thanks from America and its veterans.*

*Editor Vincent Krepps*

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**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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## Adventures of a Combat Engineer

By Bernard E. Case

While in Company C of the 116th Combat Engineers in Korea during the summer of 1952, I had many interesting experiences. Building and maintaining MSR 29 in Pia Ria Valley on the bad side of the 38th Parallel was one of many.

Now, when we built roads though Korea we didn't take advantage of the nice flat Valley floor to build a nice easily traveled road. The Army seemed to like to weasel in and out along to mountains hill sides. I suppose to make more difficult targets for the enemy artillery.

But for some reason our artillery and armor and other units felt perfectly safe homesteading on those impact areas on the flat valley floor. They seemed to like it there but I don't know why. I recall one time an armor outfit on the other side of the valley was having a personnel inspection while we were receiving, incoming from the bad guys across the way. Us engineers had enough sense to crawl in holes and ditches and wonder what that armor outfit thought it was doing. They were kind of protected by a finger of the ridge but too close for my money to be standing around that way.

One time the artillery unit which was a little closer to the impact area had an enemy artillery shell come right through a ring mount on a personnel carrier. Don't know if any one got hurt or not.

Back to the engineers, one of the jobs in that valley we did was putting in a culvert and building up the road and closing off about a hundred yards or so of a switch back. It took us about three months to build the culvert out of wood including having our chain saw stolen by persons unknown. The guys left it sitting on the side of the road while they were down in the culvert working and on their return to the road no chain saw.

Another time one of our bull dozers was working cutting into the side of the hill and I was farther up the road watching when with a roar the whole hill came down completely covering the dozer but the driver ran to the edge of the cliff with luckily a few feet to spare before the slide stopped. I sent guys to both ends of the

valley to detour traffic and put our other dozer to work uncovering the buried dozer. The dozer operator questioned whether or not we should start right in uncovering it. I told him, "No, we'll leave it covered up and maybe it will grow geraniums, Get busy." So he did. After we had it partly uncovered one of the tank dozers from the nearby armor unit came up and gave us a hand clearing the slide then hooked on to the half buried dozer and pulled her out. A little worse for the wear but we soon had it running again.

After about three months of filling and cutting we finally got the job done and bypassing the switchback of the road helped traffic quite a bit and everything was going smooth or so we thought. Then the rains came like the movie of the same name. It rained heavy for about three days and along about the second day the road we had worked on for so long started going down stream. We were busy building up berms to keep the road from washing away but to no avail. The whole cut off disappeared down into the valley and our wooden culvert stuck out of the ground into the valley for about 30 feet. It was built strong anyway. Traffic went back to the switch back and we went back to filling the ravine. About that time our unit was transferred to building a road up into the Punchbowl area and I soon left for the states so never did hear how the job came out. As they say, an engineer's life is not a happy one.

### Target Practice

As a rule things were pretty quiet and our platoon sergeant always had a few other irons in the fire, I was usually stuck with his job of keeping everything smooth and operating out on the road. Although we had the Korean Service Corp doing most of the hard labor our guys still had to stay busy and out of trouble. We also had some heavy equipment working here and there I had to keep an eye on.

I was of course on foot, no jeep for me, and hoofing it up and down the road yanking my troops chain here and there and a rare pat on the back occasionally.

We were all issued M1s and a passel of ammo but we were not allowed to shoot the things without express permission from higher up. I don't know who exactly. Maybe if the CCF and the NKPA infantry came running down the road our way we

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could find out. Fortunately that never happened. At least not to me.

I always thought a M1 was a little on the heavy side to be toting around especially with all of the miles of road we had to maintain. My brother Robert L. Case was stationed with the Air Force at K47 in Chun-Chon not far from our company and I used to get down to see him now and then as our army reppo deppo was there and I would go down there to pick up replacements. We also flew out of K47 when we went on R&R. Sometimes I could talk the first Sergeant into letting me slip off down there for one reason or another. My brother knew how to locate beer and women which were in short supply in our area.

When I mentioned to him that I was getting tired of toting the M1 around, he came up with a neat little M2 carbine complete with two banana clips taped together. He had managed to liberate it somewhere as he also worked or had some dealings with Med Evac. He also got me the new type parka before they got around to issuing them to us ground pounders. I won't forget the parachute he gave me. Made a nice sheet for my bunk So I took my M1 and retired it to rusting away under my bunk.

I then carried my lightweight carbine which made the walking up and down MSR 29 much more easy. It also made me the envy of all the rest of the troops in my platoon. I was surprised that some chicken officer didn't decide it was illegal for me to have the carbine and promote it for himself; but I guess they never thought of it..

Along the road we was maintaining was a rather rapid running river. Name unknown to me. As I plodded along I happened to spy a beer can floating merrily along as the song goes. After looking both ways and not seeing a soul in sight I picked up my trusty carbine placed it on single shot and let loose a few rounds to improve my marksmanship. I missed of course. Oh well I thought and slung it back on my shoulder.

I no sooner did that when over the hill came a couple of MPs in a jeep. They stopped and ask me who just fired that weapon. "Not me", I said "Must of been that truck load of Turks that just went by. They are always doing things like that."

"I don't think so" One of them said. "It must of been you". I considered confessing to my transgressions and throwing myself on their mercy, but what the heck does a MP know about mercy. So I just stared at them and they me. Finally after a few more futile attempts to get me to tell all they drove away.

A few more minutes later my platoon leader drove up in his jeep from the direction the MPs just went. He had our platoon medic along. Everyone had a jeep but me it seemed. "Get in" He said. So I did, thinking well here we go Far Fast Stockade or Leavenworth. But he said nothing and I said nothing. The medic grabbed my carbine and started to smell the barrel. He must of seen them do that in some detective movie. I yanked it back and told him to keep his paws off of my weapon.

I didn't like the guy anyway. The lieutenant never said a word till we stopped on down the road where the troops were working. We discussed the job somewhat then I got out of the jeep and away he went. I always wondered if the MPs had talked to him about the shots. He had been commissioned from sergeant and probably didn't like MPs either. I never did know and nothing more ever came up about it. I refrained from improving my marksmanship anywhere but on the range after that.

Later more troubles came a knocking at my door, if my tent had a door and shooting off a weapon was the least of my worries. I found out the guy that was out to get you wasn't always on the other side of the line.

A few guys had ask me to bequeath them my carbine when I rotated back to the states but oddly said carbine wound up with a broken stock just before I left and the carbine was still hanging on a hook in the supply tent last I saw of it.

# Looking for...



## Tell us about your plans

There are many fine veterans organizations that are working on reunions and group trips to attend the commemoration events that will be held in Korea. Though we cannot organize reunions or group trips ourselves, we can help spread the word about your plans. Please let us know the “who, what, when, where” on your reunion or group trip and we can list the basics on our web site. Please provide a point of contact for the event, so that other veterans know who to contact. If your veterans group has a section on a web site involving a reunion or group trip, you can provide that information also. Since we are a government agency, we cannot recommend any commercial agencies, so we cannot list “Mary’s Military Tours of Korea, Incorporated,” etc. Please email the information to: <kw50ann@usfk.korea.army.mil.> Our regular mailing address is: 50th AKWC, PSC 303 Box 90, APO AP 96204.



I am an active-duty infantry officer currently pursuing a Ph.D. in military history. I’m researching the training activities conducted by **Eighth Army in Japan from mid-1949** until the outbreak of war, and would like to hear from veterans of the Occupation and early weeks of the war regarding their opinion of training in Japan—was it realistic, did it prepare them individually or as a unit for combat, etc. My intent in writing is to correct the distortions that have arisen over the years regarding the American soldier in 1950. My research thus far indicates that the average soldier spent the majority of his time training on his wartime mission—a conclusion backed up by several veteran interviews. I would welcome information from any veteran who served in the Eighth Army at any time between 1948 and 1950. Contact Thomas Hanson, Captain, United States Army at e-mail address <renegade06@earthlink.net>



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



My father served in the Korean war. He passed away at 38 when I was only seven. My problem is that he was adopted and I do not know my father’s family history. His is not buried where my mother said he was, and I thought that you might be able to help me. I was told to try the “VA” but as there is a lot of options I thought I would start here and see if you have a record of him at all. His name was **Robert Paul Boston**, he served in the Air Force, his birth date was March 29th, 1933. If you could give me a lead or at least where I should be looking. Scott A. Boston, 14275 Leonard Road, Spring Lake, MI 49456 or e-mail <boomer49456@netonecom.net>.



I’m looking for **news reels of the Korean War**. My uncle was said to be in one. He was in Seoul, Korea from July of 1950

until he was a POW in October of that year. He was supposed to have died in a POW camp. Could you please help me find what I’m looking for. Contact Veronica Benner at e-mail address <grantmudder@deepnet.com>.



**King, Jimmy E. Cpl.** RA14337516 Bainbridge, Ga. Birth 1927 Artillery-Cook 82nd AAA AW Bn 2nd Inf. Div. Place of casualty N. Korea captured Dec. 1, 1950 died non battle. Looking for anyone that might have known Jimmy and any information about him if possible. This is for his neice. Contact Dillon Kilpatrick Tel: 850-593-6987, e-mail <dkilpatrick@wfeca.net>.



Looking for info on Uncle, **Donald (Beck) Becker**. Beck was born June 26, 1930 in Chicago. He was a marine, missing in action, while serving with Co. 8, 9th Inf. Reg. 2, (APO 240). Her Aunt (Beck’s wife) is now living in New Jersey and said he may have survived and roaming the streets of Chicago looking for her? She is looking for your help. Contact Debi Parson, 4911 Rollingwood Ct., Garland, TX 75043. Tel: 972-303-1878 or e-mail <RbFuoco@aol.com>.



I’m trying to help my dad locate guys he served with during the Korean War. He was in the Army from March 1953 til March 1954. He served in the **7th Divison**. Both the 17th Infantry Regiment (Fox Company) and the 31st Infantry Regiment (George Company). His name is Bill Hartman from South Connellsville, PA. Contact Bill at e-mail <QUADBILL@aol.com>



I served in Italy during WW II and have been able to join a group “The 86th Ord. Assn.” I was recalled and served in X Corps in Korea. I was **Depot Commander of the 330th Ordnance Depot Company** in Wonju. I was with the Company when we moved to Quandaree on the 38th Parallel. I have not had contact with any of the men I served with in Korea and would love to hear from anyone who served in the 330th in 1952. Contact Leonard Schwab at e-mail address <lschwab@mindspring.com>. My home address is: 400 LeFevre Rd., Cumberland, MD 21502.



We have a membership of approx. 1000 members, have publication called the “Buffalo Bugle” which is sent to the members 3 times per year. (named after our Regt. C.O.—Col. Buffalo Bill Quinn). We are searching for anybody who served with the **17th Infantry Regt. and/or the 7th Infantry Division**, inviting them to join this very prestigious Association, by contacting Larry Haynes, Secretary and Honorary Sgt. Major at PO Box 380284, Murdock, FL. 33938 or e-mail at lahay@ewol.com or by phone at 941-766-1319.



Seeking information from anyone who served with or under **2nd LT Earl Ferguson** during 1951 in Korea with Co “G” 35th

Inf. Regt., 25th Inf. Div. In the spring and early summer of 1951 he advanced from Corporal to Sergeant and then a Battlefield Commission. He received a Silver Star for heroism and was twice wounded while in Korea. Returning to stateside he was stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. He left the Army in 1955 with the rank of Captain. He died in 1991. Thanks for your help. Eddie A. Dirks, RR1 Box 44, Athens, IL 62613-9706. Tel: 217-636-8310.

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I would like to contact anyone who served in the **1st 90 mm. AAA Bn., FMFPac** in Korea. Contact Gerald R. Brookman, 715 Muir Avenue, Kenai, Alaska 99611-8816, Tel 907-283-9329, e-mail <brookman@alaska.net>.

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I am searching for a fellow from the Korean War, and wondering where I could get some information on this gentleman. My Uncle, **Kevin McKinnon**, served during the Korean War with the Canadian navy, on the destroyer HMCS Athabaskan, and he rescued an American Pilot, Lieut R.B. Stamatis of San Francisco. This Pilot was on the Carrier Philippine Sea (CP55) I believe. It was February 1953, and the pilot was transferred to the carrier Valley Forge off the Sea of Japan. My uncle would like to know if this pilot is still alive, if he had a family... etc. Please email me if you have any info on this subject or where I could obtain information on this. Anita Prendergast <anitaprendergast@hotmail.com>

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Trying to locate **Roger Grundstrom** U.S. Air Force, 437 Troop carrier wing. Please respond to me at e-mail <Carolyn@nnex.net>.

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I saw the article in the *Graybeards* of the Tiger Survivor Plaque Dedication. Could I get an e-mail address for one of its members, preferably someone from the **34th Inf. Regt.** I'm trying to get information on a friend of mine, Bussiere, who was taken POW during the battle of Taejon on 19 July 1950. I understand he died at a POW camp in Oct or Nov 1950. We were members of C/34/24 in Camp Mower, Japan and went to Korea together. Contact Harrison Lee, at e-mail address <gun-slinger@hawaii.rr.com>.

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A friend of mine "Bob Shellenbarger" asked me to try and locate his friend **Alfred Stewart**. They served together in Korea during 1958/59 in HQ. CO. 11 Eng. 36 Group. Alfred was from E. St. Louis, Missouri. Do you have any idea how I might locate Alfred or anyone from this company. Thank you, Dale Sharboneau, Lincoln, MI. Contact "rosiedsflowerpotshop" <n8zto@kwcom.net>

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I'm an author who's currently working on a **project about the Korean War** (you can look up my books on Amazon; I write as Marie G. Lee). I am amazed at how much of a "forgotten war" it really is, especially considering all the attention given to WWII recently. I was wondering if there might be a way to get in touch w/vets willing to let me ask a few questions about their

war experiences. My father is also a vet, he was a liaison officer with the ROKA, in Pusan and Seoul, and through some contacts he made with his US Army colleagues, he was able to immigrate to the US after the war. I'm a second generation, but I have an almost obsessive urge to understand this war that turned my parents' country upside down. Contact marie lee <marie\_g\_lee@yahoo.com>

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**Are you in this photo?**



I would like any of my buddies in this photo to contact me. Photo taken in 1952. We were all in **Co C. 4th Plt., 64th Tank Bn., 3rd Inf. Div.** Contact Laverne Wilson, 4625 Edgar Road, Six Lakes, MI 48886. Tel: 989-365-3345

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My grandfather, **Leo James** from Alabama, fought in the Korean War. I am trying to find some information for him. He went to Korea in September of 1951 and was wounded on October 3rd, 1951 on either Hill 313 or Hill 418 (he thinks it's 418). He served in the 1st Cavalry Division, 7th Regiment, 2nd Battalion in the "F" Fox Company. (then he said the Headquarters Co. but I'm unclear on the structure so I didn't know where that fit in). He was hit pretty bad in the leg when a young, black man that they called "Smitty" carried him to safety. His name was Smith and my granddad thinks he might have been from Georgia. I am desperately trying to find some information on this soldier. My granddad also said he thought that Smith was in a different group. I have done some research on the internet but I was hoping there might be more you could help me with. I don't know where else to turn and it's extremely important to both my grandfather and my family that we at least find something about this man who saved my "Big Dad's" life. Contact Jamie Guest at e-mail address <JGuest.LADMBB.LAD@mediavestwww.com>

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I am a researcher for The Diversity Channel, an organization dedicated to furthering peace and understanding. I am writing you in hopes that you might be able to assist me in my research. What I am looking for is a **personal account from a disabled veteran who might have visited Korea** within the past three years. Specifically, we want to find out if his/her trip to Korea was a pleasant one, and find out if there were cultural or physical barriers that had negative impact during his/her stay.

Your help would be most appreciated. Thank you very much,  
Raina Kim, The Diversity, Channel at e-mail  
<rainaraina@yahoo.com>

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I am trying to locate my friends in **Signal AGL Co. 8075 AU APO 301** a unit that I served in the Korean War. Contact Ben Neill at e-mail <demlpols@yadtel.net>.

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I am hunting information about my father **Sgt. Elwood Overgard** who was in Battery "D" 82nd AAA, 2nd Inf. Div. My father was captured in Feb. 1951 and was to have died in the Saun Bean camp some time in March or April. Although the DOD says they believe these reports to be true there was no confirmation I can check. It took my family until last year just to get that. My mother passed away in 1989 with no other knowledge from the Army than MIA presumed dead. Now I'm the only one left. I just want to know what happened! All of these doors that are now opening are closing just as fast because those that were there are no longer here. I feel if I don't find out something soon I may never know. If you can help with information or names of others I can contact I would be very grateful and in your debt. I can be reached at my E-mail CROSJO@AOL.COM or P.O. Box 1661, Claremore, OK. 74018 or tel. 918-341-5604 or fax 918-341-4310 day or night.

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Need to get a message out to the guys in **1st Cav, 61st FA, C Battery 1951**. That one of their men needs help in verifying that he was wounded. Send letters to confirm that he was wounded to M. Coppock, 8210 North Pine Street, Benton, Arkansas 72015 or Carl Hess at e-mail <chhess@adelphia.net>.

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Looking for **Lt. Edward James**, Serial number #01685698. Lt. James arrived in Camp Wood, Kumamoto, Japan in 1949. He served in HQ. Co. 3rd Battalion 21st Regiment, 24th Division. Lt James is listed on: Special order number 159 dated 20 July 1950 also General Order Number 92 dated 15 August 1950. He left Korea sometime in the early summer of 1951. I served in HQ. Co., 3rd Bn. 21st Regiment 24th Division from April 1949 to June 1951 in Japan and Korea Formerly, Sgt. Clifford A. Bowman RA 15378267. If Lt. James is or has been a member of any assoc., or if any member knows how to contact him, I would greatly appreciate getting this information. Clifford A. Bowman 303 N. Lindsay Road Space 0-19, Mesa, AZ 85213-8514 phone 480-854-4727 e-mail; <bowmantokencanadian@msn.com>.

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My husband lost his brother, **Nicholas Petcosky** in the Korean War. At the time of his death, the government would only give the pertinent information to his mother. As his family did not want her to have to deal with more sadness than losing her son, they asked that she not be told.. But, we would like to have more information on where and when he was killed; plus we would be grateful to hear from anyone who remembers him. The info we have is PFC Nicholas Petcosky, Co. C, 65th Engineering Bn., Killed on Sept. 4, 1950 (day before his 21st birthday) Contact Peg Petcosky, 3224 Diana Lane, Vestal, NY 13850. E-mail <mlpgolf@aol.com>. We would appreciate hav-

ing any information. We also can be reached at tel. 607-729-2606.

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Anyone who new **Cpl. George Norton Walters**, KIA 7 Aug. 52, near Kumson North Korea, with Battery C, 987th Armd (tank), Commanding Officer was Captain Horace L. Smith III. Contact James Walters at e-mail <jamesandjeannie@worldnet.att.net>.

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I am writing on behalf of **Sgt. Lowell N. Long** of Stryker, Ohio. Sgt. Long was severely wounded in Korea during the conflict in April of 1953. At the time, he was a member of the 17th Inf. Regt., 7th Division. After being shipped back home, he tried to make contact with his company commander Lt. Manuel A. Alves. Lt. Alves was sent from Korea and assigned to Ft. Campbell with the 82nd Airborne. He was here in May of 1954. Sgt. Long was medically discharged from Ft. Campbell in September of 1954 He then went to Cleveland to complete his medical care in the VA system. Sgt. Long has tried over the last 50 years to locate is company commander. He is very much interested in making contact if Manuel A. Alves is still alive. The last known address he had for his friend was 237 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton, CA as of 1954. When he wrote, he got no response. They probably had moved on by then. Lt. Manuel A. Alves serial number was 01881945. Sgt Long said he was born in Canada and joined the American Army during WWII. They both planned to make the military a career. Contact David L Lupien, 428 N. Meyers Street, Bryan, OH 43506.

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I am a veteran of the Korean War being there 1952/4, I was with the first Commonwealth Div (British), and made many friends with the American forces, but there is one of the GI's I would love to find. We were the very best of pals but alas over the yrs I have lost all contact with him, mainly through moving and getting married etc., and have just acquired my first PC. A few months ago, the very first task I set about doing was trying to find my friend. His name is **William Kennison**, (Bill) he was in Korea in 1952 and he was in a band and played the tuba. He came from Maine and I do believe his father at the time owned a fishing vessel. Contact Victor Chapman and I now live in Portadown N.Ireland. My e-mail address is <vic@vchapman.fslife.co.uk>

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Retired Marine **Captain Andrew B. McFarlane** of 577 Pine Ave., Saddle Brook, NJ 07663-4915, Tel: 201-791-9265 would like to hear from former members of Fox Co., 2nd Bn., 1st Marine Regt., 1st Marine Div. during Korea (1950-1953). Attempting to locate for possible reunion.

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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)*

## Chosin fighter laid to rest

# Lest We Forget!

Some closure came to those in attendance on 19th September 2001 at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, in Rittman, Ohio. A location where America's Veterans find their final place of rest, to be honored and remembered with a stone or plaque. This place of "hallowed ground" contains America's Patriots of history past. In a separate section flies the MIA-POW flag with stones bearing names on graves row upon row. Yet these graves hold no earthly remains for there are none, only the memories of those engraved for each stone.

We gathered here with family and friends to put to rest one, Alphonse Richard Pilosi - U.S. Marine, born July 12, 1930 - died Dec. - 1950. Although somewhere at the Chosin



Shown in photo (l to r) B. Bogan, R. Oddo, J. Naples, D. Augustos, C. Keller, J. Tutie, J. Sekerak, and in front A. Lasso.

Reservoir in North Korea lies his mortal remains, it is here that he will rest with others. Al Pilosi was called to active duty with us from the 7th Infantry Marine Reserve Battalion of Cleveland in late August 1950. He went overseas with the 2nd Replacement Draft landing at Wonsan, North Korea on Nov. 10, 1950. As a replacement he was assigned to 3rd Bn. - 7th Marines and served with them at Yudam-ni, there his life and story ends.

It is here almost 51 years later that a stone bearing his name is dedicated and the interment ceremony performed. His cousin, John Marincheck speaks words of remembrance and thankfulness with heartfelt memories. A firing detail from Gung Ho Detachment, MCL renders its salute with seven riflemen firing three volleys in unison. Taps are sounded and two Marines in dress blues that held the outstretched burial flag over the grave proceed to fold triangular. Upon completion they present it to Al Pilosi's niece with words of appreciation for loyal and faithful service rendered.

Some of those in attendance besides family were members of the following organization: Gung Ho Detachment, MCL; KWVA; AL; Chosin Few represented by Art Dickard, Ed Szymciak, and Richard Oddo. We have laid this brother to rest in our hearts and a stone to identify his existence in life. Closure came this day for a heartache held too long with the realization that we have finally paid tribute to a brother deserving of honors, and I feel better for being a part of it. It was a good day for Al and for us, rest in peace brother for you have finally come home!

Semper Fidelis, Art Laslo

*(Thank you John Marincheck for photos and letter. Great idea and great veterans to do this special deed. I hope I got names correct. )*



**ABOVE:** National Cemetery where many MIAs are buried including my cousin Alphonse R. Pilosi who was lost at the Chosin Reservoir in 1950. I also served in the Korean War.

**BELOW:** Shown folding flag are two Marines Art Dickard and Ed Szymciak from Akron Reserve Center, Also shown left to right are Joe Marincheck Color Guard Captain, Bob Johnson, Roger Mack, Steve Cikonczuk, Jerry Lemons, Joe Tako, Andy DePaolo, and Bill Vana.

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and much yelling. My rifle froze up after the eighth banana clip, and I threw it away after smashing it on the ground. I found an M1 and ammo, the rifle did work. The carbine usually took three to four rounds to kill an enemy soldier, the M1 took only one round. I had no grenades left - it was coming up sunrise, and the enemy retreated for some reason - our artillery (105's) had been using canister shells and anything else they could shove down the barrels. Our dead and the enemies was everywhere and looked like pepper on a white sheet. Everyone checked in with CP and divided the Ammo and went back to their places -to form a front that possibly could repel another attack. Friendly Air power came in -that eased the situation. I dream of this night continuously, the screaming, shells going off everywhere, horns and whistles over machine guns firing over my head, Chinese running everywhere -and the worst thing about it all is my carbine would not knock the soldier down, and felt the bullets were dribbling out of the end of the barrel and not doing anything. I laid on the ground not moving around. After 2 hours, I was frozen to the ground, and had to get help to stand up.

I survived. Our Unit emptied all vehicles and we loaded the wounded, burned everything else. We got underway South towards the Hagaru-ri. I can still see the Chinese scrambling over our fire dump of excess equipment before it blew up, most were killed - at least 100 people, fire everywhere -people on fire too.

We proceeded on foot South , I can't feel anything in my hands or feet, part of my right cheek has lost color and my lips are split - no blood now. I notice a lot of Marines with mustaches with icicle in them - everyone's eyebrows frosted over. I have been wet to the knees, trousers and neck scarf are frozen solid. Trying to run is most difficult, my rifle is really sluggish, keep shaking the operating lever to keep it loose.

The convoy of vehicles and personnel came under fire day and night, no sleep, no warmth, no food -just sit down and you would freeze to the ground. I was dehydrated, I know I did not have a bowel movement in nine days or urinate more than twice a day, eating snow and sucking

on a candy called "Charms" isn't the best diet. I came to Korea weighing 160 lbs - Arrived in hospital weighing 105 lbs.

Enemy fire was very intense as we approached Hagaru-ri, small arms and mortars. I came out of a ditch to cross the road for better cover and the side of the road was the head of a white male. I do not know if he was American or what, had dirty blonde colored hair. I grabbed the head by the hair and placed it in the rear of a Jeep going by. I could not find the body, I can still see this head staring at me from the back of that Jeep.

Later on that same day I was wounded by mortar fire and lost my helmet and rifle, they just flew away. I was placed in the front passenger seat of a 2 1/2 ton truck loaded with dead Marines and rode the rest of the way into Hagaru-ri and carried to the First Aide Station and placed face down on a field stretcher, after some time I was picked up and placed outside and stacked like a cord of wood. I tried to speak or yell -nothing came out. A Sergeant I knew stopped and looked at me, called a Medic and informed him I was still alive. I was picked up and taken to a waiting aircraft, the plane took off and I awoke in Japan on a train which carried me to "Yokuska" (phonetically spelled) Naval Hospital. After an interview with a Doctor and an examination it was determined I would undergo surgery for frost bite the next day. I solicited the help of a Japanese maintenance man to get me out of there. He got a wheel chair and pushed me out of the hospital and loaded me into a rickshaw and sent me into town to his residence, his father and mother took me in and tried to care for me. I stayed there for four days before the MP's picked me up and returned me to the hospital. After re-examination, medics wrapped my legs in gauze casts - I became ambulatory and sent to Sasebo Japan Guard Company for 18 months and transferred State side where I became aware of people who got great amusement by making loud noises near me or jumping at me. To which I reacted by diving to the ground, roll over and reaching for a weapon I did not have. If someone touched me I would try to fight them- these actions were frowned upon by the Marine Corps.

Upon my return to Camp Pendleton, California I was sent on US Embassy duty in England, when my tour was complete I was sent to 29 Palms, California, there after 2 years I was transferred to the 3rd Marine Division. Headquarters needed some one with a Secret Security clearance to go and participate in the Atomic Tests in Nevada. I was selected - much later I found out from the Atomic Energy Commission that 65% or more of those participants that have deceased, died from Cancer of some kind or Leukemia. After several discussions with their office, I have been informed that should I ever be diagnosed with any type of Cancer to please notify them immediately - this definitely causes depression and stress. I left the Corps in a depressed state of mind over all of these events.

I joined the USAF for Radar Control Systems- wound up as an Instructor for B 52's Defensive Fire Control Systems. Which in turn found me being transferred to Thailand in support of our ground actions in Vietnam, where I also found a price on my head should I be caught anywhere off base by local sympathizers. A fuel Tanker exploded on take off - some say sabotage, the next day the Ammunitions dump blew up, 100 lbs and 500 lbs bombs. Bombs were flying everywhere, I thought I would go crazy as the Air Force would not issue weapons. I retired upon my return State side.

All these events are in my mind constantly, causing undue stress.

I have joined a group of people, called "The Chosin Few", who were in Korea and served in that Icy North and were under attack. Through this group I have had two examinations by a Medical doctor whose expertise is "Cold Injuries" - and this is my statement and rational for reopening my claim with the V.A.

*(Sorry to say William Cluphf died July 30, 1997. His wife wanted all to know about his service to our country in war and in peace. Mrs. (Eileen) Culphf sent his writings to the U.S Korea 2000 Foundation, Inc. about his service history and request to reopen his VA claim. She also may be able to help other widows with the VA claims. Her address is: 13632 SE 135th Street, Renton, WA 98059-5205.*



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.

#### California

- ★ Harry M. King
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- ★ Burdette A. Petersen

#### No State Given

- ★ John W. Buckwalter
- ★ Oleg Guseff
- ★ John Soldau

## Update

# Korea Revisit

By Warren Wiedhahn Chairman,  
KWVA Revisit Program,  
Pusan - Inchon - Seoul - "Chosin" 1950

Dear friends and fellow veterans,

I am very pleased to be able to report that the Korean Veterans Association, Seoul, has given us the 2002 quotas in sufficient time to appear in this month's Graybeards. We are fortunate in that they have increased our quotas over last year. The new 2002 dates are: June 23-28; September 11-16 and October 28-November 2.

Military Historical Tours (MHT) will now begin to mail letters out to those registered requesting if they are still interested? Our policy, as established by the KWVA President, Harley Coon, is to go right down the list by *registration dates*, affording those registered first to indicate their preference. *Please don't call MHT!* It will slow the process down! Those registered first will go first!

If you have not submitted your application yet, please do so ASAP! Because of the increased quotas, there is still room in 2002, and 2003 is wide open at this time. Since 2003 is the big 50th Anniversary of the truce signing, you may want to consider going then! The Revisit Korea registration form can be found elsewhere in the Graybeards!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn  
President/CEO  
Military Historical Tours

## Death Notice of a Member of KWVA

*The following notice is submitted for publication:*

Name of deceased \_\_\_\_\_

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Department/Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Home of record \_\_\_\_\_

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

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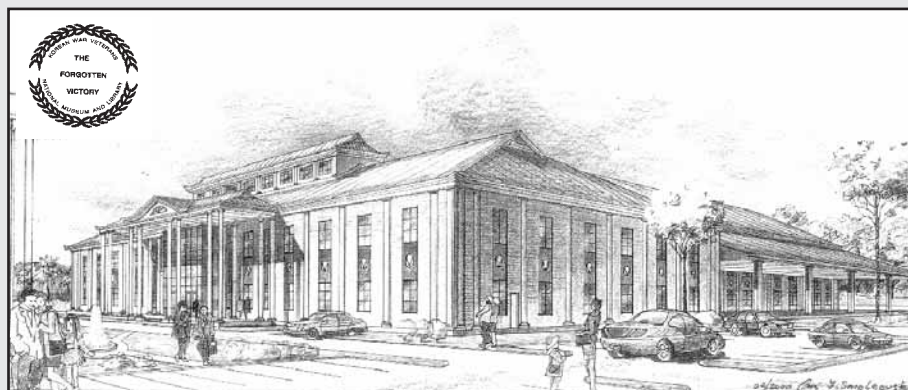


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I will also send that photo on to our webmaster to place on our KWVA web page. Please do not send photos you want returned and please no newspaper clippings. —Editor

# 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)

### Progress Report: January-February 2002

The Illinois Legislature passed legislation and Governor Ryan signed into law placing the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library on Line 28(h), Korean War Fund, Voluntary Contributions 2001 Form IL-1040 Individual Tax Return. This is the first step in support from the State of Illinois.

An individual is circulating an E-

mail letter about the museum and library and the contents of this letter is not correct. The financial information that is presented in this letter was obtained from reports that are filed with the State of Illinois. These reports are being misinterpreted. During 2000 we revised our accounting system to conform to general accepted accounting principles (GAAP). I purchased two books pertaining to accounting and auditing for non-profit corporations. I

have the same two books in my office. The books were donated by me to the organization for use by our outside

accountant. The outside accountant was recommended by the City of Tuscola, IL. Our expenditures are reviewed in detail on a monthly basis. An analytical review audit procedure is performed on the cash account on a monthly basis. The board of directors and officers are furnished monthly financial statements. Anybody can come to an incorrect conclusion in reviewing information furnished to governmental agencies unless they are privy to the underlying information used to prepare the report. Since I am a licensed certified public accountant, I work closely with the outside accountant.

Freedom of speech or press or proper conduct by members of a veterans organization does not entitle one to write false and misleading information that is disruptive, negative, vindictive, malicious, derisive and inappropriately designed to destroy any organization or individual. This is basically the same statement that Harley Coon made in the last issue of *The Graybeards*.

Since our official opening of our temporary location we have had approximately 4000 visitors from 43 states and 12 countries.

Unless information is given by the board of directors, officers or executive committee about the KWVNM&L it should be verified.

Jeremiah G. Crise, CPA/CFSA  
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■ Korean War Era veterans make up nearly 16 percent of the 24.4 million total living veterans.

■ The median age of Korean War Era veterans is 69, with 336,500 under age 65, 3.25 million age 65 to 74, and 363,000 age 75 or older.

■ The five states with the most Korean War Era veterans are California (431,000); Florida (294,000); Texas (243,000); New York (220,000); and Pennsylvania (201,000) as of mid year 2000.

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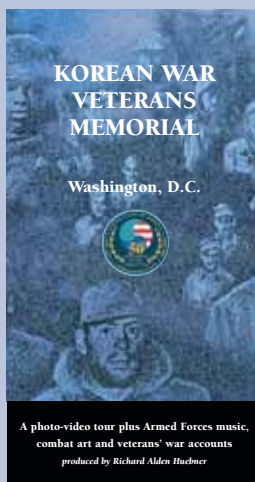
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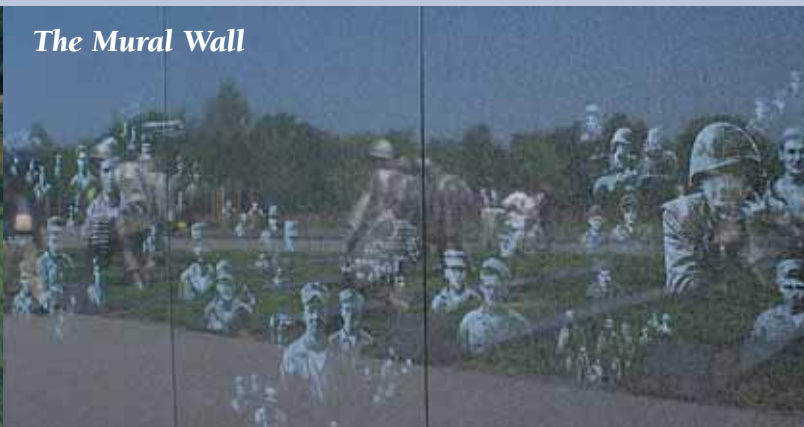


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### The Mural Wall



# Reunion Calendar

## March 2002

Looking for Members of the **71st Engineer Aviation Bn.** who served in 1952 & 1953 at Fort Huachuca, AZ. We are having a reunion at the Fort on March 1-3. Contact Larry Spaeth, 2029 N 40th St, Sheboygan, WI 53081 Tel: 920-452-5826 or Jim R Riesenbergh at e-mail <RIESEJRR@co.sheboygan.wi.us>

## April 2002

**578th Eng., "C" Batt., 40th Inf. Div.,** Apr. 9-11 in Las Vegas, NV. Contact Vern Crawford, 2622 W. 225th Street, Torrance, CA 90505. Tel: 310-373-0252

**USS Noble APA-218,** April 10-13 in Fredericksburg, TX. Contact Bill Murphy, 98 W. Albion Street, Holley, NY 14770-1062. Tel: 716-638-6060

**3rd. AAA AW BN.** (SP). April 24-26 at Pigeon Forge, TN. Korean veterans of this unit are invited. Contact Jim Goff, 500 Jefferson Ave., Hopewell, VA 23860. Tel. 804-541-7667, e-mail <j.w.goff@worldnet.att.net>.

**84th Engineer Construction Bn.** April 24-27 at Tuscola, IL. (Korean Veterans). Contact John Bohn, 19 Thurlow St., Plymouth, NH 03264. Tel. 603- 536-8196. E-mail <olinjohn@aol.com>.

**62nd Engineer Construction Battalion.** April 24th-27th. at Tuscola IL. (Korean Veterans). Contact John Bohn, 19 Thurlow St., Plymouth, NH, 03264. Tel. 603-536-8196. E-mail <olinjohn@aol.com>.

**73rd Tank Battalion,** April 25-28 in Colorado Springs, CO. Contact Curtis Banker, 44 Westcott Road, Schuylar Falls, NY 12985- 1940. Tel/Fax: 518-643-2302 or e-mail dmbanker-curtis@northnet.org.

**67th Tac Recon Wing** April 26-28, in Nashville Tenn. Contact Edward C. Rice, 315 Gun Club Road, Nashville, TN 37205-3205 Tel: 615-352-8304 or E-mail <mildred03@juno.com>.

**United States Navy Cruiser Sailors Assn..** April 28 - May 3, at Raddisson Hotel in Annapolis, MD. Former crewmembers of USS Fresno CLAA-121 and USS Fall River CA-131, are cordially invited to join us. Contact Edward J. August, 21 Colonial Way, Rehoboth, MA 02769. Tel/Fax: 1-508-252-3524, email <usncsa@aol.com>

## May 2002

**H-3-7 Marines** (1950-1953) Korea, Brotherhood & Survivors Assn. May 1-5 at the Holiday Inn - Reno, Nevada. Contact Bob Nichols, 5517 Williamsdale Ct., Seminole, FL 33772. Tel: 727-392-2886, e-mail: <jarheadh37@ij.net>.

**772nd MP Bn. Korea** and all members May 2-5, at Marriott Grove Suites, Downers Grove, IL, Contact William McDonald 708-422- 3892 or E-Mail BIL-MAC32@gateway.net or Joel C. Davis, PO Box 342 Luckey, OH 43443-0342. Tel: 419-833-1613 Fax: 419-833- 1621

**USS PLATTE AO-24,** Ships Company Members 1939-1970. May 16-19 at Comfort Inn Motel in Platte City, MO. Contact Aaron L. Todd, 6950 S. 153rd W. Ave., Sapulpa, OK 74066. Tel: 918-227-1295 or e-mail address <karcare1@swbell.net>.

**40th Inf. Div. 223rd Inf. Reg.** May 19-22 at Hotel San Remo (1-800-522-7366) Las Vegas, NV. Contact Norm Hackler, 5302 Olympia Fields Lane, Houston, TX 77069-3326, Tel. 281-444-5279.

**USS BUCK (DD-761)** Assn. May 23-26 in Colorado Springs at Raddisson Inn and Suites, Colorado Springs Airport. Contact John Connolly, 7 Tenerife Way, Hot Springs. AR 71909 Tel 501-922-3969 or e-mail <joncon@ipa.net>.

## June 2002

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**728th MP Bn.,** June 20-22 in Springfield, MO. Contact Robert L. Jean, 3558 Meyers Hollow Rd., Marshfield, MO 65706-8408. Tel: 417-859-6518, Fax 417-859-6312 or E-mail <rjean18205@aol.com>.

**USS Forrest B. Royal DD872,** June 27-30 at Jacksonville, FL. Contact Ron Larsen, 1240 Franklin St., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494, Tel: 715-423-8905.

## August 2002

**MCB#4 All Eras.** Aug. 22-25, at Lawrence Welk Resort, Branson, MO. Contact: Nick "Mush" Marschhauser, 364 Fortsville Rd., Gansevoort, NY 12831-1500. Tel: 1-800-313-3672or E-mail <nick@nickstents.com>.

**999th AFA Bn.** Korea 1950-54, Aug. 23-25 at Best Western Inn in Little Rock, AR. Contact Aubrey Davidson, 14807 Cedar Heights Rd., North Little Rock, AR 72116.

**45th Infantry Division Assn.,** (Thunderbirds) Aug. 29-31. Contact Raul Trevino, 1918 Leander Rd., San Antonio, TX 78251-2954. Tel: 210-681-9134, Fax: 210-543-7313

## September 2002

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**300th Armored Field Artillery Bn. Assn.** is seeking members who served in Korea War 1950-1953. We have over 400 members located and our Assn. is active with "COWBOY CANNONEER" news letters and Reunions every other year. Join us in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Sept. 6-8, reunion hosted by Wyoming Chapter—United States Field Artillery Association. Contact Bob Halliwell 6069 Halliwell-Lyda Road, Bryan, Texas 77803,979-589-2002 or Dick Thune 10802 Sunset Bay, Pequot Lakes, Minnesota 56472, 218-543-4672 or Bill Day 4019 Prestwick Place, Riverton, Wyoming 82501, 307-856-6546.

**Naval Cryptologic Veterans Assn.,** Sept 11-15, at Chattanooga Marriott, Chattanooga, TN. Contact Dave Fiehtner, Tel: 865-379- 4367, E-mail: <DaveFiehtner@chartertn.net>, Web site: www.USNCVA.org.

**Society of the Third Infantry Division** and attached units in war and in peace-time will hold their 83rd reunion Sept. 12-15 at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 120 Church St., Buffalo, NY 14202. (800-444-2326). Room rates are \$83 per night plus tax. (Single, double, or triple.) Parking is \$3 per day. The airport shuttle is free. For additional reunion information, contact: Joseph M. Poggi, reunion chairman, 610 Poplar Rd., River Vale, NJ 07675-6431. (201) 573-0515. E-mail: <iggop@optonline.net>. A wide choice of activities are planned for those attending the reunion. Visit our Web site at: <http://members.home.net/3rdiv/>

**U.S.S. Abnokia A.T.F. 96,** Sept. 18-22 in Charleston, S.C. Contact Mike Holland, 8 Cobia St. Ponte Vedra, FL.32082-2010. Tel: 904-285-9345 or e-mail <bmc-musn@aol.com>.

**U.S.S Haven AH-12,** Sept. 18-22 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Contact Clyde Landis, 1409 Coronado, Ponca City, OK 74604 or Email <korene@poncacitynews.com> Tel: 580-762-5289.

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**The United States Armed Forces Nuclear Energy Association** Sept., 19-23 in Charleston, SC. We were Army, Navy and Air Force personnel that operated the military's nuclear power plants in the 50's and 60's. We are trying to find our lost comrades and would appreciate any help you may render. Contact Edward R. Fedol, 308 Upshur Court, Summerville, SC. 29485-8057 or e-mail <gully@knology.net>.

**Army Security Agency - Korea** - All years, Reunion Sept. 26-28 in Frankenmuth, Michigan. (Frankenmuth has been designated as a "Korean War 50th Anniversary Commemorative Community") Contact Cathy Strite, All-In-One-Tours & Cruises, toll free at 1-888-681-5333, 1530 Commerce Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601. P.O.C Host Bob Rudolph Tel: 616-789-2860.

**26th Inf. Scout Dog Plt.**, Sept. 27-29, Contact Robert E. Fickbohm, RR 1, Box 119, Newell, SD 57760-9620

#### October 2002

To all **Division Artillery Battalion Members** (Korea, 1950-1954), October 3-7. Join Corps Artillery Alliance reunion in New Jersey at the Saddle Brook Marriott. Contact Nick Vanderhave, 1333 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Tel: 973-538-7189 or e-mail: <vanderhave@usa.net>

**Corps Artillery Reunion Alliance**, (Korea, 1950-1954), October 3-7 reunion in New Jersey at the Saddle Brook Marriott. Contact Nick Vanderhave, 1333 Littleton Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Tel: 973-538-7189 or e-mail: <vanderhave@usa.net>

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**USS Saratoga CV3/CVA/CV60** Ships Company./Air Wings/All Officers USMC/ TAD/ Magic Carpet. Oct 10-13 in Branson, MO. Contact John D. Brandman, Sect/Treas 1-877-360-(SARA) 7272. E-Mail <cva360@aol.com>. Web page www.uss-saratoga.com or www.ussarotoga.org

**U.S. S. Oglethorpe AKA 100**, October 10-13 in San Antonio, Texas. Contact Ron Williamson 639 Oxford St., Belvidere, NJ 07823. Tel: 908-475-4435 or E-mail at <mistyl@epix.net>

**New Zealand Korea Veterans Assn.** We invite you and all other Korean Veterans to share in our Reunion in Oct. 11-13. Why not plan a holiday in New Zealand. See Hawke's Bay and Napier. Hawke's Bay is on the East Coast of the North Island. Napier is on the sea coast with a port and an airport with link lines to main international airports. Napier is a small city. It is Wine Country, an Art Deco World, the largest Gannet Colony in the world, the fruit Bowl of New Zealand, Timber Exports, a vast Processing Plant for fruit and vegetables, a National Aquarium in the making, and an Equable Climate. We would love to have you visit and share not only in our Korean celebrations, but in the beauty and vigor of our community. If there is any further information that you need, contact NZ Korea Veterans Assn. 55 Tanner Street, Havelock North, Hawkes Bay, NZ or call Ray Perry at (06) 878 6942 or Peter Grover at (06) 877 4060 Fax: (06) 877 0391 or e-mail at <petergrover@extra.co.nz>. See Website: www.rsanapi-er.co.nz.

#### November 2001

**Baker Co., 15th Regt., 3rd Inf. Div.** Sept. 29 to Oct. 3 at Fort Bragg, NC. Contact Dick Ashton, 448 Stemmers Run Rd., Essex, MD 21221. Tel: 410-686-1197 or E-mail <Gc71gd6gsl@aol.com> or Wilbur Dickson, 13545 E 53rd. Drive, Yuma, AZ 85367.

*(In reading other magazines I see that they charge for reunion notices. I hesitate to ask a member or a supporting organization of KWVA National to pay for reunion notices. Since we are in need of support at this time, I think it is appropriate to ask you to send a minimum donation of \$1.00 for each reunion notice. Again, this request is not mandatory. Please send notices directly to editor, make checks payable to KWVA National. Typed lower case reunions only requested. Editor)*

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED! Your war memories needed for RED DRAGON® A continuation of the 'soldier's' history of the Korean War as chronicled in

**KOREAN VIGNETTES®** coverage was, with few exceptions, limited to the first year of the Korean War, almost totally excluding the last two years. The only service mention of the 40th and 45th National Guard Divisions were some excellent photographs by "Dogface" 45th Div, name unknown," nothing at all from anyone in the 40th Division. A few pages were allotted to other supporting services or branches. The omission was not deliberate, merely the result of two rank amateurs stumbling around in the area of military history. Now that we have learned the rudiments of the craft, we want to finish what was begun in the first book of the Korean 'soldier's' history, *Korean Vignettes, Faces of War®*.

**RED DRAGON®,** will cover the Korean War from mid year 1951 through 1953. It will have the same format as "Faces of War." Vignettes will be arranged in chronological order to give a panoramic view of those final Korean War years.



In order to preserve for posterity the memory of those young men who fought that war and paid the soldier's price of blood and life, we need your help. There are many war histories, but our work is centered on showing war as soldiers and marines saw it, not as seen in the myopic view of the war correspondent. The role played by the men whose duty it was to move supplies from the ZI to

the front was vital. The supporting arms in their roles of Medics, ANC, Ordnance QM, TC, MP & Signal Corps played an essential and indispensable part in back up of the fighting arms. Without Navy and Air Force, all other functions would have come to naught. All had a part.

Give us the most vivid memory of your wartime service. We will edit it to fit the format of the book. It will be returned to you for approval. We have received about 100 vignettes, another 100 are needed to complete this 488 page book. *Red Dragon* will also have 30 pages of soldier poetry and 300 photographs of wartime Korea. If you would care to help in this effort, please contact us at

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

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Spell out full unit starting with the smallest group (i.e., Company, Battalion and/or Regiment, Division)

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Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. Send cash or make checks/ money orders in the amount of \$20.00 for each certificate payable to N. C. Monson. Mail to: N. C. Monson, 5911 North 2nd Street, Arlington, VA 22203.



# 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 Partner Program

- States, Military and civilian communities, and civic and patriotic organizations will be requested to become Commemorative Partners 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, Suite 702, Arlington, VA 22202-4303  
Tel: 703-697-4664 — Fax: 703-697-3145)*

Web Site: **KOREA50.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 Partner."

- 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**



Date	Event	Location	Lead
9 April	45th Infantry Division Commemoration	Oklahoma City, OK	Oklahoma National Guard
26 May	National Memorial Day Concert	U.S. Capitol (West Lawn) Washington, DC	US Congress
27 May	Memorial Day Breakfast and Wreath Laying	White House, Arlington National Cemetery and Korean War Memorial, Washington, DC	Military District Washington (MDW)
25 June	Historic Symposium	Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA	POC: Col. Bill Davis, Director, (757) 441-2965
26 - 27 June	International Historical Symposium	The General Douglas MacArthur Foundation and Old Dominion University are pleased to announce a Call for Papers for the International Historical Symposium commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. This symposium will be held on the campus of the Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA.	
27 July	Korean War Armistice Day Commemoration	Korean War Memorial Washington, DC	Korean War Veterans Foundation/Korean War Veterans Armistice Day Committee (KWVF/KWVADCC)
27 July	United War Veterans Council Armistice Commemoration	Staten Island, NY	UWVA of NYC POC: Mr Vince McGowan (212) 693-1476
14 September	Air Power Commemoration	Osan AFB, Korea	7th Air Force
11 November	Veterans Day Memorial Service	Seoul, Korea	Eighth U.S. Army (EUSA)

*(To be updated each issue as required)*

# Images of Korea

by Glenn Ed White



**Spud Time in Korea - (Just like Basic) October 1952 (better than C-Rations.**



**Loading Up and Moving Out! Going up front. March 1952.**



**Yokkok-Chon Valley & T-Bone Hill Complex upper right (note shell craters) enemy territory. April 1952.**



**Sign at West Central Front - Iron Triangle. Area self explanatory. Spring 1952.**



**Three Flares Over Old Baldy. Was preliminary to Battalion Size Enemy attack few days later. Late June 1952.**



**Air Raid on T-Bone Across Yorkkok-Chon Valley from front line position. June 1952.**



**Propaganda by Mail. Soldier holding mortar round which was sent by North Koreans blowing out Chinese Propaganda. Peace-Americans give up - stop fighting and go home from this unjust war. October 1952**



**Too Tired To Care! Rest on the Rocks (not posed) after tough training in reserve. March 1952**

*(Thank you Glenn Ed White for the great photos. They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Our veterans really enjoyed your pictures and the thousands of words you provided us to display in the Graybeards. They brought back many memories to all.*

*I have many photos from others that I hope to show also. I plan to have more pages of old photos in next issue in order to make the backlog smaller. Please be patient for I will print all. Also mark photos with your name if you wish them returned. New submissions should have a self addressed stamped envelope if you want photos returned. Also let me know if you do not want photos returned. I just need to find time to return photos.)*

## 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 year of desired revisit tour: ☐ 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.

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., 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!

# **MEN OF THE SEA**

**IS IT THE CALL  
OF THE MORNING TIDE?  
OR IS IT TO DISPLAY  
THEIR NATIONS PRIDE?**

**FOR WHATEVER THE REASON  
THESE MEN SERVE.  
THEY ARE OUR MUSCLE,  
THEY ARE OUR NERVE.**

**HOW FORTUNATE FOR US  
THAT THESE MEN SO FINE  
STEP FORWARD TO LAY  
THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE.**

**THEN WE ON THE BEACH  
CAN LIVE IN THE LEE,  
PROVIDED FOR US  
BY THE MEN OF THE SEA.**

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