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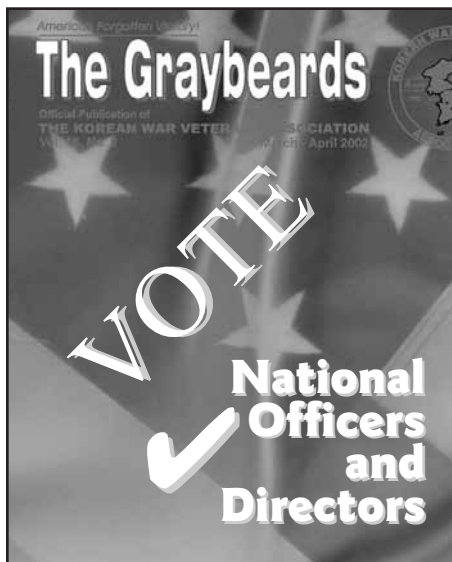
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On the cover...



Election Issue

This issue is the official election issue of *The Graybeards*. The front cover layout was done to call your attention to this event. A special ballot is enclosed and a removable mailing label was utilized to facilitate voting. The resumes and photos of all candidates are also in this issue. It is very important that we elect the best Officers and Board to carry out your needs during the remaining Commemorative period.

We also hope to have the best reunions ever over this period and great leadership is a must. Please read all data carefully. Take the time needed to make your decision. Submission dates for the election and the reunion are important.

South Korea Remembers

Korean War Veterans Dedicate Memorial in South Korea

By Alley E. Watada

On May 15 this year, more than 100 Japanese American veterans of the Korean War and their families attended the dedication of the Japanese American Korean War Veterans (JAKWV) memorial monument and memorial service for American soldiers of Japanese ancestry killed or missing in action in the Korean War. The monument is located at Imjin-gak, Paju City, Kyonggi-do, Republic of Korea.

Carved in black granite are the names of 247 men killed or missing in the Korean War, 192 from Hawaii. The monument is capped with carvings of the

American and Korean flags and carries the inscription, "Americans of Japanese ancestry who gave their lives in the defense and freedom of the Republic of Korea" in English and Korean.

Edward M. Nakata, vice president of the JAKWV, and Korean War Memorial Committee chair, served as master of ceremonies of the program. Opening remarks were made by Minoru Tonai, JAKWV president. Chaplain Sam Seno gave the invocation and benediction.

The monument was unveiled by Yeiki Oshiro, Herbert Ogasawara, Hideo Sasaki and Alley E. Watada and their spouses, the

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Korean War Medal of Honor recipient Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura speaking at the JAKWV Memorial Monument Dedication Ceremony at Imjin-Gak Paju City, Republic of Korea.

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President's Message



Harley Coon
President, KWVA

Lawsuit

The Oreste "Rusty" Tramonte suit filed against the KWVA in the Massachusetts Federal Court has been dismissed. There was no cost to the KWVA as our insurance handled the case.

The case Myrda vs KWVA is just about over as CPA Myrda does not have a contract with KWVA. Our Attorney is going to file a motion to dismiss. This will put all of our troubles behind us.

When I was elected president my motto was "Forget the mistakes of the past and press on to greater achievements in the future" I believe we have been successful as we have paid all our past bills and have had sound financial management.

There is unity in the Executive Council and the membership. We are moving in a positive direction.

Las Vegas Midwinter Meeting

The midwinter Executive Council meeting held in Las Vegas on January 13,

through January 16, 2002 was very successful. We chose Las Vegas because we wanted to have a meeting with the KWVA Chapters on the West Coast.

The room rates were great only \$20.00 per night plus tax. The Honor Guard from Nevada National Guard presented the Colors.

There were three great programs. One was Secretary of Veterans Affairs Honorable Anthony Principi, then from Department of Defense (DPMO) Col. Woodier and Major Jackson gave a presentation on recovery of remains in North Korea and Col. Jeffrey Douglass representing the Department of Defense 50th Commemoration Committee outlined some up and coming 50th commemoration events.

Anyone from the audience was given a chance to express their concerns to the Executive Council. Everyone had a good time some had a better time, like the guy at the card table next to mine, he won \$30,000.00

Reunion

This year we will be at the Doubletree Hotel in Crystal City on Army-Navy Drive. The Armed Forces Reunion Co. is handling all the arraignments.



December 14, 2001, Governor Robert Taft of Ohio Signed into law House Bill 10. This makes the Korean War Veterans Assn. eligible to serve on The County Service Commission where they have a chapter. Seated, Governor Bob Taft; Standing, (L to R) Bob Hutchenson, Bill Miser, Woody Woodrow, Representative Bill Hartnett, Larry Moore, Richland County Service Commission Member, Mike Mahoney, Dept. President and National President Harley Coon.

On January 4th the Reunion Committee and I met with the Doubletree staff and the Armed Forces Committee and everything is confirmed.

The only thing we need is for a lot of KWVA members and Korean War Veterans to attend. The Armed Forces Committee will be handling the registration, making name tags, transportation, events and tours.

There will be a free welcome reception party on the 25th July. You must be registered to attend. The time will be from 5:30 until 7:00 pm

There will be several tours and memorial services. The registration form is in this issue of *Graybeards*. Plan on attending.

Donation

The Federation of Korean Industries donated 1 million dollars to the New York Disaster Relief Fund in honor of the Korean War Veterans.. Sherm Pratt and Don Byers represented the KWVA and Jack Murry made a few remarks representing KWVA Chapter 100 of VA. Maryland Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors.

Elections

In this issue of *The Graybeards* are Candidates running for office. There are several that are running for re-election or other positions that have been instrumental in turning the KWVA around in a positive direction. Members of the Executive Council have supported my appointments to the offices of Treasurer, Secretary, Judge Advocate, Finance Committee, Nomination Committee, By-Laws Committee, Membership and Chapter formation, and the Editor of the *Graybeards*.

The two most important appointments are the Treasurer and the Editor of the *Graybeards*. Our Treasurer Tom Gregory has been responsible for bringing over \$80,000.00 to the KWVA in interest money. Vincent Krepps the Editor of the *Graybeards* has produced the finest Veterans Magazine. *The Graybeards* when passed around has brought in many new members.

We are going into our final years of the 50th anniversary of the ending of the Korean War. We want this to be the greatest celebration in remembrance of the ones that did not

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Military Shop - 4 color



Editor's Pen

By Vincent A. Krepps (Korea, 2nd I.D. 1950-1951)

My devotion and efforts to provide you, the membership and readers a magazine that remembers the Korean War, those that fought in that war, including those that still defend the freedoms enjoyed today in Korea and most of all to those that paid the supreme sacrifice.

Rules to follow:

I will avoid letters that are negative toward our association and the veterans that fought in the Korean War. Thanks for caring.

/s/ Vince Krepps

If you go back to Aug-Sept 1997 and several issues thereafter you will find the above rule and statement as part of my first message as editor. I am starting my 5th year, so I guess you agreed with the above rule. I stopped printing the Editor's Pen rules after several issues because I was taking space away from our members. After two (2) years of reading some e-mails and letters from those that have an ax to grind I must respond with this Editor's Pen.

Several past and present officers, also members that will remain nameless have circulated their views on President Coon's actions over the past few years. Seeing several Executive Boards and Presidents in action during these past 10 years I have not seen anything new. All have had their detractors and dissenters. During President Coon's years in office he has restored our association to financial health and has established KWVA as a veterans organization of high standing.

President Coon was given a slate of major problems. This required stepping on some toes and making changes. As usual stepping on toes and making changes caused those that were in some way related to the problems to rally and attempt to block President Coon's actions and even in some cases disrupt scheduled meetings, agenda and the business of our National Association.

To make a long story short, in order

With your vote you can decide if President Harley Coon will and should carry on the business of commemorating you, our members and veterans, through 2003, ...

to keep the KWVA's business going several of these dissenters were relieved of their duty for the "Good Of The Order" of your association. Needless to say they did not go quietly, they only found a support group to continue the disruption. We now have lawsuits against several officers and a whole gauntlet of innuendos. These dissenters are not even 1/4 of 1% of our membership.

Now to my feelings.

Harley is running again for a third term. I have seen opinions pertaining to By-Laws, Meetings, Judge Advocate Rulings and Membership from both sides of the fence. Even past KWVA haters joined the fight. We even have those standing on the fence not wanting to offend anyone.

There will be no harm caused to the KWVA by your vote of allowing President Coon a third term or even a one year extension and this has been done before for similar reasons. This will also allow KWVA and President Coon to pursue our National Charter, close those pending lawsuits and turn over to the next president a clean slate.

I will stop here and also throw the ball into your court. With your vote you can decide if President Harley Coon will and should carry on the business of commemorating you, our members and veterans, through 2003, thus keeping the continuity of what he started in 1998.

I have committed myself also to stay on for another term as Editor of *The Graybeards* with only Harley during our Commemorative Years. I owe that to you. Your votes will be my guide.

Thanks for being such great members and veterans. God Bless.

Vincent Krepps,
Editor *The Graybeards*



D.C. Affairs

Blair Cross, National Director for D.C. Affairs

To Fellow Korean War Veterans:

Let me take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all those members who sent messages and cards during my recent illness. It has put a crimp in my activities for several months, however, I am doing good now and looking forward to picking up my participation in KWVA events.

Here in Maryland the KWVA has been denied acceptance in the Joint Veterans Committee simply because the State requires all members be Congressionally chartered.

Needless to say the terrible events of 9/11 has also put a crimp in our efforts to achieve a National Charter. Comrades, the full truth is do we really care whether we get one or not.

During my illness I put out another message pleading all members to get involved and to meet with your Congressman during the holiday break and do whatever was necessary to have them get on board as a co-sponsor on House Bill 952. As of today I have heard from only three members who have taken the initiative to help out.

Comrades, I know that a Charter may not be of use to the veterans of our age, however, the younger Korean veterans may need to be recognized by Congress in the future. Another issue to consider is the fact that some states will not recognize the KWVA because they don't have a charter.

Here in Maryland the KWVA has been denied acceptance in the Joint Veterans Committee simply because the State requires all members be Congressionally chartered. I will repeat again, long after the Vietnam veterans are gone and there are no more Desert Storm troops, we will still have Korean veterans and the Korean War is still officially going on.

Won't you help me out - we now have 46 co-sponsors and we need 219 to force HB952 out of the sub-committee to the full house. *Do it now*

Yours in Comradeship,

Blair



Official KWVA
Notices
and Announcements

Listen Up

By-Law Change

The proposed change was reported and was approved by the Executive Council during the meeting held in Las Vegas, NV on January 14-15, 2002. It should now be reported in *The Graybeards*, for consideration by members present at the annual meeting to be held in Crystal City, VA during July 2002.

The proposed amendment change is to ARTICLE III, Section 7, Paragraph J.

Committees, to include the Bylaws Committee under the list of Standing Committees.

(S) Jim Jones

Chairman- Bylaws Committee

PRESIDENT from page 4

return, the Missing in Action, the Prisoners of War and those that fought for freedom during the Korean War era.

The officers, Board members, and I have worked very close with the Department of Defense 50th Commemoration Committee, the DPMO POW/MIA Office, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to get the Korean War veterans recognition. Our next task is to get a National Charter for the KWVA. Blair Cross has been working very hard on this project. I have personally hand carried a request to President Bush to give us some help to obtain this charter.

In the best interest of the KWVA I believe it is deserving to re-elect those that have dedicated their time and effort to make this a great organization. I have asked these staff officers that I have appointed if they would stay on with board approval, should I be re-elected. The answer was "yes."

I served in Korea for 38 months. July 10, 1950 until September 7, 1953. (Prisoner of War 33 months 4 days.) It would be a honor for me to lead the KWVA through the 50th Commemoration of the ending of the Korean War.

Until Next Time,

Harley

National VA/VS Representative Report

By Michael Mahoney

The semi-annual reports are still coming in, starting this year, we will start the reports in April and October. The reason for the change is that is when I receive the VAVS Report from the VA. That way I can cross-check the hours, volunteers, etc. against them. Also, I am requesting that participating Chapters send a copy of their rosters for verification of the Volunteers being credited to them.

I have been having problems with compliance of V.A. Handbook 1620.1 on the eligibility of volunteers not belonging to national. You must belong to National in order to be credited to a Chapter.

I wish to acknowledge the Ladies of

Northwest Illinois Chapter 150 for their work in volunteering. They are not recognized as such but they still go out and do a great job. At present, I am trying to get them to appoint a Rep under 318, our auxiliary activity. Last 6 months, they have donated 1,535 hours, drove 7,968 miles and a cash and in kind value of \$20,559.00. Good Work! While I am at it. Nassau Chapter 1, 11 volunteers, 8,321 hours, \$6,500.00 spent on Parties, Bingo, etc. plus in kind donations of \$4,323.00. Thank you, Shirley Gravin.

God Bless you all.

Mike

Update

Korean War Ex-POW

■ Excerpts taken from Korean War Ex-POW January 2002 Newsletter.

I could not read President Contrearras' Message from the copy sent to me so I will print his address: Ernie Contrearras, 7931 Quitman St., Westminster, CO 86030. Tel: 303-428-3368 or E-mail: <POWContrearras@aol.com>.

Shorty Sez'

Johnny Johnson film called "Johnson List" will air on The History Channel 27th May, 2002 at 8:00 pm EST as part of "This Week In History." (Check local listings.)

Turner Publishing and Ex-POWs are printing a new book called, *U.S. Prisoners of War in the Korean War*.

Deluxe Bonded Leather Edition- \$89.95, Deluxe Edition- \$44.95. Embossing name on front cover- \$6.00 plus \$6.50 S & H, \$4.00 each additional book. Order from Turner Publishing Co., P.O. Box 3101, Paducah, KY 42002-3101 or call 1-800-788-3350.

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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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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

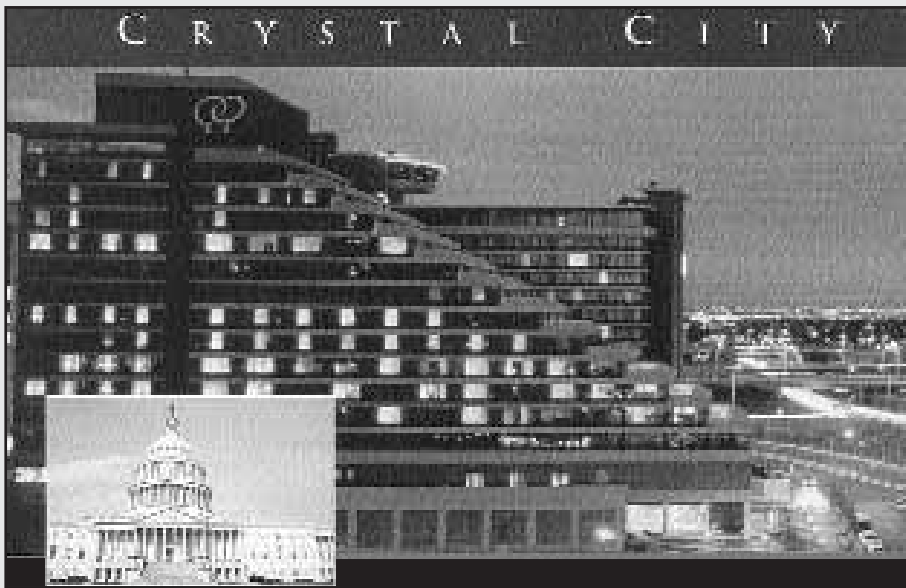
will be pleased with our selection.

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

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§ 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.

CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION – HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____

SHARING ROOM W/ _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

TEL. NUMBER (____) _____ ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEP. DATE _____

No. of rooms _____ No. of people in room _____ ☐ Handicap access ☐ Smoking ☐ Non-smoking

☐ King Bed ☐ 2 Beds If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

Rate: \$85 +tax (currently 9.75%) single/double occupancy.

Cutoff Date: 6/24/02. Reservations received after this date will be processed on space & rate availability.

Cancellation Policy: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 4pm (EST) on your arrival day. All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or first night's deposit enclosed.

☐ AMEX ☐ DINERS ☐ VISA ☐ MASTER CARD ☐ CARTE BLANCHE ☐ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE (regardless of payment method) _____

Mail to: Doubletree Hotel, ATTN: Reservations, 300 Army Navy Dr., Arlington VA 22202

Activity Registration Form

KWVA Reunion July 24-29, 2002
Doubletree Hotel, Arlington, VA

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to **Armed Forces Reunions Inc.** in the form of check or money order (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before JUNE 21, 2002. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.

242 West 22nd St

Norfolk, VA 23517

Attn: KWVA

CUT-OFF DATE IS JUNE 21, 2002

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
Inputted _____ Nametag Completed _____

Price Per No. of People Total

Registration Fee

Includes Hospitality Room and administrative expenses.

Registration, husband and wife (total fee for both)	\$40	Couple	\$
Registration, Individual	\$25 .....	.....	\$ .....
Registration, Children (15-18 years old)	\$20 .....	.....	\$ .....

Tours

Wednesday: U.S. Army Military Twilight Tattoo	\$18 .....	.....	\$ .....
Thursday: Spirit of Washington Lunch Cruise.....	\$48 .....	.....	\$ .....
Friday: Arlington National Cemetery.....	\$25 .....	.....	\$ .....
Friday: Marine Parade	\$16 .....	.....	\$ .....
Saturday: Korean War Memorial/Union Station	\$20 .....	.....	\$ .....
Saturday: Concert at D.A.R. Constitution Hall	\$10 .....	.....	\$ .....

Please choose onre of the following two tours

Sunday: National Cathedral/Georgetown.....	\$30 .....	.....	\$ .....
Sunday: Annunciation Catholic Church/Georgetown	\$30 .....	.....	\$ .....

Meals

Friday: Breakfast buffet	\$14 .....	.....	\$ .....
Saturday: Breakfast buffet	\$14 .....	.....	\$ .....
Sunday: Breakfast buffet	\$14 .....	.....	\$ .....
Sunday: Banquet (<i>Please select your entree</i>)			
Prime Rib of Beef	\$28 .....	.....	\$ .....
Chicken Piccata.....	\$26 .....	.....	\$ .....

Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.\$

Please do not staple or tape your payment

Please Print Name (For Nametags)

Military Service: Branch _____ Unit _____ Dates of Service

Spouse Name

Guest Names

Street Address

City, St, Zip

Ph. Number (____) _____ Are You Confined to a Wheelchair? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Disability/dietary Restrictions

Emergency Contact _____ Ph. Number (____) _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date

Are You Staying at the Hotel? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are You Flying? ☐ Driving ☐ RV? ☐

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **Cancellations Will Only Be Taken Monday-friday 9:00am-5:00pm Eastern Time (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain your cancellation code.

U.S. ARMY MILITARY DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON TWILIGHT TATTOO

Wednesday, July 24

Board bus for the Twilight Tattoo at the Ellipse. This colorful sun-set parade and ceremony traces the Army's rich 227-year history from the Revolutionary War to present day conflicts. This outdoor performance features specialty units from the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) and the U.S. Army Band.

5:30pm board bus, 9:00pm back at the hotel
\$18/Person includes bus and escort.

SPRIT OF WASHINGTON LUNCH CRUISE

Thursday, July 25

Board bus for the Spirit of Washington. Enjoy a two-hour lunch cruise with live entertainment, narration, and a bountiful lunch buffet. While you relax on one of the three fully enclosed, climate-controlled decks, you will cruise the historic water of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Your captain will point out landmarks - the Washington Monument, Ft. McNair, Washington National Airport, General's Row, and Old Towne Alexandria. After lunch enjoy a stroll and the fresh air on the outdoor decks.

11:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at the hotel
\$48/Person includes bus, escort, and lunch cruise.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Friday, July 26

Board bus for Arlington National Cemetery. Once there you will board Park Service trams that will take you to Arlington House, home of General and Mrs. Robert E. Lee. The 1,000 acres of the cemetery were once part of the Lee Estate. Visit the Tomb of the Unknowns where you will see the changing of the guard, followed by a wreath laying ceremony. Next, you will visit the gravesites of President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert, lit by the eternal flame.

9:00am board bus, 12:00pm back at the hotel
\$25/Person includes bus, escort, tram, and admission.

MARINE PARADE

Friday, July 26

Board bus for the Marine Parade. Arrive at the Marine Barracks and be directed to your reserved bleacher seating. Marines from the Barracks will give a history of the Barracks and a preview of what is to take place during the parade. Once the parade begins, observe the ceremonies that have been the tradition of Presidents and past Commandants of the Marine Corp, which will include ceremonial Drum and Bugle Corps, Silent Drill Team, the US Marine Band, and the Marine Corp mascot "bulldog."

Note: You will walk approximately three blocks to your seats. Please wear comfortable shoes.

7:00pm board bus, 10:30pm back at the hotel
\$16/Person includes bus and escort.

KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL / UNION STATION

Saturday, July 27

Board bus for a memorial service at the Korean War Veterans Memorial. As you approach the memorial, you will see the group of

nineteen stainless-steel statues that depict a squad on patrol, evoking the experience of American ground troops in Korea. This symbolic patrol brings together members of the U.S. Army, Air Force, Marines, and Navy. The adjacent Pool of Remembrance, black granite wall, and murals depict the extraordinary acts of heroism of those Americans who proved that "Freedom Is Not Free." Following the memorial, reboard bus to Union Station for free time for lunch on your own or shopping.

9:00am board bus, 2:00pm back at hotel
\$20/Person includes bus and escort.

CONCERT AT D.A.R. CONSTITUTION HALL

Saturday, July 27

Buses will shuttle (each bus will make two trips to transport everyone over at staggered times) the group to the Pentagon Parking Area. Board bus to the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall. The theme of the performance is a Musical Tribute to Korean War Veterans, featuring musical hits from the 1950's. Featured guests include the United States Marine Band, as well as, special guest star performances, a prominent Master of Ceremonies and Keynote Speaker. Following the performance, reboard bus, which will return you to the hotel directly.

5:00pm buses begin shuttling, 9:30 pm back at hotel
\$10/Person includes shuttle bus and escort.

NATIONAL CATHEDRAL / GEORGETOWN

Sunday, July 28

Board bus for the 11:00am service, and subsequent tour of Washington National Cathedral. An Episcopal Cathedral welcoming visitors of all faiths, the Cathedral is the sixth largest cathedral in the world and possibly the last purely Gothic building to be constructed. The Cathedral towers above the city from its 57-acre site high on Mt. St. Alban. Reboard bus for Union Station for free time and lunch on your own or shopping. Following lunch, continue on a driving tour of Georgetown and Embassy Row. Drive by Georgetown's most famous address, which is Wisconsin and M. It is old guard and a'vant-garde, with many restored feudal and federal homes. Embassy Row reflects the international flavor of the nation's capital. Graceful mansions and modern buildings fly the colors of many countries and distinctive seals emblazoned with national symbols. These homes house 150 international embassies and chancelleries.

10:15am board bus, 4:15pm back at hotel
\$30/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own.

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH / GEORGETOWN

Sunday, July 28

Board bus for the 11:30am service at Annunciation Catholic Church. Following the service, reboard bus to tour the Washington National Cathedral and continue the day as is described above.

11:00am board bus, 5:00pm back at hotel
\$30/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch on your own. Driver and Guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.

Schedule

KWVA Reunion July 24-29, 2002
Doubletree Hotel, Arlington, VA

Wednesday, July 24

9:00am— Hospitality Room open throughout the reunion
 1:00pm–5:00pm Reunion Registration open
 5:30pm –9:00pm U.S. ARMY MILITARY DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON TWILIGHT TATTOO (description on page 12)

Thursday, July 25

8:30am–10:30am Board Meeting
 9:30am–10:30am Reunion Registration open
 11:00am–3:00pm SPIRIT OF WASHINGTON LUNCH CRUISE (description on page 12)
 3:30–5pm Board Meeting reconvenes
 3:00pm–6:00pm Reunion Registration open
 5:30pm–7:00pm Welcome Reception (must be registered and have reunion badge to attend)
 Dinner on your own

Friday, July 26

7:00am–8:30am Breakfast Buffet
 7:30am–8:30am Reunion Registration open
 9:00am - 12:00pm ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (description on page 12)
 1:00pm–3:00pm Ladies Meeting
 1:00pm–5:00pm Membership Meeting followed by dinner on your own.
 3:30pm–5:30pm Reunion Registration open. Additional hours will be posted at the reunion if necessary.
 5:30pm–6:30pm Banquet table reservation sheets will be collected.
 7:00pm–10:30pm MARINE PARADE (description on page 12)

Saturday, July 27

7:00am–8:30am Breakfast Buffet
 9:00am–2:00pm KOREAN MEMORIAL / UNION STATION (description on page 12)
 5:00pm - 9:30pm CONCERT AT D.A.R. - CONSTITUTION HALL (description on page 12)

Sunday, July 28

7:00am–8:30am Breakfast Buffet
 10:15am–4:15pm NATIONAL CATHEDRAL SERVICE/ GEORGETOWN (description on page 12)
 10:45am–4:45pm ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICE/ GEORGETOWN (description on page 12)
 6:00pm –7:00pm Cocktail Reception
 7:00pm– Banquet

Monday, July 29

Farewells & Departures

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 Business card size\$ 10.00
 List a Name\$ 5.00

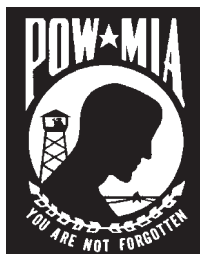
The program book will help sponsor the reunion.

Send Checks to: **KWVA Headquarters, 4120 Industrial Lane,
 Beavercreek, Ohio 45430**

**Korean War Veterans
 Association Website:
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.



Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update

KOREAN WAR/COLD WAR
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OFFICE OF THE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
2400 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2400

01 Feb. 2002

Mr. Harley J. Coon
President
Korean War Veterans Association
4120 Industrial Ln
Beavercreek, OH 45430

Dear Mr. Coon:

Representatives of my office and I met with a team from North Korea in Bangkok January 23 - 26, 2002 to negotiate the terms and conditions for U.S.-North Korea joint recovery operations in North Korea during calendar year 2002. My goal was to, "create a mutually acceptable framework that maximizes our opportunity to safely and successfully resolve the fates of Americans still missing in Korea."

Although we were able to agree on many of our objectives, most importantly new enhanced procedures for ensuring the safety and security of our personnel, we were unable to reach an agreement on compensation. The atmosphere was often tense; for example, when the North Korean delegation was not boycotting scheduled proceedings, they were pressing for apologies and renouncement of Administration positions regarding issues impacting U.S. -North Korean relations. However, I made it clear to the North Korean delegation that it is the strong desire of the Administration that we try to improve relations and continue and expand our recovery efforts in North Korea. I am optimistic that we will meet again in the near future, but we will meet only when I am convinced the North Koreans will come prepared to negotiate in good faith.

We pressed five priority issues throughout the negotiations: enhance the safety and security of personnel participating in recovery operations; increase the flexibility, duration, frequency and coverage of recovery operations (including expanding operations into the eastern and western parts of the Chosin Reservoir and at least one former POW camp); enhance the scientific integrity of excavation sites (i. e., elimi-

nate site tampering); increase access to, and enhance the quality of information important to U.S. accounting and identification efforts; and improve procedures for repatriating remains. I also pushed the North Koreans for a mechanism to resolve live sighting incidents, to support visits by American veterans and family groups, and to recognize that we expect American women to fully participate in our operations.

In the end, the North Korean delegation confirmed my suspicions that they were not seriously negotiating when they proposed that we compensate them with \$14 million for 2002 operations-an amount greater than three times as much as the U.S. paid for comparable recovery operations last year. Acceding to North Korea's demands would have dishonored the sacrifice of those American heroes whose remains we seek.

We will continue our efforts to achieve the fullest possible accounting for Americans still missing as a result of the Korean War. I am confident that markers we laid down during the meetings in Bangkok will lead to success in future negotiations, under terms and conditions worthy of America's strength and values.

I appreciate the support the Korean War Veterans Association has given the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office. More importantly, I appreciate your advocacy for the soldiers sailors, airmen, and Marines who are still unaccounted for. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

/S/ Jerry D. Jennings

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

(POW/Missing Personnel Affairs)

cc: Korean War Veterans Association
(POW/MIA Co-chairmen)

(Meeting on Feb 14, 2002 was attended by KWVA POW/MIA Co-chairmen Vincent Krepps. Below is the agenda. At the present time there is nothing major to report. The talks with North Korea are ongoing. So far 2002 Joint Recovery is not resolved thus no schedule recovery dates have been made.)

Agenda

Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office
Thursday, 14 February 2002 - 1030-1200
Hours

- Greetings by Jerry D. Jennings Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (POW/Missing Personnel Affairs)
- Mr. Mel Richmond - Discussion of Negotiations with the North Koreans
- Mr. Jerry D. Jennings - Open Discussion
- Adjourn 1200

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.

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MAMA-SAN FROM HELL

By Robert Harper

During the first week of August 1950 the stage was set for one of the decisive battles of the Korean War. General Walton H. Walker had withdrawn his U.N. troops to the Pusan Perimeter and told them: "There will be no more retreating, withdrawal, or readjustment of lines... We must fight until the end." The North Korean commander, Marshal Choe Yong Gun, was prepared to do everything he could to hasten that day and ensure that end. For several years the marshal had served with the Chinese Communist 8th Route Army; he decided to employ their human-wave tactics to overwhelm and annihilate his enemy. Marshal Choe's plan was to coil around the entire length of Walker's defense line then attack simultaneously all along the front. By the end of August the marshal had concentrated 98,000 troops and more than 100 tanks for the assault. Just after nightfall on 31 August, he struck. Twenty-nine thousand North Korean troops came dogtrotting toward the 2nd Infantry Division.

By dawn on 1 September the enemy forces had broken through our left flank, cutting overland communications between the 2nd Division and the 1st Marine Division. By 0600 we had been ordered to find out how far the North Koreans had penetrated and in what strength. Captain James R. Dew, commanding C Company, 72nd Tank Battalion, was not known for issuing lengthy, elaborate orders. He told me: "Take your 2nd platoon and go south until you are stopped by enemy fire or you reach elements of the 1st Marine Division." But he did add that the tank battalion operations officer was inquiring about infantry troops available to accompany us on the mission.

While we were waiting for the operations officer to find some infantrymen, a message came through that an enemy tank attack was imminent. At first light, a 2nd Division artillery observer had taken off in a small plane to search for targets. He reported he could clearly see four T-34 tanks and some North Korean troops on the road advancing toward us from the north. The observer said the enemy was six miles north of 2nd Division Artillery Fire

Direction Center. I knew where that was. I was with the company commander when he received the message by radio. Captain Dew turned to me and said: "Go up and stop them."

As we raced north, we passed the 2nd Division FDC; just across the road a 105-mm battery was firing a mission toward the Nakdong River area. I was searching for firing positions far enough north to protect the personnel at FDC so they could continue supporting 2nd Division operations, and would not be endangered during the battle. Now we were moving at about 35 miles an hour. On the run, we had to spot firing positions for 5 tanks. We rounded a curve, and there they were just off the road. Without stopping, we climbed a hill and occupied a level piece of ground in an apple orchard. The men maneuvered the tanks under the apple trees for concealment. We could see the surface of the road for at least a mile north. We had no infantrymen; such long-range fields of fire would permit us to inflict maximum casualties as the enemy task

I asked the soldier what she was saying. He replied "Kara" means "Get to hell out of here." He explained that we were in her apple orchard and she demanded that we leave.

force advanced toward our position.

I kept looking north to spot a dust cloud or any evidence of enemy activity. Then I saw a frail old woman leave a mud hut at the bottom of the hill. Crippled by age, she carried a cane to help her shuffle along the pathway, stopping to rest after just a few steps. Slowly, she began to climb the hill toward us. I was surprised to see any civilians remaining. At least a week earlier the South Korean authorities had evacuated the inhabitants for their own protection. When the Koreans were forced to leave an area they normally helped the elderly and infirm. If no other transportation was available, the villagers banded together and carried out the disabled piggyback. I was puzzled by

See **MAMA-SAN** on page 51

Book Review



**In The Shadow Of
Glory**

By R. B. Campbell

The War

The Marine defenders estimated that they were facing at least a company of Chinese troops: well over 100 men. Being notoriously poor grenade throwers, the Chinese wouldn't use them until they were almost on top of the Marines. At the speed they were racing up the small hill, this wouldn't be long. The heavy Marine firepower slowed the enemy down but didn't stop him. They were almost to the trench and began lobbing their grenades at the leathernecks.

Under the glare from the illumination shells, the night was bright as day. It was an eerie light, fitting the nightmarish battle taking place on the small hill. Gaiser joined Bryson at the firing aperture within seconds of the sappers' explosions. He hadn't even taken time to pull on his boon-dockers. The Chinese were so thick he didn't have to aim his M-1; it was almost impossible not to hit one. He fired as fast as he could squeeze the trigger.

"Get some grenades ready!" Bryson yelled over the din of the battle. He could make out the distinctive sound of the squad's three BARs as they tore into the charging enemy soldiers. Bet Hosey's in hog heaven now, he thought. The light machine gun in the bunker behind him chattered away steadily, spraying the forward slope with its deadly stream of lead. A Chinese grenade exploded in front of Bryson's bunker, sending a spray of dirt and steel splinters through the firing aperture. A small piece sliced across his cheek; it stung but didn't hurt him badly. "Throw grenades!" he yelled, then grabbed one from the ledge beneath the aperture, pulled the pin and lobbed it out the opening. He ducked and when the grenade exploded, popped up and threw another one. When that one detonated, Bryson went back to firing his M-1.

Gaiser jumped out of the bunker into the trench with an armload of grenades, which he dropped at his feet. He began

Please turn to **BOOKS** on page 52

Korea, The Forgotten War..... remembered

Missouri Remembers



Above, O'Fallon, Missouri War Memorial. Several local Veteran Assns took part in the dedication including the KWVA. Part of the memorial is 70 pairs of Bronze Combat Boots (right) representing local KIA's and the near one for a MIA.



(Thank you Curtis J. Farley for photos and letter. Not sure what war this memorial is for but it sure is beautiful and unique.)



On Nov. 17, KWVA chapters participated in a dedication and unveiling of our most recent addition, two polished black granite monuments. Those shown in photo above are



members of MO Chapter #1 St Louis, MO Chapter #3 Antonio, MO Chapter #4 Florissant and MO Chapter #6 St Charles. The gentleman at the far right of the photo is Renovation Chairman, Paul S Phillips. Paul is past Commander of MO Chapter # 1 and the Dept of Missouri. The funding for the two monuments was made possible by Rose of Sharon fund raising programs conducted by Chapters named.

(Thank you Don Gutmann for photo and letter. Great additions to super memorial.)

Colorado Remembers



Chapter members form an honor guard in front of their memorial following a wreath laying ceremony on a Memorial Day.



Chapter members and officers added benches to their memorial in Memorial Park.



The Dutch Nelsen Chapter, KWVA, Colorado Springs, Co., established a monument "To Honor Those Who Fought In The Korean War" in 1996. In 2001 they added two benches to complement their memorial stone. One bench reads "America's Forgotten War" The other bench reads "Freedom Is Not Free." The memori-

al and benches may be seen in Memorial Park, 300 So. Union Blvd. Colorado Springs Co. When the money was being raised to establish this memorial, a former Korean houseboy, and now a successful businessman in Korea contributed \$5,000. Ceremonies are held at the Memorial several times each year.

(Thank you Scott L. Defebaugh for photos and letter. We know all of you must be proud of the memorial. So much that you keep adding to it which is great. We owe much to South Koreans and our Korean Americans for what they do to remember us. I believe the houseboy now businessman in Korea is Mr. Baik whom I met in Korea in December 1998 and toured his hat factory. I did a little article on him in photos in a past issue and plan to do a whole lot more, including some of his story.)

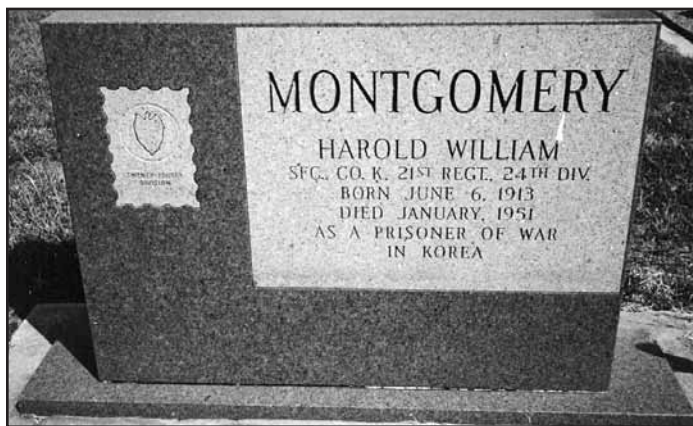
Ohio Remembers

Photo of our Korean Memorial located in front of Knox County Memorial building in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

(Thank you Gene Porter for photo and letter. Many thanks from all Korean War Veterans for remembering your local heroes. A super memorial for 6 heroes.)



Kansas Remembers



Tombstone of SFC. Harold Montgomery, Co. K, 21st REGT., 24th Inf. Div. in Chanute, Kansas.

Harold Montgomery, Co. K, 21st REGT., 24th Inf. Div., died as a POW in Korea, 3 Jan. 1951, his body has never been found or returned. His name appears on Johnson's List as being from Madera, CA. This is where his wife (now deceased) and his daughter lived upon their return from Japan. His daughter Sandy Ditto of Highland, CA, says that the family was told that her

father gave up his food rations to younger prisoners and as a result he starved to death and that her mother had the Tombstone placed in the Chanute cemetery where Harold and other members of his family had lived so that he would never be forgotten. My parents are buried about 100 yards from this tombstone and I noticed it when visiting the cemetery. It touched me and I needed to share this loving action on behalf of his family. This is indeed one way "The Forgotten War" will be remembered. Scott L. Defebaugh President Dutch Nelsen Chapter, Colorado Springs CO.

(Thank you Scott for photo and note. Now we can all remember Harold Montgomery.)

Florida Remembers

We had a major road within the Radice Park (see Jan-Feb issue) designated as a "Korean War Memorial Drive. Our Past Commander James Smith, a Korean veteran who served with the 7th Inf. Regt. of the 3rd Inf. Division, made the temporary street sign.

(Thank you Henry Binder for photo and letter. A super sign.)



Jim Smith erects temporary sign which will remain in place until the County's 911 Office erects the permanent sign.

South Carolina Remembers

This Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway sign is on Highway 421 in Aiken County, SC. and was placed at the request of the Sgt. Harold F. Adkison Chapter #255, KWVA. Shown at sign is the chapter's oldest member, Associate Helen I. May, age 90, whose brother SFC Homer I. May who is MIA in North-Korea. The Associate group has taken Sgt. Mays name to honor him. Mays was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. (Posthumously)

(Thank you Judith Knight for photo and letter. Great sign.)



California Remembers



Kern County Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway sign. There are sixty in our chapter but the ones in the picture are from left to right are, Harvey Ginn 2nd Div, Gene Swanson LSD-26 Navy, James Ledbetter 7th Div, Isaac Ornelas POW and Neal Vance 29th Regt., 27th Regt., 25th Inf. Div.



At right, Ceremony Cake; letters and trim in road sign green color.

We have three phases that we are going to do and we got this one done in nine months with the help of 30th Assembly District Dean Florez. The signs are six by thirteen feet. The next is to put in an all Kern Veterans Memorial Park at 2.5 million dollars and our third phase will be to put in the memorial for the fifty five that were KIA from Kern Co.

(Thank you Neal Vance for photos and letter. Super looking sign and I wish you much success with the others. Great project.)

Ohio Remembers



Korean Veterans with highway sign at 50th Anniversary Reunion held in the Dave Barber Civic Center in Newcomersville, OH.

Newcomerstown, OH had a 50th Anniversary Reunion to remember all Korean Veterans. Included in the day's activities was the dedication of Route 36 in Tuscarawas County from the Coshocton County line east to Interstate 77, as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway.



KWVA member John A. Gunn, standing beside sign on Route 36 in Tuscarawas County near Newcomerstown. John was responsible for getting the highway renamed

(Thank you John Gunn for photos and letter. I have received photos of so many signs that I was not sure if I had printed this one in a past issue. Now that we are a few issues down the road, I thought I would clean out my backlog of signs again. Thanks to all for sending them in and I am sorry it has taken so long to print many of them. KWVA and all veterans are proud of the states and their veterans for their effort.)

Virginia Remembers



ABOVE: Ceremony at Ft. Lee, VA. showing I 295 Richmond, VA Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway sign.

BELOW: Veterans, families, local government and active duty personnel at sign dedication ceremony. Col. Robert H. Kies was the main speaker.

(Thank you James A. Adkins for photos and letter. Again I may have printed some of this ceremony or the sign in a past issue. I even have more photos from this event but because of room and so many state signs I will print only those shown. I hope to hear from some of our other states with road signs not printed in The Graybeards. This is the best way to tell and remind America.)

Opening Ceremonies:

January 14, 2002

Presentation of Colors by State of Nevada National Honor Guard.

Pledge by: J. Lake.

National Anthem (on tape) by Sandi Patti.
Invocation by Chaplain Irvin Sharp.

Roll Call:

Present: Pres. Coon, 2nd Vice President Dorothy Schilling. (filled the position of Secretary in the absent Secretary Howard W. Camp).

Directors: Bob Morga, Donald Byers, Jack Edwards, Ken Cook, Joe Pirrello, Larry McKinniss, Dick Adams, James Jones Jr., Ted Trousdale, Jerry Lake.

Absence: 1st Vice President Ed Magill, and Director George Bingham (excused absent.)

Motion by J. Edwards, 2nd by L. McKinniss to seat Michael Mahoney **to fill vacancy left by the death of Director John Settle**. Discussion: Dick Adams nominated Sam Naomi, however Sam was not present. **Motion passed.** Voting Yes: Schilling, Byers, Edwards, Cook, Pirrello, McKinniss, Jones. Voting: No: Adams, Trousdale Abstain Lake, Morga. 7 yes, 2 no, 2 abs.

Motion to allow Michael Mahoney to continue in his role as VAVS National Chairman along with being a National Director by D. Adams, 2nd by J. Edwards. **Motion passed.** 11 yes.

President Coon gave the Oath of Office to Michael Mahoney and Mike took the Directors seat.

Motion to accept minutes of July 28th 2001 Executive Council meeting held at Arlington VA. by D. Byers, 2nd by Jerry Lake. **Motion passed.** 12 yes.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report presented by Treasurer Tom Gregory by J. Lake, 2nd by L. McKinniss. **Motion passed.** 12 yes.

The Honorable Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi, spoke on the need to expedite veterans claims and health care and other veteran affairs.

Motion to change amount for each meeting from \$400 to \$600, this is to help defray the cost of attending meeting by the board member. Motion by L. McKinniss, 2nd by Morga. **Motion passed.** 8 yes, 3 nays, 1 abs. Voting Yes Morga, Byers, McKinniss, Mahoney, Jones, Trousdale, Lake, Schilling. Voting No Edwards, Cook, Adams, Abstain Pirrello.

Motion by D. Adams, 2nd by J. Edwards to give a \$10,000 donation to the U.S. Korean 2000 Foundation Inc. **Motion passed.** 12 All Yes.

Motion by D Adams, 2nd by D. Byers not

to increase the amount of \$5400 to \$10,000 for the MACK fund. (Mission to Amerasian children of Korea.) **Motion passed.** Voting yes Morga, Byers, McKinniss, Adams, Mahoney, Trousdale, Lake, Jones. Voting No Schilling. Edwards, Pirrello, Ken Cook Abstained 8 yes, 3 nays, 1 abs.

Motion by J. Lake, 2nd by L. McKinniss not to give funds for the purchasing a computer for the Korean War museum at Tuscola IL. Discussion: KWVA has not received any financial reports from KWVM & L. **Motion passed.** 11 Yes, 1 Abstained, Ken Cook.

Motion by L. McKinniss, 2nd by J. Jones to accept reunion report of July 2001 as presented by Joe Pirrello. **Motion passed.** 12 yes.

11:45 Lunch Break recess till 1:00 pm
1:00 pm meeting reconvened

Col. Woodier and Major Michael Jackson from the DPMO POW/MIA Secretary of the Department of Defense office gave an up date on POW/MIA remains recovery.

Motion by J. Lake 2nd by D. Adams to seat Warren Wiedhahn to finish the term of George Bingham (Because of Illness). This term expires on July 26, 2002. **Motion passed.** 12 Yes.

President Coon gave the Oath of Office to Warren Weidhahn, Warren then took the director seat

By-Laws Chairman James Jones, Jr. Confirmed that the Change to eliminate term limits was done in proper manner, in accordance with by-laws. Article VII, Section 2.

Motion to follow by-laws committee recommendation not to change the title of Judge Advocate to Judge Advocate General. Motion by M. Mahoney, 2nd by K. Cook. **Motion passed.** 13 Yes

9:15 am January 15, 2002

Col. Jeffrey Douglass USMC representing the Department of Defense 50th Korean War Commemoration Committee.

RESOLUTIONS - Ted Trousdale

Motion by D. Schilling, 2nd by K. Cook to reject the resolution calling for the four defendants named in the Oreste Tramonte law suit to step down. **Motion passed.** 8 yes, 1 nays, 4 abs. Voting Yes Schilling, Byers, Edwards, Cook, McKinniss, Mahoney, Lake, Weidhahn. Voting No Trousdale. Abstain Pirrello, Jones, Morga, and Adams.

Motion by J. Lake, 2nd by M. Mahoney to add by-laws committee as a permanent addition to the standing committee grouping. **Motion passed.** 1 abs. Morga. 12 yes, 1 abs.

Motion by L. McKinniss, 2nd by J. Jones to reject the resolution calling for the returning of 40% of the membership dues to the Departments of the Florida and

other states. **Motion passed.** 10 yes. 1 nay, 2 abs.

Motion by K. Cook, 2nd by D. Byers to reject the resolution to reseal C. J. Rittenhouse on the board of directors. **Motion passed.** 10 yes, 2 nays, 1 abs.

Motion by D. Byers, 2nd by K. Cook to reject the Long Island Chapter resolution calling for to reduce the yearly dues to \$15.00. It has to be written in proper form. **Motion passed.** 11 yes, 2 abs.

Motion by L. McKinniss, 2nd by J. Lake to reject the letters by director Trousdale that contained resolutions. These should not be heard until written in proper form. **Motion passed.** 13 yes.

Motion to give President Harley Coon a vote of approval for a job well done. Submitted by Texas Loan Star Chapter Motion by J. Edwards, 2nd by J. Jones. **Motion Passed.** Vote yes Adams, Jones, Mahoney, Lake, Schilling, Morga, Edwards, Cook, Pirrello, Byers, McKinniss, Weidhahn, 1 abs. Trousdale. 12 yes, 1 abs.

Suggestion was made to put a sample resolution and what is the proper method of presenting them in *The Graybeards*.

Motion by D. Byers, 2nd by J. Lake to accept by-laws committee recommendation not to change by-laws to Elect Judge Advocate. **Motion passed.** 13 yes.

Motion by L. McKinniss, 2nd by M. Mahoney to table by-law changes recommended by Mike Glazzy. These should be made into three proposals. **Motion passed.** 13 yes.

President Coon asked for a motion to appoint Blair Cross, Donald Byers, and Warren Wiedhahn to investigate if there is a need for a paid director position in Washington D.C.

Motion by J. Lake, 2nd by D. Adams. **Motion passed.** 13 yes.

Motion by L. McKinniss 2nd by J. Lake to give the Korean Ex Prisoners of War the option of paying \$6.00 annually or a one time life payment of \$60.00 for subscription of *The Graybeards*. **Motion passed.** 13 yes.

Motion by L. McKinniss, 2nd by J. Edwards that any requests for copies of the national membership roster must be, in writing and stating purpose and submitted to National Headquarters for Approval. **Motion passed.** 13 yes.

VAVS Chairman Mike Mahoney gave report on VAVS services.

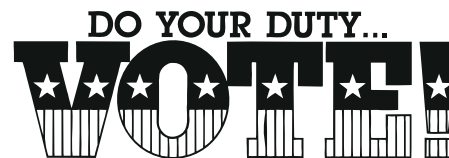
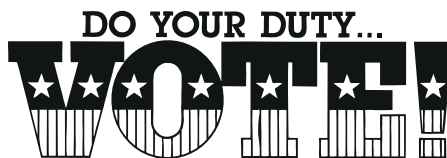
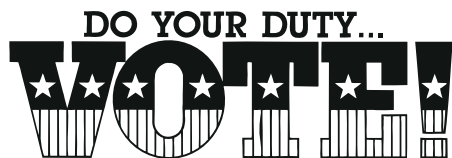
Motion to adjourned by J. Lake, 2nd by M. Mahoney. **Motion passed.** 13 yes.

Time 3:15 pm P.C.T.

Any additions or corrections will be made at the July, 2002 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Howard W. Camp, National Secretary



2002 Election of Officers and Directors

Date: February 23, 2002
To: The KWVA Membership and Nominees.
Subject: Certification of Nominees for the 2002 Election.

The Nominating and Election Committee wish to inform the Membership and Nominees that the following have been Certified to seek the positions available in the 2002 Election.

A majority of the Nominating and Election Committee used the following for approval or rejection:

Approval or rejection of 2002 candidates were based on the current approved by-laws dated July 27, 2001, and notarized on August 15, 2001.

For the Two Year Term 2002 -2004

For President

- ☒ Richard L. Adams *
- ☒ Harley J. Coon *

For 1st Vice President

- ☒ Donald M. Byers *
- ☒ John "Jack" Edwards *
- ☒ P. G. Bob Morga *

For 2nd Vice President

- ☒ Thomas Clawson
- ☒ Kenneth B. Cook *

For the Three Year Term 2002 - 2005

For Director

- ☒ Joseph Calabria
- ☒ John H. "Jack" Delap
- ☒ Jim Ferris
- ☒ Michael J. Glazzy
- ☒ James F. Jones, Jr. *
- ☒ William F. MacSwain
- ☒ Dorothy "Dot" Schilling *
- ☒ Maurice R. Wainwright
- ☒ Warren Wiedhahn *

* Current Officers or Directors

Sincerely,
/s/ Kenneth B. Cook
Election Chairman
1611 North Michigan Ave.
Danville, Illinois 61834-6239
Tel: 217-446-9829

Candidates for President

Richard L. Adams



It is my intent to run for the position of President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. for the year of 2002-2004.

- Date of Birth September 4, 1932.
- 1949-October-1952, Served with U.S. Army.

■ 1950-July-1951-May, Served with 25th Division from February 1950 to May 1951, Korea July 10, 1950 to May 15, 1951. Discharged Sergeant.

■ 1958-1997 Retired as General Manager, Raisin City Co-op Cotton Gin in 1997.

■ 1988-1994 National President-Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. (Life Member).

■ 1988-1991 Director 25th Infantry Division Association (Life Member).

■ VFW Life Member, 2001- VFW Commander Caruthers Post #6745.

■ 2000- Board Member Caruthers Veterans Memorial Committee. Past-President of California Cotton Gin Association. Caruthers Chamber of Commerce. Caruthers High School Boosters Club. Caruthers Community Service District. Director Ranchers Cotton Oil Company. Director California Agricultural Museum. Member California State University, Fresno, Alumni Association. Member National Society of Accountants. Delegate National Cotton Council of America.

I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and I understand that two unexcused absences could be used for removal from Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Adams LR076

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**BALLOT ENCLOSED
IN THIS ISSUE**

Harley J. Coon



I am submitting my name for Re-Election as National President

Term starting July 27, 2002 ending July 26, 2004

My record speaks for itself. Three years ago when I took office the KWVA was in poor financial condition..

Since then I have formed a finance committee and have had controlled spending. The KWVA now has more money than ever, over \$600,000 in the savings and checking and all bills have been paid. The membership had fallen off to about 13,000. Today our membership is over 17,000 members and growing at a rate of approximately 100 new members per month. Our Chapters have increased 67 new Chapters for a total of 220 Chapters plus. Continue The Graybeards as one of the best veterans magazine printed. I would like to continue to lead the KWVA in a positive direction. If I am re-

elected as President I will Promise the membership (3) three things.

1. Keep a close monitor of the KWVA funds. This is your money and should be protected.
2. I will work to keep The Graybeards the best veterans magazine.
3. I will work for the benefit of the Korean War Veterans.

Served in the following Veterans Organizations. National President Korean War Veterans Association. Past State President and founder: Department of Ohio, KWVA. National Director: KWVA, Inc. Two terms National POW/MIA Chairman: KWVA. National Director: Korean War EX- Prisoner of War Association, Inc. Past President: National Korean War EX-Prisoner of War Association, Inc. National Jr. Vice Commander American Ex-POW'S two terms. Elected two terms as National Director: American EX-Prisoners of War Association, Inc. Past President: Greene County Veterans Service Commission, currently serving 2nd term on commission

Military Awards: Purple Heart, Prisoner of War medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal w/2 silver battle stars, 2 Presidential Unit citations, Good conduct Medal, UN Service medal, and others.

Held prisoner of war for 33 months 4 days in Korea. 11/27/50-08/31/53 Inducted in The Ohio State Veterans Hall of Fame on November 1, 1994.

I understand that 2 unexcused absences could be used for removal from office.

Respectfully submitted,
Harley J. Coon P00003

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Candidates for 1st Vice President

Donald M. Byers



This is to announce my candidacy for the position of 1st Vice President, KWVA. I believe my education and experience listed below qualifies me for this position. If elected, I promise to do my best to uphold the By-laws of our Association and

consider all suggestions and recommendations of our membership.

I began my military career by enlisting as a Private in the California National Guard at the age of 16. I retired from the Regular Army at the age of 60 as a Lieutenant Colonel on 1 July 1992, after completing 44 years of active military service. At the time of my retirement I was the last Korean War veteran to retire from active duty. Enlisting in the Regular Army in May, 1950, and after completing basic training, I was shipped to Korea in September, 1950,

where I served as an Ammo Bearer in a Machine Gun Platoon, Co. D, 23rd Inf. Regt., 2nd Inf. Div. I received the CIB, Bronze Star medal with "V" device and the Purple Heart. I served a total of 5 years as an enlisted soldier rising from Private to Battalion Sergeant Major before I was 21 years old. After serving 9 years as a Warrant Officer (WOJG and CWO), I was granted a direct commission as a 1st Lieutenant, Army Reserve. I volunteered for active duty as a Captain in 1967, promoted to Major one year later, and served one year in Vietnam from April 1969 to April 1970 as Adjutant General, U.S. Army Support Command, Danang, where I received a second Bronze Star Medal. My later assignments included 2 years at Ft. Monroe, VA; 5 years in the Pentagon in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; 5 years in Heidelberg, Germany; 5 years with Army Personnel Center, Alexandria, VA; 4 years back in Korea with my old 2nd Inf. Div.; and 1 year in my final assignment - U.S. Army Operational Test & Evaluation Command, Alexandria, VA. Among my other awards are the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and the OSD identification badge.

I received a BS degree in Administrative Management, Cal. State Univ. at Northridge, and an MBA degree in Finance & Accounting (with a minor in Computer Sciences), University of Southern California. I am a graduate of the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

I served one year as Commander VFW Post 9985, 2 years as Vice President and 2 years as President 2nd Inf. Div. Assn., and 3 years on the Board of Directors of KWVA. I am currently serving a second 3 year term on the KWVA Board of Directors.

I am married with 4 children and 5 grandchildren, and reside in Woodbridge, Virginia with my wife, Joyce.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald M. Byers LM03658

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John "Jack" Edwards



Please accept this notification as my candidacy for the office of 1st Vice President of the KWVA.

Education; St. Paul's High School, Binghamton, N.Y., F.A.A. Aeronautical Center, John Jay College, N.Y. (Associate Degree), N.Y.S. Police

Training Academy, F.B.I. Training Academy, N.Y.S. Institute for Law Enforcement Managers, US Dept. of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration.

Served with USAF from Sept. 1949 until Nov. 1957. From Dec. 1951 to Dec. 1952 served in Korea with the 5th AF as communications Sgt., attached to 452nd Bomb Wg. L., assigned to 1993 ARCS Sqdn., attached to MAG 33 of 1st Marine Air Wg. After Korea entered USAF Reserve (Active) until resuming full active duty from 1954 until 1957.

Employed with FAA.; IBM; Link Aviation Space Program; GE HELICOPTER Program; Bendix Radio Tech. Rep. w/USAF; N.Y.S. Law Enforcement Agency retiring as Chief Officer.

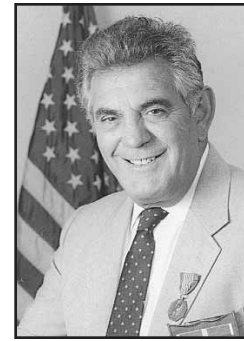
Life Member of: American Legion, VFW, AFSA, KWVA, AACs Alumni Assoc., DAV, 1st Mar. Div. Assn., Mosquito Assn., Amvets, KWVA National Director 1997/2000-2001 to present. AFSA Past 1st VP Div. 5, Past President KWVA Dept. of Florida, KWVA, Sunshine State Chapter Founder and President.

My wife Jean and I celebrated our 48th wedding Anniversary in Jan., we have 7 children & 12 grandchildren. Communications being my specialty, I would endeavor to represent the KWVA membership as a whole nationwide and not only in a specific geographical area, my many years of experience in this field will be a most valuable asset in accomplishing this, working together with my fellow elected KWVA officers. I would hope to give each and every issue thorough consideration before making a decision, taking, whenever necessary, advice from fellow members. I will attend called Executive Council meetings, which I have attended since July 1995, acknowledging that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office.

Respectfully submitted,
John "Jack" Edwards LR08658

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P. G. Bob Morga



I submit my resume for the position of 1st Vice President of the KWVA for the term 2002-2004. I have been a National Director since 1995.

I have been a community leader in the County Of Suffolk, NY for the last forty years. I

was introduced to community service in 1941 when I became a boy scout. When I was 18 years old I began a career as a professional boxer. My career ended when I was drafted into the army.

I had 14 weeks of Infantry at Indiantown Gap, Pa. and was sent to Korea where I was assigned to the 772nd MP Bn. I was awarded the Soldiers Medal for Valor on June 29th 1952, I also have the N.Y. State Conspicuous Service Cross, The Military Merit Badge and the Japanese Occupation Medal.

I am one of the founders of the Central Long

Island Chapter, also have been President for the last 12 years. I am a past President of the New York State Dept. I am a life member of the VFW and the International Narcotic Officers Association.

If I am elected I will attend all meetings of the Executive Council. I will want the National Organization to help Chapters and State Depts, financially, when they put on a big event, limited to promoting the Korean War Veteran. Help find closure for the families of MIA and POW's that did not return. I will have every elected National Officer, and every Chapter and Dept. Pres. sent a monthly bank statement on request. I approve of, and will help make the Korean War Veterans Museum & Library a reality. I will keep on working hard to put the Korean War in it's proper place in history.

My office is open seven days a week. My phone # is (631)472-0052.

Fraternally Yours,
P.G. Bob Morga

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Candidates for 2nd Vice President

Thomas Clawson



As indicated in the "Call for Election" I am announcing my candidacy for 2nd Vice President of KWVA for 2002-2004. I served in Korea, "B" Co. and Hdq. & Hdq. Co. 5th Cavalry Regt., 1st Cav. Div. 1951-1953. Received the C o m b a t

Infantryman Badge, Korean Service Medal with three bronze stars, United Nations Medal, Army Occupational and National Defense.

My abbreviated personal profile stating qualifications for office of 2nd V.P. follows; Graduated from University of Minnesota, served as Superintendent Municipal Parks and Recreation, retired from the State of Minnesota, Administered programs in the Dept. of Natural Resources & Trade & Economic Development.

KWVA and Veteran involvement includes, Life Member KWVA (#6090) and MN Korean War Veterans #1 (served as Past President 1991-1993) & member of American Legion & VFW. Served as KWVA First Vice President four years (1994-1998) and as KWVA Director three years (1999-2001)

Through out these seven years, served on many committees, served on our KWVA Reunions, participated totally in the support of the National Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. and it's dedication July 27, 1995. Those who attended the KWVA Reunion understand the Herculean tasks that promoted one of the best reunions. In representing KWVA-USA at the 5th General Assembly of

Korean War Veterans and Executive Board meetings in Seoul, Korea, these meetings were reported in "The Graybeards". On July 27, 1998 I was honored by the South Korean Veterans Association by receiving their Medal as "An Honorary Membership" (V-98-2) of the Association. Hard work, a positive attitude, was the results achieved which formed my goals for the interest of KWVA.

To achieve continued cooperation within the KWVA will require a team approach. Thus I strongly support State Chapters & Departments which perpetuate reasonable goals and abide by the KWVA By-Laws. A need is evident to retain a professional "Parliamentarian" to be at all the Associations Executive Committee & General Membership meetings to provide proper reasoning.

We must work toward Harmony and continue the spirit of comradeship within KWVA..

I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council & I understand that two unexcused absences could be for removal from office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Clawson LR06090

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Kenneth B. Cook



It is my intent to run for the position of 2nd Vice President of the KWVA Inc. for the year 2002-2004.

I was born in Danville, Illinois, on January 13, 1930. My wife Katherine is now deceased, we were married for 42 years. I have 4 chil-

dren, 5 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild on the way. I am a retired over-the-road truck driver.

I was drafted into the Army on August 15, 1951. I took my basic training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Aberdeen, Maryland. I attended the C.B.R. (chemical, biological, and radiology) Warfare School in Japan. I arrived in Korea on May 1, 1952, and was assigned to the 195th Depot Ordinance Company, 74th Ordinance Battalion, and 8th Army Main Depot, in Ascomcity, Korea. I departed Korea on June 1, 1953 and was discharged on July 9, 1953.

I am a life member of the KWVA, membership #LR1764, since 1988.

I am currently President of the Illinois

KWVA State Department and serve the KWVA as National Director 2000-2002. I have previously held the office of 2nd Vice President 1998-2000 and National Director 1993-1998. I was President of the Robert Wurtsbaugh KWVA Chapter in Danville, Illinois, for 8 years.

I am a Director of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library in Tuscola, Illinois and a Director of the Amerasian Children's Orphanage (MACK) in Chicago, Illinois.

Listening to the members, reading and understanding the by-laws and a little common sense will solve most of our problems. E-mail and letter writing only cause confusion and gossip.

I understand the current by-laws of the KWVA Inc. and that I must attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and that two unexcused absences could be used for my removal from said office.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth B. Cook LR01764

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Candidates for Directors

Joseph Calabria



I, Joseph Calabria do hereby notify of my intentions to be a candidate for the office of National Director of the K.W.V.A. for the years 2002-2005.

I have served as President of the Kivlehan Chapter #66 of the K.W.V.A. for the last five

years and President of the Department of New York for the year 1999. I have been a life member of the KWVA since 1990, a life member of the VFW since 1980 and I am pass County Commander. I am also a life member of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans. I believe my past veterans organization experiences will qualify me for the office I seek and I believe can be an asset to the organization. Also, I wish to promote unity and solidarity within our organization.

I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and I understand that two unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Calabria LR05802

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.

May-June, 2002 May 10
Jul-Aug, 2002 July 12

Sep-Oct, 2002 Sep 12
Nov-Dec, 2002 Nov 8

John H. "Jack" DeLap



It is my intent to run for the position of Director, with a three year term from July 27, 2002 to July 27, 2005.

I am the charter Commander of the Kansas Chapter #1 and have been re-elected for another two year term. I served as Administrative Officer for the City of Kansas City, Kansas from 1971- 1975, that position today is called the City Manager. My degree is in Public Administration and I graduated cum laude from Park College, Parkville, Missouri.

After the City, I was a Real Estate Broker for over twenty-five years. Most of that time I was the owner of the company and also served the Kansas Association of Realtors as a Director and also as First Vice President. I am now retired and looking for something to keep me busy.

I entered Korea just prior to the Chosin Reservoir where I received a Purple Heart. I served in Korea until November 1951. I was in S-1, 3rd Bn., 5th Marines and there served as Administrative Chief. I believe that I could be a true asset to the association and the other veterans of the Korean War.

Respectfully submitted,
John H. "Jack" DeLap LR026597

James E. Ferris



Please consider this letter a confirmation of my intent to participate as a candidate for the office of National Director. I submit the following, to aid you in your determination as to my qualifications to perform the duties of this office.

I am a charter member of the national organization, a charter member of the Central New York Chapter, (a life member of each) I served as a board member in my chapter for four years, I was elected Commander/President of the chapter two consecutive terms. I now hold the position of President of the New York Department, re-elected for three terms. I served with the United States Marine Corps from 1952 thru 1955, and served for 17 years in the New York Guard.

I was employed for 35 years with American Telephone and Telegraph Company, where I held a managerial position. I retired in 1989, as Area Manager. During that time, I was involved in many facets of the organization, including the divestiture of the bell system. I

served on the corporate staff for several years and supervised the operations of my department through out all of New York State and the New England States.

I have been married to my wife Felice for 43 years. We have three daughters and four, soon to be five grandchildren. A family I am very proud of. If elected, I will do my utmost to use my managerial skills to ensure that all tasks presented to me will be dealt with in a fair, unbiased and competent manner. The desires of the membership are the number one consideration behind any of my decisions. I shall be guided only by sound logic and intelligent advice.

With the above in mind, I truly believe I can contribute a great deal to the national organization.

Respectfully submitted,
James E. Ferris LC00436

Michael J. Glazzy



As a candidate for a three-year term as your National Director starting in 2002, I, Michael J. (Mike) Glazzy, present this brief summary of my diverse career to the general membership for consideration. My experience working with budgets, costs of-

doing-business and management, as an employee and employer, will be a valuable asset in working with the Executive Council.

Born and raised in the State of Ohio, voluntarily enlisted June 1948, as a 17 years young high school graduate, in the United States Marine Corps. Schooled at MCRD in electronics and radar, volunteered as a radar technician July 1951 to serve with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Korea at Pohang, rising to the rank of sergeant. After an honorable discharge June 1952, received an electrical engineering degree from Youngstown State University, Ohio, June 1958, using the GI bill.

Employed July 1958, as an aerospace/test engineer, with Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica, California. Because of Air Force contract cutbacks, became employed July 1960 at Lockheed Missiles & Space Corp., Sunnyvale, California, as an aerospace/environmental test engineer, until plant layoffs July 1970. Became an entrepreneur, forming a small business partnership and obtained a State of California license, as a landscape contractor. Developed a medical condition, therefore returned to aerospace engineering in 1984 with United Technologies-Chemical Systems Division in San Jose, California, until retirement in 1992.

As a 1989 charter member of the Santa Clara County Chapter #6 - San Jose and a life member (LR05656) of the National, I've served as

chapter president and eight terms as treasurer. Also, I've served, as Senior Vice Commandant, for the Marine Corps League detachment in Hayward, California, and Finance Officer for the American Legion post in Campbell, California. Have participated in community service programs with Our City Forest tree-plantings throughout the City of San Jose and as a teacher's assistant at a local grammar school.

I will ask the membership to support my desires: to increase membership through chapter formations in the western states, form regional directorates, promote National reunions within these regions, monitor budgets and finances, advocate uncensored reporting in the Graybeards and review twentieth century policies as they will apply in the twenty-first century. Of course, my desires will be your desires, all "for the good of the order."

I will serve the membership in accordance with the National bylaws and honor the requirement to attend all meetings, called in a timely manner, by the Executive Council with the stipulation that two unexcused absences could be grounds for removal from office.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Glazzy LR05656

James F. "Jim" Jones, Jr.



I hereby announce my candidacy for a second term as a Director of the KWVA, to serve the 2002-2005 term.

Prior to my first term as a Director, I helped to organize, in 1997, the Greater Richmond, VA Chapter, Chapter

143. I have continued to serve as chapter president since, during which time I been unable to convince someone else to run for the office. During the same time, I led the fight to persuade the Virginia Governor and the Commonwealth General Assembly to designate, maintain, and erect signs along Interstate 295 in Virginia and to rule that it be permanently called The Korean War Veterans' Memorial Highway. Thanks to the hard work of Chapter 143 that effort was successful.

During my first term as a Director, I served on the Budget/Finance Committee, and I believe, we as a functioning committee, aided in the improvement of control and accountability of the funds of the members. I feel that my experience in accounting and management helped my understanding of the functions of the present Treasurer and the Finance Committee.

I served as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, and endeavored to make decisions and to take actions that I felt best served the organization and the requests of the general

membership. This was during the period following the financial debacle suffered by the organization before an effective Treasurer and Finance Committee was established, and also when necessary changes were needed in the bylaws to protect the association from returning to the grasp of some of those responsible for its past troubles. I make no apologies for my actions or my votes on the Executive Council.

Past Employment:

- Emery Air Freight Corp. Virginia District Manager
- First Dominion Life Insurance Co. - Loan Manager, FLMI, Supv. Policyowner Service
- Secretary-Treasurer- H & H Equipment Co.

Education:

- Accounting Diploma - Kings Business College, Associate Degree - Business Administration - J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College, B.S. - Business Administration - Virginia Commonwealth University and U.S. Army Signal School - Fort Monmouth, NJ.

During the Korean War, I served as Security NCO, Repeaterman, and later as acting Sgt. Mgr. of a high frequency radio relay battalion, under the 8th Army and, for a period, was attached to I Corps. I participated in three campaigns.

I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and I understand that two unexcused absences could be used for removal from offices

Respectfully Submitted,
James F. (Jim) Jones, Jr. LR16683

William F. Mac Swain



I submit this resume according to the KWVA By-Laws for placing my name on the KWVA Ballot as a Candidate for the Office of Board of Directors for the years 2002 -2005.

I am a Life Member of the KWVA and a Charter Member of the General Walton H. Walker Chapter 215 in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. I am currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer of the Chapter.

I served in Company "B" of the 179th Infantry Regiment of the 45th Division as a Master Sergeant in the Weapons Platoon from 1950 - 1952. I received the Combat Infantryman Badge and other Service Medals while in Korea serving in the Chorwon Area from 1951 - 1952.

Following release from the Army in 1952, I attended Oklahoma State University where a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering with an Aeronautical Option was

received. I have worked for General Electric in their Aircraft Gas Turbine Division in Cincinnati, Ohio and then with General Dynamics Aircraft Division in Fort Worth, Texas as a Test Engineer. During my 35 years of service I progressed to the position of Engineering Chief of the Fluid Dynamics Laboratory where I had 28 Engineers under my supervision. I have been active in Management Clubs, Institute of Environmental Sciences, Church, Little League Baseball, Meals on Wheels and many other community projects where I have served as President, Board Member, Committee Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer and other positions. All have been conducted with integrity and completed with success.

I believe I have the experience to work on the Executive Council and with committees, individuals, Chapters, financial situations, and organizational problems. I have found that common sense is often lacking in some officials elected into positions of responsibility and have always tried to solve problems with common sense. I wish now to direct my time in helping the National Korean War Veterans Association to become a more Chapter-oriented Association. One that will invite Chapters to bring their problems and desires to the Executive Council for consideration and expect to receive common sense answers or solutions. We then as an Association will continue to grow, and become an excellent Association, to better serve our fellow Korean War Veterans, Chapters, communities and the nation.

I understand the By-Laws of the Korean War Veterans Association and will work to make sure they are followed and I recognize that I must attend all called meetings of the Executive Council. I also understand that should I miss three consecutive unexcused Executive Council meetings that I will have been considered to have resigned and two unexcused absences could be used for removal of office for just cause.

Sincerely,
William F. Mac Swain LR26546

Dorothy "Dot" Schilling



I hereby submit my name and resume for the office of Director Korean War Veterans Assn. I have served as a director for two, three year terms. This past year the Executive board voted for me to fill the position as 2nd Vice President to

finish Ed Grygier's term. Now that term will be up at the conclusion of the 2002 re-union.

I have been the finance chairman for

National KWVA for the last 32 years. I helped to make sure that KWVA money as a non profit group was used correctly, and that we had safeguards on our accounts so that no, one person would have control of our KWVA money.

I am the President/Treasurer of Wisconsin Korean War Memorial and our books are audited by the Wisconsin Dept. of Veteran Affairs. So you can see I have some knowledge how to keep track of money and especially that it is spent in a legal way and that it conforms to our 501c tax free organization and that we comply with the IRS rules.

I have also been on the National Disabled American Veterans Executive Committee for four years and in one of those years I was elected to the DAV National Finance Committee. I went through all of the chairs in both my chapter and Dept. and became the Dept. Commander for the state of Wisconsin. I belong to many veteran organizations including VFW, Cooties, AmVets, WAC Vets Assn., Am. Legion. and a member of Women in Military Service Org. I belong to the Milwaukee Allied Veterans Council, which includes over 20 veteran organizations. I held the office of President. I was selected Milwaukee County Veteran of the year in 1994.

My military service was in the army from 1950-1952 and had communication training in Camp Gordon, GA. I served most of my tour in Germany in EUCOM communication hqds. I worked for eight years as a DAV VAVS Deputy Representative at Milwaukee VA Hospital, putting in about 10,000 hours. I continue to help veterans in anyway that I can.

I lost quite a few of my classmates from Camp Gordon communications school. I have tried to honor the dead by serving the living. I will always promote the National Korean Memorial and all other memorials for Korean Veterans. I will try to educate and keep the history of the Korean War Veterans alive for future generations, in hopes that we will never have another Korean War.

I will attend all meetings, and vote for the good of KWVA. I want to continue to be a part of the solution. I would appreciate your vote.

Thanks for your consideration.
Dorothy "Dot" Schilling LR07713

Maurice R. "Dick" Wainwright



This letter is to inform the membership of KWVA of my intention to run for the position of National Director for the term of July 27, 2002 ending July 27, 2005.

My qualifications for this position include organizing a KWVA chapter in

Tucson, the Department of Arizona and serving in many positions at the local and state levels.

I was involved in the construction of the Pima County Korean War Memorial in Tucson and in the program that presented the Korean American Cultural Foundation 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Medallion. I was elected a National Director in 1993 in the first election using ballots from the members. I served in that capacity until the term ended in 1996.

For 1994 elections I was appointed Chairmen of the Nominating and Elections Committee. I served in that position and as Co-Chairman for eight years. I was involved in editing the by-laws especially that section that concerned the national elections. The last two elections were flawed by decisions that effected the voting of the membership. As a concerned member I made my views known but to no avail.

If elected, I hope to bring an understanding to the Council that our by-laws must be followed and if amended changed in the proper way. I also want the Council to put a plan into effect that will establish a line of communications with the various departments and chapters in KWVA.

I ask for your support and hope you will tell me your concerns.

Sincerely,
Maurice R "Dick" Wainwright, LR06712

Warren H. Wiedhahn



I herby announce as a candidate for the office of National Director of the KWVA, I am a life member of the association and I served in Korea in 1950 as Private First Class (PFC) at the Pusan Perimeter, Inchon Landing, Liberation of Seoul and the

Chosin Reservoir. A copy of my DD 214 is enclosed indicating that I served honorably for over 33 years in the U.S. Marine Corps.

I was recently elected by the KWVA Executive Council to fill the un-expired position of a Director who unfortunately had to resign for health reasons. His term was to expire at the annual meeting in July 2002.

I currently hold the position of Chairman of the Association Revisit Korea committee and administrator the applications for all KWVA members desiring to take advantage of the KVA (Seoul, Korea) sponsored tours that began in 1975. These subsidized tours are funded by the ROK government to express their gratitude in recognition of all the sacrifices made by the veterans of the countries who participated in the war from 1950 to 1953.

I have been working for Korean War Veterans and their families for the past forty years. As long as my health permits, I will con-

tinue to work for their benefits!

I am proud to be a Korean War Veteran and if elected I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office.

Respectfully submitted
Warren H. Wiedhahn, LR06555

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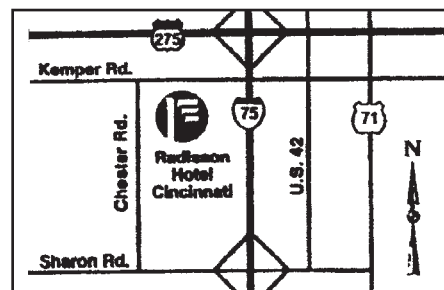
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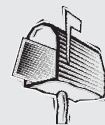
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Letters



A letter from a hero

Dear Mom & Dad

I'm sorry I haven't written its been cold here for about 3 weeks and boy when it rains it rains for about 3 or 4 days at a time. I'm okay except for being froze, that's one reason I haven't written. I couldn't hold the pen and it was hard writing with gloves on. I know its been a long time since I wrote last and I'm sorry for it, I've started quite a few letters but had to stop because I was cold. This is the first winter I've slept on the ground and from the looks of things its going to be quite a long time before I hit the states again. I keep thinking of the warm bed & dry blankets. When it rains back home all I want to do for a week or two is eat & sleep but that comes later I guess. You said "you hope I don't lose anymore weight" Ha I've lost so much now you wouldn't know me now.

I hope you save the important news clippings on this Korea War. "Red Jets" are no good Mom, don't believe those clippings. They aren't all true. I don't know where they get there info at but I read a page or two and I know for a fact that its a lie. Some of it may be true but not all of it. I'm glad you sent me something to eat. I get food there but its not enough you know me. I live like a "hermit" now anyway. There are three of us in the hills as guard and every other day one of us goes after water & food. The other night it hailed and blew our tent down. Yes your letters get through all right. Right now I have four of them in my lap "answering them" Oct 21, Oct 24, Oct 27, Oct 31.

Well, Mom, I still have faith in God and although I can't go to church here in Korea I have the "New Testament Psalms" with me in my shirt pocket and to me it means just about everything. It was given to me by the girl down in Texas. By this time the girl is married now too. It seems like every girl I ever knew or went out with is married now. How is Buster & his wife getting along. I received a letter from Buster. I hope he still writes to me over here. Up there in North Korea there are nothing but mountains and valleys, rocks & dirt. It's getting cloudy again. I guess its going to do something.

Well most persons about my age like to run around a lot see things and so forth. I think in fact I know that when I get back "out of the service" I'll get me a home in VT or some place about the size of our old place and settle down. I've seen all I want to see and done all the running around I want to now. I can't tell you where we are but on the front. I'll explain it to you some day you know what I mean. How is LaLa doing in school now? I hope she still likes it. I haven't time and when I do get time its too cold to write to her. Tell her I sure do appreciate the gum she puts in her letters. What happened to the other two sticks of gum in your letters there was only three Ha Ha Ha.

Thanks. Well that all for now. Take care of yourself & Dad.

May God Bless You And Keep You Always.

With Love

Always Albert

(Note: As mentioned in Albert's letter, Buster is his brother, Charles, (my father). My parents married on July 29, 1950 just two days after Albert left Ft. Lewis, WA for Korea. LaLa, is Albert's sister, Lillian.)

Enlistment date: May 4, 1949, Stations: Ft. Dix, NJ: May 13,

1949 - September 4, 1949, Camp Hood, TX: September 19, 1949 - July 27, 1950, Ft. Lewis, WN: July 28, 1950 - August 5, 1950, All Stations APO 248 after August 6, 1950

(See "Looking For" this issue. Any information you may have on Albert please contact Linda B. Lazaroff, 140 Old Colchester Road, Amston, CT 06231-1322. Phone & Fax: (860) 228-3182, E-Mail: north2vt@snet.net)

Granddaughter looks great in grandfathers old uniform



Donna Weber wearing grandfather Joe Farriella's his dress uniform.

When Donna Weber graduated this past October from Barbizon Modeling School in New Jersey, she needed a Military uniform to model as part of her graduation. Her grandfather, Joe Farriella, gave her his dress uniform he wore fifty years ago when he came home. It fit perfectly and she wore it proudly, causing quite a sensation at the graduation because it was an original uniform.

SFC Farriella served in Korea in 1953 with the 40th Division. He was T.D.Y. to Headquarters Company

where he picked up the Stars and Stripes and the mail in Seoul to bring to the forward 38th parallel Division. When the 40th was ordered home, his remaining time was spent with the 24th Infantry Division at a replacement depot center where he was in charge of supplying electricity to the entire camp ...code name danger 1. He is now retired from his service station business and moved from Brooklyn, NY to 8 Higgins Court, Brick, New Jersey 08724; e-mail is <jollyjoe1@msn.com>. If any of his old buddies are out there, he would be very happy to hear from you.

Does the media want my stories and photos?

My name is Fred E. Proft, and I served with Battery B of the 1st F.A. Obsn Bn (First Field Artillery Observation Battalion) in the Tenth Corp section of Korea from July '51 to April '52. I was assigned to the Flash Platoon and manned OP's (Observation Posts) on Bloody and Heartbreak Ridges and the Punch Bowl area. I was discharged August 30, 1952, having attained the rank of Sergeant First Class.

At the urging of my wife and children I have written about some of my experiences while serving with this unit in Korea. With the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War, I thought maybe the media might want to use some of these narratives in commemoration of "The Forgotten War". In many instances I have photos to go along with the accounts.

The media has my permission and is welcome to use any or all of these write-ups. The only request I have is that my name and city be noted so that any of my Flash Platoon personnel who may read it can contact me. I'd like to have a reunion with this great bunch of guys. Fred E. Proft (ASN US54028960), P.O.Box 603, Leakey, TX 78873, Email: <proft@hctc.net>.

(Send some of your stories and photos to The Graybeards.)

Book Project

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A story of remembering

I was a member of Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Inf. Regt. and the 7th Inf. Div. I was in Korea from March to the middle of December of 1952. The 3rd Battalion made the initial assault in Triangle Hill near Kumhwa in mid-October 1952.

Not long after I arrived back home in St. Paul, Minnesota, in January of 1953, the woman who lived next door to our family gave me a clipping from one of the St. Paul newspapers. This woman and her family lived next door to our family for over 50 years. I do not know at this time if the newspaper was the morning Pioneer Press or the afternoon Dispatch or what the date of publication was. A copy of this clipping is attached.

I do not know what unit Sergeant Whitaker belonged to. After the initial assault on Triangle Hill, our battalion and maybe even the whole regiment was moved westward to the vicinity of White Horse Hill. Sergeant Whitaker died on Triangle Hill on my 23rd birthday. I had spent most of the summer looking point blank at that hill. I knew every wrinkle in the hill that could be seen from my location on the line. Sent in by John Rufford, 2750 N. Dale St. #43 Roseville MN 55113. Tel: 651-481-1009, E-mail <jrufford@cs.com>.

Why They Must Die;

Dear Mrs. Mayfield:

Recently you had a letter in your column from a mother who wrote about her son being killed in Korea. As I recall she said something like this: "The telegram, it finally came. I guess we always knew it would. Our boy is so young, so terribly young to have to die on the frozen ground of Korea." Her letter touched me deeply. We also received such a telegram. But the week before we had received a poem from our boy. It has given us a lot of comfort. Perhaps it may be of comfort to others, too.

Mrs. U. G. W.

WHY

Why am I here,
Why do I fight,
Why do I die,
Why?

Why in the middle of mayhem and strife
Do my thoughts always turn
And the question return,
Why?

Why do I die on a small piece of ground.
A valley low, or a hilltop high.
Why do I take a hill no one wants,
Where nothing grows, no one lives,
And no one even knows where it is?
Why?

Why do I fight to save a small child
Who doesn't understand me or know why I'm here,
Whose eyes only show a horrible fear?
Why am I fighting when my family is safe,
When there is no one fighting my United States?
Why?

In the noise of battle
And through the haze of fear,
The answer has come
Why I am here,
Why?

Because God decreed that all should be free |
That freedom on earth as in Heaven should be,
Freedom of worship, freedom from fear,
Freedom to love all we hold dear.
The right to protect these things I hold dear,
Is the reason WHY I am here.

SFC. Charles E. Whitaker,

Aug 23, 1952

Killed on Triangle Hill, Oct. 24, 1952

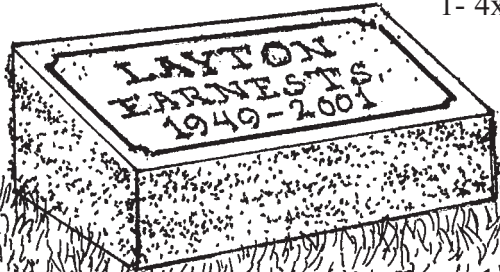
Amphibious Forces were there

I didn't get on board LST 914 until about the second week of December 1950 in Sasebo Japan. I was a seaman in the Gunnery Division. We departed Sasebo and went to the evacuation area at Hung-Nam. On our way there we ran into a storm and the heavy seas caused several cracks to appear in the main upper deck. We picked up our first load of engineering equipment and took them to Pusan.

A funny thing happened on our way to the beach. We had been in Hung-Nam harbor all day, along with many other ships, but we

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were ordered to approach the beach under "darkened ship" conditions. Why? I don't know. The enemy knew we were there. When GQ sounded we went to our battle stations and this is what we saw. A ship fitter was arc welding the cracks on the upper deck. The bow doors were open and the ramp was down and the welders helper was in the tank deck with a floodlight shining upward to illuminate the cracks for the welder to find. Directly in front of us was the hospital Ship Repose with all of it's lights ablaze. We had to go around her. All of our running lights were also on. When we beached we were told that we would be off the beach in a couple of hours. We were there all night. After loading we took our load to Pusan.

We returned to Hung-Nam and loaded 10 Patton tanks, their crews and officers and departed Hung-ham on the 24th of December and headed for Pusan, We had a real happy load of tankers. The next day was Christmas and all hands on board got a wonderful Navy Christmas dinner. After dinner I was relaxing on my bunk when I was called to report to the Bridge. The Gunnery Officer was the OD and I was the movie operator, OD: "The major here, tells me that his men have not seen any movies for about 4 months. Would you be willing to show some movies this afternoon?" Now, how do I answer that question? The OD is my gun boss, and it's Christmas Day. Of course I answered in the affirmative. We had 10 movies on board and before I was through, I showed all of them !!

I have a question for those tank crews. Realizing that this all happened 51 years ago, are there any of those tankers that were on LST 914 on Christmas Day 1950 that enjoyed our Navy hospitality of a great dinner and an afternoon of movies. The ages of these men would be in their 70's or 80's. My service on LST 914 ended in April. 1951 when I was transferred to San Diego to re-commission the U.S.S. Chauncey DD 667. I was only on LST 914 for about 4 months.

If you remember any of this, I would like to hear from you. I'm 73 now and my memory is still in pretty good condition. Contact James R. Doty, 1962 Wineberry Path, Reading, CA 96003-9076. Tel: 530-221-0120

After 48 years, the Purple Heart was awarded

Glenn Grove of Fostoria, Ohio who served in the 3rd Div. 147th Regt, 2nd Battalion, Easy Company has received his Purple



Joel C. Davis (right) and Glen Grov with his Purple Heart.

Heart for wounds he received in June 1953 while climbing a hill in Korea Joel Davis upon hearing that Glenn never received his medal gave him the papers and helped him to receive a most honored medal for injuries received in the line of duty. This was only 48 years in coming. Sent in by Joel C. Davis

Photo file..

91st Military Police Pusan, Korea. 1952-1954

Our job was Military Police in Pusan, Korea. I don't believe any Korean War ex-G.I. has a photo like this. L to R: Korean Air Force Military Police, Korean (Civilian) National Policeman, Korean Marine Military Policeman and a R.O.K.A. Army Military Policeman. It cost me a pack of Camel cigarettes for each policeman to pose for this rare picture!

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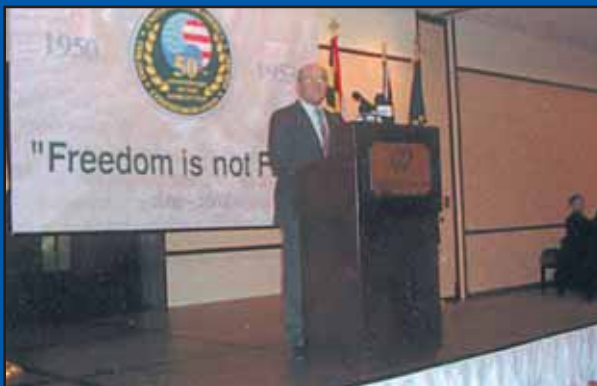
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President Kim, Tae Hwan of N. Virginia Korean Community



MG. Nels Running USAF (Ret.) 50th Commemoration Comm.



Korean War Veteran Col. Sherm Pratt USA (Ret.)



Korean War Veteran Col. William Weber USA (Ret.)

Events for the Appreciation Dinner for Korean War Veterans – 1 February 2002

- ♦ MC: announcing posting of the colors and playing of the National Anthem of the United States, the Republic of Korea
- ♦ Posting of the colors by KWVA Maryland Chapter color guard
- ♦ National Anthems
- ♦ MC: announcing the Moment of Silence
- ♦ Opening Remarks by President Kim, Tae Hwan, NVKC
- ♦ MC: Introduction of Keynote speakers: Major General Moon, Young Han, Defense Attache, Embassy of Republic of Korea and Major General Nels Running, USAF (Ret.), Executive Director, Department of Defense, 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee
- ♦ MC: Introduction of Consul General Lee, Hyun Joo, Embassy of Republic of Korea
- ♦ MC: Introduction of LTC Sherman Pratt, KWVA and his remarks
- ♦ MC: Introduction of Col Webber of US-Korea 2000 Foundation and his remarks
- ♦ Introduction of the distinguished guests and attendees
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- ♦ Make a toast to Korean War Veterans By Park, Yong Chul , KWVA, Washington
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ROK General (ret) Paik Sun Yup, (L) a hero of the Korean War and one of the architects of the Panmunjom Truce, U.S. Major (ret) Stanley Igawa, Japanese American Korean War Veteran (center) and U.S. 2nd Infantry Division Commanding General Russell L. Honore.



The JAKWV Memorial Monument at Imjingak Memorial Park at Paju City, Republic of Korea



On behalf of the JAKWV and all Americans of Japanese Ancestry, JAKWV President Minoru Tonai presents to Paju City Mayor Song Dal Yong and the Korean people a U.S. flag flown over the U.S. Capitol obtained by U.S. Congressman Robert Matsui for this presentation.

attending family members of next of kin.

Dedication remarks were made by Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura, Medal of Honor recipient from the Korean War. Also speaking were Major General Russell L. Honore, commanding general of the Second Infantry Division, U.S. Army; ROK General (ret.) Sun-Yup Paik; Dal Yong Song, mayor of Paju City; Kap-chong Chi, chair of the U.N. Korean War Allies Association; Edward J. Revere, charge d'affair, U.S. Embassy; and Colonel Henry Furuya, JAKWV.

Guests also included Philippine Ambassador Janito P. Jarasa, Cinar Ergin, deputy chief of the mission, Embassy of Turkey; Shinsuke Sugiyama, head of the Political Section, Embassy of Japan; ROK Major General (ret.) Dong Ho Kim; ROK

Brigadier General (ret.) Huh Kyo Yull; and various Kyonggi-do Province and Paju City officials.

President Tonai presented an American flag to Paju City Mayor Song as a gift from the JAKWV and the Japanese Americans to the Republic of Korea and the Korean people. The flag had flown over the U.S. Capitol, and Congressman Robert Matsui obtained the flag to be given to the JAKWV for presentation at the ceremony.

Alley E. Watada spoke at the memorial service on behalf of the families of soldiers killed or missing in action. The Second Infantry Division Band played the prelude, "America the Beautiful," the U.S. National Anthem and "Taps." The ceremony concluded with presentation of flowers by attending family members of the KIA/MIAs, veterans, friends and guests. 112 Japanese Americans attended the ceremony.

For information Contact: Edward M. Nakata Tel: 310-377-6629

(Thank you Edward Nakata for photos and great letter. The memorial is beautiful and more important it honors special American heroes that answered our country's call to duty.)

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Chapter Affairs

Taejon Chapter #170 of New Jersey



Eighteen chapter members led by Commander John Meuser attended the Second Veterans Day Parade in New York City by invitation on November 11th. Above, the Chapter Color Guard at the parade



Chapter members and New York Police hold Twin Tower Flag. Shown are Quagliero, Onorevole, Cupo and Bruzgis.



Chapter members getting ready to march in Veterans Day Parade. Shown l to r are Atheros, Onorevole, Burns, Burkert, Bruzgis and DeCondo. (Thank you Louis Quagliero for photos & letter. A special day and super looking veterans. We are proud of all of you for the deed of remembering our war, our fallen heroes and those lost on Sept. 11th.)

Cpl. Richard A. Bell Chapter #111 of Wisconsin



A proud Korean War Veteran Merlin Stockhausen and his granddaughter Kali Steilen of West Bend, Wisconsin who ride together in all patriotic parades in their restored military 1954 M37 Dodge personal carrier. (Thank you Merlin for photo and letter. You must be proud of your granddaughter and I know she is proud of you. Great looking vehicle.)

Mid-Atlantic Chapter Chosin Few



John Sinnicki and Dick Reed are pictured above with the Chosin Few wreath presented at the ceremony in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. This commemorative program was produced to help honor and thank the veterans of the Korean war and their families-especially those who lost loved ones.

(Thank you for photo and letter. This is a KWVA magazine and normally we do not print Chosin Few Chapter info or photos.)

Indiana Chapter 1



Entire group of Indiana Chapter 1 officers for the year 2002 pose for photo. I decided to take all of them this time as no one person or office is more important than the other. It takes everyone to make an organization function and to grow. I have omitted the names of each as there were so many. (Thank you Marv Anna Roemke for photos and letter. We are proud of your chapter and its members and officers.)

Rogue Valley Chapter # 257 Of Oregon



Pictured Left to right are: Allen Forrette, 1st VP Chapter # 257, Walt Crews, State of Oregon Secretary, Margo Coleman, Dept of Oregon President 2001, Roy Poppleton, Dept. of Oregon President 2002, Herbert Robb, President Chapter # 257, Don Elliott, 2nd VP Chapter # 257

We here in the wonderful Rogue Valley of Oregon are now with a Korean War Veterans Association Charter. This was due to the dream of one man and the efforts of two others. They formed an organizing committee in July 2001 with an objective to form a chapter by January 2002. They met that objective!

On January 19th 2002 the Rogue Valley Chapter # 257 with twenty six qualified members had completed all the requirements of National Petition and installed the Chapter Officers. Department of Oregon 2001 President; Margo Coleman swore in the officers for 2002 President Roy Poppleton and State

Secretary Walt Crews bore witness to the ceremony. The Chapter elected officers are Herbert Robb, President, Allen Forrette 1st VP and Don Elliott 2nd VP. Bob Wash, Secretary and Sam McCauley Treasurer/Quartermaster.

The City of Medford Oregon presented a Proclamation to the Korean War Veterans and commended the goals and objectives of the Rogue Valley Chapter # 257. The Mayor and City Council and staff rose and saluted those veterans who were in attendance. (Thank you Herbert Robb for photo and letter. KWVA National welcomes your new chapter and its members. The Graybeards will print your future submittals in honor of your veterans.)

Finger Lakes Chapter #1 of New York



Shown (l to r) are Joe Vogel President Monroe County Chapter, Bill Orman Monroe County Chapter, National President Harley Coon and Jim Lewis KWVA State NY Trustee at Villa Roma Dept. of NY Fall Conference.

(Thank you Jim Lewis for photo and letter. Great looking group.)

Suncoast Chapter #14 of Florida



Chapter Honor Guard supporting VFW 4364 "tree planting" ceremony at the new Super Wal-Mart. Far left keynote speaker from chapter # 14, Col. Charles Reed. Far right back row, program coordinator Al Stefano.

(Thank you Rita Dadswell for the photo and letter. What was the tree for??? Great looking Honor Guard.)

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."

Middlesex County Chapter #87 of New Jersey



Chapter members enjoy dinner dance at 50th Commemoration Ceremony held at the South Plainfield Memorial Post 6763 in South Plainfield, New Jersey. A great time was had by all.

(Thank you Metro Kopchak for photo and letter. A fine looking group of veterans.)

Hudson County Chapter #94 of New Jersey



Gene Ceretta shown leaving School #23 in Jersey City, NJ after speaking to students on the Korean War for a "Tell America" program for his chapter along with other veterans. Gene was with the 24th Div., 19th Inf. Regt., Service Co. 1950-51.

(Than you Larry Barulli for photo and letter. Great program.)

Manasota Chapter #199 of Florida

The Manatee County Veterans Council on Nov. 8, 2001, named Bill Field as Manatee County Veteran of the Year. The announcement was made by Larry Bustle, Chairman of the Veterans Council. Bustle said all area veterans organizations were invited to submit nominations for the competition. The chairman's screening committee selected five names from a field of ten. The four other finalists were: Larry Bustle (UAF, Col. Ret); Larry Burnette (USA, Col., Ret.); Robert Goulding, USMC.; Warren Sweetman.(USA.).

According to Bustle, Field's many accomplishments include his selection by the Veterans Council to spearhead the initiative that opened the Manatee County School District to veterans and their military contributions. The Veterans Educate Today's Students (VETS) act inspired by Congressional and state legislation, recognized the importance of veterans.



Bill Field, Manatee County's Veteran of the Year, during a locale TV interview following the announcement of his selection.

Field is a charter member of the newly-formed KWVA Manasota Chapter 199. He was subsequently elected chapter president. His devotion to the chapter recently resulted in the chapter's first successful fund raising campaign.

A charter member of the Korean War Commemorative Committee, Field orchestrated several significant promotions in 2000 designed to unite the county's Korean War veterans and their families. First, an overflow gathering of 673 veterans and their families attended an awards ceremony at Kirby Stewart American Legion Post 24 in June which commemorated the North Korean invasion of the Republic of South Korea.

Secondly, added Bustle, veterans and their families on July 27 were remembered at Veterans Monument Park during a candle-light service commemorating the 1953 cease-fire. A compelling and poignant address was delivered by Field. Finally, in March, a KWVA honor guard, founded by Field, was highlighted during a medallion presentation at McKechnie Field before 5800 fans at a Pittsburgh Pirates' Spring training game. All of these activities, and more, provided county-wide recognition of the service and sacrifice of Korean War veterans.

Bill Field served honorably in the U. S. Army. During the bitterest of combat in Korea prior to the Panmunjom cease-fire talks, Bill served with the 1st Cavalry Division. Among his many medals and awards are the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Purple Heart, the Korean War Service Medal with three battle stars and the United Nations Medal. He retired from the army with honors in 1975 as a Sergeant Major.

(Thank you for the photos and letter. Great chapter events for all.

KWVA salutes you Bill Field.)



St. Mary's Catholic Church Charities of Bradenton, includes the KWVA chapter as one of its preferred sponsors. Here Konrad Ortner (left) and Bill Field join Lynn Carlisle, manager of the church's BINGO charities.

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KWV 50th Commemo

Wreath Laying Ceremonies at National Korean War Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery



Editor Krepps at the National Korean War Memorial presenting Gen. Lee, Nam Shin Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff a copy of *The Graybeards*. Maj. Gen. Running (Ret.) 50th Commemoration Committee right. Col. Pratt (Ret.) left. November 15, 2001.

National Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 22, 2002. At wreath is Mr. Lee Hoe Chang, Korea Member of Parliament. Also shown MG Moon Defense Attache Korean Embassy.



Korean Ambassador Yang, Sung Chul placing the wreath at Tomb of Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery during the ROK Korean War Medal and Wreath Laying Ceremony on Jan. 23, 2002. Medal placed in Trophy Room.



Photos by TSgt Michael A. Dorsey.

MDW Honor Guard at Tomb of Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery during the Jan. 23 Medal and Wreath Laying .



Presidents Day at Alexandria, VA.



Shown at float in the 205th President's Day Parade is LTC (Ret) USAF Paula Anselmo, member of American Legion Post 24, Alexandria, VA.

The 205th President's Day Parade in Alexandria, VA on 18 Feb 2002. The American Legion Post #24 and the 50th Korean War Commemoration Committee (KWCC) dedicated the float in honor of all Korean War Veterans, themed around the specific contribution of the medical personnel during the war. Over 3,000 people watched the two hour long parade. The KWCC handed out over 1,000 Commemoration Pins. Photo and text sent to *The Graybeards* by Rolf Bergmann of KWCC.

orative Partner Events



At left (l-r) are Maj. General Robert D. Haas, Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough, Dickey A. Carter-Crain next of kin to Captain Eldridge Carter, in command of Heavy Weapons Co., 9th Infantry, 2nd Inf. Div. when he was killed in action November 30, 1950 in Korea, Charles Jordan, and VFW Post 9693 Commander Frank Aleksandrowicz.



At left Korean War Veteran, member of VFW Post 9693, Bay Village Lester Wolff against a background of Korean War photographs in the Community Room of Rocky River Civic Center.

Photos and text submitted by Frank Aleksandrowicz



Above, the third medal presentation was at the VFW post 6676, Berea, where the Greater Cleveland Area Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association meets. On January 8th Chaplain (National KWVA) received his Republic of Korea War Service Medal.



Shown above from left are MG's Fred Lick, Robert D. Haas, Major Don Umerley, VFW Post 9693 Cmdr. Frank Aleksandrowicz, chairman, Post Chaplain Edward Baisel, Nat'l Chaplain KWVA Rev. Irvin L. Sharp, Velma Sharp songstress wife of Irvin.



Three rows of Korean War Service medal recipients

Korean War Veterans get Anniversary Coin



KWVA "War Dogs" Chapter #203. Named are (back row L-R) D. Strand, T. Pontes, F. Runnells, J. Quinn, W. Herbert R. Gross, M. Stavrakakis and N. Creedon. (front row L-R) W. Hoyle, M. Evenson, J. Folino, E. Gonzalves, L. Johnson, S.Regaldo, and A Blackshire.

Honored by VFW Local VFW Post #5059. Honored were members of the Chapter of Korean War Veterans Post #203, Turlock, CA. A Dinner held on Nov. 10th at the VFW Hall. Emotions ran high that evening, as memories of "The Forgotten War" were re-kindled. Approx 200 guests turned out for the occasion at which the Korean Veterans were honored and presented with the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin representing the Korean Conflict. The Korean Veterans were introduced individually and each gave a brief account of their actions during the Korean War. VFW Commander Virgil Vaughn made the presentations. It was the first event of this nature to take place locally.

Photo and text provided by J. Folino.

Mahoning Valley Chapter # 137 of Ohio



Chapter members at the Canfield Fair in Canfield, Ohio. Pictured left to right behind a replica of our Korean War Memorial to be built in Austintown Ohio are: Milton DeLauder, Zeno Foley: KWVA President Joann Onstott : Associate Captain and Historian and Leo Taillon.

Youngstown's "Korean War Memorial" on wheels. Our member Chuck Stepan made it along with the machine gun. It is mounted on the bed of his truck, and is in all of our parades. Driver of the truck is our own Assoc. Lady Captain, Joann Onstott.



Pictured with statue, l to r: Ray Reber, Rocky Anobile, Harry Ponikvar, Chuck Stepan and Mark Crowbridge.

(Thank you Joann Onstott for photos and letter. We are proud of your chapter and members. Keep up the great work.)

Gen. Raymond G. Davis Chapter of Georgia

Mr. Thomas Cabaniss and Mr. H. F. "Doc" Manget receive Korean Ambassador medals from Kwang Kim, Korean War Chapter Chief at a 25 June dinner honoring the chapter members of the Gen. Raymond G. Davis Chapter.

(Thank you James Conway for photos and letter. Great veterans getting deserving medals.)



Kwang Kim (left) and H. F. "Doc" Manget.



Thomas Cabaniss (left) and Kwang Kim.

West River Chapter #160 of South Dakota



Memorial Services at Mt. Rushmore. Some who attended are shown l to r, Roger Jehkin, Bob Bock, Elmer Trautman, Tom Olsen and grandson shown in center Seth Trautman of proud grandpa Elmer.

(Thank you Elmer for photo and note. We can now add 5 more faces to a memorial of heroes past.)

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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: May - June 2002 articles must be received by editor no later than May 10. We print on a first-come-first-served basis. We also have a backlog.— Editor.

Central Florida Chapter #153



TOP: From the left, Charles Carafano, Julie Baker and Amelia Carafano at VAVS Awards Luncheon at Hilton Hotel in Daytona, FL.

MIDDLE: Shown (l to r) are Charles Carafano, Jae-Min Kim and Amelia Carafano. Charles received Medallion of Appreciation.

BOTTOM: Taken at the Emory J. Bennett Nursing Home. Ladies Auxillary donated Fish Tank shown in background. Pictured from left to right, Helen Saccente, Mary Gaffney, Grace O'Donnell, Sheri Lewis (Home Director), Donna Hawes, Beverly Outlaw and Amelia Carafano.

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Shown (l to r) are Mildred White, National President WACA (no name given) and General Voight, Guest Speaker at Woman's Army Corp. National Convention.

(Thank you Amelia for photos and letter. You sure are a busy veteran. We are proud of all your efforts.)

Sunshine State Chapter #159 of Florida



Air Force Honors Night., Jan 24, 2002: (l to r top) Gord Bennett - 1st VP, Gene Peebles - Director, (l to r bottom) Ray Gload - 5AF 606 AC&W Sqdn., Jack Edwards - Chapter President - 5AF 1993 AACs Sqdn., George Olson - 5AF 437 TPCAR.WG.85TPCAR. Sqdn., Tony Lemons - 5AF 136 Comm. Sec. Sqdn., and Victor Vierin - 5AF 49 FBW.



Jan 24, 2002 Honor Guard International Night. (l to r) Gene Peebles - USA, Tony Lemons - USAF, Peter Palmer - British Royal Navy, Don Langlois - Canadian Army, Gord Bennett - Honor Guard Commander - Canadian Army, John Preston - British Royal Navy, Lou Michaud - USN, Ernie Steier - USA and Don Denny - Ex-POW - USA.

(Thanks Jack Edwards for photos and letter. Great veterans and special events.)

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50th Anniversary of the Korean War: Official Licensed Gifts



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Nature Coast Chapter #174 of Florida



Members of KWVA Nature Coast Chapter 174, Spring Hill FL, flank their host and owner of Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club, Eddie Koh. (L-R) Bill Hawley, Ed Valetic, Koh, Lou Schneider and John McMillan, Chapter President.

Two neighbors, Lou Schneider and Ed Valetic, both members of KWVA Nature Coast Chapter 174, encouraged me to submit the enclosed article and photographs for possible publication in *The Graybeards*. I am pleased to do so.

The story of Eddie Koh, formerly known as Choon Kyung Koh and a high school student in Seoul when North Korea invaded the South, has never been told. His contributions during the Korean War are worthy of publication by themselves. When combined with what he has been doing as a Korean-American businessman to honor American veterans of "the Forgotten War" makes his story even more compelling.

I'm certain many KWVA members knew Koh during the war. All KWVA members will be proud to read of what he has been doing since 1993 to make sure they know the ROK government and its citizens appreciate their sacrifices in saving South Korea from communism. Koh is determined that the Korean War and the American GIs who fought in it are "Forgotten No More."



Eddie Koh in front of the golf awards table displaying a sign expressing South Koreans' gratitude for U.S. Armed Forces who rescued their country from North Korean communist invaders.



The 50th Anniversary Medallion and ribbon rest against a Chapter 174 member's cap.

On the 51st Anniversary of the Korean War

Former Spy, Now Businessman, Remembers

■ Annually Hosts U.S. Veterans Who Served in Korea's "Forgotten War"

By Larry Weier

Just five years after harsh colonial rule of Korea by Japan ceased with its surrender to General Douglas MacArthur, ending World War II, young Choon Kyung Koh's world was turned upside down and his life was forever changed. At war's end, negotiations had given control of the northern half of his country to the Soviets, while the US received control of the southern half.

But communist North Korea wanted it all, and its troops invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950, to take it. Seoul, the South's capital, was captured on June 28. Just a day earlier, the United Nations called for a cease-fire and President Harry Truman ordered U.S. troops into Korea. The North's 135,000 troops greatly outnumbered President Syngman Rhee's Republic of Korea (ROK) 90,000 troops as civilians fled from the invaders and headed far south, where a defensive perimeter was being established at Pusan. American GIs, together with ROK troops, fought defensively to slow the advancing enemy while the perimeter was being set up.

Young Koh, who now goes by the name Eddie Koh and owns Quail

Hollow Golf & Country Club in Wesley Chapel, was only 15 and in high school. Although he was born in Chor Won in North Korea, about 200 miles north of Seoul, his family



A troupe of Korean folk dancers clad in traditional costumes sang, danced and played their instruments for 250 veterans and guests.

had moved to Seoul because of growing unrest in North Korea. Koh's father was a founding minister of the Seventh Day Adventists Church in Korea and sensed increasing antagonism toward his activities in Chon Won.

Too young to join the military but fluent in English, Koh joined the School Volunteer Army (SVA). Its members wore no uniform and carried no weapons. Their mission was two-fold. They were to infiltrate the North and convey to its citizens that UN Forces were in Korea to help them. They were also to gather military intelligence for UN Forces headed by MacArthur, named Commander of Unified UN Forces on July 8. Koh also served as an interpreter.

He fulfilled a key role in the famous amphibious landing by MacArthur's troops at Inchon on Korea's west coast, southwest of Seoul. With North Korean troops pushing aggressively south to surround ROK, US and UN forces at Pusan, MacArthur's strategy was to make a surprise landing at Inchon, advance east and cut the supply lines for North Korean troops driving toward Pusan. They could then be isolated and destroyed.

Landing at Inchon would be very difficult and exacting, though. Low and high tides can vary by 23-35 feet. If troops landed at low tide, they would be on mud flats, faced with scaling a sheer, 30-foot seawall. However, if they landed at high tide, they would be nearly even with the top of the seawall, needing only short ladders to climb ashore from their landing craft.

Koh was part of a small reconnaissance team reporting to US Navy Lt. Eugene Clark, whose mission was to signal MacArthur's forces offshore about the tide. To do this, the group went ashore at Palmi Do, a small island in the approach to Inchon where a damaged lighthouse beacon was located. Koh and the rest of Clark's team repaired the beacon and, at 12:01 AM, Sept. 15, they lit it. The landing at Inchon, code-named "Operation Chromite," began with that lighting. First Division Marines were first to go over the seawall from Navy landing craft at 5:30PM that day.

Later, in October, Koh was the first to discover that Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) had crossed the Yalu River border into North Korea to join the fight against UN troops. Koh had infiltrated North Korea near the Chosin Reservoir when he saw soldiers in different uniforms speaking a language other than Korean. He recognized it as Chinese and sent word of CCF intervention back through intelligence channels. UN Headquarters staff did not believe him at first but his report proved to be accurate.

Some 300,000 CCF troops subsequently ambushed elements of the Seventh Army and First Marine Divisions from mountains overlooking the area. The GIs had to fight their way back south 45 miles in bitter, numbing cold and deep snow to the east coast port of Hungnam, where they were evacuated by some of the same landing craft, including Henry's, that had brought them ashore at Inchon. They suffered heavy casualties — including more than 8,000 killed — by CCF troops holding the high ground above their route. Survivors are reverently referred to as "the Chosin Few."

Koh is overwhelmed by the courage and humanity of the Americans carrying out the evacuation. "Not only did they evacuate US troops," he said, "but, at great risk to their own lives, they also evacuated 90,000 North Korean civilians escaping communism, all while under fire from the Chinese."

American pilots showed the same kind of principles, according to Koh. "They refused to attack temples and shrines and similar buildings, even though they knew enemy troops hid there during raids. Americans hon-

ored the rules of the Geneva Convention," he said. "US troops would use men and resources to guard and care for prisoners. The Chinese and North Koreans would simply kill prisoners in many situations."

With two years of on-again/off-again armistice negotiations taking place while heavy fighting continued, an armistice was finally signed at 10:00 AM, July 27, 1953, with all fighting to cease 12 hours later. A Line of Demarcation and Demilitarized Zone was established at roughly the 38th Parallel. After three years, one month and two days, the brutal fighting came to a shaky and fragile truce. No final agreement ending the war has ever been signed. Opposing forces still patrol the demilitarized zone.

An odd thing about the Korean War was that the US, technically, had not been at war because Congress had never issued a Declaration of War. Nervous politicians instead referred to it as a "conflict" or "police action." This is one factor in it being called "the Forgotten War." Another is that it had the historical misfortune of occurring between World War II (people were tired of "war") and the much longer Vietnam War that followed and was viewed via satellite TV 24 hours a day. (Incidentally, Congress never officially declared war in Vietnam, either.)

After the armistice, Koh began corresponding with ex-GIs with whom he had become friends, including Harry Elder, Basil Goldman and Jack Root. All lived in the New Jersey and New York area. Although the three hadn't known each other while in Korea, they became acquainted through their mutual correspondence with Koh. This led them to discuss bringing him to the United States. All were bachelors, though, and it would have been difficult if not impossible for one to adopt him. Koh was then 19.

Through Elder, who lived in New Jersey, the three contacted NJ Congressman Hugh Addonizio, who was sympathetic to their idea. Addonizio arranged to have Koh interviewed by the US Ambassador in Seoul. Koh had "less than five cents" in his pocket at the interview when the Ambassador told him that he could leave for the States within the next week with a passport and President Rhee's blessing.

Koh had no idea where he would get the \$600 air fare and was elated when the Ambassador told him that a one-way ticket was being held in his name at the ticket counter of Northwest Airlines — already paid for. He boarded the plane days later with \$20 given him by friends.

Elder invited Koh to live with him in East Orange NJ while he finished high school and studied to become a naturalized US citizen. He accomplished both goals and then volunteered for the draft in Aug. 1956, to earn tuition for college after service. He was sent back to Korea as a counter-intelligence officer interpreting and analyzing anti-US news during his two-year hitch.

Koh returned to New Jersey and received a degree from the Newark College of Engineering in 1960. He was hired by Bendix Corp. and remained three years before starting his own import/export business, using contacts in Korea and partially financed by \$4,000 given him by ex-GI Jack Root. Koh had met his future wife, Joanna, also Korean, in New Jersey and they married in 1962. Business with Montgomery Ward brought him to the Tampa Bay area on numerous occasions. The Kohs decided to move here and raise their two sons. One, Albert, is now a reconstructive surgeon in Boston. The other, Harry, is a trial lawyer in New Jersey.

In the interim, Addonizio, later Mayor of Newark, had been sent to prison for his part in a building scandal. Nonetheless, Koh says, "He's still my hero."

After leaving the import/export business, Koh and his wife owned and operated a Tampa restaurant for eight years. Then came an opportunity in

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1993 to purchase Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club on Old Pasco Road in Wesley Chapel. They made the purchase and today, in addition to managing the operation together, also live on the premises. His brother, Moon Kyung Koh, a retired minister, lives nearby.

It was while sitting and chatting with Korean War veterans at the club one day in 1996 that Koh decided he and his wife would host an annual outing honoring US veterans of the Korean War. Its purpose would be to show their personal appreciation, as well as that of all South Koreans, for the sacrifices that American troops made in rescuing their country and saving its people from communism. All veterans who served in Korea between June 25, 1950, and July 27, 1953, would be welcome to attend, along with their spouses.

Golf, food — including a buffet dinner — beer and soft drinks are “on the house,” courtesy of the Kohs. The event has grown each year. This year’s outing, the sixth, was held Monday, Aug. 13, and drew 250 Korean veterans and guests. In addition to the free golf, food and refreshments, Korean folk dancers in colorful, traditional costumes entertained them. Ann Poonkasem, a young Korean graduate of USF holding the title of “Miss Tampa,” sang the US national anthem.

Kimi J. Springsteen, representing the area’s Asian-American community, choked up as she recalled the night of North Korea’s invasion and thanked the veterans for coming to her country’s rescue. “You will never, never be forgotten and will be honored for generations to come,” she told them.

American and Republic of Korea flags were displayed on each table and around the clubhouse and golf course. Banners reading “FREEDOM IS NOT FREE” and “FORGOTTEN NO MORE” hung over the practice green. A special table is set each year in honor of Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action from all wars. One chair tilted against the table is symbolically “reserved for one who hasn’t returned.”

Koh explained that veterans don’t often share with their families what they went through in combat. He said that the annual outings reveal veterans’ experiences that even spouses learn of for the first time. Koh feels that everyone — spouses, children and grandchildren — should know of the sacrifices they’ve made and of the hardships they’ve endured.

Koh can’t forget the loss of two million lives of his countrymen, South and North. Asked whether the two Koreas would ever reunite into a single country, Koh replied that “it will take a big forgiveness.” Personally, because of his own experiences, he “can’t forgive” the North Korean government. “Not really. Not under any conditions. However, the younger generations should work toward reunification for the future of both countries,” he said.

Although South Korea’s President Kim Dae Chung received the Nobel Peace Prize for opening the door to reunification talks with North Korea and has another year-and-a-half in office, Koh feels that “North Korea is not ready to unite.” He is distrustful of the North, pointing out that “it is taking advantage of the US to get aid and other benefits.” Food and aid money, he believes, are siphoned off to support the military. “Civilians are very poor and children are starving,” he said.

“Before the US makes any real effort to reunite the country,” he said, “North Korea must first be made to account for the more than 8,000 US troops still listed as Missing in Action.” American families have a right to know where their sons are and to bring them back home, whether dead or alive.”

On the positive side, he thinks that China will not again actively participate in armed aggression against South Korea by the North. “It has

nothing to gain.” He believes China’s emergence in the world economy and its hosting of the 2008 Olympics in Beijing will keep it out of such an entanglement.

(Thank you Larry Weier for photos and letter. I normally would consider this a story and not print in Chapter Affairs. I made the exception this time because it ties in with your chapter and it is a great story about a true hero and now a great American. I do wish to correct some history.

It was the 7 Inf. Div, not 7th Army at the Chosin and we also must remember the 3rd Inf. Div. had the rear guard along with the 92nd Artillery Bn. to help those UN Armies and civilians to escape. Also the 8th Army (those not named above) came under attack during this period on the Central and Western MLR. Maybe the 7th Army you speak of were ROK’s but I do know the other units including ROK Units also bore the brunt of the 300,000 Chinese invaders and suffered many casualties. How do I know, well just my own 2nd Inf. Div. had over 5,000 casualties during this same period and I was in that division in 1950-51.

I also lost my twin brother on Dec 1, 1950, MIA/POW who was in my unit in the 2nd I.D. remains not returned, and still in North Korea. Our readers tend to get upset when units are omitted and I did not try to name all units in order to make sure I am not omitting all our brave heroes. We were all U.N. Forces.)

Lake County Chapter #169

Martin “Jackie” Gleason, President, Lake County Chapter #169, Korean War Veterans Association announced the appointment of Rev. Charles E. Marcelle as the Chapter’s Chaplain.

The Rev. Marcelle was born in Orlando but raised in New York City’s Bedford Stuyvesant Section, Brooklyn. In his youth he was an amateur boxer and a Golden Gloves contender.



Sgt. Charles E. Marcelle while serving with 3rd Inf. Div. Korea, 1952

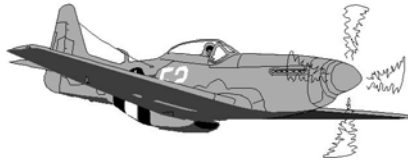
While serving as a Sergeant with the 3rd Infantry Division in Korea he promised God he would dedicate his life to Him if He allowed him to return home “safe and sound.” After his discharge from service he enrolled in the Church of God Theological Seminary, Cleveland, TN. and on completion of his studies was ordained. He follows in the footsteps of his father Bishop Norbert S. Marcelle of the Church of God. A brother Dr. Norbert S. Marcelle Jr., is a Pastor in West Palm Beach and also a Korean War Veteran.

Chaplain Marcelle is married and the father of seven daughters (Linda a PHD and teacher of nursing; Debrah and Gwendolyn counselors for New York City Board of Education and candidates for PHDs; Karen a Registered Nurse; Esther owner/operator of Day Care Nursery; Edith Carolyn a sales representative; Renee a medical secretary), he also has 18 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

At present Pastor Marcelle is holding his church services at the Hampton Inn, Mt. Dora while plans are being made to construct a church in the Mt. Dora area.

In 1985 he was cited in *Who’s Who in Religion*.

NAKTONG AT NIGHT



Dive Bombing in the Dark August, 1950

During the desperate early days of the Korean War, 4 August, 1950 was to be the “day of decision” at 5th Air Force Headquarters. The holding actions of the 8th Army and Marines had failed to sufficiently slow Red troop advances and, despite the heavy pounding by our fighter planes on all three fronts circling Taegu, and even a futile mass saturation raid by B-29s near Waegwan, we could not keep the enemy from crossing the Naktong River. By mid-afternoon the Reds had pushed to within 12 short miles of our Taegu airstrip, and would be within artillery range of our parked Mustangs within just a few hours.

General Walker’s Army staff had made plans to “hold to the end” along the Naktong River but, unfortunately, had neglected to inform 5th Air Force General Partridge’s air staff until August 3rd; so the Air Force units had been forced to make their own plans to preserve our aerial fighting capability.

We were to evacuate most of our people and equipment to Ashiya, Japan, leaving only Lieutenant Harry Dugan’s newly-formed 6149th Air Base Unit to remain at Taegu to rearm and refuel the ships after their long missions out of Japan. So, on August 5th I packed my meager belongings and arranged for Sergeant Thornton, our Intelligence clerk, to pack all of our Squadron Intelligence Office supplies, except those which

would be needed for briefing the early morning missions on August 6th. Our tents were struck and packed, then moved to the flight line for loading aboard the scores of C-47s, C-54s and C-119s which started arriving at dusk.

Everyone worked on the loading ... flight crews, cooks, Colonels and Korean guards. By midnight the work detail was sufficiently organized that those of us who were slated to fly the early morning missions could spread out under the stars and try to get some sleep.

Sleep didn’t come easily that night. We could hear the “thuh-runk, thuh-runk” of exploding artillery shells just a few miles to the north, and wondered if we dared sleep, for fear the base might be over-run during the night. Weariness finally overcame apprehension and I slept until awakened a short time later by the clear light of dawn.

Our plans for August 6th hinged around the night’s movement by the Red troops: those on the west front had not been able to move far from their Naktong River beachhead during the night, and those on the north had been slowed somewhat by our defending Army forces.

We planned to fly all of our fighters out early that morning, no matter what their condition. Those with mechanical problems would head directly for Ashiya, Japan ... across the wide neck between the

Sea of Japan and the Korean Straits ...the pilots could decide along the way if they thought the airplane could make it across safely. If they had any doubts, they could land on the dirt strip at Pusan, rather than chance the thirty minute flight across the open water.

Those of us with operational ships would continue to fly as many missions as possible against the nearby attacking troops, but would keep enough fuel on board to reach Ashiya in case our strip at Taegu was attacked before we could get back. If Taegu was still holding when we completed our first missions, we would land to rearm and refuel to fly a second mission and, if it continued to hold, we would fly a third or a fourth mission, then fly over to Ashiya to spend the night in safety.

The Army troops held their ground on all three fronts on the 6th, and after my late afternoon mission we still owned the Taegu real estate ...but it was getting too close to dusk for me to try for another, so I buzzed the base, and set course southeast toward Japan. I just hoped we would still own the property on the following morning!

The flight from Taegu to Ashiya took just one hour, of which the last twenty or so minutes were over water, in rapidly-increasing darkness. For the first time that I could recall, my engine displayed none of its typical “over-water roughness”; maybe that occurred only when outbound across long stretches of ocean, but not when coming homeward-bound. In fact, the flight from Pusan to Ashiya was the most relaxing return from a combat mission that I’d had in weeks; for a welcome change, I was able to stretch out my legs and slump comfortably in the cockpit without having to worry about the possibility of ground fire or an attack by enemy aircraft. It was downright pleasant! I began to think that the idea of evacuating was not such a bad idea after all.

Upon landing and parking my dusty, oil streaked F-51 on Ashiya’s clean, wide concrete parking ramp, close by our newly-established Operations and Intelligence offices, I found that Sergeant Thornton had made it across in good order; he flew over sitting atop our packing crates in the rear of a heavily-loaded C-47 and had our Intelligence section

Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War

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open and operating long before I arrived. He had already made arrangements with the clerks in the 67th Fighter Squadron to share the briefing and debriefing chores, and had our telephone communications set up.

I borrowed a jeep long enough to move my personal gear and flight equipment to a BOQ room, where the sight of clean sheets and hot showers erased any feeling of weariness I'd felt after the long, tedious day in the air. At the moment it seemed incongruous that just two hours earlier I'd been violently attacking the North Koreans, who were pressing within twelve to fifteen miles of my 'home' at Taegu, and wondering if I'd have to finish the mission by walking out to Pusan.

Instead, safe at Ashiya, I had a nice clean room, with maid service, white sheets, hot showers, a plush Officer's Club ... with gourmet meals in the dim, candle-lit dining room. The stark contrast to our primitive existence of the past month was almost too much to comprehend.

"Now this," I thought, "is the proper way for gentlemen pilots to fight a war..."

On August 7th I flew one two-hour mission, stood-down on the 8th to do paperwork, then, on the 9th flew two. The first was from Ashiya to Andong, in the north-central sector, where a line of tanks had been found. That mission lasted two-hours and fifty minutes, with a landing at Taegu for rearming and fuel. The second mission, after a bite of lunch in our grubby Mess tent (I was already spoiled with our high-living at Ashiya...) was a return to the same sector to help finish off the remains of the dozen tanks that had failed to camouflage themselves before dawn. When I finally ran out of ammunition and

was low on fuel, I headed back to Ashiya, where I landed at the end of two and one-half hours.

Five hours and twenty-minutes of flying time for two missions ...compared with the same number of missions in a little over one hour when flying out of Taegu. We were paying the price for our 'high-living' with a serious drop in our combat sortie rate, the result of the extra distance we had to fly to reach the target area.

The Red army was beginning to reap their first benefits from having driven us away from Taegu.

I stood-down again on the 10th to catch up on paperwork, and experienced an almost normal routine of a "day at the office". I was able to stop at noon for a sandwich at the Flight Line Snack Bar, and around 5:00 PM I wandered back to the BOQ for a leisurely shower and change into a semi-crisp suntan uniform, then had a pleasant cocktail at the bar before dinner.

About eight-thirty, after we had finished a lovely meal and strolled back into the bar to compare war stories and other lies, over an after-dinner drink, Captain Jerry Mau came in from a trip to the flight line. He motioned me aside, and told me quietly, to hold back on the drinking ... we still had some work to do that night.

By the time the noose had tightened around Taegu, there were actually fewer Red supplies being intercepted, for a couple of reasons:

One, we were having to expend much more of our aerial resources at the front lines, supporting our fighting troops. We didn't have time to go searching far behind the lines on interdiction missions. The increased enemy supplies reaching the front demonstrated this lack.

Secondly, the Reds were 'holing-up' during daylight hours, and making their long moves at night, when our fighter planes were on the ground. It took them longer, but the supplies were still reaching the front.

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Something had to be done to stop the Red's night-time traffic movements but what?

Night ground attack missions in single-engine, single-place fighters like the F-51 Mustang were out of the question ... it was too dangerous, especially in the mountainous terrain of Korea, and there wouldn't be a 'snowball's chance in hell' of seeing and hitting a target on the ground in the dark.

"But what if..." said some high-ranking staff officer in 5th Air Force Headquarters, who obviously had never flown the F-51 at night, and certainly not at low altitude in the mountains.

"What if we just lobbed a few bombs and rockets around known highway routes ...it might just slow them down, because they'd have to drive with their headlights off to keep from being seen by the aircraft..."

That began to make a little more sense; not much, just a little.

So Jerry Mau had received a telephone call from 5th AF headquarters that night of August 10th, 1950, telling him to send two Mustangs over the Nakdong River near Waegwan, to see if they couldn't slow the enemy's supplies moving toward the Taegu front.

The more we talked about it, there in the dim-lit lounge at the Ashiya Officer's Club, and considered the dangers and possibilities of such a mission, the more we began to think the idea might have a bit of merit... "ridiculous, but possible".

Jerry said he would fly lead position if I would go along as his wing man ...he had neither the time nor the ambition to try to justify the crazy mission all over again to someone else. I told him that I might just as well go with him ... who else

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would be stupid enough to volunteer?!

We called the armament and maintenance shops on the line, telling them to load two of our best-instrumented airplanes with a mix of Napalm and 500 pound GP bombs, six rockets and to load the machine guns with lots of tracer rounds... and to have them ready for a midnight take-off.

It was useless for either Jerry or for me to try to get any sleep before we had to take-off. We were both too keyed up, thinking about flying around over the battle lines in the dark, wondering how bright our exhaust stacks would glow, and give away our position to enemy gunners.

We changed to our flight suits, got a large thermos of coffee and went down to the flight line to study the terrain maps of the area until it was time to depart.

We both knew the areas around Waegwan, H'amchang and Taegu 'like the palm of our hands' ...in the daytime. We knew the outline of this hill and that one, 'just where the river bends by the mountain, the railroad and tunnel locations ...all of it familiar in broad daylight. But at night, when we would not be able to see the hills or the rivers or the tunnels, we would have to relate their positions and altitudes to the distances and directions from some known location that we could identify in the dark.

The mountains in the area were not exceptionally high, ranging from 3500 feet in the area south of Taegu, less than 3000 feet to the north, and going up to 4500 and 5300 feet about twenty-five miles west of Taegu. The elevations were just high enough to be a nuisance; their danger came not from their height, but from their ruggedness, and from the deep canyons thru which the roads and railroads wound their way.

At 2300 hours we checked our airplanes carefully to make sure that we had operable cockpit and navigation lights; bombs and rockets were armed, and machine guns were charged and ready. We made it a special point to check the brightness control on the gunsight light reticules and, when they were turned all the way down to their dimmest level, thought that they would be dim enough so as not to blind us in the dark.

At midnight we were rolling down the

runway into the dark, toward the Sea of Japan in close formation; Jerry had his wing navigation lights on 'dim', and I tucked in very close under his wing to make sure that I didn't lose my position and have to switch abruptly to flying 'on instruments' if I were to slide out of formation.

All went well as we flew out over the sea into the clear, moonless night. As we climbed above the haze and smoke layers, more and more stars became visible and, after passing through 5000 feet, I relaxed a bit and moved out to a more comfortable formation spacing to the side ... all the while keeping my eyes firmly riveted on Jerry's navigation lights ...a dim white light atop his rudder, and a small green light on the tip of his right wing. From my position on the right, I could not see the small red light on his left wing, but I knew it was there and working. His exhaust stacks on the nose glowed deep red from the bright blue flame of the exhaust gasses. There would be no need for using lights to rejoin formation ...the exhaust stacks would provide all the visibility we would need ... maybe too much.

We leveled off at nine thousand feet and, as we did, reduced our power to cruise settings; I allowed my eyes to wander down to the black sea below. As I did, I got a bad case of vertigo ...dizziness, and I couldn't tell whether I was flying rightside up or upside down. The situation was compounded by the fact that the sea was covered with fishing boats, each having a single mast light.

The pattern of lights below was identical to the pattern of stars above ...what an eerie sensation! I quickly glanced at my artificial horizon, altimeter and airspeed instruments, to reassure myself that we were right-side up, then focused again on Mau's lights and exhaust flame. I fought the visual sensations until we crossed landfall near Pusan, and the light patterns below changed abruptly back to black darkness, interspersed with necklaces of lights winding northwestward.

Vertigo is a common occurrence when flying close formation at night, so I wasn't concerned that it would go away; knew that I could always revert to the truth shown by my flight instruments ... as long as I would believe them.

Fifty miles southwest of Taegu we lost

any concerns we might have had about the accuracy of our navigation for finding the front lines. As we looked out ahead into the darkness, we could see an almost solid horseshoe ring of fire ... blazing villages, which extended for miles in either direction, centered along the banks of the Naktong River. The battle front was much more clearly defined for a night attack than it was during the smoke and confusion of daytime battles.

By following the river, keeping just a few miles to the east ... over friendly territory, we could see the periodic strings of lights which marked the North Korean's supply convoys rushing to the battlefronts just beyond the ridge of hills immediately north of Taegu's beleaguered airstrip.

We knew, of course, that the strings of lights would disappear just as soon as they heard us in the vicinity, so we had to try to relate the location of the lights to the burning villages on the ground ...and to try to remember approximately how far they were from the known mountain peaks in the area.

The perimeter of burning villages seemed to form a giant, tilted letter "C", with the open portion facing toward Pusan. From our ten-thousand foot altitude over Taegu we could trace the battle lines all the way from the Sea of Japan, just north of Pohang and Kigye, south of Uisong, west to Sonsan, then, following the Naktong River, southwest to Kumchon, Waegwan, Songju, Songjong-dong, Tokson-dong, Ghogje, Sinban-ni, then toward the southeast to Shinum-ni and almost to the southern port of Masan. The entire perimeter of the war was lit up like a Broadway theater marquee ... an eerily beautiful sight!

Awe-inspiring as it was from our vantage point, we had work to do. We could clearly see the heavy concentration of smoke and haze below us, rising to seven or eight thousand feet, where it leveled under an inversion layer of warmer air above. Although we were flying in clear air above the smoke layer at the time, admiring the strange, dramatic beauty of the burning countryside, we knew that our visibility would be drastically reduced as soon as we dropped down into the smoke and haze below the inversion level ...so much so, that we would have to rely on our flight instruments to control the

descent path of flight to the point of bomb release, then up again until we could break out into the clear air above.

We had previously agreed that the road southeast out of Songju would be a good target because it was five or six miles west of the river ... so there would be no possibility of our mistakenly hitting friendly troops, and it was about the same distance east of the 4700 foot mountains, on the gently sloping valley west of the Naktong River. By making our attacks from the northwest to the southeast, we could safely dive as low as two or three thousand feet without fear of running into the darkened mountains and, if something went wrong and we had to go down, we could make a wide, sweeping turn to the left across the river to try to land at Taegu's unlighted airstrip.

"Songju it would be, then."

We would each make two attacks ... drop our bombs on the first, then a second pass to salvo our six rockets and, if anything looked especially worthwhile, we could make a third attack to spray the area with machine gun fire. Jerry would go down first, and I would follow after about forty-five seconds ...just long enough for him to start pulling out before I started firing.

From a northwesterly heading over Waegwan, Mau started his wide, diving turn to the left from ten thousand feet. I flew on, straight ahead, for another forty seconds, then dropped my nose and started a diving turn, keeping my eyes glued to the flames of the village we had identified as Songju, and the string of lights on the road leading southeast out of the town.

I lost sight of Mau as soon as he peeled off and started his turn, and had no idea where he was until he called "Bombs Away", advising that he was pulling up to the east. By that time, I was letting down straight ahead, passing through six thousand feet and was just barely able to see the village through the dense smoke, when Jerry's bombs went off, just beyond the fire which marked the town. The timing was good; there would be no chance for me to run into any of his bomb blast and, since he was well clear, I started firing my machine guns from 5000 feet.

The pattern of bright lights made by

The steep pull up ... about 5 Gs, caused me to 'grey out' as the blood left my head from the force of gravity, compounding my problem of trying to right the airplane and get the hell out of there without losing control and spinning in.

my tracers, which were loaded every fifth round, was a fascinating spectacle in the dark, as each dot shot out ahead in a wide, lazy, downward-sweeping arc, which crossed about 300 yards out ahead of my nose. The curving lights appeared so smooth and graceful, and close together ... it was hard for me to realize that there were four additional unlighted bullets between each one of those pretty dots of light.

At thirty-five hundred feet, indicating 450 miles per hour, I started my pull-up in line with the road out of Songju, punching the bomb release button atop the control stick just as I started my climb. This caused my two bombs to 'lob' upward in a slight arc, and gave me more time to start my steep climbing turn to the right before they hit the ground. I couldn't tell where they hit...or if they struck anything of value. I knew they would come down someplace close to the road ... and by so doing, would probably keep the North Korean trucks stopped for at least a little while.

Since Mau had climbed out to the east, I pulled up in the opposite direction, climbing northwestward to be sure that our patterns did not conflict in the smoky darkness. I climbed at full power because I knew that there were hills above 5400 feet in the area, and I wanted to stay well-clear of them in the dark. By the time I topped the haze and smoke, Jerry called to say he was starting down on his rocket attack, so I immediately lowered my nose and continued around in the turn to follow him down. He was well ahead of me when I saw the brilliant trail of sparks from the exhaust of his six rockets, and watched, fascinated, as they set off a series of rapid explosions in approximately the same area that his bombs had gone off. I was amazed at the vivid brilliance of the rocket's spark trails, and how they traced a long, glowing brush-stroke of orange flame to the ground.

As Jerry pulled up, he exclaimed: "WOW, that's bright watch you eyes!"

Diving through fifty-five hundred feet, on track, I again sprayed the area with necklaces of bright tracers from my six machine guns, then, thinking I might avoid some of the vision-shattering brilliance of all six rockets firing at once, I reached down by my left knee to move the rocket selector switch from "Salvo" to "Ripple". That way, I thought, instead of firing all six rockets at one time when I pressed the trigger, they'd ripple off one at a time in quick order ... firing first from one wing, then the other, with but a fraction of a second's delay between, until all six were gone. That was a big mistake!!

I triggered off the first one at about 4500 feet, then had to follow that damned, intensely bright trail of sparks for what seemed like an eternity, until the sixth and last rocket finally roared off into the dark.

Blinded by the sparks, while diving toward the ground at more than 400 miles per hour, I closed my eyes momentarily to protect them from the vision-shattering flash, until I felt the last rocket leave with a deep "whoooooosh". After keeping my eyes tightly closed for as long as my nerves would allow, I had to open them because I knew that I must be diving into the hillside. I wasn't, but I was still deep in the trail of sparks and, trying to focus my eyes on my dimly-lit flight instruments as I banked steeply to the left and hauled back on the control stick to get out of their intense brilliance as quickly as possible. The steep pull up ... about 5 Gs, caused me to 'grey out' as the blood left my head from the force of gravity, compounding my problem of trying to right the airplane and get the hell out of there without losing control and spinning in. Although I could not yet make out my instruments, because my eyes were still stunned by the bright after-image of the rocket sparks,

I sensed that I was still climbing by the feel of the controls and the sound of the engine ... my speed was dropping off rapidly, and the response to the control pres-

sure was changing from the stiff sensations of 400 mph, to what I thought must be a near-stall condition. I couldn't know if I was in a banked attitude and ready to spin-out with a stall, or if my wings were near level.

A sense of frantic desperation welled up inside me ... blinded, sitting in the cockpit of a nearly out-of-control fighter plane in the smoky blackness over enemy territory in mountainous Korea ... my life seemed to suddenly hang on the slender thread of my slowly-returning night vision. I still could not make out the life-saving messages my flight instruments were trying to signal me, even though I had turned the cockpit light rheostats up to their full brightness. I searched outside the cockpit for some clue, looking first out ahead, then quickly sweeping back over my left shoulder.

Finally, out of the corner of my eye, I could barely make out the hazy pattern of flame on the ground ... and recognized that I was in a steep climb with the wings almost level. I would surely stall out if I didn't get my nose down in a hurry. I jerked the stick quickly to the left, and kicked hard left rudder, rolling into a steep bank. The nose fell off, just as the airplane stalled and, as it dropped, I eased the stick to the right to level the wings once more. By that time I was able to make out the line of fires on the ground once again, and gently pulled the nose up as the airplane picked up flying speed. I continued along the line of fires until I could make out my instruments, then turned toward Taegu to rejoin Mau and head for home.

After one circle of Taegu, Mau blinked his navigation lights a couple of times and I was able to slowly ease up onto his wing as we headed southeast toward Pusan, and across the sea to Ashiya. My eyes gradually adapted to the darkness once again, and the trip home was uneventful at ten thousand feet. We could see the glow of Ashiya's city lights through the clouds from over the Island of Tsushima, seventy miles out ... a very welcome sight.

Letting down at a leisurely rate, we timed our descent to where we thought we could intercept the Ground Control Approach (GCA) radar final approach path at about 2000 feet, then make a smooth transition to a straight-in final

approach track through the low clouds to the runway. Although we could see the glow of the lights thru the fog-like haze, we weren't yet able to pinpoint the location of the airstrip.

With our typical luck, when we radioed for landing information, the control tower informed us that the GCA unit was shut down for maintenance between the hours of 0100 and 0400 each morning; we'd have to find our way home by ourselves, or divert the forty miles south to Itazuke, where there was an operational GCA unit. We chose to chance it through the thin overcast scud at Ashiya.

I tucked close onto Mau's right wing once again, as he flew to the Ashiya low frequency radio beacon at 2000 feet, then turned outbound to set up a teardrop return pattern, descending over the sea to turn back inbound ... to what we hoped would be a precise final approach to the runway, which was situated very close to the beach.

However, our signals became crossed when Jerry lowered his landing gear while in the scud ... where I didn't see it, and I shot past him with my extra speed. I promptly lost sight of him in the clouds, and had to immediately go on my own instruments to keep my ship right side up as I recovered my bearings. Jerry continued his turn from base leg to final approach and went on in for an uneventful landing.

Meanwhile, I leveled off momentarily, then swung around in a wide 360 degree turn to the right, rolling out when my radio compass needle (ADF) showed I was heading in toward the strip on the proper run way heading. Dropping landing gear and flaps, I established a steady 300 ft per minute rate of descent, and planned to hold it until I either broke out of the clouds, or reached a minimum altitude of 200 feet. I was much relieved to break out of the scud at about 250 feet, giving me enough room to make a slight visual correction to line up

with the runway and set the Mustang down for a smooth, three-point landing finally, at 2:50 AM ... after a very, very long, very tiring day of war.

At the mission debriefing we discussed the results of our night combat mission in great detail, trying to evaluate whether night bombing strikes by old, single place fighters could be effective, or even feasible.

Our honest opinion was: "Not only 'NO,' but 'HELL NO!'"

Aside from the initial surprise to the enemy, we were sure they must have realized we could not aim at specific targets in the dark, and they would soon proceed along their usual way.

The danger to the fighter pilots, flying at low altitude in the mountainous terrain was too great for the potential gains; it was not worth the risk involved.

It was interesting to note, many years later, when reading Futrell's official, published "History of the United States Air Force in Korea", that an account of our August 10, 1950 night attack on Songju, and our negative opinions of its value, were described in extended detail.

** In mid-1952, after both had returned to the United States, Major Mau and Captain Biteman were awarded Distinguished Flying Cross medals for their 10 August 1950, F-51 Mustang night attack against North Korean Communist ground forces in the Songju area of South Korea.*

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

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the woman's reason for making the exhausting climb to our firing position. I assumed she was grateful that we were there to protect her and wanted to thank us. One thing disturbed me: she was dressed in layers of white clothing that was sure to attract the attention of the enemy troops advancing toward us. And I was concerned about her safety.

Just after WWII a member of our platoon had served in Korea and spoke enough of the language to communicate with the people. I told him to give her whatever she wanted quickly and get her off the hill. Explain to her that we could come under enemy fire at any moment; also the muzzle blast from our 90-mm tank cannon could seriously injure her. He spoke with her for several minutes but she kept sidestepping him and moving closer to me. I assumed she wanted to thank me in person. Still, the soldier was blocking her way. Finally, I walked over to them. She was standing with her hands folded in front of her; her head was bowed respectfully. She mumbled very quietly, "Kara." I supposed that meant "Thank you" in Korean. I turned and began to walk away. She screamed, "Kara, Kara, Kara." I asked the soldier what she was saying. He replied "Kara" means "Get to hell out of here." He explained that we were in her apple orchard and she demanded that we leave. The old lady was looking at me with hate in her eyes.

By then, some of the tank commanders had checked the concealment of their tanks from a distance and decided to break off some more tree limbs and hang them over the tank guns. The old woman became enraged. Now that she was on level ground and rested from her climb up the hill, she rushed toward the tanks screaming and swinging her cane, striking at the hands and arms of the men who were continuing to break small limbs off her apple trees. With a column of T-34 tanks heading toward us I did not need an hysterical, dried-up old woman, in billowing white clothing moving from tank to tank swinging her cane at my troops. I told the soldier to escort her off the hill and tell her we knew she was not supposed to be in this area, and if she returned we would inform the South Korean authorities. She did not resist. I doubt she had the strength. He left her squatting down by the

roadside at the bottom of the hill.

Before long I heard in the distance the throaty cough of a battery of 155-mm howitzers and saw a column of dust and smoke begin to build about 2 miles north of us. Then F-80s came roaring over and made rocket runs into the same target area. I was confident that concentration of firepower would disperse the enemy task force. Now, somewhat relieved, I glanced occasionally toward the old woman. She was sitting quietly watching us with her back toward the enemy, unconcerned about who might win the battle we had prepared for so frantically. She knew her battle would be there in her apple orchard. She had fought courageously to save it. Now, I understood why she had avoided the evacuation. If there was to be a battle, her trees might not survive without her. And probably with no other source of income, she would be destitute without the trees. The poultry, the livestock, all the people were gone. She was a lone survivor living in a wasteland.

Within about 30 minutes Captain Dew's jeep driver arrived and said the enemy task force had turned back and we were to depart immediately on our original mission of contacting the 1st Marine Division. No infantry troops were available to accompany us. Carefully, we maneuvered our tanks out of the orchard, without touching a tree. As we came off the hill the old woman struggled to her feet. When I approached I briefly caught sight of her tiny eyes shining past the layers of wrinkles and leathery skin. They were the eyes of a caged tiger, but she bowed respectfully toward each tank.

We found the North Koreans had not exploited the breakthrough on our left flank. No enemy soldiers had occupied any portion of the 17-mile stretch of road between the 2nd Division and the marines. During the first few hours of the attack Marshal Choe Yong Gun had committed most of his reserves to force an advance against the massed firepower opposing him. The marshal's human-wave attacks had wasted his most aggressive leaders and depleted his manpower.

When we returned from the 1st Marine Division sector, our company headquarters was under direct tank fire. The enemy force had regrouped and was attacking cross-

country to cut the road. A few days earlier, the company commander had moved his headquarters, maintenance, and kitchen personnel to a rocky, dry creek bed. Now, all his other tank platoons were with infantry regiments, fighting to beat back the North Koreans; he was pinned down at his own command post. High velocity shells slammed into the dry, stony creek bottom, sending slivers of steel and rock fragments whirling through the air in every direction.

Shot through the head, the body of 17-year-old Private Wright lay face up in the middle of the company street. Three or four other men, caught in the open, were trying to scoop out shallow protective trenches in the creek bed with their bare hands. We did not need an attack order. We moved out from the company area, then formed a skirmish line to sweep through the dry rice paddies to the west. When hit by the concentrated fire of machine guns and 90-mm tank cannon, the North Koreans fled. This was our kind of battle. Few of us would have wanted to go back to the apple orchard.

While fighting to save ourselves and the Pusan Perimeter, many came to fully appreciate a remark made by a Civil War soldier. During a major engagement, a rabbit found itself caught between the lines. The soldier saw the rabbit dodging bullets as it scampered through no-man's land to the rear. He yelled, "Go it, cottontail! I'd run too if I had no more reputation to lose than you have."

It is doubtful that the majority of our troops had heard about General Walker's 'stand or die' order until they read the stories several years later. We did not stand because of a speech we never heard, made by a general we had never seen. Just as today, we held because we were the devoted soldiers of a proud people. Perhaps the most committed rival we faced that day was the shriveled old woman with a flash of hellfire in her eyes, fighting fearlessly to save some ancient apple trees on a sun-baked hill. She succeeded. On that same day, Marshal Choe Yong Gun had assigned himself the ambitious mission of destroying American combat forces in Korea. He failed so disastrously that his demoralized army never again became a threat to the survival of U.N. forces during the remaining days of the Korean War.

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throwing them over the trench onto the Chinese as fast as he could pick them up and pull the pins. The rest of the squad followed the same drill; one man stayed in the bunker, firing his weapon through the aperture, while his buddy threw grenades from the trench. Gaiser could hear Bates roaring from the next bunker.

(The above is only a small section of one of 223 pages, and twenty chapters of life on the MLR while living in bunkers and trenches. Attempting to write letters home, endless days of cold rations, sleepless nights, endless attacks under extreme weather of cold rain and snow. Reading this book puts you there and in the boots of these brave Marines.)

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Reactionary- Revised 2000

**By Lloyd W. Pate 1SG,
U.S. Army, Inf., (Ret.)**

Pow, Camp #5, #3, #1

I looked at the prisoners and couldn't believe that men could get into this condition and still be alive. A lot of them were barefoot. They were running to the latrine without any pants on. They had defecated in their pants and were too sick to wash them even if water was available, which it wasn't, and didn't have another pair to put on. Some men couldn't wear any pants because their testicles were so swollen from beri-beri they couldn't pull their pants over them. I saw men with ankles puffed up as big as thighs. It seemed to me if you had touched them with a pin they would have burst like a balloon. Some of them had split, as though cut with a knife all the way to the bone. Their body fluids were draining out of them.

Practically every man had dysentery. It was caused by the filth they had to live in, and it just added to the filth. There was fecal matter all over the place, in the rooms, on the ground, on the porches. The sick men could not have made it to a latrine if there had been one available because of their weakened condition and the lack of control they had over their

bowels. It wasn't uncommon for a man to crap on himself or you, either, if you happened to be in the way.

The first day I was there, the Chinese called for a burial detail. I was on it with some of the men in my squad. We went into the death house, and it was a sight I'll never forget. Some of the bodies were piled up and others just thrown around the room. There were forty or fifty in there. Most of them were just young men, not even twenty years old. Some had clothes on, and some didn't. They were nothing but skin and bones. But what got to me the most was the expression on their faces. Every one of them had his mouth open as if he were asking a question: "Why?" or asking for someone to help him. Or maybe they were hurling their last curses at their tormentors. One had his arm resting against the wall with his middle finger extended in the air. God bless him, whoever he was. We thought as one.

I used to read in books and magazines how a dead man had a look of contentment on his face, as if he had just gone to sleep. It wasn't so with these men. There was no look of satisfaction or smile of contentment. To look at them you'd think they were asking you to avenge them. They had suffered and died one of the most horrible deaths a man could have, a death by starvation. To know they died so horribly and unnecessarily put more hate in me than I thought a man could hold. If they had been fed, they would still have been alive. Just a few vitamins and a minimum of medical care would have saved most of these men. I felt if the Chinese wanted to kill us, why not just shoot us and get it over with, instead of letting us slowly starve to death?

Award

Sergeant Lloyd W. Pate Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by meritorious service while a prisoner of war in North Korea. He

organized groups of fellow prisoners to disrupt attempts at Communist indoctrination and harass their instructors. Each time the groups were disbanded because of informants, Sergeant Pate formed other resistance groups.

He also personally and openly voiced his true opinions, punished confirmed informers and in other ways obstructed the Communist indoctrination program. In spite of repeated severe punishment, he steadfastly defied all attempts at indoctrination and encouraged fellow prisoner of war to resist.

By his courageous example and leadership, he raised the morale of fellow prisoners, stiffened their resistance and contributed in great measure to the failure of the Communist program to convert prisoners of war to communism. Sergeant Pate's outstanding devotion to duty reflects credit upon himself and the military service.

(The only book over 25 pages that I have read in one setting from cover to cover. This book is 200 pages. It is so informative and well written that I just could not put it down. Cost is \$12.95 but check with Vantage Press, Inc. 516 W. 34th St., NY, NY 10001 or check at your local book store. Lloyd you truly are special and a real hero. As you know my twin brother died at Camp #5. Your book answered many questions I have had for over 50 years.)

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IF I KNEW

If I knew it would be the last time
That I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly
and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time
that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss
and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time
I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,
I would video tape each action and word,
so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time,
I could spare an extra minute
to stop and say "I love you,"
instead of assuming you would know I do.

If I knew it would be the last time
I would be there to share your day,
well I'm sure you'll have so many more,
so I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow
to make up for an oversight,
and we always get a second chance
to make everything right.

There will always be another day
to say "I love you,"
And certainly there's another chance
to say our "Anything I can do?"

But just in case I might be wrong,
and today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you
and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone,
young or old alike,
And today may be the last chance
you get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow,
why not do it today?

For if tomorrow never comes,
you'll surely regret the day,

That you didn't take that extra time
for a smile, a hug, or a kiss
and you were too busy to grant someone,
what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today,
and whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them
and that you'll always hold them dear

Take time to say "I'm sorry," "Please forgive me,"
"Thank you," or "It's okay."

And if tomorrow never comes,
you'll have no regrets about today.

Author Unknown

Clear Day Fifty Years Of Memories

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

Dr. Kal Kalnasy

OLD GLORY

The Korean dawn was breaking
with the first hint of light
as the detail was returning
from a long, hard night.

The night had been savage,
full of flashes and sounds,
the hills were still shaking
from the impacting rounds.

They had lost their direction
trying to find their way back
and still weren't sure
they were on the right track.

While they struggled on back
the sounds grew dim,
as they climbed each hill
to the top of the rim.

As they got to the top
and crested the last hill,
the heart rendering view
stays with them still.

They had made it back 'home'
as they all knew,
for across the wide valley
'Old Glory' flew.

Dick Jenkins

2d Combat Engr. Bn., 2nd I. D.

Korea Battlefield Tours for 2002

Society of the 3rd Infantry Division: Korea Battlefield Tour *September 20 - 27, 2002*



The third battlefield tour sponsored by the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, this tour will visit Incheon, Seoul, and the Uijongbu Corridor, and spend two nights in the Chorwon Valley, viewing White Horse, Jackson Heights, the Boomerang, OP Harry, Chorwon and Kumwha, etc. All participants are welcome on this tour (you do not need to be a Veteran of the US Army or 3rd Division, or a member of the Society to attend).

The 7th Division Association: Korea Battlefield Tour *October 12 - 20, 2002*



The 7th Division Association is sponsoring its second Battlefield Tour of Korea; all participants are welcome on this tour, which will visit the Incheon landing sites, Seoul and the Uijongbu Corridor, the Chorwon Valley (T-Bone, Alligator Jaws, "Papasan" and Triangle Hill, etc.) and the Hwachon Reservoir and Punchbowl (this tour will spend one night in the Iron Triangle and two nights in the Punchbowl).

1st Cavalry / 24th Infantry Division Association Tour *October 18 - 27, 2002*



In 2001, Veterans from both Associations joined a tour of the southern battlefields of Korea, where both Divisions fought in July and August of 1950. The Associations are again sponsoring a joint tour covering the area from TF Smith, through Pyongtaek, Chonan and the Kum River crossing sites at Kongju and Taepyong, through Taejon to Waegwan, Yuhak Mountain, the Bowling Alley, Taegu and into the Naktong Perimeter - the shared battlefields of 1950.



An added point of interest: this tour will also visit ROK Army positions along the DMZ near Yonchon, including Hill 346 (known to the Cavalry as "Old Baldy"). All participants are welcome on this tour, which will spend two nights in Taegu and one night in the Chorwon Valley.

Arirang Tour *October 18 - 26, 2002*

The Arirang Tour is a cultural and historic tour of the Korean Peninsula. In addition to Seoul, the tour will visit Kyongju, the capital city of the Silla Dynasty and UNESCO World Heritage Site, Andong and its "Hahoe Village", Ichon, where Korean Celadon has been made for over 1,000 years, Bopchusa Temple, a Zen monastery hidden in the mountains, Mt. Kyerongsan - "shaman mountain", and many other sites of interest. Those visiting Korea for the second time may find this tour to be of great interest.

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S.S. Lane Victory Reunion in South Korea



Attendees at the reunion, from the left, Gen. Kin, ROK; Ernie Barker, US Merchant Marines; Capt. Carroll, Lane Victory; Thom Hendrickson, USN and Col. Lee, Bong Jung.

Recently the government of South Korea hosted three members of the S. S. LANE VICTORY in commemoration of the ship's successful entry of U. S. Marines into Wonsan harbor and the extraction of over 7000 Korean refugees during the winter withdrawal in December 1950.

General Kim of the Korean Army, the U.S. Ambassador and Colonel Lee, Bong Jong thanked the crew of the LANE VICTORY for saving the lives of so many of their countrymen and assured them that it would never be forgotten. Captain William Carroll, Engineer Ernie Barker and Navy signalman Thom Hendrickson accepted the awards and medals in the name of the LANE VICTORY.

Today, the LANE VICTORY remains as the only viable sea going victory ship from World War Two, Korea and Vietnam.

A second reception given by six members from North Korea who had been rescued by the ship's crew honored the three men (Korean war Veterans) and

thanked them on behalf of their community. They presented the LANE VICTORY representatives with a beautiful silver dish inscribed with an appropriate message of thanks.

Today, the LANE VICTORY remains as the only viable sea going victory ship from World War Two, Korea and Vietnam. Each summer the ship hosts over 900 passengers on six day long cruises out into the Pacific. The LANE is often seen in films and television commercials and is a major resource for the film industry. Her two museums filled with mementoes of the wars are the pride of the west coast maritime industry. The ship's crew is made up of about 75 men and women volunteers who love their ship.

(Thank you Thom Hendrickson for photo and letter. A great honor paid to a special ship that did a heroic humanitarian job to save the lives of innocent civilians. Many thanks to all the crew and your ship.)

U.S. Korea 2000 Foundation

In preparation for the 50th anniversary commemoration of the Korean War; veterans of that war are being encouraged to register with the U.S. Korea 2000 Foundation, Inc. According to Veterans Administration statistics, less than 20% of Korean War Veterans belong to a national organization such as the VFW, DAV, or American Legion. The Foundation wants to locate the remaining 80% and notify them of the national and international events that will mark the anniversary. If you were on active duty between June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953 send the following information to: **U. S. Korea 2000 Foundation, Inc., 4600 Duke Street, Suite 420, Alexandria, VA 22304-2517**

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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.



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 <grant-mudder@deepnet.com>.



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>



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>



I am looking for a buddy that I last saw at Ft. Sill, OK in 1952. I think he may have been heading for Germany, but not sure. His name is **Ernest (Ernie) Ferguson** and he was from Kentucky. I am Bob Webb from Marquette, Michigan. I sure would love to get in touch with him again. Contact Judy at e-mail <webbj@chartermi.net>



I would like to locate a Captain from Michigan whom served with the **37th. FA. Service Btry., 2nd Div.** towards the end of 1953. I am sorry after all these years I can not remember names. I do know that he let me use his jeep to go over to the 25th Div to locate a friend of mine from my home town. All three of us are from Michigan. Contact Louis Bunker, 1720 Shore Dr., St. Ignace, MI 49781 or e-mail Angie Bunker <abunker@skynet.net>.



I am searching for the guys I served with in **25th Inf. Div.** from 1951-53. Contact Billy Joe Thacker in Cleburne, Texas. Supply Sgt. 25th Div., 35th Regt., Co. B, 1952 email: <billt@hyperusa.com>.



The troops passing through Inchon, S. Korea, left an orphanage behind. It was organized by the **Chaplains of the 110th Replacement Bn., of the 8th Army**. It was called, in the Korean Language “Star of the Sea”. Can you give me the address of the KVV War Museum in Seoul, Korea? Perhaps they have a record of our orphanage. Contact Leon G. Johnson, Apt. 431, 105 Geneva St. Bath, NY. (No Zip Code, No envelope. Sent to Nancy Monson not editor.) Tel 607- 776-3098.



I am writing to you for information of an uncle of a very good friend of mine. His uncle **Manuel G. Perez** was (KIA) on 09/12/1951. He wants information on how Manuel was killed. His Service Number is US56075330 and he was in the 27th Inf.

Regt. 25th Div. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Contact Danny Cardenas at e-mail <OneColtsfan@aol.com>.



Looking for **Capt. Phillips, RN**, she was in 47 MASH in 50-52. I have pictures of the MASH Unit when it was in tents, also of the terrain. Contact Walter O. Egli, 109 Elmwood Street, Lansing, KS 66043-12008 or e-mail <wegli37227@aol.com>.



Looking for any information on the **Kongo Maru** a Japanese ferry employed by the US Army to shuttle troops between Korea and Japan during the period of 1950-1951. While on a returned trip to Japan with 800 troops aboard the ship was struck by one of the wildest Pacific typhoon and wrecked by an coral reef causing the ship to list about forty degrees. The crew were Japanese and went over the side as the storm hit.

The troop commander was an Lt. Col. In the U.S. Army. He put me in-charge of damage control. I organized means to keep the water at a safe level for seventy-two hours. After the storm broke the US Navy picked us up off the ship with an amphibious craft (LCVP) Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel Carrier. I served with the 24th Infantry Regiment 25th Inf. Div. from Sept. 1950 to Oct. 1951. Contact Robert H. Yancey, Sr. at Fax: (609) 265-3184 or Phone (609) 499-0390.



As time passes I often wonder whatever happened to a small Korean boy I remember as **Casey Jones**. As a former Sergeant in the 38th Ordinance MM Co. and the 60th Ordinance Group, I was stationed at Seoul Korea.



The years were the last half of fifty-one until June of fifty-two. I remember him dressed as an American GI with the rank of Master Sergeant on his sleeve. During the morning roll call Casey stood with Master Sergeant Rhone and reported to the company commander. I was told that he had been taken on as the company mascot. Perhaps off the streets of Seoul as an orphan. I also remember the one Wallace Taylor, a sergeant that was instrumental in the appropriation of school supplies that his classmates are holding out front of them in one of the pictures. I don't remember leaving Korea, but vividly I recall the small boy that we called Casey Jones.



If any of the members of KWVA are former people of my old outfit, I would certainly like to hear from you. I would appreciate your consideration in this matter. Contact Norman D. Lashley, 4220 Highway 31, Racine, WI 53405. E mail <Rainbow499@aol.com>



Looking for **Cliff Clegg**, who served with the 14th Infantry "Golden Dragons" in Korea, from Massachusetts. Contact Dick Sayers at 941-772-7027 or e-mail <rhayers@netzero.net>.



I am looking for a man by the name of **Joe White**. He was in Korea the Dec. 1952, U.S. Army. Any information would be helpful. Contact Maggie Young at e-mail <myl4girl@hotmail.com>



We're looking for **our grandfather**, who is considered to have died in the Korean War. Unfortunately, all we know about him is the fact that he was American. Photo is his picture taken in Japan. We would be very grateful if you may help us identify him. Contact Rina Tsukamoto and Maho Tanizaki at <djodjo@nifty.com>



Anyone who served with **Fox Co, 2nd Bn, 1st Mar** in Korea between 1950 and 1953, contact A.B. McFarlane, 577 Pine Ave., Saddle Brook, NJ 07663 or call (201) 791-9265.



Looking for Officers and Enlisted Personnel who were members of the **JAG Staff, 2nd Logistical Command**, Pusan, Korea, serving from March 1952 to April, 1953. Contact: Leondas

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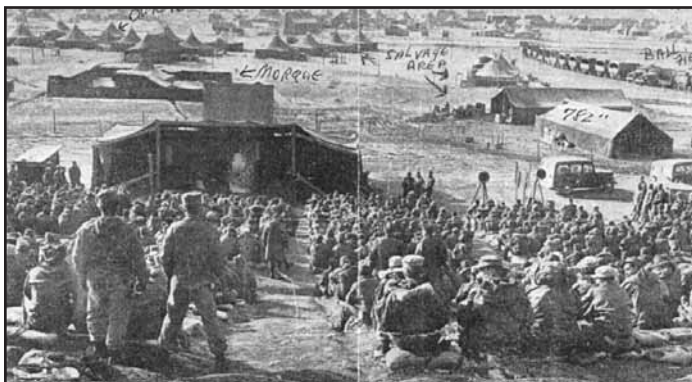
Looking for anyone that **enlisted before they were 17 years old**. We may not be long time buddies, but we all have a common background. We want as many stories as we can about the super patriotic guys that used a lot of ingenuity to fool the recruiters about their age. Many interesting tales come out at our reunions and through our newsletters. Contact George R. Brouse, 100 Village Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19154. Tel: 1-800-595-1006.



My dad never talked very much about Korea so it helps. Photo of my father **Ralph L. Davis** (bottom) with two of his buddies taken in the summer of 1951. My dad was born in Girard, PA near Erie. I would be very interested in hearing from anyone who might recognize the faces in this picture. He was in the Air force and attached to 4077th MASH and was awarded the Silver Star. I am hoping I can find out from someone who knew him. I want to get his unit patch and the citation text for a shadow box. Contact Glenn Davis at <glennndavisl@hotmail.com>



First Division Marines listen to sermon by famed evangelist, **Billy Graham**. Fiery North Carolinian spoke to shivering audiences from Service Battalion movie stage. Graham also talked to wounded men on 20 December 1952.



Anyone remember this area? I was there to April 1953 with 1st Service Bn. Support Co., 1st Marine Div. Contact Robert Judge, 5 Harvey Ave., Edison, NJ 08820-3823. Tel: 732-494-2093.



On behalf of my late uncle, **Cpl. Albert Ellsworth Boothroyd**, who died a POW in Korea on January 31, 1951, I am writing in anticipation of locating someone who may have known or remembers my uncle. I was born one year after my uncle died and never had the opportunity to know him, but over the last three years my mission has been to locate anyone who may remember him. This venture has given me the opportunity to talk with many ex-POW's and former veterans of the Korean War and it has been a learning experience as well as an emotional roller-coaster.



Cpl. Albert Ellsworth Boothroyd,
United States Army 2nd Inf. Div.

My uncle was captured on November 30, 1950 near Kunu-ri and died at Death Valley. He served with Svc Btry, 38th FA BN, 2nd Inf. Div.. My uncle left Ft. Lewis, Washington sometime in August 1950 arriving at Pusan, South Korea.

I am enclosing a picture of my uncle as well as a poem I wrote in his memory. I would also like to hear from his buddies and any events leading up to his death to share with my father, Albert's brother.

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Off to Korea without a doubt.

Cold and wet he wrote in his last letter;
Expecting conditions wouldn't get much better.

Taking on opposing forces;
Totally off familiar courses.

30 November 1950 at Kunu-ri;
The 2nd Division the Chinese did see.

His family home awaiting news;
He went to Death Valley, a place with no views.

Forty below with only summer wear;
Is more than most could ever bear.

Packed 20 to 30 in an 8x8 room;
Living each day in tumultuous doom.

Dysentery, exposure and malnutrition took his life;
News to his family cut thru like a knife.

A horse-drawn cart took him away;
To a place unknown still to this day.

His remains are in Korea, a place he was bound;

Resting place awaits him if he is ever found.

Albert Ellsworth Boothroyd was his name;

The Sacrifice he gave, being his only fame.

(Linda, I wish to add that your uncle has the greatest fame one may have and that would be to have a special niece like you that did not forget him. I can just hear him gathering his buddies around and saying "Look at the beautiful poem Linda wrote about me and our sacrifice. Guys we were not forgotten, we did not die in vain, they remember. Now we can rest." Many thanks from all the veterans and families that lost loved ones. You are an Angel on earth. See "Letters" this issue.)

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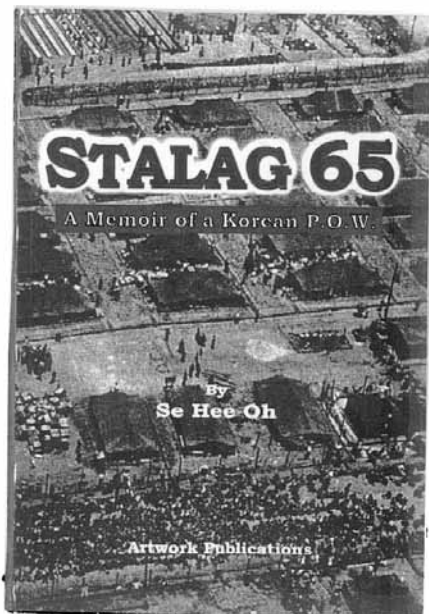
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Please check year of desired revisit tour: **Month:** ☐ April ☐ June ☐ Sept. ☐ Nov **Year:** ☐ 2002 ☐ 2003

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VETERAN'S MILITARY BIOGRAPHY

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I am requesting my name be submitted for a waiver to participate in the 50th Anniversary Revisit Tours in the years 2001-2003.

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

Background

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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.

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

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Update**Korea Revisit**

By Warren Wiedhahn Chairman,
KWVA Revisit Program
Pusan - Inchon - Seoul - "Chosin"
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Dear fellow veterans and friends,

In the last Graybeards I informed you that we have received the 2002 Revisit quotas. Last week we received notice that the number of quotas per month would change significantly in that the World Cup Soccer games will be held in Seoul this summer. Consequently, they could not get enough hotel rooms in June. We will receive the same total number of quotas, however, the monthly distribution will be different.

Because of this change, it's seriously requested that you don't call the office requesting information on when the 2002 Revisit Tours are going. We will work this quota change out with KVA Seoul and you will be notified in writing just as soon as possible.

Because of the increased quotas this year, we still have a few spaces left in 2002 if you want to take a chance on going on the last revisit of the year 28 October-2 November. Actually, this has always been a very popular time to visit Korea. The weather is still warm during the days and all the tourists have gone home. We can spend a lot more time with the veterans.

A Reminder: Military Historical Tours always offers an optional 5 day extension to Beijing, China after the revisit tours. This is extremely popular and over 75 percent of the Revisit veterans and their families take this option since the five day extension is relatively inexpensive when you figure that the large air fare for crossing the Pacific, has already been paid. (Beijing is only two hours flying time from Seoul.) The other reason is the great mystery of China and the realization that you may never have this opportunity again!

Sincerely and fraternally,

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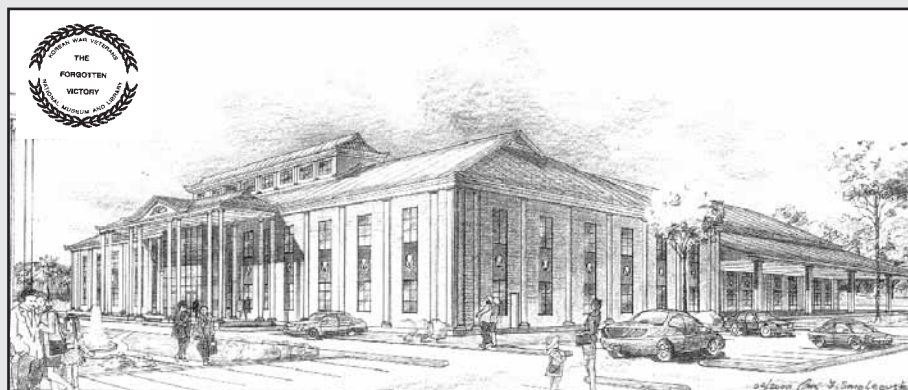
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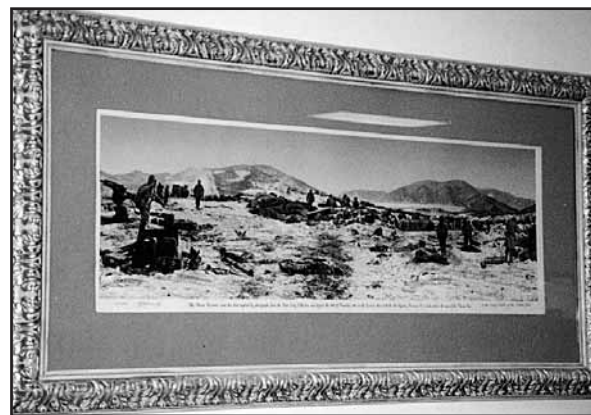


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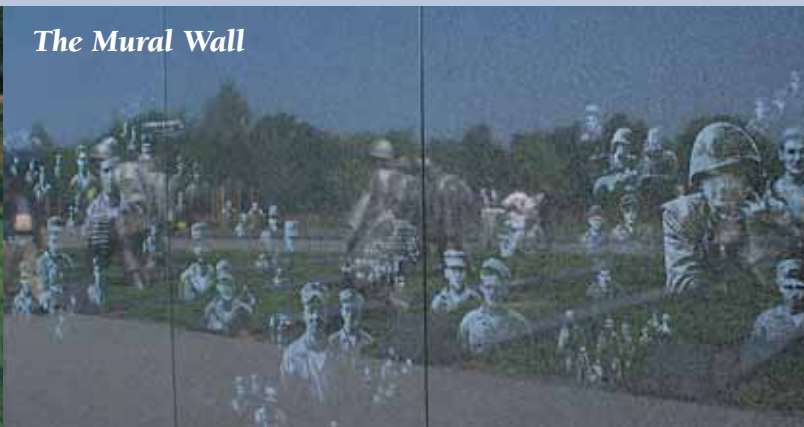


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62nd Engineer Construction Battalion. April 24th-27th. at Tuscola IL. (Korean Veterans). Contact John Bohn, 19 Thurlow St., Plymouth, NH, 03264. Tel. 603-536-8196. E-mail <olinjohn@aol.com>.

73rd Tank Battalion, April 25-28 in Colorado Springs, CO. Contact Curtis Banker, 44 Westcott Road, Schuyler 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

AP Transport Group- USS Generals Mitchell AP114; Radall AP115; Gordon AP117; Richardson AP118; Weigel AP119; Hodges AP144; Breckinridge AP176 and USS Admirals Benson AP120; Capps AP121; Eberle AP123; Hughes AP124 & Mayo AP125. All services, June 6-9. Contact Chuck Ulrich, 35 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park, NY. Tel: 516-747-7426.

The Korean War Veterans Association, State of Missouri, will be holding the 6th State Reunion on June 13-15 at the Settle Inn, Green Mountain Drive, Branson, Missouri. The State will be assisted by the Harry S. Truman Chapter of the KWVA. Contact Harry S. Truman Chapter, KWVA, P.O. Box 1397, Hollister, MO., 65673 or call 417-335-5871.

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.

USS Moale (DD693) Association, June 27-30 in Charleston, SC at the Clarion Hotel. Tel: 1-843-572-2200. Contact Don Boyle, Tel: 1-252-756-1855 or E-mail: <USSMoale@USA.NET> or Shipmate Lloyd Nalley at <Nalley@mntn-state.com>

Looking for Army buddies Duckworth, Covington, Peterson, Hammond, Daisley, Hogoboom, and Lindmark who were stationed at Camp Kokura, Japan (1951-1953) with the **Kokura Signal Service Detachment #8, 8047th Army Unit.**

Roger Moll, Francis Dreesen, Francis BeVier and I (Richard Ruiz) are meeting in Branson, MO for a reunion of the KSSD #8 group. This reunion will take place the weekend of June 28-30. If interested on joining this reunion contact Richard C. Ruiz, 541 N. 14th Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060-1710. Tel: 805-525-3737

July 2002

8th Engineers will meet at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Springfield Illinois, 3000 Dirksen Parkway on July 21st. Contact Keenneth Smith at 309-526-7460.

U.S.S. BRINKLEY BASS (DD-887) Seventeenth Annual Reunion, 31 July through 4 August in Charleston, South Carolina. Contact Bob Shetron, 347 W. Leaside St., Glendora, CA 91741. Tel: 626-335-4034.

August 2002

USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CV/CVA-31 & LHD-6) Ships Company and Air Groups, Aug. 9, 10 in Charleston, SC. Contact Ron Edlund, 2299 Madalene, Muskegon, MI 49442. Tel: 231-773-0441.

143rd FA (Korea 1951 - 1953) August 15-17 at Holiday Inn in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Contact Jim Griffin, Rainbow Village #512, 11911 66th St. N, Largo, FL 33773. Tel: (727-524-4114

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>.

The Korean War Veterans Association, State of Nebraska, Aug. 23-25 at the Crown Plaza, (Tel: 1-800-663-4574 or 1-402-496- 0850 for reservations) located in Omaha, NE. Contact Bob Lundhorst, 3804 Lakeview Lane, Columbus, NE 68601. Tel: 402-563- 1430 or Marion Charron at 402-398-1179.

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

USS WALDRON (DD-699) 13th Reunion in Seattle, WA. Aug. 28 - Sept. 1. Contact: Jack Atkinson, 2807 217th Avenue SE, Sammamish, WA 98075-7102. Tel: 425-391-4343.

September 2002

Dear Fellow Korea War Veterans: Come one, come all, to the Greatest ever **Canadian Korea Veterans Assn's** 10th Biennial Convention and Reunion Hosted in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Sept. 5-8 year 2002. Plan yourselves a fantastic Canadian/Alberta holiday around this Reunion. Visit the Magnificent Canadian Rockies, the Columbia Ice Fields, visit the world famous Resorts of Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper. Plan a trip north to Alaska or a Pacific Coast Cruise up to Alaska, then please return to the City with The World's Largest Mall, The City of Champions, The Klondike City, The City Hosting the Greatest Reunion in the new millennium, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. All Veterans from the 21 Countries who served in the Korean War or subsequent to the Cease-Fire are welcome to attend, as well as spouses, other family members and interested friends (KVA membership not required). It will be a great opportunity to meet old comrades and make new friends with whom we share a common Bond. Further information will be available soon. Contact Lee Power, Co-Chairman, 15803-129 Street, Edmonton AB. T6V 1A2, Tel: 780-457-3992 or Jean Pierre Van Eck, Chairman 2002 Convention, Tel: 780- 488-5845 or Fax: 780-488-6490 or E-Mail: <jpve@ecn.ab.ca>

151st Combat Engineer Looking for veterans who served during the Korean War. We are having a reunion Sept. 5-8 in Lebanon, TN. A11 veterans and families welcome to join us. Contact Jack Cato, tel: 615-444-5225 or e-mail <rmcato@concentric.net> or <jessiestewart@webtv.net>

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.

The U.S.S. Davison DD618/DMS37, will hold her annual reunion Sept. 10-15 at Portland's Holiday Inn, Convention Center Hotel in Portland, OR. All past crew members and family are welcome. Contact Earl J. Lee, 2169 West Dr., El Cajon, CA 92021. Tel: 619-444-5384 or E-Mail <dms37@sprintmail.com>.

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. ABNAKI 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>.

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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.

US Army 14th Combat Engineer Bn., 2nd Bn., 36th Combat Engineer Regt., 2827th Combat Engineer Bn., Sept 19-21 in Kansas City, KS. Contact Stanley H Schwartz, 313 Hollow Creek Rd., Mount Sterling, KY 40353. Tel: 859-498 -4567 or e-mail <shs313@mis.ne>

U.S.S. ROWE DD-564, Sept. 19-22 in Reno, NV. Contact Bob Wood, 10785 Summit Ave. NE, Rockford, MI 49341-9732. Tel: 616-866-9483.

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>.

CARRIER AIR GROUP TWO (CVG-2), all hands who served in CVG-2 with VF-23, VF-24, VF-63, VF-64, VA-65 or VC/VT/HU Detachments during the Korean War (1950-1952), Sept. 24-28, in Orlando, FL. Contact Ray Slanda, 47 Davis Road, East Hartford, CT 06118. Tel: 860-569-2683 or Tim Timidaiki, P.O. Box 337, Issaquah, WA 98027. Tel: 425-392-7787, or Email: <timedna@worldnet.att.net>.

98th Bomb Group Veterans Assn., Sept. 24-28 in Dayton Ohio at Crown Plaza Hotel. Contact Ken Lanigna at 616-751-8231 or Dennis Posey at 770-509-7734 or e-mail <dennisposey@mindspring.com>

4th Infantry (IVY) Division Assn. National Reunion, Sept. 25-29. Contact: Roger Barton, 2 Spring Drive (R-1), Walkersville, MD 21793, Toll Free 1-888-845-4040. Web Page <www.4thinfantry.org>

8221st A.U. FA TOPO & MET. DET. Sept. 25-30 at Hilton Suites, Oak Brook Terrace, IL. Contact Michael Kaminski, 2912 So. 10th Ave., Broadview, IL 60155-4830. Tel: (708) 345-8244.

Tenth Corps (X) and attached Units Korean War 1950-53, Sept. 26-28 at Quincy, IL. Contact Norbert Bentele, 711 S. 16th St., Quincy, IL 62301. Tel: 217-222-1525 or e-mail <koreavetsqcyil@webtv.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.

568th Ordnance HM Co., 1950-53, Sept. 26-29, Norfolk, VA. Contact Herb Peppers, 612, Weatherbeaten Place, Hermitage, TN 37076. Tel: 615-883-1417, e-mail <hpeppers@aol.com>

U.S.S. John R Craig DD885, Sept. 26-29, Fort Worth, Texas. Contact James E. Barrett, 7 Hickory Court, Bamegat, N.J. 08005-2226, Tel: 609-698-2109 or E-Mail: <JirnBarDD885@aol.com>.

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

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 <Gc71gdgsl@aol.com> or Wilbur Dirksen, 13545 E 53rd. Drive, Yuma, AZ 85367.

USS ESSEX CV, CVA, CVS-9, LHD-2 Sept. 30 - Oct. 6 in Metairie, LA (New Orleans). Contact C. Leonard Schlamp, 2911 Rugby Ave., Evansville, IN 47711-3653. Tel: 1-812-437-9485, Web Site: <http://www.ussexscv9.org> or E-mail <clschlamp@Juno.com>

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>

187 FA, 300 FA, 424 FA, 623 FA, 780 FA, 937 FA, 976 FA, 948 FA (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>

17 FA, 50 AAA AW BN, 92 FA, 96 FA, 159 FA, 461 HVY MTR BN, 555 FA, 625 FA (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>

1st FA OB BN, 2nd CHEM MTR BN, 5th FA Group, 75 FA, 88 HVT MTR BN, 987 FA, 999 FA, 8221 FA (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>

145 FA, 176 FA, 196 FA, 204 FA, 213 FA, 936 FA, 955 FA (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>

11th Evac. Hospital - Won-Ju, Korea 1950-53, Oct. 4-6 at the Morings Hotel in Palatka, FL. Contact Ed Elliott, 86 Malone Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306-4100. Tel: 1-718-987-3557.

5th Comm Grp/934th Sig. Bn. Oct. 9-13 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Inn, Kissimmee, FL. We invite all who served in these units from 1950-1954 to join us for our 14th reunion. For information contact Don Colthart 1290 Walton Av. Deltona, FL 32738. Tel: 386- 574-0409.

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.usssaratoga.org

U.S. S. Ogleshorpe 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.

The USS Furse Association DD/DDR 882 is looking for shipmates who served between 1945 and 1972 for a reunion to be held Oct. 16-20 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Contact Maurice C. "TUT" Tuttle at e-mail <ussfurse@aol.com> or tel 631-749-0274 or P. O. Box 890, Shelter Island, NY 11964.

86th Ordnance Company Association, Oct. 22-24 at the Holiday Inn in Denver, PA. Contact: Richard Schildbach, 101 So. Whiting Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. Tel: 703-370-2707.

November 2001

The USS WASP CV/CVA/ CVS-18 Association is seeking any members of Ship's Company, Air Groups and Marines who served aboard the ship between 1943 and 1972, for both membership and information about it's Cruise Reunion which is scheduled for Nov. 9 - 15, 2002 out of Miami, FL. Contact PH1 Richard G. VanOver, USNR (Ret), 6584 Bunting Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127-3635 or call 716-649-9053.

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(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)

Korean War Veterans Certificate

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

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

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Street Address _____ Apt No. _____

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Signature and date _____

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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.

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- 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.

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50th Anniversary of the Korean War, Commemoration Committee,
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Proposed Commemorations of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War

1950 — 1953

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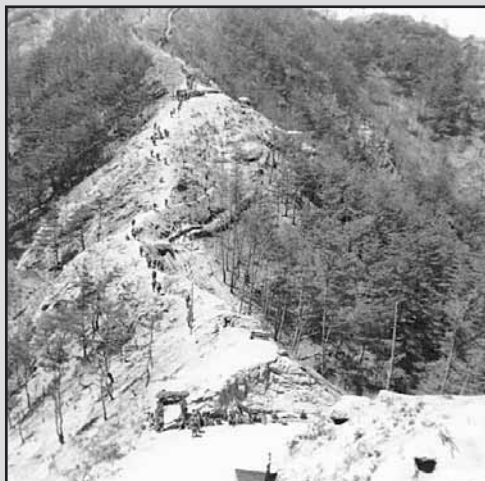
Planned Events 2002

Date	Event	Location	Lead
15 March (12:00-3:00 p.m.)	Media and The Korean War Conference	San Francisco State University	Antonio Montanari, Jr (415-206-1821)
6 April (10:00-11:00 a.m.)	Regional Joint Service Commemoration Ceremony (Southeastern US)	Risaukus Plaza, Savannah Riverway, Savannah, GA	Lt Gary Jones (703-602-6713)
11 April (10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)	Korean War Commemorative Events	Camp Lejeune, NC .	Lt Col Ward Scott (202-433-3085)
4 May (9:00-10:00 a.m.)	Regional Joint Service Commemoration Ceremony (Western US)	Steele Indian School Park Phoenix, AZ	CPT Ed Hooks (703-604-0821)
9 May (8:45 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.)	Symposium '02	Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Pensacola, FL	Lt Col Ward Scott (202-433-3085)
10 May (7:30 a.m.- 10:00 p.m.)	Symposium '02	Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Pensacola, FL	Lt Col Ward Scott (202-433-3085)
27 May (3 p.m.)	Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony	Korean War Veterans Memorial, Washington	Maj. Bennie Umstead (703-602-3444)
25 June (9:00 a.m.)	Wreath laying Ceremony	Arlington National Cemetery	Mr. Rolf Bergmann (703-602-6828)
26-27 June	50th Anniversary of the Korean War Symposium	Old Dominion University Norfolk, VA	Mary Denyes (757-441-2965)
23-28 July	KWVA National Convention	Washington, DC	Mr. Rolf Bergmann (703-602-6828)
27 July (7:00-8:15 p.m.)	Musical Tribute to Korean War Veterans Concert	DAR Constitution Hall Washington, DC	LTC Diane Waters (703-604-0822) Mr. Rolf Bergmann (703-602-6828)
9-14 Aug	DAV National Convention	Dallas, TX	Lt Gary Jones (703-602-6713)
10-17 Aug	AMVETS National Convention	Louisville, KY	CPT Edward Hooks (703-604-0821)
23-29 Aug	American Legion National Convention	Charlotte, NC	Maj. Bennie Umstead (703-602-3444)
24-30 Aug	VFW National Convention	Nashville, TN	LTC Diane Waters (703-604-0822)
September	Regional Joint Serv. Commemoration Ceremony	Oklahoma City, OK	Maj. Bennie Umstead (703-602-3444)
September	POW MIA Commemoration Ceremony	Punchbowl Cemetery	LTC Diane Waters (703-604-0822)

(To be updated each issue as required)

Images of Korea

Photos by Emmett M. Lanier



MLR - Dug in positions for 25th Inf. Div



25th Inf. Div. Troops returning from patrol.
Note trenches.



Hillside fortifications on Heartbreak Ridge.
Looks like chow time or mail call.



SFC Emmett Lanier., Military Police Company.



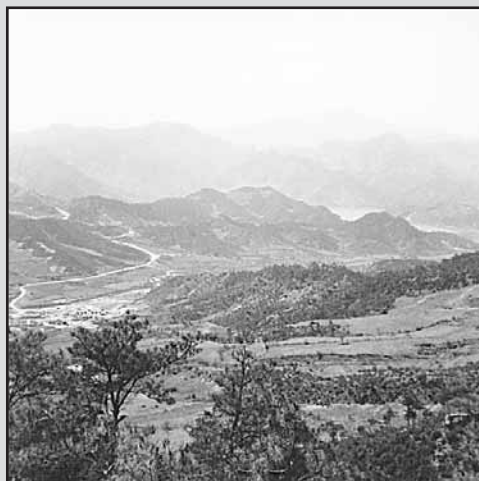
SFC Emmett M. Lanier on "Chinatown
Turnpike".



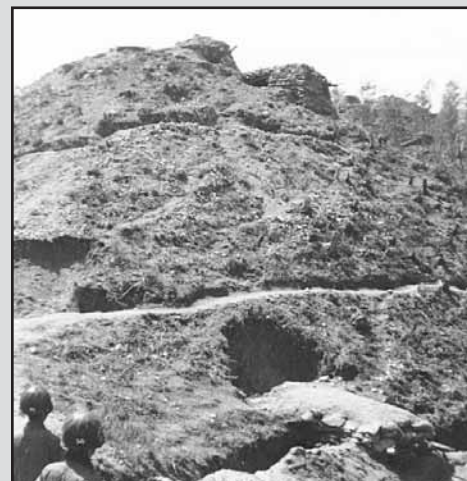
SFC Emmett M. Lanier "Home away from
Home" on MLR.



SFC Harold Green (left) SFC Emmett Lanier at
operations tent of 25th Inf. Div. Military Police
Co. about 1 mile from MLR



View of Korean mountains.



MLR Fortifications on Heartbreak Ridge.

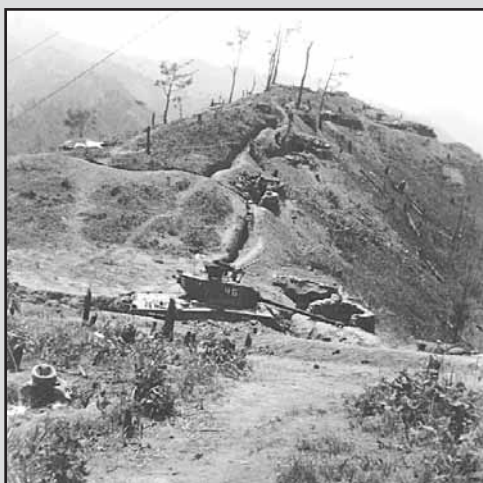
Thank you Emmett for a great set of photos. They must bring back my memories to all Korean War Veterans. Photos were very easy to scan and was a fine selection. You can reach Emmett M. Lanier at 100 Severn Ave., Annapolis, MD 21403. Tel: 410-268-8270.)



Unknown ROK Soldier with SFC Emmett Lanier



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