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Remembering our Korean War Chaplains

PART II: Cover Story – January/February 2003
Graybeards

The United States Army Chaplaincy 1950-1953

Recalling the Reserves

The Communist invasion in Korea caught much of the U.S. Army off guard. The Chaplains' Branch was no exception. Roy H. Parker, a Southern Baptist graduate of William Jewell Academy, had been serving as Chief of Chaplains for less than a year. But the 60-year-old major general had been a chaplain since 1918 and both he and his Deputy, James H. O'Neil, Roman Catholic, were combat veterans of World War II. Chaplain Parker was also well versed on the Korean situation, having served as Far East Command Chaplain under General MacArthur before his appointment as Chief of Chaplains.

The primary difficulty in facing the emergency was a lack of sufficient manpower. The formation of the Air Force Chaplaincy during the previous year had cut the number of Army chaplains on active duty from over 1,200 to roughly 775. Worse, yet, a Reduction in Force (RIF) went into effect at the end of 1949. A January 1950 Memorandum in the Office of the Chief of Chaplains (OCCH) announced, with inappropriate terminology, that the Branch "was given the opportunity to participate on a voluntary basis" in the separation of non-Regular chaplains.

Chaplain William J. Reiss, Missouri Synod Lutheran, who had worked for Chaplain Parker in the Far East, was serv-

ing in the OCCH at that time. Reiss recalled the pressure from the Department of the Army's Personnel people to reduce chaplain strength to 700 by July. Chaplains with low efficiency reports were encouraged to revert to an inactive Reserve status and some were literally forced out under the RIF. The number of chaplains assigned to administrative positions was reduced, the Associate Advance Course at the Chaplain School was eliminated, and the number of chaplains authorized to study at civilian schools was cut by two thirds. Virtually every position considered a luxury was done away with to free the remaining men for troop assignments. Many commanders, for that matter, were encouraged to make use of civilian auxiliary chaplains. But the sudden outbreak of the Korean War and the subsequent buildup of the U.S. Armed Forces required a complete reversal. Overnight the Chaplain Branch was told to raise their strength to roughly 950.

"Parker was so confident that we could get this by volunteers," said Reiss, "that he said we wouldn't force anybody to come into the Service." With obvious embarrassment, personnel in the OCCH began

sending letters to many of the men they had just forced off of active duty. "We waited a couple of weeks," recalled Reiss, "and we got one response." In essence, the one Reservist said he would like to return but he was in the midst of a church-building program.

There was no recourse but to initiate an involuntary recall. Besides those who were already being activated with Reserve and

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Chaplain Howard Marsh, holding papers, conducts a roadside service

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President's Message



Harley Coon
President, KWVA

Congratulations to the military personnel that earned the KDSM medal. The information as to how to apply for this medal, who and how, will issue the KDSM has not been released yet. South Korea is being kept free because of the military guarding the DMZ.

This will be one of my last messages as president of the KWVA. The one thing I always tried to do is to keep the Korean War Veterans, Prisoners of War, and the Missing in Action out front so they will never be forgotten. My one question is how can we forget the 33,000 Killed in action, 103,000 Wounded, the 7,500 Prisoners of War, the 8,100 Missing in Action?

What lies in store for the future of the KWVA? Membership growth and to welcome those that served in Korea since 1953 into the KWVA. We need to keep the "Tell America" program going strong.

What to do with money we have? The cost of the *Graybeards* is approximately \$150,000.00 per year, that includes printing, postage, and labels. With the funds we have we can publish 4 years of the *Graybeards*. There will be increased costs as the years go by. The KWVA has about 18,000 members that get the *Graybeards*. We have worked hard for the last six (6) years to get the KWVA in a stable financial condition.

This year's election is very critical to the future of the KWVA. Six (6) years ago when the KWVA was in the dark days no one wanted to run for President. Now that we are in a healthy financial position several (never heard of) people want to run for president. Are they after our funds?

While there are some good candidates running for office there are several that have never attended an Executive Council or General membership meeting. There are several candidates that have never served in any KWVA office. I firmly believe that a person should serve at least one term on the National board of directors before moving up as officers.

To all Members, Chapters, And Departments

For the past 6 years I have worked with most of the following candidates.

They are hard workers and dedicated to the KWVA and the Korean War Veterans.

We are a highly respected veterans organization in Washington, D.C. and around the world.

These candidates support the conservative spending and the continued support for the "Graybeards."

If you are happy with the operation of KWVA then I recommend that you vote for them. They deserve and have earned the honor to represent you, the membership.

For President

Jack Edwards

For 1st Vice President

Don Byers

For 2nd Vice President

Michael Mahoney

For Directors (Vote for only 4)

Kenneth B. Cook

Harley J. Coon

John (Jack) Delap

Paul Sutphin

James K. Hall

Harry Rawley

Keep KWVA strong and moving in a positive direction

Vote Vote Vote Vote Vote

Harley J. Coon

Administration of the KWVA is not a simple matter. There are three functions that should be first and foremost ;

1. The *Graybeards* should be maintained as the best veterans publication.

2. The treasurers responsibility is to make sure the funds are protected and,

3. Funds should be invested so as to get the highest interest rate.

We should keep the team of KWVA Leadership together. I believe that Jack Edwards will make a good President, Don Byers will be a good 1st. Vice President and

Mike Mahoney will be a good 2nd Vice President.

Jack Edwards has been the 1st Vice President for 2 years and has filled in for me when I had a conflict in my schedule, Jack will be a good leader.

Don Byers and I went to China two years ago to negotiate with the Chinese for information about the 8,100 still listed as Missing in Action in North Korea.

Don is the resolution chairman and he also ran the hospitality room at last year reunion plus doing a directors job.

Mike Mahoney has been the VA/VS national chairman for the last three (3) years and has been dedicated to the KWVA and veterans. The future of the KWVA will be in good hands with these three leading the way.

In support of Jack, Don, and Mike, are the directors on the board. Jack Delap has put forth some positive suggestions and has been a asset to the KWVA.

Ken Cook has served the KWVA in many capacities for the last 10 years, a Director, as 2nd Vice President, and honorary chairman of reunion.

I have been blessed with good people such as Vince Krepps our *Graybeards* editor.

Treasurer Tom Gregory the last 5 ½ years has made more money for the KWVA with investments and the two (2) raffles he has run. National Secretary Howard Camp is also the assistant Treasurer and Assistant Chaplain and helped Tom with the two (2) raffles. Howard is always ready to help wherever needed.

The Financial Committee of Dot (Schilling) Wenzel, Joe Pirrello, and James Jones have been keeping tabs of the KWVA spending. The finance committee reviews the bank statement each month they also review the check book. We are in the sound financial condition because of the finance committee. They have done a super job for the KWVA.

Irvin Sharp our National Chaplain has always been willing to help in any way he could.

I would like to thank Sherm Pratt for his role of Judge Advocate. Sherm and I had different interpretation on several issues. Sherm was not a yes man and he gave his opinion.

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Listen Up

Official KWVA Notices and Announcements

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOC., INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES CASH BASIS

December 31, 2003

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CASH IN BANKBANK ONECKNG	\$ 5,523.84
CASHBANK ONESAVINGS	14,967.06
BANK ONE SVGS-1578460451	86,962.11
SOLOMON SMITH BARNEY	<u>454,634.61</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS **562,087.62**

FIXED ASSETS

COMMEMORATIVE ASSETS	3,000.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	1,907.00
LESS ACCUMULATIVE DEPRECIATION	(839.08)

TOTAL FIXED ASSETS 4,067.92

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 566,155.54**

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

FUND BALANCES

GENERAL FUND	514,835.13
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND	94,139.60
CURRENT EARNINGS	(42,819.19)

TOTAL FUND BALANCES **566,155.54**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES
AND FUND BALANCES** **\$ 566,155.54**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY - CASH BASIS

For the 3 Months and 12 Months Ended December 31, 2003

	3 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2003	12 months Ended Dec. 31, 2003
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INCOME

MEMBERSHIP	\$ 41,335.00	\$ 227,400.08
DONATIONS - GRAYBEARDS	511.40	10,089.39
INTEREST	1,686.70	11,665.75
ADVERTISING-GRAYBEARDS	5,309.80	10,855.20
SPECIAL DONATION	0.00	70,281.00
DIVIDENDS	2,326.92	2,326.92
CAPITAL GAINS	<u>2,307.69</u>	<u>2,307.69</u>

TOTAL INCOME **53,477.51** **334,926.03**

OPERATING EXPENSES

TELEPHONE	1,480.41	5,027.39
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,403.19	3,479.90
INSURANCE	0.00	14,174.00
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0.00	895.17
GRAYBEARDS	44,901.54	139,769.18
ACCOUNTING FEES	365.00	2,390.00
VA/VS REP	0.00	1,653.00
JUDGE AVOCATE	0.00	209.13
MEETING EXPENSE	10,677.45	29,154.97
NOMINATORY ELECTIONS	0.00	2,016.17
CONTRACT LABOR	0.00	750.00
RENT	900.00	1,904.00
UTILITIES	0.00	682.26
DEPRECIATION	0.00	839.08
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	28.50	773.43
POSTAGE	392.49	1,384.05
REUNION	39.38	79,587.63
PRESIDENT TRAVEL FUND	476.75	9,975.77
SPECIAL DONATION	0.00	13,857.53
CHAPTER EXPENSE	1,103.76	8,675.60
MEMBERSHIP	7,889.08	35,750.76
GOODWILL #1 *	180.00	850.00
GOODWILL #2 *	1,000.00	13,500.00
GOODWILL #3 *	25.00	25.00
GOODWILL #4 *	0.00	10,000.00
GOODWILL #5 *	<u>140.40</u>	<u>421.20</u>

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES **71,002.95** **377,745.22**

REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES **\$ (17,525.44)** **\$ (42,819.19)**

GOODWILL #1 - FLAG PINS, NAME TAGS, ETC.
GOODWILL #2 - SCHOLARSHIPS
GOODWILL #3 - KWVA MUSEUM
GOODWILL #4 - KWV MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
GOODWILL #5 - WREATH

PRESIDENT from page 2

We were always able to agree even when we disagreed. Each decision we made was always with the KWVA best interest in mind.

Remains Returned

In February 1951 in POW camp 5, I woke up one morning and the guys on either side of me were dead. The only thing we knew was one name Bruno and the other was Carr. Both were with the 8th RCT 1st Cav. Div. We carried them across the ice and I said the 23rd Psalm as we covered these two bodies with anything we could find. Now 53 years later I talked to a official of the DOD POW/MIA office both of these two soldiers have been identified and their remains returned.

I was also informed of their names and addresses. That was great news.

I am going to run for a seat on the board of directors. I would like to continue be a part of the leadership that has turned the KWVA in a positive direction.

I ask for your support.

Harley



MOVING??



The USPS will not forward Standard mail (3rd class) so please be sure and notify *The Graybeards* of your new address so that you will get your next issue. Contact the KWVA, PO Box 10806, Arlington, VA 22210, Attn: Membership Chairman or call Nancy Monson at (703) 522-9629.

BUDGET FOR 2004

INCOME:

MEMBERSHIP	250,000.00
DONATION	15,000.00
INTEREST	20,000.00
ADVERTISING	<u>10,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 295,000.00

BUDGET 2004

JA	500.00
CHAPLAIN	200.00
GRAYBEARDS	130,000.00
EDITOR	500.00
NANCY MONSON (MEMBERSHIP)	30,000.00
WASHINGTON D.C. REP	300.00
VSVA REP	2,500.00
CHAPTER FORMATION	7,000.00
FINANCE COMMITTEE	200.00
BY LAW COMMITTEE	250.00
RESOLUTION COMMITTEE	250.00
NOMINATORY ELECTIONS	3,000.00
BOARD MEETINGS	30,000.00
SPECIAL EXPENSES	25,000.00
1st VICE PRESIDENT TRAVEL FUND	5,000.00
ADVERTISING	5,000.00
TOTAL:	239,700.00
HOME OFFICE TOTAL:	55,000.00
TOTAL:	\$ 294,700.00

MAIN OFFICE BEAVERCREEK, OHIO

TELEPHONE	5,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,000.00
INSURANCE	15,000.00
ACCOUNTING	5,000.00
LEGAL FEES	500.00
LABOR	1,500.00
POSTAGE	2,000.00
BANK CHARGES (NOVA)	500.00
TRAVEL FUND	10,000.00
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	2,500.00
UTILITIES	00.00
RENT (Washington Office)	<u>9,000.00</u>
TOTAL 2004	\$ 55,000.00

GRAYBEARDS DEADLINES

Articles to be published in the *Graybeards* must be sent to the editor no later than the second week of the first month of that issue. Example: Jan-Feb 2004 articles must be received by editor no later than Jan 9. We print on a first-come-first-served basis. We also have a backlog.— Editor.

Update

Korean War Ex-POW

Excerpts taken from Korean War Ex-POW February newsletter.

News From The President, Ray Unger

Things are heating up for the 2004 Reunion in Kentucky. Made a trip there to check out the hotel and surrounding area. The hotel is large enough to have everyone in one place. They seem very efficient and well organized. Looking forward to seeing everyone again. My term will end after this reunion and Jack Chapman will take on the job as president.

Bill and Liz Norwood represented our organization in D.C. on Veterans Day. They were invited to the White House for breakfast and then to Arlington for the laying of the wreath. We have to thank Harley Coon for making these arrangements. As you know, Bill Norwood is the founder of our organization so it was appropriate for him and Liz to represent us. This was their first invitation to the White House.

We had over 40 newsletters returned. Please inform Tim Casey of any address changes or if you wish to be dropped from the mailing list. You can send changes to Tim at 28 Main St., Pepperell, MA 01463-1615 or e-mail him csmc Casey@charter.net. Please let our Chaplain Norman Hale know of illness or death. His phone number is (256) 734-0864 or e-mail him at koreanpow@juno.com.

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Korean War Veterans Memorial—The Video



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



Lead Scout

Every day, as many as ten thousand people flock to the KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL in Washington, D.C. to see this long-awaited national tribute to our Korean War veterans. The Memorial honors America's sons and daughters who were wounded and missing in action or captured and those who gave their lives protecting freedom in a land far away.



Now, with this one-of-a-kind, commemorative Video you will visit this awesome Memorial again and again in your own home. You will marvel at the magnificent steel sculptures and the monumental wall of 2400 images. And so that you never forget, casualties are imprinted over a background of combat artists' battle scenes from the Navy Art Gallery.

Hundreds of close-up and wide angle photo-video scenes record the breathtaking artistry of this extraordinary Memorial and bring back memories of the war years.

From the Architect's opening remarks to the segment about the Korean War Honor Roll, the Video leaves an incredibly unforgettable impression on those who watch it and hear its inspiring music and stories.

Three years in the making, this *ten-part* Video memento is dedicated to all Korean War veterans.

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THE VIDEO

This video treasure comes with an attractive box, a six-page brochure, a guide to the memorial statues and mural wall, and an itemized program of the video segments, the veterans' accounts and the music.

TO ORDER THE VIDEO

1) Please print or type your full name and your complete return mailing address on a stamped #10 size envelope; 2) Place this envelope inside another envelope; and 3) Mail it to: RAH Publications & Video Productions, KWVM Video Request, 23871 Meadowlark Street, Oak Park, Michigan 48237-2266. (Do *not* send payment with request.)

After the videos are made, invoices will be sent to all those whose requests are on file. After the deadline for receipt of payments has passed, the videos will be shipped in the same sequence in which the payments were received.

For USA orders, the cost of the video is \$39.95 each plus \$5 shipping and handling.

THE MUSIC

Scenes of the Memorial are enhanced throughout the Video by the thrilling, high fidelity, stereo music of *nine* highly acclaimed U.S. Armed Forces bands and choruses.

VETERANS' ACCOUNTS

Veterans' memories include: "Busting through at Kunu-ri Pass," "Lost behind enemy lines," "What it's like to lose close friends," "Johnson's POW List," and many others



U.S. Army Chorus

The Mural Wall



The Advance Party





TO: Fellow Korean War Veterans

For almost six years our comrade Blair Cross has written the D.C. Affairs article for the Graybeards.

We have to inform our readers that Mr. Blair E. Cross, Jr., passed away in his sleep on 29 February after a long and trying illness that slowly took his strength away and weakened his body. Even though Blair was not as strong some days as he would like to be, he never gave up or gave in, pressing on in his service to veterans. That was what Blair was about for 33 years.

He was an individual who saw a need and he went about solving the needs of veterans. He challenged himself with projects. He had visions and insight that motivated him to take action on these worthy projects.

So it was with Blair just one year after joining the Maryland Chapter KWVA and National. He became aware that KWVA did not have a Charter and approached the Chapter with a request. If I can obtain permission from National President Harley Coon to pursue a Charter, will the Chapter support him in this effort. The Chapter membership gave him their blessing and agreed that it is a worthy project that needs to be pursued. President Coon in 1999 also gave him the green light to pursue a Charter for the National Korean War Veterans Association. President Coon appointed Blair as Washington D.C. Affairs Chairman.

All of our members who belong to National and receive the Association magazine "The Graybeards" are aware of Blair's efforts to obtain a Charter by his D.C. Affairs Article, 6 issues each year. We have learned of the closed doors, opened doors, high points, low points, gains and losses, good days and not so good days of low spirits and high spirits of his frustrations, but he kept the course and he had high hopes that some day the barriers would be overcome, and the light of a new dawn would surface and our Charter would be granted for all of the Korean War Veterans who made the supreme sacrifice and for those who honorably served, for those of us that carry on daily as members

of the KWV Association and most importantly, the men and women who have served in Korea in harm's way since 1953. Hopefully they will find their way to our Association and keep this most important victory that took place in Korea in 1950-1953 alive in America. For long after the veterans of 1950-1953 are gone and the Vietnam veterans are gone, there will be Korean War Veterans who deserve to be recognized for their service that has kept aggression and communism at bay for more than 50 years. That was Blair's dream, his passion; he lived it every day and he gave it his all. For his dedication, his drive, his convictions, we are most grateful.

In November 2003 Mr. Robert Banker was elected President of the Maryland Chapter and he went through the chairs so to speak in the Chapter. He paid close attention to Blair's project. He read of what others had done and are doing to obtain the Charter. He stepped forward to form a plan to advance Blair's labors and to build on what he and others have done. He calls it "Blair's Federal Charter Committee". His foot soldiers. Yes, there is a group of us who have agreed to become foot soldiers, which includes members of Frederick Chapter 142.

Mr. Banker presented his plan to the Board of the National KWVA on Thursday, 26 February 2004 at Crystal City during the winter Board meeting. Blair was hospitalized at that time and he died just 3 days later, but he learned that the Board liked the plan as presented to them and they

agreed to support the plan and efforts of those who participate in this endeavor. (See Executive Committee Meeting Report in this issue.)

The plan is to push on and obtain the sponsorship of every Congressman as co-sponsors of Bill HR1043. We need 112 additional co-sponsors and that is our goal, to obtain that number and more by 1 June.

Today as I write this at the request of Editor Vince Krepps and President Coon who asked me to represent him and the National officers at Blair's Funeral Service, I want you the members of the National Chapter to know that Blair's passing, a devoted member to the end, has given his vision new life. You will be hearing from our National Headquarters soon, asking all Chapter members to get involved.

The family of Blair Cross has asked me to convey to the officers and members of the Association their sincere thanks and gratitude to those who have sent your cards, messages of condolences and sympathy to them, and especially a thank-you to those who have expressed their gratitude for Blair and his service to the KWVA and veterans in general.

We all mourn Blair's passing. He was a Veteran's Veteran who gave his best.

Hopefully I will be asked to tell his story in future issues of *The Graybeards* so all of our readers can know of his advocacy for veterans. He was voted "Maryland's Veteran of the Year in Maryland for 2004".

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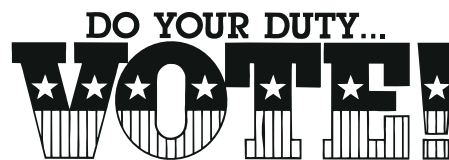
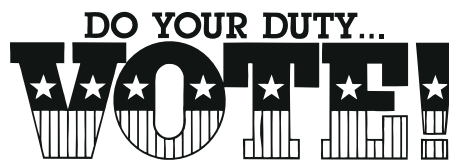
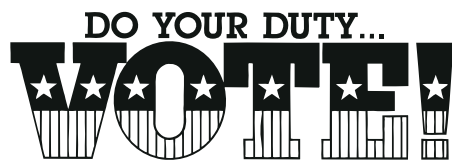
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2004 Election of Officers and Directors

Date: February 23, 2004

To: The KWVA Membership and Nominees.

Subject: 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 2004 Election.

A majority of the Nominating and Election Committee used the following for approval or rejection: Approval or rejection of 2004 candidates was based on the current approved by-laws dated July 25, 2003, and notarized on August 17, 2003.

For the Two Year Term 2004 -2006

For President

- ☒ Louis T. Dechert, Sr.
- ☒ Jack Edwards *
- ☒ J. D. Randolph

For 1st Vice President

- ☒ Richard L. Adams
- ☒ Donald M. Byers *
- ☒ Charles A. Stepan

For 2nd Vice President

- ☒ Byron W. Dickerson
- ☒ Michael E. Mahoney *

For the Three Year Term 2004 - 2007

For Director

- ☒ Kenneth B. Cook *
- ☒ Harley J. Coon *
- ☒ Edward L. Cutler
- ☒ E. Lee Dauster
- ☒ John H. (Jack) Delap *
- ☒ James K. Hall
- ☒ Dean B. McClain
- ☒ Bob Morga
- ☒ Harry L. Rawley
- ☒ Paul W. Sutphin

* 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

Louis T. Dechert, Sr.



I am Louis T. Dechert, Sr., (Lou Dechert), candidate for President of the Korean War Veterans Association.

You can get a very good idea of me, what I believe, and how I conduct business by checking my website www.dechertsitreps.com.

I was born in Texas, but grew up in Texas, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma, due to my dad's employment. I graduated from Wyandotte

High School in Kamas City, Kansas, 1948, and started college in Oklahoma. At that time I enlisted in the Oklahoma National Guard. Just as the Korean War was beginning I was discharged from the 45th Inf Div, Oklahoma National Guard. I then married and moved to Kansas. Subsequently, I enlisted in the Regular Army and entered the service on a freezing winter morning, January 31, 1951, at Fort Riley, Kansas. Two years later I finished OCS and was on my way to Korea as a 2LT. My highest enlisted rank was E5. My enlisted MOS was

Infantry Squad Leader. My first officer MOS was Armored Unit Leader. My highest officer ranks were Lieutenant Colonel, RA, and Colonel NG.

I retired from the US Army in 1973 after over 45 months of combat experience in Korea, Vietnam, and other assignments as a member of the US Army Special Forces. I was a recon platoon leader, tank platoon leader, and tank company executive officer in the 40th Infantry Division in Korea. During my twenty-three year Army career I earned 15 awards and decorations, some of them more than once. I earned the CIB in Vietnam in my first Special Forces assignment. I have the personal award of the Distinguished Unit Citation ("Presidential Unit Citation") three times.

Since Army retirement I have worked as a Vice President of an agribusiness corporation, defense consultant, legislative lobbyist, manufacturing plant superintendent and manager, business development director and instructor. I also have owned a consulting firm. For the past year I have been employed by the US Army in preparing and testing US Army Special Forces elements deploying to Afghanistan and Iraq.

I was a founding member of Central Louisiana (CENLA) Chapter 180, in 1999, and have been President—now changed to

Commander—of the chapter since 2001. I am also the current Commander, Department of Louisiana, Military Order of the Purple Heart. I am a Life Member of MOPH, KWVA, 101st ABN ASSOC, SPEC FORCES ASSOC, ASSOC OF THE US ARMY, 40th INF DIV ASSOC and others.

I am asking for your vote to elect me as President of the KWVA. When elected these will be my four objectives: (1) Restore self-respecting legal governance to the Korean War Veterans Association; (2) Provide a revitalized vision of the things the organization should be doing for veterans; (3) Continue the unique Graybeards as a magazine, with a better attitude and more representative of all the membership; and (4) Provide and encourage openness to proposals for organizational and financial changes to better manage organization's affairs. I am prepared, ready and willing to work with others of the same convictions to lead the organization into our future.

If elected I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council, understanding that two unexcused absences could be reason for removal from office. I am life member LR27194.

Your support will be appreciated.

Louis T. Dechert, Sr.

Jack Edwards



Please accept this notification as my candidacy for the office of National President for the period of 2004 to 2006.

Education;

St. Paul's High School - Binghamton, N.Y., F.A.A. Aeronautical Center, John Jay College, N.Y. (Criminal Justice), N.Y.S. Police Training Academy, F.B.I. Training Academy, US Dept. of Justice Drug

Enforcement Administration, N.Y.S. Institute for Law Enforcement Managers.

Military Service;

U.S.A.F. Sept. 1949 -Nov. 1957, Served in Korea 1951 - 1952 with 5th Air Force as communications Sergeant, attached to 452 Bomb Wing L, assigned to 1993 AACS Sqdn.; attached to 1st Marine Air Wing. MAG 33.

After Korea entered USAF Reserve (Active) until resuming full active duty from 1954-1957.

Employment;

F.A.A., I.B.M., Link Aviation, G.E. Helicopter Program; Bendix Radio Tech. Rep. with USAF; N.Y.S. Law Enforcement Agency retiring as Chief Officer.

Veteran Associations;

American Legion, V.F.W., AFSA, KWVA Past President of Dept. Florida, Past Pres. Sunshine State Chapter, National Director 1997 - 2000, 2001 to 2002 then elected to 1st Vice President 2002 - 2004; DAV, AACS Alumni Assoc., AFA, AMVETS, 1st Mar. Div. Assn., Mosquito Assn., Pinellas County Veterans Liaison Council, Volunteer at the VAMC Bay Pines.

My wife Jean & I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary in Jan. this year, we have seven children & 12 grandchildren and one

great grandchild.

During my tenure on the Executive Board, past Chairman and current member of ByLaws Committee, Chairman Membership committee, worked with Budget/Finance committee to maintain the fiscal monetary balance of the association. These facts, plus others, have prepared me to deal with the continual change we will be experiencing.

Which means there are two major things I can offer, stability and knowledge. As always, my main objective is to maintain the KWVA spirit, which has sustained our organization throughout the years, by maintaining the Graybeards magazine as one of the best veterans periodical published. I will provide the leadership, time, total dedication and especially enthusiasm toward this end. I will attend all called Executive Council meetings, acknowledging that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office. My personal motto has always been "Not to complete a task was never an option"

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Edwards - LR08658

J. D. Randolph



It is my intent to run for the position of National President of Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. for the years 2004- 2006.

My military career started January 1951 and retired February 1971. After basic and advance training at Camp Roberts, California I served 9 years in the Infantry and completed remainder of my career in the Signal Corps.

South Korea three (3) tours of duty 1st 1951-1952 25th ID, 35th IR Co L, 2nd 1960-1961 EUSA Signal School & 3rd 1969-1971 HQ USASTRATCOM. Germany 1954 - 1958 1st ID 16th IR Co. C. France 1963- 1966 USA Element NATO.

South Vietnam 1966 (TDY) USASTRATCOM Facility RVNUSARPAC. South Vietnam 1967-1968 USASTRATCOM Long Lines Bn.

Military Awards:

Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service, Army Commendation w/ 1" Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct w/ Clasp Silver w/ 1 loop, Army of Occupation (Germany), National Defense w/ Bronze Star, Korean Service w/ Three Stars, Armed Forces Expeditionary, Republic of Vietnam Service w/ Three Stars, United Nations Service (Korea), Republic of Vietnam Campaign w/ Device (1960), Korean War Service, and Combat Infantry Badge.

My career after military service:

Using the education and training received in the telecommunication field in the military, continuing in the same field specializing in microwave, satellite and fiber-optic telecommunications. Hughes Aircraft Company Manager of Product Effectiveness (1971-1980) U A Columbia Chief Engineer (1980-1981), Warner American Express Communication Director of Engineering (1981-1986), James Communication Vice President of Engineering (1986-1988), Randy Enterprises Owner (1988-1992) Cadco Engineering & Manufacturing President & CEO (1992 -1996) (First Retired) OpTel

Manager Network Design (1996-2000) (Final Retirement)

I am president of KWVA Sam Johnson Chapter 270, assumed in the summer of 2002 after our elected president's health turned bad and then reelected for the term of 2003-2004. I was one of the few members that started this chapter 11 September 2001 and now have signed our 105th member and still growing. We assisted KWVA East Texas Chapter 286 get started and the members from their area transferred to the new chapter. Any week you can find members of our chapter part of the Voluntary Service at the VA North Texas Health Care System or at the DFW National Cemetery. The Blue Shirts indicate dedicated Korean War Veterans Volunteering to help other Veterans and their families.

With my experience I bring to the table many years of management, organization, planning and team work to the office of president. When I am elected the first order of business will be:

Robert's Rules of Order will be used as a guideline for all business transactions. Start a direct line of communication with all Department & Chapter Presidents and Commanders to have a better rapport.

Recruitment program for younger veterans that served in Korea from 1955 to present to join our association.

Other Veterans Organization that I am part of:

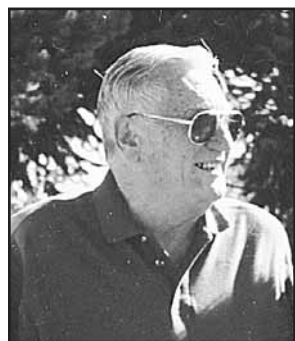
The Retired and Active Duty Enlisted Association Greater Dallas Veterans Foundation Greater Dallas Veterans Council Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations

I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for removal from office. My dues are current (R030988) and will stay current through the period of the office.

J. D. Randolph

Candidates for 1st Vice President

Richard L. Adams



It is my, Richard L. Adams, intent to run for the position of 1st Vice-President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. for the year of 2004-2006.

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

President Caruthers Chamber of Commerce VFW Life Member, 2001-VFW Commander Caruthers Post #6745. 2000-Board Member Caruthers Veterans Memorial Committee, Past-President of California Cotton Gin Association. Past-President Caruthers High School Boosters Club. Past-President 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 (2) unexcused absences could be used for removal from office.

As a Life Member my dues are current. One of the things I would like to see for the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc is a professional "Parliamentarian" to oversee all Association Executive Committee and General Membership meetings.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Adams, Life Member #076

Donald M. Byers



This is to announce my intention to run for the office of 1st Vice President of the Korean War Veterans Association during the year 2004.

A resume of my qualifications are: Served on the KWVA Board of Directors from 1991 - 1994, and again from 2001 - 2004. Served as President of the 2nd Indianhead Division Association from 1994 - 1996, and Commander, VFW Post 9985, Camp

Casey, Korea, 1990 - 1991. I enlisted in the California National Guard as a Private at the age of 16, and retired as a LTC from the Regular Army at the age of 60, after serving 43 years and 7 months of continuous active military service. I was recognized as the last Korean War veteran to retire from active duty at my retirement ceremony at Fort Myer, Virginia on July 1, 1992. I served in Korea from 1950 - 1951 as a PFC Ammo Bearer in a machine gun squad with the 2nd Inf. Div., and again, 40 years later, as a LTC with the 2nd Inf. Div. in Korea from 1987 - 1991.

Currently active in many veterans organizations. Education: BS degree in Business Management, MBA degree in Finance, University of Southern California, Graduate of the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. I am a Master Mason and 32d Degree Shriner.

KWVA Life Membership number is 3658.

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

Life membership dues are paid.

Sincerely,

Donald M. Byers

**BALLOT ENCLOSED
IN THIS ISSUE**
VOTE ★ VOTE ★ VOTE ★ VOTE

Charles A. Stepan



I wish to be nominated for the KWVA office of First Vice President. Enclosed find a notarized DD214 showing eligibility.

I am presently Quartermaster and Adjutant for VFW Post 93, Youngstown, Ohio.

The present KWVA leadership has done a credible job. However it is time for a change, and I would like to take us in a new direction. We are not the

VFW nor the American Legion,... we don't need a national charter. In 10 years most of us will be gone. In 20 years the only Korean vets that are left will be curious oddities. Our mission now should be to use these next 10 years to ensure that Americans never forget what we did. For openers, let the KWVA establish a KWVA memorial in Korea at their National War Museum; next, let us give more support to the Korean War Museum in Tuscola, Illinois. We should establish an internet website for all Korean War veterans - or, better yet, take up the offer of the existing website, Koreanwar-educator.org, and give it the support it asked. The KWVA should strike a beautiful medal that local chapters can present to worthy citizens, and in this way keep our organization in the news, leaving some posterity for the future. We should sponsor, and finance, a person of radio presence to travel our many states, getting himself invited on the hundreds of talk shows across the country ostensibly to get new chapters or new members, but mainly to get our message across the nation. Let's also move our conventions across the country to different locations each year. Further, we should work on expanding our "Tell America" program as I feel it is one of our major assets. We have a sizeable treasury, let's use it and not leave it for a bunch of lawyers to squabble over and divide among themselves.

Thank you for your consideration,

Charles A. Stepan

Candidates for 2nd Vice President

Byron W. Dickerson



This is to notify you that I am a candidate for 2nd Vice President of the Korean War Veterans Association.

I was born and attended school in Girard, Texas. I enlisted in the U.S. Army on the third day of August 1948. I took basic at Ft. Ord California and was assigned to Ft Story Va. When the Korean War started in June 1950 it did not take long for the U.S. Army to see that my service was more needed in

Korea. This was in November 1950 and I was shipped to Seattle Washington for assignment to Korea. I left the States on the 15th of December 1950 and arrived in Pusan Korea on the 5th day of January 1951. The Chinese had just entered the war and they were not sure we were going to be able to hold. After a couple of months bouncing around Pusan and Koge Do Island I was transferred to the 2nd

Infantry Division and was assigned to Hq. Company 2nd Battalion 23rd Infantry Regiment.

My personal Awards and Decorations are Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense, and Korean Service Medal with four bronze stars, The U.S. Presidential Unit Citation, The Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and others.

I participated in several battles one of which was the May Massacre in which I was overrun by what I later learned was eight Chinese divisions of 96,000 that hit our front. It took three of us five days to make our way back to our own lines. The last battle I was in was Heart Break Ridge. I rotated from Korea on the 25th day of November 1951.

I put Korea out of my mind for the next fifty years. When I learned there was a K.W.V.A. I joined I was asked if I would be willing to serve in the formation of a chapter in the Dallas, Ft. Worth area. The General Walton H. Walker Chapter 215 was the one started by Sam Naomi, National Organizer. I am the Judge Advocate in this Chapter and the newly elected Judge Advocate of The Department of Texas. Experience, two years on the board of directors of chapter 215. I have served on the Board of Directors of two non profit corporations in the past and at the present I serve on the board of directors of another non profit corporation.

I am 72 years old in good health married for 51 years and retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 37 years.

I consider it an honor and privilege to be a candidate for 2nd Vice President of the National KWVA. Some of the things I would like to see done are attainment of a federal charter, active recruitment of DMZ Veterans. I believe there should be an educational program within the organization to make members aware of the various benefits available to them, both at the National and State levels. An example would be providing information of cold weather injury which I believe the majority are unaware of.

If elected I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and I understand two unexcused absences can be used for my removal. I am a Lifetime Member # 22282. I am asking for your vote to elect me 2nd Vice President of the KWVA.

Byron W. Dickerson

Michael E. Mahoney



I, Michael E. Mahoney will seek the National Office of 2nd Vice President. I present the following for your review as my qualifications and veterans background for this position.

At present, I hold the office of National Director, am Staff Officer for the VA/VS program, and the President of the Department of Ohio, Korean War Veterans Association. At department level, I am a member of the Governors Office of Veteran Affairs Committee, A Lobbyist in the State of Ohio representing the Korean Veterans in matters concerning veteran bills and other needs. I was on the rewrite committee for Ohio Title 59, this is the Veteran Laws in Ohio.

On the National Level, I have been the National Representative of

the Volunteer Program since 1998. We have come a long way in this program. The national program is showing a total involvement of over \$1.3 million dollars per year. I was appointed to the office of Director after the death of John Settles. I had the next highest vote.

With my veteran issue background, I believe that I have the necessary qualifications for the office I seek. I will if elected to keep the finances in good order, maintain the current representation with the State in our needs.

I hold membership in other veterans organizations, Life Member American Legion, Past Commander of Circleville Post, Member of the 40/8, Past Chef De Gare of Voiture 43, Life Member of the VFW and the Catholic War Veterans.

I am a Life Member of the Korean War Veterans since 1986, my Card number is LRO1979. I am also on various City veteran committees.

My dues are current and I am a life member.

I understand that I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and understand that if I miss two (2) un-excused meeting I could be removed from office.

Michael E. Mahoney

Candidates for Directors

Kenneth B. Cook



It is my intent to run for the position of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc. for the year 2004-2007.

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 children, 5 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

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 #LR 1764, since 1988.

I have served as President of the Illinois KWVA State Department. I have previously held the office of 2nd Vice President 1998-2000, 2002-2004 and National Director 1993-1998, 2000-2002. I was President of the Robert Wurtsbaugh KWVA Chapter in Danville, Illinois, for 8 years. I am the U.S. representative to the international Federation of Korean War Veterans 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 Korean War Veterans

Association 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.

Kenneth B. Cook

Harley J. Coon



If I am elected as a KWVA National Director I will Promise the membership four (4) 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 Graybeard the best veterans magazine.

3. I will attend all scheduled meetings.

4. I will work for the benefit of the

Korean War Veterans.

Six years ago when I took office of President the KWVA was close to bankruptcy; 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.

I worked with Editor Vince Krepps to upgrade *The Graybeards* to the best veterans magazine printed. Three years ago we mailed out 14,500 *Graybeards* each issue. Now we are mailing out over 18,000 each issue. I would like to continue to lead the KWVA in a positive direction.

Served in the following Veterans Organizations.

Elected three (3) Terms National President, Korean War Veterans Association. Past State President and founder: Department of Ohio, Korean War Veterans Association. National Director: Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. 2 Terms National POW/MIA Chairman: Korean War Veterans Association. 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 2 terms Elected 2 Terms as National Director: American EX-Prisoners of War Association, Inc. Past President: Greene County Veterans Service Commission, Served on commission for 10 years.

Military Awards.

Purple heart, Prisoner of war medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal w/2 silver campaign 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

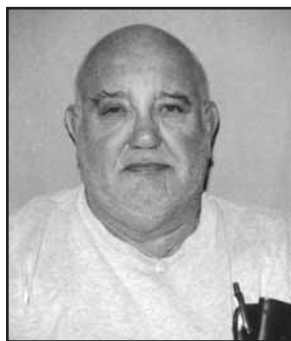
Inducted in The Ohio State Veterans Hall of Fame on November 1, 1994.

I understand that two unexcused absence could be used for removal from office. My life membership number is LP000003.

I would like your VOTE.

Harley J. Coon

Edward L. Cutler



Objective:

To bring back decency and pride to those of us who served during the Korean Conflict

Functional summary:

To legally advance the true reason for the formation of the Korean War Veterans Association.

Military:

1953-1954 Mass. Army National Guard Yankee Division, Field Artillery, 1954 - 1956 U. S. ARMY 5th Inf. Div. 759 Tk. Bn., Munich, Germany, 1970's - 1995 Mass. ARNG and USAR. Retired as an SFC, E-7

Professional Memberships:

Life Member KWVA LR17721, Life Member DAV, Life Member AMVETS, Past Cdr. Life Member JWV.

Volunteer experience:

VA Volunteer past 3 years, CERT volunteer, COP volunteer

Awards received:

Good Conduct Medal, National Service Defense Medal, European Occupation Medal.

I will attend all called meetings of the Executive Committee and understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office.

Edward L. Cutler

E. Lee Dauster



Born in St. Louis, Mo. Christmas day 1928. My brother and I were abandoned by our father, but were fortunate to have a loving, caring mother who fought her way alone through the "Great Depression," raising two boys. Our difficult time was compensated by the lessons learned watching our mother fight the overwhelming odds. She taught me to be a fighter, and I find myself to this day doing all I can

to overcome the injustice that we are occasionally assigned.

I graduated June 1946 from high school and immediately joined the Marine Corp. as a recruit at Parris Island S.C. I enlisted for two years (1946-48). After boot camp I was sent to Cherry Point N.C. and assigned duty with a radar unit that tracked and directed fighter planes to the supposed enemy planes.

Following, I served two years as an active reservist in a U.S.M.C. fighter squadron, serving as intelligence clerk for the squadron of F-4U.4s. (This same sqdn. provided close air support for Marines in Korea.) September of 1950 I was called to duty from an inactive reserve status and arrived in Korea with the third replacement draft aboard the ship General E.T. Collins. 1,800 men made up the draft. We arrived at Hungnam in late December 1950.

The Chosin marines were coming out. The same ship was used to

transport many of the 1st Marine Division troops to safety at Pusan. My service was with an artillery forward observation team assigned to G Co., 3rd Bn. 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Mar. Div. I was wounded twice in a six week period, losing a leg to automatic weapon fire April 24, 1951. (The second night of the Chinese spring offensive) My personal citations include two Purple Hearts and a Silver Star. I was retired with wounds and after 14 months of hospital time, returned to my home and wife in St. Louis.

1952-56 I managed a drug store and fulfilled requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Washington University in St. Louis, graduating May 1956. My work, principally, was as a manufacturer representative for a major work clothing company. I traveled in my work and lived in Houston, Texas 1956 to 1965. Moving to California in 1965, my later work was as a self employed casualty insurance agent and broker where I remained until retirement.

I currently serve as the present Commander of KWVA chapter #7, Tuolumne County, CA. I am also the Past Commander (President) of the Santa Clara County (San Jose CA) chapter #6 of the National KWVA. In addition I served as President of G-3-1 Korea, a Marine Corp. reunion group.

Why do I want to become a director? Well, I am a members advocate. I believe that the membership can be represented in an improved manner. I believe that those members that disagree with a management style should be heard, and fairly represented, in an open forum. I believe that the bylaws of our association should not be altered to satisfy or further the aims of any individual or group.

I respectfully solicit, and request your support in the forthcoming election. My activities include membership in the Disabled American Veterans, The American Legion and the VFW.

E. Lee Dauster

John H. (Jack) Delap



It is my intent and desire to run for the office of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years of 2004 - 2007 My dues are paid through 2006. I have served as Director 2001 - 2004.

I am charter Commander of Kansas Post #1 and have been reelected. I served as Administrative Officer of the City of Kansas City, Kansas from 1971 - 1975. My degree is in Public

Administration and I graduated cum laude. I owned and operated a real estate office for over 20 years and am now retired.

I received a Purple Heart while in the Chosin Reservoir in Korea. While there I served as Administrative Chief. I believe the KWVA needs tender care and strong hands to bring out its full potential.

My KWVA membership number is R026597.

I plan to attend all called meetings of the Executive Council and I do understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office.

Semper Fi,

John H. (Jack) Delap

James K. Hall



I was born in Spray, NC February. 22, 1932, and enlisted in the U.S. Army in August 1948, calling Amelia, Virginia home during my military service.

I received basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky and was assigned to the 2nd Inf. Div., 38th Field Artillery, C Battery. Accompanying the 2nd Inf. Div. to Korea in July 1950, we landed at

Pusan during the North Korean assault on the Pusan Perimeter.

We proceeded north with the 2nd Inf. Div. after the breakout of the Pusan Perimeter and were part of Task Force Smith destined for Pyongyang, North Korea. On November 23rd, the Chinese volunteer Army at Kuni, North Korea attacked us and I was taken prisoner of War by the Chinese and marched to Pykdong, North Korea where I spent the remainder of my internment of 33 months until as part of a prisoner exchange, I was returned to the United States.

I made a career of the Army retiring in 1969 after additional tours in Korea, Vietnam and Germany.

Military Awards include:

Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, POW Medal, Good Conduct Medal with clasp, Army of Occupation, National Defense with Bronze Star, Korean Service Medal with 9 Stars, Vietnam Service Medal, United Nations Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Korean War Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation.

Accomplishments include:

Charter member of Chapter 215 KWVA, KWVA Board of Directors member, Twelve year volunteer at VA Hospital in Dallas, Texas, Past commander of DAV Chapter, Past commander VFW Chapter, Past commander of American Ex POW's, Treasurer National Korean Ex POWs.

My thoughts for the National organization:

I will work toward obtaining a National Charter for KWVA by the Congress of the United States. I encourage the executive board to strictly adhere to the by-laws. I will work in conjunction with the Korean War Veterans state departments to achieve the National organizations goals and objectives. I insist on complete disclosure of finances and accountability of KWVA funds.

My wife, Alice, and I reside in Arlington, Texas.

James K. Hall, Member #P000443

Dean B. McClain



KWVA Members, My name is Dean B. McClain LR19921. I'm seeking the office of KWVA National Director for the term 2004 – 2007. I have submitted a release for scrutinizing same.

Born 7-32, graduated high school 1950, went to work on Railroad in advance of graduation. Drafted into Army 12-10-52, trained as locomotive engineer and shipped out 07-53. Served 15 months in Korea, and released 11-23-54. Back to railroad where I served 20 plus years.

I served for several years as Brotherhood of RR Trainmen Union local chairman. I studied and worked 6 years in life insurance where I achieved LUTC Degree. I worked for a local jeweler, learned watch making, took business administration courses, opened my first watch shop 1968 while continuing to work on railroad. Was appointed RR Watch Inspector 1982. Now semi-retired, I'm still active part time in our family jewelry business.

My affiliations with veterans organizations include life member AMVETS, serving as Department of Ohio deputy inspector general, National committee Korean War 50th anniversary, (J. Norbert "Skip" Reiner Chairperson), and District 19 vice commander. American Legion post adjutant, past 1st vice commander, chairman of Boys State, and aid to Department Commander. Founder and 3 time president of KWVA Ohio chapter 137. Two term commander United Veterans Council with 38 posts membership. President of Mahoning County Veterans Memorial. I am also active in VFW, Army Navy Garrison, ITAM Vets, Marine Corp. League Associate. I produce monthly news letter to 38 local member posts.

I receive weekly E-Mail reports from the Washington DC observers, and I attend several VA seminars each year to keep posted on Veteran Entitlements. In 2000, I was voted Mahoning County Veteran of the Year, citing Superior Service to Veterans. I have served as a Scout Master, Kiwanis member, Insurance Agent Union Local Vice Pres., City Camera Club Vice Pres. I am serving my 2nd term as Pres. of Austintown Democratic Club, I am an active 32nd degree Mason, and a church member.

I believe I can help improve our Korean War Veterans Association, and I pledge to do my best to achieve a supreme rated veterans organization. I pledge to, attend every Executive Council Meeting during my tenure, "understanding missing unexcused two meetings could cause removal from office.

I further pledge to monitor and protect the Constitution and Bylaws of KWVA and insure the adherence of same by our national officers. High on my list of priorities, "National Charter", "New Programs and better Communications", "Broader, Unlimited range of input by our membership".

I Need Your Vote I Want The Job, Thank You.

Dean B. McClain

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Forgotten Battle of the Forgotten War

Christmas in July is the story of a forgotten battle in Korea, told fifty years later by twenty of those who fought it. They left for war as boys from all parts of our country. They returned home as men, changed forever. The telling of this story has released many of these old soldiers from the nightmares that plagued them all these years, and it has revitalized them as they recall and relive their youth. The reader "goes back" with them on patrols in pitch black nights, listening to every sound, and is with them in their trenches as they fight this critically important, though forgotten, battle to beat back hordes of advancing Chinese troops in what was to become, until recently, a generally "forgotten war." Not previously told, this is a moving story of fear and courage related by those who knew it best - and lived it day by day.

In brief commentaries about their lives since Korea, these men of greatly diverse backgrounds, display the same courage, commitment and American spirit they showed 50 years ago.

Christmas in July provides rarely seen data intended to preserve a basis for future historians and other writers to create an authentic voice.

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TESTIMONIALS

"I am honored to have been the architect of the Korean War Memorial and proud to know one of the GI's in *Christmas in July* who is an acquaintance from our city of Barre, Vermont."

Frank C. Gaylord, Architect, Korean War Memorial



45th Infantry Division

"The young men in this story exemplify the spirit of answering one's call to serve their country. They were ordinary boys who became extraordinary men much sooner than they anticipated. In this Christmas Hill battle account, they describe unforgettable memories of horror and terror. As boys, they proved they could become the men who defended our nation's honor."

Brig. Gen.(ret) Alan H. Noyes

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Harris Hollin, President, Conquer Fragile X Foundation; Author, The Power of Honor

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Bob Morga



I submit my resume for the position of director of the KWVA for the term 2004-2007.

I have been a national director in the KWVA.

I have been a community leader in the County of Suffolk N.Y. for the last forty five 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 Training at Indiantown Gap, Pa. and was sent to Korea where I was assigned to the 772nd M.P. 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. I have been the Pres. of this chapter since 1989.

I am a life member of the V.F.W. and the International Narcotic Officers Association.

The Central Long Chapter has it's own office and telephone number listed under The Korean War Veterans Assoc. Central L.I. Chapter.

If I am elected I will attend all meeting 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's and POW's that did not return. I will have every elected National Officer, and every Chapter and State Dept. Pres./Commander sent a monthly bank statement on request.

I will keep on working hard to put the Korean War in it's proper place in history.

I am a life member #4026LM

Fraternally Yours

P.G. (Bob) Morga

Harry L. Rawley



This letter will serve as my intention to run for office as a Director for the period 2004-2007.

I present for your review the following qualifications for this office. I am a Veteran of the Korean War and also a life member of KWVA. I believe in the purposes and goals of KWVA and would like to help promote this work.

I am also a life member of the VFW and a life member of

the American Legion. I am also active in the 14th Combat Engineer Battalion Association, serving presently as Treasurer.

Some of my life experiences that I think would be valuable for this position are:

1- Long time active member of Bridgewater United Methodist Church. I have served as Chairman of the Administrative Board, Chairman of the Building Committee during a recent major building program. I am currently serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees since 1989.

2 - Have been a member of Bridgewater Ruritan Club since 1956. I served as President of this club in 1977.

3 - Graduate of Harrisonburg Business College in 1956, majoring in Accounting.

4 - Started my own farm equipment business in 1964 and built a successful business that is now operated by my sons.

5 - Served on Board of Directors for Virginia Equipment Dealers Association from 1965 to 1992. Served as President of this state-wide organization in 1973.

6 - Elected to Board of Directors of North American Equipment Dealers Association in 1978. Was elected President of this organization in 1990. This organization represents dealer's interest in legislation and industry relations in the U.S. and Canada.

7 - Elected to the Board of Directors of the local Habitat for Humanity Chapter in 1994. Was elected President of this Chapter and served two terms in that office.

8 - In 1973 I helped found a new Bank in our area and served on that Board from the start until December 2003. This Bank was merged into a larger Bank two times during this period.

My wife Reba and I have been married for 52 years. Our family consists of 3 sons, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. I am fully retired from my business, and if elected, I have the time and energy to devote to this office.

Thanks for your consideration.

Harry L. Rawley

Paul W. Sutphin



Please accept this notification of my candidacy for the office of National Director for the period 2004-2007.

My goals are to work for a strong KWVA by listening to all members, treating them equally and fair, and safeguarding our finances. Furthermore, I believe common sense is the answer to most of our problems. I will also work for our National Charter from the United States Congress, and to strengthen the Tell America program so our grandchildren will know what we accomplished over there.

My qualifications for this position are organizing KWVA

Central Illinois Chapter #243 and serving as its President for the past four years, 1st Vice President for KWVA, Department of Illinois, life member of the Korean War Veterans Association, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Navy Seabee Veterans of America. I served the Navy Seabee Veterans of America as Illinois Department Commander 1991 - 1994, National Commander 1994 - 1996, and Island Commander 2002 - 2004. At the present I am serving as a board member of the Korean War National Museum and Library. I am Past President of Naval Beach Group #1 (a reunion group), a former Trustee of the Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association, the Civil Engineering Corp/Seabee Historical Foundation, Inc., and a member of Toastmaster International. I served in the Navy 4 years 1951 - 1955. I was stationed in Korea aboard L.S.M. #546 and L.S.M. Ron #1 1951-1952 and in the Amphibious Construction Battalion #1 from 1953 -1955 in the Far East Command, attaining the rank of CEL-3.

I have been an employee of Caterpillar, Inc. for 54 years in the Electrical Department of Plant Engineering. My wife Madelyn and I have been married 45 years. We have two married children and four grandchildren. Having worked on many committees and boards with an honest conscience, I will do my best for all concerned and serve all members. I understand the Bylaws of the Korean War Veterans Association and will work to make sure they are followed. Also, I understand that two unexcused absences can be used for removal of office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul W. Sutphin, Membership # LR24322

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Your heartening response has made this step possible. Hopefully we will be able to restore our newsletter to a higher quality with other desired changes in subsequent issues. Members please continue to respond by sending your contri-

bution to Editor KWVA, or Treasurer KWVA marked: **Support of Graybeards**. Every donation will be recognized in the magazine. Those that do not respond for any reason are still valued members, for your dues also contribute to the printing of our newsletter.

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Reunion Showplace.....

Company C 64th Tank Battalion, 3rd. Infantry Division

The 2nd Annual reunion at Fort Knox, KY, September 26, 2003 was attended by 7 members of the 4th Platoon Company C, 64th Tank Battalion, 3rd. Inf. Div. - Korea from 1952 - 1953. Great time was had by all

Third Annual Reunion, will be in 2004. If anyone that served in the 4th Platoon, Co. C, 64th Tank Bn., 3rd. Inf. Div. is interested in attending this reunion at Fort Knox, KY, call La-Verve Wilson at 1-989-365-3345. *(Thank you La-Vere for photo and letter.)*



Shown in back row from left to right are Leon Davenport – GA, Fred Mochle – MA, Clyde Rankie – NY, Dick Herold – NY, Front row - left to right are La-Verve Wilson – MI, Bill Pierson – MI, George Roach – RI.

31st F A., Battery B, 7th Div., #3 Gun and all Veterans



Shown Left to right, Leroy Shook, Floyd Jordan, David Goldman, H. Strong, Charles Young, M. J. Morin, and Harold Berkshire.

Korean War Veteran dinner held in Keysville, Virginia to honor Korean War Veterans. Leroy Shook organized the event for more than 130 people, most of whom were Korean War veterans. In 1999 the Keysville community raised more than \$20,000 to erect a Korean War veteran's monument. The 3rd Korean War Veterans

Reunion will be held on November 8, 2003. For information contact Leroy Shook at 1-434-736-9088 or write to 3818 Briery Rd., Keysville, VA 23947.

(Thank you Harold Strong for photos and letter.)

Harry E. Jones.



Guest Speaker Vice-Adm. Kent Carroll.



Have a Reunion?

Send your photos and a short write-up to *The Graybeards* for publication in Reunion Showplace!



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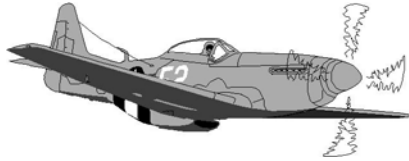


New Korean War Memorial in Keysville, VA



Panoramic view of new Korean War Memorial in Keysville, VA.

Flight from Reality



Color in Heavenly

Clark Field, PI – April -1951

During the 1950's, Air Force Regulations required each pilot to maintain night flying proficiency by logging a minimum of ten hours of night flight each six months ... never less than twenty hours per year.

The airplanes, even in those days, flew just as smoothly in the darkness as they did in the daylight; the engines really couldn't tell whether the sun or the moon was shining; if the pilot was in the clouds and flying on instruments or in clear and blue ... they would just drone on and on, doing exactly as they were supposed to do ... usually.

However, since the pilot cannot see as well outside the airplane in the darkness ... can't see the horizon to know when his wings are level, and whether he's climbing or diving, it is necessary to continually fly by instruments at night to maintain the desired flight path. Then too, in the very rare event of an engine malfunction, there was always the little 'itch' in the back of our minds that we would not be able to see the ground for a forced landing, making it necessary to 'bail out', landing we would know not where ... in the darkness.

So, all in all, most of we fighter pilots ... in those pre-computerized- auto-pilot days, did not especially relish the prospects of flying single-engine fighter planes at night, and would often go out of our way to satisfy the Air Force requirements as painlessly as possible. This we could do by:

Choose a night with a full moon and no clouds; or,

Take-off as early as possible after official sunset, while there was still some twilight remaining for a visual take-off, or,

Take-off very early in the morning, before dawn, and remain airborne until it became light enough to land visually.

Seldom ... if we could help it, did we ever purposely, make both our take-offs and landings during dark, moonless nights. Those little idiosyncrasies, of course, did not apply to our combat flying, or other official mission requirements ... only when we were out flying just for practice.

One evening, while temporarily at Clark Field in the early spring of 1951, after Captain Harlan Ball and I had been sitting Combat Alert in our F-80C Shooting Star jet fighters, throughout an especially long and boring afternoon, we arranged for Radar Control to "Scramble" us ...order us into the air, just about sundown, for we knew there was to be a full moon that night, and it would be a good relaxing time to get in some much-needed night practice.

We took off from Clark toward the north, in formation, just as the setting sun began to sink into the western horizon, and climbed steadily northward toward Laoag, on the far northern tip of Luzon.

I was flying Harlan's right wing, carefully keeping myself in the silhouette of his air-

plane to shield my eyes from the great, bright orange ball of sun which seemed to hang lazily suspended just on the horizon over the China Sea as we continued our climb into the clear tropical sky. The graceful lines of his F-80 fuselage separated - yet blended - the fantastic colors of the sunset into a truly memorable, wonderful sight. Above his clear Plexiglas canopy the sky was a brilliant, ever-deepening blue with traces of golden yellow on a few lacy cloud layers, and, reflecting on the plane's underside, the flaming rich golden glow from the sun played on heavier cloud layers, turning them into fluffy blankets which ranged from deep purple, all the way thru the spectrum to brilliant yellow.

Radiating beyond that great, wonderful mass of ethereal beauty, the individual sparkling rays spread their fingers over the greens and browns of the valleys far below, and those, too, occasionally reflected off of the shiny aluminum underside of his airplane ... like a heavenly artist mixing his colors for a great, spiritual masterpiece.

As we climbed steadily toward the north, leveling off finally, at 30,000 feet, I realized that I had been privileged to revel in that beautiful once-in-a-lifetime scene for at least twenty glorious minutes ... never remaining the same ... the colors and patterns constantly changing, as though the Lord was giving me a brief preview of the beauties to be found in heaven...!

When the sun reluctantly slipped below the horizon, and the waters of the China Sea had at last changed from gold to a deep, iridescent purple, the western sky gradually lost it's majestic glow ... like a beautiful woman wandering gracefully into her maturing years, and becoming ever more charming, in such a way that no one could really notice, or could remember just when the youthful beauty had changed to charming grace.

Only then did I detach my fascinated gaze from the fading vision in the west and force myself to look briefly into the darkened cockpit, illuminated only by the little red-colored 'eyelid lights' over each instrument, looking inside just long enough to tune my radio compass receiver to a commercial Manila radio transmitter. The strongest and clearest signal I was able to tune was emanating from a station playing organ music, a pre-Easter broadcast of the Benediction.

As we had pre-planned before leaving the ground, Harlan Ball started a wide, gentle

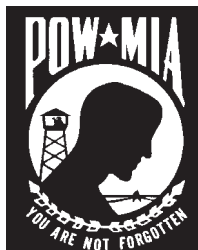
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Unsung Heroes of the Korean Air War

by

Duane E. 'Bud' Biteman,

Lt Col, USAF, Ret



Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update

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U.S. -North Korea Strike New Arrangements on MIA Operations

U.S. and North Korean negotiators agreed Wednesday to improve markedly several areas of cooperation in operations to recover the remains of American soldiers missing in action from the Korean War.

During talks in Bangkok, Thailand, both sides agreed to resume repatriating remains recovered during joint recovery operations in North Korea across the demilitarized zone at Panmunjom. This practice has not occurred since 1999. U.S. team members will accompany the remains into South Korea. Additionally, supplies and equipment for the 2004 operations will be moved by ground transportation across the DMZ.

"I am encouraged by the level of cooperation the North Koreans demonstrated during these talks," said Jerry D. Jennings, deputy assistant secretary of defense for POW/missing personnel affairs. "We accomplished much at no additional cost to the U.S. government, and these new procedures will streamline the process of getting our teams in and out of North Korea, and bringing our fallen heroes back home to their families."

Jennings led Wednesday's talks, as well as those in November, where broad terms were set for five recovery operations and a period of unilateral and joint investigations prior to the excavations. The five operations will be centered in the areas of Unsan County, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, and near the Chosin Reservoir in the northeast part of North Korea.

For the first time, the North Korean side also agreed to present to their senior leaders a proposal to establish a single point of contact to resolve reports of Americans living in North Korea. In the past, the North Koreans refused to even broach the subject denying that any Americans missing from the Korean War are still alive in the North. "This doesn't resolve the live sighting issue in North Korea, but at least this time they agreed to discuss it and consider our

request," said Jennings.

Since the United States has conducted remains recovery operations in North Korea every year since 1996, more than 180 sets of remains believed to be those of American soldiers have been recovered.

More than 8,100 are still missing in action from the Korean War.

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Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4716

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*The Korean and Cold War Annual Government Briefings

** The Southeast Asia Annual Government Briefing held in conjunction with the 'National League of Families' Annual Meeting

Book Review



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

By Hank Nicol

Author

Donald W. (Hank) Nicol,
B Co. 179th Inf., 45th Div.

FIRST MY NAME: In grammar school I was "Pickle; in high school, "Don;" in the army, "Nick," and, from five years Down Under, "Hank" (it rhymes with Yank); I'm not through yet-in Thailand I was "Nikon," about as close as any Thai can come to my last name. Pickle was a kids' name, Don sounds wimpy, Nick is gangsterish, and not many people here speak Thai, so I stuck with the one I liked best, Hank.

I was born in Pasadena, California on 26 February 1930, four months after the crash. My father lost his job in a furniture factory, and we moved to the San Joaquin Valley to live one small step above sharecropping. We were poor, but everyone else was, too, so it didn't make much difference to us kids-me and my younger siblings, Kenneth and Norma. My father grew cotton and alfalfa and, sometimes, sorghum. When he was able to buy the place after WWII, he planted a small home orchard. We kept two or three Jersey cows. My father milked in the morning, and I milked in the afternoon.

In school I was a great reader and a mathematical klutz. When my mother complained about my grades, I told her, "C's are average, what's the matter with C's?" At Bakersfield College in 1947, I took the required classes and was bored out of my gourd by economics and psychology. I'm probably poorer today because I've never touched either subject since. I escaped for a while by joining the army as a one year draft dodger. The Berlin Airlift was on during my whole enlistment, but nothing much happened to me, a truck driver for the 502d Replacement Company, 2nd Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas. It was one of the best jobs I ever had-except for having to go into Killeen on winter nights to pick up incoming troops.

After being released from active duty, I reluctantly finished at Bakersfield and moved on to San Francisco State. I served in active reserve units; first a truck company, then an artillery battery where I became a corporal and assistant gunner on a 105 crew.

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Korean War Veterans Certificate

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

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

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

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

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☐ I certify that I served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces in combat/support of the Korean War: 6/25/50– 7/27/53.

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I would like the following information on the certificate:

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

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City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 Code _____

Signature and date _____

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



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By Charles F. Cole
KWVA National Liaison

One of the requirements of the application process for Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation scholarships is an essay "on how you would tell America about the Korean War veteran". Not surprisingly, those applicants who are fortunate enough to have grandparents who are still alive and willing to talk about their military experiences often focus on them. Ben Jager of Edgewood, Kentucky, a 2003 scholarship recipient, had this to say in his essay, which is reprinted below in its entirety:

ESSAY

"My grandpa is a Korean War veteran. I have always known this, but until recently I have never really thought of him as being a war veteran. He has always just been "Grandpa" to me. Since the war in Iraq began, though, I have thought about what being a veteran really means. If you asked me to close my eyes and visualize a war veteran, I would picture an old man wearing some kind of hat or waving a flag. He would be smiling, but underneath that smile would be memories of the war in which he served. I now know that you can be a veteran and be nineteen or twenty years old. That is not much older than I am right now.

"The Korean War has always been known as the 'Forgotten War', and that probably is a good label for it. When I was in grade school we learned a lot about the Civil War, and World War I and II, but not much about the Korean War. I probably thought about it more than the other kids because I knew my Grandpa had served in it, but I still didn't think about it much either. My Grandpa has a lot of books about the Korean War, and every year it was a challenge for someone in the family to find a new book that he didn't already have. We visited the new Korean War Memorial in Washington DC a few years ago, and we took pictures of the sculptures of the soldiers for my Grandpa. We even bought him a picture of the memorial and gave it to him for Father's Day-something he definitely didn't already have! This past year there was a notice in our local paper about the Korean War Service Medal that was to be given by

Korea to Korean War veterans, and we sent in my Grandpa's name and service records so he could get the medal. At the ceremony there were lots of old men, some wearing hats and waving flags, some sons and daughters receiving medals for their fathers who were already dead. While I thought all of these things were nice, I still never really thought much about the war or the young men, now old and gray, who fought in it. Until now, that is. The recent war in Iraq and all of the intense coverage of it has put a new face on the word 'veteran' for me. During the Korean War, my Grandpa was a young man like the soldiers we have seen on TV fighting and dying in Iraq. While those soldiers had to endure brutally hot temperatures, my Grandpa has talked, briefly, about the bitter cold he endured in Korea. While we see those soldiers eating their meals in a pouch, my Grandpa talked about the endless supply of rice he had to eat. He doesn't eat rice to this day.

"What I want America to know about the Korean War veteran is this: It doesn't matter which war you were in-war is war, and war is hell. The Korean War veterans, like veterans of any other war, have sacrificed part of

their lives so that we can have the freedoms we enjoy everyday as Americans; May God bless America, and may God bless our veterans!"

A 2003 honors graduate of Covington (Kentucky) Catholic High School, Ben is now using his KWVEGC scholarship to help cover expenses of his freshman year at Eastern Kentucky University, where he is majoring in Occupational Therapy. His grandfather, Leo Groeschel of Bellevue, KY, holds a Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars.

KWVEGC will again award college grants in 2004, and eligible individuals are encouraged to apply. Completed applications will be accepted until April 30, 2004. Additional information and application materials are available on the Internet using Google and KWVEGC scholarships, or may be obtained from: Korean War Veterans Educational Grant Corporation, 1040 Woodman Drive, Worthington, OH 43085-2965.

Contact Charles F. Cole, President, KWVEGC, 1040 Woodman Drive, Worthington, OH 43085-2965 (email address: ccole2@columbus.rr.com).

Death Notice of a Member of KWVA

The following notice is submitted for publication:

Name of deceased _____

Date of death _____

Department/Chapter _____

Home of record _____

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

Other _____
Primary Unit of service during Korean War

Submitted by _____

Relationship to deceased _____

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

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-Jun 2004May 14
Jul-Aug 2004Jul 16

Sept-Oct 2004Sept 10
Nov-Dec 2004Dec 10

Call to open meeting by President Harley J. Coon. 8:25AM

Stanley J. Grogan was sworn in to fill the unexpired term of Charles R. Wells who had resigned due to health reasons. 8:30AM

1st Vice President Jack Edwards led the Executive Council in the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Assistant National Chaplain Howard W. Camp had the invocation.

Roll Call was taken.

Present were as follows: Pres. Harley J. Coon, 1st Vice Pres. Jack Edwards, Directors: Jack Delap (late arrival plane delay) Michael Mahoney, James F. Jones Jr., William Mac Swain, Dorothy Wenzel, Warren Weidhahn, James Ferris, Joseph Pirrello, Larry McKinniss and Stanley J. Grogan. Absent were 2nd Vice Pres. Kenneth Cook sickness, Director Don Byers excused and Director Jerry Lake due to sickness. Twelve present and three absent. A quorum was present to conduct business.

The minutes of the October 23-26 2003 meeting held in Beavercreek, Ohio were presented for approval as corrected. *Director Joseph Pirrello made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Stanley Grogan. Motion passed.*

As all positions on the Executive Council are open, a discussion was held concerning the expense involved of those coming who may not be elected to office IE: (Those elected must attend the swearing in ceremonies.) To be reasonably fair on this matter the following motion was made.

Director Larry McKinniss made the motion (As all ballots must be in to the CPA'S office by July 10th 2004) that on or by July 12th 2004 that all ballots be opened, and that authority be given to the CPA to supply a complete listing of the results of said election to each Board member; each individual running for office, the Editor of the Graybeards for publication in the July-August issue of the Graybeards magazine and the Secretary for filing. This motion was seconded by Warren Weidhahn. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Executive Council meeting will be held in Beavercreek, Ohio on July 25-27 2004. Arrival on the 25th, meeting and swearing in on the 26th and new officers assume their elective offices on the 27th. Details of time and place will follow.

Director Larry McKinniss made a motion to remove Lynnita Brown from the rolls of the Korean War Veterans Associate membership list for just cause. Seconded by Stanley J. Grogan. A roll call vote was taken: voting yea were 1st Vice Pres. Jack Edwards, Directors: Michael Mahoney, James F. Jones Jr., Dorothy Wenzel, Warren Weidhahn, Joseph Pirrello, Larry McKinniss and Stanley Grogan. Voting nay were Directors: James Ferris and William Mac Swain. Absent were 2nd Vice Pres. Kenneth Cook and Directors: Donald Byers, Jack Delap and Jerry Lake. 8 Yeas-2 Nays-4 Absent. Motion Passed.

Secretary Howard W. Camp was to send a letter to Lynnita Brown informing her of this decision.

A motion by Director Dorothy Wenzel to reimburse to the Board members whose expenses exceeded the \$600 allotted for meetings for extra cost for the February 26th 2004 only. Seconded by Jack Edwards. Motion passed unanimously.

Break 9:30AM Resumed 9:45AM

A revise budget was presented to the Board for approval.

Director Larry McKinniss made the motion to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by 1st Vice Pres. Jack Edwards. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Director Larry McKinniss to give to Treasurer Tom Gregory the Lap-Top computer shown listed as a fixed asset item in the financial report. Seconded by 1st Vice Jack Edwards. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Tom Gregory gave the financial report. On hand at end of December 31, 2003 was \$566,155.54. All bills paid.

Director William Mac Swain made a motion to accept the treasurer's recommendation to lock in another \$50,000 for investment purposes. Seconded by 1st Vice Pres Jack Edwards.

Motion passed unanimously.

Warren Weidhahn spoke on the continuing progress of the revisit program listing the quotas set for this year 2004 and 2005. A money quote of \$10 per square foot for the propose office space in Washington, D. C. was discussed.

Director James Ferris presented a possible plan on how to place the KWVA into four regions across the country and possibly eventually having individuals from each of those areas elected as representatives to the Executive Council. Director Ferris asked for input from the Council.

Lunch Break 12:00PM Resumed at 1:00PM

The Maryland Chapter President Bob Banker presented to the Executive Council a plan to facilitate the acquisition of a Federal Charter. A cost plan was presented to the Board for reimbursements of their expenses. This matter was referred to Finance Committee for consideration.

Director Dorothy Wenzel made a motion to give to the Maryland chapter a monthly sum of \$500 for the first month. This will require a progress report and expense report along with bills for reimbursement to the Treasurer Tom Gregory. A maximum of \$3000 will be allowed for a six month period, only if progress is being shown. Seconded by Director Larry McKinniss. Motion passed

Graybeards Editor Vince Krepps gave a report on the cost and success of the magazine including a detailed typed report for helping a smooth transition. The success of the magazine was given to the veterans who sent in stories, pictures, memorial pictures, etc. Mr. Krepps showed to the Board a stack of papers approximately four and a half inches high of the total contents of the just published January-February issue. Vince started as Editor with the July-August issue 1997 and has had a good six year run as its Editor. As you may well know he is stepping down as Editor.

Break 2:30PM Resumed 2:45PM

Director James Ferris read resolutions (He had three) of which the gist was questioning the validity of President Coon to remove Lynnita Brown as an associate member. JA Sherm Pratt ruled them as moot. No motion to take action.

Director Larry McKinniss made motion to accept the recommendation of the By-Laws committee to reject a By-Law change request to lower the dues from \$20 to \$12 after the first year.

Seconded by 1st Vice Jack Edwards. **Motion was passed.**

Director James Ferris made a motion to accept the By-Laws committee's recommendation to change the following wording in the second paragraph of ARTICLE 1A OFFICE to be change from Quote:

"The principle office of the corporation shall be located in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area. All communications shall be directed to that office," to Quote: "The administrative office of the corporation shall be located in the Washington DC Metropolitan area or such other place as the Executive Council and the President may determine." All communications shall be directed to that office. Seconded by Stanley J. Grogan.

Motion passed.

Director William Mac Swain made a motion to accept and place the By-Laws committee recommendation of a referendum vote of the following in the Graybeards magazine for the General Membership to vote on. Seconded by 1ST Vice Pres. Jack Edwards Quote: ARTICLE 111 ELECTION OF OFFICERS Section 4. Term of Office. The paragraph now reads A. The President, First and Second Vice Presidents, shall have a term of office of two (2) years. (deleted two (2) consecutive terms maximum). Directors elected shall have a term of office of three (3) years. (deleted two (2) consecutive terms maximum.) The By-Law committee propose inserting a notice in the Graybeards Magazine Election Issue explaining this and giving them (the membership) the choice of three (3) alternatives (vote for only one).

1. There will be no consecutive terms maximum provision, but the statement regarding deletion of two (2) consecutive terms maximum will be left out of this paragraph.

2. Return to the provision of two (2) consecutive terms maximum.

3. Have a provision of three (3) consecutive terms maximum.

The motion passed unanimously.

Director William Mac Swain made the motion to accept the recommendation of the By-Law committee to change the wording of ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS Section 2. "By-Laws Amendments." Quote: Amend the last sentence in this section, which now reads "Such proposals will be considered

at that meeting and then published in the GRAYBEARDS for ratification by two-thirds of a quorum at the next annual meeting," to read QUOTE: "Such proposals will be considered at that meeting, AND IF APPROVED, will then be published in the GRAYBEARDS for ratification by two-thirds of a quorum at the next annual meeting." Seconded by Director Larry McKinniss. **Motion passed.**

Membership Chairman 1st Vice Pres. Jack Edwards stressed the importance of chapter presidents or secretaries sending any and all changes of officers of their respective chapters to Secretary Howard W. Camp and Nancy Monson for proper recording. An accurate record of the chapter officers cannot be maintained without their help. There are new chapters trying to get started in Puerto Rico, Alaska and other parts of the country. Yes, there are some of our Korean veterans dying daily but we are still growing, in addition Jack Edwards spoke concerning the incentive rebate program for the chapters. This could be a way for them to grow in numbers and maintain their membership. This was tabled to the Finance committee for consideration.

Director Larry McKinniss made a motion authorizing President Coon to sign a lease at the cost of \$920 per month for the first and last month rent for the Washington office. Seconded by Director Stanley J. Grogan. Voting yea were: 1ST Vice Pres. Jack Edwards, Directors: Michael Mahoney, James F. Jones Jr., Dorothy Wenzel, James Ferris, Joseph Pirrello, Larry McKinniss. and Stanley J. Grogan. Voting nay was Director William Mac Swain. Absent were 2ND Vice Kenneth Cook, Director: Donald Byers, Jerry Lake and Warren Weidhahn and Jack Delap (plane delay) **Motion passed** 8 yeas-1 nay-5 absent.

Director Larry McKinniss made a motion to adjourn at 4:30PM. Seconded by James F. Jones Jr. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Any additions and or corrections can be made at the next Executive Council Meeting.

Respectively Submitted.

/s/ Howard W. Camp
Secretary KWVA National.

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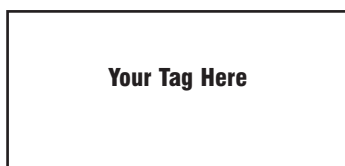
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National Guard units, 240 company grade Chaplain Reservists were individually ordered to active duty. Letters of protest poured into the Chief's Office, but the situation required the recall and virtually no exceptions could be granted. "Those were rough days," said Chaplain Reiss. "But the men who came in did a tremendous job."

The call for an increase, however, didn't end there. Try as it might through involuntary recalls and denominational recruitment, the OCCH could never meet the rising authorized ceiling. Within a year of the North Korean invasion, U.S. Army chaplain strength rose from 706 to 1,208. But the authorized strength by then was 1,331. On 9 September 1951 they had 1,398 against 1,464 authorized. A month later the Office reported that 1,448 — 16 less than the number authorized — were on duty. The report told the Secretary of the Army, "This is the closest we have come to attaining full strength."

Attempting to meet the illusive, constantly growing authorized number, the OCCH started new processing procedures and planned new training programs. Clergymen who applied for appointments were allowed to process centrally with the Department of the Army, rather than through the long chain of Army echelons from their local area to Washington. This cut the time involved from as much as 6 months to no more than 60 days.

Plans were also begun, although not implemented until 1954, to allow seminary students to train at the Chaplain School as probationary second lieutenants; an automatic promotion to first lieutenant and eligibility for active duty would follow their ordination. Eventually, facing a 1953 authorized strength of 1,618 — nearly 200 above the actual strength — the OCCH convinced the Department of the Army to allow company grade Reserve chaplains to volunteer for a 1-year tour of active duty (as opposed to the normal 3-year period).

During this time, occasional accusations were being made that American clergymen had become apathetic to the needs of soldiers in battle. In most cases, however, apathy was not the problem. Many former chaplains were bitter after being "Johnsonized" — a term applied to the RIF under Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson.

Whether nobly concerned for American soldiers or unwillingly recalled to active duty, however, few chaplains had a real desire to be in another war —

Others, who were veterans of World War II and had volunteered to return to active duty, held Reserve ranks that were too high for the troop-duty vacancies.

Meanwhile, many religious bodies were making valiant and sacrificial efforts to help. One of the noblest examples was a "self-imposed draft" at various Jewish rabbinical schools from which entire graduating classes volunteered for the chaplaincy. Boston's Roman Catholic Archbishop, Richard J. Cushing, typical of denominational leaders who strongly encouraged their clergy to volunteer, declared: "Mass must be said within the sound of the cannon. From now on, our priests will have less freedom and more work and can no longer afford to be spiritual millionaires while our men are dying in Korea."

Whether nobly concerned for American soldiers or unwillingly recalled to active duty, however, few chaplains had a real desire to be in another war — especially one that, at least in the beginning, appeared so hopeless. "When we were getting the pants knocked off us and we got down to that Pusan Perimeter," said Reiss, "nobody wanted to go to Korea!"

Praying With The Defeated and the Victorious

The Army Chaplaincy was 175 years old on 29 July 1950. Shaken by the gloomy reports from Korea, a crowd of 3,000 gathered in New York City's Central Park to attend a special ceremony for the occasion. Following musical tributes, the main speaker, Bernard M. Baruch, extolled the clergymen in uniform. "Although few monuments have been dedicated to the corps," he said, "its brave men have left their own monument in courage on the battlefield." Referring to Chaplain Felhoelter's death, he added: "War brings out all the harshest forms of materialism, yet incidents like this prove that men in war can express the noblest forms of spiritualism."

Despite such laudatory phrases, few of

the chaplains thousands of miles away considered themselves heroic. Human as the men they served, their spiritual concerns seemed to grow with the desperation of the situation. Donald F. Carter, Progressive Bretheren, was among the many chaplains in the bleak surroundings of the Pusan Perimeter. He was ministering among the men of the 8th Cavalry Regiment (Infantry), 1st Cavalry Division. "Cooks and clerks were pressed into service as riflemen as the situation became desperate," he remembered. "There was talk that we might be pushed into the sea. Through fear and uncertainty many men talked to me about spiritual things."

As was often the case in such circumstances, an uncommon brotherhood began to grow and frequently breached long-established walls. A Jewish chaplain, for example, movingly described the breadth of his ministry: "... I find most of my work with men of Protestant and Catholic faiths. Moving about clearing stations, mobile hospitals, rest centers, and reserve units, ... one cannot merely seek his own fellow worshippers. Every boy is equally important — and a smile looks as good on anyone. We forget that we are this faith or another and emphasize the common denominator of fellowship. When they bring them in on a litter covered with mud, blood-soaked, with fear and shock in their faces, you can't tell what they are until you look at their dog tags. To serve such men is my privilege.

While General Walker shifted his reserves from one point to another, constantly struggling to hold the fragile line, MacArthur ordered rapid preparations for a bold move — an amphibious assault on Inch'on, 200 miles northwest of Pusan. MacArthur directed that preparations be made in one month and a frantic pace was set toward that goal.

Meanwhile, General Walker attempted an offensive assault on Chinju on his western front. The 1st Provisional Marine Brigade and the 5th Regimental Combat

Team were attached to the 25th Infantry Division for the counterattack. The operation was titled "Task Force Kean" after Major General William B. Kean, the Division Commander. Ironically, the planned offensive met headlong with an attack devised by the North Koreans in the same area and at the same time. With the 5th RCT were Chaplains Darrell F. Joachim, Disciples of Christ, Francis A. Kapica, Roman Catholic, and Dick J. Oostenink, Christian Reformed.

The Task Force made a brief penetration into the NKA positions, but was forced to withdraw after a week of heavy fighting in stifling summer heat. Chaplains Joachim and Oostenink managed to get back with most of their men, but part of Kapica's battalion was decimated near Pongam-ni. As the battalion commander was trying to make his way to those men, he met Chaplain Kapica returning with his jeep loaded with wounded soldiers. The chaplain told him they were all he was able to find before pulling out himself. Although Task Force Kean gained no ground, it had inadvertently stopped a heavy NKA attack. More important, it momentarily boosted the battered morale of U.S. troops who, for the first time, had taken some offensive action.

A short time later, near the end of August, a breakthrough across the Nakdong River by the North Koreans was nearly disastrous for Walker's Eighth Army. In the evening of 31 August, Chaplain Lewis B. Sheen, Episcopalian, had gone forward to hold services for B Company, 9th Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, occupying a hill near the river roughly 15 miles northwest of Masan. In the darkness, Sheen and the other men could hear sounds of people crossing the river below them. Squinting into the night, they made out a long line of enemy troops approaching. A devastating 4-day battle followed. Chaplain Sheen managed to lead one group of soldiers back to friendly ground.

Adding to the troubles of the rapid preparations for the Inch'on landing, a typhoon roared in from the Sea of Japan during the first days of September. Chaplain John W. Handy, Jr., Methodist, with the 24th Regiment of the 25th Infantry Division, was shipwrecked between Pusan and Sasebo, Japan, for 3

days and nights. For most people, this would have been "the last straw." Handy had previously been cut off from his unit during a front-line engagement — an experience identical to one he had gone through at the Battle of St. Lo in World War II. But Handy described the event as an "opportunity to lean heavily on the 'power of prayer' for my own salvation and in so doing, to strengthen others to face these dangers."

There were many possibilities that could have made the Inch'on landing a disaster. Fortunately, however, the major offensive movement, beginning on 15 September, was a complete success. Following heavy naval and air bombardment, nearly 70,000 U.S. and ROK troops with the 7th Infantry Division, 1st Marine Division, and support units poured into the area in a combined element designated as the X Corps. It was later described as "one of the great strategic strokes of history."

The X Corps Chaplain at the time of the invasion was Frank A. Tobey, American Baptist. Tobey, who had both enlisted and commissioned experience before becoming a chaplain in 1938, was assigned as the Eighth Army Chaplain 4 months later. Chaplain Tobey became Chief of Chaplains in 1958.

The Inch'on landing, breaking the rear positions of the NKA, brought a long-desired relief for Walker's Army and allowed them to make their first successful assaults from the south. Chaplain Carter, with lead elements of the 1st Cavalry Division, remembered the sudden stillness as the enemy pulled back: "... men looked at each other with wonder. The enemy was just gone! Then the company was ordered to assemble and the weary soldiers began to tumble into the defile where we were waiting. Such shouting and exultation and laughter followed with men beating each other on the back, hugging and dancing in joy and release from tension. The chaplain was included in this spontaneous demonstration. What an experience this was, and what a revelation of the pent-up emotions that burst into expression at such a time as this.

After regrouping, the units moved north at a rapid pace. Carter was separated from his gear and his assistant for 2 days while moving with the infantry. He described himself as "a vagabond with my beloved

men." There was walking, talking, sharing "C" rations with whoever had something to spare, rides on tanks, jeeps, and trucks always in the northward movement to catch the enemy. Eventually my faithful assistant "found" me and a more normal way of life was resumed.

Looking back upon that adventure I realize that I had been favored with a glimpse of the real life of that most noble group of men, the combat soldiers. I had experienced just a little bit of their joys and sorrows, victories and frustrations and hopes and fears. I am a better minister of God today because of those days.

The Marines, spearheading the drive in the north, liberated Seoul — a victory as important psychologically as it was strategically. Anxious to broadcast the news, MacArthur announced the liberation 2 days before the city was actually secured. Freeing the city, for that matter, had not been easy. Total Marines killed, wounded, and missing during the 6-day fight was 1,482.

Influencing Korean Religious Attitudes

General MacArthur's conviction that the spiritual condition of nations affected their ultimate history again became evident. Returning President Rhee to the National Assembly Hall in the Government House of the capital, the general began his address before a large crowd gathered inside: "Mr. President: By the grace of a merciful Providence our forces ... have liberated this ancient capital city of Korea." He went on to speak of the U.N.'s "righteous wrath," referred to a "spiritual revulsion against Communism," and concluded by leading the assembly in a recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

One month later, Chaplain Vernon P. Jaeger, American Baptist, published an article that not only assumed an imminent victory, but also predicted a Christian conversion of the nation: Just as in Japan, so also in Korea the winning of the war by the Americans and their allies caused the people to realize that their way of life was apparently in error. Now they were interested to inquire into Christianity because it seemed that there was a definite link between the military success of the United States and the religious beliefs that the people of that nation hold.

Actually most Koreans claimed no religious affiliation, but there was still some truth in Jaeger's evaluation. Roman Catholic missionaries had brought Christianity to Korea in the 1700's; Protestant missionaries followed in the late 1800's. The 1950 War, however, brought the first significant impression of western religions on the nation.

Even common citizens recognized the religious aspects attached to the conflict. On the one hand, U.S. forces were regularly accompanied by chaplains and many openly participated in religious worship. American soldiers seemed naturally drawn to civic action projects and charitable causes. On the other hand, Communist forces took pride in denouncing such acts, publicly persecuting missionaries, and degrading houses of worship. When the Roman Catholic Bishop of Seoul returned to his church, for example, he was shocked by the filth inside. Religious pictures had been slashed and obscene drawings covered the walls. The life-size crucifix from above the altar lay smashed on the floor, covered with human waste. In its place hung a picture of Joseph Stalin.

Obviously, not all American soldiers gave the impression of living saints — far from it. But there were concerted efforts by many of them to impress Koreans with what they considered important. Two American missionaries, Methodist William E. Shaw and Roman Catholic George M. Carroll, attached to the Eighth Army as auxiliary chaplains, began early work to create a ROK Chaplain Corps. One U.S. Army chaplain said regarding that venture: "It is my conviction that out of the present carnage, expensive though it is in both life and money, the cause of Christ will be advanced and that Korea ... will be a citadel of strength for both democracy and Christianity in the Orient.

The Army Chaplaincy of the Republic of Korea was officially established on 11 April 1951. For some time, however, ROK chaplains were simply civilian volunteers who served without pay. Only with the supplies given by U.S. military chaplains and the aid from the Cooperative for American Remittance to Everywhere, Inc. (C A R.E.), were the chaplains able to survive and perform their duties. Not until 1958, when the ROK Army had become the second largest in the free world, did the

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first Korean chaplain receive a commission as an army officer.

Despite those shaky beginnings, however, a seed had been planted. Just before the end of the War, the Chief of ROK Chaplains, addressing a graduating class at the Chaplain Training School in Taegu, asserted: "The War has given us a spiritual revival."

Among the chaplains who came ashore during the Inch'on landing was a Presbyterian named Harold Voelkel — a man whose ministry among the Koreans was to become one of the most remarkable in history. Voelkel was a civilian missionary in Seoul at the time of the Communist invasion. Shortly after his evacuation to Japan, he met Chaplain Ivan L. Bennett, Southern Baptist, the Far East Command Chaplain. Because of Voelkel's knowledge of the Korean language, Bennett invited him to serve as a civilian auxiliary chaplain among ROK troops. As it turned out, however, his most significant ministry was among North Koreans.

Soon after the liberation of Seoul, Chaplain Voelkel learned of a large number of enemy POWs held in a nearby prison and decided to visit them; there his impressive work began. Serving first at Inch'on, later at P'yong'yang, and ultimately on the island of Koje-do, over the months Voelkel's work brought him in contact with nearly 150,000 North Koreans. He sought out Christians among them, established Bible Institutes (a type of Christian-laymen's school), and conducted hundreds of evangelistic services often attended by thousands. Many considered Voelkel's ministry as one of the influences that ultimately convinced some 60,000 North Korean prisoners not to return to the Communist state following the War. Over 160 of them became Christian ministers and served in the South as pastors, Bible teachers, seminary professors, and chaplains in the armed forces. Years after his somewhat off-hand visit to the prison in Inch'on, Voelkel's name was affixed in honor to a large Christian high school in that city — a school built through the efforts of former North Korean POW's.

In 1961, the continued effect of this one chaplain's ministry was recognized by the President of the Republic of Korea who personally decorated Voelkel for his contributions to the welfare of the Korean people.

Among other U.S. civilian clergy who served in various ways as chaplains in the War was Father Patrick O'Connor, a correspondent for the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service. One author said that O'Connor "very likely celebrated Mass for more soldiers than did any military chaplain in Korea."⁵⁰ Although the priest, like many chaplains, spoke out against Communist efforts to destroy religion, when asked if he considered the conflict a Holy War, he replied: "Hardly as yet. Many of our side are just as materialistic as are [the] Communists. It is futile and fragile to fight one form of materialism with another." Criticizing many U.S. commanders as "noncommittal or merely sentimental about religion," he added: "They encourage well-publicized charities, assistance to orphans, and graveside religious display. It's not enough and it's not all as straightforward as it might be."

Nevertheless, threaded as they often were with human error and selfish concerns, that open display of U.S. religious attitudes and those acts of charitable assistance left a mark on "The Land of the Morning Calm."

(I have removed some of the detail prior to June 1950 due to space and that most of us know how and why the Korean War started. There were 3 long pages of history of our chaplains serving the troops in Korea. I will continue in this issue and possible the May-June issue will cover the last page. This story by no means wishes to diminish the heroics of Father Craig nor Father Kapaun (in May-June Graybeards) nor any other unnamed Chaplains from any branch of service in war or peacetime. They were and still are the special people we looked up to keep our sanity in order to do our Duty to God and Country. May God Bless them all. If you want to read all pages go to <http://www.usachcs.army.mil/Korea/BattleforKorea.htm> Editor.)

FLIGHT *from page 22*

turn toward the west, while I started my turn toward the east ... we were ready to proceed our separate ways rather than continue the tedium of close night formation flight; we would meet after landing, following another hour of individual night flying.

While I continued my turn, I glanced out to the east, and could hardly believe my eyes ...for there, already above the haze layer, was a gigantic, brilliant moon, showing with sacramental brightness against the backdrop of the clear, deep-blue sky.

I was sure that I must be on the lower steps of the portals of heaven!

It simply was not possible for beauty such as that to be penetrating the thick hide of hate, distrust, war and death which I had so recently been experiencing on earth ! !

The organ music and the choir ... which I had found hard to believe was coming from my radio headset, rather than from the supernatural 'beyond', stopped abruptly as the moon rose higher. But by then it did not matter, for the moon seemed to have gradually shrunk to it's 'usual' size, and seemed to have lost many of it's sacred properties.

To earthbound creatures, it was, no doubt,

still a lovely sight ... but to me, who had just been privileged to experience not one, but two glorious spiritual pageants in less than thirty minutes ... the moon by then appeared, small, dull and lifeless.

My mind was not on my work during the rest of the flight; I hardly noticed or remembered the sequence of switching fuel tanks as each set ran dry.

I faintly recall the shocking sensation I felt when the bright red warning light came on in the cockpit, telling me that I was on my last remaining tank of fuel, and had best head quickly for home.

Letting down from thirty thousand feet toward the Clark Field landing pattern, diving rapidly at a 6000 feet per minute rate of descent, and 400 miles per hour to save as much of my remaining fuel as possible, I could feel the warm, humid '...muggy' atmosphere replacing the clean, fresh and cool, air-conditioned air of the higher altitudes ... and when my wheels finally touched down on the pavement at Clark ... I felt like a person walking from a beautiful, fragrant and aromatic flower garden into a stinking garbage dump ... the sting of reality.

I was back in the real world once again.

To this day, fifty-some years later, as I try to describe that special flight, I still have wonderful, vivid pictures in my mind's eye of the beautiful sights of that early Spring evening over northern Luzon in the Philippine Islands, and I am convinced now, as I was then, that... "... every once in awhile the Lord will take compassion on us, long-suffering mortals, when life seems most dreary and depressing, and will present us with a totally different view ... just to remind us that things really can be better!"

As I walked toward the dim yellow lights of our Operations Office with my heavy parachute and flight gear slung over my shoulder, I felt good, better than I'd felt in months. And the war in the North... in Korea... seemed SO very far away !

Within two short weeks I found myself back in Chinhae, Korea flying combat missions again ... bombing, strafing and killing.

I was ever-so-thankful for my very brief respite outside of earthly reality.

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Images of Korea



Reame and
Bill Philbrick
MLR
Punchbowl
October
1952

Wilson and Bob
Bedinghaus out-
side "Hooch" MLR
punchbowl

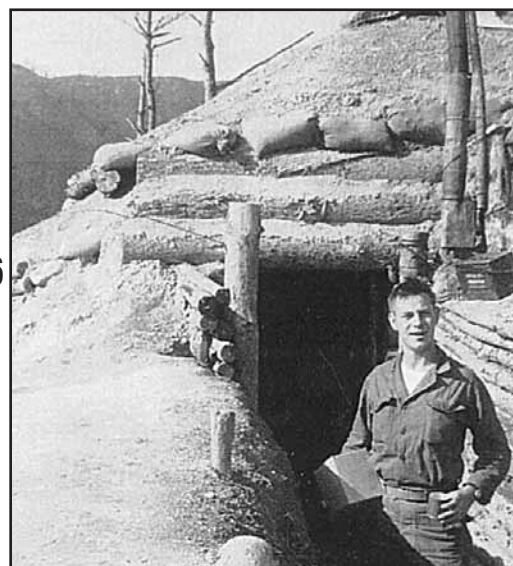


Bill Philbrick outside "Hooch" MLR Oct. 1952. I had
my C rations and probably a cup of G.I. coffee.

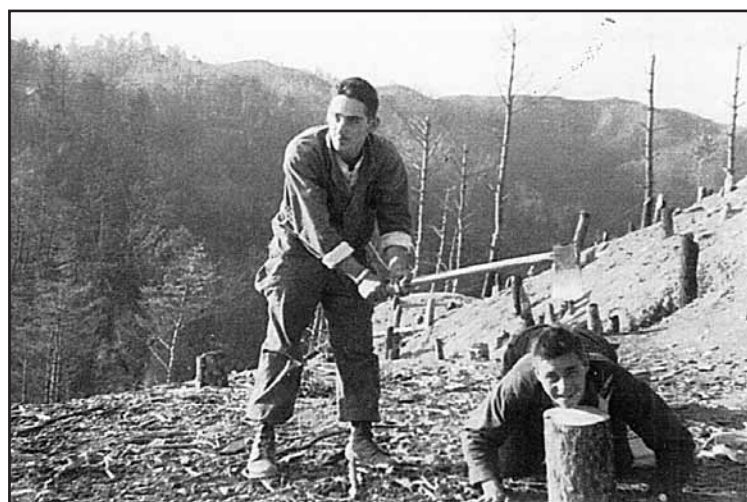


Bill Philbrick and Mac Cartney MLR Oct. 1952

**Photos from
Bill Philbrick
1992 Earl Drive
N. Merrick, N. Y. 11566**



Pak Son – our oldest ROK (about 40 years old)



Reame (left) and Bill Philbrick MLR 1952. Reame was Canadian and lots
of fun.



A: Bill Philbrick Sept. 52 on the shore of Inje River where 27 men drowned in a flash flood. I replaced one of them. **B:** Thanksgiving Dinner Luke's Castle 1952 a few yards down from MLR positions – chow good, even had trays, eat fast, don't back-up, get rid of garbage, get back to positions. **C:** Bill Philbrick Sept-Oct 52 Punchbowl.



D: Bill Philbrick Christmas 1952 Luke's Castle, Flak Vest & Mickey Mouse Boots. **E:** Inje Reserve Area - Fall 1952 Top Row (standing) L-R – Korean, Ramos, Jackson, Judge, Bob Bedieghaus, Torres & 3 Koreans; (kneeling) Bill Terry, Ernie Tucker, Bill Philbrick, Kataras, Al Murphy, Korean **F:** Luke's Castle December 1952 "No Man's Land"



G: Luke's Castle looking at Chinese position on finger of land with No Man's Land between. December 1952. **H:** Punchbowl Sept/Oct 1952 looking to rear - Smoke Valley, Supply Road & River. **H** Co. 279 Regt. 45 Div. **I:** Punchbowl "No Man's Land" with exploding rounds Oct. 52



Punchbowl – to our right flank – October 1952.

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Pictures on this and opposing page were taken from July 1952 to January 1953 at the Punch Bowl, Inje and Luke's Castle while I was member of H Company 279th Regiment 45th Infantry Division in Korea.



Bill Philbrick - Recent photo.



Lonely Post at Front, A solitary soldier looks towards enemy territory at West Central M.L.R.



Outpost No. 6 facing "T Bone Hill", At machine gun nest are three men of Co. L-279th Rgt. Can only identify myself at right, Glenn Ed. White - June 1952.



Brake time - "L" Co, take 10, expect 5 and get 2! ("had it made in the shade") A short rest after a long hike at Inje, Korea - August 1952.

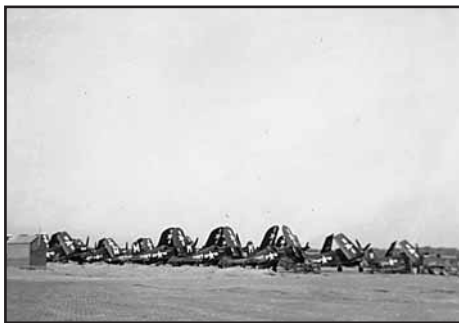


"Love" Company C.P. at Inje, Korea, Summer 1952.

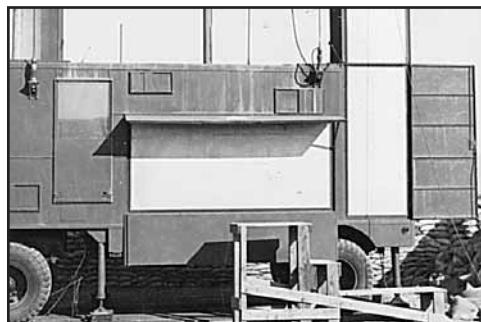


Three for Home - Three of my buddies on the Gen. Brewster going back to the good old USA. 1st Plt. Co. L 279 Rgt. - Junior Gilbert shown at left. (Berun, N. H.).

**Photos from
Glenn Ed White
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Benton, La. 71006**



Kangnung-Korea K-18-MAG 33 1st Marine Air Wing



Control Tower – 1952

1953 AACs Sqdn Radar Unit

Photos courtesy of Jack Edwards, First Vice-President National KWVA, 10346 127th Ave., N Largo, FL 33773



1st Cav. veterans unite again

The Charles Richard family while traveling from Louisiana to Boston in June of this year stopped to visit with the Alex Sykes and his family in Efland, N.C. Although it was too short a visit, Charles and Alex talked about their heritage with the 1st Cav. while Hilda prepared a very delicious Bar-B-Que dinner for their enjoyment. Charles served with the Defense Platoon in the 1st Cav. while Alex served with A Co. 5th Cav. Reg. Both Troopers served from 1949 in Japan until June 1951 in Korea. Although Charles and Alex has been corresponding by e-mail, letters and phone for several years they had not seen each other since they were on R & R in Tokyo in Jan. 1951.



1st Cav Vets and their families Pictured, (left to right) are Hilda Sykes, Alex Sykes, Jennifer Richard, Charles Richard, Fay Richard and Victoria Richard.

I would like to locate any old Troopers that served with me in the Defense Platoon I Cav. Div. In Japan and Korea from 1949 to 1951. They can reach me as follows:

Charles Richard,
P.O. Box 929
Amelia, La. 70340.
Tel: 985-631-3185
<bbeni@bayouboeuf.com>.

A return to modern South Korea

My recent trip to Korea - for the 50th anniversary of the cease fire of the Korean War on July 27, 1953 - was a memorable revisit to the Land of the Morning Calm. Even though it was my fifth trip back since the Korean War a half century ago, it was still quite nostalgic and poignant. Although I traveled solo and on my own nickel, I joined over 500 Korean War veterans along with their family members for the 50th anniversary commemoration ceremonies. The Federation of Korean Industries was organized to invite KW vets back for the 50th anniversary. These various industries in Korea contributed to the funding of flying and hous-

ing the veterans and their family member companions and provided the all expenses paid trip to some 400 veteran, chosen last year in a random drawing. Each of the 50 states was represented. All of the veterans were in their 70's and 80's, some in wheelchairs, some using walkers or canes. The veterans were put up in two of the choicest hotels in Seoul, the Lotte and the Sheila.

I was a private guest of Mr. George Kim, my former houseboy at the 3rd CIC Detachment fifty years ago. George is a very successful private businessman in Seoul and I was a guest in his lovely home. George's two sons were both educated here in the states (University of Indiana and the University of Missouri).



July 27, 2003, Joint Security Area, Panmunjom, DMZ, Korea. U.S. District Judge Richard Mills, a retired Major General, stands on the North Korean side of the peace table where the cease-fire was signed exactly 50 years ago. On that day in 1953, MG(R) Mills was serving with the 3rd Inf. Div. when the guns fell silent.

George has visited in our home, as well as one of his sons, and I have always spent a great deal of time with the Kims on my earlier revisits to Korea.

George Kim and I drove to the 3rd Infantry Division sector north of Pochon, south of Chorwon, on the Han Tan River and located our old CIC Detachment Command Post. It was good to revisit where we served over 50 years ago. The entire area is now being either farmed or is residential. Very little is the same except the typography and contour of the surrounding mountains. We also had a good visit and lunch with Sergeant Chang, who was in charge of our motor pool back during the war.

(Sorry Gen. Mills, I had to cut your revisit trip report short. I have stated in the past I could not print any more revisit trips because they were very similar. This one was a little special and so I will allow you to be the spokesman for the 500 other special veterans that took the trip and want theirs printed. —Editor.)

Reunited with buddy after 50 years

Photo of me being reunited with my buddy who I haven't seen in 50 years. We were in Korea in 1953. I was a medic with the 24th Div. and he was with the 3rd Div.

Jim Yaney, 1349 Wilson Lake Rd., Columbia City, IN 46725



Niagara, NY remembers in a special way.

As director of the research center of the Niagara Aerospace Museum, and a member of the KWVA and the Western New York Chapter (R026523), I am happy to report that Western New York and Southern Ontario, Canada, now have an outstanding memorial to the Korean War



Shown in front of wall mural is James L. Barnett

The memorial, which is located on the second floor of the Niagara Aerospace Museum, consists of a 30 foot curving wall mural, two showcases, and a helicopter engine. The wall mural depicts a number of Bell Huey helicopters landing at a MASH unit, with wounded aboard. The photo represents approximately one third of the mural. To the left are two additional Hueys, while to the right are the typical tents and buildings of a MASH unit. In the foreground are U.N. security troops, while in the background are the mountains of Korea.

On July 27, 2003, the Niagara Aerospace Museum Korean War display was dedicated as a Korean War memorial.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all Korean War veterans to visit the Niagara Aerospace Museum, and its displays, which are dedicated primarily to Western New York's rich air and aerospace heritage. James L. Barnett Director, Research Center

The Niagara Museum is located at 345 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14305. Tel: 716-278-0060 or visit their web site at www.niagaramuseum.org.

We still remember and support

The day the Greybeard arrives at my house everything stops until I am finished reading the entire newsletter. The cover picture, the report from George F. Drake about the Korean War Children's Memorial Project in Bellingham, WA indicates a need for additional funds. I am gladly sending \$100 as my Christmas present.

I also noticed the article about another support group of Korean American USA to help orphaned children in South Korea.

I went our readers to know that the Sangamon County Chapter #27 is still supporting our Sam Dung Boystown near Seoul which was started in 1953 by members of the 5th Regimental Combat Team and is still in existence. On 10 Dec 03 we sent \$1,000 to the bank account of that orphanage. This is done via electronic bank transfer by our long time friend and former 5th RCT interpreter, Jae Won Lee who now resides in Chicago, IL.

I would be remiss in not mentioning that our small KWVA chapter also supports the National Korean War National Museum and Library financially. So far we have contributed \$6,000 and, one weekend per month some of us man. the museum (temporary store at the Factory Mall in Tuscola, IL), Come see it, you won't be disappointed.

Walter Ade

Korean War Vets Reunited after 50 years.

Bob and Dwaine met at their reunion in San Antonio in October 2002 for the first time since Korea 1952 and while at the reunion they saw a picture of Bill and his address in Florida. Dwaine was staying in Florida for the winter and looked Bill up in November after the reunion and Bob came down to Florida from PA. and the three got together. We were in the same squad in the 4th Platoon L Co. 224th Regt., 40th Inf. Div.

Dwaine Loest, 226-18th St., Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin 54935-6008, Tel: 920-921-840.



Robert Joseck left, Bill Jago center, Dwaine Loest, right.

We Tell America

McNary High School in Keizer, OR hosted Veterans (on 10 November) for "Living History Day". There were 44 classes throughout the day who welcomed 34 speakers from most all branches of the Military Services and who had served in WWII,



Two former Marines iLes Moen, standing (WWII, Peleliu) and Chuck Ponder (H/3/7 Korea '50-'51) speak to a U.S. History class

through and including the current war in Iraq. The purpose of this event is to make sure future generations know how and why we have our Freedom. The Veterans tell what history books do not and probably will not print, hence the title "Living History Day". We were fortunate to hear a Marine L/Cpl, a combat veteran of the war in Iraq. There were Foot Soldiers, Pilots, Sailors, Guardsmen, Support Troops, Snipers, Airborne, Corpsmen, Medics, Bombardiers and Crypto. A very interesting mix for the classes. There were two Veterans per 90 minute class session which allows time for a presentation and student questions. In addition, the Marine Recruiters from Salem performed the cake cutting ceremony to celebrate the 228th United States Marine Corps Birthday. The cakes were made by the students in the culinary class at McNary High School.

Bob Wickman

He still plays Taps

"It took some weight off me," said Little, a retired recreation worker who grew up in Rockingham, N.C., and who also engraved headstones as part of his Army service. "It's a very sad song. If (mourners) look at you playing, it's harder emotionally."

Former Army bugler Albert Little of Rochester just turned 70. That's just half as old as "Taps," the mournful tune played at military funerals, wreath-layings and other memorial ceremonies.

But Little may have played a role in the way the traditional "call," or official bugle tune, is played. Until sometime in the mid-1950s, experts agree, the bugler generally stood at the graveside, where his presence (and music) commanded the ceremony.

That was too much for Little, who served with a Quartermaster Graves Registration unit at Fort Lee, Va., from 1953 to 1955. One day, he suggested to his commanding officer, that the bugler stand a distance away.

Albert Little

Thank you Janice for remembering the women

Congratulations and a big THANK YOU to Janice Feagon Britton for sending her pictures of Army Nurses in the Nov-Dec issue. These women don't get enough recognition. I recall reading somewhere that some nurses made 20 or more round trips into the underlength (and under-fire) airstrip at Hagaru to take

out wounded servicemen. Any one of those nurses was worth a hundred of those cowardly draft dodgers who ran off to Canada during the Vietnam War.

D. J. Harrington.

A veteran remembers his war days

We arrived Korea in mid-July of 1951 from Seattle, Washington. It was a rough ride over. Waves were deck high. Guys sick everywhere. The trip took about fourteen days. There was a two-day layover in Japan.

Upon arrival in Korea we were trucked to the front line and let out on a mountainside. I never knew where we were, who the squad leader was, the platoon leader or the company commander. This is when I inherited the BAR that I carried for six months. I did not have an assistant.

After three months some of us were transferred to another Battalion. Three months later I joined their Patrol Unit and traded my BAR for M1 Rifle. With the 3rd Inf. Div. in Korea we were a seven man Patrol Unit. Named in honor of Lt. Col. Gene R. Welch (Welch Raiders) Commander of the 3rd Bn of the 15th Inf. Regt.

In October we were under artillery barrage for six hours straight. In the same month artillery fell on the edge of my hole while I was out on patrol.



Pictured left to right (Back Row): 1st Lt. Derivan - Conn., Dewey Strong - Kentucky, Fenton Guiles - Weatherford, Texas, James Kerr - El Paso, Texas, Richard Rowan - Illinois Front Row: Robert Drum - Michigan, Vincent Walsh, Treney Serrato - Calif., Lt. Colonel Welch

Another close call was on a snowy Thanksgiving Day. I was in my hole. A sergeant passed and told me to move my ammo out of the weather. A few minutes after the move was made an enemy tank fired on us. Blew that bunker in with the second round.

Among a few other ventures we scouted enemy fortifications. We did this from Jan. 15th until April 15th.

Fenton Guiles

We helped to build a High School in Korea

I shipped out of the U.S. in April 1953 and arrived in Korea 20 days later. I was assigned to the Heavy Mortar Co. 223rd Regt 40th Division.



Kenneth Kaiser High School —original building. Taken in 1954

I was to return to the U.S. when the COL-ORS returned in May 1954 but was extended 30 days.

One hundred (100) 40th Division men were sent to Kapyong—our mission was to distribute clothing to the students at the Kenneth Kaiser High School. Two men from the 223 Regt Heavy Mortar Co were sent (Dominic Franzosa and I were the chosen few).



Robert Snyder and a Korean youngster—the youngsters wanted to help do everything. Taken in 1954

Clothing was collected in California under the direction of the 40th Division- the California National Guard). The clothing was late in arriving-distribution was delayed three weeks. After the distribution was completed I was transferred to the 24th Division and received 2 more extensions making my tour of duty in Korea 15 months. I came home on an emergency leave thus finishing my tour of duty—my father had a heart attack.

The money for the Kenneth Kaiser High School was donated by the men of the 40th Division. Kenneth Kaiser was the first member of 40th Division killed in Korea. After returning home the 40th Div. continued its support of the school.

Robert Snyder
Southfield, MI.

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."

Before and After

We were with the 8th FA Bn. from mid 1951 to mid 1952. We are now retired and have remained friends "at a distance" for 52 years. Frank Hosteller, 115 N. First Avenue, New Bern, N. C, 28560, Telephone 252-637-6568.

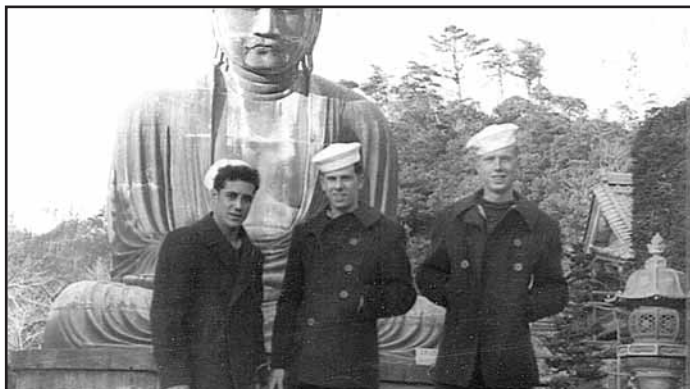


Frank Hosteller – standing, Francis Holshof – kneeling. (Korea)



Frank Hosteller – standing, Francis Holshof – kneeling. (USA)

Liberty in Japan



Left to right, Frank Carino, Tony Martellucci and Bernard "Ben" Klock – Kamakura, Japan, March 1951. The photo was taken in Kamakura, Japan in the Spring of 1951. All three of us were airmen from Brooklyn, NY We served aboard the USS *Princeton*, one of the aircraft carriers operating in the Sea of Japan, providing air support for the troops in Korea. Bernard F. Klock, 8701 Ridge Blvd., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11209-4947

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DoD Announces Korean Defense Service Medal

NEWS RELEASE

United States Department of Defense

The Defense Department announced today the creation of the Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM). The KDSM is a service medal to give special recognition for the sacrifices and contributions made by members of the U.S. armed forces who have served or are serving in the Republic of Korea.

Public Law 107-314 legislated the creation of a new medal to recognize military service in the Republic of Korea and the surrounding waters.

Members of the armed forces authorized the KDSM must have served in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the Republic of Korea, and the contiguous water out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land and water areas.

The KDSM period of eligibility is July 28, 1954, to a future date to be determined by the secretary of defense.

Servicemembers must have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to units operating in the area of eligibility and have been physically deployed in the area of eligibility for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days or meet one of the following criteria:

- Be engaged in actual combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the area of eligibility.
- Is wounded or injured in the line of duty and requires medical evacuation from the area of

eligibility.

- While participating as a regularly assigned air crewmember flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in support of military operations. Each day that one or more sorties are flown in accordance with these criteria shall count as one day toward the 30 or 60-day requirement.

Personnel who serve in operations and exercises conducted in the area of eligibility are considered eligible for the award as long as the basic time criteria is met. Due to the extensive time period for KDSM eligibility, the nonconsecutive service period for eligibility remains cumulative throughout the entire period.

The KDSM may be awarded posthumously, and only one award of the KDSM is authorized for any individual.

Each military department will prescribe appropriate regulations for administrative processing, awarding and wearing of the KDSM and ribbon for their servicemembers, to include application procedures for veterans, retirees, and next-of-kin.

More than 40,000 members of the U.S. armed forces have served in the Republic of Korea or the waters adjacent thereto each year since the signing of the cease-fire agreement in July 1953, which established the Demilitarized Zone. For more than 50 years, U.S. Armed Forces' efforts to deter and defend the Korean Peninsula have helped maintain democracy and preserve the indomitable spirit of freedom.

South Korean Military Leaders Visit Troops in Afghanistan

By Sgt. Greg Heath, USA
Special to American Forces
Press Service

BAGRAM, Afghanistan,
Jan. 21, 2004 -

The more than 200 Republic of Korea soldiers serving at the air base here welcomed their president's top military adviser for a Jan. 19 visit.

Retired Lt. Gen. Hee-Sang Kim, accompanied by Maj. Gen. Ki Seok Song, operations director for the South Korean joint chiefs of staff, stopped in Bagram as part of a tour to deliver words of support from the South Korean people to their soldiers stationed in Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan and Iraq in support of the global war on terrorism.

Bagram is home to three deployed South Korean units: the "Dong-yi" medical group, the "Da-san" engineer group and a small civil affairs unit that is part of the Parwan Provincial Reconstruction Team.

In the evening, all of the South Korean soldiers here gathered in the Enduring Faith chapel to hear a message from Kim about the importance of their work in Afghanistan.

Afghanistan's situation today is the same as that in Korea 50 years ago after the Korean War, Kim said. He told the soldiers the work they're doing gives hope to the Afghan people and helps

them develop their country, and he expressed South Korea's pride in their performance.

Since arriving in Afghanistan in late August, the current engineer group has completed 46 construction projects, the biggest of which was the expansion of the Bagram airfield's taxiway and runway.

The medical group, the fourth Korean unit of its kind to be deployed to Afghanistan, has treated more than 16,000 Afghan patients since arriving here in late August. In total, the four medical units have treated more than 84,000 Afghans over the last two years.

For medical group interpreter Sgt. Andrew Kyungyoon Kim, and many others, it was a surprise to see such a high-ranking government official come all the way to Afghanistan to visit a relatively small group of soldiers.

The sergeant said one of the most impressive aspects of the entire visit was a simple gesture made by the distinguished visitor.

"We had spent a lot of time setting up a special room for him and his entourage, but he said he wanted to sleep in the tents with the soldiers," said the translator. "It showed me that they wanted to feel what we are feeling out here."

Captain of USS Pueblo Dies

SAN DIEGO — Former Navy Cmdr. Lloyd "Pete" Bucher, who helped his USS Pueblo crew survive nearly a year of brutal captivity in North Korea and then faced criticism back home, has

died. He was 76.

Bucher had been in declining health for months, partly the legacy of his captivity in 1968, said Stu Russell, who served under Bucher and is president of

the USS Pueblo Veteran's Association.

He died Wednesday at a nursing facility in the San Diego suburb of Poway.

"The man was a giant," Russell said from his home in Eureka, Calif. "Being the focal point between the Koreans and the crew, he took the brunt of everything. ... I simply don't know where he got the strength and courage to go through what he did."

The lightly armed Pueblo was monitoring communist ship movements and intercepting messages in international waters near the North Korean coast when it was attacked by torpedo boats Jan. 23, 1968. One sailor was killed and 82 were taken prisoner. Some of them, including Bucher, were wounded.

After 11 months, the crew was released two days before Christmas, some of them crippled or nearly blind because of the brutality and malnourishment they endured. The ship remained behind in North Korea, where it became a tourist attraction.

A Navy Court of Inquiry criticized Bucher's surrender of the small ship, which was loaded with intelligence information. The court noted that Bucher's leadership helped the crew survive, but recommended that he face a general court-martial for allegedly failing to defend the Pueblo.

Navy Secretary John H. Chafee turned down the court-martial, saying crew members "have suffered enough."

During their captivity, crew members said, they were beaten, burned on radiators and had their teeth kicked out by North Korean soldiers. Bucher was beaten and tortured into signing a confession.

"I had people come to me and say on so many occasions that they never really appreciated how great it was to be an American until they had the misfortune to have been captured and stuck in a country that is completely devoid of humanity and truthfulness," Bucher said shortly after his release.

Yet even years later, Bucher said he remained angry that commanders had failed to come to his aid.

"The U.S. at that time had enormous military forces in the western Pacific within five minutes flying time of us," Bucher told The Associated Press in 1988. "I would have thought something could be mustered to come to our aid. But everybody just forgot we were there."

In 1989, the Pentagon gave prisoner of war medals to Bucher and the crew. Until then, the U.S. government had maintained they were detainees rather than POWs because United States and North Korea were not at war.

Bucher's parents died shortly after he was born in 1927 in Pocatello, Idaho. He was adopted, but his adoptive parents also died soon after.

Bucher lived in an Idaho children's home until 1940, when he saw the film "Boys Town" and wrote to the Rev. Edward Flanagan, founder of the Nebraska children's home, asking for permission to live there. Flanagan sent him a train ticket, according to an account provided by Boys Town.

After serving two years in the Navy, Bucher attended the University of Nebraska before being commissioned a Navy officer in 1953. He retired from the Navy in 1973.

Bucher is survived by his wife, two sons and several grandchildren.

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Chapter Affairs

Mahoning Valley Chapter #137 of Ohio

Youngstown Memorial

Korean War Veteran's of Chapter #137 Youngstown, Ohio dedicated and unveiled their "Korean War Memorial" on Sunday, July 27, 2003 in Austintown, Ohio. There were 400-500 people in attendance. Members of the Memorial Committee are: Robert Vitullo Chariman, Rocco Anobile, Robert Bakalik, Harold Baringer, Robert Brothers, Robert Donelson, Stephen Firment, Fred Freisen, Zeno Foley, Joann Onstott, Richard Koker, Peter Pizzulo, John Pariza, Raymond Reber, Paul Remias, and Richard Schulz.



Memorial on dedication day



Guest speaker Lt. Col. Gordon Ellis of the Ohio National Guard, he is also Police Chief in Austintown, Ohio where our KWVA Memorial is located.



Dr. Charles Sung of Hubbard, Ohio



Capt. John Boccieri who is the State Representative of our 61st District. John is also Captain with the Air Force Reserves and flies C-130's out of Vienna Ohio Air Base.



Robert Vitullo Memorial Chairman speaking during services. To his right in the background is our Chaplain Walton Tully.



President Zeno Foley speaking interpreter at the Program and Richard Koker as the sign language interpreter.



Bob Donelson and Harold Baringer escort. Tomasine Tsourkras who is the only living "Gold Star Mother" of the Korean War at the unveiling of our "Korean War Memorial.

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From the left, Milton DeLawder, and with the bagpipes is Ben Martin who played Amazing Grace and Rocco Anobile



Below, the Color guard under the direction of Don Brown is (1 - r) Milton Delawder, Rocco Anobile, Unknown, Sal Musitano, Harold Baringer, Herb Lucy, Leo Taillon and Don Brown.



Two Korean sisters Mrs. Bong Park and Mrs. Nam Kim had 3 musical presentations for our program.

This is the plaque for our memorial.



(Thank you Joann Onstott for photos and letter.)

Canfield Fair.



Standing behind our KWVA display at the Canfield Fair are l to r are Joann Onstott , Milton DeLawder, Zeno Foley, Richard Koker who does our hand signing, Rocky Anobile and Leo Taillon. Photo by Nick Carano.



Shown l to r are George Confoey, Zeno Foley, Joann Onstott, Milton DeLawder and Richard Schulz. Photo by Joann Onstott.



John P. Brown III and Associate Captain Joann Onstott. Photo by Nick Carano. (Thank you Joann Onstott for photos and letter.)

Purple Heart Stamp

The photos below were taken at the VA Clinic in Youngstown, Ohio to unveil the New Purple Heart 37 cent stamp. Sixteen Veterans received their Purple Heart Certificates out of the 16, three were members of KWVA #137. They are John Pariza, Milton Delawder and Sal Musitano.

(Thank you Joann Onstott for photos and letter.)



Milton Delawder looks at the newly unveiled 37 cent stamp honoring the Purple Heart after receiving his certificate.



Singing God Bless America is Veronka Ray and hand signing for the hearing impaired is KWVA Richard Koker. Standing to the right is Milton Delawder.



Posing with the new is KWVA John Pariza (left) and Milton Delawder.

Korean Church Honors

Veterans Honored At Korean Church. On Sunday June 22, 2003 thirteen members of the Korean War Veterans Association of Chapter 137 of Youngstown were honored by Koreans from "The Korean Central Presbyterian Church of Greater Cleveland" in Brecksville Ohio. Gifts were given to each person and a traditional Korean Lunch was served and enjoyed by those who attended. The Reverend David K. Kang conducted the services.



After services this group picture was taken L-R Front Row: The Reverend David K. Kang, Joann Onstott, Virginia Brothers, Mary Lou Musitano, LaRue Brown, Sheryl Baringer, Harold Baringer, Jeannette Giovanni Back Row L-R Robert Bakalik, Sal Musitano, Robert Brothers, Don Brown, John Pariza, Domenic Lentini and Dr. Charles Sung.



Seated at the Luncheon held after Church Services are Left side: Virginia Brothers, Jeannette Giovanni, Don Brown and John Pariza Right side: Mrs. Heather Sung, Harold Baringer, Sheryl Baringer and Joann Onstott.

(Thank you Joann Onstott for photos and letter.)

St. Charles County Chapter #186 of Missouri



Korean War Veterans Honor Guard at O'Fallon War Memorial July 27, 2003



Ceremony honoring Korean War veterans at Korean War Monument in Forest Park, St. Louis, Missouri, July 26, 2003.

(Thank you Curtis J. Farley, Jr. for photos.)

At right, Frank Williams and Bob Peitz carry wreath and (below) place it to honor Korean War veterans at O'Fallon War Memorial, July 27, 2003



Korean War Veterans honored at O'Fallon War Memorial.



Korean War Veterans honored at O'Fallon War Memorial.

Chapter #210, Brevard County, Florida

As guests of the Florida International Festival our members and their wives, joined hundreds of other veterans attending the London Symphony Orchestra POPS Concert held July 26 at Daytona Beach's Ocean Center. The concert's program theme was "A Patriotic Celebration". The orchestra, joined by the U.S. Army's Fort Meade "The Soldier's Chorus", presented famous patriotic marches and other selections, songs honoring the armed forces of America and Great Britain. All attending veterans were introduced as a group by Mr. Eric Kunzel, Conductor. House lights were turned on and spotlights were focused on the veteran groups. We received a standing ovation. Ironically, or by design, our chapter was seated in Section 210.

On July 27th, as part of this nation's declared celebration of the 53rd Anniversary of the Ending of the Korean War and Signing of the Cease Fire, Some Chapter 210 members and their wives and friends attended services at the Merritt Island First Baptist Church. All attending Korean War veterans were recognized and honored and received a standing ovation. Following the church services, the Chapter 210 KWVA group had its annual gathering at a local restaurant where a luncheon and additional follow-up celebration ceremonies were held.

(Thank you Charles W Hackney for photo and letter.)



Photo includes Chapter 210 President Julius Farago (seated fourth from the left) and his wife and other chapter officers, members and wives.

Ocean State Chapter #1 of Rhode Island

The City of Pawtucket invited Korean War Veterans to attend the 50th Anniversary of the ceasefire in Korea. The Chapter hosted a ceremony at the Korean War Memorial (corner of South Main Street & College Street) downtown Providence, R.I. On Sunday, July 27, 2003 11:00 A.M. rain or shine! Guests that will be attending will be Mayor of Providence David Cicilline, Major General Reginald A. Centracchio, William Murphy speaker of the RI House of Representatives, Kenneth Carter Chairman of the House Committee of Veterans Affairs and others too numerous too mention.



Left to right Maurice P. Trottier; Ted Low, Founder of Memorial; Pamela J. Thurber, USPS; David Cicilline, Mayor of Providence, R. I.; Speaker of House of Rep. William Murphy, Committee of Veterans Affairs Kenneth Carter.



Left to right Maurice P. Trottier, Cmdr., Pamela J. Thurber, USPS, David N. Cicilline, Mayor of Providence.



Left to right Pamela J. Thurber, Maurice P. Trottier being presented with commemorative stamp.



Left to right Maurice P. Trottier, Ralph Palmieri, Rhode Island Chapter #3, Jack Keenan. Maurice Trottier and Jack Keenan are the founders of Ocean State Chapter #1.



Maurice Trottier, Commander

C.N.Y. KWVA Chapter #105 of New York



September 28th, 2003 Installation of Officers for C. N. Y. Chapter #105 and the KWVA Auxiliary #1, C. N. Y. Chapter. **TOP:** Left to right are David Allen, Treasurer - Garry Rockburn, Adjutant- Bob Shetler, 2nd Vice Commander —Edward Craig, 1st Vice Commander and Bruce H. Ackerman, Commander for the year 2003-2004. **BELOW:** From left are Jim Ferris, KWVA State President and Installing Officer - Eunice Farrell, President -Joan Craig, Vice President - Ann Stafford, Secretary - Grace Ackerman, Treasurer and Elizabeth Thompson, Sergeant at Arms. (Thank you Mrs. Bruce (Grace) Ackerman for photos and letter.)

Taejon Chapter #170 of New Jersey

50th Anniversary Commemoration and Celebration

On Saturday June 21, 2003 KWVA Taejon Chapter 170 of N. J., attended a ceremony and dinner buffet in honor of the signing of the Korean War Armistice. The Rev. Moon Seon Cho of the New Jersey Reformed Presbyterian Korean church of Clifton, N. J. gave the welcome and sermon as he greeted all veterans from our Chapter and other chapters and guests.

During the ceremony Pastor Cho and church members placed ribbon medals around the necks of all Korean War Veterans. Taejon Chapter 170 Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole presented Pastor Cho with a painting of the Korean War from Chapter member Robert Henry.

After the church ceremony, entertainment was provided by members of the congregation. The Korean church then invited all to a dinner buffet, enjoyed by all.



Left to right Commander Onorevole, Rev. Moon Seon Cho holding painting by Robert Henry standing on the right.



Chapter Color Guard left to right Captain Lomsuro, DiLonardo, Ferrarini Sposa and Burkert.

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Color Guard (left to right): Sposa, Burkert, Atheras and Burns.

(Thank you Louis Quagliero for letter and photos.)



Rev. Moon Seon Cho and Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole.

July 4, 2003 Parade, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey

Our chapter attended the 109th consecutive parade in honor of the United States 227th Birthday. The parade and celebration was sponsored by the city of Ridgefield Park, N. J., which included many entries including veteran groups. A large crowd witnessed the parade as it proceeded through the center of town. Chapter Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole led the 24 members. Later on, the town parade committee of judges awarded trophies in different categories of parade participants. Our Chapter won two trophies, one as "Most Spirited Marching - Walking Group" and most prized "Judges Choice award". Everyone had a great time celebrating the signing of "The Declaration of Independence.

(Thank you Louis Quagliero for letter and photos.)



Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole with Uncle Sam, Peter Delorenzo.



Chapter members with Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole on the far right.



Dr. Richard Onorevole on the left and Erwin Burkert receiving two trophies from Ridgefield Park N. J. official.

50th Anniversary Signing of Korean War Armistice

Donald Rista of Hasrouck Hgts, N. J. received an official Proclamation Certificate and Medal as "Ambassador for Peace" in Seoul, Korea on July 25, 2003. Thirty nine U.S. veterans and 37 guests made the trip, including Donald's wife Theresa. Twenty one countries participated in the historical commemoration of the 50th anniversary signing of the Korean War Armistice.



Donald Rista, Seoul, Korea July 25, 2003.

In a salute to all war veterans General (Ret) Lee, Sang-Hoon of the Korean Veterans Association stated "you came to an unknown country and fought courageously for the people you never met before. We will forever cherish in our hearts the valuable contributions you made during and after the Korean War."

The event included

remarks by many dignitaries, including Henry Kissinger 1973-77 Secretary of State and Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, Commander, United Nations Command. Everyone had a wonderful time and will never forget it. Donald Rista is a member of our chapter.

(Thank you Louis Quagliero for letter and photo. You need to cut your long stories short or start typing them. I edited most of them by removing unnecessary detail that most Korean War Veterans already know. We value your letters and photos but with over 280 chapters we must control how much we print including photos)

Memorial Mass at St. Philip R.C. Church

On September 14, 2003, our chapter participated in their annual Memorial Mass at St. Philip R.C. Church in Saddle Brook, N. J. During the service Commander Richard Onorevole and Color Guard Captain presented the ceremonial gifts of Bread and Wine to Father. Most of the 20 members of our chapter received the Eucharist. At the end of the service, members gathered outside for photos. Brunch was served at the Paramus County Club in Paramus, N. J. Honored also was Kristie and Rebecca Drake with a scholarship grant of \$750.00 each. KWVA college fund check is shown enlarged in photo. On the left of photo is their grandfather George Job, 3 times wounded in the Korean War. On the right is our chapter commander Dr. Richard Onorevole.



Top: From left, George Job (grandfather of) Kristie Drake, Rebecca Drake and Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole. **Below:** Annual Memorial Service at St. Phillip R.C. Church, Saddle Brook, N. J. Rev. Robert McBride, pastor in the middle and Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole next to him on the right. Members and guests in the photo.

Annual Senior Citizen Picnic

On September 17, 2003 members of our chapter attended the annual senior citizen picnic at Van Saren Park, Paramus, N. J. Our chapter had a table with free items and literature about the Korean War. Applications for membership were given to some seniors. Many seniors thanked our chapter members for their service in the Korean War. Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole represented the chapter as dignitaries and local politicians approached the table to talk to veterans of the Korean War.

(Thank you Louis Quagliero for photos and letter.)

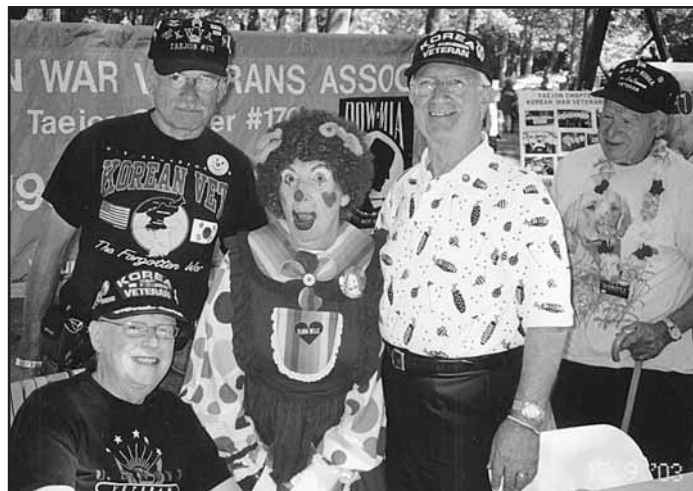
Past Commander Bill McGuinness and Commander Richard Onorevole.



Left to right William Burns, Henry Ferrarini and Anthony DeCondo.



Left to right Past Commander John Meuser, Jr. Vice Commander George Bruzgis and Murray Cohen.



Left to right, clown entertaining the seniors. (sitting) William McGuinness, (standing) Jr. Vice Commander George Bruzgis, Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole and Murray Cohen.



Left to right Korean women entertainers in front. In the back John DiLonardo, Louis DeStefano and Louis Quagliero.

Saginaw County Chapter #251 of Michigan

On Sunday, 27 July, 2003 the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Korean War, our chapter dedicated its new 12 ton black granite Monument. We had over 500 persons present. A 9-man Council called "Saginaw County Veteran's Memorial Plaza" at Hoyt Park, Saginaw, Michigan. The beauty of the dedication of the KWVA Monument is that our Council worked for over 2 years with the Saginaw City Council and the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners to acquire land at this Hoyt Park and transfer the WWI and WWII existing monuments to this common Plaza. Our total Plaza cost will exceed \$344,000 and to date most labor and material is in-hand donations by contractors. We will have 3 flag poles, benches, flood lights, partial retainer walls and over 26,000 paver bricks, most of them already purchased with names engraved to honor ex-service people, and regular donors. Besides letters and contributions, we sold over 15,000 of Roses of Sharon for this project.



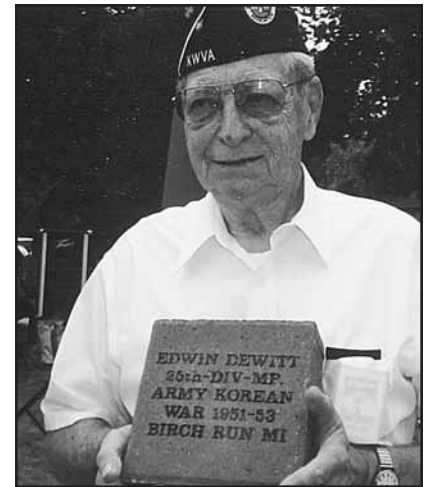
Robert J. Simon, Commander, Master of Ceremonies of our Monument Dedication.



Members left to right, Jacob Klemm, Jack Burgess, Bob Simon, Warren Bennett, Major Leckie, Manuel Sanchez.

Edwin DeWitt with his Paver Brick for Saginaw County Veterans Memorial Plaza and Korean War Monument.

(Thank you Bob Simon for photos and letter)



Right, Ralph Parberg



Below, Chapter 251 members



Left to right Jacob Klemm, Ken Gorte, Richard Suchodolski, Don DeMaet, Wally Weiss, Ken Heck, Major Leckie.

Nassau County Chapter #1 of New York.

Flag Desecration Protest

Artist Dread Scott was part of a show at the Firehouse Gallery. His "art" was a book you signed but you stepped on the American flag to get close enough to sign the book. I have



Chapter veterans protest the display of the American Flag on the floor by signing the protest book. Those shown in photo include Sheldon Swirsky, Bill Puls, John Toledo, Joe Carco, Joe Thomann, Carmine Larivo, Harold Pflughardt, Tom Riley, Ray O' Connor, Al Curen, J. Hoolahan, Rudy Di Cristina, Tom O' Brien and Bill Philbrick.



(Thank you Joseph Carco for photos and letter.)

Ceremony at Eisenhower Park dedicating two monuments to the 100 men and women of Nassau County who gave the supreme sacrifice. This ceremony was attended by many family's of those who lost their lives.



Neillands family 1st and 3rd from left with Legislator Corlein (2nd) and Ed Aulman on right. Richard G Neillands name is on plaque.



Thomas Riley,
Chapter President,
and Congressman
Peter King on left.



Congressman Peter King and other dignitaries.



Dignitaries, chapter members and many other veteran groups came to support us this day. *(Thank you Joseph Carco for photos and letter.)*



Ceremony at Lido Beach - Town of Hempstead, To honor all veterans and to give special honor to The Korean War Veterans. Photos above Color Guards, awarded plaque and entertainment.
(Thank you Joseph Carco for photos and letter.)

Charles Parlier Chapter #24 of Illinois



Honor Guard of the Harvest Festival in Tuscolia, Illinois, home of the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library. Shown left to right; David Mayberry, Richard Boulware, and Frank Delgado.



Our decorated truck in the parade



Members showing off their 3rd place plaque from the Arcola, Illinois Broom Corn Festival parade. Shown left to right are Tom Childress, Chester Boggs, Frank Delgado, Glen Thompson, unknown, Floyd Cooper and Wayne Buesking.

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Our annual fund raiser, called "Daisy Sales". (Rose of Sharon) Shown on left, Glen Thompson, Orval Mechling and a bashful donor.

(Thank you Richard Teike for photos and letters.)



Northern California Chapter #1

Recently (in September) members of the Chapter celebrated our 17th anniversary. Photos were taken after our luncheon meeting that date. Unfortunately, many of our members had already left before it was announced that we should take some pictures of those attending the anniversary. We are very proud of the fact that Dick Adams, former national president, is also a member of our chapter.

The chapter was organized September 20, 1985 in Redding, California, after Bill Norris (the founder and first President of the National organization) gave Ken Green permission to go ahead with plans to organize a chapter in California and designated him as "temporary honorary chairman". The chapter was organized and quickly thereafter incorporated by the State of California.

(Thank you Kenneth Green for photos and letter.)



Some of the Chapter Members who celebrated the 17th Anniversary of its beginning are from left to right: Bill McKinney, Paul Chamberlain, Leroy Neuenfeld, Ken Green, Jim Beeson, Jim Grenade, Don Keyes and Pat Howard.



Four of the original members who attended the first organizational meeting of the KWVA, Northern California Chapter No. 1 in 1985. From left to right they are: Beverly and Leroy Neuenfeld and Ken and Carol Green. Ken was the first president and Leroy was the first vice president of the organization.

Cake which was decorated by Associate Member, Shelda Kralick, to honor members of the KWVA, Chapter on their 17th anniversary of becoming a chapter.



Five members of the KWVA Chapter No. 1 who have or are serving as president of the chapter. From left to right they are: Ron Fitzgerald, Leroy Neuenfeld (current president), Ken Green (first president), Paul Chamberlain, and Jack Tolbert (seated).

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.

Rockford Chapter #272 of Illinois

Our Chapter held it's 3rd Annual Mostaccioli Dinner Sunday, November 9, 2003 at the St. Ambrogio Club in Rockford. This dinner has raised over \$1000. profit each of the past two years and is growing. (Thank you Jack Philbrick for photos and letter.)



The volunteer crew for 3rd Annual Mostaccioli Dinner



Participants in 3rd Annual Mostaccioli Dinner

Ventura County Chapter #56, Santa Paula California



Ceremonial Rifle Squad. Shown are Rudy Arellano, David Garcia, Richard Ruiz, John Campos, Bill Cubos, Manuel Aduae, Manuel Salazar and Samuel Solace. (Thank you for photo.)

I can't recall the date, but we were ordered to relieve, I believe, the 45th Inf. Div. on or near Bloody Ridge. This was a top secret move, light machine gun crews moved into the area occupied by elements of the 45th Inf. Division during the daylight hours. The rest of the 224th including "K" Co. moved in during the hours of darkness. We were all set into our positions as dawn came to the Punch Bowl Area. The first thing to greet us was a hand lettered sign on a piece of ragged material displayed between two sticks on the hill occupied by enemy troops proclaiming "Welcome 224th Inf. Reg. 40th Inf. Div ."... so much for the secret move to the M.L.R.

The positions we occupied, as stated, were formally 45th Inf. Div. Property. They took everything with them except the rats. There were rats everywhere, hundreds of them. In our light 30 bunker there were two bunks, against the wall, one was about six inches off the ground, the other four feet higher. They were constructed of small logs and commo wire, we assumed they were made by R.O.K. Troops. The dimensions were about 5 feet by four feet, your head hit one log and your boots hit the other. Rats would be squealing and fighting all hours behind the logs. Laying in a bunk you could reach the front of the bunker which lead to the trench and the 30 Cal. Air Cooled Browning. You could sit on a "Jerry Can" and operate the gun or stand up, bend at the waist and fire it. If things got real busy it was wiser to kneel down to fire it. The position was manned at all times. It was necessary to move from the "Jerry Can" if anyone wanted to proceed down the trench line. In the early evening we would set the gun on the F. P. L. stake, because this position provided fire support for the L.P. which was fifty yards to the left front on a finger of our hill. That would be the easiest approach to our positions, from a point of attack. We had barbed wire in front of the L. P. and various "Bouncing Betties" mines, 5 gallon cans of napalm with trip wires and grenade fuses, courtesy of the 45th Div.

We looked across a valley, Sandbag was left front and Joe Stalin Hill directly across. Probably 250 yards away, a 50 Cal. Bunker was to our left and to the right, rifle firing points B.A.R. Bunkers and more light 30 Cal. positions, some A.S.P. dug into the side of the trench where you could replenish your ammo and grenades without too much exposure.

Above and behind our bunker was the F.O. Bunker, they would call in artillery and

TO THE MLR

By M. J. Cramer

The first thing to greet us was a hand lettered sign... on the hill occupied by enemy troops proclaiming "Welcome 224th Inf. Reg. 40th Inf. Div ."

spot for Navy and Air Force jets. They also handled 4.2 mortars and the tank on our right flank. We could hear them calling in "Fire Missions", one morning as the clouds were moving through the valley, an opening appeared, much to our surprise we could see smoke curling out of the ground across the valley, nearly on top of the Chinese occupied hill. It was a well camouflaged bunker, several troops were milling about, a large cloud obscured our view. We heard the F.O. calling grids to the 4.2 mortars, the cloud passed on and we saw several Chinese Troops standing in single file, with one man in front of them, like a roll call, we heard the 4.2's come over, followed by two or three quick rounds fired by the tank's 90mm. There was a huge cloud of dust and fire that erupted from that area. The thing that we were most impressed by, was how fast that tank could fire. Of course we did not see the Chinese standing there any more.

We always maintained 100 percent alert from 2200 hours til 0200, unless we were advised otherwise. The trench line was continuous all across the M.L.R. Our area tied in to a R.O.K. Unit on the right flank. They took many attacks and many times we had a birds' eye view of the battle. Sometimes if they would withdraw, the tank would traverse the 90 mm to the trench and we would move to the tank in support, but we were lucky, the R.O.K. would counterattack and retake their positions. One afternoon a R.O.K. was observed looting our A.S.P. of 30 Cal. MG Ammo. The guy in the tank, fired at him with his .45 pistol and he dropped the ammo cans and moved out.

One evening a R.O.K. was wounded as he was prowling around our trench line, trying to borrow a cleaning rod for his machine gun barrel. He did not know the pass word or I

guess it didn't matter, he could not speak English. Some days on the M.L.R. were just as quiet as a day back stateside, but mortar, artillery rounds and sniper fire were always present. One young Trooper, he was seventeen years old, we were older, about twenty or twenty one. This Trooper would come to the trench line and want the binoculars we had at the M.G. Bunker. He would stand on a firing step nearby and place his elbows on the top row of sandbags and observe any movement across the valley. It would not be long until the quiet of the day would be pierced by Sniper Fire. The rounds snapped through the air as they went overhead. More than one time he was told to get down. Due to his age, the C.O. made him his radio operator and didn't allow him to go on patrols, etc. He smoked a straight stem pipe, that looked as big as he was. And, he wanted some action every day, nice guy.

We had a tall guy about six foot four inches from Texas, he was a Sgt. He could speak Spanish as well as English. He and another guy were, "Loaners". This guy always carried a M-1 Garand and several 1 / 4 lb. sticks of plastic explosive with him. He was our Demo Expert. More than once he and the other Loaner would go into the valley and blow up enemy bunkers on the forward slope of the hill. The Chinese would keep some of their mortars in caves and drag them out between air attacks. One day several of us were waiting down by the road for the jeep to come with the chow trailer. One of the newer guys made a joke to this Texan Sgt., without a word he slipped that M-1 off his shoulder and fired about five or six rounds into the Jerry Can the joker was sitting on. Of course the guy fell off the can and lay on the ground looking for bullet holes in his person, but the only holes were in the can and they could be covered by your fist. I didn't know this Texan Sgt. but he was the kind of guy that you were glad he was on your side. The other guy always carried an M-2 and went on every patrol available. He was also a Sgt., he slept all day and read paperback books, usually needed a shave and the C.O. called him by his first name. Both of these men rotated out prior to the cease fire.

One night Eddie, my friend, was on the O.P. and called on the sound power that there were sounds down by the barbed wire. He was going to throw a grenade or two and wanted supporting fire from or 30 Cal. MG

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FOR THOSE UNSUNG HEROES

In the midst of battle, as soldiers fell,
There is a story that I need to tell -
When the paperwork is a forgotten thing,
And only to survival the soldiers cling.

Not everyone was recognized, at best,
They got up again to fight with the rest;
Battered and bleeding, they would still fight,
As the enemy pounded them day and night.

Lost in the shuffle, they still took part;
Although they received no purple heart.
They healed in time and through the years,
The memories of war still bring them tears.

They are the unsung heroes who still strive
To understand the fact they are alive;
When so many of their comrades fell,
They made it back home, out of that hell.

Now a Purple Heart is the thanks we give
For those who fought so that we could live;
Yet often we fail to recognize the men
Who were injured, and went on to fight again.

As they remember the sacrifice and cost
Of brothers in battle whose lives were lost;
It doesn't seem necessary to ask anyone
For the honor they earned; it's left undone.

Unsung heroes, all played a part -
Yet not all received a Purple Heart;
They are content to leave it alone,
As they search for peace here at home.

By Julie Schafer

Wife of a Korean War Veteran

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HONOR

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You see him standing straight and tall,
In days gone by he gave his all.

Here at home or some foreign land,
He gave his heart and the strength of his hand.

He may have served in peaceful times,
Or spent his time fighting on enemy lines.

He honored God and his Country with a heart pure and true,
He protected our precious Flag - the Red, White, and Blue.

He fought many baffles in unpopular wars,
He served without question and still has the scars.

He was met with scorn and rejection when he returned to this soil,
He was not shown respect for his sacrifice and toil.

Some of his buddies did not make it home,
They left loved ones here all alone.

Cherish your memories of days gone by,
And remember those who remain to cry.

Honor our Veterans each day of the year,
The ones still with us and those whose memories we hold dear.

By Nadine Vrabel

Written to honor the service of all our Veterans, especially my husband,
Joseph Kennedy Vrabel, on the occasion of his election as American Legion
Department of Ohio Commander. July, 2003

'TRANSITION'

We-so young, so pretty,
You-so tall and strong,
Went away to fight a war
We knew not for how long.

A war in far Korea
They told us to forget,
Those scary moments in our lives,
We all remember yet.

The day arrived, you came back home
The welcome was stupendous!
The Hero back again from war,
The pride in you tremendous.

The years have passed,
The children grown,
Our hair a shade of gray,

The pride instilled so long ago,
We knew was there to stay.

The Vets have found each other in
Chapter 91,
A group of business meetings and
also one of fun.

We've formed a women's group of
wives,
Of men who fought the war,
With picnics, parties, grand parades,
Who could ask for more.

By Miriam Kravitz
Secretary of Chapter 91 Weschester-
Putnam County of New York Women's
Group.

F.O. Team Reunion

By Bob Lusk

In December of 2002 three members of a Forward Observer Team from Battery B of the 3 8th FA Bn, 2nd Infantry Division met in my Arizona home. This was the first time we had seen each other since shortly after the Korean War Cease Fire in late July of 1953.

It was a wonderful two days of good stories, good food and a good time for the three of us. Charles Tyler of Caldwell, Kansas initiated the meeting when he called to say he would like to come out as soon as he finished planting his winter wheat. The two of us decided to call Bill Thomas of Johnstown, Pennsylvania to ask him to join us for a reunion.

One story we all had a good laugh about was when the team came back to the battery area one day for reassignment. "The Lt." (Bob Lusk) tried to take a shower only to have a Chinese artillery round hit nearby, knocking down the improvised shower tower and "the Lt.". A nude, wet, muddy, mad, but basically unhurt Lt. then had the dubious distinction of running a race, well observed by an appreciable number of battery members, to the nearest dug in gun position before the next round hit.

During the winter, spring and summer of 1953 the F.O. Team was with a number of different infantry companies from different infantry regiments, both U. S. and South Korean. This was because our normal assignment with Company F of the

38th Infantry Regiment was not possible as the infantry regiment was in reserve. The 38th FA Bn did not go into reserve and F. O. Teams were needed by infantry companies our artillery was supporting. We had to quickly learn to work effectively with each new infantry company. This was challenging.

One of these situations figured in a story told by Charles Tyler. He said that the worst chewing out he received while in the army was by me. He added that it probably also saved his life. I didn't remember chewing him out but I remembered the situation. We were with a company in the Chorwon flats in a wet rainy period. We had a low bunker in the mud and water. The water table seemed like it was only a couple feet below the surface and we all wore rubber boots all of the time.

On this particular day a Chinese direct fire weapon had been shelling our low bunker. We had the azimuth to the direct fire weapon but the distance in the flats was difficult to estimate. We had a telephone line and I was trying to reach another nearby F. O. on Outpost Tom to attempt a triangulation on the direct fire weapon. The infantry company commander was in a small bunker about 100 yards to our left rear. He was insisting we furnish him a formal "shell report". The second time he sent a runner with this order, Charles started to go out to dig one of the fuses out of a shell

crater and take a back compass reading for the shell rep despite the incoming shells. I apparently stopped him and told him in no uncertain terms that he reported to me and not the infantry captain. I apparently told him we would get the shell rep later but we really did not need it prior to bringing fire on the Chinese weapon and there was no need for his or anyone's life to be risked getting it.

The shelling continued, a third runner came down the trench from the captain. I finally gave up on the triangulation attempt in frustration and fired rounds based upon my own range estimates. The weapon was silenced. It did not resume firing but we never really knew what damage we had actually done. I then personally dug up a fuze, made the shell report and delivered it to the captain. I planned to explain why it was not needed immediately but he was so angry with me I ended up reporting the incident to the artillery liaison officer. The liaison officer was at the infantry battalion headquarters. He could advise the battalion commander of the circumstances if the company commander complained about me. One of the infantry platoon leaders told me later that the company commander got in trouble with the battalion commander and this was one of the incidents held against him.

The F. O. Team was with Fox Company of the 38th during the final stages of the conflict. We were in a position on the MLR to the right rear of Outpost Harry. The morning after the cease fire the Chinese came out on the hills in front of us. We

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Sgt. Bill Thomas, Cpl. Charles Tyler and Russell Wade behind remnants of a wall practicing radio and fire mission procedures while waiting until dark to go to the MLR with a relief infantry company



December 2002 picture is of former Sgt. Bill Thomas, former Lt. Bob Lusk and former Cpl. Charles Tyler at their first reunion since July 1953

Korea, The Forgotten War..... remembered

Pennsylvania Remembers

On November 15, 2003, a monument to the Korean War was dedicated at the Matamoras, Pa. Veterans Park and Educational Center. In time this monument will stand among those dedicated to the Indian Wars; the Revolutionary War; the Civil War; WWI; WWII; Vietnam; and the Cold Wars with an Educational Center located on the grounds.

(Thank you LeRoy M. Stucker for letter and photos.)



At left, memorial front



Right, memorial back

Tennessee Remembers

Knoxville, TN

The memorial monument for Korean War veterans is at the Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery in Knoxville TN. The memorial was purchased, erected & dedicated by the Area Korean Family Association. The membership consists of 1,000+ Korean family members living in Knoxville. The unveiling was witnessed by a crowd of 500+ people & dignitaries on Monday, May 26, 2003. The monument is 7 feet tall & weighs 2 tons-is of black marble from a South Korean quarry near the Demilitarized Zone. Dr. Tom Kim, a local med-

Shown at the memorial are: Harold Maples (left) & Dr. Tom Kim (right). Harold served with the 40th Infantry Division 224th Regiment, Service Company.



ical doctor & President of the Korean Association, was the man who worked tirelessly to get the monument to Tennessee. Dr. Kim was a young Korean boy from North Korea who-along with his Mother, Grandmother, Brothers & Sisters-fled from North Korea to South Korea during the campaign. War was all around them. Kim's statement at the unveiling was: "Memorial days are not just for picnics & barbecues-This Historic Day we honor & respect & love you, the Korean War Veterans. "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE" is inscribed in both English & Korean on the monument.

(Thank you Harold L. Maples for letter and photos.)

Nashville, TN



Korean War Memorial in Nashville, TN.

(Thank You Milton Hornbuckle for photo and letter.)

Georgia Remembers



Picture taken at the National Museum of Patriotism in Atlanta, Georgia on 17 November 2004. The occasion was a tribute to the late General Raymond G. Davis and the unveiling of a memorial to him. This memorial will be on permanent display at the museum. This picture of the memorial includes the members of his family; his wife Knox, his sons Gil, Miles and daughter Willa along with their spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren. It was a moving and emotional event. Members of his family, friends and fellow veterans spoke of their memories of General Davis and how he affected their lives and of his contribution to our country and in particular to all veterans. *(Thank you Urban Rump for photo and letter.)*

Alabama Remembers



Wide angle view of Korean War Memorial Mobile, Alabama.



View of tank that was put in place in October 2003 at Mobile Memorial.

Walter Ballard, President Department of Alabama with a couple of clowns at a yellow ribbon rally for our troops and veterans held at USS Alabama Battleship Park. Korean War Memorial is in background.



Charles McNair, President of the Capital City Chapter in Montgomery Alabama, on left receives a Korean flag and stand from Walter Ballard President Department of Alabama. Bill Pitt, Gulf Coast Chapter Color Guard Member on right. This presentation was made at the Veterans Day Luncheon at the Mobile Convention Center on November 11, 2003
(Thank you Walter Ballard for photos and letter.)

Massachusetts Remembers

Memorial Dedication – Worcester

Korean War Memorial Dedication Day on November 9, 2003, in Worcester, Massachusetts. The Memorial honors veterans who survived the war and the 191 Central Massachusetts servicemen and women who weren't so lucky. Many of the veterans stood among the 3000 who attended the dedication were reminded of the -30 degrees temperature during the fighting in Korea. I was impressed by the many people who stepped forward to shake a veteran's hand and say "Thank you"-it meant so much.
(Thank you Mrs. Warner R. Hill for letter and photos.)



Color Guard at Memorial



Opening Remarks and Welcome, Speakers at Podium.



Massing of the Colors and veterans at Memorial

Memorial Highway – Barnstable and Yarmouth, MA

Three years ago, a section of route 6 in Barnstable and Yarmouth, MA was designated “The Korean War Memorial Highway”. Route 6 is the major highway covering the length of Cape Cod. This was accomplished by Jack Pettipas who had the vision and is the chairman of this project committee. State Rep. Demetrius J. Atsalis (Barnstable) was the sponsor of the bill and State Rep. Thomas N. George was a strong supporter.



At flag memorial are (left to right) Tom Homberg, George Johnson, Jake O'Rourke, Jack Pettipas, Lloyd Sherwood, Tom O'Connor and Cal Karam.

In conjunction with the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce, Jack lead a group that raised funds and oversaw the construction of a flag memorial located at a rest area between exits 6 and 7 on the East bound side of route 6. Mr. Richard Dubois is the director of the Chamber and the person who initially developed the concept with Jack. There are three flag poles with five flags flying. The formal dedication took place on October 12, 2002. During this past year, plantings, a walkway, and a memorial stone with plaque were added.



At plaque are (left to right) Tim Harrington, Tom Homberg, , Jack Pettipas, Cal Karam, Lloyd Sherwood, Tom O'Connor and Jake O'Rourke.

A bill is currently at the State House proposing that the rest area be designated “The Korean War Memorial Rest Area”.
(Thank you Thomas O'Connor for photos and letter.)

Memorial Dedication – Haverhill, MA



Haverhill, Massachusetts Korean Veterans Memorial dedicated Nov. 3, 2003 in G.A.R. Park at Winter Street. The memorial honors 16 Haverhill victims of the war, along with 842 men and women from the city who served in Korea. (Thank you Fred Brienza for photo and letter.)

Florida Remembers

The Villages

The Veterans Memorial Park of The Villages celebrated their 5h anniversary with a Veterans Day Celebration. Some of the guest speakers and attendees were: KWVA Chapter 169, Leesburg Florida, Color Guard. Also in attendance were the Young Marines of Lake County. It is a time to remember our Veterans both past and present. They have given so much to give us our freedom.

(Thank you Joan Klawunn for photo and letter.)



Starting with the US Flag: Paul Russell, Arthur Dube, William Simunek, and Lenard Henson

Pensacola

KWVA Chapter 293 breaks ground of Korean War Memorial. Veterans Day 2003 had a special meeting for Pensacola, Fla., Korean War Veterans Association West Florida Chapter 293 members. After nearly a year of design concept and planning meetings, a ground breaking for a Korean War Memorial was held on Veterans Day at Pensacola's Veterans Memorial Park. “This will mark the day the Korean War is remembered rather

than forgotten," said Korean War veteran, Tex Atkinson. "Many fought, many suffered, and many died in that bitter struggle so that millions of South Koreans could live in freedom. Maybe a new phrase 'The Korean War Remembered' will now be heard in Pensacola." Featured speaker for the ground breaking was Judge Joseph Tarouck, an Army veteran, captured by the North Koreans shortly after arriving in Korea in 1950. Dedication of the Korean War Memorial is planned for Veterans Day 2004. The memorial will feature three larger than life statues emphasizing both the combat and humanitarian sides of the Korean War. Donations to help build the Korean War Memorial can be sent to: Korean War Memorial, c/o of Wall South Foundation, P.O. Box 17886, Pensacola, FL 32522.

(Thank you Art Giberson for story and photos.)



Members of Korean War Veterans Association, West Florida Chapter 293, and special guests break ground for a Korean War Memorial at Veterans Memorial Park in Pensacola, FL. Participants (L-R) included retired Navy Capt. Robert Rasmussen, Randy New, VFW Post 706 Commander John Pritchard; former Korean War POW Judge Joseph Tarbuck; KWVA West Florida Chapter 293 Commander, retired Col. John Crane, Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL); Pensacola Mayor John Fogg and Terry Sanders.



Col. John R. Crane, USA Ret., Virgil Oldham and Judge Joseph Tarbuck, congratulate each other at the unveiling of an artist's drawing of what the Pensacola, Fla., Korean War Memorial will look like.

Nebraska Remembers

Monday, November 10, 2003, the entrance ARCH was dedicated, 14 years after the garden was proposed. In 1989, it was then decided that this is the place for a Veterans Memorial Garden. It now has a memorial for , Purple Heart, WW I, WW II, K-9 Corp, Women Veterans, Nurses, Civil War, Desert Storm, Vietnam, and of course, Korea of which is the best, in my opinion. Although it is built in a Lincoln City Park, there is no tax money involved in the construction, as it is paid for with brick sales @ \$100.00 each.

(Thank you Bill Evans for photos and letter.)

Entrance to the garden.



Korean War Memorial.

The Purple Heart Memorial is in Wyuka Cemetary, Veterans section.. but there is also a Purple Heart Memorial in Veterans Memorial Gardens.



Tablets that hold the bricks.

William O. Evans USAF 23rd Div Korea 1951-1952	Sgt. 4 Buck Stahk U.S. Army 1951-53 Military Police	Sgt. Paul B. McWhorter United States Army Korea	Carl G. Mark Purple Heart 7th Infantry Bn
Cpl. Steven B. Gump United States Army 1951-52, 1953-55	Cpl. John H. McWhorter United States Army 1951-52, 1953-55	EM. Frank McWhorter US Navy 1951-53 U.S. TB Chandler	Fredrick E. 7th 21st U.S. Army 23rd Div. 52-53
Cpl. Donald E. Winger United States Navy 1951-52, 1953-55	Cpl. Kenneth Prater United States Navy 1951-52, 1953-55	Leif E. Spack 1951 United States Navy Submarine	Cpl. Norman Fox 1951-52, 1953-55 2nd Marine Bn
Joseph E. McWhorter 1st U.S. Air Force Korea 1951-1952	Sgt. Martin H. Kofke 1951-52, 1953-55 Anglo-American	Michael W. Winger 1951-52, 1953-55 Korea 1951-1952	Leonard Chm 21st FA 7th Bn Malina, Neb.
William P. Haver 1951-52, 1953-55	Sgt. John G. Hoge United States Army	Staff Sgt. U.S. Army Walter Hochstetler	Cpl. Terry C. 1 U.S. Army 1951

Belgium Remembers

I am a Korean War veteran 1953-1954 in the Belgium Volunteers Battalion. In the year 2003, for commemorating the end of the Korean War, I build a Memorial dedicated for the veterans. Inaugurated the September 2003 at Grand-Sart-Lierneux – (Ardennes-Hight Battlefield of your soldiers in December 1944 (Christmas Day) 82 A.B. Div. 5087h Parachute Inf. Many people were present for this day, Belgians Patriotic Associations, Military, Civilians and Belgian Korean Veterans.



Claude Billiet at the Memorial.
(Thank you Claude Billiet for letter and photos.)



Claude Billiet reads the speech at Inauguration.



King Albert II Delegate General- Major Vandidegem (left)and Claude Billiet.

Wisconsin Remembers

Fond du Lac Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1904 conducted a ceremony on Sunday, Aug. 17, to honor those who died in the Korean War. The event was at Veterans Park, downtown Fond du Lac. Eighteen men died in the Korean War from June 9, 1950, through July 27, 1953. The Republic of Korea War Service medal will be presented to next of kin and Korean veterans who have made application. Special speakers include FDL County Executive Allen Buechel and FDL City Council President Marty Ryan. Jim Harvey, Wisconsin Korean War Veterans Association, give an address. Arnold Siedert, a prisoner of war of the North Koreans and the Chinese, will give a short talk. A tree planting and a bronze plaque will commemorate the occasion. Displays were set up, bagpipes presented songs and color guards were invited. Master of ceremonies for this event was Marvin Waldschmidt and the co-chairperson is Gordon Schultz.

The following fallen comrades were be honored:

Raymond Brown, Edward Bucholtz, Donald Christopherson, Melvin Ebert, James Fisher, Aloysius Freund, Oswald Grunig, Norman Johnson, Hilary Justman, Lee Langeberg, Thomas McCullen, Harian Nevel, Ralph Pheiffer, James Ramel, Robert St. Mary, John Schwed Jr., Robert Seidel, David Wustrack.



(Thank you George Kaprelian for letter and photos.)

Gordon Schultz (left), and Marv Waldschmidt



Jim Harvey, Guest Speaker



EX-POW Arnold Siedert 2nd I.D.



Above, Memorial Tree and with next of kin. Dwaine Yoest and Gordon Schultz. Right, Memorial, Veterans Park, Fond du Lac, WI.

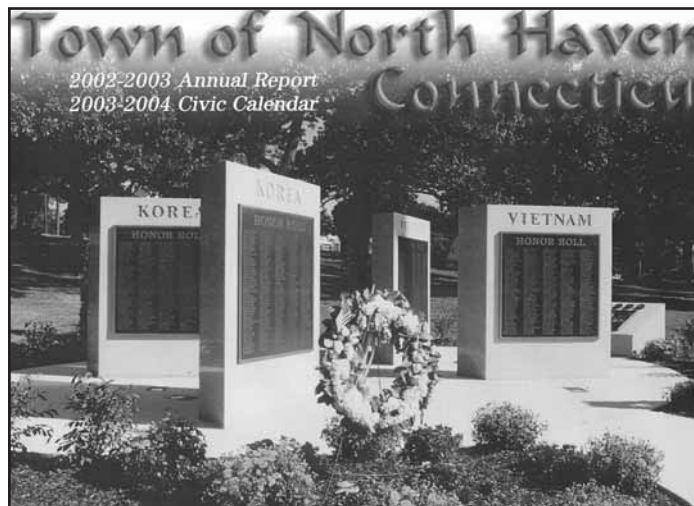


Connecticut Remembers

The Honor Roll for the Korean War and the Vietnam War. How this came about was, we had a group of veterans from Korean War in our VFW Post. We wanted the Korean War Veterans and Vietnam Veterans to be joined with the WWII Memorial.

There is a group of people that wanted it their way. They claimed that there weren't enough Korean Veterans and Vietnam Veterans to add to the WWII memorial. The town took the names from the Grand List. (taxed veterans) and made a memorial of their own. When we first talked about a memorial we only wanted the veterans that left for the service that lived in our town, served during the wars. This is why each memorial is as large as it is.

(Thank you William H. Yopp for letter and photo.)



War Memorial

North Carolina Remembers

The City of Fayetteville, North Carolina is developing a public park-Freedom Memorial Park- to honor and memorialize the men, women, and units of the armed Forces, Killed in Action, POW/MIA, and Veterans who have been in service to their country. A special ceremony was held in "Freedom Memorial Park" at



Command Sergeant Major Thomas Twomey, U.S. Army Ret., a veteran of the Korean War, who served with the 15th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div., Chairman of the Korean War Memorial and a life member of the KWVA was the keynote speaker .

3:00pm, July 27, 2003 fifty years after the armistice was signed at 10:00 hrs July 27, 1950. A 7 foot-high, 12-foot wide Black & Gray Granite Korean War Memorial was unveiled. Engraved on the top of the Memorial is the simple phrase "The Forgotten War" and at the base reads "Freedom is not Free." North Carolina lost 784 during the fighting in Korea

Thank you Tom Twomey for photo and letter.

Illinois Remembers



Renaming Ceremonies of US RT 51 (both North & South lanes) Bridge over Lake Decatur as "KOREAN VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE". Dedication was on Veterans Day, 2003. Shown are: third from left, Decatur, Ill. Mayor Paul Osborne, IL. State Rep. Flider, IL. State Rep. Mitchell, and IL. State Senator Watson. Charles Parlier Chapter #24 members are L to R: Howard Mooney, Virgil Stolz, Richard Teike, Duane Boriff, and John Gardner.



Charles Parlier# 24 members: Franl Delgado, Sec. Merle Sims and Richard Teike presenting a \$1,500 check to Administrator Mike Hutmaker of the Illinois Veterans Home at Quincy, IL. Chapter also donated eight dozen tennis shoes and eight boxes of good used clothing.

(Thank you Richard Teike for photos and letters.)

Looking for...



Being in the **630th Engineers** LE Co. I would like to put together a history of the 630th, I have obtained some information from books, the internet and from certain past members. If any one who was in the 630th Engineers LE Co. in WW II, Korea or Vietnam would like to give me any information, such as, when they arrived in the outfit, where the company was located, your job, "MOS", any TDY to other outfits and where, dates, etc. your buddies. Also just when did the 630th leave Korea and where did it end up in 1954 or 1955. E-mail me at <frogger@mybizz.net> my name is Floyd King, Northwest dragline operator. I was there in 1952.



My father **Corporal George L Swearingen**, US Army, was Killed in Action, Feb. 22, 1951 on hill 201. He was with the 5th Cav. Regt., 1st Cav. Div. I do not know what Co. he was in. I was of course very young, and no one talked about him or the war as I was growing up. I am just now learning certain details, such as he was a "radio man" and killed instantly by a mortar attack. He was only 24. Thanks to my 80 yr. old aunt, who found a letter that someone had written to my grieving grandmother, I am able to understand the horrible conditions. There was no signature, it was signed, a buddy...the only name mentioned was a Sgt. Copeland, and it was dated June 30th, and I'm assuming it was 1951, At the bottom of the page was my grand mother's writing, buried at Tanggok military cemetery. I've since researched and found out about that place. If I can figure out how to copy this letter without any damage, I'd like to eventually share it. It is totally awesome that this man took the time to type the feelings and events of that day. What are the chances of me finding anyone alive today that might be able to give me any information? I guess it's a billion to one that anyone would have known him, it's been so long ago. Any help or direction that you can give will be greatly appreciated. I want this not only for me but for my children and grandchildren. My father is now buried in Paola, Kansas. Contact Joanne Chmura at e-mail <Joanne@cablelynx.com>.



Anyone, anything, anyhow on the **field survey of the DMZ boundary line(s)**. Contact CW3 Michael C.J. Kaminski, USAR Ret. Korea 1950-51 8221st A.U. Field Artillery Topographic & Meteorological Detachment (X Corps). E-mail <mcjk.8152@worldnet.att.net>.



I am attempting to locate **Charles R Burris** who I served with in the Air Force, K13 in 1953. He was from Marion OH. I would appreciate any help in locating him. William A Brady, Polkville, NC or e-mail at <janebrady@carolina.rr.com>.



936th Field Artillery Battalion is seeking former members who served with the Battalion, especially during the Korean War. Contact: Wayne Bohannon, 10617 East First Street, Tulsa, OK 74128-1403. Tel: 918-437-5324. Our annual reunion will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2004 at the Clarion Inn, 1255 South Shiloh, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701.



I read graybeards from front to back. It seems like it is the only veterans magazine that covers the Forgotten War. I served with **Charlie battery, 31st FAB in the 7th Inf. Div.** I was section chief and also chief of firing battery. While I was section chief my gun was chosen to fire the 1,000,000 artillery round. Gen Layman Lemitzer (spelling?) brought the round up in his jeep. I would like to hear from anyone who was there and served at that time. Have been able to contact Lt. Hunt who now lives in San Diego, also Sgt. James Doyle in MN. Cpl. Ralph Mesing was my gunner at that time and he lives in Decatur IN. Contact Kenneth O. Benson, 31467 City Rd. #59, Clinton, MN 56225.



I want to locate a relative by the name of **Michael Gallo**, a Korean War Vet. He and I met while we were stationed at the Leadership School at Indiantown Gap, PA. in late 1952 or early 1953. We met for only a few minutes. About that point in time I was informed that Michael had been hurt in a car accident somewhere near Hershey PA. He was returning on Leave from his home in Boston, MA. Contact Albert Gallo, 3150 Ridgeway Ave. Rochester, NY 14606.



Looking for **Lt. John Heath** who served in Korea (Hwachon area) 1953-54. He was in charge of Supply and Storage. Contact Rocco Marcarelli, 20 Snowberry Lane #A, Whiting, N.J. 08759.



I have been doing my research on the history of **Turkish Brigade in Korea**, for more than a year. So far, I have managed to get in contact with several veterans. However, as far as I know, there is no association which is specific to Korean War Veterans in Turkey right now.

All the Turkish veterans (from all wars in the Turkish History) are connected to Turkish Veterans Association. Though it is a huge organization, they are not in contact with most of the Korean War veterans. It is sad to tell you that, after the Korean War Turkish POWs came back to Turkey, no records were even prepared for them. So, right now, we do not know who was POW, and who was MIA. This is a loss of history.

At the beginning of my research, my main topic was on a Turkish pilot. He was attached to USAF during the Korean War. As Mr. Souza wrote in his mail, Turkish Air Force (TUAf) was not involved in the Korean War. The only TuAF personnel in Korea were 2 pilots, who were sent with the Turkish Army to serve as FACs. One of them was a Captain who served at Turkish HQ at Tokyo. The other was a First Lieutenant named Muzaffer Erdonmez. He was the one I am doing my research on. After serving as a FAC at the beginning of war (October 1950 to February 1951) he was sent to Japan to serve as a pilot attached to 452nd Bombardment Wing (L). Unfortunately, he was MIA on April 21st, 1951 during a combat mission over NK.

In is service as a FAC with the Turkish Brigade, there were some American FACs who were serving next to him with the Turks. I do not know anything about them other than they were

Americans (they may be from US Army or from USAF). Though, I have managed to find several veterans of 452nd BW, who flew with 1LT Erdonmez in Korea, I failed to get any of the US FAC personal, who served with him during late 1950 - early 1951 period at the Turkish Brigade.

As for the Turkish POWs, I am in contact with 3 of them. I have been planning to prepare another study about the POW Olympics, which was held in North Korea in November 15-27, 1952. There were some Turkish POWs that took part in that event. And, I found only a few of them. Contact Batur Avgan at e-mail <bavgan@dbi.com.tr>.

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My father **James R. Eaton** was in Korea from August 1950 till May 1951. He was with the 1st Cav. 7th Cav. Reg. Co. L. I believe he was with the 3rd Bn. I am trying to find out information about his time in Korea. My father was awarded 2 Silver Stars, 2 Purple Hearts and the CIB. I do know he fought at Hill 518. He was also in 2 other battles. Contact Joan Johnson at e-mail <eatondj@hotmail.com>.

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I am looking for **Clark Wesley**, 1st. Cav. Div. in Jan. 1952. Contact Frank Williams at e-mail <cindycwb@aol.com> or call at 757-465-3705.

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Just looking for some Korean Veterans for old time sake and some correspondence. We were in the **60th Ord., Group, 66th Ord. Bn., 17th Ord. M Co.** Picture below taken about July, 1952, about 50 some miles north-northeast of Seoul, South Korea. Contact Bernard O. Weber (Bernie) 126 Riverside Dr. N.E., Saint Cloud, MN 56304-0436 or Tel: 320-251-6766



60th Ord., Group, 66th Ord. Bn., 17th Ord. M Co: (Top left to right): Harold Mc Kune (Braceville, IL), Edward Bell (Petersburg, VA), Patrick Clare (Philadelphia, PA), Russell Williams (Ishpeming, MI), Zbigniew Wasiuk (Chicago, IL), Paul Tosi (Teaneck, NJ), Don Larson (Chicago, IL), Frank Laber (FL), (bottom left to right): Marvin Henderson (Dallas, OR), Bernie Weber (That's me - MN), Thomas Conley (Clarksburg, WV), Richard Wheeler (Cincinnati, OH), Aaron Montgomery (St. Louis, MO), Danny Lee (Montgomery, AL), Jim Stinnett (Joplin, MO), Charles Charpie (Toledo, OH), Charles Ozment (Concord, CA), not on picture - George Leetham (Eureka, UT).

Vets of the **90th Field Artillery Battalion** of the 25th Inf. Div. - Korea 50-54! Presently, we've located over 500 vets and are planning to hold a reunion in Oklahoma City this Fall. If you are interested in attending or being on our roster for future reunions contact: Leroy Robarge, P.O. Box 210742 - Milwaukee, WI - 53221. Tel: 414-761-2701. E-mail <lobster90fa@aol.com>.

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I would like to contact any Korean who was in the **Onyang Brenner Orphanage** during the Korean War. As reported in my story in, "I Remember Korea," I taught at the Hino Orphanage and also help support and worked with Chaplain Arthur Brenner and the Onyang Brenner Orphanage in Korea. Servicemen from Yokota Air Force Base where Chaplain Arthur Brenner was stationed contributed to this orphanage.

In addition Anderson AFB on Guam and Tachikawa and Johnson in Japan helped with supplies. In less than a year, the orphanage occupied two large brick buildings with classrooms and was named the "Onyang Brenner Orphanage," in honor of Chaplain Arthur E. K. Brenner, who headed the project. Then most all military men made some type of contribution to the orphanage by writing and contacting other service men and women and home.

I continue to work with the needy and hungry children of Korea. I served in Intelligence with the 548th doing Top Secret work and with the 91st Recon Wing along with the 98th Bomb Wing at Yokota Air Force Base. Contact Jim Landrum at <jasland@msn.com> in Bloomington, Indiana.

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Looking for **Ranger Inf. Co.** of the Korean War. Contact Ken Toeppen, 5508 Tabb Ave., Spring Hill, FL 34609-1374.

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I would like to hear from anyone stationed at **44th MASH**, Korea in July 1953 to August 1954. Contact Jules Kurtz, 16 Cherokee Ave., Rockaway, NJ 07866-1114.



Looking for good **friends from Texas** who took Basic Training with me at Fort Bliss, Texas in 1953. Contact Paul Pintel. Tel: 201-791-2221, Fax 201-791-9362 or e-mail <PaulLexus@aol>.



Looking for those in photos below. Sent to editor by Jack Edwards, 10346-127th Ave., N., Largo, Florida 33773-1022.



Frank Franzone (on left) and Starkey (right), Kangnung, Korea (USAF)



Three buddies from NYC, I met on the ship, we got separated in Japan. (USAF).



I am trying to start a reunion for **USS Comstock** LSO-19, the ship that I went to Korea on in 1952. The only ship I do not have a reunion scheduled. Please contact Mr. William H. Thomas, 2138 Haverford Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia 23320.



I am looking for **Cpl. Wilson** who was our medic on Sand Bag

Castle in 1952 when I was wounded in leg by incoming artillery. He patched me up and sent me back to the aid station. I was a sergeant at the time. He was with us on many patrols, including Dagmar, Camel, Selly, Ruth – also anyone in our outfit that remembers me being wounded that can substantiate same. My leg would not heal and I was sent back to hospital a second time. I think the U.S. Government owes to every wounded veteran to investigate fully his request for his Purple Heart Please contact Raymond Jasinski, 619 Home Road, S., Mansfield, Ohio 44906.



I am trying to locate someone who served in Korea and Vietnam. his name is SSG **Kenneth D. Black**. To date the following is all I have.

Wants More Combat Duty: Cu Chi, Vietnam (IO)-Three combat tours with the 27th Inf. and he is coming back for more. SSgt. Kenneth D. Black's first tour was with K Co., 3d Bn., 27th Inf. for 11 months in Korea in 1950. He then rejoined them in 1952 at "Heartbreak Ridge" in Korea's Iron Triangle. Since last April, Black has been serving with A Co, 1st Bn., 27th Inf., 25th Inf. Div. Black who feels what the United States is doing here is "very necessary," has recently volunteered to come back to Vietnam for an additional six months with A Co. after a 30-day visit with his wife and family. Contact William R. I. "Easy" Smith at e-mail <wsmith@winfirst.com>.



Two old army buddies, John Claubaugh and myself have been trying to locate **Roy T. Sakumoto** for a quite a few years. We served together in USA, 1st Cav. Division, 99th FA Bn. Headquarters Battery, stationed in Camp Bender, Ota, Japan in 1949-1950. The 1st Cav. and the 99th left for Korea for the war the same year. Please contact Richard J. Meyer Sr., 209Weldy Avenue, Oreland, Pa. 19075. Phone 215-885-3324.

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Summer training was great sport. I had no real interest in higher education, but completed an army correspondence course. A board of officers allowed me to become a second lieutenant. To escape school, I volunteered for active duty. I went through basic training twice more but, as an officer, so I didn't have to crawl in the mud - still, I often did because I couldn't stand seeing anyone beat me at anything. I used a borrowed M-1 and became bayonet assault course champ, not because I was the best athlete, but because I was aggressively competitive. I went to the Associate Infantry Company Officers course at "Benning's School for Boys," then headed for Korea, still without a clue.

I bounced around three companies of Pagan Red for three weeks. During this time my only action was on the edge of being bombed by a flight of F-80's that hammered Smoke Valley in the Punch Bowl sector. I settled into Charlie Company and went onto Poverty Knob above the Mundung-ni Valley with the First Platoon until I was wounded on 4 March 1953. I was on my way to my first shower in 29 days. I got my shower at the 11th Evacuation Hospital in Wonju two days later-with a plastic bag over my left arm.

After a month's vacation in Japan, I returned, this time to Baker Company for a mostly uneventful stay on Heartbreak Ridge. For awhile I got away with incompetence because second lieutenants are supposed to be stupid. Then I was promoted and became an incompetent executive officer. Then came Outpost Queen, which you know about if you've read my book.

I developed (pardon the pun) a passion for photography during high school, so why didn't I take some pictures in Korea? After being released from active duty, I studied at Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara on the GI Bill. I became more competent at photography than at army, but I never made much of a living because I have no business sense-none. I wandered off to New Zealand and Australia where I occasionally worked as a photographer, but mostly as a welder. I loved Australia, but I realized I needed that piece of paper or I would never get past dead end jobs. The easiest way was to migrate back to San Francisco State. After receiving a diploma, I still didn't know what to do, so I took my degree into the Peace Corps.

During two years in Thailand, I learned barely enough of the language to survive, did nothing to advance the well being of the country, and married Suganya Terchareon, the girl who failed to teach me Thai; I failed to teach her English, but she learned from my mother after I brought her back.

That piece of paper did me some good when I passed the test to become a California State Park Ranger. The pay was lousy (school teachers complain?), but the work was great. Suganya and I raised two children, our daughter, Apasara, and our son, Surat. After the kids were gone and I retired, my marriage came unglued. I moved up to my son's house in Eureka, California. I'm still here, but Surat has moved on to become an Idaho State Park Ranger. Apasara works as a field archeologist in Southern California. I have no grandchildren. Neither of my offspring is cooperating. Surat seems to have enough girl friends but is still unmarried. "Pas," who is married, likes kids but doesn't want one of her own.

Book

Christmas in July is the story of a forgotten battle in Korea, told fifty years later by twenty of those who fought it. They left for war as boys from all parts of our country. They returned home as men, changed forever. The telling of this story has released many of these old soldiers from the nightmares that plagued them all these years, and it has revitalized them as they recall and relive their youth. The reader "goes back" with them on patrols in pitch black nights, listening to every sound, and is with them in their trenches as they fight this critically important, though forgotten, battle to beat back hordes of advancing Chinese troops in what was to become, until recently, a generally "forgotten war." Not previously told, this is a moving story of fear and courage related by those who knew it best - and lived it day by day. In brief commentaries about their lives since Korea, these men of greatly diverse backgrounds, display the same courage, commitment and American spirit they showed 50 years ago.

Christmas in July provides rarely seen data intended to preserve a basis for future historians and other writers to create an authentic voice. Please take the wonderful opportunity to learn more about this often overlooked time in our country's military

history. The authors of this living history have generously agreed that all profits will go to fund research for a cure for Fragile X Syndrome, the leading known cause of mental retardation.

(Another great book about personal experiences and some history of the Korean War for this unit. Many other historical facts can also be found in the appendix sections after reading 6 chapters of stories. 215 pages. Price is \$15.95 plus \$4.00 S & H. Order from Avon Park Press, P.O. Box 4100, Rydal, PA 19046. Any copies over one, add \$1.00 each for shipping. See Ad in this issue along with order form. Editor.)



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By John J. Pelow

Author

I was born Feb 16, 1930 in LeRoy NY and was raised in St Lawrence County, in Upstate NY, just across the St Lawrence River from Canada.

My first attempts to join the military service was at the age of 15, while still in high school in early 1945. I first tried the US Navy, posing as a 17 year old. I then tried to join the Canadian Armed Forces in Brockville, Ontario, again posing as a 17 year old. When both attempts failed, I decided to go back to high school.

In March 1947, one month after turning 17, I enlisted in the US Army, and after basic training, was assigned to the 9th Inf. Regt. in Ft. Lewis, Washington. I was discharged from there in January 1950. After the Korean War started, I re-enlisted in Aug. 1950. I was assigned as a combat infantryman with Company "C", 7th Cavalry Regiment in Korea and arrived there in September 1950. I would spend 13 months in combat until I was wounded in action in October 1951. I was discharged from the service in Sept. 1953 from Ft. Polk La.

In April 1954, I re-enlisted again, as a private and would remain in the service for a total of 21 years.

I left the infantry and chose armor as my new branch, as soon as I re-enlisted. I would spend the next 15 years in various tank units in Germany, Korea again, and Lebanon. Between assignments, I would spend two years as a senior enlisted instructor of tank

tactics at the US Army Armor School at Ft. Knox KY. I was later assigned to the OCS Brigade, as Operations NCO, and upon my promotion to E-8 in 1966 I took over as 1st Sgt. of Co. "H". OCS Brigade. I would return to Germany in October 1967 as 1st Sgt. of Company "C" 64th Armor. I retired from the Army after 21 years of service in Jan. 1969.

Awards received: Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct (4) National Defense Ribbon (2), Korean Service Medal, w/5 major campaign stars, American Expeditionary Medal (Lebanon), United Nation's Medal, Korean War Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citations for combat from the US Government & the Korean Government.

Story

My First Combat, September 1950

The fighting had been very heavy in and around OSAN in Sept 1950, when Joe and I were dropped off at Co C 7th Cavalry Regiment C.P. We were the new replacements and about as green as green gets, as far as combat. I had almost three years of prior service with the 9th Inf. Regt. before the war. I remember the C.O. (Capt. Olstein) telling me, that now I was going to get a chance to put all that training to good use. I think part of it was the anxiety of looking for excitement and adventure of combat, and the other part I felt was the cold fear that goes with it.

He told us both, we were assigned to the 1st Platoon and they were a mile or so up that dirt road on a roadblock. That meant there were no other friendly units between the C.P. and the 1st Platoon. Joe and I were taken up the road in a 4 ton and reported to the 1st Platoon leader, who told us to dig in on a small bank next to the road. The platoon had established a roadblock on high banks, so they could cover the road and the railroad tracks which ran parallel with each other. I was not a combat veteran yet, but even I knew you don't put two new replacements together in the same foxhole.

We were no more than 30 feet from the road, with two other foxholes between us and the road, one of which belonged to a guy named Hartley. When we were informed that the enemy was somewhere in those hills to our front with tanks and infantry, we knew this was it. From that moment on, we both sat in our foxhole, staring at those hills, and I know both of us had a gut full of butterflies.

Of course no one knew when and if they would attack. I'm sure the combat seasoned veterans noticed some fear in our faces, and when one of them said "Naa, don't worry about it, there ain't nothing to it". If that was to make us feel better, it didn't work. I think the worst part of it is the waiting for the real thing to happen, and it will happen.

It wasn't too long before we were all just staring out into total darkness, waiting. We had learned earlier that the North Koreans would almost always attack at night or early morning, before daylight, and would sneak up as close as they could, then charge. I really had no idea what time it was, but all hell broke loose when they charged our position and before we knew it, they were already upon us. The shooting and the hollering was like something I'd never heard before. Tracer bullets were coming in and going out and ricocheting in every direction. A group of them ran across my front some 10 feet away. I took them under fire as if I'd done it before. In training, I had pointed my M-1 at people firing blanks, but this was for real, and I don't mind telling you, my heart was about to beat

me to death. Joe sat next to me on the left and was also firing, and the only light came from gun flashes. I saw Joe jerk violently backwards and fall deeper in the hole. I didn't know it then, but he had caught one in the throat. This wild and noisy free-for-all went on for I don't know how long, with shooting and shouting in both Korean and in English. Soon the fighting tapered off and out of the darkness came the sounds of hollering between our guys, taking head count and the sounds of the wounded.

Joe was still slumped in the bottom of the hole and I figured he was dead, but I hollered "medic" anyway. Shortly after that, the medic showed up... we took him out of the hole and he was soon evacuated. We learned later, that he had survived his wounds, somehow, but I never saw him again.

(The story goes on describing much valor and many great photos. The book has 85 pages and about 95 photos. The cost is \$18.00 plus \$2 S & H. They may be ordered from John J. Pelow, 6429 Faust Drive, Shreveport, LA 71129. Tel: 318-364-8832, E-mail: <djpelow@bellsouth.net>)

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1st Marine Div, 7th Marine Regt. 2nd Bn, Easy Co. (Korea - 50-54) April 4-6 in Tunica, Mississippi. Contact: Troy Watson. Tel: (972) 716-9928 or Email: <tsw8433@yahoo.com> or Chuck Tidwell. Tel: (843) 650-7082 or Email: <Chubar84@aol.com>.

3rd AAA AW BN.(SP), April 21-23 at Pigeon Forge, TN . All Korean War Veterans of this unit are invited. Contact Jim Goff, 500 Jefferson Ave., Hopewell, VA. 23860. Tel: 804-541-7667 or e-mail <j.w.goff@worldnet.att.net>.

84th Eng. Const. Bn., Korea, April 19 - 23 in Branson, MO. Contact Jack McGinnis, Tel: 314-961-0208

62nd Eng. Const. Bn., Korea, April 19 - 23 in Branson, Mo. Contact Jack McGinnis, Tel: 314-961-0208

USAF War Veterans of 18th Fighter Wing/Group Apr. 26 - May 1 in Dayton OH. Contact Tom "Red" Ryder, Tel: 806-352-0345 or e-mail <redryder4@cox.net>.

772nd MP Bn., April 29 - May 1 at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore, 2225 North Louis Ave, Tampa, FL. Contact William McDonald, Tel: 708-422-3892 or e-mail <william.l.mcdonald@comcast.net>

76th Engineers Construction Battalion, April 29 - May 1 in Laughlin NV. 2121 Casino Dr. For Reservation Call 800-243-6849. Please use contract number 88800. Reservation must be made my March 29th. Contact person is Clinton Mathews 228-588-2840

May 2004

H-3-7 Marines (1950-1955) Korea, May 5-9 will hold its annual Brotherhood & Survivors Association Reunion & Meeting at the Quality Hotel Suites at Courthouse Plaza, Arlington, VA. Contact Bob Nichols, 5517 Williamsdale Ct., Seminole, FL 33772 Tel/Fax: 727- 392-2886 or e-mail to <jarheadh37@ij.net>

40th MP's, 558th and 55th MPs, 1953-1954 era. May 10-14 in Charleston, South Carolina. Contact Paul J. Wright, P.O. Box 699 Heathsville, VA 22473. Tel: 804-580-4049 or email: <nwright@crosslink.net>.

67th Tac Recon Wing with supporting units, including the 11th, 12th, 15th, and 45th Tac Recon Sqdns. May 6-9 at Bayside San Diego Holiday Inn. 4875 North Harbor Drive San Diego, Calif. 92106-2394. Contact Ben Hardy, 9443 E. Heaney Circle, Santee, CA 92071-2919. E-mail <cptdltl@aol.com>.

The Howe Co., 3rd Bn., 5th Marine Div. May 12-15 in Denver, CO, at the Denver Marriott West Hotel. For more information, registration details and membership information contact Chuck Rapp, 2181 So. Estes Street, Lakewood, CO 80227, Tel: 303-986-6998, Fax 303-986-2008.

U S Army - 73rd Tankers Assn. (1947 to 1997 all included). May 17-20 at Pigeon Forge, TN.. Contact Curtis Banker, 44 Westcott Road, Schuyler Falls, NY. 12985-1940. Tel: 518-643-2302 or E-Mail: <dmbanker-curtis@northnet.org>.

2nd Inf. Div., Korean War Veterans Alliance, May 17-20 at Stardust Hotel, Las Vegas NV, Contact Ralph M. Hockey, Tel: 713-334-0271 or e-mail: <rmh-2id-kwva@earthlink.net>.

40th Inf. Div. 223rd Inf. Regt., May 23-26 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.

MCB#4 all eras, May 24-27 at the Welk Resort in Branson, MO. Contact Nick "Mush" Marschhauser, 478 Fortsville Rd. , Gansevoort, NY 12831-1573. Tel: 1-800-313-3672 or e-mail <nick@nickstents.com>

USS Buck (DD-761) Association will hold its annual reunion May 27-30 at the Holiday Inn Tyson's Corner, McLean, Va. For further information call John Connolly at 501-922-3969, e-mail: <joncon@cox-internet.com>.

151st Combat Engineers - Korea, May 27 - June 1 at Ramada Inn, Columbia MO. Tel: 573-449-0051. Contact Jerry Stanley, Tel: 636-296-1341 or Bill McCray, Tel: 573-440-1549 or e-mail <marybear1937@aol.com> or <jessiestewart@webtv.net>

June 2004

KWVA Dept. Of Missouri State Reunion, June 10-12 in Branson, MO. Contact Neil Hurley at 1-417-335-5871.

AP TRANSPORT GROUP: USS Generals: Mitchell-AP114; Randall-APII5; Gordon-AP117; Richardson-AP118; Weigel-AP119; Stewart-AP140; Greeley-AP141; Hodges-AP144; Taylor-AP145; Hase-AP146; Breckinridge-AP176 USS Admirals: Benson-AP120; Capps-AP121; Eberle-AP123; Hughes-AP124; Mayo-AP125. and USS Monticello-AP61; Pres. Monroe-AP104 and Golden City-AP169. June 10-13 in Newton, MA. Contact Chuck Ulrich, 35 Oak Ln, New Hyde

Pk, NY 11040 Tel: 516-747-7426 or e-mail <sunnycfu@aol.com>

58th Fighter Bomber Wing June 22-27 at Radisson Inn & Suites Colorado Springs Airport, 1645 N. Newport Road, Colorado Springs, CO. 80916. Contact: A. J. Kupferer, 2025 Bono Road, New Albany, IN 47150-4609. Tel: 812-945-7649 E-Mail: <jkupferer @iglou.com>.

728th MP Bn. & Satellite Units (8224MP) (552nd MP), June 23-26. Contract Robert L. Jean 3558 Meyers Hollow Rd. Mashfield, MO. 65706. Tel: 417-859-6518 or Email <Rjean18205@aol.com>.

USS FORREST B. ROYAL DD872, June 24-27 in Buffalo, NY. Contact Ron Larson, 1240 Franklin Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494. Tel: 715-423-8905

74th Ordnance Bn., Korea 1956-1958, including 34th, 44th and 512th Ordnance Companies, (Ascom City and Uijongbu). June in Pocono Manor, PA. Contact Jim Foley, 224 Sanderson Ave., Olyphant, PA 18447. Tel: 570-489-7474 or Don McCarthy, Tel: 516- 627-7136. Day(s) TBA later.

July 2004

4th Inf. (Ivy) Div. Assn. July 13-18. Contact Gregory Rolling, 8891 Aviary Path R-1, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077. Web page www.4thinfantry.org.

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U.S.S. BRINKLEY BASS (DD-887) July 28 - August 1 in Minneapolis/Bloomington, MN. Contact Bob Shetron, 347 W. Leaside St., Glendora, CA 91741. Tel: 626-335-4034.

August 2004

H-3-7 Marines (1950-1955) Korea, August 11-15 will be at the 1st Marine Div. reunion, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D. C. Contact Bob Nichols, 5517 Williamsdale Ct., Seminole, FL 33772 Tel/Fax: 727- 392-2886 or e-mail to <jarheadh37@ij.net>

61st F. A. Bn. at Super Motel, New Hampton, Iowa, August 12-14 Need to make your reservations by July 24th. 1-614-394-3838. Please mention that you are with the 61st FA Bn. Korean Veterans Reunion. Contact Richard D. Walter, 2729 Kenwood Ave., New Hampton, IA. 50659. Email <ameritec@jowatelecom.net>.

U.S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Assn. August 25-28 at the Sheraton Nashville Downtown in Nashville, TN. Contact Don H. Gee, 238 Cornwall Circle, Chalfont, PA 18914-2318; Tel: 215-822-6898 or e-mail: <USMCCCA@aol.com>.

The Third Inf. Div. Society and attached units in war and in peace-time, August 27-31. To be held in Savannah, Ga. The hotel accommodations will be at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel, 100 General McIntosh Blvd, Savannah, GA 31401 Tel: 912-233-7722. Contact: Linda Irvine, 50721 State Highway 410, Greenwater, WA 98022. Tel: 360-663-2521. E-mail: <TheReunionBRAT@tx3.net>. Web Page www.warfoto.com/3rdiv.

September/October 2004

14th Combat Engineer Battalion Association, Sept. 9-12 in Louisville, KY. Contact Stanley H Schwartz, 313 Hollow Creek Road, Mount Sterling KY 40353. Tel: 859-498-4567 or e-mail <shs313@mis.net>

The 300th Armored Field Artillery Assn., Sept. 10-12 is seeking members who served in the Korean War 1950-1953. Our Association is active with "COWBOY CANNONEER" news letters and Reunions every other year. Join us at the Holiday Inn, Sheridan, Wyoming, for the 300th's next reunion. Contact Bill Laya, 91 Kooli Road, Ranchester, WY 82938. E-mail <laya@fiberpipe.com> or Dick Thune, 5880 Parkwood Court, Baxter, MN. 56425. Tel: 218-825-0286 or Don Crawford, 13813 Illinois Hwy. 9, Good Hope, IL. 61438. E-mail <doncrawford@winco.net>.

USS Waldron (DD-699), Sept. 12-16 in Hyannis, Mass. Contact Fr. Herbert J. Cleary, S.J. Tel: 617-267-1008 Ext. 21 or 617-247-0457. E-mail <herbie699@verizon.net>.

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430th Engineer Bn., (Korea 50-54) Sept. 19-21 in Nashville, TN. Contact Charlie Wise, 9542 Yolanda Ave., Northridge, CA. 91324. Tel: 818-993-5876. E-mail: <wisekev@aol.com>.

50th AAA AW Bn. (SP), All Batteries. Sept. 21-23 in Branson, Missouri. Contact Bob Matis at 352-686-0550 or Joe Harris at 530-347-3381 or e-mail <BOB50AAA@netzero.com>

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45th Infantry Division Assn. (Thunderbirds), Sept. 30 to Oct. 4, in Oklahoma City, OK. Contact Raul Trevino, 2145 NE Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111. Tel: 210-681-9134

430th Engineer Battalion (Korea) reunion to be held in September/October 2004 location TBA later. Contact Charlie Wise, 9542 Yolanda Ave. Northridge CA. 91324. Tel: 818-993-5876. E-mail <wisekev@aol.com>

October 2004

17th F.A. Bn. - 75th F.A. Bn. - 96th F.A. Bn. and 96th AAA, Korea, 1950 - 1954, Oct. 5-11, at the Radisson Hotel in Tucson, AZ. For more information contact Nick Vanderhave, 1333 Littleton Road, Morris Plains, NJ 07950, or call 973-538-7189 or e-mail at <Vanderhave@USA.Net>.

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1st Field Artillery Observation Bn. Assn., Oct. 7 - 10 at the Best Western Airport Midway Hotel, 5105 S. Howell Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53201. Contact Don Dust, Tel: 352-799-2426 or Ralph Mueller 724-348- 5359.

U.S.S. Oglethorpe AKA 100, Oct. 7-10 2004 in San Diego, CA Contact Ron Williamson at Tel: 908-475-4435 or E-mail <mistyl @epix.net>.

999th AFA Bn. (Armored Field Artillery Battalion) "Never Die" Army Korea 1950-1954, Oct. 8-10 at Ramada Inn North, Dayton, OH. Contact Harold L. Spicer, 2010 Alpwoods Lane, Dayton, Ohio 45459. Tel: 937- 291-4227 or E-mail <s.rutan@att.net>.

U.S.S. Abnaki A.T.F. 96, Oct. 13-16 in Branson, Mo. 65616. Lodge of the Ozarks Tel: 417-334-7535. Contact Pete Kingsley, 5320 N.W. 66th Place, Johnston, IA 50131. Tel: 515-276-7250 or e-mail: <p.kingsley@worldnet.att.net>.

90th F.A. BN. ASSN., 25th Inf. Div. Oct. 20-24 in Oklahoma City, OK. Contact Glen Krueger, 1813 Q St., Auburn, NE 68305-1753. Tel: 402-274-5101 or E-MAIL at <Kruegers c@gopoint.com>.

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At the sound of the grenade explosion we opened up. Later that a.m. the area was checked out. The only casualty to be found was a dead deer, it had gotten tangled in the barbed wire and caused the noise heard by the L.P. some 50 yards up the finger.

The L.P. consisted of two fox holes on either side of the finger that sloped into the valley, which was no man's land. The fox holes, reinforced with sandbags were connected by a trench that lead from the M.L.R. A 50 Cal. MG bunker overlooked the trench and our light 30 MG also covered it. We tied empty M-1 clips together and placed them at various points along the sides of the trench, the slightest touch would cause them to clang together, thus alerting us in our various positions. Some guys would string them across the trench and only the rats could run freely without a sound. Usually after night fall everyone stayed put. Very seldom did anyone prowl. The line, pass word, sign and counter sign, were changed every night. It was too dangerous to move about after night fall. A new replacement shot a South Korean Soldier because he did not respond to the pass word one night. Some days all was quiet, other

days, mortar, artillery and sniper fire kept the lid on things.

When first arriving into the company or squad, somewhere or sometime, you would be handed a live grenade with no pin holding the safety lever down. So you ended up walking around with the thing trying to figure out what to do with it. I threw mine over the trench line and down toward the valley. Other guys were lucky, the older vets always carried an extra pin, sometimes they would lend them a pin.

So much for life on the M.L.R. we lived with the rats and rodents, snakes, etc. We reverted to living like animals, we were filthy, but never was I sick for one day. The only problem I had was some bad teeth. The aid men, "Medics", came around every day with two gunny sacks. One sack was filled with clean socks. You changed your socks while he waited. Your dirty ones went in the bag and he gave you a clean pair after he inspected your feet for trench foot. The sizes never matched and they had a heavy chemical odor to them. As far as I know, trench foot was not a problem in Korea.

Members of the squads that made up a rifle company were very clannish and suspicious of other outfits that were not line companies, they were outsiders to us, we would look at them with what we called "the thousand inch stare". Several of us were sent to Japan for a week of R & R. I was with five or six other G. I's from the Company and our first stop was K-16 Air force Base near Seoul. While waiting for our flight we went into the N.O.C. Club and all eyes were on us. We smelled like goats and were, as usual, filthy. Several airmen came over and started conversation with us They asked about what it was like on the M.L.R. It was hard to explain. It was a different world. They asked our outfit, as we had no identifying patches, rank or anything on our uniforms. Some expressed interest in visiting us, but as far as I recall, no one ever showed up. Life in Korea 1952-53, a real experience, things happened in that short period of time, that are remembered forever, some good, some bad, I think I'm a better person because of that time in Korea.

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- ★ Dale McLain

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were all impressed with how many of them there were. They even sang. We helped the infantry destroy fortifications and move ammunition and equipment off the mountain and back to positions behind the new demilitarized zone. We were able to obtain prime movers from our battery to help as the infantry did not have enough trucks. I left the team to become Assistant S-3 at 38th FA Bn. HQ shortly after the cease fire. The reunion was the first time we had seen each other since then.

The three of us decided to try to locate a fourth member of the team, Russell Wade. Russell is in the 1953 picture but none of us knows where he is today. We would like to meet again with Russell joining us.. Anyone reading this with ideas as to how we might locate Russell please let me know.

(Thank you Bob Lusk for great photos and story. I do not have an address. Please place name and address on all documents sent.)

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Update

Korea Revisit

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

I'm very pleased to announce that we have received the 2004 Revisit Korea quotas from the Korean Veterans Association (KVA), in Seoul. They are:

22-28 June (80); 12-18 September (80); 10-16 October (45).

The five day Beijing, China extension's are: 28 June-3 July; 18-23 September; 16-21 October

Note: Over 70% of the veterans and their spouses opt for the China extension since the flying time from Seoul to Beijing is less than two hours. Since you are already in the Orient, you may as well visit the mysteries of China from the "Forbidden City" to the "Great Wall"!

You can also extend your stay in Korea and explore your old battle sites, at an additional cost, of course.

These are the largest quotas that we have received in several years and further demonstrates the desire of the Korean people to thank the veterans for their sacrifices during the war to save their country. Yes, there will be quotas in 2005 also.

You are reminded that these quotas go very fast and you should not linger in submitting your "Application for KWVA Revisit Tours" found elsewhere in this magazine. The eligibility for the tours, established by the Korean Government, is also contained there. Be sure that you indicate the months that you would like to travel. We will do our very best to give you your first choice, although this is not always possible because of the large number that request these tours.

You are also reminded that the association has a rigid "First come first served" rule and we go right down the list until the quotas are filled. It's the only fair way to do it.

If you have any questions, please call me at 703-212-0695 in Alexandria, Virginia. If I'm not in, any of the staff can answer your questions.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Warren Wiedhahn
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(See application for the Revisit Korea -Page 75)

APPLICATION FOR KWVA REVISIT TOURS

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

Please check year of desired revisit tour: **Month:** ☐ April ☐ June ☐ July ☐ Sept. ☐ Nov **Year:** ☐ 2004 ☐ 2005

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

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

VETERAN'S MILITARY BIOGRAPHY

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

Background

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

KVA Eligibility

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

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

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

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

Privileges Extended Courtesy of KVA

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

B. Tour of Seoul and its vicinity: itinerary

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

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

Miscellaneous

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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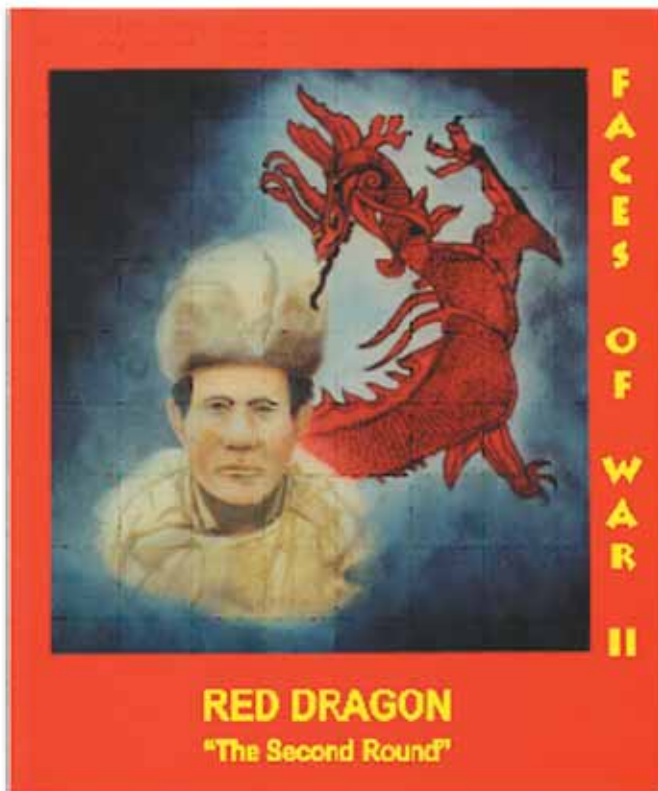
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Joint Battlefield Tour for the 40th and 45th Infantry Divisions:

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We commemorate the Korean War Service of the two Federalized National Guard Divisions, the California (40ID) and Oklahoma (45ID). All Vets - Guardsmen and Regular Army Veterans of these two Divisions, as well as all other Veterans - are welcome on this tour. We will visit battlesites of both Divisions, including sites in the Iron Triangle (this is the Chorwon and the Kumwha Valleys), the Yokkok-chon River Valley (this area includes Old Baldy, Pork Chop and T-Bone Hills), the Punchbowl, Heartbreak Ridge and Sandbag Castle. We will also visit Kapyong, site of the KATUSA Monument and the Kenneth Kaiser High School (built by the 40th Division during the War) where we will visit with the students and staff. All are welcome on this tour.



The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division:

September 29 - October 6, 2004



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The 7th Division Association:

October 8 - 15, 2004



Sponsored by the 7th Division Association, all 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.) the Hwachon Reservoir and the Punchbowl.

1st Cavalry / 24th Infantry Division Associations: Joint Tour

October 20 - 29, 2004



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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", not be confused with Hill 266, near Pork Chop Hill, also known as "Baldy"). All are welcome on this tour, which is the only tour to concentrate on the battlesites of the first 90 days of the Korean War.



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CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

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

B. **Regular Members.**

1. **Service in United States Armed Forces.** Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, said service being within Korea (September 3, 1945-June 25, 1950), within and without Korea (June 25, 1950-January 31, 1955), or who, as a member of the armed forces of the United States as defined by U.S.C. Title 10, served honorably in Korea from February 1, 1955 shall be eligible for membership. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability, so long as the individual meets the service requirements.
2. **Medal of Honor.** Any Medal of Honor recipient, so honored for service in Korea during the Korean war era shall be eligible for life membership.
3. **Prisoner of War.** Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward shall be eligible for life membership.
4. **United Nations Command and Korean Army.** Any person who served honorably in the armed forces of the United Nations command or in the Republic of Korea armed forces during the Korean War era and thereafter shall be eligible to membership. 90% of members must be United States Veterans, 10% can be others
5. **Gold Star Mothers.** Any woman whose son was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War shall be eligible for life membership,
6. **Gold Star Wives.** Any woman whose husband was killed in action or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War shall be eligible for life membership.

C. **Associate Members.** Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of this association and who wishes to support its aims, and not being eligible for regular membership and who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the charter and bylaws shall be eligible for associate membership in the association.

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Korea 50 Plus Years Ago

Photos from William Philbrick 1992 Earl Drive, N Merrick, NY. 11566-1702 (H Co. 279 Regt., 45th Inf. Div.)

(Thank you William for photos. I will use remaining photos inside. –Editor.



75mm Recoilless Gun Position – Punch Bowl September '52: (L-R) Bill Terry, Kataras, Headman & Tom Hill.



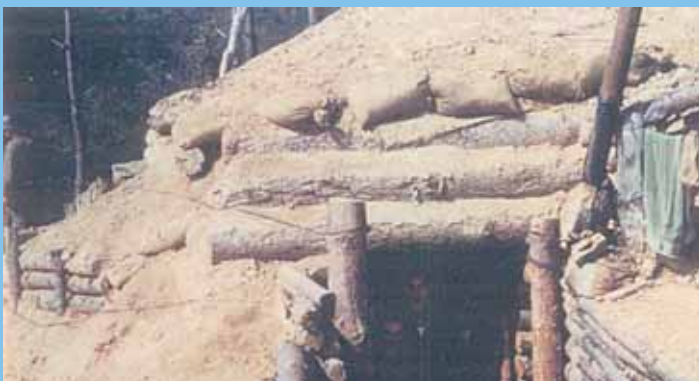
Jackson, Tucker and 2 Koreans, Luke's Castle, December 1952.



Inje, Sept 21, 1952 – Waiting to go up to MLR (Punchbowl). Later, 14 men were hit including black medic in picture with stretcher.



Punchbowl looking South towards Smoke Valley and Inje smoke was created by us to obscure targets from Chinese Artillery.



Our "Hooch" Punchbowl Sept-Oct 1952, Bob Bedinghaus, MacClellan and MacCarty peering out. This was home to 75 RR Squad and unknown number of rats.



MLR Punchbowl 1952, 50 Cal Machine Gun position on top of hill.

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