



Jeff Brodeur, Recruiting Committee Chairman

KWVA Membership

Recruiting Report

By Jeff Brodeur

KWVA Midyear Recruiting Committee Report for 2006

As of July 24, we had 974 new members for the year. This is up from 697 new members last year, and 277 more new members than we had at this time last year.

We would like to finish the year with at least 1700-1900 new members. If we continue our pace, we will have close to 1900 new members for the year. This would be an increase of 600 new members from 2005.

As of now we have 16,894 active members. This is up from the active 16,369 members we had at this time last year. We have 525 more active members this year than last year. We have also received new members and many renewals from our National Fundraiser. In fact, we received 51 new members on July 13, 2006, 20 of whom were from the National Fundraiser.

I don't believe the KWVA has ever in its history recruited 51 new members in one day, except perhaps for the day the Korean War National Memorial was dedicated. July is becoming a record month for membership.

We have sent Capt. Dale Woodhouse at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, posters, decals, and flyers. Capt. Woodhouse is a new member of KVA Chapter #299. Dale reported that he gave out many decals and is putting up posters at Camp Red Cloud as we speak. He is also recruiting and showing many of the personnel *The Graybeards* magazine on Camp Red Cloud. (See photos on page 25) We have also sent copies of *The Graybeards* to MWR and the USO in Korea, plus the NCO Academy at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

The Recruiting Committee has sponsored a July 4th event at Yongsan Garrison in which the KWVA name would be displayed on all literature at the event. New posters have been sent to Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Texas, Korea, Massachusetts, Maine, and Indiana. All funds spent on posters, flyers, and the event in Korea have come from proceeds of the KWVA Recruiting Committee decals program—not from the \$3,000.00 authorized in the budget for the Committee. *The KWVA Recruiting Committee has never used any money authorized to it by the KWVA Budget and Finance Committee.*

The new Pennsylvania KDSM Bill should bring in more members in Pennsylvania. This bill would put the Korea Defense Service Medal on the Pennsylvania license plate. It was signed by the state's governor on July 7, 2006. KWVA Chapter #299 member Don Duffy was instrumental in getting the bill passed. (See page 15).

Another new member who has joined us is KWVA General Walton Walker Chapter #215 member Dale Patton. Dale is the first post-war Korea veteran to join the KWVA who was recently awarded the CIB for combat in Korea. He was assigned to Company, 3rd Platoon, 3/23 Infantry, 2nd Division from 1967-

68. Dale was also awarded an Army Commendation Medal with V device. We welcome Dale Patton as a new member.

The Recruiting Committee will become the Membership Committee in the coming months, with the Recruiting Task Force as a Subcommittee. Additions to the Membership Committee will be Jake Feaster, Capt. Dale Woodhouse from Camp Red Cloud, Korea, and Ray Wells from Virginia.

We need all members to recruit. If each member recruits one new member a year, we could have well over 35,000 members in the KWVA. If members don't recruit, many of our chapters will die out. There are 4 million post war veterans waiting to be welcomed into the KWVA. We are making inroads in Korea. So far everything looks bright for the KWVA.

CALL FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Korean War Veterans Association of the USA is called for Wednesday, October 11, 2006. The meeting will take place at the El Tropicana Hotel, 110 Lexington Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78205. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue, with recesses, through to the completion of all business properly brought before it. Members with items proposed for the meeting must insure that they reach the Secretary, KWVA, not later than September 6, in order to be included on the Agenda to be presented to the Board of Directors for approval on October 10.

- Order of Business
- Ceremony and Call to Order
- Welcomes, Introductions, Meeting Rules
- Roll Call of Board and Introduction of Parliamentarian
- Summary Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors, October 10, 2006
- Summary Minutes of Annual Meeting, Bossier City, LA, October 4 and 5, 2005
- Annual Treasurer's Report
- Old Business, Convention 2007
- New Business, Committee and Other Reports
- Awards/Announcements
- Ceremony and Adjournment

See announcement of Board of Directors Meeting on p.7 concerning the meetings of the Standing and Special Committees of the KWVA.

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