

plus other cultural/industrial facilities and activities in the Seoul area. Other tours of battle sites and/or Incheon may be made through the local tour guide.

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

Sundry Notes

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

2. Participants are required to have a valid passport: a visa is not required for visits of 15 days or fewer in Korea.

3. KVA/Seoul is not responsible for any loss of, or damage to, personal or other items, medical expenses, injuries, or loss of like due to any accident of whatever nature during the revisits. Trip cancellation insurance is available and highly recommended.

4. Transportation costs to and from Korea will be borne by each person who participates in the program.

5. Applications will be received/accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

Note: *If you have previously accepted an official KVA/Seoul Revisit tour from any sponsoring association or group, you are NOT eligible to participate again. The reason is that so many veterans have not gone before so they get the "first right of return."*

Because former Revisit Program participants have their name in the KVA/Seoul's computer database, please do not try to beat the system. If your name is rejected because of prior participation, all of us will be embarrassed and an eligible Korea War veteran might miss the opportunity to participate.

6. If you want to use your frequent flier miles-or other "free" transportation, you will be charged an administrative service fee of \$300 per person.

Caution: Not traveling with KWVA group air contract can result in much higher post-tour costs to China and other Pacific location.

Note: Should you desire to have a single room or take additional family or friends with you, this can be arranged for an additional cost. Any such requests must be made in writing.

From Our Chaplain...

Dear friends,

"I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Ettiene De Grellet

I am convinced that there are some experiences that we simply must pass on to others who we think may benefit from our experiences. Last week I had a telephone conversation with one of the case workers employed at the military records center at St. Louis, Missouri. He informed me that the records from my Army service (1948-1952) were destroyed in the fire at the records center in the early 1970's.

I joined the USAF in Feb. 1952, and the only records they have of my Army service is that which was entered in my records when I entered the USAF. They did, however, have copies of my Army DD-214 that I had submitted to them. I am in the process of sending them copies of all Army records that I have maintained all these years.

Not all records were destroyed in the fire, and the people at the record center did a remarkable job of retrieving and preserving whatever records they could. For example, I requested records on one of my uncles who served in the army with General Patton in Africa and Italy. I

received all his records from the folks at St. Louis. The records were complete, but the edges of the pages were charred where the fire almost got them.

My recommendation would be that each KWVA member who served before the fire check with the folks at St. Louis and determine if any of your records were destroyed. If they were, and you have copies of DD 214 or any other records of service, that you send a copy to St. Louis for their files. One never knows when some family member may go looking for your personal history.

Another thing that the folks at St. Louis will do for you is replace medals, awards, and decorations. They will do this at no cost to you. All you have to do is complete a Standard Form-180. You can upload the form through this website address: www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/standard-form-180.html

Or, you can write to National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132. This service is available to any veteran or to any direct descendant of a veteran.

I hope that this information proves as helpful to you as it has been to me and my family.

My wish for each of you for 2008 is contentment, fellowship and blessings on you and your family.

Chaplain Ruffing

Death Notice of a Member of KWVA

The following notice is submitted for publication:

Name of deceased _____

Date of death _____

Department/Chapter _____

Address _____

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 22857, Alexandria, VA 22304-9285