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From the President

William Mac Swain

I thank all the members who made The Annual Membership Meeting in Norfolk,

Virginia a success. There were many people who helped put on this event. Without their efforts it would not have succeeded.

Those who handled the Hospitality Room did an excellent job. The tours were good, and the opening ceremony at the General MacArthur Museum was a great way to kick off the meeting. It was good to have the Korean Community involved and the opening ceremony speaker, Reverend So, from the 25,000-member Korean Presbyterian Church in Seoul, gave a very good presentation.

I congratulate Warren Wiedhahn and those on his committee for their dedication to satisfy those in attendance. The banquet was well attended. Again, Ambassador Lee came through with his presentation as our Honored Guest Speaker.

Korean American boys and girls gave a rousing drum concert and adult Korean women danced to the drums. They were very entertaining. We had many of the Ambassador's staff with us, and we thank him for also hosting the reception before the banquet.

The Board of Directors, along with the membership, approved a change of venue for our next Annual Membership Meeting when the decision was made to hold it in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in 2009, rather than in San Diego, CA. Regrettably, it was discovered there were not enough members in that area to set up and hold a meeting. The Committee will have to work hard to make our 2009 meeting as good, if not better, than this past meeting.

The Board and the Membership also approved the holding of the 2010 Annual Membership Meeting in Washington, DC, since that will be the start of the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War. Plans are now in process by a National Committee formed to make this happen. This Committee will be similar to the 50th Commemorative Committee in its operation.

The Board of Directors and the membership have approved holding the Annual Membership meetings in Dallas-Ft. Worth, Washington, DC, and Boston in 2009, 2010, and 2011, respectively.

The 2011 Annual Membership Meeting was approved to be held in the Boston, Massachusetts area.

Your Second Vice President, Robert Banker, represented the KWVA in my place at the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) in Washington, DC on October 16 to update all Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) on NCA operations and issues. Martin J. Goge, a member from Maryland Chapter #142, represented the KWVA at the final meeting of the Veterans Day National Ceremony Committee on October 30 in my place.

As your President, I represented our Korean War Veterans Association during the Veterans Affairs Veterans Day National Ceremony hosted by the Military Chaplains Association. Events included a breakfast, a memorial presentation of a wreath by Vice President Richard B. Cheney, who was also the Guest Speaker, and a reception in the afternoon.

I was honored to be able to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with other KWVA members from Chapter #142 and Ceremonies Chairman

Thomas McHugh following the Memorial Service. At the same time, your First Vice President, Jim Ferris, represented the KWVA in Delaware with Vice President-Elect Joseph Biden, then a Senator from Delaware.

I do hope that everyone took time to take part in Veterans Day activities in their community and to remember those who gave their all to maintain our freedom.

It is amazing how much of a challenge the writing of the President Message is, since it must be made ahead of time. I should have mentioned in the September/October issue of *The Graybeards* something about the upcoming holidays and my wish that they be joyful for all. I know that you were able to give thanks for living in a free country and being able to celebrate with your family on Thanksgiving Day.

Finally, I hope you took the opportunity to worship God for the fulfillment of his great plans for you and that you took the opportunity to pray for a better New Year to come. Happy Holidays to all.

William Mac Swain,
KWVA President



Happy Holidays

Wishing you...warmth in your home, love in your heart, peace in your soul, and joy in your life — during the holidays, and always.

The Officers and Staff of the Korean War Veterans Association

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Betsy and I spent a pleasant Sunday afternoon at the Musee de Armee at the Hotel le Invalides in Paris a few weeks ago. (We were in Paris just a few days before the KWVA convention started, which accounts for our absence in Norfolk. Let's see: Norfolk, Paris...Norfolk, Paris...big decision, but we went with Paris.) The museum is home to one of the largest collections of armor in the world, Bonaparte's tomb, a splendid church, and historical timelines tracing the histories of World Wars I and II.... Nowhere in that large museum did I see any reference to the Korean War. Talk about a "Forgotten War."

The French participated in the Korean War. The country provided 3,421 troops. Of that number they suffered 287 KIA, 1,350 WIA, 7 MIA, and 12 POW. (As usual, numbers vary. Suffice it to say that the French troops paid a heavy price for their participation.) The French Battalion fought with valor and distinction at the Battle of Wonju, where soldiers launched a bayonet assault to stop a Chinese advance, and in the battles of the Twin Tunnels and Chipyeong-ni. The Battalion was twice awarded American Presidential Citations during the Korean War. Who can forget those contributions?

The Battalion was awarded three American Distinguished Unit Citations, two Korean Presidential Citations, five French Citations to the Order of the Army and the French Fourregere in the colors of the Military Medal. Anyone visiting the Musee de Armee would never know that, though.

There are ample references to the Vientine operations, World Wars I and II, and assorted other conflicts in which the French have participated. The World War exhibits—particularly the WWII story—are exquisite. Seemingly, the World War II exhibit takes as much time to get through as did the actual war, which lasted a lot longer for the French than it did for the Americans.

Other exhibits of note include collections of artillery, tributes to Charles de Gaulle and Marshall Foch, and the Grand Battles of Napoleon I, which describes his

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strategies and military campaigns—excluding Korea. (I know, I know: he did not campaign in Korea. But, even if he had, nobody would know it. There is no mention of Korea at the Musee de Armee.)

Perhaps I am being unfair here. Just because neither Betsy nor I saw any references to the French role in Korea, that doesn't mean they aren't there. We did not, after all, tour the entire museum. It's just too big and too fascinating to cover in one day. We will get to the museum again, no doubt, on our next trip to Paris. Perhaps we will find a reference to the French in Korea when we do.

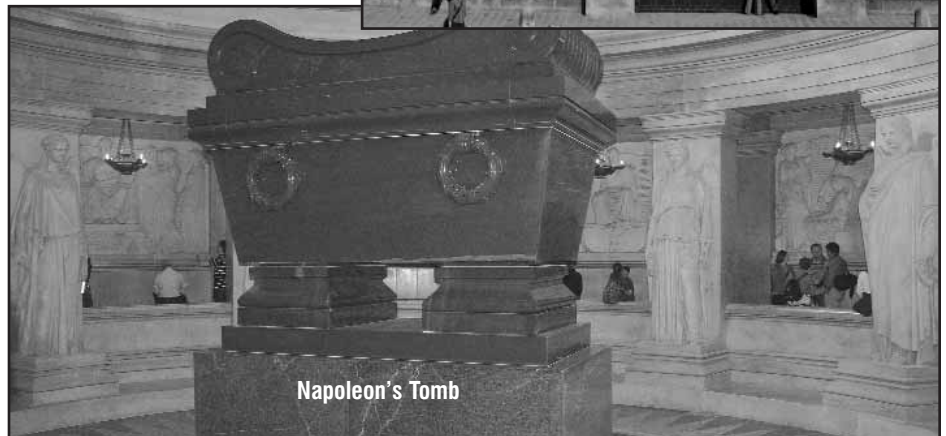
Or, maybe the French include the story of their role in some other place or places. The most logical place to do that, of course, would be at the Museum of the Army. But, logic does not always dictate the coverage of the Korean War, in France or anywhere else. We have heard comments for years from people who fought in the war regarding the lack of coverage it received. Should it be any surprise, then, that the French did not give it a great deal of press at the Musee de Army?

Oh well, coverage or lack of coverage aside, two facts stand out: the French did contribute to the effort to save South Korea from the domination of North Korea, and South Korea has become one of the world's economic giants. To the South Koreans, the war is not forgotten. To the men and women who composed the

The home of the Musee de Armee



Napoleon's Tomb



KWVA

Membership Report 2008

After a very successful KWVA National Convention, I have good and bad news from our Membership Committee. EIN and Incorporation papers are now required for our Chapters. These should have already been recorded by past administrations.

Now that we are federally chartered, we ask all Chapters to send in their incorporation papers and EIN numbers to Jake Feaster. Jim Doppelhammer will update your information on the KWVA National Website. No new chapters will be chartered unless these two items are in place.

Sadly, many members are passing away this year. As of 3 November 2008, 579 members have passed on. For all of 2007, 644 KWVA members died that we knew of.

Deaths will probably surpass 700 this year. We are down new members by 100

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members, and overall membership is down 250 members. This is not bad considering the deaths that have occurred in the KWVA. We are trying to fill the void.

After the convention, Membership Secretary Jamie Reynolds reported to me that three dozen new members were waiting to be inputted.

Many of the new flyers and posters we purchased are now starting to make their way into the public and being acted upon. The Membership Committee purchased 10,000 new flyers and 300 new posters. They have already paid for themselves as of this reading.

Posters and flyers were given out to the members at the convention, compliments of the Membership Committee. We encourage KWVA members to hang these posters up in VA Hospitals, Legion and VFW posts, and other places.

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United Nations' force that made their freedom possible, the war is not forgotten. And, I am sure that it has not been forgotten by the French veterans of the Korean War, either. It's just that somebody forgot to mention it in the Musee de Armee.

Oh well, as the French say, "C'est la vie."

As the South Koreans say to the French, "Merci."

As I say to the curators of the Musee de Armee in Paris, "You have a great museum there. I will return—and I hope when I do I can find a reference to the French role in the Korean War."

Once I find that reference, I will join the South Koreans in saying, "Merci, and may the Korean War never be forgotten—in any language."



A tribute to Marshall Foch



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Bumper Stickers, Recruiting, Fundraisers, and Patches

In this section, we take a look at some unique ways Chapters are raising money, recruiting, etc. Maybe some of the ideas we present will be helpful to other Chapters and Departments.

72 – OREGON TRAIL [OR]

Oregon Trail Chapter (CID 72), like all chapters, has an ongoing problem with recruitment. We feel that the main lack is advertising.

It is a fact that people read bumper stickers. We have designed a project to create interest in the KWVA through the use of portable sign-boards, by means of which prospective members may contact the National Headquarters, thence the State and local units. Including the national website on the stickers facilitates an easy and efficient means for interested parties to receive information about the organization.

This program is not a private-enterprise, money-making effort. As for it being profitable for individuals, I submit the following: my initial order was for 125 stickers, and with the costs for envelopes, printing, and other related expenses, I have spent almost five hundred dollars (\$500.00) of my own money so far. That makes my cost approximately four dollars (\$4.00) per sticker, which leaves about fifty cents profit. That disappears if anyone orders in bulk. The object is to recruit members, not make a profit.

We believe that this can be an effective tool in recruitment—at no cost to the organization—and on a nationwide basis, thereby benefiting all Chapters as well as National. We are certain that an effective and ongoing recruitment program is essential to the existence and life of the organization, and we ask for your enthusiastic assistance in this program.

This program, which requires no capital outlay by any part of the organization, has the future potential to provide future funds for use by the Chapter, State, and National units, including The Graybeards magazine. Subsequent orders of stickers will not require as much expenditure, allowing the program to share the excess with the organization.

I welcome any questions or comments.

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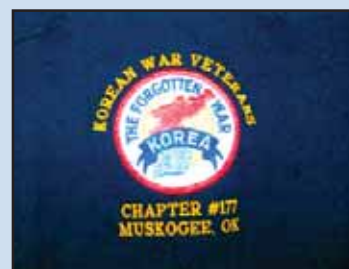
177 – EASTERN OKLAHOMA [OK]

Members presented an educational display at the Muskogee Public Library on 17 July 2008, at which they explained the exhibit to the youngest mayor in Oklahoma.

We are conducting a somewhat different type of fund raiser this year. Instead of the mower or shotgun we usually raffle off, we are using a shopping spree at our local K-Mart as the prize. Our tickets are priced at \$1 each, or 6 tickets for \$5. The people of our community are clamoring for tickets.

We also have a patch that Chapter members wear. We purchased the patches along with black polo shirts, and had a seamstress put in the gold lettering. The total cost to the members is \$14.

Bill Webster
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CID 177's patch



Members of CID 177 at Muskogee Public Library (L-R) Cletys Nordin (ex-POW), Earl Perceful, Ed Bradshaw, Mayor John Tyler Hammons, Bill Webster, Bob Thomason (with great-grandson, 6th grader Hunter Thomason)

VA MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE 06

Veterans traveling to and from Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities started being reimbursed for their travel at a higher rate effective 17 NOV. The increase, from 28.5 cents per mile to 41.5 cents per mile, was mandated by law this year, and Congress provided funding for the increase. Veterans who have service-connected disabilities, receive VA pensions or have low incomes are eligible for the reimbursement. The deductible that applies to certain mileage reimbursements will stay the same for now, at \$7.77 for a one-way trip and \$15.54 for a round trip, with a cap of \$46.62 per month. On Jan. 9, these deductibles will decrease to \$3 for a one-way trip, \$6 for a round trip, with a maximum of \$16 per month.



Frank Cohee

Ask the Secretary

Stringing us along

I received a call from a young lady who said that a friend of hers had a banjo

that has on it a list of names of several soldiers who served in Korea. She asked if I might be able to find out exactly where the banjo came from.

I asked her to email a list of the names and I would do some research to try and find the person who owned the banjo. Following are the results of those emails. Unfortunately, the results were negative. Hopefully, this article will help locate one of the missing banjo "bandits."

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Janette to Frank Cohee

Mr. Cohee:

Here are the names and numbers that are on the banjo.

- Pvt. Bernardt Crewell – 32943925
- Pvt. Troy P. Owen - 3?532801
- Pvt. Francis Farrell – 42022601
- Pvt. Grant Foster - San Diego
- Pvt. W.C.G. – 35780213
- Pvt. Fred Micheau - Seattle, WA
- Pvt. Ray Gathone - Can't read numbers or location

If you could give me any information on these guys, I would greatly appreciate it, I would prefer to give them or their families first chance at this banjo, just for sentimental value sake.

Thank you,
Janette Glover

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Frank Cohee to Janette

Janette:

Unfortunately, none of the names listed on the banjo are Korean War Veterans Association members. I will try and locate them by service number, but I doubt if that is public information.

I think you told me you want to sell the banjo. Have you set a price? If your father was a Korean War veteran, what was his name and what unit was he assigned to in Korea? If I can

get enough background information (which is going to have to come from you), I will write an article for publication in our Graybeards magazine.

Frank Cohee, National Secretary

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Janette to Frank Cohee

Unfortunately, the guy this banjo belongs to was not in the service. I have absolutely no information about this banjo. I was hoping that they were listed somewhere in the military sites, or that there was a place I could put in their service numbers to find more about them.

I guess that was what I was hoping you would be able to do, but if not that is ok. For right now, he wants to sell it for \$650.00. I hope the service numbers help, but if not I will go to the VFW and see what they can do. Thank you for what you have already done, and it would be great if you put the article in. It might spark some memory somewhere! Thanks,

Janette

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Frank Cohee to Janette

Janette:

I know you were disappointed and so was I. If I remember your response correctly, you were going to try the VFW and that is a good choice. Please let me know their response. If they know of some way just to put in a service number and get some results, I certainly would like to know.

Now, my main reason for this email is to make you aware of the sources that are available to do detail research for veterans who served in the military. Most, if not all, charge a fee for their services—some only if they have positive results and others a flat fee no matter what. Some of them require that you become a member of their organization.

A few are listed on our web site, www.kwva.org. Go to the home page, click on

"Websites of Interest..." and it will bring up a page that lists them. For example: military.com, [American Veterans Search](http://AmericanVeteransSearch.com), and others.

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Message to Readers

If anyone has any information about this banjo, please let me know. It is an interesting story, and we'd all like to find out more about it.

More Ask the Secretary

In addition to emails, I also receive many requests for information by phone. Here are some examples:

- "My wife and I have found a tombstone that came from out of nowhere. It has the name Richard McCane, Korean War, inscribed on it. What should I do with it?" (*I have not answered yet because I do not know the answer.*)
 - "I was in the 547th Ammunition Depot and the 2400th Air Police. I want to know what happened to the men that were left behind" ????? (*I have no idea.*)
 - "I want to be appointed to the Veterans Service Commission and I was told by the Judge that I need an endorsement from the Korean War Veterans Association." (*I wrote an endorsement, although I did not personally know the person. But, he was a member of the KWVA, so that was worth my endorsement.*)
 - "I was in the _____ Field Artillery. What was the number of the last round fired by that unit in Korea?" (*Say What?*)
- Finally,
- "My father is buried in the Kreutz Creek Cemetery, East York, PA. Some graves have flags saying Korean War veteran. Where can I get a flag and how do I get him registered to have a flag placed on his grave." (*I referred him to the Department for Veterans Cemeteries, although Kreutz is not one of them*)

Frank Cohee, National Secretary

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CALL FOR ELECTIONS

The membership is hereby notified that elections will be held in the spring of 2009 for the following National KWVA positions:

- The offices of four Directors for the years of 2009-2012.

No later than February 15, 2009 any regular members in good standing of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) seeking to run for any of the aforementioned offices shall make their intentions known to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Tom McHugh, in writing, using the following format:

Requirements:

A. Must present proof of service by submitting a separate signed Official Membership

Application Form showing eligible service years and a statement releasing the application form for verification by the Nominating Committee (no fee required)

B. Must present a current photograph suitable for publication in *The Graybeards*.

C. Must submit a letter with the following:

- 1) Your intent to run for an office and the office sought.
- 2) A resume of your qualifications for this office, stating any experience that will be of benefit to the Association.
- 3) Your current mailing address, telephone number and KWVA membership number.
- 4) This letter will be limited to approximately one typed page.
- 5) A statement that you will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and that you understand that two unexcused absences could be used for your removal from office.

You must sign a statement that your dues are current through the whole term of the office that you are seeking. Payment of delinquent dues shall not be retroactive for the purpose of establishing eligibility to run for office within the Association.

E. Send the above items by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Nominating Committee Chairman **not later than February 15, 2009.**

Nominees are requested to contact the Nominating Committee Chairman if they have any questions.

Application and questions are to be addressed to:

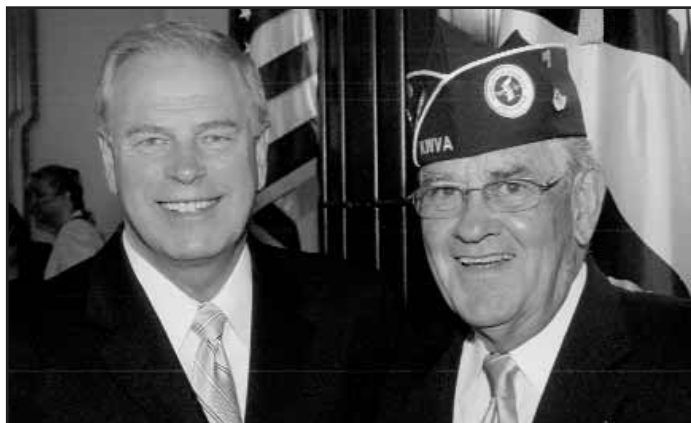
Thomas M. McHugh
Nominating Chairman
217 Seymour Road
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
TMMcHugh@msn.com Ph: 908-852-1964

The process is as follows:

- The Nominating Committee certifies the candidates that are qualified to stand for office.
- The declarations are sent to the Editor of *The Graybeards* for publication in the March-April 2009 edition.
- The ballots are also published in that edition.
- Members then cast their ballots by June 10th.
- A CPA then counts the ballots and reports the results to the Nominating Committee.

Frank Cohee, National Secretary

CID 51 Member Director of Ohio Veterans Services



Governor Strickland of Ohio (R) and Bill Hartnett (L) of CID 51

William J. Hartnett, a Life Member of Chapter 51, Richland County [OH], has been appointed to a new Ohio State Cabinet level position as Director of Ohio Veterans Services. He was sworn in by Ohio Governor Ted Strickland on 21 August 2008.

Bill Hartnett is a native of Mansfield, Ohio and a Korean War veteran of the U. S. Navy. He served from January 1951 to December 1954. He is a Life Member of the KWVA. Following his Navy service he earned a Bachelor's Degree from Kent State University, a Master's Degree from West Virginia University, and a Specialist in Education Degree from Kent State University.

He was a teacher for several school districts in North Central Ohio, and served in the education field for more than thirty years. He also served as Superintendent for the Madison Local School District, Vice President and interim President of North Central State College, and as an adjunct faculty member at Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio.

Bill was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives and served from 1998 to 2006, successfully representing Ohio's 73rd District. Among his many other achievements, he received the AMVETS Department of Ohio Legislative Award in 2001.

Bill Hartnett's appointment is an Ohio "first," in that no veterans agency in the past has been in the Governor's Cabinet. As such, Hartnett assumes the duties of the former Governor's Office of Veterans Affairs, The Ohio Veterans Homes in Sandusky and Georgetown, and The Ohio War Orphan Scholarship Board.

Governor Strickland stated, "Bill is an honorable man and dedicated public servant who will be a tireless advocate for Ohio's veterans. At a time when more and more Ohioans are returning from war, I trust that Bill will lead the Department with a deep commitment to ensuring that all veterans have access to the benefits that they deserve."

The members of Richland County Chapter #51 concur with Bill Hartnett's appointment, and they are proud that he is a member of the KWVA and Chapter #51.

*William W. Woodrow, Past President
CID 51, 34 Park Avenue West
Mansfield, OH 44902*

MEMBERSHIP from page 7

Members from Chapters #6 (CA), #19 (AL), #29 (IN), #96 (MO), #112 (OH), #142 (MD), #194 (SD), #213 (NJ), #215 (TX), #255 (SC), #262 (WV), #270 (TX), #299 (MA), #313 (VA), and Dept. of Florida were all given posters and flyers.

Posters and flyers were also sent to Camp Humphries Korea VFW. New Membership Committee members include Art Griffith, Robert Wagner, Albert McCarthy, and KWVA National Director Luther Rice.



Members of CID 299 Color Guard stand with Jeff Brodeur (second from right)

We have had an outstanding color guard to represent us in Washington D.C. and at the KWVA National Convention. KWVA Chapter #299 has stepped in to pick up the void left by members in other Chapters who are now unable to carry out color guard duties. It is important that we are represented at all these events, especially now that we are federally chartered. We need all our members to recruit.

It takes a combined effort by everyone to move this organization forward. If each member were to recruit just one MEMBER a year, we would be in terrific shape. There are millions of Korean War and millions of Korean Service veterans still alive.

We have provided the tools; it is up to the members to act upon this request. Don't leave this up to other members. We need every member to contribute.

In comradeship,
Jeff Brodeur, KWVA National Membership Chairman
AUS, 2nd Infantry Division, Korea 1988
48 Square Rigger Lane
Hyannis, MA 02601

Thanks for Supporting *The Graybeards*

Members are invited to help underwrite the publications costs of *The Graybeards*. All contributions in any amount are welcome. Mail your donations to KWVA Treasurer J Tilford Jones, 6958 Heatherknoll Dr., Dallas, TX 75248-5534. All contributions will be acknowledged, unless the donor specifically requests to remain anonymous. And, if you have an "In memory of" (IMO) request, include that as well. We thank you for your generous support.

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Mr. Art Sharp
Editor, *The Graybeards*
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Dear Art,

Just a note to let you know that National has received a check in the amount of \$600.00 as a contribution to the *Graybeards* from the Sam Johnson Chapter 270. This check is in addition to the \$1700.00 previously given in support of the *Graybeards*.

This is a part of the contribution the Sam Johnson, Chapter 270 KWVA, receives from the Best Buy Walkin Tub Co. for each unit they sell. The members of our Chapter have in turn voted to donate these monies to various programs for the American Veterans. The Best Buy Walkin Tub Co. has a special 800 number that can be called by veterans. When this call results in a sale they send our Chapter a donation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Tilford Jones
Secretary, KWVA Chapter 270

NOTE: The editor will be at his southern office from 1 January 2009 to 31 March 2009. Mail material to him at 895 Carriage Court #19, Beaufort SC 29902. The phone number is (843) 524-0767. The email address remains the same, sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net
Be sure to include #19 with the mailing address. If it is not included, the postal delivery specialist will return it to the post office.

KWVA Management Information System

Department, Chapter and Member Information Status

To: KWVA Department and Chapter Presidents
 Attn: KWVA Department and Chapter Staff
 References: KWVA National Bylaws – pgs 10 & 11
 KWVA Standard Procedure Manual – pgs 42 – 55
 KWVA Website – www.kwva.org

I was delighted to meet many of you personally at the KWVA Convention this past October in Norfolk, VA and to share my concerns and hopes for the future of KWVA as it relates to Departments and Chapters. I am glad to report that my status as KWVA Assistant Secretary and Supervisor – Management Information System has been reaffirmed by President Bill Mac Swain and the Board for the immediate future.

With your help and that of our most capable Webmaster, Jim Doppelhammer, I pledge to continue the tremendous progress that has been made over the past four years in the area of the KWVA Management System.

As a brief summary, we currently have 16 Active Departments and 236 Active Chapters [Some not so active!].

- Of the 16,494 KWVA Regular Active Members, 9,859 of them are assigned to chapters.
- 22 States have 4 or more chapters and are eligible to form a Department, but only 16 have formed a Department.
- 15 Departments and 223 Chapters have an email address for communication.
- 219 Chapters have 12 or more Regular Members, which was required when the chapter was initially formed.
- 14 Departments and 179 Chapters have submitted their required Election Reports in a timely manner.
- 14 Departments and 147 Chapters have Database Passwords that allow them to review and print their Membership rosters from the database on the internet.

To assist National, Department, and Chapter KWVA Staff in carrying out their duties and meeting the requirements of being a nationally chartered organization, please review the following:

Copies of the following files/records/information are required to be kept by the KWVA Secretary for each of the current 16 Departments and 236 chapters:

1. Email address of the President or designated staff member for communicating information electronically.
2. Latest election report, each year or two years, as designated, to include:
 - a. Name and CID # of Department or Chapter
 - b. Date of the election
 - c. Name and title of officers.
3. Copy of Petition that requested the formation of the Department or Chapter
4. Copy of the Charter that was issued when the Department or Chapter was formed

5. Copy of the Department or Chapter Bylaws
6. Copy of Notice of Incorporation
7. Forward copies of the above information to the KWVA Secretary or Ass't Secretary as directed, if not on file as noted in Summary of the password protected area of the internet for your department or chapter.

In addition to the above information:

1. The chapter is to maintain 12 or more Regular "paid-up" members.
2. The chapter staff is to monitor the membership database and insure that member information is current and accurate as it concerns:
 - a. Current members (Request removal or addition of members to reflect the local roster).
 - b. Report deceased members to include date of death.
 - c. Update member information as concerns name, address, phone number, email address and military unit(s) served with.
 - d. Report the above information concerning members to the National KWVA Membership Office, preferably by email to: Membership@kwva.org

Your assistance is requested to meet the requirements and guidelines for the information listed above. Contact me for clarification or assistance as needed, particularly if you do not have a database password that allows you to view your chapter roster on the internet and print it. A copy of your chapter membership roster will be mailed to you upon request, if you are unable to access it on the internet.

Yours for a better KWVA,

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KWVA Bylaws Committee Project For 2009

REVISION OF KWVA STANDARD PROCEDURE MANUAL AND KWVA BYLAWS

The KWVA Board of Directors, at the Norfolk Reunion, authorized and directed the Bylaws Committee to conduct a project to review and revise both the Bylaws and the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM). The result will be a pair of documents that are in harmony, and that meet in full the current needs of the Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

An important and necessary factor to be considered is compliance to the new Federal Charter, Public Law 110-254 (S.1692) granted on June 30, 2008 to the Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated. It is felt that it would benefit the brotherhood that is the KWVA for the entire membership to have the opportunity to participate in the process, by providing their input, if they wish to do so.

The tasks are to:

- Revise and/or add procedures to the SPM as necessary.
- Eliminate unnecessary SPM procedures.
- Revise the Bylaws to ensure that all SPM procedures are provided with the specific authority needed.
- Identify missing citations and reveal and revise those lacking specificity, i.e., a requirement in a procedure without specific Bylaw authority.
- Align both documents by formatting the SPM so that its sections correlate with the Bylaw articles, i.e., SPM

Section 4 would carry the procedures to

implement the policy laid down in Bylaw Article IV.

- Generate an accurate, complete cross-reference matrix between the Bylaws and the SPM. This is because each SPM procedure should properly have its authority in the Bylaws.
- Provide an accurate reference interface between the Bylaws and SPM for clarity and ease of use.

The following steps are currently planned:

■ The membership is hereby notified that the Project is underway and that they are encouraged to submit any changes they feel would be helpful to the Bylaws Committee. This notice was posted previously on the KWVA website at <http://www.kwva.org> on November 15, 2008.

■ The submittals must be made between December 1st, 2008 and February 28th, 2009. All are encouraged to provide their inputs via email (preferred) to bylaws@kwva.org or by USPS mail, to:

George Lawhon,
Chairman, KWVA Bylaws
Committee
600 E. Weddell Drive, #91
Sunnyvale, CA 94089-1731

Those members currently responsible for implementation of existing Standard Procedure Manual (SPM) procedures will be especially encouraged to be part of the changes.

The inputs for changes from the membership will be screened by the Bylaws Committee members, since the Bylaws

Committee will be tasked to identify and approve the requirements that will have to be added or revised to comply and implement our obligations to our new federal charter.

Once all the recommended changes have been received and reviewed, a draft set of documents will be prepared by the Bylaws Committee Chairman, and submitted to the Bylaws Committee members for their review.

The resulting draft Bylaws & SPM documents will be submitted to the Board of Directors by attachments to email, for their review.

The Bylaws Committee Chairman will request the call for a "Business Without a Meeting" for the purpose of voting their approval. The results will be published on the KWVA website and in The Graybeards.

The KWVA membership will then be asked to vote on its approval of the revised Bylaws. A link to the revised, approved documents will then be posted and available on the KWVA website for viewing or download.

This is the format to be followed for all submittals to the KWVA Bylaws Committee:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR KWVA BYLAWS & STANDARD PROCEDURE MANUAL CHANGES

CHANGE:

ENTRY 1: This should be a description of the change you feel should be implemented.

ENTRY 2: If it is to an existing procedure or Bylaw, please be specific as to its number.

Be specific about text to be added or deleted.

If it is new, say so.

ENTRY 3: REASON: Why you think the change is necessary. Be as specific or as brief as required.

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not have access to a computer, most public libraries have computers for those with a library card, and can even print out downloads.

George Lawhon, Director
Chairman, KWVA Bylaws Committee

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KWVA National Furnished Websites For Departments And Chapters

In the 2008 March-April Issue of The Graybeards, on Pages 22-23, the idea of Chapter and Department websites, furnished by KWVA, Inc., was proposed to the KWVA Membership. The proposal was then placed before the KWVA Board of Directors at the 2008 KWVA Annual Reunion, at Norfolk, Virginia, on October 24, 2008. It was approved unanimously.

The project task is to set up two website servers; one each for KWVA Departments and Chapters. The target date to have the system in place is January 1st, 2009. It may be sooner; if so, notification will be given to you via the KWVA, Inc. website <http://www.kwva.org/> So, if you are interested, check the National website often.

There will be no website cost to a Department or Chapter, including that for the annual domain name registration. While the KWVA will furnish the software, it will be the individual Chapter or Department that will be required to provide their Webmaster.

The web design and editing software is Microsoft FrontPage 2003. Access to it will be given to the approved Department or Chapter Commander and Webmaster. A one-time licensing fee may be passed on to the Department or Chapter. That is being negotiated at this time.

For information on FrontPage, go to <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/frontpage/default.aspx>

The following steps are currently planned to be put in place by January 1st, 2009:

- Two Website Hosting Plans were ordered and placed into service on November 11th, 2008.
- Design and set up "Website Templates" for the Department and Chapter websites.
- Revise the Standard Procedure Manual to provide the interactive procedure(s) between the KWVA Webmaster and those operating the Department or Chapter websites. • Revise Standard Procedure Manual, as appropriate. In particular, it will establish eligibility requirements incorporated into a petition procedure and form.
- Establish a petition and approval process in the KWVA Standard Procedure manual whereby a chartered and Bylaw-compliant Department or Chapter can have their website set up, and appropriate website security established by the KWVA Webmaster.

During the process above, the KWVA Department of California website and KWVA Chapter 6, Santa Clara will be used as pilot websites. Their new addresses will be:

Website Address	For KWVA
http://www.kwvadepartments.org/dca	Dept. of California
http://www.kwvachapters.org/cid6	Chapter 6, Santa Clara

You are encouraged to visit. The 'general look' and functionality will essentially be the same for all of the websites, with some 'room' for individuality and customization. At the start, your 'Home' page will be tailored for your Department or Chapter, and

There will be no website cost to a Department or Chapter, including that for the annual domain name registration. While the KWVA will furnish the software, it will be the individual Chapter or Department that will be required to provide their Webmaster.

then turned over to your President or Commander and your Webmaster.

These are samples of the naming convention that will be used:

http://www.kwvadepartments.org/dde	for Delaware)
http://www.kwvadepartments.org/dny	for New York)
http://www.kwvadepartments.org/dtx	for Texas)
http://www.kwvachapters.org/cid270	for Chapter 270)
http://www.kwvachapters.org/cid255	for Chapter 255)
http://www.kwvachapters.org/cid300	for Chapter 300)
http://www.kwvachapters.org/cid66	for Chapter 66)
http://www.kwvachapters.org/cid1	for Chapter 1)

The present KWVA Department of California website, <http://www.dcakwva.org/>, is at this time a record of the Department's effort to get a KWVA charter and to participate in the recent KWVA Election. During the election period alone, the website was visited over 4,300 times.

Admittedly, as presented at this time, it is pretty much a simple bulletin board, with links to pages that were developed for one purpose or another, as the Department grew to the point of the grant of a department charter, and a bit beyond. All of the relevant information will be archived on the new Department website.

As a "for instance," it enabled the Department of California, together with Texas Chapter 270, to help candidates for the KWVA 2008 National Election elaborate on their views and intent for post-election performance in office, by adding access via an election page dedicated to that purpose.

We believe that this new tool for Departments and Chapters will encourage enrollment, interest, and most of all, sharing of information between the brotherhood that is the KWVA. You are encouraged to contribute your cooperation, creativity, and helpful comments.

Our KWVA Webmaster, Jim Doppelhammer, who contributed in a major way in the conception and execution of this project, will ultimately be the person to help in the technical end of getting you started with your website, once your petition and approval process is complete. He will also be the 'go to' guy for security and technical issues that may arise.

Respectfully and fraternally to all,

George E. Lawhon LR18750
California Chapter 6, Santa Clara County
Secretary & Webmaster
KWVA California State Department
Director, KWVA, Inc.

Reception Held To Honor New KWVA President

By Larry Kinard

KWVA members and guests attended a reception on 4 October 2008 in Arlington, TX in recognition of Bill Mac Swain's election to the Presidency of the National KWVA. The reception was held in the Bob Duncan Center. Approximately 150 people, including Bill's wife Barbara, attended.

Chapter 215, with the assistance of Kay Cameron and her Korean friends, hosted the reception and invited the Dallas Sam Johnson Chapter 270, Dallas, the Dallas 6.25 ROK Veterans Association, and a large contingent from the Korean Community in Arlington.

Col. James Stone, MOH, led the Pledge of Allegiance; Arlington Mayor Dr. Robert Cluck, a Vietnam veteran, welcomed the group to the city. Korean Consul-General Jung-Kuen Kim from Houston spoke and presented appreciation plaques to both chapters. Korean-American College student David Cameron spoke on what the Korean War means to him. Finally, KWVA President Mac Swain spoke about his hopes for the National Organization in the next two years.

We were entertained by a piano solo played by Sung Yo Lee. Soloist Yeri Kang sang the Korean National Anthem, and the Dallas 6.25 ROK chorus sang "Arirang."

Thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher and several members of Chapter 215 who planned and organized this exceptional event.



Chapter 215 veterans attending the reception



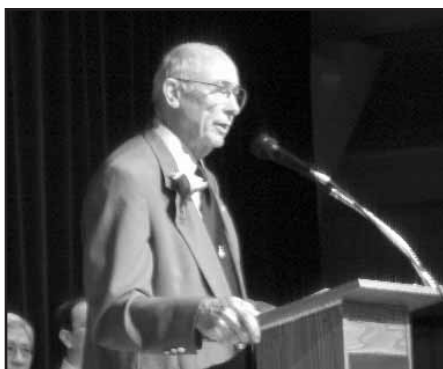
CID 270 President J. D. Randolph receives plaque from Korean Consul-General Jung-Kuen Kim



ROK veterans and wives sing during entertainment time



MOH Col. James Stone addresses the crowd



KWVA President Bill Mac Swain speaks at the Arlington reception



Guests gather at reception (L-R) Bettye Kinard, Bill Mac Swain, Barbara Mac Swain, Korean guest



CID 215 President Larry Kinard receives plaque from Korean Consul-General Jung-Kuen Kim

MINUTES: KWVA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NORFOLK, VA, OCTOBER 24, 2008

Call for the Meeting: KWVA Website and *The Graybeards*, July-August 2007, Letter from the President, August 20, 2008

Call to Order: President Mac Swain called the meeting to order at 0805 hours.

To the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Mac Swain assisted by Director Dauster and his electronic bugle.

Invocation was conducted by National Chaplain Leo Ruffing.

Administrative Announcements and Adoption of Agenda: President Mac Swain commented that according to Robert's Rules of Order that if you go six months without a meeting, the Rules of Decorum & Debate must be approved again. All of the Directors received a copy in their packet and it tells you exactly what it is that we are supposed to do. And so the rules in decorum and debate are placed on the agenda for this Board of Directors meeting. If you want to change the rules that are written right now you can amend them, but there has to be motions made and a two-thirds vote on that motion to make that change.

Director Dauster moved that due to the cramped space that the board member does not have to stand when addressing the board as required by rule number 2.

Director Lawhon seconded that motion. A vote was taken and carried by the number of Directors present.

Director Dunn made a motion that the agenda be adopted with any necessary additions. The motion was seconded by Director Lawhon. A vote was taken and carried without any opposition.

Roll Call and Introductions: The roll was called by Secretary Cohee. Present were:

- William Mac Swain, President
- James Ferris, 1st Vice President
- Robert Banker, 2nd Vice President
- Frank Cohee, Secretary
- J. Tilford Jones, Treasurer
- Leo Agnew, Director
- Charlotte Ayers, Director
- Jeff Brodeur, Director
- Lee Dauster, Director
- Marvin Dunn, Director
- James Fountain, Director
- George Lawhon, Director
- Tom McHugh, Director
- Luther Rice, Director

Directors Michael Doyle and Thomas Edwards were absent but were excused by a majority vote of the board. Director Christ Yanacos was absent and was not excused by a majority vote of the board.

Declaration of a Quorum was affirmed by Secretary Cohee

President Mac Swain introduced Department Commanders Michael Glazzy, CA and George Bruzgis, NJ, Chapter Presidents/Commanders Warren Wiedhahn, 100 in Northern Virginia, Larry Kinard, Gen. Walton H. Walker, 215 DWF area, JD Randolph, Sam

Johnson, 270 in Greater Dallas, Steve Szekley, Lake Erie 112, Bill McCraney, William R. Charette 158, FL, Art Griffith, 299, MA, Leo Agnew, 300, MA and Billy Scott, 313, Shenandoah Valley; Past Director Ray Wells, Leo Ruffing, National Chaplain, J Tilford Jones, Treasurer, Jake Feaster, Assistant Secretary/Supervisor Membership Management, Boyle Henderson, CPA and Cherrylynn Gerardo, Recorder.

Some of the Chapter Presidents are also major staff members: Warren Wiedhahn is the Convention Chairman for this convention and also the Revisit Coordinator, Larry Kinard is the Tell America Operations Director, JD Randolph is the National VAVS Director, Steve Szekley is Chairman of the Ethics and Grievance Committee and Billy Scott is the Judge Advocate Appointee.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Secretary Cohee referenced the Board of Directors meeting at Reno, NV on 10.23-25.2007, printed in *The Graybeards*, Nov-Dec 2007 edition.

A motion was made by Director Dauster that the minutes be approved, seconded by Director Brodeur. The motion was carried with no objections.

Secretary Cohee also referenced the Board of Directors meeting minutes at Pineville, LA on 01.13-15 2008, printed in *The Graybeards*, Jan-Feb 2008 edition.

Director McHugh made a motion that the minutes be approved, seconded by Director Ayers and approved by the board without objection.

Appointments: Approval of Frank Cohee as National Secretary. Motion made by Director Dunn, seconded by Director Agnew and approved by the Board.

Approval of J Tilford Jones as National Treasurer. Motion made by Director Agnew, seconded by Director Brodeur and approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jones reported that when the new administration took over the bank accounts on June 25, 2008 the checking account had \$4,179.08 and the savings account had \$18,434.97 for a total of \$22,614.05 in Chase Bank. In order for the membership office to access the bank account it was necessary to find a bank that was in Charleston, Illinois. Bank America is the only national bank that was there. So the funds have been switched to Bank of America. In the second quarter, April through June, income was \$45,610.05 and expenses were \$91,824.49 for a deficit of \$46,214.44. In addition to this deficit there was \$34,627.44, which was incurred prior to taking over on June the 25th. Therefore, funds have been withdrawn from the AG Edwards money account to meet these obligations. Funds also had to be withdrawn just to meet expenses for the past three months. At the present time, after the recent fundraiser, there is \$23,024.86 in the checking account and \$50,000 has been put into a money market account drawing 2.76 percent interest. The fundraiser did not bring in enough money to cover expenses so funds will soon have to be taken out of the money market account.

There is already an outstanding bill for a little over \$20,000 for *The Graybeards* and then approximately \$12,000 is still owed out of the fundraiser for buying the prizes.

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Questions: Director Dauster asked, "What is the value of the Investment account?" Mr. Jones replied that the current value as of October 17, 2008 is \$271,331.93. Director Dauster asked "What is the net result of the fundraiser? How much money did we derive from that after expenses?" Mr. Jones replied the net after expenses was approximately \$38,000. A motion was made by Director Dauster to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded by Director Fountain and approved unanimously by the Board.

World of Finances in the KWVA: President Mac Swain asked Mr. Henderson, the CPA, to let the Board know what is going on with the world of finances in the KWVA, but he first made the following comments: The reason that I asked the treasurer to make sure that he gave you a figure of what we actually took over is the fact that we had to pay for the May/June Graybeards, which was not really done in my taking over. So that comes in the May/June time period, but it was against the prior administration. So I wanted to make sure that you knew that we didn't spend an extra \$27,000 before we got started.

When we had the office in the DC area we had to mail the checks to the Pineville area for them to be deposited in the bank. Now, we have direct deposits. So the minute that they deposit it, the Treasurer can call it up on the internet and actually find out if the deposit has been made and everything is going like it should. So, we are not going to lose any checks anywhere in the mail. It's just a good security system.

Mr. Henderson: When we talk about the finances you need to understand that this is a kind of the big picture. Your year that you change officers and all of that is mid-year, but the finances have always been on a calendar year basis and so if I give you a 2008 report, which I will at the end of '08, I will give you a 12-month 2008 report. It's going to be half of Lou Dechert's administration and half of the new administration. So it's a picture of what your finances are for the KWVA, but if you're going to try to break it down between what is the new administration, then, there's those two -month periods. So I would recommend and we've had this discussion in Board meetings before that at some point you change your physical accounting year end to be on end on a June

30th year end, which would almost coincide with your other data.

Old Business: Ratification of a Business w/o a Meeting, Case of Mr. George A. Ellwood. This is a ratification of the affirmative vote to expel Mr. Ellwood as a member of the KWVA. Motion made by Director Dauster to ratify the affirmative vote, seconded by Director McHugh. A vote was taken and the motion was carried eight to three.

Ratification of a Business w/o a Meeting, Case to close the Insurance Claim Lawsuit. Motion made by Director Dauster to ratify, seconded by Director Fountain and approved by the Board.

Ratification by the Board of the Oath letter for all newly elected Officers and Directors. Motion made by Director Agnew to approve the ratification, seconded by Director Dunn, and passed unanimously by the Board.

Approval required of all appointees for the various committees and other official positions to include the changes that were made at this meeting. Motion made by Director Dauster, seconded by Director Brodeur and passed unanimously by the Board.

Approval is required to destroy the election ballots for the years 2004 and 2008 and any others that exist. Motion made by Director McHugh, seconded by Director Brodeur to destroy the ballots and passed unanimously by the Board.

Introduction of Kevin Secor: President Mac Swain interrupted the business meeting to introduce Kevin Secor, VSO liaison for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Basically, Mr. Secor stated that "We are here to do the right thing and this year with our budget being 96 billion dollars, we are going to do an awful lot."

Reunion Committee Report: Past Director Weidhahn reported that the attendance at this Annual Membership meeting convention is acceptable, but it would probably have been a lot more if it had been publicized earlier. It was previously approved by the Board and the general membership that the 2009 Annual Membership meeting be held in San Diego, CA. We did not get a good response from that area so the committee is now recommending that the 2009 Annual Membership meeting be held in Texas and the 2010 Annual Membership meeting be

held in Washington, DC to correspond with the 60th anniversary commemoration.

New Business: Budget & Finance 2009 Budget Approval: Director Dunn, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, reported that the 2009 budget is \$379,400, which is \$49,000 less than it was in 2008. Dues income is projected to be \$265,000 and \$74,000 is projected for another fundraiser. The remaining income will come from contributions and advertising for *The Graybeards*, other donations not designated and dividend income. The largest expense item is \$181,000 for *The Graybeards*. The next largest is \$49,100 for operation of the membership office. Other expenses consist of fund raising expense, insurance, professional services (CPA, Legal and Audit), website, travel, committee expenses and National Monument Fund. Director Dauster moved that the budget be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Lawhon and approved by the Board without objection.

Bylaws Committee: Director Lawhon presented an action item and a motion to change the wording in the SPM of Addendum D-1 DEFINITIONS, Paragraph GOOD STANDING 1. (page 25) to the wording in CONCLUSION 2. that corrects the Definition of GOOD STANDING Paragraph 1. to agree with the Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Director McHugh and approved by the Board without opposition.

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Director Lawhon made a motion to establish a project to review and totally revise both the Bylaws & the Standard Procedures Manual (SPM), resulting in a pair of documents that are in harmony and that meet in full the current needs of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. The motion was seconded by Director Dauster and approved by the Board with no opposition.

Director Lawhon proposed another project task to set up two website servers, one each for KWVA Departments and Chapters, on which will reside websites for their use. Since funds would be required for this project it was referred to the Budget and Finance Committee for review.

Reinstatement of a Reasonable Meal Per Diem Action Item: Director Dauster made a motion that a reasonable meal per diem at

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\$20 during a travel day and \$30 while in attendance at a meeting be reinstated for those deemed essential to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Lawhon. The motion was passed, seven in favor, four against.

Increase Travel Mileage Allowance Action Item: First Vice President Ferris made a motion to increase the mileage allowance for travel reimbursement from 37 cents per mile to 50 cents per mile to be effective beginning with this meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Dauster and approved by the Board.

Change Location of the 2009 Annual Membership meeting Action Item: Director Dauster made a motion that the location of the 2009 Annual Membership meeting be changed from San Diego, CA to the Dallas/ Fort Worth, TX (DFW) area. The motion was seconded by Director Lawhon and approved by the Board. President Mac Swain commented that this item would have to be presented and voted on at the General Membership Meeting.

Director McHugh made a motion to change the 2010 Annual Membership meeting to Washington, DC for the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War that will be in July of that year. The motion was seconded by Director Brodeur and approved by the Board.

Director McHugh made a motion, as recommended by the committee and based on an application from Chapter 299, that the 2011 Annual Membership meeting be held in the Boston area of Massachusetts. The motion was seconded by Director Brodeur and approved by the Board.

Special Project: Secretary Cohee introduced Mr. Doug McDonald from Harris Connect. Mr. McDonald has met with the Membership Committee about putting together a membership directory for the Korean War Veterans Association. They have done this for many organizations, both military and civilian, and copies of a directory for the First Marine Division were passed around for review. There would be no cost to the KWVA. The KWVA would design the cover and the first ten pages would be for use by the KWVA. There would be some royalties from every directory that was sold. The KWVA would furnish the data base to Harris with privacy and confidentiality guaranteed. They in turn will contact all members, including those that are inactive, to determine if they are interested in having their name and other information put in the directory. The inactive members will be offered a one-time membership fee of \$10.00 to rejoin the association. This could result in getting a lot of those members back as active members. The directories will be sold TO MEMBERS ONLY at a cost of \$79 for a soft cover and \$89 for a hard cover. The project is expected to take about 12 months. Director McHugh made a motion that the KWVA support the project. It was seconded by Director Brodeur and approved by the Board.

Standard Uniform: President Mac Swain received a request that the KWVA have a standard uniform. Director Rice made a motion to not have a standard uniform. It was seconded by Director McHugh and approved by the Board not to have a standard uniform.

Disposal of Excess Property: President Mac Swain reported that he had taken possession of approximately 34 items of property that were in the trailer at Pineville and requested that the Board authorize its disposal by donating it to a nonprofit organization. Director

Fountain made a motion to dispose of the property as proposed. The motion was seconded by Director Lawhon and approved by the Board.

National Quartermaster: President Mac Swain reported that he has been asked to have a National Quartermaster again. Director Brodeur made a motion that there be no National Quartermaster. It was seconded by Director Dunn and approved by the Board.

60th Anniversaries of the Korean War (2010-2013): Past Director Wiedhahn reported that it is time to start planning for the 60th Anniversaries of the War, and the Korean War Commemoration Foundation are requesting \$20,000 from the KWVA as seed money to get this foundation up and incorporated and off the ground. This would be a one-time donation. Once the foundation is up and running they will generate their own revenue. President Mac Swain stated that the request would be considered and would be taken up at a later time.

Request from Past President Harley Coon to be reinstated to membership in the KWVA: Mr. Coon submitted a letter, dated August 19, 2008, to Secretary Frank Cohee requesting that he be reinstated to membership in the KWVA. Director Agnew made a motion to reject his request. The motion was seconded by Director Brodeur. The motion was passed by the Board, seven for, four opposed.

Proposed Resolution from Chapter 300 (Unauthorized Use of Name and Logo): Following a lot of discussion on the proposed resolutions, President Mac Swain commented that the official name of the organization as set forth on our seal and in our Charter is the Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated and that can not be changed. As for the logo on the patches there is no reason that the members should not wear whatever patch they want to. Director Ferris made a motion to use both patches as the official designated national patches and all Chapters may use any logo of their Chapter or Department or the National logo. The motion was seconded by Director McHugh and approved by the Board with no opposition.

Proposed Resolution from Chapter 299 (Modify the Name of *The Graybeards*): Director Brodeur, representing Chapter 299, proposed incorporating a new masthead with the words KOREA VETERAN in large letters above the current masthead while reducing the size of the current masthead "*The Graybeards*." Director Brodeur made a motion to adopt the name Korea Veteran positioned over *The Graybeards* as the masthead of the association official publication as determined. The Board will approve the layout before publication of the January/February edition using Business without a Meeting. The motion was seconded by Director McHugh and approved by the Board without opposition.

Recommendation from Chapter 86 to adopt the song "Old Soldiers Never Die" as the National KWVA song: President Mac Swain commented that this would involve purchasing 17,000 CDs at \$2.50 each, which would cost the KWVA \$42,500. Director McHugh made a motion that the recommendation be rejected. The motion was seconded by Director Dauster and approved by the Board without opposition.

Gold Star Mothers Request for funds: President Mac Swain commented that the Gold Star Mothers have requested money to help

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them have a convention in Florida. He suggested that the KWVA not start giving money away to other groups to have their State Department meetings, etc. Director Dauster commented that rather than our treasury contributing to a good cause like this, I would just like to see a notice in *The Graybeards* inviting individuals to help that group. So I would like to see a little notice in *The Graybeards* that they're looking for help and to please send a donation. Director Dauster made a motion to place information in *The Graybeards* to help the Gold Star Mothers with their convention. The motion was seconded by Director Lawhon and approved by the Board without opposition.

Tell America Committee Report: Mr. Kinard, Operations Director for the Tell America program, gave an excellent presentation about the overall ongoing activities and asked "How many of the KWVA Members, Chapters and Department are working to touch the hearts of the students in the schools?" Those are the ones that are going to be carrying the message of the Korean War into the future. If we don't do that, we are missing a wonderful opportunity.

Membership Committee Report: Director Brodeur, Membership Committee Chairman, reported that as of last Friday the KWVA had 698 new members for the year 2008. At this time last year we had 808 new members or a decrease of 110 members. We now have 16,892 members overall. Last year we had 17,181 members for a decrease of 289. The biggest problem we're having this year is there have been 552 deaths in the organization. Probably by the end of this month it's going to be close to 600. All of last year we had 644 deaths and those were the ones that we were notified about. So as of now we are working to bring up the membership. New posters and new flyers will be given out tomorrow.

Director Brodeur made a motion that new Chapters and/or Departments be required to be incorporated and have their own EIN prior to being issued a charter. The motion was seconded by Director McHugh and approved by the Board without opposition.

Director Brodeur made a motion that all Chapter officers must be members of the National Korean War Veterans Association. All other Chapter members are encouraged to be National members and all new Chapter members since October 5, 2005 must be National members. The motion was seconded by Director McHugh. The motion failed to pass, five in favor of the motion and six opposed.

Director Brodeur made a motion that all chapters presently not incorporated or who do not have their own EIN will be given six months from this date to incorporate and get their own EIN. After six months, they will be put on a six-month probationary period. After one year, if they have not complied, there will be a penalty to be determined by the Board of Directors of the Korean War Veterans Association. The motion was seconded by Director Dunn and passed with seven votes in favor of the motion and four opposed.

Director Brodeur then introduced Jake Feaster, Assistant Secretary, Supervisor of Membership Management and a member of the membership committee. Jake discussed the records that are maintained for each of the Chapters and Departments, the information that is on the database and the various reports that are required to be submitted by the Chapters and Departments to be kept on file at National.

He asked for more help from the Board and the Department Presidents in working with the Chapters to get them to submit those reports.

National Ceremonies Committee Report: Director McHugh, Chairman of the National Ceremonies Committee, reported that once again the KWVA's application for a permit to run the July 27th ceremonies at the KWVA Memorial in DC has been denied because the National Park Service had already accepted an application from another organization. At this time there is no alternative but to stop our efforts to get a permit. There is no sense in looking at 2010 because it is going to be part of the 60th anniversary. The Board will have to decide if the KWVA should try again in 2011.

Ethics and Grievance Committee Report: Chairman Szekely reported that the period of his report is from October 2007 to the present. In that time, seven assignments have been received for investigation by the E & G Committee. One was closed as the file is being held in abeyance. One was closed for improper filing and lack of interest. One was closed as a complaint was found to be not founded. Three have been sustained and have been referred to the Board of Directors for adjudication. One has implication of national nature, which is felt that the Board of Director should review. All investigations of E & G Committee are confidential. The information obtained is shared with the Members of the Committee and Judge Advocate. And today there are four files or four complaints to be heard, and they should be heard in Executive Session because of the confidential nature of the reports.

National VAVS Director's Report: Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services (VAVS) Director JD Randolph reported that one of the items that the KWVA gets graded on as a Chartered organization is our accomplishments, not only for the VA Hospitals but also for the cemeteries. A report is prepared and submitted every year. Last year 52,633 hours were volunteered by KWVA members, and with those hours that gives a monetary equivalency, based on the VA's account of \$18.77 per hour, for saving the VA \$996,067. Representatives and deputy representatives are needed at all the hospitals and we have major hospitals that do not have representatives or volunteers. In Florida we have Tampa Bay, which is the biggest trauma center of the VA System. The KWVA has no volunteers and no representatives at that hospital. I just appeal to you to get help for these hospitals and the veterans need it. The patients would rather talk to the volunteers than the employees because they know the volunteers are there to help them.

Motion to adjourn the General Board meeting with prayer by the Chaplain and Salute to the Flag: Director Agnew made the motion to adjourn. Chaplain Ruffing led us in prayer and President Mac Swain led the Salute to the Flag.

Closed Hearing: The general session was closed except for Board members and the E&G Committee members who went into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Cohee, National Secretary

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

NORFOLK, VA, OCTOBER 25, 2008

Call for the Meeting: KWVA Website and *The Graybeards*, July-August 2008 edition.

Call to Order: President Mac Swain called the meeting to order at 0912 hours. To the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance: President Mac Swain asked the colors to come forward and the colors were posted. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Mac Swain. Invocation was conducted by National Chaplain Leo Ruffing.

Roll Call and Introductions: The roll was called by Secretary Cohee.

- William Mac Swain, President
- James Ferris, 1st Vice President
- Robert Banker, 2nd Vice President
- Frank Cohee, Secretary
- J Tilford Jones, Treasurer
- Leo Agnew, Director
- Charlotte Ayers, Director
- Jeff Brodeur, Director
- Lee Dauster, Director- No response. President Mac Swain stated that he has been approved to be excused.
- Michael Doyle, Director- No response. President Mac Swain stated that he has been approved to be excused.
- Marvin Dunn, Director
- Thomas Edwards, Director- No response. President Mac Swain stated that he has been approved to be excused.
- James Fountain, Director
- George Lawhon, Director
- Tom McHugh, Director
- Luther Rice, Director
- Christ Yanacos, Director. President Mac Swain stated that he is absent and he is not excused.

Declaration of a Quorum: Declaration of a quorum was affirmed by Secretary Cohee with 76 members present.

Adopt Meeting Rules of Decorum and Debate: President Mac Swain's comments: I would like to call to your attention that in *The Graybeards* there were rules of Decorum and Debate for conducting this meeting. They were published so that all the members could look at them. If you would like to speak, please raise your hand and I will acknowledge you. Director Dunn made a motion that the meeting rules of Decorum & Debate be adopted. The motion was seconded by Director Fountain and approved by the membership without objection.

Introduction of Major Staff Members, Distinguished Visitors and Others: Warren Wiedhahn, Convention Chairman for this Annual Membership Meeting and revisit coordinator, Billy J Scott, the new Judge Advocate. Department Presidents and Commanders, Jake Feaster, Assistant Secretary and Supervisor of Membership Management, Jim Doppelhammer, Webmaster, Jamie Reynolds, Membership Administration, Boyle Henderson CPA, Steve Szekely Ethics and Grievance Committee Chairman, Charley Price the new National VSO Coordinator, JD Randolph, National VAVS Director, Larry Kinard, Tell America Operations Director and Colonel Bill Weber, Chairman of the Korean War Memorial Foundation.

Presentation by Col. Bill Weber, Chairman of the Korean War Memorial: The Foundation and the Korean Veterans want to have some means of having name recognition of those KIA so it has been proposed that those names be on a wall adjacent to the Korean War Memorial. The wall will be two one-inch glass panels sandwiched together on which will be the names of the KIA and the MIA, who, of course, have been declared KIA, to include those casualties that occurred subsequent to the cease fire. There will be somewhere in the neighborhood of about 37,000 names to go on that wall. The wall is glass. It doesn't prevent seeing the terrain that is behind the memorial. You will still see the Lincoln Memorial. You will still see the mall. You will still see portions of the World War II Memorial. It gives a finish to our memorial, but it does not impair your vision elsewhere. At night there will be lights and as they flicker through they will highlight each name on the wall. How much will it cost? Five or six million bucks. Where will the money come? You! Now, why should you have to maintain your own memorial? And the answer to that is, if you don't, nobody is going to. How should you raise that kind of money? I'm going to propose a dime a day program. Every night before you go to bed you take stuff out of your pocket. If you have a dime there, drop it in the jar. At the end of the year you've got \$36.50. Hell, that isn't a lot of money, but multiply that by 17,000 and it's over \$425,000 a year. If you want that wall, let me know. I will make it happen with your help.

Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting: Approval is required for the minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting held in Reno, NV on October 25, 2007. These minutes were published in the Nov/Dec 2007 edition of *The Graybeards*. A member made a motion to approve and a member seconded and the motion was unanimously approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jones reported that when the new administration took over the bank accounts on June 25, 2008 the checking account had \$4,179.08 and the savings account had \$18,434.97 for a total of \$22,614.05 in Chase Bank. In order for the membership office to access the bank account it was necessary to find a bank that was in Charleston, Illinois. Bank America is the only national bank that was there. So the funds have been switched to Bank of America. In the second quarter, April through June, income was \$45,610.05 and expenses were \$91,824.49 for a deficit of \$46,214.44. In addition to this deficit there was \$34,627.44, which was incurred prior to taking over on June the 25th. Therefore, funds have been withdrawn from the AG Edwards money account to meet these obligations. Funds also had to be withdrawn just to meet expenses for the past three months. At the present time, there is \$23,024.86 in the checking account and \$50,000 has been put into a money market account. There is an outstanding bill for \$20,000 for *The Graybeards* and then approximately \$12,000 for additional fundraising expenses. Lastly, as of October 17, there is \$297,948.91 in the account at AG Edwards. That is our condition at this particular time. A motion was made by member Ray Wells to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded by member Dick Brown and approved unanimously by the membership.

Comments by Boyle Henderson, CPA: We are the accountants for the KWVA and have been for the last five years. We basically do the book-

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keeping work for the Treasurer and make adjustments on the books and help prepare the quarterly financial statements. The Officers and Board of Directors get a quarterly financial statement sent to them every three months. The KWVA's fiscal/monetary year is on a calendar year basis so the annual tax return is filed for January through December but your officers take over in midyear. So if we're looking at the 2008 financial statements, which we will a year from now, it will be half of a year of Past President Dechert's administration and half of a year of President Bill Mac Swain's administration. Since we do all the bookkeeping and are intimately involved in the finances of the KWVA we cannot be what we call independent to do an audit or reviews. So there needs to be another firm that does that. So the Knight Marsden firm from Alexandria has done an audit for 2004, 2005 and 2006. Basically, the audit report for those three years was what I call in common language a clean bill of health. The Knight Marsden firm has also reviewed the KWVA financial statements for 2007 and stated that "based on our review we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the company financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles." So, in effect, the KWVA also got a clean bill of health for calendar year 2007.

Old Business: Reunion Committee Report: Director McHugh noted that it was previously approved by the Board and the general membership that the 2009 Annual Membership meeting be held in San Diego, CA. Unfortunately, when we got to looking into the San Diego area we found that the prices were very high and we didn't have any Chapters that would really support us. The committee is now recommending that the 2009 Annual Membership meeting be held in Texas and the 2010 Membership meeting be held in Washington, DC to correspond with the 60th anniversary commemoration. We also recommend that the 2011 meeting be in the Boston area in Massachusetts. Since the Membership has to approve the changes, President Mac Swain asked for a motion from the floor for approval of the report from the Reunion Committee. Member Art Griffin, Chapter 299, made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by NJ Department Commander George Bruzgis. Steve Szekely, Commander of Lake Erie, Chapter 112 asked that the Mississippi Valley be considered. Director McHugh responded that if a Chapter in that area submits a proposal for 2011 it would be considered. A majority vote was taken on the motion and approved by the membership with only a few opposed.

Bylaws/SPM Changes: Director Lawhon, Bylaws and SPM Committee Chairman, stated that he was going to discuss two subjects. First are the Standard Procedure Manual and the Bylaws. The Board of Directors has decided that a project be undertaken to undergo a detailed rewrite of the Standard Procedure Manual and the Bylaws. The project will be put before the Membership. There will be a window of time in which you all be asked to make any kind of input you want to the Bylaws Committee by e-mail or postal mail. The second subject is Department and Chapter websites. In the March/April issue of *The Graybeards* I put in a proposal to the Membership that it might be a good thing to have the National Organization support the Department and Chapter web sites. National will issue your Department or your Chapter a web site. Any labor required to main-

tain it or change it, to put in information, to update it or to use it will come from that Chapter or that Department but the cost of the servers and maintenance of the domain names for the server will be paid for by National. It is a great way for you to tell people what you are doing in your State or in your Chapter. So I encourage you when this opportunity comes up very soon, please take advantage of it.

New Business: Budget and Finance: President Mac Swain commented that the first thing that I would like to do is tell you that we are probably going to make about \$38,000 on the 2008 fundraiser that we just concluded and that we need a fundraiser again next year. So the Board has agreed to have a fund raiser but it's up to the Membership to make a motion that we have a fundraiser in 2009. So I would like to have a motion from the floor. Steve Szekely made a motion to have a fundraiser in 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haze and approved by the membership without objection.

Director Dunn, Budget and Finance Chairman, commented that we need fundraising because the dues will not support this organization. Many of our members have joined for life so we receive no funds from them. So when you receive a letter about A Life Member fundraiser be sure and participate. The 2009 budget is \$379,400 which is \$49,000 less than it was in 2008. Dues income is projected to be \$265,000 and \$74,000 is projected for another fundraiser. The remaining income will come from contributions and advertising for *The Graybeards*, other donations not designated and dividend income. The largest expense item is \$181,000 for *The Graybeards*. The next largest is \$49,100 for operation of the membership office. Other expenses consist of fund raising expense, insurance, professional services (CPA, Legal and Audit), website, travel committee expenses and National Monument Fund. A motion was made by Steve Szekely to accept the proposed 2009 budget. The motion was seconded by Ray Wells and approved by the membership without objection.

Walter Ade commented that he had noticed in a financial report that the KWVA got a certain amount of money from the Affinity and he asked what that was. President Mac Swain commented that Affinity is a group that handles credit cards. Those credit cards pay them money for every credit card that they sell with the Korean War Veterans Association logo on it. A lot of people ordered that credit card and over the years they have paid us a little royalty. It is about \$1,400 a year. After I became the President I received a letter from the Affinity Company saying that it had been four years since they had an update on our membership roll and that they wish to revitalize their membership roll and possibly we would make more money if we gave them the update. I and our Treasurer told them we were not going to give them any membership roll until I asked the Membership whether or not they want to do that. Jim Conway, from Atlanta, Georgia, Chapter 19, asked if we can be guaranteed that Affinity would not sell our roster to others. Treasurer Jones responded that it is in the contract that they will not sell it, give it out or reveal it to anyone else. It will be strictly controlled. President Mac Swain asked for a motion that we either do or we don't give out our membership roll. A motion was made by Mr. Brown that we accept Affinity's offer. The motion was seconded by Jake Feaster who stated they already have an old membership list. They just want to update. President Mac Swain asked that those in favor of the motion please stand. The count was 39. He then

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asked those who opposed the motion to stand. The count was 28. The motion carried 39 for to 28 against. Some abstained.

60th Anniversaries of the Korean War (2010-2013): Past Director Wiedhahn reported that Lieutenant General Maloney, who was the number two man in the Marines under General Ray Davis, and Major General Pendelton, Army, are cochairman of the 60th anniversary. Right now we are just in the initial planning of things. You will read more about in *The Graybeards*. With the 50th anniversary the KWVA gave the foundation seed money of \$20,000 to get started. So General Maloney has sent a letter to President Mac Swain requesting \$20,000 for the new foundation to get it up off the ground and get going. It will be a one-time donation. We don't have to commit today but we need to have some money to get going. The membership left it up to the Board of Directors to see if we had the funds to give them.

Revisit Korea Program: Past Director Wiedhahn commented that if you are not familiar with the Revisit Program, they are appropriated funds from the Republic of Korea. So every year their Congress appropriates about two million dollars to bring back Korean War veterans to Korea and that's all over the world, not just America. Although we get the biggest share because we had the most people over there. The good news is that they are going to continue this program. We are going to recommend only three next year, May, June and September. The November one is always kind of a drag. It's very small because I think most of us know how it was in Korea in November. What has been discussed is the official Revisit Program. Three years ago this large Presbyterian Church, which has 25,000 members and millions of dollars in the bank, decided that they wanted to invite Korean War veterans back, also. This is the third year and they really go all out. They only do it once a year in June and they are going to do it again next year. So you will read about that in *The Graybeards*.

Special Project: Secretary Cohee reported that Mr. Doug McDonald from Harris Connect has met with the Membership Committee and has made a presentation to the Board about putting together a membership directory for the Korean War Veterans Association. They have done this for many organizations, both military and civilian, and copies of a directory for the First Marine Division were passed around for review. There would be no cost to the KWVA. The KWVA would design the cover and the first ten pages would be for use by the KWVA. There would be some royalties from every directory that was sold. The KWVA would furnish the data base to Harris with privacy and confidentiality guaranteed. They in turn will contact all members including those that are inactive to determine if they are interested in having their name and other information put in the directory. The inactive members will be offered a one-time membership fee of \$10.00 to rejoin the association. This could result in getting a lot of those members back as active members. The directories will be sold TO MEMBERS ONLY at a cost of \$79 for a soft cover and \$89 for a hard cover. The project is expected to take about 12 months. President Mac Swain commented that this project was brought to the Board and the Board decided that what we need to do is let the membership vote on this since it is their database. The Board saw nothing wrong with the proposal; however, the final decision is up to the membership. I now ask for a motion. Ray Wells made a motion that we accept the Board

of Directors recommendation to accept this proposal. The motion was seconded by Don Myers and approved by the membership without objection.

At this point President Mac Swain excused himself to attend another function and turned the meeting over to First Vice President Ferris.

Tell America Program Report: Mr. Kinard, Operations Director for the Tell America Program, stated that his job was to help the members and Chapters get the Tell America Program started. A lot of the materials that are now being used were developed for the 50th anniversary, but it's really very good. It helps with visual aids when you go to the schools to tell them where we were, what we did and show them the United Forces. I have a good overview of the war. It last about 11 minutes. There is also a script on the web site that will help you get started and show you exactly what to do. I am available through the web site, by telephone, whatever you need to do to be able to contact me about the Tell America Program. I have been thinking about what can be done to give it a shot in the arm. I would like to have the State Departments appoint a Tell America Chairman.

This has been mentioned previously a couple of times and I haven't gotten much interest. So my appeal really is to you State Department Commanders. If you have an interest in the Tell America Program, and I certainly hope you have, I wish you would appoint a Tell America Chairman or someone that I can work with on a more local basis. Get them to contact me or whatever we can to stimulate the interest in your departments about the Tell America Program. I think that would be a big move forward for the KWVA and I would appreciate it if you would think about it.

Membership Committee Report: Director Brodeur, Chairman of the Membership Committee, introduced Jake Feaster, a member of the Membership Committee and Supervisor of the Management Information Database. Jake handed out and discussed information that the Departments and Chapters are required to submit to the National Secretary. Director Brodeur commented that he had a member come up to him today and ask what the KWVA was doing for him. I'm going to tell you what this organization is doing for him. With the limited resources that we have the KWVA has been giving you a great magazine. The KWVA has done one million dollars of VAVSO work. The KWVA donates thousands of dollars to the Korean Veterans Memorial every year. The KWVA is bringing you more and more post-war Korea veterans every day. The KWVA sponsors programs for soldiers in Korea, and not out of the membership fund. We also support our troops in Korea today. We run a Revisit Program. We do many events in the capital area where Charters are organization. We have a color guard that has performed many ceremonies in Washington. They want to see the Korean War Veterans Association in Washington. So this is what we do. We also have the best web site in the country. And I know everyone is not on e-mail but if they could go to www.kwva.org and see that web site and the database they would be amazed.

As of last Friday the KWVA had 698 new members for the year 2008. At this time last year we had 808 new members or a decrease of 110 members. We now have 16,892 members overall. Last year we had 17,181 members for a decrease of 289. The biggest problem we're having this year is there have been 552 deaths in the organization.

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Probably by the end of this month it's going to be close to 600. All of last year we had 644 deaths and those were the ones that we were notified about. So as of now we are working to bring up the membership. We want all of you to go back to your respective Chapters, respective States and take these flyers that are right here. Go to VA Hospitals, go to VFW posts, Legion posts and pass them out or put them in there. You can put your Chapter number right on the flyer. We have free posters for you here also, compliments of the KWVA. On the posters it prominently displays the awards and medals for the KWVA membership.

VA VS Director's Report: Veterans Affairs Volunteer Services (VA VS) Director JD Randolph stated that he was the national representative to the VA for the KWVA and a member of the National Advisory Counsel that advises the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of changes that need to be made. Last year 52,633 hours were volunteered by KWVA members and with those hours that gives a monetary equivalency, based on the VA's account, of \$18.77 per hour, for saving the VA \$996,067. Representatives and deputy representatives are needed at all the hospitals and we have major hospitals that do not have representatives or volunteers. In Florida we have Tampa Bay, which is the biggest trauma center of the VA System. The KWVA has no volunteers and no representatives at that hospital. I just appeal to you to get help for these hospitals and the veterans who need it. The patients would rather talk to the volunteers than the employees because they know the volunteers are there to help them. We have many Chapters that do great work. The Bay Pines hospital in St. Petersburg, FL is number one in number of hours for last year and they probably will be the number one for this year. There are 40 volunteers that volunteer in Bay Pines and they have done 5261 hours of volunteer services supporting our veterans for the first nine months of this year. I make a report every year and this goes to the President of the KWVA, and it's called a management overview of the KWVA VA VS or Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service for that year. The average hours per person are 104.8. That average is higher per person than most of the large organizations.

National Ceremonies Committee Report: Director McHugh, Chairman of the National Ceremonies Committee, reported that once again the KWVA's application for a permit to run the July 27th ceremonies at the KWVA Memorial in DC has been denied because the National Park Service had already accepted an application from another organization. At this time there is no alternative but to stop our efforts to get a permit. There is no sense in looking at 2010 because it is going to be part of the 60th anniversary. The Board will have to decide if the KWVA should try again in 2011.

Closing remarks by President Mac Swain and Fund Raiser Drawing: I want to report to you that the Charter received in Washington, DC is here for you to see and so are copies of Public Law 110-254 which is the official law covering the Charter is with it. Also, next to this information is a sheet of paper that explains a little better what the Charter requirements are. I don't have enough for everybody so a Chapter Member can take one for their Chapter and the Department can take one for their Department until we run out. I will also put the actual law on the web site. You can download it off the web site or print it from the web site.

President Mac Swain announced we are now going to draw the winning tickets for this year's fundraiser:

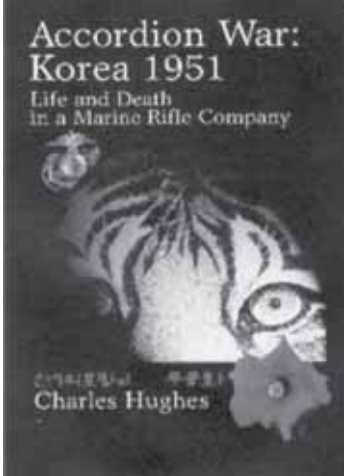
The winner of the first place Cruise was James A. Carter, of Lafayette, IN. Mr. Doppelhammer commented that they do not have to be present to win. The winner of the second place 52 inch TV was John M. Mannon from East Norwich, NY. The winner of the third place 42 inch TV was Maurice E. Meisner, from Cocoa Beach, FL.

President Mac Swain announced since we don't have a quorum now and cannot vote, I wish to ask you for information purposes what do you think about the 60th commemorative group needing seed money? Mr. Arcand responded: If we have the money give it to them. President Mac Swain commented that there is not any real problem other than we have to be able to make the budget. We will be able to give them something, but not necessarily the whole amount. Does anybody else have anything they want to say about the seed money? Okay. Well, we will let the Board of Directors decide what amount we can give. There are DVDs or CDs on the table for you. Be sure and pick some of those up as you go out. I will ask the Chaplain to say a closing prayer and then we will have a salute to the flag. Chaplain Ruffing led us in prayer and President Mac Swain led the salute to the Flag.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 1250 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Cohee, National Secretary



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TourNews

Revisit Korea

2009 Revisit Korea Tour Dates Announced

Fellow Korean War Veterans and families:

KWVA USA requested early notification of the 2009 Revisit Korea Dates from KVA Seoul. The tentative schedule and dates are:

17 - 23 May

21 - 27 June

13 - 19 September

18 - 24 October (Air Force Veterans ONLY)

Note: The "special" October Revisit Korea Tour is for Air Force veterans and their families only. This is the 60th Anniversary of the birth of the ROK Air Force and there will be a special commemoration, complete with an Air Show.

The complete eligibility and application can be seen in this issue of the KWVA Graybeards Magazine. However, please be reminded:

- Eligibility dates: 25 June 1950 - 15 October 1954.
- Widows and children of veterans killed during the war, OR who have died since the war, are eligible.
- Widows and children of veterans, who, because of age or health reasons, cannot travel, are eligible.
- Veterans who need assistance traveling are allowed a "companion" to accompany them.
- Finally, according to the KVA eligibility rules, a veteran can accept only one (1) official Revisit Korea Tour quota. Exception: If traveling as a "companion" of a fellow veteran.

Note: In all the above cases, the family member, or companion, must share the hotel room with the veteran OR pay a single room supplement.

*The veterans and his family member, or companion, need only pay the airfare, service charges and taxes from Los Angeles to Seoul and return. The ROK government pays all the other "in country" expenses for five nights and six days to include: Deluxe Hotel, ground transportation, all meals, tours guides and special events.

We are often asked: "Can I take a third or fourth family member to show them where I fought during the war"? The answer is yes. However, the additional persons will be billed for hotel and meal costs while in Korea.

For more information please call Military Historical Tours, the official KWVA tour coordinator at 703-212-0695 or 800-722-9501.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn

KWVA USA Revisit Korea Coordinator

Korea 1950

Pusan Perimeter, Incheon Landing and Chosin Reservoir

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

2009 BUDGET

INCOME

CONTRIBUTIONS - SUPPORT OF GRAYBEARDS	5,000
ADVERTISING - GRAYBEARDS	7,000
DUES	265,000
DONATIONS - NOT DESIGNATED	10,400
GROSS FUND RAISING INCOME	74,000
DIVIDEND - INTEREST	18,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$379,400

EXPENSES

MEMBERSHIP OFFICE	
• ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	27,600
• TELEPHONE	5,000
• MEMBERSHIP CARDS	6,000
• POSTAGE	4,000
• SUPPLIES	2,500
• CHAPTER & DEPARTMENT EXPENSES	2,000
• CREDIT CARD EXPENSE FOR DUES	2,000
SUB-TOTAL	\$49,100
FUND RAISING EXPENSE	\$22,000
INSURANCE	\$7,000
ELECTION	\$2,000
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	
• CPA	9,000
• LEGAL FEES	7,000
• AUDIT & REPORT	10,000
(Includes \$12,000 FR)	SUB-TOTAL \$26,000
WEBSIGHT (Includes \$1,000 FR for Reporting)	\$13,000
GRAYBEARDS MAGAZINE	
• EDITING	14,400
• PRINTING/PUBLISHING	124,600
• MAILING	42,000
(Includes \$13,000 FR)	SUB-TOTAL \$181,000
PRESIDENTS TRAVEL	
• PRESIDENT OR DESIGNATED OFFICER	20,000
• HEADQUARTERS EXPENSE	2,000
(Includes \$4,000 FR VSO)	SUB-TOTAL \$22,000
MEETINGS & CONVENTION TRAVEL	
• DIRECTORS, VICE PRESIDENTS, OTHERS	30,000
• RECORDER	4,000
• HOTEL OFFICE & MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES	2,000
(Includes \$3,000 FR VSO)	SUB-TOTAL \$36,000
COMMITTEES	
• BYLAWS	750
• TELL AMERICA	750
• VSO INCLUDES TRAVEL	5,000
• VAVS	1,800
(Includes \$6,000 FR VSO)	SUB-TOTAL \$8,300
NATIONAL MONUMENT FUND (FR)	\$13,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$379,400
TOTAL INCOME	\$379,400
THIS IS \$49,000 LESS THAN 2008 BUDGET	

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Parades as Recruiting Tools

As we have mentioned before, parades are great ways for Chapters to recruit. Here are a few Chapters that are learning that as they participate in a variety of parades across the country..

If anyone has stories of how participating in parades has helped them recruit, please let us know.

59 – NORTHEASTERN [NY]



Members of CID 59 at the Albany, NY Veterans Day Parade

Members participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Albany, NY. The parade stepped off at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month to honor all who have served and are serving.

We had two new volunteers carrying our banner and old Uncle Sam showed up enthusiastically.

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258 - NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND [RI]



"Forward, March"
(Front L-R) Gene Pezullo, Richard Lother, Gil Botelho
(Back) Dick St. Louis, John Ramieri, Frank Meo of CID 258 step off at Providence, RI Columbus Day Parade

Just to demonstrate that there is no shortage of parades at which KWVA Chapters can "Show the Colors," CID 258, Northern Rhode Island, participated in the 2008 Columbus Day Parade in Providence, Rhode Island.

The Chapter's Information Officer reported that the weather was great and the participants got to meet a lot of nice people, including Miss Rhode Island.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Just for the record, Miss Rhode Island's name is Alysha Castonguay. Miss Rhode Island Teen USA is Tricia Turco.

They also saw some unique groups, such as a group depicting a Roman Legion unit and a group of Guatemalans—at least we think they were Guatemalans—marching along in traditional costumes.

Frank Meo, 70 Brookside Avenue, N. Providence, RI 02911



CID 258 members at Providence, RI Columbus Day Parade (L-R) Gene Pezullo, Frank Meo, Miss Rhode Island, Richard Lother, Norman Paiva, Gilbert Botelho, John Ramieri, Dick St. Louis



A group of Guatemalans (possibly?) who participated in the Providence, RI Columbus Day Parade



A group representing a Roman Legion unit at the Providence, RI Columbus Day Parade

CID 270 Makes Big Splash in 2008 Dallas Veterans Day Parade

By Glen Thompson

It was fitting that Sam Johnson Chapter 270 would stand out during the 2008 Dallas Veterans Day Parade. For one thing, the parade commemorated the 55th anniversary of the cease-fire ending the Korean War. Then, two Chapter members, retired Rear Adm. L.R. Bob Smith and retired Maj. Gen. Richard Mulberry, served as Grand Marshals. Better yet, Chapter member Brig. Gen Timothy Boddie was one of the featured speakers.

Chapter members joined 150 entrants in the 2008 Dallas Veterans Day Parade. Thousands lined Dallas streets along the mile-long parade route to honor veterans, to recognize the sacrifices of military families, and to commemorate the 55th anniversary of the cease-fire ending the Korean War.

Dressed like a statue at the Korean War Memorial in Washington DC, Jerry Kasten made a big hit with spectators and the news media. The Dallas Morning News made note of Jerry and printed a picture of him saluting the flag. Jerry covered his face with silver makeup and donned Korean War-era gear such as helmet liner, poncho, fatigue trousers, combat boots, a binocular case, and an M-1 carbine.

During the parade, Jerry marched out-front of Chapter 270's color guard, something like a point man.

Besides Jerry Kasten, Chapter members who walked the entire mile-long parade route were Color Guard members Ken Borchers, Billy Joe Denton, Dick Lethe, and Richard Sanchez. Two Chapter members walking behind the Color Guard were President J. D. Randolph and Secretary



The CID 270 Color Guard at the starting point before the Dallas parade. (L-R) Ken Borchers, Billy Joe Denton, Dick Lethe, and Richard Sanchez. (Photo by Charles Buckley)

Tilford Jones.

Three military humvees carried non-walking Chapter members through the parade route.

Chapter members standing in the lead Humvee were Dick Bové and Keith Fannon. Ed Buckman rode in front on the passenger side

Standing in the second humvee were George Kraus, Tae Hui Lee, and Jesse Verdin.

Passengers in the third humvee were Charles Buckley, Grace Borchers, and John Cauduro. John Pope took a position near the reviewing stand to take pictures of the Chapter passing in review.



Jerry Kasten dressed like the Army Forward Observer statue at the Korean War Memorial in Washington DC. Photo by Charles Buckley



CID 270 passing in review in front of the Dallas City Hall. Jerry Kasten leads, then the color guard, followed by President Randolph and Secretary Jones. Three military Humvees carry non-walking chapter members. (Photo by John Pope)

Tell America

"Tell America" is a community information program of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., Northwest Alabama Chapter 2, has participated in this program since its inception.

KWVA members of Northwest Alabama Chapter 2 have presented programs to more than 30 schools in our area over the past few years. The programs cover the where, when, why and how of the United States' involvement in the Korean War. The usual audiences are junior and senior high school students.

2 – NORTHWEST ALABAMA CHAPTER II [AL]

We started our own "Tell America" program twelve years ago. We went to high schools throughout North Alabama and presented photos and plaques of graduates who had been killed in the Korean War.

We were soon called upon to make presentations of the history of the Korean War. Since then we have made presentations in over 21 local schools. As a result, we decided to make the "Tell America" program our theme for this year's North Alabama State Fair, where we won an award for the eighth year.

Larry Kinard supplied us with posters for our booth. Consequently, we placed in the top four entries.

We look forward to the coming year and working in area schools to tell America about the Korean War.

The Korean War veterans of Northwest Alabama have made presentations at the following schools:

- Brooks High School
- Central High School
- Cherokee High School
- Cloverdale Jr. High School
- Florence High School
- Hazelwood High School
- Hibbett Middle School
- Lauderdale County High School
- Lexington High School
- Loretto High School
- Muscle Shoals High School
- Northside Middle School
- Rogers High School
- Russellville High School
- Sheffield High School
- University of North Alabama
- Vina High School
- Waterloo High School
- Wilson High School

George Ellis
1020 Wildwood Park Rd.,
Florence, AL 34630



CID 2's display at the Northwest Alabama State Fair, including list of schools at which program has been presented and a DVD of presentations

If you would like your child to have the benefit of first-hand living history, by military veterans who served during the Korean War, do the following:

1. Contact the principal of your child's school or your child's teacher and request the program. Our programs are flexible. We can adjust to the school's schedule as necessary.

2. Ask the principal or teacher to contact the KWVA's Tell America Coordinator to schedule a time for the program.

Coordinators: George Ellis (256-764-5938) and David Brown (256-383-1292).



The CID 2 display at the Northwest Alabama State Fair

An overview of CID 2's display at the Northwest Alabama State Fair



Bill Gober, USMC (L) and David Brown, USA (R) of CID 2 staff the Tell America exhibit at the Northwest Alabama State Fair

54 – THOMAS W. DALEY, JR. [NJ]

We were invited to set up our Korean War table display at the Air Victory Museum in Lumberton, NJ on 21 June 2008. We talked to hundreds of

people about the Korean War and our participation in it.

Both the adults and the young people were captivated by our display and the one-on-one talks

with the Korean vets. We have been asked by the staff of the Air Victory Museum to come back again next year.

We always end our program with "Freedom Is Not Free," and the audience responds with applause.

This is just one of our "Tell America" programs we produce in the South Jersey area, especially in the schools.

Andy Jackson, Commander,
jacksonx@erols.com



Members of CID 54 at Air Victory Museum in Lumberton, NJ (L-R) Fred Connolly, Art Berzon, Andy Jackson, Bill Keys, Bill Millison

108 WESTERN OHIO – [OH]

Fred Shively, the Chapter's Tell America Chairperson, School Year "2007-2008," filed this report.

Tell America and Veterans Day Programs

The numbers regarding personal contacts:

- 2,490 students
- 103 teachers and guests
- 67 hours presentation time
- 43 hours travel time.

School Highlights

Springfield Shawnee High School. Presented us with a plaque which stated: Certificate of Appreciation For 10 Years of Valued Service and Dedication to Shawnee High School

This was presented to thank us for our Tell America and Veterans Day Programs for teacher Amy Martin.

Mississinawa Valley High School. We have presented our Tell America and Veterans Day Programs there for a number of

years for teacher Lee Ann Livingston.

At the Veterans Day Program a student composed and read her original essay:

Why I Am an American Patriot

I have grown up learning more and more about our American history. I believe that the Second Continental Congress made the best decision in declaring our country's independence. I believe the patriots of that time forever changed the way people look at the government and our freedoms today. I am an American Patriot. My patriotism was born and bred in the United States.

Like many habits, patriotism started with my home life. James Henry once said, "I think patriotism is like charity - it begins at home." I remember when I was littler I used to help my Grandma put up and take down her flag.

This is where I learned most of what I know about our Country's

flag. At the time I didn't realize she was teaching me, but now I forever hold her responsible for my love of our country's most noticeable symbol. I have many veterans in my family and they make sure that I, along with my cousins, know to show respect toward them and other veterans. One reason my life is easier than others is because of them, meaning I owe them a never ending debt.

I am glad we live in a country with great education. I plan to further my education after high school, hopefully to get a degree in sports medicine. In my school, every class room has a flag in it. I think that this shows

our school as a patriotic settlement. I trust that in saying our anthems have made me a stronger American Patriot.

I suppose if I had a chance to leave the country I probably would not. I know that we live in the best country and we as citizens have a great opportunity toward success. We can be successful at anything we try, if you try hard enough.

Many men and women have fought for our freedoms and I am very grateful. The United States is the only country for me. I am proud to be an American, an American Patriot.

By: Joni Winger



Fred Shively (L) and Ken Williamson (R) of CID 108 hold plaques presented by Springfield Shawnee High School teacher Amy Martin (C)

Ken Williamson (L), teacher LeAnn Livingston (C), Fred Shively (R) at Mississinawa Valley High School Tell America presentation



Mississinawa Valley High School student Joni Winger reads her essay



Monuments and Medals

Korea: the Forgotten War, Remembered

Rockford, IL

Chapter 272, Greater Rockford, dedicated the Tri County Korean War Memorial in Loves Park, IL on 27 July 2008. The ceremony was quite a success. Why not? We had the second highest ranking officer in the armed forces for a keynote speaker and an honored guest who turned 100 in November.

Jack Philbrick, Commander, 1601 Scottswood Rd., Rockford, IL 61107-2069, (815) 226-1601, Felbrigge@comcast.net



General Cartwright greeting Mrs. Viola Thorn, the oldest member of the Gold Star Mothers in Illinois. She is 100 yrs. old as of November.



ABOVE: Presenting the flags on CID 272's dedication day with General Cartwright and color guard

LEFT: General Cartwright being escorted by Chapter 272 Commander Jack F. Philbrick to greet the crowd after dedication.



Some of the crowd attending the July 27, 2008 KWVA Chapter 272 memorial dedication

Kansans Dedicate Bronze Warrior

The formal dedication of the Overland Park, KS Korean War Veterans Memorial was reported in the May/June 2007 issue of *The Graybeards*. General Richard Meyers, former chief of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Congressman Dennis Moore were guests of honor at that ceremony. The second stage of the Memorial is now completed with the dedication of an eight-foot tall bronze statue of an American warrior mourning a fallen comrade.



The Grieving Warrior at the Kansas Memorial



Artist Charles Goslin with drawing pad surrounded by (L-R) Tom Stephens, Don Dyer, Don Jamieson, Manny Hernandez and Clyde Koch



Artist Goslin with clay model surrounded by (L-R) Manny Hernandez, Tom Stephens, Clyde Koch, Don Dyer, Don Jamieson

RIGHT: Full-sized clay model with (L-R) Manny Hernandez, Charles Goslin, Tom Stephens, Don Dyer and Don Jamieson.



BELOW: Workers at the foundry being watched from the background by (L-R) Noel Nuessle, Don Dyer, Tom Stephens, Rudy Green and Duane Huitt



This second phase of the Memorial began immediately following the original dedication when Chapter 181 engaged the services of local artist Charles Goslin. The artist worked with the Chapter from the pencil-and-paper-proposals stage all the way to the installation of the completed work. A photographic history was maintained through the two-year process.

Funds for the statue were generated over a two-year period from:

- the sale of a specially designed veteran's lapel pin, suitable for all us veterans
- annual pancake breakfasts promoted to the general public
- local corporations
- the City of Overland Park Arts Council
- the generous assistance of the local Korean-American community
- the sale of memorial paving stones for all U.S. veterans
- the hard work of Chapter 181 members.

The Memorial, open to the public, is located on 119th Street at Lowell in Overland Park, Kansas, on the south side of the Kansas City metro area.

Chapter 181 would be pleased to share information and its

experiences with any other veterans group wishing to create its own Memorial. Interested parties can contact the Chapter through Donald G Dyer, 7913 Westgate Dr., Lenexa, KS.

The project shows the completed project, which was dedicated on Veterans Day 2008. Principal speaker at the event was Colonel Normand Dionne of the Royal 22nd Regt. of the Canadian Army. He is currently an exchange instructor at Command and General Staff College in Leavenworth, Kansas.

The guests of honor, who unveiled the statue at the ceremony, were Arie VanRyan, a Kansas POW, and three Kansas veterans: Clyde Koch; Don Cornell and John Fladung, who were wounded in the Korean War.

Providence, RI

Members of the three Rhode Island Chapters participated in a wreath dedication ceremony in Providence on 24 July, 2008.



Korean War Monument at Veterans Memorial Square in downtown Providence, RI (The monument in the background is for WWII veterans)



KWVA members from Rhode Island Chapters 117, 147, and 258 form part of the Color Guards for the 24 July 2008 wreath dedication at the Korean War Memorial in Providence, RI

St. Charles, MO

Four Missouri Chapters, CID 44 (Missouri #1), CID 96 (Florissant #4), CID 186 (St. Charles County), and CID 78 (Jefferson County) dedicated four black granite benches they sponsored individually. The benches came from India.

Now that the benches have been placed for use around the Korean War Memorial, the City of St. Louis will finish and maintain the landscaping.

The Chapters will be responsible for the continued cleaning of the stainless steel memorial.

Salvadore Christifulli

923 Annabrook Park Dr., O'Fallon, MO 63366



At the dedication of the black benches at the Main Korean War Memorial (L-R) John Torrisi, Bob Osborn, Dick Saip, Bob Peitz, Art Minor, Don Baur



CID 186 (Foreground L-R) Commander Bob Peitz and Dick Saip at Main Korean War Memorial dedicating CID 186 marble bench



Members of CID 186 at Armed Forces Day event in April 2008 (Foreground L-R) Bob Osborn (holding American flag), Darold Woodcock, Don Neff and Dick Saip

Cody WY

A crowd of more than 300 people showed up on 6 September 2008 for the dedication of the newly completed Wyoming Korean War Memorial Monument at the Wyoming Veterans Memorial Park in Cody.

According to a 7 September 2008 article in the *Billings [MT] Gazette*:

"Today is like a dream come true for me," said Paul Rodriguez, a Korean War veteran and member of the Cowboy Chapter 307 of the Korean War Veterans Association.

Rodriguez and others in the group were instrumental in raising funds for the memorial and creating the enlarged park surrounding the existing Wyoming Vietnam War Memorial near Yellowstone Regional Airport, next to Beck Lake."

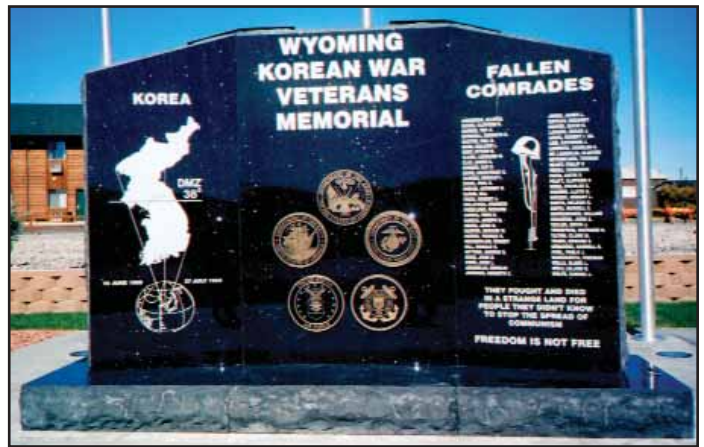
Rodriguez notes that the Korean Consul helped immensely with a large contribution of \$107,662.38. The "Thanks" never stop coming from the Koreans.

Incidentally, CID 307 donated \$100.00 for The Graybeards "In memory of departed Chapter 307 members." As the old saying goes, "What goes around comes around."

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BeeRod54@hotmail.com



Korean Consul presents check to CID 307 President Paul Rodriguez to help finance Wyoming Korean War Memorial



The Wyoming Korean War Veterans Memorial at Cody, WY

BELOW: Members of CID 307 gather around their Memoria



Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions

5th Communication Group, 5th Air Force

Members held their 20th Reunion 8-11 October in Kansas City, MO. They intend to meet again in October 2009 at Fort Mitchell, KY—right across the river from Cincinnati.

All of the people are Korean War veterans, but not all of them are KWVA members. We're trying to sign up the few holdouts who aren't.

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Members of the 5th Communication Group, 5th Air Force at Kansas City reunion

19th & 34th Regts., 24th Div.



Members gather regularly. In 2009, they will be meeting in Pigeon Forge, TN. (See "Reunions" for details.)

Members of the 19th and 34th Regts., 24th Div., at a recent reunion (Leo Gosnell, the coordinator for the 2009 gathering, is kneeling at far right)

Have a Mini-Reunion?

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

Mail to Art Sharp, Editor, Korean War Veterans Association, 152 Sky View Drive., Rocky Hill, CT 06067

279th Regt., 45th Div., Co. "M"

Members of the company and their guests got together at the Windmill Inn in Branson, MO, 10-13 Sept. 2008. They included: Claire and Scottie Anker (Appleton, WI), Dewey and Maxine Ballew (Broken Arrow, OK), Ronnie and Marian Bowman (CO.L, Muskogee, OK), William and Della Braun (Jefferson City, MO), Glen and Janet Gaterman (Manitowic, WI), J.D. Kennicut/Billie Paris (Tahlequah, OK), John and Rosemary Klein (St. Claire Shores, MI), Donald and Helen Leece (Waterford, MI), Howard Mayberry (Canadian, OK), Joe and Helen Nurre (Manchester, IA), John and Winifred Ritchey (Tahlequah, OK), Daniel and Peggy Ross and sister (Brook, IN), Gene and Donna Ruetz (New Richmond, WI), Marlin and Mary Ruetz (Adams, WI), Bill and Lexy Taylor (Tahlequah, OK), John Thomas and Warren Thomas (Stateville, NC), Robert & Wendella Thomason (Muskogee, OK), Austin and Doris Turner (Clapton, AL), Wilbert and Joyce Unnerstall (Washington, MO), George and Allene Wagner (Hooper, NB), Roy and Carol Thomas (Aurora, NE), Max Baumbach and Mila Mancanvco (Brooklyn, NY)

Bill Taylor, the unit's "#1 Photographer," took the photos, with Max Baumbach as back-up.

*Max Baumbach
1869 W. 8th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11223*



The men above and the ladies below, "without whom all is lost" of 279th Regt., 45th Div., Co. M

Korean War Marines

Even though the June 2008 reunion of Korean War Marines was well attended (approximately 60 people were there), organizers said it was the last one.

I have enjoyed the reunion every two years since 1994. I have met many life-long friends, and I will continue to stay in contact with them.

What a great bunch of men.

*Don C. Smith
1812 S. Houston Drive
Deltona, FL 32738*



Marines who attended the "last" Korean War Marines reunion

Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions (continued).....

Co. A, 160th Regt., 40th Inf. Div

Members met in Reno, NV, Sept. 8-10, 2008.

Roger Lueckenhoff, Rolla, MO, lueck@fidnet.com



Co. A, 160th Regt., 40th Inf. Div. Ladies (L-R) Beverly Dollinger, Fran Twine, Helen Mayfield, Shirley Mitts, Elizabeth Curran, Joan Cassidy, Kathryn Metzger, Kretie Follensbee, Dorothy Mathern



Co. A, 160th Regt., 40th Inf. Div. attendees (Front, L-R) Joe Kinda, Dick Mitts, George Rosales, Tom Curran, Bob Kirk, Patrick Cassidy, Bill Mayfield (Back, L-R) Bill Twine, Roger Lueckenhoff, John Metzger, Pius Mathern, Jim Follensbee, Ralph Dollinger

Co. M, 7th Reg., 1st Cav

More ➤

Veterans got together in Lafayette, CA for the nearby photo, which was taken at the Iraq/Afghanistan Memorial. There is a cross there for every member of our armed services who has died since the war began.

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Co. M, 7th Reg, 1st Cav reunion attendees (L-R) Andy Gandolfo, Mario Fiorio, Gene Bartlett, Ratz Sanginmino, Ed Hinderer

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Thanks!

As we have noted in past issues, there is no shortage of thanks extended from Koreans to the veterans who fought for their country's freedom over fifty years ago. Here are more results.

Pulaski County, Missouri, Korean Association honors veterans

Numerous area veterans, including members of CID 281, Rolla, #9 [MO], were guests of the Pulaski County Korean Assn. at their 14th annual "Chuseok," a celebration similar to the American Thanksgiving.

The large gathering at the St. Robert, MO Community Center included the city mayor and the garrison commander of Fort Leonard Wood.

In honoring Korean war veterans, Chum Catlin, President of

the Korean Assn., thanked all veterans who served selflessly in contributing to the Korea of today, a prosperous and democratic country.

Colonel John Megnia, Fort Leonard Wood's garrison commander, told attendees that he spent time in Korea and is proud of Fort Leonard Wood's role in training South Korean military personnel, which includes a ROK Air Force major who worked with the Colonel in Korea

and is currently training at the Fort's Army Engineer School.

Forrest O'Neal, Commander of CID 281, also addressed the gathering. Forrest was in the 1st Marine Division that made the amphibious landing at Inchon in September 1950 and later that year engaged the enemy in a major battle at the Chosin Reservoir.

Forrest introduced Les Burris and Fred Krueger, two members of Chapter 281 who were deco-

rated for their heroism during the war.

The evening included the beat of drums and gongs, quiet music accompanying delicate fan dances, many plates of Korean food, and a karaoke contest with Korean singers. The food and entertainment were excellent.

Roger Lueckenhoff,
208 Steeplechase Road,
Rolla, MO 65401



Forrest O'Neal addresses crowd at "Chuseok"



CID 281 members and wives enjoy "Chuseok"



Koreans in traditional garb entertaining CID 281 members





Chapter & Department News

19 GEN. RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

Highway name honors retired Army general

A portion of Georgia 314 in Fayetteville, (Atlanta suburb) was dedicated as the General Bill Livsey Highway. Bill is a member of our Chapter. At the time of his retirement in 1987, Livsey was in command of all United Nations forces in Korea, including the U.S. Eighth Army and all South Korea forces.



The General Bill Livsey Highway sign



Dae Yong Mun (L), President, Atlanta Korean Senior Association, CID 19 member Robert L. Humphrey (C), wearing Korean War Peace Medal, Chun Nan Yu (R), President, Atlanta Korean Senior Association



(L-R) Chun Nan Yu, CID 19 member Lawrence C. Zepp, recipient of Korean War Peace Medal, Dae Yong Mun, holding a photograph entitled "The Next Generation," taken by Mr. Zepp in 1952 during his service in Korea, which he presented, Kim Chang Kyu, ROK Army (Ret), Kim Chang

At our October Chapter meeting, members Robert L. Humphrey and Lawrence C. Zepp received the Korean War Peace Medal for their service in the war.

Chapter members participated in the 2 August 2008 "Old Soldiers Day Parade" in Alpharetta, GA, which was sponsored by American Legion Post 201.

*Jim Conway 1184 Fourteenth Place
Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3505, (404) 875-6170*



Members of CID 19 (L-R) Tom Harris, Jim Conway, John Kahle, ride in the General Davis Truck in the Alpharetta parade



Tom Woods, USMC, of CID 19 poses with some of the "Old Soldiers" at the Alpharetta parade

56 VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

Chapter members have provided Color Guards and buglers for a number of military funerals recently. Large numbers of members have turned out.

*KWVA Chapter 56, 1121 New Street
Santa Paula, CA 93060*



Flag holders from CID 56 participate at funeral (L-R) William Duarte, Gilbert Cubrera, Alfonso Martinez, Benjamin Espinoza



Bugler Rudy Arellano of CID 56 plays at funeral as Chapter member David Lopez looks on



CID 56 Color Guard members at August 11, 2007 military funeral at Santa Clara Catholic Cemetery in Oxnard, CA for veteran Ray Robles include (Back, L-R) Henry Marin, Fred Tepesani, Henry Guevara, Bill Cobos, Al Martinez, John Hova, Fred Rodriguez, David Lopez, Tony Vasquez (Front, L-R) Bob Bermudez, Rudy Arellano, Everett Baca, John Campos, Mike Hidalgo, David Garcia, Richard Ruiz, Greg Garcia, Henry Aguilar. Robles' son Ray stands at center of photo



Folding the flag at funeral are CID 56 members (L-R) Mike Hidalgo, Manuel Salazar, Rudy Arellano



CID 56 Color Guard participates at September 7, 2007 funeral for WWII veteran Alfonso Hernandez Jr. at Ivy Lawn Cemetery in Ventura (Back, L-R) John Campos, Henry Guevara, Mike Hidalgo, David Garcia, Gilbert Cabrera, Manuel Mendez, Tony Vasquez, Fred Rodriguez, Richard Ruiz, Bill Cobos, Rudy Arellano, Henry Marin, Greg Garcia (Sitting, L-R) Al Martinez, Everett Baca, David Lopez (Kneeling with flag is Alfonso Hernandez, Jr.'s son, Edward Hernandez)

99 TALL CORN [IA]

Gene Zell, Veterans Affairs Director of Poweshiek County, Iowa, was the guest speaker at our October meeting in Malcom, IA.

*Leland E. Regal, 382 6th Avenue
Marion, IA 52302-3206*

Gene Zell (L), guest speaker at CID 99's meeting, Chapter 2nd VP Leland Staker (C), President Sid Meyer (R)



105 CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

Tony Fallico, whose picture as a young serviceman in Korea appeared on p.62 of the March/April 2008 issue of The Graybeards, received a plaque from the New York State Korean War Veterans Association on 4 January 2008.

The plaque was in recognition of his outstanding service to veterans and military personnel by donating pizza, cakes, doughnuts, and all sorts of baked goods made in his bakery in East Syracuse.

Tony is an outstanding member of our Chapter.



Officers and members of CID 105 gather to honor Tony Fallico (L-R) Doris Porpiglia, Gary Rockburn, John Reidy, Jim Ferris, Tony Fallico, John Laura, Ed Grala



Members of CID 105 gather to "toast" Tony Fallico (L-R) Jim Freris, Fallico, Ed Grala, John Reidy

Bruce Ackerman installed the new officers.. They include:

- Commander – Dave Allen
- 1st Vice Commander – Dick Smith
- 2nd Vice Commander – Barry Lashomb
- Adjutant - Bill O'Kane
- Sgt.-at-Arms – Gordon Storrings
- Chaplain – Tom Kelly
- Board of Trustees - Jim Low, George Warfield

*Dr. John Laura, 8 Parkington Circle
East Syracuse, NY 13057, jlaura1@twcny.rr.com*



Among the new CID 105 officers and trustees (L-R) Gordon Storrings, George Warfield, Tom Kelly, Barry Lashomb, Dick Smith, Jim Low, Bill O'Kane, Dave Allen

106 TREASURE COAST [FL]

In late August we gave \$6,500 to the Indian River State College of St. Lucie County, FL. There were three recipients of the money: Samantha Brideman, Ryan Adams, and Anthony Stubbs, who is an Iraq veteran with 70% disability.

The funds were made possible through the Phoebe W. Haas Charitable Trust.



Members of CID present check to Indian River State College recipients (L-R) Samantha Brideman, Ryan Adams, and Anthony Stubbs. Accepting the check is Melissa DePriest

Melissa DePriest accepted the check on behalf of the Indian River State College Foundation. Of course, the presentation was made in front of our Memorial in Veterans Memorial Park in Port St. Lucie.

*Dick Curry, 1126 SW Sarto Lane
Port St. Lucie, FL 34953*

117 OCEAN STATE #1 – [RI]

Maurice ("Mo") Trottier, Chapter President, served as Master of Ceremonies at a brief ceremony in Providence, RI to com-

memorate the 55th anniversary of the Korean War cease fire. Representatives of the state's other two Chapters, West Bay Rhode Island #2, CID 147, and Northern Rhode Island, CID 258, also attended.

Rhode Island State Treasurer Frank Caprio delivered a brief address. Members placed a wreath at a memorial, and a three-member Air Force choir sang moving renditions of the National Anthem and "God Bless America."

*Maurice P. Trottier, 20 Oakdale Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860*



Attendees at Rhode Island cease fire ceremony (L-R) John Pina, CID 117 Co-Founder and Past Commander Jack Keenan, Commander and Co-Founder Maurice Trottier, Chaplain Ken LaFountaine, Master-at-Arms Joe LaFountaine, Ralph Palmieri, Walter Bienieki (Rhode Island Veterans Affairs), unidentified Marine, John Giaruso and John Gallo, both of Rhode Island Veterans Affairs



U.S. Marine Color Guard at Rhode Island cease-fire commemoration



Joe LaFountaine (L) and Vietnam and Korean Wars veteran Joe Kelly (R) hold flags at Rhode Island cease-fire commemoration



Part of Color Guard at Rhode Island cease-fire commemoration event

122 ARDEN ROWLEY [AZ]

The third annual Korean Arirang Festival was held at Heritage Square & Science Park in Phoenix, AZ on March 10 and 11, 2007. The Korean Cultural Center of Arizona hosted the event.

Our Honor Guard proudly posted colors at the opening ceremony. Following the welcoming address, appreciation plaques were presented to Pete Martinez, Department of Arizona KWVA Commander, and Lew Bradley, Honor Guard Captain and immediate past Commander of Arden Rowley Chapter.

The names of Honor Guard members Don Taylor, Leroy Servin, Ellis Hughes, Pete Stewart, Lou Truesdale, and Lew Bradley were listed in the program.

The inscription on the plaques read:

**Presented to
Lew Bradley
Korean War Veterans Association
In Appreciation for
Your Continued
Support & Dedication
March 10, 2007
Korean Cultural Center in Az**

137 MAHONING VALLEY [OH]

We had a great memorial honoring our gallant heroes of Korea. Now we have upgraded our memorial with the addition of a plaque honoring one of our local sons, John Doran Kelly, who earned his country's thanks—and the Medal of Honor.

Kelly, was born in Youngstown, Ohio on July 8, 1928. He later moved to nearby Homestead, Pennsylvania, where he graduated from high school in 1947. He attended Arizona State College prior to his enlistment in the United States Marine Corps. Following his training at Parris Island, S.C. and Camp Pendleton, California he joined the 1st Marine Division in Korea. On May 28, 1952 John gave his life for his country. (Read his citation nearby.)

On Sunday, June 28, 2008, the Mahoning Valley Chapter proudly made John Kelly's memorial plaque a part of the Korean



CID 137's Korean War Memorial

MEDAL OF HONOR CITATION, PFC John D. Kelly

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to Private First Class John D. Kelly, United States Marine Corps, for service as set forth in the following citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Radio Operator of Company C, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 28 May, 1952. With his platoon pinned down by a numerically superior enemy force employing intense mortar, artillery, small-arms and grenade fire, Private First Class Kelly requested permission to leave his radio in the care of another man and to participate in an assault on enemy key positions. Fearlessly charging forward in the face of a murderous hail of machine gun fire and hand grenades, he initiated a daring attack against a hostile strong point and personally neutralized the position, killing two of the enemy. Unyielding in the face of heavy odds, he continued forward and singlehandedly assaulted a machine gun bunker. Although painfully wounded, he bravely charged the bunker and destroyed it, killing three of the enemy. Courageously continuing his one-man assault, he again stormed forward in a valiant attempt to wipe out a third bunker and boldly delivered point-blank fire into the aperture of the hostile emplacement. Mortally wounded by enemy fire while carrying out his heroic action, Private First Class Kelly, by his great personal valor and aggressive fighting spirit, inspired his comrades to sweep on, overrun and secure the objective. His extraordinary heroism in the face of almost certain death reflects the highest credit upon himself and enhances the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

/S/ DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER



The inscription on MOH recipient PFC Kelly's marker

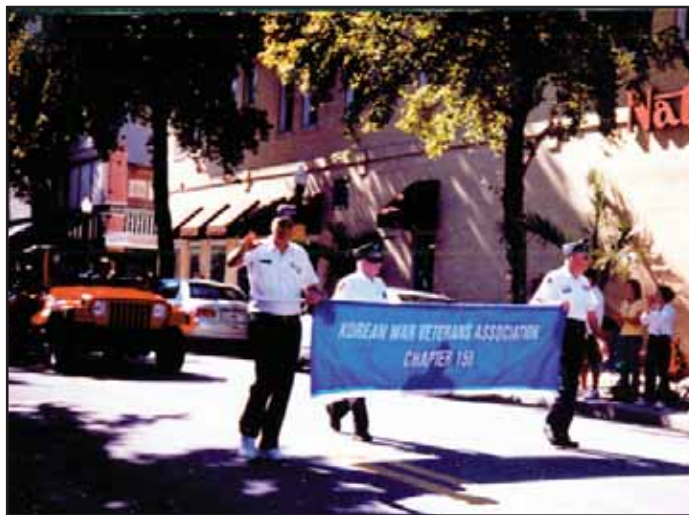
War Memorial, with his family members present, and with the aid of the Youngstown, Ohio Marine Corps detachment.

The dedication of the plaque was followed by a "Laying of the Roses" ceremony honoring all of the Mahoning Valley, Ohio's Korean War dead.

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Youngstown, OH 44512*

158 WILLIAM R. CHARETTE (MOH) [FL]

On November 8, 2008, in celebration of Veterans Day, several members attended the ceremonies at the Veterans Park in Lakeland and then participated in the parade that followed.



Members of CID 158 at Veterans Day ceremony (L-R) Secretary/Treasurer Don Fuller, carrying the Chapter banner, 1st VP Charlie Appenzeler, 2nd VP and National Secretary Frank Cohee. Riding behind in the red jeep are President Bill McCraney, recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, Past President Jim Bradford, and Chaplain Verlin ("Buck") Rogers)

174 NATURE COAST [FL]

President Bob Balzer, Department of Florida, recognized the Chapter for its outstanding effort on behalf of the "Wounded Warrior" Project. Chapter members have collected \$21,596.06 to date in 2008 through their programs.

In addition, Bob Balzer's group of skydiving associates and manufacturers held a festival for sixteen wounded warriors from around the United States. They raised over \$16,000.

Balzer made his 151st skydive with fifteen of the wounded veterans.



Commander Richard Mellinger of CID 174 (R) presents check to Bob Balzer

186 ST. CHARLES COUNTY [MO]

We held a fund raiser on October 4th and 5th this year. Our turnout was good.

Salvadore Christifulli, 923 Annabrook Park Dr.
O'Fallon, MO 63366



ABOVE: Three members of CID 186 raising funds (L-R) Don Baur, John Torrisi, Dick Saip

LEFT: Two more CID 186 members raising funds (L-R) Millard Hilliard, Darold Wood



Four other members of CID 186 raising funds (L-R) Homer Scott, Bob Greeley, Art Minor, Bob Osborn

187 WESTERN MASS. 2000 [MA]

We participated in the Veterans Day Parade in West Springfield, Massachusetts on 11 November 2008.

James K. Stathis, 42 Pine Grove Drive
South Hadley, MA 01075



CID 187 is well represented at Veterans Day Parade (Top) Jim Stathis, Rudy Kardynal, Walter Pietras, Jr. (Bottom) Frank Zazyczny, Al Natario, Fred Borowiec, Paul Bissonnette

216 M*A*S*H 4099 [NJ]

Our Chapter just completed a very successful year of community service and fun.

Early spring saw our members at local supermarkets shaking the can for donations for our various community projects. In April our members delivered \$1,200 worth of food and other needed supplies to the 250th Brigade, 4th Supply Bn. of the New Jersey National Guard, whose members are currently serving in Iraq.

During the summer some of our members went to Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval Hospital to bring donated articles to the wounded service men. Our chapter donated \$500 to this worthy cause, which was sponsored by VFW Post 8946, Woodcliff Lake, NJ.

In June our Chapter was once again in charge of coordinating



M*A*S*H* members (CID 216) at the Korean War Memorial in Seoul placing flowers on the plaque for the men from New Jersey who were killed in action (L-R) Homer Vanides, Joe Kennelly (partly hidden), Jerry Van Brunt, John Ottino, Sal Vasile, Al Gonzales, Faust Faustini, Joe Poggi



CID 216 members presenting gift certificates at National Guard Armory (L-R) SSgt Joseph Collery, Unknown, Al Gonzales, unknown, Joe Poggi, Past Chapter Commander Donald Kuehn, Homer Vanides, MSgt Minnie Hiller Cousins (Tiffany is the young lady in front)



Members of CID 216 at Hansung Church (L-R) Joe Poggi, Rev. Peter Koh, Faust Faustini

the third annual Thanksgiving program sponsored by the Hansung Church of Cresskill, NJ. The NJ Chorwon and Taejon Chapters also participated in the program.

M*A*S*H* members Al Gonzales, Joe Poggi, and Faust Faustini painted the front of the church for the ceremonies Chorwon and Taejon also donated money to help with the paint-



Painting the Hansung Church are CID 216 members (L-R) Al Gonzales, Joe Poggi, Faust Faustini

ing of the steeple and cross atop the church. It was too high for us to climb.

M*A*S*H* members also attended the Atlantic City ceremonies for our fallen comrades after our summer recess. We once again returned to the Teaneck Armory, home of the 250th Brigade, to give another \$500 to the families of our service men and women in Iraq. Our Chapter received a certificate of appreciation for our effort to our service men.

We will conclude our year with our annual holiday party—and Thank God we are still able to help our fellow veterans

Al Gonzales, Commander, 115 Irving Street
Leon, NJ 07605

258 NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND [RI]

We installed new officers:

- Commander – John Ramieri
- Sr. Vice Commander – Norman Paiva
- Jr. Vice Commander – Richard St. Louis
- Treasurer – Eugene Pezzullo
- Sgt. of Arms – Richard Mende
- Chaplain – Pete Robert
- Information Off. – Frank Meo

Our Chapter presented a Certificate of Appreciation to a local Stop & Shop Supermarket for permitting us to hold our Rose of Sharon fund raiser there.

Frank Meo, 70 Brookside Avenue
North Providence, RI 02911



New officers of CID 258 (L-R) Richard Mende, Eugene Pezzullo, Richard St. Louis, Norman Paiva, John Ramieri, Pete Robert, Frank Meo



Members of CID 258 present a certificate of appreciation to Stop & Shop (L-R) John Ramieri, Norman Paiva, Store Manager Richard Lothar, Frank Meo, Gene Pezzullo (kneeling)



Commander John Ramieri of CID 258 "swears in" new Associate Member Patricia A. Hanson



Former CID 258 Sr. Vice Commander Norman J. DeRosier, shaking hands with John Ramieri, and former Chapter Commander Herbert Southworth, in background, receive awards for "a job well done"



John Ramieri presents award for a job well done to CID 258 Chaplain Pete Roberts, Gene Pezzullo

259 CENTRAL INDIANA [IN]

Chapter members joined the Indiana National Guard Honor Guard to honor the return of the remains of another infantryman from the battlefield around the Chosin Reservoir, Milton Dinerboiler, Jr., of Elkhart, IN.

Dinerboiler was a Private First Class when he was captured on 2 December 1950. He died in captivity 30 April 1951. He was assigned to a Heavy Mortar Company in the 31st RCT, 3rd Infantry Division.



On left, Honor Guard leaves hearse at Dinerboiler ceremony in Indiana. At right, CID 259 members stand with Honor Guard at Dinerboiler ceremony

The U.S. Army sergeant who escorted the remains from Hawaii's processing center said there was also an impressive Honor Guard ceremony in Atlanta, Georgia when they changed planes there.

Chapter officers rendered salutes at the casket, and the National Guard Chaplain read an appropriate scripture ("...if one sheep is missing, would you not go find it?").

Present for the event were Chapter Commander Tine Martin, Vice Commander Jack Beaty, Ernie Condra, Ceremony Committee, Tom Gill, Everett McFarland, Tom Shepherd and John Quinn.

Recognition was given to Keith and Marilyn Roberts during the regular monthly meeting for their untiring contributions to the affairs of CID 259. Commander Tine Martin and Vice Commander Jack Beaty presented a plaque honoring Keith and Marilyn's work in fund raising, ceremonies, annual picnics and VA hospital visitations over the past few years.



Keith and Marilyn Roberts receive a plaque from CID 259 Commander Tine Martin and Vice Commander Jack Beaty

Tine Martin and Jack Beaty present a plaque to Melvin Butler of CID 259



At our monthly meeting a plaque honoring the excellent contributions of Melvin Butler was presented by Commander Tine Martin and Vice Commander Jack Beaty. Mel has been active for years in fund raising, ceremonies and services to veterans at the Indianapolis Veterans' Hospital. He is an ex-POW who is well respected by the other members of the Chapter because of his caring concern for their welfare.

John Quinn, Saggi32@aol.com

297 PLATEAU [TN]

Chapter members have been very active recently. Among their activities, they:

- Visited the Tennessee Civil War Memorial in Chattanooga and Civil War battlefields in and around Chattanooga on a member/wife trip
- Attended Memorial Day ceremonies and summer patriotic holiday events in the community



Members of CID 297 at flag presentation ceremony at the Community and Convention Center



CID 297 officers at flag presentation ceremony



Plateau Chapter 297 members Dan Brook, Ted Hirabayashi, Art Krogman, Commander Werderitch, Past Commander Don Eliason at the Tennessee Civil War Memorial



Dan Brooke (L), Joe White (C), Don Eliason (R), in front row, and Bob Johnston in background, all of CID 297, at Memorial Day ceremonies

- Enjoyed a stop with their wives at the Chattanooga Choo Choo in Chattanooga.
- Gave away two \$500.00 scholarships in mid-May to deserving graduating seniors from the two high schools in Cumberland County: our motto there is "The funds we raise in Cumberland County are returned to Cumberland County." We are proud of this effort and performance.
- Worked like "Real Troopers" prior to the Memorial Day weekend to raise funds at various high traffic locations in Crossville in order to fund our 2008-2009 efforts. It was a high count cooperation among members which resulted in the largest fund raiser the Chapter has ever been involved.



Members and wives of CID 297 at Chattanooga Choo Choo (L-R) Dick and Ruth Werderitch, Art & Georgeann Krogman, Don & Vera Eliason (Rear), Marge and Dan Brooke (Front), Paul Whaley, Ted Hirabayashi

Our monthly meetings are held at Fairfield Glade, a retirement/ resort community adjacent to Crossville. Early September saw the Chapter purchase and present to the Fairfield Glade Community Club the flags of the United States and the State of Tennessee. The flags were awarded at a light lunch activity at the brand new Community and Convention Center, which opened in May. In appreciation, the Club has offered us permanent meeting space.

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299 KOREA VETERANS OF AMERICA [MA]

Chapter members participated in the 25th Anniversary of the Sunday, 23 October 1983 Beirut, Lebanon bombing which killed 241 Marines and Navy Corpsmen of Battalion Landing Team 1/8. The ceremony was held at the Beirut Monument in downtown Boston, MA.



CID 299 Color Guard, Jeff Brodeur (R), LtGen Dunford, Marine Corps League members (R) at Boston Beirut Memorial ceremony

This horrible act is considered the event that actually marked the beginning of America's War on Terror. The KVA Color Guard was in attendance, along with the Amvets Color Guard and Marine Corps League members.



Guest speaker LtGen Joseph Dunford (USMC) addresses the audience at the Boston Beirut Memorial

USMC LtGen Joseph Dunford was guest speaker, along with many of the Gold Star families of Marines killed that day.

Chapter members in attendance included Color Guard members Art Griffith, Bob Wagner, and Otis Mangrum and KWVA National Director Jeff Brodeur.

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Hyannis, MA 02601

300 KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF MASSACHUSETTS [MA]

Korean War Veterans Memorial, Shipyard Park, Boston Navy Yard, Charlestown MA

Committee Chairman and Master of Ceremonies Lou Pelosi did an outstanding job putting together the Veterans Day program. The ceremony, honoring departed members and KIA/MIA of the Korean War and those KIA during Demilitarized Service in Korea, was attended by many veterans and their families and friends.



CID 300 members in attendance at Veterans Day ceremonies with Consul General Kim

Life Member William Furey sang the National Anthem. Father Herbert Cleary S.J. gave the opening prayer and benediction.

Korean Consul General Jooseok Kim gave the principal address, after receiving welcome remarks by Leo Agnew, President of Chapter 300.



Chairman Lou Pelosi presents certificates to Mr. & Mrs. Mottolo and Mrs. Comfort at CID 300's Veterans Day ceremony

Donors who placed commemorative bricks in the Memorial Walkway were introduced. They included Robert and Evelyn



Chairman Pelosi presents certificate to Mr. & Mrs. Richardson from CID 141 at Charlestown, MA ceremony



Consul General Kim addresses veterans, family members, and friends at CID 300's ceremony

Mottolo and Mrs. Carolyn Comfort, whose husband was a Silver Star recipient. He served with the 2nd ID. They were given certificates of appreciation.



CID 300 Color Guard at Veterans Day ceremony (L-R) John Wolfe, Ed Piana, Jack Dowd, Joe McCallion, Lou Stifano

William Richardson, a member of Cape & Islands Chapter 141, was recognized and awarded a certificate of appreciation for his contribution of a Memorial Bench installed at the Memorial.

The Chapter Color Guard comprised the following: (Rifles) John Woelfe, Lou Stifano (Colors) Ed Piana, Korean Flag, Jack Dowd, United Nation Flag, Joe McCallion.

Ed MacDonald handled the public address system.

A coalition was held at the Tavern on the Water.

Louis Pelosi, Committee Chairman, and Leo Agnew President, CID 300, State House, 5th Floor, Room 546-4, Boston, MA 02133, (617) 723-1716

311 H. EDWARD REEVES [AZ]

We engaged in a variety of activities in recent months. Among them, we:

- held our annual picnic in Prescott
- marched in the 4th of July "Frontier Rodeo Days Parade"



CID 311 members gather at their annual picnic in Prescott, AZ



Frontier Days Rodeo Parade in Prescott, AZ, featuring CID 311 members



Tom Britzman's jeep, always available as usual for CID 311 members



MOH recipient Tibor "Ted" Rubin, front and center, at CID 311 tribute


with the Boy Scouts we support. We appreciate the fact that they carried our banner.

- conducted our annual "Rose of Sharon" event. As usual, Tom Britzman made his jeep available to us.

Perhaps the highlight was a special event honoring MOH recipient and KWVA member Tibor "Ted" Rubin. He made a special request that our Chapter be recognized at his tribute. We stood and rendered him a well-earned hand salute.

Chuck Stohr, 2094 Summer Breeze Drive
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Medal of Honor recipient Jack Lucas on his final trip back to the "Black Sands."



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Korean War Highway Dedicated in Washington State

By Gerald P. Rettela

The Korean Highway was dedicated 6 September 2008 at the junction of highways 112 and 113 in Clallam Bay, WA. Attending the ceremonies were members of the Korean War Veterans Association, Olympic Peninsula, Chapter #310, WA, the Republic of South Korea Korean War Veterans Association, Tacoma, Korean Women's Association, Tacoma, Port Angeles VFW Post 1024, Sequim VFW Post 4760, and Mount Olympus Marine Corps Detachment, Port Angeles.

Government representatives at the ceremony included Moon-Up Sung, Consul of the Consulate Geneml, Republic of Korea, Seattle, Koo Wan Kim, Aide de Camp to the Consulate, Republic of Korea, Senator Jim Hargrove, 24th Congressional District, State of Washington, Sponsor of HJM Bill 4017 and representing the author of the bill, House of Representative Lynn Kessler, Linda Barnfather, Legislative Assistant to House of Representative Kevin Van De Wege, 24th District, Clallam County Commissioner Mike Doherty, and Port Angeles City Councilwoman Cherie Kidd.

Opening ceremonies began with an inspirational prayer given by Korean War veteran Dale Butler, Chaplain of Sequim VFW Post #4760. CID 310 President Gerald P. Rettela led the pledge of allegiance, followed by a brief speech by CID 310 member Don Roberts, explaining the importance of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway.

The ceremony included a reading of a list of the battles that were fought in Korea, by Bill Minor, President of the Clallam County Veterans Association. Gerald Rettela read the names of all the villages and towns that were involved in the war. The readers were accompanied by Dan Abbott, Commandant, Mount Olympus Marine Corps Detachment, James Graham, Mount Olympus Marine Corps Detachment, and Charles Gagnon, KWVA. A ship's bell was tolled after the names of the battles and the names of the villages and towns were read.

After the reading, Senator Jim Hargrove, Cherie Kidd, Moon-Up Sung, and Yung Bae Kwon, President of the South Korean Republic Veterans Association, and a Korean Woman's Association representative each thanked the American and South Korean veterans for their loyalty, service, and dedication.

Mike Doherty then presented to Gerald Rettela an encased copy of the Resolution #685 passed by the Washington State Transportation Commission for the Korean War Memorial Highway.

After the ceremony all assembled on Highway 112 for the ribbon cutting. Mary Reid, Korean War Veterans Association, had the distinct honor of cutting the ribbon. The reception after the ceremony was held at Mr. and Mrs. John Sinhose's home in Joyce.

Gerald P. Rettela, 72 Derrick Road, Port Angeles, WA 98362



Republic of South Korea Korean War veterans



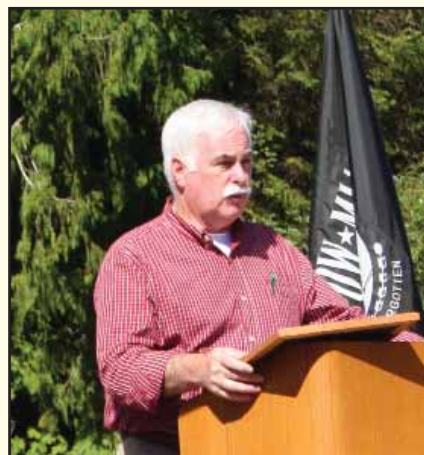
All Korean War veterans at the ceremony



Don Roberts, CID 310 member



Senator Hargrove



Commissioner Mike Doherty



Council Woman C



Gerald Rettela, President of CID 310, pointing out the various battles that were fought around the Pusan Perimeter.

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Dale Butler(l) and Bill Minor (c) of CID 310 preparing to receive and read list from Gerald Retella of the names of the battles fought in Korea

The Speakers



Cherie Kidd



South Korean Consulate Moon-Up Sung



South Korea Veterans Association
President Yung Bae Kwon



Korean Woman Association
Representative



Mike Scarano, Korean Woman's Delegation,
Gerald Rettela

Korean delegation at the
Highways 112 and 113 dedication



Moon-Up Sung, Consulate to the Consulate General, Republic of
South Korea, Seattle and Koo Wan Kim, Aide De Camp to Moon-
Up Sung.



Paul Hwong, Editor of the Korean Post, Federal Way,
Washington



John Singhose and Don Clayton of CID 310 and Korean War veterans



Last Call

All of us in the Korean War Veterans Association extend our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of those listed below. May they rest in peace.

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Memorial ceremony held for MOH recipient Dick Shea



On 23 September 2008 a memorial service for MOH recipient 1st Lt Richard T. ("Dick") Shea was held at Churchland High School, Portsmouth, Virginia. Chapter 191 (Tideland) presented the school with a Shadowbox honoring Shea. The Shadowbox, designed by Bonny Arnold, will hang in the school's library.

CID 191 sponsored the ceremony. His high school class, the West Point class of 1952, and the 17th Infantry Regiment

Association contributed to the project. Shea graduated from Churchland High in 1944, and was a member of the West Point Class of 1952.

Among the guests were school Principal Dr. Susan Bechtol, Paul Smith, who attended school with Shea from first grade through high school, and LtCol Vince Bailey, USA (Ret), Shea's roommate at West Point. Col Bailey also served in Korea with Shea.

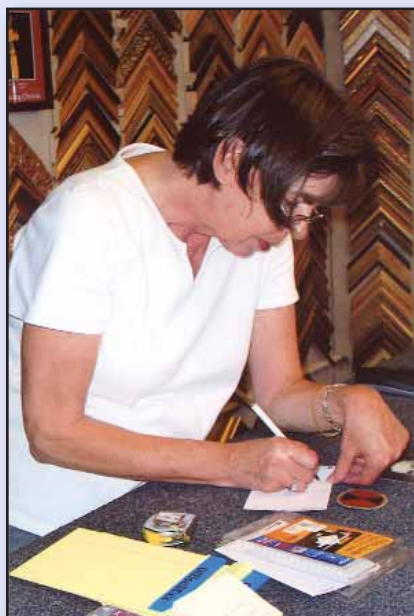
The color guard was provided by the Junior ROTC (Marines) from Churchland High School, Capt Mace, Commander. Leo Ruffing, National Chaplain and member of CID 191, acted as Chaplain for this service.

Okay, why the gap between Shea's graduation from Churchland and West Point? After Shea graduated from Churchland High, he attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech) and then enlisted in the Army. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant before attending the US Army Military Academy Preparatory School at Stewart Field. At graduation he held the rank of Cadet Captain and was commander of Company G-1.

Following graduation from West Point, he attended the Officer Basic Course at The Infantry School. He remained briefly at Fort Benning with classmates Vince Bailey and Jack Witherell before going to Korea. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, posthumously, for his heroism in the second battle of Pork Chop Hill, 6-8 July 1953, while Executive Officer, Company A, 17th Infantry, 7th Infantry Division.

Shea, who was an accomplished track star, is honored at West Point by Shea Stadium, a part of the Class of 1952 Memorial Athletic Complex. He was offered the opportunity to go to Finland and compete in the Olympics, but he chose to go to Korea.

The following poem, written by a Churchland High School graduate, was used as the benediction at the ceremony.



Above, Leo Ruffing and Bonnie Arnold presenting a photo of Lt. Dick Shea

Left, Bonnie Arnold working on the Shadowbox for Dick Shea

A Soldier's Sacrifice

The grueling training, the sweat, the pain
The struggle to endure each day's strain.
Wondering will I be something in this life of mine
Will I make a difference in this world in my time.

Richard Shea started as many young boys do
growing up with a loving family and a strong faith too.
Churchland High School was where he flourished.
His teachers provided knowledge so his mind was nourished.

During college, he worked, studied and ran
Setting goals for himself to be the best, was his plan.
World War II was barely over when he signed up to go;
The U.S. Army gained a leader, that all would love to know.
Soon he was a track star for West Point Academy
Dick just willed his feet to fly with amazing agility.
He ran cross country races and sprinted as well,
As an officer and an athlete, he strived to excel.

It seemed he was indestructible and his endurance so strong
But his young life would meet tragedy before too long.
Decisions and opportunities quickly came
To go to the Helsinki Olympics, to run for fame.

With prayers, wife's support and a dedicated soul,
He gave up his Olympic Run, but the Army won gold.
Stationed in Korea where many battles would rage,
this soldier's courage would take center stage.

He led his troops to fight July 8th at Pork Chop Hill
A defining moment in history, where many men were killed.
The proud 7th Infantry, who loved Lieutenant Shea
ran with him bravely up the bloody hill that day.

With courage that is rarely seen the sacrifice was done
The battle raged, with combat tough, the U.S. Army won.
Their leader gave them inspiration, courage and pride
Dick Shea fought heroically, was wounded and at age 26 died.

He never asked for glory, he just gave life his all
When God and Country called him to duty, he answered the call.
We give thanks for this soldier, Lieutenant Richard Shea
All honor and glory are his today.

With his faith, love, and loyalty, he knew God's grace
Without a doubt, this soldier sacrificed, but he truly Won The Race.

By Gina Artz 9/17/08

Medal of Honor citation

Rank and organization: First Lieutenant, U.S. Army,
Company A 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division

Place and date: Near Sokkogae, Korea, 6 to July 8, 1953
Entered service at: Portsmouth, Va. Born: January 3, 1927,
Portsmouth, VA

G.O. No.: 38, June 8, 1955

Citation:

1st Lt. Shea, executive officer, Company A, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and indomitable courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. On the night of 6 July, he was supervising the reinforcement of defensive positions when the enemy attacked with great numerical superiority. Voluntarily proceeding to the area most threatened, he organized and led a counterattack and, in the bitter fighting which ensued, closed with and killed 2 hostile soldiers with his trench knife. Calmly moving among the men, checking positions, steadying and urging the troops to hold firm, he fought side by side with them throughout the night. Despite heavy losses, the hostile force pressed the assault with determination, and at dawn made an all-out attempt to overrun friendly elements. Charging forward to meet the challenge, 1st Lt. Shea and his gallant men drove back the hostile troops. Elements of Company G joined the defense on the afternoon of 7 July, having lost key personnel through casualties. Immediately integrating these troops into his unit, 1st Lt. Shea rallied a group of 20 men and again charged the enemy. Although wounded in this action, he refused evacuation and continued to lead the counterattack. When the assaulting element was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire, he personally rushed the emplacement and, firing his carbine and lobbing grenades with deadly accuracy, neutralized the weapon and killed 3 of the enemy. With forceful leadership and by his heroic example, 1st Lt. Shea coordinated and directed a holding action throughout the night and the following morning. On 8 July, the enemy attacked again. Despite additional wounds, he launched a determined counterattack and was last seen in close hand-to-hand combat with the enemy. 1st Lt. Shea's inspirational leadership and unflinching courage set an illustrious example of valor to the men of his regiment, reflecting lasting glory upon himself and upholding the noble traditions of the military service.

Members in the NEWS

Richie Alexander

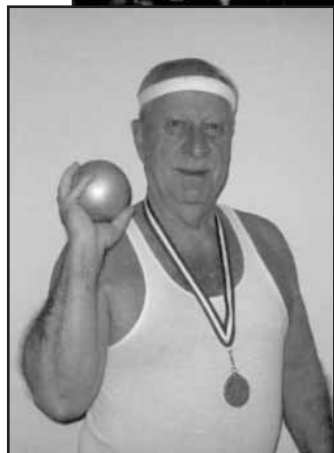
Richie Alexander won a medal at age 74 in the shot put event at the New Jersey Senior Olympics in September.

Alexander, who has been a KWVA member for 22 years, is a Past National Director, Past New Jersey State Commander, and Past three-time Chapter Commander.



ABOVE: Richie Alexander as an 18-year-old soldier somewhere near Chorwon, Korea with the Second Division in June 1953.

LEFT: 55 years later: Richie Alexander wins a shot put medal



Clara Bennett

Associate Member Clara Bennett, whose husband Keith was a Korean War veteran, has had several articles published in her local newspapers re the war and special days such as Memorial Day and Armed Forces Day.

As she notes, "She does her part to make people aware of the Korean War." Moreover, she encourages other people to do the same.

Reach Ms. Bennett at 205 Salisbury Road, Conneaut, OH 44030, (440) 593-6356

Gene Cowart

Gene Cowart, USMC (Ret), helped Chosin veteran Joe Crowley join the Chosin Few. But, as the Jacksonville [NC] Daily News reported in its 12 September 2008 edition, Crowley never received the good news. Here is the beginning of the article:

Korean War vet given last wish

■ Marine goes to his final rest as a member of Chosin Few

[By] Suzanne Ulbrich

Austin "Joe" Crowley Jr. received his dying wish thanks to two men he just met a few weeks before his death.

Crowley, who fought at the Chosin Reservoir in Korea from November to December of 1950, wanted to join the Chosin Few, an organization made up of those who served at that frigid Korean War site.

Father Tom Davis of Infant of Prague Catholic Church and retired Marine Gene Cowart worked with Crowley to sign him up as a member of the Chosin Few.

However, Crowley, 78, of Richlands died Sunday without knowing he was an official member.

"I got all the information in the mail and was about to visit him (Monday) to tell him and found out he passed away Sunday," said Cowart, a member of the Chosin Few himself.

Nevertheless, it was a fine gesture by Cowart and Fr. Davis.

Read the entire article at www.jdnews.com/news/crowley_59379__article.html/chosin_few.html

Hershall Lee

Hershall Lee was featured in a 12 November 2008 article in the Danville [IL] *Commercial News*. The article identified Lee as the "Korean War veteran [who] started the [Lifetime Achievement] Awards in 2002 to recognize [American Legion Post 210] members' hard work. As awards chairman, he presented the certificates Tuesday {11 November."}

One of the winners, Ralph Reed (who is not a KWVA member), served in the U.S.

Navy during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He won the 2007 Legionnaire of the Year Award.

Louis McAfee

The *Butler [PA] Eagle* included a full-page spread recently featuring KWVA member Louis McAfee. The article highlighted his efforts to get the lighting problems at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. resolved.

The article detailed the relationship between McAfee, a member of CID 74, KWVA of Western Pennsylvania – GEN Matthew B. Ridgway, and U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire. The two men worked together to get the lighting back in working order. Altmire represents the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

Staff Writer Paula Grubbs ended the article with this quote from Altmire:

McAfee speaks simply of his motivation for taking on the government on behalf of his fellow veterans.

"I strive to keep the memory alive for those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Korean War."

Reach Louis J. McAfee Sr., at 521 Walnut Grove, Cranberry Township, PA 16066-2847, (724) 538-5039. He served with the 68th Gun Bn., USA 1ST CAV

Jack Tolbert

Jack Tolbert, a member of CID 5 in California, was featured in the 9 August 2008 issue of the *Redding [CA] Record Searchlight*. There was a photo of him exchanging greetings with Iraq war veteran David Mayer, who lost both of his legs in a roadside bomb attack in Iraq in March 2008.

Ironically, Tolbert lost both his legs in the Korean War while a U.S. Army platoon sergeant in Korea in 1953 when he jumped on an enemy grenade to protect his fellow soldiers. As he told reporter Ryan Sabalow for another article (see the reference pg. 57), "I got in an argument with a grenade, but I won," he said. "All the men went home alive and uninjured. That's all that counts."

The picture that appeared of the two Purple Heart recipients, Tolbert and Mayer, shaking hands was taken at a welcome home celebration for Mayer at Redding



Members of CID 5 after marching in a parade in Millville, CA many years ago

Municipal Airport. There were more than 100 people on hand to greet him.

The 30-year-old Mayer, a U.S. Army specialist and military police officer, was serving his third tour of duty in Iraq when he was injured.

The photo and brief story can be accessed at <http://www.redding.com/news/2008/aug/09/comrades-arms/>

The second article, which appeared in the 9 November 2008 issue, can be found at <http://www.redding.com/news/2008/nov/09/camaraderie-on-display-at-veterans-parade/>

Thanks to Leroy G. Neuenfeld, 1476 Pinon Avenue, Anderson, CA 96007, (530) 365-5102, for submitting the article about Tolbert.

1 County, 4 Vets, 2 DSCs

Four soldiers from Siskiyou County, California, which borders on Oregon, were killed in the Korean War. Of the 4, 2 earned the Distinguished Service Cross.

The four men prove that geography does not determine who earns awards. Heroes come from every location, urban, rural, metropolitan...

For example, in the 1950s Siskiyou County was composed primarily of cattle ranches, gold mines, and timber mills. Its population in 1950 was only 30,733. Even today, it is not heavily populated, and approximately 20% of the workers in the county are still employed in agriculture, forestry, fishing, mining, construction, and manufacturing.

Siskiyou is the fifth largest county in California by area, but the projected 2010 population is only 49,500, roughly three times what it was 110 years ago (16,962). So, four deaths in the early 1950s had a major impact on the county.

Obviously, residents of the county have not forgotten these four Korean War heroes—and no one else should either.

Thanks to Neil McCain, Vice Commander of the Department of Oregon, for bringing this news to our attention. Reach him at (541) 660-6104 or neilmccain@clearwire.net.

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Above and Beyond the Call of Duty

We often hear about the bad service mail carriers provide. But, they do some good things as well. Case in point? Consider this phone call the editor received on 12 November 2008.

The conversation puzzled the editor at first when the caller asked, "Hi. Is this a publisher?"

"One of our carriers just told me that the copy of your magazine he was supposed to deliver was incomplete."

"No," said the editor. "It's an editor. Is that close enough?"

"Well, this is Mike, from the Cedar Rapids, Iowa Post office," the caller announced.

That got the editor's attention.

"One of our carriers just told me that the copy of your magazine he was supposed to deliver was incomplete."

In fact, he continued, "All that he had was the cover."

I listened patiently to the rest of the story.

"Our carrier knows that Mr.... looks forward to each copy of the magazine, and that he will be really disappointed if that is all we deliver. Can you send a replacement?"

Of course we can—and did. After all, this is not the first time we have heard about damaged copies of *The Graybeards* arriving in members' mail boxes—or not arriving at all. This is the first time, however, that anyone from a post office has called us and expressed concern for a customer regarding the condition of a magazine.

We commend "Mike" from the Cedar Rapids post office and the unnamed carrier who expressed dismay at the customer's potential disappointment. That is postal service above and beyond the call of duty—and it gets our stamp of approval.

Visit the Korean War Veterans Association Website:
www.KWVA.org

ONE OF OURS RETURNED

By Davis E. Newman

I have never been more proud of the good people of our community, Danville/Pittsylvania County, VA, than during their response to the return of PFC Elwood D. Reynolds from the war in Korea. His remains have been returned, and after 57 years of being surrounded by his enemies, he is now among family and friends.

Elwood was a member of Company "A" with the 3,000-man, 31st Regimental Combat Team. They were part of the 7th Infantry Division that was trapped by 10,000 Chinese "volunteers" on November 27, 1950, on the east side of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. He shared a grave with four of his comrades that included his company commander, Captain Edward B. Scullion, a fellow Virginian from Virginia Beach, Virginia. Their identities were determined through forensic DNA testing and past medical records.

Our veterans and families of those missing would be very proud of the research that goes into the process of finding, recovering, and identifying our MIAs by the Joint Accounting Command located in Hawaii. The families of our missing are notified only after experts in every field (DNA, dental, forensic specialist, archeologist, anthropologist, historians-the list goes on) are convinced, by scientific evidence only, that this is indeed the remains of their family member. In some cases, this takes years of research.

Every button, belt buckle, plastic pocket comb, pieces of fabric, etc., are carefully and painstakingly removed from each burial site and identified. In PFC Elwood Reynolds' case, the book that was sent with this evidence is almost an inch thick. There is no doubt that the beautiful casket on display at his funeral contained the remains of our hero, who has finally returned home.

PFC Reynolds' funeral was attended by his large family and many friends who have not forgotten him during all the years he was missing. His formerly large and very



LEFT: The graveside service for PFC Reynolds

BELOW: A map of the site where PFC Reynolds' remains were found and **(INSET)** a view of site KN-0897 (29th JRO) after IT trenching, illustrating proximity to Route 5. The view is west.

close family still has a brother and two sisters living, and many nieces and nephews remain. Elwood was given full military honors on Saturday, April 18, 2008. There were clusters of people gathered all along the funeral route, waving flags and confirming to his family and the world that this hero was remembered even after 57 years.

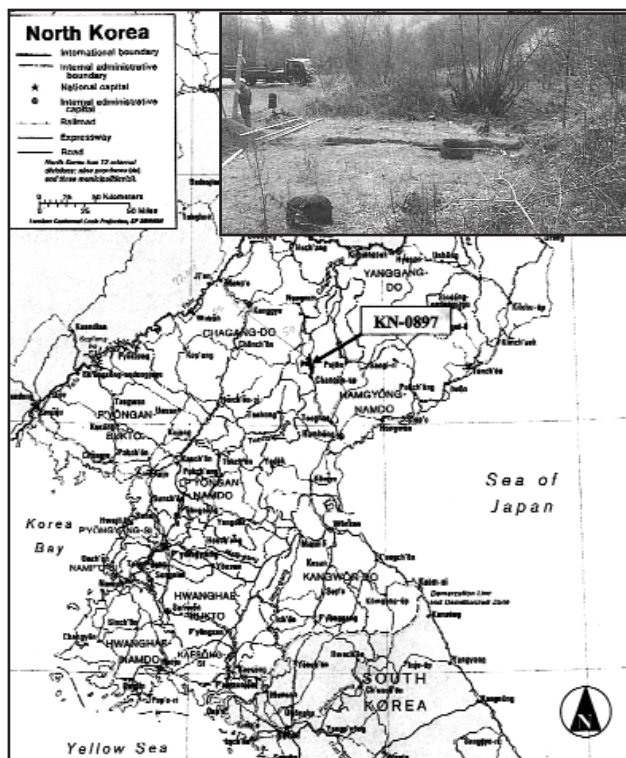
Reynolds' nephew, Reverend Michael Hearp, who delivered the eulogy at his memorial service, described his uncle as the "average American boy growing up. His homecoming now gives closure to his resting place-no more wondering where he is or what happened to him. He is home! No longer surrounded by his enemies, but now with family and friends."

Elwood was buried beside his parents, who always hoped their 19-year-old son would return before they passed away.

The Patriot Riders, a motorcycle club composed of military veterans, provided escort along the funeral route. The U.S. Honor Guard from Fort Lee, Virginia carefully folded the American flag that covered his casket and presented it to his brother, who had provided DNA samples to confirm brother Elwood's identity.

As taps sounded at the end of the service, there was hardly a dry eye in the crowd that surrounded his resting place.

For his sacrifice to the Korean people and his service to the United States of America and its continuing fight for free-



dom around the world, PFC Elwood Reynolds was awarded the following decorations: the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and Republic of Korea War Service Medal. His name is engraved on the Danville/Pittsylvania Veterans Memorial Wall of Honor, along with an engraved brick in the Memorial walkway. Last year he was added to the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond, Virginia.

As a nation or as a community, we are not going to forget those who gave their all so that people around this world can live in freedom.

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Reunion Calendar – 2009

To post your Reunion Dates, send your information to Reunion Editor, *The Graybeards*, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT, or by email to sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net. The preferred format is: Unit, Date, Place, Point of Contact (POC). Provide as much POC info as possible, e.g., name, address, phone #, email address. Many of our readers do not use email, so contact information is important. Entries are posted on a "first come, first served basis" as space allows.

APRIL

8084th Pool Table Repair Co., Yokohama, 1948-50, 18-19 Apr., Lexington, MA, Minuteman Inn. POC: Eugene Mercier, P. O. Box 3602, Nashua, NH 03061

USS Rendova (CVE-114), 20-23 Apr., Virginia Beach, VA, Best Western Oceanfront. POC: Bill Evans, 6618 Heath Glen Dr., Mint Hill, NC 28227, (704) 573-4472, rendova114@aol.com

76th Engineer Construction Bn., 23-25 Apr., Lebanon, TN. POC: Zeke Gandara, (402) 477-7230, zekemildellepro@msn.com

73rd Tank Bn. & 73rd Armor, 23-26 April., Columbus, GA. POC: Curtis Banker, 44 Westcott Road, Schuyler Falls, NY 12985, (518) 643-2302, dmbanker-curtis@northnet.org

Coast Guard Combat Veterans, 27-30 April, Reno, NV, Atlantis Casino Resort. POC: CWO Baker Herbert, POB 544 Westfield Center, OH 44251 330-887-5539, USCGW64@neo.rr.com

19th & 34th Regts., 24th Div., 27-29 April, Pigeon Forge, TN, Holiday Inn Express. POC: Leo Gosnell, 2865 Highway 414, Taylors, SC 29687, (864) 895-1842

3rd AAA AW Bn., 28-30 Apr., Pigeon Forge, TN. POC: James Goff, 500 Jefferson Ave., Hopewell, VA 23860, jwgoff1@peoplepc.com

307th Bomb Group/Wing (1946-54), 29 Apr.-3 May, Tampa, FL. POC: Tom Stevens, (913) 696-0447, stevenst@swbell.net

2nd Infantry Division-Korean War Veterans Alliance (2ID-KWVA), 30 April-4 May, St. Louis, MO, Sheraton Westport Hotel. POC: Ralph M. Hockley, (713) 334-0271; FAX: (713) 334-0272; rmh-2ID-KWVA@earthlink.net

MAY

Several Ships, 2-7 May, Jacksonville, FL - Bahamas Cruise. POC: Chuck Ulrich, 35 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park, NY 11040, (516) 747-7426, cfu115@aol.com. Ships involved: Gen William Mitchell (AP-114); Gen Nelson Walker (TAP-125); Gen George M Randall (TAP-115); Gen M B Stewart (TAP-140); Gen. M C Meigs (TAP-116); Gen A W Greely (TAP-141); Gen W H Gordon (TAP-117); Gen H F Hodges (TAP-144); Gen William Weigel (TAP-119); Gen Harry Taylor (TAP-145); Gen Daniel I Sultan (TAP-120); Gen W F Hase (TAP-146); Gen J Gaffey (TAP-121); Gen A W Brewster (TAP-155); Gen Simon B Buckner (TAP-123); Gen J C Breckinridge (TAP-176); Gen Edwin D Patrick (TAP-124)

707th AAA Gun Bn., (June 1950-Aug. 1952), 5-8 May, Pigeon Forge, TN. POC: M. T. Sanford, 3087 Mensi Street, Memphis, TN 38127, (901) 357-5268, poppy21stcentury@aol.com

L. Co., 21st Inf. Regt., 24th Inf. Div., 13-17 May, Pittsburgh, PA. George Vlasic, 279 Ravensside Dr. NW, Calabash, NC 28467, (910) 287-5618, geonanvlasic@atmc.net

H/3/5 (Korea), 21-26 May 2009, Washington, DC Metro Area (Includes Natl Museum of the Marine Corps). POC: Roger H. Barnard, 10183 Red Spruce Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032-3620, 703.978.4467, rbarnard@cox.net

JUNE

728th MP Bn., 17-20 June, Columbus, OH. POC: Charles Wiseman, 6790 Hildreth Ave., Columbus, OH 43229, (614) 882-3211, C-Wiseman728th@yahoo.com

7th Infantry Division Association (Hourglass / Bayonet Division), 25-28 June, Baton Rouge, LA, Holiday Inn – South. POC: John Stengel, 712 Griggs St. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-8051, (616) 243-7174, exec-sec@7id.us

AUGUST

Tandy's Dandies 32nd Eng. Grp. (Includes 430th - 434th - 439th Eng. Const. Bns.), 7-9 Aug., Rochelle, IL. POC: Bob Miller, 849 Joanne Lane, Rochelle, IL 61068, (815) 562-6802, emiller54@yahoo.com

SEPTEMBER

1st Bn., 7th Marines (Korea), 22-27 Sept., Buffalo, NY. POC: Jim Hannon, 67 Norman Ave., Buffalo, NY 14210, (716) 822-2733, b17jim@aol.com

From Our Chaplain...

We conducted a moving Memorial Service as part of the KWVA convention in Norfolk, 22-26 October. The service focused on the debt that we veterans owe to the corpsmen and medics who served us so well in our time of need.

We selected some active duty and retired medics to represent the many who served in all wars. They were each presented with a certificate and a medallion from the Korea War.

Unfortunately, we were missing a U.S. Coast Guard representative. We did invite the Coast Guard to participate.

Incidentally, my son, Michael Ruffing, took the photos that accompany this article.

Blessings,

Leo Ruffing



A mélange of medics at the KWVA convention (L-R) Sgt Martie US Army, Ernie Leclerc, Retired US Navy Master Chief Corpsman, SSGT Nored, USAF Medic, USN Hospital Corpsman First Class Taylor, Leo Ruffing KWVA National Chaplain, Timothy Whitmore USAF MSGT, a retired medic who went on to become a Physicians Assistant (PA)

Update on Rt. 80

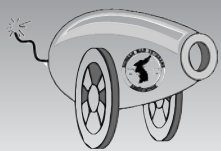
By Andy Oslinker

So far, seven states have dedicated portions of historic Rt. 80 within their borders for a single coast-to-coast highway honoring Korean War veterans. Only Texas and California are needed to complete the link.

The latest state to rename U.S. 80 is Georgia. American Legion Department Commander Dale Barnett adopted the Memorial Highway Project as one of his goals during his 2007-2008 tenure. "Korean War veterans deserve to be honored," he said. "Sure, there is a Memorial on the Mall in Washington, but few people have the opportunity to visit it. But, hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of people will travel U.S. 80 and the roads that supplanted it."

I thought this information would be enlightening for our KWVA members.

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Feedback/Return Fire

This section of *The Graybeards* is designed to provide feedback—and generate more feedback. It gives readers the opportunity to respond to printed stories, letters, points of view, etc., without having to write long-winded replies. Feel free to respond to whatever you see in the magazine. As long as it's tasteful and non-political, we will be happy to include it. If you want to submit ideas, criticisms, etc. that you prefer not to see in print—with your name attached to it—then we will honor that. Make sure to let us know, though.

Mail your "Return Fire" to the "Feedback Editor" at 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067-2859. E-mail it to: sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net, or phone it in to (860) 563-6149. Whatever the medium you choose, we welcome your input.

What in the world is a Foreign Corporation?

Editor's Note: We received a request to clarify the term "Foreign Corporation" as President Mac Swain used it in his comments in the Sept/Oct 2008 issue, p.3. He wrote: "...we have become a Foreign Corporation in Texas, Virginia, and Illinois, and have updated our agents in each of these three states where we have operations." Lest anyone else has concerns about the term "Foreign Corporation," it has nothing to do with countries outside the U.S.

The writer was concerned that foreign agents would be taking over the KWVA, and that Congress would stand by and let that happen, since the Association is now federally chartered. He was willing to let Texas, Virginia, and Illinois set up their headquarters in a foreign country, but he did not want to be part of any non-U.S. KWVA administration.

Hey, the confusion is understandable. It's not often that we see the terms "Foreign Corporation" and agents used in association with the Korean War Veterans Association. So, let's define what President Mac Swain meant when he used the terms. We thought it might be a good idea to provide a textbook definition of the term "Foreign Corporation" to assure everyone that we are still domiciled in the U.S.—and that our agents are working for us.

The definition of "Foreign Corporation" in financial terms and in President Mac Swain's context is this:

[Foreign] Corporation chartered under the laws of a state other than the one in which it conducts business. Because of inevitable confusion with the term ALIEN CORPORATION, out-of-state corporation is preferred.

Rest assured the KWVA has not set up shop outside the United States, and has no plans to do so at any time in the future. You don't have to call your Congressional representatives after all.

The benefits of a bath

I gave our Chapter 270 Treasurer \$1,000.00 to divide among three organizations. One of the recipients is the KWVA. Yes, two more veterans have purchased tubs from www.bestbuywalkintubs.com.

The KWVA will get \$400.00 for its important functions. We are so proud that we are able to help the KWVA, Bill Weber's organization, and the important projects at the local Dallas VA. We will send the Dallas VA a check for \$200.00

Best Buy Walk in Tubs plans to go national later this month. They will be on TV on a public broadcasting system. They asked me to give a testimonial, which I did. Here is a copy of that testimony, which can be accessed at the above website:

Ken & Donna:

As a veteran I really appreciate the efforts that your firm has made to help us in the simple matter of taking care of ourselves in a safe comfortable environment. Like many veterans I suffer from cold weather injury, osteoporosis, COPD, diabetes, arthritis. Many others have balance problems due to loss of a limb. As I mentioned to you my Dad died of a heart attack over exerting himself pulling up from a tub bath.

All these thoughts ran through my mind when I first saw an advertisement on these walk in tubs. Naturally my first question was how much do they cost? About the cost of two months in assisted living quarters was my first thought. Then we found out that the Veterans Administration has now included this benefit under the Home Improvement section and a veteran with a 50% disability can receive UP TO \$4100.00 to have the benefits and safety of a walk in tub. This put you in this veteran's budget, and I just love the installed product. It adds to the value of my house, and someday my kids will enjoy this value in the old homestead!

Thanks again. I hope your business continues to grow, your price is right and the service was great!

Ed Buckman, Korea 50/51
Hurst, Texas

Reading Col. Weaver's name will be a challenge

It has been said "the world of the old soldier is a small world, indeed." Certainly it seems this is a world that is constantly growing smaller. For example I read in your Sept.-Oct. 2008 issue, in the "Last Call" section, the names of Luther F. Weaver of Georgia and John T. Lypowy of New Jersey.

Lypowy I never met, but we came in contact after the Korean War. We carried on a fascinating correspondence for a good many years. We had common interests, and he knew several men from the Bayonne area with whom I had served in WW2. Most of all, he was one of the 6 men of 3rd Battalion, 35th Infantry, who survived the harrowing three-day "Patrol Base" on Hills 717/682 in the western part of the Iron Triangle, 6-8 September 1951.

I served under Col. Weaver when he commanded Company "L" of the 35th. I was in his 1st Platoon as Platoon Guide, Platoon Sergeant, and sometimes acting Platoon Leader, lieutenants being often in short supply. He also survived the action on Hill 717, being then Battalion S-4. The story of his adventures there would have made a best-seller—except no one would have believed it.

We came to know each other well after retirement, mainly in attendance at Love Company, KWVA, and 25th Division reunions.

He had commenced the Battle of the Bulge as a sergeant, but finished it as a 2nd Lieutenant, wearing a Silver Star (just his first). He was the greatest commander I ever served under. And, "LOVE SIX" continued as the glue that held together our Company, as we completed 20 consecutive annual reunions last April in New Bern, NC.

Each year, when he was able to attend, he led a memorial service, in which the names were read of our members lost. Next April, in Branson, Missouri, some one will have to read his name.

That may prove a challenge.

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The Cold War leaves a lot of potential KWVA members out in the cold

There are several problems with Mr. Kaufman's request and Mr. Sharp's response that I believe neither realized. (See "Stories wanted about troops outside Korea," Feedback, *The Graybeards*, Sept/Oct 2008, p. 68)

Our *Graybeards* editor is quite correct that he will publish articles written by KWVA members and that is his only real source. That is the first problem. The KWVA is primarily composed of servicemen who served in Korea, generally soldiers in combat units. This means that we have only a small number of "others."

The September-October issue is wonderful in that it had articles about Navy, Air Force and combat support operations from some of these "others." Bravo! If we even have service members who served outside of Korea during 1950-53, they are a small number and chances are they did not confront the Russians.

The Cold War, which lasted from 1945-91, cost the U.S. 382 KIA. The cost in national wealth was several times the annual Gross National Product. We did have aircraft shot down, people taken prisoner, and many personnel who sustained wounds. The largest number of KIA occurred in Korea during 1966-69 when the North sought to support their Communist brothers in Viet Nam and bring about the withdrawal of Korean units from there.

In Asia, there were several clashes during 1950-53. In 1951, Communist guerillas in the Philippines ambushed two small parties of Army and Air Force personnel resulting in 7 KIA. In 1952, the Russians shot down two aircraft off northern Japan with 20 KIA. In 1953, 6 Air Force members were KIA in Formosa by Red Chinese forces. Another 16 were KIA off Japan when their aircraft was shot down by the Russians.

In Europe, during 1950, the Air Force had an aircraft shot down over the Baltic near Latvia, costing 10 KIA. In 1951 one Army MP was killed in Austria. In most cases there was no first-hand account, as there were no survivors.

The normal day-to-day SAC alert operation was pretty much the same throughout the Cold War. So it would be nearly impossible to find a KWVA member who could satisfy Mr. Kaufman's request.

Before signing off, let me add a few words about those who served as "Cold Warriors." Most of us realize that Uncle Sam sends you where he wants to without getting your agreement before hand. So, if you were a cook at a training base in Texas during the Korean War—good on you!

When you were drafted or signed up, you faced the same chance to find yourself eyeball-to-eyeball with the enemy in Korea. It takes roughly 9 GIs to support 1 GI on the front line. Those in the rear were vital. Example? Think about war without medics.

Serving your country is an absolute; there is no second class service. A lot of those who served in the Cold War did not even get the National Defense Service medal (NDSM) (awarded 1950-54, 1961-74, 1990-95 and 2001-on). The NDSM is not a combat medal like the Korean War medal or the Armed Forces Expeditionary medal. A thankful nation awarded them a certificate of recognition, that's it. No Cold War Victory or Service medal.

Yes, there are bills in Congress to award one and efforts have been made to include it in the annual Defense Authorization Bill. The Pentagon opposes it because of cost which, if it is not required to be added to DD214s to show it is authorized, would be a couple million dollars at most. That's not a lot more than the Korean Defense Service medal with DD214 processing. Yes, it has a powerful sponsor, Senator Clinton—yet it does not get approved.

Not enough Americans care about that "Other Forgotten War" to write their members of Congress (their address is in the front of every phone book) and demand it. I know you are thinking we are in a financial crisis, but by the time the next Congress acts it will be a year or two before any costs result and the financial crisis should be over.

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Another Korean War veteran's hackles are raised

William Tuck wrote this letter to the editor of a Richmond, VA newspaper:

I write in reference to "I am the American Flag - long May I wave," in Sunday's paper. The article said "I have bravely led soldiers, Marines, Sailors and airmen in every war this country has fought. I have inspired our troops at Saratoga, Appomattox, in the jungle of Guam and Vietnam, the heat of the Persian Gulf and throughout the fighting at Normandy." What about the Korean War?

Why was no direct reference made to this "forgotten war?" Why is it that Korea is never mentioned when men also lost their lives fighting for their country?

Based on figures from the "Korean War Almanac," by Harry Summers, Jr. (1990), there were 33,629 American battle deaths and 20,617 accident and disease deaths—a total of 54,246 Americans alone. More gave their lives, including 59,000 South Koreans. Britain, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand lost 1,262 in action.

Belgium, Colombia, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Netherlands, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, and Turkey lost 1,800. In all, that is a total of 116,308 deaths during the Korean War. Yet, it is still called the "Forgotten War."

I was there as a soldier, and I am proud of it, as I am of our flag—long may it wave. The Korean War will never be the “Forgotten War” for all of us that were there.

And the flag will long inspire the soldiers of this war, too.

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Good to hear about LST 1090

In the September/October issue there is an article about LST 1090. I was aboard that ship when it left Inchon on March 29, 1955. I was a member of Marine Squadron VMO-6, and we were stationed on the DMZ at a base called Able-9.

My squadron was with the First Marine Division. When we got to San Diego, there was a Navy band waiting on the dock. We went up to Camp Pendleton, and were bunked with the 5th Marines. I finished up my time there.

It was really a thrill to see that old ship again. Thank you so much,

Sgt. Earle F. Stone, USMC, 1953-1956

Two different military branches, one country in common: Korea

In the Sep-Oct 2008 issue, there was much discussion about the units stationed at K-6, but I failed see any mention of the 607 AC&W Sq., USAF.

I was stationed there from May 1954 till April 1955 as a vehicle mechanic. We lived in tents and maintained the vehicles and radar units assigned there by the USAF. There were twelve men sharing our tent, including a cook and a baker, so we had lots of cookies and steaks to eat.

My Dad was a cotton farmer in the northeast corner of Louisiana, near Lake Providence. I plowed with a team of mules until I was 18 years old, then I joined the Army. The Korean War started while I was in basic at Ft. Riley, Kansas. After ten days home, I was ordered to Ft. Lewis, Washington for shipment to the 7th Inf Div, in Japan.

We were taken by bus to McCord AFB and loaded on a C-54 with canvas seats. I had never been on an airplane before, but found a seat just behind the wing on the right side, and went to sleep. When I woke up somewhere over the Pacific Ocean, it was dark. I looked out of the window and saw the flames coming out of the engine exhaust and thought that the plane was on fire. All the others guys sure laughed at me.

I was assigned to the 17th Reg, 7th Div. After a few weeks of training, we were loaded on a ship for Korea. We followed the Marines in at Inchon. After Seoul was secured, the 7th Div was taken back to Pusan and loaded on an LST for the trip to Iwon, North Korea.

The 17th RCT was at the Yalu River when the Chinese Army entered North Korea. We managed to get out over the mountains and made it to Hungnam, where we were taken off by ship, after what was left of the Marines and the 31th and 32nd Regs, 7th Div, fought their way out of the “Frozen Chosen” and joined us.

After 10 ½ months in Korea, I was rotated back to the States. I was posted at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, where I was assigned as a truck driver, as I didn’t know anything about artillery. On July

4th, 1952, I was married to a wonderful, beautified girl, who lived on the farm next to my Dad’s. We have now been married for 56 wonderful years.

After a few months, I was sent to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, to vehicle mechanic school. I was soon promoted to SSgt, E-5. When my three years were up, on April 5, 1953, I was discharged and went home.

Jobs were hard to come by, so in Jan, 1954, I joined the USAF. They gave me the rank of AIC, E-4, and sent me to Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. Just about the time I found a place to live and brought my wife to Barksdale AFB, guess what happened? After four months in the USAF, they gave me orders to Korea. That is how I ended up at K-6 in May, 1954.

I was blessed to cross-train into Procurement, which was a much better job. My last assignment was at Hq 5th Air Force, Fuchu, Japan. We had staff supervision over all the USAF Procurements Offices in Korea, Okinawa, and Japan. We were required to make an inspection visit to each base, twice each year. During the 2 ½ years I was assigned there, I made many trips to Korea. I was amazed at the change there.

I retired June 30, 1971, with 21 years service. After working for 15 years at the General Motors Assembly Plant, Shreveport, Louisiana, I retired from there. Then I was ordained a minister of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and pastored two churches. I am now semi-retired and fill in where needed.

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What if Farragut had said, “Dam the Torpedoes” and his sailors had actually done that?

Re “Ask the Secretary,” p. 7, Sept/Oct 2008 issue:

Surely you are aware that the saying is “Damned if you do, damned if you don’t.” So, come right out and say it, and never mind the polite evasions. “Dammed” is meaningless.

As to the criticism about giving out supposedly “confidential” information, forget it. Enabling contact between friends and relatives is one of the reasons for the magazine to exist. It’s a great mag: keep up the good work!

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Mystery Photos

The photo of the little Korean girls playing “teeter-totter” in the Sept.-October issue of *The Graybeards*, p. 75, was taken at the orphanage and school located at the temple and the tomb of the “King Jang Jo” near Suwon.

The 8th Fighter-Bomber Wing was an unofficial sponsor of the orphanage in that frequent trips were made in off-duty hours to deliver food and goodies to the children. It was on one of these trips that I saw the girls and their improvised play equipment.

1st Lt. George Robert “Bob” Veazey
36th Fighter-bomber Squadron in 1952
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K-6

The mystery photo on p. 59 of the July/Aug 2008 issue was no doubt taken at Pyongteck, South Korea, at K-6.

K-6 was a few miles south of Osan and Suwon (K-13).

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Dickerson submitted a map of the area on which he circled the places he "visited" in Korea in 1952. There were nine circles. Unfortunately, we could not reproduce the map. Rest assured, though, he got to see a lot of Korea.

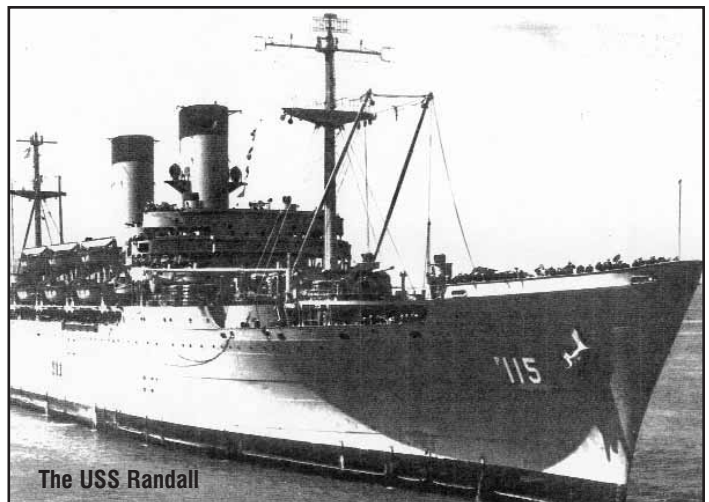
The Breckenridge and Randall were Navy ships

I have been reading with great interest the history of the 92nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion in the past two issues of *The Graybeards*. I must correct the author in his reference to the transports *Randall* and *Breckinridge* as USNS. Both vessels were USS Navy transports.

The *Randall* was the USS *General George M. Randall* T-AP-115; the *Breckinridge* was the USS *General J. C. Breckinridge* T-AP-176. I served aboard the *USS Randall* from June 1, 1949 through Dec. 1951 as an Interior Communications Electrician, and was present at both the amphibious invasion at Inchon in Sept. and the evacuation of the US Marines and the Army's X Corps at Hungnam in Dec.

As a footnote to this, the *USS Randall*, along with the USS *General Henry W. Butner* T-AP-113 and the USS *J. C. Breckinridge* T-AP-176, staged out from Yokohama on Sept. 11, 1950 in a 21-ship convoy with the 7th Infantry Division embarked, and landed them on Sept. 16, 1950 at Inchon.

The *USS Randall* was once again in Inchon on Dec 9, 1950 and then moved around the Korean peninsula to Hungnam, arriving there on Dec. 12, boarding some 6,000 1st Marine



The USS Randall

Division personnel and transporting them to Pusan on Dec. 14. The *USS Randall* then returned to Hungnam on Dec 16 awaiting the final evacuation of the area, and boarded some 4,500 personnel of the Army's X Corps, departing Hungnam at 1500 hours Dec.24, and arriving at Pusan on Dec.25, 1950.

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Representing my brother

My daughter, Debbie Lucas, and I just returned from the 27th Inf "Wolfhound" Regt of the 25th Inf Div Reunion in Salt Lake City, UT. We just wanted to let this great group of people know how much we enjoyed and appreciated being accepted into their group.

NOTE: I had a little problem holding my "Motormouth" title. There was considerable amount of competition among the storytellers there.

I cannot remember everyone's names, but Joe did a great job "In Charge." Old John with the Peter Pan hat was my greatest competitor. Mr. & Mrs. Larry Milfert— as always—were great.

We missed Charlene and Bob Humphery, who were always good company. Maybe they will be there next year.

I was glad to see some young members of today's service.

"Randy" Wilson, representing Louis R. Wilson, KIA 9-26-1950, Hq Co., 2nd Bn., 27th Regt

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United States Ship

U.S.S. GENERAL GEORGE M. RANDALL (AP-115)

(AP-115: dp. 11,828; l. 622'7"; b. 75'6"; dr. 25'6"; s. 20.6 k.; cpl. 507; trp. 5,289; a. 4 1/2", 16 1 1/2", 20 20mm.; cl. General John Pope)

GENERAL GEORGE M. RANDALL (AP-115) was launched 30 January 1944 under a Maritime Commission contract by the Federal Shipbuilding & Drydock Company, Kearny, New Jersey; commissioned 15 April 1944, Captain Carl C. Von Paulsen, USCG, in command. General George M. Randall sailed from Norfolk 23 May 1944 with nearly 5,000 troops and casualties and put in at Bombay, India, 5 July, via Panama and Australia. She returned to San Pedro, California, and debarked over 2,000 wounded veterans. She made two more round-trip voyages from San Pedro to Bombay from 30 August 1944 to 28 February 1945. Following a round-trip voyage from San Francisco to Ulithi and back, the ship stood out under the Golden Gate Bridge 8 June 1945 for Norfolk, arriving 20 June. She sailed from that port for Marseilles 8 July. There she embarked troops for redeployment in the Pacific theater, and off-loaded them at Manila before mooring at San Pedro, California, 21 September, after war's end.

As part of the "Magic Carpet" fleet, General Randall made six voyages from San Francisco and San Diego to the Far East. She sailed from Pearl Harbor 1 December 1946 for the east coast; and after undergoing alterations, stood out of Philadelphia 2 April 1947. Reaching San Francisco 25 April, the transport began a series of shuttle runs between West Coast ports and the Far East, completing six trips to Guam, two to China and Japan, and two to Hawaii before she was assigned to MSTs in October 1949. As an MSTs ship, General Randall made runs between the West Coast and the Orient until fighting erupted in Korea in the summer of 1950. She participated in the amphibious assault at Inchon which routed the North Korean Army and forced Communist evacuation of South Korea. After hordes of Chinese Communist troops poured into Korea and trapped the American forces, she served in the evacuation of Hungnam, which saved the embattled G.I.'s, enabling them to return to the fight. She arrived New York on 26 May 1951, and made four trips from New York to Bremerhaven and Southampton before returning to Yokohama 24 October 1951 via San Francisco.

For the next three years, the ship transported men and equipment across the Pacific between West Coast ports and Japan, Okinawa, and Formosa. In 1955 she shifted operations to the East Coast, arriving New York 8 April for shuttle runs from New York to Bremerhaven. Her duties were highlighted by her role in the 1958 Lebanon crisis. Embarking 1,255 troops of the 35th Tank Battalion at Bremerhaven, and over 1,000 others at La Pallice, France, she put them ashore at Beirut, Lebanon, on 3 August 1958. She then returned to New York, arriving 16 August. Returning to her east coast schedule, the General Randall visited ports in the Mediterranean, as well as ports in Iceland and the Caribbean during the next year. On her last voyage, she cast off from Rota, Spain, and moored at New York 13 May 1961. The ship was decommissioned at Bayonne, New Jersey, 2 June 1961. She was towed to Norfolk 12 June and joined the Reserve Fleet on the James River. She remained in reserve until 8 May 1975 when she was sold to Union Minerals & Alloys Corporation for "non-transportation use."

The history of the USS Randall



Recon Missions

1 Cav., 7 Reg., 2 Bn., Co. G

Anyone recognize the soldiers in the photo below, which was taken in Korea in November 1951? (Notice how muddy the ground is.)



The men of 1 Cav., 7 Reg., 2 Bn., Co. G

I know a few of the men. In the back row is SSgt Leroy Gillikin, from Beaufort, NC. I didn't even know his name until we got to Japan.

Next to him is me, PFC Melbourne "Leroy" Rogers.

Our Platoon Leader was Sgt. Musgrave.

We really didn't know each other by name. The only ones we really knew by name were the ones with whom we were in the foxholes.

Who knows? Maybe some of the men in the photo are still alive and belong to the KWVA. I sure would like to find out.

Leroy Rogers, 413 Belle Meade Drive, Maryville, TN 37803, (865) 982-6030, leroyrogersusa@hotmail.com

Making music at a possible 25th Infantry Division Band reunion

I am trying to contact members who served in the 25th Inf. Div. Band to have a reunion. I want to locate and communicate with those in Korea anytime between June 1950 and January 1955. This should include all Korean War band veterans, those who were there before I joined the band, and those who were still there a year and a half later.

I realize that there are many people I never knew, but who had friends they'd like to renew acquaintances with. In order to contact them, I need the names and addresses of those individuals.

We may have only a half dozen at the first reunion, but I hope it will grow in succeeding years. There are several popular venues where we could gather that offer opportunities for recreation for ourselves and our wives. The possibility of bringing our instruments and playing together again has come up and is to be considered.

Assuming that there will not be hundreds interested, I will be happy to handle arrangements, including communication. Anyone who is interested in a reunion is invited to get in touch with me.

I'm guessing that many of us have moved several times and even to other states, making finding addresses almost impossible.

Incidentally, my name is Fred Himelwright. Reach me at 705 Ridgefields Road, Kingsport, TN

37660, (423) 247-4705, himelwright-1@juno.com. (Make sure you put the hyphen between the t and the 1, or it won't go.)

I really hope I hear from you guys.

Base Commander at K-3, June 1954?

I was a medic with the 22nd Crash Rescue Boat Squadron, assigned to the 1st Marine Air Wing in 1954. On 4 June 1954 I was involved in the rescue of the crew of an R4Q-1 aircraft. I made three trips in a rubber raft to save four crew members.

I am trying to find out who the Base Commander at K3 (Pohang) was at the time in order to acquire documentation regarding the incident, or anyone who remembers this incident.

Please contact me if you can help.

Melvin Scafferty (aka Scaffidi),
2100 S. Bristol St. Ste E, Santa Ana, CA 92704

Here is an excerpt from a "Letter of Appreciation" sent from the Commanding Officer, HQ, Marine Aircraft Group 33, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF on 26 June 1954 to Airman Third Class Melvin Scaffidi:

2. It has come to my attention that you as a member of the Crash Rescue Boar Crew performed your duties in an outstanding manner.

3. You and Staff Sergeant Herbert L. Todd AF28227682 made two trips in a rubber life raft from the Crash Boat to the disabled rescue aircraft SA-16, in order to transfer survivors to the Crash Boat. These trips were accomplished in extremely rough water and during a time that there was constant danger from the aircraft propellers.

4. Since the SA-16 had to be towed into port, this transfer of survivors was necessary in order that they might receive rapid medical attention. Because of the ability and skill which you displayed, the required medical attention was administered to the survivors approximately eight (8) hours earlier than if this transfer under hazardous conditions had not been effected.

The signature on the letter may be A.D. Galatian, Jr.

Scafferty was on active duty in Japan and Korea in 1952, 1953, and 1954. His unit patrolled 500 miles up and down South and North Korea.

Earl Acton & William T. Allen

I am looking for Earl Acton and William T. Allen. Both men were from Indiana.

We were together at Ft. Lewis late in 1950. We spent Christmas and New Year's Day aboard ship. I lost track of them in Japan.

If anyone knows of their whereabouts or about them, please contact me.

Lorain F ("Joe") Adams, 34304 160th Street, #128,
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Gilbert Ernest Manahan

My now deceased father's name was Gilbert Ernest Manahan; his ASN# is US55308712. He was in the 7th Infantry (APO 7?), 32nd Battalion. The year that I'm seeing on his papers is 1954. I am his only child and I am very proud of his service. I would like to know how I could possibly contact anyone who might've known him.

He died in March of 2006 from colon cancer. He didn't have a military burial and he would rarely talk about the time that he served in Korea. Can you help me? Where would I go to find anyone who might've served with my father? I would like to talk to them and see why he never talked about it and about what they knew about him, what he went through, any friends of his, etc.

I have some names in an old address book that he had. His brother gave me the bag that was full of his patches and all of his military papers after he died. If you have any information for me, I would REALLY appreciate it a lot.

Thank you so much and thank you for serving our country.

Here are some of the names of some people that he served with. They are in his address book in their handwriting, and he had never left their pig farm in rural MO. So these men must've served with my Dad:

- Frank H. Sprouse-VA
- Angel Luis Rodriguez-Puerto Rico
- Jerry Klopff-MI
- Frank Porter, MI

- Mrs. John Porter-MI?
- Wayne Bailey-MO
- Arthur Hughey-MI
- James E Snell-KS
- Vernon E Guinn-NY
- Joseph Basic-NJ
- Enloe K Alfeldt-IL
- Louis Kanning, Jr-Montana
- George E (either) Clehm or Oehm-Marysville, KS
- Russell C. Nordman-Iowa
- Frank A Patzer-from Kansas City at the time

Sharlene Risinger 220 River Ct., Spokane, MO
65754417-443-0194 (home) 417-763-1668 (business)

"Peanuts"

Peanuts was an ROK civilian assigned to our IPW (Interrogation of Prisoners of War) Team. As I recall, he was assigned to the 19th after the battle of the Kum River on July 16-17, 1950. He had gone with his American advisory member to fight the North Koreans. I don't know if his advisor was KIA, WIA, or MIA, but Peanuts was assigned to us. He was too young to be a soldier, but his English was good enough to qualify him to be an interpreter.

Peanuts was with us when we went through Pyongyang, up to 10 miles from the Yalu River. He was with us when we retreated to a spot south of Seoul. He was with us when we interrogated hundreds of Chinese prisoners in May of 1951. He was still with us when I rotated to Japan in June, 1951.

I recently went to Korea on a Revisit Korea program. In anticipation of that trip, I looked through old albums for pictures and also found my diary of my days in Korea. Peanuts stood out in my writings. I didn't know his real name, but once you met him, you wouldn't forget Peanuts.

I tried to find Peanuts, but my contacts in Korea were very few and we were there only five days. If you have any memories of Peanuts, if you have knowledge of his whereabouts, please write and pass them on to me. Thanks.

Ken Tashiro (IPW Team, 19th Inf Regt., 24th Div.),
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"Peanuts," May 1951

Book Review

One Came Home

Vincent A. Krepps

American Literary Press. \$21.29. ISBN: 13: 978-1-56167-1

By Kris Barnett

For many, the losses that resulted from the Korean War were staggering. Vincent A. Krepps' loss is akin to losing part of himself, as his twin brother Richard was missing in action and eventually died as a POW.

Krepps' book, *One Came Home*, captures and celebrates the nature of the brothers' patriotism and service, and explores the circumstances under which Vincent and Richard were separated during the war. The void left by his missing twin appears to have overshadowed Krepps' own safe return and fueled his search for information and answers as to what happened to Richard and so many others who never returned home. This book is Krepps' testimony to the sacrifices made by his brother and all those who served in the Korean War.

Krepps first describes a simple yet idyllic childhood in Pennsylvania. He and Richard shared a tight bond, so tight that they enlisted in the Army together at age eighteen. Their basic training was typical, and uneventful, and at their own request, the Krepps brothers managed to stay together most of the time during their service as they had all through their childhood. However, once they arrived in Korea, the brothers assumed their respective functions in their unit, and were thrust unceremoniously into combat. Despite the horrors faced by Krepps, the welfare of his brother and fellow soldiers remained a concern and priority.

Krepps also describes the first Christmas he spent after learning his brother had been captured: "Richard and I shared everything for more than nineteen years beginning with our mother's womb. Not being together on Christmas never once entered either of our minds. Being twins made all the holidays extra special. And my memories of them, including December 25, 1950, have remained crystal clear, just as they are now while writing these words. Richard had been captured on December 1, 1950, and listed as Missing in Action....I have thought about Richard to the fullest extent of what 'all the time' can possibly be....This is how it has been for the past fifty-six years." (p. 61).

The author meticulously presents the findings from his tenacious investigation into the circumstances surrounding Richard's last days in the POW camp and into other aspects regarding the Korean War. He includes correspondence from his ongoing search for answers from the military, as well as copies of letters he exchanged with one of the last people to be with Richard before his death.

Throughout the book, Krepps weaves a thorough picture of his efforts to learn about Richard's last days, which grew into a quest for information for the families of other veterans as well. In fact, the author details his return visit to Korea in 1998, and describes with chilling detail the work of the field crews who sought remains in North Korea long after the war.

While Krepps' original efforts in gathering information stemmed from his grief over the loss of a twin, he presents in this book the results of his relentless legwork to seek recognition and share his respect and admiration for all those lost in the Korean War. *One Came Home* is peppered with rich anecdotes, historical accounts and documents related to the war and its aftermath. It includes many pictures of interesting places, people, and things.

While only one came home to the Krepps family, it was Vincent's fervent wish and responsibility to remember Richard, as well as all those brothers who did not. This book is a moving homage to brotherhood and brothers—one lost in the war, one lost without the other, and many others touched by the Korean War.

MIA Cpl. Librado Luna is Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced today that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors. He is Cpl. Librado Luna, U.S. Army, of Taylor, Texas. He will be buried on Nov. 25 in Taylor.

Representatives from the Army's Mortuary Office met with Luna's next-of-kin to explain the recovery and identification process, and to coordinate interment with military honors on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

In late November 1950, Luna was assigned to the 8th Army Ranger Company, 25th Infantry Division, then attached to B Company, 89th Medium Tank Battalion as part of Task Force Dolvin. The 8th Army Ranger Company was deployed on Hill 205 in Kujang County along the leading edge of the U.S. position. On November 25, the Chinese Army struck in force in what would become known as the Battle of the Ch'ongch'on River. Task Force Dolvin, including the 8th Army Ranger Company, was forced to withdraw to the south. Of the 91 men from B Company, 89th Medium Tank Battalion and the 8th Army Ranger Company, only 22 made it to safety. Ten men, including Luna, went missing on November 26 near Hill 205.

In 1998, a joint U.S.-Democratic People's Republic of North Korea (D.P.R.K.) team, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), excavated a burial site in Kujang County where a girl had uncovered possible American remains on a hill near her school. The site correlates with the area where members of the 8th Army Ranger Company fought as part of Task Force Dolvin. The team recovered human remains and non-biological material evidence.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from JPAC and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA in the identification of Luna's remains.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call (703) 699-1420.



Welcome Aboard!

New Members of the Korean War Veterans Association

We will publish a list of new members in each issue. Possibly, some of our veteran members will recognize the names of new “recruits” on the list, get in touch with them, and renew old friendships—or start new ones. (Hopefully, we will provide more detailed information about new members in future issues to facilitate the “getting in touch” process.)

For now, we offer a sincere “Welcome Aboard” to our new members—and urge them to recruit a friend or two to join them and the rest of us.

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RO40702 ERIC W. JORDAN
A040723 BYRD R. SCHROCK
RO40679 DONALD G. COCHRAN
RO40629 GENE A. FOWLER
RO40632 RICHARD A. FRANKLIN
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RO40709 ALFRED L. KAPPADAH
LR40717 CARLTON E. KITCHEN
LR40718 ROBERT H. KITCHEN
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RO40655 RALPH E. REXROAT
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LR40652 EDWARD J. SCHLOSSMAN
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Death Notice of a Member of KWVA

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Date of death _____

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92nd ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

PART IV

Continued from the September-October Issue of *The Graybeards*, Vol 22, No. 5

Unit History For April 1951

The sixth of April made a mild and misty appearance. A dense haze hung throughout all valleys, making terrestrial and aerial observation exceptionally difficult. Forces in both the 27th British Brigade and the 6th ROK Divisions sector continued forward to line "Kansas," just north of the 38th Parallel. At 0815 hours, the Battalion Commander, S-3 and Executive Officer reconnoitered over the pass to the main Chunchon road. They scrutinized carefully two bridges of questionable capacity. Built of native timber by unskilled workers, they adequately accommodated 1/4 ton vehicles, but their capacity beyond that was questionable.

They continued to the Pukhan River, some 1,200 meters north of Chunchon, where they found a small bridge that accommodated vehicles up to 2-1/2 tons. The river was fordable by M41s. North of that, again crossing the Pukhan River, in the 7th Marines sector, they found suitable positions. Crossing the disputed 38th parallel, the Battalion Commander and S-3 stopped at the Command Post of the 2nd

Battalion of the 7th Marine Regiment. While they were discussing troop dispositions, the adjacent area was shelled by 25 rounds of enemy artillery believed to be of a 105 caliber, causing everyone to hug the ground affectionately.

22 April was a day long to be remembered. It was cool and clear, with good observation in all sectors. As planned, Battery "A" and Headquarters Battery, 92d Armored Field Artillery Battalion displaced at 0800 to forward positions with Battery "C" and the 2nd Rocket FA Battery. The Battalion Commander and the S-1 left on an extensive reconnaissance to include east-west and south-north roads just north of Chichon-ni. The reconnaissance party visited the 7th Marine CP to verify the location of front line elements.

Finding the line to IX Corps Artillery out, the Battalion Commander left for IX Corps Artillery to talk with General Gillmore about engineer support. Over the radio, our artillery continued to engage lucrative enemy targets of unusual size. At approximately 1920 hours a radio message indicated that Co. "C" of the 2nd Chemical Mortar Bn was overrun by the enemy. A short while later, Captain Hopkins, Battery Commander of the 2nd Rocket (FA) Battery called the Battalion Commander stating that he was forced to displace some 2,000 yards to the rear as he was under enemy small arms fire.

Challenging his decision, the Battalion Commander inquired into the infantry situation. Captain Hopkins replied that the ROK Infantry was passing his position on the double, toward the rear, and said that the 27th ROK Battalion had abandoned

some of their weapons. At this point the Battalion Commander concurred in his displacement.

Shortly, Captain Hines, the Battalion Liaison Officer with the 2nd ROK Regiment, called the Battalion Commander and informed him that he had been ordered by KMAG to leave, because the situation was completely out of hand. The Battalion Commander inquired as to a defensive line to be occupied by the reserve. However no information was available. Now realizing that this was an all out attack by the CCF, the Battalion Commander stopped at the nearest military installation to call General Gillmore and apprise him of the situation.

General Gillmore concurred in the Battalion Commander's plan to displace the 8-inch Howitzer Battery (A-17) to the rear and then to close all administrative vehicles with their respective Service Battery.

Captain Hopkins reported that his battery was stalled on the road by elements of the 987th AFA. The 987th had pulled out ahead of the 2nd Rocket Battery and jammed an M7 on a filled turn, making it impossible to move it forward or rearward without caving in the entire fill. This action caused elements of both the 2nd Rocket Battery and the 27th ROK Artillery to build up bumper to bumper. Troops arriving at the Battalion CP at 2140 hours found that the road was filled with administrative vehicles returning to the rear, followed by hundreds of ROK soldiers retreating pell-mell in the same direction.

A call from, General Gillmore directed the most forceful measures taken to prevent the destruction of equipment, and to enforce order. Road blocks were set up and manned by officers of this command as a way to gather retreating ROK soldiers. Groups of two and three hundred



A Battery Howitzer set for high-angle fire northeast of Chunchon, April, 1951. (Harrison)



were marched forward in an effort to restore a defense. The Battalion Commander called the 987th on the radio and urged them to rally their men and not to destroy any equipment. Meanwhile, Captain Bessler, Bn S-2, was ordered forward by the Battalion Commander in an effort to consolidate the ROK soldiers and have them outpost the hills on both sides of the vehicle column.

From 0100 hours through 0400 hours, the stalled column reported enemy activity in the neighboring hills, evidenced by flares and firing. Some small arms fire was received. However, with news that a Marine battalion was being dispatched, it was believed that through faith and the rallying of man power, daylight would find the situation well under control.

Throughout the night the battalion engaged many enemy targets, although there was no contact with forward observers. The Battalion Commander, in direct contact with Captain Hopkins, Captain Hines, and Captain Bessler, tried to encourage them. A request from Captain Hopkins to destroy his equipment was denied in the belief that the worst had passed and that daylight would restore the situation in our favor. General Gillmore called during the night and urged the employment of most forceful measures available. Desperately, as we tried to rally the ROKS, of the several hundred returned forward only 40 had returned to Captain Bessler's location.

Around 0445, just as first light appeared and the full moon slid behind the hills, Captain Hopkins and Captain Bessler reported the vehicle column under heavy attack by CCF on both sides of the road. Employing machine guns, mortars, and grenades, the CCF closed in on the column. With little hope for immediate relief and in an effort to spare bloodshed, troops incapacitated equipment by removing mechanisms on the 105s and back plates on machine guns and abandoned it.

By 0630, Captains Hopkins, Bessler, and Hines and the enlisted men from the vehicle column closed in to the battalion area. Under terrific mental strain, these brave men, some of them wounded, had done an exemplary job. At 0650, General Gillmore arrived at the Battalion CP with the lead elements of the Marine battalion.

Captain Bessler, already tired and weary after his all-night stand, accompanied the Marines forward. After leaders went over the situation with General Gillmore, the battalion was ordered to displace to rearward positions in the vicinity of Chichon-ni.

At 0045 24 April, Colonel Winecoff, Commanding Officer of the 11th Marine Regiment, called for the Battalion Commander to attend a meeting at his CP. Following a discussion on plan of withdrawal the Battalion Commander returned to the CP at 0230. Consistent with instructions, Battery "A" of the 17th FA Bn was alerted for movement at 0400. This battalion was alerted to move at 0530 following a hot breakfast. The command was up by 0400 hours, striking tents and packing gear. A hot breakfast was served at 0445.

Just as the first light of day arose, and the men finished breakfast, the Battalion position area was taken under intense automatic weapons fire from a hill some 800 hundred yards away. Concurrently, 10 to 12 rounds of 60mm mortar landed in "C" Battery's position. A full alert was sounded immediately as men ran to their battle stations in half-tracks and on the perimeter. In two minutes, the battalion's three batteries were returning murderous fire into the series of parallel trenches held by the enemy.

The Battalion Commander, from his radio post in FDC, contacted Battery Commanders and deployed Battery "A" in a horseshoe for direct fire purposes. Meanwhile, Battery "C," apparently the initial objective of the enemy, was charged by several CCF soldiers loaded down with grenades—but without weapons. Battery "C" mowed them down

with individual weapons and machine guns. Observing two CCF sheltered under an M41, Sgt. Theral C. Hatley jumped into his driver's compartment and ground them into the ground. Meanwhile the large tracers of enemy 50 calibers could be spotted from dug-in positions near the top of the hill.

Observing these, the Battalion Commander ordered Battery "A" to take them under direct fire with their 155 howitzers. Using HE and White Phosphorous, the battery knocked out the machine guns. Returning to the FDC, the Battalion Commander was ordered to cease fire by the Marines who claimed that we were shooting into their troops. The Battalion Commander assured the Marines that the fire we were receiving was not rubber bullets, and that we would continue to defend ourselves.

Major Tucker, with the Battalion Commander in FDC, was wounded in the arm when one of the many bullets aimed at the FDC tent hit him. Captain Arnett promptly took care of Major Tucker as he gallantly went about treating the wounded. By now, the men were over their initial scare. Confidence and boldness developed into brazenness as the men stood up in their holes taking "pop shots" at groups of infiltrators trying to enter our position with grenades to set our ammunition trucks on fire.

Just as Captain Bessler was pointing out a sniper hidden behind a rock pile to a sergeant manning a .50 caliber in a truck, the sergeant was killed instantly. He fell at Captain Bessler's feet. Another man instantly manned the machine gun. By now, the situation appeared under control, even as the volume of enemy fire increased appreciably.

At about 0700 our A.O.P. reported into the net. Lt. Turner, as spotter, was made to search neighboring hills and draws. After 2 or 3 groups of 20 or 30 CCF were spotted, our artillery was brought in, with excellent results. As Battery "C" cleaned up the last of the enemy, they engaged enemy concentrations with indirect fire by radio. By 0730 everything was under control, as men grinned and exchanged remarks. Two prisoners were taken and some 22 CCF killed within the perimeter area as they attempted to infiltrate into the position.



PFC Calvin C. Grant, C Btry
KIA 24 April 1951

**Mariano Arrendondo, A Btry
KIA 24 April 1951
Oliver Porter, A Btry
KIA 24 April 1951**

As a result of the attack, the battalion suffered 4 killed and 11 wounded. By later count, the Marines reported 179 enemies killed and wounded. Drilled and taught to cope with such a situation, the battalion rallied splendidly displaying much gallantry and many acts of heroism. This proved to be a lucky day for Lt. Moody, as a .30 caliber entered his steel helmet from the right front, grazed the lobe of his ear, and left a big hole in the rear of the helmet. Officers wounded included Major Tucker and Captain Hines. Both were evacuated.

April 1951 Summary

Viewed in retrospect, the month of April saw the United Nations Forces well across the disputed 38th Parallel, shoulder to shoulder, and with more artillery than ever before. They criss-crossed from one Division sector to the other. Moving cautiously, with closely coordinated artillery and air support, the United Nations Forces probed deep and then consolidated their gains rapidly and systematically.

Reports of the enemy's capabilities continued to confirm a heavy build-up of their forces, who were capable of and expected to launch a heavy spring offensive. As the fighting now was taking place through extremely mountainous terrain devoid of adequate road nets, many trails had to be developed for the deployment of our mechanized forces.

Of the entire month's happenings, the one fact that remained outstanding was that our troops required fervent indoctrination to the degree that they possessed complete confidence in their weapons, equipment and ability. The mere presence of a numerically superior enemy was no basis for the abandonment and destruction of valuable equipment. Our superior equipment, if properly manned, would contribute greatly to the individuals' protection. All men had to be trained to fight as infantry when necessary.

Unit History For May, 1951

14 May began heavily overcast. Gradually, a light rain developed, which lasted all day. At 0915 hours, a Special Service show group reported for a performance within the battalion area. A large crowd enjoyed the show.

At 0930 hours the Battalion Commander visited the battalion's rear area. The area was completely dug-in, entrenched and wired-in. The Battalion Commander returned to the CP at 1600 hours after a road reconnaissance. The newly improved roads were holding out well under the slow steady rain.

17 May broke with a bang. At 0030 hours, the artillery chattered madly in the 24th Division Sector to our west, where the 5th RCT was under heavy pressure. With a penetration in I company's sector, the 5th RCT pulled back another 3,000 yards at 0330 hours, leaving our left flank, against the Pukhan, seriously exposed. Our blocking force, Company G, 2nd Battalion, 21st Regiment, had a ring-side seat on the east bank of the Pukhan.

Meanwhile, to our immediate front, no enemy effort was reported. At 0430 hours, a message from the 24th Division reported that the 5th RCT, was pulling back another 1,500 yards, placing a ford across the Pukhan into enemy territory. Around 0440 hours, an enemy message, intercepted by the ROKs, ordered the CCF to avoid hill tops as they were receiving too many casualties from our artillery. Another message, received around 0500 hours, ordered the CCF to move east and attack south. By 0730 hours, our outposts began spotting enemy concentrations north of the Pukhan and just across the dam on hill 174.

Lieutenant Hertz, with good communications, on his perch overlooking the river and the dam, brought our artillery to bear with devastating results. Since the dam was a natural avenue of approach and the only crossing of the wide Pukhan, our artillery interdicted the dam densely and irregularly. Meanwhile, our artillery blasted away on hill 174 just north of the dam. An air OP reported 300 casualties on hill 174.

Shifting from target to target to our front, showing no mercy, the artillery of "Lindy Lou" by 1000 hours had fired some 1,800 rounds on the enemy with excellent results. Meanwhile, to the northeast, in the 2nd Regiment Zone, the Liaison Officer reported the infantry pulling back under enemy pressure. In attempting to bring artillery to bear, he reported that he had to move out. In this zone, the enemy, using crude rafts and tree branches, and benefiting from the shallow river bed, infiltrated their way south in conjunction with the deployment of a heavy enemy force to the east.

Communications with all forward installations remained excellent at all times. At 1020 hours, IX Corps Artillery ordered Task Force "Lindy Lou" to displace by battery to positions some 4,000 yards to the rear.

On 18 May there was a full moon, under which the CCF continued to press the 24th Division to our left. However, our lines held as artillery blasted away in TOTs. We had more artillery massed than we had heretofore in Korea. Ammunition trains worked desperately to keep ammunition by the guns as all available transport was utilized to haul ammunition.

19 May appeared overcast with light showers. Lieutenants Hertz and Venable continued to press forward seeking out enemy targets. Again, at best our artillery could fire only interdiction and harassing missions of our own choosing as our Liaison Officer, Captain Lousteau, continued to report no communications with the companies. Targets picked up by our observers had to be scrutinized carefully, as one company did not know the location of the other.

Generally, the enemy hid out in heavi-



A Battery Howitzer – "On the Way" – South of Kapyong; May 1951 (Harrison)

Personal Reflection by Hal Remspear, HQ Btry, 1950-51

"May 19, 1951: We had been part of a massed artillery barrage for several days while advancing toward the Pukhan River Dam. The CCF counter attacked, and the ROK unit on our flank retreated. The CCF was moving down a road toward our position. Our howitzers were frequently readjusting as the targets got closer to our position.

"Our air observers reported enemy positions and casualties until dark. No matter how many rounds we fired, or how many casualties the CCF suffered, they kept coming. Now we were firing at minimum range using charge one and maximum elevation. The 155s sounded very strange with a very subdued sound.

"After dark, the enemy could no longer be observed. If they stayed on the current road, they would hit us head on. If they took the fork in the road and followed the retreating ROKs, they would outflank us on our left. When they got too close to fire on, our guns were readjusted and fired at more distant known targets. Once again, I was dead tired as I crawled into my half-track and fell asleep, oblivious to the noise or the danger. The next day we discovered the CCF had chased the ROKs and avoided us."

ly wooded evergreen patches, apparently awaiting supplies before they resumed their efforts. During the afternoon, several CCF company-size groups were fired upon with good results based on information furnished through our observers. Moving with the infantry, our observers reported that the ROK infantry was unwilling to engage the enemy.

Upon receiving fire, the ROK infantry failed to deploy and maneuver to engage the enemy. They preferred to pull back and call for artillery. Mortars were not employed and the use of machine guns was rare.

20 May: the moon was still full. All available artillery crunched the enemy's every effort to penetrate our lines. By morning, the Battalion Commander requested permission to return the artillery to its former location. With General Gillmore's concurrence, the artillery closed by 1030 hours. Visiting the 31st Regiment, the Battalion Commander recommended positive measures to insure better communications. The use of mortars on enemy targets was encouraged. With the enemy's initial efforts thwarted, UN forces sought to convert the enemy's spring offensive into their own offensive. Crippled by the devastating fire power, the enemy was forced to pause for regrouping, consolidation and resupply.

It was in this off-balance position that the United Nations unleashed its might on 20 May. In zone, the 32nd and 17th Regiments moved out in the attack, leav-

ing the disorganized 31st in reserve. As Lieutenants Hertz and Venable pressed forward with the infantry, gains of 4 to 5 thousand yards were registered. The enemy's complexion had changed from one of determination to one of reluctance. They refused to engage our forces. All along the general defense line, the fire power of the United Nations poured steel into every enemy concentration. Following this great barrage of artillery and air power, the UN Forces moved out in pursuit of the defeated enemy.

The great enemy spring offensive had been turned into a UN victory. To our front, as the enemy sought to escape north, our artillery pinned him down. Tired and weary after several days of sustained firing under heavy tension, the personnel of Task Force "Lindy Lou" enjoyed a reasonable night's sleep—proud of their accomplishments.



Firing Battery, Spring 1951 (Mattingly)

23 May was clear after 1100 hours. Many large groups of CCF were observed retreating north. At 0830 hours the

Battalion Commander and S-3 proceeded north on reconnaissance. At 1330 hours the Battalion Commander visited Headquarters, IX Corps, Artillery and received instructions to move the battalion into the vicinity of Saggong-ni.

The battalion was alerted to move at 1405 hours and closed in its forward positions at 1430 hours. A change in the Task Force organization returned Battery "C" to this battalion, leaving the 2nd Rocket Battery attached. Battery "13" of the 937th FA (Long Tom) Battalion was attached to the battalion. The battalion could not fire on targets due to communication difficulties with the ROK units. Plans for early displacements in the morning were made. No missions were fired during the night.

25 May appeared warm, with heavy smog hanging over most valleys. This smog, possibly the result of fires started by the Chinese to conceal their retreat, hampered our observation in most sectors. Throughout the front the Chinese fled north. Outflanked and cut off, they hid out in wooded draws until flushed out by artillery. On this morning, an aerial observer observed a group of about 200 enemy soldiers swimming the Pukhan River in an attempt to escape. Promptly engaged by our time-fire, an estimated 150 were killed.

27 May found the battalion up at 0430 hours in a pouring rain. After a warm breakfast, the men struck camp and were ready to roll at 0615 hours. The Battalion Commander and Battery Commanders departed on reconnaissance at 0615 hours, arriving in Chunchon at 0730 hours. Positions were selected northeast of Chunchon, from which the battalion could support the 7th Infantry and 6th ROK Divisions.

30 May was overcast, and rain hampered our observation. Throughout the morning hours, the artillery continued to chatter at enemy targets. The enemy, apparently a relatively small force, was making a determined stand for the Hwachon-Kumwha corridor.

31 May began with a heavy overcast, which gradually gave way to sunny skies by 1200 hours. Friendly air became active as weather cleared, and engaged several enemy targets. During the day the

Battalion Commander reconnoitered north and east for road nets and suitable artillery positions. All along the Hwachon Reservoir, hundreds of pack animals and carts had been knocked out by artillery and air. Several artillery pieces of 76 and 105 caliber were observed by the road side, with some fifteen 20mm antiaircraft weapons. Dead Chinese, victims of artillery and air strikes, lined the road—and the stench was revolting. Our position area gradually dried out after being submerged by the heavy downpour.

May 1951 in Retrospect

Viewed in retrospect, the month of May first found the UN Forces completely disengaged from the enemy. Well dug-in behind a highly organized defense line that boasted an unprecedented quantity of criss-crossing artillery fire, the United Nations awaited the CCF's next move. Finally, on 18 May, the CCF's long-awaited spring offensive was launched in its typical mass of humanity. Unmercifully, the steel of the UN fire power withered the enemy's mass of flesh.

Overextended, albeit committed, the enemy was seriously hurt. In this sensitive and vulnerable position, the UN launched an offensive that caught the enemy off balance and licking their wounds.

During the balance of May, the UN Forces not only re-crossed the disputed 38th Parallel, but cut deeply into North Korea. Several large enemy troop concentrations were surrounded and cut off. Several thousand prisoners were taken, and much equipment was destroyed.

In a highlight feature of the Korean War, UN artillery chewed away at large enemy troop concentrations attempting to escape, destroying hundreds of pack-animals, wagons and supplies. The toll in enemy killed ran into several thousands. Prisoners testified that they could not withstand the deadliness of UN artillery and air power. Thus, May saw the Chinese spring offensive smartly turned into a UN pursuit. At the close of this month the UN stood poised, ready to drive for the Chorwon-Kumha Corridor. During this period the battalion fired its 60th thousand round in Korea.

...To be continued

The Best Con Job I Ever Witnessed

By Ben Allen

The best con job against the military I ever witnessed occurred in 1951 in Japan. I, with about 4,000 other combat veterans, was returning from Korea and loading aboard the APA General Meigs at the harbor in Sasebo. Since I was an NCO and my name began with "A," I was tagged for guard duty for the top deck of this luxury cruise ship. My assignment was to guard and protect from all the sex starved vets aboard a couple dozen WACs returning to the States from Japan.

While in position, and alert, I observed a MP vehicle arrive on dock and stop in front of one of the ship's entry ports. Out of the vehicle got three men, two of whom were MPs. The third, I learned later, was a young Army corporal named George.

The MPs loaded George, complete with bags, onto the ship and released him to the ship's SPs. George was placed promptly in the ship's brig.

As soon as the ship cleared the port on its way to Oakland, CA, George was released from the brig and assigned to a normal compartment, where I met him and heard the story of his predicament.

George had been stationed in Tokyo at a supply depot. During his time in Japan he had met and fallen for a local girl. His love for her had grown to the point that forced him to commit a terrible error. He asked his commander for permission to marry her.

In 1951, marriage to a Japanese girl was not allowed. Since George's time in Japan was almost at an end, he was ordered to

return to the States immediately. When George voiced an objection, the local MPs were ordered to gather him and his gear and physically place him on the next ship leaving for the States.

After 10 days at sea, we arrived at Oakland and tied up to a dock in the local shipyards. George and I unloaded together. While standing on the dock awaiting transportation, I noticed that there was another APA tied to the same dock just behind us. George quickly found out that it was loading for and soon leaving for Japan.

Without as much as a farewell, George put his duffel bag on his shoulder and marched his way to the gangway of this departing APA. There were two SPs guarding the gangway. George threw his bag down between them and, in a loud voice, declared, "There is no way you rotten bastards can make me get aboard this ship."

The two SPs called for reinforcements. They promptly loaded George, bag and baggage, aboard the APA. The last I saw of him there was a big grin on his face as he ducked his head inside the passageway on his way to the brig.

I always wondered what happened to George, and I have always wished him good luck and success in whatever he attempted. I know he perpetrates an excellent con job.

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The Child with the C-Rations

It was 1951.

The train filled with personnel had stopped along the way en route from Masan to the vicinity of the 1st Marine Div. Hq in the eastern sector. This little tyke approached our railcar.

I grabbed a can and a package of dry food from our supply of C-rations and handed them to him. He started to leave and I shouted "Edie-wah," pointing to the camera hanging from my neck.

He stopped, walked back, and stood there as I took his photograph. The shot captured an expression on that child's face I'll always cherish.

Frank Praytor, Albuquerque



There are words to ‘Stars and Stripes Forever’

By “Peppy” Marcher©

Almost any veteran who has marched in a military ceremony or parade is familiar with John Philip Sousa’s well-known march, “Stars and Stripes Forever.” Troops cannot help but stay in step and march energetically as they react to Sousa’s lively music. But, how many of us are aware that there are lyrics to the march?

First, a bit of history about the march. Sousa wrote it—and the words—as the finale to a patriotic pageant in 1898. History buffs will recognize that as the year of the Spanish-American War, which was one of the shortest, and most profitable, wars the U.S. ever fought. The country directly and indirectly gained a great deal of territory from that war, including Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and the Philippines. That was enough to write a song or two about. No wonder Sousa was singing—but the troops were not.

Conspiracy theorists might suggest that colonels and generals have long known that Sousa wrote the words to complement the music, but withheld that information from the troops. They simply did not want them to break out into song as they paraded by the reviewing stand. That would detract from the image of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Air Forceers, and Coast Guardsers as formidable fighting forces. What would be next, carrying umbrellas into combat during a rain storm?

Hey, next time you march in a parade, and you are approaching the reviewing stand—or just marching by the people enjoying the parade—start singing the words. Don’t know them? Here they are:

“Stars and Stripes Forever”

Let martial note in triumph float
And liberty extend its mighty hand
A flag appears ‘mid thunderous cheers,
The banner of the Western land.
The emblem of the brave and true
Its folds protect no tyrant crew;
The red and white and starry blue
Is freedom’s shield and hope.
Other nations may deem their flags the best
And cheer them with fervid elation
But the flag of the North and South and West
Is the flag of flags, the flag of Freedom’s nation.

Hurrah for the flag of the free!
May it wave as our standard forever,
The gem of the land and the sea,
The banner of the right.
Let despots remember the day
When our fathers with mighty endeavor
Proclaimed as they marched to the fray
That by their might and by their right
It waves forever.

Let eagle shriek from lofty peak
The never-ending watchword of our land;
Let summer breeze waft through the trees
The echo of the chorus grand.
Sing out for liberty and light,
Sing out for freedom and the right.
Sing out for Union and its might,
O patriotic sons.
Other nations may deem their flags the best
And cheer them with fervid elation,
But the flag of the North and South and West
Is the flag of flags, the flag of Freedom’s nation.

Hurrah for the flag of the free.
May it wave as our standard forever
The gem of the land and the sea,
The banner of the right.
Let despots remember the day
When our fathers with mighty endeavor
Proclaimed as they marched to the fray,
That by their might and by their right
It waves forever.

Just don’t let the “brass” hear you singing. It might dispel the conspiracy that they have controlled so tightly ever since Sousa set words to music, and turn the troops into troubadours. After all, there is nothing martial-like about troops singing. Let the “brass” in the band take care of the music.

Sing along to Sousa? What a bizarre idea! But, now that you know the words, try singing them in the next parade. Maybe that will get you some new recruits—or at least a few good singers.

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Memorial

One of the more impressive national cemeteries in the country is the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery near Concord, California. The cemetery is dotted with memorials and markers dedicated to the men and women from California who have served our country—and it is a fitting place to hold a Memorial Day ceremony.

The cemetery was the scene of a Memorial Day ceremony at which CID 264 member and former National Director Stanley J. Grogan spoke this year (2008). It was the third year in a row that CID 264 contributed to the event.

Grogan, a speaker at the ceremony, was a member of the 68th Fighter Squadron, 91 Strat Recon in Korea. The event was organized by Ron Jabaut. It honored California's 2,495 casualties of the Korean War. Their names and branches of service are inscribed on a memorial in the cemetery.

One of the names in particular stands out to Grogan: Alvin E. ("Ed") Crane, of Antioch, CA. He was the K-13 (Seoul) detachment commander of the 68th FIS F-94B all-weather fighter rotation from Itazuke Air Base. The circumstances surrounding Crane's 13 September 1951 death in an AT 6F are a bit bizarre. (See the sidebar)

As Grogan recalled, "Ed and I, after a night mission, had a bit of fun tangling with an F-86 from K-14 returning after an early morning foray near the Yalu River." "It was a great way to burn off excess fuel prior to landing," he explained. "The F-86s beat us every time in these mock dogfights, even though we had afterburners."



Stanley Grogan addresses the crowd at the Memorial Day ceremony



A close-up of the Korean War Memorial at the San Joaquin National Cemetery



One of the many memorials throughout the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery



The entrance to San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery

Day in California



Ron Jabaut (L) and Stanley Grogan (R) at the San Joaquin ceremony



A remembrance plaque on the wall of the Korean War Memorial at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery



The view of the Korean War Memorial from the HQ Building parking lot at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery



Cemetery



A view from the nearby woods of San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery

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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 War and to show them the bountiful results of their sacrifices and devotion.

KVA's Eligibility Requirements

You are eligible if you are:

1. A veteran of the Korean War and /or a war correspondent of any of the 21 nations which came to assistance of the Republic of Korea between 25 June 1950 and 15 October 1954.

2. An immediate family member of one who was killed in action in the Korean War.

Note: You are permitted to take a spouse or one immediate descendent with you to Korea. The family member must be lodged in the same hotel room with you in Korea.

Privileges Accorded Veterans by the KVA, Seoul

1. Hotel accommodations (two persons per room), meals, tours, and transportation, while in Korea for six days and five nights.

2. Tours of Seoul and vicinity. The visits are to Panmunjom, North Korean Invasion Tunnels, Korea 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 battle sites and/or Inchon 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.

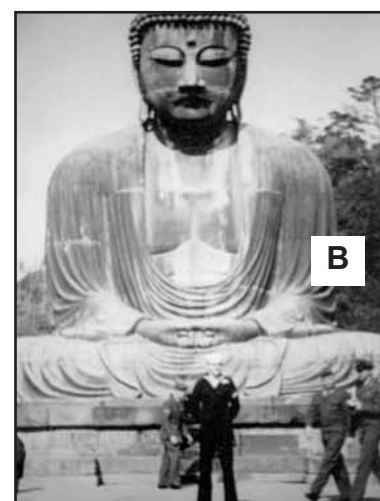
Note: Should you desire to have a single room or take additional family or friends with you, this can be arranged for an additional cost. Any such requests must be made in writing.

Mystery Photos

Below are some photos sent to us by D. L. Hammond, 399 Bjorn Ct., Hemet, CA 92545. He explained that a good friend who was stationed at U.S. Navy Headquarters in Tokyo just prior to and during the Korean War gave them to him. His friend has since passed away.

Perhaps our readers can help identify the locations, buildings, etc.

If anyone can identify the photos, let *The Graybeards'* editor know so he can pass the information on to the readers.





All Korean veterans at Highways 112 and 113 in Clallam Bay, WA, stop traffic for the ribbon cutting ceremony
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