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# From the President

William Mac Swain

**T**he new year has begun, and I hope everyone will have a very good 2010 year. Many times we are unsure of what our future will be, but I find that somehow we are always able to make our future either dismal or very good by how we approach it. I ask all our members to be very positive during this new year and participate in your communities.

We, as veterans, understand that most of us are very fortunate to still be able to do productive things, and I hope each one of you takes advantage of the opportunity to return to Korea to witness just what your service did for the Korean people. There will be no better time than this year to receive help with the financial cost for a return trip. The Korean Government will be subsidizing some of the flight cost to Korea, as well as your hotel accommodations, and most of your meal costs while in Korea. This is a once in a lifetime offer. More information is in this issue.

The 2010 Annual Association Membership Meeting plans are taking shape. The next edition of *The Graybeards* will have the complete daily agenda, hotel information, and costs. Look for our Save-a-Date advertisement in this issue for the dates you should set aside to attend our 60th Commemoration Meeting. Make this your goal to come to a great meeting.

Our plans include many Korean War and Service veterans who are not members of our Association. You will have the opportunity to meet many VIP's who will be invited from the embassies of all our fellow UN nations that participated with us in the war, as well as others not yet known. We will also honor those who never made it home, since they gave their lives to further our liberty and freedom.

I also remind you that our website will have updates about the Revisit Program being offered, as well as new information about the Annual Association Membership Meeting in July. Those of you who are computer users should check our website [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org) every couple weeks. Those who do not have computers should either

Again, it is the Board of Directors' wish that the membership breaks the average vote count of 3,000 plus voters. It is your opportunity to control those on the Board, rather than just writing letters or sending e-mail that you do not like the operation of the Board.

have your grandchildren check for them or go to their local libraries and get help in checking out our website to update themselves.

Look for the March-April issue of *The Graybeards* for profiles of candidates for election for KWVA President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and four (4) Directors. Their resumes and the reasons they wish to receive your votes will be in that issue. Voting will be concluded and the results available on the website before the May-June *The Graybeards* is published and mailed out.

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I informed you of a possible request from Korea for the KWVA to select some of our members' grandchildren to travel to Korea this year and be hosted during their stay. The

membership has responded with 16 requests thus far. My latest information is the Korean government is inviting 50 from the USA. The requirements are: they must be grandchildren of Korean War veterans, they must be attending college, and they must speak English.

Twenty-five will go July 1 - July 7, 2010, for 6 nights and 7 days. A second group of 25 will go July 22 - July 28, 2010, for 6 nights and 7 days. The Korean government will furnish hotel accommodations, meals and sight-seeing while in Korea. The dates are set, so you need to respond by March 30th as soon as you get this information. Remember, the grandchild will need a passport. A drawing ticket is in this issue. We will notify you of any change once it is received. The website will also have a drawing ticket for download.

The 2010 revisit program is waiting for your registration, so fill one out now or lose out when they are filled. Schedules are April 26-May 1; May 10-15, 24-29; June 5-10, 22-27; September 1-6, 11-16; September 27-October 2; October 13-18, 15-20. The first ones who apply are the first who are accepted. An application is available in this issue as well as other information and quotas.

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COVER: KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea--1st Lt. Elizabeth Combs, 8th Fighter Wing, walks down a flight of stairs wearing an explosive ordnance disposal suit.... Lieutenant Combs, an aerospace physiologist, went out with EOD to experience daily stressors that EOD goes through. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jonathan Steffen)



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# The Editor's Desk

Art Sharp



The article "When is a war not a war?©" serves as the editor's comments in this issue. It is placed elsewhere due to its length.

This edition of *The Graybeards* may look fine to you. It is not. Therefore, I owe our readers an apology.

One of my brothers died on 16 January 2010. That necessitated a trip to Connecticut. I returned to South Carolina on 23 January 2010. The week away disrupted my preparation schedule.

To compound matters, once I returned to Connecticut, I discovered that the local

post office crew was not forwarding my mail to "Beautiful Beaufort." That, too, disrupted the editorial process. Thus, some material that might have been included in this issue has been delayed. Hopefully, that situation has been rectified.

In short, the issue may look normal to you, but it is a bit muddled to me. I apologize for the delays in getting some material into *The Graybeards*. Hopefully, we will be back on track in the March/April 2010 issue.

## Membership Directory Update

By Frank Cohee, National Secretary

This is the final report on the Directory, which you should have received by the end of January. (At least that is what I was told.) I have confidence in that date because I received the CD on January 11, 2010.

The CD is amazing. It has a gallery of pictures through which you can scroll to look for buddies you may recognize. You can also search by last name, state, and several other categories. I checked my information and it was all correct.

If you have any questions about your data, please call customer service at 1-800-877-6554.

Following are the final results—I think...

### I. Directory Sales

■ Regular .....	708
■ Collector's Edition .....	4,967
■ CD ** .....	112

\*\* People who did not order the CD might regret it. I have downloaded it on my computer and can essentially access all the information with one click.

■ Regular/CD .....	42
■ Collector's Edition/CD.....	1,459
■ Tribute Print .....	1,885
■ Tribute Print/Membership.....	11
■ Total Number Of Orders .....	9,184

### II. 18,358 members were updated during the phoning process.

III. 1,396 inactive members were reinstated—and \$13,960 was added to the Treasurer's books.

# CODE OF CONDUCT

By Steve Szekely

According to Webster's New World Dictionary, Code means a body of laws; any set of principles or rules of conduct; a moral code, a pledge or promise. About Conduct, Webster says it is the way one acts; their behavior, deportment.

A Code of Conduct, therefore, could be a statement and description, a pledge or promise of required behavior, responsibilities and actions expected of members of an organization. Or...a set of conventional principles and expectations that are considered binding on any person who is a member of a particular group.

In the military, there is the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). I do not believe it is necessary to remind a group of veterans what it states. In short, it says "You will do it this way."

The Army has the "Seven Army Values:" Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage.

The American Legion begins each meeting with the recitation of the preamble to their Constitution, "For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes....."

The VFW has a Code of Conduct for its representatives stating seven points of conduct.

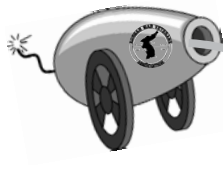
The KWVA Department of Florida has had a Code of Ethics since May 2000 which states 6 elements of behavior: 1) integrity, competence, dignity; 2) professionalism and ethics; 3) refrain from criticism of fellow members; 4) improve our image; 5) loyalty to the organization; 6) use common sense judgment.

During the election period in 2006, there were a group of individuals in the KWVA, including some officials, who had no respect for the organization, many of the officials, and some of the candidates. Following the election, then KWVA president Louis T. Dechert noted, "Many of us were raised on a code of honor. I must admit that in these days, in the KWVA and other areas of society and politics, that

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# Short Rounds

EDITOR'S NOTE: It goes without saying that we regret all the errors that appear in *The Graybeards*. But, we will say it nonetheless: we apologize for all the errors that appear in *The Graybeards*.

## Off by 100 years

The Nov/Dec 2009 issue of *The Graybeards* came to me just in time as we were socked in for days with snow. The streets are passable, but a 4' barrier from plows prevents us from getting out.

Yesterday, the gear box on my snowblower blew. This allowed me time to more thoroughly read the contents. Please refer to page 37, lower right, where it reads "134 Birthday of Marine Corps." It should read 234.

Semper Fi,

Allen Affolter, New Ulm, MN

EDITOR'S NOTE: It should indeed. The USMC celebrated its 234th birthday in 2009.

## Misspelled names

Joe Calabria informed us that we misspelled his name—twice—on p. 26 of the Nov/Dec 2009 issue. The correct spelling is Calabria, not Calabrese or Calabrea, as we printed it.

Likewise, the name of the author of the story on pp. 28-29 was incorrectly written as Nicholas Champagne. The author's real name is Norman Champagne.

## Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway

Please remind everyone that there is no "e" in Ridgway—at least not in the General's name. I noticed that on pages 30, 48, and 64 of the Nov/Dec issue that the "e" was inserted. It's a common error that I try to correct whenever I can.

Of course, we are more aware of it since our chapter is named after him.

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It is time for me to relocate to my "southern office." Effective 1 January 2010 my mailing address will be:

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That address will remain in effect until further notice. Of course, you can still send mail to the "northern office," but it will be forwarded to Beaufort, which means a built-in delay.

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# Parades as Recruiting Tools

As we have mentioned before, parades are great ways for Chapters to recruit. If anyone has stories of how participating in parades has helped them recruit, please let us know.

## 221 – TWIN CITIES [TX]

By Dee Reece, Historian and Auxiliary member

Our float placed first in the annual Veterans Day Parade held in downtown Texarkana in November 2009.

Several hundred area citizens attended the parade to pay tribute to veterans of all branches of service who have served in past wars, as well as those serving in the U.S. military today. The theme of this year's parade was "Leave No Veteran Behind."

Our float included the flags of the U. S., KWVA, and POW/MIA. A "Korean War Veterans" sign and a huge red, white, and blue eagle were placed at the back of the float, along with six camouflage-draped mannequins depicting the "fallen veterans" of the chapter.

Leading the float in a military vehicle were "Uncle Sam," played by Charles Terry, chapter member, and "Lady Liberty," played by Auxiliary member Chris Terry.

Charles & Chris Terry  
6310 Springwood Drive  
Texarkana, TX 75503



"Uncle Sam" (Ch 221 member Charles Terry) and "Lady Liberty" (Chris Terry) lead the way on Ch 221's float in the Texarkana parade



Ch 221's first place float in the Texarkana parade.



Members of Ch 221 in the 2009 Texarkana, TX Veterans Day Parade





**Frank Cohee**

## One example of an unnecessary expense

We received this email recently:

Sent: Saturday, Jan. 09, 2010 12:55 PM

To: membership@kwva.org

Subject: G. I. Joe (not his real name)

Please note that Mr. Joe died 10/16/94. Kindly cancel his membership to your magazine

Thank you, Mrs. Joe

We have been sending *The Graybeards* to Member Joe for 15 years after he passed away. Here is an example of the cost: 6 issues x 15 years x \$2.00 estimated cost of postage and printing is \$180.00.

That is a very conservative number, because when I send out *The Graybeards* to our members for various reasons the postal cost alone is \$2.07. You will more than likely say to yourself, "So what? \$180.00 is peanuts."

Well, for most of us that is true. But we estimate that there are at least 100 deceased members who no one has told us about. If you use the same numbers, i.e., 6 issues x 15 years x \$2.00 = \$180.00. Multiply this by 100 members and you get \$18,000!

We need help from the Departments and Chapters regarding members' deaths. Please check your membership rosters and advise us of any changes.

## It must be some kind of a record

I think these past two months have set a record for receiving responses to some of the articles that were published in the Nov-Dec 2009 issue of *The Graybeards*. And, for a change, the responses were all positive. Here are some of the responses:

For those of us who have computers we sometimes take for granted that everyone else does also. NOT! In response to my article about the Veterans of Underage Military Service (VUMS), I received a call from a member who was

17 years old when he served in Korea in 1950 with the 1st Calvary Division. He wanted more information about VUMS, primarily how he could contact VUMS and become a member.

The only contact information included in my article was their website, but the member did not have a computer with which to access it. So, I gave him the Commander's name and phone number. Here it is in case there are some others interested in the VUMS organization: Commander Bernard J. Doyle, 1-888-653-8867.

Frank Yellen, named in the "Korean War Buddy Found" article, called to tell me that he had just returned from Oregon, where he had spent some time visiting with his recently found buddy, T.R. (Dick) Wayne, with whom he had served in Korea 1953-1955.

## Thanks to John Mallon

My friend, member John Mallon, from Omaha, NE called to see if he could be of any help with any of the requests such as "How do I get my Purple Heart, Bronze Star," etc. John has a lot of experience in how our government works. He is extremely knowledgeable about the records that are stored at St. Louis. In fact, he had already called Mark Marquart, who was looking for information on his father. John gave Mark some other possibilities in how to go about getting that information. I plan on making better use of John's knowledge in the future.

## A positive response for Richard Barnello

In addition to "Ask the Secretary," articles, I sometimes have articles published in the "Recon Missions" section. The Nov-Dec 2009 issue had one such article that was received from Richard Barnello.

Richard was trying to locate anyone who knew his brother John, who was killed in action in March 1951, so he could obtain the awards and medals that John should have received, e.g., the Bronze Star and several others.

I received a letter from Richard on January 7, 2010, in which he wrote:

Dear Frank,

Thank you for publishing my letter regarding my brother John Barnello Jr. in your Nov-Dec 2009 issue of *Korean Veterans*, *The Graybeards* (Recon Missions). I have received (4) four calls about the article: (2) from Marines that served with my brother and (2) from Army personnel that contributed in my effort in obtaining the ribbons and medals awarded my brother in the service of his country. (See the attached copy of a letter I sent to: Navy Personnel Command, Liaison Office Room 5409, 9700 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.)

Thank you again,

Sincerely

Richard E. Barnello,  
840 Windlass Rd.  
Moneta, VA 24121.

I have not included a copy of the letter, but essentially it provided all the details about his brother's death and listed the 11 medals/ribbons that he believed his brother was awarded. Sometimes it pays to advertise!

## Do not let anyone else use your non-profit number!

One last comment for this issue, of which I am sure most of you are aware. But, I did get a question. If your Chapter or Department has been recognized as a non-profit organization and you were assigned a non-profit number, that number is for that Chapter or Department's use only. It is not authorized for use by any other organization.

The question was in response to a request from a Boy Scout Troop that wanted a Chapter to sponsor them and asked if they could use the Chapter's non-profit number.

I hope that by the time you read this you have received your Membership Directory and have had time to review its contents. It is loaded with useful information.

Yours for a better KWVA,

*Frank Cohee, Secretary, KWVA, Inc.*

## MINUTES: ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, IRVING, TX - OCTOBER 26, 2009

Call for the Meeting: KWVA Website and The Graybeards, Jul-Aug 2009 Issue

Place of Announced Meeting: The Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport Hotel. 4545 W. John Carpenter Way, Irving, TX 75063, Phone 972.929.4500

Call to Order: President Mac Swain called the meeting to order at 0927 hours followed by the Pledge of Allegiance..

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Ruffing.

### Roll Call and Introductions:

#### The roll was called by Secretary Cohee:

- William Mac Swain, President - Here
- James Ferris, 1st Vice President - Here
- Robert Banker, 2nd Vice President - Here
- Frank Cohee, Secretary - Here
- J Tilford Jones, Treasurer - Here
- Charlotte Ayers, Director - Here
- Jeffrey Brodeur, Director - Here
- Richard Brown, Director - Here
- Luther Dappen, Director - Here
- Lee Dauster, Director - Here
- Marvin Dunn, Director - Here
- James Fountain, Director - Here
- George Lawhon, Director - Here
- Tom McHugh, Director - Here
- Luther Rice, Director - Here
- Glen Thompson. Director - Here
- Ezra "Frank" Williams, Director - Here

Declaration of a Quorum of eighty-two (82) was affirmed by Secretary Cohee.

**Rules of Decorum, Debate and Voting:** President Mac Swain instructed all in the rules governing decorum and debate for the meeting and how the voting process would be conducted.

1. To obtain the floor, a member must address the presiding officer; the President, give the member's name, chapter number, and its state. The member can then address the assembly, facing them, using the microphone.
2. Civility and courteous speech only: discussions shall be focused on the idea in question, and not on personality: no derogatory comments or accusations.
3. Stick to the single subject to be addressed, with a 10-minute limit per subject. If a motion was made by the member, that member had the first right to speak to that motion. Members may speak more than once, if permitted by a majority vote of the assembly.
4. Three (3) members shall do the vote counting; voting members were to be to the front of the assembly to permit an easier count.
5. Non-voting members may be recognized by the President after the voting members have completed their discussion on the pending motion.

Director Dauster made a motion to adopt the rules of decorum, debate and voting. The motion was seconded by Walter Ade. An 'Aye' voice vote was given in unison, with no objection.

The President asked for a motion to adopt the agenda; Director Brown made the motion to adopt, and it was seconded by Director Brodeur. A 'Yes' voice vote was given in unison, with none opposed, and the motion carried.

President Mac Swain then introduced Major Staff Members, Chapter & Department Officers present, and Other Distinguished Guests:

### KWVA STAFF:

- Billy J. Scott, Judge Advocate
- Jake Feaster, Asst. Secretary and Supervisor of Membership Records Management
- Tine Martin, Ethics and Grievance Committee Representative
- J.D. Randolph, National Veterans Affairs Service Director
- Jim Doppelhammer, Webmaster & Data Manager
- Larry Kinard, Tell America Operations Director

### KWVA CHAPTER AND DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

#### Department Presidents/Commanders:

- Roy Aldridge-TX
- Jim Bradford-FL
- George Bruzgis-NJ
- Larry Doolittle-SC
- Sal Scalotto-NY (First Vice President)
- Frank Williams, MO

#### Chapter Presidents/Commanders:

- Walter Ade-Sangamon County IL, 27
- Roy Aldridge, El Paso, TX, 249
- Ruby Brawley-Modesto, CA, 316
- Art Griffith-MS, 299
- Larry Kinard, Arlington/Fort Worth, TX, 215
- Tine Martin, Central Indiana, 259
- J.D. Randolph, Dallas, TX, 270
- Luther Rice, Aurora, IN, 129
- Billy J. Scott, Shenandoah Valley, VA, 313
- Paul Sutton, IL, 243
- Warren Wiedhahn, Northern VA 100

President Mac Swain briefly discussed Warren Weidhahn's considerable contributions as KWVA Coordinator for the Revisit Program, and gave those interested a heads up, that the coming year promises to be a great one for return visitors to Korea.

### DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:

- Yung (Paul). Lee
- Hannah Kim
- Colonel Stone

President Mac Swain introduced Yung H. Lee, attending the meeting as Chairman of the American and Canadian Region of the KVA and also representing General (Ret.) Park, Se-Hwan, who is the new Chairman of the Korean Veterans Association in Seoul, Korea.

Mr. Lee spoke at length; first, to extend General Park's gratitude and appreciation from the Korean Veterans Association in Seoul, Korea, then to tell of the 2010 Veteran's Revisit Program, significantly expand-



ed and linked to the 60th Anniversary and Commemoration of the Korean War. Details were:

*Invited.* - 2,700 veterans from America and 20 other nations.

*Participated to date.* - 25,000 from 1975 to 2008

*Point of visit.* - For the reunion of comrades, to visit battle sites, to attend ceremonies, and to experience Korean culture

*Schedule.* - March to July & September to November 2010

*Eligibility.* - Veterans and immediate family with no previous visit; but if the quota is not filled; consideration would be given to veterans who have not participated in five years; those who did humanitarian work in Korea during the war; immediate family members of MIA, and immediate family members of those whose remains had been recently discovered.

Mr. Lee also pointed out that all of the Program details were not as yet worked out, but the Commemoration Committee in Korea hoped to have them ready soon.

President Mac Swain then introduced Hannah Kim, a young lady who played a significant role helping in the enactment by Congress of the Korean War Veterans Recognition Act (HR2632), which is to display our flag at half mast on our Armistice date of 7/27 for recognition of those who sacrificed their lives during our war. The President pointed out that she considers all of us Korean War veterans as her 'grandpas.' President Mac Swain then introduced fellow CID 215 member Colonel James L. Stone, a recipient of the Medal of Honor, who responded with a cheerful and confident acknowledgment to all. The President then pointed out what a help it was to the Tell America Program when Colonel Stone spoke to school children with straight talk and sharp questions.

Finally, Vickie Garza, our very competent Court Reporter, was introduced by President Mac Swain, together with an acknowledgment as to how important her work is to us.

*Presentations:* Two video presentations were made. First was a heart-warming one that began with a parade that included Vincent Mannion, son of KWVA Director Jeff Brodeur. Vincent was severely wounded in Iraq, but with a strong heart and spirit, was able to be in the parade. Awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star, Vincent is now on a long road to recovery, assisted by his family and friends.

The second video was introduced by Hannah Kim, a short clip about the Korean War Veterans Recognition Act (HR2632). After it finished, Hannah said, "I just wanted to show that to all of you. July 27th, America will remember you and honor you and thank you and will raise the flag at half staff in your memory. Know that I also appreciate you. I'm so grateful that I can say thank you in person. So, what an honor!"

### **Approval for Minutes of Previous General Membership Meeting:**

Secretary Cohee referenced minutes of the previous Membership Meeting, at Norfolk, Virginia, on October 25, 2008, as printed in the November/December 2008 issue of The Graybeards. A motion was made by Bill Hoyle of CID 215 that the minutes be approved and seconded by Director Dick Brown. The motion carried, with none opposed.

*Treasurer's Report:* "KWVA Treasurer T. Tilford Jones: The normal question that I always receive is: How are we doing financially? Last year this administration took over on June the 25th with some carry-over from our previous administration. And at the end of the year, we

had quite a deficit that we covered with monies from our investment portfolio. At the end of September alone we had spent \$52,600 more than we had taken in. For the nine months this year, we have a profit of \$11,000. This profit is realized even though our income from dues is down by \$48,000. In nine months in 2008, we had income from dues of a \$196,688. This year, during the same period, we have only received \$148,023.

In 2008, we received approximately \$42,600 from our fundraiser. This year we will realize about \$7,000 from our fundraiser. What all of this means is what we have over \$50,000 less in income this year as opposed to 2008. And, in spite of this deficit, we are showing a profit at this time. There's another little bright star coming up, and that's our investments. Our investments continue to grow as the market continues to make its recovery. At the end of December 2008, our portfolio was worth \$274,174. At the end of the September, 2009, our investments were worth \$314,893. As we're well aware, the dues figure will probably continue to become smaller each year due to those that are members like me, above 80 years old. We must find a fundraiser that will raise the necessary monies to allow us not only to meet our needs from the interest or dividends. But, most of all, we must obtain a surplus to donate to worthy causes that will indeed help our fellow veterans. This is the basis for our existence: to help our fellow man. Thank you."

There were no questions on the Treasurer's Report. Roy Aldridge, El Paso CID 249, Department of Texas, made a motion to accept the report. Paul Pfrommer, Dallas area CID 270, seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was approved with no objections.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

*Reunion/Convention Committee Report:* President Mac Swain thanked Chairman Banker for his work and Host Chapters 215 and 270 for their support. The President suggested that for the 2010 Annual Meeting we accept help from the HRM Group in organizing and getting our accommodations in place and in integrating our function with The Gathering, which is also being held in July, in Washington, D.C.

Jim Fisher, President of the HRM Group, offered his services and that of his organization, to the KWVA for free and also promised to arrange for a guest speaker, starting with our choice, General Walter Sharp, UNC/CFC/USFK Commander. The motion to accept the help of Mr. Fisher and his organization was made by Director Lee Dauster, seconded by Paul Sutton, CID 234, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

*Bylaws Committee Report:* At this time, the Bylaws Committee report was postponed until after new business and the other committee reports.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Budget and Finance Report:* Chairman Dunn commented that the budget has been reduced considerably from last year. Essentially, the total revenues are \$324,550.00. Most of the revenues come from dues, which are projected to be \$258,450.00. Revenues from other sources are insignificant. The expenses are also \$324,550.00; the major single expense is for The Graybeards, at \$177,000.00. Director Brown, CID 213, made a motion that the proposed budget be accepted; Director Dappen, CID 294, seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous voice vote.

*Revisit Committee Report.* Coordinator Warren Weidhahn, who works on both the Revisit Program and the 60th Commemorative Committee,

opened his presentation with a question, and a statement of fact: "Can I see a show of hands of how many have gone on a Revisit Program? For those not aware of it, the Revisit Program started in 1975 by the ROK government to thank all Korean veterans who served in Korea during the war; that's from 6/25/1950 until October of 1954. The ROK government appropriates and subsidizes the Revisit Program with an appropriation of several million dollars every year to bring the Korean War veterans from all 21 countries back to Korea."

Warren pointed out that each appropriation finds its way to the ROK Ministry of Patriots & Veterans Affairs (MPVA); Mr. Lee, who is present here today as their representative, negotiates with us on any changes in the Program and also the plans for the 60th Commemorative. The principal current changes are that revisit allocations will be tripled for the coming year, that those who have used the Revisit Program before are eligible to repeat, and that certain others are now eligible, such as widows, dependent children and grandchildren of the deceased veteran. The other change is that all the Officers and Directors of the Association are exempt from most restrictions. Finally, Warren finished his presentation with the suggestion that you check the next edition of The Graybeards. It will have the information on next year's revisit tour. Check the KWVA website as well.

**Tell America Report.** Larry Kinard, Operations Director of the Tell America Program, praised those KWVA chapters that have Tell America programs. He spoke with passion about how he hated the words, 'forgotten war,' and that more rightly, we had experienced a 'forgotten victory' in Korea. That was the message he wished to give to the school children who are the intended recipients of the Tell America Program.

Larry pointed out that most school children are inadequately informed about the histories of World War II and the Korean War, and that not only were veterans most suited to give them one through the personal view of actual experience, but it was the veteran's obligation and job to do so.

Our obligation, Kinard pointed out, went also to the missing and the dead. We, the veterans, are the living representatives of those who could not return to tell their story. Consequently, he remains determined to encourage getting more chapters involved with taking Tell America to more of the children.

Kinard pointed out that last year thirty (30) more chapters got started with Tell America, but that there was a great need for help to the chapters that "...call and ask for maps and posters that I've had that I can send out to them, and they've been very effective. In fact, that's probably one of the most effective things we have; is to be able to show some visual aids, map of Korea and some of the posters. I think the schools and the kids really like seeing that...I'm running really short on that and we're going to have to do something about getting those reproduced, if we can."

Larry also spoke about Arthur Underwood, a veteran, who is a Regular Member of the KWVA, but is not a member of a chapter. On his own, Arthur is getting involved in Tell America's mission. It is Kinard's hope that other members will be motivated to do likewise. Those interested are encouraged to contact him.

**Fund Raising Study:** President Mac Swain asked the Membership for a motion to approve that the Fundraising Committee study fundraisers and put into effect any they think would be good for the KWVA. Director Brown made the motion, Director Dauster seconded it. It was

approved by a YES voice vote, in unison.

**VAVS Report:** National Veterans Affairs Service Director J.D. Randolph spoke about the contribution in hours of service the KWVA VAVS volunteers have given to hospitals, VA hospitals, and clinics. In the 2008 fiscal year, we did well over 50,000 hours, which equates to the VA at almost a million dollars, (\$998,000 +), about a \$19/per hour equivalence. We plan to do better this year, Director Randolph added, "...We need to get more VAVS representatives in the hospitals close to your chapters to be able to have representatives and deputies there to make sure our Korean veterans get the service. And you notice I did not say "Korean War," because it's not all the Korean War per se; it's the Korean veterans. And we really need your help to getting representatives in the hospitals."

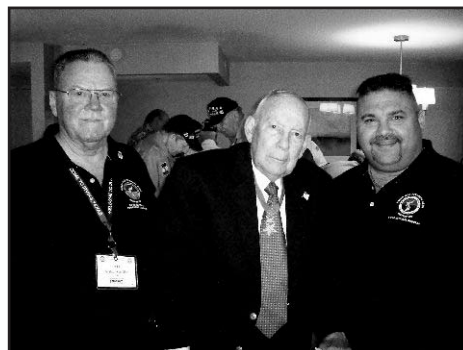
J.D. then described the criteria to be a KWVA Representative, that he could be contacted by email or phone by anyone interested in volunteering, or if you need it, and if you want to know who to talk to in the veterans organization or veterans hospitals, he has a complete list of the Chief of Volunteer Services in those hospitals. If you need their names and their telephone numbers or e-mails, just give him a call or send an e-mail and he will respond.

**Membership Report:** Director Jeff Brodeur, Membership Chairman, reported that we now have 17,721 National Association members, an increase of 829 members since last year. 1,296 of those are renewals from the KWVA Directory sales that went out, which dramatically increased the membership.

Director Brodeur pointed out there were 81 new members; 474 deaths at the present (in all of 2008 there were 705), and that four (4) new chapters were formed.

He pointed out that he had fliers, decals and CD's available that could be used at VA hospitals and other VSO locations such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) posts. They cost the KWVA \$960 last year, but they are good recruiting tools. He pointed out that those materials account for 20 to 25% of new members. They are a good investment and that their use definitely should be continued.

KWVA/KVA Ch 299 Vice Cmdr Art Griffith (Leominster, MA) and KWVA National Director Jeff Brodeur (Hyannis MA) with Col James Stone, MOH recipient, at the KWVA National Convention in Irving, TX in October 2009



Jeff Brodeur and Art Griffith with Korean Ambassador and Korean Consulate General of Houston, TX at the KWVA National Convention in Irving, TX



Director Brodeur recommended that, funds permitting, we should try recruiting "In Country (Korea)", with the posters, fliers and decals, to let them know there is a veterans organization they can call home when they return.

Jeff pointed out the changes to the cover of *The Graybeards*, which he believes helped in the current increase in membership. One was to change from 'Korean War Veterans' to 'Korea Veterans.' Another was the addition of the new Korea Defense Service Medal Ring to complement the Korean War Service Ring. It is his belief that these items are important, and sensitive to the younger veterans who have served since the Armistice was signed.

**National Ceremonies Report:** Director Tom McHugh, KWVA National Ceremonies Committee Chairman, commended Marty Goge CID 242 and participating chapters for their unfailing support of the ceremonies to which we give service.

Individuals are needed for the honor guard and wreath ceremonies, Memorial Day and Veterans Day every year. And, although there are a lot of chapters not too far from the area, they handle their local events, also. He and President Mac Swain attended ceremonies on both Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

On Veterans Day '08, Marty Goge attended VDNC. It's the Veterans Day National Committee, of which the KWVA is a standing member. Chapter 141, Maryland, was the honor guard for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Korean War Memorial. They also assisted in the presentation of wreaths. On Memorial Day '09, Chapter 299, Massachusetts, was the honor guard for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Korean War Memorial. They assisted in the presentation of the wreaths.

Director McHugh said, "Since Otis Mangram, one of the honor guard members and an Associate KWVA member, is also a Vietnam Veteran, we included a ceremony at the Vietnam Wall. It really was appreciated by most of the people who attended who probably never saw anybody in blue jackets walk down that row before."

He added, "On October 8, '09, General Sharp was there for a wreath presentation at the Korean War Memorial. Several members of Chapter 142, Maryland, and Chapter 313, Virginia, attended. Chapter 142 was the honor guard at the presentation. And Chapter Commanders John Wilcox of CID 142, Maryland, and Billy Scott, CID 313, Virginia, made the wreath presentation while the General was there."

Director McHugh concluded, "On Veterans Day '09, CID 142, Maryland, again will be the honor guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Korean War Memorial. And, if anybody has a free day and would like to be there, you can participate with us at the ceremony."

Vice President Bob Banker spoke: "Bob Banker, CID 33, Maryland. On July 27th, at The Gathering in Washington DC and the functions for the organization here, my Chapter has provided the honor guard on that particular date for many years. I'd just like everybody to be aware that it's not part of Tom's purview, but I thought you should understand that. Thank you."

Director McHugh replied that since Jack Cloman does all the work on The Gathering, he did not include that in his comments.

**Illinois Museum:** President Mac Swain informed the members present that he had been the KWVA Liaison to the Korean War Veteran's Museum and Library when they were in Tuscola, and also when they moved later to Rantoul, Illinois. He then introduced the Executive

Director of the Korean Museum, Larry Sassorossi; Vice President Bob Mitchell and Paul Sutton, a former Museum Board member.

President Mac Swain explained that the Museum officers were planning to relocate the Museum to Springfield, Illinois, and that they would be bringing display items from the old locations to the new building for the museum that was planned to start in June 2010. He pointed out that while there had been a dry spell for the Museum to advertise in *The Graybeards*, hopefully they would resume soon, in the form of construction schedules and progress reports. President Mac Swain said, "I would hope that the Koreans would look at this, because I think the Museum has some plans to show some of the life of the Koreans before the war started; then the way it looked during the war and then after the war." He then asked Mr. Sassorossi if he had brought any brochures or information with him.

Mr. Sassorossi responded, that yes, he did, and thanked President Mac Swain's for his comments, and for inviting them to the meeting.

**Bylaws Committee Report:** Director George Lawhon, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, gave his report. He began by thanking the Bylaws members for their diligence and hard work in producing the revisions to the Bylaws in the form of an amendment that was about to be placed before the Membership to decide the question of ratification. Before he began with the report, he told the members that at the completion of his presentation, he would make a motion to ratify the revised and amended Bylaws that had been approved unanimously on July 26th by the Board of Directors, at Arlington, Virginia.

Then he gave the members present a short history of the 2009 Bylaws/SPM Revision Project, from when it was approved unanimously by the Board of Directors at the 2008 Annual Membership Meeting in Norfolk to the present.

The Project Plan, as given to the Board at Norfolk and published in *The Graybeards*, was that the entire voting KWVA membership would be given a chance, for a 90-day period before the vote by the Board in Arlington, to provide input to the Bylaws Committee. Towards that purpose, an email address to the Bylaws Committee was set up, and notice was given on the KWVA website.

Before the Committee set about its task, it was agreed by all that its product would not be placed before the Board unless the whole Committee approved its entire content. The goal was to provide clarity and specificity where needed and add or remove content where necessary.

As work progressed, there was one issue that needed to be addressed. It became apparent that there were chapters and departments that allowed persons to participate in KWVA business who had not applied for KWVA Membership and pay the required annual dues to the Association. On October 5, 2005, a clause was inserted into the KWVA Bylaws that basically instructed all the chapters that anyone joining a chapter after October 5, 2005 must become a National member. There were words that were spoken at the meeting, and afterwards, that the implication of that clause was that anyone joining before October 5, 2005 did not have to belong to the National Association membership, but that membership and annual dues were required after that date.

The fact is, as Director Lawhon pointed out, is that nowhere in the language in any Bylaws has there ever been permission given to allow any chapter or any department to have someone be recognized as a member who did not join the Association and pay the required annual dues. The result, he said, "Is that we've come to have, I'm going to

describe it as two KWVAs. One KWVA consists of paid-up members, who comply with the Bylaws and the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM), the other, for want of another term, a 'Shadow KWVA' who call themselves members of chapters and departments, and sad to say, Officers, who had sworn to uphold the Bylaws who allow them to do so.

Therefore, we have 'shadow members' who have never exposed themselves to any kind of formal examination for eligibility of giving proof that they are/were in the military, much less in the Korean War. I didn't realize at that time the actual reality of this virtual, this shadow KWVA. But then after meeting several of those people, at least one of them thought it was good to put on a campaign to try to defeat this amendment at this meeting. And, in the mail I receive, on top of a lot of e-mails, I received a petition from two chapters and their Department Commander, with signatures. And in that petition it says the reason that they not want us to change the Bylaws—the reason was that they had chapter members who had paid life membership to the chapters, and yet they, the department and chapter officers, still didn't enforce the rule for them to pay annual dues!

I don't know how you regard that. But it seems to me that the issue here today is a decision by this membership. Pure and simple. Decide what they want; a KWVA that follows the rules, and Officers who honor their obligation to support the KWVA, and they enforce it, or a group of those who choose to comply (or not) with the rules as and when it suits them."

He continued, "And let me stop right here and tell you how you enforce it. Commander Don Gutmann of Chapter 44, and its other officers, won't let you into a chapter meeting unless you have paid up Annual membership to the Korean War Veterans Association. The only "Inactive" members are its deceased."

It was pointed out to the members that the practice of not paying the Association dues was unfair to the more than 7,000 'at-large' members, who don't belong to chapters, and have no choice but to pay.

Director Lawhon then ended his report and made a motion to ratify the Bylaws Amendment that has been approved by the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Director Frank Williams.

Following that was an extended, considerable discussion and debate from both those who were for the motion to ratify, and those who opposed it. Finally, Ed Buckman made a 'Call for the question.' It was determined by President Mac Swain that there was a quorum, which was verified by Judge Advocate Billy Scott. President Mac Swain asked for a standing count of those who wished to adopt the amended Bylaws, followed by a standing count of those opposed to it. It was declared by the President that the Motion to adopt had passed, with a 2/3 majority vote.

President Mac Swain then asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Director Williams and seconded by Director Brown. A point of order was made by Director McHugh that there was still some business: the report by Assistant Secretary Jake Feaster, who is also Director of Membership Management. The meeting was then continued before the meeting was adjourned.

**Membership Management Report:** Jake Feaster pointed out that people joining after October 4th, 2005 were required to maintain their membership, paid up and current. For your information, he pointed out, even with that ruling, there are 330 persons in chapters that chapter officers let in and have not required them to maintain

their membership. There are 10,000 in chapters that are paying their dues.

He continued, "So I would like to appeal to those chapters that are, there's 70 to about 75 of them that have not sent in their election reports, so we have no idea who the officers are.

Can you imagine a 1. President of a department or a chapter that's not a KWVA member? We have them. 2. Treasurer who's not a KWVA member handling all your finances? We have them. 3. Judge Advocate who is not a member of the KWVA? We have them."

President Mac Swain commented that there was one more thing that had to be done and that was to have the drawing for the raffle. The winner of the \$5,000.00 travel gift certificate was First Vice President Jim Ferris; the winner of the 46-inch TV was Robert L. Flores from Warrensburg, NY; the winner for the laptop was Charles Giulini, from Pelham Manor, NY.

President Mac Swain gave the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 1246 hours.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Cohee, National Secretary*

## U.S. ARMY MAJ. GEN. ASSUMES JPAC COMMAND

HICKAM AFB, HAWAII – U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Donna L. Crisp relinquished command of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command on Friday, Jan. 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., at Bldg. 45, Hickam Air Force Base, during a ceremony officiated by Adm. Robert F. Willard, commander of U.S. Pacific Command.

United States Army Maj. Gen. Stephen Tom, the former Chief of Staff for the U.S. Pacific Command, assumed command of JPAC. The ceremony marked the end of a 35-year career for Crisp, who received her commission in 1974 after graduating from California State University in 1971. Crisp was the third commander in JPAC's history.

Under Crisp's leadership JPAC carried out more than 135 recovery and investigation missions, ultimately identifying approximately 170 missing Americans; an improvement by 35 percent over the previous 5-year averages. During her two-years as commander, the Central Identification Laboratory became the third Federal Laboratory to pass the International American Society of Crime Laboratory Assessment.

Tom, a graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree, was commissioned through the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps Program in 1971. He continued his civilian education by entering Boston University School of Law, and graduated with a Juris Doctor degree in 1974. In his civilian capacity, Maj. Gen. Tom was a private practice attorney and a partner in a law firm; he was recalled to active duty in January 2006.

"Until They Are Home"



# Membership Report

By Jeff Brodeur, Membership Chairman



## End of year KWVA Membership Report for 2009

The KWVA had a promising year for membership. We have almost 1,000 more members this year than we did at this time last year.

## How we increased our membership

Several factors played a role in increasing our membership. The main factor was the number of renewals we picked up due to the publication of the KWVA Directory. We attracted over 1,271 renewals as a result of the Directory project. (Incidentally, the Directory should be in members' hands by the time this article comes out.) In addition, we didn't have as many reported deaths in 2008 as we did in 2009. (Unfortunately, many members' deaths are not reported to the National Secretary.)

## KWVA fliers drew new members

Regarding new members, we enrolled only 71 fewer new members for 2009 than we did in 2008. The new fliers we have distributed at the KWVA Annual Meetings have accounted for 20% of all new members. These fliers and posters can be downloaded off the KWVA website at [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org). They can be taken to any print store and be laminated. I would suggest chapters put them in various posts and VA Hospitals throughout the country.

## New departments and chapters

We created several chapters and departments this year. Many members who were only chapter members sent in KWVA national applications. Membership is at an all-time high. The Membership Department, under Jake Feaster, Jamie Reynolds, and KWVA Webmaster Jim Doppelhammer, has been working extremely hard for the KWVA year round.

## Our plans for 2010

We intend to conduct an all-out effort in 2010 in which we will ask every member to recruit not only Korea War veterans, but Korea Defense Service veterans. We must also take up the cause of these post-war Korea veterans and let them know they are welcome in the KWVA.

A few members still believe that the KWVA should be a VSO that includes only members who served in the Korea War between 1950-53. That attitude not only harms the KWVA, but it could mean the KWVA would cease to exist in five years if the requirements limited membership in the Association to that narrow window.

Founder Bill Norris saw fit to include post-war Korea Service veterans, as he called them, and anyone who served during the Korean War. We need to let these potential members know they are welcome into the KWVA. There is a pool of millions of potential eligible members we need to reach.

## We are well represented on significant holidays

The KWVA is well represented in Washington DC at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day and Veterans Day by Chapters 142 in Maryland and 299 from Massachusetts.

## A website and magazine second to none

We have the best website and the best military association magazine in the country by far. We are at an all-time high in membership.

The KWVA had a great year!!

*KWVA Membership Chairman  
Jeff Brodeur*

# DD-214s are now on line

It's official: DD-214s are now on-line. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>. Follow the instructions once you have gained access.

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online website.

Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized.

The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom and processing time. Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependents.

**Get Your DD214 On Line At:**  
<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

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## Membership Numbers

	2009	2008
Number of new KWVA members	776	847 (-71)
KWVA Membership for the year	17,848	16,899 (+949)
Known deaths for the year 2009	609	705 (-96)

### KWVA Bylaws Committee Project For 2009

## Revision of the KWVA Standard Procedure Manual and Bylaws

By George Lawhon

### REVIEW

In the prior edition of *The Graybeards* (Nov/Dec 2009, pp. 18,19), you were given the Project status as it was on November 14th. In that edition was a removable copy of the revised Bylaws that were ratified on October 26th, and the Annual Dues and its enforcement requirements that became effective as of January 1st.

The booklet was placed between pages 16 & 17 so each member could have his or her own copy, making it possible to decide consistently at a meeting or elsewhere what the requirements are to be in compliance with the rules for members, chapters and departments.

There was material about the Board and Membership Meetings on October 25th & 26th respectively at the Annual Membership Meeting in Irving, TX. In addition to reports from Association officers and committees, opposition to ratification of the Bylaws was expressed, as well as support for it. In the end, the Membership's decision was to approve ratification of the 2009 Bylaws Amendment. (See the Summary Minutes of the Membership Meeting elsewhere in this edition.)

### ISSUES

The practice of non-payment of dues by those who claim chapter membership but never joined the KWVA, and the officers who allow and/or encourage it, seriously damages the Association, because the chapter cannot reasonably evaluate the eligibility of these chapter "members" as Korean War veterans. Moreover, even if some eligibility evaluation is undertaken, there is no record of them in the KWVA database. There is an increased liability the Association carries when it cannot account for all persons acting in the name of the KWVA.

Allowing non-KWVA members to be treated as chapter members takes the issue beyond unfairness, and threatens our recently granted Federal Charter, if

allowed to continue. Since the revised Bylaws were ratified on October 26, 2009, going into final effect on January 1, 2010, and every member given his or her personal copy, it is now, given the will to comply, possible for all to do just that.

It is hoped that in your possession, especially at chapter and department meetings, your Bylaws booklet will help to support the Good of the Order. It is also posted on the KWVA website, <http://www.kwva.org>

An argument against the Bylaws Amendment presented at the Membership Meeting was that you simply could not enforce the Bylaws rule that ALL must pay Association dues. I will repeat, as I did in the Bylaws Committee's last status article, the following procedure that will ensure enforcement of, and compliance to, the Bylaws:

1. Before any chapter or department meeting, it must be verified that those

KWVA, or are delinquent in their dues. If you are a current Regular KWVA member, you are entitled to ask for this. In fact, I hold that you are obligated to do so.

3. Another thing is that it deprives the Korean War Association, Inc. of funds to which it is entitled, under the revised Bylaws, or for that matter, any of the previously approved Bylaws.

In order to place some quantitative reality before you, I'll address that issue of cash money not available to carry out the KWVA Mission in concrete rather than abstract terms. Let's do some speculative but reasonable analysis.

As of today, there are 237 chapters in the KWVA. Each dues payment that does not come in from an individual is a direct yearly loss to the KWVA as follows, using 237 (# of chapters) X \$25.00 (Annual Dues) = \$5,925 (See table below).

#### MONIES LOST BECAUSE OF NON-PAYMENT OF ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUES

Yearly	Non-paying in Chapter					
Loss In	1	2	3	4	5	6
2007	5925	11,850	17,775	23,700	29,625	35,550
2008	5925	11,850	17,775	23,700	29,625	35,550
2009	5925	11,850	17,775	23,700	29,625	35,550
2010	5925	11,850	17,775	23,700	29,625	35,550
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23,700</b>	<b>47,400</b>	<b>71,100</b>	<b>94,800</b>	<b>118,500</b>	<b>35,550</b>

present are Regular KWVA members, current with their annual dues. There is nothing new about that. Let me point out again that at an Annual Membership Meeting that process is the method used to guarantee that those who discuss debate and vote on KWVA business are those who have paid for the privilege.

2. It will work only if you, as a member, insist on enforcement by your chapter or department officers. I know it will be difficult if, as I am told, there are actually officers who do not belong to the

There is another \$\$ figure, which would be the investment interest that the Association might have earned had the dues been paid.

While the Association does not have complete visibility of all those who do not pay the required annual dues, one and all can refer to the above table and know the correct monetary loss to the Association that specifically applies to them. If it would be that the average per chapter would be just one person, then you have a



destructive attribute to the Association's financial picture.

Officers need only count from their own roster, including those who paid the chapter for 'Life Chapter Memberships' who have never applied to belong to the KWVA. Those who do not belong, of course, cannot read the table with the specific amount that applies to them unless they borrow a copy of *The Graybeards* from a Regular Member.

Except for two emails objecting to my comments in the November/December status article, all other emails I have received had fair questions related to how the revised Bylaws should be implemented. To questions such as "...*The part that confuses me is the reference to 'any regular' member. Does this mean that it does not pertain to Associate members?*" My answer was that at the present time, the Standard Procedure Manual is in the process of revision by the Bylaws Committee, but if you will go to the KWVA website, at [http://www.kwva.org/bylaws/spm/procedure\\_manual.htm](http://www.kwva.org/bylaws/spm/procedure_manual.htm), you have access to it. Once there, read SPM Pages 42-44. The answer to that specific question is on Page 44.

Another question concerned those

members who have Life Membership in the Chapter but have not paid Association dues for a few years, and how that should be handled. My answer was that it is not the intention of the KWVA to ask anyone to pay Association dues from the past, but rather to set everyone on the same path, which is compliance to the Bylaws. That means past dues not paid are not an issue. It also means that those persons must pay Association dues, beginning with the date of January 1, 2010, and must apply for Association membership effective that date. In the case of 'Inactive members,' they must apply to simply renew their membership.

## STATUS

Bylaws. It is too soon to see what effect ratification of the revised Bylaws will have on membership. In my opinion, there should be a substantial increase in Association Membership, since there may be a considerable number of persons who did not actually know that you could not be a member of a chapter unless you first joined the Korean War Association, Inc. as a Regular Member.

More doubtful are the chapter and department officers who aren't

Association Members. I know if it was discovered to be so by chapter members who do pay annual dues, it is reasonable to believe there would be corrective action demanded by compliant, paid-up members.

Even more problematic are the officers of chapters and departments who, despite the overwhelming approval by the Membership on October 26th of the revised Bylaws Amendment, persist in their opposition to those Bylaws, specifically about the enforcement of a requirement that has always been in effect, despite the clarity and specificity of the language in the Bylaws that require compliance to both pay, and for officers to enforce application for Association membership and payment of dues.

## Standard Procedure Manual.

During the October 25th meeting of the Board of Directors, they were given a presentation of the revisions to the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM). The draft is a work in progress, and the Board was asked to give the Bylaws Committee a "conditional" approval of the work to date.

The Bylaws Committee continues work on the revisions to the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM), and hopes to have the Final Draft ready before the end of January, 2010; it will then be presented to the Board for approval, and subsequently posted for use on the KWVA website.

## Some reminders:

Until the upcoming revisions for the KWVA Standard Procedure Manual (SPM) are approved by the Board of Directors and in place, the current SPM and our Federal Charter are all available for review and/or download from the KWVA website, <http://www.kwva.org>, at any time.

We have an obligation to meet the compliance requirements to the new Federal Charter, Public Law 110-254 (S.1692) granted on June 30, 2008 to the Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

With fraternal respect for all who honor the Good of the Order,

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## GRANDCHILD DRAWING TICKET

I wish to have my name entered into the drawing to send one of my grandchildren to Korea. My grandchild is a college student.

Name of veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

My grandchild has a Passport now. (Check one) ☐ Yes ☐ No

A Passport is being obtained. (Check one) ☐ Yes ☐ No

You may copy this form, or one from the website, and send it to arrive by March 30, 2010 to the following address:

**Membership Office, P O Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407**

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July-Aug .....	July 15
Sept-Oct .....	Sept 15
Nov-Dec .....	Nov 15

# Bonus Round

We asked in the Sept/Oct issue, p. 11, which states—if any—authorized Korean War bonuses. Here is what we have learned so far. (There was a list in the Nov/Dec 2009 issue. The information below adds to the list.) Please help us expand the list. Let us know what your state(s) did regarding Korean War bonuses.

## CONNECTICUT

Anthony J. Malavenda

Served in Japan and the National Guard.

Drafted 1953, served to 1955, Army.

Received a bonus of \$94.00 from the State of Connecticut

## INDIANA

### Reference states for Giving Korean War Bonuses

I offer Indiana. I received two in 1958, amounting to approximately \$440. I only had to prove that I served in Korea during the war.

I did not have to be a citizen of Indiana at the time of the Korean War. Two friends of mine received the same bonuses: one a citizen of Kansas City, KS, and the other from Dubuque, Iowa. They were both living in Indiana at the time of issue.

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## KENTUCKY

The State of Kentucky paid a Korean War Bonus of \$300 effective 1962. A little late maybe, but gratefully received.

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## LOUISIANA

As best as I can recall, Louisiana paid me a whopping \$50. In those days it was greatly appreciated as a supplement to the \$110 per month Korean G.I. Bill paid while I was attending the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Perhaps other Korean War vets from Louisiana can verify the amount

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## NEW YORK

I served in Korea as a replacement platoon leader from 1 June '52 to 6 March '53 in the 89th Tank Bn., and also in the 35th Inf. Regt. Tank Co, supporting the 5th RCT, the 35th IR, the 27th IR, and for 2 months the Turkish Brigade, all on the MLR.

The question arises about New York State and whether it ever gave a Korean War "bonus." The answer is no.

However, the NY State Public Employees Retirement System did allow all WWII veterans to "buy back" and get credit for their years of wartime service, which greatly increased their pensions over the years. After I retired from teaching in 1986, they granted that same benefit to Korean War vets, but didn't "Grandfather" it. So, vets like me who were already retired could-

## KOREAN WAR BONUSES BY STATE

	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
Alabama			
Alaska			
Arizona			
Arkansas			
California			
Colorado			
Connecticut	Y		
Delaware			
Florida			
Georgia			
Hawaii			
Idaho			
Illinois	Y		
Indiana	Y		
Iowa	Y		
Kansas			
Kentucky	Y		
Louisiana	Y		
Maine			
Maryland			
Massachusetts	Y		
Michigan	Y		
Minnesota	Y		
Mississippi			
Missouri			
Montana			
Nebraska			
Nevada			
New Hampshire	Y		
New Jersey			
New Mexico		N	
New York			
North Carolina			
North Dakota			
Ohio	Y		
Oklahoma			
Oregon			
Pennsylvania	Y		
Rhode Island			
South Carolina			
South Dakota	Y		
Tennessee			
Texas			
Utah			
Vermont			
Virginia			
Washington	Y		
Washington DC	Y		
West Virginia			
Wisconsin		N	
Wyoming			

## Now Hear This:

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n't take advantage of it. What a gross discrimination, which is so unfair!!!

Even if they gave it today, think of how many Korean War vets have already passed away!

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## PENNSYLVANIA

I lived in Pennsylvania when I enlisted. The state had a Korean War bonus. It paid a certain amount for every month of service during the war, and about \$5 more for every month served in Korea. I can't remember the exact amount, but it sure came in handy, whatever it was.

The state made the process easy. All we had to do was go to our local American Legion post, show our DD 214s, and sign a document. We received our checks in a few days.

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## SOUTH DAKOTA

I enlisted in the Air Force in 1951, for a four-year term, and arrived in Korea on Jan. 2, 1953. After my discharge, I received a bonus check for \$500 from the State of South Dakota. I remember it well, as I used it to pay the hospital bill for the C-Section birth of our first child, in May of 1955. I called her our "Bonus Baby."

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South Dakota gave a Korean War Bonus. As I recall, they allowed a set amount for each month served with a cap of \$500. I was going to college when I received my \$500, so it came at an opportune time.

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## WASHINGTON DC

Robert F. Miles

Enlisted 1948 through 1952

Served in Korea 1950-51.

Received \$750.00 (\$50.00 for each month on the line)

## WISCONSIN

I am from Wisconsin. There was no bonus in this state!!

*Dwaine Loest, daloest@tds.net*

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Veterans Administration

# 2009 Meetings

*By Bob Banker*

The Veterans Administration conducts several meetings a year for many Veterans Service Organizations to update them on the progress made in the two programs below. The VA is many things to many people, some positive and some not. However, with regard to these two agencies of the VA, there is no doubt of their integrity in conducting the affairs of the approximately 130 National Cemeteries as well as the deep commitment of our government to locate all our brothers who did not come home as a Prisoner of War or who have been classified as Missing in Action.

## National Cemetery Administration (NCA)

The mission of the NCA is to honor veterans with final resting places in national shrines with lasting tributes that commemorate their service to our nation. The NCA conducts meetings twice a year to update the VSOs concerning the progress achieved.

I attended two meetings this year, one on May 20th, the other on Dec. 3rd. The meetings are chaired by the most senior member of the NCA.

On Dec. 3rd, the meeting was headed by Mr. Steve Muro, Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, along with seven senior personnel, each giving a report on his assignment. These included Communications Management Service, VSO Liaison for the Secretary of the VA, NCA Chief Financial Office, Office of Construction Facilities Management, Office of Construction Management, Office of Field Programs, State Cemetery Grants Service and Memorial Programs Service. The meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at approximately 11:30 a.m., including time for questions and answers.

Rather than detailing every report, I suggest that you go to their website, [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov), for the information necessary to initiate any inquiry. Their goal is to have cemeteries located 75 miles from veterans' locales.

New projects for FY 2010 have been completed, such as at Sacramento, CA and Washington Crossing, PA (phase #1A). Others remain to be completed, such as Dallas, TX and Great Lakes, IL. Projects to be started in FY 2010 include Puerto Rico, Washington Crossing (phase IB) and Houston, TX. There are many more projects in the pipeline, but this just gives you an idea of their activity.

They keep repeating a concept concerning how they conduct their business. They declare that, "We have only one chance to get it right!!" An annual survey of the veterans' families is taken. In the most recent survey, 95% of respondents rated the service as excellent, 98% rated the appearance of cemeteries as excellent, and 98% would recommend a national cemetery to a veteran's family at their time of need.

In FY 2009 they reported that 352,207 headstones and markers were ordered; 93% were installed within 60 days of internment, with an average of 25 days to mark the grave. 93% of applications were processed in 20 days or less. Approximately 70% of the per-

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# WHEN IS A WAR NOT A WAR?

By Staff Writer Arthur G. Sharp©

There is some question as to whether the Korean War was ever declared officially a war and, if so, when and by whom. We posed the question about the official status in the previous issue of *Korea Veterans: The Graybeards*, p. 6. Many readers have responded. (See a smattering of responses below.) The responses evoke new questions. For example:

- Does it matter whether the “war” was ever declared officially? The people who did the fighting recognized it as a war, since they were shooting at the enemy, who were shooting back.
- Who declared it a war? Remember, according to the U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8, only Congress can declare war.
- If Congress did declare the fighting in Korea as an actual war, why did it take so long to do so? And what prompted them to do so?
- Since intercession in Korea was a UN action, was it the United States’ responsibility to define it as a war—or anything else? (This is a key question.)
- Does changing a reference from “conflict” to “war” really alter anything pertaining to Korean War veterans’ status, benefits, etc?
- What about Vietnam? Was it actually a war? Did Congress ever declare it an actual war? It seems like the practice by Congress of declaring official declarations of “unpleasantness” between nations involving arms and munitions as “war” died out after WWII.
- Is the official designation of the Korean fighting as a war an issue of contention among the veterans from the other nations involved?

Before we address those questions, let’s look at some of the aforementioned responses.

## It’s a war if someone is shooting at you

As you know, there was no formal declaration of war. There was UN Resolution 84, which was passed by the Security Council on July 7, 1950 to provide “such assistance to the Republic of Korea as may be necessary to repel the attack and restore international peace and security to the area....” This is what President Truman relied upon when he committed U.S. forces to Korea.

As we are well aware, any hostile force shooting at you is a situation that clearly defines it as “war.” According to one informational source, *The Free Dictionary*, the true definition of the word “war” is “a state of open, often prolonged conflict carried on between nations, states, or parties.” This means, of course, that it does not need to be a “declared” conflict to be called a war.

A declared war, on the other hand, is defined as “a formal declaration issued by a national government indicating that a state of war exists between one nation and another.” Interestingly, the United States has only declared war in five instances in our history—the War of 1812, the Mexican-American War (1846-48), the Spanish-American War of 1898, World War I, and World War II.

Although the Revolutionary War (the War of Independence, as it’s sometimes called) was not a declared war per se; it was in effect declared when the colonies issued the Declaration of Independence, that separated the colonies from British rule. The Federal

Convention of 1787 declared that “in a representative democracy, the power to declare war must reside solely with the people’s representatives” (meaning Congress, of course).

The U.S. has been involved in a number of conflicts over the years called “wars” that, while not declared by Congress, were in effect approved by U.S. Congressional and United Nations’ resolutions.

But for us who served in Korea it will always be the KOREAN WAR!

Bill Russell, [billrider29@embarqmail.com](mailto:billrider29@embarqmail.com)

## President Clinton changed the designation

On page 6 you asked about whether KOREAN WAR ever became “official.” In my historical memoir, *KOREA (Our War) 1950-1953*, on page 283 I wrote, “A very belated Declaration of War against North Korea was passed by Congress on 22 September 1998 and signed by, of all people, [President] Clinton... Until then, the fighting in Korea was referred to as a “Police Action.”

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## A mention in 1999

I wrote in my reunion update to Company L, 279th Infantry “Movin On,” 45th Division “Thunderbirds,” on 25 October 1999:

Hello Troops

Company-L held its 11th annual reunion on October 12-13 in Branson Missouri and true to form it was another good one. The Hotel accommodations were great and it was well located near entertainment etc. In short you couldn’t ask for more.

As of September 1998 the name for the Korean Conflict has been officially changed to the Korean War by the Congress of the United States. All references to the Korean Conflict are supposed to be changed to the Korean War. I know that all Korean War veterans always considered it a war: now, it’s official.

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## More specifically...

Re your question in the last paragraph of Column 1 on Page 6, I believe the answer is in Section 1067 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 1999, wherein the words “Korean Conflict” were stricken, and the words “Korean War” entered in lieu thereof.

The bill was signed by Pres. Clinton on 22 Sep 1998.

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Okay, let’s review some of the responses.

Readers will notice references to various government documents such as Presidential Proclamations and Acts, e.g., the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 1999. Let’s look at Presidential Proclamations first. (See the sidebar for a discussion of Presidential



Proclamations and Executive Orders.)

No U.S. President can declare war without an *official* designation from Congress (see below). So, the proclamations issued by President Clinton regarding the fighting in Korea were not tantamount to a declaration of war. What about Congress' order in SEC. 1067 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY (Fiscal Year) 1999? Here is SEC. 1067, to which some respondents refer:

**SEC. 1067. PROGRAM TO  
COMMEMORATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR.**

(a) LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURES- Subsection (f) of section 1083 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105-85; 111 Stat. 1918; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended to read as follows:

(f) LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURES- The total amount expended by the Department of Defense to carry out the commemorative program for fiscal year 1999 may not exceed \$1,820,000.'.

(b) REDESIGNATION OF COMMEMORATION ACCOUNT- The account in the Treasury known as the 'Department of Defense Korean Conflict Commemoration Account' is redesignated as the 'Department of Defense Korean War Commemoration Account'.

(c) OTHER REFERENCES TO KOREAN WAR- Such section is further amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking out 'korean conflict' and inserting in lieu thereof 'korean war,'

(2) by striking out 'Korean conflict' each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof 'Korean War';

(3) in subsection (c), by striking out 'names 'The Department of Defense Korean Conflict Commemoration',' and inserting in lieu thereof 'name the 'Department of Defense Korean War Commemoration',' and

(4) in subsection (d)(1), by striking out 'Korean Conflict' and inserting in lieu thereof 'Korean War'.

(d) CROSS REFERENCES- Any reference to the Department of Defense Korean Conflict Commemoration or the Department of Defense Korean Conflict Commemoration Account in any law, regulation, document, record, or other paper of the United States shall be considered to be a reference to the Department of Defense Korean War Commemoration or the Department of Defense Korean War Commemoration Account, respectively.

Again, the question regarding SEC. 1067 is whether striking out "conflict" and replacing it with "war" has any official bearing on the designation of the fighting. Arguments over the answer to that question are academic in nature—or are they?

The U.S. Constitution lays out specifically who is responsible for declaring war. SEC. 1067 meets one essential criterion pertaining to that declaration. Here are the war-related powers of the U.S. Congress enumerated in the U.S. Constitution:

## Section 8 - Powers of Congress

- To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal and, make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;
- To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years;
- To provide and maintain a Navy;
- To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land

## Presidential Proclamation versus Executive Order

### Presidential Proclamations

#### The Power to Proclaim ...

by Brandon Rottinghaus, University of Houston

A presidential proclamation is "an instrument that states a condition, declares a law and requires obedience, recognizes an event or triggers the implementation of a law (by recognizing that the circumstances in law have been realized)" (Cooper 2002, 116). In short, presidents "define" situations or conditions on situations that become legal or economic truth. These orders carry the same force of law as executive orders – **the difference between the two is that executive orders are aimed at those inside government while proclamations are aimed at those outside government.\*\*** The administrative weight of these proclamations is upheld because they are often specifically authorized by congressional statute, making them "delegated unilateral powers." Presidential proclamations are often dismissed as a practical presidential tool for policy making because of the perception of proclamations as largely ceremonial or symbolic in nature. However, the legal weight of presidential proclamations suggests their importance to presidential governance.

Presidential proclamations do have important political and historical consequences in the development of the United States, including President Washington's Proclamation of Neutrality in 1793 and President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

Other more recent policy-based proclamations have also made a substantial impact on economic and domestic policy, including President Clinton's declaration of federal lands for national monuments and President Bush's declaration of the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina as disaster areas.

Proclamations are also used, often contentiously, to grant presidential pardons, particularly important for President Ford who pardoned President Richard Nixon and President Carter draft evaders in Vietnam..

Although less significant in terms of public policy, proclamations are also used ceremonially by presidents to honor a group or situation or to call attention to certain issues or events. For instance, President George H.W. Bush issued a proclamation to honor veterans of World War II and President Reagan called attention to the health of the nation's eyes by proclaiming a "Save Your Vision Week".

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University of Houston

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\*\* Emphasis added by Korea Veterans' *The Graybeards* editor.

Source: <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/proclamations.php?year=1995>

and naval Forces;

- To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;
- To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

Oh well, I guess we can go on and on discussing the official status of the fighting in Korea. The definitive answer to the argument will continue to elude us. In the final analysis, nothing changes. The statistics remain the same, South Korea remains free, and North Korea remains isolated. What does not remain, however, is the perception that the Korean War is a “forgotten war.”

Korean War veterans have fought long and hard to remove that stigma on behalf of the men and women—military and civilian alike—who died, were wounded and/or imprisoned, or suffered otherwise in both Koreas between 25 June 1950 and today. They have made great strides in that direction. For them, it was a war. It was then, and it is now. That is the only designation that matters.

## **Proclamation 6812 - National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, 1995**

July 26, 1995

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On July 27, 1953, the guns finally fell silent over the Korean peninsula. Three years of fierce struggle, costing over 600,000 lives among U.S. and allied combatants, ended with a negotiated cease-fire at Panmunjom. At that moment, in the midst of the Cold War, facing the burden of containing a hostile communist world, America could not yet see clearly all that the Korean War had achieved.

Time and history have cleared our vision. More than four decades later, we look back in awe and gratitude at what our Armed Forces and allies accomplished in Korea. Under the banner of the United Nations, they fought to defend freedom and human dignity in the Korean peninsula, demonstrating to the world's totalitarian regimes that men and women of goodwill were ready to pay the ultimate price so that others might enjoy the blessings of liberty. They helped the Republic of South Korea grow, survive, and prosper as an independent and democratic nation and a strong friend of the United States. With their quiet courage and stern resolve, American troops sowed the seeds for the triumph of democracy that is sweeping across the globe today.

Now, at long last, we have a fitting memorial to honor the achievements and the sacrifice of our Korean War veterans. From across this country and around the world, these veterans will gather in our Nation's capital to dedicate the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the enduring testament to their valor and generosity of spirit. America honors their service; we remember their sacrifice; and we are forever in their debt.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim July 27, 1995, as “National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.” I call upon all

Americans to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities in honor of our Nation's Korean War veterans.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen

## **Proclamation 7324 - 50th Anniversary of the Korean War and National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, 2000 June 23, 2000**

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Fifty years ago, on June 25, 1950, armed forces from North Korea shattered the peace in the Land of the Morning Calm as they crossed the 38th Parallel and launched an invasion of South Korea. The communist forces advanced rapidly and, at the outset, appeared close to easy victory. President Truman, recognizing the threat to our South Korean allies and their democracy, responded swiftly and decisively. Through the United Nations Security Council, he marshaled international opposition to the invasion and, on June 27, 1950, committed the first U.S. forces to combat in South Korea.

On some of the world's harshest terrain, through the scorching heat of summer and the numbing cold of winter, American troops fought with steely determination and uncommon courage. As they gained ground, pushing the North Koreans back toward the 38th parallel, American families began to hope that our troops would be home by Christmas. But in November, at the Yalu River in North Korean territory, American forces encountered a new and daunting antagonist: Chinese forces had joined their North Korean allies, and the tide of battle turned once again.

Through months of attack and counterattack, falling back and regaining ground U.S. troops and our allies refused to succumb to enemy forces. The war dragged into a bloody stalemate and long, bitter talks ensued. Finally, negotiators signed an armistice agreement at Panmunjom on July 27, 1953. North Korea withdrew across the 38th parallel, and the Republic of South Korea regained its status as a free, democratic nation. For the first time in history, a world organization of nations had taken up arms to oppose aggression and, thanks largely to the valor, skill, and perseverance of almost 2,000,000 Americans, had succeeded.

In later years, the Korean War would sometimes be called “the Forgotten War.” But we have not forgotten. We pay honor to the courage of our veterans who fought in Korea and to the thousands who died there or whose fate is still unknown. We recall the grief of their families and the gratitude of the people of South Korea. We remember that, in the Korean War, our soldiers' brave stand against communism laid the foundations of peace and freedom that so many nations enjoy today.

Over the next 3-1/2 years, Americans will gather to observe the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and honor our veterans. The Secretary of Defense will help coordinate many of these events and will develop commemorative and educational materials to help



inform the American public about our veterans' many contributions and sacrifices.

The Congress, by Public Law 106-195, has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, and by Public Law 104-19 (36 U.S.C. 127), the Congress has designated July 27, 2000, as "National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of that day.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge all Americans to observe the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War and do hereby proclaim July 27, 2000, as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. I call upon all Americans to observe these periods with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor and give thanks to our distinguished Korean War veterans. I also ask Federal departments and agencies and interested groups, organizations, and individuals to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff on July 27, 2000, in memory of the Americans who died as a result of their service in Korea.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-third day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-fourth.

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 12:47 p.m., June 26, 2000]

## MEETINGS from page 19

sonnel in the NCA are veterans, and all personnel take great pride in their work.

## Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO)

The DPMO, overseeing POW/MIAs, held a similar meeting on Sept. 18, 2009 in Arlington, VA, led by Acting Director Charles W. Henley. Their continuing dedication to the task of seeking the remains of our unaccounted POWs and MIAs is remarkable.

Every effort is made to return remains from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and anywhere else we have missing military personnel. To that end, they feel an obligation and commitment to continue maintaining lines of communication with countries such as Russia, North Korea, China, and Vietnam. This is slow and arduous work, as it depends on the cooperation they receive from those governments. Success is rated on the few remains they receive and the months and years it takes to identify those remains. Their message to the VSOs is that the search continues and will not be stopped.

I was honored to be your representative from the KWVA and for President William Mac Swain. I hope this information is useful. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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## A Lion in a Foxhole

### ■ Combat with a little humor in Naktong River, Pusan perimeter, August 1950

*By Paul Spescia*

The UN Forces were spread very thin because of a lack of troops. My platoon, the 3rd of Company C, 14th Combat Engineers, was occupying a company front. Each squad was covering a platoon-size area, which meant that all of us were in one-man foxholes.

For days up to the point of this incident we observed enemy vehicle traffic on the other side of the river. We all knew that sooner or later the North Korean Peoples Army (NKPA) would be coming across the river. Now and then our forward observer (FA) would request a fire mission on several of the areas to our front. At night, no one moved. Everyone stayed in their foxholes, except to get out when nature called.

At the time, most of the company was down with dysentery, and we had very little food. We had to send out water patrols,

as there was no water available in the immediate location. Each squad designated one man every day to make the mile or better trip for the water. Rations were sent to us by A-Frames. Most times, if it was breakfast, we received it by supper—and it was COLD!

This had been going on for several weeks. The mental condition of the unit was shot. Soldiers had bad tempers. It was hotter than hell, dusty, and there was no place to wash. Our bodies smelled to high heaven. To top it all off, my assistant squad leader, Sergeant Mize, was a veteran of WWII.

Sergeant Mize saw an NKPA soldier behind every tree, rock, or other type of cover. He was always harping to us young troops that the attack was coming any minute and we had to be ready. This went on for weeks. Except for Mize's harping, it was super quiet. It was so quiet, in fact, and our nerves were so shot, that at night we could hear two flies having sex. Yes, it was that quiet.

On one particular night, Mize got hit

really bad with dysentery and he had to leave his foxhole. In the deep silence of that night Mize started alternately screaming, hollering, yelling, cussing, throwing rocks and hollering more: "Get out...get out.... get out..." All of us thought that maybe an infiltrator had snuck into Mize's foxhole—until we also heard the growling, screeching and hissing.

By this time, the entire platoon was locked and loaded, figuring that the NKPA were on our hill. It turned out that while Mize was out of his foxhole, a mountain lion decided that he wanted the hole worse than Mize did, and he was putting up a fight for it.

Mize did everything he could, except shoot the cat. After a long battle, the cat gave in and left Mize the foxhole.

For a very long time after the incident, Mize heard a lot of "Cat Calls." Yes, even in the most unpleasant situations, humor can be found.

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## CODE from page 6

sometimes appears to be an alien concept. In our organization there are a warped handful of individuals who care nothing for truth and even less for the good of the Korean War Veterans Association. If you have missed their daily doses of lies and slander then consider yourself fortunate. Most of the members ARE honorable, proud veterans.”

Many months ago, after discussions with the Judge Advocate, Legal Counsel, and the Chairman of the Ethics and Grievance Committee, I requested that the E&G Committee develop a Code of Conduct for the KWVA. That Code of Conduct follows, with a brief explanation of each of the values involved:

§ I will uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States. (There should be no explanation necessary of this statement: are you loyal to your country?)

§ I will adhere to the Bylaws of the KWVA, my Department, and my Chapter. (If you do not agree with the guidelines presented, submit a resolution to change. Every organization must have a set of “Rules of the Game.”)

§ I will not engage in any unlawful or unethical conduct, or attempt to deceive in any manner, my Chapter, my Department, or the National KWVA. (Integrity – Respect ....Are you a law abiding citizen?)

§ I will fulfill my obligations and will be responsible for my actions to the Chapter, Department, and the National Organization of the KWVA. (Are you someone who is a man/woman of his word? Are you an honorable individual?)

§ I will render service and comfort to bereaved families of fellow veterans, in time of need, to the best of my ability. (Duty to others....selfless service....help your fellowman in time of need.)

§ I will respect the rights of others in respect to politics, sex, race, religion, and ethnic background. (Everyone is entitled to their own opinion....live and let live...respect the rights of others.)

§ I will hold an open mind to the thoughts and opinions of others in any discussion or problem. (Freedom of speech...respect the right of someone to express their own thoughts.)

§ I will at all times conduct myself with proper decorum and dignity and, while a member of the KWVA, will commit no act or actions that would dishonor the KWVA, our flag, or our country. (Respect the right of assembly and behave in a gentlemanly manner.)

Following the initial publishing of the Code of Conduct in August of 2006, 151 members followed the lead of President Dechert, signed the Code of Conduct before the Annual Meeting, and became Charter Members. Thereafter, 222 additional members subscribed to the Code.

Today, more than ever, the Code of Conduct is appropriate. Will you join this group of 373 members?

If you subscribe to the principles contained in this code, please call, write, or e-mail: Stephen Szekely, Chairman, Ethics and Grievance Committee, KWVA, 1516 Laclede Rd., South Euclid, Ohio 44121-3012, (216) 381-9080, [sxdszek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sxdszek@sbcglobal.net)

Thanks, for the good of our Order – and for honorable conduct.

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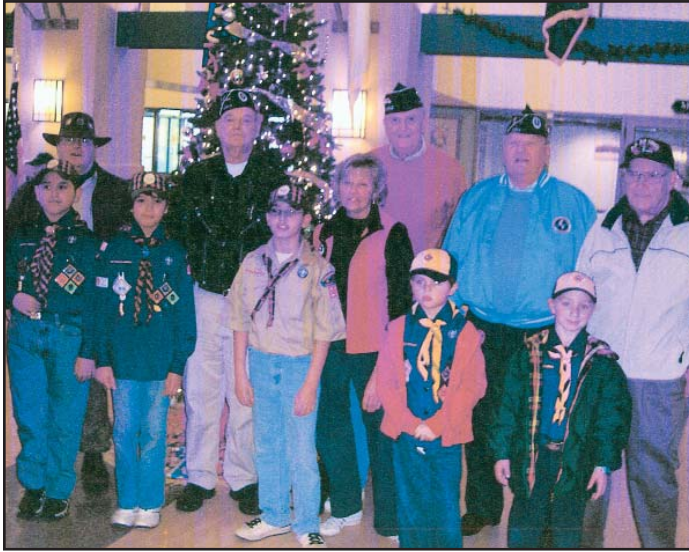
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Upon acceptance, please sign your name, include your Membership number. Please forward to: Stephen Szekely, 1516 Laclede Rd., South Euclid, Ohio, 44121



# Christmas 2009

## 53 UNION COUNTY [NJ]



Members of Ch 53 and St. Mary's Scout Troop 200 at Christmas bingo

We held a Christmas bingo for 75 residents of the Old Soldiers Home in Menlo Park, NJ on 12 December. The residents were assisted by the Scouts from St. Mary's Scout Troop 200, who received the Scouts warmly.

The residents received \$400 in prizes and soda and chips for refreshments, which the ladies of Ch 53 and the scouts distributed.

Ch 53 has sponsored bingos for many years at Menlo Park.

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## 251 SAGINAW/FRANKENMUTH [MI]

We conducted a Christmas Party at Zehnder's Restaurant in Frankenmuth, MI on 1 December 1, 2009, at which 84 people were present. We enjoyed an "all you can eat" chicken dinner.

The Barbershop Quartet, "Unforgettable Memories," entertains at Ch 251's Christmas Party



Bob Simon, Ch 251's General Chairman, spreads Christmas cheer at Zehnder's Restaurant



Ch 251 (L-R) Cmdr Hiel Rockwell, Past Cmdrs Jacob Klemm and Bob Simon at the chapter's Christmas party

In addition, we held a food drive, during which we collected 485 lbs. of non-perishable foods.

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# Punchbowl to Achieve National Shrine Status

At 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 1, 2009, approximately 50 veterans, guests, construction workers and media gathered at Section "P" in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP) for an Interdenominational Religious Blessing ceremony before the start of the Millennium Ground Renovation Program began.

Mr. Gene E. Castagnetti, NMCP's director, told the gathered audience that

the \$4.5 million millennium project will bring Punchbowl into national shrine status. "In last year's satisfaction survey, the Department of Veterans Affairs received a 95 percent satisfactory rating," he said. "This year, we are trying to improve to a 97 percent satisfactory rating and this millennium renovation project will help reach that goal."

"This turf has never been redone before," he said. "Gravesites will be leveled, grave markers will be cleaned and

soil will be tilled to a depth of eight inches and replanted with a new Bermuda grass called 'Celebration' that is tolerant to both shade and drought.

"All this effort will take out the 'wash-board effect' in our worst sections," he said. "The grave markers and flower vases will be stored for safekeeping, cleaned and replaced once the renovation in each section is completed."

There will be 11 burial sections and more than 16,400 markers renovated in



Mr. Gene E. Castagnetti, NMCP's Director, uses a large map of the cemetery to emphasize to the veterans which areas will be renovated during Phase I of the Gravesite Renovation Project.



Colonel John Harms, USMC (Ret.) presents a wreath to Hawaii State Chapter.



The Missing Man Flyover was performed by the 199th Fighter Squadron, 154th Air Wing, Hickam Air Force Base.

the next two years in Phase I. Each section contains anywhere from 1,200 to 2,900 graves and only one burial section at a time will be closed during the renovation. The first sections to be renovated will be “P”, “Q” and “R”.

“To assist families in remembering their loved ones interred in this national shrine with a floral tribute,” he said, “cemetery staff members have built a special floral display area in the Honolulu Memorial Chapel and have notebooks containing the names of those buried in each section.

“Families and friends can use the chapel to remember their loved ones on special occasions or dates,” he said. “If we were to have a reopener in a closed section to bury the surviving spouse, we would halt the construction work, dig the grave, do the interment and then continue with the renovation project in that section. Burial benefits to the veteran and his or her family would not be curtailed.”

Because the aina, or the land, is sacred to the Hawaiian people, local community religious leaders were invited to participate. The original dedication ceremony consisted of a Jewish Rabbi, a Catholic Priest and Buddhist Priest. To replicate that ceremony, the same religions were invited to bless the grounds. Also includ-



behalf of the Military Officers Association of America,



Mr. Gene E. Castagnetti, director of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, in his Welcoming Remarks quoted an unknown author who wrote this definition of a veteran: “A veteran is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check, payable to the United States, for an amount up to and including, his or her life.”

ed in this ceremony was Mr. Manu Boyd, chanter and cultural Renovation specialist, who performed the Welcoming Chant, and Mr. David Ka`upu, a local Kahu or Hawaiian minister, delivered the benediction.

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### Veterans Day Activity

Tributes to Korean War veterans at the cemetery continued on Veterans Day. More than 1,200 veterans, their families and guests gathered at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific under sun-drenched skies and cool tropical breezes on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, in an outpouring of appreciation and to pay homage to those who served in World

Wars I, II, the Korean War, the Vietnam war and the Gulf and Afghanistan wars on global terrorism.

Mr. Gene E. Castagnetti, director of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP), delivered Welcoming Remarks and was the Master of Ceremonies for the annual Veterans Day ceremony.

During his remarks, Castagnetti quoted an unknown author who wrote this definition of a veteran: “A veteran is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check, payable to the United States, for an amount up to and including, his or her life.

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More than 50 wreaths and floral lei arrangements are lined up on the Center Island, waiting for the start of the Veterans Day Ceremony.

"On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month," Castagnetti continued, "America pauses to reflect on this same hour, day and month of 1918, when the guns fell silent across Europe. At that time, World War I was characterized as the war to end all wars. "Here it is, some 91 years later and, unfortunately, that vision has not come to fruition."

This year's ceremony marked the 59th Annual Veterans Day celebration at NMCP. Retired U. S. Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant Robert Talmadge, President of the Chosin Few-Aloha Chapter, led the gathered audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lieutenant Governor James "Duke" Aiona, State of Hawaii, delivered brief remarks, thanking the veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices to enable Americans to enjoy the freedoms of today.

The Keynote Speaker for the ceremony was Lieutenant General Keith J. Stalder, USMC, Commanding General, U.S. Marine Forces Pacific, at Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii. "We gather here today, on this solemn, hallowed ground," the General said, "to continue our remembrance of the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom and to rededicate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.

"Our veterans fought to provide a better tomorrow for people at home in America, and for people throughout the world," he continued. "Our veterans fought so that people of all nations could be free to speak openly, to worship as they please, to receive an education, to own property, to enjoy the benefits of their labor, and to help choose a government.

"Our veterans continue their mission of service today, on foreign battlefields and soil, and even when they are back home. This fact is brought home in a stark manner as we honor those who lost their lives or were wounded at Fort Hood last week, with the recognition that they gave their lives while they were preparing to deploy

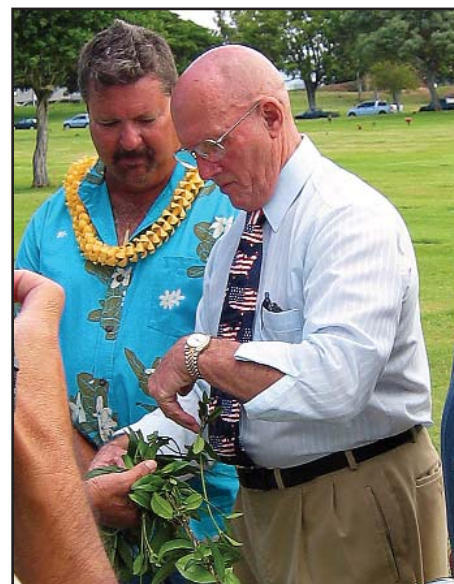


forward to assist others in need of liberty," he concluded.

More than 50 wreaths and floral lei tributes were presented by Hawaii Veteran Service Organizations during the ceremony. Music for the ceremony was provided by the U. S. Pacific Fleet Band, under the direction of Chief Musician Derek Werner, USN. The 3-round memorial volley was performed by a firing detail from the 25th Infantry Division (Light) from Schofield Barracks and, accompanied by a bugler from the Navy Band, TAPS was sung by Ms. Nina Nguyen. Members of the Pearl City Community Church Choir provided musical tributes to America's veterans on this special day. The Missing Man Flyover was performed by the 199th Fighter Squadron, 154th Air Wing, Hickam Air Force Base.

Untying the Maile Lei near the conclusion of the ceremony were Mr. Tommy Boyd (left), project supervisor; Mr. Gene E. Castagnetti, NMCP's Director; and Mr. William Orihuela, president of Akahi Services, Inc.

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# Mystery Photos

Here is another batch of mystery photos. Can anyone help us identify the folks in these photos, which were submitted by Frederick T. Quedenfeld, 7 Div., 7 Sig. Photo Sec, 1952-53.

Please send your answers to Mystery Photos Editor, The Graybeards, 895 Ribaut Road #13, Beaufort, SC 29902. Or, you can reach the editor by email at [sharp\\_arthur\\_g@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net).

We look forward to resolving the mystery regarding who the folks might be. (We do recognize Paul Douglas in one of the photos.)



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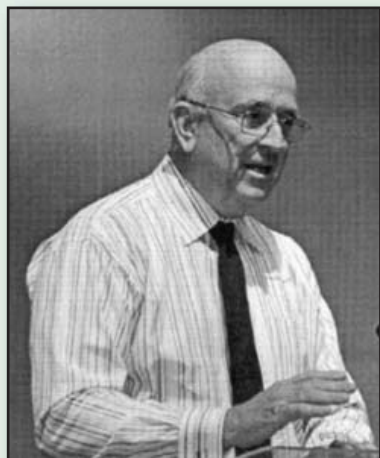
# Thanks!

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.

## 4 – EDWARD W. RHOADS [AZ]



Ch 4 members honored by two Korean Associations



Tucson, AZ Mayor Bob Walkup

Welcoming remarks were presented by Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup. Gift presentations to Korean War veterans were made by Seung Hee Han, President of the Korean Association. Entertainment was presented by the Korean Language School, ATA Martial Arts, The Arirang Dance Group, The Samulnori Team.

Maria Hooker, President of the Korean American Women's Association, coordinated and directed the celebration program. It was a most memorable evening for Korean War veterans of Tucson.

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## 94 - HUDSON COUNTY [NJ]

Some of our members visited the Korean Consulate in New York City on October 5, 2009 at the invitation of Hon. Kyungkeun Kim, the Consul General of the Republic of Korea, to attend the National Foundation Day event he hosted.

*Barry Dugan, bdugan@hcnj.us*

Members of Ch 94 at Korean Embassy in New York (L-R) John Ormsby, Robert Vetter, John Fallon, Ray Mahon, Barry Dugan, President Ralph Pasqua, Owen Ballweg



## 174 – NATURE COAST [FL]

At the invitation of the Senior National Representative of the Republic of Korea, Col. Kim, Soo-seong invited our chapter to the Korean National Day Celebration at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, FL on 17 November 2009.



Ch 174 members (L-R) at MacDill AFB: Kathleen Seyfried, Auxiliary (Secretary), Joseph Seyfried (Treasurer), Barbara Mellinger (Aux. Chaplain), Col. Kim; Janet Johnson (Aux. member), Robert Johnson (Vice Cmdr.), Richard Mellinger (Cmdr.)

We were treated to a wonderful buffet, followed by traditional Korean dancers and Tae Kwan Do Martial Arts exhibitions.

*Joseph Seyfried, 11020 Belltower Street  
Spring Hill, FL 34608, (352) 688-1388, kandi5C@juno.com*

### 313 - SHENANDOAH VALLEY [VA]

#### Members visit Korean Presbyterian Church

Ten of our members had the privilege of attending the morning worship services with the congregation of the local Korean Presbyterian Church in America on Sunday, October 4th. It was a great day of fellowship as the members of the church warmly greeted each of us as we entered the church on the day when the congregation celebrated "Korean Thanksgiving Day."



The service opened with the singing of the United States National Anthem and the Korean National Anthem. Our Rev. Paul Campbell was asked to make some opening remarks and offered a prayer, followed by our Commander, Bill Scott, who expressed our appreciation and thanks to the congregation for inviting us to be with them.

The sermon was, of course, in Korean, although much of the service was translated into English. We recognized the music of the hymns, so we sang along in English as the congregation sang in Korean.

Following the church service, our Rev. Jack Keep blessed the food. We all enjoyed a delicious meal that included a couple varieties of Kim chee. After the meal, two young Korean boys entertained us with demonstrations of their martial arts skills. One of them holds a black belt in karate. All in all, it was a very rewarding day for our members.

We were invited to come back at any time, but they would like us to join them again at this time next year as they celebrate their annual Korean Thanksgiving Day ceremony.

*Lewis M. Ewing, 310 Clay Hill Drive  
Winchester, VA 22602*

### Have a Mini-Reunion? Dedicating a Memorial? Attending a Banquet

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



Ch 313 members at the Korean Presbyterian Church (L-R) Ken Watts, Donald Bane, Rev. Paul Campbell, Charles Hoak, Buck Thompson, Pastor Peter Chong, Bill Scott, Ed Reel, Lew Ebert, Rev. Jack Keep and Lew Ewing





# Chapter & Department News

## 13 BILL CARR [DE]

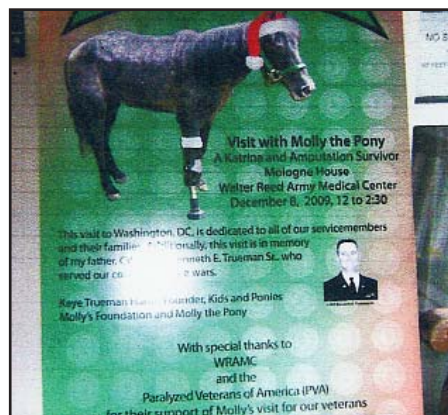
We sponsor the Wounded Warrior Fund. Chapter President Ed Johnson, KWVA State Commissioner George Goss, Committee Chairman John W. Weidenhof, and Fund Coordinator Jim Wolfe made our third trip to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, on December 8, 2009.

On this trip, the Committee delivered a check for \$20,000.00 to Operation Helping Hands Administrator Chaplain Col. Charles L. Howell. In addition, we delivered 50 gift cards (\$35 each), journals, stationery, writing pens, postage stamps, puzzles, toiletries, underwear, socks, and 49 hand-painted tote bags, courtesy of the Delmarva Decorative Artists Assoc., a group of mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers, including a 91-year-old lady.

Our Wounded Warrior Fund has delivered \$40,000.00 in cash, \$2,550.00 in gift cards, and over \$6,000.00 in gifts over the past two years to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. (Please visit the website, [www.woundedwarriorfund.org](http://www.woundedwarriorfund.org), for up-to-date information on the fund or instructions for donating.)

In addition to raising funds for Operation Helping Hands, the Committee has provided concert tickets to the residents of the

Delaware Veterans Home, in Milford, DE, and the Home of the Brave, a temporary residence for recovering veterans. The concerts at the Dover Downs Hotel and Casino included Jimmy Dorsey, Harry James, and Glenn Miller. The Veterans Home received 30 tickets to each concert; the Home of the Brave received 10 tickets to the concerts.



Molly the Pony mounted on a picture frame at Walter Reed Army Medical Center



John Weidenhof, Ed Johnson, Brian Holloway (U.S. Army), and Jim Wolfe (L-R) with an unmounted Molly the Pony at Walter Reed Army Medical Center

### Wounded Warrior Fund Visits Walter Reed Army Medical Center

December 8, 2009, Wounded Warrior Fund Committee visits WRAMC

The Korean War Veterans Association, DE Chapter #1 paid its 3rd visit to the recovering Warriors and their families at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The Committee delivered a check for \$20,000.00 to Operation Helping Hands, administered by Command Chaplain, Col. Charles L. Howell, in addition to the check the Committee delivered 50 Gift Cards valued at \$35.00 each, and additional cards at several values, along with stationery, writing pens, journals, socks, puzzles, postage stamps, Christmas Cards, toiletries, candles, and 49 Hand Painted Tote Bags. Courtesy of the DelmarvaDecorative Artists Association.

Left to right  
Jim Wolfe, J. W. Weidenhof  
Chaplain Col. Charles L. Howell  
Ed Johnson  
Bob Corra

Contributions to date:  
\$40,000.00 cash, \$2,550.00  
Gift Cards  
in excess of \$6,000.00 gifts  
in kind. Journals, Postage Stamps,  
Socks, Books, Puzzles,  
Hand Painted Tote Bags,  
Toiletries, Candles, Playing Cards  
and a T Mobile Phone wirecards

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Special points of interest:

- Web Site
- [www.woundedwarriorfund.org](http://www.woundedwarriorfund.org)

September 16, 2009  
Golf Tournament at the  
Bookery  
Veterans Home residents at  
Dover Downs Casino

Korean War Veterans Association  
Meetings, 2nd Thursday of the  
Month 2 pm American Legion Post  
28, Millsboro.

Web Site  
[www.woundedwarriorfund.org](http://www.woundedwarriorfund.org)

Mailing Address  
KWVA Wounded Warrior Fund  
P.O. Box 51  
Lewes, DE 19958

E Mail  
[woundedwarrior07@net.com](mailto:woundedwarrior07@net.com)

Donations can be made at any  
County Bank Branch

### Fund Raisers in 2009

Ludo Pizza 3/18/09	7/8/09	10/30/09
Long Neck Cheer Center	Cheer Center Patriots	Applebee's Dining to Do-
3/23 thru 3/27/09	Day 9/11/09	nals 11/09 thru 11/11/09
Harry James Concert	Golf Tournament	Grodo Piza 11/11/09
8/1/09	Hookery 9/10/09	Applebee's Pancake
Jimmy Dorsey Concert	Coast Day 10/4/09	Breakfast 11/14/09
	Glenn Miller Concert	

Ch 13's WWF newsletter

Although Ch 13 sponsors the Wounded Warrior Fund, Delaware Chapters 12 (Capt Paul Dill) and 92 (Richard D. Hutchinson) assist in selling tickets to the concerts, one of the fund's major fund raising venues.

The Dover Downs Hotel & Casino CEO, Edward Sutor, is a major benefactor, supporting the fund's efforts to provide assistance to recovering Warriors and their families by providing tickets to many of the recent concerts.

Command Chaplain Col. Howell stated that the KWVA Wounded Warrior Fund is Operation Helping Hands' largest and most consistent contributor. Fund members are privileged to



meet these courageous Warriors and their families and impact their recovery.

John W. Weidenhof, 26 Whitehaven Way  
Lewes, DE 19958-4117

## 19 GEN. RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

Chapter President Bob McCubbins and Secretary/Treasurer Jim Conway had lunch recently with Consul General Chan Hae-jin and Consul Man Seop Koo to discuss upcoming events in the new year, including a trip to Washington D.C. in June for the 60th Anniversary events and a tour of the new Kia Motor plant in West Point, GA.

James Conway  
conatlanta@comcast.net



Bob McCubbins (L) and Secretary/Treasurer Jim Conway (R) of Ch 19, with Consul General Chan Hae-jin (Center Left) and Consul Man Seop Koo (Center R) discuss upcoming events

## 40 MINNESOTA #1 [MN]

Members made their annual Christmas visitation to the Fort Snelling VA Hospital. Various members meet there once a month as well. We also sponsor a picnic at the VA Residence Home in September every year.

We also participated in ceremonies at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Memorial Day.



Ch 40 members take a welcome break at their annual VA Residence Home picnic



Members of Ch 40 and their guests at the VA Residence Home picnic



Christmas visitation at the Fort Snelling VA Hospital. Ch 40 members (L-R) Blair Rumble, Don Montgomery, Harvey Sell, Mike Jansen, Chanley Lundgren, Bob Nehotte, Maj Bob Swanson (in mufti), Chaplain Don Swanson (Alan Taylor and Donald Goethals were absent when picture was taken)



Ch 40 members gather at Fort Snelling National Cemetery for Memorial Day ceremony





Memorial Day ceremony at Fort Snelling National Cemetery includes these members of Ch 40

All the Ch 40 photos were taken by Blair Rumble.

## 60 ADIRONDACK [NY]

On 26 October 2009 we presented Steve Sullivan, the owner of Longfellows Hotel and Conference Center in Saratoga Springs, with a Certificate of Appreciation for the outstanding State Conference held there.



Members of Ch 60 (L-R) Cmdr. Ray Waldron, Steve Sullivan (owner of Longfellows Inn), Gene Corsale, Lincoln Orologio

This award was presented by the officers of the NYS Department, President Irving Breitbart and National Vice President Jim Ferris.

Ray Waldron  
Exadray@aol.com

## 126 TRI-STATE [OH]

In early October 2009 we, along with the Vietnam Veterans, posted the Colors for a Rededication of the World War One Memorial in Lincoln Park in Midland, PA. Later in the month we took a trip to Elkins WV to see two stage shows, and we took two train rides and viewed the fall colors.

On the way home we stopped at Shanksville, PA to see where "Flight 93" crashed on 9-11-01. It is a very impressive site.



Members of Ch 126 prepare to post the Colors in Midland, PA (L-R) Mike Kilcoyne, Dan Gallagher, Lindy Malignani, George Germusa



At the Flight 93 Memorial, Shanksville, PA (L-R) members of Ch 126 (L-R) Lindy Malignani, Mike Kilcoyne, Donald Wolf, Edwin Peters, George Germusa, Donald Glass, George Piggott



Contingent from Ch 126 posting the Colors at St. John's Lutheran Church (L-R) George Piggott, B. McComas, Pastor Eric Edwards, Donald Wolf, Dan Gallagher

On Sunday November 8th we were at St. John's Lutheran Church, where we posted the Colors for a service honoring all veterans. Pastor Eric Edwards did a great job, and lunch was served after the service.





Posting the Colors at Wellsville, OH, Ch 126 members (L-R) Lindy Malignani, George Piggott, Mike Kilcoyne, Leonard Husk, Dan Gallagher, Donald Wolf



George Piggott (L) of Ch 126 stands in front of Honor Flight display at AARP meeting in Canton, OH with John Adams, Pat Engleberg, and Don Miller

On Veterans Day, we again posted the Colors, this time at Wellsville High School at Wellsville, OH. After the program we were treated to a good lunch.

Three members of the Canton, OH Chapter of AARP went on the "Honor Flight" in September.

We dedicated our November meeting to honoring our veterans. They each told stories of their day in Washington; some times they were teary eyed. I made up picture boards for all to see from their trip. It was one of the best meetings we had all year.

George Piggott, 3720 Root Avenue NE  
Canton, OH 44705

## 142 FREDERICK [MD]

Korean War veterans support sending Christmas boxes to our troops overseas. For many years the Frederick County Veterans Association has sent Christmas boxes to individuals serving overseas. In 2009 they sent boxes to more than 130 individuals serving in such far-away places as Iraq and Afghanistan.

For several years our chapter has benefited from the generosity of Gun Show organizer Frank Krashner and gun show attendees. We recognized this support on Saturday, 14 November 2009, when we presented Frank with a Certificate of



Bob Mount (R), Ch 142 Treasurer, presents the chapter's \$500.00 donation for the project to Frank Abrecht and Commander Don Friend of the Frederick County Veterans Association



Frank Krashner accepts awards from Ch 142 Commander John Wilcox, to his right. Leroy Hansberger (far left) and Ken Davis (far right) observe the event

Appreciation and a display of medals his father, Stuart R. Krashner, had earned during the Korean War.

Richard L. Martin, Publicity Chairman  
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## 170 TAEJON [NJ]

### Veterans Day Ceremony in Paterson honors 19 Korean War KIA

At a special ceremony on Veterans Day, 11 November 2009 in Paterson, NJ, 19 military personnel killed during the Korean War were honored.

The event took place at Pennington Park, where many monuments honoring other wars stand. A ten-ton rock containing a large bronze plaque on which are inscribed the names and dates of service members killed in action was unveiled during the ceremony.

Earlier, a 21-gun salute was followed by Taps. Fifteen chapter members attended the ceremony. KWVA New Jersey State Commander George Bruzgis, newly elected Taejon Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole, and Passaic County Veteran Services/Taejon chapter member Thomas Miller led the contingent.



Paterson Veterans Council President Anthony Vancheri welcomed the large crowd. He spoke about this important Veterans Day and the special event honoring the 19 KIA in the Korean War. He thanked the fifteen Taejon veterans present.

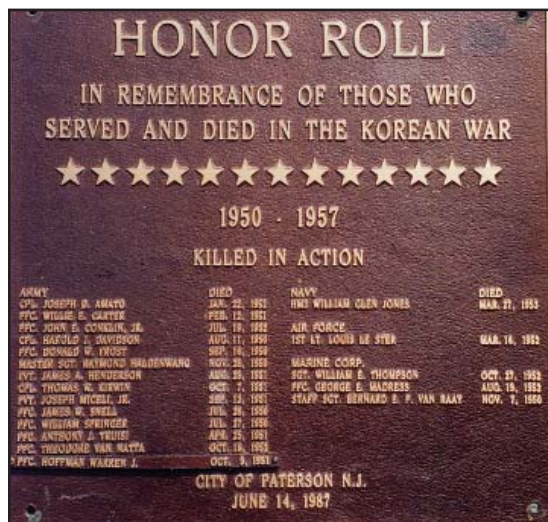
The ceremony began as Ralph Gambatese, Jr. led the crowd in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Following that, Joanne Bottler sang the National Anthem.



Anthony Vancheri, Mayor Torres, and Thomas Miller (L-R) unveil the monument at Pennington Park in Paterson



Twelve of the fifteen Ch 170 members who attended the Veterans Day ceremony at Paterson



The plaque at Paterson



George Bruzgis, Dr. Richard Onorevole, and Thomas Miller (L-R) of Ch 170 at Veterans Day ceremony



George Rothfritz, Perry Georgison, Raymond Cohen, Joseph Louis, Pasquale Candela, and Dr. Richard Onorevole display flags and pride at Ch 170's Veterans Day event



Ch 170 Jr. Vice Cdr. Raymond Cohen, Councilman Andre Sayegh, Louis Quagliero, Paterson Mayor Jose "Joey" Torres (L-R), all of Paterson, at Veterans Day ceremony

Paterson's Mayor, Jose "Joey" Torres, was the first speaker. He was followed by Congressman William Pascrell, State Senator John Girgente, and other dignitaries.

Commander Bruzgis spoke about the Korean War and the 19 men KIA for their country and to stop communism. We honor



them for their sacrifice. He stressed the importance of remembering those who gave all in previous wars, and the veterans who continue to serve our country to keep it free and strong for the future.

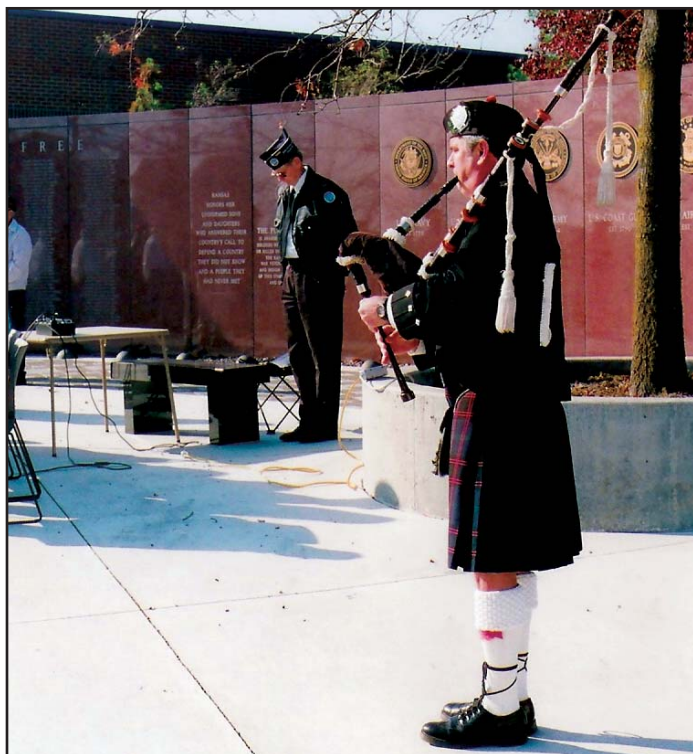
Thomas Miller read each name on the bronze plaque and the date the individual was KIA. Messrs. Vacheri, Miller, and Torres unveiled the monument. Commander Bruzgis placed a KWVA Department wreath next to the plaque.

Mr. Vancheri invited the crowd to view the monument and names. He also thanked everyone for attending.

Louis Quagliero, 142 Illinois Ave.  
Paterson, NJ 07503

## 181 KANSAS #1 [KS]

Kansas and Missouri Korean War veterans got together in November to honor the fallen of all our wars at a ceremony on Veterans Day. The KWVA Memorial in Overland Park, KS was the gathering point for the occasion where Major Sungyoo Lee of the South Korean army was the featured speaker. The major is currently studying at the Staff and Command College in Ft. Leavenworth .



Bagpiper Steve Goslin remembers the fallen

Laying the wreath at the ceremony were two ladies who are Associate members of the Kansas Chapter: Robyn Zwolinski and Judee Glore, whose father was killed in the Korean War.

Bagpiper Steve Goslin, himself a veteran, played a lament for all our fallen heroes.

The two chapters got together again only a week later to be feted by the Korean-American ladies of the Kansas City metro area in another of the ladies' bi-annual lunches.



Chow Call for Missouri and Kansas veterans at the Korean-American lunch

Unlike so many of our former allies, the Korean community is mindful and appreciative of the American and Allied sacrifices on their behalf.

Don Dyer, 7913 Westgate Dr., Lenexa, KS 66215,  
(913) 492-8921, DDyer15@everestkc.net

## 192 CITRUS [FL]

We swore in our new officers on December 1, 2009:

- Hank Butler – Commander
- Chuck Spikes - 1st Vice Commander
- Ralph Nardone, 2nd Vice Commander (absent in the photo below)
- Bob Hermanson – Secretary
- Charles Barker – Treasurer
- Neal Colbath - Judge Advocate



New officers of Ch 192 (R-L) with Swearing Officer Ray Michael, Hank Butler, Chuck Spikes, Bob Hermanson, Charles Barker, Neal Colbath

They will begin their new term on January 1, 2010. Ray Michael, Commander Aaron Weaver Chapter 776, Military Order of the Purple Heart, was the Swearing Officer. Hank Butler, (352) 563 2496, hankrita@tampabay.rr.com

## 235 SANTA BARBARA [CA]

We held our 22nd annual barbeque on 19 July 2009 at Holy Cross Church.

Ch 235, 112 W. Cabrillo Blvd  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101





The Ch 235 kitchen crew at their annual barbeque (L-R) Frances Mendoza, Bev, Pat, Pat's husband Bernard Martinez



A large crowd at Ch 235's barbeque



Jimmy Rodriguez of Ch 235 on the Tri-Tip at the barbeque



Mike Ortiz, Ch 235, cooking the chicken for the barbeque guests



Payment, please: (L-R) Sam Diaz, Sam A. Diaz, Alice Diaz, John Suzuki at Ch 235's cashier table

## 250 CHARLES B. THACKER [VA]

We held our annual picnic at Natural Tunnel State Park. Sadly, there was a low point connected with the get-together. Our Commander, James L. Hall, announced that he was stepping down and passing the reins.

Fortunately, our new Commander, Kenneth G. Fannon, is a special person in both leadership and personality. We will not skip a beat.

All our other officers remain the same.

Bruce Shell, 9902 Coeburn Mt. Road  
Wise, VA 24293



Members and guests of Ch 250

## 251 SAGINAW/FRANKENMUTH [MI]

The guest speaker at our 4 November 2009 meeting was retired U. S. Army Brigadier General David Hall, who is also one of our newest members. He spoke on the subject of his rise to the rank of General.

BGen Hall is on the Boards of Directors of several organizations in Saginaw, MI.

Bob Simon, 7286 Spring Lake Trail  
Saginaw, MI 48603-1684





BGen David Hall, guest speaker at Ch 251's November meeting

## 289 MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN]

Several members attended the Mountain Home VA Hospital Annual Christmas Party for the Domiciliary on 12 December 2009.

Carol Shelton  
cshelton37663@yahoo.com



Ch 289 members at Mountain Home VA Christmas Party (L-R) Earl Christian, Bill Lewis, Jim Simerly, Bob Shelton, Fred Himelwright, Bill Reed and Arles Pease

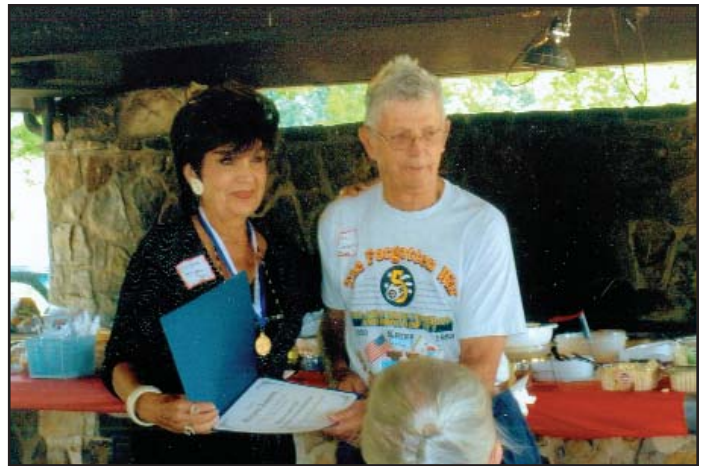
## 297 PLATEAU [TN]

Over 60 members, wives, and guests gathered on 29 August 2009 for the first chapter picnic at Robin Hood Park, Fairfield Glade, TN. Members cooked the food, which all attendees ate heartily.

Dick Malsack, Public Information Officer  
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(931) 707-7292, kaslam2001@yahoo.com



Members of Ch 297 and their guests pay attention during the personal awards presentations at the chapter's picnic



Cmdr. Don Eliason of Ch 297 presents a Plaque of Appreciation to Georgene Krogman, wife of Art Krogman, after she read a poem she wrote, "Lest We Forget"

Dick Malsack (R) of Ch 297 accepts congratulations from Don Eliason (L) after receiving the Outstanding Service Award in recognition of his work as the chapter's Public Information Officer since 2004



Ted Hirabayashi of Ch 297 tends the Memorial Wreath during the presentation at the chapter's picnic

## 299 KOREA VETERANS OF AMERICA [MA]

Our 7th annual Christmas Party on 12 December 2009 turned out to be an outstanding event. MA Lt. Governor Timothy Murray was keynote speaker, along with Deputy Secretary of



Massachusetts Veterans Services Coleman Nee, the Boston Korean Consulate General Honorable Kim Jooseok, Past Massachusetts DAV State Commander Tom Daley, OIF/OEF Massachusetts Director Dominick King, Gold Star Mother and President Christine Devlin, and Massachusetts Marine Corps League Adjutant Warren Griffin.



KWVA Past National Director Rusty Tramonte (L), Iraq War veteran Vincent Mannion-Brodeur (C), and Jeff Brodeur (R) at Ch 299's Christmas party



Jeff Brodeur (L) and Massachusetts' Lt. Governor Tim Murray highlight Ch 299's banner

KWVA National Director and KVA founder Jeff Brodeur was the MC, along with Ch 299 Commander Albert McCarthy. Just under 100 KVA members and guests attended the party.

Past KWVA National Director Rusty Tramonte attended, as did his Vice Commander, Frank Hayes, from Ch 34, as well OIF/OEF co-founder Ken Isaksen. Many new Ch 299 members were there, too.

Also there were 1 Chosin Reservoir veteran, 2 Operation Paul Bunyan members, and several people who served in the Inchon invasion. The other members present served in Korea or during the war from 1947 to 1989. Chapter Treasurer Bob Joy was awarded the KVA Member of the year award.

KVA bags were given out to the members. Joseph's, located in South Boston, MA, catered the event.

The KVA had an outstanding PX with new KVA items.

A beautiful KVA clock was presented to Lt. Governor Murray for his dedication to our nation's veterans.



Art Griffith and Otis Mangrum present Korean Consulate General Kim Jooseok with KVA plaque on behalf of Ch 299's members as Jeff Brodeur looks on



Ch 299 Commander Al McCarthy introduces Lt Governor Murray to members at chapter's Christmas party

It was an excellent day for all the members and attendees.

Jeff Brodeur, 48 Square Rigger Lane  
Hyannis, MA 02601

## 303 PALMETTO [SC]

Members recently distributed specially designed tee-shirts to veterans at the Victory House in Walterboro, SC. The Victory House, which is operated by the State of South Carolina, is a retirement facility for veterans.



Ch 303 members display a tee-shirt given to Victory House veterans (L-R) Bob Schweickart, Ike Davis, Don Shea, Lou Camilleri



Incidentally, our chapter is located in Beaufort County, SC.

Bob Schweickart, 5 Airy Hall Ct.

Hilton Head, SC 29928

## 313 SHENANDOAH VALLEY [VA]

### Korean War veterans pay tribute at Memorial

Veterans of the Korean war, both American and Korean, participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the National Korean War Memorial in Washington, DC on October 5. Current U. S. Army and South Korean leaders gathered to honor the memory of those who fought against the North Korean invasion nearly 60 years ago.



Members of Ch 313 at the wreath laying ceremony in Washington DC (L-R) Bill Scott, Charles Hoak, Gen Walter Sharp, Lew Ewing and Jack Keep



The Ch 313 contingent at the Brunswick, MD Veterans Day Parade (L-R) Leonard Laconia, Bill Scott, Dick Clark, Chuck Bachman, Gary Fletcher, Ed Reel, Bud Boyce, Dale Thompson, Charles Boak, Lew Ebert and Lew Ewing

Members of KWVA chapters from Winchester, VA and Frederick, MD participated in the ceremony, along with U. S. Forces Korea Commander General Walter L. Sharp. They were joined by former Deputy Combined Forces Command Commander Republic of Korea Army General Lee Hee-hwan (Ret), ROK Defense Attaché Brig. Gen. Ki Kook-hwan, and Association of the U. S. Army Korean Corporate Members President Dr. Rocky Park.

Gen Sharp spoke about the significance of the Korean War and the dedication of its veterans before the laying of the wreath at the top of the memorial. "We're here today to recognize the great sacrifices of those who so bravely fought during the Korean War, he said. "Throughout the war, American, Korean, and UN forces suffered terrible hardships and punishing conditions. But the forces of freedom triumphed, and saved a nation that now stands as one of the world's great democracies."

He continued, "As we prepare to recognize the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War in 2010, it is appropriate that we take time to remember these men and women who dedicated so much of themselves to the Republic of Korea so that it could become and remain free. Those we honor today gave their lives for the highest of human ideals: freedom for all people."

Currently, approximately 28,500 U. S. service members and their families are stationed in Korea.

This wreath laying ceremony was conducted in conjunction with the 2009 Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting and Exposition held on October 5-7 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington DC.

### Chapter participates in the Brunswick, MD 77th Annual Veterans Day Parade

On Sunday, 1 November 2009, eleven members participated in the 77th Annual Veterans Day Parade in Brunswick, MD. The festivities started at 1 p.m. with an Opening Ceremony in downtown Brunswick featuring comments by Grand Marshall Vice Admiral John M. Poindexter, U. S. Navy (Ret.), the keynote speaker.

Brunswick Mayor Carroll P. Jones said, "The parade is offered as a symbol of our respect and appreciation for our service men and women who made tremendous sacrifices for all of us."

The parade moved off at 2 p.m. on what turned out to be a beautiful afternoon. As usual, we were warmly and enthusiastically greeted by the crowd along the parade route.

Lewis M. Ewing, 310 Clay Hill Drive  
Winchester, VA 22602

## KWVA Decals

Courtesy of KWVA Recruiting Task Force Committee.



These decals are round and measure a full four inches in diameter, in full color, and adhesive backed.

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• Two (2) each decals @ .....\$5.00  
• Twelve (12) each decals @ ..... \$25.00

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To order, contact Jamie Reynolds, Membership Administrative Assistant, P. O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407, Tel: 217-345-4414, email: [membership@kwva.org](mailto:membership@kwva.org)



# The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

# Tell America

## 2- NORTHWEST ALABAMA [AL]

On 10 November 2009 we met at the Colbert County High School in honor of Veterans Day and to remember a former student of that school who was killed in Korea.

We presented a photo and plaque in honor of Cpl Claude Riner, Jr., which will be displayed in the school's library.

*George Ellis, 1020 Wildwood Park Rd., Florence, AL 35630*



Family and friends of Cpl Riner at Ch 2's Tell America ceremony

**The Korean War Honor Roll**


### Claude L. Riner, Jr.

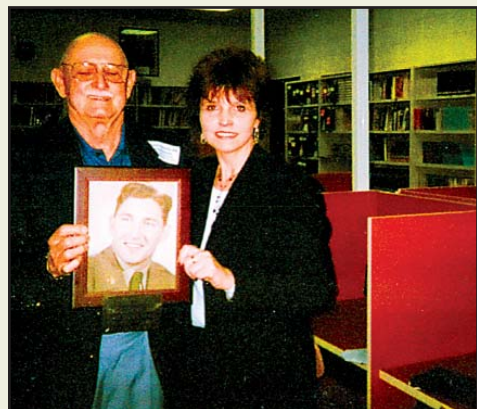
**Colbert County, Alabama**

Born 1928

Corporal, U.S. Army  
Service Number 14316983  
Missing in Action - Presumed Dead  
Died November 29, 1950 in Korea

Corporal Riner was a member of Company F, 2nd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He was listed as Missing in Action while fighting the enemy near Kunn-ri, North Korea on November 29, 1950. He was presumed dead on December 31, 1953. Corporal Riner was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Korean War Service Medal.





A history of Cpl Riner

Ch 2 President Jim Taylor presents plaque to Colbert County High School Principal Jackie Witt



Members of Ch 2 at ceremony for Cpl Riner (L-R) David Bee, Eric Plunk, Bill Gotcher, Jim Taylor, Bill Gober

## 105 – CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

We completed a November 2009 presentation at a charter school that is run by the Turkish community. They were interested in stories of the Turkish Brigade attached to the 25th Infantry Division during the Korean War.

ences. Jim Low had "C Ration" cans and a P-38 can opener. I told how dentistry was practiced in the field. We all got letters of appreciation from students and teachers.

*John Laura,  
jlaura1@twcny.rr.com*

Each of us told of our experi-



Ed Grala and Jim Low of Ch 105 at Tell America presentation

Turkish charter school (left) at Ch 105's Tell America session







Ch 105 members showing charter school students the places they had been in Korea

## 108 - WESTERN OHIO [OH]

In addition to the chapter's busy yearly activities, we conducted Tell America programs.

On June 14, 2009, we participated in a two-hour program, Operation Freedom Support, Military Evening, at Marie Stein, OH. It was attended by 42 adults and children. Speakers Ken Williamson and Fred Shively highlighted the Tell America Program,

which was followed by questions and answers.

Chapter members attending included Eugene Hoening, Jim Faller and Herb McBee. It was a very enlightening and interesting evening.

On June 16, 2009, we were at the Miami County 4H Junior Camp, Hero Theme, Pleasant Hill, OH. Veterans enjoyed the evening



Quite a crowd at the Miami County 4H camp Retreat Ceremony



Demetris F. Woods, 4H Camp Director (C), and Ch 108 participants at ceremony

meal with 108 campers, 35 counselors and 8 staff members. A Retreat Ceremony followed the program.

Chapter members attending were T. Dale Snyder and his wife Teresa, Ron Boram, Eugene Hoening, Herb McBee, Ken Williamson and Fred Shively. The

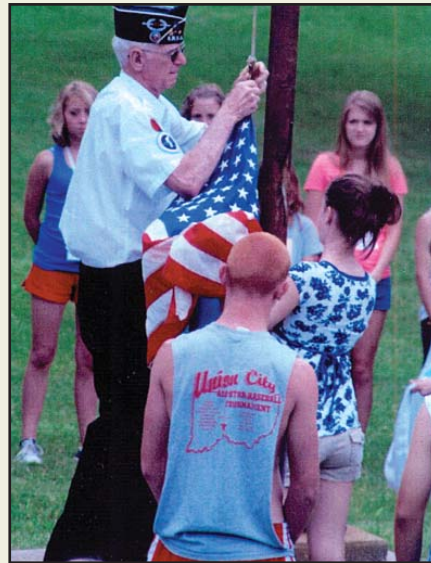
4H flag committee participated in lowering and folding the flag.

It was a very delightful evening spent with the camp youth members, the counselors and staff.

*Fred Shively, 415 Walnut Street, Covington, OH 45318-1643, (513) 473-5345*



Members of Ch 108 at 4H camp Retreat Ceremony (L-R) Fred Shively, Dale Snyder, Ron Boram, Herb McBee, Eugene Hoening, Ken Williamson



Miami County 4H campers watch Ch 108 member Fred Shively fold the flag at Retreat Ceremony

## 147 - WEST BAY RHODE ISLAND # 2 [RI]

On 23 November 2009 we visited Black Rock Elementary School in Coventry, RI to talk with and share our experiences with the 5th graders.

Second grade teacher Mrs.

Bishop told us that "The school has adopted our chapter as their own."

*Robert J. Hartley, P. O. Box 661, Coventry, RI 02816*

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Visit the Korean War Veterans Association Website:  
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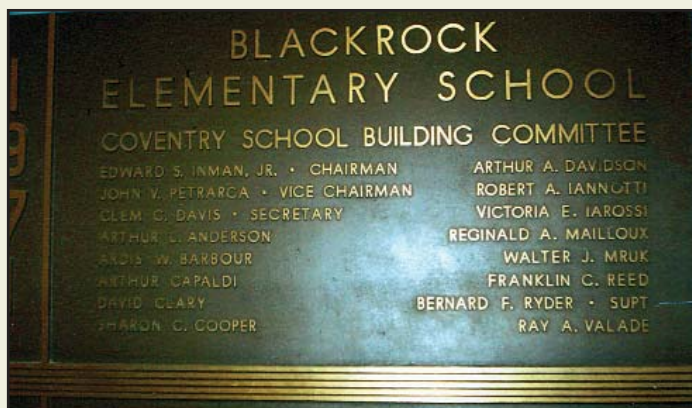




Members of Ch 147 at the Black Rock Elementary School Auditorium (L-R) Bob Hartley, Joe Murnier, Bill Kennedy, Bob Cushing, Ralph Nonamacher, Ed ("Chief") Belbin, Tom Dailey



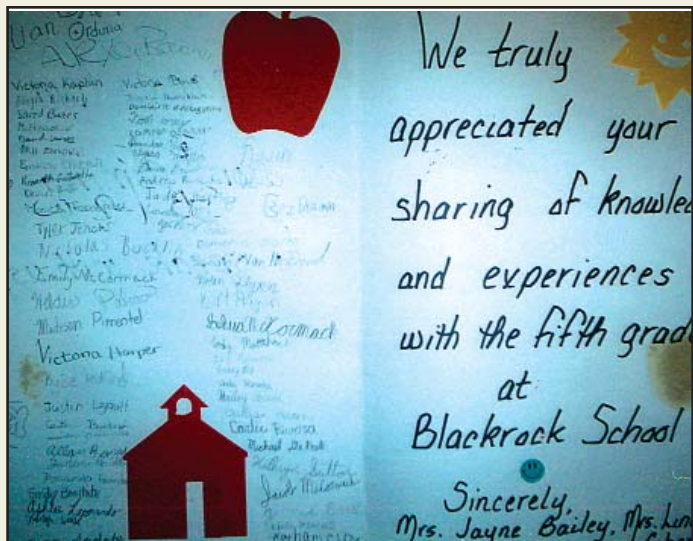
The 68 Black Rock Elementary School 5th grade students at Ch 147's Tell America presentation



A 1971 Black Rock Elementary School plaque featuring the name of past Ch 147 member Edward S. Inman, Jr., chairman of the School Building Committee



2nd graders at Black Rock Elementary School. In back are (L-R) teacher Mrs. Bishop, Bob Hartley, Ralph Nonamacher, Chief Belbin, Joe Murnier, Billy Kennedy, Bob Cushing, Tom Dailey



The hand-made award presented by Black Rock Elementary students and teachers—including 68 students' signatures

## 181 - KANSAS #1 [KS]

Chapter members recently attended a symposium for local high school students to talk about the Korean War and answer students' questions. It was a lively and well-attended session at which the young people

ple showed a lot of interest.

This Outreach session was part of an ongoing effort to promote patriotism among our young people.

Don Dyer  
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Members of Ch 181 at local school event (L-R) Tom Stevens, Pete Keezer, Manny Hernandez, Don Cornell

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# Monuments and Medals

Korea: the Forgotten War, Remembered



Welcome to the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies

The rural setting of the Matthew B. Ridgway Chapter Memorial at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies



## National Cemetery of the Alleghenies

Here are some pictures of the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies located near Pittsburgh, PA. Our chapter recently placed a memorial stone there. On it is an engraving of our memorial on the North Shore of Pittsburgh.

Our General Matthew B. Ridgway Chapter 74 is doing everything we can to remember the war and those who didn't return.

*Donald W. Killmeyer, 2850 Middletown Rd  
Pittsburgh, PA 15204*



The Matthew B. Ridgway Chapter Memorial stands watch over the snow landscape at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies

The Matthew B. Ridgway Chapter Memorial of the Alleghenies





# Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions

## 1st Radio Broadcasting and Leaflet Group

Veterans of the 1st Radio Broadcasting and Leaflet Group, responsible for conducting psychological warfare operations during the Korean War, gathered in 2009 with their wives for a reunion at the legendary Palmer House in Chicago.

The program opened with a welcoming reception on October 23, continued with a variety of optional events on the following day, and concluded with a gala banquet that evening.

Featured speaker at the banquet was Sergeant Major Anthony Martin, Jr., detailed to represent the 4th PSYOP Group, stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. SGM Martin gave an excellent account of how the U.S. Army conducts psychological warfare in modern times against enemies far more dispersed than in a single theater of operations. His answers to questions clearly demonstrated the great lengths to which "psyop" techniques have progressed since 1950-1952.

At the conclusion of his remarks, SgtMaj Martin was presented with a certificate making him an Honorary Member of the 1st RB & L Group. As the former commander of the Group's detachment based in Pusan during the war, I was delegated to make the presentation to SGM Martin.

The reunion manager was Korean War veteran Tom Klein, assisted by fellow veterans Tony Severino and Bob Herguth.

Eddie Deerfield, LtCol, USA (Ret)

3552 Landmark Trail, Palm Harbor, FL 34684-5016



**ABOVE:** Members of 1st Radio Broadcasting and Leaflet Group in Chicago. Guest speaker Anthony Martin, Jr. sits in front row, with his wife to his right. (Photo by James A. Smestad)

**RIGHT:** Eddie Deerfield (L) presents certificate to SgtMaj Anthony Martin, Jr. at Chicago gathering (Photo by James A. Smestad)



## 14th Inf. Regt., 25th Div. (Korean War)

Members got together at Somerset, KY in September 2009.



14th Inf. Regt., 25th Div. (Korean War) veterans at their September 2009 reunion in Somerset, KY



## 91st MP Bn

On October 28, 2009, our 91st Military Police Bn. held a reunion in Pittsburgh, PA. Our Chairman, Don Priore, from Pittsburgh, arranged a bus tour of Pittsburgh. We saw numerous sites, two stadiums, the famous incline, gracious old homes, and lots of bridges built in the 1870s.

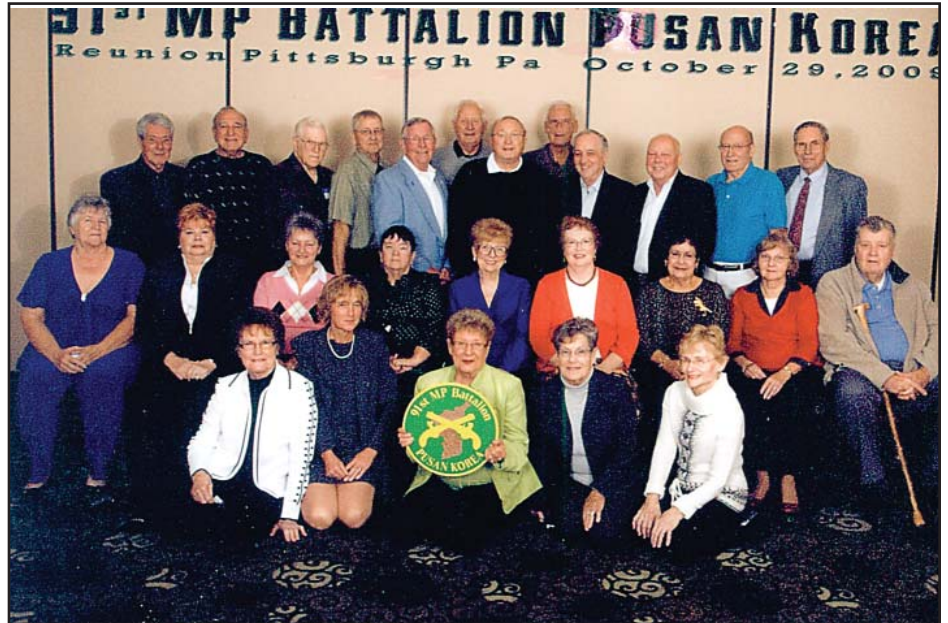
What really impressed our busload was the Korean War Memorial Park down by the river. Our attendees came from PA, NY, MI, OH, ND, IA, and FL. We were absolutely stunned to see this beautiful Veterans Plaza.

Usually, a veteran's group will invest to build one monument for the Korean War vets and likewise for WWI, WWII and Vietnam. But, Chapter 74, KWVA of Western Pennsylvania, GEN Matthew B. Ridgway, designed, built and erected nine monuments or plaques honoring Korean veterans.

These plaques take a complete city block. There are a beautiful landscaped walkway, stone benches, and drinking fountains there.

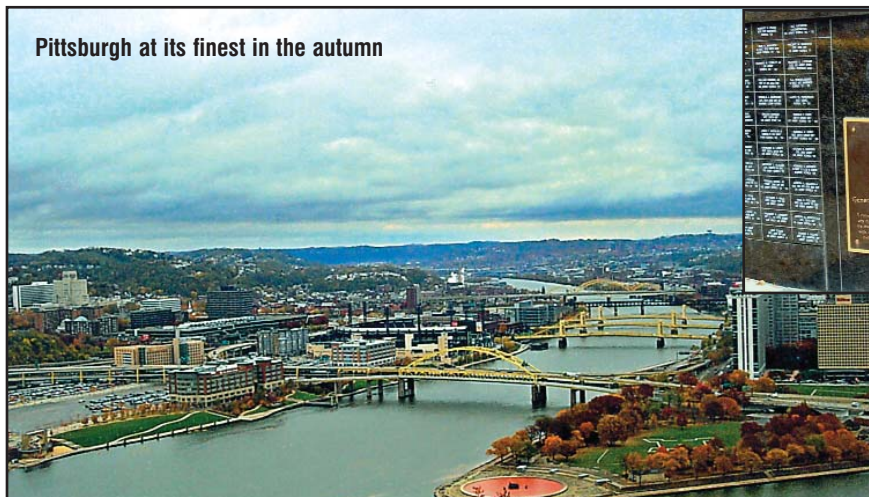
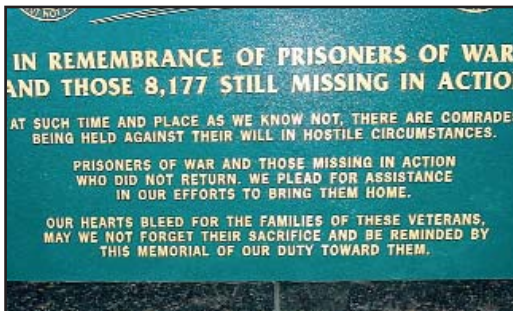
I'm told Pittsburgh has 13 bridges in the city. That is unbelievable!!! Where I live, in Saginaw, MI, a person may have to drive five miles to get to the next bridge to cross the Saginaw River.

Robert J. Simon, 7286 Spring Lake Trail  
Saginaw, MI 48603



91st M.P. Bn Reunion attendees (Back, L-R) Joe Vetere (NY), Manual Sanchez (MI), Nick Suchodolski (MI), Arlen Blumer (ND), Ken Ducker (FL), Don Martin (OH), Bob Simon (MI), Bob Biehn (OH), Don Priore (PA), Milt Nigrin (NY), Jact Walker (IA) Jim Bouldint (OH) (Middle, L-R) Dorothy King (CO), Carol Vetere (NY), Jennie Martin (OH), Myrtle Aldus (ME), Betty Priore (PA), Nancy Bouldin (OH), Fran Gay (MI), Gladis Powell (PA), Bob Powell (PA) (Front, L-R) Velma Monks (CO), Judy Quitacamo (ME), Lois Simon (MI), Esther Biehn (ND), Nancy Walker (IA) Missing from photo were Bob and Mickey Zizelman (OH)

### Several views of the Pittsburgh Korean War Memorial



Mini-Reunions  
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# Korean War Veterans Gather to Salute Fallen

By Lance Cpl. Benjamin Harris,  
Headquarters Marine Corps

ARLINGTON, Va. — It's been almost 55 years since the Marines of Company D, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, left the Korean peninsula after cold days and long nights of combat. In the years since, those same Marines have gotten together, holding reunions off and on.

Meeting this time for a more solemn occasion, three Marines of "Dog Company" came together at Arlington National Cemetery Jan. 15 to pay their final respects to their company commander, retired Col. Alvin Mackin.

Mackin passed away Sept. 24, a week after his 88th birthday.

The Cleveland native enlisted in the Marine Corps Dec. 8, 1941, the day after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. After completing boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., Mackin was selected for an officer program.

In World War II, he served as a navigator in a B-25 Mitchell, and later served as an infantry officer in the Korean War as well as a regimental commander during the Vietnam War, before retiring in 1972. His awards included the Silver Star and the Bronze Star with a combat distinguishing device for valor.

His service in Korea, which has been claimed as the "Forgotten War," was what the Marines in attendance remembered of him.

"He was a breath of fresh air," said Fred



Frankville, a former corporal who served under Mackin. "That's what he was."

Mackin made sure the first day he came to Dog Company that he shook the hand of every Marine under his command, said Frankville. In a time where Marines didn't know many people outside of their fire teams, this made a big impression. Frankville was so impressed that he had no issue later serving as Mackin's driver, something he said he was honored to do.

This level of contact continued long after Mackin moved on from the Marine Corps. In 1980, he got in touch with some of the Marines he served with in Korea,

suggesting that they meet up at a veteran reunion the following year. Nine Marines from Dog Company attended the meeting, and a tradition was started. Mackin became one of the founding members of the Dog Seven Association, an organization dedicated to finding the rest of the Marines who served in the unit.

This was the same leadership the Marines remembered him for in Korea. Mackin had a habit of personally going out and checking the route of a patrol before sending his Marines, said Charles Curley, who served as a sergeant with Mackin.

"Some people are leaders but don't



Col. Andrew Smith (left), the commanding officer of Marine Barracks Washington, leads a procession of Marines during a full-honors funeral for retired Col. Alvin Mackin at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Jan. 15, 2010. (Photo ByLine: Lance Cpl. Benjamin Harris)



Soldiers of the Caisson Platoon with the Old Guard guide the coffin bearing the remains of retired Col. Alvin Mackin at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Jan. 15, 2010. (Photo ByLine: Lance Cpl. Benjamin Harris)



# Commander One Last Time

Jacqueline Mackin-Hartman (center), the daughter of retired Col. Alvin Mackin, and her husband, Robert Hartman, watch as Marines place Mackin's remains in the funeral caisson at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Jan. 15, 2010. (Photo ByLine: Lance Cpl. Benjamin Harris)

**Mackin was remembered during this full-honors funeral by some of the Marines he served with in the Korean War in Company D, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment.**

know how to lead,” said Curley “He knew how to lead.”

Mackin cared for everyone in the unit. As Gonzalo Garza, a former platoon sergeant under Mackin explained, “We did more for him because of his leadership.”

Jacqueline Mackin-Hartman, the oldest daughter of Mackin, said she was amazed at the pride the Marines had in serving with her father. It is a feeling that she shares.

“My pride in my father continues to grow as the realization of his impact on others was so strong,” said Mackin-Hartman. “Like them, my father lived his life like a Marine, and now I am beginning to better understand what that means.”

Mackin led the way once more, as the three Marines and the families in attendance followed the procession to the grave site. After the ceremony, the Marines paused, savoring their last reunion with Col. Al Mackin, who lays forever interned at Arlington National Cemetery, and in their memories.

Source: [www.usmc.mil](http://www.usmc.mil):

Col. Carlyle Shelton, serving as the representative of the office of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, presents a folded American flag to Jacqueline Mackin-Hartman, the daughter of retired Col. Alvin Mackin, at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Jan. 15, 2010. (Photo ByLine: Lance Cpl. Benjamin Harris)



Friends and family of retired Col. Alvin Mackin walk behind the caisson bearing his remains during a full-honors funeral at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Jan. 15, 2010. (Photo ByLine: Lance Cpl. Benjamin Harris)

Gunnery Sgt. William Dixon, the funeral director at Marine Barracks, Washington, gives his condolences to Jacqueline Mackin-Hartman, the daughter of Col. Alvin Mackin, at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Jan. 15, 2010. Mackin-Hartman said she was proud to see the impact her father had on the Marines who came to pay their final respects to him. (Photo ByLine: Lance Cpl. Benjamin Harris)



By Rick Peters

Folks in Southwestern Missouri provided a moving "Welcome Home" for Sgt. Charles "Leo" Wilson, who was KIA in Korea on or about November 27, 1950. The nearby media release from Fort Leonard Wood, MO, pictures of the Harry S Truman Chapter presentation (framed posters), and photos taken by the funeral director en route from St Louis, MO to Ava, MO, (Sgt. Wilson's home town, ) and the memory sheet from the memorial service demonstrate the depths to which people went to bring Sgt. Wilson home.

All along the route, from St Louis to Ava (about 140 miles), our fellow Americans turned out with flags, salutes and tears to welcome Sgt. Wilson home. The Patriot Guard escorting Sgt. Wilson from St Louis to Ava started with about 40 riders. At Rolla, MO, some 40 more joined them. That was an amazing sight. When they arrived at Ava, practically the entire town population of about 3,400 lined the procession route to welcome Sgt. Wilson — after 59 years!! It was indeed emotional and heartwarming!!

That first evening, as Sgt. Wilson lay in state, more than 1,000 people came to pay their respects. The family was just plain "overwhelmed" by the turn-out to welcome Leo home. I am now reassured that most Americans do still care about our Warriors' sacrifices.

Sgt. Wilson's niece, who supplied the DNA to identify Leo, wrote a welcome home letter which was read at the memorial service; it was beautiful, poignant, and emotional.

Sgt. Wilson was buried in the Vera Cruz cemetery, where his parents and grandparents are (about 10 miles east of Ava, MO), in the area where he spent his youth. Now, after 59 years, he is home. I'm sure that God, in his infinite wisdom and mercy, long ago found a special place for Sgt. Wilson. Finally, he can rest with his family and friends for eternity.

One last note: Vera Cruz Cemetery is in a remote area. The low-water bridge that guards the approach to the cemetery was impassable for vehicles, so the Honor Guard carried Sgt. Wilson the last 200 yards in 95 degree heat, followed by ranks of veterans, family and friends.

I am still moved to tears by the respect shown Sgt. Wilson by our fellow Americans. I'm honored to have served and I'm truly honored to be an American.

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# A moving 'Welcome



A large U.S. flag welcomes Sgt Wilson home



Getting closer to home



The crowds—and respect for Sgt Wilson—continue to grow



# Home' for Sgt. Wilson



Sgt. Wilson's procession leaves the airport



The procession continues



Sgt Charles Wilson



Folks stand at attention to greet Sgt Wilson all along the route



Nearing home



Closer, ever closer to home



Moving on





A cross section of the people who paid their respects



The escort grows



The closer Sgt Wilson gets to home, the larger the crowds that greet him



Sgt Wilson arrives at the funeral home





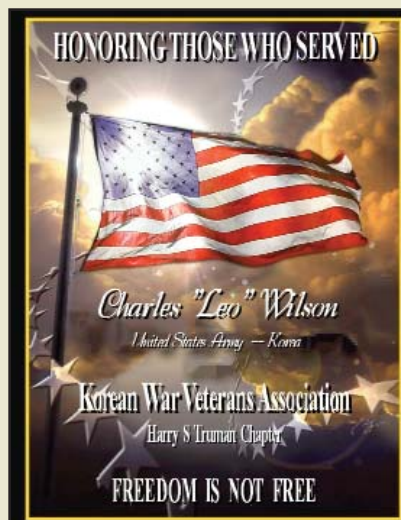
The number of American flags grows—but they never grow old



An example of the crowds' respect all along the route



Bringing the casket into the funeral home



Ch 135's presentation to the Wilson family

## Media Release

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE  
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## MIA identified after sixty years coming home

July 31, 2009

Fort Leonard Wood, MO - The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced earlier this week that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing from the Korean War, killed in action, have been identified. The remains will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors including escort by the Patriot Guard Riders.

He is Sergeant Charles "Leo" Wilson, U.S. Army, assigned to H Company, 2nd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He will arrive at Lambert Airfield on Aug. 5 at 2:30 p.m. by Delta Airlines. Memorial services will be held at the Clinkingbeard Funeral Home, 407 NE Fifth Street, Ava, MO, on Aug. 8 at 2:30 p.m., interment will be in the Vera Cruz Cemetery near Ava, MO.

The date of Sgt. Wilson's death is estimated to be on or about Nov. 27, 1950, five months after North Korea invaded the South, when the U.S. Army committed its first divisions to battle by battalion. The battalions usually fought often without artillery, heavy mortar or air support.

Representatives from the Army's Casualty Assistance Office have been in contact with Sgt. Wilson's next-of-kin to explain the recovery and identification process on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

According to Sgt. 1st Class David Lynch, the casualty assistance officer assigned to work with Wilson's family, "this presents closure to a family that has not experienced their family member coming home in a traditional way." Lynch added, "It also shows that the government is making a sincere effort to bring honor to these Veterans and their families-even after nearly sixty years."

Wilson received the Purple Heart Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, the United Nations Service Medal, the Republic of Korea War Service Medal, the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Between 1991-94, North Korea gave the United States 208 boxes of remains believed to contain the remains of 200-400 U.S. servicemen. Sgt. Wilson's remains were found in 2000 by a North Korean farmer who was tilling soil at the time.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA and dental comparisons in identifying some of the remains as Sgt. Wilson.



# A nation so grateful

The Korean Consulate from Los Angeles invited a member from Ch 56 to represent the United States in a ceremony at the Military Memorial Cemetery in Seoul (the equivalent of our Arlington Cemetery). This was the third time the event was held.

David Lopez represented the U.S.

Eight nations were invited to participate. Among them were the United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, and Denmark.

The United States was accorded some privileges at the ceremony. For example, David Lopez was asked to lead the representatives into the cemetery. And, the U.S. was the only nation whose representative was asked to handle the wreath on behalf of the other countries.

It is obvious from the representatives' "royal" treatment by the South Koreans that they have not forgotten us.

David Lopez, 3850 W 180th Place, Torrance, CA 90504, (310) 323-8481



David Lopez and his daughter Sally Ann at the Incheon Airport



Guests board the bus to the military cemetery



David Lopez leads the "parade" into the military cemetery



David Lopez salutes the deceased veterans





The U.S. representative, David Lopez, handles the wreath at the military cemetery



Dropping the incense at the military cemetery



David Lopez becomes the first representative to drop incense three times



Guests line up for banquet



South Korean representatives present gift to David Lopez and other guests



David Lopez stands with Korean Disabled UN Veterans Organization Committee from South Korea



# Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions

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## G-3-1 KOREA



G-3-1 reunion attendees in Rapid City, SD

The G-3-1 KOREA Assn held its annual reunion in Rapid City, SD. More than 30 Korean veterans and their families renewed acquaintances and remembered the 149 comrades killed in action in Korea. Carleton "Bing" Bingham, Secretary G-3-1 Korea  
1453 Patricia Drive  
Gardnerville, NV 89460  
Phone/Fax (775) 265-3596



The "Four Presidents" on Mt. Rushmore, near Rapid City, SD, salute the Marines of G-3-1 who attended their reunion nearby

July 27th

## Korean Armistice Day Program

### 179 SAN DIEGO COUNTY [CA]

The Mt. Soledad Memorial Association sponsored a Korean Armistice Day program on July 27, 2009. The program took place at the Korean War Memorial that was dedicated in 1954 in San Diego on Mt. Soledad.

It was an honor for the Korean Association of Korean War Veterans to have a plaque put up at the memorial. These Korean servicemen fought alongside the American military during the 37-month War. This was the first day the Armistice was recognized by the American government—on its 56th anniversary—due to President Obama's proclamation of July 24, 2009.

*James Whelan, omceltic@cox.net*



In attendance at Mt. Soledad Memorial event (L-R) Chuck Burges, KWVA; John Anderson, Soledad Trustee; Jim Whelan, KWVA Chapter #179 President, San Diego County; Lee, Joon Key, Past President of Korean Association; Retired Army Brig. General Earl Van Inwegen, Soledad Trustee; Korean General Yoon, E.Yul

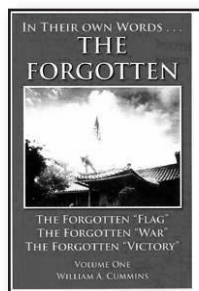


# Book Review

## *The Forgotten*

**By William Cummins**

CAI Publishing, ISBN 0-9787766-1-5, \$27.95, 240pp.



*The Forgotten* is the finest book ever published about the Korean War. I am honored that I served with Charlie Company, 5th Marine Regiment, and I will never forget my participation. Nor will I forget the wonderful group of Marines with whom I served in Korea during December 1950 through September 1951.

Sometimes we felt like our country did not support us during the Korean War; it seemed like we were only fighting for the glory of the United States Marine Corps. This book makes me feel like our efforts were not in vain, and the generations to follow will be given their grandfathers' memories of Korea with *The Forgotten*.

This great book has three parts. Section I is “The Forgotten Flag,” a very important planting by the First Marine Division of the American flag by Marine PFC Luther R. Leguire over the American Ambassador’s residence in Seoul after the invasion. It also covers his platoon being ambushed in Koto-ri near the Chosin Reservoir. Being the only survivor, he prayed to live so he could serve God the rest of his life.

Luther Leguire kept his promise. With much struggle, he became a very successful pastor in Lake City, Florida. He also developed Camp Montgomery for young boys and girls that modeled the discipline of a Marine boot camp.

Section II covers “The Forgotten War.” It discusses the Inchon Invasion, the Chinese Intervention, the Stalemate at the DMZ, and 35 personal memories from veterans of the United States military. You will learn about the antics of General Fred “Boots” Blesse, the great Army Air Corps fighter pilot, and Cpl Robert McGuire of the United States Army 7th Division, who talks about his adventure at the Iron Triangle Hill.

There is the story about SSGT Andrew B. Jackson, USMC, who could not drive trucks of ammunition to the Chosin Reservoir because it was surrounded by the Chinese Army. So, he had the Greeks fly their boxcars at ground level over the reservoir. They opened the back door, took the plane straight up, and let Andy and his passengers, along with War Correspondent Maggie Higgins and her crew, slide out with the ammunition onto a seven-foot mound of snow.

Section III is “The Forgotten Victory.” This became a United Nations event when North Korea invaded South Korea. Twenty-two nations responded to the call of the United Nations to defend freedom. South Korea is now known as the Asian Tiger, and its capital, Seoul, is the second largest metropolitan city in the world.

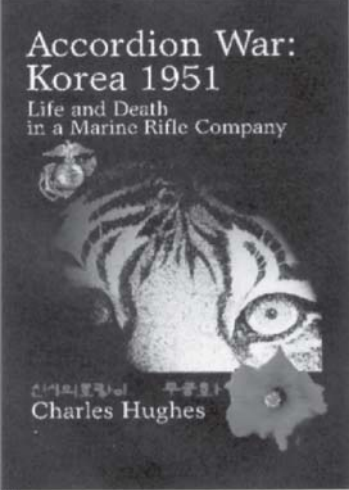
South Korea is now leading several key industries in the world in the field of science and technology. Without the United States'

intervention during the Korean War, there would be a tragic domination of Communism throughout the Pacific nations.

After reading Cummins' marvelous book, it becomes apparent to me that the most important contribution by me in my lifetime and the one thing that I am most proud of is that I served in a rifle company in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War.

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**Korean War Project Newsletter**

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January 15, 2010

Mr. Frank E. Cohee, Jr., Secretary, KWVA  
4037 Chelsea Ln.  
Lakeland, FL 33809-4063

Dear Mr. Cohee, Jr.:

We, Koreans and Korean-Americans, like to take this opportunity to convey our congratulations to you and all of your members for the official foundation of Korean War Veterans Association chartered by Congress.

The Republic of Korea today is very robust, free and prosperous. It is very clear to all of Koreans and Korean-Americans that today's Korea has been possible mainly because of your courage and sacrifices demonstrated in expelling the Communist invasion from the Republic of Korea during the 6,25 Korean War period of 1950-53. We will never forget what you had done for us that brought freedom, peace and prosperity.

As you may know, by commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Republic of Korea in 2008, we initiated to organize "Friends of American Veterans of Korean War" in USA. This organization will be a main vehicle which carries out some meaningful activities in order to convey our deepest appreciation and friendship to all of you.

One of the main activities in our plan is an annual "Appreciation Dinner, Ceremony, Concert and Dancing, Symposium and Prayer in honor of American Veterans of Korean War."

In 2010 we planned to hold this "Appreciation Event" by commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the 6,25 Korean War on June 13-14 at The Orleans Hotel, 4500 W. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas (1-800-675-3267, [www.orleanscasino.com](http://www.orleanscasino.com), inviting as many 1000-1200 American Veterans as possible from across the USA as well as all officers and directors of KWVA.

We plan to provide a full accommodation for one night and two days (June 13: lunch, dinner and room/ June 14: breakfast and lunch) to veterans and their spouses if they come to the venue by their own expense for transportation.

Our proposed program is as follows:

June 13 (Sunday), 2010

Registration:	14:00 - 17:30
Ceremony & Dinner	18:00 - 19:30
Concert & Dancing:	19:30 - 21:30

June 14 (Monday), 2010

Prayer meeting:	07:30 - 08:00
Breakfast:	08:00 - 09:00
War Story-Telling:	09:30 - 11:30
Lunch:	12:00 - 13:30
Closing:	14:00

We like to hear your response to this plan. As you may know, more than 800 veterans and their spouses attended the 2009 Appreciation Event held in Las Vegas and all of them really enjoyed and appreciated the event. In 2010 we expect more than 1000 veterans and their spouses to join us for this event. As you did in 2009, we would like to ask you to publicize our 2010 Appreciation Event plan and program at your "KWVA Home Page."

The potential participants may directly inform us of their intention by March 31, 2010 by mail, fax, e-mail or telephone.

- 1) Mail to: FAVKW, 9636 Garden Grove Blvd. Suite 17, Garden Grove, CA 92844
- 2) Phone Call to: Mrs. Sunny Lee (1-562-922-3656) or Mr. Do-young Kim (1-714-452-3006)
- 3) e-Mail to: gasiri0112@yahoo.com

In early May 2010 we plan to send the formal invitation to all of those who informed their participation.

Thank you very much for your kindness and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Koo Oh

Co-Chairmen, Friends of American Veterans of Korean War (FAVKW)



# Have You Tried The Google Connection?



Irving Peckler (L) and Tony DeBlasi (R), Radio Operations Co., 304th Signal Bn., Bupyong, Korea, 1953-54

When Irving Peckler and I wore Army dog tags we were sent to Korea after being trained as “fixed station” radio repairmen. That was a laugh, because there was no such equipment in Korea. Everything was mobile, ready for instant advance or retreat. All that was “fixed” in Korea were the mountains, though some got reshaped by the bombing and artillery.

We first met in a radio company operating in the rice paddies of Bupyong. Irv and I were both from Brooklyn, a tie that binds. Peckler was a spicy chap with a warm heart, getting along with everybody, natives included. If captured, he would have contrived a clever way of getting out of any prison camp, I’m sure.

Home from Korea, over half a century ago, the two of us remained ignorant of each other’s whereabouts until 2009. That is when Irv stumbled upon a memoir posted on a Korean War website by a guy named Anthony J. DeBlasi. The discovery fired a blow that knocked the wall out between us. As with all buddies who reconnect after many years, life stories rushed out to one another like water through a broken dam.

How this came about is worth telling. In an e-mail to the website manager, Peckler wrote: “I was told that if I ‘Googled’ my name, something might come up on the internet. Well, I did, and much to my amazement, one of your members had written about his experiences in Korea, and mentioned my name a few times...on your website...The author is Anthony J. DeBlasi. I remember him well - we were in the same outfit and in the same hut #4 in Bupyong. If he still has a pulse, could you forward my E-mail address to him.” The rest is pleasant history.

The moral to the story is that if someone has mentioned your name in any text on the Internet, asking Google for possible links to your name might yield a similar wonderful result. You never know who in your outfit with a “literary bent” may have mentioned your name in some Internet entry.

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# Tootsie Rolls

Do you remember all the Tootsie Rolls that were dropped by parachute? Did you know why?

The modest Tootsie Roll has played a significant “roll” in the U.S. military history, having been included in armed forces rations since the days of World War I. Over the years, care packages assembled by community organizations have shipped countless additional Tootsie Rolls to soldiers overseas.

Known as a source of quick energy, the candy became highly valued by the troops for its ability to withstand severe weather conditions. In Operation Desert Storm, for example, soldiers serving in Saudi Arabia reported that Tootsie Rolls were the only chocolate candy able to survive the extreme heat without melting or crystallizing.

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**Tootsie Roll Industries has received numerous testimonials of how Tootsie Rolls have actually helped save the lives of service personnel who were near starvation.**

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Forty years earlier, U.S. soldiers in Korea found that Tootsie Rolls were the only food they could thaw during temperatures of -30° below zero. In 1950, the radio code word for 60 MM mor-

tar ammunition was “Tootsie Roll.” To prevent the enemy from learning that ammunition was running low, American troops battling in the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea would radio, “We need more Tootsie Rolls.”

One such transmission was translated verbatim by the radioman at the airstrip. When the next airdrop was made, parachute packs floated down—loaded with Tootsie Rolls. The besieged Marines, their rations frozen solid, made the best of the situation. They tucked away Tootsie Rolls in their clothes, where they remained soft enough to eat.

Tootsie Roll Industries has received numerous testimonials of how Tootsie Rolls have actually helped save the lives of service personnel who were near starvation. One Chosin Few Marine wrote, “By and large, Tootsie Rolls were our main diet while fighting our way out of the Reservoir. You can bet there were literally thousands of Tootsie Roll wrappers scattered over North Korea. No doubt it made a nice change from Spam.”

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Visit the Korean War Veterans Association Website:

**www.KWVA.org**





# Recon Missions

## Anyone know these two folks?

Does anybody know these two members of the 6154 Air Police Squadron in Seoul, Korea in 1951?

If so, please let me know.

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Who were these members of the 6154 Air Police Squadron?

## Douglas/Morris

I am looking for two officers with whom I served in Korea. They were featured in a story in the September 2002 issue of *The Graybeards*, p. 30. (It is reprinted partially below.)

They are LtCol Robert Douglas, U.S. Army (Ret) and Lt Charles B. Morris. (LtCol Douglas was not a Colonel at the time.)

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## Incident on Heartbreak Ridge

While serving as 1st Platoon Leader, Fox Co., 160th Regt on Heartbreak Ridge, I was witness to an incident that will forever be etched in my mind. Twin soldiers were assigned to my platoon and an adjacent platoon. Irwin and Edward Rietz of Rock Island, Illinois were conscience objectors and were assigned as Medics. It was not unusual for twins to spend time together in my area or that of Lt. Charles B. Morris who was Edwin's Platoon Leader.

One afternoon Lt. Morris called my Platoon CP and asked "Have you seen my Doc? I have a man down and need a Medic." I sent Irwin to assist Lt. Morris. Later I learned that upon reaching the scene that Irwin rolled the casualty over and discovered his twin brother, Edwin. A National news magazine called this incident "Encounter of the Week"

Lt. Col. Robert Douglas. Ret.

## George Joseph Moore

I have been trying to find my dad, George Joseph Moore. He and my mom were divorced in the early 1960s. He was a truck driver in

Boston, and we lived in Lanesville between Rockport and Gloucester, MA at that time.



**LEFT:** George David Moore and comrades in Korea

**BELOW:** George David Moore

Dad was a Barman with the 7th Hourglass Division up around the Punchbowl-DMZ-Pork Chop Hill in 1951-53. The last known location where I saw him and where I knew he lived was in the Gloucester/Riverdale MA area before we moved west.

George Joseph Moore was born in Charlestown, MA, in either 1929 or 1930. He was 25 years old in 1955 when I was born St Elizabeth's Hospital in Somerville, MA on 6/25/1955—five years to the day after the Korean War started.

After the war he was assigned in MA to Hyannis Port. He was discharged sometime in 1953-52?? I know he had Corporal's and Sergeant's stripes on old uniforms.

I have provided a couple photos from the war zone. I am just trying to find out if he is alive or moved on in life, and to bring me some closure.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. I am retired USAF 1978-1998 and have almost 24 years here in South Korea, both active and as a retiree, stationed at K-55 Osan, -K-2 Taegu, and Kwang Ju.

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## Homer Shultz

I am the niece of CPL Homer Shultz. My cousins and I are trying to find out anything we can about him. We think he was married, but don't know his wife's name or where they were married. He may have had children we don't know about.

He was assigned to 38th Infantry Regiment, L Co, 2nd Infantry Division, U. S. Army. Date of Loss was 2/13/1951. Date of birth 10/13/1928, Service Number ER17195652.

All of his siblings are deceased. Only one older cousin (age 70) has any memories of "Hoover." However, an aunt and another cousin provided DNA in 2003, so we're covered there should his remains ever be found.





Thanks for any help you can give us

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## Info about 2d Div. (U. S. Army) in Korea

I have just finished a three-DVD series of our Korean War. The last disc was titled "The Big Picture." It told of the Second Division in Korea.

I need to know from someone who may have gone with them from the states in 1950. Did they go as a unit? Unlike the First Cav., among other divisions, replacements were very common.

What brought on the question is this: most of the guys were wear-

ing their big patch on most of their outside clothing. When I was assigned to the Seventh Cav. in Oct. 1951, we were told NOT to put the big patch on for a "bull's eye" for the enemy!

I talked with a friend who was with the artillery backing up the Second. He said they wore the patches because of the enemy's "fear of the Second."

The Second served four years in Korea. Maybe there were others. However, I am not aware of such.

Any help from some of our faithful readers would be greatly appreciated.

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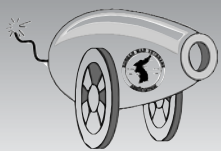
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# Feedback/Return Fire

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.

## Folks were patriotic before 9/11

It was pre 9-11-01, when patriotism was supposedly at a low ebb. A friend invited me to march with him in his town's Memorial Day 2000 parade sponsored by the VFW Post of Farmington, Michigan. The post was gathering a contingent of veterans of the Korean War to march to honor the 50th anniversary of the beginning of that war.

Taking our assigned position in the parade, we expected no more than a few waves and hellos from friends and relatives. Surprisingly, as we marched through town our group was met with applause from people lining both sides of the street. Consequently, the applause was continuous as we marched. In addition many called out "Thank you" as we passed.

My eyes were moist throughout as I realized that, given the opportunity, this outburst of appreciation and patriotism (pre 9-11-01) would be expressed in "Anytown, USA."

I was thankful and proud to have served these people in Korea.

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## You never know when a trunk pops up

While looking for furnishings for my new apartment, I came across an old trunk in the First United Methodist Church thrift store in Yazoo City, MS, where my grandmother is the church secretary. The trunk was just about rusted out, with the name O. E. Gamble stenciled on the side.

It looked very old and well-traveled, and I just had to have it! I was curious about where it had come from. Thanks to Google, I ran across your article about SgtMaj Gamble [in the Sept/Oct 2009 *The Graybeards*, p. 6] and was thrilled to read about his life and accomplishments.

I just wanted to drop you a note to let you know I appreciate your writing about SgtMaj Gamble. I'm going to clean the trunk, and thanks to you, will have a story to tell about an obviously fine man.

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## Two events held in Canada every year

While reading the Sept/Oct 2009 issue of *The Graybeards*, "facing Busan," p. 7, I noted that you omitted two events held every year at the National Wall of Remembrance in Brampton, Ontario:

- A ceremony is held every 27 July. It involves the Consul General of Korea, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and the National President of KVA Canada, Inc.

- A service is held every year on 11 November.

The Consul General of Korea and approximately 300 school children sing the Korean National anthem and "Arirang" in Korean.

Léonard Pelletier  
President, Unit 23, KVA Canada Inc.

## The hills were alive with the sound of music

Don't blame the Black Watch (a.k.a. the Royal Highland Regiment) for the "musical" concert described in Ben. R. Allen's story, "A Lovely Concert," in your Sept/Oct issue, p. 14. The culprits were, in fact, the First Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders who, together with the Middlesex Regiment, were the first U.N. Infantry (apart from U.S. troops) to arrive in Korea.

The Black Watch did serve in Korea, from August 1952 until July 1953 (resisting a strong enemy attack on the "Hook" feature), and the 2nd Battalion of the Black Watch of Canada arrived shortly after the cease-fire.

As the King's Own Scottish Borderers and the Royal Scots also served with the Commonwealth Division, the skirl of the pipes was rarely lacking on Korean hillsides.

Regarding "C" rations, as I recall, we had three "main course" cans, a "B-unit," which contained jelly discs, candy, coffee sugar and milk powder, crackers, and gum, and a miscellaneous package of toilet paper and twenty cigarettes. While our American allies may have disparaged these meals, to the British—who had long suffered much more meager fare—they were at first a luxury, especially the smokes, which in U.K. prices would in themselves cost almost a day's pay for a Private soldier.

I personally gained eighty pounds on C-rations over a 15-month period, most of it in the line. We all kept a "P-38" and an Asahi beer bottle opener with our identity discs. When we served briefly on Koje-do, the POWs' rice was augmented by time-expired K-Rations. The cigarettes (seven to a one-meal K-Rat, I believe) had to be removed prior to their issue; the removal and supposed destruction was a popular duty!

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## A special memory about a B-26

The article in *The Graybeards* about the Douglas B-26 (Jan/Feb 2009, p. 26) about the plane doing a low-level nighttime strafing run when it flew into a cable strung between hillsides did bring back a special memory.

The cable got entangled with the prop, which immediately began whirling a length of cable across the fuselage in an attempt to cut the plane in half. The pilot did get the engine shut down, but with heavy ground fire and only one engine in a tight valley, an escape



in the dark seemed impossible. The strung cable, the call in lighting pattern, and the amount of defense set up in the area were believed to have been a decoy trap.

They called for a “lighting bug” (a plane in the area with parachute-dropped flares used to light target areas), which happened to be close by and lighted their escape route. These guys also gave those ground shooters a second target. They did make it back to the other B-26 air strip. Later the next morning they did catch a ride back to our base at Pusan.

I have heard the story many times, because it was my Air Force buddy who was the gunner on that flight. Dewayne and I were together during basic, schooling, and the same squadron in Korea. Today, he lives some 50 miles north of me in Saginaw, and we attend the Korean Vet meetings together.

A year or two ago they had his picture in The Graybeards being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross—some fifty years after that memorable evening.

When he failed to return during the night, the guys all second guessed that they were MIA. He showed up about 10 a.m.—and immediately started some heavy drinking. Sometime in the afternoon he was out, so we removed his mattress pad, laid him on the bed springs in his clothes, and placed the mattress pad over him.

That was our welcome back party. But, to this day I can’t figure why he wanted to sleep on those springs. All is well when all ends well.

We lost many planes and good guys, but if we returned after a mission, we looked for a couple shots of booze and a dry cot. Hopefully, we put a major stop in the movement of their supplies coming out of China.

For the record, our squadron worked the west side of North Korea up in the area of Sinanju, a main artery coming out of China.

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### **POW in Korea before June 1950: probably fantasy**

Unless the mysterious Navy corpsman can produce a great deal of corroborating evidence of his pre-June 25, 1950 Korean captivity, I would regard his story as fantasy.

I’ve written Marine Corps history for thirty years and Korean War history for fifteen years. In *A House Burning: The War for Korea, 1945-1950* (University Press of Kansas, 2005), I wrote a detailed history of the U.S. Army Forces in Korea, the U.S. Army Military Government in Korea, and the Korean Military Advisory Group (KMAG). Five of my graduate students, U.S. Army and ROK Army officers, wrote doctoral dissertations that dealt with the U.S. and ROK armed forces in Korean and Japan, 1945-1953.

I have just finished a book on the Korean War, 1950-1951, and I have completed research on the last book of my trilogy, 1951-1954, which “ends” the war with the Geneva Conference, not the Armistice.

From 1981 until 1990 my retirement, I served in five different reserve assignments that dealt with Marine Corps history. I have done original documentary research on the POW issue in depth, and I work closely with the Joint Personnel Accounting Command.

In all these years of research and writing, years in which I worked with many other Korean War and Marine Corps historians,

I never heard any mention of an incident as described in your story. I’ve also learned never to say “never” about bizarre incidents, but this particular tale does not strike me as plausible.

Perhaps some KWVA member can find out the “Navy corpsman’s” name and allow us to check his record.

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### **Speaking of Bonuses: Info for vets from Illinois**

I received a letter from my police union in Illinois. The article notes the State of Illinois is giving a bonus to veterans from Illinois. Here is the information from the State of Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs website.

#### **STATE OF ILLINOIS VETERANS' BENEFITS BONUS PAYMENT**

**World War II.** A bonus of \$10 per month for domestic service and \$15 per month for foreign service is payable to a veteran who was a resident of Illinois at time of entering service, served at least 60 days on active duty between September 16, 1940 and September 3, 1945, and received an honorable discharge. Survivors are entitled to a benefit of \$1,000, if the veteran’s death was service-connected and within the period specified.

**Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Conflict Bonus.** A \$100 bonus is payable for service during one of the following periods:

Korea - June 27, 1950 - July 27, 1953

Vietnam - January 1, 1961 - March 28, 1973

Vietnam Frequent Wind - April 29, 30, 1975

Persian Gulf - August 2, 1990 - November 30, 1995.

The claimant must also be in receipt of one of the following medals: Korean Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal Vietnam Era or the Southwest Asia Service Medal; and have been a resident of Illinois for 12 months immediately prior to entering service and have received an Honorable Discharge. (Individuals currently on active duty who served in the Persian Gulf may apply prior to discharge.)

You can download a copy of the bonus application in PDF format, print it out, fill it in, and mail it to us.

Access this website for the forms: <http://www.veterans.illinois.gov/benefits.htm>. The phone number for the office is (312) 814-2460.

John Sonley (Korea 1951)

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### **Who was the other medic?**

I went to Korea in October of 1951 and was assigned to B Company, 19th Infantry, 24th Division. I was sent up as a medic, even though I had no ‘formal’ medical training.

In January of 1952 the 24th went to Japan. A fellow medic from A Company and I were left behind to ‘train’ the new medics from the 40th Division. They were a California National Guard outfit and they outranked us big time. Needless to say, they would not listen to us as they had extensive medical experience (so they said), and we both requested to return to the Division in Japan or transfers.

I went to A Company, 23rd Regiment, 2nd Division as a rifleman. I do not know what happened to the other guy.

As a letter writer wrote in *The Graybeards*, the French were indeed with the 1st Battalion of the 23rd Regiment when I went to a hospital in June and rotated back to the States.

Finally, Pennsylvania did give a Korean War Veteran's Bonus, but I do not recall the amount.

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### Speaking of Medics, here's one who is surprised to see his picture

I was pleasantly surprised to see "my picture" in the November–December 2009 issue of *The Graybeards* on page 63. I am the person at the right rear of the stretcher.

I was a Navy Hospital Corpsman serving at the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines Aid Station, where that picture was taken. As I remember it, two Marines were carrying coils of concertina wire on steel poles resting on their shoulders. Somebody triggered a "Bouncing Betty" mine, which went up into the barbed wire coils and exploded.

I think the wire coils helped contain the force of the explosion, but many in the wiring party were peppered with metal fragments. I can still see the pieces of metal sticking out from their arms, legs and faces and the ruptured eye of one Marine dangling on his check. Those things are hard to forget.

The armored vests and helmets worn by Marines at this time probably saved many lives. I do not remember how many were injured, but I remember quite a few were in the aid station.

The person in front of me carrying the stretcher was a First-Class Petty Officer Navy Corpsman whose name I have forgotten. I do not know who the Marines (wearing helmets) carrying the stretcher are.

According to the 2/1 Historical Diary, the 1/5 Marines replaced 2/1 on the MLR about the end of January, 1953. I believe there were Marines from 1/5 in the 2/1 area preparing for their move prior to this time, but do not remember when this event happened.

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### Did we eat the same C-Rats?

Some of the C-Rats mentioned in previous issues reminded me of unlabeled containers regarding the contents.

I was at Yong-Dong Po with the 6167 Air Base Group. We had rations, but there were four unmarked cans in my bed area. I inquired of everyone whether they knew what was in the cans. No one knew, but people did say that the cans had been around a long time.

One day curiosity got the best of me and I opened one. Lo and behold, it contained Canadian bacon. That was some good eating! Several other people laid claim to the rest of the cans.

Robert McKeever, 1083 E. Rio Mesa Trail, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

### Those great C-Rations

In July of 1952 I was with the Tank Company of the 279th Inf. Regt., 45th Inf. Div. We were moving from the Chorwon Valley of Korea to Chunchon in the Punchbowl area. To save gas (we only

got five gallons to the mile with our M4 tanks), they had us load onto flat cars of a train.

As we moved slowly through the country, we passed a few farmhouses. In one area a few urchin boys started to run after our train. We were on the last flat car and they ran barefoot alongside us through the roadside gravel. They started yelling, "Hey, G.I. Chop-chop, have a yes." So we started throwing them cans of C-rations.

Then, they motioned for an opener for the cans. It dawned on us quickly that we were throwing them our best meals. So, I decided to get rid of my cans of corned beef hash, which none of us liked.

As soon as one boy caught the can, he looked at it and yelled, "You som-av-a bitz," threw it back at us—and stopped chasing our train.

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Lou Horyza in Korea

### An entire C-ration night?

Before shipping to Korea I trained at Ft. Monmouth. Monday night was C-ration night at the mess hall. It was an excuse for me and a bunch of classmates to take off for Eatontown and get subs and beer—our way of avoiding the canned horror, while helping the local economy by spending some of our great Army pay as privates. I wish I could say that Tuesday through Sunday was a great improvement over C-rats Monday.

My wife asked, "Well, the cooks were trained, weren't they?" They sure were—and it showed. The law of averages did provide a good tray of food, occasionally. But the difference between Army cooking and mama's cooking was, to put it one way, depressing.

I still have my trusty P-38. Love the darn little marvel of engineering. It's come to the rescue in the kitchen, whenever modern can-openers have failed to deliver.

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### The Perricone quadruplets did exist

In the Nov/Dec 2009 issue, there was an article on p. 23 about the Perricone quadruplets. There was a request at the bottom asking if anyone can verify what was written.

My son has a collection of division unit histories. He showed me the photo of the brothers on a tank (an M-26/46). They served with the 7th Infantry Division, 73rd Tank Bn., in Korea.

The book that contains the photo and information is titled



Bayonet—the History of the 7th Infantry Division in Korea. It was published in 1952, prior to the end of hostilities in 1953, by Dai Nippon Printing Company Limited.

Joe McCallion, 65 Tamworth Hill Ave.  
Wakefield, MA 01880

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Just as an aside, Thomas F. Cacciola came across an article in a 27 May 2004 newspaper, the name of which is partially hidden, that listed eight brothers who served in the Army/Air Force in WWII. They were the Aquilinos: Rocco, Nicholas, Joseph, Angelo, James, Charles, Jerry, and Anthony. They had at least two sisters, Mary and Catilda. Eight brothers in the armed forces at the same time? Is that a record?*

## Reaching the Yalu and finding bones

Your Nov-Dec 2009 issue of *The Graybeards*, page 7 included, “Hot Chow! Members of Company D, 17th Division, getting Hot Chow.” Is this the same outfit that, on October 29, started landing over the beaches of Iwon, 150 miles up the coast, north of Wonsan, to attack north to the Yalu?

The 17th Regiment headed for Hyesanjin by the road that ran through Pukchong and Pungson. If so, on Nov 28th, Lt. Robert C. Kingston, a platoon leader of K Co., 32nd Regiment, led the regimental advance on Sengpaljin, on the Yalu, west of Hyesanjin.

Thus, the 7th Inf. Div. (with no KATUSAs to bug out) reached the Yalu in two places in November 1950—the only American troops ever to reach the Yalu River and the Korean border.

Lately, there has been talk of reunification of North and South Korea. I would like to see *The Graybeards* go over there and go back to Funchilin Pass, Kota-ri, Hagaru-ri, and both sides of the Chosen Reservoir to get all the remains out. I would be one of the first ones to go and stay till the job is done. We could get a convoy of 2 1/2-ton trucks, out of Hungnam, with metal detectors.

By now, there must be a way to find bones one inch under the ground. We could arrive in the spring, head north, get back to Hungnam before winter hits, hole up till spring, and then head north again.

I have such a gut feeling, I can't begin to tell you. Please, let's do something right now. We have the tours. Maybe that could be a way to get into the north.

What about all the mines and tunnels in the southwest?

Gary Allen Strong (Post Korean Vet 66-67)  
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## It was all political regarding war vs. police action

I remember reading some years ago that the North Korean attack was never declared a war because Harry Truman couldn't convince Congress to do so. They told him that since the U.S. itself wasn't in any danger, there was no need for a formal declaration of war.

Another reason Congress didn't authorize a declaration of war was because they remembered President Roosevelt a few years earlier in WWII when he gave himself almost unlimited powers by simply saying that this was an all-out war, he was the President, and that was that. The people in Washington didn't want Truman to think that he was another FDR. Because of that, Truman had to call this intervention a “Police Action.” It was under that name that he sent the troop in Japan into action.

Truman's action caused a lot of resentment from the top Occupation people, as Korea hadn't been under General MacArthur's Far East Command, which was a big mistake. Almost from the first months of the Korean Occupation in 1945, GHQ in Tokyo had been sending a steady stream of ominous reports of “discord”—a polite word—in that country, only to be told bluntly that the activities in Korea were solely the responsibility of the State Department.

Sometimes they didn't use quiet diplomacy, and the General was told to keep his nose out of their business. But, within days of the North Korea attack, and after it was determined that it wasn't just another “border raid,” the State Department people in Seoul hurriedly skipped the country. After that, Truman announced that he had appointed General MacArthur to be the commander of all forces in Korea. He added solemnly that the General was authorized to use all means at his disposal to stop the North Korean aggression and restore South Korea to its rightful place among free nations.

Those were brave, easy words to say for someone who was 10,000 miles away from the action and knew that the troops in Japan were almost all in their early twenties, were poorly trained, poorly prepared, poorly equipped and under poor leadership, both in the field, and in the far-back “desk commando” positions.

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## A little addition

In 1949 I was a Duty Sergeant in an infantry company in the Tokyo area when one of our men was involved in a jeep accident. We received this from the Tokyo General Hospital the next day: “Examination of subject enlisted man revealed tears in the interior cruciate ligament, posterior cruciate ligament, medial collateral ligament and lateral meniscus. He also dislocated his patella and tibia-femoral...”

Our puzzled Company Clerk looked at this report for a minute or so and then remarked, “All these crazy words. Why don't they just say he banged up his knee?”

## What I “Missed the Most”

I got a kick out of reading in the May 2009 issue, “What I missed most.” After it jumping back into my mind many times over the summer, I decided to mention what I missed most. I missed toilet paper—or any kind of paper or wipe.

My first seven months of solitary confinement [as a POW] were spent outside in North Korea. I could grab a leaf, some grass, then finally some snow, before it froze solid. But, sitting on those frozen stones all day led to bleeding hemorrhoids, which was not a nice sight on the white snow—and it was painful. No paper!

My second seven months of solitary confinement were in a “building” in Mukden, China. No more daylight!

There, my once daily trip to a 6-inch hole in the floor (they took me only when they wished) was still without paper. Now I know my one Chinese tea cup of water daily was very precious. If I made a wrong move, e.g., not sitting at attention or twiddling my thumbs, the water would be dumped out of my reach through the bars, and I needed that to drink.

All this time I had not had a bath or even washed my hands, so I should say I missed water the most. With that amount of water,

you could “hold it all day and night.” I often had no spoon or other utensil to eat with, so you can see why the toilet paper is rated first.

Only once was I taken out at my request. I had terrible diarrhea and did not want to get my filthy clothes any worse. After a long wait for them to get extra guards, I was taken to the hole in the floor, to only pass gas. That was not a very nice evening, with the guard being mad at me. The marks still show!

That first bath on 6 September 1953 at Freedom Village will never be forgotten.

Thank God for hot water, clean clothes—and toilet paper.

Eugene E. Evers, 39439 NW Osterman Rd.  
Forest Grove, OR 97116

## My first view of Pusan

I served in the 14th Combat Engineers during the Korea War. The nearby photo is the first view I had of Pusan when we arrived there.

I also found a photo in my folders of a Korean funeral, which was taken sometime in 1953.

I worked for a newspaper before my Army service, and I know it can be hard to find topics to write about and pictures.

James L. Wasson, [wasson1929@aol.com](mailto:wasson1929@aol.com)



**ABOVE:** James Wasson's first view of Pusan

**RIGHT:** Korean funeral



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## Reunion Calendar – 2010

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### APRIL

**76th Engineer Construction Bn.**, U.S. Army, 22-24 Apr., Lebanon, TN. POC: Zeke Gandara, (402) 477-7230, [Zekmil@windstream.net](mailto:Zekmil@windstream.net)

**3rd AAA AW Bn. (SP)**, 28-30 Apr., Pigeon Forge, TN. POC: James Goff, (804) 541-7667, [jwgoff1@peoplepc.com](mailto:jwgoff1@peoplepc.com)

**19th – 34th Inf.**, 26-28 Apr., Holiday Inn Express, Pigeon Forge, TN. POC: Leo Gosnell, 2865 Hwy. 414, Taylors, SC 29687, (864) 895-1842

**5th RCT Assoc.**, 28 April – 2 May, Drawbridge Inn, Ft. Mitchell, KY. POC: Tony Kreiner, 5070 Bell Ave. Cincinnati OH 45242-3804, (513) 891-2870

**772nd MP Bn.**, 29 April – 1 May, Marriott by Kansas City Airport, Kansas City, MO. POC: Phil Willemann, 5300 Pheasant Dr., Orient, OH 43146, (614) 877-9844, [pwillemann@att.net](mailto:pwillemann@att.net)

### MAY

**73rd Tank Bn. and 73rd Armor, U.S. Army**, 6-9 May, Branson, MO. POC: Curtis Banker, 44 Westcott Rd., Schuyler Falls, NY 12985-1940, (518) 643-2302, [curt0742@hughes.net](mailto:curt0742@hughes.net)

### JUNE

**40th Inf. Div., 223rd Inf. Regt.** (Korea), 23-26 June, Dayton, OH. POC Larry Kish, (419) 241-9446

**AP Transport Group (Navy, Coast Guard)**, 24-27 June, Minneapolis, MN. POC: Chuck Ulrich, 35 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park, NY 11040, (516) 747-7426. Ships included:

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Gen. William Weigel – AP-119  
Gen. H.F. Hodges – AP-144  
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Gen. A.W. Brewster – AP-155  
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Adm. H.T. Mayo – AP-125

#### Navy

USS Lejeune – AP-74  
Pres. Monroe – AP-104  
Gen. William Mitchell – AP-114  
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Gen. W.F. Hase – AP-146  
Gen. J.C. Breckinridge – AP-176  
Adm. W.S. Benson – AP-120  
USS Golden City – AP-169

### JULY

**USMC Tankers Assn.** (All eras and MOSs assigned to Marine tank units, including Corpsmen), 6-11 July, Seattle, WA. POC: Bob McDaniels, 12 Makah Way, LaConner, WA 98257, (360) 466-3080

### SEPTEMBER

**25th Infantry Division Association**, 12-18 Sept., Boston, MA. POC: P.O. Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031, [TropicLtn@aol.com](mailto:TropicLtn@aol.com), Association website at [www.25thida.org](http://www.25thida.org)

**Society of the Third Infantry Division** and attached units in wars and in peacetime, 15-19 Sept., Arlington, VA, Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport. POC: Monika Stoy, (703) 912.4218, [monikastoy@yahoo.com](mailto:monikastoy@yahoo.com)

### OCTOBER

**Army Security Agency Korea Vets** (ASA KOREA), 7-10 Oct. Pittsburgh, PA. POC: John & Amy Russell, 4 Margaret St., New Kensington, PA 15068, (724) 337-0982, [www.asakorea.org](http://www.asakorea.org)

**USS Hornet** (CV-8, CV-12, CVA-12, CVS-12), 20-24 Oct., Tucson, AZ. POC: Carl & Sandy Burket, PO Box 108, Roaring Spring, PA 16673, (814) 224-5063, [hornetcva@aol.com](mailto:hornetcva@aol.com) or <http://www.usshornetassn.com/>





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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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# BATTERY B, 49TH FIELD ARTILLERY, 7TH

Herbert Yuttall, a member of Ch 270, Sam Johnson [TX], sent us these photos. He took them in 1951-52 while assigned to Battery "B," 49th Field Artillery, 7th Division. As he pointed out, some are of the activities in the Battery area, and some were taken on the "line" attached to the 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Division, where he served as a Forward Observer and Radio/telephone specialist. Contact Herbert Yuttall, 18484 Preston Rd. #102, Dallas, TX 75252, Cell (214) 686-4883, Fax (972) 380-2288



▲ Who was Howell? (I forgot his first name)

Old Baldy (the second time)



▲ South side of hill 981



▲ R&R. in Japan 1951 (Herbert Yuttall in center. I do not remember the other 2 GIs)



▲ Bivouac area

▼ Chingo, "a South Korean "helper" attached to HQ Company 17th Inf.

▼ Lt. Herrin, Forward observer 49th FA



Morton, Willingham, Dutton (L-R), all members 49th FA.



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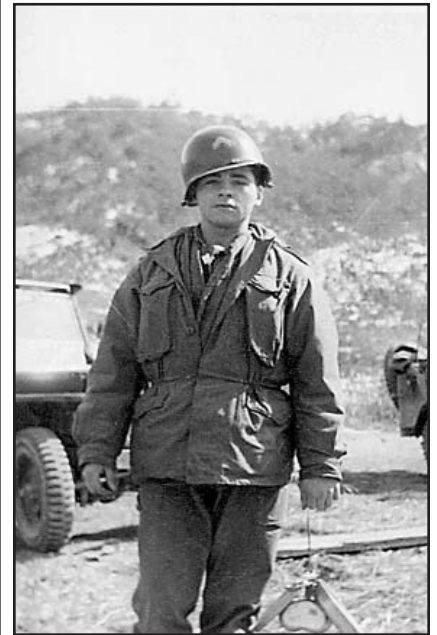


# DIVISION

➤ Mundung Ni Valley looking North East



◀ Old Baldy (Hill 1249), 1951



▲ Cpl. Morton, spring 1952



▲ Mundung Ni Valley looking South

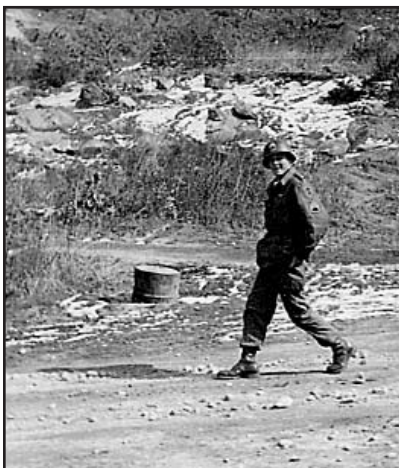


◀ Observer team "B" returning to base



▲ My jeep after hitting a land mine

Motor Sgt  
Battery -  
"B," March  
1952



Clerk,  
Battery "B,"  
FA, March  
1952



▲ Battery Commander's driver, "Deak"



▲ "Chung," a Korean helper

# FATHER KAPAUN

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Wichita [KS] Eagle ran an eight-part series on Father Kapaun in December 2009. Deputy Editor Tom Shine graciously offered to let us reprint the series in its entirety. We will do that in serial fashion, since the series is too long for us to include in one issue.

We offer our deep gratitude to writer Roy Wenzl and Deputy Editor Shine for permission to reprint the articles.

We will begin with Mr. Shine's intro to the series.

## Special series on Kapaun starts Sunday

**BYLINE:** by Tom Shine; The Wichita Eagle

**SECTION:** a; Pg. 2

**T**he story of Father Emil Kapaun has intrigued me for a long time.

A farm kid from Pilsen, a small Czech community in Marion County, Kapaun became a priest, an Army chaplain and a hero.

He likely will be awarded the Medal of Honor soon, and the Vatican is investigating him for possible sainthood.

And even though many folks are familiar with the basic framework of his story, and even though The Eagle has published dozens of stories about him over the years, I never had the sense that we had fully explained who Kapaun was.

So when reporter Roy Wenzl, who has written several award-winning series for The Eagle, was casting about for a good, in-depth story, I mentioned Kapaun.

He was initially lukewarm to the idea and did some cursory research. So I made sure during an informal meeting with Bishop Michael Jackels that I mentioned Roy was working on an in-depth piece about Kapaun.

When I returned to the office, I told Roy that the bishop was looking forward to reading his story.

Arm-twisting aside, Roy, videographer Travis Heying and I knew this was the right time to write about Kapaun for several reasons:

§ The investigation into whether to award him the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military honor, was reaching a climax. Since we started reporting this series, the secretary

of the Army has recommended that Kapaun receive the medal.

§ The Vatican's inquiry into whether Kapaun should be declared a saint was gathering momentum, in part because of events involving a young athlete from Colwich that the Vatican may deem a miracle.

§ We needed to talk with the men who could tell us the most about Kapaun, those who suffered with him in a North Korean prisoner of war camp, before their stories were lost forever.

So Roy and Travis, who has won awards for his photo and video work, began the task of producing an in-depth account — in print and video — of Kapaun's heroism and death told by those who witnessed it. It's something we have never done.

Their research, which began last summer, took them to five states to interview men who were Kapaun's closest friends in the POW camp. They also interviewed other soldiers who knew Kapaun in the camp or on the battlefield.

They spent time in Pilsen, Kapaun's hometown, and in Colwich, the hometown of Chase Kear. Chase's improbable recovery from a pole-vaulting accident last year — Chase and his parents credit prayers to Kapaun — is being investigated by the Vatican as a possible miracle.

Roy and Travis also spent time with the Rev. John Hotze, the judicial vicar of the Catholic Diocese of Wichita. Hotze is in charge of the diocese's investigation into Kapaun's sainthood and has accumulated

thousands of documents — scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, sermons, papers — related to Kapaun.

The result is "The Miracle of Father Kapaun," an eight-part series that begins next Sunday in The Eagle and at Kansas.com. The series explores the life of Kapaun but several other themes also run through it: the nature of miracles, hope, the strength of faith, forgiveness.

The research also resulted in a first for us: a full-length documentary by Travis on Kapaun. (You can see trailers from the video at [Kansas.com/kapaun](http://Kansas.com/kapaun).)

The 50-minute video includes interviews with POWs who knew Kapaun, Chase and his family, church officials and people in Pilsen who knew Kapaun as a young parish priest.

Travis also produced video that will run daily with the print series on [Kansas.com/kapaun](http://Kansas.com/kapaun). Our Web site devoted to Kapaun also will include photo galleries, the only known recording of Kapaun's voice, dozens of source documents and previous stories, and videos on Kapaun and the Kear family.

The project was a huge undertaking but one we're excited about because it represents our deepest research yet to fully tell the story of Kapaun's life in words and images.

I think the work by Roy, Travis and others will finally provide a much better sense of who Kapaun was and why we continue to be touched by his legacy.

As always, we like to know what you think. Share your feedback on the series with us at [wenews@wichitaeagle.com](mailto:wenews@wichitaeagle.com)

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### PART I

The Wichita Eagle (Kansas)  
December 6, 2009 Sunday

## Father Emil Kapaun: In Korea, Kapaun saves dozens during Chinese attack

**BYLINE:** ROY WENZL; *The Wichita Eagle*

**SECTION:** a; Pg. 10

**LENGTH:** 1366 words

Nov. 1 is All Saints Day on the Catholic calendar.



On that day in North Korea in 1950, Father Emil Kapaun celebrated four Masses for soldiers in the 3rd Battalion of the 8th Cavalry Regiment and went to bed early in his pup tent south of the village of Unsan.

All around him, as his battalion bedded down in a cornfield, were clues that foretold the disaster about to overtake them. With the North Koreans on the run, they thought the war was as good as won. And the generals had insisted that the Chinese would not enter the war. The generals were wrong.

Lt. Bob Wood went into the hills on patrol and listened to enemy officers talking to one another on his radio. When he asked a South Korean what the enemy was saying, the Korean said, "Chinese."

Herb Miller, a tough little sergeant who had fought in World War II, had taken a patrol north and come back with a farmer who told 3rd Battalion intelligence officers that the surrounding mountains hid tens of thousands of Chinese. The intelligence officers scoffed.

Miller, disgusted, watched the farmer go home, then stuffed his pockets with grenades.

Early on Nov. 2, All Souls Day, Miller took out another patrol, to the top of a little rise and bedded down in the dark. By then, though he didn't know it, the 1st and 2nd Battalions were already being overrun; the 3rd Battalion was next.

After midnight, he heard a whistle downslope that sounded like a bird call. Miller punched the GI sleeping next to him. "That's no bird call!" he said. "We are in for it!"

They got out of there and headed back to the battalion. But then they saw hundreds of figures moving in the dark, and a bugle blew, and then another, accompanied by the ghostly calls of sheep horns blown by Chinese peasant soldiers. Then machine guns sprayed pink tracer bullets, and mortars began thumping. Wild music broke out in the night, war songs from bugles and thousands of throats.

Kapaun jumped out of his tent.

GIs fired flares into the night sky and caught their breath: They saw thousands of Chinese soldiers coming at them. A 19-year-old corporal named Bob McGreevy, dropping mortar shells down a tube, saw a forward observer come running.

"Get the hell out of here!" he yelled.

Twenty thousand Chinese, who the gener-

als said were not in North Korea, had rushed out of the hills at the 3,000 men of the 8th Cavalry; the 1st and 2nd Battalions withdrew south.

Kapaun and a private named Patrick Schuler drove toward the fighting, then ran into enemy soldiers blocking the road. Kapaun and Schuler loaded a few of the wounded and brought them south.

"Stay with the jeep and say your prayers," Kapaun told Schuler. "I'll be back."

He ran to find more wounded, but the Chinese attacked, and Schuler in desperation set the empty jeep on fire to destroy it. He never saw Kapaun again.

Most of the 1st Battalion would escape; some of the 2nd Battalion, too. But the 800 men of 3rd Battalion covered the withdrawal, and they were overrun.

Miller, running for cover, found GIs in a ditch quivering like puppies. "Get up!" Miller yelled, kicking them. "Get out of here!" They would not move.

All the GIs had to do to kill Chinese was point a rifle in any direction and shoot. Waves of Chinese reached the heart of the 3rd Battalion; men fought hand to hand. A machine gunner, Tibor Rubin, shot Chinese by the dozens but saw hundreds more keep coming.

GIs saw Kapaun running from foxhole to foxhole, dragging wounded out, saying prayers over the dying, hearing confessions amid gunfire, ripping open shirts to look at wounds. Men screamed at him to escape, but he ignored them.

Kapaun called McGreevy and others into a huddle.

"I'm going to give you guys the last rites," he said. "Because a lot of you guys are not going to make it home."

McGreevy noticed how calm Kapaun looked. The priest called out the sacred words in English, not Latin; the GIs were from all shades of belief.

On the Chinese came. GIs fired bazookas into their own trucks in their own camp and machine-gunned Chinese by the light of the fires. Warplanes dropped napalm, incinerating hundreds of Chinese.

For days, the 3rd Battalion fought off mass charges of Chinese. They ransacked bodies for weapons and bullets when they ran low.

Kapaun and Clarence Anderson, a doctor,

set up an aid station in a sandbagged dugout.

The GI perimeter shrank to 50 yards end to end, but Lt. Walt Mayo saw Kapaun run 300 yards outside it to drag wounded inside.

During one of those runs to help the wounded, Kapaun was captured and led away at gunpoint. But Mayo, as he told author William Maher later, shouted a command and GIs rose up and fired, killing the captors.

McGreevy heard officers yell at Kapaun to leave the battlefield.

"No," Kapaun called back.

The officers yelled again.

"No," Kapaun said. "My place is with the wounded."

The priest looked as calm as he did at Mass.

By this time, Kapaun and Anderson had about 40 wounded in the dugout, which lay exposed far outside the GI perimeter. The Chinese were digging trenches while advancing, protecting themselves as they moved in. McGreevy could see dirt flying out of trenches.

Lt. William "Moose" McClain watched this and thought of Custer's Last Stand.

The sergeant who had heard that first bird call now lay in a ditch not far from Kapaun's aid station. Miller's ankle had been shattered by a grenade. He had spent hours playing dead.

Once in a while, when a group of Chinese got close, he tossed a grenade, then played dead again. When he ran out of grenades, a nearby wounded GI threw him a few more and Miller tossed them at the Chinese.

The Chinese were all around him now, shooting at the shrinking perimeter. Miller pulled a dead enemy body on top of himself. Soon an enemy soldier sat down in the ditch, his boot touching Miller's arm.

By then, the Chinese had crept near the dugout where Kapaun and Anderson tended the wounded; they fired mortar rounds in there, killing some of the wounded.

Surrender seemed like suicide. The GIs had heard stories of atrocities in Korea. Kapaun had written a friend weeks before that "the Reds were not taking prisoners. So we resolved to fight them to the finish because we would not have a chance if we chose to surrender..."

But in the dugout now, Kapaun made a

bold move: He approached a captured and wounded Chinese officer. He said he would surrender and appeal to Chinese humanity.

That officer yelled outside. The Chinese stopped shooting at the dugout. They took Kapaun and 15 or so of the wounded who could walk as prisoners. They also agreed not to shoot the rest of the wounded.

Anderson thought Kapaun's negotiations saved 40 lives in the dugout.

Kapaun, under guard, stepped out of the dugout, over dead men piled three high.

Down by the road, he saw an enemy rifleman take aim at a GI lying in a ditch.

That rifleman had found Miller hiding under a dead body. He put his rifle muzzle to Miller's head; Miller thought the muzzle looked big enough to crawl into. He would die now.

Then he heard footsteps.

So did the soldier about to kill him. The soldier, distracted, looked toward the dugout, his rifle still touching Miller's forehead.

Miller turned to look.

They saw an American officer walking toward them. He was tall, skinny and unarmed, and walked as calmly as a man about to pay his grocery bill.

Kapaun had walked away from his captors, in the middle of a battle, risking a bullet in the back. But his captors held their fire.

Kapaun walked to the rifleman and shoved him aside, brushing the rifle barrel away from Miller's head with his arm.

"Let me help you up," he said. His voice was calm. He got Miller up on one foot, then picked him up piggyback.

Miller turned around to look. The rifleman who had wanted to shoot him aimed his rifle but did not shoot. He looked puzzled.

Kapaun walked toward the Chinese soldiers who had taken him prisoner at the dugout. Miller waited for death. But his would-be executioner just watched them walk away.

"He didn't know what to do," Miller said. "Father Kapaun had that effect on those guys."

Miller, with his arms around Kapaun's skinny shoulders, wondered how far the priest could carry him.

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# The 'Yalu Sweeper'

By Harry Bauser

I recently joined the KWVA and have certainly enjoyed The Graybeards magazine. I served with the U.S. Air Force at K-13 Suwon, Korea during 1953. I was an aircraft maintenance crew chief of a F-86 Sabre-jet fighter in the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing.

The air war in Korea was very active when I was there, as it was for many months before that, right up until the day the armistice was signed. Our pilots flew a considerable number of missions flying cover for other fighter-bomber wings destroying various targets over North Korea.

Among the missions that my outfit flew was the "Yalu Sweep." The expression inspired me to name my aircraft "The Yalu Sweeper." As the nearby photos indicate, the name was painted on the right side of the aircraft.

The Roman numeral number beneath "The Yalu Sweeper" signified it was the second such-named F-86 Sabre-jet aircraft. The first was damaged by a Mig-15 during an aerial encounter. It was patched up and flown to Japan for major maintenance. The left side of the aircraft beneath the cockpit was reserved for the name of the pilot to whom the aircraft was assigned.

There was a radar installation situated

on an island off the North Korean coast called Chodo Island. This radar unit monitored Chinese and North Korean aerial activities along the Yalu River separating China and North Korea. (Russian pilots also flew in combat, it was revealed years later.)

Our F-86 Sabre jet pilots would drop their empty external fuel tanks en route to the Yalu River and engage the enemy "sweeping" up and down (and sometimes across) the river. This area was known as Mig Alley.

Between 1951 and the armistice, the 51st Fighter Wing was credited with destroying 312 Mig15 aircraft. Some of the notable pilots, among others, who served with the 51st Fighter Wing in Korea included astronaut Buzz Aldrin, astronaut and former U.S. Senator John Glenn, WWII fighter ace Francis Gabreski, WWII fighter ace Benjamin O. Davis, who flew in that war with the all-Negro Tuskegee Airmen, and Joseph McConnell, triple jet ace of the Korean War.

At the present time the 51st Fighter Wing is based at Osan, South Korea, formally called K-55.

I am very fortunate to be able to attend annual reunions of my old outfit from Korea. In 2010 we will once again get together for our 21st reunion.

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ABOVE: The "Yalu Sweeper"

RIGHT: Harry Bauser in the cockpit of the "Yalu Sweeper"





# Members in the NEWS



## Bob Brothers inducted into Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

Bob Brothers, a member of Ch 137, Mahoning Valley [OH], was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, located in Columbus, OH, on 6 November 2009.

Several chapter members attended the induction ceremony to support him.

Congratulate him at Robert H. Brothers, 219 Independent Dr NE, Warren, OH 44484-6002, (330) 652-2347, bob.brothers@hotmail.com

*Robert F. Bakalik  
2841 S. Schenley Ave  
Youngstown, OH 44511, (330) 792-3110*



Members of Ch 137 at Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame (L-R) Bob Vitullo, Bob Brothers, Lloyd Edwards (Sitting), Bob Bakalik, Harold Baringer



The Freshours by the newly constructed Lebanon, IN Veterans Memorial

## Robert Freshour receives pleasant surprise

Ch 259 member Robert Freshour got a pleasant surprise back in 1995 while visiting the Korean War Memorial in Washington, DC. When he looked at the etched images of troops on the Wall, he discovered he was one of them. He and his wife of 53 years, Janet, showed me the newspaper article that told of his discovery.

It seemed appropriate that he should be one of the men preserved in those images. He was a veteran of the Pusan Perimeter battles, from when he arrived in July through September 1950.

As a member of the 24th Infantry, Robert continued battling the enemy into North Korea after the Inchon Invasion of September. As a BAR rifleman, he and his company advanced to the Yalu River area before being forced back to South Korea by the massive Chinese counter attacks, at times being surrounded and overrun.

Having attained the rank of T/Sgt, and after two voluntary extensions, he left Korea for the U.S. on January 1, 1952, completing a seventeen-month tour. Robert returned to Indiana, where he had completed Basic Training at Camp Attabury before being flown to Korea in July 1950.

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## Havana Radio Relay Site

This a photo of me at Havana Radio Relay Site, located approximately 60 miles east of Seoul. The photo was taken in June 1953.

I was an Air Policeman with the K-9 Corps.

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Gene Stewart at Havana Radio site



## Official Membership Application Form

### The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407 (Telephone: 217-345-4414)

**DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE** Assigned Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

KWVA Regular Annual Dues = \$25.00 ♦ Associate Membership = \$16.00  
MOH, Ex-POW, Gold Star Parent or Spouse & Honorary - \$0.00

**Regular Life Membership:** (May be paid in lump sum or 6 equal payments by check over a 12 month period.)

Ages up to and through 35 years of age: .....\$600

Ages 36 through 50 years of age: .....\$450

Ages 51 through 65 years of age: .....\$300

Ages 66 years of age and older: .....\$150

Please Check One: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal Member (# \_\_\_\_\_)

Please Check One ☐ Medal of Honor ☐ Regular Member ☐ Regular Life Member ☐ Associate Member  
☐ Ex-POW ☐ Honorary ☐ Gold Star Parent ☐ Gold Star Spouse

(Please Print)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle/Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Number/Name (if applicable) # \_\_\_\_\_

*All Regular members please provide the following information if applicable*

#### Unit(s) to which Assigned

#### Branch of Service

Division ☐ Army  
Regiment ☐ Air Force  
Battalion ☐ Navy  
Company ☐ Marines  
Other ☐ Coast Guard

#### Dates of service:

WithIN Korea were: (See criteria below)

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

WithOUT Korea were: (See criteria below)

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes as indicated, is true and correct."

**[If you are applying for membership in a category other than Section 1, par A.1., of the "Criteria for Membership," complete the "Certification of Eligibility for KWVA Membership" form on next page.]**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: KWVA

Mail to: **Korean War Veterans Association Inc., P. O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407** (Telephone: 217-345-4414)

(Or you may pay by Credit Card)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ VISA ☐ MASTER CARD (only)

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ V-Code \_\_\_\_\_ Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted 10/26/2009



## CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR KWVA MEMBERSHIP

In addition to completing the KWVA membership application form on page 1, persons who make application for membership and qualify under one of the categories listed below, are required to fill in the appropriate blanks, sign in the space provided below and attach this page to the completed membership application form on previous page.

Check One

- ☐ Medal of Honor: I am a Medal of Honor recipient and the date on which it was awarded was: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Ex-POW: I was held as a Prisoner of War at some time during the period June 25, 1950 to the present,  
From: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_ To: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Gold Star Parent: I am the parent of : Name [print] \_\_\_\_\_, who was  
( ) killed in action, ( ) missing in action or ( ) died as a Prisoner of War  
on: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Gold Star Spouse: I am the spouse of: Name [print] \_\_\_\_\_, who was  
( ) killed in action, ( ) missing in action or ( ) died as a Prisoner of War  
on: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Associate: I have a legitimate interest in the affairs of the Korean War Veterans Association and agree to accept the terms and conditions set forth in its charter and bylaws.
- ☐ Honorary: I was elected as an Honorary Member of the KWVA by a vote of the Board of Directors  
on: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes indicated is true and correct."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_

### CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

**Section 1. Qualifications of Members.** Membership in this Association shall consist of Regular, Associate and Honorary Members. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, or physical or mental disability, as long as the individual meets the criteria of service requirements as stipulated below. Only Regular Members as defined in A. below have a vote in National or Department matters.

#### A. Regular Members.

- Service in the United States Armed Forces.** Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, is eligible for membership if:  
**a.** Said service was within Korea including territorial waters and airspace at any time, September 3, 1945 to Present, or  
**b.** Said service was outside of Korea, June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955.
- Medal of Honor.** Any KWVA Member, who is a Medal of Honor recipient, is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
- Prisoner of War.** Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
- Gold Star Parents.** Any parent whose son/daughter was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
- Gold Star Spouses.** Any person whose spouse was killed in action, missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

#### B. Associate Members.

- Must not be eligible for Regular membership.
- Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of this Association and who wishes to support its aims, and not being eligible for Regular Membership; and who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the KWVA Charter and its Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual, shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the Association. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

**C. Honorary Members.** Any person of good character may be elected as Honorary Member by vote by the Board of Directors. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

**D. Ineligible.** Any person who has been separated from the service of the Armed Forces of the United States under conditions other than honorable shall be ineligible for membership in this Association.

# The First Lady of South Korea Cooks for the Troops



South Korea First Lady Yoon Ok Kim

By Sal Scarlato

**O**n 26 August 2009 I received a request to attend a meeting at the Ambassador Consul General's office, Kyung-Keun Kim, in Manhattan. He asked that I help coordinate a luncheon to be held on 21 September 2009 at which the First Lady of the Republic of Korea would be in attendance—and at which she would cook for us. My partners from his office

were Byung Sun Choi, Consul General of the Republic of Korea and, from the Korean community, John Sehjong Ha.

My duties were to organize as many Korean War veterans and their wives and families as I could to attend this luncheon. Ultimately, representatives from several KWVA chapters attended: Central Long Island #64 (16 members and 8 wives); Cpl. Allan K. Kivlehan, Staten Island, NY #66 (10 members); Nassau County 1, NY #55 (8 members and 6 wives); Westchester County, NY #91 (6 members and 5 wives); Taejon, NJ #70 (10 members and 6 wives); KWVA of Greater New York (5 members and 3 wives). The total KWVA attendance comprised 80 Korean War veterans and their lovely wives.

The event took place at Leonard's of Great Neck, New York. Irving Breitbart, President of the New York State Department of the KWVA, gave a great opening speech pertaining to this event. On the arrival of the First Lady, Irving introduced her to me, Bob Morga, Joe Calabria, Ray O'Connor, and George Bruzgis.

In her speech, she gave a great introduction and showed much honor and respect toward us. In her comments, she told us that she was three years old when the war broke out in Korea. She added that if it weren't for the Korean War vet-

erans, she would not be here today.

There were tables set up at which she was going to cook for the Korean War veterans and all who attended. There were people there to help her with her preparations. Assisting her as she cooked a traditional Korean Seafood Green Onion Pancake were Sandy and Irving Breitbart and Terry and Sal Scarlato. At one point she asked each one of us to taste it.

Then, additional tables were set up to allow other Korean War veterans and their wives to participate in the cooking. She went around to all the tables to show them how to cook the pancake. After the cooking was done, the First Lady posed for multiple pictures with each group of Korean War veterans and their guests.

The main luncheon consisted of many traditional Korean dishes. The following people gave special comments on behalf of the Korean War veterans: Bob Morga, George Bruzgis, and Sok H. Kang. Terry Scarlato spoke on behalf of the wives and family members who were present.

Sal Scarlato gave a brief statement of his time in Korea. He also had the honor of presenting to the First Lady a Certificate of Appreciation plaque. Several KWVA attendees witnessed the event, including Irving Breitbart, Bob Morga, Joe Calabria, Ray O'Connor, George Bruzgis, and Sok H. Kang.



Yoon Ok Kim (C) speaks as Ray O'Connor, Bob Morga, Irving Breitbart, Sal Scarlato, and George Bruzgis (L-R) listen



Yoon Ok Kim and Sal Scarlato at "cooking class"





Let's cook (L-R) Teresa Scarlato, Sal Scarlato, Yoon Ok Kim

Before presenting the plaque, Sal Scarlato said, "For the past 20 years I've been coming to Korean events, luncheons and dinners and they were all great...but this event takes the cake. This is the best event, having the First Lady of the Republic of Korea invite Korean War veterans to lunch and cooking for us."

At this point, she received a standing ovation. Following that, she gave special gifts to each Korean War veteran, which

included two traditional jugs of rice wine and a wooden spoon and chop sticks set.

Everyone there was amazed that the First Lady took the time from her tight schedule to honor the Korean War veterans and their families with a wonderful luncheon. As we all know, Korea is the only country in the history of all United States wars that honors the veterans who fought in Korea 59 years later.



Coordinators of the luncheon with Yoon Ok Kim (L-R) John Sehsung Ha, Byung Sun Choi, Sal Scarlat

It was a great honor for us to be treated so graciously by the First Lady of Korea – and something that we will always remember and cherish.



Irving Breitbart (R) joins Teresa Scarlato and Yoon Ok Kim at lunch



Sok H. Kang, Ray O'Connor, Bob Morga, Yoon Ok Kim, Irving Breitbart, Sal Scarlato, George Bruzgis (L-R) at certificate presentation



# APPLICATION FOR KVA REVISIT KOREA TOUR

**KVA (Seoul) Revisit Purpose: "To express the gratitude of the Korean Government towards Korean War Veterans who took part in the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to October 15, 1954."**

## Veteran's Personal History (Please type or print)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

KWVA Member, # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: If you have not yet received your membership # from KWVA insert "applied for."**

Companion Name/Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**List all your Addresses, (if more than one residence per year) and dates you reside in each one, no P.O. Boxes.**

**Main/**  
**Summer.** \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

**Winter.** \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's Passport# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Companion's Passport# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: If you do not have a passport with 6 months validity prior to travel dates, and have applied for a new one, please insert "applied for" in the space provided and contact MHT when you receive it.**

## Veteran's Korean Service Information

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_, Service Number \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Service in Korean War (month/year) from \_\_\_\_\_ thru \_\_\_\_\_

## Veteran's Certification

I am a member in good standing (or have applied) with the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA).

**Veteran's/ family member signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

(Complete and mail this form along with a \$400.00 deposit per person (check, money order or Visa/MasterCard only) to Military Historical Tours. Payment in full is required for applications submitted prior to sixty days of tour departure.)

## Credit Card Authorization

I authorize **Military Historical Tours** to charge my Visa / Master Card,

The amount of \$ 400 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ please include the 3-Digit code on back of card \_\_\_\_\_

Your name as it appears on the Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

**Korea Revisit related material please send to:**

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**Phone: 703-590-1295**  
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## Background

The Korea Revisit program was begun by the Korean Veterans Association (KVA/Seoul) in 1975, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the outbreak of the Korean War, to express their gratitude to veterans of the War and to show them the bountiful re-

sults of their sacrifices and devotion.

## KVA's Eligibility Requirements

UN Korean War Veterans who served in or supported ground, naval, or air operations in the Korean Theater between June 25, 1950 and October 25, 1954 or a family member of a veteran killed in action in the

Korean War are eligible to participate in the "Korea Revisit Program." A veteran is allowed to bring a family member or friend as a "travel companion."

## Expanded Eligibility

1. Due to the 60th Anniversaries (2010-13) there will be more quota's available.



In addition, those that have gone on a previous Revisit tour, can apply to return again. (Call Military Historical Tours for details)

2. Widows and family members of deceased veterans, or of those veterans physically unable to travel, are also eligible to go on a Revisit tour.

### Benefits and Itinerary

Free hotel accommodations and meals for 5 nights and 6 days.

Accommodation is based on (2) persons per room.

Tour of Seoul and its vicinity

Banquet hosted by the Chairman of the KVA with presentation of the "Ambassador for Peace" medal and its certificate

**Day 1:** Arrival and hotel check-in

**Day 2:** Wreath laying Korean National Cemetery, Visit the KW Memorial.

**Day 3:** Visit Panmunjom, Banquet.

**Day 4:** Tour of Korean Folk Village.

**Day 5:** Visit the Incheon Landing Memorial, Museum, & Freedom Park.

**Day 6:** Departure

### 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 life due to any accident of whatever nature during the revisits. Trip cancellation insurance is available and highly recommended.

4. Hospitalization and evacuation insurance is required for and provided to all veterans and spouse/companion by MHT. Cost is contained in the administrative service charge.

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

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

7. Use of frequent flyer miles or other "free" transportation, is allowed but an administrative service fee of \$400.00 per person is still required.

**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.

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# REVISIT KOREA NEWS

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## 60th Anniversary Commemorations 1950 - 2010

We have finally received the 2010 Revisit Korea program, and it's all good news! In the final hours of 2009, the ROK government passed the Revisit Korea program budget. This expanded the Revisit Korea program over three times, and KWVA USA has received a quota of one thousand (1,000) veterans, and their families/companions, for the year 2010. *The other good news, is that the government will subsidize 50% of the veterans air fare and 30% of the family member/companions.*

In addition to the increased quotas, there will be a total of ten (10) tours during the months of April, May, June, September, October and November. (Unprecedented, since in previous years, only four (4) tours were offered!)

What can you do to get registered? First, go to the KWVA website at [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org) and click on "Revisit Korea Tours." There is also an application form in each issue of *The Graybeard*.

Since KWVA has a policy of "First

come, First served," you should register ASAP! If you don't have a computer, or get *The Graybeards*, call 800-722-9501 or 703-590-1295 in Virginia. You can also go to the MHT website [www.miltours.com](http://www.miltours.com).

Once we receive the exact dates and the instructions from Korea, and if you are registered, you will receive the specific tour information and be given the opportunity to pick the dates you choose to "Return." (Again, it will be First Come, First Served!)

**Eligibility:** We have had numerous questions: "I have been before, can I go again?" The answer is, apply! If the quotas are not filled by those who have not gone before, you can return again! Since the 2010 quotas are very large, the possibility that you can go again is "Excellent to Outstanding." However, if you haven't registered, you may not receive your first choice.

Fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn

KWVA USA Revisit Coordinator

### Revisit Korea

Western Massacusrts 2000 (Ch 187) member Paul Mei, Sr., accompanied by his son Richard, recently returned to Korea for a six-day visit, 14-20 September 2009, as part of the Revisit Korea Program. Paul was among a group of Korean War veterans who were guests of the Korean government and the country's veterans association.

Paul's first "visit" to Korea was in the spring of 1953, when he went ashore at

Incheon in a landing craft and was assigned as a radio operator in an artillery battalion. His "home" was in a bunker with seven other soldiers, under four feet of sand bags piled on a log frame to protect them from Chinese shelling.

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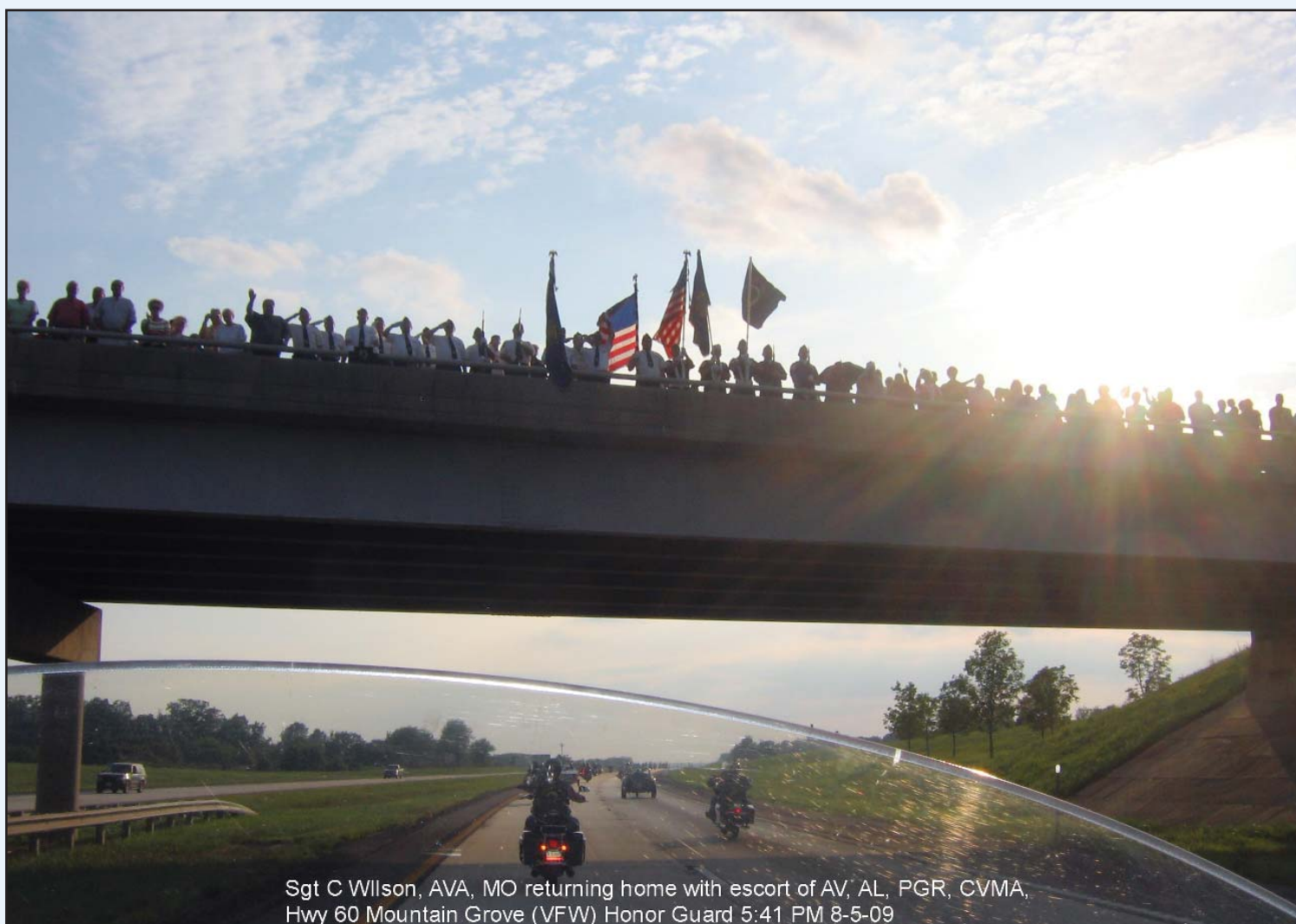
Paul Mei receives the Korean Peace Medal from a retired South Korean war veteran from Seoul



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**Sgt Willson's escort passes under the Mountain Grove Bridge. See story on page 50.**