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From the President

William Mac Swain

The July 24 through July 27, 2010 Annual Association Membership Meeting plans are in this issue.

I suggest that if you are flying in for the meeting you make reservations now to come in at the Reagan National Airport. It is very close to the hotel we will be using.

The hotel does have a shuttle. It runs every 30 minutes to and from the airport starting at 5 a.m. and ending at midnight. I also am happy to tell you that Congressman Sam Johnson, a Korean and Vietnam War veteran, will be our Keynote Speaker at the banquet. Both the reception and the banquet are being sponsored by the Korean Ambassador and his staff. He will also make a short presentation during the banquet.

The ceremonies we have set up in the afternoon on July 27 at the National Cemetery will be the first time that the KWVA, Inc. will be allowed to present a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown on our Special Korean War Recognition Day. We have invited the nations that participated in the Korean War and that have an embassy located in Washington, D.C. to attend. Thus, we all can honor those who never made it home, but gave their lives to make liberty and freedom available for all the nations that furnished help during the Korean War, as well as maintaining freedom for South Korea. There will also be a wreath presented at our monument following the ceremony. The wreath laying will take place next to our Korean War Memorial during the morning.

I will be attending the National Memorial Day Ceremony to represent the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. and will place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown along with Ceremonies Chairman Tom McHugh and the Chapter 299 Color Guard. We will then place a wreath at the Korean War Memorial.

It is quite an honor to be able to do this as well as to show the many visitors that veterans honor their fallen buddies as often as possible so they are not forgotten. I know that many chapters and at-large-

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members take part in Memorial Day ceremonies in their communities. I hope you have the opportunity to take part in a ceremony. I know that many chapters, and those members who do not have a chapter nearby, participate. I "Thank You" for doing so.

I am somewhat disappointed in the fact that Congress has not yet supplied any funding for the 60th Commemoration Committee. We have, of course, not been forgotten by the Korean government. It has increased the revisit program—and I understand it will be providing funds and sponsor a group called the "Little Angels" to tour the United States during 2010.

I had hoped that we would have them in the Washington, D.C. area during our meeting time. Evidently, scheduling did not allow this to happen. They will, however, be in the Washington, D.C. area in June and put on a show for Korean War veterans in the area.

This issue of *The Graybeards* presents those candidates who are running for elected positions that become vacant in June. I ask each member to study the candidates' resumes for the office they wish

to fill, and to vote for the ones who have either given time and effort to help the KWVA or have a plan to do so.

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We know that our Annual Membership Meeting, in conjunction with The Gathering, which has been held every year at this same time, will be very successful and many veterans and their wives and guests will attend. A lot of work has been put forward to make this a very meaningful and cost efficient time for a unique group of veterans to get together. I know you will meet many individuals and VIPs who will also be attending.

Sign up and get your flights early, and join in the celebration of our returning from a victorious war which started some 60 years and one month ago.

William Mac Swain,
KWVA President

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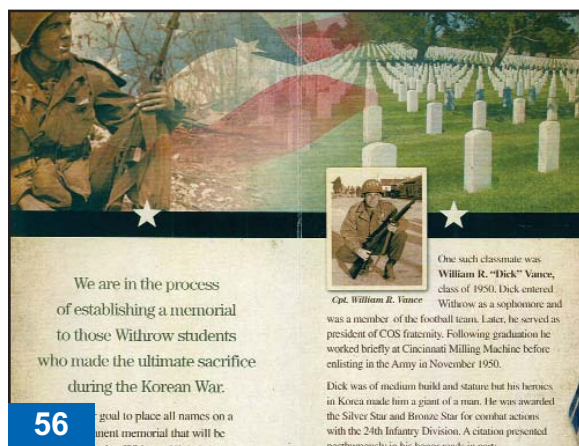
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Where can I get a “Patriotism Yardstick?”©

We get a lot of mail here at our editorial offices. Below is a letter that sent our staff out looking for a yardstick that measures patriotism and a connecting device that links patriotism and religion. (The writer's name has been withheld for obvious reasons.) We could not find one.

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I read the Korean War magazine recently and was highly disappointed when the magazine wished me happy holiday instead of Merry Christmas. Please consider in your upcoming issues using Merry Christmas.

I served a long active military life in both the Army and Air Force mainly believing in the United States Christian heritage and a belief that we were preserving that heritage. Now we seem to be loosening (sic) that heritage.

James Madison, the father of the Constitution of the United States, the engineer of the Louisiana Purchase, and the author of the Bill of Rights said:

We have staked the whole future of American civilization upon the capacity to self govern, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, control ourselves and to sustain ourselves according to God's Ten Commandments.

Our founding father George Washington said in his farewell address, “Anyone who separates morality and religion from public life and public policy cannot be called a Patriot.” Surely, the Korean War Veteran magazine considers itself a patriotic magazine. Please continue in the tradition of all patriotic American military + civilian patriots who love America.

If you insist on continuing in a dishonorable direction, I will have to drop the Korean War Veterans magazine and find one more patriotic.

There are many others that are concerned about this matter also.

Thomas Jefferson was concerned when he said “From time to time the tree of Liberty needs [to be] refreshed with the blood of Patriots.”

The men and women who fought under the UN banner comprised warfighters who practiced several of the world's major religions, e.g., Christians, Muslims, Jews...the list goes on. Who knows what their individual levels of patriotism were? Or if they were patriotic?

Your fellow servant and Patriot,
.....

Let me emphasize that there is always a danger in discussing religion and patriotism in the same breath—or individually, for that matter. One can be patriotic, but not religious. Conversely, one can be religious, but not patriotic. There is no definite link between religion and patriotism. They are mutually exclusive—especially when it comes to publishing a magazine.

Funny, I never think of Korea Veterans: *The Graybeards* as being patriotic, religious, anti-patriotic, anti-religious, honorable or dishonorable, etc. I look at it as an 80-page, bimonthly magazine published for the benefit of 17,000+ open-minded KWVA members who have a connection to a war that began almost sixty years ago to preserve democracy for millions of people in a country called South Korea.

The participants did not fight that war specifically for religious or patriotic reasons. Rather, they fought it to preserve the rights of a group of threatened human beings, who would then be free to set their individual levels of patriotism and choose their own religions. Nobody measured their patriotism after the fighting ended—nor did anybody measure the warfighters' patriotism before, during, or after the war.

The men and women who fought under the UN banner comprised warfighters who practiced several of the world's major religions, e.g., Christians, Muslims, Jews...the list goes on. Who knows what their individual levels of patriotism were? Or if they were patriotic? After all, when there are millions of individuals striving to achieve one common goal, in this case, preserving a country's freedom, who is going to measure their patriotism? Better yet, how do you measure it? You can't, in people or publications.

Let's face it: patriotism is not measured

according to religious beliefs. In fact, it is not measured at all, by George Washington or anyone else. Certainly, George Washington was entitled to his opinion. And, just for the record, he also said in his 1796 Farewell Address:

The name of American, which belongs to you in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism more than any appellation derived from local discriminations. With slight shades of difference, you have the same religion, manners, habits, and political principles. You have in a common cause fought and triumphed together; the independence and liberty you possess are the work of joint counsels, and joint efforts of common dangers, sufferings, and successes.

He acknowledged in his speech that there are different ingredients in the recipe that creates patriotism, and that they are not tied entirely to religion. Moreover, those words quoted above could have applied to the Korean War as well as to any other in which American patriots have fought and died.

The United States has come a long way since the days of James Madison, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and their counterparts. They provided guidance based on the philosophies, ideologies, and political and religious beliefs of their time. Others have carried the torch since then as the country has evolved into what it is today.

Some Americans believe in preserving the Christian heritage; some don't. There are patriots in both camps, and open-minded people on both sides are willing to agree to disagree. That willingness is one of the things that makes the United States great—and keeps patriotism alive.

As for Korea Veterans: *The Graybeards*, it does not take sides regarding the tenuous connection between reli-

gion and patriotism. It is neither honorable nor dishonorable. It is a magazine—and we don't need a "patriotism yardstick" to determine where it stands on the scale of patriotism or honor.

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EDITOR'S ADDRESS CHANGE

I have returned to my Connecticut office. Please address all mail to me at 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, effective immediately.

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

At the KWVA Board Meeting on October 25, 2009, in Irving, Texas, the Board voted to recommend changing the initial number of Regular members required to form a new chapter, from twelve (12) to ten(10). Consequently the language in KWVA Bylaws Article V, Chapters and Departments, II Chapters, Section I. Organization shall be revised as follows:

FROM

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Section 1. Organization.

A. Initially, a Chapter shall consist of not less than twelve (12) Regular Association members in good standing who wish to form a Chapter in their area...."

TO

..."II. CHAPTERS

Section 1. Organization.

A. Initially, a Chapter shall consist of not less than ten (10) Regular Association members in good standing who wish to form a Chapter in their area...."

Notice is hereby given that this change to the KWVA Bylaws will be submitted for ratification by the voting membership at the 2010 Annual Association Membership Meeting.

George E. Lawhon LR18750
Chairman
KWVA Bylaws Committee

CALL FOR ANNUAL ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 2010

The Annual Association General Membership Meeting of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. (KWVA) of the USA is called for Sunday, July 25, 2010. The meeting will take place at The Double Tree Hotel Washington, D.C.--Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington VA 22202-2891, Tel. 1-703-416-4100, Fax 1-703-416-4126 beginning at 1300 and continuing with recesses through the completion of all business properly brought before it.

Members with items proposed for the meeting must insure that they reach Frank Cohee, Association Secretary, not later than June 20, 2010.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- To The Colors/Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Administrative Announcements
- Roll Call and Introductions/Recognition of New Officers/Directors
- Introduction of Distinguished Visitors, Major Staff and Others
- Minutes of the Annual Association General Membership Meeting, Irving, TX, Oct. 25, 2009
- Annual Treasurer's Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Reports from Committees
 - Approval of 2010 Budget
 - Approval of the 2012, 2013 Annual Association Meetings with locations and dates.
- For the Good of the Order
- Motion to Adjourn
- Benediction
- Salute to the Colors

*Submitted by Frank Cohee
Association Secretary*

Approved by William F. Mac Swain,
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Chairman and Presiding Officer, Board of Directors

KWVA Annual Association Membership Meeting Rules Of Decorum & Debate

(Based on Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised 10th Edition)

1. A voting member must obtain the floor and be recognized by the presiding officer, using his position and name before addressing the assembly.
 2. The voting member is to stand when addressing the assembly, and if the member makes a motion, that member has the first right to speak to the motion.
 3. Voting members must be courteous and never attack or question the motives of other members.
 4. Discussion shall be focused on the matter or idea in question and not on personalities.
 5. Voting members are limited to 10 minutes on each subject during discussion and may speak the second time only if all other voting members who wish to speak have spoken on the pending motion.
 6. A voting member may speak more than twice if the assembly grants additional time, by a majority vote of the voting members present.
 7. The Chair may recognize non-voting members attending the meeting only after voting members have completed their discussion on the pending motion.
 8. The Chair may call for voting by a show of hands, or a voice yea or nay or standing vote.
- A secret ballot vote may be called for by a request of one-fifth (1/5) of the voting members present.
9. The above rules may be amended, suspended, or rescinded by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of at least a quorum of the voting members present.

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Articles to be published in the *The Graybeards* must be sent to the editor no later than the 15th day of the first month of that issue. —Editor.

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From the Secretary

Sometimes one just has to be patient

There was an article that I wrote for the May-June 2009 edition of *The Graybeards* about a bracelet that had been found by a friend of KWVA member Vincent Ciantro, Chapter 55. Inscribed on the bracelet was the name "DONALD J. MANRELL, U.S. 51131777" and "LOVE ALWAYS, DOT."

Vincent thought that Manrell was probably a Korean veteran, because their I.D. numbers were similar. He was right! In February, I received a call from Christopher Donald Manrell. He said that the bracelet was his father's, and that he would really like to have it. Donald, the owner of the bracelet, passed away two years ago.

I called Vincent, who was delighted that the bracelet could now be returned to the Manrell family. Christopher has been in contact with the finder of the bracelet, but the finder is a snowbird who is now in Florida. He has promised to send it to Christopher as soon as he returns to New York.

The *Graybeards* gets around: Old WWII friends reunited

World War II veteran John McPhelim wrote:

"Dear Frank Cohee: The reason I am writing to you is because I saw your name mentioned many times in *The Graybeards*, helping service men to get in touch with other service men and various other reasons.

My name is John McPhelim. I am a former Marine from World War II and I exchange my copies of the *Leatherneck Magazine* with my Korean Vet buddy who gives me his *Graybeards*. In the Nov-Dec 2009 edition I found an article on page 6 regarding a novel written by Col. Paul E. Wilson. I am trying to find out if he was an enlisted man back in the forties and upon discharge went back to school and later reentered the Marine Corps as a 2nd. Lt.

I served with him and have pictures of he and I at MCRD San Diego. I know there may be hundreds of Wilsons, but the fact that he was an enlisted man prior to becoming an officer would reduce that number quite a bit. If you could tell me an address that I may be able to contact him. Thank you for anything you can do." Signed/John McPhelim, Audubon, PA.

The article that John made reference to was written by our editor, Art Sharp. Art was commenting on a book that Col. Wilson had written, entitled *China Marine*. Incidentally, Col. Wilson is among the very few that is a veteran of three wars: WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

I called Art for Col. Wilson's contact information and he gave me a telephone number that unfortunately was no longer a valid number. So, I did some research and located a Col. Wilson in Longwood, FL, about 50 miles from Lakeland, FL where I live. I called the new telephone number and talked to the Colonel, who was the one John was looking for.

The Colonel, who I think said he was 83, remembered John and had wondered what had happened to him and his family. He said he would like very much if John would call him. I later learned that they had been in contact and had renewed older friendships than us younger guys from Korea. A few days later, I received an autographed book from the Col. with the notation: "Frank-thanks and I hope you enjoy it-Semper Fidelis, s/Paul Wilson."

It takes time, but do not give up

Betty wrote, "Some good news. My uncle finally heard from the Army — about adding the fact that he was actually in the 37th Engineers most of his service— rather than the infantry for about 3 months..his last assignment. They did acknowledge that he was with the 37th Engineers proved by the Morning Reports which he produced. All of this will now go into his permanent file in St. Louis, Mo. When they had the fire in 1973, they lost 18 million servicemen's records. Can you imagine losing 18 mil-

lion records.

Anyhow, it has taken "us" almost 3 years (October) to finally obtain all the medals he earned, which were about 10—plus this proof. We could have not done this without the Internet system and some very key people along the way who immensely helped us. Frank, thinking back. I think it was all your large amount of reference materials which helped me to go searching more for my Uncle. You're a big help to me (and us) was finding my cousin, Oliver C. Duncan...Korean War Vet and his obit, etc...and some history. We would never have had this without your help. Thank you." s/Betty.

Life Member Appreciated The *Graybeards* but...

Life Member Henry Augustine wrote, "Dear Sir: I am Life Member, LR18840. In response to your article in the Jan-Feb 2010 issue of *Graybeards*, I am tendering you my resignation from the KWVA so as not to burden anyone in my family as to what to do in the future, or cause any unnecessary expense to the KWVA. At 78, I have some health problems, so this seems to be the appropriate time to do this. I was in a 11 man medical unit and lost all touch with those I served with after discharge, So I appreciated the *Graybeards* magazine very much.— Good luck in the future." s/Henry J. Augustine.

I called Henry and found out that he was referring to my article on page 9, which was actually a request for the Chapters and Departments to keep us informed when someone is deceased. However, Henry is a member at large. So, in his case, we have to rely on a family member to let us know.

I am not sure how we do that, though. After convincing Henry not to resign, I asked him to put in writing somewhere in his records that the KWVA is to be notified upon his passing. He seemed to be very pleased that I refused to accept his resignation.

As always, yours for a better KWVA,
Frank Cohee, Secretary, KWVA, Inc.

DO YOUR DUTY...
VOTE!

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2010 ELECTION VOTING

As the new Chairman of the Elections Committee, I repeat my predecessor's request that EVERY Member VOTE this year. The number of votes cast in 2009 for the four Directors was pathetic. Only 2,881 ballots were received (out of 17,000 plus), and only 2,817 were valid.

There were some with no labels, some voted for more candidates than authorized, some were no votes, and a few were not eligible (dues not up to date). This year's election is more important because you will be voting for a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and four Directors.

Please note that there are three candidates for President. **You must vote for only one.** There is only one candidate for First Vice President and none for Second Vice President, so that is a "no brainer."

There are five Directors listed, but you must **only vote for four.**

All applicants for office have been verified by the committee as qualified to fill the position they have applied for. **PLEASE VOTE!**

Director Richard E. Brown, Sr.
Chairman, Elections Committee

CANDIDATES

President

Stanley Grogan
William F. Mac Swain
John Wasyluk

1st Vice President

James E. Ferris

2nd Vice President

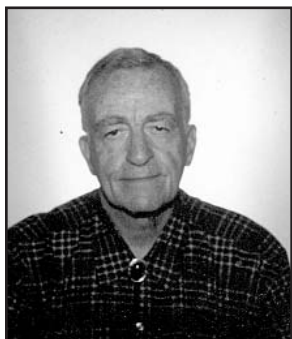
No candidates

Director

James Fountain
Arthur Griffith
Tine Martin
Thomas McHugh
Thomas Stevens

Candidates for President

STANLEY J. GROGAN



I intend to run for the office of President of the Korean War Veterans Association for the term 2010-2012.

Across the years I have served in executive positions which would benefit needs of the association. As a former Director of the KWVA, I attended all required meetings and actively participated in addressing needs of the association. Further, I

have consistently attended monthly meetings of the Concord, CA Chapter 264 where I have served as chapter liaison for several years. I have actively participated in parades on veterans days and have attended several programs at the oldest veterans home in America at Yountsville, CA. Also I was appointed by President Reagan to the National Defense Executive Reserve in 1984. As a result of that appointment I have advised seminars at the National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, DC. In addition, I have served as Deputy Commander of the Historical Reserve of the California State Military Reserve for three years in the grade of Colonel.

In Korea I flew two combat tours in Korea at night in the F-94B and the RB-29A as a radar intercept officer and as radar navigator and was credited with four (4) battle stars.

Currently, I am President of SJG Enterprises, a consulting firm. Also, I am Vice Chairman of the International Institute of Security and safety Management (IISSM), and have given presentations in several parts of India and Mauritius off the coast of Africa, for the last fourteen (14) years.

To insure that the service of Korean War and Korea Service members is not a blank page in history, our membership must prioritize those actions intended to place a hard-won past before those who follow us leaving a legacy of achievement in the minds and hearts of future generations. Emphasis could be made in the following areas: awards of scholarships to families of Korean War and Korea Service veterans; development of a strong and viable auxiliary; advertising in local and regional papers for veteran participation; veterans gifts of photos and memorabilia to museums here and in Seoul; development of local speakers bureaus so that service clubs such as Kiwanis, Lions and others may hear of the success in Korea; and presentation of an annual award to the Senator or Congressman who furthers the needs of Korea veterans. I am sure that our membership has many more ideas.

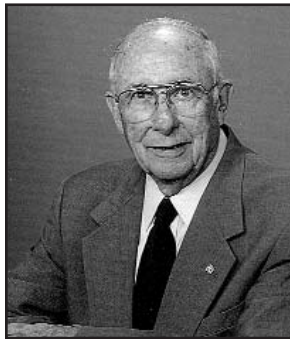
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SJGEHT@HOTMAIL.COM. No alternate phone.

I plan to attend all scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that two (2) unexcused absences could result in removal from office.

I am a Life Member with dues current for the term sought, (LR12160)

WILLIAM F. MAC SWAIN



I submit this resume according to the KWVA Bylaws for placing my name on the ballot as a candidate for National President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. for the years 2010 - 2012.

I served as a Master Sergeant in the Weapons Platoon of Company "B", 179th Infantry Regiment of the 45th Division from 1950 - 1952. I received the Combat Infantryman's

Badge, Korean Presidential Citation and other Service Medals while in Korea serving in the Chorwon Valley Area in 1951 - 1952.

I am a Charter Member of the General Walton H. Walker Chapter #215 in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas area. I will have served as National President for a two year term, but I believe I still have much to offer and accomplish for the KWVA. I was a Director for six years and served on the Bylaws Committee as a committee member or chairman and was instrumental in writing and obtaining approval for a Standard Procedure Manual (SPM) to help all Officers and Directors with their tasks. I know the Bylaws and their intent and have worked with many veterans who have served as Directors and Committee Members.

I still participate in the "Tell America Program" in a Chapter and thus know just how important chapters are to the KWVA. In fact chapters are our true public relations groups in keeping their communities informed about the Korean War and how it was the first successful war against spreading communism. They also honor those who gave their all by raising funds and erecting Memorial Monuments in their communities.

I believe I have served in the capacity of President honorably and have represented our Association in front of the House of Representatives, Presidents of the United States and Korea as well as working with high ranking Koreans, Korean-Americans and have kept our name before the people of the United States. I have fulfilled most of the requirements placed on the Association with the awarding of our Charter. Many veterans and individuals have been guided to Veteran Service Officers that could help them. Because of our age and the financial investment that must be spent to train our own Members, we have not become accredited by the Veterans Administration at this time.

I understand the responsibilities of a President and recognize that the President must work with those individuals who are elected to positions on the Board of Directors or have been appointed with Board approval. The President must make decisions based on facts and with integrity. I ran for President, as an independent on no ticket, for my first term and will do so again, since I believe doing so could foster the belief that the President might be indebted to those individuals who have supported his candidacy. My only suggestion

to voters is to place a high value on what the candidate mayor has accomplished for the KWVA, Inc.

I have heard much criticism on what some administrations have done and I believe I have quieted down some e-mails and name calling by the way I have conducted my business. I know that our financial condition has improved, although we have been through a downturn during my term of office as a nation. I have reestablished our Association as an acceptable not-for profit and deductible organization and have managed to keep within our reduced 2009 budget with a positive balance. I also know what fiscal responsibility requires and will endeavor to make sure it continues. I recognize the task of President requires many hours of work, responsibilities, coordination and travel and I believe that has been accomplished.

I ask for your vote in this election so I may lead the KWVA forward for the next two years. Many plans for our Association are in work such as the revisit program to Korea, Financial stability for years to come, and even the call for congressional help in our restricted membership area.

I will attend every called meeting of the Board of Directors and understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. I am a Life Member (LR26546) thus my dues are current through the whole term of the office I am running for. My current address is 8452 Mary's Creek Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76116 and my telephone number is 817-244-0706. I have also attached a signed KWVA Official Application Form with my dates of service and other information and the signature on this resume and my Official Application Form releases both for verification by the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
William F. Mac Swain

JOHN WASYLIK



It is my intent to run for the office of president of the KWVA for the years 2010-2012.

I have been active in veterans affairs since 1958 as a member of the V.F.W., Amvets and the American Legion.

I have served as a post commander, post quartermaster, state commander and national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I am presently a member of the Veterans

Service Commission of Erie County Ohio and served as president of the State Commission from June, 2008 to June, 2009.

I feel my experience would be of benefit to the KWVA.

My e-mail address JohnWasyluk@yahoo.com

I am a life member LR01243.

If elected I will attend all meetings of the Board and organization.

Yours truly,

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Candidate for 1st Vice President

JAMES E. FERRIS



I submit the following declaring my intent to run for the office of First Vice President. I will attend all called meetings knowing that if I miss two unexcused meetings I can be removed from office. My dues are up to date as I am a life member of the KWVA. A signed membership application form is attached which may be used for verification by the Elections Committee, along with a

recent picture. My resume is as follows:

I am a Charter member of the National Organization as well as my home Chapter (Central New York #105) and a life member of both. I have served as a Board Member, Finance Committee, Bereavement Committee and Chapter Commander. I served eight (8) terms as President of the New York Department. I have served as a National Director, National Second Vice President, and currently serving as First Vice President. In addition I have served on the Resolutions Committee, the National Budget and Finance Committee and as such I Chaired the very successful fund raising committee, when the (M1 Rifle, Carbine and 45 Pistol) were offered. This fund raiser allowed us to place over \$80,000.00 into our National Treasury. I was recently Chairman of the 2007 Convention in RENO which from all reports was very successful. I am a proponent of enlisting new and younger people into our organization as long as they are qualified under our Bylaws. I support prudent financial planning and reporting of such to the membership.

I was employed for 35 years with American Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, where I held a managerial position. I retired in 1989 as Area Manager. During that time, I was involved in many facets of the organization, including the divestiture of the Bell System. I served on the Corporate Staff for several years and supervised the operation of my department throughout all of New York State and the New England States. I served with the United States Marine Corps from 1952 until 1955 and with the New York Guard for 17 years. I do not dwell on my military experience as I personally do not consider that relative to a Fraternal Veterans Organization.

I have been married to my wife Felice for 52 years. We have three daughters, two Sons in law and six Grandchildren. A family we are extremely proud of.

If elected, I will do my utmost to use my managerial skills and my vast experience in the National, State and Chapter organizations. I will ensure that all tasks presented to me will be dealt with in a fair, unbiased and competent manner. The desires of the membership will be the number one consideration behind any of my decisions. I shall be guided only by sound logic and intelligent advice.

With the above in mind I believe I am truly qualified to be re-elected to the office of First Vice President an office I have served in for two years. In those two years I have always placed

the good and welfare of the members and our organization first in all of my considerations.

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Candidates for Director

JAMES A. (JIM) FOUNTAIN



This letter is to announce my intention to run for my 2nd full term as Director of the KWVA. I was elected in 2006 for a three yr. term, at the completion of this term I was appointed to finish out the term of Gen Tom Edwards who had to resign due to ill health.

I served in Korea from Oct 1952 until Sept 1953, with the 2nd Infantry Division, 23rd Infantry Regiment, "K" Company as Platoon Sgt. I was awarded

the Combat Infantrymans Badge and the standard medals such as, Korean Service Medal, UN Service Medal, and the National Defense Medal.

I have read, signed the KWVA Code of Conduct and will abide by such. Currently serving on the Resolutions Committee. I am a Life Member, so my dues are paid for any office. If elected I will attend all called meetings as I have in the past. I understand that 2 unexcused absences could result in my removal from office.

I retired in 1995, at which time I was President and C. O. of a contract trucking company.

My purpose as a Director is to keep the KWVA on the upward trend, since we have a National Charter to live up to. We have a very elite organization and need to promote our programs through getting more members involved in the actual running of organization. We need to get on the same level as the VFW, American Legion, and others. We can do this if everyone partners for a better and more understanding of the By-laws.

I release my application forms for verification by the Nominating Committee.

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

ARTHUR S. GRIFFITH



This is to notify you that I am a Candidate for National Director of KWVA, for the years 2010 - 2013. I NEED YOUR VOTE! I am a member of Chapter 299. I joined the Chapter at the first meeting I attended, when I listened to their Mission, I was convinced that I needed to belong, and be committed to helping all Korean War and Korean Service Veterans.

KWVA: I am on the Membership Committee and the membership is at the highest in five (5) years. I serve on the National Ceremonies Committee. At Present I am Chairman, National Fundraising Committee, having served for 2 years on the Committee. Our efforts have raised extensive funds to help the KWVA. We have plans for Fund Raisers in 2010. Your financial participation is greatly appreciated.

I am a member of the Chapter 299 Honor Guard. Our Honor Guard has represented the KWVA in Wash DC, at the Memorial Day Ceremonies at both the Tomb of the Unknown Ceremonies and the Korean War Memorial for the 3 years, and will again have that honor in 2010.

Chapter 299: Presently SR Vice Commander, 2nd 2-year term. Received KDSM Award. Chapter Accomplishments include: First in Country to erect a Monument Honoring Korea Service Veterans, War Veterans, DMZ Veterans in Middleboro, MA. In 2009 we have installed Markers (24" X 24" X 24") in the Bourne MA National Cemetery and Winchendon State Veterans Cemetery in North Central MA. Titled Korean War Veterans Association, Honoring ALL Veterans that have Defended the Korean Peninsula. We will always recognize ALL who have paid the Ultimate Sacrifice. We will always recognize all who served 1950-1953 and DMZ Vet's to the present who gave their lives. There have been 1200 + Americans and 2000 + Koreans that have been killed on the DMZ since the Cease Fire in 1953, and who proudly serve today. I had a Brother-in-Law 100% Disabled from Korea, Henry Maxim from Onset, MA, who was 100% disabled in Korea 1951-1952. I will continue to keep his legacy alive, as well as yours for decades in the future.

My main reason for running for Director is to join together with the Responsible Board Members and Staff already in place. We are on the way up. Our Leadership has put the Organization on the correct path, but we must continue to work tirelessly to keep the KWVA strong in the future. Our work is not done.

Civilian: Dining Facility Manager, 8 yrs, Fort Dix, NJ, Manager Grocery Dept., 12 yrs, Fort Devens, MA Commissary. I am married 31 yrs, 4 children, 4 Grandchildren and 2 Great Grandchildren.

Military: I served 20+ years, Enlisted 1960 -1980, US Army Retired. Vietnam 2 years Combat Service. Korea 2 tours, 1st Tour: 34th Infantry, 7th ID. 2nd Tour: HQ USAGY.

I will attend all called meetings knowing that if I miss two unex-

cused meetings I can be removed from office. I am a Life Member LR38076. My Dues are paid thru completion of Office. Application attached. All information is released to the Elections Committee for verification. I have signed the Code of Conduct.

It took 57 years to be granted a Federal Charter under Public Law 110-254 enacted on June 30, 2008 and we have to protect it. With your help, we can do the job. Vote as soon as you receive your March/April Graybeards.

Thank you for your service and God Bless our troops.

Always remember: "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

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THOMAS M. MCHUGH



I am announcing that I am a candidate for KWVA National Director for the term 2010-2013.

KWVA: I am completing my first 3-year term, as National Director and I want to continue serving the KWVA. KWVA New Jersey Department Commander 4 years, KWVA Chapter 213 Commander. Presently serving as Chapter 213 Adjutant/Finance Officer, KWVA

Dept. Judge Advocate and E-mail Coordinator. Department NJ has e-mail contact with all Chapters. For three years I served as New Jersey Program Chairman for the July 27th Ceremony at the NJ Korean War Monument in Atlantic City, NJ. Attendance has been well over 500 Veterans. The program is fully supported by Col. (Ret) Stephen G. Abel Deputy Commissioner of DMA VA. Col. Abel is presently a KWV A Life member in the Hector A. Cafferatta JR MOH Chapter 213. Always remember: If you want a job done, ask a busy man. Some members talk, but do nothing. Others work very hard. Where do you fit in???

American Legion: I have over 56 years in the Legion having served on all levels including NJ Department SAL Vice Chairman. I have always served Veterans and will continue to serve Veterans.

Military: I am NOT a Combat Veteran, I am a Korean War Veteran and *proud of it*. I enlisted RA in March 1951 until April 1954. I served in SCARW AF, 332, 835 & 1902 Engineer Aviation Battalions "Special Category Army Attached with Air Force" Upon Discharge, I served in the NJ National Guard for 30 years as SR Intel NCO, ISGT & Faculty Group Member for SR NCOs NJ Military Academy, and the US Army Reserve for 10 years. US Army Retired, 43 yrs total..

Civilian: USPS 32 1/2 year Career, Retiring as Postmaster Belvidere NJ. President Four County Postmaster/Supervisor Assoc. President Warren/Sussex Chapter 1624 National Association Retired Federal Employees (NARFE). NJ State Vice President 6 years. State Parliamentarian NJ Postmaster NAPUS. Married 52 years. My family includes 6 Children, (including 2 Veterans) and 10 Grandchildren.

As a KWVA LIFE Member since 1989, I supported EVERY National President until it became apparent that they had failed or gone astray. Unfortunately a few individuals continue to try to re-write history, so it sounds like they did their job well. In several cases that was not and still are not the facts. My job is to work for the betterment of the KWVA. Our coordinated efforts have been working well.

We have been granted our well deserved Federal Charter. With our Federal Charter, we have additional responsibilities and requirements. The regulations will require the assistance of every Chapter to fulfill the requirements we now have, as a VSO. Chapters must submit all required information. Please VOTE.

KWVA: I have served as Chairman of the Nominations/Elections Committee for 2 years. Both elections were completed with a minimum of problems. I am presently still serving as Chairman of the National Ceremonies Committee. I have been in Wash DC for Ceremonies on every Memorial Day; July 27th; Veterans Day. We have presented a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown, Arlington Cemetery. We have presented a Wreath at the Korean War Memorial & read a Prayer at the Vietnam War Memorial. Two members of the Honor Guard are Vietnam Veterans also. If you want change, then volunteer to work on a committee. We can use your expertise, consider running for office. Need help, call me.

My Dues are paid for the full term. I am a life Member LR07169. I have signed the "Code of Conduct". I will attend and participate in all called meetings and meetings without a meeting of the Board of Directors and understand that 2 unexcused absences may be cause for removal from the Board.

I want the opportunity to serve a second term as Director 2010 - 2013 and pledge to work tirelessly for the good of the KWVA. I hereby request your support. I need your vote. Send your Ballot as soon as March/April Graybeards arrives. Do not put it off, VOTE IMMEDIATELY. Make your vote count.

Thomas M McHugh LR07169

Always Remember: "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

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TINE MARTIN, SR.



I am a candidate for the office of Director of the K.W.V.A. AGAIN, for the years 2010- 2013. As a Life Member my dues are prepaid. I promise to attend all called meetings and I understand that two unexcused absences from the same could result in my removal from office. Please release this application information to the Nominating Committee. I have also read and signed the Code

of Conduct.

I retired from the U.S. Postal Service as a City Letter Carrier. I served with Hq. Battery, 865th AAA AW Bn, 1951-1952.

I served with 972nd Engineer Bn. US. Army Reserve.

I am presently the Commander of Central Indiana Chapter #259,

Indianapolis, IN.

I am presently serving as 1st Vice Commander, Department of Indiana, KWVA.

I am serving as a member of the National Ethics & Grievance Committee KWVA.

Organizations:

Past Commander, Life Member, Post #500, American Legion, Speedway, IN.

Life Member, Ft. Harrison Post #7119, VFW, Indianapolis, IN.

Volunteer, Richard Roudebush V.A. Hospital, Indianapolis, IN.

Indianapolis 500 Oldtimers Club. Worked as a track official at the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race for forty years.

Charter/Life member United States Auto Club.

Statement:

I would appreciate your vote and consideration as this is my last election bid, as the "old saying" goes, "I am not getting any younger" which applies to most of us.

I would be proud to serve with this group of directors that had "guts" to finally change the wording of our National By-Laws. It may not be popular with some, to have to join the National KWVA before belonging to a local chapter. Now the thousands will have to pay their national dues the same as the rest of us have always been doing. Should we have to pay our national dues so they can pay five or ten dollars to belong to a chapter that the Commander has let them get away with? I lost the 2008 election by 26 votes out of nearly 4,000, First Runner-up but no trophy, and I am proud of it. If you don't put everything into an organization, you get very little out of it. I've worked hard and I promise to continue to work to make the KWVA one of the best veterans organization in America. Thank you.

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THOMAS W. STEVENS



Following is a resume of qualifications concerning Thomas W. Stevens, whose intent it is to run for a KWVA Board of Directors position.

Following graduation from Ozark, MO High School in 1951, I served in the U.S. Air Force, 1951-55. I flew 27 combat missions in the Korean War as a tail gunner on a B-29

Superfortress. I was based at Kadena AFB, Okinawa and assigned to the 307th Bomb Group/Wing (1946-1954), 371st Bomb Squadron. I currently serve as the newsletter editor for the 307th Bomb Group/Wing (1946-1954).

After being honorably discharged from the USAF, I attended Drury College, Springfield, MO., utilizing the GI Bill of Rights. I graduated in 1959, with an AB degree in Economics/ Psychology.

I retired in 1991 (after 32 1/2 years) in management at Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., working primarily in the KC and St. Louis, MO areas. After retiring from SWBT, I worked part time 7 years for Enterprise Rent-a-car and one summer for the Overland Park, KS Police Dept as a bike path patrolman. For the past 11 years I have been actively involved in the Korea War Veterans Association I was a founding officer of CID # 181, Overland Park, KS and served as Sec./Treas. for 7 years. I'm currently 1st. V.P. I was one of the persons responsible for the planning, fund raising and construction of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Overland Park, KS. I volunteer two days a week at St. Joseph Medical Center and serve as a Director of our Home Owner's Association Board. For three summers (2006, 07 & 08) I served as a Commissioner at the H. Roe Bartle Boy Scout Reservation, Osceola, MO. My wife, Barbara and I are the proud parents of 4 grown children and seven grandchildren. I would consider it an honor and a privilege to serve as a KWVA Board member. I feel that my experience would serve me well in carrying out that responsibility.

If elected I would attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors. I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. My Life member status renders the question of dues status irrelevant. Although not requested I should mention that Chapter #181 Local Chapter dues are current.

Thank you for your consideration.

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... And Who Will Speak For Them?

**Who will speak for those that lay so silent?
For those who gave the very essence of
Their lives? The boys and men who once
Projected life and joy and promise. Now rest
Forever in the earth. Who will speak?**

**I will speak for them. I will tell the stories
Of their strength and purpose. I will make
The world aware of who they were and
What they did to earn their honored state;
That height of greatness we've never reached.**

**What they deserve is a voice the world
Can hear. A voice that says, "Don't forget me.
For what I have done I can never do again.
I gave my life for duty, honor, country.
My voice is gone, so you must speak for me."**

Memorial Day, 2005
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Charles B. Thacker - Chapter 250	VA

FUNDRAISER REMINDER

Please get your tickets in for the 60th Anniversary KWVA Fundraiser announced in the Jan - Feb. 2010 issue of *The Graybeards*. (Remember the insert between pp. 40 & 41?)

Don't miss out on a Great Gathering in Washington DC. Tickets are only \$20.00 each. Your donations will help pay the expenses of our great magazine, *The Graybeards*.

Contact Art Griffith, (978) 534-4854 or ArtArmy2@comcast.net for more information

KWVA Bylaws Committee Project For 2009/2010

Revision of the KWVA Standard Procedure Manual and Bylaws

Because there is at present a measurable, current increase in KWVA membership, this article contains information previously given to the membership. This will allow the new members who weren't eligible to receive *The Graybeards* to catch up on the details surrounding the issue of the payment of annual dues.

While some might say they could have downloaded all the past issues from the KWVA website <http://www.kwva.org/>, less than 15% of those who are KWVA members have personal access to the internet. It is reasonable to infer that non-members, past and present, are in the same situation. Most public libraries have internet access, which should work for anyone with a library card.

ISSUES:

Including this one, there have been nine articles containing progress of the 2009 Bylaws/SPM Project since it was authorized by the KWVA Board of Directors at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Norfolk, Virginia. The first article was in the Nov-Dec. 2009 edition of *The Graybeards*.

During the 2009 October 25th meeting of the Board of Directors, they were given a presentation of the current revisions to the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM). The revisions were—and still are—a work in progress, and the Board was asked to give us a 'conditional' approval of the work to date.

What was presented was the SPM Table of Contents, most of Sections 1 & 2, and some procedures from Section 3, all of which collectively gave them a clear picture of format and style, and some of the content. The Board was told that as the SPM revision process proceeds, they will be periodically given the changes, and asked to contribute their comments and recommendations as they felt appropriate. The Board gave their approval for us to proceed.

KWVA President Mac Swain approved the insertion of a booklet containing the 2009 Bylaws as a removable document from the centerfold of the Jan-Feb 2010 edition of *The Graybeards* for your personal convenience. Now that it is in your posses-

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

One of the arguments against the 2009 Bylaws Amendment presented at the Membership Meeting was that you simply could not enforce the Bylaws rule that ALL must pay National/Association dues. Not true. It is only truly unenforceable if those charged with the obligation and duty to enforce the Bylaws fail to do so. And if they refuse, where is the honor in that?

I will repeat, here is a procedure that will ensure enforcement of, and compliance with, the Bylaws: *Before any chapter or department meeting, those present must be carded to ensure and verify current Regular KWVA membership. There is nothing new about that.*

Let me point out that at an Annual Membership Meeting that process is the method used to guarantee that those who will discuss, debate and vote KWVA business are those who have paid for the privilege. It will work only if you, as a member, insist on enforcement.

I know it will be difficult if, as I am told, there are actually chapter officers who do not belong to the 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 and bound by honor and duty to do so.

None of the above prevents a guest from attending, as long as they are identified and do not participate in chapter or department business.

BYLAWS

The disrespectful practice of non-payment of the required annual dues by those who claim chapter membership, and the officers who allow and encourage it was, and apparently still is, damaging the Association, in that it does not permit an evaluation and or verification of the eligibility of these chapter 'members' as Korean War veterans. It takes the issue beyond basic unfairness, and the members, especially officers, should realize that it threatens our recently granted Federal Charter, if

allowed to continue.

The Federal Charter reads:

'...120101. Organization

“(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated (in this chapter, the ‘corporation’), a nonprofit organization that meets the requirements for a veterans service organization under section 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and that is organized under the laws of the State of New York, is a federally chartered corporation.

“(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with the provisions of this chapter, the charter granted by subsection (a) shall expire....’

STANDARD PROCEDURE MANUAL (SPM)

The Bylaws Committee continues to work on the revisions to the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM). We had hoped to have the final draft ready before the end of January, 2010, but that has of necessity been changed. As you read this, an updated draft is in circulation. The plan is to have the final markup ready to present to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in July, for approval, and subsequently posted for download from the KWVA website. In fact, all Board members will have seen the markup prior to the meeting.

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,

George E. Lawhon, LR18750

Director

Chairman, KWVA Bylaws Committee

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FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

By George Lawhon

Duty calls me once more to use the title for this article. In October 2007, in the November-December 2007 Edition of *The Graybeards*, in the midst of verbal warfare by some KWVA members against others, I appealed to the combatants to use whatever it would take to restore the civility required for 'The Good Of The Order.' In my attempt to help, I defined as best I could the issue of that day. Additionally, I referred the members to an article with the same title, written by Jimmy Faircloth in the May-June 2005 edition of *The Graybeards*.

Mr. Faircloth was the KWVA attorney at that time, and in his article, gave wise counsel. Quote: "...Respect for rank and authority is equally as important to corporate success as to military success. Formality, as stuffy as it may be, is the most proven method to maintain authority and promote confidence in, and respect for, leadership. Not simply ceremonial formality, but formality in the creation of rules and authority, and in the administration of that authority..."

The issue at the present time is even more fundamental than rancor among our fraternal brothers. It is the disregard and disrespect of the rules by some members of our organization, at all levels of membership in the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. The rules of which I speak are the KWVA Bylaws.

On October 26, 2009, during the Annual Membership Meeting, in Irving Texas, the Membership ratified the revised Bylaws presented to them by the KWVA Bylaws Committee, a product of over a year's work. In the previous months, the new Bylaws were approved unanimously in their final vote; first by the Bylaws Committee, and then by the Board of Directors. The ratification, while not unanimous, and which required a 2/3 vote to pass, was approved by over 80% of the membership who voted that day.

To be more specific, the issue concerning those opposing the 2009 Bylaws as ratified by the Membership at Irving is the specifically defined requirements for all Regular Members to pay the required annual dues, as spelled out in those Bylaws, and for all officers, whether they are at the National, Chapter or Department level, to enforce those Bylaws. These requirements are specifically called out in KWVA Bylaws Article I, MEMBERSHIP; Section 1. Qualification of Members; and Section 3. Dues, Subsections A. and B.

There are some who believe that they have the right and choice to not comply to the current Bylaws, and they actively pursue that belief. One Department Commander, after attacking my presentation to the Membership and my reporting the facts in *The Graybeards*, accused me of 'insulting veterans' and told me via US Mail that "...I am sure that this situation is not a shut and closed matter and that it will be brought up at our Spring Convention in May 2010 again...." This was sent to me in February, 2010, despite the decision at the Annual Membership Meeting in October to formally ratify the Bylaws.

That Commander does not seem to realize the gravity of allowing or encouraging a person to function as a member of a chapter when he or she has not submitted proof of eligibility and a record of verification of that fact. Many Regular Members in Good

Standing do not have knowledge that there are 'non-members' within their chapter, simply because they have not been informed of that fact by those who serve as officers of the chapter. No one is above the rules, which are to be dutifully served by all.

That Commander also does not realize that he is putting the entire Association at risk, because the Association issues chapters and departments their charter with the assumption that the Bylaws and implementing procedures will be honored. For liability purposes, the Association is required by law to account for all of its members.

That Commander, and all officers who allow, promote and even participate themselves in the act of not paying dues, seriously threaten not only the legal status of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., but its standing before the Congress of the United States, which granted us our Federal Charter.

While some time in getting squared away is understandable, it's been over four (4) months since ratification of the Bylaws, and plenty of notice has been given. Moreover, during that time, every Regular Member was given, in the November-December edition of *The Graybeards*, their own personal copy of the revised Bylaws. They now have the means and the duty to demand compliance.

Let it be clear: no back payment of the annual dues is required. What is required is that as of January 1, 2010, all must pay the required annual dues, and all officers, be it at the National, chapter or department level, are no exception. If you don't pay, then you are not entitled to act as if you are an Association member, and certainly you have no right to lead and serve as an officer.

Should there be a hardship involved, it usually can be taken care of by the chapter, be it a collection, a bake sale, or whatever.

It is difficult to understand those who are not meeting their obligation to the fraternal order, the Korean War Veterans Association. They gave their word, and in some cases, their sworn oath, to uphold, protect and preserve the Order.

Each member of the KWVA, in application for membership, agrees to support the KWVA's 'rules of order,' which in our case consists of our Bylaws and the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM), that implements said Bylaws. We are thus duty bound to that obligation—every one of us. A person can well be defined by the manner with which they perform to their obligations; in fact you ARE your obligations.

In the case of an officer, there is a higher duty to the organization. Each officer, upon assumption of office, must swear an oath, as follows:

"I do solemnly swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, the Bylaws and Procedures in the Standard Procedures Manual of the National Korean War Veterans Association, and I further promise that I will administer the duties of the office that I am about to assume to the best of my ability. Upon completion of my term of office, I further promise that I will turn over all records, equipment and monies that I have in my possession to my successor, So help me God!"

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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. (We started 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

I was in the service from 1951-1954 (Korean War) and received a bonus of \$300.00 from the State of Connecticut.

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MICHIGAN

For your next column on Bonus Round, please include Michigan. I mentioned it in my memoir of the Korean War (Too Young for a Forgettable War, page 245):

“Michigan’s State Legislature approved a bonus for all Korean War veterans, effective March 1955. It amounted to \$10 for each month in domestic military service and \$15 for each month foreign service. I was thankful for the expression of their appreciation – a check for \$270. It came when I really needed it.”

*William Edward Alli, 2803 Baker Lane, Bowie MD 20715-2411,
(301) 464-5664, billalli39@verizon.net*

I was a resident of Michigan before serving, and until 1967. In 1955/56 the State of Michigan offered a \$500 ‘Bonus’ to veterans of the Korean War. I received mine in early 1956. (I was in Korea 1950 & 51 – 17th Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div)

I am currently residing in Tustin, California.

James Smit, jims61@ca.rr.com

MONTANA

I was drafted from Montana on 14 Feb. 1951, and discharged in Feb. 1953.

Montana did pay a Korean War bonus. I can’t recall the exact figure, but they paid so much for each month in or around the states and a larger amount for each month in Korea.

I received around \$300 or so.

*Donald A. York, 3020 W. Old Trail Rd.
Columbia City, IN 46725-9704*

NEW YORK

New York State gave absolutely nothing. We signed many petitions that were circulating at the time, all to no avail. That was the beginning of the Forgotten War era—1953— which still exists today, but which we refuse to let our fellow Americans and the world forget.

With all the subsequent political wars we have become involved in, there is no hope for any token bonus for our service. For me, I don’t care. I’m pleased that I did my part like my brothers/relatives/friends. The word “veteran” satisfies me in my resume/obituary.

Gene Corsale

KOREAN WAR BONUSES BY STATE

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

Now Hear This:

All comments concerning, or material for publication, in *The Graybeards* should be sent to Art Sharp, Editor, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or emailed to:

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OREGON

I am from Oregon. I was drafted into the Korean War. I spent 17 months in Korea in 1951 and 1952—15 of them in North Korea. I received three Bronze campaign battle stars.

I was released from active duty in California in March 1953. Oregon did not give a bonus. There were a few others from my unit who all received bonuses of between \$300 and \$400 from their states. In the early 1950s, that was a lot of money.

Oregon promised a bonus within a few year, but it never did pay anything. I would have taken any amount I could get. Oh well!

*Harold G. Davis, 34220 Garoutte Rd.
Cottage Grove, OR 97424, (541) 942-2747*

PENNSYLVANIA (Maybe not after all)

Your article, Korean War bonuses by state, I found to be bogus. It showed Pennsylvania on the list as a "Yes."

After three long distance phone calls, nothing...don't know.

I enlisted June 17, 1951—1971 from 405 E. Race St., Pottsville, PA, Schuylkill County.

Frederick J. Smith, 348 Acker Rd., Anderson, SC 29624

EDITOR'S NOTE: The below excerpt is from a message posted by Pennsylvania State Representative State Rep. Jake Wheatley (D-Allegheny), www.pahouse.com/Wheatley. We have added the emphasis to point out that there was a Korean War bonus in Pennsylvania. Read the full text of Rep. Wheatley's message at: <http://www.pahouse.com/pr/019032009a.asp>

Wheatley: Most of Pa. Gulf War veterans bonus money still unclaimed

HARRISBURG, March 20 – As the nation observes this week's six-year anniversary of the start of the current U.S. war in Iraq, a state legislator is calling attention to more than \$16 million that's still available to his fellow veterans of the first Persian Gulf War.

"In this difficult economy, it's more important than ever for Pennsylvanians to make use of state services and funding for which they are eligible. I'm concerned that thousands of my fellow

veterans or their surviving family members are missing out on a benefit they have earned," said state Rep. Jake Wheatley, D-Allegheny, who has a partial breathing disability as a result of his service in the war.

Pennsylvania's Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Bonus Program provides bonuses to veterans of the 1990-91 war who were legal Pennsylvania residents at the time of their service. It's similar to bonuses the state provided for veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The General Assembly passed the legislation in 2006 and voters approved the bonus program later that year....

TEXAS

I don't know if Texas (where I enlisted as a resident) had a State Bonus. However, when I got out in 1952, I applied for Korean War Combat pay. It was \$35/month for each "combat month."

As far as I can recollect, this consisted of having been within six miles of the MLR for six consecutive days during a month. For me, that was 14 months combat pay (Jul 50-Aug 51).

Gerard Guyod, 11th Field Artillery Bn., Gerardguyod@wmconnect.com

VIRGINIA

I was in Korea from January 1952 to November 1952 with the 7th Div., 32nd Inf., Heavy Tank Co.

I am from Virginia, and there was no bonus from this state.

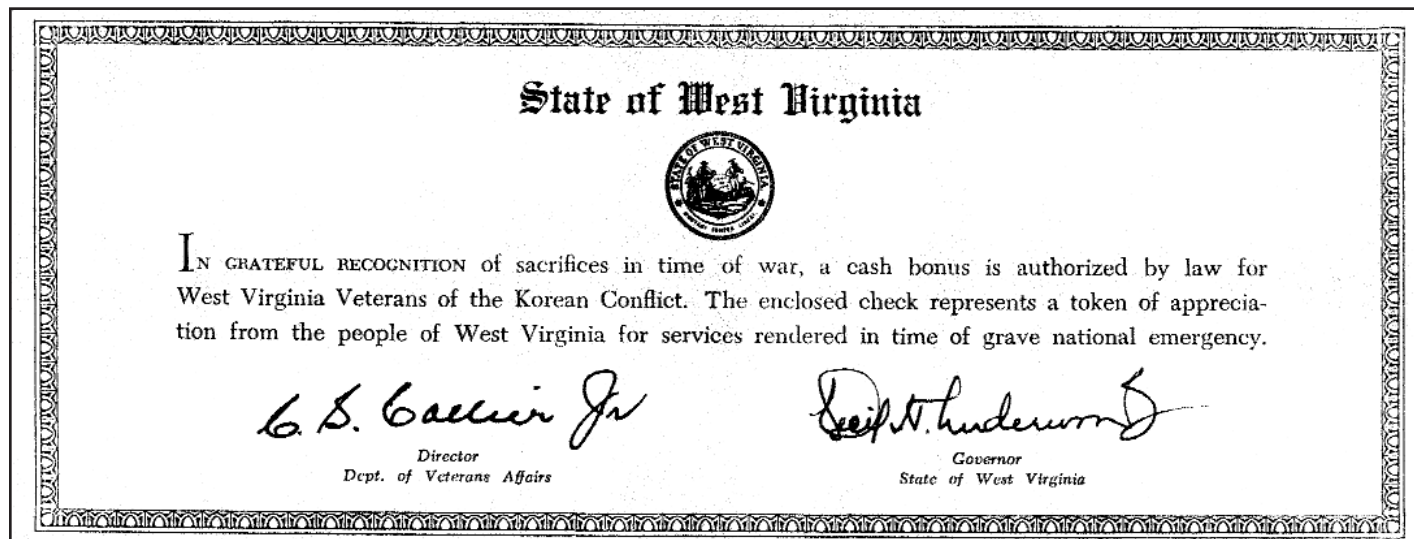
*Dayton W. Lawman, 104 Waterview Cir.
Forest, VA 24551*

WEST VIRGINIA

I am originally from West Virginia, although I have lived in North Carolina for the past thirty years. West Virginia paid a Korean Veterans bonus. I am not sure, but I think I received \$150.00.

*Donald G. Carpenter, 25 Wood Rd.
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I served in the Army Signal Corps from June, 1951 until August,



The West Virginia bonus recognition form

1954. My service in Korea was from November, 1952 until April, 1954. West Virginia, my home state, paid a bonus to all Korean War veterans. As best I recall, I received \$200.

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I noted in the current issue of the magazine that no information has been provided to you on veterans' bonuses in West Virginia. Here is a rundown:

The West Virginia Legislature approved bonuses for veterans of WWI, WWII, KOREA, Vietnam, and Lebanon, Panama, Granada,

and Desert Storm. The application deadline has expired for all of these.

Recently the Legislature added to this list: Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kosovo. The application period is still open for all.

West Virginia has provided the highest percentage of its population to the armed services than any other state. Needless to say, we have a very large veteran population and are proud of it.

The bonus info is from the West Virginia Division of Veterans Affairs website, www.wvs.state.wv.us/va/.

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Directory Update

I know that I commented in the Jan-Feb issue that it was my last report on the Membership Directory. But, there were so many interesting things that happened after the Directory and the Tribute Print were received that I could not help making a few final comments.

First of all, fourteen more inactive members decided to rejoin the Association. That adds up to 1,410 reinstated members and \$14,010 in the Treasurer's books. I still do not have the final figure for the royalties, but it is going to be a substantial amount. Most importantly, all of this cost the KWVA nothing except my time and the time for the membership department to post the reinstatements.

As for the Directory, I have received more favorable comments than I have space for here, but I am going to mention a few. There were very few negative comments, so I will list all of those.

Past President Lou Dechert wrote, "I received the KWVA 2010 60th Anniversary Directory today. It was an unusually informative, factual publication. Each member can be proud of what was produced under your supervision. The publication adds to the prestige of the organization."

Member Stan Wisniewski, San Dimas, CA, wrote "The directory was received this week. It was spectacular. It is so detailed with information, so much more than was expected. Thank you for the beautiful book; it was worth the wait."

Ian Blissett, our only member in New Zealand, wrote, "I have received my copy of the KWA Directory 2010 and I am very pleased with both the quality and the contents. The directory is more than I hoped it would be. I am writing to Army buddies Stateside that I served with in Korea, including a Katusa Sgt. who now lives in Snohomish, WA to join up with the KWVA. It is well worth while to belong."

Finally, there was a telephone call from Life Member W. E. Broader, from Syracuse, NY. He wanted to know if there were separate medals for each phase (campaign) of the war. Of course, there are not. (Not that I think that maybe there should have been).

His comment about the Directory was, "If I did not have a \$100 to buy the book, I would have borrowed it. It is the most concise book that I have ever read."

Now for the negative comments. (If I received any in writing I must have thrown them away. But, I do not recall receiving any in writing.) I recall receiving a call or email from a lady veteran who had submitted her husband's name and information after he was deceased, and the information was entered under her name. (It was not our intent to include information on deceased veterans.)

Another veteran's name was misspelled. A third member's information included an award for the Silver Star which he had not received. He and I figured out what happened there. He had been in five phases (campaigns), and he was authorized a Silver Star, or five Bronze Stars, to be worn on his Korean Service Medal.

As for the Tribute Print, I have more complaints on that than I should have. As a matter of fact, even mine was not correct. They had the phases (campaigns) wrong. And, rather than the 2nd Division, they had the 12th Division. They are correcting that and sending me a revised Tribute Print.

Aside from those few complaints and errors, the Membership Directory is a professional document that can be passed down to our descendants.

In closing: if there are any errors, please let Harris Connect Customer Service know at 1-800-877-6554. They can not do anything about correcting the directory, but they have been very generous in refunding some of your costs. So please call them, not me. I can only refer you to them.

Frank Cohee, Secretary, KWVA, Inc.

GOOD of the ORDER from page 17

Without duty, duly performed, there is no honor, and I appeal, especially to elected chapter and department officers, to do your duty, as required by the Bylaws and your oath to support them.

Without honor given to the Order, there is no country. That applies not only to the service in which you served; it is a standard just as meaningful to the fraternal order named the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. Lease do your duty.

Respectfully and fraternally to all,

George E. Lawhon LR18750, Director
Chairman, KWVA Bylaws Committee

60th Anniversary Thoughts

June 25, 2009 marks the 60th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. We would like to include some of your thoughts about the date in the May/June edition of *The Graybeards*. Please submit your comments to:

60th Anniversary Editor
The Graybeards
152 Sky View Drive
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Some of the topics you might want to address include (but are not limited to):

- Where were you on June 25, 1950?
- How did you react to the news of the invasion?
- Did you have any idea that the North Korean invasion of South Korea would involve you?
- Were you in favor of UN/U.S. intervention in the Korean War?
- Did you know where Korea was?
- What is your most significant memory of your time in Korea?
- What regrets, if any, do you have about your participation in the Korean War?

One of the biggest questions, of course, is this:

- Now that you have had almost 60 years to reflect on the outcome of the Korean War and your participation in it, do you feel that your personal investment was worth it?

One last topic: how many bridges were there at Panmunjom when the Armistice was signed? Were there two? If so, did each have a specific purpose? And, is only one open now? If so, why was the other one closed—and when?

We will get as many of your comments as we can into the May/June issue—and we look forward to your contributions.

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<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

Arkansas Remembers

In 2008, the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, a department of the Central Arkansas Library System, launched *Forgotten: The Arkansas Korean War Project*, in an effort to document and preserve information about Arkansas' role in the Korean War. Often overshadowed by other world events, the Korean War has fallen into a vast no-man's land in the American psyche, somehow lost between the headiness of World War II and the anguish of Vietnam. Consequently, the importance of the war has been overlooked. As a result, the men and women who served in it have not received the respect and attention they deserve. It is the Butler Center's desire to rectify that.

Since initiating the project, the Butler Center has been in contact with dozens of Arkansas Korean War veterans and their families. To date, the project has gathered hundreds of documents (letters, newspaper clippings, official military correspondence, etc.) and nearly 2,000 photographs. Over thirty oral histories have also been conducted. These recorded interviews allow the veterans to tell about their experiences in their own words.

Often poignant, and sometimes bitter-sweet, the oral histories provide a powerful testament to the impact of the war on ordinary Arkansans. There are currently highlights from the collections of 25 veterans, including oral history interviews of many, available through the Butler Center website at <http://www.butlercenter.org/koreanwarproject/>

The collections in their entirety are available for use in the Butler Center's research room in the Arkansas Studies Institute.

As an extension of the project, the Butler Center will host its first conference on the Korean War on Saturday, May 22, 2010. "Arkansas in the Forgotten War: The Korean War Remembered," will be a one-day conference featuring five sessions highlighting various aspects of the war. The program will be held in the Central Arkansas Library System's Darragh Center on the Main Library campus in downtown Little Rock.

The goal of the conference is to provide a greater understanding of the war

Over thirty oral histories have also been conducted. These recorded interviews allow the veterans to tell about their experiences in their own words.

and appreciation of its impact—while also highlighting the role Arkansans played in it.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. James I. Matray, Professor of History at the California State University, Chico. Dr. Matray's numerous publications on the Korean War include *Korea Divided: The 38th Parallel and the Demilitarized Zone* and *The Reluctant Crusade: American Foreign Policy in Korea, 1941-1950*. Matray is currently working on a book about the Battles of Pork Chop Hill. His presentation at the conference will focus on the hill fighting that characterized the later phases of the war.

In addition to the keynote speaker, Dr. Roger Pauly, from the University of Central Arkansas, will provide a general overview of the war and its historical context. He will be followed by Steve Rucker, Director of the Arkansas National Guard Museum, who will discuss the many contributions of the Arkansas National Guard to the war effort. The afternoon sessions will feature a panel discussion of local Arkansas Korean War veterans, and the premier of a film documentary about the service of Arkansans in the Korean War.

In conjunction with the conference, the Butler Center will also host a photographic exhibit on the Korean War in the adjacent Arkansas Studies Institute gallery space. Drawn from the visual history of the war gathered by the Arkansas Korean War Project, the exhibit will showcase a rich and provocative collection of imagery.

For more information on the project, please contact Brian Robertson at brianr@cals.org or (501) 320-5723 or visit www.butlercenter.org.

A-bombs aboard *Lake Champlain*

In 1953, 7th Fleet Commander Vice Admiral J. J. ("Jocko") Clark obtained permission from Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command, General Mark W. Clark, to arm his 7th Fleet fast carriers with nuclear bombs. Soon, in Task Force 77, the *USS Lake Champlain* (CVA-39) had refrigeration men running refrigeration lines in storerooms below decks.

Then, special equipment and lifts were installed in these storerooms. The refrigeration-men were kept away from the crew. You could spot them by their radiation badges.

When everything was ready for the nuclear bombs, *Lake Champlain* went to Sasebo, Japan. The A-bombs were brought out on the dock on rubber-tired wagons, with huge suspensions. The dock was lined with U.S. Marine guards. Once loaded, the ship was off, back to the war zone.

The A-bombs were stored in the refrigerated storerooms in sections. If need be, they would be assembled in a storeroom near an elevator. The *Lake Champlain* had the SCB-27 modernization. Among other things, the flight deck, elevators, catapults, and arresting gear were reinforced to support aircraft weighing up to 52,000 pounds, mainly the AJ Savage bomber.

The AJ Savage (the first naval combat aircraft designed to carry an atomic bomb) had worked with the ship before, with sand bombs, for proper weight. To deliver the nuclear bombs, the ship could use AJ aircraft from VC-6, Atsugi, Japan. With special new ordnance equipment, atomic bomb releases, etc., for VA-45 Skyraiders, the AJs could be used.

When the 7th Fleet was ready to deliver the nuclear bombs, the word was leaked to the enemy. Later, Vice Admiral C. Turner Joy, the UN delegate at Panmunjon, stated that the communists got busy, and speeded up the cease-fire talks. That led to the armistice signing, when they learned our fleet had the A-bomb, which saved many UN lives.

After the cease-fire, *Lake Champlain* carried the nuclear bombs, "just in case." The ship off-loaded the bombs in October 1953, at Sasebo, Japan.

Tom Moore, tm103ps@yahoo.com

AJ Savage Bomber

The AJ Savage was the first U.S. bomber designed especially to carry the atomic bomb. It was North American's first attack bomber for the U.S. Navy and was designed shortly after the end of World War II. It was a large twin-engine Heavy Attack aircraft for the Navy, as big as the Air Force medium bombers of the time, such as the B-45 Tornado.

In those early years of jet aircraft development, manufacturers were exploring ways to provide power using piston engines and a jet engine on the same airframe. The AJ-1 attack bomber used two 2,400 horsepower piston engines to power four-bladed propellers for long-range cruise. It then fired a 4,600-pound-thrust turbojet engine for extra speed over the target.

The AJ Savage had a crew of three and a single tail unit. Its folding wings allowed it to be stored on an aircraft carrier. After building three XAJ-1 prototypes and a static test model, North American began delivering the AJ-1.

The Savage entered service in September 1949 and carrier operations began in April 1950 on the *USS Coral Sea*. North American built more than 140 in the series. Later, some AJ models were converted into aerial tankers. Others, the AJ-2Ps, with a modified radome (a contraction of radar and dome: a structural, weatherproof enclosure that protects a microwave or radar antenna, and through which radio waves can pass) carried 18 cameras. Their night shots were illuminated by a photo-flash unit in the fuselage. These models were standard equipment for the Navy heavy photographic squadrons until the early 1960s.

Specifications:

First flight: July 3, 1948

Span: 75 feet 2 inches

Length: 63 feet 1 inches

Gross weight: 52,862 pounds

Power plant: Two 2,400-horsepower Pratt & Whitney R-2800-44W piston engines, 4,600-pound thrust Allison J33-A-10 turbojet engine

Max speed: 471 mph (all engines)

Crew: Three

Range: 1,630 miles

Source: Boeing History, <http://www.boeing.com/history/bna/ajsavage.htm>

Lake Champlain

A lake in the State of New York which was the scene of Commodore Thomas McDonough's victory 11 September 1814 over a larger and more heavily armed British squadron in the War of 1812.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the history of USS Lake Champlain (CV-39) from its inception to the end of the Korean War. The carrier was not decommissioned until 2 May 1966 in Philadelphia.

(CV-39; dp. 27,100; l. 888'; b. 147'6"; s. 33 k.; cpl. 3,448; a. 12 5", 72 40mm.; cl. Essex)

The second Lake Champlain (CV-39) was

laid down in drydock by the Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth Va., 15 March 1943; launched by float 2 November 1944; sponsored 3 June 1945 by Mrs. Warren Austin, wife of Senator Austin of Vermont; and commissioned the same day, Capt. Logan C. Ramsey in command.

After shakedown and visits to New York and Philadelphia, Lake Champlain was assigned to "Magic Carpet" duty, departed Norfolk for England 14 October, and arrived Southampton the 19th where she embarked veterans and returned them to New York.

She set a speed record for crossing the Atlantic 26 November 1945 when she arrived at Hampton Roads, Va., having completed a run from Cape Spartel, Africa, in 4 days, 8 hours, 51 minutes. This record stood until surpassed by SS United States in the summer of 1952.

Lake Champlain retired to the "Mothball Fleet" at Norfolk, Va., 17 February 1947. After the United States had allowed her active military strength to shrink to the danger point, the Communists struck in Korea. Fortunately, we had ships in reserve, though it took time to obtain and train crews and provide materiel. Lake Champlain was reactivated and modernized at Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co. and recommissioned 19 September 1952, Capt. G. T. Mundroff in command.

After shakedown in Cuban and Haitian waters 25 November through 25 December, the carrier departed Mayport, Fla., for Korea 26 April 1953 via the Red Sea, Indian Ocean, and China Sea, becoming the largest ship to transit the Suez Canal. She moored at Yokosuka, Japan, 9 June 1953.

As flagship of Carrier Task Force 77, she sailed from Yokosuka 11 June and arrived off western Korea 14 June. The carrier's air group immediately launched sorties cratering runways; assaulting enemy troops; attacking trenches, bunkers, gun positions; and giving close air support to hardpressed ground forces. Her planes also escorted B-50 bombers on their way to enemy targets. Lake Champlain continued to strike, at the enemy until the truce was signed 27 July. Relieved by Kearsarge (CVA-33) 11 October, Lake Champlain headed toward the South China Sea arriving Singapore 24 October. Bidding farewell to the Pacific Ocean 27 October, she steamed toward home touching at Columbo, Port Said, Cannes, and Lisbon before arriving Mayport, Fla., 4 December 1953.

Source: *Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*, http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/12/lake_champlain-ii.htm



25 January 2010

William Mac Swain
President, KWVA
8452 Marys Creek Drive
Benbrook, Texas 76116

Dear President Mac Swain;

The Military Order of the Purple Heart will hold its annual National Convention August 11 through 14, 2001 at the Gaylord Palms Hotel in Orlando, Florida. On Friday evening, August 13th, a reception will be held to honor veterans of the Korean War – both American and Korean veterans. The reception will honor the service of the veterans as part of the recognition of the 60th anniversary of the PRK invasion of Korea. Florida Governor Crist has confirmed that he will be present for the event, and Korean Ambassador Duk-soo Han has been invited to participate.

We have invited President Jim Bradford and the Florida KWVA members to join the patriots of the Military Order of the Purple Heart at the reception to honor veterans of the Korean War. Is it possible to print a notice of this invitation in the Graybeards to notify all Korean War veterans who may be in the Orlando area in August?

We sincerely hope that you and other KWVA members will honor us with your presence August 13th, 2010, at the Gaylord Palms in Orlando.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Sims
National Commander

Cc: Arthur Sharp, Graybeards Editor
James Holland, Department Commander

Korean War MIA buried in Palatine, IL

Cpl. Stanley Arendt, U.S. Army, a native of Palatine, IL, was buried in his hometown on 29 March, 2010. He was captured by Chinese forces on 2 November 1950 and executed in a farm field two weeks later.

Arendt was a member of L Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He was captured along with nine other soldiers while advancing on enemy forces. His remains were identified on July 27, 2009.

His family was in the dark regarding Arendt's fate for 59 years until JPAC identified his remains through DNA tests. Even though Arendt qualified for burial at Arlington National Cemetery, the family opted for burial at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Cemetery in Palatine.

The nation honors Cpl. Arendt. Hopefully, others of his comrades listed as missing in action will return to their home towns for burial--and soon.

News Vets Can Use

Tickets for Ballet

Vet Discounts/Offers: To honor the 60th anniversary of the Korean War, the Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet of Korea will kick off a 16-nation tour this June to honor and thank veterans for their sacrifices. Tickets are being offered at no charge to veterans and their families for the performances 9 & 10 JUN at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. While priority will be given to Korean War veterans and their families, all veterans will be offered complimentary tickets for the performances on a first-come, first-served basis. A maximum of 4 complimentary tickets will be offered for each veteran and his or her family. The Little Angels' tour will begin in the prestigious Kennedy Center's Opera House in Washington, D.C., with four performances from June 9-12, all beginning at 7:30 p.m. The first two performances on June 9 and 10 will be benefits for the veterans. The third and fourth performances on June 11 and 12 will be public events for which tickets must be purchased. All public tickets will be at a reduced rate as a tribute to the Korean War veterans. To request complimentary tickets, fill out the application at www.kw60project.com/images/little%20angel%20ticket%20form.pdf and e-mail it to KW60tickets@gmail.com. [Source: MOAA News Exchange 10 Mar 2010 ++]

2010 Handbooks Have Been Released!

The 2010 Military Handbooks were just released and have been made available on this website, <http://www.military-handbooks.com/>. There are a total of eight (8) handbooks, all of which contain helpful information for the military community.

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Welcome to the new and improved National Resource Directory

The US Departments of Defense, Labor and Veterans Affairs are pleased to introduce the re-designed and enhanced National Resource Directory Web site, www.NationalResourceDirectory.gov.

Created for Wounded Warriors, Veterans and their families and caregivers, the new National Resource Directory has proved to be a useful tool for service providers who support the military and Veterans communities.

The National Resource Directory provides access to over 10,000 services and resources at the national, state and local levels to support recovery, rehabilitation and community reintegration. We are proud to assure our users they can trust the content as resources are reviewed regularly by a content management team that includes several Veterans and subject matter experts.

A few features of the new Web site include a faster, more robust search engine; a Bookmark & Share capability for use with social media tools; and an "In the News" feature that provides links to news and updates about Wounded Warrior and Veterans issues. Also included on the site is an expanded Homeless Assistance section where users can find information on a variety of programs and benefits.

Visit the National Resource Directory at www.NationalResourceDirectory.gov to explore and sign up for RSS or e-mail updates about new content, events and features.

Korean War Merchant Mariners

During the Korean War, the Merchant Marine brought 75% of the personnel and 90% of the mail, food stuffs, ammunition, and other supplies to the war zone. They were at the Inchon invasion and the evacuation of Hungnam.

Twenty "mariners" lost their lives during the war. The work horses of the deep, "the Liberty ships" were 441 feet long, with a 56-foot beam, able to make 10-12 knots, on their three-cylinder, reciprocating steam engines fed by two oil-burning boilers, producing 2,500 hp. They had a steaming range of 21,000 miles or 80 days.

The work horses of the deep, "the Liberty ships" were 441 feet long, with a 56-foot beam, able to make 10-12 knots,...

The liberty ships had 5 holds, the largest of which measured 35' by 20'. The largest boom was 50 tons, and accommodated an average load of 10,500 meas. tons. There were 2,751 Liberty ships built to a standardized, mass-produced design.

The 250,000 ship parts were pre-fabricated throughout the U.S. in 250-ton sections, and welded together in about 70 days. The Liberty ships could carry 2,840 jeeps (boxed), 425 2-ton cargo trucks, 440 light tanks, 260 medium tanks, 156,000 boxes containing 234,000,000 rounds of 30-caliber ammunition, or 430,000 cases of "C" rations.

Liberty ship crews comprised a captain (master), purser, Pharmacist's mate, radio operator (sparks). "deck dept.", chief mate (mate), 2nd Mate, 3rd Mate, deck maintenance man, boatswain (bos'n), carpenter (chips), (6) able seamen, and (3) ordinary seamen. There was also an "engine dept.," consisting of a chief engineer (chief), 1st Assistant engineer (fmst), 2nd Assistant engineer (second), third assistant engineer, deck engineer, (3) oilers, (3) firemen/water-tenders, and (2) wipers.

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Remembering William Norris

I found in my trunk some copies of photos of the late William Norris, which had been hidden away for a number of years.

I had founded the KVA Canada Inc. in 1974. We had provincial reunions in the odd years and national conventions in the even years.

William was invited to attend our third Ontario Provincial Reunion on 13 August 1987. He and a large contingent of U.S. KWVA members attended. We were also lucky to have in attendance as a guest the Ontario Lieutenant Governor, Lincoln Alexander.

I believe that it would be

great to honor William once again in *The Graybeards* with the photos I found.

Clyde R. Bougie CD, P. O. Box 831
Stn Main, Barrie ON L4M 4Y6



William T. Norris (L) and Clyde R. Bougie share a laugh at Ontario meeting



Lt. Gov. Lincoln Alexander (L) and William T. Norris exchange greetings at Ontario meeting

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One Marine's Journey of Courage and Commitment

On the morning of September 11, 2001, Lt. Colonel Russell E. Jamison, Jr. was at his workstation at the Pentagon when the hijacked American Airlines Flight #77 crashed into the west side of the building, part of a dramatic sequence of events that changed America and altered Jamison's life as a proud United States Marine. In his words:

"My office was close to the crash site, within 100 yards, but on the "A" ring so we were not immediately subject to fire. That said we knew we had been hit and started evacuation procedures. Once outside we established accountability of everyone in our section and then turned to in order to render whatever assistance we could. All hands turned to manning litter teams in evacuating the wounded, helping recover bodies for the interim morgue set in the courtyard and identifying parts for the FBI evidence collection team. One can hardly imagine the emotional range we felt, from anger toward the cowardly bastards responsible for this tragedy to concern for our fellow men and women, trapped dead or suffering in the rubble.

"After several intense hours we were informed that the U.S. Army's Old Guard had arrived and we were thus relieved of duties and dismissed for a number of days until new office workspace could be arranged for us. As I walked across the South Parking Lot of the Pentagon I knelt and picked-up a small fragment of slate blown from the roof by the blast that devastated the area. I thought, 'This piece of history I will carry with me as a reminder to never forget!' And, holding on to that piece of slate would serve to reinforce my commitment in what has turned out to be 'the Long War.' That same piece of slate would later deploy with me to Iraq."

Lessons Learned: From Camp Lejeune To Iraq To Ridgefield, New Jersey

Only eight months following 9/11, Lt. Colonel "Russ" Jamison received his greatest gift prematurely – the birth of his daughter, Paige, in May 2002. As a father he was blessed. As a Marine he was reminded of the role he must play in facing

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the challenges in a world of terrorism. As a human being he was acutely aware of the pain and suffering that touched the men, women and children affected by the events of 9/11.

Jamison is a trained warrior and currently the Joint Training System Specialist within the Special Operations Command of the Marine Corps. He joined MARSOC upon his retirement after more than 25 years as a Marine – both enlisted and later commissioned. Trained as an Armor Officer, Jamison completed his tour at the Pentagon and returned to II Marine Expeditionary Force in the summer of 2004. At this time, he deployed from Camp Lejeune to Taji, Iraq as the Senior U.S. Adviser for the Iraqi Army's 6th Brigade; at the time part of an elite unit known as the Iraqi Intervention Force. In early 2005,



LtCol Jamison participating in 2007 Memorial Day ceremonies at the USS North Carolina (BB-55), Wilmington NC. Photo taken by Bill Goode, Tarboro NC

the Brigade completed training and deployed to the city of Mosul (interestingly, this is the ancient city of Ninevah – a shrine to Jonah still commands a hill in the center of the province). The Brigade arrived at Mosul in time to provide security in support of Iraq's first National Elections. That work became an intense and all-consuming task throughout Mosul's most dangerous zones, preparing Iraqi forces to take control, with the goal of reaching the critical point of "letting the American units go home to their families."

In February through May 2005, Jamison was still in Mosul, helping the Brigade take responsibility for sectors of the city during a very dangerous period, with each of the Iraqi Battalions and his own Advisor team taking casualties under fire. That's when a package arrived from a class of 3rd graders from the Willard Elementary in Ridgefield, NJ, who had decided to send Valentines and letters to an American Marine serving in Iraq. This was a sobering lesson for Jamison, because many of the children in that school were personally touched by 9/11. One letter in particular touched Russ deeply. It was from Will Wodenchuck, who lost his father on September 11 – one of twelve people in this small town to die in the World Trade Center – and Jamison wrote this response: "Will - The reason I am over here is because of what happened on 11 September. I was in the Pentagon that day and I remember. I'm over here for everyone who was hurt by what happened that day. And, I'm over here for you. I know you miss your father very much. And I know he's very, very proud of you. Please take good care of your family, and be very strong. Okay?"

The letter project ended and, by May 2005 with his tour in Iraq over, Jamison returned to Camp Lejeune and his wife and daughter. He brought the letters home with him. "These letters were each very special and I hope these kids will be my lifelong friends. I'd love to meet them all. Their messages are life lessons we will impart to our daughter – that it is important to take the time to write and express your appreciation for those in public service." Jamison did in fact travel to New Jersey that first full week following his return from Iraq, where he met all the kids, thanked their teacher for her efforts and also presented a

U.S. Flag that had flown over his Command Post to Will.

On August 1, 2005 Lt. Colonel Jamison was presented the Bronze Star Medal for exceptional meritorious service in connection with combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Fast Forward to September 2009: Creating a Piece of History

Russ Jamison still carries the piece of slate from the Pentagon roof he picked up on 9/11 as a constant reminder of why he is a Marine, the mission of his life and the “lessons” he has learned. In September 2009 Russ was reading a veterans magazine and came across a page describing Military Service Honor Rings with customized features available to War Veterans exclusively from Veterans Commemoratives, a company in Radnor, Pennsylvania. Russ was directed to the company website, www.vetcom.com, for details on what customization was available.



LtCol Jamison's ring featuring the piece of slate blown from the roof of the Pentagon on 9/11, the Bronze Star Medal and the Marine Corps Emblem

One ring design featured the United States Marine Corps Eagle, Globe & Anchor sculpted on one side, the Bronze Star Medal and Ribbon on the other side, and a capstone on the top encircled by the words “IRAQ VETERAN.” Russ thought, “I wonder if Veterans Commemoratives could figure out how to put my piece of slate from the Pentagon roof on the top of this ring for me?” So, he emailed the president of the company, Ian Modelevsky, and posed the question. That email started a friendship and collaboration among Russ,

Ian and the jewelers and craftsmen at his exclusive ring maker, Masters of Design of Attleboro, MA. Special tooling was made and a lapidary precisely cut and shaped the slate to fit on the top of this unique ring.

Ian Modelevsky stated, “Everyone at Veterans Commemoratives and Masters of Design who participated in the creation of this ring is proud to have taken part in honoring Lt. Colonel Jamison in this way. And, to know that second only to his wedding ring, Russ treasures his new ring, which for him is truly ‘a piece of history’ and will surely become a family keepsake.”

Russ and Ian are grateful that this project sparked their friendship and have pledged to remain in close touch with one another and their families and to let this stand as a tribute to all United States Military Service men and women who bravely serve our Country.

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MajGen Robert C. Dickerson (L) presents LtCol Jamison and his wife and daughter with the Bronze Star Medal to honor Jamison's “dynamic leadership while serving as the brigade senior advisor with Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq, in keeping with the highest traditions of Military Service and reflecting distinct credit on himself and the Marine Corps.” Camp Lejeune, NC



The Youngstown, OH Korean War Memorial

Ohio Highway Renamed as Korean War Veterans Highway



On Monday, 23 February 2009 Ohio State and County officials attended the regular meeting of CID 137, Mahoning Valley to announce that they had successfully passed the necessary legislation to name Interstate 680 passing through Mahoning County as the Korean War Veterans Highway. Present were State Senator Ronald Gerberry, sponsor of the legislation, State Senator Joseph Schiavoni, who helped push the issue through, County Commissioner David Ludt, who got the ball rolling on the project, and Commander Edward Savel of the United Veterans Council.

Mahoning County Commissioner David Ludt, Ohio State Senator Ronald Gerberry, and Ohio State Senator Joseph Schiavoni (L-R) at Ch 137's meeting



Officers of Ch 137 listen to the legislators' presentation at their meeting (L-R) Harold Barringer, Frank Sloat, Commander John Pariza, Robert Vitullo, Peter Pizzulo



Women's Auxiliary of Ch 137 who were instrumental in pushing highway legislation through proper channels (L-R) Mrs. Dean McClain, Mrs. Harold Berringer, Mrs. Fred Ciarniello, Ms. Alice Shepard, Mrs. John Pariza

The chapter also held a Korean War Memorial Dedication at Youngstown, Ohio. Special mention is made of PFC John D. Kelly of Youngstown, who earned the Medal of Honor posthumously for his actions in Korea. (See his citation below)

*Charles A. Stepan, 175 Erskine Ave,
Boardman, OH 44512*

Ohio State Senator Ronald Gerberry reported to Ch 137 on the highway project's travel through the legislature



Medal of Honor Citation

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to

KELLY, JOHN D.

Rank and organization: Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps, Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein.).

Place and date: Korea, 28 May 1952.

Entered service at: Homestead, PA.

Born: 8 July 1928, Youngstown, Ohio.

Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a radio operator of Company C, in action against enemy aggressor forces. With his platoon pinned down by a numerically superior enemy force employing intense mortar, artillery, small-arms and grenade fire, Pfc. Kelly requested permission to leave his radio in the care of another man and to participate in an assault on enemy key positions.

Fearlessly charging forward in the face of a murderous hail of machinegun fire and hand grenades, he initiated a daring attack against a hostile strongpoint and personally neutralized the position, killing 2 of the enemy. Unyielding in the face of heavy odds, he continued forward and single-handedly assaulted a machinegun bunker. Although painfully wounded, he bravely charged the bunker and destroyed it, killing 3 of the enemy. Courageously continuing his 1-man assault, he again stormed forward in a valiant attempt to wipe out a third bunker and boldly delivered pointblank fire into the aperture of the hostile emplacement. Mortally wounded by enemy fire while carrying out this heroic action, Pfc. Kelly, by his great personal valor and aggressive fighting spirit, inspired his comrades to sweep on, overrun and secure the objective. His extraordinary heroism in the face of almost certain death reflects the highest credit upon himself and enhances the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

Ch 142 Participates in a US-Korean Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony

Chapter members participated in the 5 October 2009 wreath laying ceremony at the Korean War Memorial in Washington DC. The photos below depicting the event were taken by SSG Nicholas Salcido, Jr., Photographer to the Commander USFK, nicholas.salcido@korea.army.mil

Reggie Kephart, reg.mar@comcast.net



Korean War Vets With a Heart

Members of Ch 48, Chorwon [NJ] showed that Korean War veterans have big hearts. They made two significant donations during the Christmas 2009 holidays. One was for \$300, to the Homeless

Vets of Garfield; the other \$700 to the Teaneck Armory Food Pantry.

Warren P. Dartel
211 Hayward Pl.
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ABOVE: Members of Ch 48 donate \$300 to the Homeless Vets of Garfield, NJ

LEFT: Grateful service members accept a \$700 donation from Ch 48 members

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Chapter & Department News

29 SSGT WILLIAM WINDRICH #3 [IN]

We participated in a Veterans Day Dedication Program on 10 November, 2009. Part of the program involved a dedication to honor two Medal of Honor recipients from the Calumet Region. Their photos were placed on a Wall of Honor in the Lake County Government Center at Crown Point, IN.



Members of Ch 29 in front of Wall of Honor at Lake County Government Center (L-R) Cmdr. Al Solis, Warren Eubanks, Herb Verrill, Rich Garza



Lake County, IN Sheriff Roy Dominguez (C) stands with Ch 29 members Luis Aguilera (L) and Eliseo Castaneda (R) at Veterans Day 2009 dedication

One of the men honored was LCpl Emilio De La Garza, U.S. Marines, "E" Co., 2nd Bn., 1st Regt., 1st Marine Div, a native of East Chicago, IN. He was awarded the MOH posthumously for his action near Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam, April 11, 1970. The other was SSgt William Windrich, U.S. Marines, "I" Co., 3rd Bn., 5th Regt., 1st Marine Division.

Windrich, who entered service at Hammond, IN, earned his

Eliseo Castaneda of Ch 29 speaks in front of MOH recipients' photos and citations, William Windrich (L) and Emilio De La Garza (R)



MOH in the vicinity of Yudam-ni, Korea, on 2 December, 1950. The medal was awarded to him posthumously.

De La Garza and Windrich are the only two service members from Lake County, IN to receive the nation's supreme honor for heroism under fire.

Luis Aguilera, a USMC veteran of the Korean War, spoke about Windrich's younger days and his background as a Marine in WWII and Korea. He also read Windrich's citation.

Eliseo Castaneda, a USMC veteran of the Chosin Reservoir, also offered comments about Windrich and the Marine Corps.

Herbert A. Verrill, 1833 169th St.
Hammond, IN 46324

42 MISSISSIPPI [MS]

We held a raffle for a Bar-B-Q grill to raise funds. The winner was Mark Castor, of Sherman, MS.

Robert L. Wilson
1581 Gun Club Road, Tupelo, MS 38801,



Robert Wilson, President of Ch 42 (R), and chapter member Fred Comer (L) present grill to raffle winner Mark Castor (C)

54 THOMAS W. DALEY, JR. [NJ]

We held a celebration on 10 December 2009 as part of our annual Christmas party to honor our 20 years of dedicated service to Korean War and Korean Service veterans.

Our chapter was founded on 22 July 1989. We have grown from 18 original members to 75 members today. By enlisting new younger Korean Service members, it is our goal to keep our chapter serving all those who served during the Korean War and in Korea from 1945 to the present.

We also help all veterans who are in need of our help.

Andrew T. Jackson, 117 Kingsdale Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003, (856) 424-0736, CaptJack71@comcast.net



Members of Ch 54 at their 2009 Christmas party (Front, L-R) Charlie Kerber, Fred Connolly, Dom Carrero, Cmdr. Andy Jackson (cutting cake) (Rear, L-R) George Labree, Elton Jordan, Dottie Coffey-Trout, Stan Levin, Sonny Hamilton

55 NASSAU COUNTY #1 [NY]

Every year at our Christmas party we install our new Board of Directors. We also invite Korean guests.

Robert P. O'Brien, c/o Nassau County Chapter #1, P. O. Box 1591, N. Massapequa, NY 11758



Bob O'Brien, Hank Nowicki, Jack Leff, Bill Troise, Joe Carco, Ray O'Connor, Don Zoeller (L-R) at Ch 55's Christmas party



Members and guests gather at Ch 55's 2009 Christmas party (L-R) Jack Leff, Charlie Bours, Joe Carco, Ray O'Connor, Howard Plattner, Hank Nowicki, Bob O'Brien, Korean guests



Judge Advocate Don Zoeller of Ch 55 swears in new chapter officers (L-R) Jack Leff, Bill Troise, Joe Carco



Bill and Marilyn Vestigo, Bob O'Brien, and Gigi and Jack Leff enjoy the festivities at Ch 55's Christmas party

56 VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

We continued our activities with meetings and offering assistance to the VFW with funerals in Fillmore, CA.

Chapter 56, 1121 New Street
Santa Paula, CA 93060



Members of Ch 56 helping the VFW with a funeral (L-R) Everett Baca, Manuel Mendez, David Lopez, David Garcia, Manuel Adame, Richard Ruiz, Gregory Garcia, Jr., Henry Aguilar, John Hurtado, John Campos, Ray Foutos, Tim Santana, William Cobos, Fina Avellano, Rudy Avellano, Henry Guevara



Rachel and Eutimeo Beas at Ch 56 meeting



Life Members of Ch 56 Benjamin Espinoza and his wife Betty (L) and John Campos and his wife Ann socialize at meeting



Ch 56 Life Members gather for meeting (L-R) Mike Hidalgo, Manuel Salazar, Robert Bermudez, Manuel Mendez, Richard Ruiz, John Campos

60 ADIRONDACK [NY]

Seven members of our Ladies Auxiliary received awards for their faithful and commendable assistance over the years.

We have a new logo, which we wear proudly on our parade jackets. Sue Darling, of our Ladies Auxiliary, designed the logo, with the help of chapter member Ralph Grasso.

Eugene Corsale, 59 Outlook Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, (518) 584-4715, ecorsal1@nycap.rr.com



A sizeable crowd showed up to honor the Ladies Auxiliary members of Ch 60



The ladies of Ch 60 displaying their certificates of appreciation



Ch 60's new logo

95 IMJIN [IL]

Members erected a battlefield Christmas tree at the site of our monument at Melvin Price Park in Swansea, IL. The tree is erected annually in honor of deceased chapter Commander Kermit Holtgrene, who experienced a battlefield tree.

The tree shows simulated napalm burns, and is adorned with C-ration cans, dog tags and chains, spent shells, bits of tinfoil, pictures of loved ones, and anything else a soldier could scrounge.

In total, the tree represents extreme hardship under wartime



Members of Ch 95 gather around their Korean War Christmas tree

conditions, while still trying to maintain the Christmas spirit.

We encourage people to stop by and view the display and thank the veterans and active duty personnel for their service.

Bill Juergens, (618) 624-5418

137 MAHONING VALLEY [OH]

Our Honor Guard performed at a local nursing home to honor the veterans living there and to deliver gifts to them.

Zeno Foley, 337 S. Inglewood Ave.
Youngstown, OH 44515

160 WEST RIVER [SD]



Ch 137 Honor Guard commander Zeno Foley and unit members (L-R) Frank Sloat, Bob Bakalik, Fred Ciamillo, Harry Ponikvar, Milton Delawder, Harold Baringer

Harry Ponikvar of Ch 137 presents a gift to one of the veteran residents



Lloyd Edwards playing taps as part of Ch 137's nursing home visit

Zeno Foley of Ch 137 presents a gift to a deserving veteran as part of the chapter's visit



We participated in the Rapid City, SD Veterans Day Parade. A huge crowd lined the parade route.

Members have volunteered for many years to serve fundraising meals at VFW Post 1273. The going price for a Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Chicken Strip plate with fries is \$35.00.

Marvin Knapp, 31 Centennial St.
Rapid City, SD 57701, (605) 721-5818

170 TAEJON [NJ]



Ch 160 members in Rapid City, SD Veterans Day parade



Five-year volunteers from Ch 160 at VFW (L-R) Marvin Knapp, Elmer Troutman, Dwayne Overhardt, Bob Hempel, Al Caingsman

We held our seventh installation of new officers since our chapter was formed in 1994. Our new Commander, Dr. Richard Onorevole, who replaces Thomas Falato, is our seventh Commander. The installation took place 27 December, 2009 at the Fair Lawn Athletic Club, Fair Lawn, New Jersey.

The ceremony began with Past Commander Falato, who served four years, and KWVA New Jersey State Commander George Bruzgis displaying and explaining the meaning of the POW-MIA table honoring Korean War veterans.

Three-time Purple Heart recipient George Job spoke about Taejon Chapter's first Commander, Walter Bray, and his ordeal

and endurance as a POW for three years. In 1995, the Passaic County section of New Jersey Highway 287 was named Korean War Highway in honor of Walter Bray.

A great buffet dinner followed the installation. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the food as a DJ played music of the 1940s and 1950s. Wine, beer, and soda accompanied the meal.

KWVA National Director Thomas McHugh administered the oath of office to the following elected officers:

- Commander Richard Onorevole
- Sr. Vice Commander Robert Fatovic
- Jr. Vice Commander Kenneth Green

Following that, Commander Onorevole administered the oath of office to the following:

- Finance Officer Edward Frye
- Chaplain Henry Leonhard
- Adjutant Perry Georgison
- Sgt. at Arms Frank Uvenio
- Surgeon Erwin Burkert
- Activities Director William Burns
- Taejon Post newsletter editor Camille Georgison
- Advertising Director Jack O'Neil



Thomas McHugh (L) stands with Ch 170 Commander Richard Onorevole, Sr. Vice Cmdr. Robert Fatovic, and Jr. Vice Cmdr. Kenneth Green (all L-R)



Ch 170's Past Commander Thomas Falato (L) and New Jersey State Commander George Bruzgis (R) explain the meaning of the POW-MIA table at installation ceremony

• Historian Louis Quagliero

Tom McHugh spoke about the dedicated leadership of Past Commander Thomas Falato in his two terms (four years total) as Chapter Commander.

Color Guard Captain James Lomauro presented Past Commander Falato with a framed Taejon Chapter Proclamation for his devoted time, leadership, and loyalty to the members. "We the membership now salute him."

Commander Onorevole joined Taejon Chapter in 1944, when he was Saddle Brook, NJ Council-President. He is a 4th Degree



Color Guard Captain James Lomauro of Ch 170 presents Thomas Falato with a proclamation praising his leadership and loyalty



Member of Ch 170's Color Guard, George Rothfritz (L), speaks with chapter historian Louis Quagliero (R), who has held his position since 1995



Kenneth Green, Thomas McHugh, Robert Fatovic, and Finance Officer Edward Frye of Ch 170 (L-R) at installation ceremony



Ch 170 officers Advertising Chairman and retired Colonel Jack O'Neil (L) and Activities Director William Burns (R) at installation ceremony

Knights of Columbus member.

Commander Onorevole has always been very active with our chapter and served as special advisor to past Commanders. He was the Committee Chairman in placing a Korean War Monument in Saddle Brook, NJ in June 2000 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War.

The new Commander thanked Director McHugh for the honor of his presence at this important function, and for administering the oath of office to chapter officers for the years 2010-2011.

Louis Quagliero, 142 Illinois Ave.
Paterson, NJ 07503

174 SPRING HILL [FL]

We installed new officers for the year 2010 at our 7 January monthly meeting. Prior to the installation ceremony, the outgoing officers presented Richard Mellinger with a plaque honoring him for his outstanding leadership as Commander for the past eight years.

The following officers were installed:



The new officers of Ch 174 (standing, L-R) Richard Mellinger, Joe Pignatiello, Joe Seyfried, Louis Schneider, Robert Bestercy, Mel Eakley (Sitting, L-R) Janet Johnson, Dotty West, Barbara Mellinger, Kathleen Seyfried, Lillian Messier

- Commander - Richard Mellinger
- 1st Vice - Joe Pignatiello
- Secretary - Louis Schneider
- Treasurer - Joseph Seyfried
- Chaplain - Robert Bestercy
- Sgt at Arms - Mel Eakley

Here are the Auxiliary officers who were installed:

- President - Janet Johnson
- 1st Vice - Lillian Messier
- Treasurer - Dotty West
- Secretary - Kathleen Seyfried
- Chaplain - Barbara Mellinger

Joseph Seyfried, 11020 Belltower Street, Spring Hill
FL 34608, (352) 688-1388, kandj5@juno.com



Members and Auxiliary members of Ch 174 at recent meeting (Standing, L-R) Richard Mellinger, Robert Johnson (1st Vice), Joseph Seyfried (Treasurer), Louis Schneider (Secretary), Robert Bestercy (Chaplain), Mel Eakley (Sgt at Arms) (Sitting, L-R) Faye Chuman (2nd Vice), Dotty West (Treasurer), Barbara Mellinger (Chaplain), Kathleen Seyfried (Secretary)

178 YORK COUNTY [PA]

Our float won a first place prize in the York, PA 2009 Halloween parade.

Ralph Ashton, 1st Vice Cmdr., 1898 Church Rd.
York, PA 17404, (717) 764-3122



Members aboard Ch 178's prize-winning float salute the "Fallen Comrade" along the York parade route

186 ST. CHARLES COUNTY [MO]

Homer Scott presented his daughter with a Certificate of Appreciation from chapter members for her continued work of designing and printing our many banners and signs. She does the work on a volunteer basis.

We held a successful late fall fund-raiser in 2009.

Salvadore ("Chris") Christifulli, 923 Annabrook Park
Dr., O Fallon, MO 63366-8410, (636) 294-1836,
SChristi@mail.win.org



Homer Scott presents a Certificate of Appreciation to his daughter on behalf of Ch 186



Darold Woodcock (L) and Marv Kreiling (R) at Ch 186's fall fundraiser



Bob Breig (L) and Art Minor (R) of Ch 186 thank a donor to their fundraiser



Members of Ch 186 at their fall 2009 fundraiser

187 WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS 2000 [MA]

Earl Gregory has been honored as our "Volunteer of the Year." He received a handmade gift blanket at a ceremony on 2 September 2009 in recognition of the honor. Earl has difficulties getting to and from chapter functions, but he always manages to show up.

We participated on 24 September 2009 in the annual "Big E" Eastern States Exposition at West Springfield, MA.

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



Ch 187 "Volunteer of the Year" Earl Gregory receives a hand-made gift blanket from Commander Al Natario



Members of Ch 187 take part at West Springfield, MA Eastern States Exposition



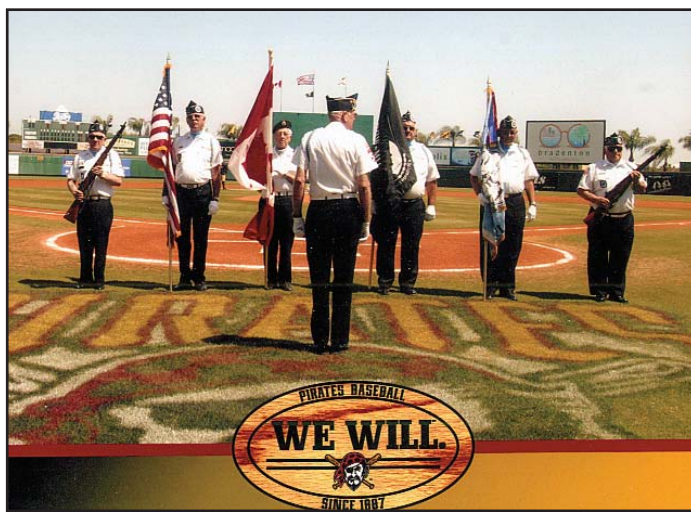
Participants from Ch 187 "recruiting" at the Eastern States Exposition on 24 September 2009

199 MANASOTA [FL]

We installed new officers: Gene Gillette, Thomas ("Skip") Hannon, Bill Gilkerson, Joe Manna, Mary Ann Maus, Carl Block, and Janet Robinson.



Ch 199's new officers (L-R) Gene Gillette, Thomas ("Skip") Hannon, Bill Gilkerson, Joe Manna, Mary Ann Maus, Carl Block, and Janet Robinson



The Honor Guard from Ch 199 performs at a 2009 Pittsburgh Pirates spring training game at Bradenton, FL

Our Honor Guard appeared at a Pittsburgh Pirates spring training game in Bradenton, FL in 2009.

We also donated turkeys to Our Daily Bread last Thanksgiving. Our chapter donated turkeys to this soup kitchen every year.

Thomas G. Hannon, 4721 Mount Vernon Dr.,
Bradenton, FL 34210, (941) 795-5061
colonelglenn@verizon.net

209 LAREDO KWVA 1950 [TX]

We held our Christmas party on 16 December 2009. Everyone had a good time, and there was plenty of good food. We sang Christmas Carols and enjoyed a Christmas play.

We installed our officers for 2009-2010:

- Arnoldo Gutierrez - President
- Pedro Cantu - 1st Vice President
- Eduardo Sanchez - 2nd Vice President
- Jesus Gonzalez - Secretary
- Hector Castaneda - Treasurer

John McKeown served as the Installation officer.



Mrs. Sylvia Martinez, Partnership Specialist at the U.S. Census Bureau, provided a presentation on the 2010 U.S. Census.

Pete Trevino, 2005 Guerrero Street
Laredo, TX 78043



221 TWIN CITIES [TX]

We elected new officers:

- President - Charles Terry
- 1st VP - Gene Welch
- 2nd VP - Charles Markham
- Treasurer - Phelan Boone
- Secretary - George Adams

The Rev. Douglas Anderson, Rector of St. James Episcopal Church, Texarkana, TX, installed the officers.

Dee Reece, Historian, c/o 6310 Springwood,
Texarkana, TX 75503, (903) 838-9608



New officers of Ch 221 (L-R) Gene Welch, Charles Markham, Phelan Boone, Rev. Douglas Anderson, Charles Terry, George Adams

230 BATON ROUGE [LA]

At a recent meeting, we named the chapter in honor of member Dr. Billy Rivers Penn, who was a prisoner of war in North Korea. Dr. Penn served in the U.S. Navy, and was assigned to the U.S. Marines as an FMF Corpsman.



Dr. Billy Penn (Front, L), Robert Thomas, Chapter 230 President (Front, R) sitting; (Standing, L-R) Bill Carrier, Treasurer, Nick Spitale, Arthur Golden, Secretary, and Graydon Walker, Vice-President at Ch 230's meeting

Mr. William Carrier, a member and former President of the chapter, nominated Dr. Penn, saying, "You know, we all went through a lot of unpleasant experiences, sad and bad memories stay with us, but Dr. Penn went through things that none of us can even imagine. The terrible torture that he endured is beyond our understanding. He is a true hero, and deserves to be honored by our chapter."

The new banner was presented to the chapter at the Christmas party. The banner is worded: "Billy Rivers Penn, M.D., U.S. Marine Corps, Hospitalman 2, Chapter 230, Korean War Veterans Association. Baton Rouge, LA."

Entertainment was provided by Greg and Jackie Hayden. Special guests included Mr. Brian McNabb of Congressman Dr. William Cassidy's Office, Appellate Court Judge and Mrs. J. Michael McDonald (Ret), U.S. Navy Captain, Retired U.S. Marine Captain and Mrs. Robert Finley, and Air Force Colonel Cecil Kline, all friends of Dr. and Mrs. Penn.

The Baton Rouge chapter has a membership of 57 persons. It meets every other month, and features guest speakers.

Dr. Billy Rivers Penn, 3432 Old Quarter Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

289 MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN]

Fred Himelwright presented Past Commander Robert E. Shelton with the 2009 Chapter Member of the Year Plaque at our annual Christmas party on 28 December 2009.

Carol Shelton
cshelton37663@yahoo.com



Fred Himelwright presents Bob Shelton with Ch 289's Member of the Year Award for 2009

297 PLATEAU [TN]

Members and guests enjoyed themselves at our second annual Christmas luncheon held at the Legends at Fairfield Glade on 8 December 2009.

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



Members and guest at Ch 297's Christmas luncheon



The Christmas color red prevails among Ch 297's members and guests at their 2009 Christmas luncheon



ABOVE: Food and frivolity are the norm at Ch 297's Christmas luncheon



LEFT: Cumberland County [TN] Veterans Service Officer Mark Daniels (with cap on) shares a laugh with Ch 297 member Jearl Ferrell at Christmas luncheon



Christmas and camaraderie come to a corner table at the Ch 297 luncheon

312 ANTIETAM [MD]

Recently, while several members of chapter 312 were visiting war veteran residents at a local nursing home, Julia Manor, one of our members, noticed that the nursing home did not have an American flag in its lobby. This revelation prompted the chapter into action.

We obtained an American flag from Congressman Roscoe Bartlett's office and Maryland State Senator Don Munson's office donated a state flag. The chapter purchased the appropriate poles and stands for the flags and made a formal presentation of the colors to the nursing home in January. Seven officers and members participated in the ceremony.

The flags display will become a permanent fixture in the nursing home lobby.

Les Bishop, lbishop@myactv.net
(240) 420-3755



Members of Ch 312 at nursing home flag presentation ceremony (L-R) John Koontz, Vice-Commander Jim Ensminger, Al Jacobson, Lou Surratt, Commander Wayne Winebrenner, Past Commander Ned Renner, Secretary Les Bishop



Monuments and Medals

Korea: the Forgotten War, Remembered

Connecticut Chapter completes formation of Foundation after several years

Jim Shelmerdine, President of CT Chapter One, Inc., (a Connecticut non-profit corporation having an IRS tax exemption under Sec 501 (c) (19) of the federal tax code) announces (finally) the completion of the formation of the Connecticut Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc. by which we intend to design, build, and maintain a major monument to all Korean War veterans.

This process, in CID 10's case, has taken about eight years to accomplish. As often is the case, we received incorrect and/or incomplete advice at the beginning of our efforts. It wasn't until we were able to qualify for "pro bono" legal advice and considerable assistance from the Connecticut Urban Legal Institute, (a non-profit entity of the University of Connecticut Law School), that we were finally successful!

Professor Barbara McGrath, Esq., the Assistant Director of CULI, was very helpful and instrumental in our establishing the Memorial Foundation as a Connecticut non-profit corporation that met the stringent requirements of the IRS whereby we qualified as an IRS 501 (c) (3) tax exempt "public charity."

We received our federal tax exemption in record time, but we were not "home" yet. More bureaucracy required that we present our case to the CT Department of Revenue Services. This process also did not take too long, compared to our original beginnings!

We are now ready to fulfill one of our major goals, that of memorializing our Korean War veteran comrades. Wish us luck!

William J. Carrington, Jr. (Treasurer)
94 Hilton Drive, South Windsor, CT, 06074-3417

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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

Battle Buddies

In the interest of economy, Bill Mac Swain asked me to attend several meetings at the VA regarding the KWVA's participation in the Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington Cemetery. Lately, the meetings are chaired by the new Asst. Sec. of Veterans Affairs, Tammy Duckworth.

From the start, I can't tell you how impressed I was with the way she handled the meetings. At the last meeting she started it with her feelings about 'Battle Buddies.' "I was so struck by the story I asked her if she would put it in writing so others can feel the impact.

Incidentally, Mrs. Duckworth lost both her legs when the helicopter she was piloting was shot down in Iraq.

Marty Goge, CID 142, Frederick MD



Tammy Duckworth

L. Tammy Duckworth was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs on April 24, 2009. She was previously the Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs and is a major in the Illinois Army National Guard.

During a mission north of Baghdad in 2004, the Blackhawk helicopter she was co-piloting was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade. Duckworth lost both legs and partial use of one arm. Since then, she has dedicated her life to public service, advocating on behalf of disability rights and Veterans.

Duckworth is a published author on the health risks of environmental radon and lung cancer. She is a recipient of the Hubert H. Humphrey Civil Rights Award, the AMVETS Silver Helmet Award, and the 2008 Disabled Veteran of the Year of the DAV. She's earned many military decorations, including the Purple Heart, Air Medal, and the Combat Action Badge.

Honoring Battle Buddies©

Tammy Duckworth, November 11, 2009

In the Army, the concept of "battle buddies" isn't something Soldiers take lightly. From initial entry training through combat, Soldiers are always paired with a partner for every task. You share everything with this person. You help each other survive the miseries the drill instructors throw your way. You split MREs and sleep shoulder-to-shoulder under a single person tent. You help bandage each other's blisters and one buddy's cookies from home are also his buddies' little bit of comfort. When I transitioned from officer training to flight school, my battle buddy was replaced with

My battle buddies in Iraq risked their lives to carry me to safety, saving mine. I had known and always counted on them throughout my Army career. But I soon learned of other battle buddies, ones I'd never even met.

a "stick buddy." For a year, we scared each other daily with our beginners' flying skills as we became Army Aviators together.

My experience isn't unique. Today, in all military branches, men and women are covering each other. They're in the tight confines of a vehicle running convoys on a long, treacherous road in Iraq. In Afghanistan they're manning fighting positions on mountain passes, watching each other's backs. Like the nation they represent, these battle buddies come from all parts of America. It doesn't matter where yours comes from; only that when the bullets start flying you are willing to put your lives on the line to protect each other.

My battle buddies in Iraq risked their lives to carry me to safety, saving mine. I had known and always counted on them throughout my Army career. But I soon learned of other battle buddies, ones I'd never even met.

Within hours of regaining consciousness at Walter Reed, I met Korean War Veteran Tom and his wife El, also an Army Veteran. Although I was out of the fight, I had been assigned a new kind of battle buddy for a different mission. Like me, Tom had also lost his legs in battle—over 50 years ago—in the mud and freezing fields of Korea. He showed me and the other new amputees that there was a future without legs. We may not have served in the same war, but Tom was my buddy in the foxhole of amputation from which I was battling to emerge.

As I recovered, I met new battle buddies who reached out across time to help my era of Veterans. They include the World War II buddies who saved freedom and came home to build Veterans' programs. There are the Korean War Vets whose valor was so long forgotten yet continued to serve. There are the Vietnam Veterans who taught this country that regardless of where we stand on a war, we must love our warriors. And there are the Gulf War Veterans, who now lead VA's counseling teams, and conduct outreach efforts to homeless and female Veterans.

Today I honor all my battle buddies. I pray for our troops' safety and work for their post-combat recovery. I am also grateful for my buddies from previous eras who have been working hard to cover my back even when I didn't know I needed it.

It is an honor to serve in the Department of Veterans Affairs alongside Veterans from all eras. Under Secretary Shinseki's leadership and out of his decades of experiences in peacetime, Vietnam and Bosnia, we are transforming VA to meet the needs of all Veterans. Just as our battle buddies were there for us, VA will be there for all Veterans, providing the benefits that they earned. We are committed to making VA the 21st century, forward-looking, people-centric and results-driven organization that our Veterans deserve.

VA honors our Veterans today by joining America in recognizing and thanking them for their service to our nation.

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Tell America

Tell America Television Grows Even Bigger

In 2009 Tell America Television had its biggest break—or so we thought—as it made its debut on KWVA.org. America could see for the first time in person the actual heroes of the Korean War. Just when we thought we had seen the biggest accomplishment in the program, another milestone emerged.

On 3 February 2010, another breakthrough happened. On that day James E. Yaney, producer of the TV program, and a member of the National Committee, received an email from South Korea. It came from Mr. Ryan Kim, a famous reporter from the Dong-A newspaper, which is circulated to over 1.5 million readers in Seoul. He has an exclusive franchise with the New York Times.

Mr. Kim contacted Mr. Yaney regarding coming to America to interview his staff, teachers, students, and heroes of the Korean War to record and take back to Korea stories for the Korean people to read.

Access TV, the television station that airs the program, rolled out the red carpet for Mr. Kim on his arrival. Access TV personnel were honored that he came so far to see this extraordinary account of the Korean War.

The program opened with the playing of both the U.S. and South Korean national anthems to welcome Mr. Kim to America. Afterwards, a five-hour interview that was filmed for our TV viewers began with an interview of America's teachers, who were represented by Mrs. Lynette Wallace of Canterbury Middle School, a loyal supporter of the Tell America program. Michael Christenson, Mr. Yaney's grand-

son, represented the high school students of North Manchester High School, in North Manchester, Indiana.

Mr. Kim's second interview was with Melvin Butler, Robert Freshour, and William Kim, veterans who fought and held the ground at the Pusan Perimeter and who helped save Korea from becoming Communist. His next interview was with Sgt Stan Bender, a Marine scout who fought behind enemy lines at the Chosin Reservoir, and was one of the veterans who received the Purple Heart there.

As Mr. Kim continued his interview, he heard from other survivors of the Chosin Reservoir, Robert Meyer, Jimmy Cuellar, and Gerry Loyd, some of whom earned three or more Purple Hearts.

His second-to-last interview was with Lt. Thomas Gill, who flew 100 missions over North Korea and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. To close out his visit, he interviewed the staff of Tell America, Mr. Yaney, Cpl Parish, Sgt William Hullinger, and Navy Corpsman and Silver Star recipient John Pequignot.

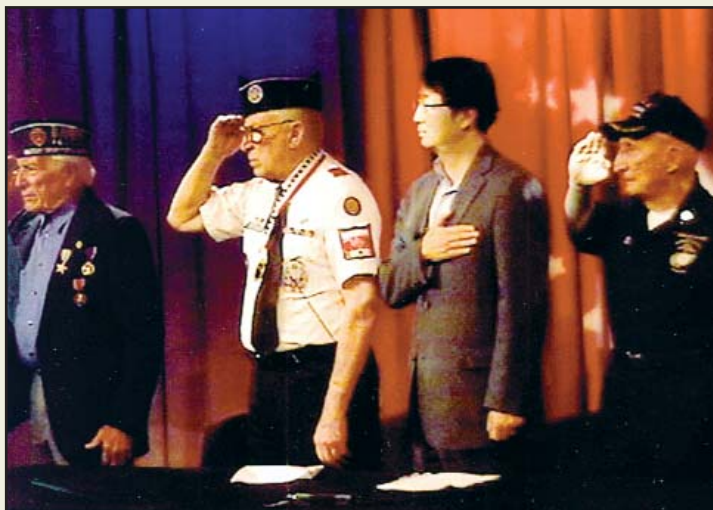
After the five-hour film session, Mr. Yaney and the production staff of Tell America, along with Mrs. Jean Yaney, explained how they televise this military show and the pride they have in doing so. At that point, we bid Mr. Kim farewell, after which he promised Mr. Yaney that, because of the friendship they formed here in Ft. Wayne, they would stay in continuous contact to carry on the story of the Korean War for both our nations' youngest generations.



TV staff of Tell America (L-R) John Pequignot, Jim Yaney, Mr. Ryan Kim, Cpl Parish, Sgt Hullinger



Gathering at Access TV (L-R) Jim Yaney, Mr. Kim, Mrs. Lynette Wallace, Michael Christenson



Saluting their respective national anthems at Access TV (L-R) John Pequignot, Jim Yaney, Mr. Kim, William Hullinger

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We are planning to return next year during our 60th anniversary, and we anticipate the same warm welcome that we received from

the students and faculty in 2009.

*William Hoyle,
william.hoyle@yahoo.com*



Ch 215 members present Tell America material to Waxahachie, TX students



Waxahachie students inspect 782 gear at Ch 215's Tell America presentation



Bill Mac Swain explains POW table significance at Ch 215's Waxahachie Tell America event



Tell America presenting "team" from Ch 215 (L-R) George Wolfe, Gene Richards, Bill Mac Swain, Marvin Dunn, Byron White, Bill Hoyle

297 - PLATEAU [TN]

Three members, Jr. Vice Commander Paul Whaley (Marines), Charles Ferguson (Army), a POW for 2-1/2 years, and Commander Don Eliason (Air Force), participated in a Tell America program at Frank P. Brown Elementary School in Cumberland City, TN. We shared our experiences in the Korean War.

We spoke to six 7th and 8th grade history classes, and shared the reading of the American flag-folding process to explain why it is done thirteen times.

The students, along with their teacher, Mrs. Debbie Jones, had invited us to share our stories. We

also passed out to each student a copy of Etiquette of the Stars and Stripes.

Another teacher, Cherie Leggett, was kind enough to take the near-by pictures. She also wrote us this note:

Thank you so much for spending the day at Frank P. Brown Elementary School, sharing your knowledge and experiences with the students. We appreciate your service and sacrifice to our country and your continued education of our youth.

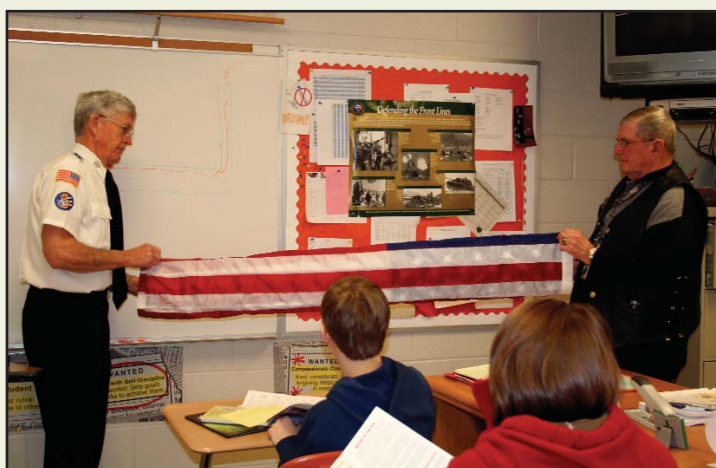
Cheri Leggett

Don Eliason

doneliason@frontiernet.net



Paul Whaley (at podium), Don Eliason, and Charles Ferguson of Ch 297 address students at Frank Brown Elementary School



Don Eliason (L) and Charles Ferguson of Ch 297 demonstrate flag folding process to students



Students at Frank Brown Elementary School gather with Paul Whaley, Don Eliason, and Charles Ferguson at Tell America presentation

303 - BEAUFORT COUNTY [SC]

We presented a Tell American program to Cadets of the Hilton Head [SC] High School Jr. Naval ROTC Unit and their instructor, Chief Petty Officer Gonzales.

Bob Schweickart
5 Airy Hall Ct.
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
(843) 341-3073



Ch 303 members Don Shea (L) and Bob Schweickart (R) with members of Hilton Head High School Jr. Naval ROTC and Chief Petty Officer Gonzales

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My Lucky 20 Yards

by Fielding Magness

Sometimes a snap decision proves to be a correct one. For example, in the spring of 1951 the 8th Army was advancing after the Chinese intervention. I was a Squad Leader of a rifle platoon of I Company, 3rd Bn., 21st Regt., 24th Inf. Div. Our final objective that day was a hill. As we advanced, we received several ineffective rifle shots, with no casualties.

As always, when an infantryman stops, he digs in. There was a trail up the reverse slope of the hill, over the top, and down to the valley below. I wanted my automatic rifle to cover that trail. I generally dug in with Rayburn, my automatic rifleman, but I decided to put Meehan with him. I dug in about 20 yards away.

At dawn, I checked the line and found their hole empty. I figured they were down on the reverse, making coffee, etc. Then, I noticed their shoes lying there alongside a Chinese fur cap. Down the trail were personal items that had been tossed around. It was obvious that the Chinese had captured Rayburn and Meehan.

Later that day we asked people in a small village if they had seen any soldiers during the night. They said yes. About 3 a.m., 2 or 3 Chinese soldiers and 2 Americans went through. But, this story has a happy ending.

When I rotated home in August 1951, we were issued new clothing in Tokyo. As I was getting mine, who was passing out pants and shirts but Meehan and Rayburn!

I asked them what had happened. They explained that they were both asleep, as I believe everyone of us were, since we were all "dog tired." About 3 a.m. Chinese soldiers woke them up with fingers to their mouths to warn them to remain quiet. The Chinese were hiding on the reverse slope and they wanted to get back to their own lines.

They took Meehan and Rayburn to a cave, where they ran some errands and helped with Chinese wounded. The Chinese did not mistreat the Americans—and even fed them what they had. After a time, the Chinese took the Americans to a different area and turned them loose.

Then, if you were a POW, you were not sent back to the front lines. If those Chinese survived the war, I'm sure they told their kids and grandkids about their great escape! This is why the title of this story is "My Lucky 20 Yards."

Those 20 yards saved me from being a POW. So, some snap decisions are the best ones after all.

Fielding R. Magness, P.O. Box 436, Plainfield, OH 43836

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

Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions

194th Eng. Combat Bn.

Veterans and their wives got together recently for their fifth reunion. They plan to meet again this coming October in Laughlin, NV.

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194th Eng. Combat Bn. members at Laughlin, NV reunion (Front, L-R) Vern Rathbun (ID), Bob Sanford (RI), Bill Minter (UT), Chuck Conner (OK); (Back, L-R) Gerry McKinney (IA), Garold Dick (ID), Joe Chambers (CA), Bill Alexander (CA), Chuck Havey (AZ).



The ladies of 194th Eng. Combat Bn. (Seated, L-R) Jean McKinney, Lorraine Sanford, Mary Jane Stearns (Back, L-R) Shirley Havey, Ginger Huff, JoAnn Minter, June Rathbun. Attending, but not in photos, were Merle and Marilyn Wysock, George Gant, and Donna Salem.

538th Ordnance Co

Members held their 22-year reunion in Oklahoma City, OK, 14-16 Sept., 2009. They visited the 45th Oklahoma National Guard Division Museum, the Cowboy Hall of Fame, and the Oklahoma State History Museum. As always, the attendees had a great time. Their next reunion will be held in Burlington, VT in October 2010. The 538th Ordnance Co. served in Korea from 17 Sept. 1950 to 25 April 1955.

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Members of 538th Ordnance Co. at Oklahoma City reunion



538th Ordnance Co. members and guests at Oklahoma City

Members of 507th Sig Svc Co. (Opns)

William Rush and Dennis Ambrose, both members of 507th Sig Svc Co. (Opns), got together in Laughlin, NV, 5-9 October 2009.

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William Rush (L) and
Dennis Ambrose (R)
in Laughlin, NV



Keep on truckin

Dick Converse and Bill Lux, both veterans of the Army and the Korean War, got together at Lux' home in the summer of 2009. They were both truck drivers in Korea in 1952-53, hauling troops, ammunition, and supplies to the front lines.

Both men are KWVA members. Converse is a charter member of Northwest Ohio Chapter 131.

Reach them at their respective addresses: Richard Converse, 17279 N Dixie Hwy., Bowling Green, OH 43402-9247, (419) 352-5820, and William E. Lux, P. O. Box 167, Tonganoxie, KS 66086-0167, (913) 845-2894

The value of mini-reunions

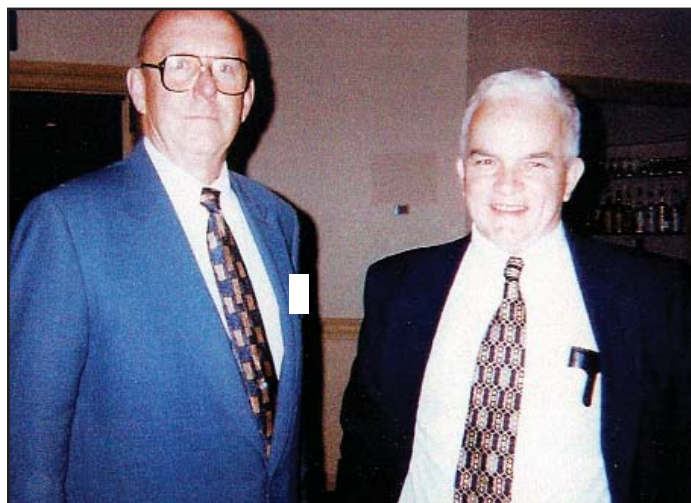
Michael P. Keenan, Sr. reported the death of a Korean War Marine who was instrumental in acquiring a posthumous Navy Cross for his brother, Joe, a Hospital Corpsman who was killed in action at Reno while serving with Fox Company, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines (F/2/5), 1st Marine Division. The deceased Marine's name was Jim Graham, of Overland Park, KS, who died on 9 March 2010.

After the war, Graham began searching for members of his unit who served during the Korean War. Ultimately, he formed a reunion group called F/2/5 1950-53, whose members now number approximately 170.

As Keenan noted, veterans returning from Korea faced an indifferent society. They were neither condemned nor acknowledged for their service in "The Forgotten War." Due to Graham's efforts, the members of F/2/5 who attend the reunions renew old acquaintances, make new friends, and realize that those nightmares and memories that torment them are shared by others.

As is true with other Korean War veterans who get together with their war buddies, they begin a healing process that leaves them with a new sense of pride in themselves, their unit, and their country.

Keenan noted that in his case an incident at a reunion in 1997 led to the award of the "Navy Cross" to his brother. "These things would not have happened if it wasn't for Jim Graham," he said.



Mike Keenan (R) and Jim Graham (L) get together

Any number of people like Jim Graham have made it possible for old comrades to get together at mini-reunions—and demonstrate how productive and valuable these gatherings can be.

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Ethiopia – Kagnev Veterans Share Memories of



Lt. Solomon Mokria conducts training for Ethiopian troops in Korea, May 1951. (State Dept. photo)

By Rick Scavetta (U.S. Army Africa)

As Yilma Belachew gazed upon memorial stones honoring fallen Ethiopian comrades, his memories drifted back to bodies rolling down a hillside in Korea, where he fought alongside U.S. Soldiers. Belachew, then a 20-year-old captain with the Kagnev Battalion, was among United Nations troops who fought communist forces on the Korean peninsula. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the start of that conflict.

"We went with Americans to the front line and fought together," Belachew said. "From that, we helped a great nation, Korea, to survive."

Minutes earlier, Belachew welcomed U.S. Army Africa officers to the Ethiopians' Korea War Veterans Association museum and memorial, tucked within a park in Addis

Ababa, the Ethiopian capital. It was the first time he'd seen U.S. troops in six decades.

At 79, Belachew's eyesight is failing, yet his memories are sharp. He pointed to a large battle map on the museum wall as he told his story. "I can see all the events in Korea," Belachew said. "I see everything clearly."

In June 1950, when the Korean War began, the U.N. built a coalition to fight against communist North Korean and Chinese forces. Haile Selassie, then emperor of Ethiopia, formed the Kagnev Battalions from his personal bodyguards, Belachew said. During the war, three Kagnev battalions served in Korea. Another arrived following the cessation of hostilities.

Ethiopian troops sailed from Djibouti, training shipboard during the three-week journey. At Pusan, they were attached to the U.S. 7th Infantry, working with the 32nd Infantry Regiment. Then they marched into combat, fighting alongside American Soldiers, Belachew said.

"When we were in the frontline. I admired the American Army. They were very good Soldiers," Belachew said. "When they fight, they fight. When they enjoy, they enjoy. I liked that."

Belachew fondly remembers patrols when U.S. Soldiers brought dogs along. Other times, he and his fellow Ethiopians relied upon U.S. tactics during operations, he said. "When you went on patrol, you depended on (U.S.) support for artillery and air support,"

Korean War



Ethiopian veterans of the Kagnew Battalion, who fought alongside the U.S. Army 7th Infantry Division during the Korean War, gathered at their memorial in Addis Ababa recently to meet with U.S. Army Africa officers from the Ethiopian Defense Command and Staff College (L-R) Cpl. Giarma Moia, 80; Lt. Tedesse Kerstos, 82; Maj. Letargachew Abebe, 82 and Capt. Selmare Mikele, 79. (Photo by Rick Scavetta, U.S. Army Africa)

Belachew said.

Embedded in Belachew's memories—weeks of fierce combat in late-1952, when U.N. forces came to death grips with the enemy on the steep slopes of Triangle Hill during Operation Showdown. "The longest fight I saw was Triangle Hill, almost a month we were fighting on that one, you could see bodies rolling down to the bottom," Belachew said. "A great fight was done there. We fought continuously day and night."

One day during battle, a battalion operations officer visited Belachew, who was commanding a 75-mm recoilless rifle team, to discuss division orders to muster an ambush patrol. A platoon leader fell ill and Belachew was asked to lead the Kagnew patrol into enemy territory, he said. "So, I took 14 men with me and fought. I was suc-

Ethiopia was the first nation in Africa to contribute a complete unit of ground troops to the UN Korean command. Three Ethiopian gunners from Addis Ababa preparing to fire a 75mm recoilless rifle are (L-R) Cpl. Alema Welde, Cpl. Chanllo Bala and Sgt. Maj. Bogale Weldeynse. (State Dept. photo)



cessful,” Belachew said. “I met the Chinese and fought them without any of my Soldiers wounded. We brought one body with weapons back to our front line.”

In 1952, 21-year-old Melesse Tessema shipped out for a year-long combat tour in Korea. Six decades have passed and the names of Americans that Tessema served with are lost. But memories of comradeship remain.

“The American battalion was very brave,” Tessema said. “I admired them.”

During the fighting, 122 Ethiopian troops were killed, 526 were wounded, said Tessema, who now serves as chairman of the Ethiopian Korean War Veterans Association. “We knew there was going to be sacrifice. But this sacrifice was not for nothing. It was for peace and liberty,” Tessema said. “My friends, they gave their lives for history and for the freedom of human beings.”

Over the years, Tessema visited the States several times, where he has met U.S. veterans of Korea. Like many aging veterans of conflicts past, Tessema worries that the sacrifices his comrades made for liberty will be

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forgotten if the stories of their bravery are not brought into modern times.

“In America, young people are going to forget the Korean War, the same here in Ethiopia also,” Tessema said. “That’s why our association is established, to pass our story on to (the) next generation.”

Ethiopia’s contributions during the Korean War did not go unnoticed at the time. In December 1952, when then President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower visited troops in Korea, an Ethiopian honor guard greeted him, Belachew said, recalling a *Newsweek* article printed later that described the Kagnew Battalion’s parade at goose-step march. He also remembers a report in the *Stars and Stripes* newspaper.

In 1953, as U.N. and communist forces negotiated a cease fire, Ethiopian troops fought alongside U.S. troops during the battle for Pork Chop Hill, fighting later depicted in a 1959 film starring Gregory Peck.

Ethiopian soldiers serving in Korea among Western powers clung to words Haile Selassie uttered in 1936 to the League of Nations, appealing for support against a fascist invasion, “It is us today, it will be you tomorrow.” They served knowing that only coalitions supporting ideals of freedom and liberty could free oppressed countries, an idea that Belachew still holds dear.

“Korea was almost turned to ash at that time,” Belachew said. “We can see now, by sacrifice of Koreans and soldiers from 16 nations that Korea exists.”



Kagnew veterans share memories of Korean War. (Photo Credit: U.S. Army)



Lt. Col. Randy Torno and his fellow American instructors/mentors at the Ethiopian Defense Command and Staff College listened to the veterans' stories. The meeting began a friendship that will continue to grow, and Torno and his peers hope to offer vintage Korean War-era artifacts to the veterans to help them share their experiences with others.

Torno explained to the Ethiopian veterans that USARAF will continue to cultivate its partnership with the Ethiopian military, carried out in the spirit of the longstanding cooperation between Ethiopian and U.S. Soldiers.

"It's an honor to meet the men who fought alongside our Soldiers in Korea," Torno said. "Our discussions with the Korean War veterans will directly apply to the strategic coursework in the classroom." Tessema, now 77, is glad to see a new friendship building with the American instructors, he said.

"When I see the faces of Americans, I feel them like they are members of my family," Tessema said. "For me, the presence of Americans here gives me happiness."



Col. Melesse Tessema, an Ethiopian veteran of the Korean War. (Photo by Rick Scavetta, U.S. Army Africa)

Through mentoring, the American officers are able to help their Ethiopian counterparts better understand modern military strategy, which might save lives and money, Belachew said.

"I'm glad that Americans have come to our country," Belachew said. "I hope they will do a lot and they can build another part of history."

Source: <http://www.army.mil/-news/2010/01/27/33578-ethiopia—kagnew-veterans-share-memories-of-korean-war/index.html>

Col. Melesse Tessema, an Ethiopian veteran of the Korean War, shares his experiences with U.S. Army instructors from the Ethiopian Defense Command and Staff College. (Photo by Rick Scavetta, U.S. Army Africa)

I Didn't Cry Till I Got Home

■ One Vet's Experience At The Korean War Memorial Dedication



Allies once more, we swung down Constitution Boulevard

By Charles A. Stepan

A white hot searing sun burned down on the magnificent nineteen. They stood there, bronzed, silver-coated, seven-and-a-half feet tall, in ponchos. I knew them all, and so did the rest of us thousands of Korean vets. Proud, tears welling in our eyes, we streamed by this - our memorial.

We knew them - knew them by their

faces, their wary stances, legs astride, looking back and side to side, arms poised and ready.

We knew them because they were us. We, too, were there and we knew this Memorial was right, was ours, and was majestically perfect. Most of all we knew what those bronzed guys were thinking: "Where's the stuff coming from next?"



"We knew them by their faces...their wary stances..."

Even the inscription on the memorial was right: "Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a county they did not know and a people they had never met. Korea, 1950-1953."

Three years - three years and over one million dead. Nearly 34,000 Americans killed in action; nearly 3,000 more dying in captivity; 8,000 missing in action; 103,000 wounded. In Korea your chances of being killed or wounded were one in nine; in World War 2, one in thirteen; in Vietnam, one in nineteen.

Korea was a meat grinder. It was snow and cold, heat and mountains, endless Chinese and North Koreans, boxed rations, piss tubes, trenches, bunkers, small arms fire, mortars and deadly nights.

Officers were in short supply. The military academies graduating classes were decimated. NCOs ran platoons, 2nd Lieutenants, companies, and Captains, battalions. It was wire, mines and body bags, and young boys became men in weeks. And there was the stench that only those who were there in those days can describe.

So, here we were at last, 45 years later at "our" memorial. Fifteen other nations had sent combat troops to Korea. They, too, had received no recognition in those 45 years. But, they came here to Washington for this, the Anzacs, the Swedes, the Turks, the Ethiopians, Canadians, Englishmen - allies



We loved the Memorial the moment we saw it



They stood there, bronzed, silver coated, in ponchos.

from all over, once more shoulder to shoulder; proud of where they'd been and what they'd done. This was their Memorial, too.

Minutes before the barriers came down, President Clinton had walked through the memorial grounds, interested, impressed - but what it meant to him was far different than what it meant to us. We were proud to be there together.

South Korean vets carried banners proclaiming, "We shall never forget." The Commonwealth contingent, besides their bagpipes brought with them a "proper" Sergeant Major. We had it all. Best of all, we had each other one more time.

We were the survivors. We were fat now, some of us, and lame, old, and short of breath, but I think we each lost thirty years that day. Chests swelled, eyes welled with tears, rows of Purple Hearts, Brave men all, and in amongst us even braver men wearing the blue and stars of the Medal of Honor at their throats. Oh, what a proud bunch we were. And, when the sun went down that evening our hearts were full.

The next morning the relentless sun again found us back at "The Mall," shoulder to shoulder, to stand our last muster before the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Those fine gentlemen, one by one, extolled our deeds and virtues with fine, kind, words, most of which we smiled at and appreciated, but discounted, knowing that the speakers were not really a part of us.

We even got a slight boot in the rear when the Air Force Chief—with no malicious intent, I'm sure—related that he (this four-star general) had not fought in Korea, but his

father had. But wait, here was General Krulak of the Marine Corps. His father was one of us, a regimental commander in Korea. This general looked like a hunk of granite, every inch a Marine. And what he did then endeared us to him. He grabbed the microphone and shouted: "MARINES!"

The roar that followed made each of us "doggies" there that morning wish maybe just a little bit that we, too, were Marines. Once more the eyes welled up behind the thousands of sun glasses as the general gave us our due in words we felt came from his heart.

To their credit this fine group of high ranking officers abandoned their formal "trooping the line" and got down among us, hands extended. Once again, though, General Krulak stole the show and our hearts

as he took off his hat to us and tossed it into the crowd. It doesn't sound like much of a gesture now, but you had to be there. It was a fine, meaningful and thoughtful moment that we all appreciated.

And then it was Saturday and time for our Grand Parade down Constitution Avenue—our last time together. We did ourselves proud. We marched like the young men we had been 45 years before. We sang out in line, in step, counting and singing cadence. The dogface infantry, the Marines, the Anzacs, the Britons, Australians, Canadians, Ethiopians, Turks, South Koreans - our allies then and our buddies now.

All good things come to an end, though, and when this was over, the back slapping, the hugging and handshaking, we still had our Memorial, and we all visited it one more time.

Not once in those emotion-filled days did I hear one critical word about the memorial. We loved it the moment we saw it—we were in awe of it. Frank Gaylord, the sculptor, should be proud of his work; we all were.

We looked one last time thinking, in light of the statistics. Two of those magnificent nineteen would not have made it.

Then it was home once again. When the tiny air-link commuter deposited me on the home runway my wife was there to meet me.

She asked, "How was it?"

I couldn't speak. I didn't cry until I got home.

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The Chiefs of Staff at the Muster

Withrow High School Korean War Memorial

By Earl Tutt Lambert

Following a visit to the Alumni Office at Withrow University High School in Cincinnati, my wife and I discovered an elaborate plaque dedicated to former Withrow students who made the ultimate sacrifice during WWII. However, a brief examination of the archives failed to locate any memorial for those who died during the Korean War, Vietnam, Desert Storm, or Iraq.

We decided to locate and honor all former Withrow students who died in Korea while serving their country. One such soldier, classmate, and friend was William Richard Vance, Class of 1950. A visit to the Cincinnati library was made in order to research old Cincinnati newspapers for additional information on Corporal Vance. Three Cincinnati newspapers carried a brief story of his death.

It was apparent that additional research would be required to detail the circumstances of his death. We searched one Korean War website which listed the death date for Corporal Vance. Further, we learned that he received posthumously the Silver Star and the Bronze Star for valor while fighting the enemy. Few, if any, of Dick Vance's classmates are aware of his heroics and we believed an effort should be made to preserve his memory.

We contacted the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis for information about Dick's citations. The actual written circumstances of the Silver Star award (posthumously) were mailed to us. The details are found on page 57.

Further, we decided to honor all former Withrow men who died during the Korean War of 1950-53. Next, Jack Cover performed a records check in the Alumni Office and cross-referenced the findings to a listing of all Hamilton County, Ohio KIAs. Seven former Withrow students were identified.

In order to supplement a search for additional Withrow students who died in Korea, project members designed and distributed a special color brochure seeking help in locating others. Several of these brochures were made available at the monthly "Men of Withrow" luncheon held at Maketewah Country Club. It was here that Ike Misali, Class of 1950, stepped forward and made a generous \$1,000 contribution for the Korean Memorial Plaque.

There were several hundred dollars left in a fund for others to commemorate those lost in Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The completed plaque has been presented to Withrow High School and is mounted under glass, along with the WWII memorial plaque, in a high student traffic area. The following information is engraved on individual silver plates:

Looking for "Heroes" at Withrow High



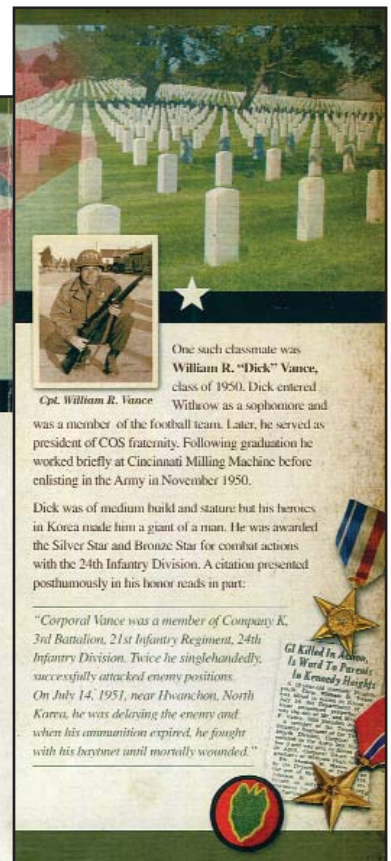
Our nation
honors her sons
and daughters
who answered
the call to defend a
country they never
knew and a people
they never met.



We are in the process
of establishing a memorial
to those Withrow students
who made the ultimate sacrifice
during the Korean War.

It is our goal to place all names on a
permanent memorial that will be
presented to Withrow High School
to honor our fallen classmates.

Please help us identify those former students
by contacting **Tutt Lambert** at (513)683-0027
or email elumbert1@cinci.rr.com



Cpl. William R. Vance

One such classmate was
William R. "Dick" Vance,
class of 1950. Dick entered
Withrow as a sophomore and
was a member of the football team. Later, he served as
president of COS fraternity. Following graduation he
worked briefly at Cincinnati Milling Machine before
enlisting in the Army in November 1950.

Dick was of medium build and stature but his heroics
in Korea made him a giant of a man. He was awarded
the Silver Star and Bronze Star for combat actions
with the 24th Infantry Division. A citation presented
posthumously in his honor reads in part:

"Corporal Vance was a member of Company K,
3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th
Infantry Division. Twice he singlehandedly,
successfully attacked enemy positions.
On July 14, 1951, near Hwanchon, North
Korea, he was delaying the enemy and
when his ammunition expired, he fought
with his bayonet until mortally wounded."

GI Killed In Action
Is Word To Parents
In Kennedy Heights



1. 1st Lt. William E. Stevens, '44. Member of 674th Field Artillery Bn., 187th RCT (Airborne). KIA in N. Korea 1 June, 1951.
2. Pvt. Thomas D. Eveslage, '49. Member of 38th Inf. Reg't, 2nd Inf. Div. KIA in N. Korea on 22 March, 1953.
3. Sgt. George E. Wehage, '47. Member of 9th Inf. Reg't, 2nd Inf. Div. KIA at Heartbreak Ridge, N. Korea on 26 September, 1951.
4. Cpl. Robert L. Fitzwater, '48. Member of 8th Cavalry Div. (Med Co) 1st Cav. Div. KIA 25 July, 1950 while attending wounded comrades, S. Korea.
5. 1st Lt. Gerald Thomas Robbins, '45. Member of 503rd Field Artillery Bn, 2nd Inf. Div. KIA near Kunu-ri, N. Korea 1 Dec., 1950.
6. Pfc. Walter Carl Feder, '44. Member of 38th Reg't, 2nd Inf. Div. Died as POW 10 Oct, 1951. Captured 18 May 1951 in S. Korea.
7. Cpl. William Richard Vance, '50. Member of 21st Inf, Reg, 24th Inf Div, Co K, KIA Hwachon, N. Korea on 14 July, 1951. Awarded Silver Star, Bronze Star when he singlehandedly, successfully attacked enemy positions. Fought delaying action when ammo expired. Fought with bayonet until mortally wounded.

The following is the Silver Star citation awarded to Cpl Vance:

"Cpl. William R. Vance, RA 15 432795, (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company K, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division distinguished himself by courageous action near Hwachon, Korea on 13-14 July 1951. His company was attacking enemy positions on Hill 682 when it was suddenly pinned down by blasts from enemy grenades and dynamite charges. Completely disregarding the intense explosions, Corporal Vance charged up the hill to knock out an enemy position, shooting one soldier and bayoneting the other. The enemy soldiers were driven from the hill only temporarily and just before dawn the following day, launched a smashing counterattack. The encounter became extremely fierce and the friendly company was forced to withdraw. Corporal Vance was fighting in the rearguard action when his ammunition supply ran out. Courageously, he continued to battle against overwhelming odds with only his fixed bayonet until he was mortally wounded. Corporal Vance's indomitable courage reflects the highest credit on himself and the United States Infantry. Entered service from Cincinnati, Ohio."

In the above action, 10 US Infantry men were killed and 60 wounded.

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A Story of Patriotism

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because Memorial Day falls at an awkward time for us in our publication schedule, we are including a couple tributes to the holiday in this issue.

This is a true event as related to me by a friend of ours now serving at the Pentagon. But, this story has happened MANY times at different bases to many people in slightly different ways.

It was raining "cats and dogs" and I was late for physical training. Traffic was backed up at Fort Campbell, KY, and was moving way too slowly. I was probably going to be late and I was growing more and more impatient.

The pace slowed almost to a standstill and I got more impatient as I passed Memorial Grove, the site built to honor the soldiers who died in the Gander air plane crash, the worst redeployment accident in the history of the 101st Airborne Division {Air Assault}.

Because it was close to Memorial Day, a small American flag had been placed in the ground next to each soldier's memorial plaque. My concern at the time, however, was getting past the bottleneck, getting out of the rain, and getting to PT on time. All of a sudden, unfortunately, just as the traffic was getting started again, the car in front of me stopped. A soldier, a private of course, jumped out in the pouring rain and ran over toward the grove.

I couldn't believe it! This knucklehead was holding up everyone for who knows what kind of prank. Horns were honking. I couldn't wait to see the butt-chewing that he was going to get for making me late.

He was getting soaked to the skin. His BDUs were plastered to his frame. I watched as he ran up to one of the memorial plaques, picked up the small American flag that had fallen to the ground in the wind and the rain, and set it up right again. Then, slowly, he came to attention, saluted, ran back to his car and drove off.

I'll never forget that incident. That soldier, whose name I will never know, taught me more about duty, honor, and respect than a hundred books or thousand lectures.

That simple salute—that single act of honoring his fallen brother and his flag—encapsulates all the Army values in one gesture for me. It said, "I will never forget, will keep the faith. I will finish the mission. I am an American soldier."

I thank God for examples like this. And every day I will remember all those who paid the ultimate price for my freedom, and one private, soaked to the skin, who honored them.

End of story.

Leroy Rogers

Visit the Korean War Veterans Association Website:

www.KWVA.org

Come to Washington, D.C. to Commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Korean War

Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. & Gathering ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET REGISTRATION FORM July 24 -28, 2010

You are cordially invited to participate in the upcoming Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. and Gathering Annual Meeting & Banquet. This letter provides instructions on how to register for the event and reserve your hotel room.

This year's KWVA Annual Membership Meeting, Gathering and Banquet will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, located at 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA. The meeting and banquet promises to be very special as we commemorate the 60th anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

Room rates at the Double Tree Hotel are \$99.00 per night. To make hotel reservations please call 703-416-4100 or make your reservations on line at: http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/DCAAE-DT-KWV-20100723/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

When making your reservations use the code: **KWV. Please make your hotel reservation by July 1, 2010.**

When registering for the annual meeting and banquet please fill out and mail the attached registration form along with your payment. **Registration Deadline is July 1, 2010.**

After this date, reservations may be accepted on a space available basis. All onsite registrants will be charged a \$15.00 processing fee. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Michele Provost at mprovost@hrmgrou.net. or by phone (703)-234-1715.

Agenda

Saturday, July 24, 2010

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Registration
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception

Sunday, July 25, 2010

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Memorial Service
10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	KWVA Board Meeting
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Luncheon Buffet
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	KWVA Membership Meeting
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Ladies Tour: Botanical Gardens

Monday, July 26, 2010

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Registration/Information Desk
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Tour of the United States Marine Corps Museum
10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Hospitality Room
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Informal Dinner
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Military Band Concert—TBD

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Registration /Information & Hospitality Room
9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Depart Hotel for Korean War Veterans Memorial
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Ceremony at Korean War Veterans Memorial
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Boxed Lunch
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Arlington National Cemetery Wreath Laying
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	KWVA Reception
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	KWVA Banquet

Come to Washington, D.C. to Commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Korean War

PLEASE PRINT

First: _____ Last: _____ KWVA Member #: _____

Spouse/Guest Names: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

KWVA Chapter #: _____ Years in Korean Service: _____ POW: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Disability/Dietary Restrictions: _____
(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Registration

	Price Per Person	# of People	Total
Registration Fee	\$20.00	_____	\$ _____

Meals

Sunday, July 25th: Buffet Lunch	\$40.00	_____	\$ _____
Monday, July 26th: Informal Dinner	\$40.00	_____	\$ _____
Tuesday, July 27th: Memorial & ANC Box Lunch	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
Tuesday, July 27th: KWVA Banquet	\$30.00	_____	\$ _____

Tours & Activities

Sunday, July 25th: Tour of the Botanical Gardens	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
Monday, July 26th: Tour of the USMC Museum (Lunch not included, Mess Hall Available)	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
Tuesday, July 27th: Transportation to Memorial & ANC	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
Total Amount Payable to: KWVA 2010			\$ _____

To register, please mail this completed form along with a check payable to: KWVA

KWVA

ATTN: HRM Group Inc.

2100 Reston Parkway, Suite 300

Reston, VA 20191

Once we receive your registration form and check, we will send a confirmation through email or by phone. Checks returned for insufficient funds will be charged a \$25.00 fee.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Michele Provost at mprovost@hrmgroup.net. or by phone (703)-234-1715.



Recon Missions

Troop plane lost at sea?

I have been wondering if anyone recalls back in March 1957 a troop plane lost at sea between Wake Island and Japan.

There were three planes scheduled to leave from Ft. Ord, California. I was on the first one to leave. But, one engine caught fire as we started over the ocean. We turned back and had the engine overhauled that night. We left the next morning ahead of the two other planes at two-hour intervals.


We arrived in Japan and waited for the other two planes to arrive. Only one did: the third plane was lost.

I had taken basic training with most of the fellows who were on that lost plane. We were all to go to Korea. Maybe someone remembers this incident. I would like to see this story in *The Graybeards* if possible.

Earl Ferguson, P. O. Box 495, Fayette,
OH 43521, (419) 237-2462

Fernando L. Arriola

My brother, Cpl Fernando L. Arriola, was a member of Co. A, 1st Bn., 32nd Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div. He was listed as Missing in Action 2 December 1950, while fighting the enemy at the Chosin Reservoir.



Fernando L. Arriola

El Paso, Texas

Born June 18, 1931

Corporal, U.S. Army
Service Number 18254322
Missing in Action - Presumed Dead
Died December 2, 1950 in Korea

Corporal Arriola was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was listed as Missing in Action while fighting the enemy in North Korea on December 2, 1950. He was presumed dead on December 31, 1953. His name is inscribed on the Courts of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial. Corporal Arriola was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

If anyone remembers Fernando, the events surrounding his death, his service in the Army, etc., please contact me.

Benjamin Arriola, 4432 Eleanor Way,
El Paso, TX 79922, (915) 584-4605

R. Condon

My Marine husband was a veteran of WWII, and he survived Iwo Jima, Korea, and Vietnam. When I was putting away his dress uniform, I found in a pocket a set of "dog tags" with the name of R. Condon.

I would like to locate the Condon family and give them the dog tags.

Please contact me if you have any information about R. Condon.

Irene Van Hook, 22625 W. Bluff Drive,
West Linn, OR 97068, (503) 305-8305

Eddie Rouse

My husband, Sgt. Louis P. Stepien, was a member of Co. A, 1st Bn., 179th Inf. Regt., 45th Inf. Div. He was wounded on June 26, 1952 by an enemy mortar round, near Sidamak, North Korea.

He would like to reconnect with a friend, Eddie Rouse, whose last known address was in the Detroit/Royal Oak, MI area. He could have been known as Edward or Ed.

Thanks for any help you can give.

Marion Stepien,
MarStepien@aol.com

Stars & Stripes

I never saw an issue of the *Stars And Stripes* while serving in Korea May to December 1953. I saved the July-August 2003 issue of *The Graybeards* because it had a cover of that paper showing the Monday July 27, 1953 issue.

Having been on the MLR 7/27/53 when the war ended, I was very interested in reading what that issue reported. I have tried several times to find that issue. I would like to read what it said on the inside pages. But I have had no luck.

I am wondering if anyone who reads the KOREA VETERANS *The Graybeards* has or knows where I could get a copy, or better yet, can mail or e-mail me a reduced readable copy.

Thanks for any help.

Jim Kelley, 2713 Harmony Dr.,
Bettendorf, IA 52722-3105,
(563) 355-6002, jimkel@q.com

Where was I?

In the Sept/Oct 2009 issue you answered a letter to my friend Al Ramirez' daughter, which stated where he served in Korea.

I do not remember precisely where I was geographically in Korea in the early part of 1953. I was with A Co., 31st Regt., 7th Div. at the time. Perhaps some of your readers can tell me exactly where we were at the time.

I know I was at Western O.P. at the end of the hostilities.

I would also like to establish contact with other members of my outfit who live in Puerto Rico. They can reach me at the address/phone # below.

Joseph A. Higuera, 140 W 21st Pl.,
Yuma, AZ 85364-6544, (928) 329-7534

Parts for Slide Projector

I have many slide pictures taken in Korea in 1952-53. It so

happens that some parts of my projector are broken, i.e., the 4" round glass and lamp bulb. Maybe someone who has such parts or knows where I can get them can send me replacements or information about where to get them. (I will pay for shipment.)

The projector is an Airquipt Super BA-77, Model C Slide Projector, 35mm.

Victor Imundo, 151 Shelter Rock Rd., Unit 100,
Danbury, CT 06810, (203) 743-6055

17th Infantry Bn. (Reserve)

I am searching for fellow members of Detroit's 17th Infantry Bn. (Reserve) activated for the Korean War.

William E. Alli, 2803 Baker Ln., Bowie MD 20715-2411, (301) 464-5664, billalli39@verizon.net

Who was in the Jeep with me?

I am looking for someone who was in "A" Co., 74th Combat Engineers, 1st Platoon. I have no records other than a DD-214 and my discharge. (My records were destroyed in the fire in 1973.) I would like to know how to get my records.

I'm also looking for someone who was with me on the way to the Iron Triangle when we were hit by a shell that rolled our jeep. The jeep driver was killed and the other three of us were sent to the hospital for about eight days.

I don't remember the dates, names of the other soldiers, or the hospital. If anyone can help with the facts, I will be grateful.

Leroy G. Neuenfeld, 1476 Pinon Ave.,
Anderson, CA 96007

Air Police 67th Tac.

The nearby picture is of Air Police, 67th Tac. Recon Wing, Kimpo. It was taken in Feb. 1952. I would like to hear from any of them.

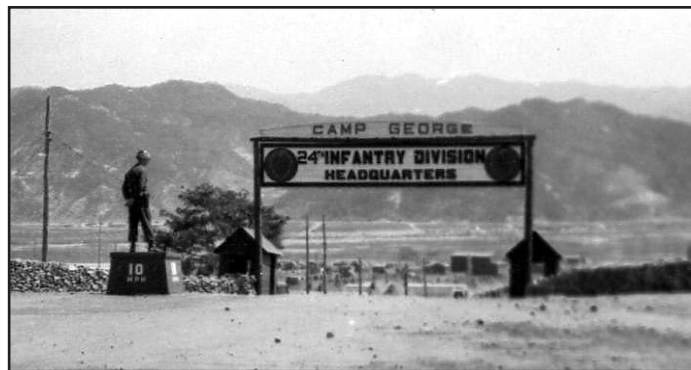
Joe Ryker, 5211 Eagle Dr., Fort Pierce, FL 34951-2372, (772) 66-6612, ConnieJoe@bellsouth.net



AP TROOPS AT KIMPO AIR BASE, KOREA
KOREAN WAR

Looking for contributions to a documentary

About a year ago, my mother sent me a package that had over 50 letters my Dad and his brother had written home to their Dad while they were serving during the Korean War. My father, Charley Miller, served in the Army at 724th Ordnance Battalion in the 24th Division. His younger brother David served in the



24th Inf. HQ, Camp George

Navy out of the 4th REG. (45 Battalion Co).

Unfortunately, both of them passed away while I was still very young. Although I knew they had served in the military, I knew little more than that. These communications, and the clear affection my father and his brother had not only for each other, but for the country they were serving, have inspired me to create a documentary film based on their letters.



SFC Charles L. Miller

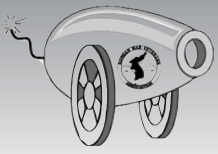
As I read these letters, I got reintroduced to my father, man to man. The letters themselves were great. Laughter, mixed with subtle concern, was present in each correspondence. Many had included photos, old military pay script and, of course, articles clipped out of "Stars and Stripes."

I was pleasantly surprised that although they were written almost 60 years ago, they were very contemporary and could have been written last week. I was also intrigued at how often they would write—sometimes every 2 or 3 days. Then, if they weren't able to write for a week or two, the next letter would open apologizing for not haven written sooner.

I realized that this war, unlike Vietnam and all future wars, was not televised each night and phone calls home had to have been pretty rare. I began to understand just how meaningful these letters were to both the GIs writing them and their families back home, and how important writing home must have been in keeping the men grounded.

The details in the letters, while intriguing, are unfamiliar. They range from complaining about Ordnance inspections by Chinese Nationalists and "Uncle Ziggy's" agitations to tales of R&R at the Gajoen Kanko (Guy-Joe-Inn) and bartering for Cokes with the Colombian battalions.

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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.

I know who won the Korean War

The Defense Department released a satellite photograph of the Korean Peninsula taken one night in 2001 that illustrates dramatically the adage that a picture is worth a thousand words. (See the picture at www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/dprk-dark.htm). In this photograph, from the 38th Parallel south, the country looks like an enlarged swath of the brightest part of the Milky Way: lights from coast to coast, shining like diamonds. North of the 38th Parallel..."blackness."

The south is a prosperous industrial, high-tech modern society (Hyundai, Daewoo, Kia), high-rise buildings, public schools, junior colleges, universities, graduate schools, and medical facilities. The population has doubled to over 40 million. Seoul alone has a population of over 11 million.

There are thousands of miles of paved highways, millions of cars, expressways between Seoul and Pusan...expressways that lead to every point on the southern peninsula. South Korea is one of only five countries in the world with bullet trains, to go along with its major airports. Four South Korean cities have extensive modern subway systems. No country in the history of the planet has ever come so far, so fast.

In 1988, over 13,000 athletes and over 300,000 tourists converged on South Korea from all over the world for the 24th Olympiad, a 16-day celebration. There was a new 100,000-seat stadium for the 1988 Olympic games and ceremonies.

Who of we "Graybeards" could have imagined 35 years earlier that the war-devastated capital city would so soon play host to such a world-class celebration?

Meanwhile, on the North Korean side of the 38th Parallel, there are famine, desperation, and darkness.

I think I know who won the Korean War.

Thomas Edward Moore, 20838 Gleneagles Links Dr.,
Estero, FL 33928

Regarding hot chow

Your short note in *The Graybeards* about hot chow reminded me of an incident in Korea.

We were stuck on the MLR for a couple months. When the weather wasn't too bad, a deuce-and-a-half would pick us up and take us to the 105 battery for a "hot one." The truck always arrived about noon.

One day the North Korean Army sent a few rounds into our midst. That ruined our lunch. One GI had a piece of shrapnel pierce the side of his helmet. It didn't appear to kill him. People took him to the aid station that way!

I always wondered why the North Koreans didn't attack at lunch time while we were there between December 1951 and January 1952. (I was with the 24 INF 26 AAA BN.) We had only half a crew and we were about a mile away. I'm glad they didn't. They fired just a few mortar rounds now and then when it got real cold—40°—and we stayed put.

I have one regret about that time. I didn't get to know the infantry guys living next to us in their bunkers. We had two tanker tents, but I only remember one. My pictures show two, though.

We had a gasoline heater that worked pretty well. But, about the time we got thawed out, it was our turn for guard duty.

I recall that for several days I could not get my boots off. They were frozen to my socks—or vice versa. The same was true for the rest of my squad. Today, I am paying the price for that. Most every morning my legs feel numb from the knees down, and it is getting hard to walk. My feet aren't always where they are supposed to be.

Fifty-three years later I learned that because I didn't go to the aid station and complain about frozen feet, I don't qualify for disability. I found out that me and my squad should have left our 1/2-track and infantry squad and taken a hike to the aid station. Does that make sense?

Marvin Reed, 2900 Right Hand Cyn Rd.,
Palomino Valley, NV 89510, (775) 475-0290

When is a veteran not a veteran?

We received this letter from a member who prefers that his name be withheld. In it, he asks a question that has perplexed veterans for many years. Is there really an answer?

Here is his letter:

I was going to graduate from high school in June of 1953. My dream had always been to join the Navy after graduation. At the time, I had one brother in the Army who was drafted near the end of WWII. He planned on making the Army his career, and he did so, completing 28 years of service.

I had another brother who got out of the Army. He had served in the Infantry in Korea, which made him a "real" Korean War veteran. In May of 1953, I went down to join the Navy so I could go in as soon as I graduated. But, the recruiter told me to go home and he would notify me when to come down at a later date. So, I went home and graduated in June 1953.

In May of 1954 I got a notice from the Navy that I could join, as they were accepting people. I did enlist. Because I joined in May of 1954, I am considered a Korean War vet, even though I have never

been to Korea or in the waters near Korea while in the Navy.

My point is this: I have a friend who served with me in the mid to late 1950s. He is very upset that he is not considered a veteran. I tell him all the time that he is as much a veteran as I am. We both raised our hands and swore true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and to defend the Constitution with our lives if need be. He enlisted in December 1955 and was honorably discharged in December 1958. He was what they called a "Kiddy Cruiser." I got out in May 1958, then went in the Reserves in 1973. I retired with pay in 1996, after getting a one-year waiver because of my age. I was 66 at the time.

Now, I get the same benefits as my brother, who put in 28 years of active duty, served 2 tours in Vietnam, and earned the Bronze Star. In the 26 years I served. I could have been put in harm's way and given my-life -for our country, just as my buddy did in the 1950s. That is why I say Jack is just as much a veteran as I am.

Do you agree?

Name withheld by request

Kamakura, not Yokohama

The caption of a picture of the Great Buddha on p. 63 of the Nov/Dec issue of *The Graybeards* says that the statue is in Yokohama. I doubt that there are two of them. The statue is actually located in Kamakura.

Edward Schlossman, 1225 Hendrix Ave.,
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Lots of "Bedcheck Charlies"

Check the insignia below of this forward radar squadron, DET. 2, 608 AC&W SQDN. It was stationed 120 miles north of the 38th Parallel and 2.5 miles off mainland Korea.

We controlled all the planes that flew over Mig Alley. We also had a lot of "Bedcheck Charlies."

Harold A. Beck, 54 Springwater Ln., Sequim, WA
98382, (360) 681-0335

Remembering the Perricone Quadruplets

There was a question in the Nov/Dec 2009 issue, p. 23, asking if anyone remembers the Perricone brothers. I do.

They were in the 73rd Tank Bn. As I recall, they were in H&S Co., 7th Inf. Div.

Larry Busini, 80 Rhoda Ave.,
North Babylon, NY 11703

Another benefit to the Korean War

As vets of the Korean war, yesterday, during the Winter Olympics, we received yet another bonus from our effort to save South Korea. I watched one of the most beautiful skating performances I have ever seen as Kim Yu-Na of South Korea thrilled the whole world and made a nation that we saved from tyranny proud and happy.

That is one more reason we can know that what we did was good.

Edward D. Pullen, 37th FA, 2nd Inf. Div.,
eddpullen@embarqmail.com

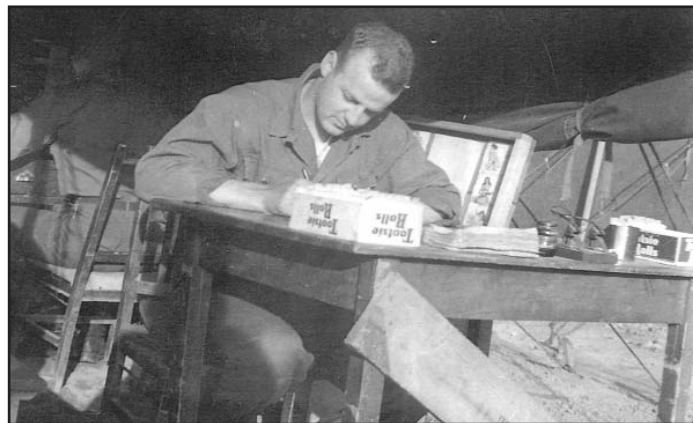
Tootsie Rolls and Filing Records

I read the January-February 2010 issue about the Tootsie Rolls

in Korea. What a significant part they played as a source of quick energy.

As I read the article, I thought about my husband, who was in the Korean War from Jan. 14, 1949 To Aug. 13, 1951. Vernon F. Goetz was in the 82nd AAA Aw Battalion (SP), 2nd Infantry Division Headquarters, United States Army.

Vernon used Tootsie Roll boxes for his filing records. I thought you would be interested to know that they had another use.



Vernon Goetz and his Tootsie Rolls files

My husband passed away May 7, 2002. Thank you for all of the information that your magazine offers.

Incidentally, I'm reading about Father Kapaun, who lived not too far from my home town of Hays, Kansas. We are planning a trip to Father Kapaun's church and town in April.

Eileen M. Goetz, 2710 Walnut St.,
Hays, KS 67601

Father Kapaun

I read the first installment of the Father Kapaun series, and was fascinated with it. Other people read the article and talked to me about it.

This is one of the best stories ever to be printed in your magazine. I am waiting patiently to read the next episode.

The unbelievable mercy acts of Father Kapaun are found only in fiction—but miraculously they actually happen in real life.

Incidentally, I was a member of the 48th Military Government Group in Chonju, Korea, 1948-49. I was discharged and drafted back into the Army. I spent 1952-54 with the 316th CIC in Ft. Jackson, SC.

Allan H. Brasseal, 2575 County Highway 68,
Brilliant, AL 35548

Mystery Photos

More on Paul Douglas and Jan Sterling

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter is in response to the "Mystery Photos" we included in the Jan/Feb 2010 issue, p. 29. Our "Mystery Photos" staff is mystified about the number of photos of Paul Douglas and Jan Sterling which KWVA members seem to have. Why do so many exist? Were they in Korea more often than other performers? Were they more approachable? Were they

more photogenic? Were they willing to go places other performers would not go? Please send your thoughts on these questions and other USO performers to "Mystery Photo" Editor, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.

I have some thoughts regarding the "Mystery Photos" shown in the Jan/Feb issue. In that one group photo it is definitely Paul Douglas. The gal next to him I believe is Jan Sterling, his wife.

The small bottom photo could be Jan Sterling as well. She was light haired or even blond.

Jan and Paul put on a show at my unit, the 76th Dump Truck Co., in the fall or early winter of 1952. I enjoy the memories.

Richard Pecha, 7055 119th St. North,
Seminole, FL 33772, (727) 397-6208,
(1st Lt. attached to 74th ECB, Kumwha Valley, 1952)



LEFT: Jan Sterling holding furry friend in Korea



BELOW: Paul Douglas and Jan Sterling look at each other quizzically at show in Korea



Jan Sterling with Korean houseboy, Buck-Too, in Korea



"Out of the west" to the Far East: Jan Sterling in Korea



Another mystery: who is Lt McIntyre to the right of Jan Sterling?

Piper Laurie

Re p. 29 of Jan/Feb 2010 issue...In the group photo in the upper left corner with Paul Douglas is Jan Sterling. The two photos on right side are of Piper Laurie, Universal star.

For the record, I served with the 45th Division in Korea from Dec. 1951 - Dec. 1952.

I corresponded with Piper Laurie while in Korea. Unfortunately, I did not get to see her when she was there.

Tom Wyatt, Pamsz28@aol.com

June Christy

The singer in the bottom right photo may be June Christy, who sang with the Stan Kenton Orchestra. She was also in Korea in 1951-53.

Arthur C. Anderson, 9th Field Artillery, 3rd Inf. Div.,
26 Sunrise Street, Plainview, NY 11803

Clearing up the mystery

Here's some of the info on the Mystery Photos in the January-February *Graybeards*.

Top left is actor Paul Douglas. The blonde beside Douglas is actress Jan Sterling, aka Mrs. Paul Douglas. They were in the 7th Infantry Division on a USO tour. I think that was late 1951 or early 1952.

The young lady in the two photos at the right is movie actress Piper Laurie, who performed in a USO show in April 1953. The young 7th Division PFC sharing coffee with her was one of her high school classmates before Korea.

According to fading notes on the back of a similar photo which I took at the time, they were "at 7th Division's sukoshie R&R center" at or near division HQ. (I was division assistant PIO at that time).

The small photo centered at the bottom of the layout is Jan Sterling.

Can't help with "Aladin's Castle." I left the Bayonet Division 26 June 1953, the day before the cease fire, and was sitting in the replacement depot at Inchon awaiting a ship home when all 18 copies of the truce documents finally got signed.

Joe Bryant, Branson West, MO, Harry S,
Truman Chapter 135, Branson-Hollister, MO,
newshoundjoe51@msn.com

RECON from page 61

The film will use the letters my Dad and his brother wrote as the cornerstone. I am hoping to add interviews with veterans to expand in detail on the common themes and stories that are found in those letters.

If anyone is interested in participating in this new project by sharing stories, photos or information, please email KoreanWarDoc@ca.rr.com or call (888) 900-3969.

Thank you.

Phil Miller, Philmworks Productions, 1255 Lodi Place,
Los Angeles, CA 90038

What happened to this farm boy from Iowa?

I am looking for a man who was in my platoon in Korea. I can't remember his name. Our outfit was M Co., 3rd Bn., 38th Inf., 2nd Div., mortar platoon. He was a farm boy from Iowa, sandy complexion, about 5' 9" with wavy hair. He was wounded Feb 11, 1951, when a bullet grazed him across his breastbone.

I don't know how he got out of there wounded. He came back to the platoon in May, 1951. Does anyone know him?

Doyle H. Parman (Sgt 1st Class),
25533 170th Rd., Grant City, MO 64456,
(660) 254-0334, cparmanimages@grantcity.net

Whatever O.V.M. was

I recently found these nearby photos, which I took in Korea. Two show our tanks undergoing an O.V.M. inspection. (I don't remember what O.V.M. stands for, but it was maintenance of some kind.) They were taken in January 1953 after the company had just come off the MLR in the Kumwha area.

A third was about a month after the six-month or so fighting ended in the Yonchon area in September 1953.

Robert L. Porvaznik, 3414 Thomas Street, Whitehall, PA 18052



Tank Co., 14th Inf. Regt., 25th Inf. Div. at O.V.M in January 1953 (L-R)
Rowe (CA), Caro (Philadelphia, PA), Mattonowski



A busy O.V.M. scene for Tank Co., 14th Inf. Regt., 25th Inf. Div. in January 1953



Tank Commander Robert Porvaznik in Yonchon area, September 1953

Reunion Calendar – 2010

Mail your info to Reunion Editor, The Graybeards, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 or email it to sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net. Include Unit, Date(s), Place, and Contact's name, address, phone #, email address. Entries are posted "first come, first served." *The Graybeards* is not responsible for the accuracy of the information published.

MAY

25th Infantry Division 1950-1954 Band, 4-6 May, Grand Resort Hotel, Pigeon Forge, TN. POC: Fred Himelwright, 705 Ridgefields Road, Kingsport, TN 37660, (423) 247-4705, himelwright-1@juno.com Mail

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

8th Cav Regimental Assoc., 12-16 May, North Canton, OH, Holiday Inn, (330) 494-2770. POC: 1st Cav Div Assoc., 302 N. Main Street, Cappenas Cove, TX 76522-1703 or (254) 547-6357

JUNE

1st Cavalry, 2-6 June, Bloomington, MN. POC: 1st Cav Div Assoc., 302 N. Main Street, Cappenas Cove, TX 76522-1703 or (254) 547-6357

40th Inf. Div., 223rd Inf. Regt. (Korea), 23-26 June, Dayton, OH. POC Larry Kish, (419) 241-9446

Survivors of Outpost Harry, 3rd. Inf., (Korea), 10-13 June, San Diego, CA. POC: Doug Jones, (360) 466-1945, karkelko@wavecable.com

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:

Coast Guard

USS Monticello – AP-61
Gen. M.C. Meigs – AP-116
Gen. W.R. Gordon – AP-117
Gen. J.P. Richardson – AP-118
Gen. William Weigel – AP-119
Gen. H.F. Hodges – AP-144
Gen. A.W. Greely – AP-141
Gen. A.W. Brewster – AP-155
Adm. W.L. Capps – AP-121
Adm. E. E. Eberle – AP-123
Adm. C.F. Hughes – AP-124

Adm. H.T. Mayo – AP-125

Navy

USS Lejeune – AP-74
Pres. Monroe – AP-104
Gen. William Mitchell – AP-114
Gen. George M. Randall – AP-115
Gen. M.B. Stewart – AP-140
Gen. Harry Taylor – AP-145
Gen. W.F. Hase – AP-146
Gen. J.C. Breckinridge – AP-176
Adm. W.S. Benson – AP-120
USS Golden City – AP-169

Commemoration Ceremony of the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War, 26 June, 10 a.m., at the Oregon Korean War Memorial, Wilsonville Town Center Park, 29600 Southwest Park Pl., Wilsonville, OR 97070. POC: Donald Cohen, dnldcoh6@aol.com, or Rudolph W. ("Red") Tietz, (503) 655-7812.

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

51st Signal Bn. Alumni, 7-10 July, Fort Lewis/Tacoma, WA. POC: Tommy Thompson, 4129 Fairway Dr., Granbury, TX 76049, (817) 326-4773, boyd@itexas.net, Website: www2.itexas.net/tom/

Korean Military Advisory Group (KMAG), U.S. Army, 9-11 July, Nashville, TN. POC: Dale Griffith, 1418 N. 76th St., Omaha, NE, 68114, dalegpanthers@aol.com

AUGUST

Third Marine Division Assn., 4-8 Aug., Charleston, SC, Sheraton North Charleston Hotel. POC: Jeffrey Dement, 23830 W. Ottawa St., Plainfield, IL 60544, (815) 436-3783 (Home), (815) 354-4555 (Cell), jeffdement@aol.com, or www.caltrap.com

"Tandy's Dandies 32nd Const. Eng. Grp." (Includes 430th - 434th - 439th

-453rd Bns. & 304th -306th Eng Dump Trk Cos.), 13-15 Aug., Abilene, KS. POC: Don Henry, 259 S. Rd., Goff, KS 66428, (785) 866-5321, dade@jntelco.com

31st Infantry Regiment, 19-22 Aug., Reno, NV, Atlantis Casino Resort Spa. POC: Tim Miller, (775) 265-3289, timsppic@hotmail.com

90th FA Bn. Assn., 25th Inf. Div., 22-25 Aug., Pittsburgh, PA. Pittsburgh Airport Marriott Hotel, 800 328-9297 Group Code: ARBARBA. POC: Ray Haski, (724) 727-3132

USS Rendova (CVE-114), 26-29 Aug., Colorado Springs, CO. POC: Bill Evans (704) 651-3535, rendova114@aol.com. All Ship's Company, Air Squadrons and their families are welcome.

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U.S. rebuffs N. Korean offer on U.S. MIA remains search

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Fri, Jan 22 2010 WASHINGTON, Jan 28 (Reuters) - The United States on Thursday rebuffed a North Korean offer to reopen talks on finding U.S. soldiers missing since the Korean War, saying Pyongyang must first resume discussions on ending its nuclear ambitions.

Earlier, a spokesman for the U.S. Forces Korea said North Korea had met the U.N. Command on Wednesday in the Panmunjom truce village inside the Demilitarized Zone to discuss searching for remains of U.S. soldiers in North Korea.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the United States believed the North must first return to six-party talks among the two Koreas, China, Japan, Russia and the United States on its nuclear program.

North Korea, which has twice tested nuclear devices, has refused for the past year to return to the six-party talks under which it previously agreed to abandon its nuclear programs in exchange for diplomatic and economic incentives.

"Our foremost interest right now is to get North Korea back into the six-party process to address ... the obligations that they have previously committed to regarding denuclearization," Crowley told reporters.

Crowley said the United States had an interest in finding the remains of the roughly 8,100 U.S. servicemen not accounted for from the 1950-1953 Korean War and noted that the North has recently repeated its interest in pursuing a peace treaty.

"All of these things are possible, but first and foremost we need to see North Korea back in the six-party process," the spokesman said. "We think that's the right framework for any number of issues to be addressed."

The two Koreas remain technically at war since the Korean war ended with an armistice rather than a peace treaty and they and share one of the world's most militarized borders.

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), the U.S. unit charged with finding remains of war dead, sent 33 missions to North Korea from 1996 to 2005, leading to the identification of more than 20 sets of remains, U.S. military officials said.

The United States in 2005 ended the recovery missions as tensions were rising in nuclear negotiations with North Korea . (Editing by Todd Eastham)

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We offer our deep gratitude to writer Roy Wenzl and Deputy Editor Shine for permission to reprint the articles.

This is Part II of our continuing series on Father Emil Kapaun. The Wichita Eagle (Kansas), December 7, 2009 Monday

Father Emil Kapaun: Through Death March, Father Kapaun perseveres and inspires;

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PART II

The Miracle of Father Kapaun

"Men find it easy to follow one who has endeared himself to them." -Father Emil Kapaun

Father Emil Kapaun was considered an unusual man even before the 8th Cavalry's 3rd Battalion was overrun at Unsan. Many devout Christians believe, for example, that they must overtly preach Christianity, but Kapaun by all accounts never lectured, never forced it. What he did instead was scrounge food for soldiers, write letters to their families, pass his tobacco pipe around for a few puffs, and run through machine gun fire, rescuing wounded. If he brought up religion in foxholes, he asked permission first: "Would you care to say a prayer with me?" He treated Protestants, Jews and atheists the same way he treated Catholics — and he treated Catholics like loved ones. Some GIs did not like some chaplains. They loved this one.

Survivors at Unsan broke out and fought south through the hills. Most were captured. Chinese soldiers stole their watches, rings, helmets and boots. Some of them thought this was the end, that they'd be shot now. The enemy in Korea frequently murdered prisoners. Sgt. Herb Miller, his ankle shredded and bleeding, rode away from slaughter on Kapaun's back.

Lt. Walt Mayo, who had saved Kapaun the first time he was captured at Unsan, escaped from the perimeter with his friend Phil Peterson, running across a road covered with dead Chinese. They were captured three days later. Mayo, who spent four months in a German prisoner of war camp in World War II, would spend 34 months in a camp more deadly.

Bob McGreevy, who had watched Kapaun bless men with the last rites, briefly escaped over a carpet of hundreds of dead Chinese in a stream bed, their limbs burned and twisted from napalm.

Lt. Ralph Nardella, a tough talking Italian from New Jersey, was captured before he got out of the perimeter. In six months, Nardella would risk his life to save Father Kapaun.

Kapaun carried Miller north, under guard with other prisoners. The Chinese let the priest keep his ciborium, the three inch-wide gold container for communion hosts.

Miller got a good look at him: wide-set gray eyes, a sharp nose, a cleft chin and thinning, sandy hair. The priest said he was from Kansas; Miller told him he was a farm kid from western New York.

The guards yelled at them if they talked, so they couldn't say much more. The Chinese herded them along, mostly without food, mostly at night, in a three-week trek in the cold that survivors later



Fr. Kapaun

called the Death March. At least, Kapaun told Miller, if they kept walking like this, they'd stay a little warmer.

Korean winters can be bitter cold, especially in the mountains; this would prove fatal to many. Along the way, shivering men who had not eaten in days began to refuse to carry wounded comrades, a move that meant death for the wounded.

Joe Ramirez, a soldier whom Kapaun had baptized literally on the invasion beach when the 8th Cavalry landed in Korea in July, was carrying wounded even though he had been hit five times himself.

He saw Kapaun begin to move up and down the line, "practically begging men to carry the wounded." Some did; others hid from officers and the priest.

Other streams of prisoners would join theirs; some of them, including Kapaun, would ride part of the way in captured trucks. But for part of the way, Miller rode on the priest's back, amazed that they were both still alive.

"You should put me down," Miller said. "You can't keep this up."

"We'll keep going," Kapaun said.

Sometimes Miller heard shots from the back of the column. He suddenly realized: The Chinese were shooting those who could not keep up.

On Nov. 4, 1950, while the 8th Cavalry was being overrun to the northeast, Lt. William Funchess of the 19th Infantry had one of those frustrating conversations that happened a lot at that time in Korea.

Funchess was staring from a hilltop at hundreds of soldiers stripping naked on the bank of the freezing Ch'ongch'on River. They carried clothes and rifles above their heads as they waded across. They marched four abreast in the direction of the battalion headquarters of Funchess' commanders.

Funchess had radioed a commander at headquarters to say the soldiers he saw were not dressed like North Koreans. "They are Chinese."

"You are mistaken," the commander said. "There are no Chinese in North Korea."

Not long afterward, Funchess heard gunfire coming from headquarters. A short time later, Funchess and Lt. Mike Dowe and the two platoons they commanded were fighting hundreds of Chinese.

In only a few weeks, they would become two of Kapaun's closest friends; they would try to save his life. But first they had to save each other.

Dowe and Funchess retreated at last, leading a dozen survivors, and saw soldiers in the distance. Dowe and Funchess told everybody to be quiet, but a GI cupped his hands.

"Don't shoot! We're GIs!"

But the soldiers were Chinese, and they sent bullets spattering against the rocks, knocking men down, tearing a hole through Funchess' right foot.

"You're not going to leave me here, Mike?" Funchess asked.

"No," Dowe said.

They tried to run up a small mountain-side, with Dowe dragging and carrying Funchess along.

They came face to face with a Chinese soldier firing a submachine gun, shredding scrub pine needles all around them. They shot back and kept going.

They made their way to a ravine, where they looked up at dozens of Chinese aiming rifles at them, a vision Funchess would see for decades in nightmares. They were captured.

The Chinese, herding them along, came across half a dozen wounded GIs. When they saw the GIs were too hurt to stand up, the Chinese rolled them over and shot them in the back of the head, one at a time, as Funchess watched.

They tied them up, binding Dowe with a loop around his neck that choked him if he moved. Dowe watched a Chinese soldier try to remove a ring from the finger of a wounded GI. When the ring stuck, the Chinese cut the finger off with a knife.

Another soldier put a pistol to Dowe's head and pulled the trigger. The pistol was empty; the Chinese soldier laughed.

Hours later, they crowded the Americans into a schoolhouse to rest. In the building were wounded from the 8th Cavalry. They told Dowe a heroic 8th Cavalry chaplain had saved many lives.

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Riding Kapaun's back, Miller felt guilty. He had never attended the priest's Masses in camp or on the battlefield, though he knew the guy was well liked. Miller had never met him until the priest stopped his execution.

Sometimes other people helped carry Miller, and the priest carried others, or urged men to carry stretchers, which they made from tree branches and rice sacks scrounged from nearby farms.

The branches would dig into the men's shoulders. Sometimes, when carriers would set the stretcher down to change positions, the Chinese would yell to move along, and the wounded soldier was left to die.

Kapaun one night rode in a captured American truck, buried under wounded GIs. He didn't move for fear he would hurt the wounded atop him. When the truck stopped and Kapaun got out, he collapsed, his legs stiff with cold. When he checked his feet he saw frostbite. He limped after that.

But when he found men refusing to pick up the wounded, he picked up stretcher poles himself. Men who had refused to do this for their officers did it when he asked.

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At the schoolhouse where Funchess and Dowe spent their first night as prisoners, Funchess shoved his compass and his pocket-sized copy of the New Testament into the sock of his undamaged left foot.

Dowe heard prisoners from the 8th Cavalry say that the reason so many of them were alive was that they'd been saved by a doctor named Anderson and a recklessly brave chaplain. Dowe heard the

8th Cavalry men say the priest's name. "KuhPAWN."

"Father KuhPAWN."

Funchess, Dowe and other prisoners from the 19th Infantry joined the long line of POWs that included Kapaun, Miller and the 8th Cavalry. Other streams of prisoners joined theirs; they were given little or no food, ate snow for water.

Funchess stumbled forward, the bones of his right foot mangled. Dowe had saved his life, but now, with men being carried in the rice-bag stretchers, Funchess rode that way for a while. After soldiers dropped him several times, he walked.

During the days that followed, Chinese soldiers noticed Funchess stumbling and motioned him to sit down. Funchess thought they wanted to shoot him, so he pretended not to understand.

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Kapaun kept moving up and down the line, limping, carrying stretchers, comforting men. Sometimes he would carry Miller.

When he got tired he would let Miller slide down his back, and Miller would hop on one foot with one of the priest's arms around him. Miller did not want to wear out the priest, but hopping made his ankle bleed badly, so Kapaun or somebody else would carry him some more.

Miller had parachuted into Normandy on D-Day six years before; he had fought many battles, but he had never seen anybody like this priest.

Miller could feel Kapaun's skinny back. There did not appear to be a lot of muscle there, but the guy seemed to be made of iron. He kept going hour after hour, living on nothing but the little ball of millet they got once a day from the guards.

"Father," Miller said. "You need to put me down."

Kapaun shook his head.

"If I put you down, Herb, they will shoot you."

Part 3 in the series: Father Emil Kapaun: In icy POW camps, Kapaun shares faith, provisions

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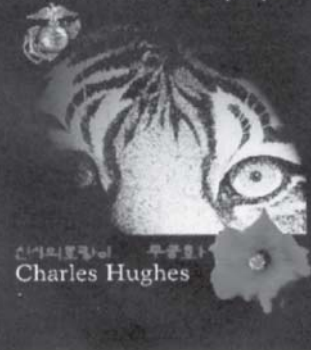
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Please Check One ☐ Medal of Honor ☐ Regular Member ☐ Regular Life Member ☐ Associate Member
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(Please Print)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle/Maiden Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Year of Birth: _____

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Chapter Number/Name (if applicable) # _____

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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: _____

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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.

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Prisoner of War.** Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
4. **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.
5. **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.

1. Must not be eligible for Regular membership.
2. 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.

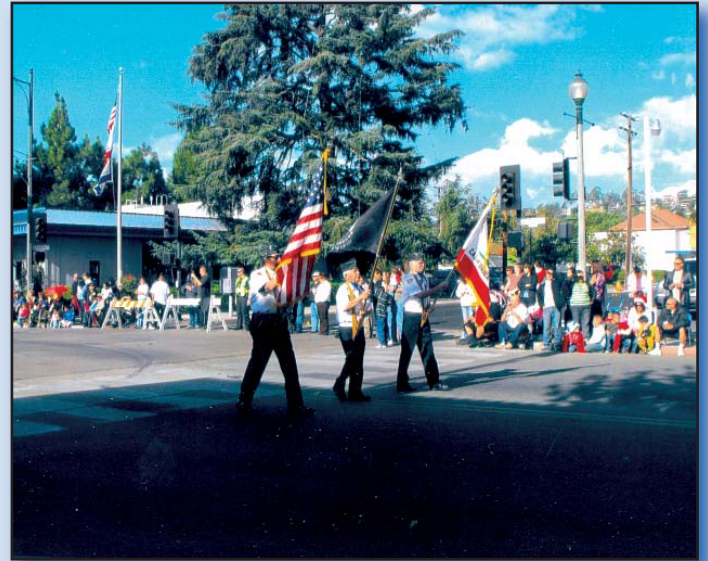
D. Ineligible. Any person who has been separated from the service of the Armed Forces of the United States under conditions other than honorable shall be ineligible for membership in this Association.

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.

56 - VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

Chapter members participated in the local 2009 Christmas Parade.
CID 56, 1121 New Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060



Members of Ch 56 in Christmas Parade

Riding in style in Christmas Parade are Ch 56 members Commander David Lopez, Vice Cdr. Mike Hidalgo, Martin Vasquez, and Manuel Mendoza



Marchers from Ch 56 in Christmas Day parade (L-R) Fred Tepesano, Henry Aguilar, Manuel Adame

A 1943 Jeep carries David Garcia, Everett Baca, and Manuel Salazar, members of Ch 56, along Christmas Parade route

42 - KOREAN WAR VETERANS [MD]

Members participated in the Gaithersburg, MD Labor Day parades. Reggie Kephart's fire engine accompanied the chapter's contingent.

Reggie Kephart, reg.mar@comcast.net



Reggie Kephart headlines Ch 142's contingent in the 3 Oct. 2009 at Gaithersburg, MD (Photo by Kevin Harriday)

Ch 142 members ride in style at the 2009 Gaithersburg, MD Labor Day Parade (Photo by Kevin Harriday)



209 - LAREDO 1950 [TX]

Our chapter participated in the annual George Washington International Parade in Laredo on January 2010. The parade was organized 113 years ago to honor the father of our country.

This month-long multicultural and patriotic event features many festivities, such as parades, elegant pageants, a Colonial Ball, a carnival, an air show, fireworks, live concerts, and many more activities. It is fun for everyone.

Pete Trevino, Historian, 3219 E. Lyon St., Laredo, TX 78043, (956) 723-6978



ABOVE: Master carpenters from Ch 209, Paulino Lucio (L) and Reynaldo Reyna (R) plying their trade before the George Washington International Parade

RIGHT: Skilled craftsmen from Ch 209 prepare for George Washington International Parade (L-R) Nico Nanez, Arnaldo Gutierrez, Hector Castaneda



Ch 209 members ride float at George Washington International Parade in Laredo (L-R) President Arnaldo Gutierrez, Jesus Gonzalez, Ernesto Sanchez, Hector Castaneda, Reynaldo Reyna, Eduardo Botello, Nicolas Nanez, Paulino Lucio, Salvador Sciaraffa, Antonio Martinez

BELOW: Ernesto Sanchez (L) and Jesus Gonzalez (R) of Ch 209 getting ready for the Laredo parade



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/ _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____ **Dates** _____

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** _____

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Background

The Korea Revisit program was begun by the Korean Veterans Association (KVA/ Seoul) in 1975, the 25th anniversary year of the outbreak of the Korean War, to express their gratitude to veterans of the War and to show them the bountiful 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 Commemoration's 2010 DATES

9-15 May ♦ 23-29 May ♦ 10-16 Sept.

26 Sept. - 2 Oct ♦ 12-18 Oct ♦ 8-14 November

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 veteran's airfare and 30% for the family member/companion.

What can you do to get registered? First, go to the KWVA web site at www.kwva.org and click on "Revisit Korea Tours". There is also an application form in each issue of *The Graybeards*, magazine of the KWVA.

Since KWVA has a policy of "First come, First served", you should register ASAP! If you don't have a computer, or do not get *The Graybeards*, call MHT at 800-722-9501 or 703-590-1295 in

Virginia. You can also go to the MHT website www.miltours.com.

The new November tour dates will coincide with the (MARFORK) Marine Forces Korea Birthday Ball and has become the Military event to attend, as all Combined Forces Command Korea, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines come out for this event. The 29th USMC Commandant, General Al Gray has been invited.

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.

Faternally,

Warren Wiedhahn

KWVA USA Revisit Coordinator

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