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# From the President

William Mac Swain

**O**n April 12 I joined with other KWVA members at our Washington, DC

Korean War Memorial while the Korean President, escorted by the United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, laid a wreath in remembrance of those who gave their all to help the people of Korea maintain their freedom. The President of the Republic of Korea made a speech to those assembled at the memorial praising our sacrifice to save his nation. I was also honored to say a few words to those dignitaries gathered there in response to the Korean President's words of gratitude.

I stated in my last message that I was disappointed in the fact that Congress has not yet supplied any funding for the 60th Commemoration Committee. We still have not received any indication that we will have a bill passed allotting funds. The Korean government has funded a visit for our members' grandchildren to Korea with a group of 25 in the later part of June and 25 in the first part of July.

We have received a total of 51 veterans who filled out our drawing ticket to allow their grandchildren to go. We then contacted all of those; some had decided to not send their grandchildren because of the recent problems encountered with the sudden sinking of the South Korean warship and the unrest over this event. We have also met the requirement for filling the revisits quotas given this year, with many revisit dates having to be closed due to the quotas being reached early.

By the time you receive this edition of *The Graybeards*, the "Little Angels" will have appeared in Washington, DC as a response to the 60th Commemorative tour they will be doing in the United States. Then, they will continue to Norfolk, VA, New York and Atlanta, GA. Our website will have the dates shown so our members in these areas can look for this event, which is to be free for all Korean War veterans. The Little Angels Website is: [www.kw60project.com/tour.html](http://www.kw60project.com/tour.html)

By now, the election results are known. I apologize for the initial problem we had with

the early ballots being returned to a few of our members who took the time to vote and did so before April 30. The ballots were returned to them because the Post Office Box number was wrong—and before the Election Committee realized that this problem existed.

The Postmaster was contacted in Tucson, AZ and agreed to accept those ballots and have them placed in the proper box after April 28th. I know that many members who voted were disappointed that their ballots were returned. Some of them sent their ballots to the Secretary, Election Committee Chairman, or to me, or called asking what they should do.

The ballots that were mailed to those mentioned above were mailed back with the correct Post Office Box number to the CPA.

Those who called were given the correct PO Box number. The Postmaster assured us that no ballots were destroyed. The cost and time to print and send out new ballots with the proper Post Office Box number on them by 1st class mail to meet the deadline date

was way too expensive.

I "Thank the Membership" for allowing me to represent the KWVA for the past two years. I assure you that this election problem will not happen again, no matter who is elected.

We hope that we see many of you at the Annual Membership Meeting in conjunction with 'The Gathering,' which may be the only 60th Commemorative function that many veterans will be able to attend this year. We are hoping for a large turnout and to make this affair very meaningful for a unique group of veterans.

In other news, the KWVA is negotiating with the Republic of Korea to send an Appreciation Letter from the Korean President thanking our members for their participation in the war effort and keeping the peace intact for many years following the signing of the Armistice. I also will be spending time in Korea in June meeting with other Korean officials and a few of the International Federation of Korean War Veterans officials.

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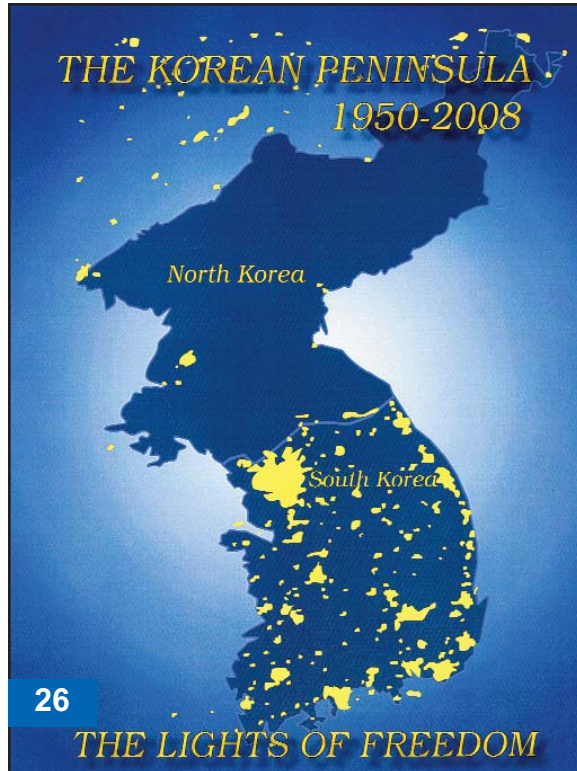
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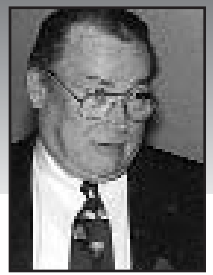
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## Kapaun, Faure, Shakespeare, and the Goetzes: An unlikely quintet©

I am not a firm believer in signs, omens, coincidences, etc. Yet, I wonder if I am misguided in that respect and whether Chaplain Emil Kapaun is still at work, 59 years after he died.

As you are no doubt aware, we have been running a series about Father Kapaun that appeared originally in the Wichita [KS] Eagle, which the good folks there have given us permission to reprint. (Chapter 3 appears in this issue; we have five more to go.) One of our problems was a lack of suitable photos to accompany the installments. Problem solved. Did Father Kapaun and his friends Gabriel Faure, William Shakespeare, and Eileen and Vernon Goetz have anything to do with it? Or was it sheer coincidence?

There are plenty of photos available from a variety of sources. Some lack the quality we need to include them in *The Graybeards*. Others require a usage or purchase fee. We don't print sub-standard photos unless it is absolutely necessary. When we do, they appear in a size that makes a postage stamp look like a bed sheet by comparison. And, we do not as a matter of policy purchase photos. Then, there is the issue of variety.

Since we don't like to print the same photos with every installment, we needed a plethora of photos. We could have dispatched our staff photographer to Father Kapaun's home town, Pilsen, Kansas to take some pictures. But, we don't have a staff photographer. Besides, the distance between our headquarters in Rocky Hill, CT and Pilsen, KS is 1,480.66 miles. That's a long way to go just to take a few pictures. What to do?

I was preparing Chapter 3 for this issue, pondering the acquisition of a photo to complement it. As I often do when I'm working, I was listening to classical music as background. One of my favorite pieces was playing on his 165th birthday: Gabriel Faure's

As the monument to him [Kapaun] in Pilsen says, "Nurtured by the soil of Kansas, He consecrated the soul of Korea." There are indications that his spirit is still alive and doing good today. If not, why did those photos appear at the exact time we needed them?

"Requiem." It is a particularly ethereal piece of music, which leads me inevitably to deep thought about the meaning of life and death, what created the universe, and how to find photos.

There I was pondering the mysteries of life when, for some inexplicable reason, I decided to take a break and go through the pile of *Graybeards* mail on my desk. One of the first packages I opened had...guess what...six high-quality pictures taken by Eileen Goetz, whose husband Vernon had been a KWVA member.

Was that a coincidence? A sign? If it were one or the other, who was responsible? Were Father Kapaun, William Shakespeare, Gabriel Faure, and Vernon Goetz working together to pull off this miracle?

Let's face it: Mrs. Goetz' good deed in taking and sending the photos was an act of kindness that will not be forgotten here in Rocky Hill. She did not have to do that. Perhaps Father Kapaun whispered in her ear that the editor of *The Graybeards* was in dire need of photos from his home town. So she sent them. Maybe not!

Mrs. Goetz' magnanimous gesture may not quite fit the magnitude of a miracle, especially the type that is required to help elevate Father Kapaun to sainthood. (According to Roman Catholic policy, a person hoping to be promoted to Saint has to perform a minimum of three documented miracles to attain that level. It's the RC equivalent of earning the Medal of Honor.) But, it will be remembered here. That's where Shakespeare comes in.

He included in his "Friends, Romans, countrymen..." speech in Julius Caesar the words, Act III, Scene 2, "The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones." So, Shakespeare's role in this event was to make sure that neither "good" nor the photos will be interred with anyone's bones. Faure's job was to provide the music that led to my decision to stop processing words and start probing for photos. Vernon Goetz had the responsibility to make sure the photos were provided to *The Graybeards*. We thank them all—especially Father Kapaun.

There is no doubt that the revered chaplain performed a myriad of good deeds for the troops with whom he mingled and ultimately died after he was taken prisoner by the Chinese on 2 November 1950. As the monument to him in Pilsen says, "Nurtured by the soil of Kansas, He consecrated the soul of Korea." There are indications that his spirit is still alive and doing good today. If not, why did those photos appear at the exact time we needed them?

Was it a coincidence? Did it just "happen?" Should I simply accept the appearance of the photos exactly when they were needed as a random series of unconnected events? Who knows? All that matters is that we have the photos, for which we thank Mrs. Goetz profusely. Or is that all that matters?

Please send me a sign, Father Kapaun.

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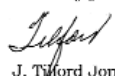
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Just a note to let you know that KWVA Inc. has received a check in the amount of \$500.00 as a contribution to the Graybeards from the Sam Johnson Chapter 270. I will deposit the check tomorrow.

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## What has ‘National’ ever done for us?

On May 12, I asked my friend and fellow KWVA officer Frank Cohee, who is the Secretary of the KWVA, how it went at the Department of Florida's Annual Convention, held recently in Bradenton, Florida. I was especially interested in the talk about our new Bylaws, ratified last October.

“There was some discussion about that,” he said. “Some seemed to resent it, and expressed themselves with, ‘What has National ever done for us?’” Having heard that question before, I decided to answer the question, which I feel really means, “What has ‘National’ ever done for ME?” My personal view is that the question indicates an uninformed attitude, insensitive to what the KWVA is all about, especially its record of proud service to veterans, including KWVA members. For those who persist in posing that question to anyone, anywhere, this article is just for you.

I'll begin with a pair of metaphors. When you were a young man, if your father had told you to mow the lawn, what would have been the result if, instead of jumping right on it, you had asked him, "What has my family ever done for me?"

Likewise, if your outfit's First Sergeant, or any officer, had ordered you to do a task, what would have happened if, instead, you had protested with, "What has this outfit ever done for me?" We all know what the results would have been. Of course, I can only testify about my father and my outfit.

What you call ‘National’ is a collection of Regular KWVA members duly elected by the KWVA membership or appointed by our President, who have volunteered to give service in the administration of the Association’s rules (Bylaws) at no pay, except for the satisfaction of giving useful service to their outfit, the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

Let me tell you that before chapters or departments existed, there were only KWVA members. Like your parents, who gave you the gift of life itself, chapters and departments were created by Association Members, by the rules (Bylaws), and are subordinate to those rules, period. Those rules (Bylaws) do not regard chapters or departments as independent from, or superior to, the Association.

From what you call ‘National,’ more accurately described as the Association, through those rules (Bylaws) came the gift to you, the honor of belonging to your outfit, a Veterans Service Organization (VSO), recently recognized by the United States Congress by granting the KWVA a Federal Charter when it enacted Public Law 110-254, on June 30th, 2008.

The most important term you need to reflect on here is SERVICE, by and for veterans. While you have evidently not recognized that honor as a gift, many KWVA members have performed volunteer services to their communities and to veterans, giving their time, and in some cases, paid their own expenses.

One of two examples of that is Tell America, a program through which our members inform school children about the KWVA, and also about their service in the Korean War, which

as I write this, is still only restrained by an armistice.

Another excellent service is the KWVA VAVS, through which chapter members volunteer at VA hospitals. The KWVA did almost \$1 million worth of VA Volunteer Service work in each of the past two years. That doesn't count the many cash donations and items such as clothing. To give some detail to the above, 42,285 hours of service were given, with a savings to the VA of \$862,953.75. You should be honored to belong to an organization that gives to you the gift of giving, in your name.

To inform you or refresh your memory, let's get back to some more you may have overlooked of what the Association has done for its members, chapters and departments:

1. The KWVA has the best VSO magazine in the country dedicated exclusively to Korean War veterans...*The Graybeards Magazine*.
2. KWVA operates the Return Visit Program.
3. KWVA operates the Korean War Veterans Association website, [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org).
4. The KWVA furnishes websites to qualified chapters and departments.
5. The KWVA recently published a Membership Directory containing a history of the Association and a listing of members' personal information as a memento to pass on to the next generation.

Most members are content with that. In fact, they are proud of their outfit because of the selfless service given by its members. If that isn't enough for you, what do you want? Please be specific. My phone and email numbers are published on the inside cover of *The Graybeards Magazine*.

Let me close with another metaphor. To paraphrase President Kennedy, “Ask not what ‘National’ has done for you. Rather, you should ask yourself what have you done in the way of service for your outfit, the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.?”

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With respect for all service in the Good of the Order,

*George E. Lawhon LR18750, Director  
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Frank Cohee

## What have I done for the Association? Or vice versa!

“What has the Association done for me?”

The question should really be, “What I have done for the Association?”

As your Secretary, I get invited to several meetings to speak to the members about what is going on at the Association level, especially about the recent change to the bylaws that require every member of a chapter to be a member of the Association.

Bill McCraney, Past President of the Department of Florida and recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, and I recently addressed the members of Chapter 175. One of their members who has done an outstanding job in support of that chapter was adamant that there was no reason for him to be a member of the Association. I made it perfectly clear to him that, while I recognized all that he has done for that chapter, he is no longer a chapter member.

Of course, he did not agree. But, he is, reluctantly, now a member of the Association and I told him that was the right thing to do. I also recently attended the Department of Florida annual convention in Bradenton, FL and addressed the membership. As usual, there were a few who could not understand why they had to be members of the Association before they could be members of a chapter. A few of them wanted to know what the Association has done for them.

We have tried to answer that question many times. President Mac Swain has written an article on that topic that has been published in *The Graybeards*. Most of the reasons are set forth in the new application brochure, but there are still a few members who just do not “get it.” So, we are going to try one more time to answer that question.

I have asked Director Lawhon, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, to respond to that question. You will find that response in his article, “What Has ‘National’ Ever Done For Us?”, on page 9 of this issue. While George did not men-



## From the Secretary

tion this, if you are not a member of the Association, you have no right to vote for the officers and directors who are responsible for how the Association is operated. Therefore, you have no right to complain if it is not being operated to your satisfaction.

Incidentally, while at the convention, the President of Chapter 175 personally told me that his chapter is now 100 percent in compliance with the Association bylaws.

### What is the correct Post Office Box Number?

While the time for mailing your ballot for the election will have already passed by the time you read this, I need to comment on that unfortunate mistake. The CPA only uses the Post Office box for the time required to receive the ballots for a particular election, so it usually changes every year—as it did this year. But, the number never got changed on the ballot this year.

We eventually convinced the Post Office to accept the number that was on the ballot and put them in the box with the new number. However, quite a few were rejected before that change was made. I hope that did not keep you from voting. We immediately sent out a mass e-mail to all of the chapter Presidents/Commanders with the correct number, which was put on the website.

I know this information did not get to those of you who do not have computers, but we hope the Presidents/Commanders notified everyone in their chapters. Several ballots were sent to me, Jake Feaster, the webmaster and maybe some other staff members. To the best of my knowledge, all of those ballots were resent to the CPA and will be counted.

### Sometimes it really is a small world

One of the calls that I received the past two months was from a school teacher at the Ridgely School in Baltimore, MD. She was trying to find a Korean veteran, preferably a Marine, who was at the Chosin Reservoir to come and speak to her

class, which was doing a study on that part of the Korean War. Well, I just happen to be from Maryland. I have lived in Baltimore off and on for several years, and I attended a school called Ridgely, but it was in Ridgely, MD, on the eastern shore, whereas Baltimore is on the western shore.

At about the same time, I received another call from a member in Bowie, MD, whose ballot had been rejected. He wanted to know what he should do. I looked him up in the data base and found out he was with the First Marine Division in Korea. When I called him, I told him about the teacher from Baltimore’s request. He said that he was at the Chosin Reservoir and would be willing to call the teacher and make arrangements to speak to her class. I have not had any feedback yet. But as they say, no news is good news.

### How many different units did you serve with? (This is probably only a fair question for those that served for 20 years or more)

I have a frame in my office that contains, I think, patches of all the units that I served with during my 22 years of service, starting with the 29th Infantry Division (National Guard) and ending with the 23rd Infantry (Americal) Division (Vietnam). There is a total of thirteen different units.

The reason I ask this question is that I received this e-mail: “Good morning. I’m trying to identify the shoulder patch on my dad’s uniform shirt. He passed away last week, and all I know is that he served in Korea in the early 1950s in the 8th Army. I am attaching the photo of the unknown patch. Perhaps someone recognizes it. We want to mention his service in the obituary. Thanks.”



One of the patches in my frame is this one. It is the Army Svs Forces patch, and I wore it at one time.

But, because of my young age, I cannot remember when or where. Do any of you recognize the patch and remember when and where it was worn, and specifically for what unit?



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Are these ponchos from the Korean War era? I would appreciate any information you could provide.

My response: In my opinion, they definitely are from the Korean War era.

Deborah replied, "Thank you so very much for your reply about the Korean ponchos. Do you have any idea what a fair price would be for the ponchos? And do you know of anyone who might be interested in buying them? I thought perhaps some reenactment groups might be interested. I will appreciate any information you may be able to share."

I replied: They could be priceless to some of our veterans who want them as a memento to their Korean Service, but I have no idea what that price would be. I will put the information in the next issue of our magazine, *The Graybeards*, and ask if anyone is interested.

If you are interested, contact Deborah at cooper9252@att.net. If you do not have e-mail, call me at 863-859-1384 and I will contact her for you.

## MIA/KIA Veteran Roger L. Denny buried in Albany, WI

Cpl Roger L. Denny, B Co., 1st Bn., 9th Inf. Regt., 2nd Inf. Div., was buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Albany, WI on 15 May 2010—almost 60 years after he was killed in Korea on 30 Nov. 1950.

Denny's remains were recovered ten years ago. But, DNA testing, dental records processing, and an anthropological investigation were not completed until last year.

For a complete story regarding his death, recovery, and burial, access <http://www.rrstar.com/carousel/x2084248003/Korean-War-soldiers-family-It-s-good-for-him-to-be-home>

# KWVA Management Information System

**KWVA Departments, Chapters and Presidents Info**

**Of the almost 17,500 active KWVA members, there are about 7,500 of you who do not belong to a Chapter**

Fellow KWVA Members,

It has been well over a year since the last listing of KWVA Departments, Chapters and Presidents Information was published in *The Graybeards*. Those of you with computers are able to view daily up-to-date listings of this information by logging on to our KWVA website at [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org) and clicking on List of Depts/Chapts, [www.kwva.org/info\\_ept\\_chapter.asp](http://www.kwva.org/info_ept_chapter.asp), on the upper-center of the Home Page. If you are a KWVA member and have not joined a KWVA chapter, the listing which follows should be of particular importance to you!

Do you know where there is a KWVA Chapter near enough to you so you can attend its meetings? Most Chapters meet once a month. The meeting day, time, and place can be found on the internet at the website and link listed above, or you may contact the chapter president as shown in the following listing by phone, email, or U.S. mail.

I hear and see the question often asked, "What does KWVA do for me besides provide me six issues of *The Graybeards* each year and the ability to vote for KWVA officers?" The short answer is, "You get what you want to get and what you look for!"

If you have a computer, you can get much more simply by visiting the KWVA website at [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org) and viewing the various links that are available. You will be surprised at the volume of current and archival information, to include many old issues of *The Graybeards* that are available and of interest to veterans and, in particular, Korean War and Korea Service veterans.

Of equal, if not of more, importance, the

KWVA has provided the framework for the development of 238 Chapters and 16 Departments nationwide. These KWVA units provide an opportunity for you to meet and associate with veterans of similar interest. They serve as a support group to those of us in our older age in our homes, hospitals, nursing homes and hospices as we deal with the rigors of our past service, currently, and in our retirement years.

So, if you are not a member of a KWVA Chapter, seek a Chapter from the listing on the following pages and visit one of their meetings. If there is not a Chapter near you, contact one of the national officers listed on the inside front cover of this magazine for the possibility of your being involved in the organization of a Chapter in your area.

Of the almost 17,500 active KWVA members, there are about 7,500 of you who do not belong to a Chapter. So, why not take the next step and seek out a Chapter? Try it; you might like it!

## Special Note to Chapter Presidents

The information on the following listing is as up-to-date as the data I have been provided from your staff. Please let me know if there are any corrections that should be made, to include your latest election report, if it has not been submitted.

Yours for a better KWVA,

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Illinois	25	Greater Chicago	Leonard DeFabio	773-283-7227	4709 N Leamington Av	Chicago	IL	60630
Illinois	26	Lester Hammond CMH	Robert H. Ericson	217-222-1640	1134 S 14th St	Quincy	IL	62301
Illinois	27	Sangamon County	Walter Ade	217-725-4576	3348 S Spring St	Springfield	IL	62703
Illinois	95	Imjin	Thomas G. McCaw	618-632-2220	PO Bx 211	O'Fallon	IL	62269
Illinois	150	Northwest Illinois	Clyde G. Fruth	815-233-0242	3060 W Prairie Rd	Freeport	IL	61032
Illinois	168	Quad Cities	Ronald Sears	309-786-5391	1301 2nd Av #3W Apt 1	Rock Island	IL	61201
Illinois	243	Peoria	William Gene Wilson	309-742-8151	8220 N McClellan Rd	Elmwood	IL	61529
Illinois	272	Greater Rockford	Joseph A. Myers	815-654-8659	5451 Ebonywood Ln	Roscoe	IL	61073
Indiana	DIN	Department of Indiana	Tine P. Martin Sr.	317-852-2413	8 Jackson Ct	Brownsburg	IN	46112
Indiana	28	Indiana #2	Edward Cavenaugh	705-474-3198	1557 Crestwood	Lafayette	IN	47909
Indiana	29	SSGT William E Windrich #3	Alonso Solis	219-838-8604	3700 Durbin	Gary	IN	46408
Indiana	30	Indiana #1	Kenneth L. Roemke	260-485-7627	PO Box 15102	Fort Wayne	IN	46885
Indiana	129	Southeastern Indiana #4	Luther E. Rice Jr.	812-926-2790	PO Box 432	Aurora	IN	47001
Indiana	133	Quiet Warrior	Melvin Aldridge	260-434-0336	4322 Octagon Square	Fort Wayne	IN	46804
Indiana	259	Central Indiana	Tine P. Martin Sr.	317-852-2413	8 Jackson Ct	Brownsburg	IN	46112
Indiana	278	Gene A. Sturgeon Memorial	Norman Brown	765-825-9632	2314 Whitewater Av	Connersville	IN	47331
Indiana	308	Anderson Tri-County	Edward Bailey Jr.	765-643-0863	3247 West Cross St	Anderson	IN	46011
Indiana	309	Jackie L. Murdock	Albert L. Lowe	765-435-2304	104 Old Ford Rd	Waveland	IN	47989
Iowa	99	Tall Corn	Vilas L. 'Sid' Morris Jr.	319-266-5184	4309 S Main St	Cedar Falls	IA	52402
Kansas	181	Kansas #1	Don Dyer	913-492-8921	7913 Westgate Dr	Lenexa	KA	66215
Kentucky	139	C. H. Dodd	William Diefenbach	270-769-9432	900 Winchester Blvd	Louisville	KY	42701
Kentucky	219	Central Kentucky	Jack Armacost	859-233-3855	3845 Carleton Dr	Lexington	KY	40510
Louisiana	180	CENLA [Central Louisiana]	Jesse Campos	337-238-0170	143 Dogwood Dr	Anacoco	LA	71403
Louisiana	205	Crossroads	Douglas J Rhodes	318-487-1608	101 Big Lake Rd	Pineville	LA	71360
Louisiana	230	Baton Rouge	Robert E. 'Bob' Thomas	225-275-6289	10724 Shermoor Dr.	Baton Rouge	LA	70815
Maine	32	Burton-Goode-Sargent #1	Edward Davis	207-469-7918	PO Box 50	East Orland	ME	04431
Maine	79	CPL Clair Goodblood (MOH)	Philip W. Tiemann Jr.	207-623-9309	9 Glenwood St	Augusta	ME	04330
Maine	277	Mid-Coast Maine	Joseph E. Wallace	207-594-5799	38 Lakeview Dr	Rockland	ME	04841
Maine	292	Crown of Maine	Norman J. Bourgoin	207-762-2391	58 Chapman Rd	Presque Isle	ME	04769
Maryland	DMD	Department of Maryland	Robert F. Miles	301-371-7769	4308 Feldspar Rd	Middletown	MD	21769
Maryland	33	Maryland	John L. Voigt Sr.	410-288-0198	7433 Berkshire Rd	Baltimore	MD	21244
Maryland	107	James P. Dickel	James Rice	301-729-2433	636 National Hwy	La Vale	MD	21502
Maryland	142	Korean War Veterans	John E. Wilcox Jr.	301-695-9558	7045 Basswood Rd	Frederick	MD	21703
Maryland	271	Aberdeen	Nick Guerra	410-272-0458	2400 N Post Rd #48	Aberdeen	MD	21001
Maryland	312	Antietam	Wayne B. Winebrenner	301-797-1030	17910 Sand Wedge Dr.	Hagerstown	MD	21740
Massachusetts	34	CPL Lopes, Jr./Lt. Ferris	Oreste Tramonte	781-834-5297	P. O. Bx 43	Marshfield	MA	02050
Massachusetts	35	Rudolph H. DeSilva Memorial	Robert V. Simmons	508-823-0572	C/O VFW Post 611	Taunton	MA	02780
Massachusetts	36	Central Massachusetts	James E. McDonald	508-753-3789	190 S Quinsigamond Av	Shrewsbury	MA	01545
Massachusetts	37	PFC Joseph R. Ouellette	John L. Hourihan	978-658-3865	55 Lake St	Tewksbury	MA	01876
Massachusetts	141	Cape & Islands #1	Samuel Franco	508-744-7124	11 Antonelli Cir Apt 115	Dennis	MA	02638
Massachusetts	187	Western Massachusetts 2000	Richard Reopel	413-583-4405	35 Bluegrass Ln	Ludlow	MA	01056
Massachusetts	294	Greater Haverhill	Robert Turcotte	978-372-3768	9 Blaisdell St #1	Haverhill	MA	01832
Massachusetts	299	Korea Veterans of America	Albert McCarthy	508-829-4236	15 Farnum St	Worcester	MA	01602
Massachusetts	300	Korean War Veterans of MA	Leo Agnew	978-733-1499	84 Prescott St	Clinton	MA	01510
Michigan	38	Northwest Michigan	Albert C. 'Al' Ockert	231-946-4698	356 W River Rd	Traverse City	MI	49684
Michigan	39	Mid-Michigan	Donald L. Sanchez	810-653-4453	5156 N Gale Rd	Davison	MI	48423
Michigan	164	Dale H. Williams Post #1996	Harry Ray Nelson III	231-775-0622	11 Huron St	Cadillac	MI	49601
Michigan	251	Saginaw/Frankenmuth	Hiel M Rockwell Jr.	989-793-7381	4558 Henry Dr	Saginaw	MI	48638
Michigan	256	Norville B. Finney	Vincent J. Napoletano Sr.	586-978-3871	4771 Chicago Rd	Warren	MI	48092
Michigan	306	West Michigan	Donald H. Mahoney	616-453-4518	801 Shawmut Ct NW	Grand Rapids	MI	49504
Minnesota	40	Minnesota #1	Ed Valle	866-900-1950	1410 Foster St	River Falls	MN	54022
Minnesota	41	Frozen Chosin	William Hoehn	507-278-3053	56774 177th St	Good Thunder	MN	56037
Minnesota	254	Fairmont	Hurly Morris	507-632-4510	410 W Andrews St	Ceylon	MN	56121

Mississippi	42	Lee County	Robert Wilson	662-842-2525	1581 Gun Club Rd	Tupelo	MS 38801
Missouri	DMO	Department of Missouri	Frank Williams	636-240-6806	#2 Cedar Ln	O'Fallon	MO 63366
Missouri	43	Kansas City Missouri #2	Delbert White	816-361-9100	1420 E 77th St	Kansas City	MO 64131
Missouri	44	Missouri #1	Donald L. Gutmann	314-739-7922	11959 Glenvalley Dr	Maryland Heights	MO 63043
Missouri	78	Jefferson County	Wilbert W. Sexauer	636-586-6931	3245 Fountain City Rd	Desoto	MO 63020
Missouri	96	North St Louis County #4	Kenneth L. Hoffman	314-837-7387	25 Ridgelawn Ct	Florissant	MO 63031
Missouri	135	Harry S. Truman	Joe Bryant	417-272-0949	28 Crown Dr	Branson West	MO 65737
Missouri	186	St. Charles County	Bob Peitz	636-272-5046	3510 Truman Terrace Dr	St. Charles	MO 63301
Missouri	246	Ozark Mountain Region #8	Kenneth Batzelle	417-725-6499	308 Etes	Nixa	MO 65714
Missouri	281	Rolla #9	Forrest O'Neal	573-364-3174	602 S Murry Ln	Rolla	MO 65401
Nebraska	183	Nebraska #1	Samuel 'Sam' Wall	402-330-0732	15937 Dorcas Cir	Omaha	NE 68130
Nevada	198	Reno Sparks	Bob Wallace	775-835-8682	758 Tamsen Rd	Fernley	NV 89408
Nevada	305	Carson City	Angelo Defelice	775-882-0916	214 W King St.	Carson City	NV 89703
New Jersey	DNJ	Department of New Jersey	George Bruzgis	973-956-8672	230 Legion Pl	Haledon	NJ 07508
New Jersey	48	Chorwon	John Valerio	201-664-7669	250 Fern St	TWP Washington	NJ 07676
New Jersey	49	Ocean County	Anthony Grace	732-240-9456	34 Cabrillo Blvd	Toms River	NJ 08757
New Jersey	52	Hong Song	Jack Slattery	732-787-6286	571 Palmer Av	West Keansburg	NJ 07734
New Jersey	53	Union County	Joseph Specht	908-276-4188	420 Brookside Pl	Cranford	NJ 07016
New Jersey	54	Thomas W. Daley, Jr.	Andrew T Jackson	856-424-0736	117 Kingsdale Av	Cherry Hill	NJ 08003
New Jersey	87	Middlesex County	Metro Kopchak	908-755-0065	1311 Maple Av	South Plainfield	NJ 07080
New Jersey	94	Hudson County	Ralph 'Lucky' Pasqua	201-858-4538	PO Box 841	Bayonne	NJ 07002
New Jersey	148	Central Jersey	Charles Koppelman	609-655-3111	6 Yarmouth Dr	Monroe Township	NJ 08831
New Jersey	170	Taejon	Richard Onorevole	201-796-1765	757 Saddle River Rd	Saddle Brook	NJ 07663
New Jersey	213	Hector A Cafferata, Jr [MOH]	Leonard Speizer	973-691-8265	4 Prospect Av	Budd Lake	NJ 07828
New Jersey	216	KWVA M*A*S*H 4099	Albert J. Gonzales	201-461-0152	115 Irving St	Leonia	NJ 07605
New Jersey	234	KWV of Atlantic County, N.J.	John J Varallo	609-476-1916	7 Maple Ct/Oaks of Weymouth	Mays Landing	NJ 08330
New Mexico	82	Albuquerque NM #1	Jerry Chapman	505-459-5282	1600 Knoll Crest Ct	Los Lunas	NM 87031
New York	DNY	Department of New York	Irving Breitbart	914-245-6410	3478 Munson Pl	Yorktown Heights	NY 10598
New York	55	Nassau County #1	Raymond O'Connor	516-221-6083	3898 Worthmor Dr	Seaford	NY 11783
New York	58	Monroe County	Gordon Pike	585-865-0573	866 Britton Rd	Rochester	NY 14616
New York	59	Northeastern	Kenneth Kuck	518-869-3417	761 Third Av	Troy	NY 12182
New York	60	Adirondack	Raymond A. Waldron	518-584-4362	4 Patricia Ln	Saratoga Springs	NY 12866
New York	63	Western New York	Carl J. Marranca	716-876-5528	3354 Delaware Av	Kenmore	NY 14217
New York	64	Central Long Island	P. G. 'Bob' Morga	631-286-3075	PO Box 835	Bayport	NY 11705
New York	65	Eastern Long Island	Ernest R. Benson	631-477-9760	832 Front St	Greenport	NY 11944
New York	66	CPL Allan F. Kivlehan	Joseph A. 'Joe' Calabria	718-967-1120	665 Barlow Av	Staten Island	NY 10312
New York	67	Finger Lakes #1	Robert Sherman	585-396-1976	95 Tillotson Street	Canandaigua	NY 44244
New York	90	Eagle (Rockland Co.)	Daniel Zevola	845-634-4859	10 N Williams St	New City	NY 10956
New York	91	Westchester-Putnam County	Harlan Gerber	914-779-3792	1 Sadore Ln, Apt 2U	Yonkers	NY 10710
New York	105	Central New York	David Allen	315-637-6972	214 Cleveland Blvd	Fayetteville	NY 13066
New York	113	Thousand Islands	Joseph Hale	315-782-8752	Thousand Is. VFW Post 1400	Watertown	NY 13601
New York	171	Brooklyn	Don Feldman	718-946-4175	2015 Shore Pkwy #14D	Brooklyn	NY 11214
New York	202	Orange County	Samuel L. Tucker	845-386-1370	2098 Mountain Rd	Otisville	NY 10963
New York	208	Putnam County	Louis Gasparini	845-278-7856	63 Oakwood Dr	Brewster	NY 10509
New York	239	Skinner - Grogan	James Hall	315-894-3252	1925 State Rt 8	Cold Brook	NY 13324
New York	283	Columbia County	John H. Neary	518-758-7912	11 Pin Oak Dr	Kinderhook	NY 12106
New York	284	St Lawrence County	Herbert Spence	315-769-8183	10 N Main St #2	Massena	NY 13662
New York	296	Cayuga County	John Barwinczok	315-253-6022	25 Leavenworth Av	Auburn	NY 13021
North Carolina	265	Charlotte	William Stegall	704-596-9583	914 W Sugar Creek Rd	Charlotte	NC 28213
North Carolina	314	Western North Carolina	James E. Jean	828-692-9148	123 Castleton Ln	Hendersonville	NC 28791
North Dakota	68	North Dakota #1	Roger S. Smith	701-952-0893	1739 4th Av NE	Jamestown	ND 58401
Ohio	DOH	Department of Ohio	Robert L. McGeorge	513-923-4920	3296 Blueacres Dr	Cincinnati	OH 45239
Ohio	51	Richland County	Glenn Greenawalt	419-683-3603	1304 Walcrest Dr.	Mansfield	OH 44903
Ohio	69	Greater Cleveland	Robert Haas	330-832-7707	1306 Taggart Av NE	Massillon	OH 44646
Ohio	70	Ohio Valley	Leslie Douglas	740-633-1804	227 N 5th St	Martins Ferry	OH 43935
Ohio	71	Western Ohio - Lake Erie	Howard 'Pat' Ryan	440-365-4960	620 Gulf Rd	Elyria	OH 44035
Ohio	81	Buckeye	Hubert L. Bair	330-875-1526	716 E Main St	Louisville	OH 44641
Ohio	108	Western Ohio	Donald Earnest	937-667-2871	39 Amoke Pl	Tipp City	OH 45371
Ohio	112	Lake Erie	Stephen 'Steve' Szekely	216-381-9080	1516 Laclede Rd	South Euclid	OH 44121
Ohio	115	Johnnie Johnson	Thomas E Routson	567-204-7916	1824 Stewart Rd	Lima	OH 45801
Ohio	116	Central Ohio	Ted Collins	614-272-9378	201 S Warren Av	Coumbus	OH 43204
Ohio	121	Greater Cincinnati	Robert L. McGeorge	513-923-4920	3296 Blueacres Dr	Cincinnati	OH 45239
Ohio	125	Greene County	Howard W. Camp	937-372-6403	430 S Stadium Dr	Xenia	OH 45385
Ohio	126	Tri-State	George Piggott	330-456-4988	3720 Root Av NE	Canton	OH 44705



Ohio	131	Northwest Ohio	Edward A. Auerbach	419-472-5735	5911 Jackman Rd	Toledo	OH 43613
Ohio	136	Marion Ohio	Duane E. Rinehart	419-566-3837	PO Box 825	Calion	OH 44833
Ohio	137	Mahoning Valley	John Pariza	330-799-8654	95 Turner	Austintown	OH 44515
Ohio	138	Akron Regional	Carol Camp	330-836-9230	750 Mull Av #5B	Akron	OH 44313
Ohio	151	Hocking Valley	Thomas Travis	740-385-5798	9825 WalnutDowler Rd	Logan	OH 43138
Ohio	172	Hancock County	H. Weldin Neff	567-207-2010	1393 River R N TP #73	Tiffin	OH 44883
Ohio	182	Coshocton	Fred Hosfelt	740-622-2578	8 OAK Pointe Dr	Coshocton	OH 43812
Ohio	280	William J. Fantozzi	Ed Steyns	419-433-5879	5108 W Waterberry Dr	Huron	OH 44839
Oklahoma	89	Oklahoma	Harold Mulhausen	405-632-7351	6405 S Douglas Av	Oklahoma City	OK 73139
Oklahoma	177	Eastern Oklahoma	James Stark	918-478-3720	PO Box 878	Fort Gibson	OK 74434
Oregon	DOR	Department of Oregon	Neil McCain	541-479-9489	4315 Lower River Rd	Grants Pass	OR 97526
Oregon	62	Linn-Benton	Leslie Schmidt	541-926-3991	31170 Willoway DR SW	Albany	OR 97321
Oregon	72	Oregon Trail	Rudolph "Red" Tietz	503-655-7812	640 E Berkeley	Gladstone	OR 97027
Oregon	84	Iron Triangle	James Leiper	503-390-7559	4446 46TH Av NE	Salem	OR 97305
Oregon	257	Rogue Valley	Sam McCauley	541-512-9350	102 Freshwater Dr	Phoenix	OR 97535
Oregon	315	Southern Oregon	Dan Warden	541-597-4620	P.O. Box 404	Selma	OR 97538
Pennsylvania	73	CPL William McAllister	Theodore Scairato	215-465-9399	2934 S Sydenham St	Philadelphia	PA 19145
Pennsylvania	74	GEN Matthew B. Ridgway	Edwin Vogel	412-372-1059	92 Kingston Av	Pittsburgh	PA 15205
Pennsylvania	75	PFC Stanley A. Gogoj #38	John Plenskofski	215-442-1737	309 Kalmia St	Warminster	PA 18974
Pennsylvania	109	Northeastern Pennsylvania	John Howard	570-722-3027	289 Patten Cir	Albrightsville	PA 18210
Pennsylvania	114	Yongdung Po	William Meredith	215-757-4547	208 W Maple St	Levittown	PA 19047
Pennsylvania	178	York County	Ronald W. Busser	717-244-3680	303 Winners Cir Dr	Red Lion	PA 17356
Rhode Island	117	Ocean State #1	Maurice Trottier	401-723-4365	20 Oakdale Av	Pawtucket	RI 02860
Rhode Island	147	West Bay Rhode Island #2	Robert F. Hartley	401-821-4043	6 First St	Coventry	RI 02816
Rhode Island	258	Northern Rhode Island	Richard St Louis	401-231-5802	95 Orchard Meadows Dr	Smithfield	RI 02917
South Carolina	DSC	Department of South Carolina	Lawrence Doolittle	803-637-9367	595 Key Rd	Edgefield	SC 29824
South Carolina	244	Golden Corner	Robert E. Philyaw	864-231-8636	118 Maxwell Ave	Anderson	SC 29624
South Carolina	255	SGT Harold F. Adkison	C. Clyde Hooks	803-278-1039	658 Hampton Cir	Belvedere	SC 29841
South Carolina	301	Foothills	Gerry Kunz	864-288-2304	2012 Cleveland St. Ext.	Greenville	SC 29607
South Carolina	303	Palmetto	Leonard "Ike" Davis	843-671-3311	24 Bateau Rd	Hilton Head Island	SC 29928
South Carolina	304	Bobo McCraw	Bobby McFalls	864-463-4564	130 Gardner Rd	Spartanburg	SC 29307
South Dakota	160	West River	Marvin Knapp	605-721-5818	31 Centennial St	Rapid City	SD 57701
South Dakota	194	MGEn Lloyd R. Moses	Ray Kerstetter	605-886-6641	712 3rd Av NE	Watertown	SD 57201
Tennessee	86	Nashville	Leonard Glenn	615-366-6569	920 Rexdale Dr	Nashville	TN 37217
Tennessee	289	Mountain Empire	Jimmie R Simerly	423-349-6048	1614 Pinoak Ct	Jonesborough	TN 37659
Tennessee	297	Plateau	Don Eliason	931-456-2947	110 Howard Ter	Crossville	TN 38558
Texas	DTX	Department of Texas	Roy Aldridge	915-581-4725	6544 Grand Ridge Dr	El Paso	TX 79912
Texas	76	Texas Lone Star	Carlos Ballard	254-939-3230	3415 Palm Desert Ln	Missouri City	TX 77459
Texas	209	Laredo KWVA 1950	Arnoldo Gutierrez	956-206-7302	2005 Guerrero St	Laredo	TX 78043
Texas	215	GEN Walton H. Walker	Larry Kinard	682-518-1040	2108 Westchester	Mansfield	TX 76063
Texas	221	Twin Cities	Charles Terry	903-832-2346	6310 Springwood Dr	Texarkana	TX 75503
Texas	222	Don C. Faith (MOH)	Edwin K. 'Ed' Maunakea Jr.	254-634-7806	PO Box 10622	Killeen	TX 76549
Texas	223	Victoria	Troy Howard	361-575-8343	108 Shiloh	Victoria	TX 77904
Texas	249	COL Joseph C. Rodriguez	Roy E. Aldridge	915-581-4725	6544 Grand Ridge Dr	El Paso	TX 79912
Texas	270	Sam Johnson	J. D. Randolph	972-359-2936	1523 Pinebluff Dr	Allen	TX 75002
Texas	286	East Texas	James T. Gill	903-566-8831	15716 Big Oak Rd	Tyler	TX 75707
Texas	302	Pineywoods	Jack Roberts	936-632-5376	2101 Palmore Rd.	Lufkin	TX 75904
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Virginia	100	Northern Virginia	Warren Wiedhahn	703-590-1295	13198 Centerpointe Way, #202	Woodbridge	VA 22193
Virginia	128	Edward Markart	Daniel L Banks	540-972-0615	102 Spottswood Rd	Locust Grove	VA 22508
Virginia	143	Greater Richmond	Wallace E Wampler	540-434-5861	221 Claremont Av	Harrisonburg	VA 22801
Virginia	161	New River Valley	Claude Newman	540-980-5912	3206 Case Knife Rd	Pulaski	VA 24301
Virginia	191	Tidewater	Clyde Laudermilk	757-851-6660	1722 Old Buckroe Rd	Hampton	VA 23664
Virginia	250	Charles B. Thacker	Kenneth Fannon	276-431-2428	P.O. Box 15	Duffield	VA 24244
Virginia	313	Shenandoah Valley	Billy J. Scott	540-837-2179	310 Clay Hill Dr	Winchester	VA 22602
Washington	310	Olympic Peninsula	Gerald P. Rettela	360-457-6994	72 Derrick Rd	Port Angeles	WA 98362
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West Virginia	146	Mountaineer	JAMES DECARLO JR.	304-727-5696	22 River Park Cir	St Elbans	WV 25177
West Virginia	156	Kenneth Shadrick	Charles Shoemaker	304-465-0887	RT 1 BOX 414	SCARBRO	WV 25917
West Virginia	163	Fairmont	Loren Jackson	304-366-2650	PO Box 8054	Fairmont	WV 26554
Wisconsin	111	CPL Richard A. Bell	Norbert C Carter	262-675-6641	5546 Highway M	Westbend	WI 53095
Wisconsin	227	Southeastern Wisconsin	Edward J. Slovak	262-534-3024	4130 Lee Cir	Waterford	WI 53185
Wisconsin	245	South Central Wisconsin	Paul Washington	608-576-1537	522 E Bluff	Madison	WI 53704
Wisconsin	275	West Central Wisconsin	Edward "Jack" Adams	608-788-4850	2008 Losey Blvd S	La Crosse	WI 54601
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### KWVA Bylaws Committee Project For 2009/2010

## Revision of the KWVA Standard Procedure Manual and KWVA Bylaws Review

As this is written, on June 4, I can report that the new Bylaws, ratified by the Membership in October 2009, have clearly helped to make a distinct, sharp increase in the rate of membership applications. From January 1 to May 8 of last year, there were 282 new members. This year, the number of new members is 542 since January 1.

Because there is at present a measurable, continued and ongoing increase in KWVA membership, this article contains information previously given to the membership. This allows 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.

Although some might point out that the past issues could have been downloaded 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 a reasonable assumption to infer that non-members, past and present, are in the same situation. Still, most public libraries have internet access, which should work for anyone with a library card and the will to go there.

### ISSUES

Including this article, there have been ten (10) articles describing the progress of the 2009 Bylaws/SPM Project since it was authorized by the KWVA Board of Directors at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Norfolk, VA. The first article was in the 2009 Nov-Dec 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 a work in progress, and the Board was asked to give us a 'conditional' approval of the work to date. What was presented to them 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 gave their approval for us to proceed.

Since that time, more content has been added or corrected, and all of the forms have been updated or added. The Board was told that as the SPM revision process proceeds, they would be given the changes periodically, and asked to contribute their comments and recommendations as they felt appropriate. Many did exactly that.

### 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 offi-

cers, 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....’

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 members' personal convenience. The booklet helps to support the Good of the Order, especially at chapter and department meetings, where I'm told it is in use.

The new Bylaws are also posted on the KWVA website, [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org). Reports from many chapters are that their members were pleased with the booklet. That is positive and welcome news to the Bylaws Committee.

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.

I repeat, if the chapter and department officers refuse to do their sworn duty, where is the honor in that?

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

Let me point out again that at an Annual Membership Meeting that process is the method used to guarantee that those who will discuss, debate and vote on KWVA business are those who have paid for the privilege. Many chapters have always used this simple, effective procedure. 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.



## STANDARD PROCEDURE MANUAL (SPM)

The Bylaws Committee continues to work on the revisions to the Standard Procedure Manual (SPM). The final document is almost complete, and is scheduled to be voted on by the KWVA Board of Directors at a special Business Without a Meeting, to be conducted on June 1, 2010. Each time the SPM draft was updated, all of the Board members were included in the distribution, and some of them have participated in the changes.

The intent is to have the revised SPM approved, released, and ready for the officers who will be elected in June. Posting on the KWVA website is scheduled to be accomplished before the July Meeting in Arlington.

### 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, [www.kwva.org](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.

Duty, Honor, Country.

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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## Religion vs Patriotism



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24 April 2010

Arthur G. Sharp  
Editor, The Graybeards  
152 Sky View Drive  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Hello, Art,

In my nine years as editor of the Hell's Angels Newsletter, a World War II quarterly published by the 303rd Bomb Group Association, our use of the expression "Happy Holidays" was accepted at face value and never seen as a breach of anyone's religious beliefs. Not one among our several thousand readers ever wrote to me insisting that we substitute the phrase "Merry Christmas." Your response in the March-April 2010 issue of The Graybeards to such a letter was a fine display of diplomacy and common sense. There is no valid measure of the relative merits of patriotism coupled with religion or each standing alone while engaged in armed combat.

When my crew's B-17 "Flying Fortress" bomber crashed in the North Sea on the return from a mission to Kassel, Germany in July, 1943, the aircraft went under and we were trapped like goldfish in a bowl. But, the bomber was buoyant enough to slowly rise to the surface. As the sea water drained away, my first spontaneous words were, "God save the King." I can't explain why I said that. Others, with sighs of relief, said whatever came to mind as we climbed through the bomber's radio room ceiling hatch into dinghies. None of us was feeling particularly patriotic or religious as we watched the B-17 fill with water again and sink in less than two minutes. We were just glad to be alive.

With regards and best wishes,

*Eddie*

Eddie Deerfield

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## Who's driving the jeep?



Emery Vlach submitted this photo of an MP of A Co., 519 M.P. Bn. with several Korean children at Wonju, South Korea, in 1953.

He believes the GI is Sgt. Whaley, but he is not sure.

*Emery Vlach, 3949 North Ave., Modesto, CA 95358*

# Bonus Round

We asked in the Sept/Oct 2009 issue, p. 11, which States—if any—authorized Korean War bonuses. This should be our final “Bonus Round” entry.

We have 24 “unaccounted for” states left on our list. We assume that they did not provide Korean War bonuses based on an article in a Virginia newspaper. (It is available on the Internet at: <http://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=1298&dat=19590707&id=dVIQAAAAIBAJ&sjid=-4oDAAAAIBAJ&pg=7052,419839>)

If anyone has any information to the contrary, please let us know.

## CONNECTICUT

This is in response to “Bonus Round,” pp. 20-21 of the Nov/Dec 2009 issue of *The Graybeards*. This information applies to the State of Connecticut only.

To the best of my recollection, each Connecticut veteran of the Korean War received a bonus of \$300.00. The legislature did an extensive research in casting the Act that granted the bonus. At the onset, they were only going to award the bonus to those who served in Korea. Due to complaints from those who did not make it to Korea, they gave it to all veterans who served during the war.

One option (that was defeated) was to give the full amount to those who were in Korea, \$200.00 to anyone who served overseas, but not in Korea, and \$100.00 to those who served in the states.

I hope this answers the question of the Connecticut Bonus.

*James Shelmerdine, Jr., 745 Tolland Street, East Hartford, CT 06108*

I am a Korean veteran who served with the 101st Signal Battalion in Korea from March 1951 until June 1952. I live in New Milford, CT. The reason for this email is regarding the “Bonus Round” that was on page 18 of the March/April issue, p. 18

A writer said that he received a \$300.00 bonus from the State of Connecticut. In the previous issue there was someone else that said he had received a bonus. Today, I called the Department of Veterans Administration. The representative told me that there was no such bonus given by the state.

I had called her after the previous issue, and then sent her a copy of the page with all the states listed, and whether a bonus was issued or not. Is there any way that this information can be verified? I would appreciate knowing.

Thanks.

*Anthony Ungaro, 18 McNulty Dr., New Milford, CT 06776-2039, (860) 355-9118, Ungaro2@sbcglobal.net*

EDITOR'S NOTE: I did a bit of research and discovered that Connecticut did pay a Korean War bonus. Access any of these sites and you will find references to the bonus. According to the last reference, however, the state stopped accepting applications sometime in the 1950s.

[http://www.rockledgemensclub.com/index.php?module=documents&JAS\\_DocumentManager\\_op=downloadFile&JAS\\_File\\_id=9](http://www.rockledgemensclub.com/index.php?module=documents&JAS_DocumentManager_op=downloadFile&JAS_File_id=9)

According to an excerpt from the above site, the State of Connecticut

## KOREAN WAR BONUSES BY STATE

	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
Alabama			U
Alaska			U
Arizona			U
Arkansas			U
California			U
Colorado			U
Connecticut	Y		
Delaware	Y		
Florida			U
Georgia			U
Hawaii			U
Idaho			U
Illinois	Y		
Indiana	Y		
Iowa	Y		
Kansas			U
Kentucky	Y		
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		N	
New Mexico			U
New York		N	
North Carolina			U
North Dakota	Y		
Ohio	Y		
Oklahoma			U
Oregon	Y		
Pennsylvania	Y		
Rhode Island	Y		
South Carolina			U
South Dakota	Y		
Tennessee			U
Texas			U
Utah			U
Vermont	Y		
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:

[sharp\\_arthur\\_g@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net)



gave \$300 bonuses to Korean War vets, provided they were residents of the state for at least one year before enlisting. But Tony was only in America for 5 months before he was drafted – not even an American citizen – and to this day he has never gotten the bonus.

<http://www.ctheritage.org/encyclopedia/topicalsurveys/ctatwar.htm>

<http://www.cslib.org/archives/faindexes/stategovt.htm>

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=1298&dat=19590707&id=dvIQAAAAIBAJ&sjid=-4oDAAAAIBAJ&pg=7052,419839>

The above article lists 18 states that gave Korean War bonuses—Connecticut among them. I have added a few of them to our list.

The Kentucky encyclopedia, by John E. Kleber, states that 73,854 Korean War bonuses were paid out. (see p. 526 of the book.)

## INDIANA

I have an application for a Korean War Veterans Bonus for the State of Indiana. It states that all applications for bonuses must be postmarked no later than midnight, 30 June 1956.

I guess we're a little late.

*Ruben L. Carlson, 9171 W 1350 N, Elwood, IN 46036*

## MICHIGAN

I enlisted in my home State of Michigan in 1952 and the offer was \$10 for non-overseas per month and \$15 for each overseas service per month. I believe it covered June 1950 to some ending date like December 1954.

Although I spent 39 months overseas, I did receive \$275. I remember that the application had to be made out by Naval Personnel office and signed by the Executive Officer.

*Dale L. Wood, 203 W. Stedhill Loop, The Woodlands, TX 77384-5077, dalenmayra@consolidated.net*

## NEW JERSEY

I see by the latest issue (Mar/April 2010, p. 18) that New Jersey remains "unknown" still! Here's what I recall.

I served from December 1951 and was separated from active duty on 9 January 1954, having served with the 25ID in Korea from December

1952 through November 1953. After that, I began my trip back to Paterson, NJ, USA.

There was NO State Bonus for vets at that time, nor has any been awarded since then. I was told by reputable sources at that time (my father being one of them) that a 3-cent tax had been levied on each pack of cigarettes to fund a bonus for returning vets from the Korean War. That tax was still existent at the time I returned. (I still smoked then).

However, shortly before my arrival home, politicians, being what they are, redirected those funds to further finance the Garden State Parkway, which was being constructed at the time and was to, and has, stretched from the New York State border in the north to the tip of the Cape May peninsula in the south.

They didn't even name it the KVV Memorial Highway!

*Anthony K. ("Tony") Lalley, 41 Stone Row Lane, Jefferson, NJ 07438*

## A "Bonus" for all wars

I have received a \$250.00 property tax deduction every year from the Township in which I live. In checking, I'm told that this is a State-directed deduction for all war veterans.

Apparently the practice began after WWII, and has continued for all succeeding war veterans.

*Bob Becker, rbecker@medleas.com*

## OREGON

Oregon is shown to have not given a Korean War bonus. I am a veteran who did one tour of one year in the 4.2 Mortar Co., March 1951 – March 1952, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. My discharge date is April 9, 1952.

The State of Oregon gave me a \$300.00 bonus, which was the same amount that was given to the WWII veterans.

*Ellis G. Smith, 91680 Donna Rd., Springfield, OR*

## PENNSYLVANIA

*EDITOR'S NOTE: There has been some controversy regarding whether the State of Pennsylvania issued Korean War bonuses. We have received a copy of the letter from the then Treasurer of the state, Robert Kent, sent to one member, Louis Ross, Jr.*

**ROBERT F. KENT**  
STATE TREASURER



OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER  
HARRISBURG

Dear Veteran:

I am pleased to enclose check covering  
payment of your bonus claim in recognition of your  
services to your country during the Korean Conflict.

The Pennsylvania bonus recognition form

I got a \$300 bonus from the State of Pennsylvania.

*Richard Arcand, rearcand@yahoo.com*

## RHODE ISLAND

I received a bonus from Rhode Island. That is where I went into the Army.

I collected \$200.00 at the Armory of Mounted Command in Providence.

*Biagio A. Russo, 39 Old Wood Rd., Storrs, CT 06268*

## VERMONT

I joined the U.S. Army on the 27th of December 1954. I served proudly until 30 September 1978. As I was in the Army for more than thirty days when the Korean War was officially ended on 30 January 1955, I was declared a Korean War veteran by the U.S. Army and entitled to all benefits.


When I came back from my first tour in Germany to the State of Vermont, I was told about a Korean War Bonus. I put in for it and was paid \$100.00, which was a lot in 1957.

I also need to tell you that Lake Champlain is on the border between New York and Vermont, and belongs to the State of Vermont, not New York. Also note that Commodore 's McDonough fleet was launched from the little city of Vergennes, VT.

This information was incorrect on p. 22 of the March/April 2010 issue regarding the history of USS Lake Champlain.

*Ernest H. Bousquet, SFC Retired, Sam Johnson Chapter 270, ebousquet@tx.rr.com*

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# Running with the Dogs

## Memories of a Dog Company Marine in Korea

*By Fred P. Frankville, USMC*

I was a member of Dog Company, 7th Marines, First Marine Division from December 6, 1950 to September 1951 as a Rifleman, then Fire Team leader and Squad leader. Then I was in S2 (intelligence) attached to Easy Company and Dog Company for six weeks. Following that I was transferred to 4.2 Mortar Company until my departure from Korea on December 3, 1951. I am writing my experiences as I remember them.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: We will print more excerpts from the author's memoirs in future issues.*

## A Sad Patrol

After the Marines take an objective they start to patrol the villages and the territory around their recent acquired property. The Marines have a fetish for patrols; they want to know what's in their "front yard."

One day on patrol we came upon a village on a cloudy and cold day. The entire population of the village was kneeling on the bare ground in a long row in front of their huts. Some of the women and children were crying uncontrollably.

I went up to a young boy and handed him a stick of gum. The boy had never seen or had gum before. He stared at it for a second or so, not knowing what it was. His mother, kneeling next to him, hit him for his hesitation. The boy then put the gum in his mouth—wrapper and all—and started chewing.

The Chinese had told the villagers that the Americans would kill them if they came to their village. We proved them wrong. We gave them some of our meager rations and left as friends.

We patrolled the next village a few miles away. The people came out to meet us very nervous and scared. The communists had told them the same thing about Americans. We calmed them down and asked about several males of military age who were sitting on some straw with their legs amputated below the knees.

The villagers told us the men were Chinese soldiers who had frozen limbs. They had taken the soldiers in and amputated their feet and legs without anesthesia. We walked over to the soldiers and gave them our C-ration cigarettes. The Chinese soldiers knew the meaning of tough times. Again, we left this village as friends.

On another patrol in the late spring or early summer of 1951 we went into a farm house to check it over. One of the saddest sights we had ever experienced greeted us. Lying on a mattress were a woman and two children about three years old who looked like twins. All three were dressed in their finest clothing. All three were lying there under a fancy quilt with the mother in the middle—and all three were dead, most likely from cholera.

In the next room was a man who was hanging by his neck. He was an apparent suicide. Apparently, he did not want to live without his family. This was very sad to all of us..

*Fred P. Frankville, USMC*

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# The Death of Sgt. Billy Freeman

Charles W. Patterson's brother-in-law, Billy Freeman, after whom the now forming CID 317 is named, was killed in Korea in 1951. Patterson never knew the details of Freeman's death. But, through The Graybeards, he learned the details from Melvin Lisher.

Ironically, one of the officers involved in the action was then 1st Lt. Lloyd L. ("Scooter") Burke, who earned the MOH in the same battle. Burke survived and died on 2 Jun 1999 in Hot Springs, AR.

Patterson told this story in a letter to the editor of his local newspaper. We reprint that letter here, along with Burke's MOH citation.

## Vets group tells of soldier's last battle

The Sgt. Billy Freeman Chapter 317 of the Korean War Veterans Association met in May [2009] with Keon Lee, president of the Korean community group representing 40 families in the Rome area and were presented with a Korean flag. We sent a picture of that event to our national Korean veterans magazine, "The Graybeards."

Melvin Lisher, who lives in Lawrence, Kansas, read the article and recently called me. He is a fellow Korean War veteran who had seen my brother-in-law, Sgt. Freeman, when he was killed in action near Chong-dong, Korea in 1951. I asked him to tell me the details of what happened, and this is what he wrote:

"My fellow vets, as you will see I am not much at writing letters anymore, but I will try to tell you about Billy as I remember it. I'm sending you a map and a write-up about then Lt. Lloyd "Scooter" Burke, which will pretty well explain what happened.

"We topped Hill 200 right after daylight the morning of the 27th of October. As we were advancing a light barrage of artillery came in and caught Billy in the open. He was killed instantly. I think he was the last casualty in our company during the operation. Lt. Burke was commanding officer of the Georgia Co., 5th Cavalry, and was the only officer left in the assault.

"Most of the time we advanced as squads. I didn't get to know Billy that good, but I did know a good soldier. I remember talking to him about our age. He asked me how old I was and I told him I was 19.

"We were all very young, but were crazy enough to do our job. Hope this will help you guys with your chapter."

(signed) Mel Lisher

Reach Charles Patterson at 545 N Avery Rd., Rome, GA 30165-7965, (706) 234-8424



Sgt. Billy Freeman

## MOH Citation for

### BURKE, LLOYD L.

**Rank and organization:** First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Company G, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

**Place and date:** Near Chong-dong, Korea, 28 October 1951.

**Entered service at:** Stuttgart, Ark.

**Born:** 29 September 1924, Tichnor, Ark. G.O. No.: 43.

## Citation:

1st Lt. Burke, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. Intense enemy fire had pinned down leading elements of his company committed to secure commanding ground when 1st Lt. Burke left the command post to rally and urge the men to follow him toward 3 bunkers impeding the advance. Dashing to an exposed vantage point he threw several grenades at the bunkers, then, returning for an M1 rifle and adapter, he made a lone assault, wiping out the position and killing the crew. Closing on the center bunker he lobbed grenades through the opening and, with his pistol, killed 3 of its occupants attempting to surround him. Ordering his men forward he charged the third emplacement, catching several grenades in midair and hurling them back at the enemy. Inspired by his display of valor his men stormed forward, overran the hostile position, but were again pinned down by increased fire. Securing a light machinegun and 3 boxes of ammunition, 1st Lt. Burke dashed through the impact area to an open knoll, set up his gun and poured a crippling fire into the ranks of the enemy, killing approximately 75. Although wounded, he ordered more ammunition, reloading and destroying 2 mortar emplacements and a machinegun position with his accurate fire. Cradling the weapon in his arms he then led his men forward, killing some 25 more of the retreating enemy and securing the objective. 1st Lt. Burke's heroic action and daring exploits inspired his small force of 35 troops. His unflinching courage and outstanding leadership reflect the highest credit upon himself, the infantry, and the U.S. Army.

## Winner of 60th Anniversary KWVA Fundraiser

The winner of the 60th Anniversary in Washington DC drawing is **Donald Wing**, LR 14097, of Casa Grande AZ 85122-7853.

The drawing was held in Washington DC on Memorial Day. KWVA Director Thomas McHugh and Chairman of the Fundraising Committee Art Griffith drew Mr. Wing's name.

Department of New Jersey Commander George Bruzgis witnessed the drawing.

Congratulations, Donald. We'll see you in Washington DC.

*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](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](mailto: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



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## Registration

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

## Meals

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

## Tours & Activities

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

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

# Where was the Nakdong Gunnery Range?

I am submitting the following to use for my fellow veterans, who may enjoy it. The whole point is for me to return to the Nakdong (now Nakdong) Gunnery Range and, if possible, present a memorial at my expense. However, it is important that I have a good idea where it can readily be found. And, if I do find it, I would like to make the right contacts to make this possible.

K-2 is well known. It shares with the Korean Air Force the location of the Daegu International Airport. I was greeted at K-2 by Lt. Colonels and given a belt watch by the commanding general in 2000. They stated that I was the first one to return, and they treated me like a returning base commander—even though at the time I served I was an enlisted man. (I served in Korea from June 21, 1952 to May 18, 1953, with the 49th and 58th Fighter Bomber Wings.)

Unfortunately, the Nakdong Gunnery Range is not visible today on-line or in any books that I could find. Except for a few references, it seems unknown and forgotten. Hopefully, I can help change both. First, let me give you a bit of background.

At the end of my tour in Korea my MOT (Month of Travel) return date was delayed twelve days in May because of the accidental death of three airmen on the flight line due to the accidental discharge of gunnery from an F-84. I took the opportunity to travel 83 miles on a dirt road paralleling the Nakdong River, which involved a 5-hour journey north and a 5-hour return trip in a “6-by.”

K-2 was located about five miles from Taegu. My purpose was to visit Bill Schwencer and say goodbye. He was at the Nakdong Gunnery Range, a tent enclave which housed 27 men who maintained the gunnery site. I purposefully missed the return trucks to K-2, which meant I had to spend a few more days at the site waiting for the next supply delivery trucks to show up.

At the time, I really didn't know where I was, but my trip was very instructional as to the frequent arrival of jets discharging bombs and rockets in

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practice runs. I recall that Lt. Jerry Zohn, the young 23-year-old commander of the camp, had taken into custody a young mother for being at the bombing site. He scolded her. She was wearing the traditional hanbok dress. As a result, she exposed her breasts in a heated conversation. He still remembered that incident in a phone call we had three years ago! We could remember that, but we cannot determine the exact the location of the site over 50 years later.

Zohn also indicated that he thought the site could have been as little as 30 miles from Taegu, whereas Bill Schwencer told me it was 100 miles from K-2, judging from his trips back and forth. My written records from that time indicate 83 miles and a 5-hour, non-stop trip. I also wrote down the exact times, which I possess today.

In 1953, I wondered where the site was located. After four subsequent trips to Korea, and witnessing firsthand all the surprising changes to the country, I wondered where I had been. Two of these trips were revisits and 2 were tourist type. I paid for one of the revisits and joined a miscellaneous group of veterans not connected to the KWVA. In 2005 I made a sponsored revisit.

As a result of my visits, I have an obsession to return to the site, since in my “Passion for Korea” trip we ended up at Hahoe, a 500-year-old historical village close to Andong, which is one of the rare places still containing traditional mud plaster with straw roof housing. Hahoe, which is on the Nakdong River and on the freeway from Taegu, was only around a one-hour drive on the bus. On modern maps the road does not follow the Nakdong River and tunnels

more directly through mountains.

After returning home, I looked at my 1953 photos and the ones taken in the fall of 2007. I was amazed that the mountain profile looked almost the same, except they are forested today.

After spending hours on the computer looking at You Tube and Google satellite views of the Nakdong River, which show every sandbar, and photos posted for Hahoe and the surrounding area, I cannot absolutely verify it was the same place. Some clues say yes, this is the spot; other clues make me doubtful.

The bombing site was on a sandbar with empty jet fuel barrels shaped in the form of an arrow to lead the planes to the built-up target, which had to be rebuilt after each strike series. The road itself involved crossing the Nakdong River over partially destroyed and very narrow bridges, which also involved crossing through the shallow part of the river.

As we approached the gunnery site, we turned off the dirt connecting road between Taegu and Seoul to a transit road that was restricted for only military vehicles, and later entered the site next to a narrow cliff-side entry.

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On Google there are only a few references to the gunnery range, including one that indicates one pilot, 2LT Harry G. Vosburgh, crashed his plane into the sandbar site on 8 February 1952, which resulted in his death. (See the sidebar)

As all returning veterans know, Korea is not the same place that it was almost 60 years ago. In fact, it has changed so much that today it is like visiting a different country. Also, there is a project to join 4 rivers, including the Nakdong, into 1 waterway. The project is being debated heatedly in Korea.

The waterways involved are the Han River in Seoul; the Nakdong River, which runs through the Gyeongsang provinces; the Geum River, which snakes through the Chungcheong and North Jeolla regions; and the Yeongsan River, in South Jeolla.

Also, individual revisits are expen-

sive. One can apply for Korean escorts who volunteer their time. Although I am sure the site is gone, there are those Koreans still alive who could remember all the noise of the jets dropping bombs and shooting rockets, especially the young lady who was a mother and who emotionally exposed herself to the memory of all.

I believe that if I can verify the site's general location, with the aid of an interpreter and my photos, I can learn the exact spot and present a standing memorial for those who served there.

My days spent there were a great relief, having served my time at K-2, and I was looking forward to my trip home, which was on the General Mann several weeks later. Actually, the visit was a big relief after my stressful duties in Korea. If I had a choice to do it over, it would be the only thing I would like to relive.

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**Aircraft Type:** F-84E

**Wing or Group:** 49th Ftr-Bmbr Gp

**Squadron:** 7th Ftr-Bmbr Sq


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# 60TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES

**W**e asked our members to submit their 60th Anniversary stories of the Korean War, starting from the day the North Koreans invaded South Korea and ending with their feelings about their service and the ultimate outcome.

As usual, members responded with alacrity.

Quite a few of the submissions follow. We had so many that we are printing only a portion of them in this issue. We will continue the stories in the next issue—and possibly beyond. After all, it is not too late to submit your stories, feelings, opinions, etc. Please send yours in to add to our extensive file of reflections on the 60th anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

Overwhelmingly our members have indicated that they thought their time in Korea was beneficial, not only for them but for the South Korean people as well. There is no better evidence of the outcome of the war than the map of the Peninsula of Korea displayed in the National Museum of Natural History. The map depicts the developmental differences between the two Koreas.

We have shown the map before. It makes it hard for anyone to deny that the U.N. won the war, or that South Korea has fared much better than North Korea since 1953. The southern half of the peninsula is aglow with lights. The northern part looks no different than it did thousands of years ago (although we don't have any actual overhead shots to prove it). It's as if the North Koreans have never heard of electricity!

Please keep your stories coming. We'll try to present them in a chronological order to retrace the campaigns, operations battles, activities in the air and on the water. For example, we'll do stories of Task Force Smith, the Inchon Landing, the Chosin Reservoir...in sequence (if we receive any). And, we will try to fill in the blanks between the major battles with stories of isolated firefights, actions at sea, and so forth.

In short, we will print as many stories as we can in our 60-year retrospective of the Korean War. Your stories and photos are welcome on all aspects of operations in Korea, starting with 25 June 1950 right up until today.

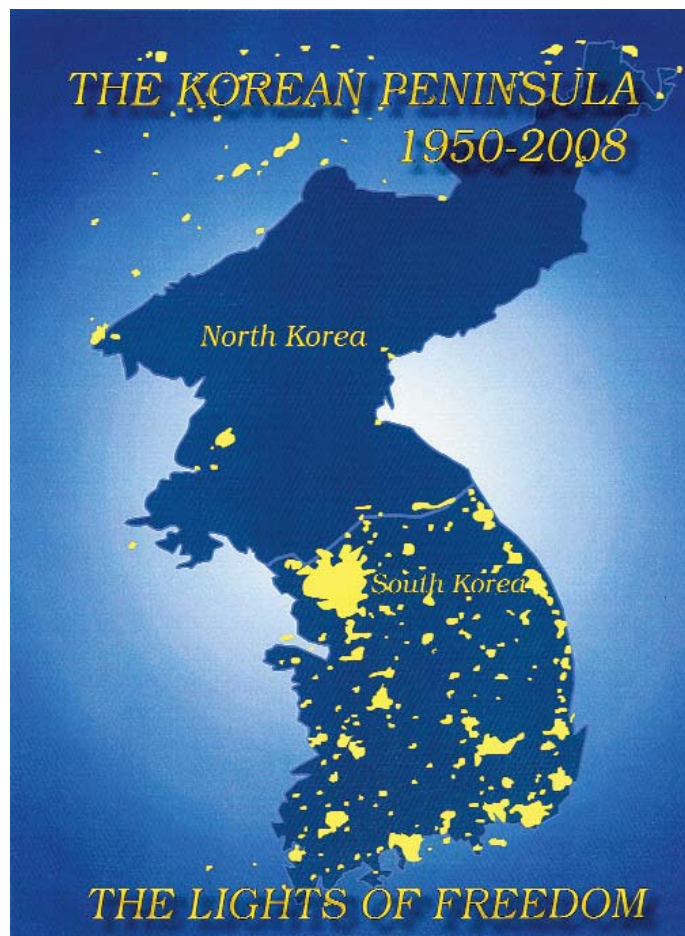
Let's begin this special section with a speech delivered by Myung Steenbergh to the Department of New York gathering attendees in Saratoga, New York recently.

Myung Steenbergh, of Schenectady, New York, was a child in Korea when the "unpleasantness" began on 25 June 1950. Her remembrances—and her heartfelt thanks to the veterans who fought for her and her fellow South Koreans—are an excellent starting point for the stories that follow.

We have edited the speech a bit for the sake of clarity.

## Thank you, American veterans

Our dearest veterans and their guests: I am so glad to be here to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Korean War. I am also very honored to speak of my own memories of the Korean War from June 25, 1950 through the July 27th, 1953 cease fire. It is not coincidental that I am standing among our veterans and friends of veterans to exchange our common goal in this grand place. It was possible due to your sacrifices made 60 years ago on Korean soil.



A comparison of the two Koreas at night (Thanks to Vernon R. Kephart for the enhanced version of the map)

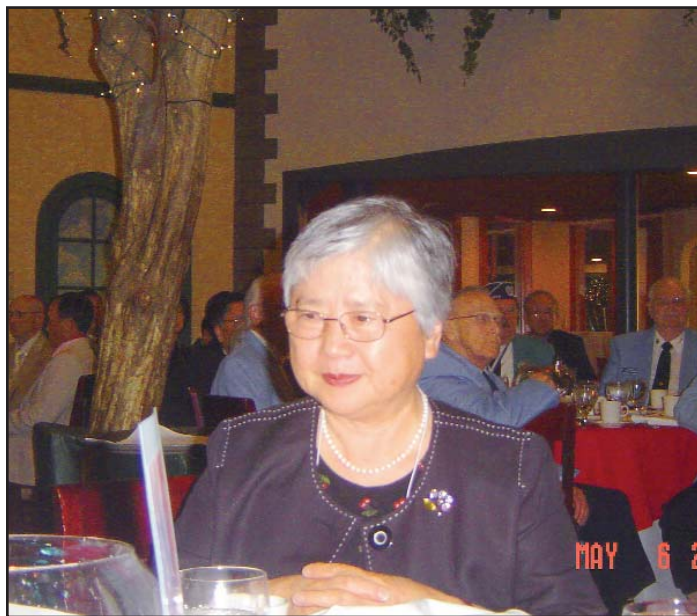
We can keep the memory of the "Forgotten War" alive in these pages—and outside the sphere of the KWVA.

I was only eight years old when the war broke out one Sunday early morning. My father was away from home to attend a business meeting in Seoul, and my mother was with her children. Everyone was told to move down to the south, but we could not move one step due to father's absence.

My mother barricaded a room with a stack of rice bundles to prevent gunshots and bomb shells. The whole town was empty and the streets were calm as midnight. Perhaps more than a week went by,



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**Myung Steenbergh addresses Department of New York assemblage at Saratoga, New York**

and my father arrived home with an injured leg. But, we quickly packed and fled to south.

By then, North Korean soldiers occupied most of the way to the south. My father was a very bright young man who did everything to prevent being captured by the North Korean Army. Finally, we were down to Dae Jeon, and there we tried to survive regardless of the fact that the war was at its peak.

Then, General McArthur and the Marines took back Seoul on September 28, 1950, and we were able to come back to Seoul. Our home was burned and ruined. We started to rebuild and brought our lives back to normal. Then, on January 4, 1951, a fearsome winter day, North Korean soldiers and 50,000 Chinese soldiers rushed back to the south again. I remember how I felt that day. It was not just fear alone; it was far more than fear itself.

I was a physically weak kid who could not walk very well. My younger sister, who had just turned five, walked better than I did at that time. Our family went down as far as Dae Gu City, where there were no enemies. We settled there a few months, then moved to Kang Won Province, where there were steep mountains and clear water. Everywhere you looked was surrounded with mountains. Having many young kids in his family, my father chose such an area to protect us all.

Through it all, I have such sweet memories of American soldiers, who gave their most precious young lives to save us all. During the year, I used to stand in line to get some potage, which is made out of rice and milk. We were down in Dae Jeon City. There was a Catholic church which had a pretty large yard. American soldiers

built fires in the middle of the yard and boiled potage to feed refugees.

As you can see, I am a very short person. Can you imagine how little I would have been at age eight? My two eyes were like twinkling stars as I was looking up at these kind and handsome young soldiers. I loved them then, and I love them more than ever now, for I learned of Americans who are always willing to help whenever, wherever, and whoever needs help from this very blessed country.

I have been living in this country over 38 years, and I know that no matter what may happen, this blessed nation should be prosperous and sustain itself for the goodness of the world we live in.

When we were building a home back in Seoul, all building materials were provided by the U.S. After the fighting ceased in July 27, 1953, schools were rebuilt with the support of America, and school text books were printed with our education department and Rockefeller's endowment funds.

When I came to work for New York State in 1981, I saw Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller's photo on the wall of the Corning Tower in downtown Albany. I felt awe and delight to see him as the former governor of New York State. Of course, I immediately think back in Korea to reflect on my memories of war and education. There are many words to express my gratitude toward America and our veterans.

If I may summarize my feelings in one sentence: "I owe too much to the USA and our veterans." I wish I could love you more for the rest of my life. I love you so much. And, may God bless America and our beloved veterans.

Thank you so very much.

*Now the stage is set. Let's go to your stories and memories*

## **You were seventeen two years ago**

As a teenager, I would watch the Memorial Day parades. After each parade the National Guard would have hot dogs and beer. I liked that, and I thought, "I can do that." So, at fifteen I joined the guards, Co. M, 102nd Inf., 43rd Div., in Ansonia, CT for two years.

I drove a deuce-and-a-half to Pine Camp, NY without a civilian license. On 25 June 1950, we were out on a three-day exercise. I was in a foxhole with a bazooka when we were told of the invasion. I did not know where Korea was, but I thought we might be involved as the 43rd Div. was activated. The officers got real chicken-like after that, and wanted to know our true ages.

I said I was seventeen; they said, "You were seventeen two years ago."

"I lied," I answered.

After we got back to Ansonia, they found out that I was still sixteen (my mother told them) and let me go. I graduated from high school on 20 June 1951. On 22 June, I was on my way to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. I trained in infantry; when I got to Korea, the Army put me in artillery.

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The C.O. knew I did not know anything about artillery, so he put me on an outpost every night. I and the rest of the young and “dumb ones” like me had to make our way up a hill before dark to a machine gun post.

I used to get five dollars for every new member I bought in. After 25 June 1950 I was not so popular.

My best memory was of the men with whom I served. We did not see civilians much, and the men I served with were the greatest.

I have no regrets, and would do it over if I were able. The 43rd Div. went to Germany--and I went to KOREA. I wouldn't have had it any other way.

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## If the World Forgets About the Korean War, Will History Repeat Itself?

June 25, 2010 marks the 60th Anniversary of the start of the Korean War. Back then, it was referred to as a “Police Action,” because President Harry Truman did not go to Congress to have them declare a State of War with North Korea. (Ironically, no war since World War II has been “declared.”) Later, this “police action” became a “conflict,” and was ultimately referred to as a “war.”

Regardless of its designation or title, the Korean War to this day remains an active war; the longest that this nation has ever fought. Our current 57-year-long “truce” status among North Korea, Communist China, and the United Nations means that the 500,000 American troops who fought in “The Forgotten War” will soon be gone because of age.

The men of the United States Marine Corps, the United States Army, the United States Air Force, and the United States Navy, who fought, bled, and died in battles from the Chosin Reservoir to Inchon to Heartbreak Ridge are the younger brothers of the “Greatest Generation,” who freed the world from Nazism.

But these “younger brothers” never received the applause or accolades or ticker tape parades with which an adoring American public honored their “big brothers.”

Lest we forget, this war was fought by 22 nations under the aegis of the UN and commanded by General Douglas MacArthur. The total UN fighting force of more than 750,000 men and women represented the life, blood, and strength of those who stopped the Communist onslaught. America's losses totaled nearly 35,000 of its best and brightest.

To this day, America maintains close to 30,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, along with other nations' forces, to support a fragile truce along the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). This quasi-fortified line separating a free and democratic South Korea from a totalitarian North is home to 1,000,000 shifting land mines.

The U.S. has continued its military presence in Korea since a cease-fire on July 27, 1953 was declared. The United States has

become painfully aware of the chicanery of Kim Jung Il regarding nuclear help acquired from Pakistan and re-shipped to Iran.

If the north's nuclear weapons are not removed, and if its capacity for waging another war is not reduced, then the world may experience a wider conflict than before. Americans will then wonder if their troops will have to finish the job started so very long ago

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## Convoy after convoy of trucks passed

On June 25, 1950 I was in high school. Since the activity in Korea was mentioned only as a “Police Action,” I didn't give much thought to it compared to World War II.

Since there was a draft taking place for the Korean War, and I had registered for it when I was eighteen years old, I could be called up.

I didn't know much about the UN at the time. I thought this Korean War must be important, though, since the U.S. got involved in it. Admittedly, I didn't know where Korea was, but I did know where Japan was.

My most significant memory during my time in Korea was when I was a jeep driver for Joint Observatory Team (JOT) No. 3 for the United Nation Command – Military Armistice Commission at Munsan-ni, south of Panmunjom. I was driving for officers going to meetings with the North Korean and Chinese at Panmunjom aimed at returning U.S. POWs from North Korea.



South entrance to cross the Freedom Gate Railroad Bridge over the Imjin River on the way to Panmunjom in the winter of 1953. The little guard house in the center of the picture is the first bridge check point going to Panmunjom. A pass was needed here.

Many other things took place at these meetings. I will never forget the day in January 1954 when I was at Panmunjom and saw some U.S. POWs return from North Korea. We were waiting on top of a small hill. We could hear the U.S. POWs yelling about a half-mile from Panmunjom. They were returning in North Korean trucks. They knew they would soon be free.



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The north side of the Freedom Gate Railroad Bridge over the Imjin River south of Panmunjom in the winter of 1953. It is evident in the photo where many bridges were destroyed during the Korean War. Everyone had to use this railroad bridge. All POWs crossed this bridge. Army engineers built the Libby Bridge over the Imjin River several miles east of this bridge, which became the second crossing before the Armistice was signed.

The trucks stopped across the road from me. Two U.S. soldiers caught the first POW under his arms to help him out of the truck. These POWs were walking skeletons—nothing more than hide over bones. They were in very bad shape, to put it mildly.

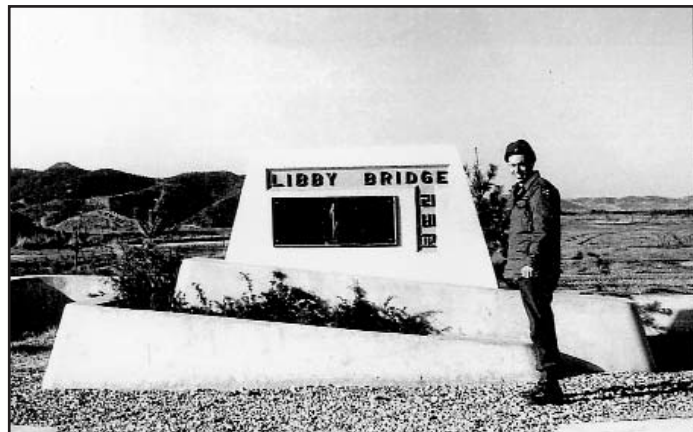
When the first POW's feet hit the ground, he looked up to see a row of about six North Korean officers watching the operation. His emotions got the best of him. He screamed at the officers, "You sons of bitches!"

The two U.S. soldiers got this POW away from those officers as fast as they could. The POW walked under an arched sign that read, "Welcome Gate to Freedom" and into a U.S. tent to be processed.

I don't have any regrets about being in the Korean War. It



The north side of the Freedom Gate Bridge south of Panmunjom in the winter of 1953. It was a one-way bridge for vehicles and trains. There was ice and snow on the Imjin River. U.S., North Korean, and Chinese POWs crossed this bridge.



Charles Petersen standing by the Libby Bridge Monument in the winter of 1953, several miles east of Freedom Gate Bridge.

stopped the communists from taking over South Korea. I think my personal investment was worth it.

I revisited South Korea on a revisit tour in June 2005, while the South Koreans were celebrating the 55th anniversary of the North Korean invasion. The South Koreans can't thank the soldiers who fought for their freedom enough.

One of my memories of Korea is of the bridges over the Imjin River. At least four of them were destroyed. It seems that there was a second railroad bridge next to the existing Freedom Gate Railroad Bridge that was destroyed. I crossed over the Freedom Gate Bridge while taking officers to Panmunjom.

The new Libby Bridge was a few miles east of the Freedom Gate Bridge. We could also use this bridge to go to Panmunjom. It was built before the Armistice was signed on 27 July 1953.

I drove for the PX major before being assigned to JOT #3. I took him to Advance Camp near Panmunjom to check on a PX that was in a large trailer. One time, coming back to the United Nations Command-Military Armistice Commission Headquarters, I missed the road to the Freedom Gate Bridge. The

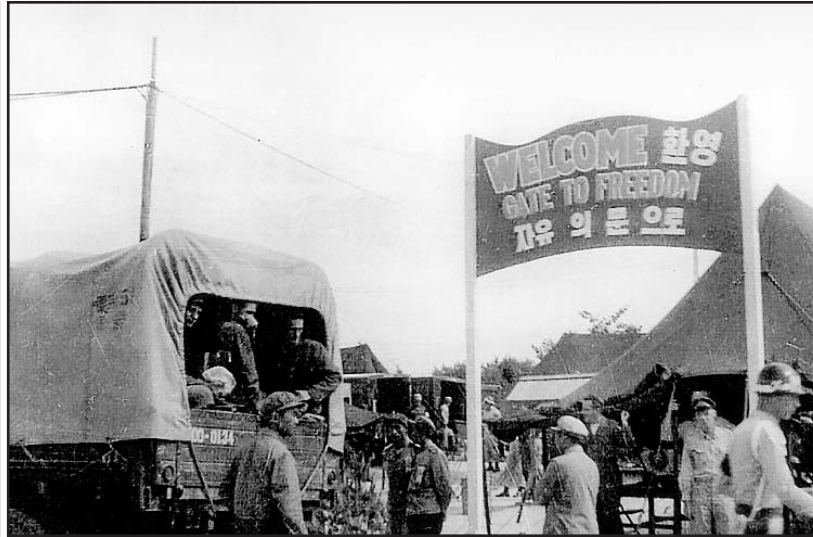


Libby Bridge, built by the U.S. Army engineers over the Imjin River east of Freedom Gate Bridge in the winter of 1953. Before the bridge was built, people had to cross the river via a pontoon bridge or a floating bridge

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Panmunjom: U.S. soldiers help American POWs out of a North Korean Army truck in January 1954 as a North Korean driver watches.



This is the sign the U.S. POWs were looking for at Panmunjom in January 1954: "WELCOME GATE TO FREEDOM"



Panmunjom: U.S. POWs returning from North Korea in North Korean trucks in January 1954. A North Korean truck driver (L) and a U.S. MP and another North Korean (R) watch. People at the site could hear these U.S. POWs yelling from a half-mile away as they approached.



Panmunjom, January 1954: U.S. MPs standing in front of a sign and American tent where the U.S. POWs were processed before going to Freedom Village to a temporary hospital for a check-up. Freedom Village was south of Panmunjom, about a mile west of the United Nations Command-Military Armistice Commission Headquarters at Munsan-ni.

major told me to cross at the Libby Bridge. That was a challenge.

Convoy after convoy of trucks moving troops and supplies off the front lines after the Armistice was signed were passing. The dust never settled. The major and I were doing a lot of talking that day.

I carried an Argus C3 camera over 80% of the time while I was in Korea. As a result, I took many photos, including the near-by photos that accompany this story.

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## I knew I'd be involved

I was working in the kitchen at a resort hotel at the Jersey shore when I heard the news about the North Korean invasion, and immediately knew this would be my war; I'd missed WWII by 6 months. I was an ROTC cadet in an infantry unit at Lafayette College, and would graduate in '51.

Overall, I was unsure about the whole situation, but I knew I'd be involved. I believed the UN did the correct thing. I knew very well where Korea was, as I'd had several geography courses in my pursuit of a degree in Geology.

I have absolutely no regrets about my involvement. In fact, I have returned five times to Korea, as I've grown to know and respect the



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Korean people for their hard work and integrity. And, I feel that in some small way my service there helped this all come about as the great nation and economic power they have become.

Furthermore, I firmly believe that we must stand up for our country, our friends and our Constitution.

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## At least I was there...

I served in Korea from October 1952 to November 1953. Here are some of my thoughts on the start of the Korean War on 25 June 1950.

I was living in Tampa, Florida when I read about the North Korea invasion of South Korea in the morning newspaper. It seemed to me from reading that article that the United States was already considering what action to take.

I didn't know where Korea was, but a map in the newspaper showed the location. I didn't think about it involving me. But, as time went on, and people I knew were being drafted, I started to think that I might get drafted. In those days, being drafted into the military was a fact of life and a patriotic duty, so I wasn't too concerned when I was drafted into the Army.

After going through basic training and the Signal Corps School, I

still wasn't overly concerned, even when my orders read FECOM (Far East Command). After all, there were a lot of places in the Far East. We arrived in Japan and spent about 24 hours there before reloading on a ship and heading out.

We eventually pulled into a harbor—which I then realized was Seoul harbor. And, from the deck of the ship, I watched a dog fight between American and enemy planes. Then it hit me: I was in a war! As further proof, the Army issued me a rifle when I unloaded from the ship!

I eventually wound up in the 4th Signal Battalion and survived 13 months in Korea. I have no regrets about serving there. After all, that was where I was assigned.

I especially remember the Korean people and their culture. Even in the war, life seemed to go on normally for them. War was almost a way of life. Only a few years earlier they had suffered invasion and domination by the Japanese.

South Korea is a free and prosperous nation today, but it would not have been if North Korea had been allowed to defeat it. I didn't do anything to change the war, but at least I was there.

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# Chapter & Department News

## 1 GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS JR. [GA]

Twenty of our members attended the 27 February 2010 ribbon-cutting ceremony and toured the KIA Motor Manufacturing Company in West Point, Georgia.

On 12 April the Georgia State Senate presented a Resolution on the floor of the Senate to three board members of the chapter, recognizing the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. They also recognized the 740 troops from Georgia who gave their lives to defend South Korea.

As we departed, each of us received a beautiful polished engraved pewter tankard.



Ch 19 members display polished engraved pewter tankards they received from Georgia State Senate (L-R) Thaddeus Sobieski, Robert McCubbins, James Conway

Chapter President Robert McCubbins recently met with Pete Wheeler, Georgia Department of Veteran Affairs Commissioner, to discuss upcoming events pertaining to the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War.

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President Robert McCubbins of Ch 19 (L) discusses start of Korean War with Pete Wheeler, Georgia Department of Veteran Affairs Commissioner

## 40 MINNESOTA #1 [MN]

Members participated in a variety of events in recent months. Two of them were a parade in Edina and a luncheon for volunteers at the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Blair C. Rumble, 969 Lombard Ave.  
Saint Paul, MN 55105-3254, (651) 224-8338



Attendees of Ch 40 at Department of Veteran Affairs luncheon (L-R) Harvey Sell, Melvin Behnen, Director Meg Ryan, Chanley Lundgren



Mike Jansen (L) and Mel Behnen (R) of Ch 40 at Edina parade



Chaplain Don Swanson of Ch 40 rides in chapter's vehicle in Edina parade



## 44 MISSOURI #1 [MO]

### Can You Believe It's Been 60 Years?

It's been sixty years since the beginning of the Korean War. The Missouri State Department of the KWVA held a 60th anniversary Reunion and Gala in Rolla, MO, 24-26 June to commemorate all those who served and or perished during the war, including all those who have served during the Korean war, both before and since the armistice.

The Korean War is often called the "Forgotten War," so we are insuring that the 54,000 plus casualties, which included over 36,000 dead and more than 8,000 still identified as POWs and/or MIAS, are not forgotten. But, we celebrated more than the Korean War. Veterans of all wars were invited to attend the get-together in Rolla.

The activities included a tour of Ft. Leonard Wood and a presentation by the Commanding General. There were also a theater night and other enjoyable events aimed at mixing and greeting old war friends and buddies and making new ones.

Kenn Dawley, Public Relations Director, Missouri #1,  
11959 Glenvalley Dr., Maryland Heights, MO 63043

## 48 CHORWON [NJ]

In June 2009, the Korean Hansung Reformed Church in Cresskill, NJ once again gave the Americans who fought in the Korean War their thanks in the form of a picnic on the church grounds. Greetings were extended by the Rev. Peter Jechul Ko, Senior Pastor, as well as other church and political dignitaries.

Along with a large assortment of foods cooked by the church members, there were beautiful dancers in rich costumes and instruments indigenous to Korea being played. The youth group showed their musical talents in the form of dance, which some professionals could envy.



Members of Ch 48 at the Korean Hansung Reformed Church picnic (Front, L-R) CDR John Valerio, Bob Bramley, Rudy Parciasepe, Jim Farrell, Ed Halvey (Back, L-R) Ed Fehmian, Wayne Morrison, George Peters, Warren Dartell, Peter Kosco (Missing from photo is Larry Morgan)



Attendees at Ch 48's installation dinner (L-R) Ed Halvey (Judge Adj.) Larry Morgan (Chaplain), Warren Dartell (Sr. Vice CDR), Bob Bramley (Adj.) John Valiero (CDR), Roger Fyfe, Mayor of Montvale, NJ. who did the installation, Ed Fehmian (Quartermaster), Walter Bilz (Sgt at Arms), Rudy Parciasepe (Surgeon). Not pictured: Red Mosley (Service Officer), Wayne Morrison, Jr. (Vice CDR)



Ch 48 members serve Thanksgiving Dinner at the Paramus Veterans Home.

In their generosity, the church gave out scholarships to grandchildren of the veterans for the college of their choice. Jaclyn Masterson, Jamie V. Kane, Lindsay M. Messina, Lucas Jones, and Michael Van Brunt were the lucky recipients.

In further gestures of generosity, gifts were given to the wives and visitors of the veterans. The veterans were given the jackets they are wearing in the nearby picture of chapter members.

Warren P. Dartell, 211 Hayward Pl., Wallington, NJ 07057

## 55 NASSAU COUNTY [NY]

Every year around the Christmas/New Year's holidays we send "Go-Phone" cards to troops overseas. In 2009 we sent them to A Battery, 3-319th AFAR of the 82nd Airborne Division. In return, the troopers sent us a Division flag signed by all the members of their unit.

Robert P. O'Brien, 408 Fifth Ave.,  
Cedarhurst, NY 11516





Ch 55 members display the signed flag they received from A Battery, 3-319th AFAR of the 82nd Airborne: (L-R) Bill Boyce, Bob O'Brien, Commander Ray O'Connor, Hank Nowicki, Jack Leff

## 56 VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

Korean organizations have invited our members to commemorations of the 60th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. On 26 March, Commander David Lopez attended a special dinner. Members were also invited to two functions: one on 13-14 June in Las Vegas, NV, and a second one in "Korea Town" on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles.



David Lopez, Commander of Ch 56, displays medalion awarded to him for Korean War service



Members of Ch 56 gather at 3 March meeting (L-R) John and Ann Campos, Benjamin and Betty Espinoza

Chapter members also met with their counterparts from CID 225, Santa Barbara, on 9 June.

David Lopez, Chapter 56, 1121 New Street  
Santa Paula, CA 93060



3 Marines and 1 Soldier of Ch 56 relive memories at their 3 March meeting (L-R) Robert Caro and Henry Nava (both USMC), Henry Guevara (USA), Martin Vasquez (USMC)



Mess time at Ch 56 meeting (L-R) Richard Ruiz (USA), William Cobos (USN), David Garcia (USA)



Ch 56 members gather at 3 March meeting (L-R) Manuel Garcia, Vice Commander Mike Hidalgo, Commander David Lopez, Gregory Garcia, Jr.

## 60 ADIRONDACK [NY]

We presented Gene Slavin with a certificate of appreciation for being the founder of our chapter twenty years ago, then serving as Past President. We awarded the certificate at our monthly



luncheon at the Lake Ridge Restaurant in Round Lake, NY.

Members attended the dedication of Veterans Memorial Park at the geysers in Saratoga Springs on May 1, 2010. The Ballston American Legion and Saratoga Springs Fire Department participated.



Gene Slavin (L) holds the certificate of appreciation awarded him by Ch 60, as his wife and chapter recording secretary Patti (C) and present Commander Ray Waldron (R) look on

Jim Smith, a veteran of the battle for Iwo Jima, threw out the first pitch. Jamie Delaney, Alex Torkleson, and Lauren Fogarty, students at Saratoga Catholic Central High School, sang the national anthem.



Iwo Jima veteran Jim Smith throws out first ball at the Saratoga Springs park dedication



Jamie Delaney, Alex Torkleson, and Lauren Fogarty sing the national anthem at Veterans Memorial Park in Saratoga Springs, NY



Part of the crowd at Saratoga Springs dedication stands at attention during national anthem

The event preceded the Central Catholic vs. Hudson High School baseball game

A moment of silence was observed with a rifle salute and the playing of "Taps."

The naming was approved by the Saratoga Springs city council at its April 21, 2009 meeting.

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

## 99 TALL CORN [IA]

The guest speaker at our April meeting was Don Tyne, Director of Veterans Affairs for Linn County, IA. We met at the Amvets Club in Cedar Rapids.

He brought the chapter up to date on new regulations and procedures available to them.

Leland Regal, 382 6th Avenue  
Marion, IA 52302



Don Tyne speaks to Ch 99 members at their April meeting



## 142 KOREAN WAR VETERANS [MD]

### Lady Supporters of Chapter Earn Recognition

We presented the ladies of the Supporters of Chapter #142 with personal medallions in tribute for their services. These ladies are very helpful by attending the parades, driving vehicles, assisting in raffles, purchasing items, and filling boxes to send to our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Richard L. Martin, Publicity Chairman  
P.O. Box 1647, (301) 663-6360, rlmaem@comcast.net



The Ladies of Ch 142 (Seated, L-R) Rose Green, Vice President Charlotte Hansberger, Treasurer Nancy Spring, President Ruth Chipley (Standing, L-R) Secretary Rosalie Wienhoff, Winnie Mount, Doris Damuth, Jerry Garlock, Ivah Lucas, Dotty Droneburg

## 168 QUAD CITIES [IL]

### KWVA contributes to the Quad Cities Honor Flight Program

This program sends WWII veterans to Washington DC to visit their WWII Monument. The 1-day flight is free to the veterans, and a sponsor (Guide) rides with each for the day. Our chapter contributed \$1,000.00, which would send 2 WWII vets for the day.



Bob Morrison, Quad Cities Director of the Honor Flights, explains program to CH 168 members (L-R) Bob Fitts, Bill Teichman, Dale Phillips, Joe Gomez, and Ron Sears



Rock Island [IL] UTHS (United Township High School) cheerleaders Shannon Thodaa (L) and Audrey Moody (R) carry Ch 168's banner in the Rock Island Labor Day Parade, followed by chapter's Honor Guard (L-R) Ron Sears, San Foulke, Kenneth Kramer, Dale Phillips



Dan Foulke, Don Simpson, and several Korean War vets (L-R) at Ch 168's weekly breakfast



Don Nyquist, Keith Kramer, Joe Raisbeck (R-L) and other Korean War vets make up part of the large crowd at Ch 168's weekly get-together

There have been 5 Flights so far, and 3 are planned for this year.

We participated in the Rock Island Labor Day Parade in 2009. Our members gather together for breakfast on Wednesdays.



We have been doing so for more than eight years. We meet at our local Maid-Rite, which has 1950s theme music and photos on the walls. That is very apropos for us.

Gerald W. Guinn, 3651 7 1/2 Street, East Moline, IL 61244, (309) 755-5929, fourduce3@qconline.com

## 170 TAEJON [NJ]

We have plans to hold an event near our Korean War monument in Saddle Brook, NJ to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. We also plan an event at Atlantic City, where the New Jersey State War Monument is located.



Dr. Richard Onorevole, Ch 170 Commander, stands by the truck that carried chapter members in St. Patrick's Day Parade



Ch 170 members in the parking lot at Pearl River, NY St. Patrick's Day Parade



William Burns, Kenneth Green, Joseph Louis (L-R), the right side of Ch 170's Color Guard, in the St. Patrick's Day Parade



The left side of Ch 170's Color Guard at Pearl River (L-R) Captain James Lomauro, John DiLondardo, Dominick DiPaolo, William Burns



Marchers from Ch 170 see the crowd ahead of them at the Pearl River, NY St. Patrick's Day Parade



Members of Ch 170 ride the St. Patrick's Day Parade route in Pearl River, NY

Many Korean churches are asking us to attend their events for veterans.

We participated in the 48th St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pearl River, NY on 21 March 2010. The parade, which took place on a beautiful Sunday, was sponsored by the Rockland County Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Chapter Commander Dr. Richard Onorevole led twenty mem-



bers in the parade. Eight of them rode the three-mile route in a 2 1/2-ton Army truck.

The Pearl River parade is ranked as one of the largest in the country. This year it included 130 entries. Crowds numbering 3-4 people deep lined the entire route on both sides of the street. It was tremendous for chapter members to witness the patriotism the large crowd exhibited, and to hear the many "Thank you's" as they passed by.

Many Korean War veterans from New York and New Jersey were scheduled to participate according to the official parade program.

After the parade ended, chapter members enjoyed a great meal at the Clifton Buffet in Clifton, NJ. Everyone had a great time at both the parade and the dinner. Many members spoke of the great welcome by the crowd in Pearl River. They will never forget the shouts from the crowd, "Thank you, Korean War veterans."

Louis Quagliero, 142 Illinois Ave.,  
Paterson, NJ 07503

## 181 KANSAS CHAPTER 1 [KS]

We held our annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 27. The highly successful event generated funds which we will use to support our troops and their families in the year ahead.



Old soldiers Jack Kumme, Charlie Pearson, Conrad Brady, and Manny Hernandez (L-R) of Ch 181 enjoy a tall tale over a cup of coffee at their chapter's Pancake Breakfast

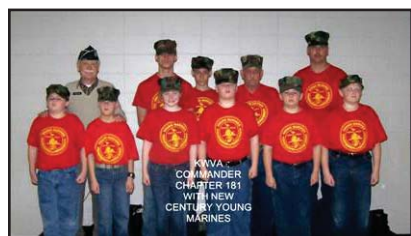
Tom Stevens, Executive Officer of Ch 181, chats with comrades Lou Ramsey (L) and Tom Walsh (C) from CID 43 - Kansas City Missouri #2



A party of Young Marines from Gardiner, KS was on hand to help chapter members at the event. The kids were trying to finance a trip to Washington, DC for Memorial Day.

Chapter members participated in a Memorial Day service at the Kansas Memorial site in Overland Park, Kansas. The main theme honored our MIA comrades.

Don Dyer  
ddyer15@everestkc.net



A party of Young Marines from Gardiner, KS was on hand to help Ch 181 at its Pancake Breakfast. The kids are trying to finance a trip to Washington, DC for Memorial Day

## 187 WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS 2000 [MA]

Our guest speaker at the 7 April 2010 meeting was Mrs. Kristian Lecca, Veterans Agent from the Veterans Service Department, Holyoke, MA. She spoke to members regarding veterans' benefits and rights.

Mrs. Lecca answered all our questions in full detail. Hers was a very informative and up-to-date talk.

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



Kristian Lecca addresses members of Ch 187



Richard Roepel, Ch 187 Commander, thanks Kristian Lecca for her informative insights at chapter's April meeting

## 210 BREVARD COUNTY [FL]

2009 proved to be one of our busiest and most rewarding years since the chapter was created in 2000. In addition to numerous color guard and wreath laying performances throughout the county, our chapter served the Brevard Veterans Council by performing Manager on Duty at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center and took part in the Massing of the Colors at several patriotic venues.

We also supported many events of other Florida KWVA chapters, veteran/military and civic organizations throughout the county and state, including American Legion and VFW posts.

Our year began with our serving as host for the presentation of Medallions of Appreciation to local Korean War vets. The cer-



emony was performed at the Brevard Memorial Center by Goodwork Korea, Inc. The medallion awards were presented by Mr. Byunghoon. A total of 124 medallions were awarded to local Korean War veterans during the ceremony. An additional 10 were presented by Chapter 210 member Dr. Chyung Kim at the residences of award-qualifying veterans throughout Brevard County.



Ch 210 Color Guard Team (L-R) Ted Trousdale, Commander Paul Spescia, George Rosenfield, and Maurice Meisner



Korean War posters produced by Ch 210 displayed at Annual Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion in Melbourne FL



Mr. Bunghoon of Goodwork Korea Inc. presents Medallion of Appreciation to Ch 210 President T. J. Snyder

The next major event we supported was the Annual Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion held at Wickham Park in Melbourne, Florida. Here again our chapter performed color guard and wreath laying and security and poster displays in support of the Vietnam Moving Wall display.

Chapter 210 member Paul Spescia was chosen "State Veteran of the Year" at the KWVA Department of Florida Convention held at Crystal River, Florida, which was hosted by CID 172, Citrus County [FL].

Paul was presented the Eddie Ko Award Trophy and Certification and other prizes.



Mickey Tutolo, Ch 210, flanked by County Commissioner Chuck Nelson (L) and Brevard Veterans Council Chairman Skip Bateman (R), receives Annual Award.

Chapter 210's Color Guard also had the honor of opening the Annual Award Ceremony put on by the Brevard Veterans Council, Inc. and Veterans Memorial Center, Inc. It also participated with other Color Guard teams (15) at the US Naval Commodore John Barry Ceremony held at Port Canaveral.

Commodore Barry engaged British warships off the coast of Cape Canaveral in the last battle of the Revolutionary War and was instrumental in the eventual creation of a separate Department of the Navy.

Charles Hackney, 8754 Palm Way  
Cape Canaveral, FL 32920



Ch 210 Color Guard members Maurice Meisner, Paul Spescia, and Mickey Tutolo (L-R) participate in Commodore John Barry Ceremony



## 221 TWIN CITIES [TX]

### Korean War Veterans Earn Trophies

Area chili cooks competed for trophies in three categories: business, civic groups, and individuals. Funds raised by the event go to buy a new Disabled American Veterans van to take veterans to the Veterans Medical Center in Shreveport, as well as to assist veterans and their families.

The chapter received first place trophies for the Civic Group and the "People's Choice" categories. Chapter officials Charles Terry, Joe Kososki, and Gene Welch were instrumental in our participation.

We presented a plaque to Troy Barron of Simms, TX for his "exemplary service" as chapter Secretary from 2005 to 2009. His wife, Neva, has also been an active member of the KWVA Auxiliary. Both of them plan to continue their service to the chapter in other roles.

Our chapter was chartered in 2003.

Dee Reece, 500 Cavite Pl.  
Wake Village, TX 75501



Proudly displaying two trophies earned by Ch 221 in the 11th annual Texarkana Area Veterans Council Chili Cook-off are (L-R) President Charles Terry, Auxiliary member Martha Welch, 1st VP Gene Welch, Joe Kososki



Charles Terry, Joe Kososki, and Charles Welch (L-R) of Ch 221 stand behind their chili



Troy Barron of Ch 221 displays his "Exemplary Service" plaque

## 259 CENTRAL INDIANA [IN]

We had the Commander of the Indiana Air National Guard as our guest speaker at our April meeting. BGen J. Stewart Goodwin presented an extensive review of the National Guard operations around the globe.

Several critical functions are done in Indiana while other personnel are put on active duty tours elsewhere. It was of interest to chapter members that the operations of unmanned aircraft in combat zones involve the Indiana units, as do fighter aircraft operations at home.



General Goodwin, Vice Commander Jack Beaty, Commander Tine Martin (R-L) of Ch 259 at April meeting

Tine Martin, Ch 259 Commander (L), John Pequignot (C), Jim Yaney display honorary membership certificate for WWII veteran Pequignot



Chapter members participated at a recent "Salute to World War 2 veterans" event in Indianapolis. Chapter President Tine Martin had served on the Mayor's 'Salute' committee with other members in organizing this very successful event. Several other members were also in attendance. Terry McDaniel was in WW2 as well as the Korean War, during which he was a POW.

The honorees that November 12th included men and women who had served in several theaters of operation and battles, including the Pearl Harbor attack, the Battle of the Bulge, the invasions of Italy and Holland, and the Pacific sea battles.

Jim O'Donnell is the last living Indiana survivor of the tragic





Ch 259 Commander Tine Martin and retired Indianapolis Firefighter James O'Donnell visit at a recent "Salute to World War II" veterans in Indianapolis

sinking of the *USS Indianapolis* by a Japanese submarine after it had delivered the atomic bomb that was used to end the war with Japan. That weapon was loaded on U.S. bombers on a Pacific island, then dropped on Hiroshima. He and other survivors drifted in the ocean for five days before being rescued.

Jim told the gathering of having seen some of his shipmates die from shark attacks and other causes during that long wait for help.

Retired Marine LtCol Greg Ballard, the Mayor of Indianapolis, has provided similar 'Salutes' for Korean War and Vietnam veterans, with the support of business owners and volunteers.

We awarded an Honorary Membership to a distinguished veteran of WWII during our May meeting. Former Navy Medic, Silver Star, and three-time Purple Heart recipient John Pequignot, of Fort Wayne, IN, has been awarded recently the title of "Outstanding Hoosier" by the Indiana Governor.

John has also been a vital member of the production staff of the "Tell America" television broadcasts from Fort Wayne. He assists Ch 259 member James Yaney in conducting interviews with veterans for local and Internet broadcasts countrywide.

If it had not been for the success of the World War II troops, South Korea would have been under Russian Communist domination at the end of the Pacific War. The United Nations stopped Stalin from taking over the entire peninsula, drawing the line at the 38th Parallel.

In accepting his appreciation for the chapter's gesture, John explained that his fellow Navy veterans of the 1940s have been passing at a rapid rate, which makes having another veterans unit much needed companionship.

John Quinn  
Saggi32@aol.com

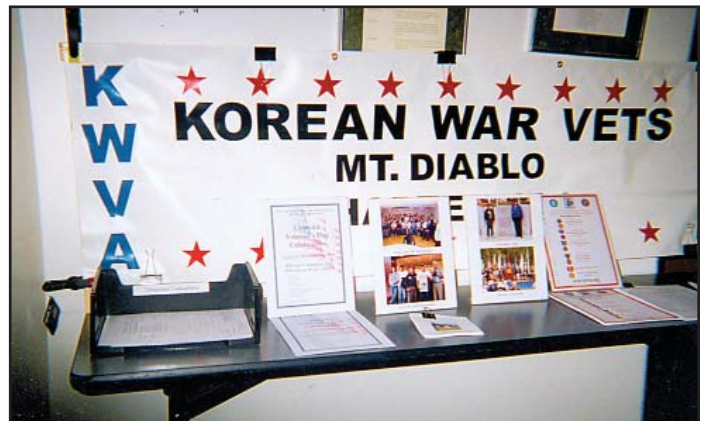
## 264 MOUNT DIABLO [CA]

We hold our monthly meetings at the Leshner Auditorium, John Muir Medical Center. One of the features of our meetings is a helmet that is placed on a table. It is used for voluntary contributions to defray our chapter's operating expenses. The helmet saw considerable action in Korea and "survived" its many dents.

Special mention goes this month to highly decorated disabled veteran and member Robert Terry, who is driven to every monthly meeting approximately 27 miles from East Oakland, CA to Concord.



The "helmet" front and center at every Ch 264 monthly meeting steals the show from the chapter's officers in the background

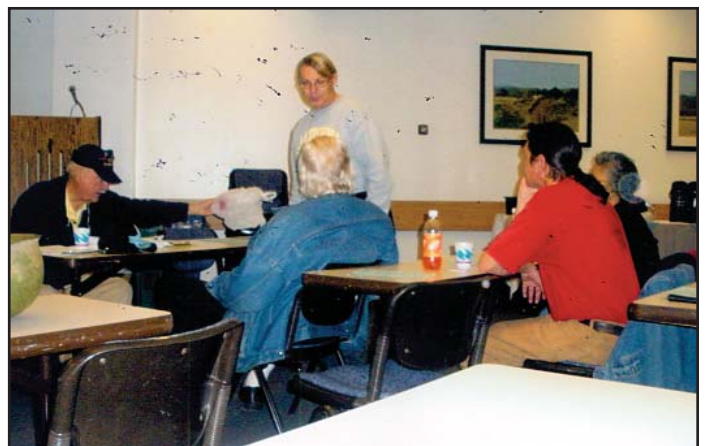


The sign that appears at all of Ch 264's meetings

Our April meeting was very well attended. We discussed plans for the "Ice Cream Social" at the Yountville Veterans Home, the oldest and largest such facility in the United States.

Refreshments are always available. At the April meeting we received a large selection of magazines from the U.S. Coast Guard, which covered many aspects of the modern Coast Guard. The previous month the U.S. Air Force provided us with materials describing its current structure.

Stanley J. Grogan, 2585 Moraga Drive  
Pinole, CA 94564

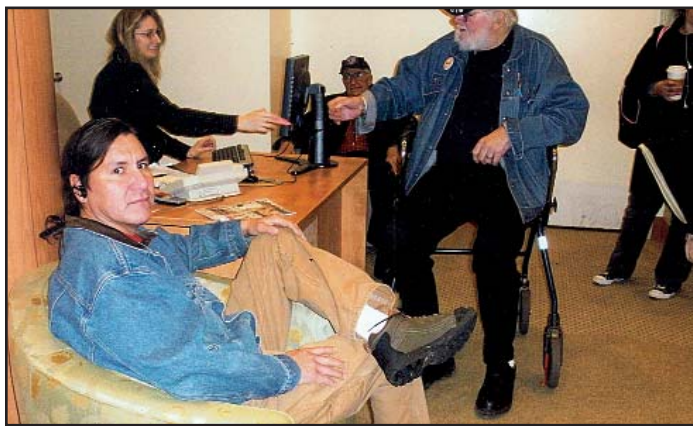


Bob Hooker and John Bellardo talk with disabled veteran and Ch 264 member Robert Terry as other attendees listen in





Members and guests attend Ch 264 monthly meeting



Receptionist Cindy Turpin, at desk, assigns Ch 264's meeting room and ensures that coffee is provided by the kitchen. She is speaking with Robert Terry (C), whose son is seated at left.

## 267 GEN. JAMES VAN FLEET [FL]

On 4 Feb. 2010 members of Ch 267 spoke to the senior class of the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) program at the University of Florida. Dick Davis, Jake Feaster, Terry Fitzpatrick, Ed Muse, and Dick Garfield were welcomed by LTC Charles Werner, the Professor of Military Science (PMS), LTC Michael Reichard (ret), and the senior class.



Members of Ch 267 speak to ROTC group at the University of Florida

Appropriately, the symposium was held in Gen. James Van Fleet Hall on campus.

The hall and the chapter were named in honor of the Floridian who was the 8th U.S. Army Commander during the Korean War, served two tours as a PMS at Florida, and was the "Gators" head football coach.

The veterans began with a brief overview of the Korean War. Then, each one shared his wartime experiences with this group of future veterans.

Most of the young men and women in this senior class were commissioned as U.S. Army 2nd lieutenants on 30 April 2010.

LTC Michael Reichard (ret), University of Florida,  
Army ROTC, P.O. Box 118536,  
Gainesville, FL 32611-8536

## 299 KOREA VETERANS OF AMERICA [MA]

Our Honor Guard held a fundraiser at the Leominster, MA Wal-Mart on 3 April from 0900-1300hrs. We thank Cheryl D. and Henry Clifford for their assistance. It turned out to be a profitable day.



**LEFT:** Art Griffith accepts contributions from two youngsters at Ch 299 Honor Guard fundraiser

**BELOW:** Iraq veteran Spc Addison Day and Otis Mangrum at Ch 299's fundraiser







Otis Mangrum and Henry Clifford at Ch 299's fundraiser in Leominster

We presented Certificates of Appreciation to Wounded Warrior Project Representative Linda Perry and Diane Lamb, Spaulding Rehab-Boston admission's director, for their support and care for our nation's wounded warriors.

Our Jr. Vice Commander, Ken McKenna, made the certificates.

Art Griffith  
artarmy299@yahoo.com



Bob Wagner, Maura Brodeur, Art Griffith, Diane Lamb, Linda Perry, Vincent Mannion-Brodeur, Jeff Brodeur (L-R) gather during presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Lamb



Bob Wagner, Art Griffith, Linda Perry, Vincent Mannion-Brodeur, Jeff Brodeur (L-R) at Certificate of Appreciation presentation for Ms. Perry

## 311 H. EDWARD REEVES [AZ]

We have new officers:

- Commander – John Kinney
- 1st Vice Commander – Jim Johnston
- 2nd Vice Commander – Vern Gerdes
- Director 2 – Ed Katz
- Adjutant – George Schlotterback
- Treasurer – Pete Buscaino
- Director 1 – Carl Shanahorn
- Judge Advocate – Tom Britzman

Judge Advocate Britzman installed the officers.

We presented gifts to Past Commander Chuck Stohr.

We are growing in numbers and looking for Korea Service members. About 42 of us attended a Las Vegas [NV] program presented by the Friends of American Veterans of Korean War, 13-14 June.

Members engage in a variety of activities. One of them was a flag raising ceremony at Prescott High School on 24 April. A young man working to become an Eagle Scout, Aleix Koster, arranged the event to honor veterans' service and bring attention to a POW/MIA Memorial under construction at the school campus.

Vernon Geddes, 4571 Calle Santa Cruz  
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314, (928) 777-0545



New officers of Ch 311 (Back, L-R) John Kinney, Jim Johnston, Vern Gerdes, Ed Katz (Front, L-R) George Schlotterback, Pete Buscaino, Carl Shanahorn



Contingent of Ch 311 members front and center at Prescott High flag raising event



## NEW YORK



A bright blue sky frames the flag raising ceremony attended by Ch 311 members in Prescott, AZ

## 313 SHENANDOAH VALLEY [VA]

On Friday, April 30th, 26 chapter members participated in the 83rd Annual Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival Parade in Winchester, VA. The veterans rode through the parade route in Humvees and trucks provided by the local National Guard unit headquartered in Winchester. They were also assisted by six (6) members of Boy Scout Troop 11 from Boyce, VA, who carried the chapter banner and the flags.

This was the second year the chapter has taken part in the parade. Once again we were greeted by a standing ovation and cheers from the estimated 200,000 enthusiastic spectators all along the two-and-one-half mile parade route.



Apple Blossom Festival Parade marchers from Ch 313 (Kneeling, L-R) Lew Ewing, Dick Clark, Bill Scott, Fred Haymaker, Charles Hoak, Paul Campbell, Leonard Laconia and Herb Taylor (Standing, L-R) Lew Ebert, James Berry, Ed Reel, Ray Fish, Buck Thompson, Hank Mast, Carl Boblitz, Bud Boyce, Art Jolliffe, Gary Fletcher, Jack Keep, Dale Thompson, Steve Culbert, Edgar Tufts, Charles Quinnelly, Chuck Bachman, Lawrence Clowser and Ken Watts

Some of the men stated that the warm reception we received from the crowd during the parade helped make up for the "welcome home" we did not receive when we returned home from Korea some 50 plus years ago.

It was a heartwarming and emotional experience for all of us. Just maybe, we were not forgotten after all!

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

We had a memorable spring meeting in May. The banquet at Longfellow's Hotel in Saratoga Springs, NY was one to remember. In attendance were over 35 members of the Korean-American community. Also there were founder Art Patterson, one of the original eight founders of the KWVA, and Clara Norris and her son John. Clara is the wife of National KWVA founder William Norris.

Mrs. Norris and Art Patterson received New York State Senate Liberty Medals.

After we held our business meeting on Thursday morning, May 6th, we conducted a ceremony at the Solomon National Cemetery. At that ceremony, a carnation was placed on our Korean War Veterans Memorial by a member or representative of each of our 20 Chapters.

The below poem is great. We used it at the New York State 2009 and 2010 Conventions held at Saratoga, NY.

### THE FORGOTTEN WAR

**The war fought in Korea, they call it "The Forgotten War".**

**For those who fought and died there, will their memory live no more?**

**How soon we choose to forget the past, as we gear up for the latest war.**

**The sacrifices made by the dead and the brave, can tug hard at a nation's core.**

**Oh what of those still living, whose friends were those left behind?**

**Do we really dare to forget the past can we really be that blind?**

**They were the ones who answered the call, when an ally's freedom was on the line.**

**To honor those living along with the dead, oh Korea now is the time.**

**In places like Pusan and Inchon, and the Chosin Reservoir, Americans fought and died there, it's known as The Korean War.**

**The Army and the Air Force, the Navy and Marine Corps too, yes every branch of service, oh Korea, the lives laid down for you.**

**The citizens of Korea, I know will not forget, for they are a grateful nation, and Americans serve there yet. Oh wars they still continue, perhaps forever more.**

**As long as we honor and remember our Vets, Korea won't be "The Forgotten War".**

*From "STILL MORE TALES," including The Lost Poems of WD CLARKE*

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Ray Waldron, 4 Patricia Ln., Saratoga Springs NY 12866-2812, (518) 584-4362, [ExADRay@aol.com](mailto:ExADRay@aol.com)





At the Solomon National Cemetery service: Commander of the Adirondack Chapter, Ray Waldron, National 1st VP James Ferris, Department of New York President Irving Breitbart, and Adirondack Chapter Chaplain Paul O'Keefe



**ABOVE:** Dave Allen playing Amazing Grace and Taps at Solomon National Cemetery

**BELOW:** Speakers at the Department of New York banquet, Dr. Kwang H. Paik, Myung Steenberg, from the Korean community, and Ray Waldron



Jim Ferris, Art Patterson, Ray Waldron and Irving Breitbart discuss the events at the Department of New York spring meeting



Ed Dandaraw, Irving Breitbart, and Gene Corsale pose at the Saratoga Springs meeting



Jim Ferris, Clara Norris, Ray Waldron and Irving Breitbart chat at the Department of New York spring 2010 meeting

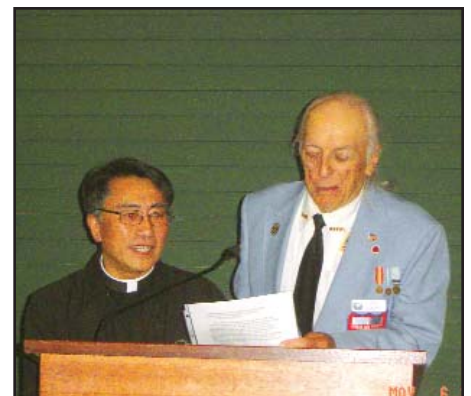


Department of New York Secretary Joe Vogel with Irving Breitbart at their spring meeting



Art & Betty Patterson at the Department of New York spring meeting

Rev. Youngston Jhun, a member of the Korean-American community, and Joe Vogel participate in the closing prayer at the Department of New York spring meeting





# Vickery's Bridge

From September 5 to September 9, 1950, Lt. Grady Vickery was assigned to defend the Namji-ri Bridge crossing the Han River. The bridge had been defended by Vickery's considerably reinforced platoon. Numerous attempts by the North Koreans to destroy the bridge were thwarted by Vickery's platoon, which inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

On September 9, 1950, he had troops on both sides of the bridge. At about 6-7 a.m., they heard a plane overhead. The pilot made a pass over the bridge, circled, and dropped a bomb that missed. He made another pass and dropped a bomb on the center span.

They had defended the bridge for five days and OUR Air Force blew it up by mistake.

This event is written in numerous history books of the Korean War, with pictures of Lt. Grady Vickery, Corporal Carroll Vogles, and the bridge.



Vickery retired from the Army in 1960 with the rank of Captain. He is a member of the AL #1 Gulf Coast Chapter, CID 1. He was the chapter's first president, and the one with the vision for our memorial.

Although this bridge does not resemble

the Namji-ri Bridge, it is named in his honor.

When we built our memorial in 2003, there was a low spot between it and the street. When it rained, which is the norm in Mobile, water stood in this low spot so it was necessary to bridge it. We named the bridge in honor of Capt. Grady Vickery.

We had a permanent plaque placed at the bridge.

*Joe Bolton, CID 1 President  
4304 Aldebaran Way  
Mobile, AL 36693*



**ABOVE:** Grady Vickery guards the bridge named in his honor

**LEFT:** Members of Ch 1 at their memorial dedication



# Thanks!

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

May 1, 2010

## My beloved members of the Korean War Veterans Association!

I'm Chairman Park, Se-Hwan, General (ret.), ROK Army, of the Korean Veterans Association.

First of all, it is a great privilege and honor to salute you through 'The Graybeards' on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War.

60 years ago, you came all the way across the Pacific Ocean to defend the Republic of Korea, the country you didn't even know the name.

You fought for us courageously with priceless sacrifices in numerous battles including Nakdong Perimeter, Inchon Landing, Kunuri, Chosin Reservoir, Chipyungri, and so on.

With your affection, devotion and sacrifices, now Korea is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world and the Korean people are enjoying their pleasant life today. We will never forget your sacrifices and always be grateful.

Our government has been making every endeavor to repay the great debt of gratitude we owe you and inviting approximately 1,200 U.S. Korean War Veterans this year, the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War.

On behalf of 50 million Korean people and 8.5 million members of the Korean Veterans Association, I sincerely salute every one of you, again.

I wish more solid Korean-American Alliance working as the foundation for the peace of mankind and prosperity of our two nations.

My beloved Korean War Veterans!

With love and best regards,

Park, Se-Hwan *S.H park*  
General (Ret.), ROK Army  
Chairman

## General (Ret.) Park, Se-Hwan, Ph.D.

Chairman

The Korean Veterans Association



### Education

- Graduated from Graduate School of Business Administration at Korea University (Personnel Management, MA & Ph.D.)
- Graduated from Korea University (Political Science and Diplomacy, BA)

### Career (Military and Civilian)

- Chairman, Korean Veterans Association (Sep. 25, 2009 - )
- Army Vice Chairman, Korean Veterans Association (Apr. 2006 - Jul. 2009)
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Member of the National Assembly (Jun. 1996 - May 2004)
- Commanding General, the 2<sup>nd</sup> ROK Army (May 1993 - Mar. 1995)
- Commandant, Army Training and Doctrine Command (Apr. 1993 - May 1993)
- Commanding General, the 8<sup>th</sup> ROK Army Corps (May 1991 - Mar. 1993)
- Chief of Staff, the 1<sup>st</sup> ROK Army (Jun. 1989 - Jun. 1991)
- Commanding General, 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Jun. 1987 - Jun. 1989)
- Secretary to the President for National Defense (Jan. 1984 - Jun. 1987)
- ACofS of Reserve Officers Training Corps, G-3, the Army HQ (May 1983 - Jan. 1984)
- Participated in Vietnam War as Captain (Jun. 1967 - May 1969)

### Decorations & Awards

- Samil Medal, Order of National Security Merit (1977)
- Inhon Medal, Order of Military Merit (1969)
- Hwarang Medal, Order of Military Merit (1968)

### Family

- Married to Yoo, Kyoung Ja with two sons and one daughters

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# Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions

## Company L, 45th Div., 279th Regt

**BELOW:** The ladies at L Co's gathering (Back, L-R) Theresa Zielinski, Eilene Wetzel, Sue Elkins, Dolores Hook, Kathie Weatherford, Carol Robinson (Front, L-R) MaryAnn Klenklen, Rose Ann Bantes, Lillian Piontkowski and Glenda Gilbo (Donna Robben was not present for photo)



Company L held its 2009 reunion in Branson, MO at the Stone Castle Inn, hosted by Daryl and Dolores Hook. It was indeed a very good reunion with plenty of good food and lots of visiting. From all reports, everyone had a good time.

There were 26 attendees for all or part of the reunion, including 12 former members of Company L: Wilbert and Rose Ann Bantes, Jim Bowman, Chet Cripe and Gary Harmon (Vietnam vet), Paul and Sue Elkins, Lawrence and Glenda Gilbo—daughters Carol Robinson and Kathie Weatherford, Daryl and Dolores Hook—daughter and husband Steve and Debbie Crossley, Charles and MaryAnn Klenklen, Gene and Lillian Piontkowski, Don Pouk, Norbert and Donna Robben, LtGen Sam and Eilene Wetzel, and Frank and Theresa Zielinski—niece and nephew Scott Young and Karen Zielinski.

Two of the above were first timers: Chet Cripe and Sam Wetzel. Sam commanded the company from 7/28/1953 to December 1953. (More about Sam below.) Chet Cripe and Charles Klenklen served in the company when Sam commanded it.

Sam Wetzel graduated with the 1952 West Point class. After some



Chet Cripe, LtGen Sam Wetzel and Charles Klenklen at Co. L gathering. Chet and Charles served under Sam in 1953



**ABOVE:** The men at the L Co. mini-reunion (Back, L-R) Frank Zielinski, LtGen. Sam Wetzel, Daryl Hook, Lawrence Gilbo, Chet Cripe, Gene Piontkowski (Front, L-R) Charles Klenklen, Jim Bowman, Wilbert Bantes, Don Pouk, and Paul Elkins. (Norbert Robben was not present for photo.)

stateside assignments, Sam volunteered for Korea. Sam arrived in Korea in May of 1953, where he was assigned to I company as a platoon leader. He led many patrols before taking over L Company.

Sam Wetzel fought in the Korean War as an Infantry Platoon Leader and Company commander in the 279th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division. In Vietnam he commanded the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 196th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division. He later commanded the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, at Fort Carson, Colorado.

In Germany, he was Commanding General of the 1st Infantry Division (Forward), Commanding General 3rd Infantry Division, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, US Army Europe and Commanding General V US Corps. Earlier in 1981 he was named Commandant of the US Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, GA, and appointed Chief of Infantry, the first so designated since 1940.

He served on staffs from Battalion to the Army and Joint Staff, was Inspector General and Director of Personnel, US European Command and Executive to the Supreme Commander, Allied Powers Europe. General Wetzel retired from the Army in June 1986, with over 34 years of active service. He moved from Frankfurt, Germany to Columbus, GA.

Here is a quote from Sam in a letter to Brad Agnew in 1993 for Brad's upcoming book.

I have fond memories of my days with the Thunderbirds, and even though I spent 34 years of active duty and commanded at battalion, brigade, division (3rd) and V Corps level, I look back on my experience with the 279th Infantry Regiment as the most important learning experience of my career. The Thunderbirds never lost an inch of ground in the Korean War and have the reputation even still today of being the finest National Guard outfit in the U.S.

Those words are indeed music to the ears of an old Thunderbird.

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## Before and after



Three young draftees arrive at Camp Casey in Korea in June 1953, ready to begin their role as combat photographers. (L-R) Jay Sterling Brown, Robert (Bob) Eifert, George Flynn. 45 years later, the three men re-enact the photo while part of 25th Division reunion in 1998 in Graybill, Indiana.

It's not often you see the same three Korean War veterans in the same pose 45 years apart. But, the nearby photos are one exception. They show three members of the 25th Division, Signal Corps, Photo Section, ready to begin their role as combat photographers. (L-R) Jay Sterling Brown, Robert ("Bob") Eifert, and George Flynn.

All three men graduated from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey Photo School, Class of '61, which explains the significance of the playing cards.



Members of this division still meet every year for a reunion, and are looking forward to seeing each other once again in Tucson, Arizona in October 2010.

The upcoming reunion is being hosted by George Flynn and his family.

*Rollie Berens, 18400 Brookfield Lake Dr. #42  
Brookfield, WI, (262) 797-8897*

## 92nd Armored Field Artillery Bn.

Thirty-six members of the 92nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion attended their reunion at the Covington, Kentucky Radisson Hotel, Oct. 11-13, 2009.

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2009 92nd AFA Bn. (Korean War) reunion attendees (Back, L-R) Al Masotas, Charles Evans, Ben Chism, Robert McCubbins, John Petrich, Jim Pratte, Paul Coelus, Casper Van Bourgondien, T. C. "Red" Hacker (Standing, Middle, L-R), Lloyd Heckert, Bill Duncan, Alfred Scheuler, Angelo Fanelli, Neil Vandermeulen, Clyde Hancock, Arvil Stearman, Chester Wasik, Charles Helmbold (Standing, front, L-R) LtCol Tom Roach, Guy McMenemy, John LaCourse, Jake Feaster, Marvin Dickel, Joe Baker, Lloyd Kissinger, Hugh Johannson, Lewis Luthy (Seated, Front, L-R) Robert Irwin, Dick Lemmon, Ralph Harrison, Tony Musarra, Russel Gambino, Felix Gallegos, Jim Settlemire, Earl Angel, Marvin Hooker



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

# Tell America

### 2 – NORTHWEST ALABAMA II

We completed this year's Tell America program with presentations at six schools. In total, over 120 students learned about the Korean War.

We opened each 45-minute program with a "where," "when," and "why" of the war. Then, a chapter member shared his experiences. We distributed copies of a pamphlet, "The Korean War and

its Historical Impact," which was furnished by Tell America Director Larry Kinard, so each student could have a reference.

The all-day sessions were long and tiring, but worthwhile—especially when students walked by and said, "Thank you."

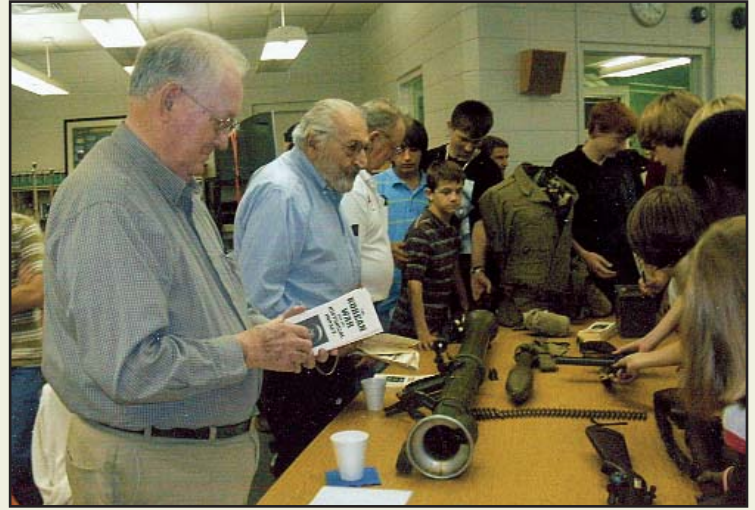
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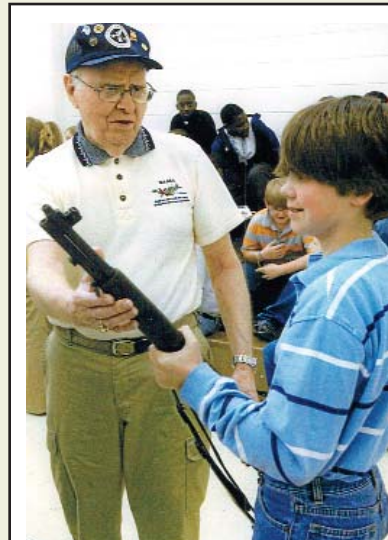
Jim Taylor of Ch 2 addresses students at Colbert Heights High School during Tell America presentation



A student at Deshler Middle School thanks Ch 2 Tell America presenters



David Brown, John Magazzu, and Bob Norris of Ch 2 show students display and brochures at Desher Middle School (all the weapons are inert)



ABOVE: Lee Mackinson of Ch 2 and a student at Hibbett Middle School examine an M1 Garand at Tell America presentation

**THE  
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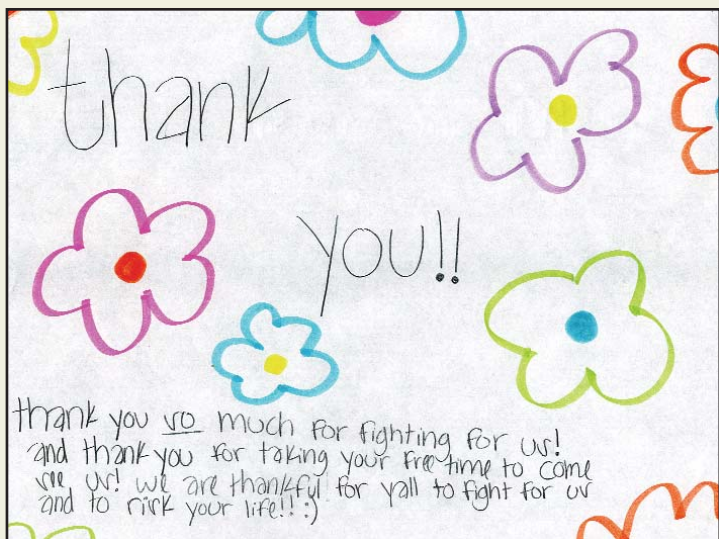
*The Korean War Veterans Memorial  
Washington, D.C.*

RIGHT: The brochure presented by Ch 2 members to students for "Tell America"

KOREA, THE FORGOTTEN WAR. NO MORE!

**Visit the Korean War Veterans Association  
Website: [www.KWVA.org](http://www.KWVA.org)**





A personalized thank you note from a student at Hibbett Middle School goes to the members of Ch 2 for their Tell America session

## 24 - CHARLES PARLIER [IL]

We spoke to 103 students at Pana [IL] High School recently. One of our strongest supporters, Ms. Diane Hawkins, Director of the History Department, was there with us.

Between August 1997, when we started the program, and

August 2009, we have made 257 school visits, during which we have talked to 544 classes, 14,497 students, and 843 teachers. We have also visited 11 civic clubs and 1 veterans' group.

*Jerry Seymour, 352 W. Arch St., Mount Auburn, IL 62547*



Members of Ch 24 at Paha High School presentation (L-R) Fred Furnish, Tell America Chairman Floyd Cooper, Jerry Seymour, Diane Hankins, Frank Delgado, and an unidentified teacher

Ch 30 participants at St. Pete's Lutheran School (Back, L to R) Dick Allen, Tell America Chairman Lynn Shady, Cletus Rumschlag (Seated, L-R) Melvin Franke, Harold Schick, Robert Myers, Commander Ken Roemke

## 30 - INDIANA CHAPTER ONE [IN]

Once again our Tell America has been a great program this year. Lynn Shady and his fellow veterans have wonderful stories to tell, which the students love to hear and ask questions about. After the stories they do a flag-folding ceremony, then present the flag to the school to fly proudly.

We visited St. Pete's Lutheran School, where we presented the students with small American

flags, which they waved patriotically.

Our total so far this year (as of mid-March) stands at 2,320 students, 30 nursing home senior citizens, and 409 flag etiquette students.

*Mary Anna Roemke, Publicity Director, P.O. Box 15102 Fort Wayne, IN 46885 (260) 485-7627*



Students at St. Pete's Lutheran School in Ft. Wayne, IN wave flags proudly at Ch 30's Tell America presentation



St. Pete's Lutheran School teacher Mindy Steele introduces the Ch 30 veterans to the students and informs them that her grandfather was a Korean War veteran





## 313 - SHENANDOAH VALLEY [VA]

On Wednesday, May 5th, five chapter members presented a Tell America Program to Middle School history students at the Dowell J. Howard Vocational School in Winchester, VA. The program was moderated by our Tell America Committee Chairman, Jack Keep.

Jack began the presentation by showing a video on the history of the Korean War. Then, he discussed the history of Korea from the time the Japanese first occupied Korea, how the country was divided following WWII, with North Korea becoming a dictatorship under the influence of Communist Russia, and South Korea implementing a democratic form of government with the help of the United States.

Jack went on to explain to the students how the United States and Russia pulled out of the south and north respectively in 1948, and how North Korea invaded South Korea

on June 25, 1950, resulting in the United States and the other nations, under the auspices of the United Nations, going in to support South Korea.

He reviewed the ebb and flow of the fighting, which finally settled into a virtual stalemate in the area near the 38th Parallel until, after years of negotiating, an Armistice was finally agreed upon and the fighting ended on July 27, 1953.

Following Jack's remarks, four members of our chapter, Edgar Tufts, Charles Hoak, Lew Ewing, and Fred Haymaker, told the students of their personal experiences while serving in Korea.

The students were very attentive throughout the presentations and asked questions as time allowed. Mr. Allen Atkinson is the class teacher.

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



Ch 313 Tell America Committee Chairman Jack Keep

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## Monuments and Medals

*Korea: the Forgotten War, Remembered*

## Cayuga County Chapter 296 [NY] Builds Monument in Auburn

### A great job in a short time: 2006 to 2009

We built a monument and a veterans park in record time between 2006—2009. The monument and park are in the city of Auburn, NY.

The committee included John Barwinczok (Chairman), Lyell E. Brown, Joe C. Casper, Donald T. Tavener, Mike A. Trapani, James Ferris, and Joseph A. Camardo.

*John Fischetti, 7 Upper Dr*

*Auburn, NY 13021-9132*

*(315) 58-8672, [jaf4901@verizon.net](mailto:jaf4901@verizon.net)*



Ch 296's monument at Auburn, NY



The plaque on Ch 296's monument



# Soldiers at work

There were some articles in The Graybeards last year re the 92nd Army Field Artillery and its 155mm howitzer with self-propelled tracks. They were next to us (the 74th Eng. Combat Bn) in the Kumwha Valley in the summer of 1952. A nearby photo shows one of the 92nd's pieces.

The tank, truck, and jeep in another photo were located "the next day" from Sniper's Ridge (over the hill) in 1952.

The third photo shows some engineering activity involving the unloading of a bulldozer from a flatbed truck in the summer of 1952.

*Richard Pecha, 7055 119th St. North, Seminole, FL 33772, (727) 397-6208, 1st Lt, 76th Dump Truck Co., Attached to 74th Eng. Combat Bn.*

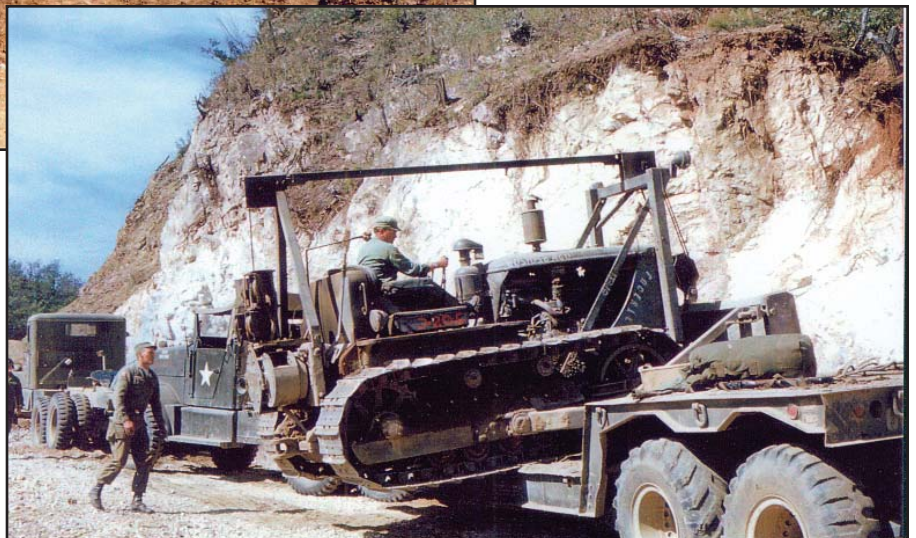


**A 92nd Army Field Artillery piece in action in 1952**



**Traffic jam in Kumwha Valley in the summer of 1952**

**Men of the 74th Eng. Combat Bn. offloading a bulldozer**



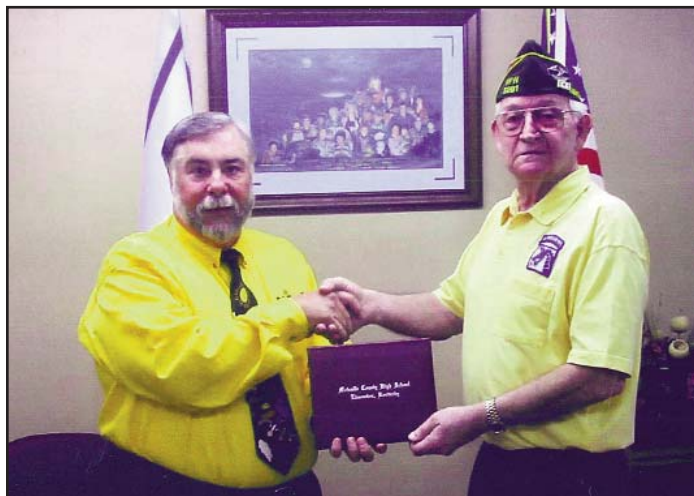


# Members in the NEWS



## Ron Devore

Metcalfe County, Kentucky School Superintendent Byron Jefferies recently presented Korean War veteran Ron L DeVore with a special leather-bound Metcalfe County High School diploma to replace the one he did not receive because of his tour of duty in Korea.



Byron Jefferies (L) presents diploma to Ron DeVore (R)

The ceremony was one of the last duties performed by Jeffries before his retirement after 25 five years as Superintendent of Metcalfe County Schools. He stated that it was one of the most humbling experiences of his career to be allowed to make the presentation to his longtime friend DeVore.

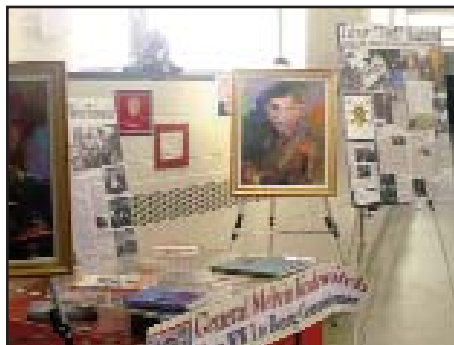
DeVore proudly displayed on his shirt a IVIII 18th Airborne emblem, known as the Sky Dragons. He is the last surviving member of the 1951 Sky Dragons jump school. DeVore is known as a "fifty oner."

Reach Ron DeVore at 17 Buena Vista Estates, Cave City, KY, 42127-8517, (270) 651-3559, Mikki800@yahoo.com

## Tibor Rubin

Corporal Tibor Rubin, a Medal of Honor recipient for his exceptional heroism on the battlefields of Korea, is among the soldiers featured in the "Jews in the American Military" exhibit currently being held at The Suffolk Y JCC in Commack, NY.

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The Tibor Rubin exhibit  
in New York

## Kenneth Witmer

Kenneth Witmer, a member of Ch 256, Norville B. Finney [MI], was featured in an 8 November 2009 article in the Macomb [MI] Daily. Witmer served with the 3rd Div., 5th RCT, "K" Co., U.S. Army.

As the article pointed out, Witmer lives in a community in which two of his closest neighbors are veterans. One, Tim Blankenship, is a Vietnam War veteran. Another, Henry Vorase, fought in WWII. Witmer is an Army veteran of Korea.

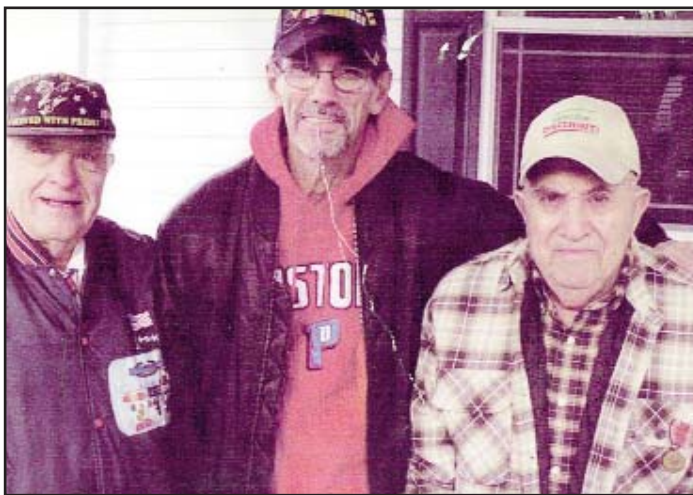
As reporter Debra Kaszubski wrote in her article:

Witmer...is willing to offer detailed information on the Korean War, where he served as an Army corporal from 1952-54. He remembers with detail the draft, the journey across the Pacific, watching gunfire light up the skies at night, sharing a five-gallon bucket of water with six others and how the Army used mules to transport buckets of food.

She continued:

Witmer, 77, keeps a collection of war memorabilia, including newspaper clippings, postcards, medals and even a hand-written card to the mother of the last soldier believed to be killed in the Korean War. He was proud to show his collection to his neighbors for the first time, he said.

Witmer noted that it is great to have people with whom he can discuss war experiences, regardless of when they served. Blankenship concurred. As he told Ms. Kaszubski, "It doesn't matter where you did your time. It makes you feel good to know someone who's been through the same stuff even though it was a different war and a different time."



Kenneth Witmer, Tim Blankenship, Henry Vorase (L-R), neighbors and veterans of three different wars

He added that, "War is war and it's not glamorous. We love our country and there's an unspoken brotherhood. It's not what you know, it's who you know, whether on the battlefield or a neighborhood street."

To read the entire article, access this website: <http://www.macombdaily.com/articles/2009/11/08/news/srv0000006779505.txt>

You can reach Witmer at 14432 Dunstable Drive #204-B, Utica, MI 48315, (586) 247-0845.



## Bob Hart

Robert L. ("Bob") Hart, a member of CID 21, Robert Wurtsbaugh [IL], was featured in a story in the 18 April 2010 issue of the Danville [IL] Commercial-News. The article, "No words can express POWs' emotions," was written by Don Richter.

Richter describes a unique museum, composed of 9,000+ military patches, that WWII veteran Charlie Dukes has collected. They are displayed in his hometown of Georgetown, IL. Dukes and Hart were both POWs, the former in WWII and the latter in Korea. Dukes was captured by the Germans on Thanksgiving Day, 1944. The Chinese captured Hart in April 1951.

In one poignant paragraph, Richter wrote:

More than half a century has passed since the two men returned home from their service, but the memories remain fresh of those long past years. Like other combat veterans I have interviewed, they stressed words really can't describe what it was like to live under conditions where their lives could have ended violently at any moment.

No doubt Richter captured the feelings of many veterans in that one paragraph.

We thank Hershall E. Lee for bringing the article to our attention.

*NOTE: The article may be available through a search at the newspaper's website, <http://commercial-news.com/>. It was not available when this summary was prepared.*

### A Veteran's Prayer

You called and I answered.  
I gave my all.  
I left my books, my desk,  
My machine, My store—  
Yes, I even left my Mom and Dad,  
My wife and kids—  
My entire family.  
I put my life on hold  
Because you needed me—  
I did not hesitate to  
Answer your call.  
I went to foreign lands  
Without question on your command.  
There too, I left many things behind—  
My foot, my leg, my arm, my eyes, yes—  
Even my mind.  
I left my life, my family,  
My happiness.  
Now, I'm asking for help,  
For me and mine.  
Please Dear God,  
Don't let America turn its back  
On me.

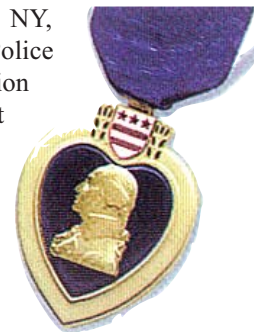
Ralph Calabrese, 97 Clark St.  
Canandaigua, NY 14424, (716) 393-1607

## Randy Jurgensen receives Purple Heart 56 years later

Randy Jurgensen, of Dobbs Ferry, NY, and a veteran of the New York Police Department, received formal recognition for the Purple Heart at a ceremony at West Point on 11 November 2009. The recognition came a little late: he was injured at Pork Chop Hill in March 1953.

Jurgensen, a demolition specialist with the 187th Airborne, sustained his injuries on the night of 23 March 1953.

His daughter, Lindsay, revealed that he never spoke much about his activities in Korea. In fact, his account of the event was terse.



**The hole the size of a quarter and the burn marks on the helmet where it caught fire offered evidence that Jurgensen had truly earned his Purple Heart—and the formal recognition that went with it.**

As Jurgensen recalled, he was clearing a path through a mine-field when the Chinese overran his unit. Shrapnel knocked him out briefly. But, he regained consciousness and crawled down a 900-foot hill. After that he was operated on twice, and ultimately returned home to marry, raise a family, and start his career with the NYPD. The Purple Heart was pushed to the background as he pursued his post-war success.

To be sure, he had received the Purple Heart, but in a rather circuitous manner. The Army mailed it to his mother, who passed it on to his wife. It was formal recognition that was missing. Lindsay started a push to make sure he received it.

Lindsay Jurgensen thought it was a shame that formal recognition for the medal was too long in coming. She wrote to Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama to get some type of recognition, but she did not get any results. She did not give up. Lindsay turned to the staff at the U.S. Military Academy. Things took off from there.

On Veterans Day, LtCol Charles Stafford, West Point's operations officer, officially awarded the Purple Heart to Jurgensen during a ceremony at the West Point Museum. There was a significant backdrop at the event. The helmet Jurgensen had been wearing the night he was wounded lay in the glass display case behind him.

The hole the size of a quarter and the burn marks on the helmet where it caught fire offered evidence that Jurgensen had truly earned his Purple Heart—and the formal recognition that went with it. Sure, it took 56 years and a determined daughter's dedication to her dad and a cause to get official recognition. But, better late than never—especially when it comes to a daughter's dedication and a dad's duty.

Reach Randy Jurgensen at P.O. Box 428, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522-0428, (914) 693-9186, [roc.ka.san@hotmail.com](mailto:roc.ka.san@hotmail.com)

# Remember there are National Cemeteries

Please try to publicize national cemeteries. Many veterans and their wives do not know about eligibility for burial for former service members.

I and Ray Torok participate in four parades from March through October. Ray served in the Korean War; I served in WWII and the Korean War. The truck in which we ride during the parade usually carries veterans. We publicize the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, located 50 miles south of Cleveland, OH.

I have made plans to be buried in that cemetery alongside my wife of almost 60 years, Louise Celena Andrianne Aleksandrowicz. She was a Belgian "war bride." We were married in 1945 in Liege, Belgium.

*Francis J. Aleksandrowicz,  
343 Canterbury Rd., Bay  
Village, OH 44140*



Frank Aleksandrowicz (L) and Ray Torok (R) stand by their parade vehicle



The grave where Francis L. Aleksandrowicz will be buried alongside his wife (see inset) is marked with flowers

## 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



# FREEDOM BRIDGE

We often receive questions at Graybeards Central regarding the bridges at Panmunjom. A lot of them deal with how many there were, what purposes they served, who “owned” them, whether they exist today, etc. So, we will do a series about the bridge(s) to try and clear up the mysteries.

We begin with this entry from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. (Access [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridge\\_of\\_No\\_Return](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridge_of_No_Return) for the full entry.) Please submit your comments about these articles, your personal experiences, photos, etc., to help us clarify the role of the bridge(s) in Korean War history

## Bridge of No Return

Located in the Joint Security Area (JSA), the so-called “Bridge of No Return” crosses the Military Demarcation Line (MDL) between North Korea and South Korea. It was used for prisoner exchanges at the end of the Korean War in 1953. The name originates from the claim that many POWs captured by the United States did not wish to return home. The prisoners were brought to the bridge and given the choice to remain in the country of their captivity or cross over to the other country. But if they chose to cross the bridge, they would never be allowed to return.

The last time the bridge was used for prisoner exchanges was in 1968, when the crew of the USS Pueblo was released and ordered to cross into South Korea via the bridge. The bridge was actively used by the North Koreans up until the Axe Murder Incident in August 1976, at which time the United Nations Command demanded that the MDL within the JSA be enforced and clearly marked. Within 72 hours the North Koreans had built a new bridge on the northern half of the JSA and the Bridge of No Return was no longer used.

The Military Demarcation Line runs through the middle of the bridge. At the end of either side of the bridge are guard houses of the respective countries. The North Korean building is called KPA#4, while the United Nations Command (UNC) checkpoint was called CP#3 (it was abandoned in the mid-1980s).

CP#3, which is surrounded by trees, was only visible from one other UNC site during the summer months, OP#5 (now renamed to CP#3). The North’s Korean

People’s Army (KPA) had made numerous attempts to grab UNC personnel from the old CP#3 and drag them across the bridge into North Korean territory. Because of this proximity to North Korean territory, being surrounded on all access routes by North Korean checkpoints, and repeated attempts to kidnap the UNC personnel working there, CP#3 was often referred to as “The Loneliest Outpost in the World.”

As of 2003, the bridge is considered in need of repair. According to a report on CNN, the US government has offered to fix the bridge or even replace it, but North Korea has denied permission.[1]

The bridge is also portrayed in the beginning of the James Bond film, *Die Another Day*, where Bond and Zao are swapped. (However, as the photos show, there are no rows of concertina wire, bunkers, machine guns, or spotlights anywhere around the bridge, as depicted in the movie). It was also portrayed in the South Korean movie *Joint Security Area*, where the shooting of two North Korean guards becomes the focus of an investigation and of the movie.

## Operation Little Switch, April 1953

This operation was a test case for prisoner repatriation, one of the four main issues of contention during two years of negotiation. Six hundred five sick, wounded, and/or injured UNC prisoners were exchanged for 6,030 sick or injured Communist prisoners.[2][3]

## Operation Big Switch, April-September 1953

Based on the success of the repatriations undertaken earlier, a general exchange of prisoners began in late April.

During Operation Big Switch, prisoners were brought to Panmunjom, on the banks of the Sachong River. Each prisoner was then asked if he wished to cross the river and return to his countrymen or remain with his captors. Once the choice was made there was no turning back—hence the name Bridge of No Return.

During this time, 13,444 UNC prisoners returned to UNC countries, and 89,493 KPA and CPV prisoners returned to their countries. In March, 1953, a further 25,000 KPA soldiers held in ROKA camps had been released into South Korea on President Syngman Rhee’s orders in an attempt to wreck the armistice negotiations.[4][5][6]

## Release of the crew of the USS Pueblo, December 23, 1968

On January 23, 1968, the USS Pueblo was captured by North Korean naval forces in international waters off the coast of North Korea. After being held prisoner for 11 months, the crew was released and allowed to walk across the bridge while a forced confession by the captain of the vessel was broadcast over loudspeakers. This action was the first in a series of events that escalated tensions between North Korea and the United States and her allies.

## Axe Murder Incident, August 18, 1976

This was the killing of two United States Army officers by North Korean soldiers in the Joint Security Area, near the Bridge of No Return, over the attempt to trim a poplar that obstructed vision between checkpoints, and heightened tensions on the border. This was followed by Operation Paul Bunyan, which ended in the felling of the tree by ‘Task Force Vierra.’

## Ceremonies on the bridge

U.S. Army soldiers who are stationed at Camp Bonifas or Camp Liberty Bell in the Joint Security Area are offered the opportunity to have their promotion or reenlistment ceremonies held in the center of the Bridge of No Return. The bridge is split in half by the Military Demarcation Line, which marks where North Korean territory ends and South Korean territory begins. During a U.S. or ROK (Republic of Korea) ceremony, two guards are posted at the Demarcation Line facing north.



# Recon Missions

## Robert F. Keiser for the MOH

This is an excerpt from Robert F. Keiser's obituary in the 8 January 2010 *Ridgecrest [CA] Daily Independent*:

Robert F. "Cowboy Bob" Keiser, 85, passed away on Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, in Ridgecrest....Bob spent his entire military career as a military policeman and army criminal investigator (since 1947), retiring in 1965. In WWII, he served in New Guinea and the invasion of Luzon, in the Philippine Islands. During the Korean War, his actions saved hundreds of men of the 2nd Infantry Division, when they were trapped in North Korea on Nov. 30, 1950. For his heroism, Bob was twice recommended for the Medal of Honor, and is currently under consideration by the Military Awards Board.

One of the reasons Keiser has not been awarded the MOH to date is a lack of witnesses to his extraordinary deeds on 30 November 1950, when he almost singlehandedly saved a 2nd Infantry Division convoy from destruction. A military policeman at the time, he removed more than 20 damaged vehicles from the road and ordered other soldiers to help him in the process. He was wounded several times in the process.

Does anyone remember any of this? Eyewitnesses to the events of that afternoon would be helpful as the Full Military Awards Committee considers whether to award the MOH on Keiser.

Incidentally, there is a lengthy write-up of the quest to get the MOH for Keiser in the March-April 2010 issue of *The Indianhead*, the Second Infantry Division's newsletter.

Visit the division's website at <http://www.2ida.org/>

And, we included the story of his exploits in the Sept/Oct 2007 issue of *The Graybeards*, starting on p.30.

If there is anyone who can support claims of Keiser's actions, contact John Mallon, P. O. Box 31341, Omaha, NE 68131, (402) 292-1482.

## Was this the same B-26?

An article in *The Graybeards* Jan/Feb Edition 2010 speaks of a B-26 having hit a cable and going down in Korea. I missed the article in the 2009 edition and wonder about when this might have occurred.

I was stationed at K-47 in 1953. There, parked on the runway was a B-26 with a very heavy cable wrapped around the right engine. It sat on the runway for the longest time, and I'm wondering if this is the same B-26 mentioned in the article "Special memory about a B-26."

J. J. Zaharis, 124 Grandview Drive  
Westbrook, ME, 04092, (207) 878-9950

## Anyone remember a Danny Kaye USO show?

In the March/April issue, there was a story on page 64 about Jan Sterling and her husband, Paul Douglas. It reminded me of a USO show that featured Danny Kaye.

I have asked a few Korean War veterans about this show. So far I'm the only one who remembers it. As I recall, it was held on the trailer of a flat-bed semi truck. The audience sat on a hillside. We were so high up on that hill we could not hear Danny. He came out with Signal Corps flags and waved them around.

I have never seen Danny Kaye get credit for coming to Korea. I have wondered if this is not a figment of my imagination. However, in Col. Frank Armstrong's book on the 8th Engineers in Korea, he lists a morning report as:

30-October-1951 Saber 27 request "B" Co. Lt. Gump to pick up truck and lumber for DANNY KAYE show.

Anybody remember the show?

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## ?? Medena/96 FA Bn.

I am trying to find a man named Medena (first name unknown). He may have been from Montana. He was in 3rd Platoon, Co. E, 31st Inf. Regt.

Medena was seriously wounded in June 1951.

I would appreciate it if anyone who was in the 96 FA Bn in Korea 1950-52 would contact me.

Lloyd Pitman, P. O. Box 71, Preble, NY 13141

## Remembering Reckless

I am looking for anyone who remembers the good mare, Sgt. Reckless, attached to the Recoiless Rifle Platoon, Anti-Tank Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, in Korea, 1952-54; later stabled at Camp Pendleton, CA.

I am working on a book about her and anxious to talk with anyone with memories to share. Please call or write me:

Janet Barrett, 36 Goose Hill Road, Chester, CT  
06412, (860) 526-5431, [jbarr711@comcast.net](mailto:jbarr711@comcast.net)

## Anthony J. Sappraicone with Pres. Eisenhower

My dad, Anthony J. Sappraicone, was in Korea from 1951-1953. He was chosen to drive President Eisenhower around during his visit to Korea. There had been a photo of him with Eisenhower in a local paper. Somehow, it got misplaced.

If anyone in your organization has any photos of Pres. Eisenhower with a soldier driving him around, it is likely my dad. I would love to have a photo to give to my dad, as it would mean so much.

Patty Boris, 32-38 42nd St., Astoria, NY 11103  
(718) 932-7620 (Home), (917) 868-4939  
(cell), [pat3238@earthlink.net](mailto:pat3238@earthlink.net)



## 101st Signal Bn.

Do you have any info about the 101st Signal Battalion in Korea? I was with a National Guard unit from Yonkers and Tarrytown, NY. We were a "Bastard Battalion."

Anthony Ungaro, 18 McNulty Dr., New Milford, CT  
06776-2039, (860) 355-9118,  
Ungaro2@sbcglobal.net

## 24th Div. QM 3rd Truck Plt.

I was in Korea from 21 July 1950 to 21 September 1951, with the 24th Div QM, 3d Truck Platoon. I have never seen our outfit mentioned in the magazine.

The nearby picture is me & Kim Hung Soul, our house boy. We drove deuce-and-a-halves and hauled everything they had.

I'm 80 years old now, and still in good health. I would like to get in contact with some of the men I was with. We had good times and bad. The magazine is the only thing we have left, and I thank you all for that.

Robert R. Uptgraft, 8929 Falcons Run  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46825



Bob Uptgraft (L) and  
Kim Hun Soul (R) in  
Korea

## Cpl John S. Pritchard, USMC

I had a telephone call from a Ms. Lucy Woodruff, in Mandeville, LA. Her brother was clearing property for a subdivision and discovered a headstone leaning against a tree. It was for a John S. Pritchard, Corporal, USMC, Korea, Dec 14, 1930 - Jan 26, 1972.

I am not familiar with this area. This could have possibly been displaced by Hurricane Katrina. If anyone can furnish any information about this deceased Marine, please contact me. I am President of Chapter 1, KWVA Mobile, AL.

Any information will be greatly appreciated by me, Ms. Woodruff, and I'm sure, the Pritchard family.

Joe Bolton, 4304 Aldebaran Way  
Mobile, AL 36693, (251) 661-3324

## Homer L. Horton

The following photo showed up at our membership office in Charleston, IL recently. That is not the place to send mail for *The Graybeards*. Mailing material to anyplace else other than



Sgt. Homer L. Horton

our Rocky Hill, CT office creates delays, which may not be critical in some cases, such as this one.

There was no note with the photo, which was mailed from Angola, IN. There was a message on the back of the photo:

[[[Sg. Homer L. Horton (1919-2009) Orphanage he helped build about 1949 See Sgt Hortons Song.com for more details]]]

That's it. Our editorial staff tried to access the website, but either it does not exist or it is hiding. So, we turn to our readers.

Does anybody know who Sgt. Homer L. Horton was? Where was the orphanage which he helped build? Do you know anything else about him? Please let us know. Send whatever information you have to us at *The Graybeards*, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, (860) 563-6149, sharp\_arthur\_g@sbcglobal.net

## John Capps

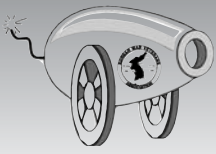
I am looking for anyone who served with John Capps of Atlanta, GA, and who might remember him. He had basic training at Fort Jackson in SC, in March of 1954. He then went to Camp Gordon for more training and attended Southeastern Signal School, part of the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

He was stationed in Korea at I-Corps outside of Uijeonbu, Korea in the Jackson VHF and provided I-Corps with radio telephone service. He was there until he went home in 1956.

He doesn't remember anybody's names really, except a Master Sergeant Cook and maybe a Cavanaugh. He was hospitalized at Camp Gordon in 1954, but all of their records have been destroyed. I am trying to help him prove that he was even in the Army since the records were destroyed by a fire in Saint Louis, MO.

All of his personal information he had was also destroyed in a house fire. We would like to have proof and don't know how to get it so he can be officially recognized by our country and might be able to get some medical benefits as well. Thanks for looking.

Lynn Teddlie, lynnt23@aol.com



# 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.

## Atomic weapons on *USS Lake Champlain*

I was fascinated by [the] report in the March-April issue of *The Graybeards* (p. 22) on the assignment of *USS Lake Champlain* (CVA 39) to carry atomic weapons for possible use in the Korean War in the spring of 1953. At that moment, I was an infantry squad leader in the 45th Division on the eastern front.

I recollect the scuttlebutt at the time about the leaking of the word that atomic weapons were in the Korean Theater and that President Eisenhower was frustrated at the delay in completing the armistice agreement. The issue was complicated by Korean President Syngman Rhee's unilateral release of the 25,000 Korean POWs under ROK control in mid-June 1953 in an effort to sabotage the armistice. (My battalion was initially alerted to go out and hunt down the escapees.)

The net result was the angering of everyone on both sides and the decision of the communists to give the ROKs a bloody nose. Hence, we experienced the last bloody campaign of June and July with the ROKs taking the bulk of the punishment.

With the 280mm Atomic cannon having been test fired in May 1953 in Nevada, we assumed that the atomic weapons speculated about was "Atomic Annie." In any event, we all knew that if the Armistice talks failed once again, we well might have to attack through the reputed 20-mile deep defensive zone that the communists had constructed along the whole front.

Knowing what we know now about radiation effects and the communist defensive preparations, attacking would have been problematic for both sides.

Andrew Antippas, Fairfax, Virginia

*A sidebar to the story, from author Tom Moore: LT (jg) George "Gus" Kinnear II, still alive (later a four-star admiral), of Squadron VA-45, was to fly his Skyraider AD aircraft from the deck of Lake Champlain to make the first atomic bomb attack, scheduled for 1 August 1953. But, the war ended before 1 August.*

## What's an extra "r" here and there?

When I read your notes about misspelled names in the Jan/Feb 2010 issue ("Short Rounds," p. 7), it reminded me of an incident that happened to me.

In 1945 I was the company clerk with the Marine Detachment aboard the *USS South Dakota* (BB 57). In January 1946 our ship was decommissioned at Philadelphia Navy Yard, and I was transferred to Headquarters Marine Corps in Washington DC.

Since I could type, I was assigned to the Officers Accounts section of the Disbursing Office at Henderson Hall in Arlington,

VA. One of my duties was typing (no computers then) the paychecks for the officers assigned to Headquarters. I was to relieve a lady Marine who was getting discharged.

On my first payday I was excited about typing out the check for the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General A. A. Vandegrift. Warrant Officer Draper hand delivered the check across the street to the Commandant. A short time later he came storming up to my desk, red faced and very angry.

A certain Corporal Rose got a royal butt-chewing because I had spelled General Vandegrift's name as Vandergrift—adding an "r" to his name. You can bet that a CORRECT check was made immediately and delivered to the Commandant. I never made that mistake again.

I guess that adding an "r" to the General's name was pretty common, as in 1996 I read the book *Battleground*, by W.E.B. Griffin. Throughout his book he referred to General Vandergrift, so it was easy to make that mistake.

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## Paul Douglas and Jan Sterling

Both Paul Douglas and Jan Sterling mingled extensively with the troops in Korea. Jan Sterling was down to earth. She was always hugging and cuddling with Korean houseboys and pets.

She was a very gracious and elegant lady. They were both very approachable.

Richard Pecha, 7055 119th Street, Seminole, FL  
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## Down to earth and friendly

Paul Douglas and Jan Sterling visited the 9th Infantry HQ in December 1951. I don't remember the exact date.

We all had a chat with them. Both of them were down to earth and friendly. They were by themselves. I did not see any other members of a troupe.

Charles Pearson, 2d ID, 2d SIG attached to 9th Inf.,  
25326 Waltz Rd., New Boston, MI 48164

## A dying organization?

I am a Life Member of the KWVA. I was recalled to active duty in 1951 and sent to Germany. I was recalled again in 1962 and did serve in Korea for nine months, from November 1974 to September 1975. I am old enough and I do have a beard; however, I was not in Korea during the terrible days of the bloody war and do not feel represented in the "KOREAN VETERANS The Graybeards."



I read every issue of the magazine and only see pictures of “Grey Beards” and stories about the hot war. Believe me, those guys deserve every bit and more of the recognition given them. The point I am getting around to is that there is nothing in the magazine to recognize the younger guys and gals who have served—and are still serving—in Korea and are eligible for membership in the association.

If those thousands of veterans are not vigorously recruited we are going to have a dying organization. I hope this is realized and is being discussed by the officers and the directors of the association. I do not recall seeing it mentioned in any of the resumes of individuals vying for election to various offices.

Cliff Birchfield, 402 Persimmon Drive  
Shreveport, LA 71115-3116

*EDITOR’S RESPONSE: Thanks for your letter. I will print it in The Graybeards to make sure our leaders and members are made aware of your observations.*

*As you may be aware, we rely on our members to submit the stories we print. We do not have a staff that seeks stories and writes them based on what they find. We have a one-person editorial staff (me).*

*On occasion, we receive information from people who were not in Korea during 1950-53. We print it. Other than that, we print what is available.*

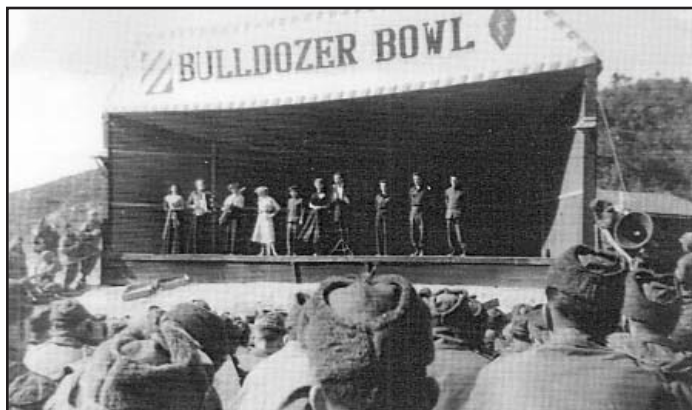
*I would certainly welcome any input you can provide to stimulate submissions from other non-war members.*

### Remembering Piper Laurie with fondness

Seeing a picture of Piper Laurie in our March-April 2010 magazine reminded me of seeing her perform before our 7th Division during the war. A colleague of mine at a college in Georgia was a small part movie actor. He was in a movie with Piper Laurie several years ago, and I asked him to see if she remembered performing before us during the war.

He later told me that he did ask her, and tears came into her eyes as she told him the same story that I had told him. She even remembered the song she sang, “In the Easter Parade.”

After asking for all California boys to raise their hands, she chose a very young G.I. next to me to come up on the stage, and she kissed him, leaving a bright lipstick mark on his face. He would not wash the mark off for two days.

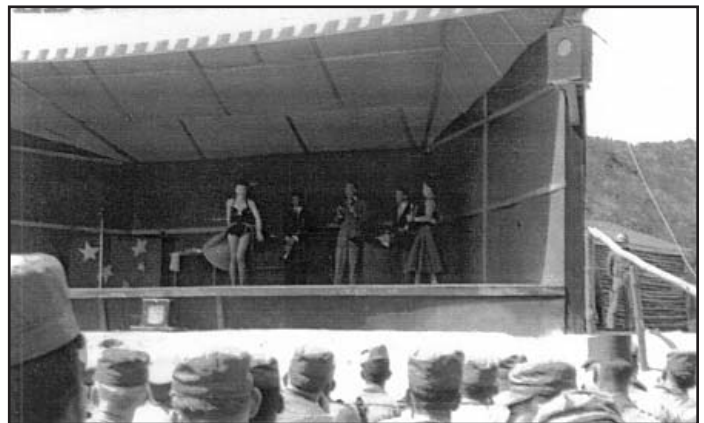


Piper Laurie performs in a USO show for the 3rd Inf. Div. at the “Bulldozer Bowl,” Feb. 1953, about 10 miles from the front lines



Far away from the stage, but close to a piece of home at the Bulldozer Bowl in Feb 1953

Piper Laurie heats up the stage in chilly Korea, Feb 1953



USO troupe performs for the troops at the Bulldozer Bowl in Korea, Feb 1953

She was a beautiful young star at that time. She was an older movie star at the time my friend talked with her. Ms. Laurie told him that performing before our troops in Korea was the most important thing she had ever done in her life.

What a great person!

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*EDITOR’S NOTE: The photos of the “Bulldozer Bowl” were submitted by Thomas G. Chilcott Jr., 1020 Livingston St., Brighton MI 48116*

## Stepan's article was outstanding

What an article!

Charles A. Stepan's article in the March/April issue, p.54, about the dedication of the Korean War Memorial, was outstanding. I cried then, and I cried after reading the article.

Frank Hosteller, 115 N. First Ave.,  
New Bern, NC 28560

## Code of Conduct Follow-up

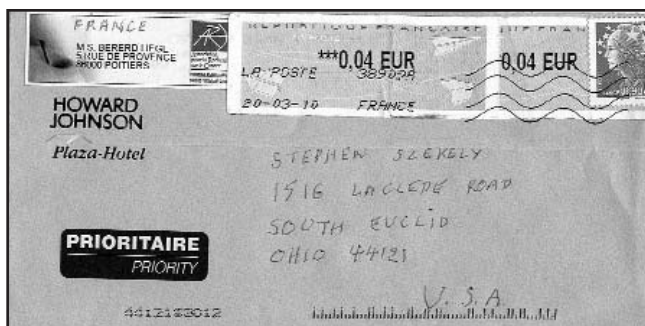
Members might be interested in a follow-up to the Code of Conduct article which appeared in the Jan/Feb 2010 issue of *The Graybeards*.

As of May 10, 2010 I have received 85 requests to be added to the list of Regular Subscribers to the Code of Conduct. I am beside myself with gratitude to the members who have responded.

The member who takes the prize for long distance responding is Serge-Louia Bererd of Poitiers, France. With his signed Code he included two photos, one of Shirley Temple as she was entertaining the troops in Korea, and another of Ms. Temple and Serge-Louis.

To the membership, I say, "Keep those Codes and letters coming!!!!"

Steve Szekely  
sxdszek@sbcglobal.net



The envelope from France containing the "long distance award" copy of the signed Code of Conduct



**ABOVE:** Serge-Louia Bererd gets a once-in-a-lifetime chance to pose with Shirley Temple in Korea.

**RIGHT:** Shirley Temple entertaining the troops in Korea



## Two bridges at Panmunjom

There were two bridges at Panmunjom. One allowed people to cross from North Korea to South Korea. The second was for the reverse purpose. Today, the North Korean bridge is closed, as is the border to North Korea.

Tom Sherry, 340 U.S. Highway 11  
Gouverneur, NY 13642

## Leave the arguments out of print

In the March/April issue of *The Graybeards* is information about the new By-Laws and for Good of the Order, on pages 16, 17, and 20.

I feel that National Director George E. Lawhon and his committee did a great job and should be commended for all their hard work.

For the sake of the organization, I feel enough has been said and written concerning this matter.

When I was a National Director (1988-1991), reference to my service in the Air Force, we had a saying, "We fly by the seat of our pants." We got a lot accomplished by our interactions.

For example, I designed the first membership cards, which are no longer used, and many other things too numerous to name, but more important, I convinced the corporation for which I worked and retired from to donate ten thousand dollars to help build the National Monument to the Korean War Veterans in Washington DC.

In the future, I hope the organization will take all things under advisement, leave the arguments out of print, and just give the final results.

Remember, life is getting shorter all the time for us guys and gals, so cooperation is the new word to use.

Faternally yours,

Hershall E. Lee, 212 Kentucky St.  
Danville, IL 61832

## Anyone know what happened to Ethiopian Lt Tedesse?

I am a new member of the KWVA. I read the article in the Mar-Apr issue entitled, "Ethiopia - Kagnew Veterans Share Memories of Korean War," p. 50. In one of the photos is a Lt. Tedesse Kerstos, 82. I'm wondering if he might be the same Lt. Tedesse who served with me, a new 2nd Lt., on my first OP near Triangle Hill, the site of vicious fighting in October, 1952.

Lt. Tedesse, Ethiopian, was assigned to me and my OP to observe and get knowledge in directing artillery from the 48th FA Battalion, 7th Infantry Division, my unit.

Another 2nd Lt., Robert F. Ensslin, on an adjacent OP with the 48th, had an Ethiopian Lt. Negesso assigned with him.

I've been wondering what might have happened to Lt. Tedesse all these subsequent years. Might you clear up the mystery? I'd like to write him if possible.

Dwight L. Thomas, 319 Palm Drive Circle  
Marlin, TX 76661-2028



## Former Korean War Fighter Pilot Walker “Bud” Mahurin dies

A few months ago you ran an article about Korean War aces and asked whether members knew of other such heroes. I thought of writing you about Walker “Bud” Mahurin. He was a Fort Wayne, IN hero.

This morning’s paper told of his death. I thought you might want to let readers know.

David F. Martin, 11605 Bluffton Rd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46809

*EDITOR’S NOTE: Mr. Mahurin was not a KWVA member. Here is a synopsis of his deeds in Korea.*

Walker “Bud” Mahurin, who downed four communist MiG jets in Korea, died on 11 May 2010 in Fort Wayne, IN. He was shot down by ground fire in May 1952, captured by the communists, and released in September 1953.

Ironically, Mahurin was also shot down in France in WWII. That time, however, he escaped to the United Kingdom with the help of the French Resistance.

According to an article in the 13 May Fort Wayne [IN] Journal Gazette, he flew more than 60 combat missions and claimed 3 ½ kills in his F-86 Sabre jet fighter.

Here is an excerpt from that article, written by Michael Zennie:

One dogfight he recounted, according to a statement from the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing, had him diving after an enemy jet that broke formation in “MiG Alley” in January 1952.

He peppered a Communist MiG fighter with machine-gun fire but had to retreat when others came to its aid.

“On the ground, I found that several of the 51st pilots has seen the action I was in and watched the MiG I tangled with ... begin to smoke and saw the pilot eject himself,” he recounted in the military statement. “One of the smoke trails was my MiG. I got that Commie after all.”

Read the entire article at <http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20100513/LOCAL06/305139965>

## I was not an eyewitness

There was a story on p. 67 of the March/April issue regarding the death of Sgt Earl Glover, “Sgt. Glover did not commit suicide.” The story, originally printed in the 19 January 2010 *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, reported that John Kamperschroer, of Racine, WI, was present when Glover died.

Kamperschroer called *The Graybeards* to emphasize that he was not a witness to the death. He would like the Army to clear that up. His question: how can I get the Army to retract any claims that he was a witness?

He can be reached at (262) 554-9642.

## Marine Corps Museum needs Air Wing history

When corresponding with the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, VA, I was informed that the Library of the Marine Corps, Archives and Special Collections Branch is requesting any history of the Marine Air Wings (all years).

They are looking for photos (with names, dates and locations, if possible), documents, orders, maps, stories...anything to do

with the history of Marine Aviation.

I hope you will help get the word out to all Marines before us older guys have passed away.

If you have any material, send it to:

Director of the Gray Research Center (C40RCA)  
Attn: Archives  
2040 Broadway, Quantico VA.22134  
JR Boyer, jrboyer@bluemarble.net

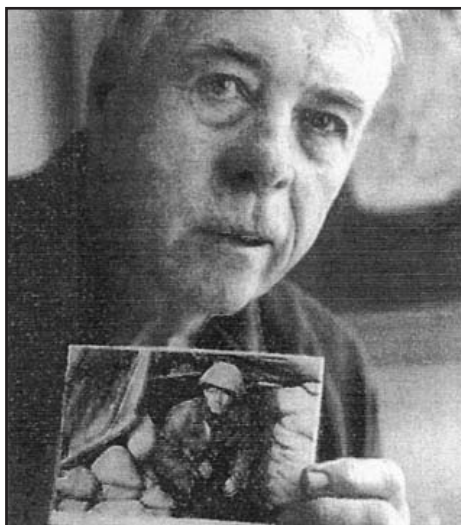
## Revisit Korea

Leonard H. Maynard recalls fondly his 2003 visit to Korea during the 50th anniversary of the signing of the armistice. As he wrote, “I have also enclosed info on my five minutes of fame.” (See photos below)

*Reach Maynard at 61 Bryant Street  
Freeport, NY 11520, (516) 378-1418*



Veteran Leonard Maynard, of Freeport, displays a photo of himself while in the Army along with medals he earned during the Korean War. Maynard was among a group of Korean War vets in South Korea as part of an anniversary commemoration



At left, Ben Farnan of Glenn Cove holds a 1952 snapshot of himself in a bunker.

## 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.

### 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, (402) 393-4904, dalepanthers@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

**Korean War Veterans 7th Cavalry Assn.** (1950-51); 16-20 Aug., Council Bluffs, IA, Hilton Garden Inn (Omaha East). POC: Richard Mitchell, 311 Southbrook Circle, Houston, TX 77060, (866) 722-8598, rjmitchell3@hotmail.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@jbn-telco.com

**Battle of the Chosin Reservoir (All veterans)**, 18-21 Aug., Bloomington, MN. POC: Bob Pellow, (651) 633-3442 or S. N. McKusick, (651) 426-5767, dorster@comcast.net

**31st Infantry Regiment**, 19-22 Aug., Reno, NV, Atlantis Casino Resort Spa. POC: Tim Miller, (775) 265-3289, timsppic@hotmail.com

**All SCARWAF Engineers**, 19-22 Aug., Holiday Inn, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, Ohio 44136; (440) 238-8800. POC: Bob Fulton (469th), 129 Windgate Drive, Wexford, PA 15090, (724) 935-4276, bopat@consolidated.net

**936th Field Artillery Bn.**, 21-22 Aug., Fayetteville, AR, Clarion Inn. POC: Wayne Bohannon, 10617 East First St., Tulsa, OK 74128, (918) 437-5324

**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

**1st Marine Division Assoc.**, 22-29 Aug., San Antonio, TX, Holiday Inn El Tropicano. POC: Len Hayes, (760) 967-8561, oldbreed@sbcglobal.net

**USS Renville** (APA 227), all crew and troops, 25-29 Aug., Colorado Springs, CO, Colorado Springs Marriott. POC: Lynda Rumble, 187 Lakeshore Dr., Mooreseville, NC 28117, (704) 906-7622, lyndahd01@aol.com or www.ussrenvilleapa227.com

**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.

**C-1-7, 1st Mar Div.** (Korea 1950-53), 26-29 Aug., Washington DC and National Museum of the Marine Corps, Quantico, VA. POC: Bill Farrell, (203) 318-1889, willydoro@sbcglobal.net

**24th Annual Korean Veterans Reunion Association Inc.**, Nebraska (All veterans from all states and guests are welcome), 27-29 Aug., Ramada Inn, Kearney, NE. POC: Elmer Anderson, (308) 987-2333, ea42417@atcjet.net

**45th Div., 279th Inf., Company L** (Korea), 27-29 Aug., Wagoner, OK, Western Hills Lodge. POC: Paul Elkins, (907) 260-6612, pselks@gmail.com.

### SEPTEMBER

**USS Cowell** (DD-547), All crews, 1-4 Sept., Rapid City, SD. POC: L. D. Salley, 19 Auburn St., Greenville, SC 29609-4043, (864) 268-3365, isalley2@bellsouth.net

**58th Float Bridge Co.** (Korea 1950-54), 7-9 Sept., San Antonio, TX, Drury Inn Hotel Riverwalk. POC: Betty Duncan, (417) 652-7524 (H)/(417) 592-2238 (C), n4rhwt266@windstream.net, or Fran Blaha, (636) 937-4242, or Tony & Tina Stec, (573) 775-5147

**C-1-1, USMC** (Korea) 8-11 Sept., Hilton Hotel, Harbor Island, San Diego, CA. POC: Al Baiocchi, C-1-1 Reunion Headquarters, 1399 Ygnacio Valley Rd., Suite 35, Walnut Creek, CA 94598, (925) 933-1100, usmcc11@sbcglobal.net

**712th TROB**, 8-11 Sept., Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis Crowne Plaza Airport. POC: Bob Shannon, (910) 949-3920, rgs1@embarqmail.com

**USS Colonial** (LSD-18), 8-11 Sept., Rapid City, SD, Quality Inn. POC: Loren Kirby, 3013 Emerald Ct., Platte City, MO 64079, (816) 858-3158, kerbyplate@aol.com

**Sampson Air Force Base Veterans Assn.** (All Permanent Party and Trainee Assignees Welcome), 9-12 Sept., Waterloo, NY, Holiday Inn, and Sampson State Park. POC: Richard Schweitzer, P.O. Box 7222, Auburn, NY 13022-7222, richard.sweitzer2@gte.net

**343rd General Hospital**, 11 Sept., Port Byron, NY. POC: Bernie Long, 40 Indian Hill Dr., Waterloo, NY 13165, (315) 651-4205

**40th Inf. Div., 160th Regt., Co. A**, 12-15 Sept., Branson, MO, The Stone Castle Hotel. POC: Roger Lueckenhoff, 208 Steeplechase Rd., Rolla, MO 65401, (573) 364-4145, lueck@fidnet.com

**25th Infantry Division Assn.**, 12-18 Sept., Boston, MA. POC: P.O. Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031, TropicLtn@aol.com, Association website at www.25thida.org

**USS Essex** (CV/CVA/CVS-9/LHD-2), 12-18 Sept., Peabody, MA. POC: Russ Carriker, (781) 842-2314, russcarriker@comcast.net

**84th & 62nd ECB** (Korea), 13-16 Sept., Warwick, RI, Crowne Plaza. POC: Harold Nelson, 39 Myrtle Ave., Warwick, RI 02886, (401) 738-0693, cen21255@verizon.net

**USS Sphinx** (ARL-24), 13-17 Sept., Branson, MO. POC: Frank Ironi, 954 Lilac Drive, Sauk Centre, MN 56378, (612) 352-3271

**58th Fighter Assn.** (All WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, Iraq and current 58th Special Ops Wind Welcome), 14-19 Sept., Dayton, OH, Doubletree Hotel. POC: J. Kupferer, 2025 Bono Road, New Albany, IN 47150-4609, jkupferer@insightbb.com

**18th Fighter Wing**, (All squadrons, ranks, service dates welcome) 15-18 Sept., Colorado Springs, CO. POC: Tom Chapman, 7039 S. Clay Avenue, Littleton, CO 80120, (303) 794-3747, tomchapman@lmco.com

**Society of the Third Infantry Division** and attached units in wars and in peacetime, 15-19 Sept., Arlington, VA, Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport. POC: Monika Stoy, (703) 912.4218, monikastoy@yahoo.com

**369th EASR**, U.S. Army (All companies), 16-19 Sept., Port Angeles, WA.



POC: John Singhose, 37584 Hwy 112, Port Angeles, WA 98363, (360) 457-5944

**532nd EB&SR**, 16-19 Sept., Lynchburg, VA. POC: Bill Britt, 711 Sable Rd., Erington, VA 24550, (434) 525-4230

**USS Cape Esperance** (CVE 88/TCVE 88), 19-23 Sept., Branson, MO. POC: Hank Butler, 2110 NW 17th Street, Crystal River, FL 34428, (352) 563 2496, hankrita@tampabay.rr.com

**USS Wasp** (CV/CVA/ CVS - 18), 19-24 Sept., Green Bay, WI. POC: Richard G. VanOver, 6584 Bunting Rd., Orchard Park, NY 14127, (716) 649-9053. (Any member of the ship's company air groups, and Marines who served aboard the Wasp between 1943-72 is invited.)

**USS Charles P. Cecil** (DD/DDr-835) Association, Inc., 19-25 Sept., Norfolk, VA. POC: Greg Wells, (405) 365-1926, glw513@yahoo.com

**180th Combat Medical** "Last Hurrah," Biltmore Hotel Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, OK, in conjunction with the annual 45th Div. reunion, 23-25 Sept., POC: Patrick Sbarra, j.sbarra@comcast.net

**USS Montague** (AKA-98), 23-26 Sept., Denver, CO, Hilton Garden Inn. POC: F. C. ("Fred") Machado, 5445 S. Blythe Ave., Fresno, CA 93706, (559) 266-2978, fcm@unwiredbb.com, or Bob Raftis, 2025 Timbercreed Dr., Marion, IA (319) 377-5815

**USS Rochester** (CA-124), 1950-53, 23-27 Sept., Milwaukee, WI. POC: John Rigoni, (847) 360-8957, jrigoni@aol.com

**15th RSM/6922 RGM**, Japan or Korea Detachments (1951-58), 26-29 Sept., Kansas City, MO, Embassy Suites Hotel, (816) 204-3722. POC: Jim Bramwell, 108 President Ave., Rutledge, PA 19070, (610) 544-5143, m.jbrampres3@verizon.net

**USS Consolation** (AH-15), 26-30 Sept., Williamsburg, VA, Crowne Plaza Hotel at Fort Magruder. We invite shipmates of the Haven, Benevolence, Tranquility, Repose, and Sanctuary to join us. POC: LCDR (Ret.) Pearce S. Grove, 110 Little John Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185. (757) 564-9134 (Home) (757) 207-4975 (Cell), pgrove6@verizon.net

**32nd Inf. Regt. Assn.** ("The Queen's Own"), 29 Sept.- 3 Oct., Oklahoma City, OK. POC: Helen Dyckson, (727) 697-2135, heland@verizon.net

**USS New Jersey** (BB 62), 29 Sept.-3 Oct., Nashville, TN, Holiday Inn Select, Opryland/Airport. POC: Joe DiMaria, (757) 549-2178, joedimaria@msn.com

**USS Lowry** (DD-770), 30 Sept.-3 Oct., Myrtle Beach, SC. POC: Bill Mackey, (954) 566-6615

**999th Armored Field Artillery Bn.** ("Never Die"), Korea. 1950-54, 30 Sept.- 3 Oct., Niagara Falls, NY, Seneca Niagara Casino Hotel & Spa. POC: John Gugino, 247 Hammocks Dr., Orchard Park, NY 14127, (716) 947-9145, weegeeskid@live.com

**USS Cascade** (AD 16), 30 Sept.-4 Oct., Chicago, IL, Embassy Suites of Deerfield. POC: Bob Kennovin, 176 Teal Dr., Millsboro, DE, (302) 945-2719; Leonard Goeke, 2790 Quince Ave., Washington, IA 52353, (319) 653-3904; Bob Croghan, 7827 Cassia Ct., St. Louis, MO 63123, (314) 954-7801

## OCTOBER

**194th Eng. Combat Bn.**, 4-7 Oct., Laughlin, NV, Tropicana Express. POC: Bob Sanford, 432 Walnut Hill Rd., Woonsocket, RI 02895-2727, (401) 766-8262, BobLorSan2@aol.com

**Korean War Recon Marines**, 6-9 Oct., Branson, MO. POC: Glenn A. Kasdorf, (262) 691-7505, glennandrona@gmail.com

**MGCIS-1 (MACS-1)**, Camp Del Mar, Korea, 1948-54. 6-9 Oct., Quantico, VA. POC: Floyd E. "Bud" Boline, 1431 Orkla Dr., Golden Valley, MN 55427, (763) 544-9428, bbboline@aol.com.

**Army Security Agency Korea Vets** (ASA KOREA), 7-10 Oct. Pittsburgh, PA.

POC: John & Amy Russell, 4 Margaret St., New Kensington, PA 15068, (724) 337-0982, www.asakorea.org

**U. S. Navy MCB1/MCB9**, St. Charles MO, 7-10 Oct., POC: Peter S. Dowd, 89 Edward Rd., Marshfield MA 02050, (781) 837-0393, mcb1reunion@verizon.net

**USS Meredith** (DD-434/726/890), 13-17 Oct., Norfolk, VA. POC: Richard Kutschbach, 1071 Marietta Rd., Chillicothe, OH 45601, (740) 774-3894, dk62@roadrunner.com

**USS Eversole** (DD 789), 13-17 Oct., Mobile, AL. POC: Tom Trainham, 218 Whistle Way, Locust Grove, GA 30248, (770) 320-7511, ttj958@yahoo.com

**151 Combat Engineer Bn.**, 14-17 Oct., Lebanon, TN, Comfort Suites. POC: Jack & Ruth Cato, 212 S Maple St., Lebanon, TN 37087, (616) 444-9273, rmcato@charter.net

**Veterans of the Korean War Reunion, Inc.**, 19-22 Oct., Virginia Beach, VA. POC: Floyd D. Newkirk, (757) 340-9801, fhewkirk1@cox.net, or www.VKWR.org

**USS Hornet** (CV-8, CV-12, CVA-12, CVS-12), 20-24 Oct., Tucson, AZ. POC: Carl & Sandy Burket, PO Box 108, Roaring Spring, PA 16673, (814) 224-5063, hornetcva@aol.com or http://www.usshornetassn.com/

## NOVEMBER

**92nd Armored Field Artillery Bn.**, 7-10 Nov., New Orleans, LA, Holiday Inn-Downtown-Superdome. POC: Guy McMenemy, (281) 469-2819

## Mandated number of identified POW/MIA remains increased

President Obama signed new legislation last October increasing the number of identified POW/MIA remains from all wars annually to 200 by 2015. This was the culmination of 4 years of hard work by 2 Korean War Marines working with the Military Personnel Affairs Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee. Their efforts resulted in Public Law 111-84 Section 1509 being written.

This means DPMO/JPAC must seriously restructure themselves, as they are currently identifying 65 to 85 MIAs annually from WWII, KOREA and Vietnam.

There is also a serious effort to get the White House more involved in this major humanitarian issue that recovers our honored dead from all wars and brings closure to their families.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is one relevant paragraph from the legislation:*

(2) ACCOUNTING FOR GOAL — In implementing the program, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the officials specified in subsection (f)(1) of section 1509 of title 10, United States Code, shall provide such funds, personnel, and resources as the Secretary considers appropriate to increase significantly the capability and capacity of the Department of Defense, the Armed Forces, and commanders of the combatant commands to account for missing persons so that, beginning with fiscal year 2015, the POW/MIA accounting community has sufficient resources to ensure that at least 200 missing persons are accounted for under the program annually.



# Welcome Aboard!

## New Members of the Korean War Veterans Association

### ALABAMA

R041966 ARTHUR ELLIOTT  
R041932 NOAH J. HURST  
R041943 FRED W. MACE  
R042090 BUEL T. SPRINGER

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R042057 JOHN E. BEASLEY  
R042096 LOUIS B. COLLIER  
R042085 WILBUR D. O'BRIEN

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R041923 ALBERT C. BETTIGA  
R042003 GEORGE BJOTVEDT  
LR41911 MELVIN I. BRODY  
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LR42072 GEORGE W. THYDEN  
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R042094 JOHN J. BAKER  
A041982 CAROLINE M. BETHANY  
R041981 HENRY F. BETHANY  
R041897 WINFORD F. COX  
R042108 PIERRE F. DUMAS  
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R041871 RAYMOND G. GAMMA  
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R042000 HOOVER GINN  
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R041998 FRANK J. GUERRA  
R042045 ROBERT E. HANNA  
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R042070 HIRAM S. JONES  
LR41958 THOMAS T. KAMETANI  
R042020 GENE E. KENNEDY  
R041983 ALEX M. LUJAN  
A041984 STEVE R. LUJAN  
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R041971 KENT A. MADENWALD  
R041965 FRANK L. MADOTT  
R042036 HAROLD L. MARTIN  
R041985 ROBERT W. MCDANIEL

LR42027 JAMES MCGILL  
R041877 GEORGE H. MCNALLY  
A042007 ALLEN H. MIDDLETON  
A042008 JAYNE M. MIDDLETON  
R042111 MAX NORRIS  
LR42075 LESTER O'NEIL  
R042053 RALPH S. RIFFENBURGH  
R041993 ANTHONY V. ROCHA SR.  
R041986 BALDEMAR G. SALMON  
R042068 HENRY SMITH  
R041850 FRANK TORRES  
R041962 WILLIAM E. WINSTEAD  
R041904 DONALD E. WOLF

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R041858 JAMES M. CARUTHERS  
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LR41928 RICHARD A. ROWLANDS  
R041870 ABRAHAM VILLARREAL

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R041899 FREDERICK B. HUDON

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R042071 JAMES ABREU  
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R042107 ARTHUR G. BOUCHER  
R041953 DWIGHT E. BROWN  
R042098 ROBERT H. CALDERWOOD  
R042099 WILLIAM E. CARLSON  
R041950 RICHARD C. CHRISTIE  
A042056 JOHN S. CLARDY  
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R042100 GARY N. GODARD  
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R042016 ROBERT C. HUGHES  
LR42011 LARRY H. JACKSON  
R041927 CHARLES O. JOHNSON  
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R041959 WADE R. KILBRIDE  
LR42064 JOHN H. KLOEKER  
R041933 HERBERT V. LINDBLAD  
R042083 CHARLES LOMONACO  
R041862 GEN. W. 'G.W.' MARTIN JR.  
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R042005 JAMES SATIROFF  
R042067 ROBERT F. SCHRADE  
R042051 GERALD R. SCHREUR  
R041952 CLARENCE B. SLUSHER  
R041920 JAMES H. STEWART  
R041975 ARTHUR R. TAYLOR  
LR41901 HAROLD TRIEBER  
R041996 CARL M. VANORMER  
R042101 FRANK F. VAUGHT  
R042102 SCOTT M. WEBER  
R041970 BRIAN J. WELKE  
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LR42055 TERRY H. WILLIS

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R041889 ROBERT E. SUMNERS  
R041886 CARLTON Z. WALKER  
R042029 BOBBY T. WALL

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A042025 WALTER M. OZAWA  
R042024 MAX A. SOUZA

### IDAHO

R042079 RALPH D. ELSTON

### ILLINOIS

R041976 DARRELL ALCORN  
R041855 RALPH D. ANDERSON  
R041990 FREDERICK P. FRANKVILLE  
R041881 EDWARD J. GODFREY  
R041919 ROBERT M. MAGNUSON  
R041939 FRED H. 'SKIP' PERRYMAN  
R041947 FRANKLIN C. SEARFOSS  
R041948 TIMOTHY R. 'RYAN' YANTIS

### INDIANA

R042082 JACK R. GUTERMUTH  
LR42014 THOMAS J. KENNEDY

### IOWA

R041895 ROBERT D. HOOGEVEEN  
IR042060 WILLIAM D. KLOPFENSTEIN

### KANSAS

R042013 STERLING O. BENSON  
A042086 THOMAS J. BOTTER  
R042105 WILLIAM P. CARLSON  
R041852 BILL J. MCCULLOUGH  
R041906 GLEN H. RILEY

### KENTUCKY

R042002 JOSEPH D. LEIBEE

### LOUISIANA

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LR42023 WILLIAM B. HANEGAN JR.

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R042077 JOHN A. BALACHIE  
R041913 JAMES A. BRIDGES  
LR42047 FRANK J. BROADWATER  
R042088 WALTER L. CLINE  
R042046 ROBERT E. FOLTZ SR.  
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R042048 ROBERT F. KILLACKEY  
LR41957 PAUL E. KIM  
A042028 FRANKLIN KRASNER  
LR42095 CHARLES L. MOBLEY  
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LR41946 RUTH A. HASTINGS  
R041909 PAUL C. MCNAUGHT  
R041991 JOSEPH M. PICANZI  
R041977 ALFRED QUAIL  
A041900 EDWIN C. SULLIVAN

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LR41997 GEORGE L. BURROWS  
R041964 ROY H. KOPONEN  
R041869 JOHN L. MOYER  
R041916 RICHARD H. PETERS

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R042030 DENNIS H. CURRY  
R042050 DALE A. ERICKSON  
A042049 SHIRLEY J. ERICKSON  
R041907 JOHN W. KERR  
R041883 CYRIL W. KUBISTA  
R041960 JEROME C. OLINGER  
LR41912 GEORGE W. ZIMMERMAN

### MISSISSIPPI

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R042044 GLYN R. DUBUISSON

### MISSOURI

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R042065 CLAUDE R. DAMEWOOD  
R041963 MARION E. DAVIES  
R041885 JAMES P. FISTER  
LR41882 DON W. FLIGGE



R041925 JOSEPH G. HAMILTON  
 R041859 CHARLES D. HITCHBORN  
 R041868 JAMES M. MATHEWS  
 R042034 ERNEST A. MITCH  
 R042074 ROLAND L. NETZER  
 LR41915 MILTON F. PFEIFFER  
 R041856 ROBERT V. REYNOLDS

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R041938 LESTER W. DAPPEN

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 LR42109 ROY E. CAMERON  
 R041968 FRANKLIN D. CONWAY  
 R042069 NICK S. CORTESE  
 R041940 RAMON W. HOYT  
 A041861 ROBERTA F. JONES  
 A041973 PATRICIA A. WORDEN

#### **NEW JERSEY**

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## **THE SHOES OF A KOREAN VET**

*By Jack D. Ross, 418 Mills Street, Sandusky OH 44870.*

It was fifty years ago in a place far away  
 but the memories remain and surface each day  
 of the mission of our platoon, to defend a barren hill  
 from the North Korean soldiers and it was kill or be killed  
 with artillery and machine guns carbines and men  
 you fight off the enemy again and again  
 you defend the damn mountain till the objective was met  
 you're walking in the shoes of a Korean vet  
 there are medics shooting morphine into a wounded man's vein  
 to silence the cry and lessen the pain  
 the stench of bodies, the unforgettable smell  
 makes your whole body tremble and you're scared as hell  
 a good friend you seek out, but he was in the wrong place  
 for now an olive drab blanket is covering his face  
 you look to the heavens and quietly pray  
 but your prayers go unanswered day after day  
 the chaplain is busy helping carry the injured men  
 to the helicopter landing where fighting had been  
 you recall when it ended, we've all held our ground  
 and it's time to go home and there's hardly a sound  
 if you often wonder is this as bad as it gets  
 you're walking in the shoes of a Korean vet  
 you were among the lucky, back on American soil  
 but what you've been thru still makes your blood boil  
 all this has turned you into an angry young man  
 who committed legalized murder with blood on his hands  
 you don't want to look at people passing by  
 just want to be alone and you're too proud to cry  
 there are times when you think you'd be better off dead  
 and visions of suicide rush thru your head  
 and you tell yourself that time heals all wounds  
 after all these years you know it's not going away soon  
 you don't watch war movies in the theater or on t. v.  
 cause you know it could trigger another of these  
 heartbreaking memories that you're trying to forget  
 then you're walking in the shoes of a Korean vet  
 there are more wars a coming, and I'm too old to fight  
 but when I look at our great banner, its stars and its stripes  
 it sends shivers thru my body, and I know right then  
 for liberty and freedom, I'd do it all over again.



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

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# 'Every event is a recruiting opportunity'

275 - WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN [WI]

On 5 November 5, 2009 (and for the preceding 8 years) our local Piggly Wiggly grocery store and caterer Club 16 have honored Sparta's HOMETOWN HEROES. This began after 9/11 to recognize our local first responders, fire departments, EMTs, etc. The event is free to all emergency service providers and includes a delicious dinner, program, patriotic singing by a former Miss Wisconsin, and recognition of attendees.

Last year, the organizers, Dave Hegenbarth and Don LaBarre, realizing the loss and age of WWII veterans, had special plaques made to honor our local WWII vets. Special recognition was given at the event.

This year the honors went to all local Korean War veterans. Seventeen veterans attended the banquet, at which they were honored with a plaque, introduction, and standing ovation. Each veteran received information from the KWVA, with an invitation to join the West Central Wisconsin Chapter. Note my personal invite on the bottom of the attached flyer.



Korean War veterans at the Sparta, WI Hometown Heroes event

This event was a truly emotional evening for all attendees, especially the Korean War vets. These two businesses, along with support of local citizens, recognize the importance of the service given to our country.

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The Sparta, WI Hometown Heroes event flyer

**Korean War Veterans Association**

West Central Wisconsin – Chapter 275

P.O. Box 3423

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Dear Fellow Korean War Veteran:

We want to bring to your attention that there are Korean War Veterans Associations at both the National and local levels. National KWVA recently received their Charter from congress after much debate and delay. A Korean War Veterans Association organization was begun in the State of New York and incorporated in 1985. Since then a national organization has been formed along with departments at the state level and local chapters. We were somewhat slow in getting ourselves organized. There are currently 5 known chapters in Wisconsin.

KWVA Chapter 275 of West Central Wisconsin received their Charter from national in 2002 and meets at VFW Post 1530, 830 S. 6th Street, La Crosse on the fourth Tuesday in the odd-numbered months at 2PM. We would sincerely welcome fellow Korean War Veterans to become members of our Chapter. We already have many members from the surrounding area in Wisconsin as well as from Minnesota and Iowa.

Attached is a current membership application listing the costs for both National and Chapter dues. National does not share their dues with the local Chapter and that is the reason they are listed separate. Membership eligibility in KWVA is somewhat restricted to any person who honorably served in the Armed Forces of the United States between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955 and to persons who honorably served in Korea including territorial waters and airspace before and after those dates. A National Life Membership is available at \$150 for persons aged 65 and older payable in a lump sum or 6 equal payments. Completed membership applications with the correct amount of dues payable to Chapter 275 KWVA should be sent to the attention of the Chapter Treasurer, Arthur Gale, 509 N. 10th Place, Onalaska, WI 54650. The Chapter will forward your National dues along with your completed membership application to National for processing. National dues includes a subscription to their publication "THE GRAYBEARDS" that is published every 2 months that features articles on KWVA business, from members, news and notes, announcements and advertisements of interest to the Korean Veteran.

We welcome you to become a member.

In fellowship,  
Chapter 275 of West Central Wisconsin

I am a member; I go to the meetings, and that's all I do. I enjoy it. If you would like to join, or just go to a meeting, I will meet you there or we could car pool. Please call me if you would like to.

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Ch 275's recruiting letter with a personal invitation from member Al Wright included

# FATHER KAPAUN

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Wichita [KS] Eagle ran an eight-part series on Father Kapaun in December 2009. Deputy Editor Tom Shine graciously offered to let us reprint the series in its entirety. We will do that in serial fashion, since the series is too long for us to include in one issue.

We offer our deep gratitude to writer Roy Wenzl and Deputy Editor Shine for permission to reprint the articles.

**This is Part III of our continuing series on Father Emil Kapaun.**

*The Wichita Eagle* (Kansas), December 8, 2009 Monday

**Father Emil Kapaun: In icy POW camps, Kapaun shares faith, provisions;**

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*"Christ's works testified to what he was; our works will testify as to what we are."  
-Father Emil Kapaun*

Three weeks after their capture, after 75 miles of marching, the starving survivors of the 8th Cavalry and 19th Infantry straggled into a mud-hut village called Pyoktong, on the banks of the Yalu River, two miles from Manchuria.

They'd barely set foot in the village when American bombers roared in overhead and firebombed it. Horrified villagers spat at the prisoners, threw rocks.

Guards took them south again, 12 more miles. Men and discipline broke down in the snow and ice; men left their wounded to die in ditches, ignoring orders from officers to pick them up. They would not ignore Father Emil Kapaun, though. He walked the line, asking men to help. Many did.

Mike Dowe picked up a stretcher on this march one night, turned around and spoke to the tall soldier carrying the pole behind him.

"Who are you?" he asked.

The soldier reached out a hand. "KuhPAWN," he said.

Dowe grinned. This was the heroic chaplain that 8th Cavalry prisoners told stories about.

"Father Kapaun! I've heard all about you!"

"Well," Kapaun said, in a self-mocking

tone, "don't tell the bishop."

The mountain valley was three miles long and included the hamlet of Sombakol. Temperatures dropped below zero; starvation fostered feelings of desperation that worsened every day.

The soldiers still had some fight in them; some, Moose McClain included, sneaked into neighboring fields and arranged cornstalks in piles, spelling P O W, hoping the U.S. Air Force would take notice.

But hunger began to take a toll.

Guards fed them birdseed twice a day—two little handfuls of millet and cracked corn, maybe 300 daily calories at most. The millet made men gag; they could not get enough hot water to boil it soft, so the grain did not digest and scratched their intestines like fine sand.

Some teenage soldiers refused to eat it. Kapaun, upset, began preaching to them, pleading with them to eat no matter how much they gagged.

Hunger and cold made men cruel; they stole from each other. McClain yelled at them for this; Kapaun pleaded with them. McClain sometimes saw Kapaun chide some officers, though, scolding them if they slacked off helping others.

Men noticed, to their delight, that Kapaun sometimes swore at the guards when angry, though he never took the Lord's name in vain.



Fr. Kapaun

Sometimes, to calm youngsters just captured, Kapaun cracked jokes.

"Welcome to our paradise," he told new arrivals.

Survivors later told author William Maher that when a newly captured young soldier asked what the enemy would do with them, Kapaun cracked a joke that came right out of a GI foxhole:

"They're going to shoot the officers," Kapaun said, "and let the enlisted men go."

Joe Ramirez and Sid Esensten, a doctor, saw him visiting the sick all over the camp, sneaking into huts to avoid the guards, wearing only a light field jacket against intense winter cold.

"Have faith, have faith," Kapaun told Ramirez and the others. "Don't give up. We'll get out of here someday."

Al Brooks, another enlisted man, was in one of these groups; Kapaun told them to hang on to hope.

"God is on your side."

Sometimes he'd pass around his pipe, to Edmund Reel or other soldiers; it held the last of Kapaun's Prince Albert tobacco.

"You guys wanting a little puff of this, you might as well have it now because what I've got isn't going to last much longer."

In late November a few survivors from Unsan were released to freedom.

Sgt. Samuel Clecker made his way to American lines, telling Army officers and



news reporters that he'd seen a chaplain in the enemy camps visiting as many as 200 soldiers a day, treating wounds, saying the rosary.

Clecker said the chaplain had lost a lot of weight.

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The POWs began to steal food. The man most insistent about stealing was the chaplain from Kansas.

"Steal, or starve," Kapaun told them. "It's obvious."

He led them out into the countryside at night, sneaking past guards. They came back with bits of wood, ears of corn, red peppers torn from frozen bushes, an old pumpkin. They stole from warehouses where guards stored food.

Kapaun, not feeling comfortable with stealing, lined them up and announced that this sin was sanctioned, and that they should pray to Dismas, patron saint of thieves, the "good thief" who was crucified beside Christ.

Walt Mayo and others, starving but amused, nicknamed Kapaun "Dismas."

He had surprised them for months with his bravery, and now with his ingenious thieving. A notorious thief, Esensten thought. Incredibly devious.

Kapaun would prowl fields, find potatoes or corn the farmers had hidden. Or he'd conspire with Mayo, who would start an argument with guards at the crib where food was stored, while Kapaun would sneak inside, stuff his pockets with soybeans or salt, then heave a grain sack on his back and sneak out.

Decades later, Pentagon analysts said the Sombakol prison camp had far fewer deaths than others during that period of the war. Esensten said Kapaun was the main reason.

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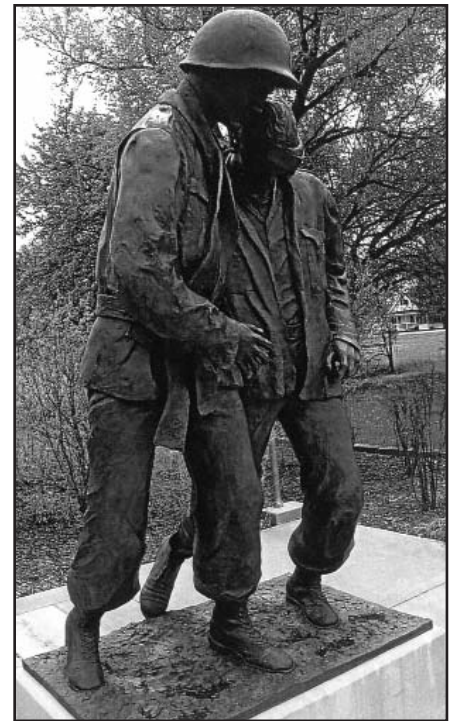
In January 1951, the guards marched prisoners back to Pyoktong. That village had held 1,000 people before the war; now it held hundreds of prisoners.

It was virtually escape-proof: deep inside North Korea, surrounded on three sides by inlets of the dammed-up Yalu River. The march there was carried out in brutal cold; some did not survive, and many more now refused to carry stretchers.

Esensten, a doctor, had spent weeks



The statue in Pilsen, KS of Father Kapaun helping a wounded soldier (Photo by Eileen M. Goetz)



watching Kapaun become the most popular man in the camps, the only man the POWs seemed eager to please, a man they respected deeply. Esensten asked him before the march to use his influence.

Kapaun walked the line, calling out for help, calling out encouragement. They lost nine lives on that march; Kapaun saved at least four times that number, the doctor thought. But Esensten noticed Kapaun was suffering badly: limping, his sharp nose sticking out from bony cheekbones, in a face now covered with a reddish beard.

But as weak as he was, the Chinese had begun to fear him. Prisoners turned to him for advice and leadership; the guards began to heckle him.

What incensed them most was that they had banned religion, but Kapaun sneaked into huts every night, passed out a few grains of food, passed around his lit pipe, along with a little hope.

"Would anyone care to say a little prayer?"

Some atheists said the rosary with him now.

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It was in Pyoktong, in the winter of 1950-51, where temperatures reached 20 and 30 and even 40 below zero, that men

began to die every day from starvation, pneumonia and giving up.

It was bad enough in January; by February Pyoktong had become a death camp. Ramirez counted 45 bodies in the enlisted men's camp one day, and he sat there wondering whether he would be next.

Men did desperate things.

When some of them found POW excrement on the ground and noticed soybean seeds that had passed through someone's body without being digested, men picked up the seeds and ate them.

One day a dog wandered among the Americans' huts and let out a bark; Ramirez and others turned him into soup.

The Pentagon, assessing things later, thought that 1,200 of the 3,000 to 4,000 men in Pyoktong and surrounding places died that winter. Esensten counted at least 350 cases of pneumonia every day, and saw symptoms of advanced starvation and vitamin deprivation. Men had scabies, scurvy, beriberi. Bodies piled up outside huts, frozen stiff in death.

To many men it looked so hopeless. But every morning when they woke up they could count on seeing Kapaun outside, doing some chore.

Often they'd awaken to the bang of

stone on tin at 5 a.m. and look out to see the bearded priest in his filthy uniform with a stone in his fist. He'd hammer cooking pans out of shredded tin scrounged from bombed-out huts in Pyoktong. Then, with firewood and pans, Kapaun would boil snow into water.

"Hot coffee!" he'd call out.

He wore an eye patch now. He had chipped a sliver into an eye while chopping wood; the eye got infected.

An officer named Felix McCool saw this after inquiring for a priest one day, and men pointed to a ragged man wearing a black eye patch.

Esensten by now had discovered that he felt a strange peace when talking with the priest.

They lived in filth and spent much of each day picking lice out of their clothes. They smelled like excrement; no one had bathed in months. The Jewish doctor would forget all this in long talks with Kapaun about philosophy and religion. Esensten knew nothing about Catholicism, but Kapaun knew Judaism thoroughly.

Esensten teased him, though; Kapaun seemed blindly rigid about religious dogma. This puzzled Esensten, who saw how open-minded Kapaun seemed about all other ideas.

So Esensten argued:

Shouldn't rules about morals or religious teachings be more flexible in some circumstances, such as when you're in a prison camp?

"No," Kapaun said.

But when guards coerced starving Americans to inform, and when other prisoners wanted to harm the informers, Kapaun came instantly to their defense, protecting them.

Esensten thought: Kapaun was rigid about church rules until the moment he saw a sinner needing mercy.

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Lt. William Funchess met Kapaun for the first time that winter as the young lieutenant hobbled around the enlisted men's compound on his wounded foot.

Funchess had falsely told guards he was an enlisted man because he worried they might shoot officers. He hobbled in pain and fear; men died of infections from

lesser wounds than his. Like everybody, he ate snow that he scraped off the ground; there was no water.

He saw a man bent to the ground, acting strangely. His cap was a sleeve torn from a GI sweater; he wore an eye patch; he looked like a hobo, filthy and thin.

The man motioned to Funchess.

Funchess hesitated.

The man beckoned. Funchess hobbled over.

The man bent over a tiny fire. Funchess marveled; the guards at that time had forbidden fires. There was a pot made of rusted tin; it steamed.

"Would you like a drink of hot water?" the man asked.

"Yes! I would!" Funchess said. In his Carolina accent, "yes" sounded like "YAY-ess!" He drank. The warmth in his throat felt like bliss. "Did that taste good?" The man had a soft voice.

"Yes!" Funchess said. "I've not had a drink of water since Nov. 4."

He shook hands.

"I'm Father Emil Kapaun," the ragged man said. "Funchess," Funchess said. "Where you from?"

"South Carolina."

"Kansas," the priest said.

Kapaun said he'd come to the enlisted area to help GIs. Funchess blinked. No wonder the priest behaved oddly, Funchess thought. Kapaun was hiding his little fire, the lighting of which could get him shoved into a freezing punishment hole. To come here, Kapaun had sneaked hundreds of yards carrying wood and a pan.

Funchess was a devout Methodist who concealed in his filthy clothes a small copy of the New Testament. He had not known many Catholics. This one had guts.

He thanked Kapaun. "That was the best drink I ever had in my life."

The priest grinned.

Funchess felt suddenly and strangely at peace. He would remember this moment all his life.

They would be close friends now. But only for a time all too brief.

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## The young man in the sea

We had made the invasion of Red Beach at Inchon, Korea on Sept. 15, 1950. The beach head was secured and we unloaded all troops, tanks, and supplies. We sat there high and dry for 24 hours until the next evening, when the tide came back in.

It was around 1800 hours when we backed off the beach. We left Inchon harbor and headed for Sasebo, Japan. We were in the sea about four miles off the coast of South Korea when the port lookout shouted, "Man overboard."

I stood watch with a chief warrant officer. We looked, and sure enough there was a man in the water. The officer ordered all engines stopped, and we put our LCV in the water. The crew picked the man out of the water and brought him back to our ship.

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**...he was to be executed. They asked if he had a last request. He said he would like to be shot down by the riverside,...**

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We had a ROK officer aboard for the invasion of Inchon as an interpreter. He questioned the man, who turned out to be a South Korean soldier.

The man said he had been captured by the North Koreans in their push south. As his story went, he was to be executed. They asked if he had a last request. He said he would like to be shot down by the riverside, so one North Korean soldier took him to the river and tied his hands behind his back. When they got to the river, he continued, he asked for a cigarette.

The North Korean soldier put his rifle against a tree, untied the South Korean's hands, and gave his prisoner a cigarette. When the North Korean lit a match to give the prisoner a light, the South Korean soldier said to himself he had nothing to lose, so he made a dash for the river.

He dove in and swam underwater as far as he could. By that time, the North Korean soldier had his rifle and was shooting at him. The South Korean reported that he went under water and swam as far as he could.

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# Email from Korea

**From:** David Kim [mailto:dk.season@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, March 28, 2010 11:22 AM

**To:** membership@kwva.org; info@kwva.org

**Subject:** A message from S. Korean Kid

To Heroes

Hello, this is 18 year old boy K.H. (Kyu Hyeon) Kim living in South Korea.

I read an article about 2 members of K.W.V.A. a few minutes ago on the Internet.

I already knew that Americans helped and protected South Korea 60 years ago, but honestly I didn't know that many Americans who participated in the war cared about Korea and Korean people's difficult circumstances that much. (I thought every American is arrogant like in many movies.)

I want to say thank you, all former soldiers who are still alive and passed away, for saving my country.

You helped my country to fight against enemies and supported people living in that period.

Each action that you made 60 years ago protected my grand parents' devastated world and also created my world that is filled with enough wealth, happiness and freedom.

Created my city, my family, my friends, my house, my memories, my trip, myself and everything.

You might thought that 20 year old yourself was just an ordinary kid, yes, you were an ordinary person.

But the fact is you did something God's work, something really extraordinary.

And your stories taught me and many of other young students in my nation and (I guess and I believe) your nation that we can do something extraordinary such as saving people who suffer from poverty and violence or building near-future strong and rich country.

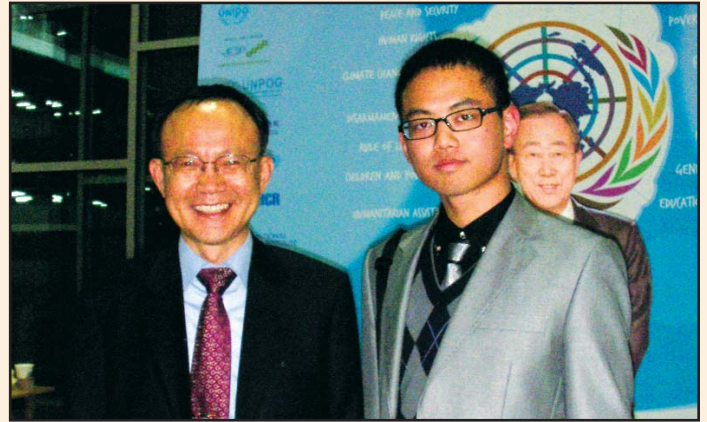
Again, thank you for your sacrifice. I won't forget that and try to make people in this region not to forget that.

And please care about Korean peninsula's recent situation and wish for real peace in this region.

Thank you.

From K. H. Kim

**The untitled photos below were attached to the email from Korea—Editor**



## Official Membership Application Form

### The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407 (Telephone: 217-345-4414)

**DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE** Assigned Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

KWVA Regular Annual Dues = \$25.00 ♦ Associate Membership = \$16.00  
MOH, Ex-POW, Gold Star Parent or Spouse & Honorary - \$0.00

**Regular Life Membership:** (May be paid in lump sum or 6 equal payments by check over a 12 month period.)

Ages up to and through 35 years of age: .....\$600

Ages 36 through 50 years of age: .....\$450

Ages 51 through 65 years of age: .....\$300

Ages 66 years of age and older: .....\$150

Please Check One: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal Member (# \_\_\_\_\_)

Please Check One ☐ Medal of Honor ☐ Regular Member ☐ Regular Life Member ☐ Associate Member  
☐ Ex-POW ☐ Honorary ☐ Gold Star Parent ☐ Gold Star Spouse

(Please Print)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle/Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Number/Name (if applicable) # \_\_\_\_\_

*All Regular members please provide the following information if applicable*

#### Unit(s) to which Assigned

#### Branch of Service

Division \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Army  
Regiment \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Air Force  
Battalion \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Navy  
Company \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Marines  
Other \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Coast Guard

#### Dates of service:

WithIN Korea were: (See criteria below)

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

WithOUT Korea were: (See criteria below)

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes as indicated, is true and correct."

**[If you are applying for membership in a category other than Section 1, par A.1., of the "Criteria for Membership," complete the "Certification of Eligibility for KWVA Membership" form on next page.]**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: KWVA

Mail to: **Korean War Veterans Association Inc., P. O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407** (Telephone: 217-345-4414)

(Or you may pay by Credit Card)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ VISA ☐ MASTER CARD (only)

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ V-Code \_\_\_\_\_ Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted 10/26/2009



## CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR KWVA MEMBERSHIP

In addition to completing the KWVA membership application form on page 1, persons who make application for membership and qualify under one of the categories listed below, are required to fill in the appropriate blanks, sign in the space provided below and attach this page to the completed membership application form on previous page.

Check One

- ☐ Medal of Honor: I am a Medal of Honor recipient and the date on which it was awarded was: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Ex-POW: I was held as a Prisoner of War at some time during the period June 25, 1950 to the present,  
From: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_ To: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Gold Star Parent: I am the parent of : Name [print] \_\_\_\_\_, who was  
( ) killed in action, ( ) missing in action or ( ) died as a Prisoner of War  
on: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Gold Star Spouse: I am the spouse of: Name [print] \_\_\_\_\_, who was  
( ) killed in action, ( ) missing in action or ( ) died as a Prisoner of War  
on: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Associate: I have a legitimate interest in the affairs of the Korean War Veterans Association and agree to accept the terms and conditions set forth in its charter and bylaws.
- ☐ Honorary: I was elected as an Honorary Member of the KWVA by a vote of the Board of Directors  
on: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes indicated is true and correct."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_

### CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

**Section 1. Qualifications of Members.** Membership in this Association shall consist of Regular, Associate and Honorary Members. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, or physical or mental disability, as long as the individual meets the criteria of service requirements as stipulated below. Only Regular Members as defined in A. below have a vote in National or Department matters.

#### A. Regular Members.

- Service in the United States Armed Forces.** Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, is eligible for membership if:  
a. Said service was within Korea including territorial waters and airspace at any time, September 3, 1945 to Present, or  
b. Said service was outside of Korea, June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955.
- Medal of Honor.** Any KWVA Member, who is a Medal of Honor recipient, is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
- Prisoner of War.** Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
- Gold Star Parents.** Any parent whose son/daughter was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
- Gold Star Spouses.** Any person whose spouse was killed in action, missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

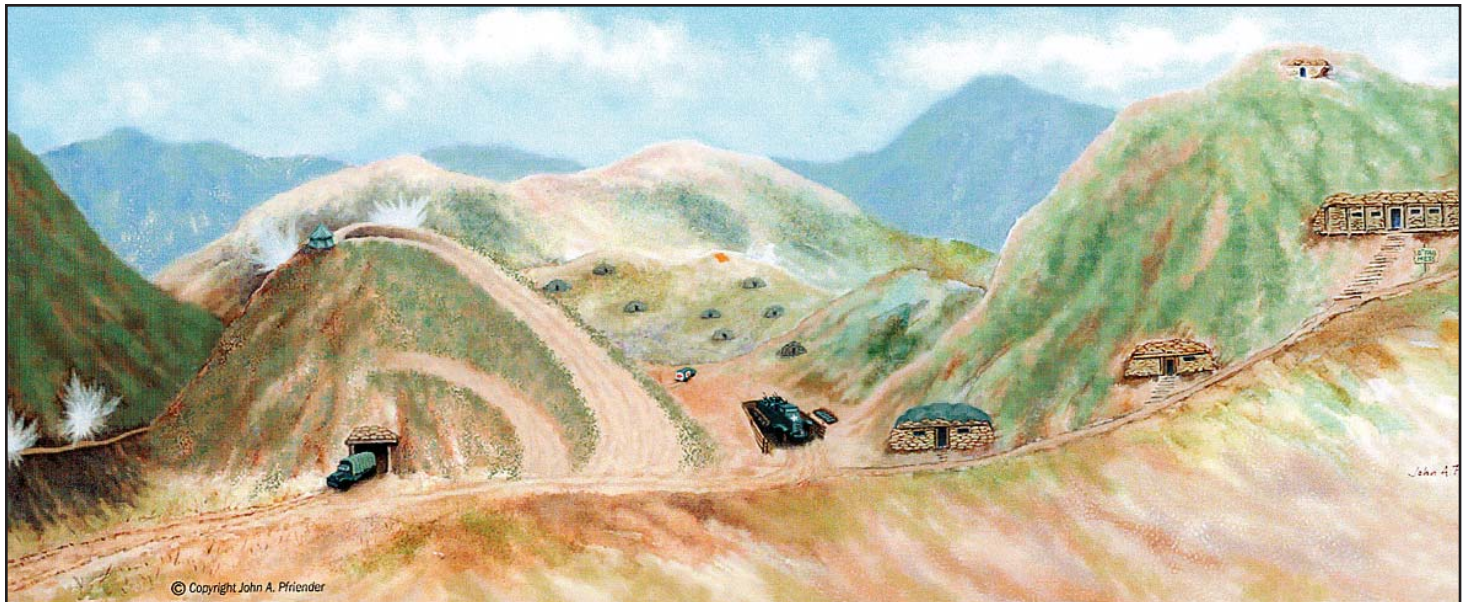
#### B. Associate Members.

- Must not be eligible for Regular membership.
- Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of this Association and who wishes to support its aims, and not being eligible for Regular Membership; and who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the KWVA Charter and its Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual, shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the Association. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

**C. Honorary Members.** Any person of good character may be elected as Honorary Member by vote by the Board of Directors. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

**D. Ineligible.** Any person who has been separated from the service of the Armed Forces of the United States under conditions other than honorable shall be ineligible for membership in this Association.



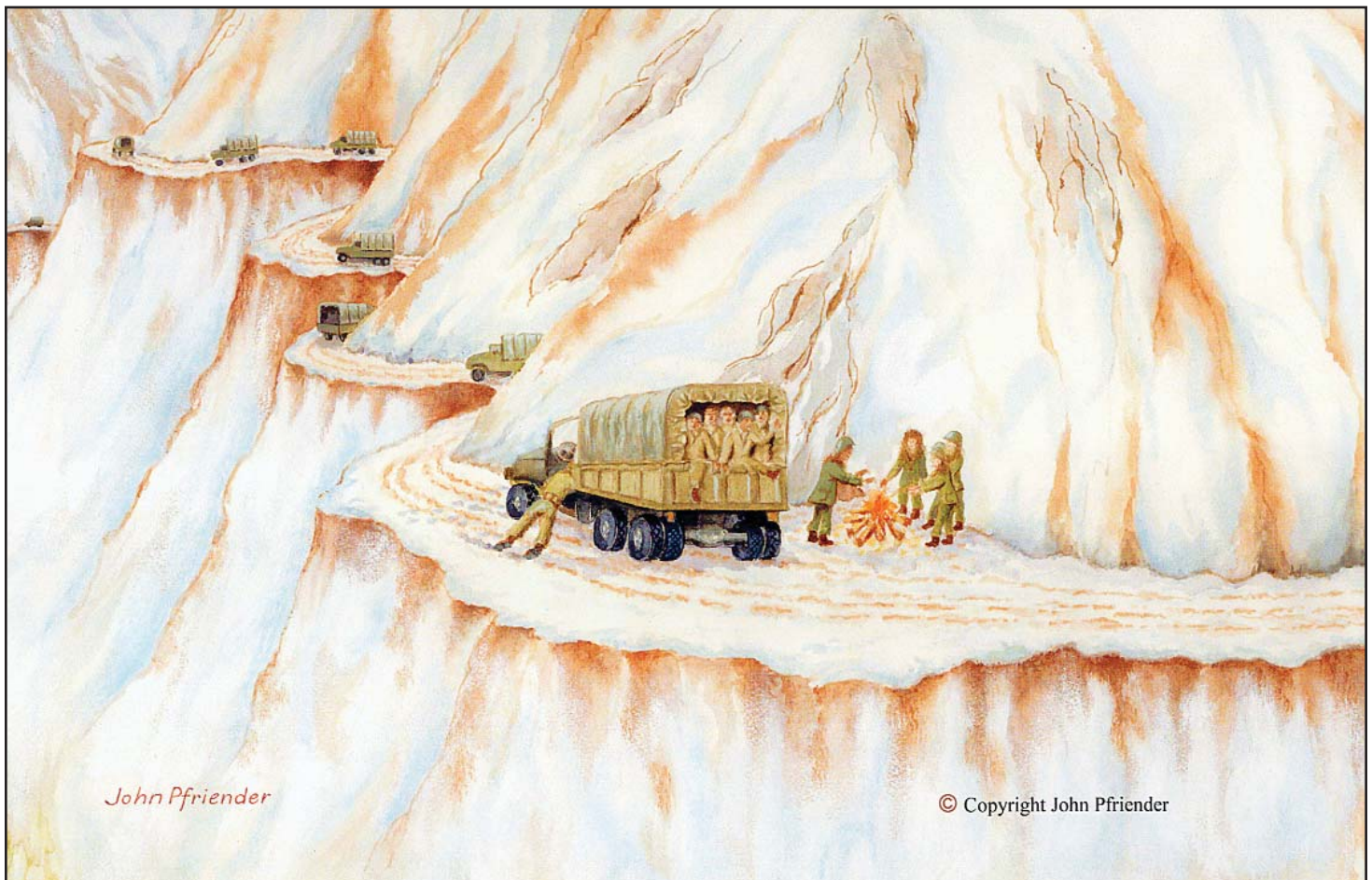


## Remembering Korea in Paintings

Soldiers remember Korea in different ways. Some maintain images in their minds. Others take photos. Still more create paintings. John Pfriender is one of the latter group. John sent us these original paintings, which he explained have never been printed before. Each one has a personal story that generated the

painting. The stories accompany the paintings.

*John Pfriender-21st AAA, AW Bn., SP -25th Infantry Division, 3 Steuben Drive, Jericho, NY 11753, (516) 938-4917, [ospreyart@yahoo.com](mailto:ospreyart@yahoo.com)*





Mungdong-ni Valley, August, 1952 -(R to L): 8th FAB Mess Bunker, hit by a Chinese round just after I left it. "Tiny," the cook was killed; - Our 21st AAA, A W Bn. half-track, with "Quad Fifties," next to our bunker. On orders, we were to move our half-track to the top of this hill. The hex tent we pitched there the night before drew heavy Chinese artillery fire in the a.m., pinning me and a sergeant in a small hole for some time. The continued shelling stopped after I dashed for the tent and dropped the center pole.

Later, our vehicle "threw a rod" and lost its transmission as we tried to get over an incline. An army tow truck pushed us up and over the hill.

Our truck raced down a deep, winding stretch of road with no transmission. The driver pumped the foot brakes, while I pulled the hand brake. Both of them burned out as our vehicle reached the bottom of the hill, crashed into and splintered the railing of a wooden bridge and plowed into a large snow bank.

The vehicle turned over on its right side, and several South Korean soldiers were thrown out of the truck's rear, shaken up but unhurt. It was a 'hell of a way' to spend Christmas Eve.



On December 24, 1952, I took part in a very long convoy to move a ROK Division on line. The return trip through a mountain pass was plagued with problems: trucks breaking down, etc. My vehicle (I was assistant driver) strained with the extra weight of the 14 ROK troops and their equipment we had loaded aboard earlier.

When we had reached a high point in the pass, my driver stopped at a "by-pass" to warm himself at a bonfire. I also got out and walked to the driver's side to admire the view below us. The ROKs were trying to get warm by stamping their feet and moving around inside the truck. I heard a loud creaking sound and saw the truck roll backwards—toward the cliff. The ROKs were panicking, trying to escape over the tailgate, as I dove, head first, into the cab. My head and shoulders were under the steering wheel, but the rest of my body was outside. My feet were dragging in the snow-covered dirt road, while I grabbed the emergency brake.

At first, I couldn't get leverage to pull it, but I turned my torso to one side and that worked, thankfully. The deuce and a half had stopped about two feet from the cliff's edge.

# APPLICATION FOR KVA REVISIT KOREA TOUR

**KVA (Seoul) Revisit Purpose: "To express the gratitude of the Korean Government towards Korean War Veterans who took part in the Korean War from June 25, 1950 to October 15, 1954."**

## Veteran's Personal History (Please type or print)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

KWVA Member, # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: If you have not yet received your membership # from KWVA insert "applied for."**

Companion Name/Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**List all your Addresses, (if more than one residence per year) and dates you reside in each one, no P.O Boxes.**

**Main/**  
**Summer.** \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

**Winter.** \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's Passport# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Companion's Passport# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: If you do not have a passport with 6 months validity prior to travel dates, and have applied for a new one, please insert "applied for" in the space provided and contact MHT when you receive it.**

## Veteran's Korean Service Information

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_, Service Number \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Service in Korean War (month/year) from \_\_\_\_\_ thru \_\_\_\_\_

## Veteran's Certification

I am a member in good standing (or have applied) with the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA).

**Veteran's/ family member signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

(Complete and mail this form along with a \$400.00 deposit per person (check, money order or Visa/MasterCard only) to Military Historical Tours. Payment in full is required for applications submitted prior to sixty days of tour departure.)

## Credit Card Authorization

I authorize **Military Historical Tours** to charge my Visa / Master Card,

The amount of \$ 400 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ please include the 3-Digit code on back of card \_\_\_\_\_

Your name as it appears on the Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

## Korea Revisit related material please send to:

**KWVA Revisit Korea Program**  
**c/o MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS (MHT)**  
**13198 CENTERPOINTE WAY STE #202**  
**WOODBIDGE, VA 22193-5285**

**Phone: 703-590-1295**  
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**www.miltours.com**

## Background

The Korea Revisit program was begun by the Korean Veterans Association (KVA/ Seoul) in 1975, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the outbreak of the Korean War, to express their gratitude to veterans of the War and to show them the bountiful re-

sults of their sacrifices and devotion.

## KVA's Eligibility Requirements

UN Korean War Veterans who served in or supported ground, naval, or air operations in the Korean Theater between June 25, 1950 and October 25, 1954 or a family member of a veteran killed in action in the

Korean War are eligible to participate in the "Korea Revisit Program." A veteran is allowed to bring a family member or friend as a "travel companion."

## Expanded Eligibility

1. Due to the 60th Anniversaries (2010-13) there will be more quota's available.



In addition, those that have gone on a previous Revisit tour, can apply to return again. (Call Military Historical Tours for details)

2. Widows and family members of deceased veterans, or of those veterans physically unable to travel, are also eligible to go on a Revisit tour.

### Benefits and Itinerary

Free hotel accommodations and meals for 5 nights and 6 days.

Accommodation is based on (2) persons per room.

Tour of Seoul and its vicinity

Banquet hosted by the Chairman of the KVA with presentation of the "Ambassador for Peace" medal and its certificate

**Day 1:** Arrival and hotel check-in

**Day 2:** Wreath laying Korean National Cemetery, Visit the KW Memorial.

**Day 3:** Visit Panmunjom, Banquet.

**Day 4:** Tour of Korean Folk Village.

**Day 5:** Visit the Incheon Landing Memorial, Museum, & Freedom Park.

**Day 6:** Departure

### Sundry Notes

1. The KVA Revisit Program privileges are provided for scheduled groups only.  
2. Participants are required to have a valid passport: a visa is not required for visits of 15 days or fewer in Korea.  
3. KVA/Seoul is not responsible for any loss of or damage to, personal or other items, medical expenses, injuries, or loss of life due to any accident of whatever nature during the revisits. Trip cancellation insurance is available and highly recommended.

4. Hospitalization and evacuation insurance is required for and provided to all veterans and spouse/companion by MHT. Cost is contained in the administrative service charge.

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

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

7. Use of frequent flyer miles or other "free" transportation, is allowed but an administrative service fee of \$400.00 per person is still required.

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

FLASH

# REVISIT KOREA NEWS

FLASH

Since the ROK Government is paying 50% of the veterans' airfare, and 30% for the spouse/companion, we have been over-subscribed for 2010. The only two dates remaining this year are:

• 11 - 17 October - Special Air Force Recognition

• 8 - 14 November - "Chosin" Reservoir and Marine Corps Birthday Ball

*Note: You do not have to be an Air Force or Marine Corps veteran to participate in these special recognition events!*

To register, go to the KWVA website - [www.KWVA.org](http://www.KWVA.org), click on Revisit Korea Tours, and follow the instructions. If you do not have a computer, or desire more information, please call Military Historical Tours (MHT) at 703-590-1295 or 800-722-9501 in Woodbridge, Virginia. You can also go to the MHT website at [www.miltours.com](http://www.miltours.com). There is also an application form in this issue of The Graybeards.

KWVA has always had a policy of "First come, First served," so don't delay, as you may lose out in 2010.

### SEA from page 72

By then, the current had him and took him out to sea, where we found him. We learned that he was 21 years old, and had been a prisoner for one week when he escaped. After the interrogation concluded, the crew fitted the young South Korean with dungarees and shoes.

As we proceeded to Sasebo, we asked the ROK officer what would happen to the soldier. The officer told us he would be sent back to Korea, rejoin an Army group, and go back to fighting the North Koreans.

I have often wondered what ever happened to this young man. We left him in Sasebo with the ROK officer.

*Adolph C. Polte, 3417 W. 84th St., Chicago, IL 60652, (773) 737-2134*

### 2011 Revisit Korea Tours

The ROK government has assured us that the Revisit Korea tours will continue. Since we anticipate the same relaxed eligibility and generous air discounts, it's not too soon to submit your application to hold a space. (All applications are date stamped.) Although we don't know the "exact" tour dates for 2011, they are usually in April, May, June, September, October, and November.

### Revisit Eligibility

The ROK government recognizes that the Korean War veterans are getting older, so it has relaxed the eligibility considerably. You can go again and you can take a spouse child, grandchild or companion in the event you need assistance with a wheelchair or walker. In addition, the spouse or direct descendant of a deceased or incapacitated Korean War veteran can represent the veteran, and take a child/companion!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn

KWVA Revisit Coordinator

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