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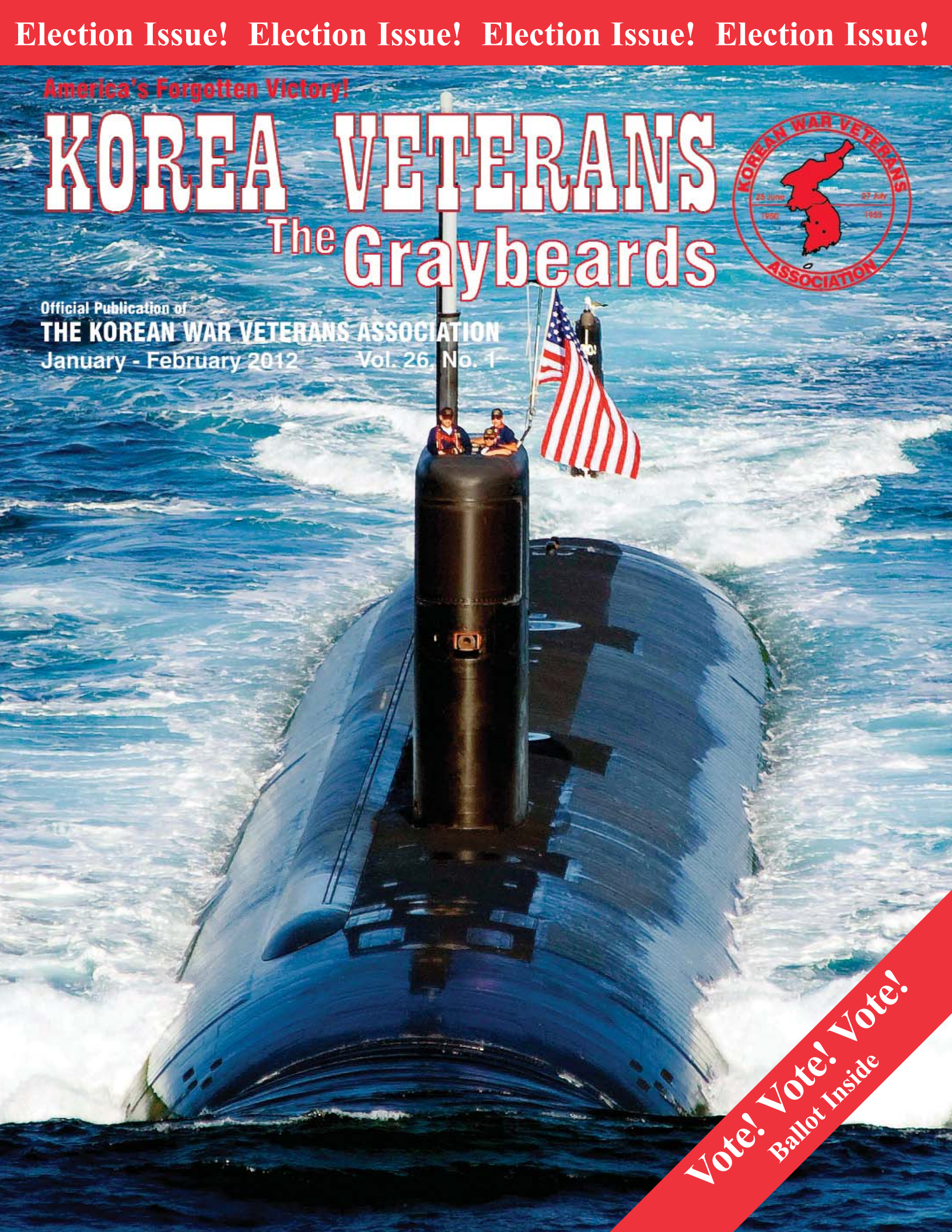
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From the President

William Mac Swain

I hope each of you has started the New Year with the idea that it certainly will be better than 2011. The

main purpose for making New Year resolutions is to set in motion an opportunity to look back and correct many things that each of us have forgotten to do and we promised others we would do. It also gives us time to evaluate some new things we should be doing.

At our ages, most of us are retired. Many of us are no longer contributing to things that are important in our lives. It is a good time to take a look at what we might contribute to society. Many of us have been a little more fortunate than others, so little things that we can do sometimes mean a lot to those who no longer can contribute by doing things such as visiting old friends and those who are in the hospital, or delivering meals in our communities. We just become sedentary and do nothing except gripe about little things that are not very important.

You know, I see many older ladies who do not get out of the house often. I see others who gather just to sit and talk as they crochet or knit gifts for others who may not have warm hats to wear because they lose all their hair from chemo, or who can't even afford to buy one.

I also know many men who never have been very sociable, who meet with people they used to work with, and then find that a couple of them have similar problems. They find something to do together to keep their minds busy and even form some type of group so others can join them for breakfast or lunch or go together to visit shut-ins.

I note from many of the newsletters I receive from different chapters that they have scholarship funds. Some still arrange to be available when there is a problem with one of their chapter friends. I truly believe that those of us who are retired still have much to offer and can still make a difference in our communities.

We also get a lot of exercise when we get up and go someplace, rather than just

The definition of a Korean War veteran in the IRS' 501(c)19 Veterans Association says only a veteran who served during June 25, 1950 through January 31, 1955 is considered to be a Korean War veteran.

sitting and thinking that the whole world is going to pot. I know many of our members have major health problems. And, many are 100% disabled veterans. They find it difficult to get to the VA. Yet, those of us who are still able to drive could make sure that we furnish a little help getting those vets to the VA facility or, even better, becoming a VA Clinic or Hospital Volunteer. You are never too old for this.

I am very hopeful that a Congressional Bill Number can be placed on the KWVA website in February so our members can ask their U.S. Representatives or Senators to support the change of the IRS Manual. The definition of a Korean War veteran in the IRS' 501(c)19 Veterans Association says only a veteran who served during June 25, 1950 through January 31, 1955 is considered to be a Korean War veteran.

This change is necessary so any armed services veteran who has earned the Korean Defense Service Medal may be considered as a war veteran by the IRS. They have maintained the peace in South Korea since January 31, 1955.

The Armistice was not a Declaration of Peace, only an agreement to stop the firing of weapons. The peace in South Korea has been broken many times in the last 59 years, and South Korea is still in danger of being attacked again. If this bill is passed by Congress, we can solicit membership of over one million people--plus eligible Korean Veterans.

As I mentioned in my previous

President's Message, the KWVA will be contacting all of our Life, POW, MOH and Gold Star members to check on them so our database can be brought up to date. We have found that many times we do not receive any information about a death, especially of those members who are not in a chapter.

We will be asking all those members contacted to return a special request card mailed to them so we know they are still with us. This is a very important step to save funds now spent on printing and postage, which are becoming critical. Your answers will save a lot of wasted funding when we need it.

The KWVA Board of Directors will have its first Board Meeting in Washington, DC. The members will be attending the 28th yearly meeting of "The Gathering" in 2012. During this meeting, the Board will also attend the ceremony for the July 27, 1953 signing of the Armistice. This information will also be placed on the Website when information is furnished by "The Gathering." Any KWVA members who wish to do so can attend.

As a reminder, the 2012 KWVA Membership Meeting will take place in St. Louis, MO, October 10 - 14, 2012. The hotel will be the Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westpoint. A chapter will be setting up the various events and will also set the required costs of the different events.

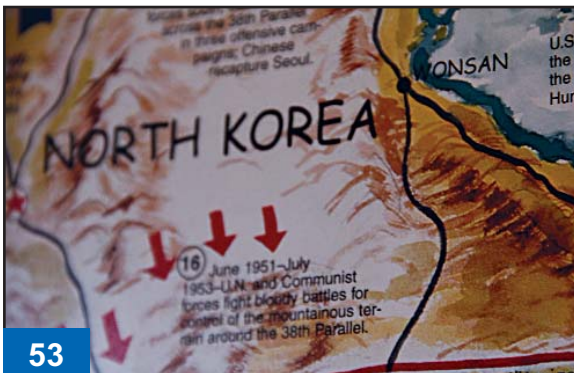
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Articles to be published in the *The Graybeards* must be sent to the editor no later than the 15th day of the first month of that issue. —Editor.

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Mar-Apr	Mar 15
May-June	May 15
July-Aug	July 15
Sept-Oct	Sept 15
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COVER: The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Tucson (SSN 770) transits the Sea of Japan while leading a 13-ship formation. The Republic of Korea and the United States were conducting the combined alliance maritime and air readiness exercise “Invincible Spirit” in the seas east of the Korean peninsula. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Adam K. Thomas/Released)



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From the Secretary



Frank Cohee

I am receiving several requests for a KWVA scholarship. As most of you know, the KWVA has not offered any scholarships for several years. Here is my standard reply to those requests that you can also use if you are asked the same question.

The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. (KWVA) does not currently offer any scholarships. However, last year there was a Korean organization known as the Friends of American Veterans of the Korean War (FAVKW) that offered small scholarships of \$1,000.00 each to 12 students selected by the KWVA. I do not know if they are going to do that again this year or not. You will have to check our website, www.kwva.org, occasionally to see. If there is sufficient time I will also put the information in The Graybeards.

Several of the larger Veteran Service Organizations, such as the American Legion, AMVETS, and Veterans of Foreign Wars do offer scholarships. You might want to check them out. Also, many of the Division Associations offer scholarships.

New Testament contains name of John J Willis Jr.: I received this note from David E Aldridge, USCG (Ret):

Sir: I have in my possession an issue of the NEW TESTAMENT with the name of John J Willis Jr. He was from Toledo, OH and that is about all I know of him. I would like, if possible, to have his Bible returned to the family. It was given to me by the widow of a Korean War veteran with the intent of finding his family.

If anyone knows of a John J Willis Jr., please contact the KWVA Secretary at 863-859-1384 or kwvasec@gmail.com.

Regimental Pin Identified: The Nov-Dec 2011 issue of The Graybeards had a picture of a regimental pin from Jeff Packard. The pin was on his Dad's uniform and Jeff was trying to identify it. Two responses were received. One was a call to our editor and the other one was a note sent to me. Here is what they said:

1: I received a call today from KWVA member Bob Staada re Jeff Packard's question about the regimental pin pictured on p. 6 of the Nov/Dec GB. He says the pin is the 414th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Bn. The giveaway is the "No Trespassing" motto at the bottom.

Mr. Staada told me he is a collector of such memorabilia and a historian of sorts. He also said if we need to contact him with questions about such trivia, feel free to do so. He will be happy to help. His name and contact info is: Bob Staada, 5 High Pine, Glen Cove, NY 11542, 516-671-7752. He does not use a computer.

2: ID of Regimental Pin, re: *Graybeards*, Nov-Dec, 2011 Issue, page 6. Pin is 414 AAA Bn. (Might now be 414 ADA Bn.) Unit was WWt2 AAA Unit in Army of U.S. from May 1942 to Dec. 1945. Allotted to Reserve in [Indiana] from

Nov. 1948 to May 1959. Better source for Unit ID's is Amer. Soc of MIL. Insignia Collectors, www.asmic.org. John P. Malay, KWVA

Thank you, Bob and John.

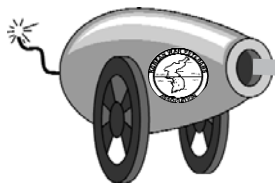
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Occasionally, we make mistakes in *The Graybeards*. We try to be as accurate as possible, and we apologize for any errors that slip through. We do not have the funds for a fact checker, so we miss a fact or two now and then. Here are a couple clarifications. Incidentally, we rely on readers to inform us of any "misfires" that need correcting. We will print corrections in the next available edition.

Wrong Page

Thank you for putting the picture and article of my father in *The Graybeards*, Nov/Dec 2011. Unfortunately, you have his name showing incorrectly as David Page by his picture; his name is Donald Page.

Also, my email address is showing under his email address. He is getting correspondence, but it is coming to my email instead of his. His email address is dpage10@wi.rr.com.

I'm happy people are getting in touch with him, even if it is through me!

Thank you,

Davina Barlow

Inconsistent Spelling

I was a member of Chapter 270 in Dallas for years, but in June 2011 I moved to Baldwinsville, NY. (Darn, it is cold up here.) I am now a member of Chapter 105.

I really enjoyed reading the latest issue of *The Graybeards*. Now it helps me keep up with what is happening in Dallas.

Since moving, I have become friends with Dr. Han Jongwoo (Dr. Jongwoo Han). He has asked me if I have time to help on his project. I noticed on page 17 of the Nov/Dec 2011 issue ("Guest Speaker"), first line, that Dr. Han's name is shown as "Dr. Jongwoo." This occurs again in line 5, where it is "Dr. Jongwon."

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All 3 Wars Veterans Assn. Inc. (WWII, Korea, Vietnam), 11-12 May, Louisville, KY, Crown Plaza. Clint Corpe, 6400 W. Kelly Rd., Lake City, MI 49651, 231-839-3096, barbcorpe@yahoo.com

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USS Essex (CV-CVA-CVS-9-LHD-2) Assn., 21-26 May, Richardson, TX, Sheraton Grand Hotel/DFW Airport. Chuck Fiedler, 612 Fieldwood Circle, 75081-5608, chuck.fiedler@juno.com

Army Chaplains and Chaplains Assistants, 30 May-2 June, Tampa, FL, Hyatt Regency. Lamar Hunt, P.O. Box 463, Candler, FL 32111, 352-687-1559, lamarhunt@comcast.net (Open to all currently or formerly serving)

JUNE

179th Tank Co., 18-21 June, Vicksburg, MS, Battlefield Inn. Bill Dias, 800-359-9363 or 601-638-9249 (fax)

SEPTEMBER

USS Sphinx (ARL-24), 10-13 Sept., Branson, MO. Frank Ironi, 954 Lilac Dr., Saul Centre, MN 56378, 612-352-3271

OCTOBER

151st Combat Engineer Bn. 18-21 Oct., Lebanon, TN, Comfort Suites. Jack & Ruth Cato, 212 S. Maple St., Lebanon, TN 37087, 615-444-9273, rmcato@charter.net

PRESIDENT from page 3

As soon as it is available, information about the meeting will be in the March-April issue of *The Graybeards* and on the KWVA website.

Our election process has begun. Those who are running for the various open offices have their resumes in this edition of our magazine. The Ballot for Voting is included. The election will be completed by May 15, 2012. Those elected will take office on June 25, 2012.

I hope you will take the time to vote for those you wish to represent you.

William Mac Swain,
KWVA President



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And The Cycle Repeats Itself®

The events of the past, which we call history, are the blueprint for the present and the future, both of which eventually become history. And the cycle repeats itself. I am reminded of that as I listen to conversations between gunship crews and troops on the ground in Vietnam and read about the furor over Marines allegedly desecrating enemy corpses in Afghanistan.

Whoa! How are those two topics connected? Hey, all of those events of the past I mentioned earlier eventually connect. And the cycle repeats itself.

As some of you know, I write books and articles when I am not editing *The Graybeards*. Many of them deal with military and history topics. As I do the research for them, I am taken with certain threads that run through my readings. One is the history of military atrocities as they apply to U.S. forces on both the receiving or committing ends.

In my recently completed book, *Not Your Father's Founders*, which will be released around July 4th, I cite the guerilla tactics employed in South Carolina during the Revolutionary War by American leaders such as Thomas Sumter and Francis Marion. The British were appalled by the patriots' blatant disregard for conventional warfare in a pre-Geneva Convention era. They conveniently overlooked the heinous actions of their own leaders, such as Banastre Tarleton, who had no compunctions about killing a few American civilians here and there or mistreating patriot prisoners of war.

Similarly, in *The Everything Guide to Theodore Roosevelt*, which was published in September 2011, I wrote about U.S. Army General Leonard Woods' 1906 massacre of Moros, a tribe in the Philippines. Woods' troops killed approximately 600 men, women, and children belonging to the tribe as they hid inside a crater.

TR sent Woods a telegram in which he said, "I congratulate you and the officers and men of your command upon the brilliant feat of arms wherein you and they so well upheld the honor of the American flag." Naturally, some Americans were upset at Woods'

behavior and TR's response.

After the attack, Mark Twain, who was not a big fan of TR to begin with, called him "far and away the worst President we have ever had." Worse, he charged, the President had dishonored the flag by letting "his fragrant pet, General Wood" lead the attack on the Moros. The bottom line? Atrocities in war are nothing new, nor is the often feigned public outrage by politicians and celebrities. (The definition of atrocity in the military context seems to change depending on who commits one or is on the receiving end.)

Heck, sometimes politicians and military leaders try and cover up—or at least suppress—news of atrocities when they are committed *against* U.S. personnel. The Hoengsong Massacre, which is addressed in this issue, is a prime example. But, when the shoe is on the other foot, they decry them vociferously.

The "My Lai Massacre" in Vietnam and the current outcry over the aforementioned Marines epitomize the pseudo outrage. But, let the government do something similar and the cries of protest are muted. Is it not desecration of a body when government officials wrap an enemy's corpse in a sheet and unceremoniously dump it off the side of an aircraft carrier, no matter how heinous the dude's deeds were? What is it called when the government places the fate of American servicemen in the hands of an ally as it did through "Vietnamization," knowing that those troops might become expendable?

I mentioned earlier that I was listening to conversations between gunship crews and

troops on the ground in Vietnam. I am not hearing things; the conversations are on CDs that I am using for research for my next book, which is the story of escape and evasion (E&E) from a fire support base in Vietnam near the Cambodian border.

There were approximately 30 American troops and 150 Montagnard mercenaries at the base. They were surrounded by North Vietnamese units, with virtually no way out. The roads in the area were impassable and helicopter pilots and crews were facing increasing risks accessing the base. ARVN (Army of Republic of Vietnam) leaders denied the base commander's initial request to evacuate the site. It was their decision due to "Vietnamization."

The commander, a Green Beret Captain, rephrased his request: he *told* the ARVN officials that he was leaving. They changed their minds. The story of the E&E is fascinating, as are the conversations between covering gunships and ground forces as the troops carried it out.

Anyway, the point is that nothing has changed regarding the connection between history and military atrocities. Moreover, it is not likely to at any time in the near future. Soldiers will continue to commit atrocities for a variety of reasons, ranging from religious to revenge, and their enemies will seek to avenge them. Politicians and their ilk will continue to decry them, often while perpetrating their own in various guises. Writers will keep writing about them.

And the cycle continues.

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2012 ELECTION VOTING

ALL MEMBERS:

Please complete and return the ballot in the January/February 2012 issue of *The Graybeards* as soon as you receive it. It is one of the few things that KWVA members are asked to do.

You deserve to have some say in the election. That can only happen if you submit a ballot. Your vote will help the Executive Board function with good members.

If you have any questions at all, contact me by phone or email. I will return your calls ASAP.

Read the ballot carefully—and vote. The completed ballot must arrive in Tucson, AZ by 10 May, 2012.

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GEORGE E. LAWHON

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LARRY KINARD

Second Vice President

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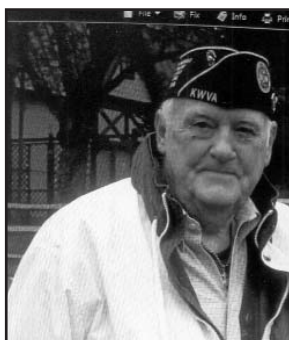
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PRESIDENT

JAMES E. FERRIS



I would like to be considered for President of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA). I meet all the qualifications set forth in the Association By-laws and have the following experience that will continue the upward movement of the KWVA.

KWVA Experience:

- Charter member of the KWVA.
- Life member (LC00436)
- Currently National 1st Vice President

- Eight (8) total years on the KWVA Board of Directors
- One (1) term as 2nd Vice President
- Two (2) terms as 1st Vice President
- Ten (10) years as President of the New York State Department.
- Chairman of the Fund raising committee that raised a total of \$120,000.00 (a record)
- Served on the KWVA Finance and Resolutions committee.
- Chairman, 2007 reunion in Reno Nevada.

Military Experience:

- Korea, Combat Infantry Operations G-3, Between 1st. Mar. Div & 3rd Mar. Div.
- Ordered to French Indo China, to assist in the evacuation of French Nationals.
- Ordered to Okinawa to assist in relocating the 3rd Mar Div from Japan, to Okinawa.
- Ordered to Iwo Jima to assist in future use of the Island as a strategic area.
- USMC 1952-1955
- Seventeen (17) years in the NY Guard.

Civilian Experience:

- Thirty-five years with AT&T in several managerial positions.
- 1 have been happily married to my wife Felice for over 53 years. We have Three (3) daughters, Three (3) Sons in law, and six (6) grand children. Who I am very proud of.

Goals and Objectives if elected:

- Expand the membership base. In this regard, I intend to appoint a standing Membership/recruiting committee whose primary direction will be to recruit not just the older wartime veterans, but the younger veterans who have served, or are serving, in Korea today.
- Emphasize fund raising and advertising revenue. The members

should not have to carry the weight of the association finances. There are numerous other means to raise funds.

- Place increased responsibility on the Committee Chairmen, in this regard, Committee Chairmen will be more carefully identified and will be required to submit frequent reports to the Officers and Board of Directors.
- Institute a method to allow the membership more input into the operation of the organization.

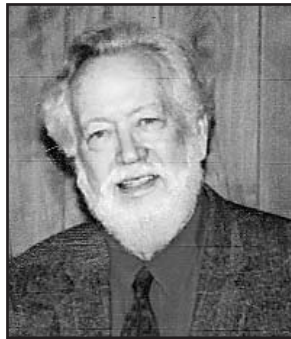
In conclusion:

I will attend all called meetings knowing that if I miss two unexcused meetings, I can be removed from office. My dues are paid (as a life member). I have forwarded an application form for verification by the elections committee and I have enclosed a current picture.

Respectfully submitted,

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GEORGE E. LAWHON



I submit this resume according to the KWVA Bylaws, for placing my name on the ballot for National President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., for the years 2012-2014. My dues are current, Life Member LR18750. I am grateful that you have twice given me the honor to serve in the office of KWVA Director, first in 2008, and again this year, 2011. I respectfully believe I am ready and prepared to lead the

Association as your next National President.

Military Service

My military service began with my enlistment on August 1, 1950, in the United States Air Force. Following Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas, I completed the 32-week curriculum at the Electronics & Communications School at Scott AFB, Illinois, as a Ground Electronics & Communications Technician.

My Korean War service was with the 605th Tactical Control Squadron, 502nd Tactical Control Group, 5th Air Force, 1951-1952. I arrived in Taegu, Korea, in June, 1951, and was assigned to the 605th Tactical Control Squadron, a USAF reserve unit shipped out of Pope Field in North Carolina, deployed to South Korea in 1950, shortly after the war began. When I joined the 605th, the next youngest man was 25! Following that was a year when, like many of you, I was transformed from an 18-year old boy into manhood.

During that year there were experiences that no one would wish for, but since then I never served in a better outfit, or with a finer group of men. I am proud to have known, served, and learned from them. They taught me what 'duty, honor, country' means.

Civilian Work Experience

Following my Honorable Discharge in 1954 at Patrick AFB, Florida, I worked at Cape Canaveral, Florida for Boeing, as an Electronic Technician. Following that, I was employed at Canaveral by The Martin Company (now known as Lockheed Martin) on defense contracts, first

as a Test Engineer, then as a Quality Engineer. Presently I hold a current California license as a Professional Engineer in Quality Engineering, # QU3927, issued July 12th, 1978. I am a working consultant in that field. Later, working as a design engineer, I designed environmental and acceptance test equipment and wrote test procedures for the Navy's Grumman F-14 Fighter's flight control system. In the 1960 's, I worked at the Kennedy Space Center for Grumman Aerospace Engineering as a Technical Writer, writing test procedures for Apollo astronauts for the LEM (Lunar Excursion Module), on the Apollo Moon Program.

KWVA Service

Shortly after being elected Director in 2008, I accepted an assignment to become Chairman of the KWVA Bylaws Committee. Early on our Committee began work on the 2008/2009 Bylaws/SPM Project, which was to clarify and give more definition to the Bylaws, and to rewrite the Standard Procedure Manual. The revised Bylaws were approved by the Board of Directors, followed by ratification by the Membership on October 26, 2009. The final revision of the Standard Procedure Manual was approved by the Board on June 1, 2010. Revisions to both documents went into effect on November 30, 2011, and are currently available for download from the KWVA Website. Shortly thereafter we proposed to the Board that the KWVA provide websites for Chapters and Departments. It was approved, and Chapter and Department website servers are now in place, with SPM procedures to support them.

In the summer of 2008, four fellow KWVA members and I were honored to attend the 2008 Falcon Heritage Forum on the Korean War at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Each of us addressed, on consecutive days, two cadet squadrons.

Our topic was "Korea: The Unresolved Conflict."

I accept the KWVA Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual, subscribe to our KWVA Code of Conduct, and will support any effort dedicated to the progress of the KWVA. I will attend and participate in all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that two (2) unexcused absences may be cause for my removal from the Board. I am dedicated to preserving what has been achieved thus far, and helping those who want to implement improvements in a manner that protects the Good of the Order, and hold performance of duty first, ahead of self-interest. I expressed my principles about our duty and our obligation to the KWVA in a guest editorial, "For the Good of the Order," that I wrote for The Graybeards. You can read it on Pages 70-71 of the November-December 2007 issue. Also, when I got tired of hearing the phrase, "What has National ever done/or us? I answered that question on Page 9 in the May-June 2010 issue of The Graybeards.

The Future Of The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

There are many issues that must be worked on by the next KWVA President. Now that we have a federal charter, with it come the obligations and commitments of a Veterans Service Organization (VSO). Some of these issues have already been addressed by President Mac Swain, and will be passed on to his successor. Together they should build an interface that will permit an efficient

transfer of power and information to the newly elected President. If you believe that my goals and standards are in harmony with yours, I respectfully request your support and your vote. If elected, I will continue to work diligently to preserve and protect the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

My motivation to serve as the KWVA National President is that I believe in the KWVA and its mission. I will work tirelessly to improve the organ-

ization where needed, to serve the membership in a constructive manner, by working with the Board of Directors.

I respectfully ask you, the Membership of the Korean War Veterans Association, to support me with your vote for National President, to allow me the honor and privilege of serving our common interests. My performance standards will continue to be the Membership's interests; and duty, honor, country.

Respectfully yours,

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

LARRY KINARD



This letter is to announce my candidacy for the office of 1st Vice President. I was honored to have been elected 2nd VP in July 2010 and am currently serving in that capacity. At this point I have attended two Board meetings and feel confident that I can contribute to the growth and effectiveness of the organization. I will attend every called meeting of the Board of Directors and understand that two unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. I am a Life

Member so my dues are paid up through my term of office. I have attached a signed official Application Form which may be used by the Election Committee for verification of my credentials.

I graduated from Texas A&M in 1949 with a B S Mechanical Engineering and a 2nd Lt Commission in the Army. After graduation I was assigned to a reserve unit in Midland, Texas which was called to active duty in September, 1950. My duty assignments during my two years as an Artillery Officer were Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas as a training Company Officer with the 5th Armored Division and Korea with the 3rd Infantry Division. I was a Forward Observer and Battery Officer with the 39th FA Battalion from February to September 1952 attached to the 1st ROK Division and I Company, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd ID during my time in Korea.

I retired in 1993 after 40 years with a large electric utility in Texas. My responsibilities included power plant and transmission management, personnel executive and a national committee chairmanship. As Chairman of the National Committee, I helped develop the operating policies of all the utilities in the United States and Canada. Since retirement I have spent many enjoyable and rewarding hours as a Master Mediator and volunteering for charitable and church organizations in the Dallas/Ft Worth area.

I have been a member of the National KWVA since 1995 and served as one of the founding members in September, 2000 of the General Walton H. Walker Chapter 215 in the Arlington/Ft Worth area. It has been my privilege to serve the chapter as Vice President, Tell America Chairman and 3 years as President.

In 2006 I was appointed National Tell America Chairman by then President Lou Dechert and continue to serve in that capacity with

President Bill Mac Swain. As Chairman of the committee I have worked diligently to revitalize the program and get more chapters involved. I truly feel that as Korean Veterans we have an obligation to challenge the term "Forgotten War" by creating opportunities to address groups in our communities, especially the schools, to get the message across that we did indeed have a victory in Korea. I am very proud and appreciative of the veterans in the 96 chapters who have active Tell America Programs and are making a difference in their schools and communities.

If elected, I will be honored to serve with all KWVA Officers and Directors to make our organization one that is respected by our members and all Korean veterans.

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SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

ROY E. ALDRIDGE



This letter serves as my notice of intent to run for office of Second Vice President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

I feel I am qualified for this office for the following reasons:

I am a Life Member of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

I am the current President of Col. Joseph C. Rodriguez (MoH) Chapter 249, El Paso, Texas.

Past President of the Department of Texas

Charter First Vice President of the Department of Texas (DOT)

Charter First Vice President of General Walton Walker Chapter 215, Dallas

Member of the State of Texas Veterans Commission, Austin, Texas

Member Veterans Administration Executive Council, El Paso, Texas

I am a strong advocate for our local veterans and their issues and am associated with the local Korean American Association.

As President of the DOT, I worked with members in San Antonio to reactive their local Chapter.

I have had the honor of addressing several Fort Bliss Units and local schools relating my experiences in Korea.

I certify that my dues will be current through the whole of the term I am seeking as I am a Life Member. I further certify that I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and that I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for removal from office.

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BALLOT ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE
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DIRECTORS

GEORGE BRUZGIS



I am announcing my candidacy for the office of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 2012 through 2014.

Military Experience

I entered the army in January 1953 and completed basic training in Fort Knox Armored Center, Kentucky. After training I was attached to the 7th Infantry Division, 73rd Tank Battalion, Able Company, Third Platoon as a loader on

a 32 tank. We were stationed on the front lines (Iron Triangle) until the Armistice was signed on July 27th 1953, at which point we were moved further south. I served in Korea for 15th months before returning to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland as a Corporal, was promoted to Staff Sergeant, and honorably discharged in March of 1957 after serving two enlistments.

Included among my military decorations are the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, the Korean Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Campaign Medal and Ambassador of Peace Medal from the Korean Government.

Civilian Life

I worked in NYC as an Operating Engineer for the Galbreath Corporation, retiring in 1995 as assistant chief for the Goldman Sachs building. In 1965 my wife and I moved to New Jersey with our 2 children, where we still reside.

Organizations

National Director the KWVA - Completed 2011-2012 vacancy
KWVA Taejon Chapter 170 - Member since 1998, National Member since 1999:

- Quartermaster, Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Commander KWVA Department of New Jersey:
- 3rd Vice Commander 2001-2003, 1st Vice Commander 2003-2007, NJ State Commander (2 terms) 2007-2011

As NJ State Chairman, I organized and was Master of Ceremonies on July 27th for the anniversary of Korean War Armistice ceremony in Atlantic City, NJ for 2007 through 2010

Attended several KWVA national conventions

Represented the KWVA at many Korean functions within the NY INJ area
Attended by invitation the Korea Ceremony at the UN with Director McHugh.

Work with both the New Jersey Republican and Democratic parties on Veteran Affairs

Work with several local schools on the "Tell America" program

VFW member - I am a life member of the KWVA

I have attended several Ceremonies in Wash DC and proudly presented the Wreath at the Korean War Memorial and Arlington Cemetery.

I have signed the Code Of Conduct.

If elected I will attend all called meetings and understand that 2 unexcused absences could be used for removal from office.

I request your support to allow me the opportunity to continue to represent all Korean War Veterans. I will do my utmost to represent the KWVA.

Always remember "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

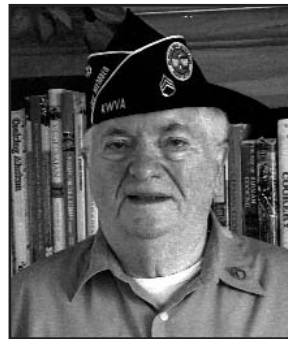
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GEORGE S. COVEL



I, George S. Covell, hereby state my intention to run for the office of Director (4 yrs) of the Korean War Veterans Association. I am a Life Member of the association with dues

paid through the upcoming term of office and beyond, and promise to attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors during my term of office. I understand that two (2) unexcused absences from such meetings may be

cause for my removal from office.

I am currently a Director/Trustee of the Department of New York, Korean War Veterans Association, a Life Member of the Northeast Chapter 59, KWVA and an active member of the Adirondack Chapter 60, KWVA. During the Korean War, I served from 1952 through 1954, 1953-54 as a Sergeant (E-5), Tuba Section Leader, 8th US Army Band, which was the ceremonial band for the United Nations Command Honor Guard.

Following my discharge, I served in the NY National Guard as a Court Reporter in the JAG section, 42nd Inf. Div., where I rose to the rank of MSGT (E-7) until 1960, when I received a COG Honorable Discharge which was necessitated by my employment at the United Nations, where I worked as an English language verbatim reporter of debates.

I submit I am uniquely qualified by my education and prior employment to serve the association as a member of the Board of Directors. I attended Hofstra College, Juilliard School of Music and have attended Skidmore College as an audit student. I worked for 45 years as a court reporter, working in the NYS Supreme Court, NYS Court of Claims, the United Nations, and, as a free-lance reporter, in New York, New Jersey and Washington, DC, where I worked at the White House. For 25 years, I was the official reporter for the Grand Lodge conventions of the BPO Elks. My association experience includes being a Past Exalted Ruler of an Elks Lodge, a Vice-President of a labor union local and a board member of two other labor union locals, and a Past President of my professional organization with ten years as its Legislative Committee Chairman.

I am married to the former Joan Borowiec for the past 59 years. We have five children, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Joan has been very supportive of me in all my activities.

All information contained in this letter and the copy of the Membership Application Form is hereby released to the Elections Committee for verification.

George S. Covell, Life Member #LR7212

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LUTHER DAPPEN

This letter is to announce my candidacy for re-election as a Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the years 2012 through 2015. My membership number is LR27827. I am a life member, so my dues are paid through 2015. I am releasing my application form for verification for the nominating committee.

I was born on a farm in South Dakota in 1930. I joined the army shortly after I

graduated from High School. I served in Korea from November 1950 to September 1951. I was a member of the 25th Recon Company of the 25th Infantry Division. My rank while in Korea was a Corporal. Our Company had so many casualties during this period of time, I feel fortunate to have survived.

When I returned from Korea, under the GI bill I attended Northern State University and received a degree in teaching. Later, I received my Masters degree in Education from the University of Wyoming. I taught in the public schools in South Dakota and Iowa for 10 years. In 1965, I joined the Job Corps in Tamarac, Minnesota. My duties were counseling, motivating, and evaluating all Corpsmen. Four years later, President Nixon decided to close most of the Job Corps Centers, so I was transferred to the Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota. This School is an off reservation boarding school serving Native American Indian students grade 9-12. I was a guidance counselor at this school until my retirement in 1992.

In the summer of 2000, I returned to Korea on the revisit program. Seoul, Korea was a big surprise to me, with all the modern sky scrapers. My thoughts were: Those P-51 's could not make it down the streets in their strafing runs like they did during the 1st week of January, 1951. These planes would do a belly roll, and head back to Japan. Ten years later, 2010 I took my 2nd revisit to Korea. This revisit program is a must for our Korean War Veterans. All Korean War Veterans should take advantage of this terrific program.

In the year 2000, our chapter 194 (South Dakota) was organized. The 1st two years I was elected as Vice President. From 2002 -2004 I was elected and held the position of President.

I am completing my first 3 year term as National Director. At present, I am Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. I would like to work toward increasing membership at our National Convention, especially I would like to see more Chapter presidents in attendance.

I am a life member of the DAV, VFW, American Legion, and past commander. I am still active on the Color Guard squad for the local veteran funerals giving them their Military Honors. I am the Buddy Poppy chairman for our VFW.

I am willing to do the best job as a Director for the good of the KWV A. I have signed the code of conduct. I am proud to be a Korean War Veteran and if I am re-elected, I will attend all meetings of the Board of Directors. I understand that 2(two) unexcused absence could be used for my removal from office.

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JOHN T. ("Sonny") EDWARDS

In accordance with the Association Bylaws, I am pleased to have the privilege to submit my name as a candidate for the position of Korean War Veterans Association National Director for the years 2012-2015.

My military service began with enlisting in the Army reserve 1953. I was called to active duty 1956. I received basic training at Fort Jackson, SC.

Then I was assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, MO for Combat Engineer training.

I arrived in Korea May 1957 and to the 24th Inf 3rd Combat Engr BN. When the 24th left Korea I was assigned to the 1st Cav 8th Combat Engr BN. Due to the illness and death of my father I received a hardship discharge 1958 to run my fathers farming operation. I reported back to the Army reserve and received an Honorable discharge in 1962 with the rank of SFC. I am a graduate of the NCO Academy.

I worked 15 yrs in the meat packing industry, 22 years in management for an insurance company and 6 yrs as a Deputy Sheriff.

I am a life member of the VFW and have served as Post Commander and District Commander. Past Department Chief of Staff and Past Department Chaplain VFW. Past Department Commander KWVA Virginia 2006.

Past member of National KWVA E&G committee.

I am a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and currently serving as Church Lay Leader, Trustee and on the Budget & Finance committee. I am currently serving as Virginia Department Commander KWVA. I am a life member of the KWVA {LR34808} therefore my dues are current for the term of office I am seeking and I concur with and have signed the KWVA "Code of Conduct." I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and I understand that (2) unexcused absences could be used to remove me from office.

Attached is a completed and signed KWVA Form 4.1-1 Official Membership Application

Form which contains information concerning my qualifications for the position for Director and I further authorize the release of the information included in this application for verification by the Election Committee.

I would consider it an honor to be elected to serve with the outstanding group of Officers and directors currently leading our organization and I solicit your support.

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J. TILFORD JONES



In accordance with the Association By-Laws I am writing to submit my name as a candidate for the position of National Director of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. for the years 2012-2015. I will attend every called meeting of the Board of Directors and understand that two unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office. I am a Life Member, therefore, my dues are current and paid through the upcoming term of office. I have attached a signed

Application Form which may be used by the Election Committee for verification of my credentials.

Military Service: Upon graduation from Texas A&M in 1948 I received my commission as a 2nd Lieutenant. In October of 1948 my class was called to active duty and I was assigned as a platoon leader at the Recruit Training Center in Fort Ord, California. Later, I was assigned to the Regimental Training Team and then to the Division Training Team. In September of 1950 I received my orders for Korea. We were flown to Japan, processed through Camp Drake, put on a train to Sasebo, and transferred to a ship for an overnight sailing to Pusan, Korea. Upon our arrival in Pusan, we were taken to a school house to await our assignments. I was assigned as the 2nd Plt. Leader of "G" Co., 35th Regiment, 25th Division. I joined my unit in Taejon, and after a week or two, we received orders to advance into North Korea. We advanced to within a couple of miles of the Yalu River before being overrun by the Chinese. At this point, we made a strategic withdrawal to Suwon. We advanced once again into North Korea. While taking a hill outside of Chango-ri, I was wounded and evacuated to Seoul, where I was placed on a train and sent to the hospital ship Repose where they operated on me and in two weeks, I was returned to my unit. On my return from the hospital, I was assigned as Bn. Asst. S-3, and later acting S-3, & S-2. The night I returned, we were overrun by the Chinese once more and withdrew to Seoul. We then advanced north once more until we were told to stop as they were talking peace in Panmunjon. I rotated home in November of 1951. I was then assigned as S-3 of the 1st Bn, of the Officer Candidate Regiment at Fort Benning, GA. My last job in the Army was Top Secret as I determined the capabilities and requirements for Fort Benning in the event of another all out war. I was honorably discharged on May 31, 1954.

Military Decorations: The Combat Infantryman Badge - Silver Star-Bronze Star w/ V (for Valor)- Purple Heart- National Defense Ribbon-Korean Service Medal (with 5 Battle Stars) - United Nations Medal, and the ROK Korean Service Medal.

Career Highlights: After my discharge I worked in Quality Control in the Food Industry. I was Manager of the Refrigerated Division Quality Assurance of Pillsbury for 14 years. In 1969 I was hired as the Corporate Manager of Quality Control for Riviana Foods. After four years with Riviana, I accepted the position of Corporate Manager for Quality Control with the Southland Corporation. I was responsible for Quality Control of 5,000 7-Eleven stores, 21 dairies, 8 Ice plants, 5 Distribution Centers, 5 Food Centers, 3 snack food plants, 3 chemical plants and a metal fabrication plant. After 19 years of dedicated service I retired from Southland in 1992. I then became an independent auditor for Food Safety and performed food safety audits of the suppliers of various large food and restaurant companies until 2007.

Community Service: I am active in my church and have held many offices such as Chairman of various Committees, Deacon, Elder, Trustee, Board Chairman, and at present I teach a class in Sunday School. I am also an active member of our KWVA Chapter and volunteer almost weekly at the VA Hospital along with other chapter members. I have also participated in delivering the Tell America program to high school students.

I am a Lifetime Emeritus Member of the Institute of Food Technologist and have served as Chairman of the Quality Control Division, Arrangements Chairman for our annual meeting, and Chairman Longhorn Section. I hold several other Lifetime Memberships including: KWVA, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Combat Infantrymen, and the Texas A&M Letterman's Association.

I have been a member of KWVA since 2003 when I joined Sam Johnson Chapter 270. I have been the Secretary of Chapter 270 since 2006. I have served as the Treasurer of the Department of Texas and am presently the VP of the Department of Texas. In 2008 I was appointed Treasurer of your National KWVA Inc. and am serving in that capacity at the present time.

If elected, I will consider it an honor to represent our members as we serve with the other Officers and Directors to continue to make our organization one that is respected by all communities and all Korean War Veterans.

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SALVATORE SCARLATO



My name is Salvatore Scarlato. I am a candidate for the office of Director of the Korean War Veterans Association for the period of 2012-2015. My dues are current, Life Member #LR06053. My motivation to serve as a KWVA Director is that I believe in the KWVA and its goals. I will work tirelessly to improve the organization, where needed, and to protect our membership rights and to serve the membership in a constructive manner by working with my fellow Officers and Directors.

My conviction and support for the Korean War Veterans and Association speaks for itself. My reputation in the North East Region of the USA and the Metropolitan area of New York is well known for my dedication to all Korean War Veterans, Veterans, and Korean-Americans and comes from my heart. I also have many friends with local American politicians and with Korean politicians as well. I will attend every call meeting of the Board of Directors and understand that two unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office.

Attached is a signed official application form that may be used for the Election Committee to verify my credentials.

If I am elected as Director in the KWVA, I will contribute to the best of my ability to serve the KWVA and all of the members. I live by the code, Honor, Courage and Commitment, which speaks for itself.

Military Experience:

My military experience began with my enlistment on October 15, 1951, in the United States Marine Corp. I received 12 weeks of boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina. Following boot camp I processed to go to

Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, CA for 12 weeks of infantry training. Arrived in Incheon Harbor in West Coast Korea on April 10, 1952, processed to Ascom City where I was assigned as a BAR man to Baker Company 1st Shore Party Battalion 1st Marine Division. Like everyone else in 7 days as a 19-year-old boy I was transformed into a man. Received a medical discharge from USMC from wounds received from the enemy in Korea on Nov. 14, 1953, from Camp Lejeune, NC Naval Hospital.

Civilian Work Experience:

Following my Honorable Medical Discharge, I received medical treatment from Veteran Affairs Medical Center (VAMC). Went back to high school and college and received an Associate Degree in Electro-Mechanical Design Layout Drafting. I worked as a consultant for various companies, Grumman Aircraft Company, IBM, Airborne Electronics, Hazletine Electronics, Instrument Systems Corporation.

I retired in 1997 from civilian work and dedicated my services to all Korean War Veterans and Veterans. I am on various advisory board committees such as Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Long Island State Veterans Home, Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency and State of New York Advisory Board.

At present time, I'm President of the KWVA Department of New York and President of the KWV Central Long Island Chapter #64. Being with the Chapter for 24 years we are a very active chapter for all events especially Tell America Program. I also belong to the Disabled American Veterans, Marine Corps League and 1st Marine Division. Most of my time is spent working with the Korean War Veterans organization.

Married my lovely wife, Teresa, on June 1, 1957. We have two wonderful children, Karen and Thomas and three beautiful grandsons, Nicholas, Matthew and Steven. My wife and I reside in Hauppauge, NY. Salvatore Scarlato, LR06053
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EZRA F. 'FRANK' WILLIAMS



To whom it may concern:

This letter is to announce my intention to run for reelection for the office of Director of the KWVA for the years 2012-2015.

If elected, I promise to attend all called meetings and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could result in my removal from office.

I am a Life Member of the KWVA # LR17819, thus my KWVA National dues

are and will be paid during my elected term of office.

I have read, signed and will abide by the KWVA Code of Conduct and am currently serving on the KWVA Resolutions Committee.

Please release my application information to the Nominations/ Elections Committee.

Military Service: I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on 28 November 1951. After boot camps and weapons training I arrived in Korea on July 5, 1952. My service was mostly as a 81mm Mortar Forward Observer Team Leader in the 1 Marines 3 Battalion at various

times in G. H, and I Companies. I was wounded in action on August 14, 1952 on Bunker Hill, for which I was given a Purple Heart. After my full tour of duty in Korea, I served 17 months in Japan as an MP. I was honorably discharged on November 27, 1954.

Federal Service: My federal service continued until my retirement after 32 1/2 years of civil service duty for the United States Army Corps of Engineers, ending as a (Mission Essential) Lock and Dam Operator Leader, in a 24/7/365 function that kept river navigation clear and moving.

I AM A member of and have served 4 years as a COMMANDER OF KWVA Chapter CID 186, St. Charles, Missouri and I am currently serving my 5th year as the Commander of the KWVA Department of Missouri.

My dear wife Naomi is as retired school teacher; we are both active members of our church. My purpose for seeking the office of Director is to assist in all efforts in making the KWVA a better organization for its membership.

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Help From The Library

By Paul Riley

I am a volunteer diplomat with the DoD KW60 Program. I met with Judy Murphy, the director of the Helen Keller Public Library, located in Tuscumbia, AL, next to Helen Keller's birth place. The purpose of my visit was to get her help in publically promoting the KW60 Program. She was willing to do all she could to help veterans, and I left feeling grateful for her commitment.

I gave her a CD packet that was provided by the Army that covers all aspects of the Korean War, along with five large posters showing each of the five major phases of the Korean War. In addition, I gave her some other literature provided by the KW60 staff and a brochure I had collected describing the Korean War Memorial in DC. She plans to make all of this information available to those doing research and visiting the library.

She has helped promote the WWII Memorial. Her father, a WWII veteran, was selected to go with an Honor Flight group to see "his" WWII Memorial in DC.

Reach Paul E. Riley, who served with the 7th Infantry Division in Korea, at 2117 Covington Dr., Florence, AL 35630, 256-767-0673, perch2117@comcast.net



Judy Murphy stands in front of the DoD posters promoting the Korean War

MacArthur's Worst Nightmare

By Tom Moore

Mao Tse-tung assumed the leading role in the acceleration and expansion of the communist revolution in Asia. He postponed his Taiwan Campaign and made the decision to intervene in the Korean War, saying "Resist America, Assist Korea."

Mao changed his Army's name from Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) to Chinese People's Volunteers (CPV). Under their Sino-Soviet Alliance and Friendship Treaty, Mao knew the Soviet Union would take responsibility of safeguarding China's territory, that the Soviet air force might enter Korea later (but no deadline was given), and that the Soviet Union would guarantee China's military supply.

Between 12-16 October 1950, the CPV armies dispatched an advance party across the Yalu River into North Korea. Its mission was to cover their main forces crossing the Yalu River through three routes: from Antung to Sinuiju, from Ch'ang-tien-ho-kou to Sakchu, and from Chian to Manp'ojin.

On the evening of 19 October 1950, the CPV main forces began crossing the Yalu River south, "the same day U.N. Forces seized P'yongyang." The CPV moved three divisions after dark. They kept moving until four a.m. the following day and then repeated the process. They finished their river crossing by five a.m. each day and concealed themselves from the UN troops during the daylight hours.

The CPV forces consisted of 12 divisions of the 38th, the 39th, the 40th, and the 42nd Armies, the XIII Army Group, together with the supporting units of the 1st, 2nd, and 8th artillery divisions, one anti-aircraft regiment, one engineer regiment, and miscellaneous units. Their total strength was over 260,000 troops.

The 40th Army crossed the Yalu at Antung, moving to Kujang, Tokch'on, and Yongwon. The 39th Army crossed at Antung and Ch'ang-tien-ho-kou and advanced to Kusong and T'aech'on. The 42nd Army crossed the Yalu at Chian and advanced to Sach'ang-ri and Oro-ri. Finally, the 38th Army, which followed the 42nd Army, marched toward

China, by entering the Korean War, prolonged the war by 33 months, left a divided Korea, and caused untold devitalization to millions of people.

Kanggye.

At this time, the 4th and 6th Engineer Battalions constructed bridges and repaired routes between Chian and Imgang and between Sakchu and Ch'angsong to support the river crossings. All of this took place at night, so they could not be detected by the UN troops.

While the main forces were in movement, the CPV commander, Peng Teh Huai, established his HQ at Taeyu-dong, half way between Unsan and Pyoktong, an old mining village surrounded by mountains. At this time, other CPV forces were around the Chokyu-Ryong Mountains, their assembly area in North Korea.

Following the four armies, the 50th Army and the 66th Army also crossed the Yalu River, on 26 October 1950. All together, a total of 18 divisions of six CPV armies crossed the Yalu and entered North Korea by the end of October 1950.

Mao ordered the 9th Army Group, comprising the 20th, 26th, and 27th Armies of the 3rd Field Army, near North Korea, held in reserve. The CPV troops, veterans of fighting Chinese Nationalist Forces, wore two-piece (blouse and pants) mustard-colored, quilted cotton outer garments over summer uniforms, and cotton caps, with fur-lined ear-flaps. They were shod in canvas shoes.

Each Soldier carried a four-day supply of food, pre-cooked, to avoid tell-tale campfires.

They also carried about 80 rounds of ammo and some hand grenades.

Then came some drastic miscalculations on UN commanders' parts. In 1950,

UN front line commanders did not doubt that Eighth Army and X Corps had encountered powerful, organized elements of the CCF armies across North Korea. Numerous CCF prisoners had been taken. Yet, the rear-area intelligence analysts continued to doubt the evidence.

The Eighth Army G-2 was LtCol. James ("Clint") Tarkenton, age 34. As late as October 26, 1950, he stated that there was no intervention of Chinese forces in Korea. Later, after seeing Chinese prisoners, Tarkenton stated on 31 October 1950 that it was possible that "maybe 2,000 Chinese were in the Eighth Army sector."

Tarkenton was powerfully influenced by G-2 MajGen Charles Willoughby, General MacArthur's G-2 (FEC Intelligence Chief). As late as 4 November 1950, MacArthur stated that while large-scale CCF intervention in Korea was a "distinct possibility," there were many basic logistical reasons against it.

Willoughby knew there was the "MacArthur Factor." MacArthur did not want the Chinese to enter the war in Korea. Anything MacArthur wanted, Willoughby produced intelligence for. In this case, Willoughby seemed to falsify some reports. Sometime later, many in Washington DC thought Willoughby should have gone to the stockade, but the war was over by that time.

UN war correspondents described the CPV waves of attacks as "a human sea" or "swarms of locusts." China, by entering the Korean War, prolonged the war by 33 months, left a divided Korea, and caused untold devitalization to millions of people.

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U.S. Soldiers Missing From Korean War Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced recently that the remains of several U.S. servicemen, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to their families with full military honors.

Agustin Alvarez

Army Cpl. Agustin Alvarez, 22, of Los Angeles, Calif., was buried on Dec. 17, in his hometown. In November 1950, Alvarez and soldiers from the Heavy Mortar Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, were forced to withdraw during a battle on the eastern side of the Chosin Reservoir, near Kaljon-ri, North Korea. Alvarez and many other men were taken as prisoners of war at that time.

Following the end of the Korean War, returned prisoners reported that Alvarez had died from wounds and lack of medical care while in enemy hands, sometime in December 1950. In the fall of 1954, during Operation Glory, Communist forces turned over remains of U.S. servicemen who died in the Korean War, but Alvarez was not included among those remains.

Between 1991 and 1994, North Korea gave the United States 208 boxes of remains believed to contain the remains of 200-400 U.S. servicemen. North Korean documents, turned over with some of the boxes, indicated that some of the human remains were recovered near Kaljon-ri, where Alvarez been held as a prisoner of war. Metal identification tags that were included with the remains bore Alvarez's name and service number.

Along with forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and AFDIL used mitochondrial DNA – which matched that of Alvarez's nephew—in the identification of the remains.

Joseph A. Bowen

Sgt. Joseph A. Bowen, 19, of Augusta, Ga., was buried Jan. 7 in Hephzibah, Ga., near his hometown. On Nov. 30, 1950, he was assigned to the 31st Regimental Combat Team (RCT) in North Korea. Elements of the 31st RCT were attacked and encircled by Chinese People's Volunteer Forces along the east side of the Chosin Reservoir. The team, also known as Task Force Faith, regrouped and worked southward to more defensible positions near Hagaru-ri, while enemy forces continued to amass in the area.

Bowen, killed by enemy fire on at a base camp within the Sinhung Perimeter, was among more than 1,000 soldiers reported as killed, missing or captured during the course of the battle. In the days that followed, the 31st RCT and other friendly forces set out to withdraw from the Chosin Reservoir to the port of Hungnam, where they were evacuated by the U.S. Navy.

In 2001, joint U.S. and Democratic People's Republic of Korea teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), conducted two excavations of a mass grave near the Chosin Reservoir. The site correlated closely with defensive

positions held by the 31st RCT at the time of the Chinese attacks. The teams recovered remains believed to be those of 11 U.S. servicemen.

Among forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used dental comparisons and mitochondrial DNA – which matched that of Bowen's sisters—in the identification of the remains.

Jimmie J. Gaitan

Army Pfc. Jimmie J. Gaitan, 21, of San Antonio, Texas, was buried on Nov. 26, in his hometown. Gaitan was serving with the Clearing Company, 2nd Medical Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, when he was reported missing in action in Feb. 1951, near Hoengsong, South Korea.

The 2nd Infantry Division had been fighting to block Chinese advances in the area when Gaitan was captured. Gaitan, and other prisoners, were forced to march north in stages, covering over 300 miles before reaching Changsong on the south bank of the Yalu River in North Korea.

Following the end of the Korean War, it was reported that Gaitan, along with more than 400 other servicemen had died in the Changsong prisoner of war camps. Interviews with returned prisoners of war confirmed that Gaitan had died of malnutrition in Camp 1 near Changsong, in late May, 1951. In the fall of 1954, during Operation Glory, China turned over remains they claimed to be those of U.S. servicemen who died in the Korean War. At the time the Army was unable to identify Gaitan and the remains were buried as "unknown" at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

In 2011, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) re-examined the records and concluded that because of advances in identification technology, the remains could be exhumed and identified. Scientists from the JPAC were able to analyze the remains and identified Gaitan.

Along with forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the JPAC used dental records and radiography in the identification of Gaitan's remains.

Eugene M. Morelli

Army Cpl. Eugene M. Morelli, 21, of Santa Ysabel, Calif., was buried on Nov. 5, in Ramona, Calif. In February 1951, Morelli and elements of the U.S. 2nd Infantry Division of the United Nations Forces, were forced to withdraw during the Battle for Hoengsong, in South Korea.

Morelli was captured by Communist Forces and held in a POW camp in Suan County, North Korea.

In 1953, after the conclusion of the war, and the exchange of Prisoners of War known as "Operation Big Switch," a returned U.S. soldier reported that Morelli had died in captivity due to malnutrition.

Between 1991 and 1994, North Korea gave the United States

208 boxes of remains believed to contain the remains of 200-400 U.S. servicemen. North Korean documents, turned over with some of the boxes, indicated that some of the human remains were recovered near where Morelli was held as a POW.

Among forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command used dental records, and mitochondrial DNA – which matched that of Morelli's niece—in the identification.

Theodore A. Reynolds

Army Cpl. Theodore A. Reynolds, 19, of Syracuse, N.Y., was buried on Dec. 1, in his hometown. In November 1950, Reynolds, who was serving in the Company B, 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion attached to the 8th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division, went missing in action during a battle near Unsan, North Korea. In 1951, information obtained from the Chinese showed the Reynolds had been captured, and held as a prisoner of war. In 1953, American soldiers who were returned as part of a POW exchange confirmed that Reynolds had been captured by Chinese forces, and died in POW Camp 5, on the Yalu River of North Korea, from lack of medical care and malnutrition in 1951.

In 1954, during Operation Glory, China turned over remains of U.S. servicemen who died in the Korean War. At the time, the Army was unable to identify Reynolds and the remains were buried as “unknown” at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

In 2009, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) re-examined the records and concluded that because of advances in identification technology, the remains could be exhumed and identified. Scientists from the JPAC were able to analyze the remains and identified Reynolds.

Along with forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the JPAC used dental records in the identification of Reynolds' remains.

Benny D. Rogers

Army Sgt. 1st Class Benny D. Rogers, 25, of Athens, Texas, was buried on Nov. 12, in his hometown. In November 1950, Rogers, and almost 600 other 8th Cavalry Regiment soldiers were killed during a battle south of Unsan, North Korea. Their bodies were not able to be recovered at the time and were likely buried on the battlefield by Chinese or North Korean forces.

In 2000, a joint U.S./Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) team led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), excavated a mass grave that had been discovered in Unsan. Human remains of at least five individuals, and U.S. military uniforms were recovered, but they were unable to be identified given the technology of the time. In 2007, because of advances in DNA technology, scientists from the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) reanalyzed the remains.

Among forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the JPAC and AFDIL used dental records, and mitochondrial DNA – which matched that of Rogers' mother and nephew – in the identification of his remains.

Charles A. Roy

Army Sgt. 1st Class Charles A. Roy, 42, of Henderson, Ky., was returned to his family on Jan. 17, for a memorial ceremony in Blue Springs, Mo. On Nov. 5, 1950, Roy was reported missing in action after his unit, Battery A, 61st Field Artillery Battalion, was overrun by Chinese forces near Pakchon, North Korea. In August 1953, several returned U.S. prisoners of war reported Roy had been captured by Chinese forces, and died in April 1951 from malnutrition and lack of medical care while in the prisoner of war camp known as “Camp 5,” near the Chinese/North Korean border.

In 1954, communist forces returned the remains of more than 3,000 U.S. servicemen who had died in POW camps, and on the battle field, in what was called “Operation Glory.” Given the

technology of the times, Roy, and many other men, were not able to be identified, and their remains were buried as “unknown” in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

In 2009, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) re-examined Roy's records and concluded that because of advances in identification technology, the remains could be exhumed and identified. Along with forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from JPAC used radiograph records in the identification of the remains.

Maximo Troche

Army Pfc. Maximo A. Troche, 24, of New York, was buried on Dec. 17, in Hartsdale, N.Y. On Feb. 4, 1951, Troche and soldiers from the I Company, 3rd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, fought against Communist forces near Yangpyeong, Kyonggi Province, South Korea. After the battle, Troche was listed as missing in action.

Following the end of the Korean War, returned prisoners reported that Troche had been held as a prisoner of war in Suan Bean Camp in North Korea, and died from dysentery sometime in April 1951. In the fall of 1954, during Operation Glory, Communist forces turned over remains of U.S. servicemen who died in the Korean War, but Troche was not included among those remains.

On Dec. 21, 1993, North Korea gave the United Nations Command 34 boxes believed to contain the remains of U.S. servicemen. The remains were recovered from Suan County, North Hwanghae Province, North Korea, which is where Troche had reportedly died as a prisoner of war. In 1996, the remains could not be identified given the technology of the time.

Along with forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and AFDIL used dental records and mitochondrial DNA – which matched that of Troche's cousins—in the identification of the remains.

Robert J. Tucker

Cpl. Robert J. Tucker, 27, of Princeton, Ind., was buried Jan. 15, in Patoka, Ind. On Nov. 25, 1950, Tucker and the 2nd Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division, were attacked

by the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces near Kujan, North Korea. The Americans had been deployed in a defensive line that ran east-west across the center of North Korea. Tucker was listed as missing in action the day after the attack. In 1954, after the war, surviving POWs said Tucker died of a gunshot wound on Nov. 27, 1950.

In 2001, a joint U.S./Democratic People's Republic of Korea team interviewed a local witness who told them of a burial site of three Americans. The team investigated and then conducted an excavation of the site in Kujan County, North Korea. The site correlated to the location of the 24th Infantry Regiment on Nov. 27, 1950. The team recovered human remains, military uniforms, and other evidence. In 2009, the remains were submitted for DNA testing.

Today, more than 7,900 Americans remain unaccounted-for from the Korean War. Identifications continue to be made from the remains that were returned to the United States, using forensic and DNA technology.

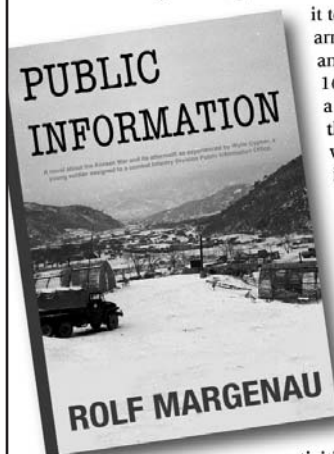
For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at www.dtic.mil/dpmo or call (703) 699-1169.

NOTE: Members might be interested in the following website. It contains the names and obituaries of thousands of deceased Korean War veterans.

<http://www.legacy.com/memorial-sites/korean-war/profile-search.aspx?beginswith=All>

New novel about the Korean War: PUBLIC INFORMATION

Written by a sergeant from the 7th Infantry Division,



it tells the story of a young soldier who arrives in Korea during combat in 1953 and follows his adventures during a 16 month tour of duty. He becomes a combat correspondent and writer for the *Pacific Stars and Stripes*, travels widely, associates with a number of indelible characters (which will be familiar to veterans who were there), engages in combat, gets in trouble and even finds love.

The book is carefully researched and includes recently discovered information about the conflict. The characters speak military jargon, including colorful curses, and issues arising from both sides of the 38th Parallel are examined – prison camps, repatriation, activities of the U.N. Forces, the "Army Way," and leave in Japan. Basically, it's a coming of age story under harsh circumstances.

Readers have called it "hilarious...moving...poignant."

The soft cover 380 page book retails for \$25.

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Visit www.frogworks.com and enter the coupon code "KVET" for the discount. The first 50 pages of the novel are available free there, too. Also available from Amazon.com for download.

As age overtakes us:

Dementia and Alzheimer's, an

By Tom J. Thiel

As age begins to overtake the Korean veteran, its tentacles are many. One that haunts us perhaps as much as any is labeled dementia or Alzheimer's. Chapter 169, KWVA of Lake County [FL], members have initiated a program to respond the needs of their Korean War veteran brothers.

Locating affected members involves many avenues, some quite unique. For example, on 2 December 2011, Lois G Herbst of Shoshoni, WY, wrote me: "I receive the Florida 24th IDA Vets newsletter for Major Edward J. Browne, who is now in Arbor Village at Wildwood, FL.

"Ed, who started his military career at age 16 in January 1941, when he joined the U.S. Army, was with the 24th Infantry Division at Pearl Harbor (Schofield Barracks). He served in the South Pacific. The Leyte battle helped him be assigned to Gen. MacArthur's Honor Guard during the occupation of Japan. He then went to Korea with the First Cavalry (wounded twice)...he has commendations and medals from three wars.

"He has no family in Florida. I am trying to get someone ... to visit him on December 7th. Ed has dementia, but I think he would enjoy a visit from a fellow military man."



Ch 169 Color Guard members Don Lynch, Charlie White and Bill Shumaker (L-R) visit with Major Edward Browne at Arbor Village in Wildwood, FL

Another such contact came as a result of an advertisement one of our members, Don Lynch, placed in a neighborhood shopping guide. Marie Langstaff called Don and asked if any of our members might be available to visit with her husband, Robert (Bob) Langstaff, who served during the Korean War. I'm proud to say that Chapter 169 members rose to the occasion.

On 2 November, after a Tell America trip to Christian Academy to meet with middle and high school students there, Dwight Brown, Dick and Vi Pfahler, and Tom Thiel visited the home of veteran Bob Langstaff, and his wife Marie. Bob suffers from Alzheimer's.

We spent the better part of an hour with Bob and Marie around their dining room table and helped Bob remember events from his service time and home in Ohio as a youth. Don Lynch, Charlie White, and Bill Shumaker visited Ed Browne early in the afternoon of December 2011 after they had done their color guard duties at The Villages Veterans Memorial that morning.

Emerging CH 169 Program

Tom Thiel and Ch
169 Director Dick
Pfahler (R)

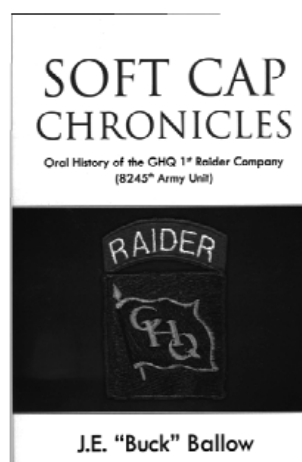


Don reported "... that Ed looked alert and healthy, but he couldn't put things together. When we mentioned Pearl Harbor, he replied, 'I was at breakfast.' But that is about the most that we could get from him. I saluted him and shook his hand right off the bat. He saluted back.

His sister should know that he is well cared for and likes the people he is with. It was a good visit; I told him we would visit him again."

Chapter 169 is in its infancy with this program, but we have every intention of visiting Ed Browne and Bob Langstaff again.

Reach Tom Thiel at P.O. Box 491428, Leesburg, FL 34849, or 19147 Park Place Blvd, Eustis, FL 32736, 352-408-6612, kwva169@gmail.com, <http://cid169.kwva.org>, <http://dfl.kwva.org>, www.24thida.com



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- One recommendation letter from a current advisor

Evaluation Criteria

- Academic performance
- Recommendation letters
- Work experience and extracurricular activities
- Abstract for research poster at UKC

Timeline

- Application Deadline: April 15, 2012
- Announcement of Awardees: June 1, 2012
- Award Ceremony: August 11, 2012 (tentative)

How to apply

Visit the Korea-US Science Cooperation Center's web site at <http://www.kusco.org/program/kusco-scholarship> and follow the application instructions.

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Korean War Veterans Digital Memorial

This project was presented to the Board of Directors and the members who attended the annual membership meeting in Boston last October. The members and the Board received it enthusiastically. The founders want to expand this project throughout the United States.

Never a “Forgotten War”

By Norman Champagne and Fotini Gan

The creation of the Korean War Veterans Digital Memorial (KWVDM) emerges as a first of its kind project seeking to permanently preserve, unedited, the first-hand memories, experiences, and artifacts of our Korean War veterans (KWVs). Founded by Dr. Jongwoo Han of Syracuse University in early 2005, with the unanimous support of the KWV Association, Central New York Chapter #105, its main objective is to pass down the accounts of veterans who served during the Korean War to future generations via the internet.

The KWVDM is unique because of its in-depth and inexhaustible quality. Essentially, it is a website that can hold a limitless amount of interviews and artifacts without running out of space. It is accessible from anywhere at any time and documents are fully searchable by keywords so visitors to the site can easily find the information they need.

The digital memorial wants to emphasize that the Korean War will never be what many call a “Forgotten War.” The Korean Peninsula is covered with the efforts and sacrifices of American men and women, and the

success of South Korea today would have been impossible without their contributions.

Above all, the KWVDM intends to educate our young generation by incorporating them into the discussion about the Korean War and the expansion of the website. The Youth Program (middle school to high school level) and Internship (university level) allows students to learn about a Korean War veteran in their area and develop a student-mentor relationship with him or her. Students preserve their mentor’s experiences in the KWVDM database while learning about the Korean War from the first-hand accounts of their mentors.

The KWVDM project started working with members of the KWVA, Central New York Chapter 105. While several Chapter 105 members have worked with Dr. Han in the past, including Commanders Bruce Ackerman and Dave Allen, the project did not truly begin until the spring of 2011, when Norman Champagne, Chapter 105’s Second Vice Commander, worked closely with Dr. Han’s team to successfully complete the first 37 interviews and gather more than 1,800 artifacts (1,262 metadated*).

Norman is one of the strongest advocates of KWVDM and encourages Dr. Han’s work

with Korean War veterans. He hopes that other veterans will see the value of the KWVDM and contribute their stories and photos to the organization before the preservation of Korean veterans’ experiences becomes merely the duty of politicians and historians.

The KWVDM team attended the KWVA National Convention in Boston last October, thanks to the invitation from President William F. Mac Swain and the First Vice President James E. Ferris. There, they were able to attract other organizations as supporters and partners.

The KWVDM team is eager to work on KWVA’s “Tell America” Program led by Mr. Larry Kinard, the KWVA’s Second Vice President and with numerous chapters in the states.

Currently, Dr. Han is in the process of scheduling interviews and artifact collections of Korean War veterans’ artifacts. He is working with James Ferris (1st VP of KWVA), Sal Scarlato (State Commander of New York), George Bruzgis (State Commander of New Jersey), and several other representatives. He hopes to reach out to as many as KWVs as possible and welcomes any suggestions from any KWVs to accomplish that goal.

Other organizations have demonstrated their interests in working with KWVDM, for example the Coalition of Families of Korean and Cold War POWs/MIAs, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), and the Department of Defense.

The KWVDM team is delighted to



ABOVE LEFT: Dr. Jongwoo Han addresses KWVA members at Boston, MA convention (Jim Ferris is seated in middle of photo). **ABOVE RIGHT:** Dr. Jongwoo Han, Norman Champagne, Korean Marine Corps Colonel, Sal Scarlato at KWVA convention in Boston

know that there is so much support for this project. The KWVDM plans on becoming a fully national movement, gathering interviews, photos, and other artifacts from Korean War veterans all over the U. S. Should the movement grow strong enough, the KWVDM has even bigger plans to try and collect the experiences of those veterans living abroad.

The project operates with the support of the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs and CEO Park Byung-yup of Pan Tech Co. Ltd (the third largest cellular phone manufacturer in Korea).

If anyone is interested in supporting the KWVDM project or submitting their own information, materials and interviews to the KWVDM database, please contact Dr. Han at jonghan@maxwell.syr.edu, his office (315) 443-5856, or (315) 637-9836 (home). Also, if you have any relatives or friends who may be interested in the KWVDM's Youth Program or Internship, please let us know at fgan@syr.edu. You can reach Norm Champagne at normanccchampagne@gmail.com.

Additional information about Dr. Jongwoo Han's inspiration for the Korean War Veterans Digital Memorial:

Dr. Han, a South Korean native, first approached the issue of the Korean War some years ago through the Ambassador Pyo Wook Han Lecture Series on Korean/US Affairs created by the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University, named after the former Korean Ambassador (first secretary of ROK Embassy in Washington, D.C. in 1948) and SU alumni from the class of 1941 in philosophy.

The U.S.-Republic of Korea is one of the most important strategic alliances in Asia, but through his work with veterans, he came to understand that this relationship was built on the efforts of the soldiers that fought and died for the freedoms of the Korean people. As a result, avoiding politics and controversy, Dr. Han wanted to share the stories of these veterans through their words and photos of the war.

** Metadata describes other data. It provides information about a certain item's content. For example, an image may include metadata that describes how large the picture is, the color depth, the image resolution, when the image was created, and other data.*

Defense Department Teams with KWVA on Recognition Program

Official Certificates Signed by the U.S. Secretary of Defense Available for Korean War Veterans

As we approach the midway point in the Korean War's 60th anniversary commemoration period, the Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee has worked with volunteers and stakeholders to award nearly 5,000 Korean War veterans with personal Certificates of Appreciation signed by the U.S. Secretary of Defense.

Through an innovative collaboration with the KWVA, the Committee hopes to reach even more Korean War veterans so we may honor them with their own certificates and recognize their sacrifices and contributions.

In January, your KWVA Chapter leadership should have received an email from KWVA President Bill Mac Swain with the materials needed to process individual Veterans' Certificates of

Appreciation.

If your KWVA Chapter has not yet received personalized Certificates of Appreciation, you are encouraged to engage with your Chapter leadership on the next steps.

If you know a Korean War veteran who is not a KWVA member, and who has not yet received their Official Certificate of Appreciation, please email to koreanwar@conus.army.mil or Post Office mail to 2530 Crystal Drive, Suite 1400, Arlington, Virginia 22202 the following information:

Korean War Veteran's Name
Service Branch and Rank (Optional)
Mailing Address

The Committee's mission is to honor the sacrifices of Korean War veterans who fought to ensure the freedom and prosperity we enjoy today. To request support from Committee staff or one of our volunteers at your next Korean War Veterans Association Chapter event, please call 703-545-0011.



Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee Executive Director Colonel David J. Clark and KWVA President Bill Mac Swain gather for a ribbon cutting ceremony kicking off the 2011 KWVA Annual Convention in Quincy, Massachusetts.



Recon Missions

11th Engineer Bn., USMC

The 11th Engineer Battalion, a Marine national association, is looking for Marines and Navy Corpsmen who served in Vietnam from 1966 to 1970. The Battalion officers are in the planning stages for our next Reunion. Please contact Charles Luhan, Jr., the battalion locator, at CL11engbrn@sbcglobal.net or call 773-585-9629.

Topographical Maps?

Where can I get a decent topographical map of the area of Korea between Chorwon and Old Kumwha? Some years ago my son got for me an airplane map of that area, but it is just not good enough to show my grandchildren where I was while there in 1951 and a bit of 1952.

Some years ago I met a man working at Los Alamos. He said that he could get me just what I wanted from, as I recall, the University of Southern California. Unfortunately, he died before delivery of the map, and I have used all resources that I can imagine without success.

My grandchildren have pestered me to show them where I was as a combat medic with the 25th Division Reconnaissance (Recon) Co.

Any assistance would be appreciated.

Earl Mack, 89 Esopus Ave., Ulster Park, NY 12487, 845-338-1657, mysterymack@hvc.rr.com

A Man Named Snow?

I have a picture of a Korean War man who I believe is my Dad in his uniform. It is amazing how much we look alike. I came across this photo in my mother's things after her passing. I don't have his name, just a photo.

I want to know if someone can help me to try and locate him. I would like to meet him. It is very emotional for me, but after sixty years I know this is my father.

Vickie Snow,
vickie.snow42@comcast.net



A man named Snow: anyone recognize him?

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Monuments and Memorials

Korea: the Forgotten War, Remembered

Korean War Memorial

My wife's uncle, Frank Hines, took the nearby photo of the Korean War Memorial. He left the people in at the left side of the picture so viewers can judge the size of the figures "on patrol."

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Korean War Memorial

Ch 72 Signs Agreement To Allow City To Assist With Memorial

CID 72, Oregon Trail, of the KWVA has been responsible for the care and maintenance of the Oregon Korean War Memorial in Wilsonville since the memorial was dedicated in September, 2000. The memorial is situated at the edge of a city park with small trees and a grass lawn that gives it a peaceful atmosphere.

Over the years it has served as site for a variety of patriotic events, including eulogies, memorial salutations, and observances.

Now, with most Korean veterans growing too old to take an active interest in the events, the chapter has been looking for an organization to take on the stewardship of the memorial: that is, the liability and the maintenance. The obvious solution was to begin talks with the City of Wilsonville.

Chapter President Don Cohen and Vice President Charles Lusardi contacted Community Service Director Peggy Watters, Operations Manager Floyd Peoples, Public Works Supervisor Matt Baker, and City Manager Bryan Cosgrove to discuss the problem. The result is an amiable agreement that the city will care for the memorial until 2050, with improvements to begin in 2012.

The resolution was presented to the chapter members at the October, 2011 monthly meeting, and was signed with chapter members witnessing the event.

Loren Mitchell
11940 SW King James Place
King City, Oregon 97224



James Cox (L), attorney for Chapter #72, addresses the meeting explaining the resolution signed with the City of Wilsonville as members Ken Buckles and Mok Yun (R) listen



Ch 72 Treasurer Mary Gifford and President Don Cohen sign the resolution under watchful eye of attorney Jim Cox

In The Heart—And Hearts—Of Nashville, TN

The Tennessee Korean War Memorial, dedicated on July Fourth 1992, is located in the heart of downtown Nashville. It is on Legislative Plaza, next to the Capitol Building.

There were 843 Tennesseans killed in the Korean War. Their names are engraved on the wall.

Jack D. Walker, 5353 Cane Ridge Rd., Apt. 115
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The Nashville, TN, Korean War Memorial. The plaques containing the names of the Tennesseans killed in the Korean War

Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions

Two Staff Sergeants Reunite

I was a member of the First Cavalry Division, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Medical Battalion attached to King Company as a medical aid man stationed in North Korea. Staff Sergeant Carroll Elliott was in all of the same outfits, but he was attached to Love Company.

In January of 1952, the First Cavalry Division was relocated to Hokkaido, Japan, in Camp Chitosi. That was when I first met Carroll. We shared the same barracks and room. We enjoyed playing pinochle together, along with Bob Winkle (who was also a medical aid man and now lives in New York) and Joe Chelenza (who lived in New York and is now deceased).

After we were discharged in 1952, we lost contact with each other. Following the war, Carroll returned to his hometown of Frankfort, IN, and I returned to Chicago. We both married and raised our families.

I was so pleased to receive a letter from Carroll last winter; he was able to find my address by searching on the Internet. In July, we arranged to meet at a central location at Fair Oaks Farm in Indiana. The nearby picture was taken when we were reunited that day. We recognized each other immediately, after 59 years.

We spent several hours reminiscing and catching up. My memories



Mario Ortigara (L) and Carroll Elliott reunite

of Korea and Japan are indelible, and it was so moving to see him again and talk about our experiences.

*Mario Ortigara, 16540 Fairfax Ct.,
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151st Combat Eng. Bn.

Veterans of the 151st Combat Engineer Battalion in Korea from March 1951-54 met in Lebanon, TN, 13-16 Oct. 2011, for their 15th annual reunion. Jack and Ruth Cato hosted the gathering.

Through the years we have acquired over fifty members and their spouses. Not everyone can attend each year, but we always look forward to seeing each member and his spouse when they can get there. This year's meeting attracted ten people. Some folks could not attend due to illnesses or family obligations.

We had a wonderful time together, reminiscing, looking at old photos, eating and drinking, laughing—and being grateful that we could gather once again. The Tennessee weather was great and the fall colors were beautiful.

On Saturday night we had a ceremonial banquet at the Comfort Inn Suites, with a memorial celebration for the members we lost during the past year.

We owe a special piece of gratitude to Jack and Ruth Cato for keeping us together. Their hard work is greatly appreciated. We would love to have more veterans join us next year in Lebanon, Tennessee.

*Richard Liebner, 5871 Sand Dr.,
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Members of the 151st Combat Eng. Bn. (Seated, L-R) Jack Cato, Oscar Key, Tommy Grainger, Dr. Robert Ringer (Back, L-R) John Roberts, Richard Liebner, Bill McCray, Kenneth Howard, Bob Crawford

Have a Mini-Reunion?

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



Harold Mulhausen (L) and Tine Martin in Oklahoma City

I was attending my Army unit reunion in Oklahoma City when I met Harold Mulhausen (USMC), Commander of Ch 89, Oklahoma. (I am the Commander of Ch 259, Central Indiana.) We spent the day together and had a great time.

Tine Martin, 8 Jackson Ct., Brownsburg, IN 46112

How Big Were The Mosquitoes In Korea???

Two mosquitoes entered a bunker at Kumwha Valley, near Hill 1062, where they discovered that a soldier, fully dressed, was alone and sound asleep in his bunk.

They looked at each other. One asked, "Should we eat him here or take him home?"

The other mosquito answered, "We had better eat him here, because if we take him home, the bigger mosquitoes will take him from us."

Author unknown

Bob ("Sandy") Sanford, 194th Combat Engineers, Korea 1951,
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A Cape Cod 'Van' Club

By Lawrence Cole

In early August 2011, the 12-passenger DAV van being driven by CID 141 (Cape & Islands Chapter 1) KWVA member Roy Thomas broke down on the return trip from the Providence [RI] VA Medical Center to the Hyannis [MA] VA Primary Care Clinic. One of the ten passengers on board was Sam Franco, then commander of the chapter. Sam flagged down some motorists and got the passengers rides to Hyannis. Roy went with the tow truck to get the van fixed.

Our regularly scheduled monthly meeting was scheduled for the next day, at which we installed our new commander, John O'Rourke. Before the gavel was handed over, Roy initiated a discussion about raising funds to replace the van, which had 113,000 miles on it and needed lots of expensive work. Sam proposed canvassing other veterans organizations on Cape Cod to see if they were willing to split the cost.

The main reason the KWVA took the lead was that since 1998, most of the volunteer drivers have been members of our chapter. At present, five out of

President of the Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod, Lawrence Cole, Ed Merrigan (L-R) display new van

Bank president, Joel Crowell, Ed Karp (4th from left) and George Johnson in blue cap at far right, discuss vans for Cape Cod veterans. (Karp and Johnson are KWVA members.) Third from left is Bernie McKinley, a driver, but not a KWVA member

seven are, and we are getting long in the tooth.

At our September meeting, the new commander continued the fund-raising discussion. We voted to contribute one fourth of the \$14,100 needed to buy a new 2010 Ford 12-passenger van from DAV HQ in Cincinnati, with the understanding that contacts would be made with local American Legion, Amvets, Marine Corps League, and VFW posts, to which several of our members also belong.

A few days later, a district VFW meeting was held, from which came a \$2,500 donation and the establishment of a checking account at Rockland Trust under the name Operation Veterans Van. And, an individual VFW member donated \$500.

I was asked to write some form of appeal that would appear in the *Cape Cod Times*, the only Cape and Islands-wide newspaper. Its Sunday edition has



a "Write to Know" section which runs requests from people looking for stuff or asking for help in solving some problem. What I wrote was published on Sunday, 25 September 2011.

The next morning a couple who had established the Heroes In Transition Fund in memory of their son, USMC Capt. Eric A. Jones, one of two helicopter pilots killed in a mid-air collision in Afghanistan, and who is buried at Bourne National Cemetery up near the





Cape Cod Canal, walked into a branch of the Rockland Trust, asked how much more was needed to pay for a van, and wrote a check for \$11,100.

Within a couple of days, the Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod donated enough to buy another van outright. With other donations coming in, we had \$32,000 by Friday of that week. We were overwhelmed, because we thought the newspaper appeal might raise a few hundred dollars to augment what we



A “van-tastic” occasion as crowd listens to comments about new Cape Cod van

This whole experience has solidified our perceptions of the generosity of veterans—and how they can complete any mission with the help of a few other good people.

hoped to get from the veterans organizations.

In conjunction with the Rhode Island DAV Hospital Services Coordinator in Providence, the decision was made to purchase two new vans, one 12-passenger, and one 6-passenger, to serve Cape Cod veterans. One new 6-passenger van and slightly used 6-passenger van were soon assigned to Hyannis, and a new 12-passenger van is in process of being obtained.

The new six-passenger van is the one pictured at a dedication ceremony, presided over by Hyannis Veterans Service Agent (a State of Massachusetts position) Ed Merrigan. The Co-op Bank’s logo has been applied to the rear

window of the new van. We will repeat the event with Heroes in Transition when the new 12-passenger van arrives. (Incidentally, the surplus money will become part of a long-term fund for periodic replacement of the vans as the need arises.)

While we have the two six-passenger vans, and are awaiting delivery of the 12-passenger van, we are often running the two “sixers” four days a week. Consequently, Ed Karp and Bernie McKinley are frequently driving two days per week, which is an exceptional contribution of time to the cause. There are two other drivers who were not present for the event. One of them, Joe Casey, is a KWVA member.

This whole experience has solidified our perceptions of the generosity of veterans—and how they can complete any mission with the help of a few other good people.

Ed Merrigan, in front of van, speaks at van dedication ceremony. To his left are Roy Thomas (recuperating from hip surgery), the head doctor at the clinic, and staff members

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Korean War Veterans Honored With Quilt

The Rossmoor [CA] Quilters presented a Quilt of Valor to former Ch 264 (Mt. Diablo) President William Flaherty on 15 July 2011.

Quilters' President Barbara Brown noted that the quilt was presented as "a universal symbol and token of thanks, solace and remembrance to those who served in harm's way to protect and defend people's lives and freedom."

Thanks to Stanley J. Grogan of Ch 264 for bringing this presentation to our attention.

Robert Nehotte

The 11 November 2011 Oakdale Elementary School program, "Honoring All Who Served, Defending Liberty and Freedom," honored guests invited by students. As veterans introduced themselves, their branches, and where they served their country, a Korean War veteran, Robert Nehotte, of Ch 40, Minnesota #1, sang a solo, the traditional Korean song, "Airirang"—in Korean!

"That was a tough act to follow," mentioned the next veteran.

The Oakdale Choir sang "We Are Proud of Our Veterans," "We Are Thankful for the U.S.A.," "You're A Grand Old Flag," and "You Are Our Heroes."



Robert Nehotte performs "Airirang" in Korean

Ed Bielucke..

is the founder and President of the Daewoo Car Club of America. He is also a collector of 9/11 memorabilia. His efforts in the latter endeavor were recognized in the September 8, 2011 Covina [CA] Press Courier Highlander.

Bielucke began collecting material related to 9/11 right after the tragedy occurred. He started with newspaper articles of the disaster, then expanded to pins, patches, tee shirts, books, magazines, etc. He attributes his collecting skills to his earlier involvement with the Daewoo Car Club, when he started gathering license plates.



Ed Bielucke (R) holds certificate of recognition



An ode to Fallen Heroes in Ed Bielucke's 9/11 display



NYFD truck in Ed Bielucke's display

Eventually, his avocation led to a tenth anniversary commemoration of 9/11 at the Covina Public Library, which featured a collection of his mementoes.

"I always felt that someone should remember and display what had occurred ten years ago," he told us. "Therefore, I stepped up to the plate and kept collecting and displaying so others could review, remember, and reflect."

He has displayed his collection before. His two largest displays were a fifth anniversary show at the Riverside Public Library in 2006 and the aforementioned presentation in Covina.

After the latter show, the Mayor recognized Bielucki at the October meeting/luncheon of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Glendora, CA.

Bielucke started his Daewoo Club in 1998. Now, even though Daewoos are no longer sold in the U.S., his club lives on. So do memories of 9/11—and Bielucke intends to make sure they do. Reach Ed Bielucke at 216 S. Citrus St. #303, West Covina, CA 91791, 626-858-9381 (home) or 626-347-1955 (cell).



A Daewoo cab



Never Forget: a message in Ed Bielucke's display

Al Solis...

Past Commander of CID 29 - SSGT William E Windrich #3, found an active 57mm round near his home. He took it to the Indiana National Guard. A Guard rep said they would destroy the round.



A helmet-protected Al Solis holds 57mm round

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

Jerry Chapman

President of CID 82, Albuquerque #1 [NM] represented his fellow members at a memorial service held in Santa Fe for ten homeless veterans. The service was sponsored by the Missing In America Project, Veterans Recovery Program, which is actively supported by the State of New Mexico.

New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez delivered the keynote address.

Among the ten memorialized were two veterans of the Korean War. There were two Silver Star, one Purple Heart and two Bronze Star recipients among the ten homeless veterans whose remains were unclaimed.

People in attendance included the Color Guard and Honor Guard of the New Mexico Army National Guard, State Veterans Affairs Secretary Timothy Hale, and Santa Fe National Cemetery Director Cliff Shields.

Frank Praytor, fdpalaver@comcast.net

See photo on back cover

New KWVA Flag

Here is the new KWVA flag. It was made and presented to the KWVA by the VA in Indiana. The KWVA National Board approved recognition of all of our members by the



additional white embroidery of:

1953 KOREA SERVICE VETERANS PRESENT

This is now our approved national flag. It will be used during the Massing of the Colors at our Korean War Memorial and at Arlington on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and at national meetings.

Tom McHugh, Director/Chairman, National Ceremonies Committee/Chairman, Elections Committee

Visit the Korean War Veterans Association Website:

www.KWVA.org

Chapter & Department News

6 SANTA CLARA COUNTY [CA]

Korean War vets from near and far journeyed to San Jose to commemorate the 60th Anniversary Year 2011 of the Korean War and to renew old friendships, remember our deceased chapter members, and mobilize the chapter under the leadership of President Walter Shrank.



Attendees at Ch 6's October meeting (L-R) Lee Dauster (white shirt), George Lawhon (w/ beard), Walt Schrank (wearing cavalry hat) and wives

Maggiano's Little Italy was the venue for this October 12, 2011 complimentary luncheon, including a barbershop quartet singing favorite 1950s songs.

Dignitaries enjoying the festivities included Chapter President Walter Schrank and KWVA Directors Lee Dauster and George Lawhon and their wives. Also, in attendance were KWVA and Chapter life members Joe and Joanne Velasquez, active member George Nitis, and Lis Glazzy, wife of Mike Glazzy Department of California President, serving as photographer.



Lis Glazzy, Joanne Velasquez, Joe Velasquez, George Nitis (L-R) at Ch 6 luncheon



Memorabilia on display at Ch 6 event

The 22-year chapter history, including its 1989 charter, was on display at the memorabilia table.

Michael J. Glazzy, 3361 Williams Rd
San Jose, CA 95117

11 GREATER DANBURY [CT]

In January 2011 we presented the Veterans Home in Danbury with a computer complete with monitor, printer, and speakers. The computer will allow the residents to facilitate tasks such as aggressively searching for jobs.

Rich LaPine, P.O. Box 2632
Danbury, CT 06813



Members of Ch 11, Ken Post, Rich LaPine, Bernie Rotunda, Past President (L-R), present computer to resident of Danbury Veterans Home (2nd from left)

19 GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

Members Ron Clark, Jim Conway, Bob Hendershott, Ed Johnson, Bob McCubbins, Urban Rump, and Thaddeus Sobieski met with Georgia Governor and Mrs. Nathan Deal, Department of Veterans Service Commissioner Pete Wheeler, and Major General Jim Butterworth, Georgia Adjutant General, to witness the Governor signing the 2011 Veterans Day Proclamation.

Members of the National Assembly, the Republic of Korea, had a wreath laying ceremony at the Georgia Memorial honoring the 740 Georgians killed in the Korean War.

Jim Conway, conatlanta@comcast.net



Ron Clark, Jim Conway, Bob Hendershott, Ed Johnson, Bob McCubbins, Urban Rump and Thaddeus Sobieski of Ch 19, Georgia Governor and Mrs. Nathan Deal, Pete Wheeler, Jim Butterworth



Lee Yoon-Sung, Joo Ho Young, and Yoon Sang Hyun (L-R) place a wreath at the Georgia Memorial

41 FROZEN CHOSIN [MN]

Pell Jonson, a chapter member, displayed pictures from the Korean War on 8 November 2011. The pictures were on display at the Mankato Civic Center.

The sponsor was the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans.

William Hoehn, President
56774 177th St., Good Thunder, MN 56037



Bill Hoen and Don Stompers at Minnesota Korean War display

105 CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

We had our annual "Gift Giving" on 17 December 2011 at Wal-Mart. It was a joint venture with DAV Chapter 30.

The morning started with breakfast furnished by McDonald's, which is located inside the store. Then, each veteran paired up with a child to tour the store. The children know what they are looking for and fill their shopping carts in no time.

Chapter President Ed Grala presented a check to Vince Bova, former Commander of DAV Chapter 30, to cover our share of the cost.

Jim Low, 114 Wembridge Dr.
E. Syracuse, NY 13057, 315-437-0833



President Ed Grala of Ch 105 (L) presents check to Vince Bova



Children at Ch 105 event eating breakfast courtesy of McDonald's in Wal-Mart store



Dick Allen, Ed Grala, John Reidy of Ch 105 and guest "Joey" at Wal-Mart

116 CENTRAL OHIO [OH]

One of our members, Milous Keith, died in September 2011. Severa

1 members attended his funeral service at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Columbus, OH.

Art Dossman, 22759 Ringgold Southern Rd
Stoutsville, OH 43154



Members of Ch 116 say goodbye to comrade Milous Keith (L-R) Bill Adams, Ed Zoretic, Don Vest, Art Dossman, Joyce Davis, Bill McFerren, Glenn Clegg, June Radcliff, Tom Eviston

117 OCEAN STATE #1 [RI]

Several members attended a 7 November 2011 luncheon reception in Boston, MA in honor of Korean War veterans.

Antero ("Ted") Martins, 54 Ferncrest Dr., Pawtucket, RI 02861, 401-724-4664, tedmartins30@gmail.com



Members from Ch 117 at Boston luncheon (L-R) Sgt.-at-Arms Dave Chmielewski, Jr. Vice Cmdr. Harvey Green, Commander Antero ("Ted") Martins, Counsel General of the Republic of Korea Kangho Park, Sr. Vice Cmdr. Joseph LaFountaine, Chaplain Ken LaFountaine



Antero Martins (L) and Robert Hartley, Ch 147 Commander (West Bay Rhode Island #2) at Boston event

National KWVA Fund Raiser Flower Rose of Sharon

The Rose of Sharon is the National KWVA fund raising flower. The Rose of Sharon is sold by the dozen.

☐ Sample order is 4 dozen @ \$12 plus \$3.00 S/H.

☐ Minimum order is 20 doz. @ \$60 plus \$5.00 S/H.

Order from:

Earl House
1870 Yakona Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21234
Phone 410-661-8950

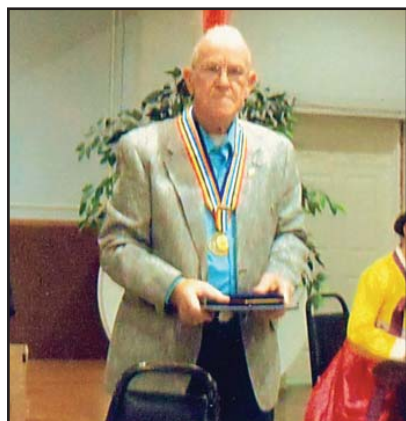


Make Checks payable to: **Maryland Chapter – KWVA**

121 GREATER CINCINNATI [OH]

Members were presented Ambassador for Peace medals at a 16 November 2011 dinner.

Bob McGeorge, 3296 Blue Acres Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45239



Tom Murphy of Ch 121
receives Ambassador for
Peace Medal



Bob McGeorge, President of Ch 121 (L) and Gene Molen, Vice President,
await presentation of Ambassador for Peace Medals



Bae Suk Lee of Ch 121, Jung Young-Jin, and Bob McGeorge (L-R) at
Cincinnati medal presentation



Korean woman
seemingly framed
in halo plays
Korean national
anthem on harp at
Ch 121's
Cincinnati event

129 SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA #4 [IN]

LST (Landing Ship Tank) #325 Visits Aurora, IN

A piece of WWII history made a "Port-of-Call" to the Ohio River town of Aurora, IN to participate in the dedication of a Veterans Memorial. LST #325 participated in the D-Day landing at Normandy and is believed to be the only remaining operational WWII LST in existence.



LST 325 arrives in Aurora, IN



A portion of the thousands of guests waiting to visit LST 325



Luther Rice, Commander of Ch 129, sings "God Bless America," as Emcee Paul Gentrup (R) looks on



Firing Party from Ch 129 (L-R) Al Kerner, Clarence Vogelgesang, Glynn Clark, Al Bamberger, George Niemeyer, John Largent, Mike Blevins, Bob Weber in front of Color Guard at LST 325 ceremony

The ship remained in Aurora for a period of six days, during which time thousands of guests from the tri-state area boarded it to observe what life was like working and living aboard an LST.

Chapter members played a significant role during the dedication ceremony providing the "MC," Color Guard, and Firing Squad.

Luther E. Rice, Jr., 414 Water St.
Aurora, IN 47001

131 NORTHWEST OHIO [OH]

We have new officers: Treasurer Joel Davis; Chaplain Larry Kish; Sgt.-at-Arms Glenn Cousino; Education Committee Director Len Tomasik; Executive Councilman Ed Auerbach; Historian Bill Lyzan; Executive Councilman Ken Cox; Executive Councilman Al Reiser, Jr.; Secretary Lou Streb; First VP Bobby Darr; President Dan Draheim; Second Vice President/Judge Advocate Roy Barnes.

Louis G. Streb, 415 Turnbury Ln
Perrysburg, OH 43551



New officers of Ch 131 (L-R) Joel Davis; Larry Kish; Glenn Cousino; Len Tomasik; Ed Auerbach; Bill Lyzan; Ken Cox; Al Reiser, Jr.; Lou Streb; Bobby Darr; Dan Draheim

148 CENTRAL JERSEY [NJ]

We presented Thomas Curry a certificate of appreciation for his outstanding work and time contributions on our Rose of Sharon Drive.

We also presented a plaque in memory of our late Past Commander Erwin Hampsen. His wife, Pat Hampsen, accepted it on his behalf.

Charles Koppelman, 8 Yarmouth Drive
Monroe Township, NJ 08831



President Charles Koppelman of Ch 148 (R) presents certificate of achievement to Thomas Curry



Pat Hampsen (R) accepts plaque from Charles Koppelman of Ch 148

169 KWVA OF LAKE COUNTY [FL]

Charles W. White received the Chapter 169 Eddie Ko Veteran of 2011 Award at our Christmas Awards Luncheon. The award reads: "For sustained outstanding service to Chapter 169 as Vice President, Secretary, Color Guard Member and Leader, Tell America team member, and Fund Drive Leader."

Sixty-eight members spouses and guests attended the luncheon.

Tom Thiel, P.O. Box 491428, Leesburg, FL 34849, or 19147 Park Place Blvd, Eustis, FL 32736
352-408-6612, kwva169@gmail.com,
<http://cid169.kwva.org>, <http://dfl.kwva.org>,
www.24thida.com



Members, spouses and guests at the Ch 169 2011 Christmas Awards Luncheon at the beautiful Mission Inn at Howey-in-the-Hills, FL on 16 January 2011



Charles W. White (L) receives Chapter Eddie Ko Veteran of 2011 Award from Ch 169's President Tom Thiel at Christmas Awards Luncheon

179 SAN DIEGO COUNTY [CA]

Some of us attended a Veterans Conference recently in San Diego. Congressman Bob Filner (D-CA), Congressional Veterans Committee Chair, was there.

Jim Whelan, President, omceltic@cox.net



Dr. Donald Donnelly, Secretary of Ch 179, Congressman Bob Filner, Congressional Veterans Committee Chair, Jim Whelan, President of Ch 179 at Veterans Conference in San Diego, CA

181 KANSAS #1 [KS]

Our members are still active in the community, socially and in ongoing support of our troops in the field. Chapter members once again rang the bell to collect funds for the Salvation Army in early December. The unit has been participating in Salvation Army fundraising for the past several Christmas seasons.

At the annual Christmas lunch on 3 December 2011, the South Korean consul from Chicago, Mr. Jin Hyun Lee, awarded the Korean Ambassador's Freedom medal to chapter members. In a follow-up ceremony on Monday, 5 December 2011, at a social event which was attended by some 75 members and their wives, the remaining chapter members received their certificates and medals.



Tom Stevens, LtCol. Yoonkap Lim of the ROK army, LtCol. Mark Ballesteros (Ret), representing the DOD, and Maj. Buchanan, USAF, (L-R) at the wreath laying ceremony at Overland Park, KS Korean War Memorial

Also present at the 5 December social gathering were Major "Buck" Buchanan and representatives of the DOD, who presented certificates to Korean War veterans in recognition of their service during the Korean War. The major and his party laid a wreath at the Korean War Memorial in Overland Park on the following day.

Chapter Commander Tom Stevens and several of our officers recently visited Reading, Kansas, and presented a check for \$500

to the local veterans to help them rebuild their War Memorial, which was destroyed by the tornado last fall.

Readers who want to help restore the Reading Korean War Memorial can send a check (large or small), care of Quartermaster, VFW Post 846, 8804 Grant Ave., Overland Park, KS 66212. Donations should be marked "Reading, KS Memorial Restoration." Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Don Dyer, ddyer15@everestkc.net

183 NEBRASKA #1 [NE]

We presented a check to American Legion Post 374 (Millard) Auxiliary President Stacy Pohl. The money was raised through donations to our Rose of Sharon program.

We also made a donation to troops overseas through VFW Post Auxiliary 8334. We raised the funds via Rose of Sharon sales.

Bill Wirges, President, 15010 Holmes St.
Omaha, NE 68137



Stacy Pohl accepts check from Ch 183 President Bill Wirges as Secretary John Fifer and Sung Jo hold sign



Sung Jo, Bill Christensen, Glenn Krabbenhoft, Bill Wirges, Sam Wall and John Fifer (L-R) of Ch 183 present donation to Carol Caster (C) of VFW Post Aux 8334

188 SOUTH LAKE COUNTY [FL]

We have new officers: President David Litz, Second Vice Carl Hogue, Secretary Don Krolak, Third Vice Rube Morehouse, Treasurer Roger Marquard, First Vice Donald Voorhees, Sgt.-of-Arms Tommie Weathers, Chaplain Sam Cohen.



New officers of Ch 188 (Front, R-L) David Litz, Carl Hogue (Back, R-L) Don Krolak, Rube Morehouse, Roger Marquard



Members of Ch 188's Honor Guard prepare to lead the 2011 Groveland, FL Christmas Parade (L-R) Richard McHaffie, Don Krolak, Don Voorhees, Thomas Ritton, Tommie Weathers, Dave Litz, and Lloyd Bondurant



Military fly-over at Ch 188's car show



Classic cars on display at Ch 188's show



Honor Guard members from Ch 188 at annual car show (L-R) Bugler Bill Shible, Paul Russell, David Litz, Don Krolak, Richard McHaffie, Lloyd Bondurant, Tommie Weathers, Roy Pike

They met to plan the chapter's 2012 programs and events. A few of them include scholarship and grant programs to the South Lake and Middle Schools in Groveland, FL; grants to local Central Florida veterans charitable programs; support for the Fisher House program at the new Orlando, FL VA Hospital; grants to non-veterans Central Florida organizations and programs; and the chapter's Honor Guard performances.

We held our 12th Annual Veterans Recognition and Classic Car Show at Lake David Park, Groveland, FL. Highlights included a classic car and military equipment display, an Honor Guard ceremony featuring our members, a military plane fly-over, a Boy Scout troop performing an American flag-folding show, DJ entertainment, and a baked goods sale.

We thank the South Lake business community for supporting the event. All proceeds from the show are donated to local charitable organizations.

Don Krolak, 1148 Mesa Verde Ct.
Clermont, FL 34711, 352-243-2792

191 TIDEWATER [VA]

Some members participated in the Annual Wreath Laying at Albert G. Horton Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk VA on 10 December 2011. They included Commander Tim Whitmore, Chaplain Leo Ruffing, Sr. Vice Commander Lonnie Cherry, Clinton Capehart, and Douglas Watson.



Albert G. Horton's gravestone

Active duty members place the final 25 wreaths at Albert G. Horton Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk VA



The armed services were well represented at Ch 191's event

WO4 Phillip Brashear, XO of *USS Hoist*, Leo Ruffing, Lonnie Cherry (L-R) at Ch 191 ceremony



Members of Ch 191 who participated in wreath laying ceremony (L-R) Tim Whitmore, Leo Ruffing, Lonnie Cherry, Clinton Capehart, Douglas Watson

Albert Horton worked hard and long to bring this beautiful Memorial Cemetery into being.

WO4 Phillip Brashear, guest speaker at the ceremony, shared some memories of his father, Master Diver Carl Brashear, with the man who was XO on the *USS Hoist* when MCPO Brashear lost his leg.

Tim Whitmore, twhit35@gmail.com

250 CHARLES B. THACKER [VA]

President Kenneth Fannon did a fantastic job of organization as local people honored Chapter 250 with a banquet on Veterans Day. The event was catered by "Sugar & Spice." Over 250 people had a great, delicious meal. All of this took place in the near-by town of Duffield, VA.

Of the many guests in attendance, we were especially honored by retired Major General Claude Williams. He served in both Korea and Vietnam. He is quite a man.

We were also entertained by singer Dan Perkins. He sang songs that were popular during the "Police Action." These songs brought back many memories.

Jack Bentley, P. O. Box 114
Pound, VA 24279

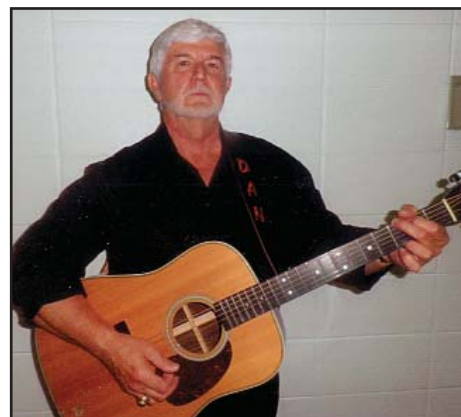


General Claude Williams (L) and Ch 250 President Kenneth Fannon



Part of large crowd at Ch 250's banquet

Dan Perkins entertains members and guests at Ch 250's Veterans Day banquet



251 SAGINAW/FRANKENMUTH [MI]

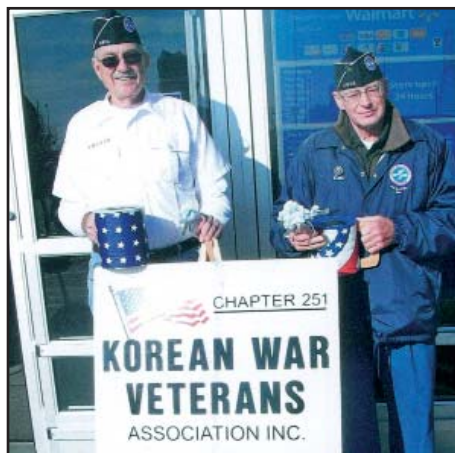
As the weather grew colder and winter approached, chapter members were out selling Roses of Sharon to help needy organizations. Our events were held on 11-12 November 2011 at five locations: 2 Wal-Marts, 1 Sam's, Pat's Food Centre, and 1 Kroger's. Altogether, 62 volunteers worked two shifts of four hours over the two-day period.

We select seven Michigan graduating high school seniors who will attend a college or university in Michigan in the fall of 2012. Each young person selected will receive \$750.00 to help underwrite his or her education.

Our members are very dynamic, even though we are in our 80s—or older.

Bob Simon, 7286 Spring Lake Trail
Saginaw, MI 48603

Members of Ch 251 sell Rose of Sharon (L-R)
Eugene Feinauer,
Charles Chantiny,
Lydia Davis



Leon Hagen (R) and Don Demaet of Ch 251 sell Rose of Sharon



Thomas Keller of Ch 251 and Rose of Sharon "customers"



Stan French and Bob Simon, Commander of Ch 251 (L) offer Rose of Sharon to shoppers



Fred Bauer (L) of Ch 251 shares a laugh with Rose of Sharon donor



Dallas Mossman, Ch 251 member and former POW, displays patriotic cup at Rose of Sharon sale



Hiel Rockwell (L), Rose of Sharon contributor, and Don Lyons (R) at store

258 NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND [RI]

Several members attended a luncheon in Boston, MA to honor Korean War veterans. The luncheon was held on 7 November 2011.

Norm Paiva, 42 Morgan Ave
North Providence, RI 02911



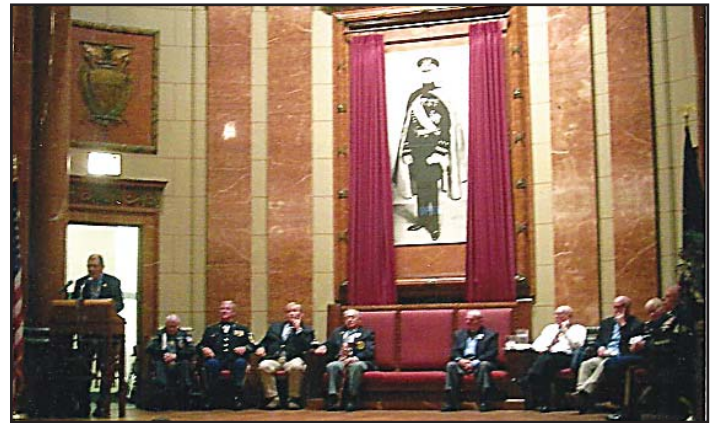
Korean ladies in traditional attire at Boston luncheon attended by Ch 258 members



Korean choir sings at Boston event



Members of Ch 258 at luncheon in Boston



Stage in the General Pershing auditorium at IN War Memorial



Unmistakable blue jackets on display among Ch 258 members in Boston



The large crowd at the Boston luncheon

259 CENTRAL INDIANA [IN]

It is always a privilege to be in the company of a holder of The Congressional Medal of Honor. When we were able to meet eight of these fine men, at one event, in Indianapolis, that was a really special day.

The veterans of battles on Iwo Jima or in Korea, Vietnam and other places came to Indianapolis, on a chilly and rainy October 19, 2011 for a bridge dedication. The bridge, over the White River, is adjacent to the Veterans Affairs Hospital. Mayor Gregory Ballard, a retired Marine LtCol., was on hand for the ceremonies, which included a meeting in the Indiana War Memorial, a ribbon cutting in the rain on the bridge, and a dinner at the Conrad Hotel in the city.



LEFT: MOH holder Ronald E. Rosser (L) watches as Indianapolis Mayor Ballard prepares to cut a ribbon to open the Medal Of Honor Bridge



BELOW: Dedication sign on the newly dedicated bridge near the Indianapolis VA Hospital



Sammy L. Davis prepares to cut the ribbon to officially open the Medal Of Honor bridge in Indianapolis



Ch 259 members at the MOH dinner

Many touching words were expressed by several of those who spoke to the audience.

Members of Chapter 259 lent their support to this important event.

Representing The Congressional Medal of Honor Society were Hershel ("Woody") Williams, John F. Baker, Jr., Sammy L. Davis, Michael John Fitzmorice, Harold Fritz, Don J. Jenkins, Ronald E. Rosser, and Kenneth E. Stumpf. Ron Rosser was in Korean battles and Sammy L. Davis is an Indiana native.

A booklet was distributed that described the actions which brought the awards of the highest medal to these heroes.

John Quinn, Saggi32@aol.com

289 MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN]

We have been busy. Seven members were at the VA hospital the day before Thanksgiving to distribute pumpkin pies to those in the nursing wing. The pies were donated by Food City.

In December, three of our members made two "Tell America" presentations at one of our local high schools.

Our annual Christmas party was the largest we've had; approximately 30 members and guests attended. At the party, Commander Mack Dunford presented the annual "Chapter Member of the Year" to our chaplain, Gale Carpenter.

Carol Shelton, cshelton37663@yahoo.com



Ch 289
Commander
Mack Dunford
(L) and Chapter
Member of the
Year Gale
Carpenter

301 FOOTHILLS [SC]

We conducted our Memorial fund raiser at Holiday Fair at the TD Convention Center in Greenville, SC before Christmas. Members were also outside Sam's Club and The Upcountry Museum and at the Golden Corral Veterans Appreciation Night in the fall. Donations by mail have also come in from several other KWVA Chapters.

Many of the donations to date have included the purchase of engraved bricks for the Honors Walkway which is part of the Memorial. Single bricks sell for \$50.00, double bricks sell for \$75.00.



Larry Salley of Ch 301 mans the table at Greenville, SC Holiday Fair, Dec 1-3, 2011

All donations are welcome. They can be mailed to KWVA Foothills Chapter of SC #301, PO Box 6903, Greenville, SC 29606, "earmarked" Memorial Fund. Donations can also be made by credit card via PayPal and the chapter's website, www.koreanvets301.com.

We would like to have a business or corporate sponsor to help speed up completion time.

Lew Perry, LEWPERRY@aol.com

317 SGT. BILLY FREEMAN [GA]

Mr. Keon Lee, President of the Northwestern Korean Community, and his son, Andrew Lee, put together an impressive documentary of stories provided by at least 52 Korean War veterans living in Rome and Floyd County, GA. The documentary, titled "The Forgotten Veterans of Floyd County: The Korean War Veterans," was unveiled at the American Legion Post 52 in Rome on 20 December 2011, and featured in newspaper articles in the Rome News-Tribune.

All veterans from the 7th District of Georgia who served during the Korean War were invited to send pictures related to their service in Korea. Each veteran who sent pictures was invited to come to Mr. Lee's office in Rome and make a voice tape to accompany the photos.

Those who came to share their memories were given a free copy of the DVD. Mr. Lee also made copies available to the Floyd County Library.

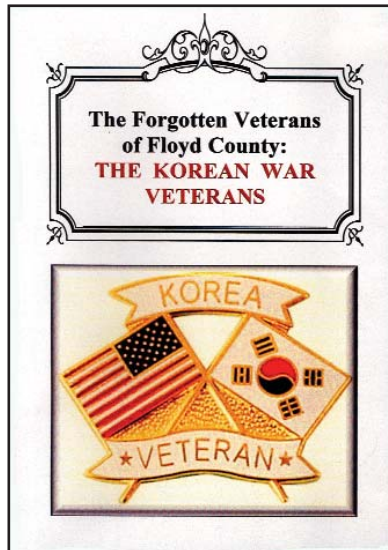
Other articles record the detailed activities which led up to the night when the DVD was first viewed by area Korean veterans, their guests, and a large representation from the Northwestern Georgia Korean Community.

Mr. Lee told Diane Wagner, a staff writer for the *Rome News-Tribune*, that he got the idea for the project after attending an American Legion meeting at which the members were trading stories and passing around tiny photographs.

"It's a cumbersome way to share," he acknowledged. "I thought if I could do something like this, not only could they share with each other but it could be passed down for generations."

Commander Charles Patterson stated that, "It should be noted while Mr. Keon Lee was both the inspiration behind and the financial sponsor of the DVD, it was his son Andrew that pulled all the pictures, music and voices together."

The membership of the chapter thanks Mr. Lee and all those who worked on this project while assisting the public in remembering the Korean veterans.



Cover of Keon and Andrew Lee's DVD for Georgia veterans

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) and State Congressman Greg Walden are very supportive of Korean War veterans in our state. Wyden holds meetings in each of our 39 counties to commemorate the 275 Oregonians killed in the war. (Three counties did not have anyone killed.) Usually, he reads the names himself and holds a full minute of silence for remembrance and respect.

We try to have a Korean War veteran at each meeting to lead the Pledge of Allegiance prior to his reading of the list. His local office copies handouts for people who want them.



Dean Bosche, Dept. of Oregon photographer, Neil McCain, Sen. Ron Wyden, Ch 315 Chaplain Ron Duke (L-R) at meeting



Dean McClain (L) and Sen. Wyden read names of Oregon KIA at memorial meeting

318 INDIAN RIVER COUNTY [FL]

Our new officers and directors for 2012 are: Hugh W. Harris - President; Joseph A. Gomez - First Vice President; R. G. ("Ace") Cappelen - Second Vice President; George D. Todd - Judge Advocate; W. Alan Cunningham - Director; William J. Duggan - Recording Secretary; Robert D. Reisman - Assistant Treasurer; Lawrence M. White, Treasurer; Vincent P. Abbate - Director; Nicholas Troiano - Director

Hugh Harris, 2889 St. Bart's Sq.
Vero Beach, FL 32967



New officers and directors of Ch 318 (Front, L-R) Hugh W. Harris, Joseph A. Gomez, R. G. ("Ace") Cappelen, George D. Todd, W. Alan Cunningham (Back, L-R) William J. Duggan, Robert D. Reisman, Lawrence M. White, Vincent P. Abbate, Nicholas Troiano (CD)



Map of Oregon

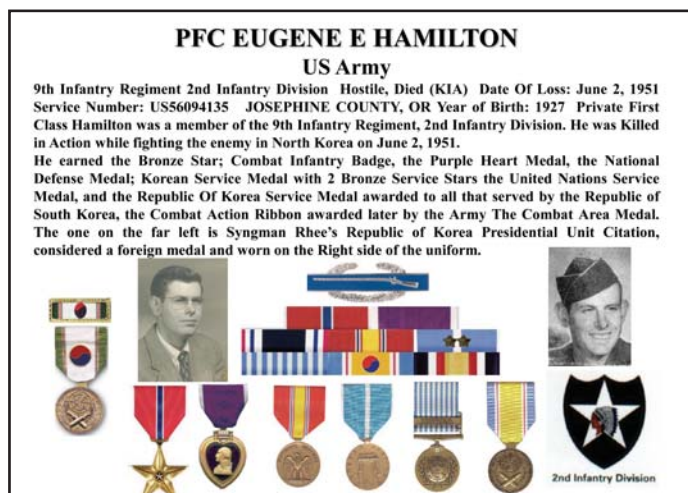
We have been doing this program for three years. Since some of the counties in eastern Oregon are small—often fewer than four residents from some of them were KIA—we have Korean War veterans act as representatives in them.

In fact, the only Korean War Medal of Honor recipient from Oregon, Loren R. Kaufman, lived in the Dalles, which is in the eastern section of the state. He lived in Wasco County, which has a population of only 25,213. Comparatively, Josephine County, in western Oregon, has 82,713.

Our recognition program helps us obtain new members and gives us more exposure to our local, state, and U.S. representatives. It also elicits requests for members to present "Tell America" and radio programs. Three radio stations across the state broadcast memorials of Oregon Korean War KIA.

Neil M. McCain, Commander, Department of Oregon,
541-660-6104, www.kwvador.com/kwvaservice.html

Sample of the memorials created for Oregon Korean War KIAs



Task Force Smith: The First Battle

Lt. Col. Charles ("Brad") Smith, commander of the 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Regt., and his men engaged the North Korean forces on 5 July 1950. Almost encircled by 5,000 swarming North Koreans, Smith ordered a withdrawal under fire. About 115 men were killed or wounded; 70 others were captured.

Smith had planned to set up an ambush on three hills north of Osan which offered a view all the way to Suwon, eight miles to the north, where the North Koreans were positioned.

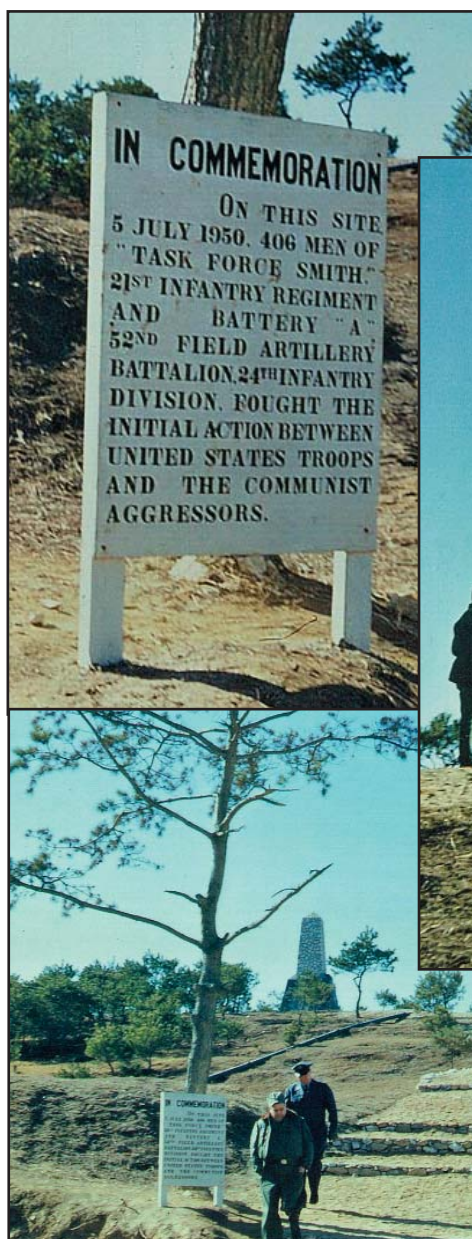
Task Force Smith comprised 540 Americans: 406 infantrymen and 134 members of the 52nd Artillery Bn.

When North Korean tanks reached a point a mile in front of the infantry, the artillery fired. The bombardment had no effect on the tanks; the American shells could not penetrate thick steel. The Americans also had 2.36-inch rockets, which were equally ineffective.

With his troops almost encircled by 5,000 North Koreans, Smith ordered a withdrawal under heavy fire. He had to leave behind the dead Americans and about thirty seriously wounded men on litters.

After removing the sights and breach locks on the remaining guns to render them useless, the task force organized a convoy and headed south. The Americans' first battle in Korea was less than a resounding success.

George Staudt
2910 63rd St. W
Bradenton, FL 34209-7413
941-792-1728



A marker to commemorate the site of the first U.S. action in the Korean War



The Smith Memorial constructed by the South Korean government near Osan, in 1953

The site of Task Force Smith's battle against the North Koreans on 5 July 1950

Pearl Harbor Survivor Member of CH 44

PEARL HARBOR - SCHOFIELD BARRACKS 1941

My father, Raymond F. Schoenke, a Minnesota farm boy, was a 31-year-old Army sergeant posted with the 3rd Engineers, Taro Division, at Schofield Barracks. He was a fourteen-year veteran at the time of the attack, serving under Gen. Harding. Immediately after the attack, he was field commissioned a 2nd Lt. by the General, with orders from the President.

My mother, Olivia Haleaka Alapa, was a 100% per cent Hawaiian. Before my parents were married, she was a domestic serving the needs of the General and his family.

THE ATTACK

We lived in government housing on Schofield. At 8:00 a.m., 7 December 1941, we were preparing to attend chapel services when my dad noticed approximately thirty fighters diving through the Kole Kole pass (adjacent to Schofield) a direct path to Pearl Harbor.

An Army sentinel came running up to us and announced, "Those are Japanese fighters." Then we heard the bombs.

My dad yelled to everybody watching, "This is war! Run to the parade grounds, take cover, and lie flat."

He told me, "Take the family and stay there until I return."

My mother was 32, I was 9, my sister was 7, and my brother was 3 at the time.

The mothers assembled their children on the parade grounds, lay flat, and waited. Three hours later, twenty GI trucks arrived. Soldiers herded all the dependents on the trucks and took us to Kamehameha High School. This was home for the next thirty days.

None of us ever returned to our homes at Schofield. We lost all our personal possessions.

THE EVACUATION

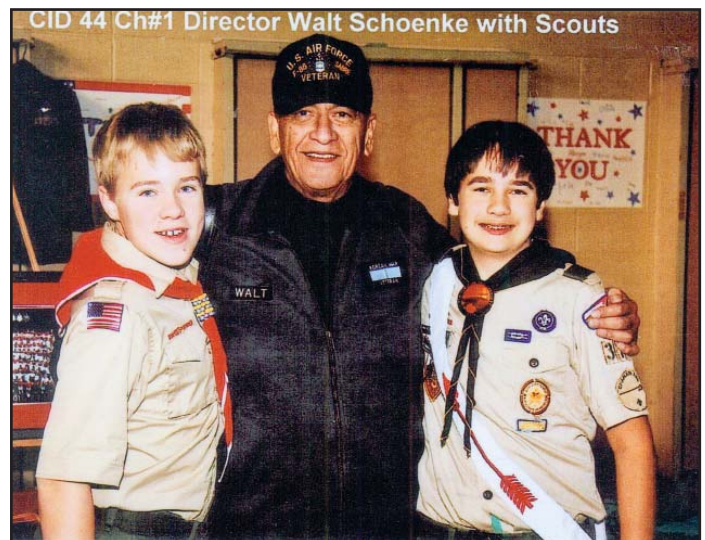
The Pacific was declared a war zone. So, by law, all military dependents had to be evacuated to the mainland. Most dependents had relatives stateside. The only relatives we had were my dad's parents, and we had never met them. We did not know what to expect.

In the early 1930s and 1940s, enlisted personnel and their families did not have the money to travel to the states. We were placed on a troop ship, made the fourteen-day trip, landed in San Francisco, and were greeted by the American Red Cross. We were given clothes, toilet articles, food (my first peanut butter jelly sandwich), and money.

My mother was given \$20.00, four train tickets, four box lunches, and winter clothes for our trip to Minneapolis. She was so sad.

We arrived in Minnesota on 10 January 1942 for our first winter experience. There to meet us was my dad's family...thirteen white Germans. We were four brown Hawaiians. To them, we looked like four jungle natives.

My mother had never been off the island. She started crying and told me she wanted to go home.



Walt Schoenke with two unidentified Boy Scouts

I said, "Mom, it's over. We will never go back."

For a nine-year-old boy, I grew up in a hurry. I was the bread winner.

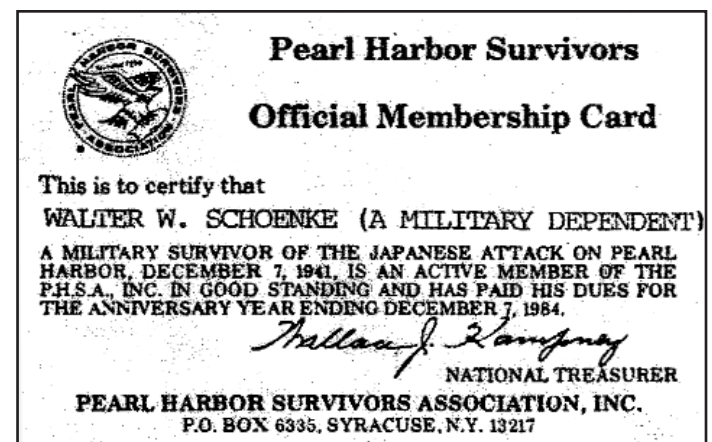
THE POST WAR ERA

My German grandparents turned out to be wonderful people. My dad came home from the war in 1945. He had been transferred to the Air Force. He attended the Military War College, completed a three-year assignment, and was promoted to Air Inspector General for the 3rd Air Force in Ruislip, England. (The 3rd AF was the carrier for the Berlin Airlift.)

In 1949, we transferred to England for my dad's new assignment. Since I was not a British subject, I could not attend their public school system. I was enrolled in the private school system of Oxford University of Hy Wycombe. I graduated in 1950.

THE KOREAN ERA

President Truman initiated the draft due to the Cold War. Since I was an American citizen, I had to return to America and sign into the local draft board in Minneapolis. I was called in



Walt Schoenke's official Pearl Harbor survivor card

1951 to serve a two-year term. I opted instead to serve a four-year term with the Air Force, the only service requiring a high school diploma. I was taught a critical skill, Jet Propulsion, which required four years of active duty and five years of inactive duty.

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch	United States Air Force
AFSC	42250H: Jet Specialist
Term	Active: Jul 1951 - Jul 1955 Inactive: Jul 1955 - Jul 1959
Duty	Crew Chief : F86 Sabre-A/C 756
Rank	A/1C

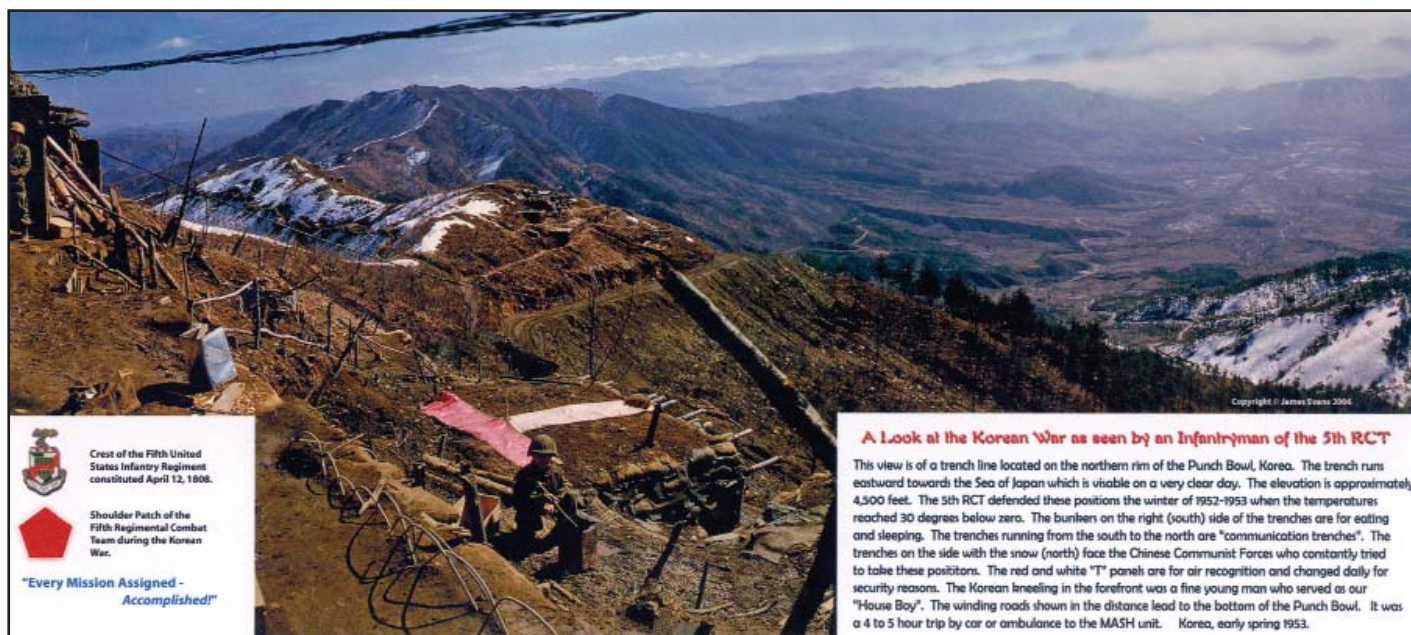
Command	Tactical Air Command
Pilot	Lt. William T. Aycock III
Squadron	416th Fighter Bomber Squadron
Separation	Honorable

THE END OF AN ERA

My father completed a thirty-year career in the military, attaining the rank of full Colonel. He was given an honor guard military funeral conducted at Fort Meyer [VA] Chapel.

He and my mother are buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Plot 60, Eisenhower and Bradley.

A View From The Top



A Look at the Korean War as seen by an Infantryman of the 5th RCT

This view is of a trench line located on the northern rim of the Punch Bowl, Korea. The trench runs eastward towards the Sea of Japan which is visible on a very clear day. The elevation is approximately 4,500 feet. The 5th RCT defended these positions the winter of 1952-1953 when the temperatures reached 30 degrees below zero. The bunkers on the right (south) side of the trenches are for eating and sleeping. The trenches running from the south to the north are "communication trenches". The trenches on the side with the snow (north) face the Chinese Communist Forces who constantly tried to take these positions. The red and white "T" panels are for air recognition and changed daily for security reasons. The Korean kneeling in the forefront was a fine young man who served as our "House Boy". The winding roads shown in the distance lead to the bottom of the Punch Bowl. It was a 4 to 5 hour trip by car or ambulance to the MASH unit. Korea, early spring 1953.

A broad view of the Punchbowl, one of the places at which 21st Explosive Ordnance Squad (EOD) served (Photo courtesy of deceased member James W. Evans, former XO of Co. A., 5th RCT)

KOREAN WAR POEM

This poem is etched in stone at a Korean War Veterans Memorial in Liberty State Park, NJ Turnpike, Exit 14-B, Jersey City, NJ.

We didn't do much talking,
We didn't raise a fuss.
But Korea really happened
So please – remember us.
We all just did our duty
But we didn't win or lose.
A victory was denied us
But we didn't get to choose.
We all roasted in the summer
In winter, we damn near froze.
Walking back from near the Yalu
With our blackened frozen toes.

Like the surf, the Chinese kept coming
With their bugles in the night.
We fired into their masses
Praying for the morning light.
All of us just had to be there
And so many of us died.
But now we're all but half forgotten
No one remembers how we tried.
We grow fewer with the years now
And we still don't raise a fuss.
But Korea really happened
So please – remember us.

Veterans Day

105 - CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

We held our annual Veterans Day ceremony in typical “balmy” Syracuse, NY weather for the day. The temperature was 38 degrees and the wind was blowing 30 miles per hour. All we needed was rain. That came twenty minutes after the nearby photo of the winds flapping in the breeze was taken.



A typical balmy 11 November in beautiful downtown Syracuse, NY, home of Ch 105

Our ceremony was held in the Memorial Hall in the County War Memorial. We use the building for our “Tell America” program, during which we take the students on tours.

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Part of the Memorial Hall in the County War Memorial in Syracuse, NY



Bill Burns (L) and Ed Grala, Ch 105 President, wait in front of the 100-foot wall housing artifacts from the Revolutionary War to the Gulf Wars to greet guests for Veterans Day ceremony

258 - NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND [RI]



Members attended an 11 November 2011 ceremony at Coventry, RI.

*Norm Paiva, 42 Morgan Ave.,
North Providence, RI 02911*

**Wreath laying at Coventry, RI
Veterans Day event**



**Flags a'flying at Ch
258's Veterans Day
ceremony**



Veterans gather at Coventry, RI for Veterans Day commemoration

Thanks!

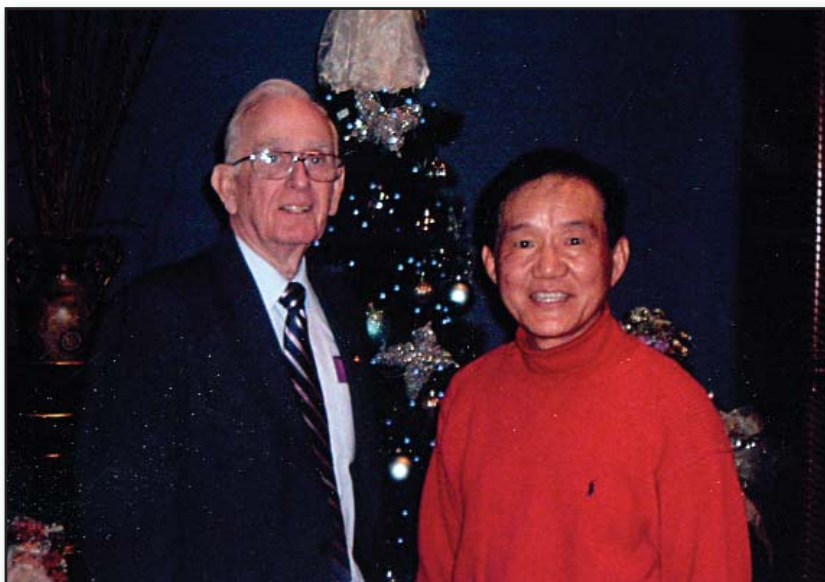
As we have noted in past issues, there is no shortage of thanks extended from Koreans to the veterans who fought for their country's freedom over fifty years ago. Here are more results.

Merry Christmas

Dr. John Keun-Sang Lee, President of the Korean Community Association of Greater Pittsburgh, and his wife hosted a Christmas dinner at their home for twelve Korean War veterans and their wives.

Several other members of the Korean Community Association joined us. We all enjoyed a Korean-American buffet that was served after a social hour.

*Donald R. McIlrath, Presiden
Ch 74 GEN. Matthew B. Ridgway
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Donald McIlrath and Dr. John Keun-Sang Lee, President of Korean Association of Greater Pittsburgh

Members and wives of Ch 74 at home of Dr. and Mrs. John Lee for Christmas dinner



170 - TAEJON [NJ]

Members of the Church of Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook, NJ, honored our chapter's veterans on 9 November 2011. The annual event coincided with the Veterans Day Parade in New York City on 11 November, in which we participated. Forty-five members and guests were present at the church. KWVA New Jersey State Commander George Bruzgis also attended.

Pastor Father Don Bosco Park welcomed everyone as veterans enjoyed the cocktail hour, which was followed by the advancement of the Colors and the singing of the Korean and U.S. national anthems. Chapter Color Guard Captain Henry Ferrarini and Jr. Vice Commander Kenneth Green had the honor of advancing the Colors, which was followed by a minute of silence and a prayer for those who died in the war.

Father Park addressed the veterans, thanking them for their service. He assured them that Korea will never forget the sacrifice of those who served and died for South Korea's freedom.

Chapter President Onorevole presented Father Park with a 14 x 20 framed photo of last year's group picture of the chapter and church members.

Robert J. O'Toole, a chapter member and mayor of Cedar Grove, NJ, and his Korean wife Young-Ok gave a beautiful testimony of how they met in Korea, married, and had seven children. Robert's testimony was in English; his wife spoke in Korean. Their son is a New Jersey State Senator and a former Cedar Grove mayor. Their daughter, too, was a mayor of the town. She was the youngest person ever to hold that office in Cedar Grove.

After the prayer ended, there was a great buffet dinner of Korean and American food served. Church members



Sgt.-at-Arms Frank Uvenio and Church of the Martyrs fete



▲ Robert O'Toole and Young Ok at Church of the Martyrs event



▲ Ch 170 President Richard Onorevole presents Fr. Don Bosco Park with framed photo

provided entertainment. Father Park and President Onorevole offered closing remarks, and church members distributed gifts to the chapter members and guests.

It was a great night of fellowship. God bless our two countries.

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



Crowd members and guests of Ch 170 listen to speakers at "Thanks" service

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his wife Angelina at



Jack O'Neil, Ch 170's Advertising Officer, enjoy the festivities at Church of the Martyrs



Kenneth Green of Ch 170 displays gift at Church of the Martyrs event

Letter of Gratitude

Dear Veterans of the "Cold War,"

I want to start this letter off by sending my gratitude to all the veterans who put their lives at risk, so that today, on July 9, 2011, 61 years later, we can come together and celebrate the liberation of South Korea from the communist North Korea. Now it is my honor to say thank-you from the bottom of my heart to all the veterans who fought in the "Cold War."

Thank you veterans for all you have done. From what I have read from books on the "Cold War" and from what I have seen from the pictures displayed about the "Cold War" you veterans have served beyond your call. You persevered through pain, weather, and the hardships of war. Little did you know that today, 61 years later, we would all be celebrating the liberation of South Korea as a result of your service in the "Cold War."

I can't say enough to describe the sacrifice each one of you gave but, there is one more thing I can say:

THANK YOU

Sincerely, Isaiah K. Sabey Jr. Kim Sarah
Isaiah K. Sabey Jr. 김사랑

Not All Korean War Heroes Were Soldiers

By Dick Kim

Richard Quartier was a great supporter of Korean War RPOW/MIA issues. His brother Robert was MIA at Kum River, as was my brother Chan Jay Kim Jr., who died in a POW camp. Nothing was ever found of Richard Quartier's brother.

Richard made an effort to attend 24th Division meetings and attempted in every way to get information from the Division. Sadly, he did not get any. He passed away September 5, 2011.

He and I did much of the work in getting the Korean War Memorial built and placed at the VA Medical Center in Vancouver, WA. He volunteered at the VA and donated things like VCR tapes and pocket books. He built large panels with plastic cover and wood frames that were placed in the Legion Post 176 of the Korean War and WWII at his labor and costs.

In addition, Richard made shadow boxes to hold medals for WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans and gave the VA a chair and table. He was a great furniture refinisher. He always donated money to the veteran homeless population.

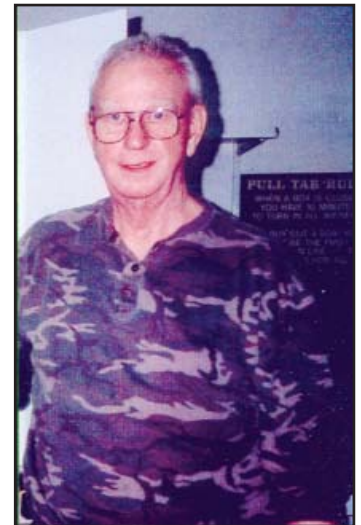
Richard had several favorite sayings. Among them were "I want to build a memorial before I die" and "Forgiveness: it's water over the dam."

Richard once admonished a Colonel at a VA function for a significant omission by telling him, "You forgot to mention the Korean War." And, he made the government an offer it could—and did—refuse: "Let me go fetch the bodies from North Korea" when he felt the U.S. was not doing all it could to retrieve MIAs and POWs.

He would spend hours speaking to veterans he met in the street. Richard even put a wood ramp in my garage for my deceased past wife Sherry, who died from Lou Gehrig Disease. Later, he helped me through the creation process, get the ashes, and mail them during my trying times.

Yes, Richard Quartier was really an American patriot!!

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Richard Quartier, an American patriot

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The Forgotten War, Not Forgotten at College of the Ozarks

By Matt Farmer - December 20, 2011

The Keeter Center at College of the Ozarks (C of O) recently began featuring an exhibit dedicated to the Korean War. The exhibit serves as an addition to the existing “Lest We Forget” World War II display, which documents the College’s Patriotic Education Travel Program wherein students accompany Veterans to battle sites to learn about history and sacrifice from the men who lived it.

“The College has taken nine trips around the world to WWII battle sites with WWII Veterans,” says C of O Executive Vice President Fred Mullinax. “Our plan is to take a trip with Korean War Veterans, too. The Korean War is often called ‘The Forgotten War.’ With this exhibit, we want to show our appreciation to the Veterans and show that we have not forgotten their sacrifice.”

The new exhibit, entitled “Korea Remembered,” contains artifacts, docu-

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ments and photos from the conflict. It also contains a topographical diorama of Korea created by a military history class at College of the Ozarks. Visitors may also see original newspaper clippings of the article “General Vows to Retake Old Baldy,” a U.S. Military fatigue hat from the Korean War, and a pennant for the 32nd Infantry Regiment. Many of the items in the display are on loan from Mr. Joseph Bryant, a Korean War Veteran.

“The map is one of the most interesting parts of the exhibit,” says Mullinax. “Taken in tandem with everything else, many visitors learn something about The Forgotten War.”

The Keeter Center’s history displays are free and open to the public Monday through Saturday 8am to 8pm and Sunday 10am to 2pm. For more information, please contact The Keeter Center at 417-239-1900.

Editor’s Note: This article was submitted through the auspices of CID 135, Harry S. Truman [MO]. There is no specific closing date for the exhibit.

The college is located on a 1,000 acre campus overlooking Lake Taneycomo at Point Lookout, Missouri, 40 miles south of Springfield, near Branson and Hollister, Missouri.



You are here, according to the College of Ozarks Korean War display



A partial view of the College of Ozarks’ exhibit



On loan from Joe Bryant



The brightly lit room containing the College of the Ozarks’ Korean War exhibit

The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

Tell America

30 - INDIANA CHAPTER ONE [IN]

Our Tell America program has been great so far this school year. To date, we have had our veterans in several schools telling their stories to 2,160 students. We have visited 3 nursing centers totaling 80 residents, some with veteran spouses, and some veterans themselves.

During the week of Veterans Day,

we visited seven schools. Lynn Shady, our Tell America Chairman, was quite busy, as were our veterans. But, they really do enjoy doing it.

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The Holland Elementary School Choir at a Ch 30 Tell America presentation



Holland Elementary School Choir Director Reid LaFever, Indiana State Congressman Marlin Stutzman, and Lynn Shady, Ch 30 Tell America Chairman at recent presentation

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



Ch 30 Tell America presenters (L-R) Carl Fowler, Congressman Marlin Stutzman, Lynn Shady, Harold Schick, Dave Martin, Don Coombs

72 - OREGON TRAIL [OR]

Veterans in the area were invited to participate in the Living History Day on 9 November 2011 at McNary High School in Keizer, OR. Having been involved with this event for about nine years, it was another great day for us.

Veterans from all branches of the military, wars, and/or conflicts participate. We speak at individual classes about how and why we

were in the armed forces and what our contributions accomplished.

There was an assembly in the morning which was put on by the students to honor all veterans and active duty personnel. The band, orchestra, and choir played and sang. The student catering class provided a morning breakfast and a delicious lunch.



McNary High School student Lily Emerson, Community Service Chairperson of the Leadership Class, Advisor Jason Heimerdinger, and Bob Wickman (R-L)

Some of us spoke in 5 of the 7 classes throughout the day. Each of the veterans was escorted to and from the classes by a student. (The enrollment at McNary High School exceeds 2,000.)

Students are encouraged to ask questions about our service experiences and are genuinely interested in our presentations.

During the assembly, Faculty Advisor Jason Heimerdinger pre-

sented me with the Certificate of Award for Service to McNary High School's Living History Day.

The following day, 10 November, many of us participated in the Veterans Day Luncheon and Assembly at Claggett Middle School, also in Keizer.

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195 - QUEEN CITY [CO]

We were invited to participate in a Veteran Day Celebration, November 9, 2011, for the Broomfield, CO Cub Scout Pack #545. Bob Brockish (Marines), Chuck Krammerer (Air Force), and Bill Baldaccini (Army) represented our chapter.

The Cub Scout Pack had a full program, with 12 participants of veteran and community organizations presenting displays for the interaction of approximately 120 Cub Scouts and siblings.

Of particular interest was the American flag that Bob Brockish carried with him throughout his tour in Korea (1951 to 1952).

The overall enthusiasm and interaction of the Cub Scouts and their friends was very positive and encouraging for these young Americans.

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Members of Ch 195 at Cub Scout presentation (L-R) Bill Baldaccini, Chuck Krammerer, Bob Brockish



Bob Brockish, holding the American flag he carried through Korea

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY [NJ]

For the past five years, I have been giving presentations on the Korean War to high school history classes in Central New Jersey. When speaking to school children, I try to present the subject matter at their level and show photos of what is being presented so no one gets bored.

I find it very sad that so few Korean War vets want to participate in this activity.

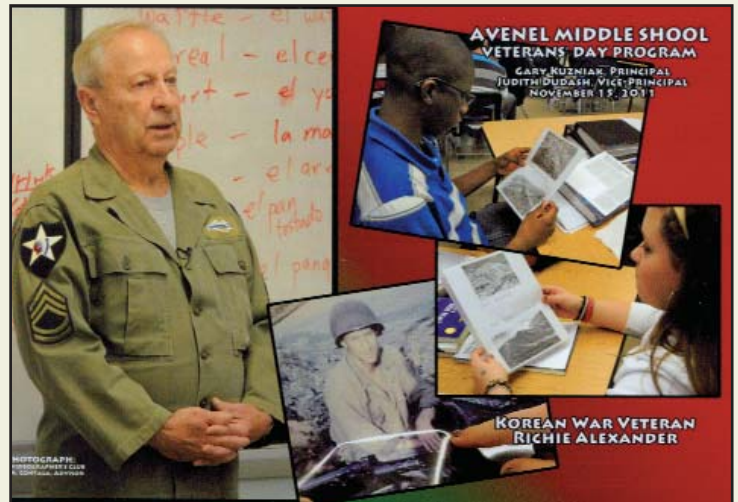
One of my motivations is my old high school friend Terry Boyle, who was killed in March 1953 on T-Bone Hill. He was a medic serving with the 31st Regiment.

On T-Bone, he responded to

calls for help from two wounded Soldiers who were lying out in the open. Terry left the relative safety of the trench and ran to their location. He attempted to drag one of the wounded Soldiers to safety, but a Chinese machine-gunner killed both of them.

Terry received the Purple Heart and Silver Star for his bravery. Every time I visit the New Jersey Korean War Memorial I run my hand across his name. It was an honor and privilege to know him.

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Richie Alexander presents Korean War history to students



Richie Alexander paying tribute to Terry Boyle at New Jersey Korean War Memorial

More ➤

11/15/11
Dear Mr. Richie Alexander,

I just wanted to start by telling you thank you, for coming to my school and telling us all the wonderful stories you told us. Also thank you for risking your life back then. It was very brave of you.

While you were telling my class all of your amazing stories there was one that really stuck with me. It was the story where you were on duty, and it was raining really hard. Then you got a call from someone asking you if you wanted a warm shower and dry clothes. So you drove up by a river and you had to walk across it to get to the shower and new clothes. Once you put on the new clothes you had to walk back across water in the rain, and back. But anyway this is a letter of showing how thankful I am to have people like you around. I'm thankful for your boldness.

Sincerely,
Ams Student

Dear Mr. Alexander,

Thank you for coming to AHS. I found all that you had to say very interesting. I didn't know anything about the military and now I have a lot to think about.

Thank you for all of the freedoms we enjoy today. I am happy to live in U.S. When I learn about other countries. I am glad I live here with my family.

I hope you will come back next year to do this presentation again.

From,
Sarah

Carl Cramer

I presented another Tell America Program on November 10, 2011 at the Shippensburg Area High School in Shippensburg, PA. The day began with a wonderful breakfast for veterans. A choral group from the high school sang patriotic songs while we were eating.

After the breakfast, we had a stimulating program in the auditorium, which approximately 300 people attended. I took part by being in charge of the Color Guard and posting the Colors. I also read a poem, "It is the Soldier."

The breakfast and the program in the auditorium lasted about an hour per segment.

After the program, I presented my Tell America Program to two sophomore classes. Last year, I had four classes. This year they extended the class period from 45 to 80 minutes. Consequently, even though I didn't have as many classes, they were twice as long as last year. This gave me time to show some of the video from the Frozen Chosen

and the Miracle Ship Meredith Victory.

I had received five posters from the Department of Defense "60th Anniversary Committee of the Korean War Committee" showing the five phases of the Korean War, which I posted on the wall in the classroom. I also displayed the flag, "Freedom Is Not Free."

Before the end of the class, I gave each student a copy of the book Korean War, an education for students. I had three books left over, so I gave the Superintendent and the Chairman of the Social Studies Department a copy each.

The Chairman of the Social Studies Department sent me a nice Navy Veterans Day Card.

About a week later, I received 38 "Thank You" letters from the students to whom I had spoken.

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Operation Red Frog

By Tom Moore

In September 1952, 1st Lt. Fred Slawson and 1st Lt. Albert Blakeway were talking about the charges of germ warfare being made by the communist delegation against the UN at the peace talks. They were near the Han River, watching a frog jump into the river; an idea was born.

Slawson and Blakeway came up with the idea of painting the frogs red, putting them in cages, and dropping them in North Korea. They made drawings of small bird-like cages that would pop open on impact, and small parachutes attached to the tops of the cages, complete with a nylon cord static line, with a snap hook on the end. Then, they went to work getting these items made.

Lt. Slawson sent his houseboy out to buy live frogs. The boy came back with almost 100 very big, healthy frogs. Then, they sprayed the critters with international orange paint. After the paint had dried that night, the frogs were put in the cages and loaded aboard a C-46 aircraft that was going on a drop run.

Around midnight, the first cage went out the aircraft door

over Chinnamp'o, after which three more cages were dropped. Four more cages were dispatched over P'yongyang as part of "Operation Red Frog."

In late October 1952, at the peace talks at Panmunjom, Gen. Nam II, chief of the communist delegation, claimed that he had irrefutable proof the Americans were conducting a germ warfare campaign. Adm. C. Turner Joy, senior UN delegate, demanded to see proof.

In came three North Korean officers wearing surgical masks. They marched to the conference table and deposited three cages containing bright international orange painted frogs. Reporters' "flash bulbs" popped as Gen. Nam II said the frogs had been dropped by American spy planes to infect the population.

Adm. Joy, barely able to suppress a smile, rejected the allegation as absurd. He said anyone could catch and paint frogs, and it was obviously just another ill-thought-out communist propaganda trick.

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KOREA NOTES

By Walt Bulloch

I volunteered for the Army in May 1950; I was 17 years old. After basic training at Fort Dix, NJ., I completed Leadership Training with the 26th Field Artillery Battalion unit of the 9th Infantry Division, Fort Dix in November 1950. I attended the program in keeping with the Army's policy of training men to competently instruct trainees. I was now 18 years old! From November 1950 until August 1951, I was acting Platoon Sgt., training recruits. My rank was PFC.

I left Fort Dix on September 14th, my birthday, via train to Seattle, WA, and then by prop plane to Japan via Alaska and the Aleutians—a 36-hour trip! I left Japan from Sasabo to Korea. I arrived at the base of Hill 1040 via Korean train and a U.S. 2-1/2-ton truck.

When I was asked what I'd like to do, I volunteered for the 60 mm mortar (thinking reverse slope!). Besides my backpack, I had to carry six mortar rounds and a carbine ... (no reverse slope!) ... basically, a line infantryman. (I managed to help a walking wounded off the line and spent a few days in an aid station.)

I was with the 4th Platoon, "C" Company, 9th Regiment, 2nd Division from approximately October 1, 1951 until April 1952. When I left in the spring, I was gunner on the 60 mm mortar.

A fellow I knew in Fort Dix, who was driving a 2-1/2-ton, befriended me and recommended me to Headquarters Co., 9th Regt. as a mechanic (learning on the job) in their motor pool from April 1952 until I rotated out in September. I was then 20 years old and a corporal!

At the end of October 1951 we came off line and were in reserve

after the 7th Division relieved us; we went back on line in November. At the end of November or December 1951, we came off line to get "Mickey Mouse Boots" to replace our combat boots that promoted frostbite. After we were issued the "Mickey Mouse Boots," frostbite was no longer a combat wound.

By February 1952 I was gunner on a 60 mm mortar (on the reverse slope) - no more carbine, now a .45. In April of 1952, I transferred to Headquarters Co. of the 9th Regiment as a mechanic in the Kumhwa area-Hwachan.

(Letter of Oct. 27, 1951 to my parents (in part):

"Right now I'm back in reserve - came back 2 days ago. We're away from the fighting for awhile ... The 7th Division relieved us. If they can't hold out we'll go back soon. The peace talks look good though - keep praying. Back here in reserve we'll be training every day so as not to get stale. We get candy and beer occasionally, and books, and there's movies every night. It's heaven compared to those weeks on the hill. We have our tents pitched in a valley and they gave us sleeping bags which made it #1 for sleeping at night ... I'm assistant gunner on the mortar - no more ammo bearer ... "

(Part of a letter to Kenneth Brown, February 19, 1952, 8th Cavalry Regt. It was returned to me verified deceased) "I received your letter of October 17th... took quite a while to catch up to me ... I've been in Korea since October 1st. I left good old Dix (Fort Dix, N.J.) on September 14th. I joined "C" Company of the 9th Regt. around the second week of October after working in an aid station at the foot of 1040. I've been with "C" Company on and off the line. My present job is gunner on the 60 mm mortar. I'm expecting that damn corporal stripe any day ... I'm on line now - 1062 in front of us - Been back on line nearly a month now. We should go back to a rest area soon. The Chinese hit our line again the other morning - one of my buddies was hit on a machine gun and died...Rooch, Rauche, O'Malley, Cosme, are all over here now...Cosme wrote me a letter ... said Dario Medino had both his eyes out from a 57 back blast and little DeJesus was wounded ... I saw Sullivan ... in George Co. of the 9th, he's a squad leader in the mortars and DeMattos is in the 3rd Bat of this Regiment.

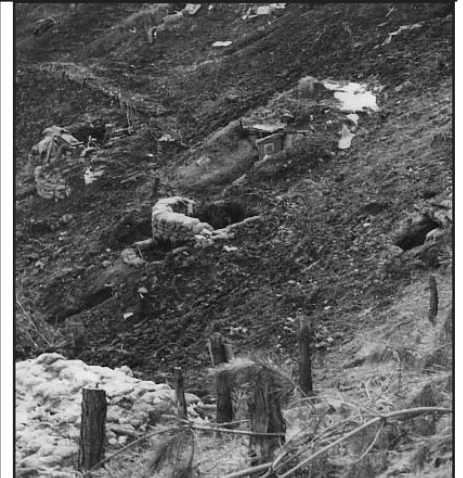
I hope this letter finds you in the best of health ... "

I took the nearby photos while "C" Co., 9th Inf. Regt, 2nd Div. was "on line" in 1951-52. (I believe they were taken in May 1952.) The buddy in one of the pictures with me was wounded in 1951, but I kept in contact all these years with his family, children, and grandchildren. He has since passed away, and it would be a pleasant surprise and keepsake for them to view the pictures in The Graybeards.

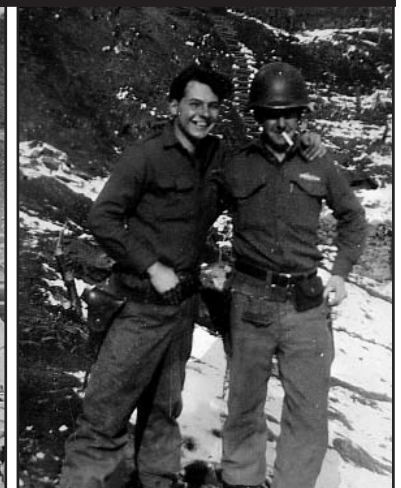
And, maybe some of our readers will recognize themselves or other people in the photos. If you do, let me know.

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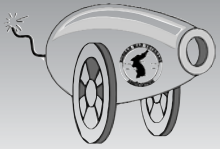
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Thanks, and let other Korean War veterans know about this.

Dr. Jongwoo Han

What Caused The Pusan Fire?

Two stories in the Sept/Oct 2011 issue were of interest to me. In 1953 I was with the 24th AAA Gun Battalion, protecting Pusan from an enemy attack that never occurred. My recollection of 7/27/53 (p.15) is that it was the high point of my duties as a radio operator, relaying the good news that a truce had been signed.

The fire that burned in Pusan at the end of November of that year (pp. 68-69) may have been the largest, but it was not the only one. After earlier fires, the Army reconstructed the buildings which had been destroyed. The suspicion, therefore, was that the November fire had been deliberately set in the not unreasonable expectation that the Army would again do its job of reconstruction.

Was the origin of the November fire ever determined?

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About That Toddy

I was in the 11th Marines, First Marine Division, near the Horseshoe, with a 105 Howitzer unit. I used to get Toddy from a chow truck run by British Soldiers. (See "Toddy," p. 59, Sept/Oct 2011.) The truck came about once a month. I liked it so much I bought a case when it came. It was very, very good.

Toddy reminded me of our chocolate milk back home. Boy, did that bring back memories! Of course, being in a combat zone,

we could only get 24 cans of beer a month, and no hard stuff.

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Toddy And The CIB

Re Frank Berall's comments about the CIB in the Sept/Oct 2011 issue: I agree. As he noted, he was on the MLR, but was not eligible for the CIB.

I served with Tank Co., 14th Inf. Reg., 25th ID. I arrived in Korea in the first week of January 1953. Initially, we were in reserve. Then, we took our tanks near Panmunjom (Hill 155). Later, we moved north of Munsan-ni, then to the Nevada Complex. That's where we were when the war ended.

Since the Combat Tank Badge (CTB) is not authorized, and because we were on line so long, the whole Tank Company was awarded the CIB. The CIB is a very prestigious award, and we were all proud to receive it. However, tanks have been around since WWI,** and Congress has never authorized the CTB for personnel in armor outfits. Why?

There is a CTB in existence. I bought one years ago in a military store. I never wore it, but it's on display in my shadow box, along with the rest of military items. They are either green or yellow, with a wreath, crossed sabers, and the front view of a tank. (*The crossed sabers represent the Cavalry, which the tanks replaced.*)

Frank Berall should have received his CIB. It looks to me like it is up to the discretion of whoever is in charge of each outfit as to who gets what. This should be corrected. If we tankers received the CIB, Berall should have gotten his. He deserved it!

Regarding the Toddy drink: I remember it well. We got 7 cans of Toddy per month, I believe, with 7 cans of beer (Goebels). I always found some guy in our outfit who would trade with me. I gave him my Toddy and I received seven cans of beer. I always thought I came out ahead in that deal.

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****NOTE:** Here is a little item about the first use of tanks in a war and a website for more information. Ironically, *The British Navy was responsible for the tanks.*

Early Use of the Tank

Initially the Royal Navy supplied the crews for the tank. History was made on 15 September 1916 when Captain H. W. Mortimore guided a D1 tank into action at the notorious Delville Wood.

Shortly afterwards, thirty-six tanks led the way in an attack at Flers. Although the attack was itself successful - the sudden appearance of the new weapon stunned their German opponents - these early tanks proved notoriously unreliable.

In part this was because the British, under Commander in Chief Sir Douglas Haig, deployed them before they were truly battle ready in an attempt to break the trench stalemate. They often broke down and became ditched - i.e. stuck in a muddy trench - more often than anticipated.

Conditions for the tank crews were also far from ideal. The heat generated inside the tank was tremendous and fumes often nearly choked the men inside. Nevertheless the first tank operators proved their mettle by operating under what amounted to appalling conditions.

The first battle honor awarded to a tank operator went to Private A. Smith, awarded the Military Medal for his actions at Delville Wood on 15 September 1916.

<http://firstworldwar.com/weaponry/tanks.htm>

This Is My Rifle, This Is My Gun...

This comes under the heading of humor. Reference *The Graybeards*, Nov/Dec 2011, page 15, right column: Irene Drozd holding the RIFLE.. then the next paragraph saying Irene picked up the GUN.....

I remember calling a rifle a gun in basic training at Fort Dix in February 1948. Wish I had not done that as I had to stand on a chair in the middle of the barracks (naked) with the rifle in one hand and "something else" in the other hand and I had to keep repeating, "This is my rifle (hold up the rifle) and this is my gun (hold up my body part) this is for fighting and this is for fun."

I never called my rifle a gun from that moment on.

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Mystery Photo

Regarding the mystery photo on page 52 of the Nov/Dec 2011 issue: after so many years the site is very clear in my mind. It is in Panmunjom, South Korea. Post #3 is on the left side—the GI side. The far left, across the bridge, is the North Korean side and the Bridge of No Return (North Korea).

On my second tour of duty to Korea, I spent many days and nights on this checkpoint and the Joint Security area. Our base camp was Musan-ni, South Korea. I was with the Joint Security Force as a military policeman in 1955-56.

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I Was There

I received my Nov/Dec 2011 *Graybeards* and saw the picture on page 52 of the "Bridge of No Return" near Panmunjom. I have a nearly identical picture in my photo album that I took in 1976 while stationed with the 2nd ID at Camp Pelham and Firebase 4Papa1.

It is also the area where two of our American MPs were killed about one month after I left Korea when they were attacked by North Korean guards while clearing some trees near the bridge.

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Mystery Photo Is No Mystery

I went to Panmunjom on a revisit and I took a picture and purchased a postcard of the mystery site.

That "mystery photo" is the Bridge of No Return at the DMZ.

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LEFT: A view of the Bridge of No Return

BELOW: Guards at the Bridge of No Return



The Freedom Bridge

Reference: Page 52, *Graybeards*, Nov/Dec 2011, Mystery Photo Verification Request

The Mystery Photo is that of "The Bridge of No Return." It marks the Military Demarcation Line (MDL) between North and South Korea.

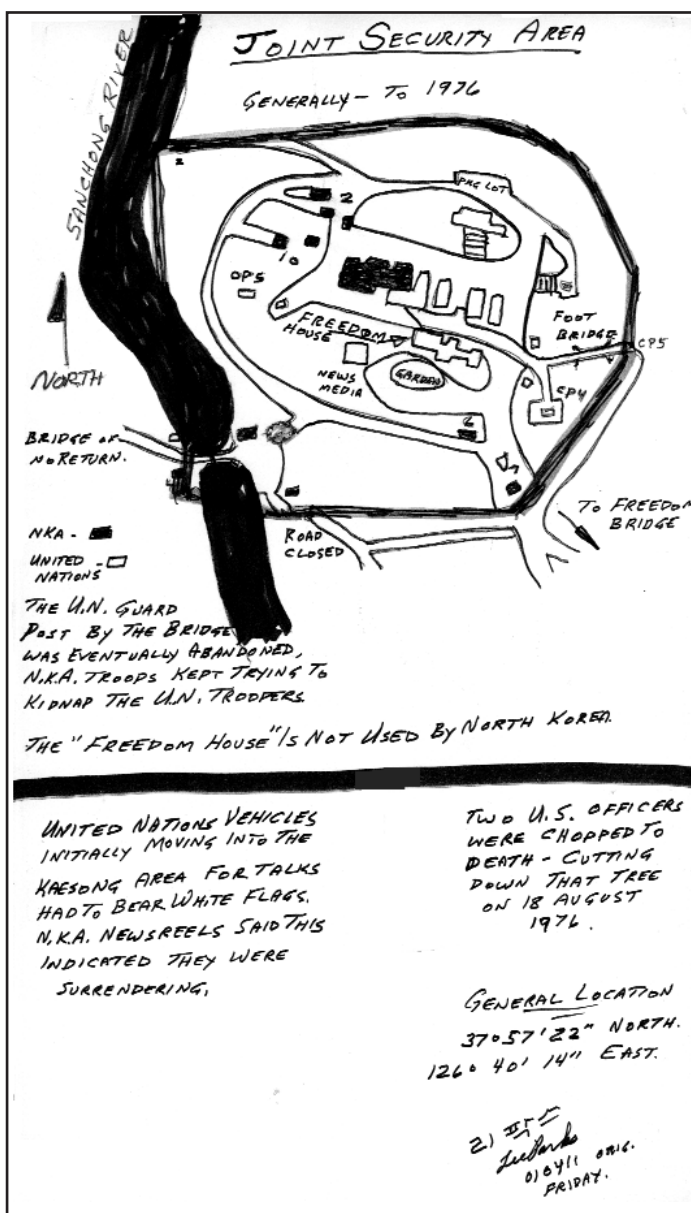
When on a "Korea Revisit Program" tour last October, we passed the site on the way to Panmunjom. Our guide referred to the bridge as "The Freedom Bridge," because that is the spot where prisoners of war were repatriated after the Armistice was signed 27 July 1953.

The following is a verbatim quotation from: "PANMUNJON, Facts about the Korean DMZ" by Wayne A. Kirkbride, page 38. Copyright by LYC Wayne A. Kirkbride, Twenty Ninth printing

probably two dozen others.

You probably received other letters about this photo. Add mine to the list.

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Joint Security Area

Appreciation Never Dies

I am quite sure the mystery photo on page 52 of the Nov/Dec 2011 issue is the "Bridge of No Return" at the DMZ area in Korea.

I was fortunate to be able to take the "Korea Revisit" in 2007, and was amazed at the appreciation the Korean people still show those of us who were there during the war.

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A Moving Story

I have been reading stories in The Graybeards now for many years. I have never read such a moving story as that of Mary Ann Getse about her father William (Nov/Dec 2011, "Searching For My Father," p. 60). What a study in patience and determination!

In trying to piece together her own life in her efforts to finding information about a father she really never knew, she gives all of us the courage to never give up. That is a lesson that many of us will never learn in a lifetime. A priceless work! Congrats for running the story.

To top it off, she mentions that she now plans to visit South Korea and help the sons and daughters of lost South Korean soldiers in finding a common ground. Again, priceless!

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Slip The Dog Some Whiskey

While I was serving with 2nd ID, 38th Reg., Hdq & Hdq Co., from July 1952 to July 1953, a stray dog became attached to me in the winter of 1953. It was with me all the time. She slept under my bunk with a blanket. While I was tending bar at the officers' mess, she slept behind me.

I fed her scraps from the mess tent. The cooks were very helpful. I also fed her from C-rations. When she became sick I asked the medics what to do. They suggested that I add some whiskey to her food. It cleaned her out right away.

After my tour was up I tried to bring the dog home with me. My efforts were unsuccessful, even with the help of a family friend and politician, Norris Cotton.**

What happened to that dog I will never know.

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**Norris Cotton (R-NH) was first elected to the United States House of Representatives from New Hampshire in 1946. He served until 1954. That year he ran for a seat in the United States Senate from New Hampshire in a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles W. Tobey. Cotton was elected to a full term in 1956 and reelected twice. He served in the Senate until 1975.

A Natural Bond

In the Nov/Dec 2011 issue, there was a question as to the number of GIs who had pets during their tour of duty in Korea. There were probably quite a few. I don't know how many were



Robert Kenneth and his barracks buddy in Korea

actually adopted and brought stateside, if in fact pets could be brought stateside. However, I know that just about every barracks had its pet dog.

This was in part a humanitarian effort, because any dog caught off base was fair game for a cooking pot to help feed a meat-starved civilian population. In addition, young American men far from home in an adverse situation would naturally welcome the affection and companionship of a dog.

I was in the USAF 30th Weather Squadron from the summer of 1954 to the summer of 1955. I was stationed at an Army light aviation section at K-46 Wanjū and the USAF Base at K-13 Suwon. While stationed at K-46, we enjoyed the company of a cute little mascot, although the nearby picture was not taken at K-46 but at a satellite station.

When I was transferred to K-13, I lived in the USAF AACS barracks, which already had its resident mascot. American soldiers and canine mascots, it seems, are quite naturally made for each other, each one giving and receiving the affection that is mutually beneficial.

Incidentally, I am always interested in contacting friends who I knew in Korea.

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Artillery Duel

In response to past articles re artillery in Korea:

I served with the 1st Bn., 5th Regt., 1st Marine Div. in Korea from April 1951 into 1952. I don't remember when this incident happened, but it was something to remember.

We had just taken a high ridge after an all-day fight, and we were digging in for the night. Our machine gun was out on a point. The ridge dropped off to the valley below.

We saw flashes. Four or five guns on each side of the line engaged in an artillery duel. We witnessed muzzle flashes and heard small explosions on both sides. One gun on each side went silent.

Then, one by one, the enemies' guns quit firing. It was a sight to watch. I would not care to be on either side during the exchange, even though our side apparently won the battle.

It must have been after this that they "hit and ran," so to speak.

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No Indians In South Korea

Re: Questions about India, Nov/Dec 2011, Page 20

1. Why was Rhee opposed to Indian Forces?

Due to the delicate situation in Far East politics, Prime Minister Jawaharal Nehru decided against sending Indian combat troops to Korea but dispatched 60 (Para) Field Ambulance.

2. Didn't India supply medical support units to the UN coalition in India?

60 Fd Amb formed part of 27 Commonwealth Brigade. They first made their mark at Pyongyang. When the UN forces were retreating, they were ordered to destroy their supplies. This they refused to do.

Many of their members were railroaders (Indian's largest

employer was the railway), and they seized an old locomotive, fired it up, and conveyed their materiel over the last bridge on the Taedong River minutes before it was blown by U.S. Engineers.

They later became part of the 28th Commonwealth Brigade when First Commonwealth Division was formed and had the distinction of being the only Commonwealth Unit to take part in an airborne operation when they dropped into hostile territory in support of the U.S. 187th Airborne Regiment in March 1951.

3. Weren't the Indian medical support units part of the military?

In August 1953, 5,000 Indian troops set sail as part of the UN Custodian Force following the cease-fire.

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"Slinging the Bull" Bull

The September-October 2011 issue carried a review of a book titled *Slinging the Bull in Korea*. It was described as "an engaging insight to psychological warfare in the Korean War era." Although published by the University of New Mexico press, it is by no means a scholarly effort, lacking the substance of solid research. It is misleading in that it virtually ignores the impact of radio broadcasting in psy-war operations during the war.

John Martin Campbell, the author, is an anthropologist and research professor at the University of New Mexico. 'While serving as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force in 1953, he was sent to Korea for a month of orientation shortly before the war, ended. While there, he observed the operations of a Loudspeaker and Leaflet Company. That is the sum total of his on-the-job experience in psychological warfare.

The depth of research required to fill personal gaps in his experience in the field is lacking. Instead of interviewing seasoned veterans in the bloodless battle of psychological warfare, he devotes most of his narrative to detailing his studies and travels. Most glaring is the absence of substantial information about psy-war radio broadcasting operations.

The strategic psy-war mission in the Far East Command was assigned to the 1st Radio Broadcasting and Leaflet Group by the Department of the Army in August 1951. The main body of the unit's personnel had arrived in Japan a few months earlier.

A detachment was transferred to Pusan to launch radio operations from the studios of the Korean Broadcasting System. Army writers and Korean translators and broadcasters produced programs relayed through a network of radio transmitters across South Korea. In his only reference to this psy-war broadcasting operation, Campbell mistakenly refers to the Pusan unit as "a loudspeaker detachment."

Much of Campbell's research, unfortunately, was based on secondary sources and conversations with retired USAF officers who had no significant knowledge about the extent of the Army's huge Far East psy-war effort. In a postwar report on psychological warfare, an Army spokesman said leaflets dropped over troop areas, radio broadcasts and the use of loudspeakers were primarily responsible for the capture of more than 50,000 Communist prisoners in the Korean War. Campbell's assertion that "In the Korean War, leaflets were the primary UN psy-war medium" dismisses radio broadcasting by failing to describe its operations and impact.

Perhaps most egregious is the book's title, *Slinging the Bull* in Korea. The word "bull" is variously described in Webster's New World Dictionary as [Slang] short for bull..., [Slang] to bluff, as with insincere talk, [Slang] to talk foolishly, insincerely, boastfully. The title is another reflection of how little the author knew and understood the full range of psychological warfare during the Korean War, the official military guidelines that governed those operations, the integrity and dedication of the men who conducted them and the considerable successes of their efforts.

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A Soldier Returns Home

Sgt. Joseph A. Bowen was a fun loving, guitar playing teenager when he joined the Army and eventually was sent to Korea. At the Chosin Reservoir, Bowen experienced cold and snow like he had never known in his home town of Augusta, GA. The cold was an enemy, but an even worse enemy appeared as an overwhelming force of Chinese soldiers surrounded, slaughtered, and took as prisoners thousands of Soldiers and Marines dug in around the reservoir.

The Bowen family received that dreaded telegram telling them Joseph was Missing in Action. It is standard for a missing soldier to be declared killed in action after a time; so it was for Sgt. Bowen. Yet, his family did not know his real fate. Was he killed? Was he captured?

Years and family members passed, never having the resolution and closure they desired. What had happened to the young man?

Sgt. Bowen was born in Augusta on March 11, 1931. Since his death in 1950, his parents, H.T. and Ione C. Bowen, and his sister, Edna Lucille Bowen Salmons, have also died. He is survived by his sisters, Margie Bowen Smoak, of Hephzibah, and Ann Bowen Ford, of Hephzibah; many nieces and nephews.

Ten years ago, Bowen's remains were recovered. Eventually, they were identified through DNA. His two surviving sisters were notified, and Bowen was finally back home after over sixty years.

On Friday, 6 January 2012, KWVA Chapter 255 Commander Will Campbell and his wife, Associate Member Joy Campbell, Richard Johnson, and Past Commanders Clyde Hooks and Blake Hill paid their respects at the visitation. The following day the Campbells represented the chapter at the funeral.

There are still over 7,900 of our men missing in action in Korea. There are families who are still waiting for closure, and families that have passed from existence before knowing what happened to their loved ones.

For Sgt. Bowen's family, closure has come.

Freedom is not free. Joseph A. Bowen paid a great price for us. Welcome home, Sergeant. Rest in Peace.

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Musing On An Oath

By L.H. Mitchell

When we all entered the military service we took an oath of enlistment that, according to federal law, was administered by a commissioned officer. That oath is as follows:

I, (name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, against all enemies foreign and domestic; and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.

At the time we took the oath most of us were too young—distracted—dazed—stupid—trusting to understand the gravity of the moment and failed to realize that we were individually giving our sincere promise to God (or to someone who we respected and revered). So, at this late date in life, with a little time on my hands, I've been reflecting on that oath that we all took when we joined.

I suppose it could be argued that we were all released from that oath with our discharge papers. But, could it be that once our "solemn word" is given—our promise before God—Uncle Sam could someday remind us that we gave our word and we are officially considered inactive, reserve warriors and he needs us for another little task? After all, our discharge papers state that our enlistment term is finished and that we are no longer needed. We are released from active duty. This really needs further study.

To begin with, what is the exact meaning of "oath?" Well, my Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines it as, "A solemn, usually formal calling on God, or a god to witness the truth of what one says or to witness that one intends to do what one says."

Whoa! Are we still "musing" here? This will require some serious consideration!

It's one thing to be a military veteran and feel proud of having served. Personally, I would serve again if I wasn't 80 years old. Even now I would offer to do something if I were needed. I'm sure most of us would. But, what about the guys we all know who are veterans and don't feel pride in the service they have done?

Have we ever done anything or said anything that nullifies the original oath that we took? I don't think I ever have. Are we still bound by our oath to support the Constitution at our age? I believe we are. Are military men the only people in the country who ever took such an oath?

There are about 310 million citizens in the United States—about half of them are men. There are about 25 million veterans in the United States. What about all the others: have they taken similar oaths? What are their feelings and obligations toward this country? What are our obligations as veterans who have taken that oath?

Perhaps it's a good idea to sit back from time to time and reflect on that oath we all took, and consider things.

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In January 1951 embattled NKPA forces, except the 10th NKPA Div, started a withdrawal to Hoengsong (ten miles north of Wonju) to get badly needed replacements, equipment and supplies. Later that month, Chinese troops trapped and mauled elements of the U.S., South Korean, and Dutch armies.

We asked in the Sept/Oct 2011 issue (pp. 20-21) for information about what really happened at Hoengsong. A few readers responded. Now, on the 61st anniversary of what has come to be known as the "Hoengsong Massacre," we present a few memories from Korean veterans. For some reason, the event went largely unreported and has not been referenced often in the history of the Korean War.

If anyone has any additional comments about the "Massacre," please submit them to "Hoengsong Editor," 895 Ribaut Rd., #13, Beaufort, SC 29902.

Thank General MacArthur

It would seem the main cause was an experiment from General MacArthur's office in Japan, and enforced by X Corps commander Lt.Gen. Almond. Support Force 21 (SF 21), was attached to the 8th.ROK Division, a command structure that required the total dependence on the ROK's "command and control," an experiment that was regretted later.

LTC. Robert G. Fergusson of G-2 gave Gen. Almond a full G-2 report that the X Corps would be CCF's "prime target." They looked for the enemy to attack in great force (4 Chinese, and 2 North Korean Divisions) on or about Feb.15, 1951. With this caution, many believe that Lt.Gen. Almond would have withdrawn to the well-prepared American defensive positions in Wonju, but instead he pressed on north.

After the battle, the Army seemed to try to cover up the huge losses. (Casualties: ROK-9,844; U.S. and UN, 2,018; Total:11,862). In the spring of 1951, some killed CCF soldiers were wearing U.S. Army shirts and jackets with 2nd. Inf. Div. patches. In the pockets were letters and photos from GIs' families.

The U.S. troops were ordered to turn this material over to their company officers, and not to say a word about the matter ever. The Chinese said the battle of Hoengsong was their biggest victory

Hoengsong Anniversary®

against foreign troops ever.

General Ridgway ordered an official investigation by Gen. George C. Stewart, 2nd Inf. Div. ADC. Knowing his corps commander was the main culprit for the fiasco, Gen. Stewart also knew his assignment was politically perilous. He tried to get out of it, but could not.

The testimony he took was not under oath. His report placed blame on the Korean commanders. With Gen. Almond and all other Americans absolved of blame, there could be no court-martials. Gen. Ridgway continued to blame Gen. Almond. Gen. Ridgway remembered that elements of the 2nd Division were not mutually supporting each other, and for that reason they got trapped.

Many believe that when the U.S. Marines came into the valley 25 days after the battle and coined the phrase "Massacre Valley," they meant shambles, a large-scale overwhelming defeat, not atrocity. The Marines found hundreds of dead soldiers in the valley. Most of them had been stripped of their winter clothes and boots by the Chinese. A few of the soldiers had been executed, with their hands tied behind their backs, and stripped of clothes.

War correspondents with the U.S. Marines realized the Army had covered up the death count. Then "Time" Magazine wrote, "Forty half burned trucks and jeeps, and the blown-out barrels of six 155 millimeter field pieces were scattered along the road. In the vehicles, and under them, lay the burned and decomposed bodies of U.S. and South Korean soldiers. Other bodies, stripped of their uniforms, sprawled by the roadside. This was the sight met by advancing U.S. Marines, two miles northwest of Hoengsong. It was part of the most horribly concentrated display of American dead since the Korean War began."

Somebody Knew About The Massacre

You solicited comments about the massacre at Hoengsong, Korea. Of all the points questioned, I can address about three of them. I was a Marine Corporal at the time and the reason I remember that place is we pulled into Hoengsong at dusk and we dug in our positions. It was on March 10, 1951, my 21st birthday!

My unit was the 1st Tank Bn., 1st Marine Division. I started digging my hole in what turned out to be ground behind a row of tall trees. I soon found out why it was easy digging. I dug into a mass grave of dead Chinese soldiers. That would address the question, "Did they exact a cost from the Chinese..?"

My sergeant ("Scotty" Davis, now deceased) had gone farther up the road from where I was located and came back to say, "There are hundreds of dead doggies still in their trucks who must have been overrun." He also told me the officers reported the hills were full of Chinese! So, we set up every machine gun available, plus some tanks in a firing line across this valley we were in. I remember thinking, "Not even a piss ant could get through our line of fire that night." The Chinese did not attack.

I can say with certainty that the Marines knew of this massacre on March 10th, 1951. Perhaps some units knew of it before then. I can't say how long it took for other divisions to know about it.

I'm not sure, but I think that I recall that it was the 2nd Division that the Chinese caught in that convoy.

Walt Duffett, PhD, Lt. Col., USAF (Ret.), P.O. Box 4296, Prescott, AZ 86302

No "High Fives" Or Laughter

The following are some comments on your September - October article, page 20, "What Really Happened at Hoengsong?" Attached are some substantiating items, flight book entrees and logs kept on pilots' missions, as I believe I was there.

On 13 February 1951, a flight of eight F4U-4 Corsairs (could have been more, but this was the group I was in) was launched from the carrier Valley Forge to conduct close air support for the troops in

contact with Chinese troops pushing down the South Korean nation. We had one napalm bomb and eight 100 pound bombs on each aircraft.

On contacting the air controller, we were directed to an area NW of Hoengsong, where a long convoy of American trucks had been trapped. We were instructed to destroy all the trucks and supplies to prevent the Chinese from utilizing them.

As we started our runs, we could see many bodies lying in the area and we requested if all friendly forces, including wounded, had left the area. We got an affirmative and made our runs, destroying an estimated 10 trucks and damaging 20 more.

On our return to the carrier, there were no “high fives or laughter,” as we felt pretty sick. It’s been 60 years but it’s hard to ever forget seeing so much of our material and fellow military destroyed.

Now we learn that a Dutch military man lived through all the chaos, which is most uplifting to hear. I am proud to learn that the Dutch military is also made up of steel men.

CDR Robert F. Abels, USN (Ret.), 183 Third Ave., #507, Chula Vista, Ca 91910

Editor’s Note: *The supporting documents to which CDR Abels refers are not clear enough to reproduce in these pages, but they do refer clearly to the Hoengsong area.*

This Story Needs To Be Told

I was in 38th Inf. Regt of the 2nd Div on Feb 11, 1951. We were in a holding position on Hill 300. The ROK troops were up ahead of us, three miles along with the 82AA, the artillery, and our L Co. The weather was cold, but clear, with no snow. We thought we were safe, and not too concerned.

At 2:30 a.m. the morning of 11 February 1951, I had just started guard duty. I heard people running down the road. It was the untrained ROK troops. They were bugging out. Shortly thereafter we got fire orders from our forward observer, Sgt Charles Long.

We fired till 6:30 a.m.—a full four hours. Long radioed back that he was out of carbine ammo and grenades and he wanted 40 rounds of heavy shells on his

position, which we delivered. I was gunner at that time.

The enemy got so close we took the tripods off the mortars and held the barrels almost straight up. We then were just in limbo. The artillery came back to our position and we waited all day.

A M.A.S.H. helicopter came in about 11 a.m. The Chinese fired on him and the burp gun bullets were hitting the back of the helicopter and bouncing off. Our Company Commander, Captain Lively (he is still alive at 90 years of age as of this writing, residing in Hope, AR) took toilet paper out of his helmet liner and wrote up a Medal of Honor request for Sgt Long. He sent it out with the copter pilot.

Sgt. Long, who was from Independence, MO, is buried there at Mt. Washington Cemetery. He is featured at the Truman Memorial Building in Independence, along with his Medal of Honor and all of his medals and picture. This building is just east of the Harry Truman Home.

He has one living sister, Edith, who is in failing health. She collected lots of memorabilia about her brother. We live about 125 miles from Independence and have been friends with the Long family for many years. I was a pallbearer for his mother Lois’ funeral.

Anyway, getting back to the questions in *The Graybeards*:

As you know, the enemy was famous for roadblocks. That was what they were trying for at Hoengsong—and they got it done. The ROK troops caused the trouble, because they weren’t properly trained.

What resulted was a massacre. We had two platoons up there, our Mortar Platoon and our Machine Gun Platoon. Of the 100 or so men there, 25 survived.

It could have been a lot different. We stayed there till about 4 p.m. and then started down the road. By 2 or 3 a.m. we ran into the roadblock, or “the gauntlet,” as I called it. The roads were lined with trees. Our trucks and jeeps would make a run for it and hit a tree. Then, the road was blocked. We lost all of our vehicles, weapons...everything.

It was a clear, nice day on the 11th. The Air Force could have come in and napalmed where the roadblock was to be (it was obvious where it would be). And, we could have driven out without much

loss. But, from what I have read, the Regiment Commander tried to talk Gen. Almond into sending some help, but he said, “No, fight your way out.” If this is true, he should have been disciplined. General Ridgeway said later there will never be anything like this under his command.

The whole incident took place in just a span of a few miles. The outcome was primarily a case of depending on the untrained ROK troops.

There is some question as to why it took almost a month before the bodies were discovered. It was just one of those things where they were lying in no man’s land for about three weeks. I talked to a Marine later. They were on a ridge and looked down on all the trucks, bodies, weapons etc. They sent a patrol down and found a Dutch soldier hiding under a house. He was delirious. There were dead soldiers hanging out of truck cabs and backs of trucks.

Eventually, the bodies were recovered and returned home. The temperatures were so cold they froze and there were no varmints to bother them. Sgt. Long’s body arrived home in August 1951, but he was probably blown beyond recognition.

The bottom line is that the 2nd Div bounced back. The Chinese tried to eliminate it in May 1951, but they were stopped cold. This is when they decided it was a lost cause.

Feel free to use this story. It needs to be told.

Doyle H. Parman, Platoon Sgt., 25533 170th Rd., Grant City, MO 64456, Cell ph: 660-254-0334

A Distressing Description

I was a mine clearance team leader. I led a patrol through the lines up the road aways. We came to a blown out bridge, where a jeep had made it down the left side. The driver and an officer were still sitting upright in the jeep. The driver was charred, and had his head tilted back. His mouth was full of snow.

I will never forget this. Up on top, personal gear was scattered. I saw a Second Army patch among the personal effects. There were soldiers lying everywhere. Some looked like they were crawling. Most all of them were stripped of their

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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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winter clothing.

One soldier was lying in the middle of the road. He had been run over several times. We continued down the road with jeeps until we came to a house on the left side of the road. There were two South Korean Soldiers inside the house. Both were wounded.

They were loaded in the jeep. The officer in charge stayed a little while at the house, then we left. If you look up the Seventh Marines record, you can find out more.

William M Parks, 7514 Davis Mill Rd., Harrison, TN 37341

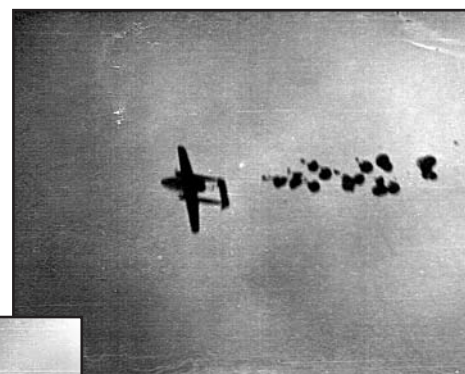
Chipyong-ni

I came across these snapshots recently of the air drop over Chipyong-ni, 12-14 February, 1951. I was part of the 23rd RCT, 2nd Inf. Div. under attack by an estimated five divisions of CCF.

Our supplies of food and ammo were becoming seriously depleted. I whipped out my old Argus and took a couple of snaps before helping retrieve the drop!!

Many consider this battle to be one of the defining moments of the Korean War.

Eugene Roberts, nangene@verizon.net



Parachutes in "plane" sight over Chipyong-ni



Relief drops out of the sky over Chipyong-ni

Agent Orange In Korea?

In June or July of 2011 there was an article in both Fleet Reserve and DAV magazines stating that the DOD claimed that Agent Orange was sprayed along the DMZ in Korea. The next issues of both those magazines said that the DOD had made a mistake. The ROK Army had sprayed in 1968 to 1971.

Since KWVA still doesn't have service officers as of yet, I have been working with service officers from DAV, FVW, etc. I have been able to get some of our chapter members (CID 177) compensation. These service officers tell me that the DOD is protecting its hind end by changing its statement.

I felt that The Graybeards has many contacts across the country. I am just wondering if anyone might have heard anything about the Agent Orange spraying in the early 1950s. I have some chapter members who are showing signs of Agent Orange exposure, e.g., trembling, heart problems, cancer, etc.

Name withheld by request

Editor's Note: *There have been rumors circulating for years that troops buried Agent Orange at Camp Carroll in the late 1970s. Read the 20 May 2011 article from Stars and Stripes re the rumors at <http://www.stripes.com/news/usfk-investigating-vets-claims-they-buried-agent-orange-on-base-in-70s-1.144047>.*

As former KWVA President Lou Dechert told the writer, "This issue will never go away regardless of truth and facts."

Here is a 25 January 2011 release regarding Agent Orange from the VA:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

VA Publishes Final Regulation to Aid Korean War Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange

Will Provide Easier Path to Health Care and Benefits

WASHINGTON – Veterans exposed to herbicides while serving along the demilitarized zone (DMZ) in Korea will have an easier path to access quality health care and benefits under a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) final regulation that will expand the dates when illnesses caused by herbicide exposure can be presumed to be related to Agent Orange.

"VA's primary mission is to be an advocate for Veterans," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki "With this new regulation VA has cleared a path for more Veterans who served in the demilitarized zone in Korea to receive access to

our quality health care and disability benefits for exposure to Agent Orange."

Under the final regulation published today in the Federal Register, VA will presume herbicide exposure for any Veteran who served between April 1, 1968, and Aug. 31, 1971, in a unit determined by VA and the Department of Defense (DoD) to have operated in an area in or near the Korean DMZ in which herbicides were applied.

Previously, VA recognized that Agent Orange exposure could only be conceded to Veterans who served in certain units along the Korean DMZ between April 1968 and July 1969.

In practical terms, eligible Veterans who have specific illnesses VA presumes to be associated with herbicide exposure do not have to prove an association between their illness and their military service. This "presumption" simplifies and speeds up the application process for benefits and ensures that Veterans receive the benefits they deserve.

Regulation on Korean Veterans 2/2/2

Click on these links to learn about Veterans' diseases associated with Agent Orange exposure at www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/diseases.asp and birth defects in children of Vietnam-era Veterans at www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/birth_defects.asp.

VA encourages Veterans with covered service in Korea who have medical conditions that may be related to Agent Orange to submit their applications for access to VA health care and compensation as soon as possible so the agency can begin processing their claims.

Individuals can go to website www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/AO/claimherbicide.htm to get a more complete understanding of how to file a claim for presumptive conditions related to herbicide exposure, as well as what evidence is needed by VA to make a decision about disability compensation or survivors benefits.

Additional information about Agent Orange and VA's services for Veterans exposed to the chemical is available at www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange.

The regulation is available on the Office of the Federal Register website at <http://www.ofr.gov/>.

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Thank you, Carl Cramer

Dear Mr. Carl Cramer,

I think you are a nice man and I appreciate that you took time out of your personal life to talk to our class. When you told us about your experiences I just sat and smiled. I don't know what it is about when you talked on the Korean War your face lit up and that made listening to you all the better. The man that you told us about that had gone blind was very fascinating and it sounded very scary.

I wonder how cool it would have been to be inside of a submarine. You must have loved it with a good chunk of your heart. I know I would find it to be amazing if I was in a submarine. Also I wanted to say that I am very sorry they used your ship as a target when the army felt it had done its use.

I wish that you get live as long as you want. I hope all of your dreams have come true and if not that they do come true. You are a great man and I thank you for supporting and protecting our country.

THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Shaitea Espenshade

Shaitea Espenshade

Mr. Carl Cramer,

I'd like to thank you for coming in to talk to us about the Korean War. My grandfather (he said he knows you), Clifford Grim, was in the Navy during the Korean War and I never really knew too much about the Korean War so I found your presentation to be quite informative and now I feel more comfortable talking to PopPop about his Navy days. Veteran's Day has always been a very special day for my family because I'm really close to PopPop.

My Mom said that we've met before too. I played taps at the Walnut Bottom Memorial Day Parade this past May. I've been playing the trumpet for a long time and it was a really special experience for me to play taps at this occasion.

I'd also like to thank you for your services for our country during your days in the Korean War.

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Mr. Carl Cramer,

Thank you for coming into my class and talking about the Korean War. To be honest before you talked about it I didn't know much about that war and what happened in it. Thank you for using your time to come talk to my class, and thank you for bringing in those books, me and my little sister read it and it was really interesting to us both. I would also like to thank you for serving in our military. I think that what you and your fellow shipmen did in the war was very courageous. My dad is an army veteran so I have a lot of respect for people in the military. He didn't serve in any wars but he has traveled to many places such as the Philippines and Brazil, and right before he retired he went and spent some time in Iran. I really appreciate you and all that you've done for our country.

Sincerely,

Cheyenne Moore

Cheyenne Moore

Dear Mr. Carl Cramer

Although sometimes it may not seem worth it, many of us students, (including me), take a vast interest in stuff that you mentioned. I was very intrigued by the ways that we attacked and how cruel the environment was. You did a great job at pulling out the key concepts at what happened and keep my interest for a majority of the time. It is very important that we be informed of our past because it can help us evaluate, and make better decisions for the future. You have done a lot for us, from buying us books, to posters, to coming down here and showing us videos and explaining the facts yourself. It was really nice having you come down here, and you should keep doing it for the many others in the future.

Sincerely, Dusty Myers

Dusty Myers

Dear Mr. Carl Cramer,

Thank you for coming and sharing your story on the Korean War. I thought it was very interesting what you had to say. It takes a lot of strength, confidence, and bravery to do what you did. I know you do this on your own will, and I appreciate that. I learned a lot more than I already knew. So once again thank you for the presentation.

Sincerely,

Abigail Kitzmiller

Abby Kitzmiller.

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.

1. **Service in the United States Armed Forces.** Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, is eligible for membership if:
a. Said service was within Korea including territorial waters and airspace at any time, September 3, 1945 to Present, or
b. Said service was outside of Korea, June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955.
2. **Medal of Honor.** Any KWVA Member, who is a Medal of Honor recipient, is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
3. **Prisoner of War.** Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
4. **Gold Star Parents.** Any parent whose son/daughter was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
5. **Gold Star Spouses.** Any person whose spouse was killed in action, missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

B. Associate Members.

1. Must not be eligible for Regular membership.
2. Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of this Association and who wishes to support its aims, and not being eligible for Regular Membership; and who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the KWVA Charter and its Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual, shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the Association. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

C. Honorary Members. Any person of good character may be elected as Honorary Member by vote by the Board of Directors. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

D. Ineligible. Any person who has been separated from the service of the Armed Forces of the United States under conditions other than honorable shall be ineligible for membership in this Association.

Parades.....

19 - GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]



Ch 19's three vehicle contingent in the Georgia Veterans Day Parade on Peachtree Street in Atlanta

On Veterans Day 2011 we had three vehicles in the Marietta, Georgia 93rd anniversary parade, and on 12 November 2011 we had 3 vehicles and 13 chapter members in the Georgia Veterans Day Parade on Peachtree Street in Atlanta.

*Jim Conway,
conatlanta@comcast.net*



Ch 56 Christmas parade contingent (L-R) Manuel Adame, Everett Baca, David Lopez, Henry Guevara, David Garcia



"Mount Up!" Ch 56 members in Christmas parade (L-R) Rudy Avellano, Martin Vasquez, Henry Marin, Everett Baca, David Lopez, Henry Guevara, David Garcia, Manuel Adame

56 - VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

Members rode or marched in the local November 26, 2011 Christmas parade. Some of us rode in a 1945 Jeep.

*David Lopez, 1121 New Street
Santa Paula, CA 93060*



Members of Ch 56 (Front, L-R) Gregory Garcia, Robert Bermudez, Rudy Arellano, Richard Ruiz, Eutimeo Beas, Tony Vazquez (Rear, L-R) Henry Marin, Mike Hidalgo, Fred Rodriguez, Gilbert Cabrera, Manuel Salazar, John Mara, Everett Baca, Henry Aguilar, William Cabos, David Garcia, Manuel Adame, Commander David Lopez

170 - TAEJON [NJ]

On a beautiful 11 November 2011 in New York City, twenty chapter members marched in the New York City Veterans Day Parade.

The parade started around eleven a.m., and Chapter President Richard Onorevole led the members down 5th Avenue. Those who



President Richard Onorevole of Ch 170 prepares to lead members in New York parade

Perry Georgison (L) and Pasquale Candela hold Ch 170's banner in New York parade



Ferrarini special thanks for leading our members in the parade and keeping them in step by singing cadence.

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

195 - QUEEN CITY [CO]

We participated in the annual "Broomfield, CO Days" Community Parade on 21 September 2011. A bright sunny day brought out thousands of Broomfield residents to provide an enthusiastic audience for the two-and-a-half mile parade route.

Our chapter provided a unit that included a Color Guard and an SUV, driven by Tom Millensifer, pulling a decorated trailer loaded with members. A favorite feature was the three bagpipers led by chapter President Ken Giese, who played throughout the parade.

Our chapter received the 1st Place Award for military units.

*Bill Baldaccini, 6 Manzanita, Littleton
CO 80127, 303-904-2318, shirbill@q.com*

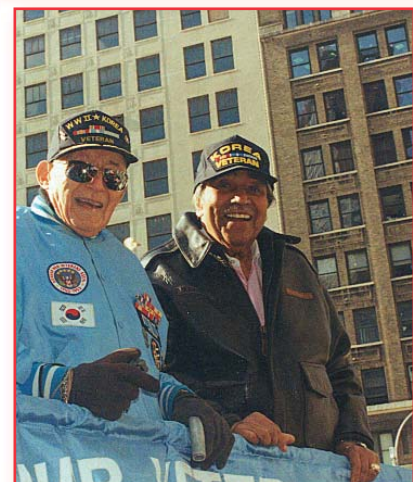
WWII and Korean War veteran and member of Ch 170 Harold Dinzes (L) and U.S. Congressman Charlie Rangel at New York parade

could not march boarded a flat top trailer with New York Congressman Charlie Rangel, a Korean War veteran and Purple Heart recipient.

According to one TV channel's estimates, 35,000 marchers participated. The parade is the largest in the United States. It took our chapter members 1-1/2 hours to finish the route.

The day ended when we returned to Saddle Brook, NJ and visited Applebee's Restaurant for a free lunch for veterans. Applebee's was one of many restaurants in our area that provided free meals for veterans.

We offer Color Guard Captain Henry



Louis Quagliero, Perry Georgison, Henry Ferrarini, and Kenneth Green (L-R) represent Ch 170 in New York Veterans Day Parade



Parade unit from Ch 195 moves along Broomfield parade route

SUV pulls Ch 195 "marchers" in Bloomfield, CO Community Parade



APPLICATION FOR KOREA REVISIT & PEACE CAMP FOR YOUTH (PCFY) TOURS

(UPDATED 01/14/11)

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____

KWVA Member, # _____ Expiration Date (Exp date) _____

NOTE: If you have not yet received your membership # from KWVA please insert "applied for."

List all your addresses, (seasonal/if more than one per year) and dates of residence, no P.O. Boxes.

1. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Dates _____

2. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Dates _____

Phone # _____ Fax _____ E-Mail* _____

*- CRUCIAL FOR IMMEDIATE TOUR UPDATES

Korea Revisit Only

Veterans Passport# _____ Exp Date _____ Date of Birth (DOB) _____

Companion Name/Relationship _____ DOB _____

Companion's Passport# _____ Exp Date _____

NOTE: If you do not have a passport with 6 months validity after last date of return to USA 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 (Both Tours)

Branch of Service _____ Unit _____

Period of Service in the Korean Theater (month/year) from _____ thru _____

Veterans / family member signature _____ Date _____

Complete and mail this form along with the \$450.00 deposit / service-fee per person (check, money order or Credit Card) to Military Historical Tours. Payment in full is required for applications submitted within sixty days of tour departure.

(PCFY) Peace Camp For Youth (Only)

Grandchild: Last Name _____ First _____ DOB _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail¹ _____ Passport #² _____ Exp Date _____

NOTES: 1- CRUCIAL FOR IMMEDIATE TOUR UPDATES 2- If no passport put Applied for in this block and call in when received.

Credit Card Authorization:

I authorize Military Historical Tours by my signature above to charge my Visa, Master Card or Amex \$450.00 Per Person,

The amount of \$450.00 Per Person Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date: _____ please include the 3-Digit code on back of card _____

Name as it appears on the Credit Card _____

Korea Revisit related material please send to:

KWVA Revisit Korea Program
C/O MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS
13198 CENTERPOINTE WAY STE #202
WOODBIDGE, VA 22193-5285

Phone: 703-590-1295 or 800-722-9501
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E-Mail: mhtours@miltours.com
www.miltours.com

Background

The Korea Revisit program was begun by the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA/Seoul) in 1975 for the 25th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War to express the **Republic of Korea (ROK's)** government's gratitude to Korean War veterans and their families also to show them the bountiful results of

their sacrifices and devotion.

MPVA's Eligibility Requirements

Korean War Veterans who served in or supported ground, naval, or air operations in the Korean Theater between June 25, 1950 and October 15, 1954. **Family members** of deceased or disabled Veterans are eligible to participate in the "Korea Revisit Program." An eligible applicant is allowed

to bring a family member or friend as a "travel companion."

Expanded Eligibility

- 1) For the 60th anniversaries (2010-13) there will be more quotas available. In addition, those who have been on a Revisit prior to 2006 can apply to return again. (Call MHT for more details)

2) Widows and family members of deceased veterans or those unable to travel are also eligible for the Revisit as **Veteran Representatives**.

Benefits & Schedule

Free hotel accommodations for the veteran their companion or veteran representatives, meals for 5 nights and 6 days in Seoul for 2 people. If you want to bring more people you may at your expense. Accommodations are based on (2) persons per room, if you want your own hotel room you may at your own expense. All of the above items need to be requested in writing. Tours of Seoul and its vicinity, banquet hosted by the MPVA and KVA with presentation of the "Ambassador for Peace" medal, tours of the DMZ, Pan-Mun-Jom, War Memorial Museum, and the National Cemetery.

Peace Camp For Youth (PCFY) Program for Grandchildren of Veterans

Purpose is to express the sincere gratitude of the Korean people and to build a network for future collaboration among **Families of Korean War Veterans**. Grandchildren must be at least 18 years old.

Benefits & Schedule for (PCFY)

Same as the Veterans tour with an extra day of events and subsidizes are per person, with no companions.

Sundry Notes

1. The MPVA Revisit Program privileges are provided for scheduled groups only.
2. Participants are required to have a valid passport that does not expire until 6 months after return to the USA.
3. Neither MPVA Seoul nor MHT Virginia U.S.A is responsible for any loss of or damage to personal or other items; medical expenses, injuries or loss of life due to any accident of any nature during the tour.
4. Hospitalization, Evacuation and Trip Cancellation Insurance is required by MPVA for all veterans, companions or veteran representatives. Insurance costs are included in the admin service charge for Korea only.
5. Transportation costs to/from Korea will be borne by each person who participates in the program. The Korean government is now subsidizing airfare for persons traveling with the MHT administered group.
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 the administrative service fee of **\$450.00** per person is still required for the insurance and administration.

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REVISIT KOREA NEWS

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Fellow Korean War veterans, families and friends,

The 2012 Revisit Korea dates have been received. They are:

- May 19-25 June 22-28 Sept 12-18 and Nov 8-14
- July 7-14 Peace Camp for Youth (Grandchildren's program)

For new KWVA members, the eligibility requirements are on the KWVA web site: www.kwva.org or below the "Revisit" application form in The Graybeards magazine.

Please be reminded that these sponsored tours are subsidized. All expense's in Korea (minus incidentals) are paid for by the ROK government. Additionally, 50% of the veterans airfare and 30% of the spouse/companion's air will be reimbursed to you upon completion of the tour. This includes both your domestic and international airfare from your hometown to Seoul and return.

These quotas go very fast, so if you're interested, don't hesitate to register. You can always cancel for health reasons, but when the space is gone, it's gone!

Please call our office at 800-722-9501 or 703-590-1295. You can also email us at: JWiedhahn@miltours.com.

New for 2012: Military Historical Tours will be offering optional pre tours to the Chorwon Valley in the North, along the DMZ, or the Pusan Perimeter in the South. The other options are a post tour to Beijing and Xian, China, or Vietnam. (The optional tours are at your expense).

A question often asked: Can we take an additional son/daughter/friend with us to see where I fought during the war? Answer: Absolutely! However, the additional person's air, meals and hotel will be at your expense. They can ride the tour bus, visit the DMZ and attend the award banquet with you, gratis.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn, Revisit Korea Coordinator
Military Historical Tours, Woodbridge, Virginia
1950 Korean War Veteran - Pusan, Inchon, Seoul and "Chosin"

Were the Chinese troops better "hidiers?"

The Chinese managed to move large numbers of troops into North Korea in 1950 without being detected. That may have been due in part to the UN commanders' unwillingness to see them. But, even after that the Chinese were masters at hiding. Consider this excerpt from a Korea War diary:

Early in February 1951, after units of the 40th and 66th Chinese Armies move through Hongch'on they stay hidden during the day, unless there is a heavy cloud cover close to the ground. Vehicles are always hidden during the day. Anytime an airplane is heard all soldiers freeze in place. Thus UN forces do not know how many troops are south of Hongch'on, or where they are located. However, at night they move forward to positions from which they think they can attack the advancing ROK Divs.

The same is true of the 42nd Chinese Army north of Chip'yong-ni.

How were they able to stay so well hidden? And were they better at it than North Korean troops? Or did the North Koreans even try to "hide?" Let us know. Send your thoughts to GB Editor, 895 Ribaut Road #13, Beaufort, SC 29902.

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Jerry Chapman of Ch 82 with New Mexico Governor Suzana Martinez (story on page 31).