

## 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](http://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

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.

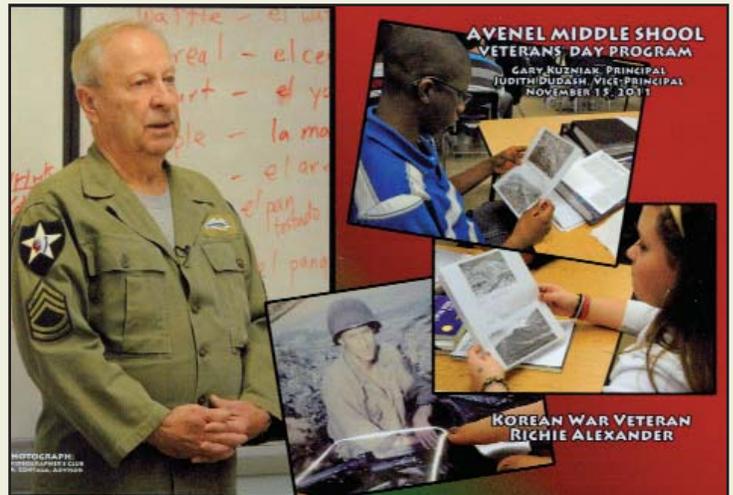
One of my motivations is my old high school friend Terry Boyle, who was killed in March 1953 on T-Bone Hill. He was a medic serving with the 31st Regiment.

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

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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 bravery. 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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