

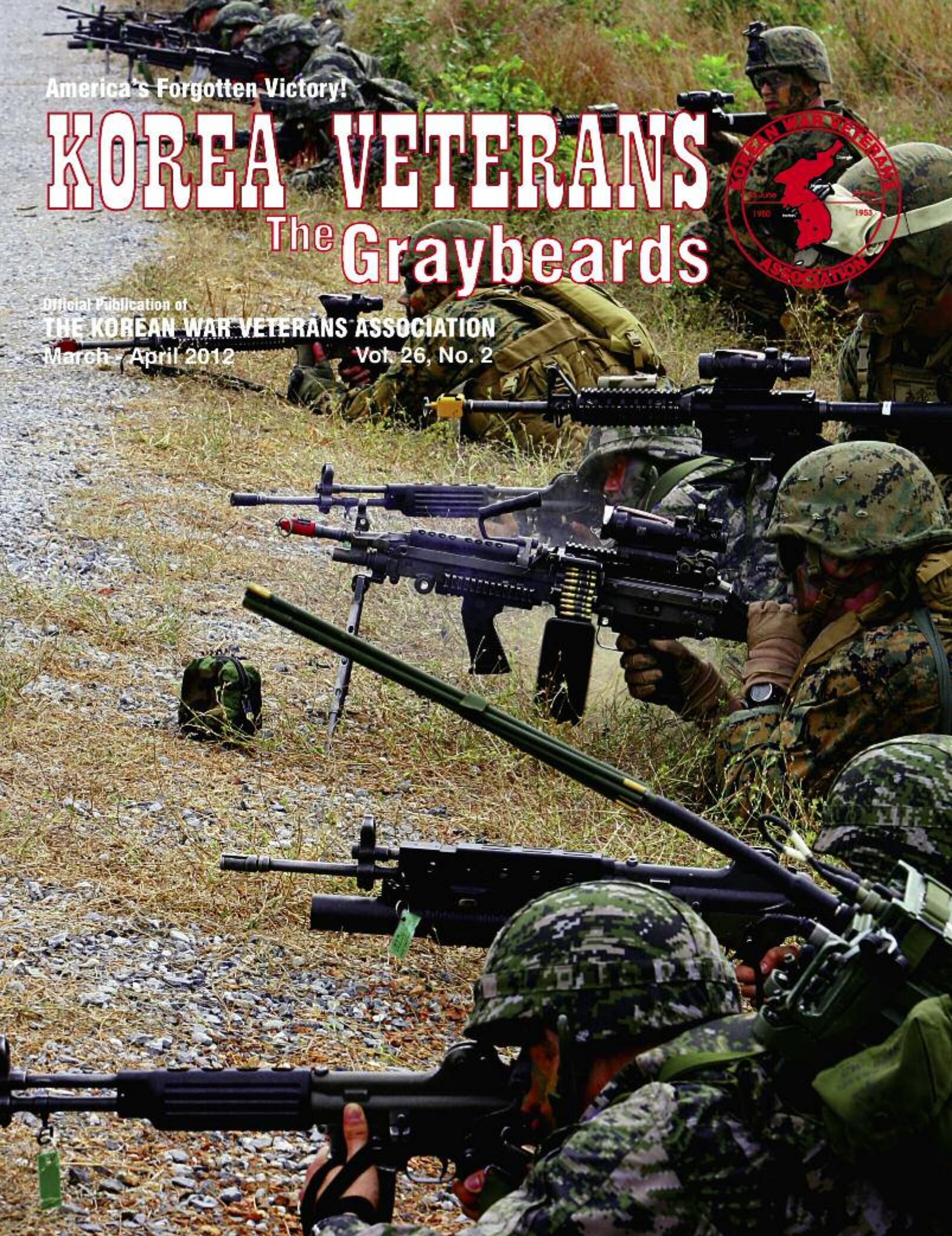
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# From the President

William Mac Swain

Our election process has begun. The CPA has been instructed to honor any ballots that are received with a member's name and/or with their membership number written on it.

It was unfortunate that the peel-off labels were not put on the magazine as requested. The peel-off labels sent under separate cover arrived after some members had already received their magazine. Others received the labels before their magazines were received. I also received many calls from members who complained that the peel-off labels they received were very hard to remove.

The ballot voting will be finished by May 15, 2012. Those elected will be notified as soon as possible and will take office on June 25, 2012. I hope you have taken the time to vote for those you wish to represent you.

I was hopeful that a Congressional Bill Number could be placed on the KWVA Website in February. However, the House of Representatives has delayed that possibility since additional requirements took a higher priority at the beginning of the New Year.

I have contacted the person who will be in charge of obtaining the bill number. He said it would be in the March time period now for the bill to be ready with a number. With that in mind, we must wait a short period later before we can start a campaign to get the bill passed to change the Internal Revenue Service definition of a Korean War veteran.

All Life Members, POW, MOH and Gold Star members will receive a letter in April asking them to respond so our database can be brought up to date. 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 designed to help us save funds now spent on printing and postage for our magazine.

Your cooperation by answering the request will help us save wasted funds. We have already cancelled sending out many

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magazines to others who are not members in order to maintain our expenses on our printing of additional magazines and the foreign postage costs to non-paying individuals.

The KWVA Board of Directors is scheduled to have a Board Meeting in Washington, DC. They will be attending "The Gathering" on July 24-28, 2012. During this meeting the Board will attend the commemoration ceremony of the July 27, 1953 signing of the Armistice. All of this information will be placed on the website when plans are completed by the DoD 60th Commemoration Committee. Any Korean War veteran and KWVA members are invited to attend "The Gathering" in July. This will be the 28th meeting of this group.

As a reminder, the 2012 KWVA Membership Meeting will take place in St. Louis, MO during October 10-14, 2012. The hotel will be the Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westpoint. A chapter is setting up the various events and will also set the required costs of the different events. This information will be available in the May-June and July-August issues of *The Graybeards*, and on the KWVA website from May through August.

In the January, February, and March timeframe, required reports were sent to all those states in which the KWVA does business to fulfill our being a Foreign Corporation in that state. Also, an audit of our finances has been contracted and is now in work for our report to Congress, along

with our accomplishments as a Congressional Chartered Association. Liability Insurance for our Directors and Officers, as well as our Media Liability for the website and the magazine, have been renewed.

It is a very busy time for our Treasurer and President, who are responsible for these items being taken care of and ensuring that our Internal Revenue 990 Form and other paperwork is correct and signed and submitted on time. During this period we are a little behind in answering questions of the membership, so we request that you give us a little leeway regarding answers.

We made a personnel change at the Membership Office. Our previous Administrative Assistant resigned in February and moved to a new state where she could no longer serve the membership. Our new Administrative Assistant has been contracted and trained and is now doing all the necessary membership data processing. If you call the Membership Office you might say, "Welcome, Jamie." (Yes, her first name is the same as the previous assistant's.)

Thanks to all our members who work in their communities to show that not only did they serve in the military in defense of the United States, but they are now serving in VA hospitals and clinics and "Telling America" that the Korean War was a major war that stopped communism from ever spreading in the world.

William Mac Swain,  
KWVA President

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**COVER:** Marines from Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, and Republic of Korea Marines fire at simulated targets during the multilateral amphibious assault here Feb. 10. The Marines were conducting a multilateral amphibious assault with Royal Thai Marines and Republic of Korea Marines during Exercise Cobra Gold 2012. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Justin R. Wheeler/Released)



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## From the Secretary



Frank Cohee

### Our Forbearers' Efforts Do Not Go Unappreciated

#### Looking For Korean War Veterans To Interview

*NOTE: The editor is no longer seeking interview subjects, since the publication has already gone to press. We are reprinting this correspondence to show that Korean War veterans are still appreciated by today's Soldiers.*

My name is Levi Spellman. I am a Spc. in the U.S. Army and the editor of the newspaper for the 2nd Infantry Division, at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea. The Indianhead would like to interview a veteran of the Korean War for our April edition.

In Korea, April is a month designated to celebrate the triumphs of disabled people. To honor that tradition, and the tradition of the fighting forces on the peninsula, we would like to interview a veteran who was disabled during the war, and to discuss the meaning of that sacrifice over the course of a lifetime.

It would mean a lot to the staff here if you would be able to put us in touch with someone willing to speak with us.

Thank you for your time, and I hope to hear back from you soon.

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#### My Response:

I have a Marine friend in CA who will probably agree to be interviewed. He lost a leg in Korea. I am sending him a copy of this e-mail and asking him to contact you. I would send you his contact information but my data base is temporarily not available.

P.S. I was in a separate unit in Korea, 1950-1951, and attached as a support unit to the 2nd Infantry Division. We went where they went and located between them and the artillery.

#### Levi's Answer:

Mr. Cohee,

Thank you for the response. I would be honored to interview him, if he will allow it. If you know of any others who may be willing to speak with me, especially if they were a member of or attached to 2ID, I'd love to be put in contact with them.

I want you to know that we all personally appreciate your efforts on our behalf, and that I truly believe the Soldiers currently stationed here will benefit from the stories of our forbearers.

Again, thank you for your time.

### Looking For Medallions To Use For Recruiting New Members

Greetings, Brother Secretary,

In the September-October 2003 issue of *The Graybeards*, on page 73 there is an ad about Korean War Medallions for sale by KWVA Chapter 14. I regret I did not invest in these medallions at that time, but alas I did not. I attempted to contact that chapter but all efforts were futile. At present, I am trying to recruit Korean vets in this small, rural town where I live. These medallions would be very helpful in that effort. Through your channels could you contact that chapter for information on how to obtain them.

Do you know if there are any copies of the KWVA membership books still available. Again, I did not purchase a copy at the time offered. The reason: the young lady who telephoned me could not understand Air Force terms such as Squadron, Group and Wing when I tried to tell her the units I was assigned to while at K-2. She was really confused. I do not know if my name was even included in the book. Please check your copy to verify that my name was listed. Also, if possible, I would like to buy a copy.

In this small, rural town where I live, we have a Gold Star widow. She is now ninety years old, living alone, and somewhat difficult to communicate with. I was not aware of her loss until I was preaching in the church where she is a member. I referred to the Korean War. She became upset, and left the sanctuary crying.

That afternoon my wife and I visited her and learned her sad story of the loss of her husband. I encouraged her to join KWVA, but she was not interested. Her husband was MSgt. Willie M. Davis, RA34004069, Medical Detachment, MOS 71666, YOB 1916, 187th, ABN RCT, Division 11187 - Unit HQs. KIA, North Korea - June 02, 1951.

The 187th compound was very near my unit at K-2, and I recall watching them load onto aircraft for the drop over North Korea. I did not know Sergeant Davis, and had no idea someone from my little hometown was even there. Mrs. Davis is a very unhappy person. She did not remarry, but raised their children alone. She has very little contact in the community outside of her church.

Brother Secretary, I hope you can answer my questions and help me in my efforts to gain new members.

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#### Here is my response:

James:

I have contacted the President of Chapter 14. His name is Clarence Dadswell, 727-522-6496. His chapter has as many medallions as you want, so give him a call. As for the membership directories, I do still have some available.

Frank Cohee  
National Secretary

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Learn more about MVCs at [www.va.gov/health/NewsFeatures/20091116a.asp](http://www.va.gov/health/NewsFeatures/20091116a.asp).



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.

## No Slight Intended

Re the photo caption on bottom right, p. 22, Jan/Feb 2012 Issue, "Korean War Veterans Digital Memorial:" a name has been omitted.

The photo correctly identifies Dr. Jongwoo Han, Norman Champagne, and Sal Scarlato. It does not, however, identify the "Korean Marine Corps Colonel" with those three. His name is Kangho Park.

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## “Ma-sprey” And The Crow©

“Ma-sprey” moved right. The crow moved left. The crow moved right. Ma-sprey moved left. And so the dance continued.

I was watching a “battle” between an osprey (aka a “fish hawk”) and a crow recently that reminded me in a way of the post-1950 stage of the Korean War. The battle went on with no apparent objective in mind and ended with no definitive outcome. The combatants simply did a bit of sparring in which neither one gained an advantage nor landed a decisive blow, then went their separate ways in an uneasy truce. But, it was entertaining to watch (unless you were the crow or the osprey).

The osprey engaged in the conflict was the easily identifiable female of the family (hence “Ma-sprey.”) Female ospreys are larger than their male counterparts, which does not seem to impress crows one iota. In this case, Ma-sprey, representing the UN troops, was protecting its nest (South Korea), which contained one fledgling. (At least only one was visible at the time. There may have been others still in their shells.) But, she was defending it from thirty yards away in a classic strategy of distraction.

Ma-sprey occupied the “high ground,” the top of a mast on a nearby sailboat. The crow’s objective apparently was the nest (the 38th Parallel), although it never attacked the nest directly. Instead, it engaged in a series of skirmishes with Ma-sprey, which consisted of the crow moving from place to place on the boat and flying in Ma-sprey’s general direction every now and then.

Feint after feint failed. Ma-sprey simply moved a couple feet in the direction of the crow, flapped its wings, and made some noise. Both birds would rest, then start the dance again. At one point, the crow apparently called in reinforcements. (North Korea and China?) Since I don’t speak crow (or osprey, for that matter), I am not sure exactly how he did it.

At any rate, two more crows showed up. Now, I don’t know whether three crows are enough to compose a “murder.” (A group of crows together is often called a “murder.”) Nor am I sure that three crows comprise a sufficient number to “mob” an osprey, which

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is a tactic they employ to harass enemies. At any rate, the two incoming crows landed on the boat, took one look around, made a couple perfunctory moves toward the osprey, decided that there was nothing to benefit them, and left.

Ma-sprey, who apparently did not need any help to hold the line, returned its attention to the solitary crow that carried on the battle alone. “Pa-sprey” was off on another mission, perhaps on R&R, catching a fish, or visiting other ospreys in the area. The fledgling, meanwhile, kept a wary eye on its mother and the crow.

I got the feeling as I watched the battle that neither the osprey nor the crow knew what the real objective of their standoff was. All they knew was that they were engaged in a futile battle to test one another’s wills. The crow was there to attack a target; the osprey was there to defend it.

Ma-sprey adopted a familiar strategy: draw the crow’s attention away from the nest by moving the battleground a short distance away from it. The crow made perfunctory attempts to get around Masprey to reach the nest. But what was it going to do once it got there?

What would have happened if Pa-sprey had shown up and turned the numbers in the ospreys’ favor? Would the crow have given up and left possession of the nest to Ma-

sprey and Pa-sprey? Unfortunately, we will never know. Pa-sprey did not show up, so the questions remain unanswered.

Eventually, the combatants tired of the dance. The crow flew off to do whatever crows do after a standoff with a predator. Ma-sprey stayed in place to maintain a vigil over the nest. And I, the observer, vowed to keep watch over it as well in case the crow returned and the battle began anew. That, more than anything else, caused me to look at the event as a parallel to the Korean War.

There is no telling when—or if—tensions around the nest will flame up again. Hopefully, the fledgling will mature and go off on its own, as South Korea has done. And, its guardians can do so too. But, ospreys and crows probably do not concern themselves with affairs around the Korean Peninsula. They have their own traditional battles to fight with one another. Their stalemates will continue. Let’s hope that is not the case in South Korea.

South Korea has already fled the nest and prospered. The standoff at the 38th Parallel remains in place. Observers remain there as well to make sure the struggle for the nest does not flare up again. They, like me, will be watching the nest like hawks (“fish hawks,” that is) lest the crow resume the battle. Let’s hope Ma-sprey and Pa-sprey emerge victorious.

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### MAY

**Indian Veterans Memorial**, 26 May, 9418 U.S. Highway 31, Beulah, MI. Bob Lucas, 231-510-0607.

### JUNE

**USS Cowpens (CVL-25/CG-63)**, 13-17 June, Cowpens, SC. Matt Siverd, 9 Lakeview Terrace, Eastampton, NJ 08060, 609-845-0877, matt@cowpensvets.org

**3rd Amtrac Bn. (USMC)**, 15-16 June, Tampa, FL. Philip Anninos, 386-447-0171, 386-569-5977 (cell).

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

### JULY

**91st Military Police Bn.**, 24-25 July, Bismark/Medora, ND. Arlen D. Blumer, 321 Elm St., Kindred, ND 58051, 701-428-3345, meblumer321elm@aol.com

### AUGUST

**U.S. Army 32nd Engineer Group** (Includes 430th, 434th, & 439th Engineer Construction Bns.), 10-12 Aug., Branson, MO. David Mikusch, 310 North Lake Drive, Hillsboro, MO 63050, 636-797-2323, hardwork50@sbcglobal.net

**C-1-7** (Korea, 1950-53), 16-20 Aug., Washington DC. Bill Farrell, 203-318-1889, willydoro@sbcglobal.net

**7th Cavalry Korean War Veterans** (1950-51), 26-30 Aug., Reno, NV, Peppermill Resort. Richard Mitchell, 311 Southbrook Circle, Houston, TX 77060; 866-722-8598, rjmitchell3@hotmail.com

### SEPTEMBER

**Plt. 529, 2nd Bn., Parris Island, Dec. 1952**, SSgt. W. S. Johnson was Senior DI. Planning a 60th reunion to be held at Parris Island. Contact Chris Vail, 770-321-5018, greenmtchris@comcast.net

**25th Infantry Division Assn.**, 9-15 Sept., Chicago, IL. P.O. Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031, TropicLn@aol.com, Association website, www.25thida.org

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

**USS Hornet (CV-8, CV-12, CVA-12, CVS-12)** U.S. Navy/Marines, 11-16 Sept., San Mateo, CA. San Mateo Marriott Hotel. Carl & Sandy Burket, PO Box 108, Roaring Spring, PA 16673, 814-224-5063, hornetcva@aol.com, Reunion Web Site: <http://www.usshornetassn.com/>

**51st Fighter Interceptor Wing Assoc.**, 13-15 Sept., Dayton, OH, Dayton Marriott. Allie Craycraft, Jr., 9501 E. Jackson St., Selma, IN 47383-9599, 765-282-0010, alandjuanita@yahoo.com

**44th Engineers**, U.S. Army ("Brokenheart" Batt.), 19-21 Sept., Gettysburg, PA. Dave Clasby, 314-837-0996, dncclasby@att.net, or Ken Cox, 10529 Canter Ave., St. Louis, MO 63114, 314-423-5483, kdc1@wans.net

**USS Montague (AKA-98)**, 20-23 Sept., Baltimore, MD, Marriott Courtyard Baltimore Downtown. F. C. ("Fred") Machado, 5445 S. Blythe Ave., Fresno, CA 93706, 559-266-2978, fcm@unwiredbb.com, or Bob Raftis, 2025 Timbercreek Dr., Marion, IA, 319-377-5815.

**USS Wexford County (LST-1168)**, 27-30 Sept., San Diego, CA. Larry Condra, 314-994-1187, wexford.county.reunion@aol.com, or www.mlrsinc.com/wexford

### OCTOBER

**Veterans of the Korean War Reunion** (all branches welcomed), 2-5 Oct., Virginia Beach, VA. Floyd D. Newkirk, 757-340-9801, fnewkirk1@cox.net. Website [www.VKWR.org](http://www.VKWR.org)

**USS Cascade (AD-16)**, 2-7 Oct., Orlando, FL, Buena Vista Hotel Suites. Bob Croghan, 7827 Cassia Ct., St. Louis, MO 63123, bobsr@croghancpa.com, 314-954-7801 or Leonard Goeke, 2790 Quince Ave., Washington, IA 52353, 319-653-3904

**Korean War Recon Marines**, 3-6 Oct., Houston, TX. James Sauser, 281-332-5725, jimsauser1@gmail.com

**90th FA Bn.**, 7-10 Oct., Branson, MO, Grand Plaza Hotel. Ray Haski, 927 Robin Dr., Apollo, PA 15613, 724-727-3132, jckaloha@kleinlein.lis

**A/1/7 Marine Corps Assn.**, 7-11 Oct., Charleston, SC. "Shifty" Shifflette, 540-434-2066, captshifty@comcast.net

**G-3-1 Korea Assn.**, 8-11 Oct., Oklahoma City, OK, Best Western Saddleback Inn, 800-228-3903. Bob Harbula, 412-462-8537, bobbyjuly@yahoo.com

**USS Rendova (CVE-114)** 17-21 Oct., Dearborn, MI, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Detroit - Dearborn. Chuck Fecay, 22000 Madison, Apt. 326, Dearborn, MI 48124, 313-565-1515, cfecay@att.net (Open to all crew members and squadrons)

**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

## Editor Returns To Northern Office

The winter is officially over when *The Graybeards* editor returns to his northern office. By the time you read this, he will be there.

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## Update

## Korean War 60th Anniversary

The 60th anniversary of the Korean War armistice is fast approaching. No doubt local, state, and national organizations are planning celebrations of some sort. With this issue we will start a section in which we track events being planned.

And, it is a good time to start compiling stories for our 60th anniversary special edition. Please let us know where you were when the armistice was signed, what you were doing, what was going on where you were, how you and your buddies/units/enemies/families et al reacted.

If you have photos, newspaper clips, diary entries, or other documents that supplement your remembrances, they would be welcome. We will put everything together for the special edition of *The Graybeards* that we are working on.

Send your material to 60th Anniversary Editor, *The Graybeards*, 152 Sky View Drive, Rocky Hill, CT 06067.



## Call For 2012 Board Meeting

The Board meeting is called for July 25, 2012, from 0900 until 1700. The meetings will take place at The Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, VA, continuing with recesses through the completion of all business properly brought before it.

Members with items proposed for the meeting must insure that they reach Frank Cohee, Association Secretary, no later than June 25, 2012.

### To make a reservation:

1. Star Group website: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com.Book/koreanwar> vet
2. Call Denise Hodge directly at 1-703-271-6683 and use "KWV" code.
3. Central Reservations: 1-800-325-3535 and use "KWV" code.

### Agenda:

- Call to Order
- To The Colors/Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Administrative Announcements
- Roll Call and Introductions/Recognition of New Officers/Directors
- Introduction of Distinguished Visitors, Major Staff, and Others
- Annual Treasurer's Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Reports from Committees
- For the Good of the Order
- Motion to Adjourn
- Benediction
- Salute to the Colors

*Submitted by Frank Cohee, Association Secretary*

## This And That

### Korean War Veterans Invited To July 27th Event

The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee met with veterans Les Bishop and Lew Ewing, members of CID 313, Shenandoah Valley [VA], to discuss event planning and outreach for this year's Korean War Armistice Day event in Arlington, Virginia.

The event will be open to the public and take place on July 27 at 9 a.m. at the Arlington National Cemetery Amphitheater. It will feature remarks by the Secretary of Defense.

We ultimately hope to attain an audience of several hundred Korean War veterans and their family members for the event. We extend an open invitation to *The Graybeards'* readers to attend.

*Amanda Burke, Media Relations, Korean War Commemoration Committee U.S. Department of Defense, <http://koreanwar.defense.gov>*

### 199 - MANASOTA [FL]

We gave a presentation at State College of Florida in Venice before 60 students on 15 November 2011. The presenters, Bill Skinner, Dick Caverly, Roy Robertson, and Commander Skip Hannon, shared their experiences in the Korean War.

*Thomas G. "Skip" Hannon, 4721 Mt. Vernon Dr., Bradenton, FL 34210, 941-795-5061, [Skip-Pat-Han@hotmail.com](mailto:Skip-Pat-Han@hotmail.com)*

**Editor's Note:** *The chapter did submit photos to complement the text, but they were in an album format that is incompatible with our publication process.*

## North Carolina project announced

The North Carolina State Division of Veterans Affairs is seeking Korean War veterans and their families to recognize during the 60th anniversary of the Korean War conflict. The project is part of the Department of Defense's "Year of the Korean War Veteran," which will begin in June. More than 177,000 North Carolinians served in Korea between June 27, 1950, and Jan. 31, 1955, Gov. Bev Perdue said in a news release.

State officials estimate that more than 72,000 of these veterans still live in North Carolina, and others have family who live here. A certificate of appreciation can be obtained at [doa.nc.gov/vets/KoreanWarForm.aspx](http://doa.nc.gov/vets/KoreanWarForm.aspx). No documentation is necessary. The form may be filled out and submitted online by the veteran, a family member, or a friend.

Requests for certificates may be downloaded and mailed to: Korean War Veterans Certificate, N.C. Division of Veterans Affairs, 1315 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1315. The Department of Defense encourages Korean War veterans to share stories about their service with the Korean War Commemoration Committee's oral history project.

Call 703-545-0522 or visit [koreanwar.defense.gov](http://koreanwar.defense.gov) or for information. [Source: <http://www.fayobserver.com> article 11 Mar 2012 ++]

## The Gathering 2012

The Korean War Veterans Gathering and KWVA Board Meeting will be held 24-28 July 2012 at the Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, VA.

For details and reservation information, send an e-mail to Jack Cloman, Chairman, at [connienjack@msn.com](mailto:connienjack@msn.com), or call 410-658-1788.

## Earning A Silver Star



Henry Smith as a lieutenant

At a meeting in Florida, I met Thomas Smith, whose father, Captain Henry M. Smith, was wounded during battles on "Old Baldy" in June 1952. Thomas had photos and news clippings he wanted to show us in remembrance of

his dad's Korea experience.

One of the items was a Western Union telegram that was sent to his wife explaining the severity of Captain Smith's wounds. Here is his story.

## Rescuing the Wounded

By Thomas Smith

World War 2 veteran U.S. Army Captain Henry M. Smith, age 42, arrived in Korea in April, 1952. He was assigned administrative duties in the 180th Regiment of the 45th Infantry Division. He was wounded in action on "Old Baldy" on June 12th, and evacuated to Japan to a hospital.

While leading a team of South Korean volunteer litter bearers under enemy fire, he was on his third trip to rescue more wounded personnel. His first two trips were successful, but the artillery bombardment killed one of his team members and wounded others. An exploding artillery shell caused shrapnel wounds to his face, legs, arms and torso.

Captain Smith's wife was notified by telegram twice. The second one gave more details of his wounds.

He was eventually transferred to the Fort Devens Hospital in Massachusetts for further medical care. While on a "Convalescence Leave" in January 1953, Captain Smith got to meet his four-month old son, Thomas.

Captain Smith was awarded the Army's third highest medal, the Silver Star, for his heroic actions under fire. He went on to retire with the rank of Major after a 30-year Army career.

Thanks to John M. Quinn for submitting the story.

## KWVA Management Information System

### KWVA Departments, Chapters and Presidents Info

*"Of the almost 16,000 active KWVA members, there are about 7,000 of you who do not belong to a chapter!"*

Fellow KWVA Members,

It has been more than a year since the last listing of KWVA Departments, Chapters and Presidents Information was published in The Graybeards. Those of you with computers are able to view daily up-to-date listings of this information by logging on to our KWVA website at [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org) and clicking on the link: List of Depts/Chpts, on the upper-center of the Home Page.

If you are a KWVA member and have not joined a KWVA chapter, this listing should be of particular importance to you! Do you know where there is a chapter near you; near enough for you to attend meetings? Most chapters meet once a month. The meeting day, time, and place can be found on the internet at the website and link listed above, or you may contact the Chapter president as shown in the following listing by phone or US mail.

I hear and see the question often asked, "What does KWVA do for me besides provide me six issues of The Graybeards each year and the ability to vote for National KWVA officers?" The short answer is, "You get what you want to get and what you look for!" But, if you have a computer, you can get much more, simply by visiting the KWVA website and viewing the various links that are available. You will be surprised at the volume of current and archival information, to include many old issues of The Graybeards, that are available and of interest to veterans and, in particular, Korean War

and Korea Service veterans. Of equal, if not of more, importance, The Korean War Veterans Association has provided the framework for the development of 235 chapters and 16 departments nationwide. These KWVA units provide an opportunity for you to meet and associate with veterans of similar interest. They serve as a support group to those of us in our older age in our homes, hospitals, nursing homes and hospices as we deal with the rigors of our past service currently and in our retirement years. So, if you are not a member of a KWVA chapter, seek out a chapter from the listing on the following pages and visit one of their meetings. If there is not a chapter near you, contact me to consider the possibility of your being involved in the organization of a Chapter in your area. Of the almost 16,000 active Regular KWVA members, there are about 7,000 of you who do not belong to a chapter! So, why not take the next step and seek out a Chapter? Try it; you might like it!

*Special Note to Chapter Officers:* The information on the following listing is as up-to-date as the data I have been provided from your staff. Please let me know if there are any corrections that should be made, to include your latest election report, if it has not been submitted. Yours for a better KWVA,

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## Brrrr...

Don Donnelly, Secretary of CID 179, San Diego County [CA], tried to stay warm in Korea. He wasn't alone.

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Florida	155	Florida Gulf Coast	Bob Hebner	239-573-1983	404 SE 28th Ter	Cape Coral	FL	33904
Florida	158	William R. Charette (MOH)	Frank E. Cohee Jr.	863-859-1384	4037 Chelsea Lane	Lakeland	FL	33809
Florida	159	Sunshine State	Peter H. Palmer	727-584-7143	PO. Box 5298	Largo	FL	33779-5298
Florida	169	KWVA of Lake County	Tom Thiel	352-408-6612	PO Bx 491428	Leesburg	FL	34849-1428
Florida	173	Mid-Florida	Charles Travers	407-252-7447	PO. Box 160505	Altamonte Springs	FL	32716-0505
Florida	175	LT Baldomero Lopez (MOH)	Murdoch Ford	813-783-9033	7041-23rd St	Zepherhills	FL	33540-1553
Florida	188	South Lake County	David Litz	352-536-9022	6550 Greengrove	Clermont	FL	34714
Florida	189	Central Florida East Coast	Robert McGuire	386-323-6401	971 Indian Lake Rd	Daytona Beach	FL	32124-2648
Florida	192	Citrus County	Herman 'Hank' Butler Jr.	352-563-2496	2110 NW 17th St	Crystal River	FL	34428
Florida	199	Manasota	Thomas 'Skip' Hannon	941-795-5061	4721 Mt Vernon Dr	Bradenton	FL	34210-2038
Florida	200	North East Florida	Henry L. Moreland	904-384-2031	2360 Lake Shore Blvd	Jacksonville	FL	32210
Florida	210	Brevard County	Mickey Tutolo	321-269-4221	1502 Elm Ter	Titusville	FL	32780
Florida	267	GEN James A. Van Fleet	Richard E 'Dick' Davis	352-378-5560	2205 NW 19th Ln	Gainesville	FL	32605
Florida	318	Indian River County	Hugh Harris	772-770-2186	2889 Saint Barts Sq	Vero Beach	FL	32961
Georgia	19	GEN Raymond G. Davis	Robert McCubbins	770-565-8856	458 Woodstone W DR	Marietta	GA	30068

Georgia	317	SGT Billy Freeman	Charles W Patterson	706-234-8424	545 N Avery Rd	Rome	GA	30165
Hawaii	20	Hawaii #1	Herbert Schreiner	808-456-1078	2290 Aupaka St	Pearl City	HI	96782
Hawaii	47	Kauai	Royce T. Ebesu	808-822-4341	4890 Lani Rd	Kapaa	HI	96746
Hawaii	144	Aloha	Jimmy K. Shin	808-286-3333	PO Box 88232	Honolulu	HI	96830-8232
Hawaii	231	Big Island	William Yoeman	808-895-4548	PO Bx 52	Mountain View	HI	96771-0052
Hawaii	279	West Hawaii	Joseph Nimori	808-329-3058	PO Box 169	Holualoa	HI	96725-0169
Hawaii	282	Maui No Ka Oi	Robert Fevella	808-878-1744	202 Nakoa Dr	Wailuku	HI	96793
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Illinois	21	Robert Wurtsbaugh	David Thornsborough	217-759-7321	28869 N 1800 E Rd	Alvin	IL	61811
Illinois	23	South Suburban	Arnold Feinberg	708-460-6914	8916 W Leslie Dr	Orland Hills	IL	60477
Illinois	24	Charles Parlier	Orval Mechling	217-864-6936	352 W Arch St	Mt Auburn	IL	62547-9701
Illinois	25	Greater Chicago	Joe Henmueller	773-774-9671	5641 N Olcott Av	Chicago	IL	60631-3051
Illinois	26	Lester Hammond CMH	Robert H. Ericson	217-222-1640	1134 S 14th St	Quincy	IL	62301
Illinois	27	Sangamon County	Robert Wolf	217-529-2214	1918 E Hood St	Springfield	IL	62703-4814
Illinois	95	Imjin	Thomas G. McCaw	618-632-2220	PO Bx 211	O'Fallon	IL	62269
Illinois	150	Northwest Illinois	Leland A. Wallis	815-297-2385	817 SW Av	Freeport	IL	61032
Illinois	168	Quad Cities	Robert Fitts	309-793-1292	2511 22nd Av	Rock Island	IL	61201-4639
Illinois	243	Peoria	William Gene Wilson	309-742-8151	8220 N McClellan Rd	Elmwood	IL	61529
Illinois	272	Greater Rockford	Warren Ramsey	815-335-2423	211 S Pecatonica St	Winnebago	IL	61088-8577
Indiana	DIN	Department of Indiana	Tine P. Martin Sr.	317-852-2413	8 Jackson Ct	Brownsburg	IN	46112-1684
Indiana	28	Indiana #2	Edward Cavenaugh	765-474-2207	1557 Crestwood	Lafayette	IN	47909
Indiana	29	SSGT William E Windrich #3	Richard Garza	219-932-2846	3917 S Sheffield Av	Hammond	IN	46327-1167
Indiana	30	Indiana #1	Garry Sink	260-638-4919	17430 Zubrick Rd	Roanoke	IN	46783-8749
Indiana	129	Southeastern Indiana #4	Luther E. Rice Jr.	812-926-2790	PO Box 432	Aurora	IN	47001
Indiana	133	Quiet Warrior	Arthur Flotow	260-447-5296	6324 Holgate Dr	Fort Wayne	IN	46816-1523
Indiana	259	Central Indiana	Tine P. Martin Sr.	317-852-2413	8 Jackson Ct	Brownsburg	IN	46112-1684
Indiana	278	Gene A. Sturgeon Memorial	Norman Brown	765-825-9632	2314 Whitewater Av	Connersville	IN	47331
Indiana	308	Anderson Tri-County	Edward Bailey Jr.	765-643-0863	3247 West Cross St	Anderson	IN	46011
Iowa	99	Tall Corn	Vilas L. 'Sid' Morris Jr.	319-266-5184	4309 S Main St	Cedar Falls	IA	52402-2432
Kansas	181	Kansas #1	Thomas W. Stevens	913-696-0447	5310 W 122nd Ter	Overland Park	KA	66209-3518
Kentucky	219	Central Kentucky	Chet Care	859-273-6787	1310 Deerwood Dr	Frankfort	KY	40601-9206
Louisiana	180	CENLA [Central Louisiana]	Jesse Campos	337-238-0170	143 Dogwood Dr	Anacoco	LA	71403-2928
Louisiana	205	Crossroads	Douglas J Rhodes	318-487-1608	101 Big Lake Rd	Pineville	LA	71360
Louisiana	230	Baton Rouge	Robert E. 'Bob' Thomas	225-275-6289	10724 Sherwood Dr.	Baton Rouge	LA	70815
Maine	32	Burton-Goode-Sargent #1	Albert Gibson	207-989-7171	587 Eastern Av	Brewer	ME	04412
Maine	79	CPL Clair Goodblood (MOH)	Philip W. Tiemann Jr.	207-623-9309	9 Glenwood St	Augusta	ME	04330-6907
Maine	277	Mid-Coast Maine	Joseph E. Wallace	207-594-5799	38 Lakeview Dr	Rockland	ME	04841
Maine	292	Crown of Maine	Norman J. Bourgoin	207-762-2391	58 Chapman Rd	Presque Isle	ME	04769
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Maryland	33	Maryland	Charles J. Reed Jr.	410-682-5155	610 Greyhound Rd.	Baltimore	MD	21221
Maryland	107	James P. Dickel	James Dickel	301-264-3651	PO Bx 378	Mt Savage	MD	21545-0378
Maryland	142	Korean War Veterans	Glenn Wienhoff	301-607-6355	PO Bx 1647	Frederick	MD	21702
Maryland	271	Aberdeen	Nick Guerra	410-272-0458	PO. Box 3	Aberdeen	MD	21001
Maryland	312	Antietam	James G. Ensminger	301-791-0268	17819 Woodvale Ct	Hagerstown	MD	21740-7855
Massachusetts	34	Alfred Lopes, Jr./Ronald R. Ferris	Francis P. Hayes Jr.	781-834-7851	1520 Ocean St Apt 39	Marshfield	MA	02050-3563
Massachusetts	35	Rudolph H. DeSilva Memorial	Robert V. Simmons	508-823-0572	C/O VFW Post 611	Taunton	MA	02780-3507
Massachusetts	36	Central Massachusetts	James E. McDonald	508-753-3789	10124 Arbor Av Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury	MA	01545-6024
Massachusetts	37	PFC Joseph R. Ouellette M.O.H.	Alfred Constanza	978-475-1992	8 Fulton Rd	Andover	MA	01810-5517
Massachusetts	141	Cape & Islands #1	John O'Rourke	508-394-0343	57 Neptune Ln	South Yarmouth	MA	02664
Massachusetts	187	Western Massachusetts 2000	Joseph Kalesnik	413-568-1076	55 Foch Av	Westfield	MA	01085-1029
Massachusetts	294	Greater Haverhill	Robert Turcotte	978-372-3768	9 Blaisdell St #1	Haverhill	MA	01832-5424
Massachusetts	299	Korea Veterans of America	Albert McCarthy	508-829-4236	15 Farnum St	Worcester	MA	01602-2101
Massachusetts	300	Korean War Veterans of Mass.	John J. Dowd	617-625-7776	19 Bradley St	Somerville	MA	02145-2906
Michigan	38	Northwest Michigan	Albert C. 'Al' Ockert	231-946-4698	356 W River Rd	Traverse City	MI	49684
Michigan	39	Mid-Michigan	Donald L. Sanchez	810-653-4453	5156 N Gale Rd	Davison	MI	48423-8955
Michigan	164	Dale H. Williams Post #1996	Harry Ray Nelson III	231-775-0622	11 Huron St	Cadillac	MI	49601
Michigan	251	Saginaw/Frankenmuth	Bob Simon	989-792-3718	7286 Spring Lake Trail	Saginaw	MI	48603-1684
Michigan	256	Norville B. Finney	Richard L. Charbonneau	248-543-3577	532 W Troy St	Ferndale	MI	48220-3305
Michigan	306	West Michigan	Sherwin Nagelkirk	616-895-4822	10815 56th Av	Allendale	MI	49401-8352
Minnesota	40	Minnesota #1	Ed Valle	866-900-1950	1410 Foster St	River Falls	MN	54022-6902
Minnesota	41	Frozen Chosin	William Hoehn	507-278-3053	56774 177th St	Good Thunder	MN	56037-2002
Minnesota	254	Fairmont	Hurly Morris	507-632-4510	410 W Andrews St	Ceylon	MN	56121
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Missouri	44	Missouri #1	Donald L. Gutmann	314-739-7922	11959 Glenvalley Dr	Maryland Heights	MO	63043-1628
Missouri	78	Jefferson County	Wilbert W. Sexauer	636-586-6931	3245 Fountain City Rd	Desoto	MO	63020
Missouri	96	North St Louis County #4	Kenneth L. Hoffman	314-837-7387	25 Ridgelawn Ct	Florissant	MO	63031
Missouri	135	Harry S. Truman	Joe Bryant	417-365-1389	28 Crown Dr	Branson West	MO	65737
Missouri	186	St. Charles County	Richard Saip	636-724-4538	621 Rebecca Dr	St. Charles	MO	63301-1385
Missouri	281	Rolla #9	Jack Smart	573-265-8945	Clearwater Dr	Rolla	MO	65401-8460
Nebraska	183	Nebraska #1	William J. Wirges Jr.	402-894-0559	15010 Holmes St	Omaha	NE	68137
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Nevada	305	Carson City	Angelo Defelice	775-882-0916	214 W King St.	Carson City	NV	89703
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New Jersey	49	Ocean County	Anthony Grace	732-240-9456	34 Cabrillo Blvd	Toms River	NJ	08757-5705
New Jersey	52	Hong Song	Jack Slattery	732-787-6286	571 Palmer Av	West Keansburg	NJ	07734
New Jersey	53	Union County	Michael Pileggi	908-862-2497	386 W Linden Av	Linden	NJ	07036-4318
New Jersey	54	Thomas W. Daley, Jr.	Andrew T Jackson	856-424-0736	117 Kingsdale Av	Cherry Hill	NJ	08003-1914
New Jersey	94	Hudson County	Ralph 'Lucky' Pasqua	201-858-4538	PO Box 841	Bayonne	NJ	07002-0841
New Jersey	148	Central Jersey	Charles Koppelman	609-655-3111	6 Yarmouth Dr	Monroe Township	NJ	08831
New Jersey	170	Taejon	Richard Onorevole	201-796-1765	757 Saddle River Rd	Saddle Brook	NJ	07663-4449
New Jersey	213	Hector A Cafferata, Jr [MOH]	Leonard Speizer	973-691-8265	4 Prospect Av	Budd Lake	NJ	07828
New Jersey	216	KWVA M*A*S*H 4099	Albert J. Gonzales	201-461-0152	115 Irving St	Leonia	NJ	07605
New Jersey	234	KWV of Atlantic County, N.J.	William D. Coulter Sr.	609-485-0360	4 Jenny Lynn Dr	Northfield	NJ	08225-1532
New Mexico	82	Albuquerque NM #1	Jerry Chapman	505-459-5282	1600 Knoll Crest Ct	Los Lunas	NM	87031
New York	DNY	Department of New York	Salvatore Scarlato	631-724-5459	19 Torlen Ct	Happauge	NY	11788-2617
New York	55	Nassau County #1	Howard Plattner	516-334-3692	22 Crystal Ln	Westbury	NY	11590-5729
New York	58	Monroe County	Roger Hill	585-594-1221	21 Mapleton Dr	North Chili	NY	14514-1209
New York	59	Northeastern	James Busher	518-237-9367	PO Box 44	Troy	NY	12182-0044
New York	60	Adirondack	Raymond A. Waldron	518-584-4362	4 Patricia Ln	Saratoga Springs	NY	12866-2812
New York	63	Western New York	Carl J. Marranca	716-876-5528	3354 Delaware Av	Kenmore	NY	14217
New York	64	Central Long Island	Salvatore Scarlato	631-724-5459	19 Torlen Ct	Happauge	NY	11788-2617
New York	65	Eastern Long Island	Ralph Dispigna	631-725-2099	18 Bay Av	Sag Harbor	NY	11963
New York	66	CPL Allan F. Kivlehan	Joseph A. 'Joe' Calabria	718-967-1120	665 Barlow Av	Staten Island	NY	10312-2001
New York	67	Finger Lakes #1	Robert Sherman	585-396-1976	95 Tillotson St	Canandaigua	NY	14424-2032
New York	90	Eagle (Rockland Co.)	Daniel Zevola	845-634-4859	10 N Williams St	New City	NY	10956
New York	91	Westchester-Putnam County	Jack Lotz	914-968-9236	117 De Haver Drive, Unit 346	Yonkers	NY	10703
New York	105	Central New York	Edward Grala	315-463-8455	341 Clover Ridge Dr	Syracuse	NY	13206-2444
New York	113	Thousand Islands	Joseph Hale	315-782-8752	Thousand Is. VFW Post 1400	Watertown	NY	13601
New York	171	Brooklyn	Don Feldman	718-946-4175	2015 Shore Pkwy #14D	Brooklyn	NY	11214-6839
New York	202	Orange County	Samuel L. Tucker	845-386-1370	2098 Mountain Rd	Otisville	NY	10963
New York	208	Putnam County	Louis Gasparini	845-278-7856	63 Oakwood Dr	Brewster	NY	10509-3825
New York	239	Skinner - Grogan	James Hall	315-894-3252	1925 State Rt 8	Cold Brook	NY	13324-2003
New York	283	Columbia County	John H. Neary	518-758-7912	11 Pin Oak Dr	Kinderhook	NY	12106-1811
New York	284	St Lawrence County	Herbert Spence	315-769-8183	10 N Main St #2	Massena	NY	13662
New York	296	Cayuga County	John Barwinczok	315-253-6022	25 Leavenworth Av	Auburn	NY	13021-4552
North Carolina	265	Charlotte	Don Putnam	704-46-4709	7036 Thorncliff Dr	Charlotte	NC	38210-6508
North Carolina	314	Western North Carolina	James E. Jean	828-692-9148	123 Castleton Ln	Hendersonville	NC	28791-9707
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Ohio	51	Richland County	Glenn Greenawalt	419-683-3603	1304 Walcrest Dr	Mansfield	OH	44903
Ohio	69	Greater Cleveland	John Marinchek	330-225-3786	2726 Marland Dr	Hinckley	OH	44233-9517
Ohio	70	Ohio Valley	Thomas Young	740-695-1936	113 Glenn Av	Saint Clairsville	OH	43950-9725
Ohio	71	Western Ohio - Lake Erie	Howard 'Pat' Ryan	440-365-4960	620 Gulf Rd	Elyria	OH	44035-3647
Ohio	81	Buckeye	James Beck	330-484-7838	3625 Maplewood Av SW	Canton	OH	44706-4905
Ohio	108	Western Ohio	Ben Hiser	937-667-2871	1607 Margene Dr	Piqua	OH	45356-2939
Ohio	112	Lake Erie	Stephen 'Steve' Szekely	216- 381-9080	1516 Laclede Rd	South Euclid	OH	44121-3012
Ohio	115	Johnnie Johnson	Thomas E Routson	567-204-7916	1824 Stewart Rd	Lima	OH	45801
Ohio	116	Central Ohio	Donald E. Vest SR.	614-871-0872	36 James St	Rosenville	OH	43777
Ohio	121	Greater Cincinnati	Robert L. McGeorge	513-923-4920	3296 Blueacres Dr	Cincinnati	OH	45239-6109
Ohio	125	Greene County	Howard W. Camp	937-372-6403	430 S Stadium Dr	Xenia	OH	45385
Ohio	126	Tri-State	George Piggott	330-456-4988	3720 Root Av NE	Canton	OH	44705-2662
Ohio	131	Northwest Ohio	Daniel W Draheim	734-847-0606	1551 Longfellow	Temperance	MI	48182

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Ohio	137	Mahoning Valley	John Pariza	330-782-1326	4026 Stratford Rd	Youngstown	OH	44512-1065
Ohio	138	Akron Regional	Aaron Cool	330-848-3136	344 Waterford St	Akron	OH	44319-3650
Ohio	151	Hocking Valley	Thomas Travis	740-385-5798	9825 WalnutDowler Rd	Logan	OH	43138-9359
Ohio	172	Hancock County	H. Weldin Neff	567-207-2010	1393 River R N TP #73	Tiffin	OH	44883
Ohio	182	Coshocton	Fred Hosfelt	740-622-2578	8 OAK Pointe Dr	Coshocton	OH	43812-2464
Ohio	280	William J. Fantozzi	Ed Steyns	419-433-5879	5108 W Waterberry Dr	Huron	OH	44839
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Oklahoma	177	Eastern Oklahoma	James Stark	918-478-3720	PO Box 878	Fort Gibson	OK	74434-0878
Oklahoma	319	Lawton	Cecil Bud Arenz	580-512-7282	2807 NW Lynn Cir	Lawton	OK	73507-1133
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Oregon	72	Oregon Trail	Donald Cohen	360-883-2922	14013 NE 5th Cir	Vancouver	WA	98684
Oregon	84	Iron Triangle	James Leiper	503-390-7559	4446 46TH Av NE	Salem	OR	97305-3103
Oregon	257	Rogue Valley	Sam McCauley [	541-512-9350	102 Freshwater Dr	Phoenix	OR	97535
Oregon	315	Southern Oregon	Henry Nussbaum	315-479-5936	2700 Rogue River Hwy	Grklants Pass	OR	97527-4660
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Pennsylvania	74	KWVA of WPA	Don McIlrath	412-793-1603	5727 Saltburg Rd	Verona	PA	15147-3211
Pennsylvania	75	PFC Stanley A. Gogoj #38	John Plenskofski	215-442-1737	309 Kalmia St	Warminster	PA	18974
Pennsylvania	109	Northeastern Pennsylvania	John Howard	570-722-3027	289 Patten Cir	Albrightsville	PA	18210-3731
Pennsylvania	114	Yongdung Po	William Meredith	215-757-4547	208 W Maple St	Levittown	PA	19047
Pennsylvania	178	York County	Ronald W. Busser	717-244-3680	303 Winners Cir Dr	Red Lion	PA	17356
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Rhode Island	147	West Bay Rhode Island #2	Robert F. Hartley	401-821-4043	6 First St	Coventry	RI	02816-8451
Rhode Island	258	Northern Rhode Island	Richard St Louis	401-231-5802	95 Orchard Meadows Dr	Smithfield	RI	02917-1800
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South Carolina	244	Golden Corner	Johnnie Jacobs	864-225-3563	117 Green Forest Dr	Anderson	SC	29625
South Carolina	255	SGT Harold F. Adkison	Willie Campbell	803-819-9595	118 Pin Oak Dr	North Augusta	SC	29860-8140
South Carolina	301	Foothills	Isaac L. Langley Jr.	864-244-5534	810 Botany Rd	Greenville	SC	29615-1608
South Carolina	303	Palmetto	Richard Whitmore	843-342-5197	1 Loggerhead Ct	Hilton Head Island	SC	29926-1983
South Carolina	304	Bobo McCraw	John Hammett	864-461-9571	134 Colonial Dr	Chesnee	SC	29323-9532
South Dakota	160	West River	Marvin Knapp	605-721-5818	31 Centennial St	Rapid City	SD	57701
South Dakota	194	MGEN Lloyd R. Moses	Ray Kerstetter	605-886-6641	712 3rd Av NE	Watertown	SD	57201
Tennessee	86	Nashville	Leonard Glenn	615-366-6569	920 Rexdale Dr	Nashville	TN	37217-1715
Tennessee	289	Mountain Empire	Mack Dunford	423-467-0058	166 Cliff Dr	Gray	TN	37615-2504
Tennessee	297	Plateau	Bob Johnston	931-484-8798	234 Amherst Ln	Fairfield Glade	TN	38558
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Texas	209	Laredo KWVA 1950	Ernesto Sanchez Jr.	956-722-4288	1307 E Stewart	Laredo	TX	78040-2751
Texas	215	GEN Walton H. Walker	Al D'Agostino	817-299-8708	209 Appian Way	Arlington	TX	76013-5686
Texas	221	Twin Cities	Clidford D. Barrett Jr.	903-628-3454	2459 CR 4126	New Boston	TX	75570
Texas	222	Don C. Faith (MOH)	Edwin K. Maunakea Jr.	254-634-7806	PO Box 10622	Killeen	TX	76549-0622
Texas	223	Victoria	Troy Howard	361-575-8343	108 Shiloh	Victoria	TX	77904
Texas	249	COL Joseph C. Rodriguez (MOH)	Roy E. Aldridge	915-581-4725	6544 Grand Ridge Dr	El Paso	TX	79912
Texas	270	Sam Johnson	J. D. Randolph	972-359-2936	1523 Pinebluff Dr	Allen	TX	75002-1870
Texas	286	East Texas	James T. Gill	903-566-8831	15716 Big Oak Rd	Tyler	TX	75707
Texas	298	Alamo	Thomas E. Cacy	210-287-9200	18207 Newcliff	San Antonio	TX	78259
Texas	302	Pineywoods	Jack Roberts	936-632-5376	2101 Palmore Rd.,	Lufkin	TX	75904
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Virginia	128	Edward Markart	Daniel L. Banks	540-972-0615	102 Spottswood Rd	Locust Grove	VA	22508-9558
Virginia	143	Greater Richmond	John F. Thomas Sr.	804-266-9037	9814 Durango Rd	Henrico	VA	23228
Virginia	161	New River Valley	Claude Newman	540-980-5912	3206 Case Knife Rd	Pulaski	VA	24301
Virginia	191	Tidewater	L. T. Whitmore	757-483-9784	5625 Canterbury Ln	Suffolk	VA	23435-1605
Virginia	250	Charles B. Thacker	Kenneth Fannon	276-431-2428	PO. Box 15	Duffield	VA	24244
Virginia	313	Shenandoah Valley	Charles Bachman	540-662-1965	310 Clay Hill Dr	Winchester	VA	22602
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West Virginia	156	Kenneth Shadrick	Charles Shurnaker	304-465-0887	Rt 1 Box 414	Scarbro	WV	25917
West Virginia	163	Fairmont	Loren Jackson	304-366-2650	PO Box 8054	Fairmont	WV	26554
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# MIA Update

Thomas Springham and Charles Crain, Jr., members of Ch 54 - Thomas W. Daley, Jr., presented a wreath in memory of Pfc. George A. Porter, whose remains were returned to South Jersey after sixty years.

George A. Porter, who was 21 years old at the time, was taken prisoner on 11 February 1951 during the battle of Hoengsong. He was assigned to Battery B, 15th Field Artillery Battalion. He was unaccounted for until the 1990s.

Porter was buried on 27 January 2012 in Somerton, PA.

*Andy Jackson, captjack71@comcast.net*



Thomas Springham (L) and Charles Crain, Jr. of Ch 54 present wreath in honor of Pfc. George A. Porter

## Soldier Missing In Action From Korean War Is Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced January 23, 2012 that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

**Army Pfc. George A. Porter**, 21, of Philadelphia, was buried Jan. 27, in Somerton, Pa.

On Feb. 11, 1950, Porter and the Battery B, 15th Field Artillery Battalion were supporting South Korean forces in a major offensive near Hoengsong, South Korea when Chinese forces attacked in what became known as the "Hoengsong Massacre." Porter and more than 100 men were taken as prisoners. Following the war, Porter's remains were not accounted for.

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 in Suan County, which had been the location of the Suan Mining and Bean camps, where Porter was believed to have been held. A metal identification tag bearing Porter's name was included among the remains.

Scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory used forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, as well as mitochondrial DNA – which matched that of Porter's sister and nephew – in the identification of the remains.

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 <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call (703) 699-1169.

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## Korean MIAs ID'd

The following MIA/POW's have been identified. For additional information on identifications since 1997 and the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call (703) 699-1420 :

- **Master Sgt. Elwood Green**, U.S. Army, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division was captured on Nov. 28, 1950 and died in 1951 in a POW Camp in North Korea. He was accounted for on Mar. 1, 2012.

- **Sgt. 1st Class Richard L. Harris**, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division was captured on Nov. 30, 1950 and died in Jan. 1951 in a POW Camp in North Korea. He was accounted for on Feb. 29, 2012.

- **Pfc. Frank P. Jennings**, U.S. Army, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment was lost near Jeon-Gog, South Korea on April 25, 1951. He was accounted for on Jan. 18, 2012.

- **Cpl. Henry F. Johnson**, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment was captured on Nov. 25 1950, and died in captivity in 1951. He was accounted for on Feb. 15, 2012.

- **Cpl. James N. Larkin**, U.S. Army, C Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, was captured on Feb. 11, 1951, and died in captivity in April 1951. He was accounted for on Feb. 21, 2012.

- **Pvt. Arthur W. Leiviska**, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, who was captured in 1951 and died in captivity on April 20, 1951 He was accounted for on Feb. 3, 2012.

- **Cpl. Dick E. Osborne**, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, was lost on Nov. 2, 1950, near Unsan, North Korea. He was accounted for on Jan. 27, 2012.

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# Task Force Smith Revisited (The Battle At Osan)

By Ed Parmenter

**M**any authors who have written books about Task Force Smith have made erroneous statements about it, including Roy Appleman, in "South to the Naktong, North to the Yalu," Clay Blair in "The Forgotten War," T.H. Fehrenbach in "This Kind of War," Joseph Goulden in "Korea, The Untold Story of the War," David Halberstam in "The Coldest Winter," Max Hastings in "The Korean War," Robert Leckie in "Conflict, The History of the Korean War," Bill Sloan in "The Darkest Summer," James Stokesbury, in "A Short History of the Korean War," Michael J. Varhola in "Fire and Ice," and General Ridgway in "The Korean War." For this reason, I have written a narrative based on official documents at the National Archives at College Park, Maryland (NARA II).

Those narratives include the War Diary for the Eighth Army, War Diaries and Unit histories of the 24th Infantry Division, 21st Infantry Regiment and the 52d Field Artillery Battalion. Other source documents include copies of memorandums of telephone calls, radio messages, etc.

At 2245 on June 30th, Colonel Richard W. Stephens, Commander of the 21st Infantry Regiment of the 24th Infantry Division, received orders to send one Infantry Battalion to Itazuke Air Base, Japan immediately to be airlifted to Pusan, Korea. The entire division was alerted and the G-3 for Air was sent to Itazuke Air Base to coordinate the airlift. Lt. Colonel Charles B. Smith was placed in command of the airlift force.

Shortages in personnel were made up by transferring officers and men from other units of the 21st Regiment. Prior to their departure, the First Battalion was reinforced by the 75mm Platoon of "M" Company and two platoons of 4.2-inch mortars. The force consisted of a Battalion Headquarters, two rifle companies, two 4.2-inch mortar platoons, one platoon of 75mm recoilless rifles, and six bazooka teams. The task force left Kumamoto by rail and motor at 010300 (the 24th Division War Diary gives the

**The battle by Task Force Smith at Osan is especially important because it marks the first time American ground forces engaged in combat in the nearly six years since the end of World War Two.**

time as 010500) and arrived at Itazuke at 010920. Twenty-four C-54s were allotted for the airlift.

Headquarters Eighth Army ordered that the first units to go to Korea would be brought up to full Table of Organization & Equipment levels from within 24th Division resources. Subsequent units would be brought up by resources furnished by Eighth Army.

The Battalion prepared to move with full field equipment. The War Diary specifies that all gear except full field gear was to be left in the barracks under lock and key. (Photos published which alleged to be of men of Task Force Smith are NOT photos of that force because those photos show men carrying duffle bags!) They had to provide their own transportation (vehicles to transport mortars, recoilless rifles, heavy machine guns and their ammunition) and one basic load of ammunition. (Based on my experience during combat maneuvers in Japan as a rifleman, it was one cartridge belt of 10 Garand clips and two eighty round bandoleers of Garand clips for a total of 240 rounds). Service company trucks moved the infantry companies.

By 1135 on 1 July, 2 planes were off and 13 more were loaded and ready to take off at 20-minute intervals. The first plane took off at 1105, and the second at about 1130. But, these first two were unable to land due to bad weather at Pusan and had to return.

At 1525, two planes were en route to Pusan, where visibility at that time was 10 miles. The other 22 planes were all loaded and ready to go. A total of seven planes landed by 1800 hours on 1 July. Two more planes landed by 0815 on 2 July, and 8 more were loaded and were scheduled to land by 0915 on 2 July. (The 24th Division War Diary states that 9 planes landed on 1 July and that the

balance of the force arrived on 2 July.) On 2 July preparations were completed to move to Taejon by rail and then north. Six 105mm howitzers, 73 vehicles, and 180 personnel (Battery "A," one half of Headquarters Battery, and one half of Service Battery) of the 52d Field Artillery Battalion left Hakata on 2 July at 0700 aboard an LST and arrived at Pusan at 1900 hours 2 July 1950.

After the artillery group arrived at Pusan, they and their equipment were loaded onto 38 flat cars. The train departed from there at 0800 on 3 July and arrived at Taejon at 2200 hours. They detrained there and boarded their trucks and drove to the town of Songwhan, where they received orders to join Lt. Colonel Smith's group at Pyongtaek.

Early in the morning of 4 July, Lt. Colonel Miller O. Perry, Commanding Officer (CO) of the 52d Field Artillery Battalion, contacted Lt. Colonel Smith, CO of the First Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, at his Command Post (CP) at Pyongtaek and set up his CP in the same location.

At 1600 hours, Colonel Perry and Colonel Smith went on reconnaissance to determine placement of the Task Force, specifically the artillery unit. The battery was to be emplaced 1,000 yards north of Osan and 200 yards west of both the main road and the rail line on a hill which is about 60 to 80 meters high near a village called "Kwol-li."

During the morning of 2 July 1950, Companies "B," "C," the 75mm Platoons of "D" and "M" Companies, two platoons of the Heavy Mortar Company and Headquarters First Battalion, minus the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon (interestingly enough, two of the casualties of Task Force Smith were listed as being Pioneers, not Riflemen, Heavy Weapons, or Company Aidman), landed at Pusan



Airport. The entire task force boarded trains which left immediately for Taejon.

Upon arrival at Taejon the morning of 3 July 1950, the advance elements of the First Battalion were split into two groups by Brigadier General John H. Church, Commanding General, USAFIK (US Army Forces in Korea).

The first group, commanded by Colonel Smith, went to Pyongtaek. This group included Company "B," commanded by 1st Lt. Thomas: one 4.2 mortar platoon, the 75mm recoilless rifle platoon (two guns) from "D" Company, and part of Headquarters Company, First Battalion. Their mission was to block the dry river bed running into Pyongtaek from the north. In addition they were to establish road blocks on all roads and railroads leading into Pyongtaek from the north.

On 3 July, at 1545 and 1555, this group was subjected to six strafing attacks by Royal Australian Air Force F-51 fighters using rockets and .50 caliber machine guns. These strafings resulted in the injuring of one sergeant (Sergeant First Class Ernest Marcum, a Heavy Weapons Platoon Leader) in the leg, who was evacuated and eventually discharged from the Army because of his wound. During the attacks, 9 75mm recoilless rifle rounds were destroyed and the Pyongtaek railroad station and a train of 9 ammunition cars were left burning.

The other group, commanded by Major Floyd Martin, First Battalion Executive Officer, consisted of Company "C," commanded by Captain Richard Dashner: one 4.2 mortar platoon, the 75mm recoilless rifle platoon (two guns) from Company "M," and detachments from Headquarters First Battalion. Their mission was to establish road blocks on all roads leading into Ansong from the north.

By noon 4 July, First Battalion advance elements were in their assigned areas at Pyongtaek and Ansong. At 1600 hours, Lt. Colonels Smith and Perry drove the approximately 20 miles to Osan to determine placement of the artillery. At dark, both units were alerted to move to new positions north of Osan. Artillery was to be placed on a hill about 1,000 yards north of Osan and 200 yards to the west.

By daylight 5 July, emplacements were completed and weapons sighted in. On 4 July, Lt. Colonel Perry assigned two machine gun crews and one 2.36 inch bazooka crew to augment the firepower of Task Force Smith's infantry unit.

The 21st Infantry Regimental War Diary states that 8 enemy tanks were sighted at 0700 as they were approaching the road and railroad crossing 2 miles north of Osan. Colonel Smith was notified, and he ordered the artillery to open fire on coordinates 1004-1599. That position was about 4,800 yards forward of the artillery, and about 2,400 yards forward of the infantry positions.

The 75mm recoilless rifles with "C" Company were on the west side of the railroad tracks. At that place, there were two railroad tracks separated by about 350 yards, with the westernmost track passing through a tunnel for about 300 yards which ran between a 92 meter high hill to its west and a hill approximately 90 meters high to its east. The second track passed immediately to the east of that hill, so the recoilless rifles were probably on the easternmost hill.

The 4.2 inch mortar platoons were probably emplaced on the reverse of the 92 meter high hill and in a line south along a low ridge line for about 500 yards almost due south. Logistically, that would make sense, as a cart track leaves the east side of the road almost opposite of where the direct fire 105 was located.

It curves around the east side of an approximately 40 meter high hill and runs north. Immediately north of that hill, the cart track splits in two. Both tracks go along a low ridge which is about 30 meters high about 500 yards to the base of the 92 meter high hill where they merge and continue on to a group of buildings which begin on the western slope of that hill and extend north for several hundred yards.

Jeeps towing trailers carrying the mortars and ammunition would be able to travel either of those cart tracks with relative ease, as there are no steep inclines. Based on the topography, the only place the mortars could have been emplaced 400 yards behind the infantry front would have been along the north-south ridge line where the infantry refused right flank was.

The infantry line formed a front of about 1,600 yards. The 52d Field Artillery (52d FA Bn.) War Diary gives the time of sighting as shortly after 0745 hours. General Barth, who was assigned temporarily from the 25th Infantry Division to the 24th Infantry Division as the acting 24th Division Artillery Commander because the 24th's Artillery Commander was on emergency leave to the U.S. at the time the 24th Division left for Korea, relayed a message stating that the fight started at 0818 and that the eight leading tanks had broken through.

After the first eight tanks broke through, he drove to Ansong, probably taking the same secondary roads that Colonel Perry and Colonel Smith took later. The 21st Infantry War Diary is very specific about the total number of tanks. It says there was a total of 31, 5 of which were destroyed. The 52d FA Bn War Diary says that there were between 30-40 tanks, 8 of which were destroyed. It also states that after running out of ammunition, they started to withdraw to Ansong at 1500 hours.

The 52d FA Bn War Diary reported three wounded: Lt. Colonel Perry and two enlisted men. They were not seriously wounded. They also reported that 5 officers and 20 enlisted men were missing. On July 10, 2 of the missing enlisted men returned and on July 11, 2 more enlisted men returned. In the end, 2 officers were killed in action, 2 were missing and returned to military control, 1 was wounded and returned to duty, and 2 died in enemy hands. Five enlisted men were killed, 10 were missing and returned to military control, 4 were wounded and returned to duty, and 3 died in enemy hands. Total losses for the Field Artillery Unit in this encounter were 12 men.

The 21st Infantry War Diary specifies that at the beginning of the artillery/tank fight, Lt. Colonel Smith consolidated all of his men at the highest point in the battalion area. That would have been the 113 meter hill immediately to the east of the road. This source also says that shortly after the tanks moved through, his positions were subjected to artillery fire. An estimated regiment of the enemy came into sight. Before they attacked, Task Force Smith was subjected to additional artillery fire of an apparent large volume.

The 21st Infantry War Diary states that as the tank/artillery battle raged, Lt. Colonel Smith ordered Captain Dashner to move Company "C" into position with Company "B" and Headquarters Company, forming a perimeter defense on the highest ground of the battalion area. At the same time, Major Martin ordered all of Headquarters Company to move all the battalion's ammunition to a central location within the defensive perimeter. That would be the 113 meter high hill just to the east of the road.

That would have meant that both companies and their accompanying bazooka teams, recoilless rifle teams, and mortars would have been in that one location, the highest elevation between Osan and Suwon. The next highest elevation is the 92 meter hill about 500 yards to the east and slightly north.

The Diary then says that they received orders from higher headquarters at about 1300 hours to prepare for withdrawal and that about half an hour later the order to withdraw came. It also states that they received orders to withdraw at 1330 hours. Lieutenant Thomas and Company "B" covered the withdrawal of Company "C." Then Captain Dashner and Company "C" leapfrogged past Company "B" and covered their withdrawal.

Lt. Colonel Smith then took all available men south into Osan, where they found the 52d FA Bn. trucks, overlooked by the North Korean tanks and intact. Smith and his men boarded the trucks and bypassed Osan on secondary roads and reached Ansong by 1730 hours, where they remained overnight.

None of the war diaries specifically mentions actions by recoilless rifle or bazooka teams. Appleman, on page 69 of his book, writes that a 2d Lt. Connor fired 22 2.36 inch rockets at the rear of the tanks as they passed by. That many rockets at three and one half pounds each would total 77 pounds; due to the dimensions, each member of the team (normally five) except the gunner would be able to carry only four rockets. It is highly unlikely, then, that Lt. Connor would even have that many rockets available.

Additionally, at the speed the tanks had to be traveling (T-34s had a top speed of about 34 miles per hour), he

would not have had time to fire more than one round at any one tank. Even at 20 MPH, a tank would travel about 580 yards in a minute. Therefore, any one tank would be in range for 30 seconds at most.

Appleman writes on page 73 that the enemy appeared in force on the high hill to the west of the highway overlooking and dominating the knob on that side held by a platoon of "B" Company. First of all, my AMS L751 Series Map of Suwon, #6625 IV, shows no higher knob on the west of the road than the one occupied by the one platoon of "B" Company. There is one, approximately 1,000 yards west of the road, which might be about the same height.

Secondly, the 21st Infantry War Diary states that during the artillery/tank battle, Colonel Smith consolidated all of his men at the highest point in the battalion area, which was the 113 meter high hill just to the east of the road. Appleman also writes that enemy machine guns located on hills overlooking the right flank began firing on Smith's men. Again, Smith's men occupied the highest ground anywhere between Osan and Suwon. The next highest ground is a 92 meter high hill about 400 yards east of the 113 meter high hill that Task Force Smith occupied.

The 21st Infantry War Diary states that there were 140 casualties in the infantry unit. That figure includes a number of wounded brought back on the artillery trucks by Lt. Colonel Smith. On 6 July, Colonel Smith took all available men of the 1st Battalion on the artillery trucks and drove to Taejon airstrip, where they reorganized and re-equipped. Total losses from this encounter were actually 149 (breakdown below).

Final figures show that 47 were killed in action and 41 were captured and later released, 1 in January 1951 and the other 40 during the prisoner exchange in late

August 1953. Five were missing, but returned to military control within a few days. Fifteen were wounded and returned to duty. Twenty-seven died in enemy hands, 7 were missing and presumed killed, and 7 were wounded and evacuated. Included in that figure is 1 officer who returned to military control from missing and 2 who died in enemy hands.

Of some interest is that there were 14 casualties among the Medics: 1 killed, 1 died in enemy hands, 2 wounded and returned to duty, and 10 captured, but later returned to military control. The heavy weapons personnel had 5 killed, 3 died in enemy hands, 2 were wounded and returned to duty, and 5 were captured, but later returned to military control.

Final figures for the artillery unit were 6 officers and 21 enlisted men. Two officers were killed, 1 died in enemy hands, 2 were prisoners for 37 months, and one, Lt. Colonel Perry, was wounded and returned to duty. Five enlisted men were killed, 5 died in enemy hands, 5 were prisoners for 37 months, 4 were wounded in action but returned to duty, and 4 more were missing but returned to duty within 4 days.

It is my belief that if General Church had not wasted a day by splitting the task force and diverting it to Pyongtaek and Ansong, instead of sending it directly all the way north to the Osan area, the outcome of the battle might have been much different, as the crews laying the telephone wires would have been able to bury them. Had they been able to bury the wires, they would not have been cut as the tanks passed by and the remaining three undamaged 105s would have been able to fire on the infantry when they appeared.

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## MIA from page 17

• **Sgt. 1st Class Edris A. Viers**, U.S. Army, Battery A, 555th Field Artillery Battalion, 5th Regimental Combat Team, was lost near Pongam-ni, South Korea on Aug. 12, 1950. He was accounted for on Jan. 17, 2012.

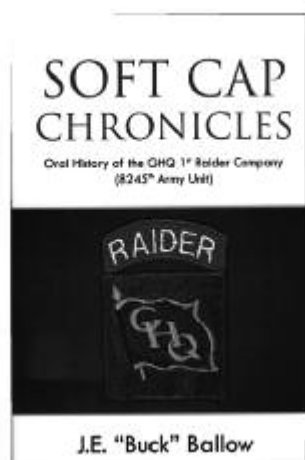
• **Cpl. Robert I. Wax**, U.S. Army, Battery A, 555th Field Artillery Battalion, was lost on Aug. 11, 1950 near Pongam-ni, South Korea. He was accounted for on Feb. 23, 2012.

**NOTE:** As of 21 March 2012, the United States has suspended the search for the remains of U.S. servicemen missing since the end of the Korean War. Pentagon spokeswoman Tara Rigler explained that "We are suspending the current arrangement to resume remains recovery operations with [North Korea] until their actions indicate a willingness to move forward in good faith on its commitments."

One of the reasons is North Korea's announcement that it was going to test a ballistic missile sometime in the near future. We will keep you apprised of any additional developments.

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## William R. Charette, MOH Recipient, Goes To Glory



Medal of Honor Recipient William R. ("Doc") Charette, for whom CID 158 in Florida is named, died on 19 March 2012. According to KWVA National Secretary Frank Cohee, "He was one of the founders of the chapter and until his death, an active member. All Korean War veterans will mourn the loss of another MOH recipient of our war, and Chapter 158 members will also mourn the loss of a good friend."

Here is the story courtesy of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society.

### Medal of Honor Recipient William R. Charette Passes Away at 79

#### Earned Nation's Highest Award for Valor during Korea

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C., March 19, 2012 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ — The Congressional Medal of Honor Society announces that Master Chief Hospital Corpsman William R. Charette, Medal of Honor recipient, passed away Sunday, March 18, 2012 in Lake Wales, Florida at age 79.

He was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Dwight D. Eisenhower at a White House ceremony on January 12, 1954.

His heroic action occurred at the Panmunjam Corridor (DNZ) Korea, on March 27, 1953. As a Hospital Corpsman Third Class he served with the 1st Marine Division attached to Company F, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines.

Observing a seriously wounded comrade whose armored vest had been torn from his body by the blast from an exploding shell, he selflessly removed his own battle vest and placed it upon the helpless man although fully aware of the added jeopardy to himself. Moving to the side of another casualty who was suffering excruciating pain from a serious leg wound, HC3c. Charette stood upright in the trench line and exposed himself to a deadly hail of enemy fire in order to lend more effective aid to the victim and to alleviate his anguish while being removed to a position of safety. By his indomitable courage and inspiring efforts on behalf of his wounded comrades, HC3c. Charette was directly responsible for saving many lives. His great personal valor reflects the highest credit upon himself and enhances the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

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# Recon Missions

## Lt. Edward G. Flanagan

I am trying to find out more about the death of my cousin, Lt. Edward G. Flanagan. He was in C Company, 1st Battalion, 27 Inf. Reg. He lost his life on Oct. 13, 1952 at a place called Sandbag Castle ( Hill 1052 ), earning a DSC for his actions that day.

I know he led a nighttime raid on a North Korean position; he was the only casualty, and his body was never recovered. I am looking for firsthand information, if possible, and/or pictures of him.

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## Ralph Lauzier

I need your assistance and direction on a Korean War Veteran research project I have been working on far too long. I started the project with U.S. Army Military Records in 1999, had a recent inquiry with the National Archives, and have a current request for help from the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Senator Snowe from Maine, since my father was connected to the first inaugural parade of President Dwight Eisenhower as a flag bearer and Armed Services participant.

My father, Ralph Lauzier, served three years in the Army during the Korean War and was involved in some significant combat. He died in 1981 and never spoke much about the war, but he received significant recognition for his service and valor. Here is what I know, which is mainly from a copy of the DD-214 Honorable Discharge form:

1. Born in Van Buren, Maine on 1-3-29, and lived on Wilson Street in Keegan, Maine.

2. He enlisted and reported into active U.S. Army service in March, 1950. He completed a Leaders Course in 1950 at Fort Dix, NJ, which is how he became a platoon sergeant during the war.

3. He received wounds in battle and a Purple Heart medal on or about September 4, 1952 in Korea. His unit was the Army 2nd Division, 38th Regiment. I know that he had lost some of the personnel in the squad that he led during combat, which is why he never spoke about his service prior to his death in 1981 at a young age.

4. About four months after getting injured in combat, he achieved the rank of Master Sergeant on December 15, 1952.

5. Prior to or around his discharge in 1953, he returned to Van Buren as a local hero and was interviewed by a newspaper(s). The reason he was interviewed as a local hero was not just due to his honorable service and medals, but because he participated and represented the great State of Maine in the inaugural parade of President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953. He carried the flag for the State of



Ralph Lauzier, U.S. Army, 1950-53

Maine or possibly his unit/regiment. I am not quite sure. The nearby photo had to have been taken between 1950 and 1953.

It would be awesome if someone could help me. In 1999 I began researching this with the Army, but his military records were burned up in the Army records depot fire in the 70s. I am currently seeking a dossier or file of his service record and any parade photographs of him when he marched in the inaugural parade as a flag bearer. He was honored as a decorated Korean War hero when he went back to his small, northern Maine town.

I am hopeful that you can direct me to some resources and information because I know little of the decorations he received and under which combat engagement he would have likely received the Purple Heart given the date of the wounds. My goal is to pull as much information together as possible. The end project result will be his registration and induction into the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in NY. I have enough to submit his name into the database now, but I would like to do it right.

In memory of Dad, I am hopeful you can find someone who can help me make this a special experience. Thanks for any help you can provide.

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## B.J. Williams/Lefty Uyehara

I am looking for two men who were with me in Korea between 1950 and 1951. B.J. Williams was from either Kansas or Oklahoma. Lefty Uyehara was from Hawaii. They helped save my life.

We were in the 25th Inf. Div., 27th Regt., George Co.

My brother, Lester Bauer, is still missing in Korea. He was adopted, as was I, which accounts for our different last names.

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## Twenty Comrades

I am looking for some of my comrades who shipped over to the Korean War aboard USS Howze in 1952:

1. Bobby E. Carroll 2. Peter P. Jones 3. Ray R. Romero 4. Albert H. Sample 5. Richard L. Scherle 6. Charles E. Seabold 7. Richard A. Smith 8. William E. Smith 9. Robert W. Snapp 10. Seymour L. Snell 11. Edward W. Sockwell 12. Gabriel Stonbely, Jr. 13. Everett A. Strough 14. Don D. Tippery 15. Ellis R. Townsend 16. Willard Uffelmann 17. George E. Vasilko 18. Raymond A. Vernon 19. Carl D. Walbeck 20. Gerald L. Woodyard

My last major action in this conflict was in defense of Hill 270 (a forward observation post for an Artillery Officer range finding and directing field of fire from this position).

After coming off line for a little R&R, we were packed up to go relieve the First Marine Division at Panmunjom at the 38th parallel. While we were in the squad tent, still on R&R, the Sergeant Major told us that we had been put in for medals (for this action five miles in front of the MLR line).

I was ordered out and back to the USA because my mother was dying of cancer. Since I didn't have enough time left to serve, I wasn't sent back to Panmunjom. I was sent to Camp Atterbury, IN. I never did get back to see about those medals, and I don't know whether they got them or not.

I don't have the serial numbers and ranks of the Soldiers named above. We were with the 35th Inf. Reg., 25th Inf. Div., George Company. We shipped out on the USS Howze from the Red Devil Company L, 11th Inf. Reg. at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, PA. I would like to know if any of these men are still alive. I would like to get in touch with any of them.

Richard Edsel Trimble, Sr., 716 North Imperial Rd., Portage, IN 46385, 219-759-3906

## Maps

I served in Korea with E Co., 2nd Bn., 1st Regt., 1st Marine Division from June 1954 until the division went home to Camp Pendleton, CA. Easy Co. was somewhere between Freedom Gate Bridge and the Imjin River. Our night patrols were along the Imjin River.

I have for a long time written letters and received some maps of the area, but nothing looks familiar. When I was there, very few trees existed. Now, the land is green and dotted with trees—and I don't recognize a thing.

I am considering going on a Korean Revisit trip, and I want to find a 1954 map of that area. If anyone can help I would appreciate it.

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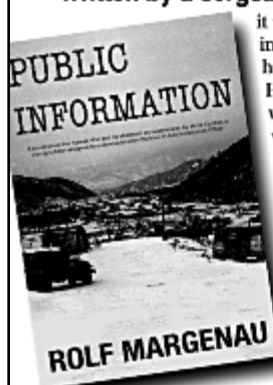
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The book is carefully researched and includes recently discovered information about the conflict. The characters speak military jargon, including colorful curses, and issues arising from both sides of the 38th Parallel are examined – prison camps, repatriation, activities of the U.N.

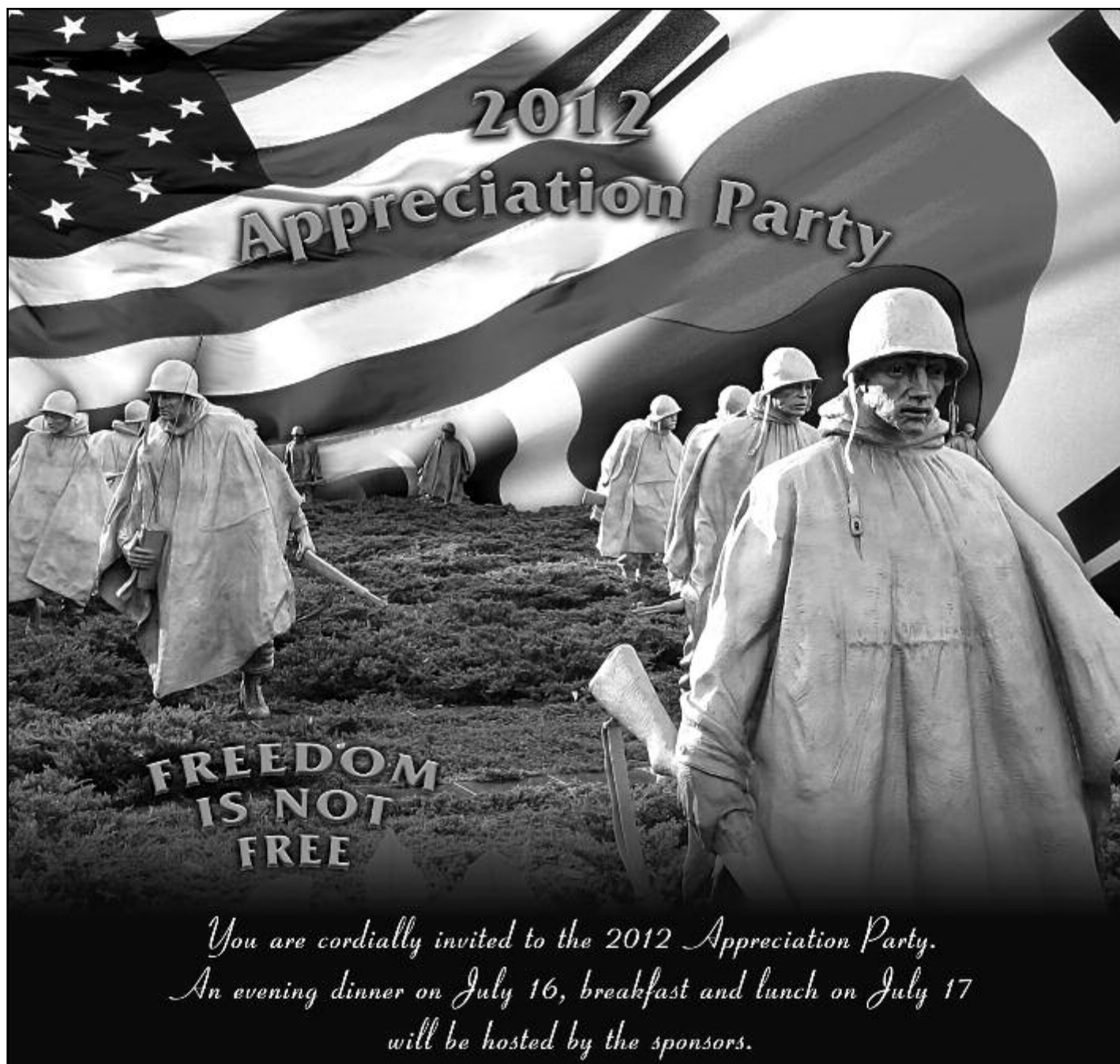
Forces, the "Army Way," and leave in Japan. Basically, it's a coming of age story under harsh circumstances.

Other veterans have called it "hilarious...moving...a real page turner." One reader said, if asked "What was it like in Korea around the time of the Armistice and soon afterwards?" I will quietly tell them, "Read *Public Information*. It's all right there!"

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# Monuments and Memorials

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## Omaha, NE

There was a monument dedicated recently in Omaha, NE honoring prisoners of war of all past conflicts. Several members of CID 183, Nebraska Chapter #1, attended the ceremony.

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Omaha, NE 68137  
402-957-0076 (C), 402-894-0559 (H)



Members of Ch 183 at POW monument in Omaha, NE (L-R) Bernie Wieneke, Bill Wirges, POW Dennis Pavlik, Sam Wall, John Fifer, the late Bob Wagner

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# Korean War Veterans' Mini-Reunions .....

## 25th Div. Signal Corps Combat Photographers, 1951-54

We held our 13th reunion October 19-23, 2011 at the "Beautiful Lake of the Ozarks" in Missouri, 150 miles south of St. Louis. Roy and Pat Pinzke and their daughter Sue Sanders and her husband Chuck hosted the event.

A reunion held at a lakeside resort is priceless.

Next year's reunion is in the planning stages. Maybe Hawaii, maybe Las Vegas, maybe ???

*Rollie Berens, 18400 Brookfield Lake Dr., #42, Brookfield, WI 53045*



Veterans of 25th Div. Signal Corps Combat Photographers (1951-54) Bob Eifert, George Flinn, Roy Pinzke, Dick Wawrzyniak, Carlton Sauder, Jay Brown (L-R)

Guests and veterans at 25th Div. Signal Corps Combat Photographers (1951-54) gathering (Back, L-R) Carlton Sauder, Dick Wawrzyniak, Bob Eifert, George Flinn, Roy Pinzke, Chuck Sanders (Front, L-R) Tooter Brown, Joann Sauder, Diane Teske, Pat Pinzke, Sue Sanders



## 44th Engineers Battalion

The 44th Engineers Battalion ("Brokenheart" Battalion) Association had a good reunion in St. Louis, MO. The battalion was one of the longest serving units in Korea, participating at the Inchon landing in September 1950. It also served in Iraq in 2004.

Members who attended the gathering toured the St. Louis Arch, the tallest man-made U.S. monument, and the Budweiser brewery (the beer was cold). They also took a cruise on the Mississippi River to see the start of a new bridge, which reminded us of the many bridges we built in Korea.

When I left Korea in 1953 there was one working bridge across the Han River at Seoul. As of last year there were 27 bridges of 4-6 lanes.

We are looking for all "44ers" to attend our next reunion at Gettysburg, PA in September. (See the Reunion Calendar for details.)



The men of the 44th Engineer Bn. at their 2012 reunion in St. Louis



Members of the 44th Engineer Bn. Women's Auxiliary at St. Louis in 2012



## 581st Air Resupply and Communications Wing



The 581st Air Resupply and Communications Wing, headquartered at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines, flew “psychological warfare missions” in Korea. The wing was disbanded in 1954 after the Korean War ended.

Those of us who are left have reunions roughly every two years.

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908-272-5700  
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Korean War 581st Air Resupply and Communications Wing pilots John Muth (L) an SA-16 pilot, and Art Snyder, a B-29 pilot, in their “drinking suits”

## Have a Mini-Reunion?

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

## Valor Flight

The first ever Valor Flight in the United States for the purpose of taking Korean War veterans to see the Korean War Memorial in Washington DC originated in Huntsville, AL on 12 November 2011. 125 veterans and their caretakers left Huntsville by air at about 8 a.m. and returned at 8:30 p.m. the same day.

While in Washington the veterans visited the Korean War Memorial, the Iwo Jima Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument, and witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

The group also had lunch and took a bus tour of the city—all at no cost to the individuals.

The people who participated came primarily from the Huntsville and Madison County, AL area. However, three members of CID 2, Northwest Alabama II, Jim Taylor, Bill Gotcher, and J.C. Killen, were included in the tour group.

David A. Mays, 114 Kathy St.  
Florence, AL, DocMays@att.net



Alabama Valor Tour group at the Korean War Memorial in Washington DC



Jim Taylor (L) and Bill Gotcher of Ch 2 at Korean War Memorial



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

# Tell America

### "Notice" – Korean War Education Books Arrived

We have started to receive more of the Korean books, "Korean War-Education for students." The Korean Embassy in Washington DC has generously supplied us with an additional 5,000 copies. I will be mailing them to the Tell America chapters that want to use them in their school visits.

At this point, I have to limit each chapter to 50 books so I can spread them to as many chapters as possible. We recommend that the books be given to the teachers in the schools for use in studies about Korea and the war.

The good part is that the KWVA will mail these packages of books "postage free" to the active Tell America chapters. So, we will not require repayment of the postage as we did on the previous shipments. Some of the chapters did not get any of the books before, so I am trying to supply them first.

However, all who are interested in the books should let me know by contacting me at 682-518-1040 or [larry.kinard@yahoo.com](mailto:larry.kinard@yahoo.com) and providing me with your chapter number and mailing address.

*Larry Kinard, 2nd VP  
National Tell America Chairman*

### 30 - INDIANA CHAPTER ONE [IN]

One of our members, Dale Parish, has a wonderful program, "The American Veteran," that appears on our local TV stations. It has been on for a year now, and Dale and his co-host Bud Mendenhall have had many wonderful guests, such as members of our chapter, WWII Coast Guard veteran Bernie Havens, WWII W.A.S.P. Marty Wyall, and members of The Leatherneck Club

with "Toys for Tots" ladies.

Our "American Veteran" TV shows are now on You Tube. You can access the shows by going to [google.com](http://google.com) and entering CPL780thBn, which should take viewers directly to it.

Locally, it airs on Comcast - 57 and FIOS - 27.

*Mary Anna Roemke, P. O. Box  
15102, Fort Wayne, IN 195 -*



**LEFT:** Dale Parish, Bud Mendenhall, and Civil War re-enactor Dr. Russ Gilliom talk during "The American Veteran"



**BELOW:** Dale Parish and Bud Mendenhall interview Ch 30 Honor Guard Director Dave Yates and WWII veterans George Kohlmeier and Bob Franke (L-R)



Dale Parish, Bud Mendenhall, and USMC Sgt. Wayne Ithier on "The American Veteran"

### 131 - NORTHWEST OHIO [OH]

We presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Anthony Wayne Junior High teacher Kathy Schoonmaker during our 2 February 2012 program. Members Tom Baranoski, Roy Barnes, Glenn Cousino, Bub Fuller, Larry Kish, John Schlotz, and Tom Schroeder were in attendance at the meeting.

We consider Mrs. Schoonmaker a special friend because of her close association with the chapter. In addition to hosting the Tell America program, she led the school's fundraising efforts in financing our Korean War Memorial.

*Louis G. Streb, 415 Turnbury Lane, Perrysburg, OH 43551*



Dale Parish, Bud Mendenhall, Carl Fowler, Ken Roemke of Ch 30 (L-R) on "The American Veteran" show





Len Tomasik, Ch 131's Education Committee Chairman, presents Certificate of Appreciation to Kathy Schoonmaker



Jim Rooney (L) and Bill Webb of Ch 172 present Tell America material to class at Findlay [OH] High School

## 172 - HANCOCK COUNTY [OH]

Eric VanRenterghem, Chairman of the Findlay [OH] High School History Department, invited us to present a program on 27 January 2012 concerning the Korean War.

VanRenterghem's father, Don, and Ray Jameson, who serve as co-chairmen of our Tell America program, accepted the offer. Other committee members at the time included William Webb, Robert Wilson, and Jim Rooney.

The committee presented the pro-

gram to seven separate history classes from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Members look forward to working with other schools and organizations and to expanding their numbers in the program.

We all know the importance of the Korean War, but we need to remind others of its place in our American history.

*Harry C. Biddinger, Secretary,  
1 Windstone Ct., Findlay, OH  
45840, 419-423-5785*



Students listen attentively to Ch 172's Tell America presentation at Findlay High School

## 195 - QUEEN CITY [CO]

In conjunction with the administration of O'Connell Middle School, Lakewood, CO, we attended a general assembly held to honor the school and 23 students, staff, and teachers. The assembly was convened by KWVA veterans to honor the school and individuals for their continuing efforts since 1993 to recognize veterans at official school functions.

Besides the student body, teachers, and administrative staff, numerous local dignitaries, including the city's mayor, school superintendent, local TV stations, Korean War veterans, and other veteran group representatives, were in attendance..

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2013, camellk@yahoo.com*



Bob Wilson of Ch 172 conducts a Tell America presentation



Presenters from Ch 172 (L-R) Bill Webb, Don VanRenterghem, Ray Jameson, Bob Wilson



Nancy Millensifer, Shirley and Bill Baldaccini, Master of Ceremonies at Ch 195 event, Ken Giese, Ch 195 President





Nancy Millensifer, Past Ch 195 President, with School Award Plaque at O'Connell Middle School

O'Connell Middle School students, teachers, Korean War vets and Award Plaque at Ch 195's Lakewood assembly



Bob Nelson, Jerry Johnson, Ken Camell (L-R) of Ch 195



Students, assembly, and Korean War veterans at Lakewood, CO assembly: Ken Camell (U.S. Army); Frank Montijo, Dick Huffman, Nancy Millensifer, George Brandt, Bob Nelson, Bill Corin, James Madrid, Don Simmons, Jon Geist, Jerry Johnson



George B, Bob N, Bill C, James M, Don S, Don G, and Jerry J of Ch 195 at Lakewood assembly



Bill Baldaccini, Charles Kammerer, and Ken Giese of Ch 195 address audience at O'Connell Middle School



O'Connell Teacher awardee, Bill Baldaccini, Ken Camell, awarding certificate, Nancy M, Ken G at Lakewood ceremony

## 289 - MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN]

After awarding medallions to two cadets of the JROTC at Dobyn-Bennett High School, Kingsport, TN, we contacted the coordinator of the history program, Mike Sweeney, and offered to speak to their classes. In the meantime, the Commander of KWVA for the Department of Oregon, Neil M. McCain, sent us a DVD and Power Point demonstration for our use.

We had three chapter members present a program and give personal experiences to two very attentive and respectful classes, mostly freshmen, with some upperclassmen.

We started with an overview of the Korean history as a country, how it was divided, and added the agendas held by the heads of state of China, Russia, Nationalist



China, North Korea, South Korea, and the United States, including the unlike goals of Truman and MacArthur. This was augmented by the Power Point portion as appropriate and permitted by time. Then, the three veterans, Joe Cody, Arlen Hensley and Fred Himelwright, told "history as seen from the viewpoint of men who were there."

We told of our entry into service, leaving loved ones behind, training, writing letters home and life in the field. As were many men, we were in more than one unit, all together making a cohesive fighting force. Himelwright was in heavy artillery and then the 25th Div. Band. Cody was in Korea as

a noncombatant. Hensley was a Marine, wounded in action with shrapnel still in his leg.

The interested group asked questions, which we answered as best we knew how. Between classes, we were escorted to the cafeteria by three lovely and caring young ladies who also helped in the selection of our lunch and carried our trays.

We were invited back. Inasmuch as medallions were awarded at eleven schools in our general area, we are anticipating speaking at other facilities. We thank Neil McCain for his assistance.

*Fred Himelwright  
himelwright-1@juno.com*



Arlen Hensley (L) and Joe Cody of Ch 289 at Dobyn-Bennett High School, Kingsport, TN

TA presenters from Ch 289, Arlen Hensley, Fred Himelwright, and Joe Cody (L-R) in front of the class



Members of Ch 289, Joe Cody, Fred Himelwright, and Arlen Hensley (R-L) with their guides at Dobyn-Bennett High School

## 296 - CAYUGA COUNTY [NY]

Two members, 1st VP Don Tavener and Commander John Barwinczok, spent one day at Whitney Point Middle School in Whitney Point, NY entertaining five groups of students. Each group consisted of twenty students.

The history teacher asked the students to prepare a one-paragraph blurb about what they thought of the presentation.

*John Barwinczok  
jbarwinczok@verizon.net*



Students salute Korean War veterans at Ch 296's presentation; presenters Don Tavener (L) and John Barwinczok enjoy the show



Don Tavener of Ch 296 speaks to class at Whitney Point Middle School

## Jerry Damico

On 5 March 2012 I put on a presentation for 75 students in the JROTC class at the Booker T. Washington High School in Pensacola, FL. I talked about what I did in Korea during my time there, although I did not go into detail.

I presented some interesting information. For example, the students were very surprised to hear that the Army had very large boats in Korea.



Jerry Damico talks to JROTC students at Booker T. Washington High School  
*Jerry Damico, 5534 Fox Fire Rd., Milton, FL 32570-7727, 850-626-4095, Sheriff7007@bellsouth.net*

## Alan Lertzman

As a member of CID 72, Oregon Trail, I participate in Living History Day events at local high schools that honor veterans of previous wars. The following are excerpts of my presentation to students:

In the spring of 1953, I was an artillery forward observer assigned to a platoon of the 7th Infantry Division facing Hill 166 ("Old Baldy"), located just north of the 38th parallel. "Old Baldy"

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# Chapter & Department News

## 19 GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

Four veterans of the Korean War at the American Korea Friendship Society 2012 Annual Banquet welcoming the Honorable He-Beom Kim, Consul General, Republic of Korea, received a standing ovation from the attendees.



Ch 19 members and Korean officials at luncheon (L-R) Bob McCubbins, Bob Hendershott, Col. Carden, Deputy Consul General Heung-soo Kim, Korean Veterans Association President Kyung Ho Cha, Thaddeus Sobieski

The guest speaker at our recent chapter luncheon was Colonel Thomas M. Carden, Jr., Commander, 560th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Georgia National Guard. Colonel Carden gave us up-to-date information on the guard status and deployments.

At our annual Christmas luncheon, chapter member Walter T. Lamond received the Korean Peace Medal from Kyung Ho Cha, President, Korean Veterans Association, for his service in Korea. Our featured speaker was Daniel F. Kirk (Ret.), Marine Corps Captain and frequent traveler with General Raymond Davis to Normandy, Seoul, and Viet Nam.

We also participated in the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Program, collecting many gifts for underprivileged children.



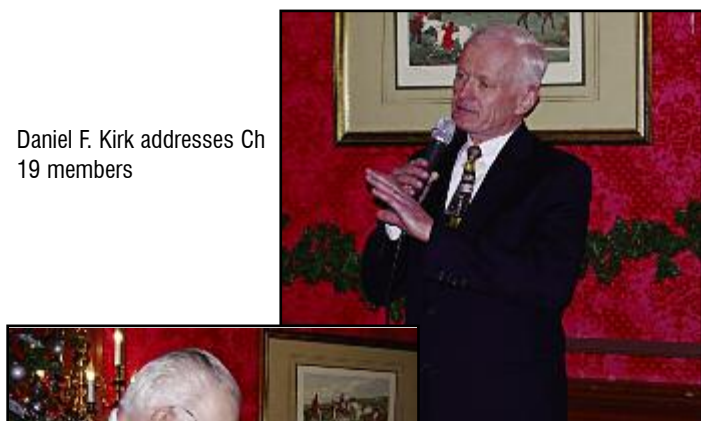
Thirty members were invited to a Christmas Dinner and musical interlude at the home of the Korean Consulate General Beom He Kim.

Jim Conway,  
[conatlanta@comcast.net](mailto:conatlanta@comcast.net)

Col. Thomas M. Carden  
addresses Ch 19 members



Jim Conway, Ron Clark, Consul General Kim, and Ch 19 President Bob McCubbins (L-R) at Korea Friendship Society banquet



Daniel F. Kirk addresses Ch 19 members



Kyung Ho Cha presents Ambassador for Peace Medal to Walter T. Lamond of Ch 19



Members of Ch 19 enjoy entertainment at Christmas lunch



## 40 MINNESOTA # 1 [MN]

Tom Clawson installed our new officers on 12 February at the Rosetown Legion Post in Roseville, MN. They include President Ed Valle, 1st VP Bob Pellow, 2nd VP Erv Lewandowski, Treasurer Jerry Sandin, Secretary Harvey Sell, Corresponding Secretary John Rutford, Chaplain Rev. Don Swanson, Sgt.-at-Arms Skip Christensen, and Member-at-Large Ken Swanson.

Tom Clawson, 953 Gorman Ave., West Saint Paul, MN 55118, 651-457-6653, [timclawson@charter.net](mailto:timclawson@charter.net)



New officers of Ch 40 (L-R) Ed Valle, Erv Lewandowski, Harvey Sell, John Rutford, Jerry Sandin, being sworn in by Tom Clawson

## 44 MISSOURI #1 [MO]

On November 10, 2011, members attended the Veterans Day program and luncheon sponsored annually by Rockwood Summit High School of St. Louis County, under the direction of Mrs. Renee Revis.

We have attended this program for several years. Because of the dedication of the students and faculty to veterans, several



Kenn and Jackie Dawley of Ch 44 being seated at Summit Veterans Day luncheon

Don Gutmann, Commander of Ch 44, awards a \$1,000 scholarship during Rockwood Summit High School program



years ago we created a \$1,000 scholarship based on student essays about knowledge of the Korean War. The faculty selects the winner each year, and the scholarship has now been awarded for the third year.

The program, which is all about veterans, starts in the lobby with coffee and bagels. There is a school orchestra present, and group pictures and posters with pictures mounted of all the veterans who made reservations. It moves to the auditorium for the pledge of allegiance and the national anthem. This is followed by a student choir presentation of military anthems and a guest speaker, with a slideshow of the pictures submitted by the veterans in attendance.

The crowning event of the program is the procession from the auditorium to the lunch room, where the veterans file in with the students clapping and cheering and the school orchestra playing military anthems. Lunch is then served at the tables by the students.

We have attended many Veterans Day celebrations. However, the Rockwood Summit students and faculty have it all together and are congratulated for their efforts to recognize all veterans on our special day.

There were over 80 veterans of all wars and services in attendance.

Kenn Dawley, Public Affairs Director, 382 Autumn Creek Dr. Apt. A, Manchester, MO 63088



Students gather for Rockwood Summit Veterans Day luncheon



## 55 NASSAU COUNTY #1 [NY]

Every year at our holiday party we swear in our officers for the next year. This year we swore in three directors: Bill Troise, Buddy Epstein, and Joe Carco, and Sergeant-at-Arms Mario Dell'Acra. Judge Advocate Don Zoeller did the honors.

Commander Howard Plattner presented Past Director Jack Leff with a citation of appreciation for all the hard work he does for the chapter.

Robert P. O'Brien, P. O. Box 1531,  
No. Massapequa, NY 11758



**ABOVE:** Don Zoeller (Front) swears in Ch 55 officers Mario Dell'Acra, Bill Troise, Buddy Epstein, Joe Carco

**RIGHT:** Commander Howard Plattner (L) of Ch 55 reads citation for Jack Leff



Members and guests gather at VA Home in Ventura, CA for 60th Anniversary event (Note DoD committee in middle, including Col David J. Clark in center)



DoD Committee and David Lopez at Ventura VA Home



**LEFT:** Col David Clark addresses group at Ventura VA Home

## 56 VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

Members attended a 60th Anniversary of the Korean War commemoration ceremony at the Ventura VA Home. A committee from the Department of Defense (DoD) participated as well. Col David J. Clark, U.S. Army, was the featured speaker.

All the veterans in attendance who had served in Korea received certificates of appreciation.

Chapter President David Lopez spoke and conducted a flag folding ceremony. Other members in attendance included Manuel Adame, David Garcia, Rudy Arellano, Richard Ruiz, Eutimeo Beas, Frank Torrez, and Benito Lagos.

David Lopez, 1121 New St  
Santa Paula, CA 93060



**BELOW:** Member of DoD committee speaks at Ventura commemoration



## 70 OHIO VALLEY [OH]

On 18 November 2011, 22 members gathered at the Stone Building Club Room in Wheeling WV for a presentation of Ambassador for Peace Medals under the auspices of Mrs. Susan Han, President of the Dayton Area Korean Association. There were 65 veterans, family members, and Korean guests present.

The Koreans hosted the meal and enlightened us with music from a Korean stringed instrument and a drum line.

Ed Fellabaum, Chapter Secretary  
[erf\\_usn@yahoo.com](mailto:erf_usn@yahoo.com)



Members of Ch 70 and guests gather for medal ceremony



Woman provides entertainment at Ch 70 medal ceremony

## 105 CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

The "baker" of our chapter has retired. Tony Fallico closed his local bakery after 51 years of serving the people of Syracuse and the surrounding area.

In the infinite wisdom of the military, Tony Fallico, who had worked in bakeries since he was nine years old, should have been assigned to the motor pool when he entered the service. Someone

Tony and Pauline Fallico  
of Ch 105



messed up: he was assigned to Co. A of the 73rd Combat Engineers.

When the captain of his unit heard about Tony's civilian past, he changed Tony's MOS from 1812, Heavy Weapons, to 1824, Cook/Baker. Tony went immediately to feeding the troops. He even distinguished himself by baking the first pizza in Korea.

Tony is a very generous man. He has donated donuts for our meetings and decorated tray cakes for our clambakes and Christmas parties.

Tony learned to decorate cakes when he was thirteen, and his talent developed to the point where one did not have a proper wedding reception without a Fallico cake.

All the members of our chapter thank Tony and his wife Pauline, a member of our Ladies Auxiliary, for their generosity over the years, and we wish them the best in their retirement.

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

## 106 TREASURE COAST [FL]

We attended several ceremonies in 2011 to honor veterans. Among them were Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and the dedication of a plaque presented at Vero Beach Memorial Park.

Harold Trieber, 10440 SW Stratton Dr., Port St. Lucie,  
FL 34987, 772-345-3484, [haroldsk1302@aol.com](mailto:haroldsk1302@aol.com)



At 2011 Veterans Day ceremony in Port St. Lucie, FL, Ch 106 members (L-R) Peter Popolizio, Harold Trieber, Frank Antoucci, Joe Wilcox





Members of Ch 106 at 2011 Memorial Day commemoration surround past commander Tony Ricigliano (C) and Peter Popolizio (L), current commander



Commander Peter Popolizio of Ch 106 dedicates plaque presented by chapter at Vero Beach Memorial Park



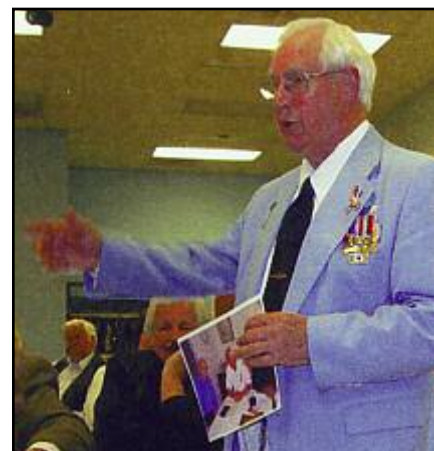
The plaque in Vero Beach donated by Ch 106

POWs and the unfair treatment they got when they returned home.

We ended our year with our annual Christmas party. It wasn't a bad year after all!

George Piggott, 3720 Root Ave., N.E.  
Canton, OH 44705

**RIGHT:** Howard Camp addresses Ch 126



**BELOW:** Ch 126 Color Guard prepares to post Colors on Veterans Day 2011 (L-R) Lindy Malignani, Dan Gallagher, Mike Kilcoyne, George Piggott, Leonard Husk

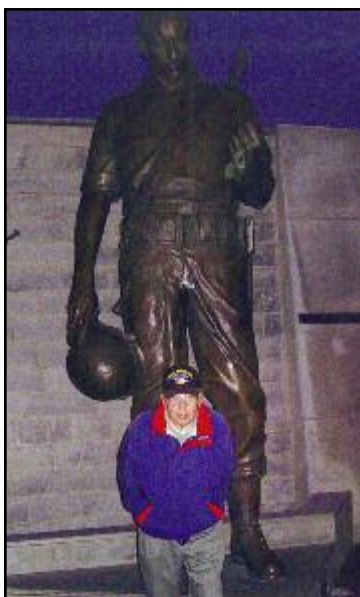


## 126 TRI-STATE [OH]

In October 2011 chapter members took a trip to Atlantic City and Cape May, NJ. We were surprised to see a really nice Korean War memorial on the boardwalk.

Then, in November, we stood tall to present the Colors at a Veterans Day program at the high school in Wellsville, OH.

At one of our meetings, guest speaker Howard Camp discussed the Korean War



George Germusa of Ch 126 stands in front of the Korean War Memorial at Atlantic City, NJ



Wives of Ch 126 members enjoy 2011 Christmas party (L-R) Ruth Gallagher, Dora Husk, Lois Piggott, Sheila Germusa

## 135 HARRY S. TRUMAN [MO]

Fellowship, food, and fine entertainment were shared by almost 300 people during the 16th annual Veterans Week KWVA



Mini-Reunion on November 8 in Branson, MO. A highlight was the presentation by the Republic of Korea and its Korean Veterans Association of their Ambassador of Peace medal to 23 members of our chapter. A total of 292 people signed in for the event in the ballroom of the Stone Castle Hotel and Conference Center.

The event opened with the placing of the Colors by cadets of the Air Force Junior ROTC of Branson High School. That was followed by the national anthem and pledge of allegiance, led by the Hughes Brothers, for many years one of the Branson's most popular entertainment groups.



The Hughes Brothers entertain Ch 135 members at Branson gathering

The medal and certificates of appreciation were then presented by Dong Wook Jung, president of the Korean-American Community of Springfield, and the Rev. Young K. Yoon, senior pastor of Springfield's Korean Presbyterian Church. They represented ROK Consul General Hu Chul.

The Hughes Brothers then entertained with a concert of popular and patriotic songs as the guests enjoyed a generous buffet. Dr. Fred Mullianax, executive vice president, and Tom Debow, curator of Stephen Foster Museum, at College of the Ozarks, announced the opening of an exhibit commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Korean War. It is in the conference hall of the Keeter Center, next to one honoring World War II veterans, and contains photos, artifacts and information about Korea and the war.



Part of the almost 300 people who took part in the event at the Stone Castle Hotel



Rich Peters, Ch 135 adjutant, James Fountain, KWVA national director, Joe Bryant, Ch 135 president, and D. Frank Williams, KWVA national director and Missouri Department commander (L-R) at Branson event



Rev. Young K. Yoon, Joe Bryant, Dale Bouse (Seated, L-R), Dong Wook Jung, Louis Schmidt, Ray Cracraft, Charles White, Gordon Nelson, Ted Nivens, Clint Masterson, Orlo Burkholder, Bob Layton, Ron Miller (Standing, L-R) at Branson hotel

Other speakers told of their service in Vietnam and the Persian Gulf. Lucky guests garnered dozens of door prizes throughout the afternoon.

The event was planned and coordinated by Arten Lipper of Branson Veterans Reunions in honor of the Truman Chapter.

Joe Bryant, 417-365-1389

### 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**



## 137 MAHONING VALLEY [OH]

We participated in the largest ever St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Youngstown, OH metro area. The parade was held on 11 March 2012.

Robert Bakalik, 2841 S. Schenley Ave.  
Youngstown, OH 44511, [rbakalik@att.net](mailto:rbakalik@att.net)



St. Patrick's Day paraders from Ch 137 aboard their trailer



Ch 137 contingent (Front, L-R) John Tankovich, Paul Lawson, Harry Ponikvar, Commander John Pariza, Bev Pariza at Youngstown parade (Members in back not identified)



Robert Bakalik, Ch 137 1st VP (R) and Mary Jane Dick at St. Patrick's Day Parade

## 153 CENTRAL FLORIDA [FL]

Our new officers were installed at our annual Christmas dinner, which was a rousing success. The ceremony and dinner took place at American Legion Post 127 in Lake Helen.

Chapter officers include President Ed Kent, 1st VP Don Smith, 2nd VP George Chartrand, Secretary John Likakis, Treasurer Tom Faas, Sgt.-at-Arms Angelo Saccente, and Judge Advocate Charlie Carafano.

Auxiliary officers comprise President Liz Vergara, 2nd VP Barbara Faas, Treasurer Helen Saccente, Secretary Pat Chartrand, Chaplain Mary Horrocks, and Sunshine Chairman Frances Nicolo.



Auxiliary officers of Ch 153: Liz Vergara, Barbara Faas, Helen Saccente, Pat Chartrand, Mary Horrocks, Frances Nicolo



Officers of Ch 153: Ed Kent, Don Smith, George Chartrand, John Likakis, Tom Faas, Angelo Saccente, Charlie Carafano (R-L)

Thomas Gaffney, Past President of the Department of Florida, installed the officers.

Helen Saccente, 1787 McFarlane Ave.  
Deltona, FL 32738

## 158 WILLIAM R. CHARETTE (MOH) [FL]

### National Secretary elected as Commander of Ch 158

We have new officers, including Commander Frank Cohee, the National Secretary of the KWWA. The other officers include



First Vice Bill McCraney, Second Vice Jim Bradford, and Secretary/Treasurer Ron Fuller.

Cohee appointed Dick Champion as Sergeant of Arms, Walt Benton as Judge Advocate, and Red Antolick as Chaplain.

Past Commander Charles Appenzeller installed the new officers on January 21, 2012.

Frank Cohee, [kwvasec@gmail.com](mailto:kwvasec@gmail.com)



**ABOVE:** New officers of Ch 158, Frank Cohee, Bill McCraney, Jim Bradford, Ron Fuller, and installing agent Charles Appenzeller (L-R)

**RIGHT:** Frank Cohee conducts first meeting as Commander of Ch 158



One group of Ch 160 members in Rapid City parade



More members of Ch 160 pass along the parade route in Rapid City, SD

What a great day.

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

## 160 WEST RIVER [SD]

A crowd estimated at over 10,000 people watched us march in the 2011 Veterans Day Parade. The viewers honored us with their pride and freedom.



Showing the flag at the Rapid City, SD Veterans Day Parade

## 168 QUAD CITIES [IL]

We participated in the 4th of July Parade in 2011. Twenty-two of our members rode on our new float.

Members also attended a July 27th commemoration at Rock Island Arsenal and a Veterans Day program at St. Malachy School in Geneseo.



Ch 168 members "floating" through 4th of July parade



## 169 LAKE COUNTY [FL]

### Pentagon Officials Honor Chapter 169 Korean Vets; Membership Increased By 25 percent!

Taps played in the background as Major John "Buck" Buchanan (USAF), hung a wreath on the Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park, Leesburg, FL, Wednesday afternoon, January 25, 2012, honoring nearly a hundred local Korean War veterans and widows of deceased former members for their service.



"Buck" Buchanan hangs wreath at Leesburg, FL memorial event (Photo courtesy of Keri Rassmussen of the *Daily Commercial*, Leesburg, FL)

An estimated 250 members, spouses and guests attended the ceremony under a beautiful clear sunny sky to commemorate those who served in the Korean War sixty years ago. The Pentagon officials visit to Central Florida was part of the DoD 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee's (KW60) three-year program—authorized by Congress—to recognize the sacrifices of these veterans nationwide.

"The service secretaries and chiefs, the men and women of our armed services and a grateful nation, which owes you a non-repayable debt, we thank you for your service," U.S. Army Col. David J. Clark said. "It is my honor to share this memorable occasion with you and to be in the presence of so many distinguished veterans."

Leesburg Mayor Sanna Henderson welcomed our KW60 guests and chapter members and guests. She spoke briefly about her recollection of the Korean War.



Tom Thiel of Ch 169 speaks at Leesburg, FL Veterans Memorial (Photo courtesy of Keri Rassmussen of the *Daily Commercial*, Leesburg, FL)



Robert Fitts, President of Ch 168, drives his jeep in 4th of July parade



**ABOVE:** Ch 168's Honor Guard at Rock Island Arsenal memorial

**RIGHT:** The site of Ch 168's July 27 commemoration at their "Stones" at Rock Island Arsenal



President of Ch 168, Robert Fitts, presents check to Dick Detmer for Honor Flight as Art Holevoet, Bob Berry, Dan Foukle, and Bill Teichman (L-R) observe

Our president, Robert Fitts, presented a \$1,000 check to the Honor Flight on behalf of the chapter.

Art Holevoet, 16801 County Highway 3  
Atkinson, IL 61235



Chapter 169 President Tom Thiel said, "This is one of the most memorial events in Chapter 169's history; this meeting is in lieu of our regular member meeting, and is being held to remember the Korean War of 60 years ago."

He also said that, "In addition to the beautiful living wreath on the center granite slab, all current and deceased Chapter 169 veterans of the Korean War were being presented a specially-printed certificate signed by Secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta, thanking the member for their service."

Two of our deceased members' spouses were present: Zillah (Mrs. Billy) Gaston of Summerfield, FL and Alma (Mrs. G. Brooks) Guseman, of Guntersville, AL. Certificates were presented to both the deceased member and to the spouse.



Zillah Gaston (L) and Alma Guseman at Ch 169's event (Photo courtesy of Ch 169 Gold Spouse member Carol Becker)

Our Color Guard proudly displayed the colors to begin the ceremony. Member turnout was excellent, with well over three-fourths of our 80 members attending.

The story within the story was that active KWVA membership increased by fifteen new members—for about a 25 percent increase in Chapter 169 members! This was because the Leesburg Daily Commercial carried an article about the event on the front page of its Sunday January 15 edition. Similar stories appeared in the Orlando Sentinel and The Villages Daily Sun. ABC affiliate Channel 9 Orlando and LakeFrontTV also covered the event.

We thank Don Van Beck, Veterans Memorial at Fountain Park CEO and chapter member, for ensuring that the Memorial was so presentable, and for the large flags. We thank the City of Leesburg for the sound system and the seating.

Chapter VP Dwight Brown was largely responsible for creating this special event, along with Mark Ballesteros (LTC, USA Ret) - Program Manager; Ms. Erin Payne - Committee Events Manager; Dwight; COL David J. Clark, Executive Director; and Major John "Buck" Buchanan—USAF, all of the KW60 office.

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

## 172 HANCOCK COUNTY [OH]

We held our annual Christmas dinner at the Hancock County Senior Center on 15 December 2011. A total of 88 members and guests enjoyed the evening.

Santa and his helpers distributed gifts and door prizes. A free will offering was taken for the benefit of the local City Mission, which provides food and shelter for the homeless in our area. Sad to say, a high percentage of these homeless people are veterans.

Harry C. Biddinger, 1 Windstone Ct.  
Findlay, OH 45840, 419-423-5785



Officers of Ch 172 join Santa at Christmas dinner (L-R) Sec. H. Cliff Biddinger, VP Ron Dutton, Pres. Welden Neff, Jim ("Santa") Ewing, Chaplain Cliff Peterson, Treasurer Paul McDaniel



Mark Ballesteros, Erin Payne, Dwight Brown, Col David J. Clark, John "Buck" Buchanan (L-R) at Leesburg ceremony (Photo courtesy of Ch 169 Gold Spouse member Carol Becker)



Certificate of Appreciation for Rodney L. Layer





Don Bair of Ch 172 and his band perform at chapter's Christmas dinner



Members and guests of Ch 172 enjoy Christmas dinner

A full dining room for the Ch 172 Christmas dinner



## 178 YORK COUNTY [PA]

We have new officers: Chaplain Robert Gregory; 2nd Vice Commander Frank Davilla; Secretary James Reinhold; 1st Vice Commander Ralph W. Ashton, Jr.; Commander Ronald Busser; Treasurer Robert Godfrey.



New officers of Ch 178 (L-R) Robert Gregory, Frank Davilla, James Reinhold, Carol Reinhold, Ralph W. Ashton, Jr., Ronald Busser, Robert Godfrey

We also recognized James Reinhold's wife, who does a tremendous amount of "behind the scenes" work for the chapter.

Ralph Ashton, Jr., [ralphandjean@verizon.net](mailto:ralphandjean@verizon.net)

## 179 SAN DIEGO [CA]

Jim Whelan reported that member Dick Garfield, Quartermaster of Ch 267, GEN James A. Van Fleet, designed a hat logo for CID 179, San Diego [CA] members. He also had a chapter flag made up for Ch 179 through one of his contacts.

"We have been purchasing from him for quite a while," Whelan said. "Hats off to a good man."

Jim Whelan, [omceltic@cox.net](mailto:omceltic@cox.net)



The logo designed for Ch 179 members' hats

## 186 ST. CHARLES COUNTY [MO]

In an effort to attract new members, we have set up booths at Senior Fairs held in St. Charles County. Our goal is to meet and talk with Korean War veterans and get them to join us.

Although it was initially our intent to find new members, we discovered that widows of Korean War veterans would stop by, eager to speak with our members about their husbands, their military units, and their experiences during the war. It seems like we found common ground with the widows, and our conversations provided good therapy for them.



Art Minor, Bob Peitz, John Torrissi, and a potential member of Ch 186 (L-R) at recruiting fair





Art Minor, John Lindner, Bob Breig, and Commander Dick Saip of Ch 186 staff recruiting booth



Bob Breig, Virgil Olendorff, Darold Woodcock, Bob Greenley, Clarence Schlueter (L-R) on recruiting duty for Ch 186

We have now expanded our search for new members by hosting booths at VFW posts during veteran health fairs in our county.

Salvadore ("Chris") Christifulli  
923 Annabrook Park Dr., O'Fallon, MO 63366

The city of Laredo held its annual international George Washington Parade recently. We participated in the event.

Pete Trevino, 1307 Stewart St.  
Laredo, TX 78041, 956-723-6978



Chaplain Nicolas Nanez and Rey Reyna of Ch 209 chauffeured by unidentified driver



Ernesto Sanchez, Jr. directs Ch 209 members in Laredo parade

## 209 LAREDO 1950 [TX]

## 250 CHARLES THACKER [VA]



Convoy from Ch 209 in George Washington parade (Front jeep) Treasurer Hector Castaneda (L), J. J. Trevino, President Ernesto Sanchez (standing); (Rear jeep) Chaplain Nicolas Nanez and Rey Reyna



Officers of Ch 250 (L-R) Secretary Fred Bishop, Jr., Gene Gyles, Vice Commander Jack Bentley, Commander Kenny Fannon, Quartermaster Bruce Shell, Chaplain Tom Wright



We had a special Christmas dinner this year. We used this time to honor one of our older members, Hayward Gilliam. Since his discharge from Korea, he has taken part in 3,561 military funerals. President Kenny Fannon presented him with an award for this achievement.



Attendees at Ch 250's 2012 Christmas dinner



Commander Kenny Fannon (L) of Ch 250 presents plaque to Hayward Gilliam

Hayward lost a brother in Korea during this time. It was in the same area, but different battles. Of his many medals, he was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Army of Occupation Medal and Japan Clasp, Korean Service Medal and Bronze Star Attachment, Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Award, and finally, the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

All of our members are special, but Hayward certainly deserves special honor and recognition. We are really proud of you, Hayward.

Jack Bentley, 9902 Coeburn Mt. Rd.  
Wise, VA 24293

## 251 SAGINAW/FRANKENMUTH [MI]

On 24 January 2012, we presented Saginaw Township police detective Sgt. Scott Malace with a \$1,000 check to cover expenses as he and his wife traveled to hospitals in Ann Arbor, Beaumont, and Mayo Clinic in a search for a cure for a very serious illness.

Scott is a personal friend to our members, and the entire township is praying for his recovery. The funds presented to Sgt. Malace came from our Rose of Sharon sales.



Ch 251 members, Commander Bob Simon, Chuck Wenzel, Heather Malace, Fred Bauer (handing Sgt. Scott Malace a check), Lydia Davis, Saginaw Township Police Chief Don Pussehl (partially hidden)



Check presentation ceremony at Saginaw Township PD (L-R) Ch 251 Cmdr. Bob Simon, Chuck Wenzel, Heather Malace, Fred Bauer, Scott Malace, Police Chief Don Pussehl, Lydia Davis

Speaking of Rose of Sharon sales, we use 62 dynamic chapter members to sell them. We have no trouble attracting the members to sell Roses of Sharon twice a year. Our secret of being dynamic is that we enjoy collecting money, but we have twice as much fun giving money back to needy organizations.

Bob Simon, 7286 Spring Lake Tr.  
Saginaw, MI 48603



Don Tweitmeyer (L) and Elwyn Tank of Ch 251 sell Rose of Sharon





Ralph Parlberg (L) and Wally Trinklein sell Rose of Sharon for Ch 251

## 256 NORVILLE B. FINNEY [MI]

Members had an active Veterans Day in 2011. We participated in the City of Sterling Heights' celebration and a ceremony at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. At the church we presented the Very Reverend S. Scott Hunter with a certificate of appreciation. He and the congregation recognized Korean War veterans on the 60th anniversary of the war.

The cathedral recognizes the veterans of all wars from the United States and Canada every year. The parishioners also recognize the first responders of our area. It's a very moving ceremony.

There is also an annual ceremony in Dearborn, MI to observe the signing of the July 27, 1953 truce. The city recognizes our sacrifices during the Korean War.

We held our annual Christmas dinner on December 10, 2011. About 40 members and guests attended. Everyone had a great time.

James E. McCarthy, 2159 Parliament Dr.  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310, 586-264-4223



Ch 256 members at Dearborn, MI commemoration ceremony on July 27, 2011



The "set-up" crew for Ch 256's Christmas dinner (actually, the crew is the chapter's officers)



The certificate of appreciation Ch 256 presented to the Very Reverend S. Scott Hunter

## 258 NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND [RI]

Members attended a Wreaths Across America event at Ponaganset Middle School on 30 November 2011 and a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremony at the Rhode Island State House Chambers on 7 December 2011.

Norman J. Paiva, Sr., 42 Morgan Ave.  
North Providence, RI 02911, 401-231-9176 (H)  
401-573-8338 (C)



Veterans, including a group from Ch 256, gather in Sterling Heights, MI in 2011 to observe Veterans Day



Flags galore at the Wreaths Across America event at Ponganset Middle School in Rhode Island



Ch 258 members at Ponganset Middle School, Rhode Island



Representatives from Ch 258 at Pearl Harbor Day at Providence, RI capitol building



KWVA members gather at Rhode Island Pearl Harbor Day commemoration



Students at Ponganset Middle School display American flag at Wreaths Across America event



Veterans commemorate Pearl Harbor Day at Rhode Island State Capitol

## 270 SAM JOHNSON [TX]

### Chapter Logs 5,622 Volunteer Hours In 2011, Names And Awards Members With Over 100 Volunteer Hours

We named and honored 28 members who logged a combined 5,622 volunteer hours at the Dallas VA Hospital during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. These volunteers reigned as the star attraction at our February 11 meeting as we handed out plaques to members who had logged over 100 volunteer hours each at the Dallas VA Hospital.

#### President Randolph Leads by Example with 614 Volunteer Hours

J. D. Randolph, President, topped all chapter volunteers by logging 614 volunteer hours at the Dallas VA Hospital in fiscal year 2011. Bob ("Ski") Wojciechowski followed with 460.

#### Volunteers with between 200 and 299 Hours

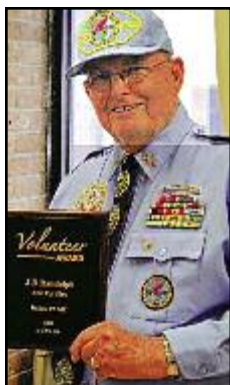
Six members logged between 200 and 300 hours: Morris Chambers (283), Homer Mundy (273), Tilford Jones (264), Jimmie McGee (253), Ken Borchers (226), and Bill Carman (206).

#### Volunteers with 100 to 199 Hours

Five members logged between 100 and 199 hours at the Dallas VA Hospital: Dick Bové (190), Keith Fannon (186), Grace Borchers, Ken Borchers' spouse, (178), Jim McCrary (161), Joe Seiling (114).



## 289 MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN]



President of Ch 270 J. D. Randolph displays his plaque for logging 614 volunteer hours at the Dallas VA Hospital in 2011

Bob Wojciechowski of Ch 270 shows his plaque for 460 volunteer hours at the Dallas VA Hospital in 2011



Past Commander Bob Shelton of Ch 289 with a bag of valentines to be delivered at Johnson City, TN VA hospital

William Ray Sluss, a POW from Korea, who was taken prisoner in November 1950 (age 20) and died of malnutrition a short time later. His remains were returned to our government several years ago by North Korea and just recently turned over to his family.

This was the third such funeral in our area in the past two years. Members attended the first and third. The second returned POW had a private ceremony at his family farm, where the burial also took place.

Carol Shelton  
cshelton37663@yahoo.com

Homer Mundy, Ch 270, shows his plaque for logging 273 volunteer hours at the Dallas VA Hospital in 2011



### Volunteers with Fewer than 100 Hours

Thirteen members logged under 100 hours at the Dallas VA Hospital in 2011: Ernest Bousquet (95), Paul Pfrommer, (82), Doyle Dykes (67), Dick Lethe (64), Bobby Medford (48), Patricia Haug, Joe Haug's wife, (44), Ed Wuermser (42), Bill Lovas (40), Joseph Haug (32), Richard Sanchez (23), Don Bates (12), Michael Steig (4), and Billy Joe Denton (2).

Glen Thompson, [gthomp@tx.rr.com](mailto:gthomp@tx.rr.com)



Nine members of Ch 289, Bill Porter, Bill Lewis, Billy Harden, Jim Simerly, Bob Shelton, Joe Cody, Dewey Harless, Fred Himelwright and Arlen Hensley (L-R), wait for casket carrying William Ray Sluss to come out of funeral home (Photo taken by Photographer Wes Bunch of the Kingsport (TN) Times- News)



Ch 289 members at William Ray Sluss' gravesite, Joe Cody, Arlen Hensley, Fred Himelwright and Bob Shelton (L-R)

(Photo taken by Photographer Wes Bunch of the Kingsport (TN) Times-News)

## 296 CAYUGA COUNTY [NY]

We celebrated our eighth anniversary at a dinner party on 4 February 2012 at Curley's Restaurant in Auburn, New York.

Chaplain Mike Trapani said grace to open the event, and we held a meeting before dinner was served. Dr. Jongwoo Han and his spouse, Kyunghye Lee Han, were honored guests. Dr. Han has assumed the responsibility of creating a website that will present the shared experiences of the men and women who served in the Korean War.

Dr. Han would be pleased to have anyone who served from June 1950 to July 1953 set up an interview for his project. It is open to anyone who served in that time period, not just those who served in the South Korean peninsula. Some chapter members have already participated. Anyone interested can contact Dr. Han at 315-637-9836 or Joe Leogarde at loejets@aol.com to schedule an interview.

Other attendees at the dinner included Mr. & Mrs. Bill Androsko of Four Seasons Monuments. Bill was very helpful to the chapter when we were installing monuments in Veterans Memorial Park. He continues to offer his assistance.

We were also pleased to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Ken Beyea. Ken is a new member of our chapter.

Commander John Barwinczok thanked Sue and Lyell Brown, Joe and Eileen Casper, Don and Thea Tavener, and Mike Trapani for arranging the dinner. Thanks also go to the Flower Shop for the lovely roses that each of the ladies received. The



Proclamation read by Congressman Michael A. Arcuri on behalf of Ch 289

dinner was a memorable event that everyone enjoyed.

On another note, our congressman, Michael A. Arcuri, read the nearby proclamation on the floor of Congress. It is about our project that we took 4-1/2 years to complete. The park is "Veterans Memorial Park" in Auburn, NY.

Counting all material and labor costs (including donation work), it is valued at about \$1 million. It is one of a kind. It honors all American wars from the Revolutionary War to today's Afghan War on terrorism.

John Barwinczok, jbarwinczok@verizon.net

## 297 CROSSROADS [TN]

We presented a check to Cumberland County [TN] Veterans Service Officer Mark Daniels. Our chapter has dedicated this year to giving to needy veterans, current and retired, living in Cumberland County.

Richard W. Malsack, 146 Anglewood Dr.  
Crossville, TN 38558



Bob Johnston, Commander of Ch 297, presents check to Mark Daniels

## 301 FOOTHILLS [SC]

We sponsored and staffed display tables at the Upcountry History Museum in Greenville, SC on Veterans Day in 2011.

Mrs. Nell A. Thompson, P.O. Box 6903  
Greenville, SC 29606



Members of Ch 301 at Upcountry Museum (L-R) Lawrence Murray, 2nd VP Francis D. Thompson, 1st VP Robert B. Bostwick, President Isaac Lewis Langley, James A. Hunt, Sec/Treasurer Glenn E. Walls, Chairman of Memorial Project Committee Lewis I. Perry



## 311 H. EDWARD REEVES [AZ]

Members have participated in a variety of activities in recent months. They included the Veterans Day Parade at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, for which more than 100 people turned out, and Thanksgiving and Christmas parties.

The flag bearers at the Veterans Day Parade were AROTC cadets from the Prescott High School Band.

A costumed group came down from Sedona, AZ to entertain us with a drum concert at our Thanksgiving party. We really appreciated that. Similarly, we enjoyed the traditional Christmas music entertainment provided by the PCA Singers and instrumentalist Stan Gigg at our Christmas party.

Vernon R. Gerdes, 4571 Calle Santa Cruz  
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314, 928-777-0545



Marchers from Ch 311 prepare for Veterans Day parade



Appreciative crowd watches Prescott, AZ Veterans Day parade



LEFT: Banya Lim and group perform drum routine for Ch 311 members

BELOW: Commander John McKinney of Ch 311 presents a certificate of thanks to Banya Lim and her team for Thanksgiving party entertainment



PCA singers entertain Ch 311 members and spouses at their 2011 Christmas party

### Bright Yellow 55-Gallon Drums

ATTN: Korean Service Veterans 1960-1970

I am searching for anyone who may have worked in the area of Supply (specifically in Korea in the 1960s through the 1970s) who recalls or knows about 55-gallon drums painted bright yellow in color and having red bands at both the top and bottom and red stenciled text. These drums may have been elsewhere in the supply chains - Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Guam, etc.

Anyone with information about these drums and their contents and location is urged to contact me through email at [pesteward@hotmail.com](mailto:pesteward@hotmail.com). Time is critical, so please respond directly to my email as soon as possible.

*Phil Steward*



# 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.

## 56 - VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

We were invited to attend a performance of The Little Angels Folk Ballet of Korea. Two members were able to attend.

The Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa, CA was the venue for the performance. It holds 4,000 people, but it filled up quickly. The first ten rows were reserved for veterans and their families.



The Little Angels honored 22 veterans. Ch 56 Commander David Lopez was the first one honored. He received a medallion—and a kiss from the Little Angels.

*David Lopez  
1121 New St.  
Santa Paula, CA  
93060*

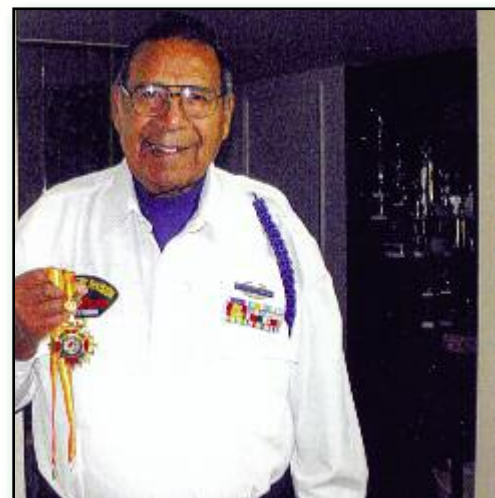
The Little Angels poster

David Lopez displays medallion presented to him by Little Angels

Veterans are honored at the Little Angels performance



Ch 56 "reps" at Segerstrom Center (R-L) Benjamin Espinoza's nephew, Benjamin Espinoza, Betty Espinoza, Sally Ann Lopez Pitts



## 167 - FINGER LAKES [NY]

There was a Veterans Day ceremony held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Waterloo, NY on 13 November 2011. The ceremony was held to say "Thank you" to all veterans.







**Ch 167 members at church service (Top, L-R) Ron Bisch, Charles Pelton, Past New York Dept. State President T. James Lewis (Bottom, L-R) ?, President Bob Sherman, Frank Clovis**

The tribute was a special day for the Korean War veterans from our chapter.

*T. James Lewis, 15 Reed St.  
Waterloo, NY 13165, 315-539-2928*

## 172 - HANCOCK COUNTY [OH]

The New Life Korean United Methodist Church in Findlay, OH invited us to a Thanksgiving dinner celebration on 20 November 2011. A total of 44 members and spouses attended.

The event combined good food, great music performed by the Korean students attending our area universities, and personal remembrances provided by adult Koreans who now live in Hancock County.

*Harry C. Biddinger, 1 Windstone Ct.  
Findlay, OH 45840, 419-423-5785*

## 173 - MID-FLORIDA [FL]

*By Chaplain Tom Cullerton*

The Korean Senior Community celebrated the New Year on January 21st with a stirring extravaganza. They invited us as guests of honor. Their gratitude for the military and moral support we gave them in 1950-53 knows no bounds.

We enjoyed both a wonderful dinner and party at the Maitland Civic Center. They gave us a stirring singing of the Korean and USA national anthems by Mrs. Miwha Park, who has a voice that is extraordinary in range.

Reverend Lee gave us an invocation that expressed prayerfully the blessing of God's love and grace on the holy relationship of Korea and America.

We enjoyed some special entertainment. Reverend Go offered a blessing on the dinner brought to our tables by



**Dr. Joon Young Song, Pres. Welden Neff, Ch 172 VP Ron Dutton, Wayne Gorrell, Rev. Kisang Jeon (L-R) at Findlay OH Thanksgiving dinner**

Korean waitresses. The entertainment that followed included Lee's Band and vocalists Ms. Park and Jaehyon Lee, and a folk dance featuring drum rhythms and children in cultural garb.

With cultural music on the slate, director Kate Han graciously gave me the chance to play "Amazing Grace," honoring Korea, and then "God Bless America." If only the world could follow the love and respect the people of our two countries offer one another!

*Charles R. Travers, President,  
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**Members of Ch 172 at New Life Korean United Methodist Church for Thanksgiving dinner**

**New Life Korean United Methodist Church members serving Thanksgiving dinner to Ch 172 guests**



**Members of Ch 167, Peter Stirpe, Frank Clovis, Charles Pelton (L-R), stand guard outside St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

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# Members in the



## Irving Breitbart...

presented a check to the Wounded Warriors Program at West Point, NY. Breitbart was the Commander of CID 91, Westchester-Putnam [NY] from 2000-2004 and then the New York State Commander from 2008-2010. He is currently the Commander of Ch 91—again.



Irving M. Breitbart presents check to Amy C. Rodick, Supervisor of the Soldier & Family Assistance Center at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY; Len Gomberg, one of the workers at the center, along with soldiers who are currently stationed at the Academy and enrolled in the program, look on

Breitbart is also the Westchester County (NY) Junior Vice Commander of the Jewish War Veterans.

## Lawrence (“Larry”) Cole...

of CID 141, Cape Cod & the Islands #1 [MA] won his group in the Hyannis half marathon. He had an entry via his running club for the Boston Marathon on April 16th.

“Just want to say I have done it once,” he noted. And, he plans to run in the Marine Corps Marathon in October in DC, which ends at the Iwo Jima Memorial. Reach Cole at coleslaw1@verizon.net

## Clarence A. (“Bud”) Colette...

received a Warriors Medal of Valor at an all-day ceremony on 17 December 2011 at the Yavapai Indian Tribe Community Gathering Center in Prescott, AZ. The ceremony included the posting of the Colors, an invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance, songs, gourd dancers, host drums, benediction by Hubert Bornaha, the Yavapai Tribal Elder, and the retiring of the Colors.



“Bud” Colette displays Medal of Valor

The presentation of the medal, hosted by the Yavapai County Gourd Society, took place in the afternoon. As Colette received the medal, a presenter touched him gently with eagle feathers on his head and shoulders.

The members of the Medal of Valor Society came from several



Drummers and singers at Medal of Valor presentation



Presenter slips Medal of Valor over C.A. Colette’s head



Members of the Medal of Valor Society at Yavapai medal presentation

Indian tribes, e.g., Miami, Cherokee, Navaho and Yavapai. Colette is 1/8th Salish, a Northwestern tribe headquartered in British Columbia, Canada, where his dad was born and raised.

The Warriors Medal of Valor was designed by Marshall “Tall Eagle” Serna, who wanted to honor veterans with a medal to show appreciation for their sacrifices.

Colette served in the infantry in Korea during the war. He was in the 5th Regimental Combat Team, attached to the 24th Infantry Division. Colette was in Korea from June 1951 to late April 1952.

## Richard Higa...

of CID 44, Hawaii Chapter 1, was pictured on p. B1 of the 13 November 2012 Honolulu Star Advertiser. Republic of Korea President Lee Myung-bak was greeting Higa at the time.



## Hershall Lee...

was featured in the 11 March 2012 Danville [IL] Commercial News. He was commenting on new street signs erected in Danville displaying the name of the Illinois Korean War Veterans' Highway. A second sign, directly beneath the highway identification, states "Danville Birthplace of Illinois Korean War Veterans Association."

Hershall Lee stands under new sign at the south entrance to Danville, IL



Lee, a co-founder of CID 21, Robert Wurtsbaugh, the first KWVA chapter in Illinois, told the reporter that the new signs are bigger and easier to read.

## Ken Rishell...

a U.S. Air Force veteran and new member of CID 264, Mt. Diablo [CA], and his wife Pat made their annual December visit to the VA Clinic in Martinez, CA to hand out sugar-free candy to the residents. Regular candy canes were wrapped and given to staff and family members.

Reach Ken Rishell at 925-682-6279, krishell@astound.net



Pat Rishell, Rosa Caldwell, Ken Rishell (aka Santa Claus), Jane Crandall, Vicki Buckridge, Ruth Langley (L-R) at VA Clinic

## Joseph Wyso...

donated memorial silhouettes to American Legion Post #23 in Oak Ridge, NJ. The story was carried in AIM Jefferson, p. 5, January 20, 2012.

As his wife Helen explained in a letter, "I gave [the silhouettes] to Joseph, a Korean War veteran, for his 80th birthday. Coincidentally, we



The silhouettes that adorn American Legion Post No. 423 in Oak Ridge, NJ (Photo Courtesy of Jack Kelly)

will be celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary in July and he in turn donated it to the post."

Helen emphasized that "It is also in honor of veterans of all wars."

## Women Veterans Of Korean War...

were honored in a 9 March 2012 article in the Washington Post. The article was written by Rachel S. Karas. As she began:

"Graying hair coiffed, medals on display and sitting with military poise, they readied themselves onstage. They greeted one another like old friends: Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force veterans sitting side by side, preparing to share war stories.

But Friday, it was no old boys club."

Karas explained in her article that the female Korean War veterans were being honored by the Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee, which is taking an active role in promoting the upcoming milestone.

She wrote, "More than a dozen women who had served during the war joined family, friends and U.S. and Korean military personnel at a panel discussion and reception held at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery."

Read the article online at [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/women-veterans-of-korean-war-honored/2012/03/09/gIQAPFyK2R\\_story.html?wpisrc=emailtoafriend](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/women-veterans-of-korean-war-honored/2012/03/09/gIQAPFyK2R_story.html?wpisrc=emailtoafriend)

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## Letter to the Secretary

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, Isaac K. Sober Jr. Kim Sam  
Isaiah K. Sober Jr. 김사랑

- This is written in remembrance of my granduncle, John Kaakimaka, who died fighting in action in the "Cold War" on December 12, 1950.

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

## Veteran's Day

### West Ocean City, MD



Applebee's Restaurant in West Ocean Beach, MD

Jill Creasy, the manager of the Applebee's Restaurant on Route 50 in West Ocean City, MD, recently took over the position. I approached her regarding a 2011 Veterans Day celebration. (Remember, Applebee's provides free meals for veterans who patronize their restaurants on Veterans Day.)

We have in the past placed American and POW/MIA flags just inside the entrance to the restaurant in commemoration of the day. She was amenable to any suggestions I offered to decorate the restaurant to welcome veterans

and active members of the U.S. military on Veterans Day.

Earlier, I had called Frank Cohee, the KWVA's National Secretary, and asked him if he had knowledge of any 60th Anniversary materials available for the 2011 Veterans Day observance. He said that he did not know of any offhand, but he would check around.

Not too long after our conversation, he called to inform me that he had just returned from the KWVA's October reunion in Boston. There, he had spoken to Department of Defense (DoD) representatives who were working on a 60th Anniversary recognition program. He gave me the names of two women in the DoD who supplied materials for the KWVA's use in Veterans Day displays. I contacted them. Within two days I received several tubes of posters relating to the Korean War.

I contacted Jill immediately and showed her the posters. She loved them! In fact, she had them displayed on the restaurant's glass partitions, along with some personal items, e.g., photos and maps, of Korea I had assembled. Among them were photos of me when I was in Korea and four U.S. Army personnel on Pork Chop Hill receiving medals (1 Silver Star and 3 Bronze Stars).

Now, that's service.

Eric A. Nilsson, 163 Seafarer Ln.,  
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Eric and Hanne Nilsson at Applebee's



# Honoring Our Fallen

## ROK President Lee Myung-bak Pays Tribute To The Fallen Korean War Patriots At Punchbowl National Cemetery

The State of Hawaii was honored to host the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings from November 8 through 13, 2012. Taking this opportunity, three leaders, Republic of Korea President Lee Myung-bak, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda, and Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard, made their official visits to the beautiful National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific to pay tribute to fallen U.S. soldiers on November 17th or the day follow-

ing. who served in the Korean War are buried. He was rendered a 21-gun salute upon his arrival and departure as the head of state.

Korean flags flapped in the spiraling winds inside the cemetery's volcanic crater. Then, President Lee was greeted by Cemetery Director Gene Castognetti, Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle, and Rear Admiral Paul Becker, Director for Intelligence (G-2), and Rear Admiral Robin M. Watters, Chief of Staff, U.S. Pacific Command. He was also escorted by Consul General Young-kil Suh of the



Guests and dignitaries greet one another at Punchbowl commemoration

President Lee's visit was indeed very noteworthy and inspiring, in that it was an opportunity for him to visit the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii and honor war veterans, as well as reconfirming the blood-tied alliance between Korea and the United States, which has been born out of the tensions of the Korean War.

He arrived at 10 a.m. and stayed at the cemetery for 30 minutes, where more than 8,700 Americans

Republic of Korea in Honolulu.

President Lee placed a fresh-flowered commemorative wreath before the cemetery's dedicatory stone, then signed the official guest book. He then went straight to greet and shake hands with 36 specially invited Korean War veterans of Hawaii from six different organizations, including the 5th Regimental Combat Team, the Korean War Veterans Aloha Chapter, and the Korean War Veterans Chapter 1.



A moment of silence at the Punchbowl



Republic of Korea President Lee Myung-Bak speaks to Korean War veterans in Hawaii

On behalf of the Republic of Korea and its people, President Lee expressed his sincere gratitude to the veterans for their service, valor, and sacrifice during the Korean War. He thanked them for joining the battle of the Korean War in a far-off country, and stressed that based on such invaluable sacrifice, Korea and the United States became blood brothers. Korean

War veterans who were present during President Lee's visit were truly moved by his recognition of what Americans did for Korea.

After the 20-minute wreath-laying ceremony, on his way out of the cemetery, President

Lee stopped by a special section of Punchbowl where the remains of over 800 unknown service members are buried. This was a symbolic desire that the Korean War will not be forgotten and Korean people will continue to remember the ones who sacrificed their lives "to defend a country that they never knew and a people they never met."



The wreath presented at the Punchbowl Cemetery

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## McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst Museum Announced

The Armed Forces Heritage House (AFHH) has been incorporated in the State of New Jersey and has been approved by the IRS for 501 (C) (3) as a nonprofit organization. The Planning Board's mission is to plan a major first class, state of the art, museum honoring the Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst history and heritage. Now that we have the non-profit status we will be seeking grant monies and donations from private individuals.

Members of CID 54, Thomas W. Daley Jr. [NJ]. Chapter # 54, to which I belong, go to schools to discuss the war and our experiences. We are welcomed by students and faculty. We raise funds from private individuals to distribute to needy veterans and veterans' causes. We find people are willing and happy to donate monies in small denominations for those causes.

Accordingly, the Armed Forces Heritage House planned museum is in need of donations to assist us to go forward with our temporary facility, as outlined in the message below. I believe many of our fellow Korean War veterans would be happy to contribute towards this project.

I will contact you to further discuss our goals.

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### The Official Announcement

The Armed Forces Heritage House (AFHH), incorporated in the state of New Jersey on May 31, 2010 is an IRS recognized 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization. The privately funded organization will provide a home for the rich history,

artistry, heritage and environment of the Armed Forces for the Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst located in the state of New Jersey. The museum will display the histories of all the military components and record the sacrifices and dedication of those who served on the joint base from 1917 to the present day. Significantly, Fort Dix was named Camp Dix in 1917 when it was first constructed during World War One.

The Board of Directors and the Planning Board of AFHH have the support of former base commander General Gina Grosso, recently promoted to a position in the Pentagon, and the current base commander, Colonel John Wood. The multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art museum planned will be on a ten-to-fifteen-acre plot located outside the Joint Base, positioned in order to provide access for the public.

As the ambitious project may take ten years until completion, the Board will eventually be seeking artifacts, collectibles and weapons representing the era. We will maintain a record of those Korean War veterans who specifically served or took basic training at Fort Dix. We recognize many World War II veterans have passed away and their souvenirs probably disposed of or donated to various veteran organizations.

Once we begin building the museum structure, we will be actively seeking to obtain whatever artifacts surviving veterans may still have. Many Korean War veterans may want to eventually donate to the museum any items that would be pertinent to preserve for future museum attendees ability to reflect on the history of the war.

The Planning Board of Armed Forces Heritage House currently consists of sev-

eral dozen men and women with a background of diversified successful civilian careers to complement their military careers; most of them had active military service. As the project goes forward, we plan to add additional members to the Board who will bring additional diversified experience needed for the project.

Stan Levin represents the Korean War veterans as trustee representative for the Thomas W. Daley Jr. Chapter # 54 of the Korean War veterans Association. He is Secretary of the Chapter and also serves as a member of the Armed Forces Heritage House.

Stan, together with his fellow Chapter 54 members, is active in the "Tell America" program. This spring we visited eighteen high and middle schools to discuss the history of the war and our personal experiences. The positive reception we receive from the students and faculties is most gratifying and sometimes overwhelming.

Armed Forces Heritage House will be seeking grant monies and private donations to fund the multi-million dollars needed to build the museum. We are asking for private donations from Korean War veterans for needed funds to continue the operational work needed to bring this dream to reality. The Joint Base is located in Wrightstown, New Jersey, and we have the full support of the mayor and town council for the project.

Welcomed tax deductible donations of any denomination should be forwarded to AFHH Treasurer Joanne Tilghman, PO Box #324, Wrightstown, New Jersey, 08062. Our website is [www.armed-forcesheritagehouse.org](http://www.armed-forcesheritagehouse.org), where an overview of our organization can be viewed.

# More On Hoengsong

We included some material about the “Hoengsong Massacre” in our Jan/Feb 2012 issue. Here is some more.

Two requests for info that point to the reality of the event appeared in the May 1998 issue of *Military, The Press of Freedom*:

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On 9 Feb 51, the 2nd DIV, 23rd and 38th INF DIV ran into a planned Chinese roadblock at Hoengsong. Just about all the trucks and jeeps were destroyed and hundreds of GIs were killed. I believe the area was called Slatter Valley or Pass. I was a survivor and would like to contact other survivors. Contact R. Juchems....

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Seeking identification of a U.S. Navy corpsman KIA on patrol with C CO, 1st Marines, north of Hoengsong, South Korea, 12 Mar 51. Contact J.J.V. Cook....

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From Clay Blair’s 1989 book, *The Forgotten War*:

Far to the right at Hoengsong, in Bill Hoge’s IX Corps sector, the 1st Marine Division also began its attack on March 7. It was flanked by Charlie Palmer’s 1st Cav on the left and Nick Ruffner’s 2nd Division on the right. Going north toward Hongchon (Line Albany), five miles distant, the Marines met little or no resistance. The 1st Cav and 2d Divisions likewise encountered few enemy, but the advance of the 2d Division was again impeded by rugged terrain and logistical difficulties.

As the Marines advanced north of Hoengsong, they entered the area where the 2d Division forces in support of the ROK 8th Division had been cut off and savaged on February 12 and 13. The battlefield was still littered with hundreds of American dead, but a few live Americans were rescued from hiding places. Among the dead was the body of the brave Dutch Battalion commander Marinus den Ouden, who was buried with honors. The Marines tagged the area “Massacre Valley.” One Marine erected a sign: MASSACRE VALLEY, SCENE OF HARRY S. TRUMAN’S POLICE ACTION, NICE GOING HARRY

War correspondents with the Marines, realizing the Army had “covered up” a big fiasco, began filing critical Massacre Valley stories.

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Below is a 15 May 1998 letter written by a survivor of the “massacre” to John J. Cook, of Havertown, PA. There may be a bit of duplication in it. The writer presented a brief account of his experience at Hoengsong in the January/February 2012 issue:

I’ll try to go through the ordeal as best I can. We were in a position on hill 300, not really a hill, just a small hill. This was near a small village called Saemel.

We were behind the main line about three or four miles. Our L Co, the Artillery and ROK troops were up on the MLR. We were there for several days just waiting-not knowing what was to come. We were getting two

meals a day. One about 9 a.m. and the other about 4 p.m.

We had our forward observer out; he (Charles Long) was with other mortar F.O. Unlike most of the time, our F.O. was not assigned to any rifle Co.

I was 1st Gunner on one of our Mortars, 81MM. I went on guard about 2:30 a.m. on Feb. 12, 1951. I hadn’t been on guard but a few minutes and I heard screaming ROK troops running down the road past us. They had thrown their weapons down. They weren’t trained at all. Then we started getting fire orders from our F.O. Charles Long. We fired as fast as we could till daylight. Then we got no more fire orders. We were surrounded then but didn’t know it.

We were on a south hill slope and the enemy was just over the hill, maybe 200 or 300 yards. A Sgt from our machine gun platoon decided he would go up and look over the hill. He was shot through the upper thigh. He passed out...we dragged him back down the hill, a short distance.... he was white and in shock.

At that time we wasn’t firing because our FO was dead. They had an aid station there but being surrounded they couldn’t get any wounded out.

A 1st Lt from the artillery came and got in the foxhole with us and another guy...he was hit in the foot or ankle.. He limped but could get along. He had been to the aid station but they had so many worse off they wouldn’t take him.

When I came home, I found out this Lt was from Kansas City and had married a girl from my hometown...He was captured that night and died in a prison camp in April.

A helicopter came in about midday for wounded..the ones like we see on MASH. Not knowing what he was getting into, he came in at an angle..... as he got close enough the burp gun bullets started hitting the long part behind the pilot.

We didn’t know it at the time, but our FO had radioed in the early morning that he had used all his carbine rounds and thrown all his grenades. He was completely surrounded when he called for 40 rounds on his own position, killing himself and many enemy.

Our Company Commander took toilet paper out of his helmet liner and wrote a recommendation for Charles Long to get the Medal of Honor. Since we were surrounded, he sent his request out with the copter pilot. He didn’t know whether any of us would get out or not. I ordered a book after I got home about the 2nd Div. In it there were the names of those that had received medals and which one. It said Charles Long had been recommended for the Medal of Honor. I never knew until 1991 that he had gotten it posthumously.

We live about 125 miles from Independence MO. We saw in the paper that The Harry Truman Library was going to have a Korean War display. My wife Carol and I went. The first thing I saw was Charles Long’s medal in a glass display case. I knew he was from Independence, but I hadn’t tried to find his family, as there are about 50 Longs in the phone book.

Anyway, we laid low for rest of the day till about 4p.m. Then we started down the road slowly. The enemy was close but didn’t bother us till we got down in the valley. They had troops on the hills on both sides and



the road was narrow...and of course there were trees on both sides.

After dark they let loose with everything they had....me and a friend decided to stay together (we were told we were on our own). We would get on one side of the road then the other. It was real dark. All we could see was the sky full of tracer bullets. I think every 5th one was a tracer.

It was quiet for just a few minutes and a group of us were huddled together in the ditch. Someone, I'll never know who, said, "If you want to live get up and move....if you want to die stay here." I told my friend, Bill Sherman, "We better move on." I don't know what rank that voice was, but he was right!

We got across the river, our shoeboxes were full of water and all of our clothes were frozen by that time. We walked for a while.....we were finally picked up by a truck. We got in the back. There were several things in the back. I sat down on something, but I didn't realize what... till we had gone several miles..... it was a dead GI.

We finally got to Wonju, just before daylight. Our Company was there....what was left of it...25 men! Our chow truck brought breakfast up for the company. They had plenty. We hadn't eaten for two nights and a day, so I ate seven eggs and the works.

There was no reason for this roadblock. It has been and was kept very quiet by the Army.

I read an account of a pilot that flew over the area North of Hoengsong the day before and said he had never seen so many Chinese or North Korean troops moving south as there was then.

P.S. A man in our platoon, Joe Carlin, was captured that night. He spent the rest of the war in a prison camp. He told me over the phone, "The enemy had 700 prisoners and started marching them north the next day. When they got there, only 400 were left. And by the time they were set free, only 100 of the original 700 went home."

Most of the artillery was captured and all of the boys that fled to the hills were captured the next day or killed.

Sincerely,

Doyle Parman  
More to come!

Our side had sent three tanks up there to help get us out. There were GIs clinging to every part of those tanks. Bill and I opted not to try and get on one. We finally came to the river.

By that time our side had sent up flares and we could see a little. The temperature was around 15 or 20 degrees F.

I guess we started across the river...I could see some stones the Koreans had there to walk on, so I decided to walk on them as far as I could. What I didn't know was...the river had been up and went down, leaving ice on them. The second one I stepped on...my feet went out from under me... I went clear under, losing my helmet and an M1 I had picked up.

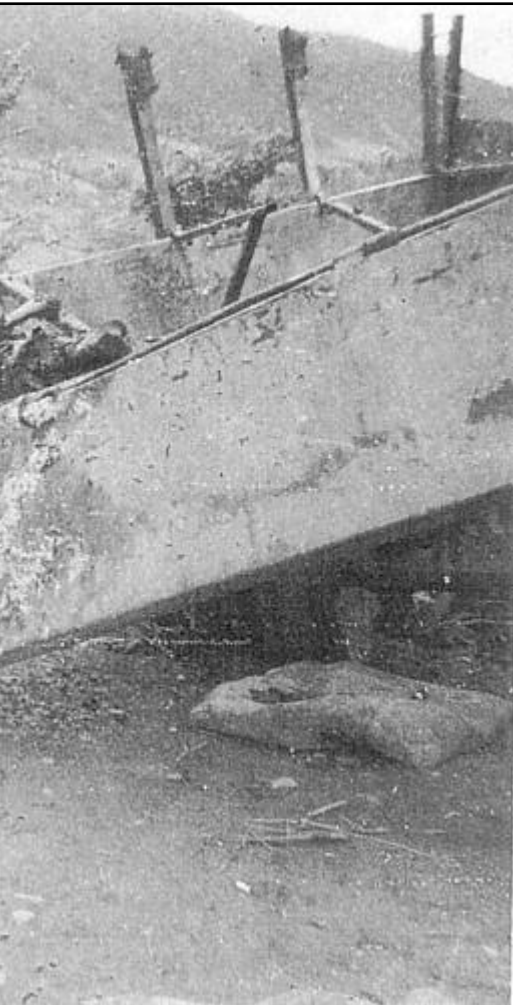
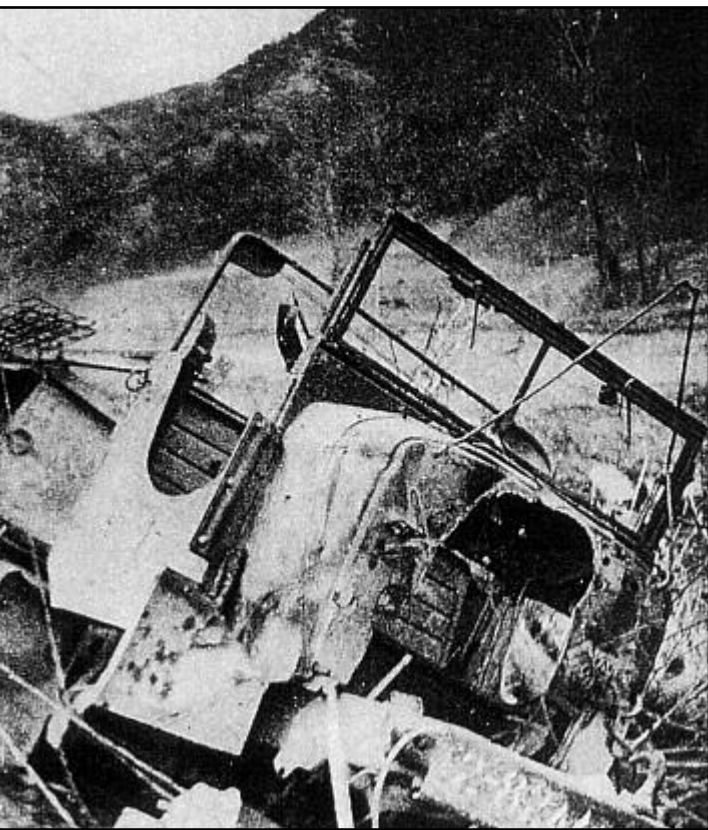
My official weapon was a 45 pistol. The next day I tried to get it out of my holster and it was frozen. I had to thaw it out. I found my helmet, poured the water out, and put it back on. My clothes had frozen instantly, but I wasn't much wetter than the others because the water was chest high and I am 6 ft tall.

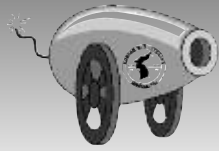


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# Feedback/Return Fire

This section of *The Graybeards* is designed to provide feedback—and generate more feedback. It gives readers the opportunity to respond to printed stories, letters, points of view, etc., without having to write long-winded replies. Feel free to respond to whatever you see in the magazine. As long as it's tasteful and non-political, we will be happy to include it. If you want to submit ideas, criticisms, etc. that you prefer not to see in print—with your name attached to it—then we will honor that. Make sure to let us know, though.

Mail your "Return Fire" to the "Feedback Editor" at 152 Skyview Drive, Rocky Hill, CT, 06067; E-mail it to: sharp\_arthur\_g@sbcglobal.net, or phone it in to (860) 202-3088. Whatever the medium you choose, we welcome your input.

## Proper Attribution

I read a recent issue of *The Graybeards*, and on page 47 I was amazed and pleased to see that my poem, "Korea," had been etched in stone at a Korean War Veterans Memorial in Liberty State Park, NJ Turnpike, Exit 14-B, Jersey City, NJ.

On my revisit to Korea in 2010, I represented our group and recited that poem at the banquet. If you have my book, "Tears Of Ink," ISBN 978-0-595-46230-8 (paperback), you can find my poem on page 59. I am honored that someone thought it good enough to have it engraved, but somewhere I feel I should have gotten some recognition for being the author.

I have been asked to recite my poems at schools and patriotic functions, last being the revisit to Korea. All the profits from the sale of the book go to veterans organizations.

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## Chinese troops in North Korea were experts in "hiding"

Sgt. Hartwell Champaign and I saw naked Chinese soldiers crossing the river at dawn 4 November, 1950, holding their clothing and weapons above water to keep them dry, even though there was a bridge nearby. When I advised Battalion headquarters I was promptly told, "There are no Chinese troops in North Korea."

Two hours later, however, I was hit by machine gun fire, my platoon was overrun by hundreds of Chinese, and I was a prisoner of war.

On the two-week nighttime march to the POW camp, I had opportunities to observe some of the methods Chinese troops used to avoid detection. The Chinese used lightweight, easy-to-carry weapons and equipment. This enabled them to travel through mountainous areas at night while avoiding roads, bridges and open areas. In contrast, our heavier, superior weapons and equipment caused our army to become road-bound and easy to detect.

I saw no mess trucks traveling with the Chinese army. Neither did I see any bulky C-rations. Each soldier carried rice or grain in a cloth tube about the size of a bicycle tire, tied at both ends, and slung over his shoulder. Several of their cooks carried 6-foot sticks on their shoulders with a lightweight cooking pot on each end. When it came time to eat, each pot was set on several stones,

partially filled with water or snow, and a fire was built underneath.

Each soldier untied one end of his rice tube, and the cook pinched off a certain amount of grain from the tube and let it fall into the pot to be cooked. There was no need for mess vehicles. On the march northward, I observed a unique method the Chinese used to warn of incoming aircraft. On occasion, sentries positioned on mountain tops would suddenly shout, "Hungo! Hungo!" Other sentries would immediately repeat the warning shout, giving their troops time to either hide or "freeze." Usually, within seconds, I would either hear or see the incoming U.S. plane. The system was primitive but effective.

Yes, the Chinese troops in North Korea were experts in "hiding."

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## Pets In Korea

In reference to the article entitled, "Dogs Korea, And Other Critters In Korea," page 79, Nov/Dec 2012 issue of *The Graybeards*, here's my "critter" story.

### "Radar"

My company, the 58th Signal Radio Relay Company, set foot at Inchon, South Korea, on September 25, 1950. Less than a month later, we boarded a freighter at Inchon that would take us to Wonsan, off the east coast of North Korea. The two-day trip to Wonsan was, with one exception, very pleasant.

A dog of uncertain breed had been adopted by the members of one of our teams and, since we were a communications unit, he was, appropriately, named Radar. He was a good dog. Every day, he would jump up on the hatch that covered the opening to the hold of the ship. We would play with him and pet him. Then, he would lie down in the warm sun and fall asleep.

Early one day, as we were approaching the port of Wonsan, the crew moved the hatch cover to facilitate the unloading of our cargo. Unfortunately, Radar was unaware of this turn of events. He loped along the deck and jumped up onto the hatch to enjoy a nap in the warm afternoon sun. Radar was probably more surprised than scared when, instead of coming to rest on the hatch, he beheld a cavernous opening to the hold and fell to the hard,



unyielding deck below!

We mourned the loss of an innocent, friendly animal that had never harmed anyone in his short life. Someone once said that "All dogs go to heaven." I don't agree with that statement, because not all dogs deserve to go to heaven, but Radar surely made it!

### Welcome Home!

The photographs depicting troops arriving in Seattle, Washington, in 1953, brought back some memories of my arrival in Seattle on August 3, 1951. The weather was sunny, with temperatures in the low 70s. As we neared the city, fireboats, discharging torrents of water, escorted us in. As we walked down the gangplank carrying our duffel bags, we were welcomed by the 1950 Miss America, Yolande Betheze, Miss Washington, 1951, Darlene Shaffer and a high school band, complete with majorettes and cheerleaders.

Sixty-one years. I can't believe it!

I was among 4,737 troops who walked down the gangplank from the *General M.C. Meigs* onto American soil in Seattle, WA on 3 August 1951. Unfortunately, I was not as lucky as one of my fellow passengers, Sgt. Michael Moore, who received a very "special" welcome home greeting from Miss America 1950, Yolande Betheze.

Sgt. Moore meets  
Miss America



### WARM STRUGGLE IN SEATTLE

Prissy Seattle matrons recently put a stop to the practice of having can-can dancers meet troopships returning from Korea. Last week Sgt. Michael Moore got a taste of a new Seattle greeting—a hug from Yolande Betheze, Miss America of 1950. For some reason this made Sergeant Moore squirm.

Recently I discovered the magazine photo nearby that portrayed Sgt. Moore's pleasant predicament. It is interesting to read the caption.

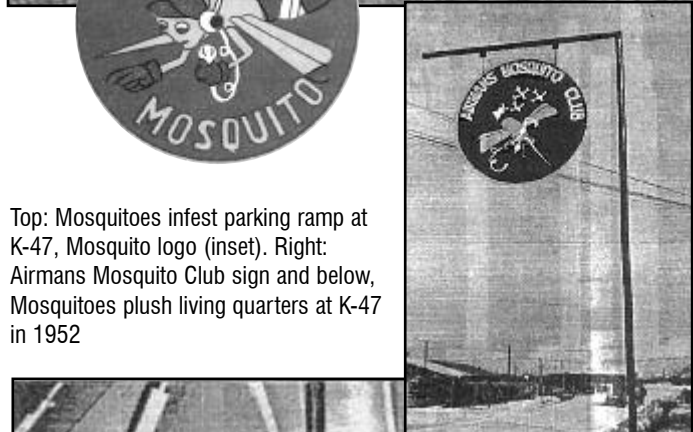
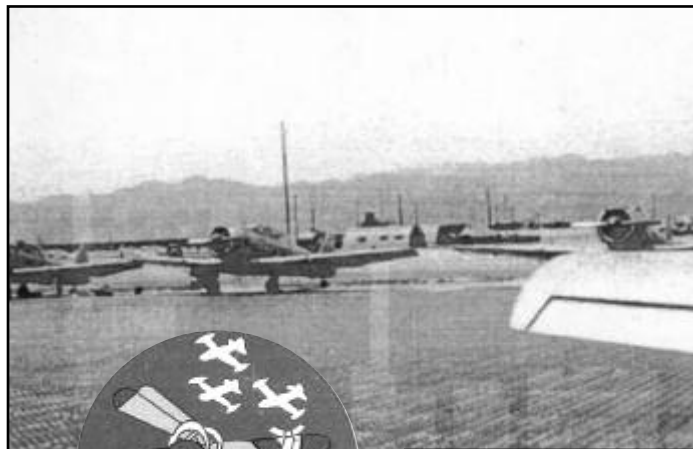
Incidentally, Yolande Betheze, who was from Alabama, entered the Miss Alabama pageant to take advantage of the scholarship opportunities it offered. Because she had been educated in a religious school, she refused to pose in a swimsuit after she won the Miss America title. Consequently, one of the sponsors of the pageant, a swim suit company named Catalina, withdrew its sponsorship of the Miss America pageant. That led eventually to the creation of the Miss USA pageant in 1952.

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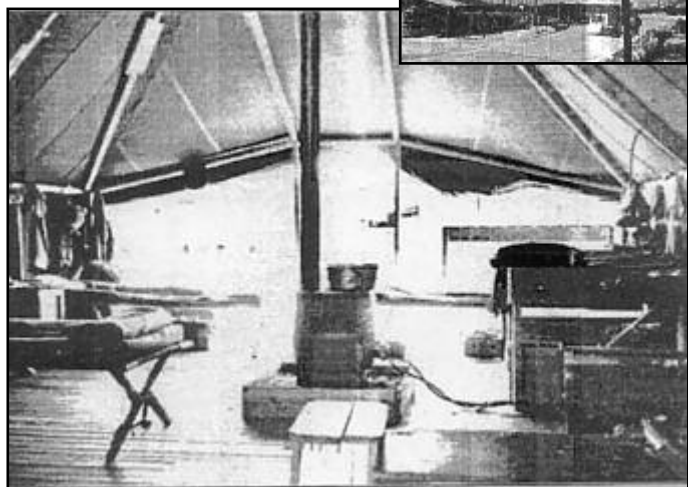
*EDITOR'S NOTE: It is interesting to read the caption on the photo submitted by Norman Deptula. Apparently, political correctness was alive and well in 1951.*

### Who Had The Larger Mosquitoes?

On p. 17 of the January/February 2012 issue, there was an article by Bob Sanford describing how big the mosquitoes were in Korea. Well, as the nearby photo suggests I think our "mosquitoes" were bigger.



Top: Mosquitoes infest parking ramp at K-47, Mosquito logo (inset). Right: Airmans Mosquito Club sign and below, Mosquitoes plush living quarters at K-47 in 1952



Of course, Mr. Sanford was being facetious in his story. But, our mosquitoes were real. We had our own squadron of aircraft (T-6s) making regular recon flights over the MLR. Our air base, K-47, was five miles from the 38th Parallel, at Chunchon, in 1952. I was told that ours was the farthest north air base in Korea.

We also had our own Airmans Mosquito Club, and "plush" living quarters, with six men to a tent. Now, who had the largest mosquitoes?

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## Boat Or Ship?

The submarine cover picture on the January/February 2012 issue did not remind me of my days with the 45th Inf. Div. in Korea (1951-52). But, when I saw that this was the *USS Tucson* (SSN 770), I did have a vivid memory because I, with about thirty others, took an all-day trip out of San Diego on this ship in February 2000.

(I know that the usual terminology for a submarine is “boat,” but the officers on *Tucson* always called it a ship.)

For an old, washed-up Army vet, this trip was one of the thrills of my lifetime. We spent about seven hours submerged, did a deep dive to 800 feet, made several very sharp maneuvers (hang on!), fired two torpedoes, and had lunch. And, for about five minutes I got to steer the ship—under careful supervision.



**Above:** Chet Harvey at sea aboard *USS Tucson*



**LEFT:** Graham Barton (L) and Chet Harvey “crewing” *USS Tucson*



LtCmdr/XO (L) Jim Pitts (L) and CMDR/Captain Dennis Murphy (R) of *USS Tucson* in 2000

There was no external scenery to view, but watching the crew go about their various duties was most impressive. Approaching San Diego on our return, we went to periscope depth and could see on TV monitors around the ship what the scope “saw.”

Chet Harvey looks through *USS Tucson* periscope



*Tucson*’s captain at the time was Commander Dennis Murphy, who was kind enough to take my picture up on the top of the sail (formerly called conning tower) after we left San Diego. All in all, it was a never-to-be-repeated experience.

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## Agent Orange In Korea

Ref: Jan/Feb 2012, Vol. 26, #1, P. 72, “Agent Orange in Korea”

In 1971 I was assigned to D TRP, 3/7 Cav., Munsan, Korea. First Sergeant Redmond Williams (Fayetteville, NC) assigned all E5s to different schools. I was assigned to Rodent Control and Sanitation.

I handled all the chemicals, including Agent Orange. Many individuals, including the VA, would neither help nor admit that it was even used.

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## Where Might This Scene Be?

Re the “Mystery Photo” question in the Nov/Dec 2011 issue: it was the Bridge of No Return, and the site where two United Nations Command Officers were murdered by North Korean soldiers in 1976. We observed the bridge on our Return Visit to Korea in 2000.



Bridge of No Return guards (Front, L-R) Pineiro (Brooklyn, NY); Faiful (MD); (Second Row, L-R) Cyproski (LA); Mertz (PA); Gillespi (PA); Talbert (GA)

The GIs in the photo above were serving as Second Bn. Gate Guards in 1953-54 with the 27th Regiment (“Wolfhounds”).

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## Listening Through A Coma

I have been a volunteer with the Veterans Affairs Central California Healthcare System for four decades. The three decades in which I have been working with coma patients have been particularly rewarding.

Before the advent of privacy acts, being passively interested in saving lives was what I had in mind. I spent time talking to the coma patients about their families, grandchildren, etc., praying to and for them, and reading the bible to them. At first, I read the King James version. Then I switched over to the more interesting New International Bible. That made the patients perk up.

After some of the patients recovered—and some do recover, they told me that changing to the New International Bible kept them wanting to learn more about the bible. Apparently, people do listen while they sleep—even if that sleep is coma-like. Through voice recognition and thought perception, patients form a distinct feeling of trust between them and other people. They do comprehend.

Unlike palliative care, in which the point is to ease the patient's pain without curing him, time is on the side of people in comas. They rest in a state of deep unconsciousness, which facilitates healing. That is why long-term care is important for our veterans in comas: a small percentage of them do recover from their illnesses.

In December 2011, correspondent Scott Pelley said on the CBS evening news that the Fresno VA's palliative care facility is the best in the nation. That is one reason I am glad I can volunteer there—regardless of which version of the bible I use. People in comas listen either way.

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## Is This Pilot Or His Family Still Alive? (Sept./Oct. 2011, p. 58)

Albert W. Murphy submitted a photo of a downed U.S. plane in Korea with the markings VA 923 and 516D. He noted that the pictures are on Facebook under the name Loren Murphy and wondered if the pilot or his family were still alive. Lou Ives did a bit of checking. Here is his report.

Al Murphy's letter and photos in the KWVA Sep-Oct 2011 issue got my attention as the AD Skyraider in the photos was from squadron VA-923 in air group (CVG-102). I was in VF-781 of Air Group 102. We were on the Bon Homme Richard (CV-31) – 1st tour 1951, and the Oriskany (CV-34) — 2nd tour 1952-1953. Our tail letter was 'D.'

Al indicated he was in Korea 1952-1953, which would indicate the Skyraider was from our 2nd tour on the Oriskany. Jim narrowed the date to Dec 26th 1952 – Jan 18th 1953.

I emailed Al (copy attached), and he replied on November 18, 2011:

"Thanks so much for the reply. From the original photo, the numbers under the stabilizer are, from what I can make out.....something above the numbers[1] which I can't read but the numbers are 1227 either 33 or 13, so it would be 12 27 33 or 12 27 31. If this is any help, let me know. Thanks, Al Murphy, 73rd Combat Engineers"

Jim Koukl's dates and Al Murphy's BuNo both fit the googled December 28, 1952-January 18, 1953 CVG-102 Action Report

data, which lists only one AD lost during this period. That was AD-3 Bureau Number (BuNo) 122739 lost on 1-18-53 due to "Overspeed prop, damage category D-1." [2] This was determined to be "non-combat" (the pilot might disagree)—so not much more detail was listed, including the location and the pilot's name.

A few of my guesses:

(1) A propeller overspeed condition (a rare occurrence) can be the result of failure of the propeller overspeed governor. This will cause the propeller blade angle to seek least air resistance. Less resistance will cause higher propeller speed, reducing thrust, or pull, to a minimum. This flat angle propeller condition also causes tremendous drag from the propeller arc—on the AD, a 13-foot diameter barn door. No thrust, max drag, max bomb load, and the pilot was lucky to find a flat place, such as a frozen river.

(2) Why was the ordnance load not jettisoned? Landings off runways are usually made with wheels up, to prevent the aircraft from nosing over if the landing gear snags on some ditch or other obstacle. Landing with gear up and a full ordnance load is a hairy "no-no." More than one aircraft (and pilot) has been lost by not following this rule. It's my guess, again, that the pilot had no opportunity to seek a clear area to jettison his load and did not take the chance of dropping it—even on "safe"—below the MLR.

Photos from both Jim Koukl and Jim Murphy indicate the landing occurred on the friendly side of the MLR. The pilot, probably on a close-air-support mission, would not jettison his bombs over friendly territory. His runaway prop precluded flying to a safe area, so he had to grit his teeth and bugger in with a full load of ordnance (one hopes on safe).

(3) Aircraft on our first tour had nose names, aircraft on our second tour (as I recall) didn't—note the cowlings of the ADs, including D-516, in the photos are clean, except that pranged (crashed) D-516 has "Hangar Deck Queen" on the cowl.

When a squadron ran out of spare parts, one of their aircraft was parked and served as a source of the needed parts. As this parked aircraft was now 'grounded,' it was called "The Hangar Queen." D-516 could have been in this category, with "Hangar Deck Queen" painted on its cowl to inform the aircraft handlers that this aircraft was not available for the flight schedule.

Later, when spares were received, the 'Hangar Queen' was repaired and returned to the flight schedule. I'll check to find some VA-923 people who might give me more info. We "pacemakers" in VF-781 kept pretty much together as we were recalled from the southern California area. VA-923 was recalled from St. Louis, and their people drifted off my scope.

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November 15, 2011

D-516 was a Douglas AD-4 attack bomber from Navy attack squadron VA-923, Air Group 102 (CVG-102), during the three years of the Korean fracas. CVG-102's first tour was on the USS Bon Homme Richard (CV-31) 1951, the second on the USS Oriskany (CV-34) 1952-1953.

CVG-102 was a reserve air group made up of four recalled squadrons. VF-781 and VF-783 were from NAS Los Alamitos, near Long Beach, CA. VF-824 was from Oakland, CA, and VA-923 was recalled from St. Louis. All were recalled in 1950.

I was in Fighter Squadron VF-781. I checked the web for CVG-102's Combat Action Reports. Several instances of a loss of an AD from VA-923 are recorded with the pilot either bailing out or ditching near Wonsan Harbor. The specific event concerning D-516 is not mentioned [aircraft are listed by Bureau Number, not side number].

However, these combat action reports are sometimes inaccurate. For example, one of our (VF-781) aircraft was hit and the pilot ditched off the shore of North Korea. He was rescued by a destroyer, spent several weeks in Tokyo Hospital, and was then transferred to the states. The Action Report has him listed as "rescued uninjured."

It could be that one of the ditchings or one of the bail-outs was actually D-516 skidding to a stop near the bomblane.

The date or aircraft bureau number (aft on the fuselage, under the horizontal stabilizer) would help.

I'll keep checking.

Lou Ives

### Info Re Medals

I am one of the younger members of the KWVA. I am not a Korean War veteran, since I was born in the early 1950s. I am a DMZ veteran from the early 1980s.

I have worked on military awards, medals and ribbons since November of 1983 for the military. Over the years I have seen printed in *The Graybeards* medals and ribbons, including ribbon boards, that are incorrect. For example, the ribbons and medals photo on page 45 of the Jan/Feb 2012 issue honoring Oregon Korean War KIAs contains certain mistakes.

The black ribbon on the second row after the Purple Heart ribbon is the POW Medal ribbon. Since PFC Hamilton was not a POW when he was killed, this is an error. The right ribbon on the last row to the right is the Combat Service Commemorative Medal. This ribbon is displayed for the medal. The Combat Service Commemorative Medal is not a Department of Defense medal, but a private commemorative medal produced by a civilian company.

The medal below the Korea Presidential Unit Citation is the Korean Presidential Unit Citation Medal. This item is not a medal from the government of South Korea; it is manufactured by the same private medal company. Both the Combat Service Commemorative Medal and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation Medal are manufactured by Medals of America that is located in Fountain Inn, South Carolina. This is a private medals and sales business.

The above medals are not approved or awarded by our government or the Department of Defense.

Also, the Army does not have the Combat Action Ribbon. Only the Department of the Navy awards the Combat Action Ribbon (CAR). The badge above the ribbon board is the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB) for the infantry.

If readers would like to find out more about Army honors that were awarded during the Korean War, as well as today, they are located in Army Regulation 600-8-22.

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### Anna Rosenberg

The letter in the Sept/Oct 2011 issue, "It was Anna Rosenberg,"

p. 66, and her visit to the front lines in Korea brought out my feelings of utter disgust! All of the effort of spit and polish! For what? Why wasn't Anna Rosenberg shown what it was really like with the troops in the trenches?

With all the dirt, stink, metal taste in your mouth from the incoming? And the C or K rations? Hot meals? Maybe once a day! Eating left over WWII eggs. Watching the cook break an egg over the griddle and out comes a partial baby chick. He scrapes it off and cooks another egg in the same place—and that had nothing to do with my appetite!

Putting up with the mosquitoes, "no see-ums," stopping them from getting into your rations, stale Baby Ruths and Hershey bars, and trying to get used to the smell of decaying bodies. We humans have a smell all of our own.

Then there were the salt tablets and the water purification tablets that killed any taste of water. But they must have worked.

I recall finding bodies in the creek from which we were getting drinking water. Always checking the bodies for dog tags—and finding some, while covering up the ones that had no IDs.

Why did the "brass" try to paint a pretty picture for the ones who could have improved our situations? Or point out our lack of ammo. It was very discouraging to have the ammo man tell you not to waste this batch because you're not going to get any more for thirty days.

Then there was the "2nd Louie" who had us polish our half-track and take down our camouflage! Of course, I know that the North Koreans knew exactly where we were due to occasional incoming.

Anyway, you get my drift.

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*EDITOR'S NOTE: Just for the record, Anna Rosenberg was one of the first people to look into the use of dogs in Korea. According to Robert Fickbohm and Sandra Fickbohm Granger in their 189-page book, Cold Noses, Brave Hearts: Dogs and Men of the 26th Infantry Dog Scout Platoon, ISBN 978-1-4653-4967-5, available through Orders@Xlibris.com or 1-888-795-4274:*

*Madame Rosenberg was the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower. After one of her trips to the war zone in Korea, she directed Lt. Colonel George Ish to "determine the degree of savings in manpower and funds that can be affected by maximum utilization of dogs in the performance of scouting and patrolling in zones of combat, and in the performance of physical security missions and guarding critical installations."*

### The "Graybeards" Regiment

There was actually a "Graybeards Regiment" that served in the American Civil War. It was the Union Army's 37th Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry. The unit comprised men who were exempt from military duty.

The Secretary of War had to grant special permission to organize this one regiment, which was composed of men over the age of 45, who were in good physical condition, and able to perform the duties of soldiers.

The "Graybeards Regiment" included several men over 60, a few between 70-80—and one who was 80!

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# Empathy

If there is one thing combat veterans remember it is the pain they feel when one of their comrades is killed in action. It does not even matter if it's the same war. That was evident recently in Woodsboro, Maryland, where members of Ch 142 paid their respects at a funeral for a Soldier killed in Afghanistan.

Here is the story.

## Family members remember Woodsboro man as devoted to his family

### Ronald Herbert Wildrick Jr. was killed in Afghanistan

by Tripp Laino, Staff Writer

Though family members frequently fought back tears while speaking at the funeral for Army Spc. Ronald Herbert Wildrick Jr., Jan. 12, the service offered them a chance to remember his life.

Wildrick's family will remember him as a devoted family man who lived life to the fullest, according to his sister Christie Berkey, who spoke at the funeral service.

"I knew he'd want everyone who knew him to live life like he did, whether it was someone he knew for a day or a weekend," he said. "He showed that you didn't have to sit back and let things fall. He didn't care if he was the biggest guy in the room, he'd do anything to make you laugh."

Wildrick, 30, was killed Dec. 11 in the Kunar province of Afghanistan when his truck hit an improvised explosive device.

Berkey said Wildrick took advantage of every day, and encouraged others to do the same. "He cared about everybody," she said. "He cared about everything he did. He made sure no matter what he did he did the best job he could. ... We know he tried

his best."

The Rev. Steve Humphrey, former pastor of Walkersville United Methodist Church, conducted the service and said Wildrick would make friends with everyone.

"He was a great guy," he said. "He wouldn't let you not be his friend. He was the kind of guy who would meet somebody at Sheetz and email them for the rest of his life. Everybody thought they were Ronnie's best friend. He made you feel that way."

Wildrick's father-in-law, Jeff Kasper, shared fond memories of hunting and fishing with Wildrick, who found a love for the sports after meeting Kasper.

"We built such a deep relationship," he said. "He didn't know much about hunting and fishing, and I taught him about it. The only problem was he'd never want to stop."

The Woodsboro community came out en masse this week to honor Wildrick. About 200 people gathered near the Hartzler Funeral Home in Woodsboro Wednesday morning to honor Wildrick,

whose body was brought to Frederick County from Dover, Del., shortly before noon. Those in attendance held flags and homemade signs, and fought back tears watching his casket carried into the home.

While her best friend was serving in Afghanistan, Jennifer Ringer of Walkersville set an alarm on her cell phone so the pair could pray together while he was overseas. Wednesday at noon, when the alarm sounded, Ringer had just watched her friend's casket be carried into the funeral home.

"I'm going to keep that alarm on my phone to remember him and all of the love he gave us," Ringer said through tears.

For Ringer, the day was an occasion to celebrate his life and mourn his passing.

"He'll be forever loved and missed," Ringer said. "All he did was for his daughters. They were the women in his life. He was always that friend who would do anything for you and bring a smile to your face. I've never known anyone else who just loved every day for what it was and what it is."

Wildrick has two young daughters, Kaylee and Leah Wildrick, who live in New Jersey. His wife, Stephanie Kasper, also lives in New Jersey, where Wildrick was born.

Wildrick was serving with Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion 35th Third Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. From January 2009 to July he was a member of the Continental Color Guard.

Military interment with full honors [were] held at 3 p.m. Friday at Arlington National Cemetery. The funeral procession [left] Hartzler Funeral Home at noon to proceed to Arlington.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to Fisher House, 116 Purple Heart Drive, Dover AFB, DE 19902 or use the website [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org). Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.hartzlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralhome.com).

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Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 142 of Frederick, MD members Anthony "Tony" Malavenda, left, Robert Eader, center, also with the Marine Corps League Shangri la Detachment, and Vern Kephart pay their respects.



# Last Call

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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### **Death Notice of a Member of KWVA**

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Primary Unit of service during Korean War \_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship to deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: **Membership, P.O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407**

## **TELL AMERICA from page 31**

got its nickname because after five battles for the hill over a ten-month period, there were few trees or bushes still growing. My responsibility was to direct fire on Chinese positions that were suspected to be the source of incoming shelling.

Finally, the Chinese regained control of "Old Baldy" and the U.S. leaders decided to let them keep it.

There was the constant danger of a sudden Chinese attack. For example, on the night of 6 July 1953, I was startled to hear loud speakers and bugles blowing as the Chinese swarmed around a small company outpost on Hill 255 ("Porkchop") to the right of our platoon. It was a horrific spectacle that I witnessed from my outpost.

I directed artillery fire on the attacking Chinese. I found them to be almost inhuman and I was shocked at how fanatical they were. I then understood what the units of the 7th Division had experienced in previous battles for Porkchop, and also what the Marines experienced in the battle at the Chosin Reservoir.

At Chosin, the Marines also had to deal with -30 degree temperatures, while this battle for Porkchop was conducted during a heavy monsoon rainstorm. On July 11th, the Commander of the 7th Division gave the order to abandon Porkchop.

Soon after the Porkchop battle, I was transferred to a radar observation post, where I tracked incoming mortar rounds. I later was told that after I left my outpost was infiltrated by the Chinese, killing my replacement.

Along with sharing my experiences with the students, I show them photos I had taken of "Old Baldy" from my observation post, with shells landing on it, and a photo of our bunkers. The latter photo was taken after the



Alan Lertzman as a young forward observer in the reserve area, where he could take a shower, enjoy a hot meal, and receive clean fatigues before returning to his outpost

armistice was signed on 27 July 1953. It depicts some soldiers standing on top of the bunker, which they could not have done before the armistice, since it would have been too dangerous to be exposed to artillery fire.

After the armistice was signed, I visited Panmunjom and took photos of the exchange of American and Chinese POWs. My presentation includes a photo of Freedom Village, where American POWs received medical attention and fresh clothes.

As for the Chinese POWs, I followed several truckloads of them after the exchange. Most of them stripped off the fatigues that they were given while they were in captivity.

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# KOREAN WAR NATIONAL MUSEUM *no longer forgotten*

## **"We Go Together":**

***Korean War National Museum Gains Major Traction with Government of Republic of Korea***

### **General Sun-Yup Paik Signs on as Honorary Co-Chairman of the Korean War National Museum, Library and Cultural Center**



On February 2, 2012, General Paik Sun Yup signed on to become the Honorary Chairman of the Korean War National Museum, Library and Cultural Center. General Paik is Korea's first four star general. His service and leadership has helped to continually strengthen US-ROK military relations. General Paik will be serving alongside his personal friend and Chairman of the Korean War National Museum, Mr. Denis J. Healy.



### **Deputy Minister of National Defense Visits Possible Site of the Korean War National Museum**

On Saturday, March 12, Kim Il-Saeng, the Deputy Minister of National Defense and a delegation of Defense leaders visited Chairman, Denis J. Healy, President, Tony Enrietto, and General Walter S. Sharp at a possible site for the Museum in New York City. In addition to promising support from the Ministry of National Defense, Deputy Minister Kim

made a statement that "Korea does not forget its friends. We are where we are today because of our friends: the United States and our allies. Minister Kim and the Ministry of National Defense salute all Veterans and Soldiers who protect freedom everywhere.



**The Korean War National Museum, Library and Cultural Center is now officially partnered with:**

The War Museum of Korea

The Contemporary Museum of Korean History

The National Folk Museum of Korea

The Seoul Arts Center

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee

The Lee Young Hee Museum of Korean Culture



# How I Survived Chip-yong ni

**R**ichard Barham and his wife Arlene went on a recent Revisit trip. Before he left, the Korean hosts asked if he would be the U.S. contingent's Prestigious Awards banquet speaker. He consented—and they gave him 24 hours to prepare a keynote speaker's speech. They needed it ASAP so they could translate it.

The hosts approved his draft, which he duly presented at the banquet. He also laid the wreath at the ceremony. Here is his speech.

Distinguished officials, officers of the Republic of Korea, United Nations Representatives, Korean War Veterans and their families.

It is my honor to represent the United States of America Armed Forces at this prestigious awards banquet. I would like to thank the Ministry of Patriots of Veterans Affairs and the Korean Veterans Association, that have worked so hard to make this commemoration possible.

It is very important for us to remember the sacrifices of those who fought for the freedom of the Korean people, many of whom lie in the cemeteries of Korea and around the world.

On February 15, 1951, at 4:3 p.m., the 1st Calvary, 3rd Battalion, 5th Regiment, "L" Company, were called on to try to rescue fellow soldiers trapped at Chip Yong Ni. One hundred sixty men and 20 tanks



**U.S. contingent on Revisit program**



**South Korean military reps at Revisit event**

tried to open a hole 18 miles in front of our lines. They put 10 men on each of the tanks. We immediately ran into an ambush. Out of those 160 men, only 22 of us survived. I was fortunate in that I was wounded early and was picked up by other tank crews who had been sent out to gather up the wounded.

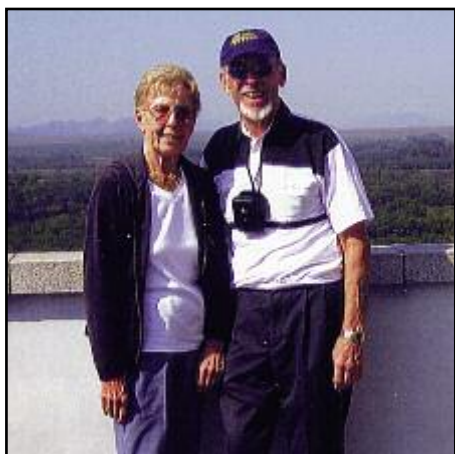
I was truly blessed to be one of the survivors of Chip Yong Ni and to be here today to tell my story. It's amazing to observe what these sacrifices made possible in this great country. The buildings, the roads, the technology, all made possible by keeping South Korea safe from the ravages of communism.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the ROK leadership, and all of the South Korean people for the great accom-

plishments they have achieved. We are proud to be part of the many United Nations Forces, who helped keep South Korea free. These sacrifices were not in vain!

Thank you, and may the Almighty Father continue to watch over all of us.

*Thanks to Peter Palmer of Ch 159, Sunshine State, FL for submitting this story and photos.*



**Richard and Arlene Barham**



**Arlene and Richard Barham with South Korean soldier**

## Official Membership Application Form

The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407 (Telephone: 217-345-4414)

**DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE** Assigned Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

KWVA Regular Annual Dues = \$25.00 ♦ Associate Membership = \$16.00

MOH, Ex-POW, Gold Star Parent or Spouse & Honorary - \$0.00

**Regular Life Membership:** (May be paid in lump sum or 6 equal payments by check over a 12 month period.)

**Ages up to and through 35 years of age:** .....\$600

**Ages 36 through 50 years of age:** .....\$450

**Ages 51 through 65 years of age:** .....\$300

**Ages 66 years of age and older:** .....\$150

*Please Check One:* ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal Member (# \_\_\_\_\_)

*Please Check One* ☐ Medal of Honor ☐ Regular Member ☐ Regular Life Member ☐ Associate Member  
☐ Ex-POW ☐ Honorary ☐ Gold Star Parent ☐ Gold Star Spouse

(Please Print)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle/Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Number/Name (if applicable) # \_\_\_\_\_

*All Regular members please provide the following information if applicable*

**Unit(s) to which Assigned**

**Branch of Service**

Division \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Army

Regiment \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Air Force

Battalion \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Navy

Company \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Marines

Other \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Coast Guard

### Dates of service:

WithIN Korea were: (See criteria below)

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

WithOUT Korea were: (See criteria below)

From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes as indicated, is true and correct."

**[If you are applying for membership in a category other than Section 1, par A.1., of the "Criteria for Membership," complete the "Certification of Eligibility for KWVA Membership" form on next page.]**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: KWVA

Mail to: **Korean War Veterans Association Inc., P. O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407** (Telephone: 217-345-4414)

(Or you may pay by Credit Card)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ VISA ☐ MASTER CARD (only)

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ V-Code \_\_\_\_\_ Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted 10/26/2009



## CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR KWVA MEMBERSHIP

In addition to completing the KWVA membership application form on page 1, persons who make application for membership and qualify under one of the categories listed below, are required to fill in the appropriate blanks, sign in the space provided below and attach this page to the completed membership application form on previous page.

Check One

- ☐ Medal of Honor: I am a Medal of Honor recipient and the date on which it was awarded was: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Ex-POW: I was held as a Prisoner of War at some time during the period June 25, 1950 to the present,  
From: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_ To: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Gold Star Parent: I am the parent of : Name [print] \_\_\_\_\_, who was  
( ) killed in action, ( ) missing in action or ( ) died as a Prisoner of War  
on: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Gold Star Spouse: I am the spouse of: Name [print] \_\_\_\_\_, who was  
( ) killed in action, ( ) missing in action or ( ) died as a Prisoner of War  
on: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Associate: I have a legitimate interest in the affairs of the Korean War Veterans Association and agree to accept the terms and conditions set forth in its charter and bylaws.
- ☐ Honorary: I was elected as an Honorary Member of the KWVA by a vote of the Board of Directors  
on: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me for the purposes indicated is true and correct."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_

### CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

**Section 1. Qualifications of Members.** Membership in this Association shall consist of Regular, Associate and Honorary Members. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, or physical or mental disability, as long as the individual meets the criteria of service requirements as stipulated below. Only Regular Members as defined in A. below have a vote in National or Department matters.

#### A. Regular Members.

- Service in the United States Armed Forces.** Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, is eligible for membership if:  
a. Said service was within Korea including territorial waters and airspace at any time, September 3, 1945 to Present, or  
b. Said service was outside of Korea, June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955.
- Medal of Honor.** Any KWVA Member, who is a Medal of Honor recipient, is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
- Prisoner of War.** Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
- Gold Star Parents.** Any parent whose son/daughter was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
- Gold Star Spouses.** Any person whose spouse was killed in action, missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

#### B. Associate Members.

- Must not be eligible for Regular membership.
- Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of this Association and who wishes to support its aims, and not being eligible for Regular Membership; and who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the KWVA Charter and its Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual, shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the Association. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

**C. Honorary Members.** Any person of good character may be elected as Honorary Member by vote by the Board of Directors. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

**D. Ineligible.** Any person who has been separated from the service of the Armed Forces of the United States under conditions other than honorable shall be ineligible for membership in this Association.

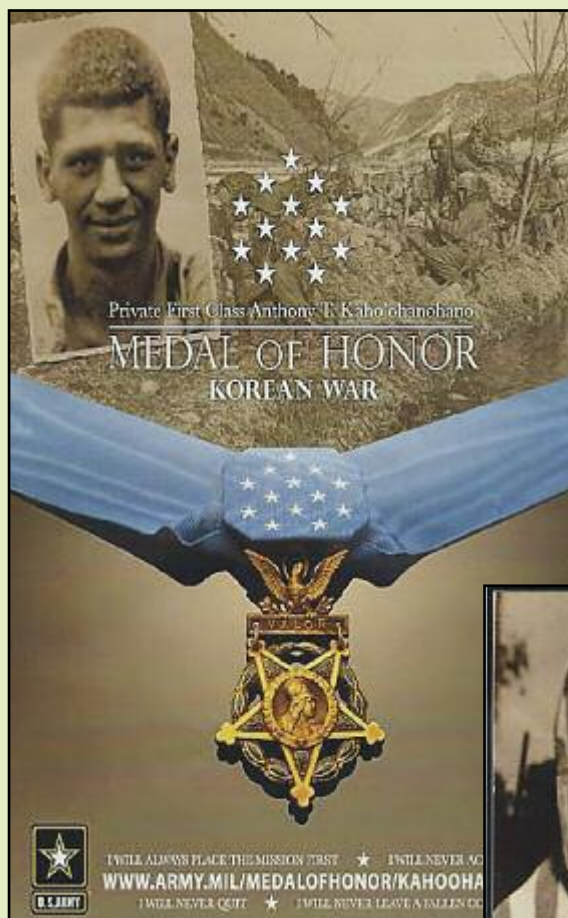
# MOH Recipient Anthony T. Kaho'ohanono Honored

On February 27, 2012, a special ceremony for Anthony T. Kaho'ohanono was held at the Maui (Hawaii) Veterans Cemetery for the unveiling of the headstone authorized only for Medal of Honor recipients. The invocation was delivered by Chaplain Colonel Jack Van Dyken, who served as the 7th Division Chaplain in the 1980s. The keynote speaker was the Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army of the Pacific, Major General William G. Beard.

Present and representing the 7th Infantry Division were William Choy, who served with the 17th Infantry Regiment, Richard Ouchi, who served with the 31st Infantry Regiment, Gary Hashimoto, Warren Nishida and Raymond Tendo, who served with the 32nd Infantry Regiment, and Douglas Halbert, who served with the 7th Medical Battalion.

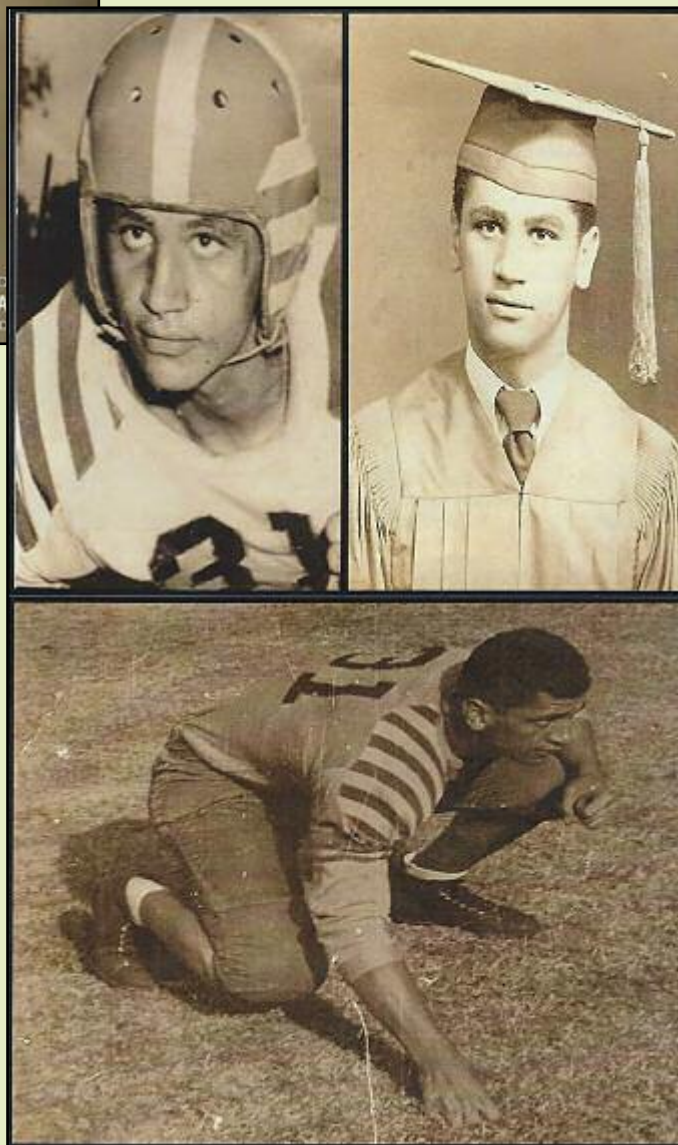
In addition to those representing the 7th Infantry Division, there were 38 members of Ch 282, Maui No Ka Oi [HI], present.

Doug Halbert,  
treasurer@7ida.us



Compan  
17th Infantry  
7th Infantry

**For conspicuous  
gallantry and intre-  
pidity at the risk of  
his life above and  
beyond the call of  
duty...**





# y H Regiment Division



The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, March 3, 1953, has awarded in the name of Congress the Medal of Honor to

**Private First Class Anthony T. Kaho'ohanohano**  
United States Army

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty:

Private First Class Anthony T. Kaho'ohanohano, Company H, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Chupe-ri, Korea, on 1 September 1951. On that date, Private First Class Kaho'ohanohano was in charge of a machine-gun squad supporting the defensive positioning of Company F when a numerically superior enemy force launched a fierce attack. Because of the enemy's overwhelming numbers, friendly troops were forced to execute a limited withdrawal. As the men fell back, Private First Class Kaho'ohanohano ordered his squad to take up more defensible positions and provide covering fire for the withdrawing friendly force. Although having been wounded in the shoulder during the initial enemy assault, Private First Class Kaho'ohanohano gathered a supply of grenades and ammunition and returned to his original position to face the enemy alone. As the hostile troops concentrated their strength against his emplacement in an effort to overrun it, Private First Class Kaho'ohanohano fought fiercely and courageously, delivering deadly accurate fire into the ranks of the onrushing enemy. When his ammunition was depleted, he engaged the enemy in hand-to-hand combat until he was killed. Private First Class Kaho'ohanohano's heroic stand so inspired his comrades that they launched a counterattack that completely repulsed the enemy. Upon reaching Private First Class Kaho'ohanohano's emplacement, friendly troops discovered 11 enemy soldiers lying dead in front of the emplacement and two inside it, killed in hand-to-hand combat. Private First Class Kaho'ohanohano's extraordinary heroism and selfless devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 7th Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

Pictured from left to right:  
Brother David Kaho'ohanohano  
Brother Abel Kaho'ohanohano  
Mother Virginia Kaho'ohanohano  
Brother LT Joseph  
Kaho'ohanohano



Mother Virginia  
Kaho'ohanohano  
receiving the  
Distinguished  
Service Cross

**Private First Class Anthony  
Thomas Kaho'ohanohano**

**MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT  
KOREAN WAR**



**Headstone Unveiling Ceremony  
Makawao Veterans Cemetery  
27 February 2012 at 10:00 a.m.  
Makawao, Maui, Hawai'i**



# APPLICATION FOR KOREA REVISIT & PEACE CAMP FOR YOUTH (PCFY) TOURS

(FD-0472817-01)

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-Mail<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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**  
**Fax: 703-590-1292**  
**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 subsidies 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

and

## Peace Camps for Youth

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The headlines in June 1952 read:

"Troops hold the line against Red's Human Wave Attacks"

And the wonderful and gracious people of South Korea still remember, to this day, what the Allied "Troops" did to save their country from communism some sixty years ago!

2013 will be the 60th Anniversary of the Armistice signing and the commemorations will be both large and many. We have early notification that the Revisit Korea quotas, sponsored the ROK government, Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA) will increase 10 fold! There will be a series of battle reenactments, supported by both the ROK and US Armed Forces, to show appreciation for one of the strongest Alliances in the free world today!

Additionally, the July Peace Camps for Youth Program commenced several years to educate our grandchildren that "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE", will also continue and be increased.

Since we are already receiving requests for 2013 quotas, it is NOT to soon to register. You can always cancel for health or other reasons. However, once the quotas are gone, they're gone!

Please fill in the "Application for Korea Revisit & Peace Camp for Youth Tours", contained, in the back of "The Graybeards", and submit them just as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please email James "Jamie" Wiedhahn at [JWiedhahn@mil-tours.com](mailto:JWiedhahn@mil-tours.com). This will be for 2013.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Warren Wiedhahn, Revisit Korea Coordinator  
Military Historical Tours, Woodbridge, Virginia  
1950 - Korean War Veteran - Pusan, Inchon and "Chosin"

### KWVA Mini Recruiting and Membership Report

Data Current as of 4/6/2012

#### Recruiting Results - New Members

For month of April 2012 .....	18
For month of April 2011 .....	0
This Year To Date 2012 .....	344
Last Year (4/6/2011) * .....	269
*2011 Average: 70 New Members per Month	
Current Active Members as of 4/6/2012 .....	15,954
Active Members Last Year (4/6/2011) .....	16,609
Members reported as deceased this year .....	538
Members reported as deceased in 2011 .....	1,367
May they rest in peace.	

#### Wrong Tern?

In reference to the photo of *USS Tucson* (SSN 770) on the cover of the Jan/Feb 2012 issue: was a seagull perched on the aft-most part of this mighty war vessel?

*William Pennoyer, 95 Huling Rd. #8, North Kingstown, RI 02852*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Pennoyer has sharp eyes. There was indeed a gull on the "aft-most part." We cannot identify it specifically, though: we do not want to be accused of making a wrong tern.

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Leesburg, FL Mayor Sanna Henderson, Col David Clark, Tom J Thiel of Ch 169 (L-R) saluting during "Taps" at January event. Story on page 40. (Photo courtesy of Keri Rassmussen of the Daily Commercial, Leesburg, FL)