

RECRUITING

Champion Chapters

The two chapters that took 1st and 2nd place in our recent recruiting contest, CID 172, Hancock County [OH], and CID 41, Frozen Chosin [MN] respectively, are pictured nearby. Their participation descriptions accompany the photos.

Congratulations to both chapters, and thanks to all the chapters that participated in the contest.

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172 - HANCOCK COUNTY [OH]

First Place Winner: 2013 Nat'l Membership Recruiting Contest

We became deeply involved in our community's planning for its annual 4th of July parade. At the urging of member Don VanRenterghem, the community parade committee expanded the annual event into not only a parade but also a commemoration service for the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice.

Mr. VanRenterghem, with the assistance of chapter members Ray Jameson, Gene Margraf and his wife Carolyn, President Ron Dutton, and a special assistant, Mrs. Kim Rice Turley, worked tirelessly to line up all the Korean War veterans in the area to be in the parade. Over 70 Korean War veterans partici-

pated in the parade.

Don and his committee produced a list of Korean War veterans' names. Don then contacted each veteran personally and asked if they might like to be in the parade. He also told them that a KWVA chapter was located in Findlay. He would ask them, "Would you like to come to a meeting, take a look at our organization, and possibly become a member?"

He then provided the person's information to chapter Secretary Harry Biddinger, who followed up on the invitation. He called the prospect and sent him/her a membership application, along with a copy of our monthly newsletter.

Thanks to Don and his committee, 23 new members were recruited from March through August 2013. It is noteworthy that since September 1st we have inducted nine more new members into our chapter. These new members can also be attributed to our participation in the 4th of July parade and the 60th Anniversary Commemoration Service of the Korean War Armistice.

We are so fortunate to have such great leadership in our chapter to accomplish this feat.

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41 - FROZEN CHOSIN [MN]

Second Place Winner: 2013 Nat'l Membership Recruiting Contest

Our new members are mostly the result of our Secretary, Paul Steen, and his wife Jane. They contacted all former members who had let their membership lapse, applied a little pressure, and enticed them back. We did get a few new members.

We have a luncheon meeting at noon, which I believe helps members attend meetings. Some of my personal friends who were in the Korean War I cannot get to join. I cannot forget those I lost in battle.

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Recruiting contest Ch 172 winner officers in back and members at October 17, 2013 meeting Officers include (L-R) Treasurer Cletus Kotten, Secretary Harry C. Biddinger, VP Robert Taylor, Chaplain Cliff Peterson, President Ron Dutton, and Clair Romick, the chapter's 1st President who took office in 1999



Members of Ch 41, runner-up in KWVA recruiting contest