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From the President

Larry Kinard

May is one of my favorite months of the year. This year, with the ample rainfall we have had in Texas, the wildflowers, especially the bluebonnets, are in full bloom. The temperatures have been very mild to cool so far, and it is very invigorating. Also, May 1 marks the end of my second year as President of the KWVA. I really never expected to have this position, but these last two years have been some of the most challenging and rewarding of my life. I thank all who have worked with me during this time for your strong support.

It is also time for the Memorial Day Ceremony in the Arlington National Cemetery when we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Again, it is one of the very important ceremonies when KWVA provides a presence at the ceremonies at both the National Cemetery and our own Memorial.

National Ceremonies Chairman Tim Whitmore and Ed Brooks will be carrying the colors this year. We have invited Major General Kyoung Soo Shin, Defense Attaché, and his wife to be our guests at the ceremonies. He will assist us in placing the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns and at our Memorial later in the afternoon.

April was a month with both good and bad news. Bad news first—two former leaders of the KWVA and a third who was very active in the Indiana Tell America program—have died. Former National President Nick Pappas (1994—1998) and former National Director Luther Rice (2008-2014) passed away on April 2 and April 8 respectively.

James Yaney, who served on the National Tell America Committee and developed and produced a PBS program on the Korean War that was popular in the Fort Wayne area for a number of years, died suddenly on May 3rd. Even though we know that we are getting to the age where this is a natural event that is happening more often, I feel these losses very deeply. We will certainly miss all three of these members.

On the plus side, in April we formed a National KWVA Board committee that has been charged with advertising and taking applications from Korean War veteran descendants for several \$2,000 scholarships that will be presented at the July 2015 Membership Meeting in Washington D.C. CEO Jung Hoon Kim of the American Veterans of Korea Foundation will be giving at least ten of these scholarships this year to help fund expenses for advanced education. Lew Ewing, Chairman, along with Narce Caliva and Les Bishop, will review the applications and name the recipients at the annual meeting.

Our heartiest congratulations to Paul Cunningham, President of the new Chapter #327, General John H. Michaelis, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Sonny Edwards, Membership and Recruiting Chairman, presented their Charter at their first meeting on April 1 at the Oak Leaf Manor in Lancaster.

The chapter is off to an enthusiastic and rousing start with over 70 members. Paul and his leadership group are to be commended

Remember, the annual meeting is in Washington D.C. July 22-27, 2015. Details are available in *The Graybeards* and on our website.

for their hard work and very successful beginning. Welcome aboard, brothers, and I hope to see some of you at our July meeting in Washington.

I have mentioned a couple times before a June, 2015 event that was being planned by the American Veterans of Korea Foundation Chairman Jung Hoon Kim for veterans in the New York area. We have just learned that it has been cancelled due to complications with finding a good location in New York City. We will get more information on his plans for such events later.

We had, what I thought, was a very good and productive Board of Directors meeting in Washington D.C. on March 27. We accomplished some good things, especially making plans and getting ready for the Membership meeting there in July. I ask that you please review the minutes of that meeting elsewhere in this issue. Secretary Frank Cohee always does a good job of summarizing the recorder's minutes for the benefit of the membership.

The results of this year's election for Directors have just been tallied by Donna Burrows, CPA in Arizona, who has been doing the counting for several years. We now know that three will not be returning for another term; Luther Dappen, South Dakota (2009-2015), Sal Scarloto, New York (2012-2015), and John "Sonny" Edwards, Virginia (2012-2015). All three have served the membership in important Committee Chairman positions and will be greatly missed. We appreciate their presence and contributions to the organization over the past few years.

We welcome three new members to the Board and look forward to having them involved in the management and leadership of the organization over the next three years. Results of the election are shown on page 17 of this issue.

In closing, I remind all of you that we need your help in obtaining co-sponsors for the new H. B. 1475 introduced March 19 by Rep. Sam Johnson that will permit the addition of a privately funded Wall of Remembrance to the Korean War Veterans Memorial. I am firmly behind this project and hope we will be able to get it out of committee for vote during this congressional session. It will take action from all of us in contacting your legislators and asking them to sign on as co-sponsors to make it happen. **WE NEED YOUR HELP IN GETTING THE WORD TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVE!!!**

This also reminds me of the ceremony of the "Reading of the Names of the Fallen" that will take place at our Memorial beginning at 9 a.m. on July 25 and concluding at 11 a.m. July 27. I think this will be a very impressive part of the Annual Meeting in Washington DC this year and hope many of you will make plans to attend.

Larry Kinard, President

COVER: WATERS EAST OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA (March 26, 2015) The amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) transits the East China Sea at night. Bonhomme Richard is the lead ship of the Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group and is underway in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Matthew Dickinson/Released)



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KWVA Annual Fundraiser

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Support The KWVA By Participating In The Drawing And Signing Up A Friend As A Member

The reason this message is printed on the reverse of the 2015 Raffle tickets is because many members requested that we not have *The Graybeards* ticket removal cause an article to be cut out of the magazine. We work very hard to make *The Graybeards* the best. I hope this will eliminate the problem.

As the new Fund Raiser Chairman, I thank all the members who participated in the previous fundraiser raffles. Your donations have helped tremendously towards the growing publication costs. The 2014 Chairman, Art Griffith, raised over \$50,000. My hope is that together we raise more than that to support the KWVA.

The 2015 winners will be drawn on Veterans Day, after the ceremonies and wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery. We will ask Major General, Shin, Kyoung Soo, ROK Army, Defense Attaché, Korean Embassy, to draw the winners again. The announcement of the winners

will be posted on our website, www.kwva.org, and in *The Graybeards*.

This year we have "ALL CASH" prizes. That will allow the winners to purchase the prizes of their choice. Hopefully, in the future a member might donate another weapon. If one is donated, we will gladly utilize it as a prize.

To be eligible for the drawing, tickets must arrive by October 15, 2015. We wish all participants "Good Luck."

The 2014 prize winners were Charles Kalb, Creve Coeur, IL (\$2,500.00), Harold Pitts, Girard, OH (a 1903 Rifle donated by Charlie Price), and Anthony Lori, Whippany, NJ (\$1,500.00). Congratulations to all 2014 winners.

I offer my personal "Thank You" to all members for your past and present support. If you have any questions, suggestions, or problems, please contact me.

Always Remember: "Freedom Is Not Free."

Thomas M McHugh, Director, Chairman, Fundraiser Committee, 908-852-1964, tmmchugh@msn.com

Call For Board Meeting and Annual General Membership Meeting, 2015

The Board meeting is called for July 23, 2015 from 0900 until 1200. The Annual General Membership Meeting is called for July 24, 2015 from 0900 until 1200. The meetings will take place at The Doubletree by Hilton, Washington DC-Crystal City, 300 Navy Dr., Arlington, VA 22202 and continue 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, not later than June 18, 2015.

To make a reservation:

1. <https://aws.passkey.com/g/447778122>
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Agenda

- Call to Order
- To the Colors/Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation
- Administrative Announcements
- Adopt Agenda
- Adopt KWVA Annual Membership Meeting Rules of Decorum & Debate
- Roll Call and Introductions/Recognition of New Officers/Directors
- Annual Treasurer's Report
- Approval of Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2014 Meeting
- Old Business
- New Business
- Reports from Select Committees
- For the Good of the Order
- Motion to Adjourn
- Benediction

- Salute to the Colors

Submitted by Frank Cohee, Association Secretary

KWVA Annual Membership Meeting Rules Of Decorum & Debate

(Based on Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised 10th Edition)

1. A voting member must obtain the floor and be recognized by the presiding officer, using his position and name before addressing the assembly.
2. The voting member is to stand when addressing the assembly, and if the member makes a motion, that member has the first right to speak to the motion.
3. Voting members must be courteous and never attack or question the motives of other members.
4. Discussion shall be focused on the matter or idea in question, and not on personalities.
5. Voting members are limited to 10 minutes on each subject during discussion, and may speak the second time only if all other voting members who wish to speak have spoken on the pending motion.
6. A voting member may speak more than twice if the assembly grants additional time, by a majority vote of the voting members present.
7. The Chair may recognize non-voting members attending the meeting only after voting members have completed their discussion on the pending motion.
8. The Chair may call for voting by a show of hands, or a voice yeay or nay or standing vote. A secret ballot vote may be called for by a request of one-fifth (1/5) of the voting members present.
9. The above rules may be amended, suspended, or rescinded by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of at least a quorum of the voting members present.



From the Secretary

Jr. ROTC Medal:

Here is the most recent email I have received on that subject:

I am the Senior Army Instructor here at Southwestern High School's JROTC Program and I was wondering what I have to do and who I need to talk to in order to nominate and give your award set to one of my deserving cadets.

Thanks in advance,

CW4 (Ret) Robert P. Voiers, Jr.

My Response:

I thought that I had written an article about this previously, but obviously I did not get any response so I may not have written it after all. I get several requests, both by email and phone, requesting that the KWVA provide such a medal for their graduating students. I have no idea what they are talking about, and neither does President Kinard.

We think maybe one or more of the Chapters has created a medal and is providing it to the JR. ROTC students somewhere. Obviously, the word has gotten around, because the requests come from various places.

So, if any Chapter is aware of this, let me know. Possibly we can get the medal made at National and have it available when requested.

The Ambassador For Peace Medal

I have received a couple requests from members who don't belong to chapters seeking information about how they can get the Ambassador for Peace medal. Here is my response:

I thought that my article in the previous edition of The Graybeards was pretty clear, but obviously it was not. You need to send your application to the Korean Consulate General in your area. It may not be in your state. The address depends on where you are located.

For example, I am in Florida, but my Consulate General's Office is in Atlanta, GA. I also made a comment that the medals were being given out to non-combat veterans, but I cannot confirm that was a true statement. In order to receive the medal you have to have had boots on the ground in Korea from 1950 to 1953. There are not many of us left in that category.

Finally, this may be my last article, because I have resigned as the National Secretary effective July 30, 2015. I will be replaced by Lew Ewing, a Past Director of the KWVA and a true friend of mine.

There is no other person who I would feel good about replacing me. Good luck, Lew, and God bless you.



Frank Cohee

Frank Cohee

KASF Scholarship for Descendants of American Korean War Veterans

The Korean American Scholarship Foundation (KASF) - Eastern Regional Chapter (ERC) is pleased to announce a new scholarship program in honor and recognition of 1.6 million American veterans who served in the Korean War during the Korean War era (June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955). These men and women answered the call to fight for a country and people they never knew and never met. More than 54,000 Americans died and 103,000 were wounded.

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2. Be enrolled as a full-time student during the 2015-2016 academic year
3. Attend a school located in the KASF Eastern Region: MD, VA, DC, KY, WV, PA, NC, DE

Timeline

1. Application Deadline: July 8th, 2015 (Postmarked by)
2. Announcement of Awardees: August 5, 2015
3. Award Ceremony: TBD

How to apply

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If you have any questions, please contact us at erc.scholarship@kasf.org

KASF Background

Founded in 1969 by a small group of concerned Korean American community leaders in Washington, D.C., KASF began as a local organization with limited focus and funding resources. However, with the dramatic growth of Korean immigrant communities in the U.S. and ever increasing need for financial aids for Korean American students, KASF became a national organization in 1989. While headquartered in Washington D.C., KASF has six regional chapters in Washington D.C., Los Angeles, New York, Atlanta, Chicago, and Detroit (see states that are covered by each regional chapters). While all regional chapters operate under single KASF bylaws, each chapter operates independently to raise funds, manage educational/cultural programs, and to award scholarships.



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"Unjust laws exist; shall we be content to obey them, or shall we endeavor to amend them, and obey them until we have succeeded, or shall we transgress them at once? Men generally, under such a government as this, think that they ought to wait until they have persuaded the majority to alter them. They think that, if they should resist, the remedy would be worse than the evil. But it is the fault of the government itself that the remedy is worse than the evil. It makes it worse. Henry David Thoreau, Civil Disobedience and Other Essays

Thanks From The Editor

We are all familiar with Shakespeare's words in his play King Henry V, Act IV, Scene iii, 18–67: "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers. For he today that sheds his blood with me, Shall be my brother; be ne'er so vile, This day shall gentle his condition. And gentlemen in England now abed, Shall think themselves accursed they were not here, And hold their manhood's cheap whiles any speaks, That fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day." Never have those words meant so much to me than they have in the past two months.

The outpouring of cards, emails, letters, and emails from members of the KWVA expressing their condolences, empathy, and sympathy for the death of my wife was overwhelming. Many of them came from people I have never met, and probably never will. But, just knowing that this "band of brothers" stood behind me at a time when I needed their support the most was heartening, to say the least.

All I can say in return on my own and my family's behalf is "Thanks" for taking the time to offer your kind words and support—and Happy Saint Crispin's Day, which is celebrated on October 25th.

Back To Thoreau

Thoreau had a point when he suggested that civil disobedience was sometimes a good thing. Now, I'm not advocating civil disobedience here; I'm just saying...

I am thinking of the relationship between the "unjust laws" Thoreau referenced in his

essay and the law that allows veterans to salute the flag. (Let's substitute the word inane for unjust, i.e., "inane laws exist.") The question is whether veterans really need to be told when they can salute the flag and under what circumstances.

A few years ago federal legislators passed a law that "authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag." But, the law did not specify whether they could salute when the national anthem was being played. A year later the legislators rectified their glaring omission by amending the law to allow veterans and active-duty military not in uniform to "render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem." (They can waste their time on specious laws regarding saluting the flag, but they can't find the time to pass H.R. 1475? Go figure?)

Think about the inanity of that flag law. (While you're at it, think about the inanity about the word "inanity," which may not even be a word. Maybe we need a law to make it a word. I will get in touch with my congressional representatives to look into that.) What were veterans doing before the law was passed? Were they simply not saluting the flag during its raising, lowering or passing or the playing of the national anthem or, if they were, were they breaking a law? They could not have been doing that, since there was no law in place to break.

So, Congress, in its infinite wisdom, enacted a law that allowed veterans and military personnel not in uniform to do some-

thing they had been doing anyway. (Okay, I admit it, I have saluted the flag on occasion without benefit of a law allowing me to do so. And I stand whenever I hear the "Marine Corps Hymn" being played—and I often shed a tear on both occasions. Am I engaged in civil disobedience when doing so?) If veterans don't salute the flag now that they can do so legally, are they in violation of the law or engaged in civil disobedience?

And, what about people who are neither veterans nor military personnel not in uniform—the ones we call civilians. Can they salute the flag when they are out of uniform, which is always, since they don't wear one to begin with? Or, do we need a law enacted to authorize civilians to salute the flag along with veterans and military people out of uniform who have fought for their right—everyone's right—to do so whenever the occasion arises?

And, who is going to enforce the "saluting the flag" law? Do the "flag police" circulate among the crowds at parades, Memorial Day commemorations, KWVA meetings, etc., and ask "saluters" (put that word in the column next to inanity) for their credentials? If they are found in violation of the law, what is the penalty? Are they fined, jailed, warned not to salute the flag again for thirty days, stood in a corner and forced to salute the flag repeatedly for a set time or until their arms fall off...?

Inane laws? Civil disobedience? Just saying....

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Morning Session

Meeting Announcement: E-mail from Executive Director Fisher and National Secretary Cohee, dated January 24, 2015

Place Of Announced Meeting: The Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 South Orme St., Arlington, VA 22204, Phone 703-521-1900

Announced Period Of Meeting: March 27, 2015, 0900-1500

CALL TO ORDER: Larry Kinard, President called the meeting to order at 0900.

Pledge Of Allegiance: Director Whitmore, Chm., NCC

Invocation: Past President Mac Swain

Administrative Announcements:

■ Jim Fisher, Executive Director, and Director Tom McHugh displayed the new limited edition coin that was made for the meetings in July 2015. It has the Korean Memorial on the back. Jim brought some in so the Directors can get theirs now. Only 400 were made, so once they are gone, they are gone. They are available for \$20 each.

■ President Kinard thanked Tom for all the work that he has done on the fundraising.

Adopt Agenda: Director Covell made a motion that the agenda, as modified by President Kinard and Secretary Cohee, be approved. It was seconded by Director Bruzgis and approved unanimously.

Adopt Board Of Directors Rules Of Debate & Decorum: Larry Kinard, President, read each of the rules. There were no questions from the Board members.

Roll Call: Frank Cohee, Secretary

KWVA Board Members

Larry Kinard, President

James Fisher, Executive Director

Warren Wiedhahn, 1st. Vice President

J. D Randolph, 2nd. Vice President

Frank Cohee, Secretary

Tom Gregg, Treasurer

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George Bruzgis, Director

George Covell, Director

Tine Martin, Director

Thomas Stevens, Director

Roy Aldridge, Director-Absent

Albert McCarthy, Director

Thomas McHugh, Director

L.T. Whitmore, Director

KWVA Staff

Jim Doppelhammer, Webmaster, Jake Feaster, Membership Management and Assistant Secretary, Jongwoo Han, KWVA Liaison to Korean -American Assn, Bill Mac Swain, Senior Advisor, Lew Ewing, Past Director and Past Bylaws Chairman.

Recorder: Carol O'Brocki, Elite Reporting Co.

Action On Absences If Necessary:

■ Director Brown made a motion to excuse Director Aldridge due to his illness. It was seconded by Director Bruzgis and approved unanimously.

■ The President also announced that George Covell's twin sister passed away this last week and George Bruzgis's sister-in-law in Germany passed away also. Condolences to the both of you and your families.

Declaration Of Quorum: Secretary Cohee declared that there was a quorum.

Approval Of Previous Board Of Directors Minutes Of October 16, 2014:

■ Secretary Cohee stated that the minutes were published in The Graybeards, but that he had them available if anyone wanted him to read them.

■ Director Covell made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in The Graybeards. The motion was seconded by Director Whitmore and was passed unanimously.

Guest Speakers:

■ One of the items that were added to the agenda was an announcement by Executive Director Fisher to introduce Mr. Ron Rothberg, the National Park Service Representative volunteer who works primarily at the Korean War Veterans Memorial. He has a desire to ensure that every single Korean War veteran who comes in on the Honor Flight is properly greeted and acknowledged and thanked for their service to the country. Mr. Rothberg commented that we should let people know to contact him and he will try and work with them.

■ President Kinard then introduced Jongwoo Han and commented on what he has been doing for us by working with our kids (our descendants) in the Tell America Program and talking about what we did in Korea. Dr. Han is always anxious to talk with us and visit a little bit and tell us about what he has been doing.

■ Dr. Han greeted everyone and said he had just returned from Korea two weeks ago where he had met the Ministry of Patrons and Veterans Affairs and other funders for what we have been doing and for the KWVA, including CEO Park of Pentech.

• Pentech has filed for bankruptcy and is in the process of selling to another company. CEO Park donated \$100,000 to KWVA last year. However, that money actually came from Pentech CNI, a subsidiary of Pentech, that is completely owned by CEO Park and is still prospering.

• President Kinard extended an invitation for CEO Park and his two sons to come and visit with the KWVA in July.

■ Dr. Han said that he wanted to make a report on the digital archive, the Korean War Legacy Foundation, that includes digital archives, descendants of your own, and Korean Defense veterans. Now, we have one more agenda, history teachers. He said he would talk about that, but first:

• We have about 440 interviews, including Korean Defense veterans and veterans from Colombia.

- I was there for ten days. I was invited by one of the descendants who came to the KWV Youth Corps Meeting last year. Last year we had about 60 who came to the KWV Youth Corps Meeting. Four of them came from Colombia and one of them has been working with the Foundation, archiving about 20 interviews from Korean War veterans there.

- I met with the Korean Ambassador and the President and I had to lecture at three universities.

- I had two newspaper interviews and one with the TV. They are enthusiastic about this and really want to do work with the foundation. So, through the KWVC Youth Corps, we want to have a small project funding children there in the village that is in a miserable situation in terms of their education and so on.

- In regard to the KWVYC this year, it is going to be from 23d to 27th of July 2015. We are trying to have 100 participants. It is now time for them to be independent and to be active all year around. I do not want this to be a one-time, free, fun time in Washington, D. C. If this is the case, then I do not think we can continue to support it.

- The reason that we incorporated KVWYC is to work on your legacy. So I want it to be all year around. That is the main concern of the major founders for the Youth Corps Convention. So, if you can, give me some suggestions to make them engage in the cause of the Korean War and Korean War veterans. I think they need an action agenda so that they can be active all year around.

- The first item on the agenda that we are going to propose this year is to ask them to engage with their Representative in their local district to support the Wall of Remembrance.

- The second agenda item is that we are going to invite history teachers, who are in American high schools. Right now there are about 20 lined up and working with the Foundation. So I want them to go back after the convention and collect and recruit the history teachers in their local areas.

- I have been talking to Director Aldridge and obviously to Larry Kinard and Frank Cohee about the Tell America Program and they can do more work on recruiting history teachers. We want to bring history teachers here and let them work on the Korean War and the legacy of their own.

- Only one Korean War veteran recruited a history teacher. That was your Secretary, Frank Cohee. So, follow Frank's footsteps.

- I want to thank President Larry and all the leaders for the enthusiastic support in helping to arrange for more interviews.

- Director Covell asked Dr. Han if college history teachers have been considered. Dr Han responded that that was a good point and that Secretary Cohee has been talking about it with other Chapter leaders.

- Samantha Frazier, from the River High School, Georgia, a granddaughter of a Korean War veteran, is the Chair; Catherine Ricker is the Vice Chair for the history teachers convention.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Gregg reported that the audited report for the financial year ending 12/31/2014 had been received. The report is an unqualified opinion, which is the highest opinion a CPA can give.

- There were no management recommendations.

- Our net worth or total assets, was \$903,000. A lot of this is in investments, which is \$783,000.

- In 2014 we had an increase of net assets of \$90,000.

- Director McHugh made a motion that the audited financial statements for the 12 months ending December 31, 2014 be approved. It was seconded by Director Martin and approved unanimously.

- Executive Director Fisher asked if the audit report could now be used to send to Congress in our annual report. Treasurer Gregg said yes, along with the Form 990.

- Treasurer Gregg then said that he would like to move on to the proposed budget for the 12 months ending December 31, 2016 (The budget for 2015 was approved at the Annual Membership Meeting in October, 2014).

- There is a deficit budget for 2016 caused by a significant reduction in dues received—about \$62,000, no income from the Directory Project, and a decrease in donations, so that means an income reduction of \$133,000.

- As for the expenditures, the only major expenditures that have really changed are that of printing *The Graybeards*. It appears that we are able to save some costs in reduction of the printing. I am budgeting that decrease at \$25,000. In 2015 we budgeted \$161,000; this year, (2016), we are budgeting \$134,000. Otherwise the expenditures are pretty much the same.

- In 2015, the total budget for expenditures is \$437,000 and this year, (2016) we are budgeting \$363,000.

- President Kinard commented that the bottom line is that 2014 was a very good year.

- Even this year (2015) we are still going to be on the plus side, and we look pretty good at this time.

- But next year (2016), is going to be the time when we have to look very carefully at what we do.

- At this point we will have to withdraw some funds out of our reserves. I hope that we do not have to do that.

- The recruiting number can be a lot better then what were showing and donations may be better.

- Director Covell thanked Treasurer Gregg for doing a wonderful job, and that was emphasized by President Kinard.

- Treasurer Gregg said he had one more item that he would like to discuss and that is to consider a reduction in *The Graybeards*, going from bimonthly to quarterly. That could save as much as \$46,000.

- Director Scarlato made a motion to approve the budget for presentation at the General Membership Meeting to be held on July 24, 2015. It was seconded by Director Brown and passed unanimously.

- At this point, President Kinard interrupted the meeting to introduce Col. Weber, who talked about The Wall of Remembrance.

- Col. Weber started out by saying that, "As you, I am a member of this Association, so I have its best interest at heart, and I fully recognize, as do you, that we have one major problem—we are dying out. Our only hope is the defense veterans, assuming we can solve the problems associated with the IRS and everything else, which I think are solvable.

- But, even after it is solved, we still have another problem. In the last couple of years we have been trying to recruit the defense veterans, but we have not been very successful. Why? I do not know. What I think is that this Association needs a task, something to accomplish, something to stimulate people to be willing to come to a chapter meeting and spend time talking about what they can do to help this

Association accomplish its mission.

- The point that I am trying to make for you, the Association as a whole, is that the members need to be given a goal and I have that goal for you—the verbal Wall of Remembrance. We need something that the members can contribute towards and see the results. We do not have that, and if we do not get it, then we are the dying breed.

- With that said, please let this Association adopt the policy of urging every member of the KWVA to contact their Congressperson to become a sponsor of HR 1475. Letters should also be written because of the bureaucrats that are violently opposed to the wall.

—Who are they to tell us how we want to honor our dead comrades?

—How dare they say that we cannot have a memorial that is appropriate in that regard?

- The resistance we have had to our wall is bureaucratic B.S. They are trying to tell us how we should honor our dead comrades.

- You are the only chartered Association that speaks exclusively for Korean War veterans, but you are not speaking loud enough on the wall. Make the Wall—the goal to be accomplished for your membership and I believe we will start recruiting more members.

- I think that will include defense veterans, because the Wall will also acknowledge that some of them died after the cease fire started. God Bless you all. You are the leaders of our Association. It is my Association too.

■ President Kinard thanked Col. Weber and commented that he has worked with his local congressperson to get his co-sponsorship. He then asked for a motion to say that “as the Board of Directors for the KWVA, we support HR 1475 and what Col. Weber is doing. Director Brown made the motion; it was seconded by Director Whitmore and passed unanimously.

■ Past President Mac Swain asked Col. Weber if he would give us a letter with a few of the points he made so that we can send it to our representatives and to each one of our chapters, because the representatives do not listen to anyone who is not in their district.

- We need those pieces of information about the number killed, wounded and what have you, versus all of the other wars to make a point. So we need something to give our people to be able to do it.

- You can’t just call up somebody and say, “I want you to vote for this thing, okay?”

■ Someone commented that the information was in the blue pamphlet that was handed out and that they would also have Jim Fisher email a copy of the pamphlet to each one of the directors.

- Col. Weber said that he was trying to get the information published in The Graybeards and that he would send a DVD containing the information to both President Kinard and the editor of The Graybeards.

■ Executive Fisher commented that we should have a letter printed and put in the magazine so all one would need to do is to tear out the letter, sign it, and send it to their Congressional person. When they get flooded with correspondence it gets their attention.

- Col. Weber then commented that letters and telegrams to your Congress person usually go to some staff member and get very little attention. The thing that generates success is for someone to walk into a district office of the Congress person, eyeball the representative who is there, and say “I am a Korean War veteran.”

- Tell him how many members are in your chapter and in his district,

and that you want him to co-sponsor this bill. Also, tell him that you will be back next week to see whether or not that happened, because you and the other Korean veterans in his district are voters. Now that is what does it. You have to eyeball them.

■ President Kinard thanked Col. Weber again and then said we are going to move to the next item, which is a report from Executive Director Fisher.

■ Executive Director Fisher commented that since he has taken the position, it has been very, very busy.

- “One of the major things that I have done is I have been working with the IRS on the 90% rule, as we all call it. After three lengthy phone calls, I think we have made some progress. All three ladies that I talked to were surprised at what the KWVA has done, as far as the Tell America Program, as far as reaching out, the wreath presentations, supporting of the memorial, et cetera.

“None of them knew of the ongoing mission in the South Korea peninsula, or that we still have an active mission there.

“But, getting back to the 90 percent rule, I requested that not only Korean War veterans count toward that 90 percent, but we are seeking exception to policy to have Korean Defense veterans count toward the 90 percent of the Foundation’s regulations and our eligibility.

“After the last phone call this week, I spoke with their senior boss and she said, ‘Yes, this can be done, but you have to submit what is called a private letter ruling or, In other words, an exception to policy letter.’”

- Then she dropped the bomb: “It is going to cost \$10,000.”

- So we submit our letter with the \$10,000. What if they disapprove it? We are out \$10,000.

- After another call they agreed to accept a draft letter, and they would give us a backdoor analysis or recommendation explaining whether this was going to happen or not.

- I cannot make that decision, so I leave that up to the President and the Board.

■ President Kinard asked if anyone had any questions about what Executive Fisher just said.

- “To me it sounds really weird that the IRS would ask for \$10,000 to do something like that. It was a shock.”

■ Director Stevens commented that if all the paperwork is submitted and our request is ultimately turned down, what happens to the \$10,000?

- Executive Director Fisher said, “I think they keep it.”

- President Kinard commented that something needs to be done to make sure that we get the \$10,000 back if our request is disapproved.

■ Executive Director Fisher commented that it is his responsibility to show them what we propose in our letter. “I would hate to have the Foundation lose \$10,000 on a negative response,” he said.

- After speaking with the three IRS ladies, with all the key facts, they seemed to think that they should approve the waiver to have Korean Defense veterans count toward the 90 percent.

- But I will make sure that we have a rock solid case and I will ask them if we can get our \$10,000 back if it is not approved.

■ Director Covell asked if the IRS person explained what the \$10,000 was for.

- Executive Director Fisher responded that it was a processing fee.
- Senior Advisor and Past President Mac Swain explained in detail the process involved and that it is going to cost a lot of money to add that particular little thing so that the Association does not lose its deductibility.
 - “So I would recommend this as being a great source of savings for the KWVA to get this thing settled without having to have another group take the money and dole it out to the KWVA, which our legacy group was formed to do if the KWVA should lose its deductibility. It is worth the \$10,000.”
- President Kinard commented that Executive Director Fisher has done a lot of work with the IRS, and I think we have made some headway on a problem that is very critical for us. Personally, I would be willing to pay the \$10,000 if we can feel assured that we will be able to get this done.
- Executive Director Fisher responded that the onus is on him because he has to go back to the IRS and verify that the ten grand is refundable if the request is not approved.
 - “I also have to produce a document that has been reviewed by certain people in this room that will convince the IRS that it is right and worthwhile to include Korean Defense veterans count toward our 90 percent rule.”
- Director Stevens commented that if the documents were given to the IRS people in the backdoor, so to speak, and as a result of reviewing these documents, we are getting the green light, I think to get that provision eliminated in the IRS provisions is worth \$10,000.
 - “But we would need, I would think, some assurance that what we finally submit officially would be approved.”
- Executive Director Fisher asked if the audit report could now be used to send to Congress in our annual report.
 - Treasurer Gregg said yes, along with the Form 990.
- Treasurer Gregg recommended that we put in *The Graybeards* a request for special donations for that fund from the Chapters, because it will benefit them.
 - “I think that it will show that the Board is working for the Chapters.
- Director McHugh commented that as long as our request does not look negative, it is worth the \$10,000 to try it.
- Executive Director Fisher commented that if there is a Defense Service veteran who served in another war, they are considered a war veteran and count toward the 90 percent within the KWVA.
- President Kinard asked for a motion to show support of the Board for moving forward with the exception to policy letter. Director McHugh made a motion that we proceed with the effort, and if it costs us \$10,000, it is worth it. The motion was seconded by Director Brown and passed unanimously.
- Executive Fisher then continued with his report, saying that we have already talked about the Honor Flights. Essentially, we will establish a program to make sure Korean War veterans coming to the Memorial are properly received, thanked, and honored. Ron Rothberg has graciously agreed to do that.
 - We have 3,000 posters that were established during the 50th Anniversary, with a lot of different uniforms that Tell America has been using. If you would like some posters please let me know.
- President Kinard commented that there is also a map of Korea that has been redone. It is a good map, and if you need some, here they

are.

- Executive Director Fisher commented that a Chairman Kim from Korea wants to establish a scholarship program for descendants of Korean War veterans.
 - Director Scarlato has already been in charge for this year in the New York area.
 - Chairman Kim would like to give ten \$2,000 scholarships a year to descendants already going to school—college or technical school—to help pay for their tuition.
 - And we are going to establish a scholarship committee. Each year the committee will probably give out ten scholarships at \$2,000 each.
- Another item that President Kinard asked me to bring up was the TracFone System.
 - President Kinard, Col. Wiedhahn, and I met with Mary Cheney, Past Vice President’s daughter, who is offering the system to the various veterans service organizations.
 - When we had all the hurricanes and other disasters, there were a lot of folks below the poverty level who could not call for help, so the TracFone program was started. It is free of charge and it does not cost the taxpayers anything. It is actually a free cell phone, with 200 free minutes and free texting.
 - All you have to do is apply, if you get food stamps, a VA benefit and Social Security and so forth.
 - It does not cost the KWVA anything. All we have to do is say that we recommend the use of the TracFone for veteran service organizations, i.e.; the Korean War Veterans Association.
 - Ms. Cheney will give a sizable donation to the KWVA from this TracFone organization if we endorse this company. She was unable to be here today, but she will be at the Board Meeting in July.
- I have been working a lot with the Korean Embassy. They would like to present an award to distinguished Korean War veterans who have not been honored yet, like a meritorious service medal from the Korean government.
- One big thing we have coming up is the July event, from July 22 to 27. All of the information is on the website and in *The Graybeards*.
- Director Covell suggested that the Memorial service be changed from Sunday morning to maybe immediately after the membership meeting. After a lot of discussion, both pro and con, but mostly pro, Director Scarlato made a motion to leave the Memorial Service as is, that is on Sunday morning. Director Bruzgis seconded and it was passed with one opposed.
- Executive Director Fisher commented that he has encouraged a lot of people to register early for the July meetings because there is a good chance that they may run out of rooms.
 - We have a great price and they have other organizations there that are paying a lot more.
 - In closing, he asked if the Board members had been getting his monthly report and if they were beneficial or not. The response was a unanimous Yes.
 - He said, “Okay, I will keep on doing them. That is all I have unless there are some questions.”
- First Vice President Wiedhahn commented that he was going to brief this later, but it is important.

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Korean War Veterans Annual Membership Meeting

July 22 – 27, 2015 ♦ ♦ ♦ DoubleTree by Hilton, Washington, D.C.

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Fee Schedule

	Activity	Fee/Person	# People =	Total
Wed. 22 July:	Registration (All Attendees Must Pay Registration Fee)	\$30.00	X _____ = ..\$ _____	
Wed. 22 July:	U.S. Army Twilight Tattoo – Fort Myer, VA	\$25.00 (Bus Fee)	X _____ = ..\$ _____	
Thur. 23 July:	The White House Tour	\$25.00 (Bus Fee)	X _____ = ..\$ _____	
Thur. 23 July:	Washington's Mount Vernon Tour	\$50.00	X _____ = ..\$ _____	
Fri 24 July:	Botanical Gardens Tour, Washington, DC	\$25.00 (Bus Fee)	X _____ = ..\$ _____	
Fri 24 July:	U.S. Marines 8th and I Sunset Parade	\$25.00 (Bus Fee)	X _____ = ..\$ _____	
Sat. 25 July:	Memorial Event – Korean War Veterans Memorial	\$25.00 (Bus Fee)	X _____ = ..\$ _____	
Sat. 25 July:	MVPA Banquet	\$35.00 (Chicken)	X _____ = ..\$ _____	
		\$35.00 (Beef)	X _____ = ..\$ _____	
Sun. 26 July:	Memorial Service/Buffer Brunch	\$18.00	X _____ = ..\$ _____	
Sun. 26 July:	Arlington National Cemetery (Wreath Laying)	\$25.00 (Bus Fee)	X _____ = ..\$ _____	
Mon. 27 July:	Korean War Veterans Memorial (Conclude Reading of the Names) ..	\$25.00 (Bus Fee)	X _____ = ..\$ _____	

TOTAL FEES

Print this registration form, fill in and mail it with your check or Money Order made payable to KWVA, Inc. to: **The Korean War Veterans Assn., Inc., P.O. Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407.** Questions? Call Sheila at the KWVA Membership Office: 217-345-4414

Note: To secure your place at the annual meeting, mail-in registration is due by July 8, 2015. Any Registrations mailed after July 8 might not be received in time. Walk-in Registrations will be accepted during the convention, but we cannot guarantee availability at Events, Tours or Banquet if capacity is reached. Note: Mailing deadline if you are going on the White House Tour: June 15, 2015.

For those registering to go on the White House Tour, you MUST provide the following information to us when registering. We have to give this information to the Secret Service for screening at least 30 days prior to the Convention.

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There will be a \$25 charge for returned checks. (Note: Hotel reservations or cancellations are to be made direct with the hotel.)

Korean War Veterans Annual Membership Meeting

July 22 – 27, 2015 ♦ ♦ ♦ DoubleTree by Hilton, Washington, D.C.

Event Schedule

Wednesday, 22 July	12:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Registration/Information Desk
	12:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Hospitality Room
	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	U.S. Army Twilight Tattoo , Fort Myer, VA (Bus Leaves 6:30 pm and Returns 8:30 pm)
Thursday, 23 July	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration/Information Desk
	9:00 am – 11:00 am	The White House Tour (Bus Leaves 8:30 am and Returns 11:30 pm) Note: Must register by June 15 due to Secret Service Screening
	1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Washington's Mount Vernon Tour (Bus Leaves 12:30 pm and Returns 4:00 pm)
	10:00 am – 8:00 pm	Hospitality Room
Friday, 24 July	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Annual Membership Meeting
	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration/Information Desk
	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Crystal City Shopping (Hotel Shuttle Bus runs every 30 minutes... or you can walk...)
	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Botanical Gardens Tour, Washington, DC (Bus Leaves 8:30 am and Returns 11:30 am)
	5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	U.S. Marines 8th and I (Eye) Sunset Parade (Bus Leaves 5:00 pm and Returns 9:30 pm)
	1:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Hospitality Room
Saturday, 25 July	12:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Registration/Information Desk
	9:00 am – 11:30 am	Memorial Event – Korean War Veterans Memorial (KWVM) (Bus Leaves 8:30 am and Returns 12:00 Noon)
	12:00 pm – ...	“Reading the Names of the Fallen” – Korean War Veterans Memorial (KWVM)
	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Documentary Film Presentation
	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	MVPA Reception – Lobby/Ballroom
	7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	MVPA Banquet – Hotel Ballroom
	12:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Hospitality Room; Free time
Sunday, 26 July	8:00 am – ...	“Reading of the Names” continues – Korean War Veterans Memorial (KWVM)
	8:30 am – 9:30 am	Memorial Service/Buffer Brunch – Hotel (Note: Need not purchase Brunch to attend Memorial Service)
	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Arlington National Cemetery – Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns Visit the Korean War Memorial Bench - Present Flowers (Bus leaves 10:30 am and Returns 1:30 pm)
Monday, 27 July	8:00 am – ...	“Reading of the Names” continues – Korean War Veterans Memorial (KWVM)
	11:00 am	Conclusion Reading of the Names – Korean War Veterans Memorial (KWVM)
	11:10 am	Wreath Presentation Ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Memorial (Bus leaves 7:30 am and Returns 11:45 am)

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 Ballots with no votes or incorrect voting13

ACTUAL VALID BALLOTS CAST2,137

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DIRECTOR #1Robert F. Fitts

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DIRECTOR #3Lewis R. Vaughn

DIRECTOR #4J. Fred Ragusa

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JULY

2nd Bn., 1st Marine Regt. (Korea, 1950/1955). 8-11 July, Washington DC/Arlington, VA area. George Coyle, 732-254-2787, gts1528@optimum.net

91st Military Police Bn., Pusan, Korea 1952-1954. 58th, 289th, 560th, 563rd MP Cos,

54th Trans Co. 28-30 July, Midland, MI. Manuel Sanchez, 989-793-4277

AUGUST

32nd Const Eng. Grp., (consisting of 430th - 434th & 439th Bns., Korean War veterans), 14-16 Aug., Iowa City, IA. Lee Oswald, 913-370-0699, leeoswakd62@yahoo.com

Item Co., 3-1, 1st Mar Div (Korea, 1950-55). 19-23 Aug., Branson, MO. Suzie Woodward, 860-262-1334, Suzi11111@aol.com

98th Bomb Grp/Wing Veterans Assn. 24-28 Aug., Dayton, OH, Crowne Plaza Hotel 937-224-0800. Dennis Posey, 770-509-7734, dennis_posey@att.net or Suzanne Mioduszewski, 734- 678-3838, suzannes@me.com

SEPTEMBER

772 MP Bn., Date not listed. Boston, MA. Gene Michaels, 740-824-4774, gecabin@gmail.com

USS Hornet (CV-8, CV, CVA, CVS-12). All Ship's Company, Officers, Air Groups, Crew. Marines and their Families Welcomed. 9-13 Sept., Lexington, KY. Carl & Sandy Burket, PO Box 108, Roaring Spring, PA 16673-9817, 814-224-5063, hornetcva@aol.com or http://www.usshornetassn.com/

51st FIW Assn., 10-12 Sept., Omaha, NE, Embassy Suites. Gene & Shirley Zenk, 712-263-5051, 712-269-1800, hesszenk@frontiernet.net. All 51st squadron members and support groups are invited to attend, including those stationed in Okinawa & Japan before and after the Korean War.

USS Charles P. Cecil (DD/DDR-835), 13-19 Sept., Portland/Bath, ME. Greg Wells, 6034 NW Expressway Apt A, Oklahoma City, OK 73132, 405-365-1926, glw513@yahoo.com

84th & 62nd Engineers (Korea). 14-17 Sept., Warwick, RI. Carol Nelson, 39 Myrtle Ave., Warwick, RI 02886, 401-738-0693, cen21255@verizon.net

USS Sphinx (ARL-24), 14-18 Sept., Branson, MO. Dennis Klein, 215-527-8176

USS Colonial (LSD-18), 14-19 Sept. Norfolk, VA, Virginia Holiday Inn

Airport. Loren Kerby, 3013 Emerald Ct., Platte City, MO 64079, 816-858-3158, kerbyplatte@aol.com

24th Inf. Div. Assn., 17-21 Sept., Columbus, GA, Hilton Gardens Inn. Donald Bruner, 580-233-4228, donbruner@suddenink.net or www.24thida.com

999th AFA Bn. (Korean War vets, 1950-54), 24-26 Sept., Milwaukee, WI, Best Western Milwaukee Hotel. Tom & Anne Talaska, 3941 W. Denis Ave., Greenfield, WI 53221, 414-421-4189, amtalaska@sbcbglobal.net

VKWR (Veterans of the Korean War Reunion), 28 Sept.-1 Oct., Virginia Beach, VA, Surfside Inn. www.vkwr.org, Floyd Newkirk, 757-340-9801, fnewkirk1@cox.net, Richard Stacy, 757-490-8022, p2vradio@verizon.net. (This reunion is for members of all branches that participated in the Korean War era.)

25th Infantry Division Assn. 28 Sept.-3 Oct., Springfield, IL. Sarah S. Krause, 215-248-2572, TropicLn@aol.com or 25th ida.org. (This will be a historic reunion, as it is being held jointly with the 4th Infantry Division Assn.)

A/1/7 Marines, 1st Marine Division, Korea (1950 - 1953), 29 Sept.-1 Oct., Virginia Beach, VA. Capt. Shifty Shifflette, 540-434-2066, captshifty@comcast.net

OCTOBER

USS Yorktown (CV-10, CVA-10, CVS-10), anyone serving onboard 1943 to 1970, Crew, Air Groups/Squadrons or Marines. 1-3 Oct., Mt. Pleasant, SC, aboard the ship at Patriot's Point. P O Box 1021, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29456, 843-849-1928, yorktowncv10association@gmail.com

Army Security Agency Korea Veterans, 5-9 Oct., Lehigh (Bucks County), PA. Al Koehler, (610) 584-5379, tennislob31@comcast.net, ASA Korea.org.

USS Ingersoll (DD-652/990). 8-11 Oct., Tucson, AZ. Neal Overman, 575-574-7921, sw.nm.horseman@gmail.com

15th RSM/6922nd Sqdn., USAFSS, Korean War, 11-14 Oct., North Myrtle Beach, SC. Ocean Drive Hotel and Gold Resort, 800-438-9590. Joe Setzer, 910-579-6581

4th Fighter Interceptor Wing, 334th, 335th, 336th Fighter Interceptor Squadrons and support personnel (anywhere, anytime in Korea) 21-25 Oct., San Diego, CA. Carlo Romano, 11721 Auth Ln., Silver Spring, MD 20902, 301-593-2266.

18th Fighter Wing, (All wars, all ranks, and all U.S. Army Support Units), 22-24 Oct., San Antonio, TX, Doubletree Hotel. Tom Major, 609-927-0724, truckbuster@verizon.net .

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- We have been trying to recruit the Chosen Few and the POW organizations.

- The Chosen Few has raised two million dollars to build a monument in Quantico, VA and it will be dedicated Friday morning, the 25th of July at 1100. That is during our membership meeting.

- Most of you are not members of the Chosen Few, but some of us are and we will not be able to attend the dedication. However, what we are trying to do is to get them to come to our event, not only to participate, but to become members of the KWVA.

- The last time we did a check, I think about 50 percent of the Chosen Few already belong to the KWVA. We need to recruit the other 50 percent.

■ Director Covell asked Warren if the Seventh Infantry Division was mentioned on the monument. Warren responded, "The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard—everyone who was in the Chosen reservoir—is represented."

■ President Kinard commented that he would like to move on now with the President's Report. He said that he wanted to emphasize some points that the Board members need to know about.

- Number one, you have just heard the report from our Executive Director. I think he has done a wonderful job for us. He has done some things that we could not have done.

- Unfortunately, he has to spend a lot of time putting together events like the upcoming Board and General Membership Meetings in July. In between, he is doing a lot of good things, I think the IRS in particular.

- We have a conference call among Jim, Warren and me every other week, so I have the opportunity to hear firsthand a lot of the things he is working on. I just want to say, thank you Jim, for what you have been doing for us, and I want to thank the Board for giving us the opportunity to have someone like this in Washington.

- The Treasurer's report shows you where we are financially. We are still in good shape. Our only problem is what happens next year. Hopefully we will be able to bridge that gap a little between now and then, but you need to be aware of what the budget looks like and what we are going to be needing to do next year.

- President Kinard continued. "I was hoping maybe General Shin could be here today, but most of you are going to meet him and his wife tonight at his home. He is a very gracious gentleman.

"General Shin has responded to us in a lot of ways, like to go to meetings and other KWVA events. He attended Director Whitmore's Virginia State Department meeting, and he has visited several Chapters in this area. He also came to Texas last month. We had an opportunity to sit down with a small group of veterans in a restaurant and visit with him, and he paid for the dinner."

- Chairman Kim, Chairman of the American Veterans of the Korean War Foundation, has some big plans for this year.

—He is working with Director Scarlato in New York on a big affair they are planning to have in Carnegie Hall on June 25th. He has invited all of the veterans in the area around New York to attend that event.

—Director Scarlato commented that he has been appointed Chairman of the event and that it is going to be called Korean Night. It is actually for four states: NJ, PA, CT and NY.

- Now I have to correct Jim's report on the scholarships. For 2015, the scholarships are only for the four states just mentioned.

—Chairman Kim wants to go to a certain area each year. I think in 2016 he is going to present scholarships in the Washington area. He is going to have a concert at the Kennedy Center that year.

—As far as the scholarships go, it is going to be strictly up to New York to determine the number for each state. Right now we are proposing four or five for each state.

- Director Scarlato continued. He said that he was approached by the Counsel General in New York for the list of names for the meritorious medal from the surrounding states. He said, "I think that is what the Ambassador is doing for you. It is going to be just for the Washington area or something."

- Executive Director Fisher responded, "No, it is going to be for anybody in the United States."

- Director Scarlato said that the official letter he received indicated otherwise, and that he had lunch with Ambassador Song and his staff recently and that is what they told him. "Well, you know how the Koreans operate. Sometimes they will tell you one thing and they do something else."

■ Executive Fisher stated that sometimes we really do get contradictory communications from the Koreans pertaining to the scholarships as well as other things.

- "They want us to have the KWV set up a scholarship fund for the United States. So, again, we will have to sort that out with Chairman Kim when he comes in June."

- "And, by the way, you are going to have the Ambassador from Washington, D.C. and the Defense Attaché go to the event in New York. They are going to do their event at 0900 on the 25th at the Korean Veterans Memorial so they can get to NY for the event there."

■ Director Scarlato asked that he be given that information because he needs to be aware of it for other reasons.

■ President Kinard:

- Well, you can see from this discussion with Chairman Kim that there are two things going on. He has one event this year at Carnegie Hall in New York and the Scholarships are going to be awarded there. Obviously the New York area is going to get ten scholarships, \$2000 each, this year.

- He has also asked us to have a scholarship committee to select ten scholarship candidates from all over the U.S. So that is a pretty good challenge for us to get a committee together and to get applicants in, but we are going to work to try and make that happen.

- According to Executive Director Fisher these scholarships are to be awarded in D.C. in 2016.

- Okay, moving on, there are some good things that are happening and one of the things that I feel a need to apprise you of are some of the problems we have that we need to be working on. I do not have an answer to these, but I think that we are going to have to look at them.

- The first one is trying to get the Directors more involved with their areas to help Chapters get information from the database. Jake Feaster and Jim Doppelhammer have been working on this for a long time but they cannot keep track of everything. Jake is handing out

some information that is to make you aware of what we are trying to do.

- I do not propose to do anything more today but read over the information that was handed out and let me have your comments. If you have any questions or do not understand something please call Jake. I also want any new Directors that come on board to understand that they are going to need to be more involved with the Chapters and Departments in their areas.

- The next item is membership losses and deaths, those not renewing, and so forth. Director Edwards wants to make a report in just a minute about that, but it gets to be a real concern and is very graphically shown on the budget we just talked about.

- The other issue that I am concerned about is the mandatory membership in the Chapters. Everybody knows that the bylaws say that that if you belong to a Chapter you must also belong to National. I am also sure you know that a lot of the Chapters do not enforce that. So what are we going to do about that?

■ First Vice Wiedhahn commented:

- I will tell you what you are going to do about it. It is unenforceable and my Chapter will not comply with it.

- Now, what you can do is get rid of the Chapter, but if you do you are going to get rid of about 50 percent of the members of that Chapter. They are not going to join National.

- My recommendation is that if it is not broken; do not try to fix it. If we try to force this, you are going to force members out. Director Dappen said that at his last meeting in Minnesota there were so many showed up that did not belong to National but they belonged to the Minnesota group.

■ President Kinard said:

- Last month he had calls from the Lonestar Chapter in Houston and the Chapter in AZ. Both of these Chapters do not belong to National at the present time but both were interested in coming back on their own terms, which is that their members would not have to join National.

- My question is this: does anyone on the Board have a suggestion on what we do.

■ First V.P. Wiedhahn:

- My recommendation is that we implore, we request, we offer, but we cannot throw them out. If we do we are going to lose membership.

■ There were a lot of suggestions on the way some Chapters handle it

- Director Stevens said that the only way to have every member join National is when the Chapter gets started.

- Director Bruzgis commented that this was all caused when the grandfather clause was removed from the bylaws.

- Director Covell suggested that we consider a per capita tax structure.

- Director McHugh said that he has recommended to the Chapters that are trying that the Chapter collect both National and Chapter dues and then mail the National dues in.

- Director McCarthy said members of his Chapter are required to pay National dues only. Any money needed to run the Chapter is done through fundraising. Sometimes they will pay a member's National dues from the fundraisers.

- President Kinard said that was a good thing if you can get that done.

A lot of Chapters are doing that. He then said that he was going to leave it like it is. We need to keep what we have and not try to run any of them off.

■ President Kinard then stated that he just had one more thing: to get you to go back and make sure all of your Chapters are voting.

- We have four directors who are term limited. Two are running for re-election, so we need to have two new ones. Remind your people to vote.

■ At this time, there was a moment of silence for Art Sharp's wife, Director Bruzgis' sister-in-law, Director Covell's twin sister, and Past Director Marvin Dunn's wife.

■ President Kinard then commented that there was one other thing that is happening that you need to know about.

- Secretary Frank Cohee is resigning after the July 2015 meetings.

- But, we are fortunate to have someone who has stepped up and said he would take the Secretary's job after Frank leaves; Past Director Lew Ewing. Director Covell made a motion to accept the appointment of Lew Ewing as the Secretary. It was seconded by Director Stevens and approved unanimously.

■ At that time the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon Session

The meeting was reconvened at 1300.

■ President Kinard: The first thing we want to do is finish Director Edwards' recruiting report.

■ Director Edwards said that he would like to highlight a couple of things.

- In the past 90 days, 5 states have recruited ten plus members: AZ (10), CA (15), FL (27), PA (35) and TX (11).

- We are starting to have some recruiting action from UT, Washington State and TN.

- We have just formed a new Chapter in Lancaster, PA and they already have 40 members who have joined. They have named it the General John H. Michaelis Chapter 327.

- I thank Steve for the many hours he puts in trying to form more Chapters. He is currently working with a contact to form a Chapter in Boise, ID. Director Whitmore is working with Steve on the possibility of forming a Chapter in Charlottesville, VA.

- At this time, I would like Director McCarthy to share with us his work on advertising. I might add that I did put \$4,000 in the budget for next year that will be used for advertising. We have to spend some money to get the word out.

■ President Kinard: I would rather wait for new business before we hear from Director McCarthy.

Old Business:

- Consider adding a new section 8.1 to the bylaws/SPM to comply with IRS requirements for policy for including a KWVA Chapter under the KWVA Group Exemption Letter.

- Director Stevens said that the changes and additions to the bylaws and SPM are necessary so that the Chapters understand what their requirements are if they desire to be included in the approved IRS exemption.

- President Kinard commented that this will be clear when the time comes to actually make the change and additions. The thing you need

to know is that these changes and additions are required by the IRS.

- Director Covell made a motion that the change and additions as proposed be adopted. It was seconded by Director Brown and approved unanimously.

- Treasurer Gregg commented that so far there have been three Chapters that have requested the exemption.

■ Suggested changes to SPM 2.4.1.5; 2.5.3; 2.5.3.1 and 4.9.1.

- Director Stevens commented that the proposed changes have to do with electing Directors and changing some of the wording. For example, one change is to assist the Secretary to assure that the Call for Election is issued for publication starting with the July/August edition. It was previously starting in September/October.

- Director Stevens covered all of the other revisions, most of them minor, recommended by the Elections Committee. Director Covell made a motion that the proposed changes to the SPM be adopted. It was seconded by Director Edwards and approved unanimously.

■ Report from the Committee on the 38th Parallel Highway Signs

- Director Martin said that he has worked on this a little bit, but Director Whitmore has gone all out. As far as I am concerned it is going to be a long, drawn out—money-wise and politically-wise—project, but I will let Director Whitmore say more.

- Director Whitmore

—I contacted the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Transportation and they had nothing really good to say about what we are facing here. Basically, what I was told was that the signs now in existence that were put up were, under federal law, illegal, but no one is going to take them down.

—What they suggested was that there would be difficulty in getting this accomplished.

—The other point that is clear to me is that I am not sure that it is very effective. So we might be better advised to use our energies to try to commemorate the 38th Parallel in ways other than highway signs.

- The President asked Director Scarlato for his comments, since he had also looked in to it.

—He essentially was told that we already have quite a few Korean Vet areas and that it was not an important item on their agenda.

- After more discussion, Director McCarthy made a motion that the concept of the 38th Parallel signs be sent to State and/or Chapter commanders that are closest to the 38th Parallel for their consideration, and if they adopt it to move forward on a local level. It was seconded by Director Bruzgis and passed unanimously.

New Business:

■ Approval of a start-up grant for Gen. John H. Michaelis, Chapter 327:

- Secretary Cohee: This is the first time since I have been Secretary, which has been eight years, and for the first time since President Kinard has been President, we have received a request from a Chapter for start-up money.

- It is authorized in the bylaws to do that.

- The new Chapter 327 wants to be reimbursed for its incorporation fees of \$125, and for a banner or a flag of some sort, and a secure cabinet to put those items in. Unfortunately, the President of the Chapter did not say how much he was asking for.

- Senior Adviser Mac Swain commented that this was originally in

the bylaws and that it is supposed to be in the budget and approved by the membership. But in this particular case, I think that the incorporation fee is all we should pay for.

- Director Bruzgis suggested \$125. Others said we should give them something, but did not suggest how much.

- Finally, Director McHugh made a motion to give them \$300. They are going to be a large Chapter, with 60-some members coming in. The motion was seconded by Director Stevens and passed unanimously.

■ Approval is requested of a plan to recruit post-armistice veterans and funding for the initial phase:

- Director McCarthy distributed a handout designed to help people understand the plan. He said keep in mind that you have a recruiting Chairman who does a wonderful job.

- In a conversation with him he stimulated a thought process and I thought we should have at least some sort of a roadmap to try and recruit Korea Service Veterans. And my problem was we did not have a hook to get these people in or to attract them.

- Director McCarthy discussed his plan in detail. It included trying to find out what our audience is, i.e., how many bodies there are. Our estimate is in excess of 3 million.

- Then, enlist the aid of a Congress Person to go to the Department of Defense and try to get contact information on the people who served. We would then have at least two focus groups.

- Now in the first groups they would tell us the information about what is good and bad about joining and about the KWVA. In the second group, we would ask them if we presented this message in this way would they be interested in joining.

- There are schools in the Boston area that are communications-oriented schools. So I went to the Mount Wachusett Community College. They will do the focus groups for free and we will develop the message free on our part.

- So, if we were to get the messaging out, chances are it would be on media that would go out to these people.

- That was the plan.

—If we did get the focus group, would we pay \$25 a head for their transportation to and from the focus group?

—How many people would that be for? It would probably be ten in the first group and ten in the second. So we are talking 20 people at \$25 a head, or about \$500.

- Although I am not going down the plan paragraph by paragraph, which was the idea—find out who they are, what their thoughts are, build a message that will address it, and then try and bring them in to the KWVA.

- The money is what I would need a proposal for, if we are going to do that.

- President Kinard: Now you are talking that these focus groups will be Defense Veterans.

- Director McCarthy replied, “YES.”

- Director Stevens commented that he thought it was worth a try and he made a motion to accept the recommendation. It was seconded by Director Whitmore and passed unanimously.

- Executive Director Fisher asked what budget it was coming out of.

- President Kinard said membership and recruiting.

■ Approval to select and fund the appropriate advertising option (Recruitment advertising in the *Stars and Stripes*):

• Director McCarthy:

—There is a package being handed out. I approached the editor of the *Stars and Stripes* with the idea of asking him what would be the best way for us to get to the people actively serving in Korea and to those people who have returned from Korea over all of the time that has passed. The editor referred me to a young man, Doug Daugherty, the multi-media advertising manager.

—There is a *Stars and Stripes* published strictly for Korea. At the top of each page is a banner that they call a leaderboard that would cost us \$33 for each time that we used it. It comes out weekly, so you are talking 52 times that the *Stars and Stripes* gets published, and each time it is published you will get 1,000 presentations.

—So the first 1,000 that click onto that *Stars and Stripes* are going to see a leaderboard that might say “Served in Korea? Then join us at the KWVA.org. We stand together.”

—Usually, you have 52,000 hits per year for \$33 times 52.

—Now, they also have a *Stars and Stripes* that goes out to the major commands in the United States. So if you wanted to test it in Korea and see if that generated some people, that is up to you. If you did it in the local one, it still goes to all of the major commands.

—Like Warren Wiedhahn said, if you are in the service, you read the *Stars and Stripes*. The cost would be approximately \$1,600-\$1,700 a year for 52,000 hits.

• Treasurer Gregg suggested that we give a five dollar coupon discount if they click on that and join. That way we can monitor the effectiveness of this ad.

• Director Whitmore made a motion that we go with the \$33 shot and see how we do for a year. The motion was seconded by Director Brown and passed unanimously.

■ Revise Article II, Officers, Board of Directors and Association Elections to provide an alternate means of Director voting:

• Director Stevens:

—Well, this is a revision, not an addition. It is simply changing some wording.

—In Section 2, article 2, following “five officers—President, First Vice, Second Vice, Secretary and Treasurer” add the words, “And Executive Director”... Also add the word membership between “annual and meeting”.

—In paragraph A, Voting, following the words “In cases of a” add “USPS mailed or,” electronically mailed {email}” and cross out the word “ballot”.

—In the paragraph that starts with “The open meetings”...following “confidentiality requirements”, add “Voting remotely, such as USPS or electronically, isn’t applicable to executive sessions. Refer to Article 10 of these bylaws for E and G hearings.”

• President Kinard commented that all we are doing is trying to work in a way to vote electronically. Under Business Without a Meeting, following the words “motion authorizing “ add “USPS or email.” Following “call for the meeting” add “USPS or e-mail.” Following “via return receipt” add “USPS or email.”

• Director Whitmore made a motion that the revisions be accepted as read. It was seconded by Director Bruzgis and passed unani-

mously.

■ Revise Article VIII, Amendments and Resolutions Section 2, Bylaws Amendments to allow the Board to adopt bylaw Amendments in conformance to existing Charter parameters:

• Director Stevens:

—The purpose of this bylaw revision is to allow the Board to adopt bylaw amendments in conformance to existing charter parameters.

—We are chartered in New York State. Nothing changes about the existing bylaws, article 8, Amendments and Resolutions. However, two paragraphs, D and E are being added.

—Essentially, Paragraph D authorizes the Board to adopt an amendment without ratification by the membership under certain conditions and Paragraph E states what must be done if any bylaw regulating an impending election of Directors is adopted, amended or repealed by the Board.

• Director Scarlato made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the bylaws as presented. It was seconded by Director Dappen and passed unanimously.

• President Kinard commented that these changes still have to be approved by the membership at the July meeting.

■ Discussion of a five-year plan for Annual Membership Meetings:

• Executive Director Fisher:

—The purpose of a five-year plan is not only to plan ahead, but also to save money. What we want to look at is to find a major hub so that we do not have to take multiple stops and multiple costs. So we would like to look at Dallas, Nashville, Branson, Orlando, San Diego, Las Vegas, and so forth.

—I am looking at cities right now that are veteran friendly, those that appease the veteran. Here are some: Washington, D.C. - Yes and No, Branson-Yes, Nashville-Yes, Dallas-Yes.

—We can work with different hotels and Chapters can be more involved in setting up—if they know they are a host city a year or two years out to help make that event.

—Now, who makes the recommendations on where we go? You guys. You gave recommendations that we put on the list.

—I can tell you one city right now that is pushing hard and that is Norfolk, VA. While Norfolk is a veteran friendly city, and it has an airport, it is on the East Coast.

—I recommend that we set up a schedule—a five year plan of where we want to have the annual convention.

• Treasurer Gregg asked if have the list of five that we would recommend, or are looking at or are proposed, or suggested?

• Executive Director Fisher responded that he could give five off of the top of his head that are being looked at: Nashville, Branson, Orlando, Las Vegas and Dallas. So those are the cities that we are looking at.

• But the Korean Embassy would like to have something every year around July 27th in Washington, D.C. I think we should look at Washington, D. C. as a special event type of place for our annual meetings when we have anniversaries or something like that.

• Director Covell made a motion to adopt the recommendations made by Executive Director Fisher. Director McHugh seconded the motion.

—This was followed by a lot of miscellaneous discussion on when

to have the meetings, etc.

—Finally, the President asked for a vote to accept the five year plan, and it was passed unanimously.

■ Recommendation to change the name of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) to the Korean Veterans of America Association (KVAA):

• President Kinard:

—We are here today to decide whether we want to pursue a name change. I do not want you to feel like we have to vote today to change the name. That is not what we are here for. I do not feel like we have enough information as to the legal right and the legal process to make that name change.

• Executive Director Fisher reported that he had heard both for and against the decision. The reason that this is being brought up at this time is because some members feel that the word War in Korean War Veterans Association is deterring Korean Defense Veterans from joining the Association.

—Executive Fisher said that a name change would require a lot of paperwork, and he covered those requirements.

• Director Scarlato made a motion that we do not change the name and that we do not take any more action with it. The motion was seconded by Director McCarthy and passed unanimously.

• Executive Director Fisher commented that there are consequences either way we go.

—If you don't that's fine, and I am in favor of keeping the name too.

—But what are you planning to do to increase membership to make sure that this does not become a "Last Man" organization?

—I can tell you what it is. It is recruiting, and it is recruiting by every single person within the KWVA, not only the existing members that we talked about that are inactive, but also going after the Korean Defense Veterans and making them feel welcome. That's going to be your solution.

• Director Scarlato said that statements have been made that the Korean Defense Veterans did not want to join the KWVA because of the name of "war."

• It all depends on how you approach a person and how you want to recruit them. That's the whole key.

—If you approach them and just ask, "Do you want to join the KWVA?", and don't really explain to them the situation, they are not going to join. The young guys are not going to join any organization until they get older.

■ For The Good Of The Order/Awards Presentations:

• President Kinard presented outgoing Directors Dappen and Scarlato with a President's Award.

■ Benediction: Treasurer Gregg gave the benediction.

■ Flag Salute: President Kinard

■ Motion to Adjourn: Director Stevens made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Director Brown and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Frank Cohee, National Secretary

Thanks for Supporting *The Graybeards*

Members are invited to help underwrite the publication costs of *The Graybeards*. All contributions in any amount are welcome. Mail your donations to KWVA Treasurer, 430 W. Lincoln Ave., Charleston, IL 61920 or Treasurer@KWVA.org. All contributions will be acknowledged, unless the donor specifically requests to remain anonymous. And, if you have an "In memory of" (IMO) request, include that as well. We thank you for your generous support.

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Proposed KWVA Bylaws Changes

These are proposed Bylaws Changes that must be voted on and ratified at the Membership Meeting in Washington D.C. in July.
Note: Proposed changes are in **bold** type with deletions indicated by a “~~strike-through~~.”

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

Section 1. Officers. Members eligible to vote shall, in accordance with the procedure set forth hereinafter and, prior to the KWVA Annual Association Meeting, elect an Association President, First Vice President and Second Vice President.

The President elected in May shall recommend an Association **Executive Director**, Secretary and Treasurer at a called meeting or by “Business Without a Meeting” (Paragraph D., below) following the election for the new Board to confirm. Other officials shall also be recommended as listed in Bylaws Article III, Section 7, Committees for Board approvals. No elected officer or director shall also serve as Secretary or Treasurer.

Section 2. Board of Directors. The KWVA, Inc. shall have a Board of Directors consisting of ~~seventeen (17)~~ **eighteen (18)** **members**: five (5) officers, (President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer), **and Executive Director** together with twelve (12) Directors, four (4) of whom shall be elected annually, prior to the Annual Meeting.

A. Voting. All votes of the Board shall be by simple majority, unless stated otherwise hereinafter, with a quorum of at least eight (8) elected members in attendance. Only the elected twelve (12) Directors and the First and Second Vice Presidents have a Board vote – the President has a tie breaking vote only at any called meeting. In the case of a **U.S.P.S. mailed or electronically mailed (email) ballot** vote, the President is allowed to vote. Appointed officials of the Board, other than those appointed to fill vacant elected positions, do not have a vote.

B. Open Meetings. Any member of the Association may attend meetings of the Board and, at the discretion of the Board, may be invited to address them. Called Executive Sessions for Ethics & Grievance decisions and/or hearings are attended only by the Board, and those members invited to attend. These meetings or sessions are closed to other members of the Association because of confidentiality requirements. **Voting remotely, i.e. U.S.P.S. or electronically, isn’t applicable to Executive Sessions.** Refer to Article X of these Bylaws for E&G Executive Hearings.

C. Special Meetings. The President or ten (10) elected members of the Board may call a Board meeting for one (1) purpose only, by giving two (2) weeks written notice to all members of the Board, stating the date and time, the exact location of the meeting place and the agenda of the meeting. **Said meeting may also be conducted electronically, specifying the latest date by which votes can be submitted.**

D. Business Without a Meeting. “Business Without a Meeting” of the Board may be called for by the President or when a previous Board meeting motion authorizing a ~~mail~~ **U.S.P.S. mailed or electronic** ballot has been made. Should the President not

agree to a ~~call~~ **called meeting**, a majority of the voting Board may call for the meeting by a **U.S.P.S. or electronic** ballot, with a signed petition to the Secretary. The Secretary shall send a ballot ~~by via~~ **U.S.P.S. Return Receipt Mail or email with receipt requested**, to every voting Board member, stating the motion(s) or request(s), and their vote for or against. Any such action must be ratified by a quorum at the next Board meeting.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS AND POWERS

Section 1. Powers and Duties. The KWVA officers shall have powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be specified in resolutions or other directives of the Board. In the absence of such specification, each officer shall have the powers and authority and shall perform and discharge the duties of the officers of the same title serving in nonprofit corporations having the same or similar purposes and objectives as this Association. The duties of the elected and appointed officers shall be guided by the Board approved SPM and as outlined as follows: (Note: the use of the masculine gender in the following paragraphs should be taken to mean either masculine or feminine gender, as appropriate).

C. Executive Director. **The Executive Director shall be recommended by the President, and confirmed by the Board. He will be given the title of Executive Director and Chief Administrative Officer of the KWVA. He shall report directly to the KWVA President and indirectly to the KWVA Board of Directors. He shall provide administrative assistance to the President. He shall maintain all required records and documents pertinent to the KWVA office and insure compliance with all governmental agencies laws and regulations. He shall establish and maintain a working relationship with members of Congress and their staff. He shall interact with representatives of other VSOs, other U. S. governmental agencies and representatives of the Republic of Korea Embassy. He shall support fund raising activities, membership recruitment and shall plan and coordinate programs and events for the KWVA. He shall perform other duties as reasonably assigned by the President.**

ED. Secretary. The Secretary shall be recommended by the President, and confirmed by the Board. He is responsible for the management of the day-to-day business of the Association, and shall perform all administrative duties required of him by the President. He shall be responsible for recording the minutes of meetings of the Association and shall keep records of the Association. He shall maintain communications with the Membership and Annual Association Meeting Committees, offering assistance as required, to publicize their actions, and in making arrangements for Board and Annual Association Membership Meetings. A proposed agenda for the Annual

Association Membership Meeting shall be placed in The *Graybeards* for the membership to be notified of business to be conducted. Thirty (30) days prior he shall submit to each officer and member of the Board an agenda for the Association Membership Business meeting and an agenda for the Board meeting. In the performance of his duties, he may hire clerical or other assistance for the proper and expeditious conduct of the Association affairs, as authorized by the Board.

DE. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be recommended by the President and confirmed by the Board. He shall be responsible for collecting dues and other monies in behalf of the Association, and for making timely and proper disbursements from the funds in his charge. He shall be the custodian of all accounts, accountable for same, and shall prepare reports as directed by the Board. At the direction of the Board he is to be bonded. A maximum number of five (5) persons may have active authorization to sign disbursing instruments for the Association. Other signatures may be kept in reserve in the event an active signer becomes disabled. Each disbursing instrument will have two signatures, one of which must be an elected officer and disbursements shall be according to the Board approved SPM.

EF. Appointed Positions. All appointed positions (~~i.e. Chaplain, Historian, Judge Advocate [who shall hold only one position], The Graybeards Editor, The Graybeards Publisher, Webmaster, Executive Director, Ex POW/MIA [who shall be an Ex Prisoner of War member if available], VA/VS, Sergeant at Arms, VSO, Tell America and Annual Association Membership Meeting Chairman~~), shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board. The responsibilities and duties for all Appointed Positions and Standing Committee Chairmen are included in the Board approved SPM.

EG. Board of Directors. The Association Board shall consist of ~~seventeen (17)~~ **eighteen (18)** members, being the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, **Executive Director**, Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve Directors. The President of the Association shall be the Chairman. The Board shall formulate policies and supervise the execution thereof and have the control and management of the affairs, property and funds of the Association. The Board has the basic management functions of Planning, Organizing, Staffing, Directing and Controlling for the Association, overall. Fulfilling these functions requires Board meetings and training, and the effective coordinated formulation of policies and knowledgeable oversight of the execution thereof.

The Board shall have at least two (2) meetings each year on a date and location selected by the President. The Board shall meet at any other and/or additional times that may be required by the Board of Directors, and called by the President, and may conduct business by mail without a meeting when done in compliance with Article II. Section 2. Board of Directors., D. Business Without a Meeting. of these Bylaws. All scheduled Board Meetings shall be considered portal to portal return; with scheduled travel days, scheduled meeting days, and in the case of the meeting occurring immediately preceding the Annual Membership Meeting, includes attendance at the said Association meeting, and return travel. All Board meetings shall provide sufficient duration to complete all Association business

placed before them for consideration. It shall establish and maintain a Standard Procedure Manual and is responsible for orderly and timely actions between its regular meetings.

All members of the Board shall be notified of the time, place and agenda for the meeting. The Board shall determine excused absence using the definitions established in the SPM. No person shall receive any salary for services as a member of the Board who is eligible to vote. The Board may, from time to time, establish fees for services of the **Executive Director**, Secretary or Treasurer.

GH. Committees. There shall be two (2) types of committees, to wit: Standing Committees and Special Committees.

1. Standing Committees shall include the following: Budget and Finance; Bylaws; Membership; Elections; and Resolutions committees. The membership thereof shall be appointed by the President, with the consent of the Board, for the term of one (1) year, and subject to yearly reconfirmation from the Board except that the Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be chosen from the current membership of the Board. Having thus been chosen, he or she will continue to serve for the full term regardless of their status as a Board Member. Their responsibilities and duties are included in the approved SPM.

2. Special Committees shall be appointed by the President as needed, approved by the Board, and shall serve at his pleasure. The duties and responsibilities of each committee are defined in the charge issued to that committee and/or are outlined in the SPM.

~~**H. Executive Director.** The Executive Director shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the KWVA President. The Executive Director duties and procedures are defined in the SPM.~~

I. Association Information Technology staff shall be appointed by the President and hired by the Secretary as needed, and approved by the Board, with duties and procedures as defined in the SPM.

ARTICLE V

DEPARTMENTS AND CHAPTERS

II. CHAPTERS

Section 2. Incorporation and EIN Process. Upon representation to the Department, if such an entity exists, in the jurisdiction they intend to form their Chapter, and the Association Secretary and Membership Committee Chairman that ten (10) or more Regular members in good standing have submitted the proper documentation for the awarding of a Charter, the Chapter members shall hold an organizational meeting to adopt Chapter Bylaws, not inconsistent with these Bylaws, and to form at least an Executive Council/Board of ten (10) who are current Regular members of KWVA in good standing.

A. An application shall be made during the petition process to the appropriate authorities for a Certificate of Incorporation for a nonprofit corporation known as "Chapter Name _____ of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc."

B. An application shall be made during the petition process for obtaining an IRS Employer Identification Number (EIN) for banking purposes.

Procedures for the incorporation and EIN application processes

shall be included in the SPM.

Section 3. Incorporation, EIN and 501 c 19. The IRS has authorized the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. (KWVA) to include Chapters requesting and meeting the IRS criteria, to be included in the KWVA Group Exemption Letter which was approved by IRS on August 29, 2014. Any Chapter requesting to be included in the Group Exemption may do so by submitting their request to the KWVA Treasurer, following the procedures outlined in Section 3 of the SPM.

Note: Existing Sections 3 through 9 get re-numbered as Sections 4 through 10.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Section 2. Bylaws Amendments. Any Chartered Department, Chapter or Regular Member in good standing may propose amendments to the Bylaws by presenting them in writing to the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee at least forty-five (45) days before the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

A. Such proposals shall be considered at that meeting and if approved by the Board, they may then be published in the next scheduled edition of *The Graybeards* publication for ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, of at least a Regular membership meeting quorum, at the next scheduled Association Membership Meeting. Procedures for the Bylaws amendment process are provided in the SPM.

B. If no quorum is present a ballot vote shall be sent by direct mail

or inserted in the following edition of *The Graybeards* publication and sent to current Regular Members. Ratification of the proposed amendment will require a two-thirds (2/3) approval vote by a quorum defined in Article IV, Annual Association Membership and Special Meetings, Section 2.

C. Alternatively, should the Board choose by a simple majority to initiate the ratification process of the amendment(s) sooner, they may authorize that a ballot vote shall be sent by direct mail or inserted in the following edition of *The Graybeards* and sent to current Regular Members. Ratification of the proposed amendment shall require a two-thirds (2/3) approval vote by at least a quorum defined in Article IV, Annual Association Membership and Special Meetings, Section 2.

D. Alternatively, the proposed amendment may be adopted, without ratification by the Membership, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Board present at any Board meeting at which a quorum is present. That action may be taken only if the written notice of the Board meeting included the text of the proposed amendment. Any Bylaw adopted by the Board under this Subsection may be amended or repealed by the members, using the amendment process under the preceding provisions of this, Article VIII, "Amendments and Resolutions".

E. If any Bylaw regulating an impending election of Directors is adopted, amended, or repealed by the Board, then the notice of the next election of Directors must contain the Bylaws so adopted, amended or repealed, with a concise statement of the changes made.

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Recruiting

Ask Not What The KWVA Can Do For You, But What Can You Do For The KWVA?

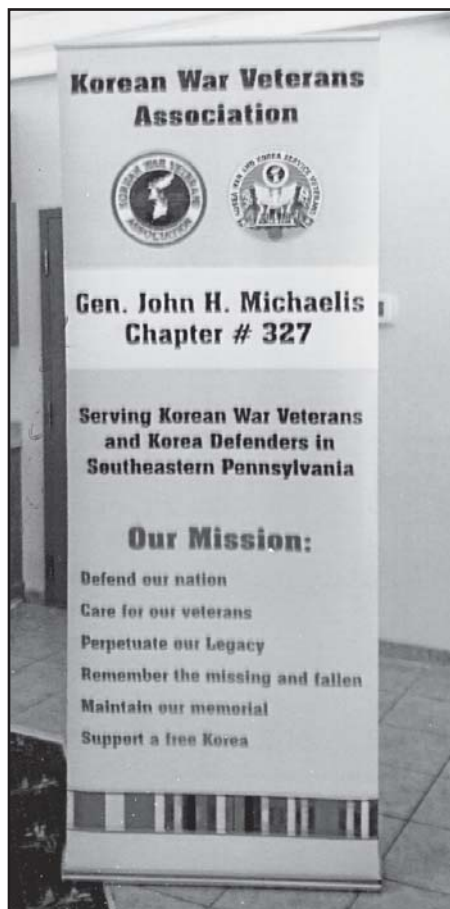
When people ask me what the KWVA can do for you—and it is asked many times in the recruiting process—I answer by telling the prospects this: when you join you will get six issues of the best service publication, GRAYBEARDS, Revisit Korea, Tell America and to be part of a “Band of Brothers” that served in Korea. What you can do for the KWVA is to join, help continue our legacy, and recruit others to join this great organization.

Presenting A Charter

I had the honor to be invited to a 1 April 2015 ceremony to present the charter to CID 327, Gen. John H. Michaelis, Lancaster, PA. (See the story on p. 48.) Commander Paul Cunningham has shown true leadership in forming this chapter. They meet in a retirement community named Oak Leaf Manor that is very supportive of the group. They currently have 60 members on the roster—two of whom joined the day of the ceremony.

There were about 200 family members and friends in attendance. I was pleased to see that most of the new members are in their mid 80s, which shows that older members can be recruited if contacted.

Commander Cunningham’s success in recruiting was due in great part to using the news media to let veterans in the area know about the KWVA. This was a great day for the KWVA and Chapter 327.



Mission to be accomplished

Recruiting Results

Our recruiting results as of 4-6-15: 19 new members this month, 215 this

year. Active members last year this date, 14,442; active members this year to date, 14,181. This is a decrease of 261 members. Deceased comrades reported this year to date 274.

Comrades, the number of our deceased members is 69 higher than that of our new members. I ask each of you to make recruiting a priority in your Departments and Chapters. I think you will agree with me that forming new chapters is the best way to increase our membership.

We Need Those KDV's

We have to recruit Korea Defense Veterans (KDV's) if we want to continue our Legacy. I ask each of you for your support in doing this. Director McCarthy has been working on using the news media on contacting Korea Defense Veterans and other means.

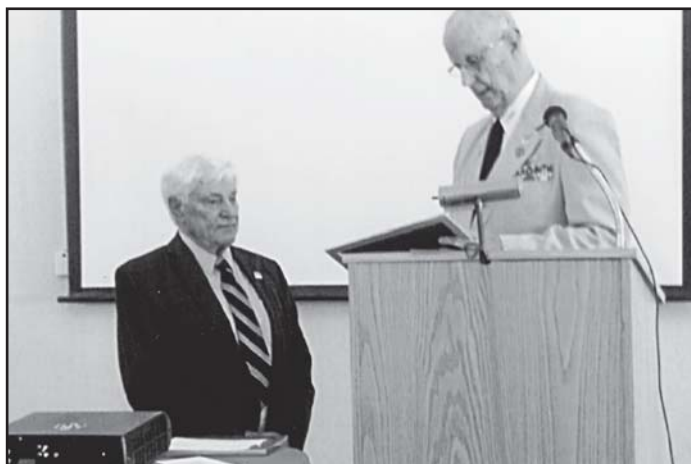
Jim Fisher, our Executive Director, is doing a great job in finding ways to recruit. I thank him.

If any of you have any ideas or suggestions for recruiting, please contact me. I thank you for your support.

John T. (“Sonny”) Edwards, National Director KWVA/Chairman, Membership & Recruiting, 14370 Mill Swamp Rd., Smithfield, VA 23430, 757-357-2331, 757-813-0254 (Cell), KVetEdwards@yahoo.com



The crowd chows down at Ch 327 meeting



John (“Sonny”) Edwards presents charter to Ch 327 President Paul Cunningham (L)

Who To Contact And What To Contact Them About

The *Graybeards* team does not have a centralized office for its various processes. That is not surprising, since the team does not include any full-time employees. The membership staff, which handles the bulk of the administrative tasks, is located in Charleston, IL. The editor is housed in Beaufort, SC. (That is a recent change.) The publisher/advertising manager is also based in Beaufort, SC, but twelve miles apart from the editorial office. They are separated by a river, which becomes a gulf during production time.

The Secretary, i.e., the producer of "From the Secretary," is located in Florida. (He will shortly be resigning; his successor will be in Winchester, VA.) The President, who should not be receiving any mail intended for *The Graybeards*, is in Texas.

Therefore, mail sent to the wrong address may not be forwarded to the proper offices immediately—if at all. The various staff members who work hard to produce *The Graybeards* do coordinate their efforts, but some material gets delayed in processing or lost (which is rare, but does happen). Nevertheless, it is imperative that submitters send their material to the proper location, lest it get delayed or lost in the bureaucratic shuffle.

Your cooperation in making sure that you are sending your material to the right person/address is appreciated. (Their addresses and contact information are located on p.2 of each edition of *The Graybeards* and on the association's website, www.kwva.org.)

Here is a general guideline for submissions.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICE

Contact the KWVA Membership Office for ALL Member Information Requests/Changes:

- Didn't get your *Graybeards*?
- Make a donation to KWVA, *The Graybeards*, or In Memory Of (strongly encouraged)
- Change of Address
- "Snowbird" fall and spring move dates/address changes
- Phone Number Change/Update
- Email Address Changes/Additions

- Death Notices (including date of death or a copy of or link to an obituary if possible)
- New Member Applications
- Dues Renewal Payments by Credit Card

Phone: 217-345-4414 (Office Hours 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Central Mon-Fri)

Email to: membership@kwva.org

"Snail" Mail to: KWVA Membership Office, PO Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407

EDITORIAL OFFICE

The editor is the "gatekeeper" in the publication process. Everything that appears in *The Graybeards* with the exception of advertising is funneled through the editor via the Membership office staff, the president, the secretary, the recruiting chairman, and individual members.

All editorial material¹ sent via "snail mail" should be mailed to:

Graybeards Editor
895 Ribaut Rd. #13
Beaufort, SC 29902

Make sure you include the #13 in the "snail mail" address. If you don't, the material is likely to end up in the wrong mailbox and a disgruntled neighbor may dispose of it—or possibly the editor—improperly.

Emailed material should be sent to sharp_arthur_g@sbcbglobal.net. Be sure to include the underscores after sharp and arthur. Also, many senders substitute com for net, which means that the emails get lost in cyberspace. Remember, it's sbcbglobal.net.

1: Editorial material includes, but is not limited to: memoirs, feedback (letters to the editor), chapter and department news, Tell America items, photos, corrections, stories of interest, recruiting items, reunion notices, mini-reunion news, recon requests (searches for information), books for review, accounts of individual achievements...

Reaching the editor by phone: the editor's phone number is 860-202-3088. **The 860-563-6149 number has been discontinued.**

NOTE: The editorial office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time. It is not open on weekends.

Caveat: Editing *The Graybeards* is not a full-time job for Mr. Sharp. Therefore, not

all mail is opened upon arrival nor are phone calls returned immediately. Generally, mail is opened and phone calls are sometimes returned via "batch processing," which means the editor holds submissions aside until he allocates time to process a large batch of them simultaneously. That can be days—or even weeks—after submissions are received. Consequently, he asks that submitters and callers exercise patience when awaiting responses if requested.

Notification Of Receipt: Due to the volume of material received by the editor, he cannot acknowledge each submission individually.

Return Of Submitted Material: Submitters' material is returned only upon request. SASEs (self-addressed, stamped envelopes) will expedite the process somewhat. But, all returns fall under the "batch processing" umbrella.

PUBLISHER'S/ADVERTISING MANAGER'S OFFICE

The publisher is located at: Finisterre Publishing Inc., 3 Black Skimmer Ct., Beaufort, SC 29907. His phone # is 843-521-1896. His email address is finisterre@islc.net.

No submissions for *The Graybeards* should be sent to Dr. Wadley. All material printed in *The Graybeards* is sent directly from the editor to the publisher. The publisher's sole responsibilities in the process include laying out the magazine and handling advertising requests.

THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

The National Secretary, Frank Cohee, is located at 4037 Chelsea Lane, Lakeland, FL 33809-4063. His phone # is 863-859-1384. Frank is our residential expert on procedural matters, bylaws, the standard procedure manual, providing information about medals, etc. Questions on such issues should be sent to him for reference. He often prints the answers in his "From the Secretary" column in each issue of *The Graybeards*.

THERE YOU HAVE IT

That concludes our "Where To Send It" guideline. We hope it helps.

The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

Tell America

2 - NORTHWEST ALABAMA II [AL]

We have our Tell America program up and running again. We gave one presentation at Leighton School the first part of April.

James G. Taylor, 105 Lake View Dr., Muscle Shoals, AL 35661



U.S. Army veteran Bill Gotcher of Ch 2 speaks to students at Leighton School



Bill Gober of Ch 2, U.S. Marine Corps veteran and survivor of Chosin Reservoir battle, talks at Leighton School



Students at Leighton School listen attentively to U.S. Navy veteran Jim Taylor of Ch 2

19 - GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

Six members met with Prof. Jongwoo Han, President of the KVV Digital Foundation, to discuss the Tell America program being taught in Riverridge High School in Woodstock, GA. The foundation is interested in capturing stories of combat veterans.

Samantha Fraser, World History teacher at the high school, showed photographs of her parents, both in uniform, during the Korean War.

Jim Conway, Conatlanta@comcast.net



Group including Bob McCubbins, Ch 19 President, Martin Madert, interviewer for "Witness to War," Samantha Fraser (L-R) at Riverridge High School



Prof. Han (C) meets with Kathryn Ricker, who teaches psychology and world history at Riverridge High School and unidentified teacher

54 - THOMAS W. DALEY JR. [NJ]



Chapter 54, KWVA, visited Washington Township High School, NJ and explained our "Tell America" program to over 1,000 students. The veterans are from left to right: Rick Dacunas (new member), Capt. Andy Jackson, Chapter Commander, Stan Levin, George Ulmer, Bill Millison (in Korea era fatigues), and Ray McBride

55 - NASSAU COUNTY #1 [NY]

Buddy Epstein and Donald Zoeller gave a presentation at Calhoun High School in Bellmere, New York. They spent the day sharing their experiences during the Korean War.

Robert O'Brien, P.O. Box 1591, N. Massapequa, NY 11758



Buddy Epstein and Donald Zoeller of Ch 55 at Calhoun High School

183 - NEBRASKA #1 [NE]

On 23 March 2015 four members, Jesse Brown, Dennis Pavlik, Bill Christensen, and Donald Kane, were interviewed and filmed by two Westside High School teachers in Omaha, NE. The teachers will be sharing the interviews in their history classes.

Dale E. Griffith, 1418 W. 76th St., Omaha, NE 68114, dalepanthers@aol.com



Jesse Brown and Dennis Pavlik of Ch 183 at Westside High School

Bill Christensen and Donald Kane of Ch 183 being interviewed



249 - COL. JOSEPH C. RODRIGUEZ MOH [TX]

Our North San Francisco Bay Division presented a Tell America program at Novato High School, Novato, CA on April 23, 2015. The event was hosted by the school's JROTC unit, with about 40 students in attendance.

After the pledge of allegiance, a brief history of the Korean war was given and the six veterans introduced themselves and described their duties in military service. Questions

from the students filled the remaining portion of the 45-minute class period devoted to the well-received program.

The Korea Reborn book was on display along with ten copies of Jack Walker's A Brief Account of the Korean War booklet. They were left with the faculty for distribution to the students.

Marshall Davis, 915-479-4812, Texmarsh1@gmail.com



Students at Novato High School listen to Ch 249 presenters



Members of Ch 249 display literature at Novato High School

1475: GIT-R-DONE!!!

The sacrifice suffered by many comrades of those of us who served before the armistice should be something sacred to all of us. As the famous historian of the Holocaust, Elie Wiesel, said, "Without memory, there is no culture." We cannot, and must not, forget them. HR1475 is a step in that direction, but it must be passed by the Congress, and we need a host of co-sponsors, "sign-ons," if you will, to that bill to get it done.

Letters to congressmen and women are one tool, but the most effective of all is persistent telephone calls. Let me give you the sequence I used in getting Congresswoman Elise Stefanic of NY's 21st Congressional District to sign on:

1. A call to her Washington D.C. office (not the local office). It was answered by an office staff member, who inquired what my call was about. The staffer told me that Elise was at a committee meeting and could not be reached. I informed the person at her office what my call was about. The staffer said she would refer it to the congresswoman's legislative aide, and that they would get back to me. Sound familiar?

2. I waited two weeks, got no answer, and called again. This time I was told that there were so many bills introduced that they hadn't gotten to 1475 yet. They would call me.

3. One week later I called again and received the same answer. I asked to speak to the legislative aide. I informed him what the bill was about and about the number of veteran posts, chapters, etc there were in her district and I mentioned Fort Drum, which held a host of future veterans/voters was in her district. That did it; four days later I got a telephone call from the legislative aide informing me that the congresswoman was going to sign on to the bill.

Note that it is persistence and reminding your representative of the number of veterans and posts, chapters and associations in his/her district that counts a lot more than what is in the actual bill itself. After all, all they are interested in is the number of voters in their districts.

Now go to it.

You have no excuses now; you owe it to your comrades who gave their all!

Get on the telephone. If you need the Washington, DC telephone number of your representative, you can Google it. If you don't have access to a computer, use the one in your local library.

You have no excuses now; you owe it to your comrades who gave their all!

Git-R-Done.

George S. Covell, National Director

Fellow Marines:

I am a Marine veteran of the Korean War — 2d Bn./1st Marines, 1951-52; Chesty Puller was our Regimental Commander when I arrived on the frontline in early March, 1951. My two sons are Marine veterans of the First Gulf War. John flew a Cobra helicopter and Robert was a grunt with the 13th MEU that was sent there. The three of us have our names together on a memorial brick at the Museum in Quantico.

I am also Director for Legislative Affairs of the KWVM Foundation. We are seeking Congressional approval for erecting a Wall of Remembrance (WOR), privately funded, at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the National Mall in Washington DC. Our wall would show the names of America's 37,000 KIAs — etched in glass. (You can find additional info at our website, www.koreanwarvetismemorial.org On the home page, upper right-hand corner, click on Wall of Remembrance.)

On March 19, 2015, Korean and Vietnam war veteran Rep. Sam Johnson (TX-03) introduced H.R. 1475, the measure we need passed. (See the attached press release from his office.) I want to work with you to make the case for co-sponsorship of H.R. 1475 by all of your assigned Representatives. In the last Congressional Session, the identical predecessor bill — H.R. 318 — was cosponsored by Rep. Coffman. It went nowhere.

Next, my plan is to contact Fellowship assignees from the other Armed Services and enough other pro-veteran Representatives' staffers to see H.R. 1475 pass by the time we 2/1 vets hold our bi-yearly reunion, July 7 thru 11 in Washington DC. This may be the final reunion of 2/1's diminishing ranks.

We do not yet have a Senate bill sponsor. I do not know whether the Military Legislative Fellows program includes assignments to Senators' offices. I welcome any information you have and suggestions about working with the Senate.

In the form of attachments (mainly PDF), I will provide briefing-type and reference materials to you. Among them will be a copy of my war memoir - Too Young for a Forgettable War: Second Edition, Amazon.com

Semper Fi,

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Your support is needed for the passage of HR 1475, "To authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance." Col Bill Weber has issued a plea for KWVA members to urge their congressional reps to get behind the bill. See page 73.



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March 19, 2015

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Sam Johnson Introduces Bill to Honor Forgotten Korean War Veterans

Washington, D.C. – Today, 29- year Air Force Veteran, POW, and U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson (TX-03) introduced the *Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance Act* (H.R. 1475). This bill would permit a privately funded addition of a Wall of Remembrance to the Korean War Veterans Memorial. The Wall would list the names of all members of the U.S. Armed Forces who were killed in action during the Korean War and list the number of all American POWs and MIAs.

"As a veteran who served in the Korean *and* Vietnam Wars, I can attest to the personal importance that our war memorials have for our veterans and military families as well as for future generations," said Johnson. "Our war memorials are an important physical reminder that the price of freedom *is not free*. Fittingly, they also serve as places where all Americans can pay their respects to the brave men and women who fought on behalf of our Great Nation."

Johnson continued, "Many of our veterans returned home, some were taken as Prisoners of War, too many are still missing in action – and then there are the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. All of them are heroes."

"Sadly, the Korean War and its veterans are often forgotten. And America's memorial for this Forgotten War is incomplete. That is why this Wall of Remembrance is so important."

In support of Johnson's bill, J.D. Randolph, 2nd Vice President of the Korean War Veterans Association, stated, "It is important for this Wall of Remembrance to be erected because thousands of young men gave their lives fighting for a mostly forgotten war. Many were held POW for many years and many are still MIA. Since it is privately funded, it should go forward."

Colonel J.P. Hogan, USA, Retired, Texas State President of the Association of the U.S. Army, echoed these sentiments: "It is fitting that we remember the names of our Korean War brethren who were lost in action during this 'Forgotten War' that in many respects continues to this day. These warriors are to be remembered for their courage, their selflessness, and their commitment to Duty, Honor, and Country."

11 DANBURY [CT]

We have three generations of KWVA members: Craig Kornhaas, who is about to depart for USAF basic training, his father, Jeff Kornhaas, and Jeff's father William Kornhaas, a U.S. Air Force Korean War veteran.

Sadly, these are their last pictures together, since William took up residence in a nursing home recently due to his advanced Alzheimer's.

Peter Orenski, TMEALF@aol.com



Three generations of Orenskis in Chapter 11: Craig, Jeff, and William (L-R)

13 BILL CARR [DE]

Members Visit Fort Belvoir, VA

President John "Jack" McGinley traveled to Fort Belvoir, VA with 35 members and guests to visit the Wounded Warriors and the Care Givers of the installation. Our Wounded Warrior Fund Committee participated in the Meet and Greet session arranged by the Director of the Soldier and Family Assistance Center. That was followed by a luncheon and award ceremony during which the Wounded Warrior Committee distributed checks of \$5,000.00 each to the SFAC Director, the USO Warrior Family Center Director, and the Fisher House Director.

Following the luncheon and the presentations, the group toured the USO and the Fisher House Facilities. Most of our members were unaware of the fantastic facilities available to our wounded and injured warriors and their families. It provided the group the opportunity to see where the money goes and the value of our donations supporting these activities.

It was a wonderful opportunity to show our support to the Warrior Family and share some moments with the recovering warriors, meet the caregivers, and express our gratitude for the



Guests gather at Ch 13 visit



Soldiers at Fort Belvoir enjoy Ch 13's visit



Members of Ch 13 at Ft. Belvoir

outstanding services they provide. It was like a family gathering
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19 GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

The speaker at our April luncheon was Mr. Thomas Wulfing, Deputy Consul General, Federal German Republic. He was the former Charge d' Affaires at the German Embassy in Pyongyang, North Korea. Chapter members had many questions on the appearance of towns and cities they had passed through in 1950 and 1951. It made for a very interesting discussion.

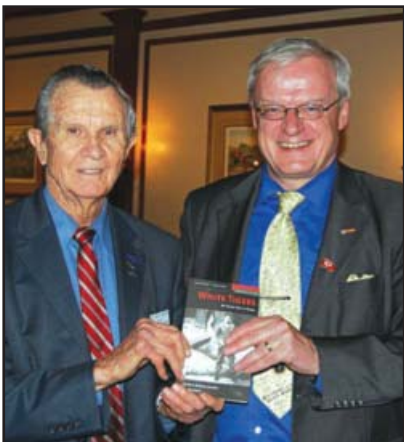


Guest speaker Thomas Wulfing at Ch 19 luncheon



Left, Gerald Wyatt (L) and Ben Malcom at Ch 19 meeting

Ben Malcom presented autographed copies of his book, "White Tigers, My Secret War In North Korea," to Mr. Wulfing and Mr. Gerald Wyatt, Human Resource Manager of the MANDO Corporation in Georgia. The Mando



Ben Malcom (L) presents copy of his book to Thomas Wulfing



Thaddeus Sobieski, Ben Malcom, Robert McCubbins and Jim Conway (L-R) of Ch 19 at Vietnam Veterans Day in Georgia Salute ceremony

Corporation also treated us to the lunch at the Petite Auberge Restaurant.

Georgia Governor Nathan Deal invited us to a Vietnam Veterans Day in Georgia Salute. In addition to music and speeches, Claude M. Kicklighter, Army LTG (ret.), Director, Office of Commemorations, U.S Department of Defense, was the principal speaker. He presented lapel pins to all in attendance, including Chapter President Robert McCubbins and others.

Jim Conway, conatlanta@comcast.net

53 UNION COUNTY [NJ]

We have new officers. They include President George Malsam, Vice President George Little, and Trustee Harold Petersen

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New officers and members of Ch 53 (1st row, L-R) Lou Mangeri, George Malsam, Tony Romano, Carl Livechia (2nd row, L-R) George Little, Harold Petersen, Bob Miller, Harrison Butterfield

63 WESTERN NEW YORK [NY]

The 55th Annual Greater Western New York Armed Forces Week Luncheon was held at the Connecticut Street Armory, Buffalo, NY, on 11 May 2015. The armory is the home of the 74th Regiment National Guard.



The Connecticut Street Armory in Buffalo, NY



Gary B. Beikirch addresses crowd at Armed Forces Week Luncheon

This year's event was sponsored by the United States Coast Guard. Members of all military branches and veterans organizations, including chapter members, were in attendance.



Members of Ch 63 at New York luncheon (Seated, L-R) Sal Sahallaci, Chaplain John Jampack, Commander Carl Marranca, Jerry Keohane (Standing, L-R) 1st Vice Commander Norm Lipkus, Mike Harmon, and Paul Garland



Sunny Lippold (Rear, L) standing with her friend (C) and Carl Marranca at Buffalo, NY event; Ch 63 members Sal Sahallaci (L) and John Jampack are seated in front of them.

The principal speaker was Medal of Honor recipient Sergeant Gary B. Beikirch, Co. B., Special Forces, Medics, U.S. Army. During his deployment in Vietnam, he was cited for his heroism in rescuing numerous American and Vietnamese casualties during the battle of Dak Seang, even though he was wounded at the time. He received his medal on 15 October 1973.

There was a special guest at the meeting, Sunny Lippold. Sunny is a true Korean War veteran, as she was living in Korea at the time of the war.

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94 HUDSON COUNTY [NJ]

See Ch 170 coverage.

142 COL WILLIAM E. WEBER [MD]

U.S./South Korea Technology Security Gathering

On April 20, 2015 four of our members, Kyu Tae Joseph,



Beth McCormick with Bob Mount of Ch 142



Kyu Tae Joseph, Richard Kim, Director Beth McCormick, Republic of Korea Vice Minister Jin, Yang-hyun, Defense Acquisition Programs Administration, Wendell Murphy and Bob Mount at Marine Corps Museum

Richard Kim, Wendell Murphy, and Bob Mount, went to the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico to represent Korean War veterans at a gathering of technology security professionals for the U.S. and The Republic of Korea. The government officials had just concluded discussions designed to ensure that both the United States Defense Department and their counterparts for the Republic of Korea would have the best technology security available.

Veterans were invited to attend this reception by the facilitator, Mr. Bryan Denson, Lt Col (Ret), USAF, to add what little they could to show that U.S. veterans were behind this effort at strengthening the U.S./Korean partnership.

Kim told how his unit eliminated North Koreans who had occupied the lighthouse in the Bay of Incheon and succeeded in starting the light which made the Incheon invasion possible. Murphy expressed how proud he was of the success of the Korean people at rebuilding their country and said he would gladly do his part again if he could.

Mount also expressed pride in the Korean people's success in



Vice Minister Jin, Yang-hyun, Beth McCormick, Bob Mount and Wendell Murphy at Technology Security meeting

rebuilding their country, which had been completely devastated by the war. He pointed out that the Korean War museum in Seoul has an exhibit showing a teacher behind a building, with children gathered around a tree, carrying out teaching assignments, even though they could not meet in a school and fighting might be only a few miles away.

Mount stressed the point that it was this dedication to learning on the part of the Korean people that, no doubt, was a large part of the reason for their success in rebuilding their country.

Korean Vice Minister Jin, Yang-hyun expressed the gratitude of the Korean people for the sacrifice by veterans and presented each with a plaque containing a four-inch piece of barbed wire from the DMZ. The Minister also recognized the success of the negotiations which strengthened the U.S./Korean defense partnership.

Beth McCormick, Director of the US Defense Technology Security Administration, made remarks confirming the success of the negotiations and presented each veteran with her personal DOD ceremonial coin.

Korean War Veterans Present \$1,000 Check to Fisher House

Eight members traveled to the Fisher House at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD on April 14, 2015 to present a \$1,000 donation to Fisher House. Fisher Houses provide free housing to wounded veterans and families receiving medical treatment at military hospitals. There are five Fisher Houses at the Bethesda Center.



Commander Robert Mount of Ch 142 presents check to Kenneth Merritt, Manager of CNIC Fisher House at NSA Bethesda, as Anthony Malavenda, Glenn Wienhoff, Wendell Murphy, Charles Chipley, Jack Droneburg, Robert Eader, Ken Davis and Vernon Kephart (L-R) look on

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155 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA [FL]

FSW Veterans Benefit from Scholarship Endowment

Members of Cape Coral's Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) of Southwest Florida Chapter 155 proudly presented Florida SouthWestern State College President Jeff Allbritten with their annual donation for veteran scholarships.

The [chapter] donates \$1,000 to the College each year to help

a veteran student. They also contributed \$2,500 to a scholarship endowment established in 2014, which now totals \$17,500, so other veterans can attend FSW in the future.

“The KWVA believes that it’s important for our veterans to have access to educational opportunities so they will be able to enter the Southwest Florida workforce with the most relevant and competitive skills,” said Bob Kent, treasurer for KWVA Chapter 155. “We created the endowment to help our fellow veterans. It will be on record long after we’re all gone.”

Omar Ortiz received the Korean War Veterans scholarship this year. A veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Ortiz served active duty in the U.S. Army for five years before transitioning to the U.S. Army Reserves to go to college.

He is a full-time student at FSW, and also works part time. Ortiz said he never would’ve been able to devote as much time to studying if not for the scholarship.

“The scholarship decreased my financial burdens and allowed me to focus more time and energy to my classes instead of working longer hours,” he said. “I want to thank the KWVA for their contributions and their commitment in facilitating the success of fellow veterans.”



FSW President Jeff Allbritten accepts a generous donation from members of Ch 155, including Dale Riggs, Harlan Hummel, Bob Kent, Nick Napolitano, and Jerry Montagnino (L-R)

Ortiz will graduate this summer with his Bachelor of Applied Science in Public Safety Administration degree from FSW. He plans on working in emergency medicine.

FSW serves an average of 500 students receiving veteran’s benefits each year. All of these students can apply for various forms of financial assistance with the help of the Office of Veterans Affairs.

“Veterans attending FSW train in a variety of fields,” said Dr. Louis Traina, Vice President of Institutional Advancement. “They proudly serve our country and then work throughout Southwest Florida as paramedics, nurses, firefighters, and more. We are thankful to have them.”

Bob Kent, rkent9000@aol.com

159 SUNSHINE STATE [FL]

Ms. HooJung Kennedy, the Korean President’s Coordinator for the Presentation of the Ambassador for Peace Medal to Korean War Veteran recipients in Florida, made presentations to eleven members on 24 March 2015. Eight of the eleven, Peter Palmer, David Soderland, Dell Strelesky, Fred Strahlendorf, Bill Slavins, Mike Tucci, Jack Russell, and Art Cheek, were present to receive their awards. Allen King, Joseph Kadlub, and Charles Tsangaris were unable to attend.

Peter Palmer, palmersp@verizon.net



Ambassador for Peace Medals arrayed for Ch 159 recipients



Peter Palmer (L), HooJung Kennedy (C) and unidentified gentleman at Ch 159 medal presentation



Peter Palmer, David Soderland, Dell Strelesky, Fred Strahlendorf, Ms. HooJung, Bill Slavins, Mike Tucci, Jack Russell, and Art Cheek at Ch 159 Ambassador for Peace Medal presentation

Ambassador for Peace Medal recipients from Ch 169 and 24th Inf. Div. Assn. (Standing) Ch 169 Color Guard members and other members (Seated, front) Ms. Kennedy (Standing, middle of the photo. (Photo by Carol Becker and story edited by Tom Thiel.)



Sixteen Korean veterans awarded the Republic of Korea Ambassador for Peace Medal

HooJung Jones Kennedy, Unification Advisory Council, Toronto Chapter, and special advisor to the Republic of Korea President Park Geun Hye, presented the Republic of Korea Ambassador For Peace Medal to sixteen KWVA and 24th Infantry Division Association members on Friday, March 27, 2015, in the National Guard Armory, Leesburg.

HooJung was accompanied by her husband, Maj. (Ret) Don Kennedy, The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (WR). They both took the extra effort to bring these medals to veterans who served in Korea between 1950 and 1955, and who applied for the medals and provided documentation supporting their presence.

The recipients included Donald Leitstein, Harold Little, Murray McMahon, Albert Monahan, C.W. Sewell, Morris Cohen, Gene Elliott, Leonard Seidelman, George Wikane, Anthony Peters, Henry River Jr. and Edward K. Moran from Chapter 169; and Paul Miller, Lyman Miller, Bryant "Woodie" Wood JR, and William Kane, all members of the 24th Inf. Div. Assoc.

In addition to HooJung and Don Kennedy, we recognize and thank Leesburg Mayor Dennison for welcoming everyone to Leesburg, and express our appreciation to U.S. Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) and Congressman Dan Webster for their support of our medal program.

We also thank Joe Ryu, Eddie Ko, the Kim family, and Dwight Brown who, over the past several years, have enabled other members to receive these medals.

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170 TAEJON [NJ]

Five members accepted an invitation from our Hudson County chapter (CID 94), NJ counterparts to accompany them on a "Revisit Korea Tour." The trip was sponsored by the American-Korean Foundation, Korean businessmen, and Korean government officials. The members of the two chapters and the South Korean officials with whom they interacted shared a significant amount of fellowship during the experience.



Chapters 94 and 170 vets at Samsung Museum, with Korean officials in back row

The veterans flew to Korea via Asian Air on October 11, 2014 to start the tour, which ended on October 18, 2014. It included a great hotel, the Seoul Royal in Seoul. They were treated to a welcome lunch by the mayor of Seoul, a sightseeing tour of war monuments, visits to many Korean cities where battles were fought, and great dinners. The veterans were treated with tremendous respect and honor by everyone wherever they went.

When our members returned, they were asked about the trip.



Members of chapters 94 and 170 at lunch with the mayor of Seoul



Honor Guard at Korean War Memorial greets members of chapters 94 and 170



Group from chapters 94 and 170 at U.S. Soldiers Memorial Wall, with lists of deceased U.S. troops in the background

They answered, "We will never forget the trip and how great we were treated." Their counterparts from Chapter 94 echoed their remark.

God bless the two chapters as we move forward and remember our patriotism and love of country. We are proud Korean War veterans.

NOTE: We were unable to supply the names of many of the veterans in the nearby photos.

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209 LAREDO 1950 [TX]

We participated in the February 2015 George Washington's Birthday International Parade and the March 2015 Zapata, TX County Fair.

Pete Trevino, Jr., 3219 E. Lyon St., Laredo, TX 78043



Members of Ch 209 at the Laredo, TX George Washington's Parade: Nicolas Nanez, Salvador Sciaraffa, Hector Garza (sitting), Hector Castaneda, Ernesto Sanchez, Paulino Lucio, Eddy Sanchez, Andres Dimas (L-R)



Reynaldo Reyna, Salvador Sciaraffa, Hector Castaneda, and Pres. Ernesto Sanchez, Paulino Lucio, Nicolas Nanez, and Zack Reyna (L-R) around Ch 209 banner



Reynaldo Reyna, Salvador Sciaraffa, Zach Reyna, Ernesto Sanchez, and Nicolas Nanez (L-R) of Ch 209 at Zapata County Fair parade



Miss Fair 2014 (C) and her runner-up to her left at Zapata County, TX Fair, surrounded by members of Ch 209. NOTE: The Miss Fair shown here is not the official 2015 Miss Zapata County Fair Queen, Priscilla Elizondo, who is pictured below with her "Court"



Clockwise from top left: Priscilla Elizondo, Zapata County [TX] Fair Queen, 2015, with her "Court," Rebecca Y. Villarreal, 1st Runner-Up, Raquel Almaguer, Runner Up, Ashley C. Ibarra, Runner Up



Ernesto Sanchez, Valentin Cuellar, and Nicolas Nanez of Ch 209 at Zapata County Fair

215 GEN. WALTON H. WALKER [TX]

We were invited guests of the Wesley Korean Methodist Church of Carrollton, TX on April 18th. They provided a room for us to hold our monthly meeting, entertained us with singing, dancing and a musical performance, then provided a wonderful Korean dinner and gifts. We presented them with a custom-designed plaque in both Korean and English to honor them. We (all KWVA) veterans could ask for no better friendship and hospitality from our Korean friends.

To The Wesley Korean United Methodist Church



President James Wetmore of Ch 215 and Rev. Jin Hee Lee of Wesley Korean Methodist Church

General Walton H. Walker KWVA Chapter 215 is proud to be associated with your church family. Thank you for your friendship and generous gifts. We enjoyed the meeting with your members, the sharing of a meal, and especially the wonderful entertainment provided by your adult singers and youth dancers. We look forward to meeting with you each year on the anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War.

Your fight for freedom quickly became our fight. We are exceptionally proud of your success in the world economy and we pray that your freedom will continue as is evidenced by our maintained armed forces that stand with you to this day.

Other Chapter 215 Events

We donated a park bench to be placed near the KWVA Chapter 215 monument that is already installed at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery. We hope that the bench will be installed by Memorial Day 2015.

Our monthly Chapter meeting is held at the Grand Prairie, Texas Veterans Center. The facility has excellent features with complete kitchen, ceiling mounted projection system and stage with speaker's podium all provided free for Chapter 215. Thank you, Grand Prairie, for your contributions to veterans.

I also thank Chapter 215 members, officers, and committees, who make this a very successful Chapter. (Jim Wetmore, President, Chapter 215)

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222 DON C. FAITH [TX]

We have held meetings to commemorate the 27 July 1953 cease fire and to remember our chapter's "forgotten heroes." Among them are Melvin S. Amspacher; Walter L. Anderako; Harold Crawford, Jr.; Gerald Woodhall Cutler; Michael C. Giccatti; George E. Mahalko; Manuel M. Mize, Sr.; Kenneth G. Mueller; Herman A. Nauta; George W. Parker; Stanley Rothstein; and Juan Velez-Martes.

Albert Gonzalez, P.O. Box 10622, Killeen, TX 76547



PR Director Albert Gonzales of Ch 22 speaks at 27 July 2011 banquet

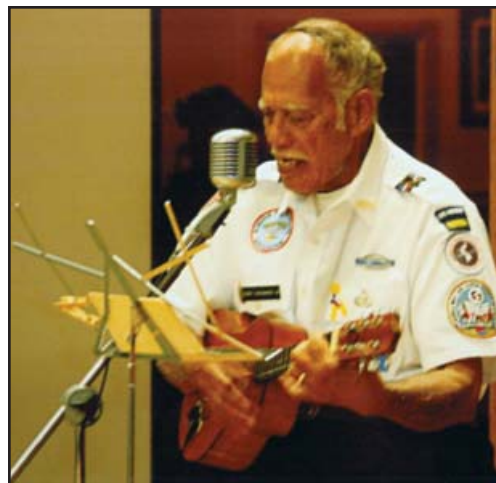


Chaplain Ronald Swift and Michael C. Giccatti of Ch 22 present wreath at 27 July commemoration



Guest speaker Isabelino Vazquez-Rodriguez speaks to Ch 222 members on 27 July 2011

Ed Maunakea, Jr. entertains Ch 222 members at 27 July 2014 cease fire event



Above, members of Ch 222 salute at 27 July commemoration



President Homer Garza (L) of Ch 222 presents awards at 27 July 2014 banquet

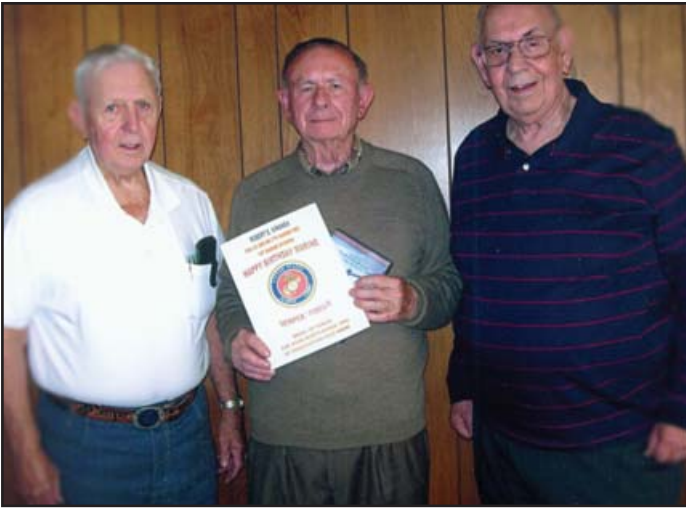
256 NORVILLE B. FINNEY [MI]

MOH recipient Robert Simanek is a member of our chapter. He earned his medal in August 1952. (See the citation below.) Needless to say, his heroism was above and beyond the call of duty.

It was an honor to meet with him and his wife Nancy at their home in Farmington Hills, MI. Bob is a very humble person. Our visit, which lasted for three hours, was interesting. His stories of his experiences after coming home were heartwarming.

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



Harold Barber, Ch 256 Director, Robert E. Simanek, and James McCarthy, Ch 256 Commander (L-R)

Robert E. Simanek displays MOH.
(Photo Courtesy of
HomeOfHeroes.com)



The President of the United States
in the name of The Congress
takes pleasure in presenting the
Medal of Honor
to
SIMANEK, ROBERT E .

Rank and organization: Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps, Company F, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein.).
Place and date: Korea, 17 August 1952. **Entered service at:** Detroit, Mich. **Born:** 26 April 1930, Detroit, Mich.

Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving with Company F, in action against enemy aggressor forces. While accompanying a patrol en route to occupy a combat outpost forward of friendly lines, Pfc. Simanek exhibited a high degree of courage and a resolute spirit of self-sacrifice in protecting the lives of his fellow marines. With his unit ambushed by an intense concentration of enemy mortar and small-arms fire, and suffering heavy casualties, he was forced to seek cover with the remaining members of the patrol in a nearby trench line. Determined to save his comrades when a hostile grenade was hurled into their midst, he unhesitatingly threw himself on the deadly missile absorbing the shattering violence of the exploding charge in his body and shielding his fellow marines from serious

injury or death. Gravely wounded as a result of his heroic action, Pfc. Simanek, by his daring initiative and great personal valor in the face of almost certain death, served to inspire all who observed him and upheld the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

259 CENTRAL INDIANA [IN]

Members took part in a ceremony at a nursing home honoring WWII veterans who would be on their way from Indianapolis to Washington, D.C. aboard an Indianapolis "Honor Flight" and tour the monuments memorializing the sacrifices of our troops in wars past. These flight passengers can include Korea War veterans as well.

The respect given to these men and women by Indiana and Washington citizens is spectacular. They are welcomed and thanked for that long ago service in all military branches.



Warren Englehart, age 102, Frank Bertalon, 90, and Charles Hallagan, 92 (Seated, L-R). Warren and Charles were Army and Frank served in the U.S. Coast Guard. Tine Martin, KWVA National Director and State Cmdr, Don Hall, Ch 259 Sergeant-at-Arms, Paul Dickerson, Ch 259 Vice Cmdr (Standing, L-R) on Honor Flight

One such appreciation event was held at the Zionsville Meadows Home, Indiana. State and local officials joined KWVA members and community members to pay tribute to three of the "Meadows" residents who took the Honor Flight the next day.

One of the men is 102 years old another, age 90. Neither had ever been to Washington D.C. Crowds met them at the airports in Indianapolis and Washington. Volunteer "Guardians" helped them with walking or riding wheelchairs. At the memorials more groups of patriotic and grateful people were on hand to greet and thank them for what they had done so many years ago.

Many KWVA members have had this experience and know how heartwarming it can be. Many of our members also served

in WWII and Vietnam.

Eligible veterans are encouraged to experience this great patriotic event whenever they are given the opportunity. It is a good moment for the veterans and volunteer committee members.

John M. Quinn, *saggi32@aol.com*

264 MT. DIABLO [CA]

Over 45 members attended one of our more popular luncheon meetings on March 19th at the Black Bear Restaurant in Walnut Creek's Countrywood Shopping Center. Future luncheon meetings are scheduled for other locations in the California Northern Bay area.

Our luncheons are well attended because many members are unable to go to night meetings. We will meet again in June and July at the shopping center for the sale of poppies that will benefit the veterans home.



Stan Grogan of Ch 264 with a U.S. Army helicopter crew on Armed Forces Day 2014 in Concord, CA



Will Flaherty, Ron Silva, Stan Grogan, and Don Score (L-R) at Ch 264 meeting

Our next meeting was at the John Muir Medicine Facility. Eleven members attended: Bob Hooker, Bob Witbeck, William Winstead, Stan Grogan, Will Flaherty, Bob Woodpeck, Ken Rishell, Ray Henderson, John Anteak, Kathleen Farley, and Robert Kinkel.

Several gifts were given to us, including an American flag, a selection of publications for the veterans at Yountville, the

California Veterans Home, and a variety of service-related newspapers.

We participated in the May 25th Memorial Day parade and ceremonies in conjunction with the VFW.

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270 SAM JOHNSON [TX]

Chapter Conducts its Twelfth Annual Membership Drive Awards.

During its 14 March 2015 meeting, we recognized members who sponsored new KWVA members in 2014. For twelve consecutive years, Doyle Dykes led the chapter in sponsoring new members; he sponsored seventeen in 2014.

Over the past twelve years, Doyle Dykes has sponsored 95 new KWVA members as follows: 2003 (5), 2004 (6), 2005 (6), 2006 (10), 2007 (9), 2008 (6), 2009 (8), 2010 (10), 2011 (4), 2012 (6), 2013 (8), and 2014 (17).

Other members sponsoring new KWVA members in 2014 were: James Mitchell (3), Ralph Smith (1), George Kraus (1), Freeman Dunlap (1), and Joe Seiling (1).

Over the past twelve years, our annual membership drive has yielded 176 new KWVA members. Sadly, some died, others moved away, and some dropped out. After starting on 9/11/2001 with only 26 KWVA members, we have retained enough members to stand as KWVA's second largest chapter, with 132 active members listed on KWVA's membership roster on May 15, 2015.

Although our \$45 combined annual dues (\$25 KWVA, \$20 Chapter) are among the highest for any veterans organization, and meet the IRS requirements for a "War Veterans" organization, we confidently claim more war veterans than any other chapter.

KWVA 270's Growth Secrets

We attract and hold members for the following reasons:

- Chapter officers and directors lead by example.
- We treat all regular members as equals.
- The chapter holds its meetings and events during daylight hours.
- Each regular member holds a stake in the chapter. No one gets a free ride.



Doyle Dykes (standing) reaches for his plaque for sponsoring seventeen new KWVA members in 2014 and for sponsoring the most new members for twelve consecutive years. (Photo by Charles Buckley)

- Newsletter and periodic messages report chapter events.
- Chapter recognizes and rewards member volunteer hours, membership drive standings, and Tell America Program participants.
- Donations to our chapter are deductible under the law.

Donations to KWVA 270 are Deductible Under the Law

The IRS recognizes KWVA 270 as a “War Veterans” organization, so contributions to our chapter are fully tax deductible. In its publications the IRS warns War Veterans organizations to keep records. We record the dates of service of our regular members and show whether they qualify as a “War Veteran” under IRS guidelines.

As required, over ninety percent of all KWVA 270 members are “War Veterans.” Chapter membership dues are not enough to allow us to do all we do and remain solvent. We need and appreciate donations and religiously strive to keep our status as a “War Veterans” organization.

Our generous chapter members respond with donations. KWVA Chapter 270 is blessed.

Glen Thompson, gtthomp32@suddenlink.net

297 PLATEAU [TN]

Crossville Korean War Vets Take Part In Chattanooga Armed Forces Day Parade

Reveille came between 3 and 4 a.m. for members who traveled to Chattanooga to participate in the city’s Armed Forces Day Parade. After the parade they enjoyed lunch at the Cookie Jar Restaurant in Dunlap, TN, where the food and service were superb.

Dick Malsack, 146 Anglewood Dr.
Crossville, TN 38558



Left, Ch 297 vehicles in Chattanooga parade



Below, group of Ch 297 members and guests outside Cookie Jar Cafe



Members and guests of Ch 297 contingent enjoy lunch at the Cookie Jar Cafe

316 MODESTO [CA]

We held a dinner meeting recently.

Judy Tarter, 1720 Crestview Dr., Modesto, CA 95355



Members of Ch 316 gather for dinner meeting (Rear, L-R) Mike Labriola, Rex Embry, Lucy Granillo, guest Diane Talbot and Edward Jones (seated)

317 SGT. BILLY FREEMAN [GA]

After two years our Korean Ambassador for Peace medals arrived. They were presented during the Korean Lunar New Year celebration on 17 March at Ford Dining Hall on the Berry College campus in Rome, GA. The audience included about 150 people.



Recipients of Ch 317 who received their Ambassador for Peace medals

Twenty-seven medals were presented by Mr. Sunny Park, a Korean of Atlanta, GA, who is a trustee at Berry College.

Our guest speakers were LtCol Billy Brown of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps and retired U.S. Navy officer Frank W. Barron, Jr.



Sunny Park presents Ambassador for Peace medal to Ch 317 commander Charles W. Patterson

LtCol Billy J. Brown, guest speaker at Ch 317's medal presentation



Above, William R. Kelley, Raynell Waters, Arthur J. Calderon, Charles W. Patterson, and Sam J. Huckaby (L-R) at Ambassador for Peace Medal presentation

Left, the Ambassador for Peace Medal and documentation presented to Arthur J. Calderon of Ch 317

In addition to the presentation program, we visited two widows at their homes to give them their deceased husbands' medals. Also, Second Vice Commander William R. Kelley, Secretary Raynell Waters, Commander Charles W. Patterson, and Chairman, Board of Trustees Sam J. Huckaby traveled to former POW Arthur J. Calderon's home to present him with his medal.

Charles W. Patterson, 545 N. Avery Rd., NW, Rome, GA 30165

318 INDIAN RIVER COUNTY [FL]

We have new officers: Commander/Director/Director of Veterans Council Vincent Abbate; 1st Vice Commander/Director/Director of Membership Genaro J. Pisano; 2nd Vice Commander/Director Ronald Stevens; Judge Advocate/Director/Director of Publicity Peter A. Budelli; Treasurer/Director W. Alan Cunningham; Recording Secretary/Director Thomas B. Browne; Director of the Telephone Committee Willard C. Burner; Director of Entertainment Leon P. Lenzi; and Director of Assistance to the Treasurer Robert D. Reisman.

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2015 Officers of Ch 318 (L-R) Installing Officer Joseph A. Gomez, Vincent Abbate, Genaro J. Pisano, Ronald Stevens, Peter A. Budelli, Willard C. Burner, Leon P. Lenzi, Robert D. Weisman, and Thomas B. Browne

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323 PO2 TAYLOR MORRIS [IA]

At a recent meeting Harold Spencer and his wife Marge showed pictures of their trip to Korea and Bill Hartsock presented a memorial plaque to Sherry Colbert, the Director of the Military Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge.

Bill D. Hartsock, 5180 Stone Creek Dr., Pleasant Hill, IA 50327, 515-494-6106, BHartsock3478@msn.com



Harold and Marge Spencer show pictures of Korea to Ch 323 members



Ed and Kathy Pagliai and members at Ch 323 meeting



Left, Bill Hartsock of Ch 323 presents plaque to Sherry Colbert



Below, President John Rossi, Sid Morris, and Bill Hartsock of Ch 323

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British Korean Veterans Association Disbands

With the unveiling of a Korean War Monument in London this past December, the last of the 21 nations that fought in Korea has a monument to the war in its capital city. Unfortunately, the British Korean Veterans Association with this achievement has now declared its mission completed and has disbanded at national level...tick..tick..tick...

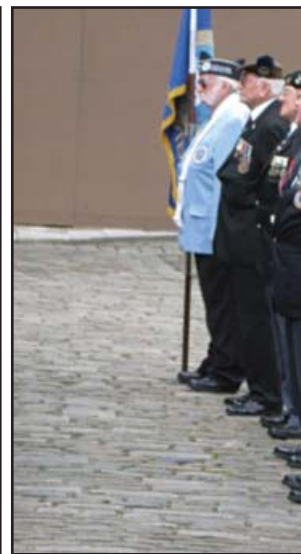
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Ch 159 Participates in Final (?) Ceremony

On Easter Sunday, 5 April 2015 the Chapter Color was once again paraded in the Tower of London, England, together with the British veterans color. This may well be the last time this ceremony will take place, since the British Korean War Veterans national association closed earlier this year.

However, several branches/chapters of the association have decided to remain active, so there may be a chance for any member of the KWVA who would like to take part in the parade and the following luncheon in the Tower Beefeaters mess to do so. Please contact this chapter for more information.

Peter Palmer
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Sights at London Tower

Just doing my job

By Wayne Doenges

First of all, although I served in Korea in 1953, I saw no combat. No CIB, no CMB, no Bronze Star. I was one who served in a support group, sometimes referred to as a combination of letters that I won't mention here.

I was drafted into the Army at the age of 24 in February 1952. My draft was deferred because I was supporting our large family. I took both infantry basic and combat medic basic training at Camp Pickett, VA. I was not a CO (Conscientious Objector) and my MO was more suited to the infantry or artillery, since I had a shooting sports background. However, the Army thought otherwise.

After basic training, I was sent to Ft. Sam Houston, TX to complete training as an X-ray technician. I never could understand why the Army spent time and money on me, a draftee, since it appeared to me that my U.S. Army serial number wasn't thought of as well as an RA number.

In January of 1953 I sailed aboard the troopship General Ballou, leaving Seattle for Yokohama, Japan. I spent 36 hours at Camp Drake in Japan, and then boarded the same troopship for Pusan (Busan), Korea.

After a long train and truck ride, I ended up in the second platoon of the 618 Medical Clearing Company stationed near YonChon, two miles north of the 38th Parallel. Even though it was a platoon, it was company strength, at around 75 men. We were located next to a railroad siding. (Since my outfit was not attached to any larger Army group, and since it was small, I have been unable to find any of the guys in the nearby photos, whose names I have forgotten.)

The 618th's duty was to accept the wounded from MASH hospitals and Battalion Aid stations, keep them overnight, and then send them by hospital train to the 121st Evacuation hospital in Yong Dong Po, from where they were flown to Japan. The 618th was fully staffed with doctors, techs, cooks, and a motor pool to suit the needs of the wounded.

I was assigned to the motor pool and ended up driving a deuce-and-a-half truck to Seoul, Korea every day on mail and miscellaneous runs, with ration runs, shower runs,



Wayne Doenges with his truck

and water runs in between. It was a good duty and broke the routine, although the dirt roads almost broke me because of their condition. Still, I wasn't shot at!! Obviously, my X-ray training wasn't being used.

I won't go into details of my experience, as it would seem ho-hum to most. Sufficient to say, I slept in an eight-man squad floored tent, heated by fuel oil stoves. I ate well when we didn't have wounded and not so well when we did. Rations were for the wounded, and that was the right priority!

However, there was one thing that I never understood. As a medical company (platoon) we were not allowed to have weapons (this was during the war and in a combat zone—I think). Over a few months we managed to accumulate 1911s for all of us, which were taken off the wounded officers. Shortly after that, we were ordered to turn them all in under threat of court martial. As a result, we were again without weapons, except for seven M2 carbines for guard duty (what a joke!). Of course, the officers had 1911s, so RHIP's.

It was a standing joke that our Geneva medic cards with the big Red Cross imprint would make a great target for the Chinese and North Koreans who didn't respect medics but, in fact, shot them.

Just before the cease fire was signed, Syngman Rhee didn't like the terms of the truce and said that he was going to advance north. Unfortunately, we were between him, with his ROK army, and the North Koreans. We had no means to defend ourselves. Fortunately, that didn't happen. What did happen is that we became swamped with ROK wounded as the North Koreans pushed south against them. We were unloading wounded from trucks, jeeps, 3/4-ton ambulances, and helicopters. I saw no combat, but I did see the results.

After the cease fire, my company (platoon) provided sick call for 42 different outfits. I was asked to become a "Ch***** mechanic," but I declined and continued to drive the officers around in my jeep and kept my lowly rank of corporal.

I came back to the U.S. on another troopship to 'Frisco and Camp Stoneman, went by train to Chicago, and was separated in February of 1954.

I'm a life member of the KWVA and I felt proud serving my country. It was a life changing experience. Even though I was drafted, I went where the Army wanted me to go, and I did what they wanted me to do

However, as I look back from my 87 years, although I am slated to be on an Honor flight to Washington this year, sometimes I wonder if I deserve it, having served in a support group.

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Wayne Doenges with his buddies in Korea, whose names he has forgotten

Welcome Chapter 327, Gen. John H. Michaelis

Chapter Holds Impressive Charter Presentation Ceremony

Once issuance of our charter was imminent, we scheduled a charter presentation ceremony. This occurred on April 1, 2015, when national director John H. ["Sonny"] Edwards, accompanied by Ed Brooks, traveled from Smithfield, VA to present our charter.

Our program opened with a Sweet Adelines quartet singing our national anthem. Following this were the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence for the fallen and MIAs, and the invocation by our chaplain, John Strube, who served as a chaplain during the Korean War.

Sonny Edwards, fresh from the KWVA Board meeting in Washington, presented our charter and followed with a message that set a tone which prevailed throughout the remainder of the program. Attired as they were, Sonny and Ed Brooks served as excellent role mod-



Ch 327's red carpet

els for our members to emulate.

Next on our agenda, we arranged for our U.S. Congressman, Hon. Joseph Pitts, to present a flag which flew over the capitol, and for PA State Senator Hon. Ryan Aument to present a flag which flew over the state capitol. Both officials saw active duty in the military and brought messages of support and

encouragement.

As guest speaker, we were privileged to have Ms. Karen Davis, widow of Navy Captain Edward Davis, who spent seven and one-half years as a POW in Vietnam. Her very stirring message was delivered flawlessly. Needless to say, her poignant message of honor and courage were well received.

We had representatives from Navy, Merchant Marines, Battle of the Bulge and Vietnam veterans groups who meet at our same location as invited guests.

Our program continued with the naming of our very first honorary chapter member, a young attorney named Jonathan Hofstetter. He performed pro bono all the legal work essential to obtaining Articles of Incorporation and an E.I.N. A framed certificate, suitably



The spelling may not take the cake, but the sentiment is heartfelt

**"Hot Off The Press,"
the "Sweet Adelines,"
perform at Ch 327's
event**



The Ch 327 banner details its mission loud and clear

inscribed, was presented to Mr. Hofstetter.

The Lancaster, PA Elks Lodge #134 underwrote the cost of procuring a beautiful chapter banner with name, logos and mission statements. Two members of their Veterans Affairs Committee, as well as the Exalted Ruler, came forward and were recognized for making this valuable contribution to our fledgling organization.

The final item on the agenda consisted of presentation of the USAA challenge coin to each veteran



Sonny Edwards, in an email to fellow officers and directors, copied to me, stated "this was the best organized chapter event I ever attended."



KWVA National Director John ("Sonny") Edwards speaks at Ch 327's dedication ceremony

present. These medallions were made available by Mr. Michael Hurley, Director of Military and Veterans Affairs, Northeastern Division, USAA. This activity was prompted by my receiving a coin from Mr. Hurley with a warm handshake and a "Thank you for my service" at a recent Veteran's Expo. This was delivered in such a warm, sincere manner, that I wished all veterans could experience the same.

Unfortunately, Mr. Hurley could not be present to award them personally. He became a first-time grandfather and had to be in Florida. Nevertheless, the medallion, in addition to the message inscribed, will serve as a tangible memento of our inaugural event.

Chaplain Strube offered a closing prayer, and the Sweet Adelines concluded the program with their rendition of "God Bless America."

It was reported by our hosts, who provided an extraordinary array of foods, including a birthday cake for the 125 people who were present for this occasion. It almost goes without saying that there was much well wishing and praise for the program and participants.

On returning home, Sonny Edwards, in an email to fellow officers and directors, copied to me, stated "this was the best organized chapter event I ever attended."

Our comrades-in-arms Navy group provided service flags which lined the walkway at the entrance to our facility and our hosts, literally, rolled out a broad red carpet. This is what greeted Sonny and Ed and other guests. It can be said truly that this was an "over the top" event.

Paul H. Cunningham, 1841 Pool Forge, Lancaster, PA 17601

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He Just Looked Gruff

By Albert Field

In 1998 my wife and I attended a Korean War Veterans reunion in San Luis Obispo, CA. One of our activities was to tour the museum at Camp Roberts, where my dad spent his last three years (1940-1943) in the Army. That's where he completed his long and distinguished Army career that began when he joined the 115th Company of the Coast Artillery at Ft. Flagler, WA in 1907. He retired as a Master Sergeant in 1943—after making the cover of an on-post magazine.

The Army put out a magazine called the Camp Roberts Trainer. One issue covered his unit, the 83rd Inf. Training Battalion. Dad's picture was on the cover. At the museum I found the one with my dad's picture and pointed it out to the guide, "That was my dad."

He called to the curator across the room: "Jim, do you remember that sergeant on the cover of one of those magazines under whose command I told you I would not have wanted to serve?"

"I remember," the curator said

"This is his boy," the guide announced.

I think everyone was impressed, which made my day. Inwardly, I knew that the dad they saw in the picture was not as gruff as they perceived him to be.

The visit to Camp Roberts brought back many memories. Dad rented an apartment in a government housing project in Paso Robles for us to live in. I was eleven years old when I got a job there selling newspapers to Soldiers. I got up at four a.m. and walked out to the main road. My boss picked me up there, along with my buddy and several other boys, and took us to the camp. After school he picked us up again to repeat the routine. We sold the evening paper, too.

We spent much of our weekends at the camp. We went to the movies, the gym, or the PX or rode what was referred to as the "donkey train," which traversed what was then the biggest mili-

Albert Field's sister Frances at a ride sharing station



tary parade ground the Army had.

Our most taxing day was Sunday. The morning papers on Sundays were much heavier than the daily editions, and they weighted down our bags—and our shoulders. So, the faster we could sell them the better.

On one particularly memorable Sunday morning I went to the mess hall hoping to catch the Soldiers coming out after breakfast. I was disappointed; it seemed like I was either too early or too late. There were virtually no Soldiers in sight. The mess sergeant was one of the few.

He took me into the mess hall, pulled my paper bag off my shoulders, sat me down at a table and, to my surprise, placed a tray with pancakes, eggs, and sausage in front of me. Then, he did what I never did, but do now: he poured syrup over everything. While I was eating, he took my bag of papers and left.

When he returned, there was only one paper left, which he kept for himself. He had sold all my papers and placed the correct amount for them in my paper bags. What a morning! I had a breakfast like I'd never had before, and all my papers were sold. Then I found out why. It was a day I will never forget—nor will anybody else who was at Camp Roberts that day.

I had spent most of my time for the past three years in the company of some of the greatest Soldiers of our time. I had never seen anything like what happened that morning, and then I glanced at the date and the headline on a newspaper, which I can still see: December 7, 1941 - "Japan Attacks Pearl Harbor."

No wonder everyone wanted a paper. The attack blared in the headline changed the country and united the people. Everything went to the military; there were no new cars for civilians, so sharing rides became a necessity. There were locations selected and signs put up to make it easier to pick up Soldiers, or anyone who needed a ride to get to and from Paso Robles and camp. It was common to see 6 or 7 people in one car.

Every time a group of Soldiers shipped out for overseas,



Carl Field in 1907 and Retired MSgt Carl Field at Camp Roberts, CA in 1943

Paper boy Al Field at Paso Robles, CA



the people knew about it. The main part of Paso Robles was about four blocks long. The convoy of trucks carrying the departing troops rolled right through town. The Soldiers waved to bystanders, who waved back and cheered as they passed. There was a lot of emotion on both sides, because everyone felt that a lot of these young men would never see home again. All of the Soldiers I met had the same attitude. It was their duty and they had to do their part to keep our country free.

Ten years later I was involved in a similar situation, for another group of people in another country, called Korea. The cause was the same. Just like the folks at Pearl Harbor had been, they were attacked without warning. Their homes and cities were destroyed, and thousands of people were killed and injured.

Uprising at Koje-do

I was assigned TDY from Japan to the prisoner island called Koje. When I checked into the orderly room I was asked where my weapon was. I told the Sergeant I didn't have one. He blurted out. "It's a fifty dollar fine to get caught outside one's tent without being armed, because there is a prisoner uprising." He loaned me his 45 caliber pistol to wear the two nights I was there.

I had gone there on a small schooner with Asians at the front and rear. How was I to know they were friendly? Anyhow, on my way back to the dock I saw a small plane taxiing out to a small runway. I saluted the pilot and asked if he could let me hop on for a quick trip back to Pusan. His response, "Not allowed, Pfc." So I went back the same way I came over.

I am still in touch with many of the troopers I was with at Koje and we will go to our graves wondering why we were sent back.

I headed for home in January 1953! My time in "The Land Of The Morning Calm" was over!

Leroy Rogers, leroyrogersusa@hotmail.com

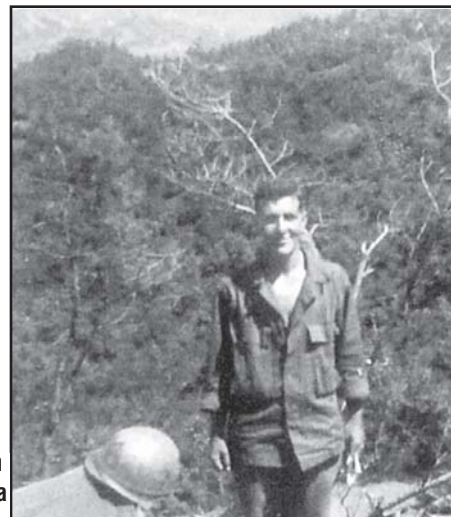
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*NOTE: Albert Field
served with M Co.,
7th Cav. from
3 August 1951 to the
end of March 1953.*



**Al Field in the field with
M Co., 7th Cav. In Korea**

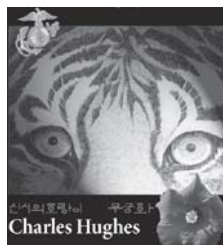
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Wear Those Hats Proudly, Sailors

“Philosophy is the biography of the philosopher.” ...Friedrich Nietzsche

By Rego Barnett©

Some Americans love to engage in specious arguments over non-existent issues that they create for no better reason than to expound their personal views. That pretty much describes the “controversy” in Prescott, AZ over whether U.S. Navy veterans who served (sic) Korea have the right to wear Korean War caps.

Note that in the previous sentence there is no word between “served” and “Korea.” That is not a typo. It is deliberate. What is the proper word? Did sailors serve in Korea? Some did—depending on what the definition of “in” is. And how does “in” differ from “on?”

What is the difference between “in Korea” and “on Korea?” Does “in Korea” imply that some service members actually served in Korea? For example, Soldiers and Marines who spent time in foxholes had to literally dig into Korean soil, so they served “in Korea.” Those who did not, but who were in Korea actually served “on Korea,” rather than “in Korea.”

Okay, now we know who served “in Korea” and who served “on Korea.” Sailors did neither. Nor did many Airmen. Crews of bombers and fighters, for example, may have spent many hours “over” Korea, but never set foot “in” or “on” it. Should they be allowed to wear Korean War hats?

That brings us back to Sailors. Those veterans who served aboard ships more often than not served “around” Korea,” but not “in” or “on” it. Regardless of whether they were “in,” “on,” or “around” it, many Soldiers and Marines were happy to hear shells fired by crews aboard destroyers and battleships pass overhead, see planes launched by carrier crews drop bombs or strafe enemy positions, watch LSTs, LSDs, and other amphibious ships deliver troops and materiel to ports...It is almost a guarantee that none of those Soldiers or Marines ever questioned whether the Sailors were “in,” “on,” or “around” Korea.

What prompts all this “philosophizing” over the definition of served “in,” “on,” or



Five Prescott, AZ sailors who were on ships in the area at the time of the USS Walke's mishap (L-R) Bruce Bikson (Kula Gulf Bay, CVE 108); Don Walker (Laffey, DD 724); Claude Sederquist (Taussig, DD 746); Phil Robinson (USS Walke, DD 723); Guy Willis (USS Walke, DD 723)

“around” Korea? It was a story written in a letter by U.S. Navy and Korean War veteran Bruce Bikson that appeared in the 15 January 2015 Prescott [AZ] *Daily Courier*:

“EDITOR:

“A few weeks ago while I was talking to a man at Sam’s Club, we found out that we were in the service at the same time during the Korean conflict, both of us in the Navy.

“He was wearing his Korean veteran hat; a lady approached him and thanked him for his service. She asked him what part of Korea was he in. Being on a ship, he said he wasn’t in Korea. Her comment then was, “You shouldn’t be wearing that hat.” He was hurt by that comment.

“We both served our time, we went where the Navy sent us and did our job whether we liked it or not. Since he told me his story, I’ve been upset so I’m venting a bit. But, because of that, my four Korean vet hats will gather mothballs. I have two others; one says Navy Veteran with the name of the carrier I was on.

“By the way, Prescott folks are very patriotic; sad this bad apple spoiled the

bunch.”

Philosophically, that unnamed lady was wrong. She did not think things through before she spoke to Bruce Bikson. (And we can only wonder if she ever set foot in Korea—or could find it on a map.)

As Henry David Thoreau wrote in *Walden*, “There are nowadays professors of philosophy, but not philosophers.” As he suggested, philosophers think problems through and arrive at possible answers. But, the beauty of philosophy is that there are no real answers. There are only theoretical possibilities that philosophers hope other scholars will continue to study and develop. Professors of philosophy, therefore, do not teach answers; they teach philosophical theories and possibilities that were developed by someone else, e.g., if a shell fired from the five-inch gun of a destroyer off the Korean coast falls on an enemy foxhole on land, does it make a noise—and does it land “in” Korea or “on” Korea?

Well, five days later, Guy C. Willis, another U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, weighed in on the topic in an op-ed piece that appeared in the *Daily Courier*.

He does concede that, "Officially it is clear all are entitled to wear the caps, but the naysayer civilian does have a point: sailors were not in Korea."

Navy Veterans entitled to wear Korean War caps

After Bruce Bikson's...letter, it is likely clear to most that Navy veterans are entitled to wear Korean War veterans caps if they served in the theatre between 1950 and 1953. That said, please allow this Navy veteran of the Korean War to put his oar in the water and share his story to help emphasize the point.

In the summer of 1950, just after the Korean War started, I volunteered for the Navy again. (I had been in the Navy at age 17 and 18 at the end of WWII). I was immediately assigned to *USS Walke* (DD-723) in San Diego. Our assignment was to take her from the reserve fleet, get ready for combat, re-commission her and get to Korea. In short order we did just that. All under the excellent command and guidance of Capt. Marshall Thompson (USNA '36).

On Jan. 2, 1951, we left for Korea. Our assignment was to protect the carrier fleet off Wonsan, Korea. But often we were detached from that duty to go close in and fire our 5-inch guns at targets on land. We frequently experienced return fire from coastal batteries.

At 0740 on June 12, 1951, we were at sea as a part of the carrier screen when *Walke* experienced an explosion in the berthing compartments on the portside aft. It opened a 40-foot hole in her hull below and above the water line. Twenty-six shipmates never knew what (killed) hit them. Ten bodies were blown into the sea through that hole and never recovered. In addition, 40 shipmates were wounded.

To my knowledge, no *Walke* crew member ever set foot on Korea, unless one of those bodies washed up on the beach.

You be the judge. Are Navy veterans of the Korean War entitled to wear the cap indicating their participation in that war?

For Navy historians, allow me to share this directly related information:

The official report was that *Walke* struck a free floating mine. The North Koreans were known to have released these Chinese-made mines off their coast

so that they would drift south on the prevailing current. And into the operating area of the UN/US fleet off Wonsan. Many had been sighted and detonated by rifle fire from several ships.

However, at the time *Walke* was hit, other destroyers in the fleet detected submarine activity in the area. Several detached and dropped depth charges on a possible target. Later inspection of the damage to *Walke's* hull indicated it could have been caused by a mine or a torpedo. At that time, neither the North Korean or Chinese navies had a submarine capability.

In that area, only Russia did.

Perhaps that is why the official report indicates the damage was done by a mine. If any of you historians would like to pursue this issue, I will be pleased to share information from my file.

Guy Willis, QM2 USN, is a member of the Korean War Veteran Association, H. Edward Reeves Chapter #311 in Prescott, Arizona.

A third letter appeared on 26 January 2015 from yet another local U.S. Navy veteran:

"I would like to add to the guest column by Guy Willis, Jan. 20. I was aboard the *USS Brown*, DD 546 when the *USS Walke* was hit. We were in the same destroyer squadron, assigned to the same duties. We also exchanged gunfire with the enemy shore batteries on many occasions.

"Try telling the men who saw their bud-

dies killed on the *Walke* that they are not veterans. None of us ever stood on Korean soil, but we got shot at."

Will Tarwater, Prescott Valley

The combination of letters and the ensuing controversy brought out a slew of Sailors in the area. (See the nearby photo.) The sad thing about this whole "dust-up" is that a stranger can make an innocuous statement that gets blown out of proportion and creates an artificial controversy. But, that is the American way. People make statements, however absurd, because they have first amendment rights—within limits, and American military personnel fight for their right to say what they feel.

As the classic example of limitations goes, you cannot yell fire in a crowded theater. So, if a gunner on a U.S. Navy ship protecting troops on the ground "in" or "on" Korea yells "Fire," is that a breach of the first amendment or is it a right protected and appreciated by the troops ashore? That's a question for philosophers—or professors of philosophy—to handle.

As for veterans like Bruce Bikson, they can—and should—wear their Korean Vets hats proudly. They participated actively in the Korean War, whether they were "in," "on," "over," or "around" the actual country, and earned the right to wear their hats. No one can deny that right, careless philosophical statements notwithstanding.

Wear those hats with pride—and damn the naysayers full speed ahead!

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Eulogy For Ekberg (Anita, That Is)



Film star Anita Ekberg died on January 11, 2015. Her death brings back memories.

After my tour of duty at K-8, Kunsun, Korea, I rotated back to the states in 1952 and was assigned to Lowry AFB, Denver, CO. As a subscriber to the Denver Post I came across an article that the newspaper was promoting the latest Bud Abbot and Lou Costello movie, "Bud Abbot and Lou Costello go to Mars." It was scheduled to premiere in Denver in 1953.

The newspaper sponsored a promotional idea of giving Lowry airmen an opportunity to date one of the three beauties who had roles in the film: Mari Blanchard (lead female role), Anita Ekberg, and Judy Jarell.

To be selected, an airman had to submit a letter to the newspaper explaining why they would be eager to join one of these beauties on a trip to Mars. I was one of the lucky airmen selected for a date. My date was Anita Ekberg.

The nearby photos show me on the far left with Anita Ekberg by my side next to a B-29. The auto grafted photos are of Anita Ekberg and Mari Blanchard.

*Raymond Gaus, 45 Memory Lane
Schenectady, NY 12306, 518-355-4716*

Premiere Cuties Booked

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello to Mars Contest Editor, The Denver Post, Denver 1, Colo., and must be received not later than 5 p. m. Monday.

But three of the glamorous girls they when they stopped off in Venus. They are heading for Denver here Monday night to premiere the new Abbott and Costello picture.



Anita Ekberg's autographed picture for Ray Gaus

Date Bait for Soldiers



Ray Gaus and Anita Ekberg next to a B-29 at Lowry Air Base





Recon Missions

Military Nurse Veterans Wanted for a Research Study

Nurse scientists at Madigan Army Medical Center are seeking military nurses or former military nurses with deployment experience in a theater of war to participate in a research study titled: Embracing the Past, Informing the Future: Military Nurses' Wartime Experiences.

The purpose of this research study is to obtain actual accounts of nurses' wartime experiences for both the historical value and to gather important lessons learned to improve training for current and future military nurses.

Nurses who served in Europe, Pacific, or other locations outside the continental United States during wartime (WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq or Afghanistan), are fluent in English, and do not have any conditions that would prevent participation in interviews are needed.

Participants will not be paid for their time, but their assistance may help military nurses in the future.

If you would like to learn more about this study, please contact Kristal Melvin, Center for Nursing Science, Madigan Army Medical Center, at 253-968-2289 or email nursehistorystudy@gmail.com or kristal.c.melvin.mil@mail.mil

Smith Severn Somerville



Smith Severn Somerville

My father, Army 2nd Lt. Smith Severn Somerville, was killed during the Korean War on 2/27/53. He was in the 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Division, B Co., 1st Bn. I believe he was wounded on T-Bone Hill.

His Bronze Star citation reads "near Chobak-kol." He served as a guard at Koji-Do before going into battle. His time in Korea was from November 1952 until February 1953.

As a writer, I am trying to get to know my father by writing about him. So far, I have not been able to locate anybody he served with or who even served in those areas or during that timeframe. I would appreciate any information your members might be able to provide to me about him.

Leigh Somerville, 155 Harmon Ave, Winston-Salem, NC 27106, 336-631-8571, lsomervi@bellsouth.net

NOTE: The following request is a repeat from the March-April issue. Unfortunately, the email address in that issue was wrong. The correct email address appears in this edition.

Is There A Connection Between The Korean War And Civil Rights?

I am a volunteer at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. I'm investigating a possible link between the integration of the U.S. armed forces in the late 1940s and the modern U.S. civil rights movement.

It appears to me that those who served in the military in the 1950s (particularly in the Korean War) and 1960s saw that racial integration could work and may have become activists in the civil rights movement. James Meredith, who integrated the University of Mississippi in 1962, for instance, was an Air Force veteran.

If you became active in the civil rights movement, evidenced by participating in marches or demonstrations, voting registration campaigns, or just speaking to others, and feel that your military service helped form or reinforce your conviction, please let me know by email or mail.

I would like to know when you served. I will not use or share your name or any other personal information without your permission.

Ron Rothberg, 8517 Sugarbush Ct.
Annandale, VA 22003 or ibye3@gmail.com

Looking for American Vets' Stories of Turks in Korea

Bill Alli is working on a special "Tell America" project. It's his campaign to make Turkish Americans more aware of the Korean War. And he wants to collect stories from those American veterans who had contact with soldiers of the Turkish Brigade.

Bill served on the Eastern front with the 2nd Bn., 1st Marines from March 1951 to March 1952. The Turkish Brigade was attached to the US 25th Infantry Division on the Western front.

Years later, Bill visited Ankara, Turkey and was made an honorary member of the Turkish Veterans Association. He was active in planning activities for the American and Turkish Veterans Association during the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Korean War Cease-Fire in Washington D.C.

Now he's working to get the Turkish-American community and Turkish government officials to support Turkish Brigade veterans' participation in the 65th Anniversary Commemorations of the beginning of the Korean War, scheduled for Washington D.C., July 22-27.

Please send him any narrative, photograph, etc. about your experiences with the Turks. Provide captions and other descriptions so he can give proper credit to KWVA (or other) veterans.

William E Alli, 2803 Baker Lane, Bowie MD 20715
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Korean American Seniors Honor American Veterans

On the 64th Anniversary of the unexpected North Korean Communist attack on South Korea across the 38th Parallel, the Korean American Senior Citizens League of Santa Clara held its 27th ceremony honoring American veterans of the Korean War.



LtCol Steve Bosma celebrates July 4th in 2014

The appreciation ceremony, which was held at the New Vision Church of Milpitas, CA, included the presentation of plaques and Ambassador for Peace Medals and Medallions. That was followed by a luncheon, music, singing, and dancing.

Dignitaries present included Dong Man Han, Consul General of the Republic of Korea in San Francisco, Milpitas Mayor Jose Esteves, Vincent Roche, of Congressman Mike Honda's office, New Vision Church Pastor Hoon Jung, President of KASCL Yeonsook Park, and many others.

Great warmth, respect, and camaraderie were displayed by several hundred veterans, their family members, dignitaries, and members of the Korean-American community. These seniors vowed to make the Korean War the "Never to be Forgotten War."

The fact that American Soldiers and ROK troops continue to serve together on the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) ensures that this will not be "The Forgotten War."

The attack on 25 June 1950 may have come as a surprise, but the event was not. The San Jose Mercury News publicized it in a staff-written 5 June 2014 article, "Event will honor local Korean War veterans."

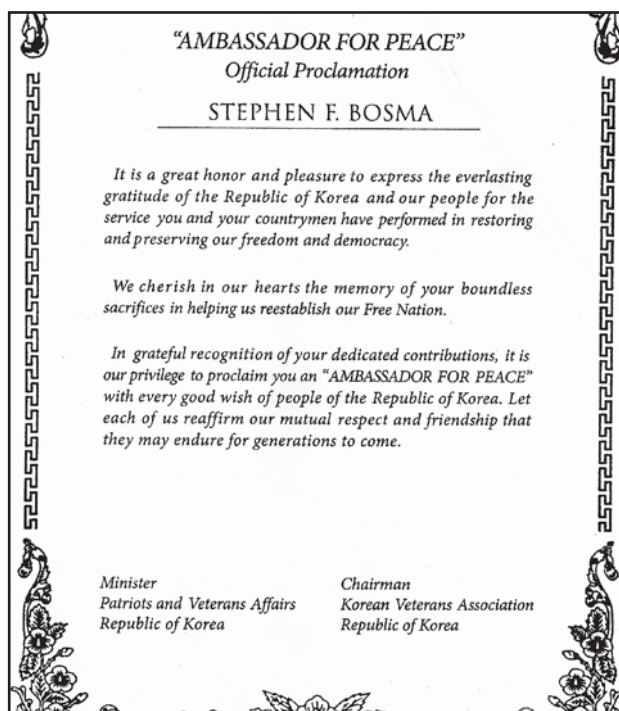
The event has been well attended in past years. According to the article, "Last year [2013] about 350 people—including about 100 veterans and their family members—attended...."

LtCol Steve Bosma (USA, Ret) reported that "I had an extremely attentive, respectful time being honored by Korean-American citizens and ROK diplomats."

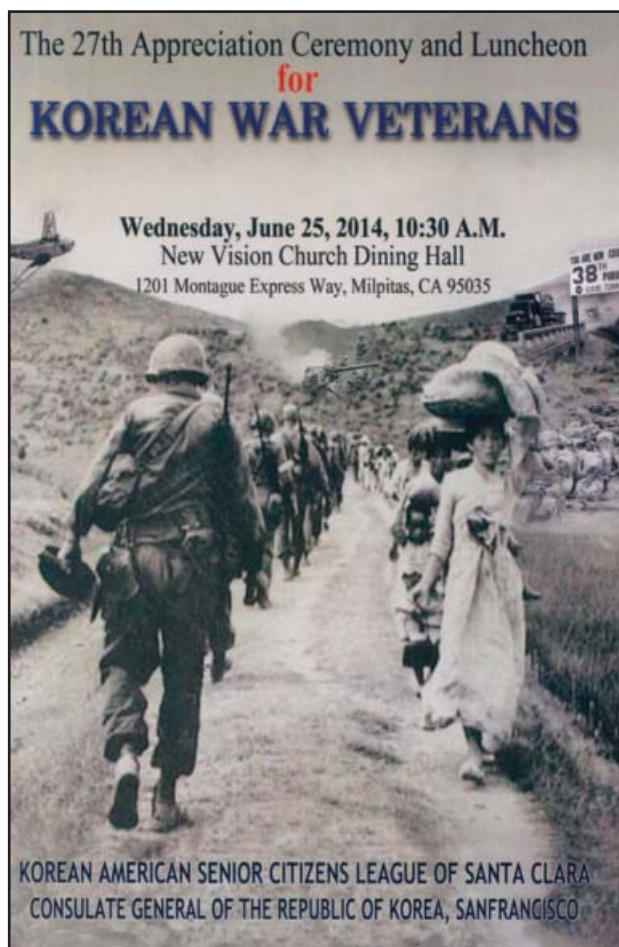
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Manual Diaz (L) and Steve Bosma at Korean War Veterans appreciation event



Steve Bosma's Ambassador For Peace Medal proclamation



The 27th Appreciation Ceremony and Luncheon brochure

A Year and a Day in Korea

By Alicia Avitabile

Gus Bartenfeld, a 6-foot-1, 85-year-old Marietta native, was only shot at once during the Korean War. About 500 shells propelled toward him from Russian-made guns, yet he can tell the story with a chuckle.

As a member of the 36th Fighter Bomber Squadron, the “Flying Fiends,” Gus flew over Papa-San, North Korea, one day in 1952, scanning the honeycomb-covered mountains. Gazing at the horizon, he told the pilot next to him, “You know, Sturney, those are the prettiest clouds I’ve ever seen.”

Sturney shouted back at him, “Roll over, you fool! That’s flak!”

Gus turned immediately. Fortunately, he landed untouched.

For Gus, the story is one of many. He is the type of person people want at their table at a wedding reception because he can talk all night long. He has an exceptional memory. He tells stories of blowing chalk dust into Ms. Anderson’s face, a tough teacher he had while he attended Marietta High School.

He talks about how he got drunk off delicious homemade wine at an Italian wedding, where the groom was a godfather, or “mob boss,” and Gus stepped on the bride’s dress and tore the fabric.

The Korean War may be known as “The Forgotten War,” but Gus remembers the year and a day he spent in Korea more than half a century ago as if it happened yesterday. Gus, or Bart, as his commander called him, chose the Air Force over the Navy because he wanted to be in combat as soon as possible.

A graduate of the Annapolis Naval Academy and the Nellis United States Air Force Weapons School, Gus was 23 when he entered Korea in the spring of 1952. He started out as a motor pool maintenance officer in the 8th Motor Vehicle Squadron. He remained a pilot less than a year, but it did not take long for him to rise to flight commander, and eventually be promoted—to many of the veteran cadets’ resentment—to operations officer of the 36th Fighter Bomber Squadron at the Suwon Air Base in South Korea.

The squadron remains at the Osan Air Base today, performing training exercises in combat readiness for the air defense of South Korea.

Gus was in Korea for 366 days. As an operations officer, he often worked 18 hours a day, 7 days a week. He stayed in a big metal Quonset hut with about 18 other officers. In the secret briefing room, Gus had the duty of writing the missions for each pilot on a display board.

The squadron had a 4-foot-tall, 12-year-old Korean houseboy named Han who performed chores like cleaning the pilots’ boots and army fatigues because they never received their flight suits. Han never smiled, yet he swore like a sailor; he learned it from the men around him. He swore when he thought he was complimenting Gus, which Gus couldn’t help but smile at. Every time Gus wrote up the missions, he noticed Han copied him and took diligent notes.

“Han, what are you doing?” he said.

“Me learn English, suh,” he said in a thick Korean accent.

Thinking it peculiar, Gus reported it to the head officer of special investigations. They brought Han to the head of the Korean secret

police, a 6-foot-6 man named Hanchu, who carried 320 pounds of muscle and an equal weight in brutality. Hanchu beat Han badly.

Han was actually 18 years old, and the head Communist of that district. The officers broke into his home and found stashes of American weapons and ammunition, as well as his plan to break into their base and assassinate everyone—from the operations officer (Gus), to the wing commander. He knew who belonged in which hut, and what bunks they slept in. They later found Han tampered with their parachutes, replacing the canopies with army blankets.

Gus thought of it simply as luck that he discovered Han, and saved not only his own life, but his entire squadron’s lives. However, Gus didn’t swell with pride at the mention of this feat. Instead, tears swelled in his eyes when he talked about what he saw later in Seoul.

“There was Han hanging from the bridge,” he said. “They just took a rope around his neck, and dropped him from the bridge.”

Gus saw many more dead men in Korea. He once had to retrieve a watch off a dead friend. Gus didn’t fear death, but he was superstitious. With a Pope Pius medal in his pocket, Gus would hop in his plane the same way every time, and if he didn’t, he’d get back out and do it the right way because he didn’t want to press his luck. Not repeating mistakes kept him alive.

Gus feared failure more than anything. Nevertheless, like most men in the military, he was a daredevil. When going through training, his replacement-training unit ordered them not to fly in any storms.

“When they told us not to do it, it was just an invitation to do it,” he said with a sly grin.

Korea’s storms were monsters in disguise. Gus and a friend decided to fly through a severe thunderstorm. Hail the size of golf balls drilled their windshields and ricocheted off the glass. Gus thought it might beat him to death.

He dropped back and let the other pilot take the lead. The F-86 Sabre Gus flew rolled and plummeted 8,500 feet at the speed of sound, 343 meters per second. Numbness overtook him. Lightning struck nearby, and his friend’s plane dipped. It slowly rolled and safely sank down.

Sitting on his wing afterward, his friend explained away the incident, “Oh, no sweat, just a touch of vertigo.” But Gus wasn’t going slowly. He soared out of the bottom of the thunderstorm.

He recalled thinking to himself, “You know, I’m awfully young to die.” He allowed a fraction of a second to go by before popping the throttle off and seizing the stick with both hands. He pulled up and brushed the heads of rice on the ground as he landed safely. The men agreed never to tell anybody about their near-death experience.

Stationed in Suwon, Gus was surrounded by many risks like the stone and brick walls that surround the city. Located at about the latitude of New York, Suwon grew orange trees and gigantic watermelons. A method common with more primitive countries, the Koreans fertilized their crops using “honey buckets,” a slang term for human excrement. The base reeked of it.

“I’ve been to China and Okinawa before, but nothing smelled like Korea,” said Gus with his slow, southern drawl. It took three weeks after he got home for him to remove the odor from where it penetrated

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Members in the



Ray Astor (LtCol, USA, ret), ...received the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award on 1 April 2015 for 400 hours of volunteer service. The award was presented by Maryland Veterans Affairs Acting Director Adam Robinson, Jr. MD, and staff. (Reach Astor at 4408 Colt Ln., Havre de Grace, MD 21078, 443-690-6068.)



Ray Astor, 2nd from left, receives award from Adam Robinson (L) and two unidentified Maryland Veterans Affairs staff members



Clyde R. Bougie

Clyde Reo Bougie, ...founder of the Korean Veterans Association of Canada, assumed his final post on 23 March 2105. Bougie, a veteran of WWII and Korea, was born October 8, 1926 at Providence Bay, Manitoulin Island, Ontario. His military career spanned 29 years, 313 days. He started as a drummer and stretcher bearer with the Sault St. Marie and Sudbury (Res) Bugle Band at the age of 16.

He was posted to IRCR Camp Petawawa on Feb. 20, 1950, appointed L/Cpl on Mar. 1, 1951, qualified as Hygiene Assistant September 1951, and transferred

to the RCAMC Dec. 1, 1951, remaining attached to IRCR.

He underwent winter indoctrination at Churchill, Man. Jan. 14, 1952 and then on to Korea with IRCR Mar. 26, 1952. After several months at Hill 355 he was transferred to 37 Fld. Ambulance, situated at Gloucester Valley. From there he went to 25 FDS as a Laboratory Assistant and Hygiene Assistant touring numerous UN Camps, testing water and taking bacteriological tests for analysis, returning to Canada March 14, 1953.

After several assignments in Canada, he retired from the Armed Forces Oct. 10, 1974. Four months before retiring, Bougie was voted in as president of a reunion committee and was

handed a list of names of Korea veterans who had attended a reunion held at Base Borden in 1973. Some months later he decided to expand this group into an organization, so he drew up an application form and designed our present badge. Then he applied for registration as a nonprofit corporation. He set up a board of directors on Aug. 25, 1977, after drafting a set of by-laws for consumer and corporate affairs.

As a member of the working committee, Clyde brought Canada in as a founding member of the International Federation of Korea War Veterans Associations at the I.F.K.W.V.A. conference in Korea on 11 May 1978.

Clyde went to Korea to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the cease fire in Korea. The memorial tour took place between 19 July and 31 July 1978. All wartime Brigade Commanders attended.

Lew Bradley, ...Commander of Ch 122, Arden A. Rowley (AZ) and a member of his Chandler Kiwanis Club, helped build a ramp at a manufactured home for a resident who is a WWII veteran. Bradley noted that "He even took a test drive after we finished." (Reach Bradley at 1690 W Saragosa St., Chandler, AZ 85224, 480-732-1687, lew.bradley@gmail.com)



Chandler, AZ ramp building party, with Lew Bradley in foreground (wearing USMC cap)

Jeff Brodeur...KVA Chapter 299, Korea Veterans of America founder: On April 11, almost thirty years after USMC LCpl Herman Osceola's death, I had the honor of presenting his mother Ruby with the Korea Defense Service Medal on the Seminole



Jeff Brodeur (R) presents Korea Defense Medal to Ruby Osceola and her daughters

Indian Reservation in Florida. Osceola served with L Co., 3rd Bn., 5th Regt. (L/3/5).

Herman died in Korea on March 24, 1984 with 18 US Marines and 11 ROK Marine brothers in the name of freedom. Herman is one of 1,243 Americans and 2,500 ROKs who have died in Korea since 27 July 1954.



Terry Cien (U.S. Navy veteran), Maura Brodeur, Caroline Osceola, Valdina Osceola, Ruby Osceola, Jeff Brodeur, Vincent Mannion-Brodeur (U.S. Army Iraq veteran) (L-R) in front of LCpl Herman Osceola Memorial



Jeff Brodeur presents a Korea Defense Veteran shirt to Ruby Osceola in front of her son's memorial

It was a wonderful and emotional day. Ruby and her daughters appreciated that Herman's sacrifice was never forgotten. There is a beautiful memorial of Herman in front of the gym named after him.

Einar Ingman, Jr.... was honored in October 2014 at a community celebration held in Tomahawk, WI to observe his 85th birthday, which occurred in conjunction with the unveiling of a U.S. Postal Service stamp that contained his photo. Some of you

may recall that President Harry S. Truman bestowed the Medal of Honor on Ingman on July 5, 1951.

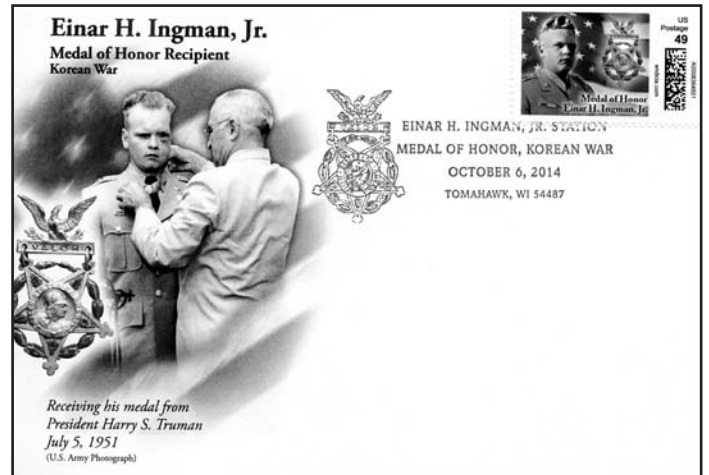
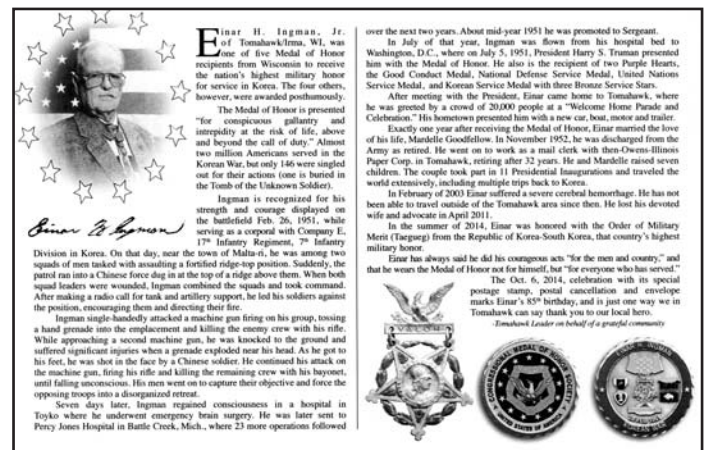
**The President of the United States
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to**

INGMAN, EINAR H., JR.

Rank and organization: Sergeant (then Cpl.), U.S. Army, Company E, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division.
Place and date: Near Maltari, Korea, 26 February 1951.
Entered service at: Tomahawk, Wis. **Born:** 6 October 1929, Milwaukee, Wis. **G.O. No.:** 68, 2 August 1951.

Citation:

Sgt. Ingman, a member of Company E, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. The 2 leading squads of the assault platoon of his company, while attacking a strongly fortified ridge held by the enemy, were pinned down by withering fire and both squad leaders and several men were wounded. Cpl. Ingman assumed command, reorganized and combined the 2 squads, then moved from 1 position to another, designating fields of fire and giving advice and encouragement to the men. Locating an enemy machinegun position that was raking his men



The limited edition historical tribute package developed for Einar Ingman

with devastating fire he charged it alone, threw a grenade into the position, and killed the remaining crew with rifle fire. Another enemy machinegun opened fire approximately 15 yards away and inflicted additional casualties to the group and stopped the attack. When Cpl. Ingman charged the second position he was hit by grenade fragments and a hail of fire which seriously wounded him about the face and neck and knocked him to the ground. With incredible courage and stamina, he arose instantly and, using only his rifle, killed the entire guncrew before falling unconscious from his wounds. As a result of the singular action by Cpl. Ingman the defense of the enemy was broken, his squad secured its objective, and more than 100 hostile troops abandoned their weapons and fled in disorganized retreat. Cpl. Ingman's indomitable courage, extraordinary heroism, and superb leadership reflect the highest credit on himself and are in keeping with the esteemed traditions of the infantry and the U.S. Army.

According to his daughter Mary, "It was a fabulous honor/tribute for my father. We are so grateful for [the coverage provided by the local newspaper] Tomahawk Leader, United States Postal Service, and the community."

The Tomahawk Leader did an almost two-page spread about Ingman and the event in its 14 October 2014 edition. Adam Webster, a Mill Manager at PCA Tomahawk, put the entire event in perspective when he wrote: "What I want to make note of is the significance of Einar's birthday and Stamp Collection ceremony. After attending the ceremony, I was compelled to explain the celebration to others at the mill that were unable to attend. It occurred to me as the day carried on that a day like last Monday (6 October 2014) is 'as good as it gets' in small town America. Witnessing this ceremony alongside other military veterans, you can't walk away from an event such as this without a sense of pride and humility. Few communities could pull off an event such as this, but Tomahawk surely did!"

The mayor of Tomahawk, Clarann Stocker, declared the day to be Einar H. Ingman's Day. That was a fitting honor for the MOH recipient, who deserved the accolades—and his picture on a stamp.

Reach Einar H. Ingman at N7997 Popple Ln., Irma, WI 54442, 715-453-4159, ingmanm@klinktech.net

Bill Roussel/Don Strazer ...were reunited recently after 65 years. Roussel, of Searcy, AR, and Strazer, of Beach Park, IL finally got together in Searcy in November 2014 for a rousing weekend.

As Strazer recalls, "Bill and I served with the 54th Engineer Company in Sendai, Japan in 1950. If my memory serves me right—and not too many years have passed—we were under Headquarters, Ninth Army Corps, along with some 7th Inf. Div. units. In July 1950 we landed in Pusan, Korea and immediately started supporting units in the defense of the Pusan Perimeter.

"After the Inchon Landing we followed the 1st Cavalry Division as far as Pyongyang, North Korea. Along the way we saw many atrocities committed by North Korean soldiers.

"After the Chinese intervention we went south. In 1951 Bill and I both rotated to the land of the big "PX." Bill was discharged

and became a successful businessman. I remained in the army for 28 years and retired as a Command Sergeant Major." (Reach Strazer at 13224 W/Sheffield Ln., Beach Park, IL, 60083, 847-249-4810.)



Don Shafer (L) and Bill Roussel on 11-29-2014

Anthony Kulina ... a former U.S. Army MSgt, had the honor of rendering the first salute to his granddaughter, Lt. Kimberly Bennett, at a 23 May 2012 Maxwell Air Force Base, AL graduation ceremony. (Reach Kulina at 4902 E. Armor St., Cave Creek, AZ 85331, 480-563-2495, ARKulina@aol.com.)



M/Sgt Anthony Kulina gives first salute to Lt. Kimberly Bennett

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Last year nine Korean War service members were awarded the Medal of Honor belatedly. Here is the sixth citation in that series.

The President of the United States
in the name of The Congress
takes Pride in presenting the
Medal of Honor
(Posthumously)
to

PENA, MIKE C.

Rank and organization: Master Sergeant, U.S. Army, Company F, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. Place and date: Waegwan, Korea, 4 September 1950. Entered service at: El Paso, Tex.. Born: November 1924, Newgulf, Tex.

Citation:

For acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a member of Company F, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division during combat operations against an armed enemy in Waegwan, Korea, on 4 September 1950. That evening, under cover of darkness and a dreary mist, an enemy battalion moved to within a few yards of Master Sergeant Pena's platoon. Recognizing the enemy's approach, Master Sergeant Pena and his men opened fire, but the enemy's sudden emergence and accurate, point blank fire forced the friendly troops to withdraw. Master Sergeant Pena rapidly reorganized his men and led them in a counterattack which succeeded in regaining the positions they had just lost. He and his men quickly established a defensive perimeter and laid down devastating fire, but enemy troops continued to hurl themselves at the defenses in overwhelming numbers. Realizing that their scarce supply of ammunition would soon make their posi-

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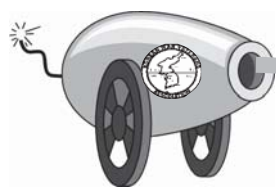
**MSgt. Mike C. Pena, USA
(MOH)**

tions untenable, Master Sergeant Pena ordered his men to fall back and manned a machinegun to cover their withdrawal. He singlehandedly held back the enemy until the early hours of the following morning when his position was overrun and he was killed. Master Sergeant Pena's extraordinary heroism and selflessness at the cost of his own life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

BIOGRAPHY

Michael C. Pena was born in Newgulf, Texas, November 1924. He joined the U. S. Army as an infantryman in 1941, when he was 16 years old. He fought in World War II and the Korean War.

Pena received the Medal of Honor, March 18, 2014; Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal with Bronze Clasp and two Loops, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four Bronze Service Stars and Bronze Arrowhead Device, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal with Japan Clasp, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman Badge (2nd Award), Honorable Service Lapel Button- World War II, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Philippine Independence Ribbon, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea-Korean War Service Medal, Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Gold Bravery Medal of Greece Unit Citation.



Misfires

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.

I Still Haven't Received Any Answers

In my article "Do We Have Access To MIAs?", p. 62, March-April 2015, I stated I had written three letters to Senators Mark Rubio, and Bill Nelson, and Congressman Vern Buchanan.

What I meant to say is that I wrote each of these individuals three different times asking the same question. NO REPLIES WHATSOEVER !!!!!

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Right Chapter, Wrong Number

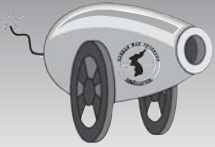
You mislabeled Ch 159 as 169 on p. 61 of the March-April edition, "Evered, Not Nevered." We're chapter 159, not 169.

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There Is No Paul Sweeney

On p. 41 of the March-April 2015 edition there was a mislabeled photo. The caption read "U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte, Paul Sweeney, and Alan Heidenreich (L-R) at New Hampshire State Capitol." There are only two people in the photo, neither of whom is Paul Sweeney.

Similarly, on p. 42, Alan Heidenreich, second from left, is misidentified in the caption as Paul Sweeney. We have no idea who the mysterious Paul Sweeney is or how his name appeared in the captions.



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 895 Ribaut Rd. #13, Beaufort, SC 29902; 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.

"Ike" Never Got To North Korea

I recognize that after 65 years memories fade and mistakes are made. I read the issues from cover to cover and just ignore the minor discrepancies which are inevitable, but two letters caught my attention and I felt I had to respond to them.

The first letter is Bob Hall's letter in the March-April issue. I totally support his response to Mike Morra's letter about "Ike's" trip to Korea. More on that later. First I want to correct a comment from Gen. Ridgway's book.

The quote "The 27th R.C.T ...the only troops to reach the stream in the Korean War." I do not have a copy of his book and I have not read it, but if the quote is correct, it is flat out wrong. I do have a copy of the history of the 7th Infantry Division written by the division historian E. D. Carroll as it was occurring 1950 to 1951. Early in the history is a pictorial map of the division's travels, and I quote: "7th Division only U.S. unit to reach Manchurian Border at Hyesanjin 21 Nov 51."

In the chapter on the 17th Infantry Regiment, I quote "The 17th continued to drive north and reached the Manchuria Border on 21 November 1950." In the chapter on the 49th Field Artillery Battalion—and again I quote: "The 49th has the distinction of being the only Field Artillery Battalion to reach the Yalu River."

The 49th was the support artillery for the 17th. I was assigned to the 49th on 7 March 1951, and they were still talking about sitting on the Yalu.

Now for Mike Morra's letter. When I read his letter, I found the story of Ike's trip to North Korea totally unbelievable. Would Ike like to go into an enemy country where a state of war still existed and where it would be impossible to protect him? Forget the threat of a division. They wouldn't be there with him, so what could they do? This called for some research, which I did.

Ike did make a secret trip to Korea. It was kept secret to prevent the possibility of an assassination. He arrived on Dec. 2, 1952 and brought journalists and photographers with him and proceeded to do what you would expect of him, i.e., visiting the front and the troops and commanders to get an assessment of the situation. It's all fully documented.

The North was obviously not intimidated by his presence, because within an hour of his departure on the 5th from Seoul Airport, the airport was raided by eleven enemy fighters.

So where was the 82nd Airborne during this? Since WW2 the 82nd had been held in strategic reserve in the U.S. by Truman—

and later Ike—in the event of an attack anywhere by the Soviet Union.

And where was the 25th? Right where they had been all along—in Korea. They spent 37 months in Korea during the war and did not get re-deployed to Schofield Barracks until September-October 1954. 'Nuff said!

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A Myth Destroyed

Would you like to join me in a search for the truth? The topic is the Chosin Reservoir campaign in late 1950, involving primarily the 1st Marine Division. This is meant mainly for my fellow Korean War veterans, but I suspect a few others might have some interest.

Every two months we receive our copies of The Graybeards. Often some benighted soul, usually with good intentions, no doubt, makes some statement in a letter to the editor that he considers a fact, when it is based on rumor or is a figment of his imagination. I have tried to refute or point out these misstatements whenever I could. It often requires research, and I have about 20 books on the Korean War to help me.

Some recent claims have had U.S. troops undergoing massacres on the Yalu, the small city of Sinanju destroyed by a powerful bomb, temperatures as low as minus 60 F at the reservoir, Eisenhower making a secret trip to Korea and threatening North Korean generals with the nuclear bomb unless they came to the truce table, etc.

Now I find myself with the oft-repeated statement that the Marines never leave a man behind. I recalled reading somewhere that during the Chosin fighting it did happen, so I began my search for the truth. Not that I wanted to undermine the Marine mystique or the brotherhood that I revere, but just to point out that there are times when the Marines can't do what is not humanly possible.

I recalled that the Marines on their march to the sea had stopped at the village of Koto-ri to recuperate before they resumed their fight down the one-lane road to the sea and that they had buried around 100 of their dead at that location and that a similar event had occurred at Udam-ni, another small village west of the reservoir, which is as far as the division was able to go.

I chose four outstanding books on the war and began re-reading "Breakout: the Chosin Reservoir Campaign, Korea 1950," by Martin Russ. So I began my vicarious march to the sea with my fellow Marines. (I didn't arrive in Korea until the remnants of the division arrived back in South Korea). The first leg was a fourteen-mile nightmarish struggle to reach Hagaru, located at the south end of the reservoir and headquarters of the 1st Marine Division under its commanding general, Maj. Gen. O.P. Smith.

The temperature during the battle near Udam-ni, which lasted several days, reached minus-35 F. With the wind chill, it felt like minus 50 or 60. The Marines were surrounded by several Chinese armies, and were heavily outnumbered. The Chinese attacked mainly at night because Marine and Navy air ruled the sky during the day. The Marines left for Hagaru at night, outwitting the Chinese, who were not expecting it. They also climbed the hills and surprised the enemy, but Russ says a few bodies had to be buried in the snow.

When the beleaguered column finally marched into Hagaru, they stiffened up, counted cadence and, singing the Marine Corps hymn, made their way into what seemed like bliss, where warm food and some tents awaited them. I am not doing justice to them and their struggle into Hagaru with hundreds of wounded and quite a few frozen corpses.

Then, Eureka! On page 309, Russ says, "...The wounded, of course, had priority...A total of 85 bodies, wrapped in parachute cloth, were laid out in a mass grave just south of the village (Udam-ni)."

Army brass offered to fly the Marines and a few others out of Hagaru to safety, but Gen. Smith refused for a number of reasons. He would not leave equipment and supplies behind, and he recognized what would happen to the last defenders. It just wasn't feasible.

The Marines, working day and night under lights, with bulldozers and operators becoming riflemen at times, had carved an airstrip out of which had flown thousands of wounded and some dead bodies and had brought in quite a few replacements. All of this while Hagaru was under siege.

On the east side of the reservoir, perhaps as many as 2,500 army troops from the 7th Division had been trapped by much superior Chinese numbers. Thanks to incompetent leaders issuing orders on high, the troops had been spread out and lost their unit integrity, resulting in near annihilation. About 1,000 of them straggled across the reservoir or were rescued by Marines. Some of the wounded were flown out; a few hundred joined in defense of the town.

After a short respite, the Marines' 5th and 7th Regiments and a group of other units, including Royal British Commandos, resumed the march toward Hungnam on the coast and eventual evacuation. They were under fire every step of the way from communist forces on the hills and even closer. Their first destination was Koto-ri, where Marine general "Chesty" Puller and part of the 1st Marine Regiment awaited them with improvised rest facilities. Finishing this eleven-mile trip, the Marines rested briefly and then resumed their march.

A few miles beyond Koto, at Funchilin Pass, the Chinese had destroyed a key bridge over an abyss that the Marines would

have to use on their way out of the hills. Fortunately, an Army unit was prepared. Treadway bridge sections were flown in by the Air Force and dropped in the vicinity by parachute. Four survived; eventually two were assembled over the chasm. After engineers made some improvisations, tanks and heavy equipment were able to use them. The procession and the column moved on and were able to drop down toward the plain that led to Hungnam.

Quite a few Chinese were found frozen stiff, dead or nearly so, but many of their comrades were still able to fight. I find it amazing that the Chinese, wearing something similar to tennis shoes, could even exist, let alone remain able to fight the Marines. The Marines, better clad and equipped, still suffered thousands of cases of frostbite.

Finally, on page 419 of Russ' book, I came across the following: "The tail end of the division was about to pull out of Koto-ri...two bulldozers excavated a pit the size of a basketball court...it was several feet deep with a pit at one end so that trucks could back down and unload. Before noon the grave had received the corpses of 117 Marines, Navy corpsmen, British commandos, and U.S. army soldiers..."

Russ says the bodies were buried on Dec. *, 1950, and are still there. Earlier he says that the remains of the Marines buried at Udam-ni were all brought home after the cease fire in July, 1953, under terms of the armistice, and there's no reason that the Koto remains were treated any differently (my opinion).

Finally, again on page 430, there is a mention of a small cemetery at Hungnam. Gen. Smith is described as being present and reverently removing his cap while saying, "It is regrettable that their resting place must for the time being, be on foreign soil, so far from home..." This suggests that some Marines were buried there and were eventually repatriated with the other remains.

Ironically on the back of the book jacket I found these words: "Despite being given up for lost by the military brass (presumably MacArthur), the First Marine Division fought its way out of the frozen mountains...miraculously taking their dead and wounded with them...." Some things never change, but I've made an attempt.

F.Y.I. The book is replete with little incidents, some amusing, some poignant, some tragic. I'd like to relate a couple, if you will bear with me.

A Korean interpreter serving as a liaison with the few hundred North Koreans still in Hagaru had assembled a few carpenters to build a wooden outhouse for Gen. Smith. When they were finished, one of the workers decided to try it out. About that time the general appeared with the same purpose. The Koreans were aghast and feared the worst, but the mighty general calmly backed off and told the interpreter to let the man finish his need.

Marguerite Higgins, a well known "N. Y. Herald Tribune" war correspondent, seemed to be everywhere in Korea. When she was at Hagaru she was sent on her way by order of Gen. Smith because of the danger. Before she left she tried to interview some of the haggard, exhausted Marines. The Marines were not exactly in a romantic frame of mind.

When she interviewed one wounded Marine on a stretcher she asked him what was the toughest thing he had to face on the with-

drawal from Udam-ni. It is necessary to paraphrase his reply: "Trying to get a 3-inch penis out of six inches of clothes."

I'll leave you with that.

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We, Too, Served

I read almost nothing about experiences in and of the Army of Occupation in Korea, 1945-48. Possibly from 70,000 to over 100,000 troops served in that period, in the 7th Inf. Div., 6th Inf. Div., and supporting units. Most of the stories in *The Graybeards* concern two groups: those who served in the 1950-54 timeframes and those who have served from 1954 to the present.

We who served in the earlier period did not have the horrors and tragedies of bloody combat. But, we did our duty.

I was more fortunate than most 18 and 19 year olds, who were enlisted men in the Occupation, as I was in Headquarters Co., Korea Base Command, Ascom City. This had been a major Japanese base and transportation hub.

The primary reason for this letter, however, is this shocking remembrance of my arrival with two other 18-year-old soldiers: what Captain Landis (Landes?) told us after the orientation to expect. He predicted, "There's going to be a war here! A bad civil war! I hope it's not while I'm here, and I hope it's not while you are here. But there will be a bad war."

I was a medic, trained as a surgical technician. We treated GIs in the a.m. in the base medical dispensary. Some afternoons we treated Koreans who worked on the base, or their family members.

The medical doctor in the dispensary complained how terrible the medical conditions were, saying, "I'm losing my techniques and skills. I'm going to teach you how to suture injuries. So, at ages 18 and 19 I did about 75 "suture jobs" on GIs and base Koreans.

Korea was a desolate country. Food was scarce. So the U.S. gave volumes of oatmeal to the Koreans. But the communists told them, "Don't eat that. It's oats. That's what Americans feed to horses and mules."

There were many rumors of communist activity. XXIV Commander MajGen Shoe had the base put on one or more parades to show that we had "power, troops, and weapons." I rode in an ambulance.

The railroad to Seoul, to the 7th Division, and other points inland went through our base. I recall seeing many tanks and much artillery moving inland from the port of Inchon. They probably came from Okinawa, as did the XXIV Corps.

Personnel turnover was constant. We did not form the "brotherhood" of line units. It was very apparent that President Truman or other higher powers were cutting back the military.

After eight months in Korea, at age 19, I returned stateside for discharge, after serving 17 months of an 18-month Regular Army enlistment. (When we were drafted in early 1946 we were offered the option to stay in the "Drafted Army" for an unspecified time or enlist in the Regular Army for 18 months.)

In retrospect, eight months in Korea was more of a positive than a negative experience for me. The U.S. citizens know very little of our occupation duty and service in Korea in 1945-48.

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Been There And Done That

Now, if you haven't "been there and done that," how can you stand in judgment of those who have? I am referring to the letters in *The Graybeards* wanting the word "WAR" removed from Korean War Veterans Association.

It seems that I may have gotten older faster than I got smarter, but I do know there is just something not right about that. However, with most of us in our eighties, how much longer do you think the association could last without taking on some new "Boy Scouts?"

As far as war stories goes, they will live on as long as there is war, and we can see no end to wars, so the supply of stories should never dwindle. I pride myself as a storyteller, maybe not first rate, but I can hold my own in a BS contest, and I must admit most of my material comes not from experience, but from my friend, the "Company Clerk." You know, the guy in Headquarters who processed orders for transfer of personnel, called "shipping orders."

Of course, you understand he is in on all the goings and comings of all the guys that have either just arrived or are on their way out. He never let on like he had been there and done that, but he was just passing on what the guys who had been there and done that told him, or were on their way there to do that.

Well, anyhow, when you sort that one out you will know what I mean, I think.

I am an old Air Force "Greybeard" who never really had a beard. I tried to grow one to keep my face warm when I worked up near the Arctic Circle, but when I looked in the mirror at this old man staring back at me, my fifty-year-old ego wouldn't allow for it.

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What Is The KWVA's Policy On....?

I read Ted Morford's "Do We Have Current Access To MIAs?" on p. 62 of the March-April 2015 *Graybeards*, as well as Editor Sharp's response. I know where Ted's question is coming from; is any effort being made to retrieve his family member? But, I arrived at a different question than Mr. Sharp. Rather than ask what our experiences are relative to congressional contacts, I wondered: "What is my Association doing relative to answering Ted's question?"

What is my Association's policy and what efforts has it expended to "Bring our lost brothers home?"

If the Association has such a policy, it probably is on the website, kwva.org.

So, I checked the POW/MIA page on www.kwva.org; nothing there relative to this question. A couple links did not work; some of relevance here, and some others I wanted to access. What I found on the website relative to POW/MIA was mostly a collection of pages from *The Graybeards* reporting on identification of remains. No KWVA policy was apparent. Nor was there any mention of KWVA raising the same questions of appropriate

committees, the White House, Department of Defense, etc.

Well, if not the website then it must be in The Graybeards. Of course, The Graybeards is the best; it has everything. (And, I mean that literally; it is the best!)

So, I then searched for "POW/MIA" in 7,234 pages of Graybeards from 2000 to the previous issue. (That's probably about 5 linear feet of bookshelf space. I have all The Graybeards in electronic form on my computer in one file.) I have the computer locate the character string. It gives me the result in context. Saves a hell of a lot of eyeballs! It will find all of the occurrences in a few seconds. Then I can examine in context. If I want more detail I select one and click on it; it displays the whole page in a fraction of a second.

Anyway, I found 504 instances of "POW/MIA." Most of these references were to events reported by various chapters, and to reports issued by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. Nothing on a POW/MIA policy there that I could find.

Next I looked for "Policy." If it were a policy, it would be capitalized. Guess what? "Policy" only occurred 42 times in all those 7,234 Graybeards pages; none of them was associated with POW/MIA. Guess we are not too strong on policy.

I then tried "remains." That, too, was non-productive, despite finding 985 occurrences, but never did the context show POW/MIA Policy. So much for The Graybeards.

I then searched the Policy Manual. Nope, not there. Bylaws? Not there either. Sadly, I concluded my Association does not have a stated POW/MIA policy; does not seem to be doing anything to bring them back either!

Surely, my Association, the Association I sell to new members as representing them at the Washington level, ought to have a well-publicized and easily found policy on retrieving and identifying the remains of our missing brothers.

Please tell me where I am wrong.

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A Korean Defense Veteran's Story

In the March/April 2015 edition there was interest in Korean Defense Veterans. I am submitting my story for possible publication in the upcoming issues.

My military career started on 3 February 1953 and ended on 1 October 1964. I consider myself a Cold War veteran due to my assignment to Army Security Agency, National Security Agency and Embassy duty for the State Department. I am also a Korean War Era and Vietnam Era veteran.

I served a tour in Korea from November 1957 - December 1958. I was assigned to 8th Army and my unit was 508th USASA Group, Yong Dong Po. I was sent TDY to the 177th USASA Company in Seoul, and then transferred to a permanent assignment at Camp Red Cloud, I Corps, Headquarters Company, 321st USASA Bn. in Uijongbu. My duty was to maintain communication between battalion companies and DMZ sites. I was a cryptologic maintenance specialist and operator for secure communications.

During my tour there were two alerts. The first one was in November 1957, when North Korean agents hijacked a Korean

airplane in South Korea and flew it to North Korea. There were American pilots training South Koreans how to navigate a commercial airline. The Americans were eventually returned. However, the South Korean passenger and the plane were never returned by North Korea. This showed me how unsettling the Korean peninsula was in 1957, but the cease fire seemed to be holding.

The second alert was for training purposes to prepare for any aggression of the North Korean military and for the defense of South Korea by United Nations troops.

During the summer of 1958, the United States Army moved in the Nike Missile Battalion just north of Uijongbu. Once the missiles were installed, the North - South Korean situation seemed to become more settled.

While in Korea, I had the opportunity to visit Panmunjom and see the physical layout of this meeting place between North Korea and the United Nations. The North Korean buildings were permanent and larger than the United Nations' Quonset huts.

Security guards were visible on both sides of the 38th Parallel. Also visible was Freedom Bridge [the POW exchange bridge] with security guards stationed at each end in the event of an intrusion.

The situation remained the same until I left in December 1958. My South Korea military tour taught me what it was like to serve in a potential war zone and what I might have been required to deal with if an intrusion of the 38th parallel occurred once more.

More than 70 years ago, the North Korean military crossed the 38th parallel and invaded South Korea. Today the situation has not changed and the cease fire still seems to be holding. However, the 21st-century escalation by North Korea could change the situation on the peninsula.

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More About The Battle Of Chorwon?

I have a question or two about the background of the article about MOH Pvt. Miguel A. Vera, U.S. Army. (See "MOH Citations," p. 17, March-April 2015.) I have the honor to have served with, although not alongside, this valiant warrior. I was a member of Co. H, 2nd Bn., 38th Inf. Regt., 2nd Infantry Div., at the time of this action in which he so valiantly gave his life to protect his fellow soldiers.

I was wondering if there is a source for information about the action that took place on 21 September 1952 at Chorwon. Although I was there, my 84+ year-old memory is very dim about what took place, what name was given to the "hill of great importance," and any other background information. Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

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A Few Observations On Aid In Korea

I hate to take issue with a fellow 5th Marine, but there are just too many impossibilities to ignore in Bob Echelbarger's story "The Road Not Taken," p. 58, March/April 2015. Let me make

a few comments for clarification.

Para. 5 – "...it was too dark for helicopters." In six months as a battalion surgeon with 3/5 and nine months as CO of Easy Med, I was turned down for a night evac only once, and that was for a wounded Chinese soldier. I didn't count them! But there were many.

We had a routine: four corpsmen stood at the four corners of the "pad" (usually just a cleared area in defilade just 100-200 yards behind the front lines or, when we had them, the front-line trenches). When we heard the copter coming, the corpsmen turned on small flashlights and pointed them straight up. When the pilot was below the ridge line or the tree tops, he turned on his landing lights and the corpsmen directed theirs to the wounded man (or men).

I did count the helicopter evacs one time, at Easy Med after the Battle of Bunker Hill, which went on from Friday night to Monday morning. I documented 48 evacs, with six men in each copter. About half of those were at night. (I also documented that we triaged 1,004 WIAs in that period.)

Para. 6 – "...we moved out towards what I assumed was the direction of Battalion Aid." There was no excuse for not knowing where the aid station was. Presumably Bob picked up the WIA in the Forward Aid Station, which would have been right in the front lines. The corpsmen there would have known exactly where the Rear Aid Station was. So would many others.

Para. 7 – "We went...a half mile." And still weren't at the Rear Aid Station? Impossible! It may have seemed like it, but we were never that far behind the lines. A quarter of a mile at the very most and usually much closer. It depended on the terrain. We had to be in defilade. In the mountains of the east coast this was easy. In the rolling hills of the west coast, it was not so easy but always possible.

Para. 12, 15 – "...we had to choose the right one or stumble into enemy lines." No way! There were paths that paralleled the front lines that they could have taken erroneously, but any paths leading to enemy territory would have had to be uphill. They would have noted that immediately. And, if they did do that, they would have come to their own lines again before they could get to enemy territory.

Para. 22 – I don't know when Bob was there, but for almost the entire war the 1st MarDiv had Korean Marines on their left flank and the Commonwealth Division on their right. So any ROK troops would have been many miles from their own unit. And, once more, stumbling into "No-man's-land" would have been impossible because that was between our lines and theirs!

Para. 24 – Blood was never given to the wounded at an Aid Station. Serum albumin (usually) or plasma was given. Maybe Bob had unwittingly arrived at a field hospital, where they would have had blood available.

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More About The CIB

In Korea, during the "Static War," ('51 to the cease fire in '53), in the 25th ID, if a tank platoon leader was assigned to an Inf. Regt. Tank Co. and served on the MLR, he and his platoon

would be awarded the CIB. However, if he was assigned to a Tank Co. in the 89th Tank Bn., as I was, and supported the same Inf. Regt. on the MLR in the exact same fixed positions, performing the exact same missions, he would not be eligible for the CIB. You had to be assigned to an Inf. unit even though you did the same job. Not very fair.

Normally, Armor units are employed to "restore mobility to the battlefield." But, when serving under infantry commanders, we fight as infantry. Our tanks were used as immobile infantry weapons (pillboxes) in fixed positions. We made great targets for the enemy! My platoon also supported the Turk Infantry Brigade for two months, since they had no tanks.

In June '52 I served in the Mundung-ni Valley/Heartbreak Ridge sector with my tanks supporting the 27th IR "Wolfhounds." When my Tank Co. came off the MLR to rest and train in the rear, I volunteered to go back up on the MLR in July with the 35th IR Tank Co. on DS (Dispatched Service), where I served in the same fixed positions. (They were short officers and I wanted the four points for rotation.)

Later, when we came off the MLR, those Tank Co. members were awarded the CIB, but I was not on that Special Order issued by the 35th Regt. because I was not "permanently assigned" to that unit. Every man under my command in that platoon was awarded the CIB and I felt wronged in that that I wasn't also awarded that badge.

In 1968, I was assigned to HQDA, Pentagon as a Mob DES (IMA) in the USAR and I began to inquire of the Army Board for Correction of Military Records about possibly being awarded the CIB. I did much research and even got a letter from the XO of that Tank Co. The Board finally found my name listed as DS on the Morning Report for the month of July '52 when I was with them. After years of paper work back and forth, I was finally Awarded the CIB on Permanent Orders 13-4 Dated 17 Jan 1981. Wonders never cease!

I assume that when an Inf. Co. comes off the MLR that the CO will submit to Regt. a list of names for those he feels should be awarded the CIB. Certainly not everyone in the company has earned it. And today we have the Combat Action Badge for those under fire who are not Inf. That is a good thing. In Korea our Co. HQs was severely shelled a few miles to the rear, quite a few times.

If there are any veterans who have felt that they were wronged in some similar way, just do a lot of homework and keep trying. In time, you might be pleasantly surprised—as I was.

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The Bronze Star Medal For Meritorious Service

Personally, I would like to honor every Korean War veteran or their next of kin with the Bronze Medal for Meritorious Service. This honor would include the next of kin of those 18-19 year old soldiers who were killed during their first battle right up to the last veteran buried last week, but that is probably impossible.

During my tour of duty in Korea I was awarded the CIB, two Presidential Citations, a Silver Star, and the Bronze Star with "V" device for "Valor" and the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service. My time during the war was July 10, 1950-May 5, 1951.

Some Korean War veterans confuse the two types of Bronze Stars. The Bronze Star with "V" device is awarded for a single act of bravery ("Valor") by soldiers on a certain date and time. The Bronze Medal for Meritorious Service is awarded for doing an excellent job over a period of time while under miserable and extreme hardships of war. Anyway, that is my understanding of the General Orders awarding my Meritorious Bronze Star.

For me, awarding the Bronze Medal to Korean War veterans is a matter of "Fairness." Many of us fought 60-70 battles against both the North Korean Peoples Liberation Army and the Chinese Communist Forces. During the course of this vicious war several units, including my own, the 25th Infantry, 27th ("Wolfhound") Regiment, suffered 100% casualties.

WWII Secretary of Defense, five-star General George C. Marshall, initiated the Bronze Star Medals. He wrote President Franklin D. Roosevelt in February 1944: "THE FACT that the ground troops, Infantry in particular, lead miserable lives of extreme discomfort and are the ones who must close in personal combat with the enemy, makes the maintenance of their morale of great importance."

President Roosevelt responded by signing Executive ORDER 9419, dated February 4 1944: ELIGIBILITY: (U.S. Army regulation 600-8-22; "The Bronze Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army of the United States after the 6th of December 1941, distinguished himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States."

I believe the original intent of the regulations was to award the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service to improve the morale of our ground troops, both in Europe and Asia. It seems that the intent was to include all soldiers, not just the holders of the CIB or CMB.

Joseph Marlett, 2900 Feldewert Rd.
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Where Have All The LSTs Gone?

None of the LSTs (Landing Ship Tanks) are still in active service, but LST 325 has a home port at 840 LST Drive, Evansville, IN, on the Ohio River. It's the last fully operational WWII landing ship.

"325" travels on the Ohio River as far east as Pittsburgh, on the Mississippi, and anywhere else they want to take it. It is operated and maintained mostly by retired military. It was parked in our area a few years ago at the Moline, IL Mississippi River port for a couple weeks

During the Korean War, vehicles that were damaged were sent south, loaded on LSTs, and transported to Japan, where they were repaired and returned to Korea for further service. My duty station was the Pusan port piers, where we were expediting Air Force supplies and equipment north for service. But the LSTs were the exception in that we were involved in not only the unloading but also in the loading of vehicles.

There were about 21 of us Air Force types from the 75th Air Depot Wing assigned to the Army-run Pusan Port. We had 1 Major and 1 Lieutenant. The rest, including me, were enlisted. I was an Airman 2nd Class at the time. We were present at the port full time.

Some of us worked 12-hour days or 12-hour nights, 7 days a week, with a day off once a month.

David N. Baker, Major, USAF (Ret)

The History Of LST-325

LST-325 was laid down on 10 August 1942 at the Philadelphia Navy Yard; launched on 27 October 1942; sponsored by Mrs. G. C. Wells; and commissioned on 1 February 1943, Lt. Ira Ehrensall, USNR, in command.

During World War II, LST-325 was assigned to the European theater and participated in the Sicilian occupation in July 1943 and the invasion of Normandy in June 1944. She was decommissioned on 2 July 1946 and struck from the Navy list on 1 September 1961. On 1 September 1964, LST-325 was transferred to Greece as grant aid where she remained active as Syros (L-144).

LST-325 earned two battle stars for World War II service.

Source: <http://www.history.navy.mil/research/histories/ship-histories/danfs/l/lst-325.html>

Images From Korea

My grandfather, Ronald E. Traynor, is a Korean War veteran. While he was at Camp Rucker and overseas he took many pictures and shipped the film home to my grandmother to develop. The majority of these pictures are of Ronald E. Traynor.

Our small community affairs center recently had requested some photos for a veterans tribute, and I thought that someone like



Somewhere in Korea



Ronald Traynor in Korea



Snow Day in Korea



Home, sweet home



Chow call brings smiles in Korea



Mess kit washing

you might be interested as well.

My grandfather is now 85, and he really enjoys hearing that people are interested in his stories and pictures. I believe it was with the 7th infantry, 24th Battalion Buffaloes that he served from 1951-1953 in Korea.

He said he married my grandmother in 1951 because they told him he would get paid more if he was married.

Dustin Peterson, d.peterson21982@gmail.com

More About Dick Contino

In the January-February 2015 edition you asked if anyone remembered Dick Contino. I do. In the late 1940s, I think, he won a talent contest either on the Major Bowes Talent show or the Arthur Godfrey Show.

I went into the USAF in June of 1951. In the summer of 1953 I was in Korea with the 5th Communications Group of the 5th Air Force when Dick Contino came to our outfit with 3 or 4 other musicians. He was not with a band; there were just the 3 or 4 of them. They played for about three hours on a very hot day. It was a great show.

The next time I saw him was at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, New York. I don't remember the year he played there. I remember the event because after his show he and others were selling his tapes, records, etc. He saw me just standing there and asked if he could help me.

I told him I wanted to thank him for something he did in 1953 for me and other airmen near Seoul, Korea. That got his attention. He came over to me. I shook his hand and said, "Thank you, Mr. Contino."

Of course he didn't remember his visit to the 5th Comm. Gp. I didn't expect him to. But, he said he was surprised that I remembered his visit. He told me he didn't know how we stayed in Korea. He said he went there for a week or so and was happy to go back to Tokyo. He had on an Army uniform, then, but I don't know if he was in the Army or with the USO.

He was born in Fresno, CA to immigrant parents. I was born in Auburn, NY, also to immigrant parents. So we talked for about 45 minutes about our backgrounds. He told me that years later he was glad he entertained the troops during the Korean War, and that he was surprised that so many ex-military folks would come up and talk to him like I did. He said he was happy that he did what he could for the troops.

By the way, at the New York State Fair, he could still play that accordion and put on a great show, of mostly "Golden Oldie" stuff.

Mike Trapani, mtrap55645@aol.com

The Fastest Playing Of 'Lady In Spain' In History

I remember going to a show up near the front lines at which Dick Contino was billed as the star. It wasn't much of a show, and Contino didn't stay long. The entertainers were on a flatbed trailer that was bedecked with patriotic banners.

The first act was a magician who featured sleight of hand in his act. Most of us were so far away we couldn't see what he was doing. It didn't seem like he was doing anything worthwhile anyway. I don't remember his name, but he looked like he must have been the model for the later magician, Carl Ballantine.

The second act was a group of "high kicking" women. They appeared to be as old as Korea. They danced to recorded music—and not very well. After they completed their routine, the emcee announced, "And now, gentlemen, the star of the show and the one you've all been waiting for, Dick Contino."

Now, everybody in the audience knew who Dick Contino was and that he was a draft dodger. As he came out on the stage, a large part of the audience started clicking their weapons. The noise was audible. It was to Contino, at least.

The first song he played was "Lady of Spain." It was probably the fastest anyone had ever played that song on the accordion—or any other musical instrument, for that matter. The clicking continued; Contino didn't. He left the stage probably three minutes after he entered.

The emcee returned and explained that Contino was not feeling well. That was not surprising. Who could feel good that close to the front lines knowing that the rifles clicking were not a sign of appreciation?

Jim Low (via phone call)

What A Punishment

The year was 1953, probably late September or October. We were at a 38th Regt., 2nd Inf. Div. R&R camp, where Dick Contino was stationed as part of his penalty for being a draft dodger. In our outfit all rank was frozen. There were no promotions for the hard work of tearing down bunkers, rebuilding them, guard duty, etc.

Seeing Contino on stage, wearing SFC stripes for playing the "squeeze box," and cavorting with the Red Cross girls made us wonder about our top officers. Our 2nd Lieutenant waited two months for a set of size 13 boots, and in that period the "Dodger" probably gained another stripe. I have always wondered when he left Korea if he was a Master Sergeant or a warrant officer.

Thanks to our colonels and generals for "punishing" the "Dodger."

Incidentally, as of 2014 Dick Contino was still playing somewhere in Michigan.

Thomas Miller, P.O. Box 1712, LaPorte, IN 46350

Did He Arrive By Chopper?

I was a member of the 6th Helicopter Company operating Sikorsky H-19 helicopters from A-5 (Chun Chon) when, in early 1953, I saw movie star Piper Laurie with Dick Contino and a small group of musicians put on a show at our company for us and all others in our area. They used a flatbed trailer as a stage inside our hangar.

I don't recall how they arrived or departed, or even if we used our helicopters to transport them. They put on a musical show and we all had plenty of opportunities to take photos of Ms. Laurie and Mr. Contino, apart or together.

As an aside, regarding the "Night Time Landing" story in an earlier edition of *The Graybeards*, I remember disembarking with my company in 1953 from the USNS General Edgar T. Collins ((T-AP-147) in Inchon Harbor. We went down a stairway onto some sort of vessel for transport to shore. The next day we moved by train to the Chun-Chon area.

Albert L. Longarini, 14 Steven Dr., Dumont, NJ 07628

The USO In Yanggu

The pictures nearby are of the one and only USO show we had available while we were in Korea—since the September 1950 Inchon landing, in fact. The shows were great.

The First Marine Division was in reserve in July 1951. We were in a recently devastated town named Yanggu. On 3 July we enjoyed our first USO show. It featured a barbershop quartet from the U.S. midwest. They sang some good songs and offered a lot of comedy. They were a great shot in the arm for raising spirits.



The barbershop quartet that traveled from the U.S. midwest to the Far East to entertain U.S. Marines



The barbershop quartet gave U.S. Marines a shot in the arm at Yanggu, Korea

The next day Jack Benny arrived with his show. He began with some jokes pertaining to our conditions. His opening line? "There have been three great cities I've always desired to visit: Paris, France; London, England; and Yanggu, Korea."



Jack Benny tries to take the pipe out of John Cook's mouth at Yanggu, Korea

I have always had fond memories of the laugh it triggered. Here we were in this hellhole, which the 7th Marines took at a great loss, and Benny places it on the level of London and Paris! What a great opener!

The sound system went out for a few minutes after the start of the show, so Benny came off the stage to mingle and joke with the troops. At one point he tried to take the pipe out of my mouth.

What an entertainer!

John Cook, 300 Earlington Rd.
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No Privacy For Privates' Privates

Your story of the hospitals brought back some memories. ("Hospitals in Japan And The Korean War Casualties," March/April 2015, p. 10.)

I was sent to the Army Hospital in Tokyo in 1951 and was operated on the next day. I was there for about two months. The staff that was there were very nice.

I couldn't get out of bed for most of the time that I was there. The hospital staff worked and treated everyone with care and was there to help us whenever we needed it. When it came time for baths, the nurse would come to your bed, remove the covers, cover your privates, and start washing.

When she finished she would hand you the wash cloth and tell you to wash the rest. But, when a Japanese nurse came to wash you, she would uncover you down to nothing and start washing. That was the highlight of the day.

They fed us well, although I only got Jello for a while. When it got close for me to leave I got regular meals. I thought they all did a good job of taking care of everyone.

Amos Moss, 3rd Inf., Korea, 3950 Lone Tree Way
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Bear With Us

There have been many stories about the Korean War and the enemy the troops had to deal with. Here is a story about a different enemy the members of the 17th Inf. ("Buffalo") Regt. had to fight against. The story is taken from the Friday, 21 Dec. 1951, edition of

the Seventh Inf. Div.'s newsletter, The Hour Glass, Vol. IV, No. 292. It was furnished by Ch 63 member John Hampacek.

Bear Stopped By Hand Grenade

"PFC Charlay Isam and PFC John Hampacek, both members of the 17th Infantry "Buffalo" regiment, first had to dispose of a rampaging Korean bear before getting down to the business of stopping a Red attack.

"When the Reds set off a trip-flare leading to American positions, the two "How" Company men prepared for the attack. Suddenly, Isam saw a dark form bearing down on the foxhole. Before he could regain his composure, the body leaped across the gun emplacement.

"Isam and Hampacek then realized that it was a bear. They peppered it with rifle fire but it still galloped through the other positions. Finally one "Buffalo" dropped the bear with a grenade.

"The bear, weighing approximately 150 pounds, had apparently been disturbed in his sleep by the attacking communists.

"I reckon we can take about anything those communists can throw at us," Isam drawled. "But when they begin using a big bear as a point man...that's going too far."

Perhaps there were some of you who were also members of the 17th Inf. who remember this incident. Let us know.

Norman R. Lipkus, 19 Manser Dr.
Amherst, NY 14226

A Welcome Poem

As a new member of the KWVA, I enjoyed my first copy of "The Graybeards." Although I served in Germany during the Korean War, it was my fellow comrades in Korea who did the suffering and the dying. I wrote the below rhyme that reflects my true feelings.

Ironically, in the 1980s I made three trips to South Korea, establishing Italian restaurants in Seoul.

"Heroes Remembered"

To volunteer was not for me,
Those that did, heroes they will always be.
When called, however,
I did not hesitate,
Some tried to tell me this was not my fate.
So in the army I did go,
Thinking I would fight the Korean foe.
As God would have it
Others had that mission,
Alas, for me it was fate's omission.
It's not a boast to say I did my best.
I tried to excel when put to the test.
All that I did surely was not enough,
Those men in battle had it more than rough.
So, to those comrades who paid the ultimate price,
I forever salute their sacrifice.
As for me, I came home to my wife,
And together we've had a very full life.
Now, at the age of eighty three,
I think of those who died instead of me.
Pray God keep them in his loving grace,
Forever watching over their resting place.

Michael Losurdo, Sr., 55 West Saddle River RD.
Saddle River, NJ 07458

Official Membership Application Form

The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

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DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE Assigned Membership Number: _____

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"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" listed below, complete the "Certification of Eligibility for KWVA Membership" Form on page 2.]

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: If this is a GIFT Membership – please sign here to certify, under penalty of law, that to the best of your knowledge, ALL of the information you have provided about the Applicant is true and correct. [Note: If applicable, you must also complete and sign the Eligibility Form on page 2.]

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In addition to completing the KWVA Membership Application Form on page 1, persons applying for, and qualifying for, membership under one of the categories listed below, are also required to fill in the appropriate blanks, and sign in the space provided below.

Check Only One Category:

- ☐ **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 by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces 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 during the Korean 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. I do not qualify to be a Regular member.
- ☐ **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."

Applicant Signature: _____ Month ____ Day ____ Year ____

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Section 1. Qualifications of Members. Membership in this Association shall consist of Regular, Associate and Honorary Members. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, or physical or mental disability, as long as the individual meets the criteria of service requirements as stipulated below. Only Regular Members as defined in A. below have a vote in National or Department matters.

A. Regular Members.

1. **Service in the United States Armed Forces.** Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, is eligible for membership if:
a. Said service was within Korea including territorial waters and airspace at any time, September 3, 1945 to Present, or
b. Said service was outside of Korea, June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955.
2. **Medal of Honor.** Any KWVA Member, who is a Medal of Honor recipient, is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
3. **Prisoner of War.** Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

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1. Must not be eligible for Regular membership.
2. Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of this Association and who wishes to support its aims, and not being eligible for Regular Membership; and who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the KWVA Charter and its Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual, shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the Association. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

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My KORWAR-- KORDEF VET Comrades!

By Bill Weber, Chairman, Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation (KWVMFnd)

We're running out of time! We're in our mid-80s to early 90s and our numbers decline each day! Thus, if we are to succeed in having our Memorial properly honor our Fallen Comrades we must do it now!

KWVMFnd's sponsored Bill in Congress is **HR-1475!** We really are in urgent need to have your Congressman/woman become a co-sponsor ASAP!

As many of you know, **HR-1475** will authorize adding a glass **Wall of Remembrance** to our Memorial in Washington. On it we will list the names of our KIA comrades and number our WIA, MIA and POW comrades. As well, we'll honor our UN, ROK and KATUSA comrades who served and sacrificed at our side.



PL99-572 which authorized our Memorial stated, ***"...to honor those members of the Armed Forces who served in Korea particularly those killed in action...!"***

During negotiations for the design of the Memorial we tried for a 'Name Wall'! The bureaucrats 'shot it down' implying 'no more Walls on the Mall'!

Well, it is not their Memorial—it is ours, and our peoples—and our wishes should

trump those of bureaucracy!

OUR FALLEN COMRADES ARE NOT FULLY HONORED IN THE MEMORIAL!

The subliminal message intended by the **Pool Of Remembrance** is too subtle and is not conveyed. Inscribing the names of the KIA on the proposed **Wall of Remembrance** will give full 'voice' to the Memorial's theme and intent that **'FREEDOM IS NOT FREE'!** We need your Congressman/woman to become a



co-sponsor of **HR-1475**. That WON'T happen if you don't 'ring his/her bell'!

It won't take a great deal of effort for you to do this—'eyeball' your Congressman/woman and get them 'on board' **HR-1475** now!

In the 'Brown Shoe' Army we'd say, ***"The monkey's on your back!"*** Well, it is!

Only you can make this happen. There are over 14000 of us in KWVA and only we 'can' and 'need to speak' for almost 2 million KORWAR-KORDEF VETS still 'kicking'—and the **36,574 of our comrades who fell in battle.**

Only **YOU** can make this happen! Get your Representative 'on board'—ring his/her bell—do it now and continue until they sign on!



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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VAL G. BEDNEKOFF
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CLYDE MADDOX
DR. NICK C. NICHOLS

ALASKA

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Task Force Smith Museum Dedication



Honorees at 2013 Task Force Smith opening were Mrs. Yoon, MajGen Seung Kook Yoon, Susie Perry, daughter of Gen Perry, Al Walker (52nd FA Bn.), BGen Gentry (8th Army), and Mrs. Walker (L-R)

A plaque was added to the UN Forces Monument at Osan, Korea on July 3, 2014. The plaque was dedicated by the mayor of Osan at a ceremony attended by four veterans of Task Force Smith, the first battle in the Korean War.

"We believe it is our sacred duty to keep the memory of Task Force Smith's devotion and sacrifice alive," explained Mayor Kwak Sang-Wook.

He discussed plans for opening a new park planted with 540 pine trees in honor of the men who fought to protect Osan July 5, 1950. Pine trees were selected because they symbolize undying loyalty in Korean culture. Accompanying the trees will be plaques naming the 540 men known to have taken part in the battle. (No exact roster of Task Force Smith members survived the battle.)

Task Force Smith was composed primarily of two companies from the 21st Infantry Regiment and one battery from the 52nd Field Artillery Battalion, which were deployed to delay the advance of more than 2,000 North Korean troops barreling down the main highway of the peninsula.

Preceding the enemy infantrymen were

(HEAT)—all while fighting in typhoon-like weather conditions.

Representing the 24th Infantry Division at the July 3 dedication ceremony in Osan were four heroic members of the task force. From the 21st Regiment were Norman Mathews, Company C; William C. Coe, Company B; and Charles Fronapfel, Medical Company.

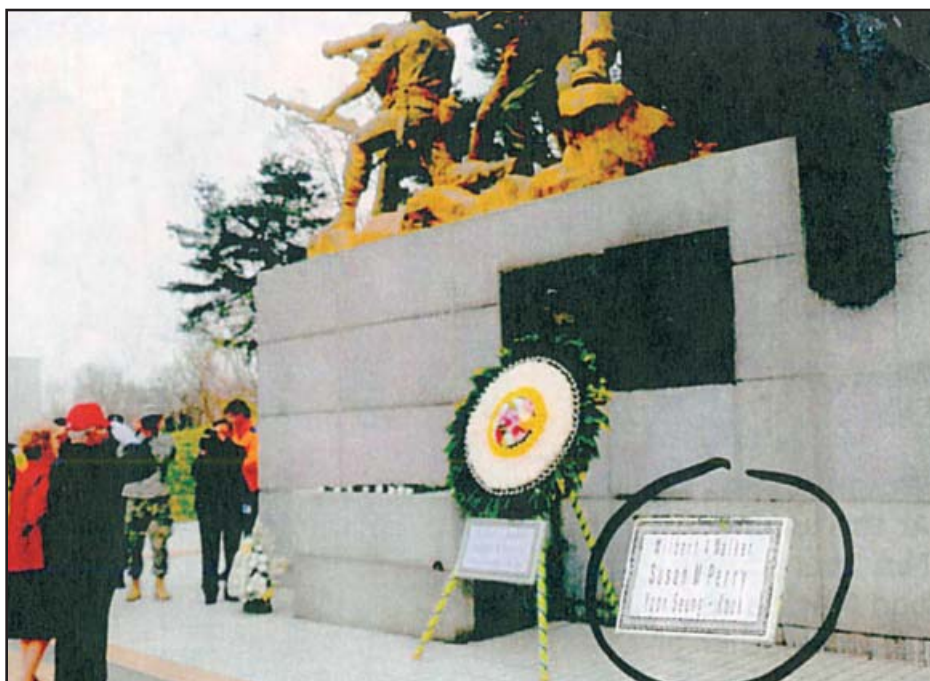
Representing the 52nd Field Artillery Battalion was John L. Sanchez, Headquarters Battery.

Norman Matthews' mortar squad expended their meager 12-16 rounds early in the battle and could do nothing but watch as North Korean tanks and motorized vehicles passed down the road.

William Coe still feels the effects of a bullet that passed through the radio on his back and then into his shoulder. During their withdrawal, he and several others came upon three healthy young Koreans dressed as civilians. Their close-cropped hair made Coe suspicious.

To keep from drawing attention of nearby North Korean soldiers, his friends quietly held the three "peasants" at gunpoint, while Coe disabled them by hand. Sure enough, beneath the three men's white garb were enemy uniforms, and

at least 34 Soviet tanks that proved almost impervious to the outdated weapons available to the American task force at the time. The friendly troops were further hampered by a shortage of manpower, failure of equipment and weapons, and a severe shortage of tank-busting ammunition



Wreath and roses placed at nearby Korean War monument at Task Force Smith Museum by Wilbert Walker, Susan Perry, and MajGen Seung Kook Yoon (inset added) at Task Force Museum opening in 2013

their burp guns were located, as well.

Fronapfel was one of 31 men from Medical Company, 21st Infantry. He was also one of the 11 medics captured, according to Phil Burke from that company; two other medics were killed. Fronapfel was administering aid to wounded infantrymen on the battlefield when he was captured.

Sanchez, a wire and telephone technician, was given a machine gun and told to join the infantrymen in Company B. He is credited with knocking out the first YAK airplane that strafed the infantry's position.

LtCol Brad Smith, Commander of the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, and LtCol Miller O. Perry, Commander of the 52nd Battalion (both deceased), have since been lauded for their bravery and leadership during those opening days of the war.

During the dedication ceremony, remarks were delivered by LtGen Champoux, Eighth Army Commander, the mayor of Osan, and the governor of GyeonggiDo Province. Representatives from the U.S. and South Korean Army were present, too.

The nearby Task Force Smith Museum, dedicated in similar ceremonies in 2013, consists of a three-floor exhibit space highlighting artifacts and events surrounding the war. One wall is dedicated to portraits and plaques of Task Force Smith members. Also displayed are tributes by the Korean people to UN and U.S. troops.



Unidentified woman arranges roses at Korean War Monument



Task Force Smith names and portraits embossed on copper sheeting at Task Force Smith Museum

In preparation for the 2014 monument dedication, Osan City gave Image Media Services, McLean, VA, the project of upgrading the TFS membership list, and they have been searching for contact information from Task Force Smith families and relatives.

Task Force Smith's action, immediately followed by delaying actions of the 34th Infantry Regiment and the remaining sections of the 21st Regiment, helped buy

time for the rest of the 24th Division to deploy from Japan to Korea. The grave sacrifices of all 24th Division units in the terrible month of July 1950 are well documented in Roy Appleman's history, "South to the Naktong, North to the Yalu," among many other histories.

Reach Rus Penland at 6010 Ebonwood, Corpus Christi, TX 78412, deltaS-1@sbc-global.net. He is the Secretary of the 52nd Field Artillery Bn. Assn.



William C. Coe, Norman Mathews, Mayor of Osan City, unidentified woman, John Sanchez, Charles Fronapfel (L-R) at Task Force Smith Museum

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Typical Korea Revisit Itinerary:

Day 1: Fly to Korea

Day 2: Arrival day Incheon Airport, Korea check into Seoul Hotel.

Day 3: Wreath Laying at United Nations Monuments.

Day 4: Korean War Commemoration Ceremonies.

Day 5: Panmunjom, DMZ Thank You Banquet in the evening.

Day 6: War Memorial Museum tour, Korean culture show.

Day 7: Departure

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ed the pores of his skin.

"It was not a place that enhanced your appetite," he added.

Because of health hazards, the officers forbade any soldier from giving into temptation and eating the fruit that grew on the ground right under their boots. But if the pilots were like Gus, their boots were so worn they had to tie strings around them to hold up. The 36th Fighter Bomber Squadron experienced a shortage of equipment and clothing, and they never received any replacement pilots.

Suwon also had a storehouse and a signal tower, as well as an orphanage nearby. In the beginning of the Korean War, the Korean People's Army pushed south into Suwon and seized the orphanage, using it as their headquarters while the children remained inside. Unfortunately, Gus's wing had no choice but to bomb the headquarters, killing the children as well. As a result, the civilians around them often called them "baby killers."

At nighttime, the 36th Fighter Bomber Squadron was not always left alone. A Polikarpov Po-2, or twin biplane—better

known as "Bedcheck Charlie" or "Washing Machine Charlie"—often buzzed by the asphalt runway, almost impossible to see in the dark. The Korean biplane came at night to annoy the American pilots and harass their base. The biplane had a wood-and-fabric construction that made it difficult for the American fighter pilots to target. "Bedcheck Charlie" flew low and at slow speeds, but it became a game to track him down.

"The sky was full of lead," Gus recalled all of the gunfire in the air. "A wall of red steel went up at night and you could see it past Seoul. We had the searchlights on, but nobody ever got Bedcheck Charlie. Nobody ever parted his hair at all."

Even trucks full of 50-caliber machine guns missed "Bedcheck Charlie." One night as the plane buzzed the camp, Gus and a few of the other men ran by the winding sandbag wall and dove into a ditch to protect them from the flying metal. It only took a second for Gus and the men to realize they jumped into a ditch that was a substitute latrine, because the real latrine was a half a mile away. They now waded in about a foot of

urine. The look on Gus's face as he told the story leads one to believe he didn't endure anything worse in Korea.

In May of 1953, Gus left Korea and returned to the United States unscathed. During nuclear testing, he flew into an atomic cloud over Salt Lake City, Utah. The radiation caused reoccurring malignant tumors and the removal of two lobes of a lung, his thyroid and his breast.

His wife, Shirley Bartenfeld, talks of the tumors with concern in her voice, but Gus seems unaffected.

"Do you wanna see what it looks like not to have a breast?" He jumps at the opportunity to crack a joke. He still has the fighter spirit inside him, but even memories of a year and a day in Korea fail to erase his contagious smile.

Alicia Avitabile, is an English student at Georgia College in Milledgeville, Georgia. For her Narrative Journalism class, she interviewed a Korean War veteran who was a friend of her family's. The interviewee, Gus Bartenfeld, was an officer for the 36th Fighter Bomber Squadron in Suwon.

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