

The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

Tell America

Tell America Report

The Tell America program is strong and viable. We have established a reporting system that I encourage all chapters to use so we can capture accurate data for the report President Kinard provides to Congress. The report and information needed is: Chapter Number, Organization visited (School/Publication/Radio-TV), and number of presenters and attendees. This information can be mailed to me at 6544 Grand Ridge Drive, El Paso, TX 79912, faxed to 915-581-4727, and/or emailed to KWVATellAmerica@gmail.com. To date I have received several reports and we are looking forward to receiving your timely responses.

I have been working closely with Dr. Jongwoo Han, Chairman and CEO of the Korean War Veterans Legacy Foundation, and his staff. They have been visiting KWVA Chapters around the country and other countries. The close coordination of these two programs has been highly successful and all chapters have cooperated with Dr. Han in making our Digital Wall highly successful.

I highly recommend that before you go to a presentation, give the teacher the name of presenters so the class can review the personal histories from the digital

wall. I have found this is extremely helpful as the students meet the persons that they saw in the videos. My chapter includes both Korean War veterans and members from the "Second Generation" Korean Defense veterans so we can present the "Hot and Cold War."

Tell America is an extremely important program, as it keeps our legacy alive and presents historical, personal stories that history books cannot capture. Four paragraphs in the current history books can neither explain what we accomplished for the people of South Korea nor explain the "Forgotten Victory" adequately.

I am sad to report that the Dynamic Duo of Kenneth Williamson and Frederick Shively of KWVA Western Ohio Chapter 108 Tell America voice is silent due to the untimely death of Kenneth Williamson. The Dynamic Duo performed from 1995 to the end of the school year 2014, addressing 48,099 students and 2,492 teachers and adult visitors. WELL DONE, GENTLEMEN.

Please contact me for assistance in establishing and maintaining your program.

Roy Aldridge
Chairman, Tell America Program



Ken Williamson and Fred Shively at Tell America presentation

19 - GEN RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

Members attended the annual Atlanta History Center Salute to Veterans. The children had a great time "playing" with the vet-

erans' memorabilia.

Jim Conway, conatlanta@comcast.net



Kids enjoy playing with memorabilia at the Atlanta History Center to Veterans



Bob McCubbins (L) and Bob Hendershott of Ch 19 mingle with kids at the Atlanta History Center to Veterans



Tom Moore of Ch 19 has a good time talking to other veterans at the Atlanta History Center to Veterans

30 - INDIANA #1 [IN]

We held a recent session at Blackhawk Middle School. It was a good program at which the students asked many questions.

Elise Olson, a teacher at the school, is a great inspiration to

our chapter.

We present our program several times a year at the school.

Mary Anna Roemke, 9015 Farmington Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46835



Cletus Rumschlag, Charlie Comstock, Elise Olson, and Carl Fowler at Ch 30's TA presentation



Ch 30 presenters and students mingle at Blackhawk Middle School



Carl Fowler of Ch 30 speaks to Blackhawk Middle School students

60 - ADIRONDACK [NY]

On May 21 and May 27 2015, members went to Saratoga Springs [NY] High School to present the Tell America program. The school had requested two sessions because of the large number of students who wished to attend. Present at the May 21st session were Commander Roger Calkins, Chaplain Paul O'Keefe, Eugene Slavin, Ed Dandrow, Paul Nolan, Linc Oroligio, and Bob Garland. At this session, the Commander presented a copy of "Korea Reborn" to Mr. Tim O'Brien, History Department.

Seated at the May 27th session were Commander Roger Calkins, Paul Keefe, Eugene Slavin, Linc Oroligio, Terri Waterson, Auxiliary member Mary Kuelzow, and Bob Garland.

Both sessions were well attended.

Tim O'Brien and other staff personnel were extremely helpful with the organization of each session and in making us welcome.

Personal stories of wartime involvement were shared with the students, who showed great interest. These were followed by a question and answer period. Handouts were provided to each student, and there were many interesting artifacts provided by the KWWA members, which were displayed for the attendees to see.

Mrs. Kuelzow, widow of a Chosin Reservoir survivor, told the students what her Marine Corps husband endured there, resulting in lifetime disability. Mrs. Terri Waterson, a USMC veteran herself, explained how women in all branches of service made such a contribution.



Members of Ch 60 at Saratoga Springs High School; note copy of "Korea Reborn" displayed at left



Ch 60 panel at May 27, 2015 Tell America presentation

Commander Calkins showed a night photo taken from the air of the entire Korean peninsula...showing the south's lights, and the north's darkness, which was very impressive. He also read the total number of those Americans killed, wounded, and imprisoned during the Korean War.

Gene Slavin told of the U.S. Navy's role, while others, e.g., Paul O'Keefe and Linc Orologio, told of their experience in actual combat and the extreme cold they endured. Ed Dandrow spoke of post-war assignment on the DMZ, with many recorded attempts by North Koreans to cross the line and provoke further military action.

Bob Garland, a veteran of both Korea and Vietnam, talked about his experiences as a combat paratrooper in Korea. Carol Waldron, Barbara Corsale, Marion Crandall,

Lois Miner, Louise Finan, and Mrs. Earl Keeler, all of whom are members of the chapter auxiliary, were present at both these sessions. All but one are widows of Korean War veterans. (Mr. Keeler remains an active member.)

Both sessions at Saratoga High School were extremely successful, and more presentations are in the planning stage. A sad note for us all was that our former fine commander and good friend, Bill Shaw, had passed away on May 19, just days before the first presentation.

We are lucky to have Roger Calkins, former LTjg U.S. Navy, who is the new Commander of our chapter, and very supportive of our Tell America Program.

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Presentation team from Ch 60 at Saratoga Springs High School



Auxiliary members of Ch 60 participate in Saratoga Springs High School presentation

105 - CENTRAL NEW YORK [NY]

The Gillette Road Middle School in North Syracuse, NY has hosted a program called the USA Day Celebration for several years. This is an annual affair that chapter members have attended over the years.

It is held in the gym and parking lots. Active military and police

units participate. We are the only veterans group that does.

There was a time when 6-8 members attended the event. Of late it has become difficult to find vertical participants.

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

To: Jim Low + Korean War Veterans
 From: Gillette Road Middle School USA Day Committee
 Date: April 11, 2015
 Re: Invitation/RSVP

*The Gillette Road Military Support Group
 will be hosting our
 14th Annual USA Day Celebration
 on Wednesday, May 27, 2015*

Thank you for volunteering to present at our 14th Annual USA Day Celebration. USA Day is a patriotic event that will wrap up a school year filled with Military Support Activities. This year's theme is "Pride in Our Past, Faith in our Future". We are hosting this event to give all students the opportunity to learn about the important work that is done by Military Men and Women. This knowledge will help set a foundation for becoming active citizens in our community. We are asking all presenters to arrive at Gillette Road Middle School between 7:00 - 7:30 a.m. to set-up. All Armed Services Representatives will be provided an 8' table for their displays. Gillette has 1,300 students who will be passing through your displays on a rotating schedule from 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

The following is a list of events that will take place throughout the day:

1. The Patriot Guard will kick off the celebration in the morning by marching through the halls at Gillette, while students applaud their service to our country. This will be broadcast throughout our building.
2. The winners of our building-wide poster contest on "Pride in Our Past, Faith in our Future" will be sharing their posters in a special ceremony during the day.
3. Gillette Chorus and Band will be performing patriotic songs.

A light breakfast (bagels, muffins, etc.) and lunch will be served to all our presenters.

If you have any questions, please call Elaine Ormsbee, 218-3000 or email eormsbee@nscsd.org

Again, the Gillette Road Middle School Community offers our Heartfelt Thank You for your participation in this Patriotic Event.

Invitation to USA Day for Ch 105



A full gym at Gillette Road Middle School



Ch 105's traveling display at USA Day event



Ed Grala, Fran Ezzo, and Jim Low (L-R) of Ch 105 at Gillette Road Middle School



A tribute to deceased members of Ch 105 who were "regulars" at USA Day event, i.e., John Laura, Barry Lashombe, Dick Fastenue, and John Reidy

142 – COL WILLIAM E. WEBER [MD]

Oakdale High School Memorial Day Program

We were invited to Oakdale High School's Memorial Day Program on May 27, 2015. The school presented an outstanding patriotic program, which included a motivational speech by Col (ret) John Fer, who was confined in the "Hanoi Hilton" with John McCain,

Bud Day, and the other heroes who were imprisoned there.

Members attending were Jack Droneburg and his wife Dottie, Bob Mount, Glenn Wienhoff, Bob Eader, Chip Chipley, Reg Kephart, and Tony Malavenda.

Linda Crilly, cid142webmaster@gmail.com



Ms. Colleen Bernard, Head of the Social Studies Department at Oakdale High School, and a longtime supporter of Ch 142, with members Glenn Wienhoff, Bob Eader, Chip Chipley, Tony Malavenda and Reg Kephart

National KWVA Fund Raiser Flower Rose of Sharon

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

- Sample order is 4 doz. @ \$12 plus \$6.35 S/H.
- Minimum order is 20 doz. @ \$60 plus \$12.35 S/H.
- Orders for 21 to 100 doz. @ \$3/doz. plus \$16.45 S/H
- Order for 400 doz. or more qualify for a special discount

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KWVA Maryland Chapter 33



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



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It's not the price you pay to belong, It's the price you paid to become eligible to join

