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From the President

Tom Stevens

Happy New Year to our members, staff, and loyal supporters. The beginning of a new year is a great time to reflect on how far we've come and to look ahead to even greater things that the coming months have in store. In that respect I call to your attention the new look of our KWVA website. You'll be pleasantly surprised—if not amazed—at the change.

Please read the article in this issue by 2nd VP Jeff Brodeur (p. 14). Jeff initiated KWVA's presence on social media. The response has been overwhelming. This innovation will surely result in significant membership increases. It was Jeff's idea, which he implemented with our webmaster, Jim Doppelhammer. Those of you who use Facebook take a look!

One other development of note is the expansion of the scholarship opportunities that are available this year to the descendants of our Korean veterans. In addition to the 10 \$2,000 scholarships that the American Veterans of Korea Foundation, chaired by Representative Kim Jung Hoon, has sponsored for the past five years, the General Walton Walker Memorial Foundation, chaired by Mr. Jong-Min Kim, will, for the first time, sponsor an additional fifteen \$2,000 scholarships this year.

Thanks to the generosity of these outstanding foundations, we now are privileged to award 25 \$2,000 scholarships to our students. Remember, these are separate scholarship programs, but students may apply for either or both of them. The scholarship applications are on pp. 17 and 23.

It is truly a pleasure and an honor to serve as the National KWVA President. It compares somewhat with a sports team being rated #1. Every game it plays it is as if they had a big bull's eye on the back of their jerseys. Judging from the numerous emails and good old-fashioned letters I receive, I sometimes feel like that team with a target on its back.

The Korean War Veterans Association,

I've often heard it said, and I agree, that anyone who has served his/her country should never suffer from hunger or lack of shelter.

Inc. has as one of its mission statements "Care for our Veterans." I suppose that is open to interpretation. However, as a "Veterans Service Organization," 501 C 19, we are simply not organized or funded for performing services as a charitable organization. In "caring for our veterans," I and many others often spend considerable time locating agencies and charitable organizations that exist for the purpose of assisting veterans who are truly in need.

Examples of the numerous direct appeals for assistance range from a Korean War veteran who is losing his/her home to foreclosure to those who don't have sufficient funds to buy groceries. These situations make me realize the extent to which there is a great need for help among our veterans.

I've often heard it said, and I agree, that anyone who has served his/her country should never suffer from hunger or lack of shelter. To the extent that we possibly can, I appeal to you as individuals and KWVA members to exercise compassion and do your part in seeing that our veterans are really cared for.

Without being specific, I ask that the holiday spirit prevail all year long, especially toward our veterans. Prominent examples of members acting on behalf of veterans are Marvin Reed, who takes his *Graybeards* magazines with him on his visits to the VA Hospital in Reno, NV, and my good friend Tom Watling, who is

devoted to the founding and operation of an assistance center that helps 27,000 veterans in the California county in which he resides. I'll tell you more about that in a subsequent message.

As I'm sure you have observed, contact points for our officers, directors and committee chairs are shown on page 2 of *The Graybeards*. I am pleased to announce the addition of an Assistant Chaplain, Mr. Paul Kim. Mr. Kim has an impressive resume. He is a long-time pastor, teacher and administrator in the Southern Baptist Convention. He was a trustee of the SBC International Mission Board for 10 years. We are privileged and honored to have someone of Mr. Kim's caliber serving the KWVA.

I received an email from Mr. Jacob (Jae Ho) Kim. He is looking for anyone who might have known or served under Brigadier General Richard Seabury Whitcomb during the Korean War. The General led the relief and reconstruction effort after the Pusan Fire. He also served in Vietnam and Cambodia during the 1960s and 1970s. If you knew or served under General Whitcomb, please contact Jacob (Jae Ho) Kim, Ph.D., Dept. of Electronics Engineering, Pusan National University, Pusan Korea, +82-10-4042-2450. The email is imagepnu@gmail.com. (You may have to copy and paste that email.)

A large number of volunteers have for a number of years placed wreaths on

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COVER: U.S. Air Force Airmen First Class Tyler Keiser marshals an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, July. 27, 2017. The F-16 went through final checks before flight. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman. Coleville Mcfee)



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From the Executive Director

James R. Fisher



Let's update Chapter points of contact

We need your assistance to correct an ongoing problem: updating the KWVA's points of contact (POC) list. I sent two messages in calendar year 2017 asking that any changes to chapter POCs be submitted to Jim Doppelhammer and Sheila Fritts at National Headquarters. The problem is getting worse.

It is the responsibility of the KWVA Chapter Commander/ Secretary to inform National of any changes to the POC list. We often send out information to the chapter commanders for dissemination to their members. My recent count of chapter POCs from the master email list shows that close to 75% of the emails listed are returned or no longer exist.

This is a vital line of communications from National to the chapters, since many of our veterans in your chapters do not have email accounts. We send information directly to the chapter commanders or secretaries for them to pass this information along in their monthly meetings.

It can be frustrating when we receive a phone call from a

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member complaining how he did not know of a certain meeting or event that had taken place. I respectfully request that chapter commanders or secretaries update their contact lists with National (Jim Doppelhammer) at least quarterly. Members can go to their chapter officers and ask them to update the POC list for their chapter. Together we can resolve this issue.

We put out a lot of good information that can be beneficial to your members. We should not let it be overlooked.

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From the Secretary

Alves J. "AJ" Key



April 1, 2018 marks the date that I arrived in Korea fifty years ago. I had been alerted in December 1967 of a PCS move to Kunsan Air Base with a report date of May 1, 1968. At the time I was assigned to the 22d Air Defense Missile Squadron (Bomarc CIM10B) at Langley AFB Virginia; one of nine USAF long range surface to air missile squadrons protecting the NE and E coast area.

In late January 1968, I was alerted that my report date to Korea was moved up to April 1, 1968. I departed from McCord AFB on or about March 31st in a C-141 with several other airmen seated in troop slings. We had a one-hour stop at Yokota AB and arrived at Osan AB in the early morning hours after an 11-hour flight. My assignment was to Detachment 1 6314th MMS, 6175th Air Base Group, Kunsan AB Korea.

I checked into enlisted transient quarters and was housed for one night in a squad tent with cots and a kerosene heater. (It was about 25 degrees). At 0800, I reported to the Base Personnel Section for processing, and was scheduled on an afternoon Air America flight from Osan to Kunsan AB. My first daylight view of Korea was from the air, and I remember how brown and barren the hills were.

On arrival at Kunsan AB, I first noted two villages adjacent to the base. Both were traditional grass roof mud wall houses in villages whose fields were farmed as they had been for hundreds of years. The contrast with the airbase with concrete runways and dozens of modern jet fighters coming and going was surreal.

I processed in at the Kunsan AB Personnel Section and was picked up by personnel from the Weapons Maintenance section to which I was assigned. The first stop was the Equipment Management Office (EMO) to get safety and field gear. Field gear included a green laundry bag with steel helmet and helmet liner, gas mask and filters, canteen and pistol belt, rubber over boots, half a tent, tent pegs, gear webbing, and other items. I later found the rubber over boots the most useful item issued. Shoveling snow to keep the pads in front of and the doors of our alert bunkers clear was never ending when it snowed.

At that time I recall my first sense that this was serious business. That feeling was reinforced by sandbagged quarters with serpentine entrances and the presence of antiaircraft weapons (40mm and quad fifties on track vehicles) operated by KATUSA forces.

Air Force personnel in the mid-1960s, except for Air Police security forces, received no significant combat training. We received one day of gas mask and two days of firearms training (one day of instruction and dry fire, and one day for live fire and qualification). At that time the M1 carbine and 38 special revolvers were standard weapons used, except by Air Police security forces, who were issued M16 rifles.

Within a few days I was certified in use of bomb handling equipment and vehicles used at the base. I was also certified on maintenance and preparation for use of stored weapons. Daily duties included maintenance and storage of weapons and delivery and pickup of aircraft loaded weapons. Additional training included storage and use of emergency demolition materials.

I arrived in Korea barely 15 years after the armistice. In addition

to the barren land, I most remember the abject poverty that many Koreans suffered, and the resilience and determination in their daily activities to rise above their circumstances. I could see them in the faces of older women aged beyond their years by hard work and deprivation caused by war and poverty as they carried crushed rock in baskets on their heads at construction sites. And, I knew that they had even more pressing work when they returned home. It was ever present in the eyes of men who left home each day to labor at our military installations and similar civilian occupations wearing a coat, shirt and tie only to change at work into work clothes.

South Korea was slowly emerging from the darkness into the country it is today. It happened because the United States and allied countries freed them from a half-century of brutal Japanese rule and saved the ROK from equally savage DPRK communist rule. It happened because United States military forces have stood the watch with the ROK forces for the past 65 years—and the people of the ROK never quit even in the darkest of times.

To the legions of war years Korea vets who made the greatest sacrifice and prevailed, today is today because they served. To my fellow Defense Veterans I say the same. Take pride in your service and honor the service of others regardless of time, place, or duties performed.

Significant events 1968 to 1970: (Wittles, 2010)

- **January 21, 1968:** A thirty-one-member commando team, disguised as South Korean soldiers and civilians, infiltrated within striking distance of the Presidential Blue House after killing two police officers and five civilians.
- **January 23, 1968:** DPRK gun boats seized the USS Pueblo in the Sea of Japan, over fifteen nautical miles off the DPRK coast. One American crewman killed — eighty-two crewmembers were captured and released on December 23, 1969.
- **August 20, 1968:** DPRK agent boat was intercepted off Cheju Island. 12 DPRK killed
- **October 1, 1968:** One hundred and thirty seaborne commandos infiltrated South Korea. 107 DPRK killed and 20 ROK killed.
- **January 1, 1969:** More than 150 DPRK agents were killed while attempting to infiltrate from the sea.
- **April 15, 1969:** A U.S. Navy EC-121 reconnaissance aircraft was shot down by two DPRK MiGs ninety miles off the DPRK east coast killing all 31 US military personnel aboard.

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Life is a learning process. This much I have learned.

One of the enjoyable parts of my work—well, I really can't call it work, since I enjoy it so much—is the variety of projects that I engage in, especially those that involve military history, e.g., researching the role of nuclear weapons in the Korean War. That resulted in a book that I had never planned on writing, *Atomic Cannons and Nuclear Weapons: a Mystery of the Korean War*, which is now available in paperback. (See below for a special offer that will benefit the Wall of Remembrance fundraising effort.)

Two others were co-authoring “Joey: The Street Fox of Newark,” and writing a privately commissioned profile on a Jewish Spanish-American/Philippines War Soldier named Benjamin M. Brodie, which I have just completed.

“Joey” gave me great insights into people's attitudes about the Korean War and military service. They came as a sidebar to my research on the life of one of the most fascinating characters I have ever met. “Joey” is the true story of a young man who was born out of wedlock in Newark, NJ in 1946. As he grew up he developed a love-hate relationship with the military, which he references many times in the book. He suffered from PTSD even though he was not a soldier. He wanted to be sometimes—and almost became one unwillingly during the Vietnam War.

Joey, a self-described obsessive-compulsive sociopath, inveterate liar, narcissist, and con man (which describe his good qualities) was farmed out to a foster home for his first two years. Then he lived with his dysfunctional grandmother, sister, and alcoholic father. His father—and other men—subjected him to sexual molestation before he was ten years old. Consequently, Joey survived in the streets of Newark after midnight, gliding through the streets like a fox, “liberating” food for himself and his family, transporting it back and forth on a

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purloined bike, sleeping in the back seats of cars and cardboard boxes, attending nonstop parties with his friends—and missing school.

Joey knew there was a war going on in Korea, but like almost everyone else in Newark, he ignored it. Then, his father started romancing a Korean War veteran nurse. She too was an alcoholic, and not a very good influence on Joey and his equally abused sister. The only thing they knew about her was that she hated Marines, so they belted out verses of the Marine Corps Hymn to aggravate her. It worked; she disappeared.

Ultimately, Joey ended up in Boystown, a Catholic protector in Kearney, New Jersey (not to be confused with Boys Town in Nebraska). He narrowly escaped being sentenced to Jamestown, the state's juvenile reformatory. What happened to him at Boystown? You guessed it! He was molested sexually by staff members.

When Joey summoned the courage to report it to the Monsignor in charge, the “good father” asked if he had told anyone else. Joey said no. The Monsignor said good, then invited Joey to leave Boystown and reported his dismissal to the local draft board—just as the Vietnam War was escalating. No wonder he had a love-hate relationship with the military.

The Brodie project profiles the second man over the wall behind Teddy Roosevelt during the Battle of San Juan Hill on July 1, 1898. Ben had traveled from Russia to Indianapolis by himself at age 14 to avoid service in the Russian army. He was Jewish, and Jews weren't exactly accepted with love and friendship in that army. Instead, he joined the American army to improve his English and learn our culture. Was being Jewish a hindrance in the American military at the

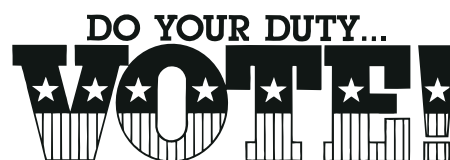
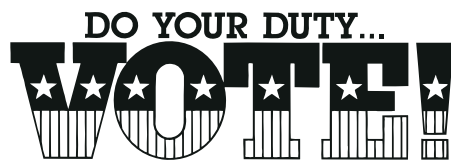
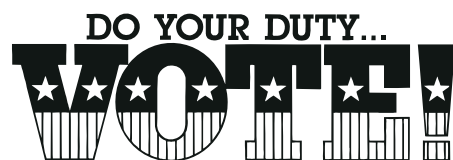
time? And what did he learn from his experience? And how did it help him later? That was what the family wanted to know.

Ben also served two tours in the Philippines in 1899 and 1901. He earned a Silver Star at San Juan Hill, which he did not receive until 1942, and contracted typhoid fever. After his discharge he moved to Atlanta, where he became one of the first Jewish cops in the city, operated two successful businesses, became president of the local chapter of the Jewish War Veterans...in short, the project gave me great insights into the status of Jewish Soldiers in the U.S. military circa 1900. The results were surprising. No wonder learning is such fun.

What projects will I get involved in next? Who knows? One thing is certain: whatever they are, they will be new learning experiences. That is what life is all about.

Okay, here is my offer. I will donate \$2 of the purchase price of each copy of *Atomic Cannons and Nuclear Weapons: a Mystery of the Korean War to the Wall of Remembrance (WOR) fund*. That includes books already ordered. And here is a suggestion. Each KWVA chapter might want to take up a collection and order a copy or two for its library with the pot. That way the members can pass copies around, the WOR fund grows, and the history of the Korean War is publicized.

Anyone who wants copies of the paperback version can get them by sending \$22 per copy to Arthur G. Sharp, 2473 New Haven Circle, Sun City Center, FL 33573. That includes shipping and handling. The ebook version is still available at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.



ALL MEMBERS

The following eight candidates have been certified to seek the four open positions indicated for the KWVA's 2018 Election. Effective upon the closing date of December 17, 2017, the members of the Election Committee have reviewed all letters, documents, etc. received from each candidate for office.

It is our opinion that all of the requirements have been met as listed in the Association's By-Laws, Procedure Manual and as published in *The Graybeards*. The names have been submitted to the Secretary, the Webmaster, and the editor of *The*

Graybeards for the printing of the ballots.

The Committee has submitted the candidates' names in alphabetical order. Please pass the word to all members to VOTE, as it will help in getting more members to submit their ballots this year. Candidates' resumes and pictures are listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

KWVA Elections Committee:

- Tim Whitmore, Chairman

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

- Paul H. Cunningham
- Lewis R. Vaughn
- Jeffrey J. Brodeur
- Albert H. McCarthy

- Edward L. Brooks
- Narce Caliva
- Bruce R. Harder
- Warren H. Wiedhahn

The letters submitted by the candidates have been edited slightly to fit the format of *The Graybeards*. The contents of the letters were not affected by the editing process.

PRESIDENT

PAUL H. CUNNINGHAM, ED. D.



I deem it both a privilege and a pleasure to submit my name as a candidate for the office of President of KWVA for a two-year term commencing on June 25, 2018.

My military service began in 1948 when, given a guarantee of a tech school of my choice, I enlisted in the Air Force. Following basic training at Lackland AFB, I completed Radar Repairman School at Keesler AFB, in Biloxi, MS. My first duty

assignment was with the 606th Aircraft & Warning Sqdn., then based at Shaw AFB, SC. Within days after the outbreak of the Korean War, we received orders to ship to Korea. We arrived in Korea in September, 1950. Duty stations included Pusan, Ulsan, Pyongtaek and Kimpo. After 17 months, I was finally rotated stateside. I attained the rank of Staff Sergeant while in Korea. My discharge in August, 1952, enabled me to matriculate in college that fall.

My career in education began as a high school history teacher. After seven years, I moved into school administration. I served in all capacities at both the school building level as well as in central office positions including that of County Superintendent of Schools. While

working for my doctors degree, I spent two years as Administrative Assistant to the Dean of the College of Education at Temple University. In the course of my career, I appeared and testified before government bodies and legislatures at the local, state and federal levels. I retired in 1994 after 38 years in public school administration.

In 2015, I was one of the founders and prime movers in establishing the Gen. John H. Michaelis chapter #327 of the KWVA. Since our charter presentation on April 1, 2015, we have grown to 111 members ranking us as one of the largest groups in the KWVA. I am proud to be serving as this unit's first president.

In 2016, I was elected to the Board of Directors of KWVA. In this capacity, President Stevens charged me with the task of chairing the committee to plan KWVA's participation as co-host of Veterans Day observance at Arlington Cemetery on Nov. 11, 2107. This was a most gratifying experience. For 18 months, not only was I able to work with a super dedicated group of guys but, it also enabled me to meet and interact with other members of the VA and the Veteran Service Organization Committee. By all accounts, our performance in this year's event has been deemed most successful.

As a life member of KWVA my dues are current. If elected to the presidency, I pledge that I will attend all called meetings of the Board and fully understand that two missed meetings could be grounds for removal from office. I hereby grant to the Elections Committee permission to release the Application Form for verification purposes. Copies of the completed KWVA membership application form and separation paper Form DD214 are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,
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LEWIS R. VAUGHN



My name is Lewis Vaughn and I am a candidate for President of the National KWVA 2018-20. PLEASE VOTE!

As a life member of KWVA (LR44320), my dues will be current throughout my term in office. Copies of DD-214's, KWVA application form, and photo are attached. I authorize the release of all documents for verification by the Election Committee. I understand that I must attend all regular and called meetings of the Board and that

two unexcused absences may be cause for removal from office.

PERSONAL HISTORY: I was born and reared in SC. I attended public schools but dropped out after my sophomore year of H. S. and enlisted in the Army at sixteen years of age in July 1950. I earned my GED while posted at Fort Campbell, KY. I completed studies in Accounting at Draughan's Business College in 1958.

MILITARY HISTORY: Upon completion of basic and advanced tank gunnery training at Ft. Knox, I was promoted to PFC, assigned as cadre training recruits. In 1951 I was promoted to Cpl. and transferred to Fort Campbell, KY to help fill the ranks of the 141ST Tank Battalion. Soon thereafter I was promoted to Sgt. and became a Tank Commander.

Part of my duties was to help train our unit to get them combat ready. We spent weeks firing weapons on the new M-46 tanks that were equipped with new range-finding technologies. In May 1952, we shipped out thinking we were on the way to Korea, only to be diverted to Europe. I was honorably discharged in July 1953 and reenlisted in Oct. 1953. I was promoted to SFC and assigned to Korea in Jan. 1954. My first position was as a Platoon Sergeant, responsible for five tanks, each with a five man crew. The last few months I was the Acting First Sergeant of my tank company. I rotated back to the states in Aug. 1955, posted at Ft. Benning, GA, and was a Platoon Sergeant of a Light M24 Tank Reconnaissance Platoon. I was honorably discharged the second time in October 1956.

PRIVATE INDUSTRY: I was employed by two major corporations during my 30+ year business career. I attained middle-level management with most of the time spent as a project/department manager responsible for developing business systems that ran on large main frame computers. At the time of my retirement in 1985, I was the Department Manager of Wear-Dated Carpet Information Systems for Monsanto Corp.

PUBLIC LIFE: After retiring, I relocated to South Carolina and ran for a House Seat in the General Assembly. I served twenty years in the SC House and Senate. I served on numerous committees, including Military Affairs, helping veterans in many ways. I did not seek reelection in 2008. Governor Haley appointed me to the SC Commission on Higher Education in 2010 and the Greenville Health System Board of Trustees in 2014.

AMONG MY MANY AWARDS ARE: 1) Clemson University's Public Service Association "OUTSTANDING LEGISLATOR AWARD 1999, 2) Greer, SC Sertoma Club's "SERVICE TO MANKIND AWARD" 2010, 3) The "SOUTH CAROLINA ORDER OF THE PALMETTO", the highest honor awarded by the state of S.C. - 2006, and 4) The "QUILT OF VALOR" awarded in September 2017 by the UPSTATE (SC) QUILTS OF VALOR FOUNDATION.

KWVA: I am presently KWVA's National Legislative Director and with others worked to get Congress to enact legislation to allow a Korean War WALL OF REMEMBRANCE in D.C. I also serve as Vice-Chair of the Bylaws Committee and have a 100% attendance record. I Chair the Foothills Chapter # 301 WALL OF REMEMBRANCE Fundraising Committee. We have raised \$58K of SC's goal of \$200K. I was also Chair of a committee that got legislation enacted in SC to establish a "VETERANS CORRIDOR OF HONOR" on I-385 in Greenville, SC.

Should the KWVA membership award me the honor of serving them as their president for the 2018 - 20 term, I will continue to be an active member of the KWVA team and, I believe an asset to the organization. My contact information is below. I encourage the members to contact me if they have questions, or if I can be of service to them in any way.

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT

JEFFREY J. BRODEUR



This letter is to announce my candidacy for KWVA 1st Vice President to serve from June 25, 2018-June 25, 2020. I am a Life Member (# LR35528) so therefore my dues are paid to present date. If elected, I promise to attend all called meetings and understand that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office. I am releasing the KWVA application form for verification of eligible service years.

I joined the US Army in 1982 and was Honorably discharged in 1989 as a Corporal. I worked as a Team Leader, Squad Leader and temporary Platoon Sgt as Indirect Fire Infantryman, Infantryman and Infantry Scout. After my Initial Infantry and AIT Training at Fort Benning Ga, I was stationed at Schofield Barracks Hawaii with the 25th Infantry Division (Light), 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Garry Owens, Korea and 26th Infantry Division, Massachusetts National Guard. I deployed to Australia, Japan and the Big Island of Hawaii and worked with soldiers from New Zealand, Korea, Japan, Australia and the Gurkha's based out of Hong Kong during my Army career. I am a recipient of the Korean Defense Service Medal and member of the VFW, American Legion, AMVETS, AUSA, 2nd ID Assn and 25th ID Assn.

After the military, I worked as a security officer for Westin and Marriott Hotels in Downtown Boston before I spent over a decade on the United States Postal Service Boston. While working at the USPS, I attended UMass-Boston after work for 12 years and obtained an Associate's Degree, 2 Bachelor of Arts Degrees, Master of Arts

Degree, 2 Certificates of Advanced Graduate Studies and 2 National Honor Societies. I was recently awarded the William Joiner Award for Excellence for Service to our Veterans.

In 1999, I joined the Korea Defense Veterans of America that spearheaded the movement for the Korean Defense Service Medal, became a KDVA National Officer and founded its only chapter which eventually became Korea War Veterans Association Chapter# 299. In 2005, I was elected KWVA National Director for 2 terms 2005-2011. I was National Membership Chairman from 2005-2010 and 7000 members were brought in under my leadership. I was also National Ceremonies Chairman 2005- 2008 and started the KWVA Color Guard for ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and the Korean War Veterans Memorial. I and my chapter, KWVA Chapter# 299 obtained many co-sponsors for the KWVA Federal Charter which was signed into law on June 28, 2008. Presently, I am KWVA National 2nd Vice President and coordinating erecting memorials for Korea Defense and Korea War Veterans.

I am happily married to my wife Maura who served in the US Navy and have 2 children. My daughter Colleen is married and has 3 children who brings us great joy as grandparents. Vincent served and was wounded in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division. He has had 46 operations mostly due to severe Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) when a building he entered was blown up by Insurgents.

I have a lot of experience in the KWVA and have been loyal and dedicated to the KWVA for over a decade. I need the support of every member that wants the KWVA to continue to honor our history. I thank you for consideration and support. Make your vote count.

Jeffrey J. Brodeur M.A. / C.A.G.S. (LR35528)

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2ND VICE PRESIDENT

ALBERT H. MCCARTHY



My name is Albert McCarthy and I am a candidate for the office of Second Vice President of the Korea War Veterans Association for the years 2018-2021.

I served in the United States Air Force from July, 1968 to November, 1971 and achieved the rank of Captain with an AFSC of Senior Weapons Controller (1744E). My service in Korea was from October, 1970 to October, 1971 as a member of 5th Air Force, 314th Air

Division, Command Advisory Function, attached to the National Security Agency.

Returning to my home in Massachusetts, I put my leadership training to work as a Human Resources professional, rising to Vice President of a Fortune World Fifty company {NEC}. In my various assignments, I received two national awards for creativity and placed second nationally for Human Resources Executive of the Year. During this approximately 38-year period, I helped build one company from a start-up to over a billion dollars in revenue; merged two high tech companies to form a 1.5-billion-dollar company; and expanded another company internationally, while growing revenue from 300 million dollars to over a billion dollars.

In addition to being a life Member and past National Director of the KWVA, I have served the organization as Chairman of the Elections Committee in 2015 and 2016. I have also served as the Commander of KWVA Chapter #299 for six years, and still serve as Director and Adjutant. Additionally, I serve as Adjutant of DAV Chapter #4 in Massachusetts and am a member of the VFW, American Legion, and Military Officers Association of America.

I have participated in services at Arlington National Cemetery and the Korea War Memorial in Washington, DC on Memorial Day {six times} and Veterans Day (twice) on behalf of the KWVA.

Additionally, I worked closely with Second Vice President Brodeur on the creation and installation of the first-in-the-nation, Korea Defense Veterans Monument in the Charlestown Navy Yard in Massachusetts.

I respectfully request your consideration and vote, so that I may continue to represent and support all who served in Korea from 1945-1950 while Korea regained her nationhood; those who fought long and hard against extraordinary odds from 1950-1953 to ensure Korea's survival; and all who served over the last six decades to protect and defend Korea and her DMZ from a determined and tyrannical dictatorship in North Korea.

If elected, I will attend all called meetings and understand that two unexcused absences could result in my removal from office.

All information contained in this letter, the Membership Application Form, my military records, and support documentation, is hereby released to the Election Committee for verification. As a Life Member, my dues are current throughout the duration of my election and membership.

Respectfully submitted.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EDWARD L. BROOKS



I am Edward L. Brooks and it is my honor to submit my name for consideration to serve on the Board of Directors of the Korean War Veterans Association Inc. I am a life member of the KWVA (LR44041).

I currently serve as Commander of Tidewater Chapter 191 in Hampton, VA. I have been actively involved with Veteran's Affairs at the local, state and national level for many years. I served on the committee

which planned and conducted the recent well attended and quite successful National Membership Meeting in Norfolk Virginia. For the past several years I have participated in the ceremonies conducted at Arlington National Cemetery and at the Korean War Memorial on Veterans Day and Memorial Day during which I had the honor to carry the KWVA Colors in the Parade of Colors. I served on the committee which planned and conducted the 2017 Commemoration of Veterans Day for which the KWVA was the host VSO.

I am a Member for Life of the American Legion and Life Member of the VFW and have done community and statewide service work with

these organizations.

I have maintained a dove cote for many years and have often been called upon to release doves as part of patriotic and private services.

In 1953, as a member of the Army National Guard, I volunteered for active duty. Following training I was assigned to Kojo-Do Island with the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon with the 24th Division. I attained the rank of Sergeant First Class.

Following Korea, I worked for Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co. till my retirement in 1993. My positions included Field Support Analyst and Senior Design Engineer. My assignments included the Perry Nuclear Power Plant in Perry, Ohio and the Cryogenic Electron Beam Accelerator Facility in Newport News, VA. I look forward to serving the membership of the Korean War Veterans Association.

If elected, I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could result in my removal from office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward L. Brooks

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NARCE CALIVA



This letter is to announce my candidacy to fill the position of KWVA Director for the years of 2018-2021. As a Life Member, my dues will remain current through the term of office. My DD214 and KWVA Membership Application Forms may be released for verification by the Elections Committee. I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and understand that two unexcused absences may be cause for removal from

office.

Background: Born and raised in Salinas, CA, I joined the Army at 19, was an NCO in the Military Police, then an OCS graduate, and 1st Lt, Transportation Corps. Arrived in Korea July 1951, served 20 months at Wonju and Pusan, in the 52nd and 296th Truck Battalions. Released to Reserves in 1953, I finished college and graduate school under the G.I. Bill

Employment: 30 years career staff member with the American Red Cross (ARC), 1959-1989, progressing in two Services from field to senior management positions, as follows:

Served as Field Director on Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps bases in the US, Spain and Germany. Supervisor in the US, Vietnam (1967-68), and Far East (Japan/Korea). Manager of Service to the Armed Forces, Western US, for 3 years. Between overseas tours, I advanced from field representative to oversee the 12 division managers responsible for giving guidance and assistance to the 1,200 Red Cross chapters then in the Western US.

For 7 years, 1981-88, was senior official in charge of all ARC activities in the European Area, encompassing 80 locations in the US European Command, plus support to the Middle East and Africa. Since retiring in 1989, I have been a Red Cross volunteer. In a 2015

WH ceremony, I received the "Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award".

KWVA: Active in all activities of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter #313, Winchester, VA, (currently 106 members) included building our Korean War Memorial, and attending local, regional and national events, 3 National Conventions, and many KWVA and Embassy functions in Washington, DC. Served 2 terms as 1st Vice Commander and 2 as Commander, and well as a Virginia Department Director and V.P.

In March 2016 I was appointed a Director to fill a vacancy on the KWVA Board. As Chairman, Bylaws Committee, we completed a meticulous review to update the Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual for reprinting. This is also my third year on the Scholarships Committee.

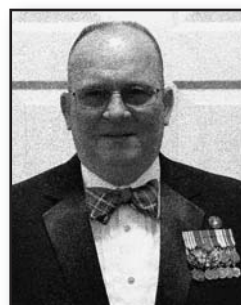
As KWVA collaborates with related organizations in pursuing common goals, we should continue to lead and make forward-looking decisions in the best interests of our organization and our members. I ask for your vote to keep me on the Board for a full term. Thank you.

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BRUCE R. HARDER



I hereby release this information for verification by the election committee.

I am proud to announce my candidacy for member of the Board of Directors of the KWVA.

I am a Life Member of KWVA and member of the Northern Virginia Chapter #100. On August 1, 2015, KWVA President Larry Kinard, appointed me as the POW/MIA Coordinator for the KWVA. On August 1, 2016, President Tom Stevens

reappointed me to the same position. I consider the next three years to be a critical period of transition of the organization from Korean War Veterans to Korean Defense Veterans.

I joined the staff of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) in August 2002 and was assigned to the personnel accounting directorate. I worked on the Korean War personnel accounting issue for 13 years. I was the senior policy & strategic planning analyst responsible for developing policy positions for the Director, DPMO, and team leader of the Northeast Asia personnel accounting policy team. I retired from federal civil service on July 31, 2015.

While working at DPMO, I visited the Korean Peninsula many times including two visits to North Korea (2002 and 2005) when DoD was conducting Korean War remains recovery operations in North Korea. I am a Korean Defense Veteran and have been awarded the Korea Defense Service Medal. The KWVA has a vast wealth of experience including those who have served in Korea in wartime and in peacetime. I feel very strongly that we must work together to carry on the legacy of the Korean War veterans who served with honor and distinction during the Korean War.

From October 1997 until August 2002, I was the Director, National Security and Foreign Affairs for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. While working for the VFW, I traveled to Southeast

Asia, Northeast Asia, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Russia, and worked on National Security and POW/MIA issues.

From 1969-70, I served a one-year tour in Vietnam, as an infantry platoon commander with the First Marine Division. My second Vietnam tour was from 1972-73. I was the intelligence officer for Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 333, which was deployed to the Gulf of Tonkin aboard the aircraft carrier America. Subsequent tours of duty took me to a variety of locations at home and abroad where I held command and staff positions and took part in planning and executing joint and combined military exercises and operations. I was assigned to III Marine Expeditionary Force on Okinawa for 6 years. During this time, I deployed many times to the ROK to participate in contingency planning and to plan and execute amphibious field exercises and command post exercises for the defense of the ROK. I retired from active duty on December 31, 1997, with 27 years of active duty, and the rank of Colonel, USMC.

I hereby certify that I will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and that I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office.

Respectfully submitted,

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WARREN H. WIEDHAHN



I'm proud to announce my candidacy for the position of Director.

I joined the Marine Corps right out of High School in 1948. My intention was to spend three years on active duty and then get out and go to college. After two years in Tsingtao, China, I returned to Camp Pendleton, California to await separation. My plans were disrupted on 25 June 1950 when North Korean forces invaded their peaceful southern neighbor. Ordered

to Korea with the First Marine Brigade in August, we fought at the Pusan Perimeter, Inchon Landing, Liberation of Seoul and the Chosin Reservoir. I subsequently served in the Marine Corps for thirty three (33) years to include two years in Vietnam, 1968-69. I received an honorable separation in 1982.

I am a Life Member of KWVA and President of the Northern Virginia Chapter #100. I have previously served on the KWVA Board of Directors and as the 1st Vice President. I have served on several KWVA committees and am currently the Chairman of the Revisit Korea Program. I consider the next two years critical as the War veterans age and the Defense veterans take their rightful place in our ranks. I feel very strongly that these Defense veterans will carry on our Legacy well into the future.

I hereby certify that I will attend all called meetings of the KWVA Board of Directors and that I understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for my removal from office.

My life membership number is: LR06555 and my permanent address is: 8361 Queen Elizabeth Blvd, Annandale, VA 22003 Home phone: 703-978-5458 - Cell 703-307-8959 - Email: JWiedhahn@aol.com

New KWVA Facebook Page Already Getting Results

We started a KWVA National Facebook page in the late summer of 2017. We should have done this years ago, as most people today are using Facebook and not going much to websites in this modern era of social media.

We are losing a lot of members and need to get the Korean War Veterans Association's existence out to the public expeditiously. I realized many people never heard of us until KWVA National President Tom Stevens spoke at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day Nov 11, 2017, and because our Facebook page was underutilized. At the time, the page had only a few hundred likes, but was getting a lot of activity and a lot of new members.

I called a few of the new members in November 2017 and confirmed that these were the two factors. Everyone I spoke to said, "I never knew KWVA even existed." As a former National Membership Chairman and Recruiting Committee member, I suggested to President Stevens and Executive Director Jim Fisher that we invest \$300 dollars a month—\$10 a day—in advertising on a KWVA Facebook pilot program. The results were astounding.

In one month, we went from 429 likes on our page to 2,034 likes. Our ads had reached 13,758 people. The activity on our posts were tremendous for the number of likes. The page was being fed daily by me, Past KWVA National Director Al McCarthy, and Webmaster Jim Doppelhammer. A lot of the Korea Defense Veterans who like the page were putting on their units and dates of service in Korea and inquiring about how to join the KWVA.

We extended the ad for another 30 days and are getting outstanding results. We even had a group of Korea Defense Veterans, after seeing KWVA National Director Tom McHugh's Korea Defense Memorial recently erected in New Jersey, inquire about replicating the Korea Defense Memorial in Tennessee. KWVA Director Bill Lack is in contact with these Defense Veterans about joining the KWVA and erecting the memorial.

Let's keep this as a rolling ad. In all the years I have been involved in the KWVA we have put very little funds into recruiting. Most of the people who like the page have some affiliation with Korea, whether directly or indirectly. It could be a daughter or a grandson who wants to buy their father or grandfather a membership, or it could be a present Korea Defense Veteran serving in the ROK today, or a Korea War veteran who just stumbled on the page.

We are constructively doing some recruiting with minimal funds expedited. We are getting a lot of bang for our buck. As of this writing, we have 2,314 likes on our page, almost a 300 "like" increase in four days.

Go to our Facebook page, "like" it, and invite your friends to "like" the page also.

*Jeff Brodeur, KWVA National 2nd Vice President,
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(Go to <https://www.facebook.com/Korean-War-Veterans-474116042716548/> to check the site.)

Let's get a Korea Defense Veterans Memorial in Every State

Writing this article is about the most enjoyable project of my career. In June 2017, I decided to have a Korea Defense Veterans Memorial dedicated in New Jersey on Veterans Day. In the next four months, I received approval for the location, ordered the memorial, raised the \$7,000 + funds, and planned the dedication ceremony.

I solicited New Jersey Department Commander Charles Koppelman, the Chapter 170 Color Guard, singers, photographer Lou Quagliero and guest speakers Mike Davino, Past National President of the U.S. Army 2nd Infantry Division Association, and BG Edward Chrystal, Deputy Adjutant General, NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to participate. If I was able to accomplish all that in only four months, others can easily dedicate a memorial by Memorial Day 2018.

On Veterans Day Nov. 11, 2017 I had the privilege of dedicating the Memorial, sponsored by KWVA Department of NJ. It is the latest addition to the NJ State Korean War Memorial on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, next to Brighton Park. The NJ memorial is the second Korea Defense Memorial in the nation, following the one in Massachusetts. Both honor the over 1,200 individuals who have died in Korea, many under hostile conditions, since 1955. These long overdue memorials recognize those sacrifices.

The publicity and interest about the Defense Veterans recognition was tremendous. It has honored Defense Veterans for the first time with a visible recognition of their service. It will be an opportunity to sign up Defense veterans as new members of the KWVA. The future of the KWVA is in getting them signed up.

There were Defense Veterans from five states in attendance. Family and friends of deceased Defense Veterans attended and are very grateful for the KWVA efforts. Contact me ASAP and together we can set things in motion. NOW!

My personal goal is to assist every state department or chapter to dedicate one or more memorials in their state. The cost, including a dedication ceremony, will be

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around \$7,000. Something I did not do, but now I understand that I should have done, was to start a "GO FUND ME" fund. I raised the New Jersey funding through the generosity of all but one state chapter, plus American Legion and VFW Posts, the 2nd Indianhead Infantry Div. Association, and many individuals who graciously donated. It was a true example of veterans supporting veterans.

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The process used to complete the Massachusetts and New Jersey dedications has eliminated all planning problems. So, I suggest that every department and chapter appoint a Korea Defense Memorial Chairman.

Korean War Veterans and Korea Defense Veterans serve together in the KWVA as a team to serve all veterans. At this time approximately one half of the Executive Board is Defense Veterans. In the 2018 election the President and 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents will be Defense Veterans. This is the first time that has happened. This is the perfect time to dedicate a Korea Defense Veterans Memorial. I look forward to interested individuals contacting me to get started.

Always Remember: "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE."

*Thomas McHugh, Director;
Tmmchugh@msn.com*

Thank you, veterans

By John Kinard

**To say "Thank YOU Veteran!"
For all that YOU do-
Isn't near thanks enough,
For all YOU go through.**

**The days YOU have seen
Most could not bear-
Yet, Here we all live,
Because YOU are right There.**

**I can never repay
What YOU'VE done for me-
YOUR days of woe,
That have kept YOUR land Free.**

**But Please take this with
Oh HERO of mine-
Stow in YOUR mem'ry,
And deep in YOUR mind.**

**We care, love and thank YOU
For sacrifice made-
WE will never forget YOU,
If down YOU are laid.**

**For repay I cannot
But we will honor YOUR name-
For YOU have given it all,
For no fortune, no fame.**

**A greater love hath none
Than to lay down YOUR life-
For YOUR friend and country,
For YOUR child, love and wife.**

**Do know this my VETERAN
Who protects and defends-
I THANK YOU, I LOVE YOU,
'Til with Jesus this ends.**

*John Kinard
jd.kinard@ymail.com*

Quote:

"There are so many back stories to the Korean War that we never hear about or that get lost in the shuffle."
.....Arthur G. Sharp

AMERICAN VETERANS OF KOREA FOUNDATION (AVKF) SCHOLARSHIP

2018-19 Korea Veterans Scholarship Program Honorable KIM, Jung Hoon, Chairman

The Korea Veterans Scholarship Program is an outreach of the American Veterans of Korea Foundation (AVKF), a foundation founded by the Honorable Representative Kim, Jung Hoon, member of the Republic of Korea National Assembly. The AVKF's mission is to provide support to American veterans of Korea and their families in appreciation for the selfless sacrifices of U.S. veterans for Korea's peace and freedom during the Korean War and to honor their legacy.

Scholarship Program

This Scholarship program consists of multiple \$2,000 non-renewable scholarships. The funds may be used for any term during the next academic school year following receipt of the scholarship. Although this scholarship is not renewable, the applicants may reapply for the scholarship in subsequent years.

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- Must have a minimum 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. GPA stated on application must be verifiable from transcript.
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- Essay – must be typed (double spaced), consisting of 300-400 words.
- GPA – submit all applicable high school and college transcripts.
- First year student's Letter of Acceptance.
- Proof of service for applicant's deceased Korea Veteran ancestor.

Mailing Address:

American Veterans of Korea Foundation
Scholarship Selection Committee
310 Clay Hill Drive
Winchester, VA 22602

AMERICAN VETERANS OF KOREA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Application Form for Academic Year 2018-19

Student Information

Applicant's Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Name of Applicant's Korea Veteran Ancestor _____

Applicant's Relationship to Veteran _____ KWVA Member # _____

Note: If Applicant's Ancestor is deceased, applicant must provide proof of service.

College or University Information

The name of the school the student will be attending or is currently attending on a full-time basis leading to an Associate, Bachelor or Advanced degree.

In the 2018 Fall Semester I will enroll as a:

☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Advanced Degree

School _____ Degree Sought _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Financial Aid Officer _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Current Information

Cumulative GPA (as described on information sheet) _____/4.0 scale.

In the space provided in each of the following categories, list your most prominent activities, leadership positions held and honors/awards received.

Scholastic Activities: _____

In-School Extracurricular Activities: _____

Community Activities: _____

Employment History, including Military Experience: _____

By my signature, I certify that all information and documents included in my application for this scholarship are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, my signature certifies I understand that if the terms of the scholarship are violated, the scholarship will be withdrawn. (Terms: I understand that I must be officially accepted for enrollment in 2018 classes at the school stated.)

Signature _____ Date _____

Korean War MIAs Recently Identified

All entries below are U.S. Army, with the exceptions of Pfc. Donald E. Eichschlag and Sgt. Johnson McAfee, Jr., who were members of the USMC Reserve.

Pfc. Albert E. Atkins, Co. E, 2nd Bn., 187th Airborne Inf. Regt., 187th ARCT, 5/23/51, SK

Cpl. Donald L. Baer, Co. K, 3rd Bn., 34th Infantry Regt., 24th Infantry Div. 7/20/1950 SK



Cpl. Donald L. Baer

SFC Milton M. Beed, Co. A, 1st Bn., 38th Inf. Regt., 2nd Inf. Div., 2/12/1951, SK

Pfc. Willie E. Blue, Co. K, 3rd Bn., 9th Infantry Regt., 2nd Infantry Div., 8/31/1950 SK

Pfc. Leroy W. Bryant, Co. C, 1st Bn., 9th Infantry Regt., 2nd Infantry Div., 2/6/1951 SK

Pfc. Donald E. Eichschlag, USMCR, Co. D, 2nd Bn., 7th Marine Regt., 1st Marine Div., Fleet Marine Force, 11/28/1950 NK

SFC Harry E. Harkness, Co. L, 3rd Bn., 8th Cav. Regt., 1st Cav. Div., 11/2/1950 NK

Sgt. Kermit J. Lejeune, Co. K, 3rd Bn., 35th Infantry Regt., 25th Infantry Div., 11/28/1950, NK



Sgt. Kermit J. Lejeune

Sgt. Johnson McAfee, Jr., USMCR, Co. F, 2nd Bn., 7th Marine Regt., 1st Marine Div., Fleet Marine Force, 11/28/1950 NK

Pfc. Albert E. Quintero, Battery D, 15th AAA Automatic Weapons Self-propelled Bn., 7th Inf. Div., 12/2/1950 NK

Sgt. Ollie E. Shepard, Co. I, 3rd Bn., 31st Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div., 12/3/1950 NK

Maj. Stephen T. Uurtamo, Headquarters Battery, 82nd AA Artillery Automatic Weapons Bn., 2nd Infantry Div., 12/1/1950 NK

SFC Lester R. Walker, Bty. B, 82nd AA Artillery Automatic Weapons Bn., 2nd Infantry Div., 9/3/1950 SK

LEGEND: NK = North Korea SK = South Korea SFC = Sgt. 1st Class

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We do not have staff to fact check all material that is sent to us. We depend on the honesty and integrity of those who submit material for publication, and on the expertise of our members and readers to correct misstatements or misinformation, whether intentional or not.

Anyone treated at the Swedish hospital in Korea?

I am the chairman of a film company, named AKA Film, and also the chairman of the Koreanska Sällskapet (Swedish/Korean Association in Sweden). We are producing a film documentary about the Swedish Field Hospital, sent to the war in Korea in September 1950. All participating UNC countries in the war sent wounded soldiers to this hospital.

The film documentary is, of course, based on interviews with people from the Swedish staff, but also with patients, both soldiers and civilians. We would very much like to get in contact with former U.S. patients at the Swedish hospital, i.e. veterans from U.S. military units sent to Korea, and listen to their stories from the war.

I earlier managed to find a retired colonel, William (Bill) Weber, who seriously wounded, was treated at the Swedish hospital, but just a short time and not conscious, before evacuated to Japan. So he can't remember anything from that stay.

Thank you for your efforts.

Incidentally, I served in Korea 2004-2006, as head of the Swedish delegation to the neutral nations in Panmunjom.

Best regards,

Lars Frisk, (MG ret.)

Chairman Army-, Navy- and Air Force Film Foundation (Stiftelsen AMF Film)/Chairman AKA Film Company/Chairman Koreanska Sällskapet

Lars.frisk@lokkan.se, 0702-452788

Holiday and other continuing series stories wanted

For the 2016 and 2017 November-December issues we solicited stories for a special holiday section. We had pretty good responses. Let's start building our inventory now for the November-December 2018 holiday issue.



Please send any new stories, photos, and art work describing anything memorable, special, or routine that occurred involving you, your unit, your friends...on the major year-end holidays, e.g., Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukah, New Year's Day, Boxing Day...

The material can relate to war time or peacetime. Hopefully we will get enough stories, photos, and art work to fill another issue.

Remember that we are also looking for stories in our continuing "Where was I on July 27th?" and "Humor in Korea" series.

Send your new stories and photos to Arthur G. Sharp, The Graybeards Holiday Editor, 2473 New Haven Circle, Sun City Center, FL 33573. Or, submit them electronically to sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net.

Korean War POW records available

We have obtained the names of Korean War POWs whose records are now declassified and available through the National Archives. The file is 99 pages long and includes hundreds of names. Therefore, we will not print them all. We will provide a couple random samples.

If you have a name you would like us to check, contact us at:

Graybeards POW Editor
2473 New Haven Circle
Sun City Center, FL 33573
or email at sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net.

If you want to access the source for the complete records, contact:

Reference Services
Electronic Records
National Archives at College Park
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001
(301) 837-0470, e-mail: cer@nara.gov

NOTES:

1. Not all the files are available electronically. Use the codes below and box numbers beside the names for reference purposes.
2. Not all POWs' records are available. There are holes where names of some POWs should be. I am not certain of why that is.

Here are the random samples:

RG 19, Entry AI 134-E

ARC ID: 1167244

Records Of The Army Staff, 902d
Military Intelligence Group,
Investigative Records Repository-
POW/MIA Detainee Intelligence
Files, 1944-1986 (Korean
Conflict)

Box 1:

Abbott, Robert
Abbott, William H.
Abrahamson, Marvin
Abril-Serrano, Francisco
Absher, Thomas W.
Acevedo, Bienvenido L.

Box 2:

Acar, DavuT
Adams, Howard Gayle

Box 3:

Adams, Howard Gayle

Box 41:

Bennett, Conley
Bentley, John K.

Berchem, Nick
Berel, Percy
Bergstrom, Karl A.

Box 42:

Berkheimer, Blythe I.
Berman, Bernard
Besamat, Andre J.
Best, Oscar
Beyl, William M.

Box 70:

Canterbury, Kimball O.
Cantillo, Dominic J.
Canyurt, Halit
Caprin, William J.

Box 71:

Capurro, Umberto
Capadoza, Maximo B.
Caplinger, Willard L.
Caraveau, Jackie N.
Cardwell, Clarence A.
Cargile, Charles E.
Carico, Glen N.

Box 123:

Dalmazzi, Robert J.
Dahlin, Homer
Dahms, Lawrence P.
Daly, Peter
Daltry, Raymond Edwards

Box 124:

Damiano, Vittorio
Damron, Allan
Danao, Jamie D.
Dandreo, Vincent
Dangro, William H.
Daniel, James G.

Box 166:

Ellens, Elwood
Ellery, James F.
Elliot, Charles E.
Elliot, Donald M.
Elliot, Norman J.
Elliot, William E.

Box 167:

Ellis, Alfred Otis
Ellison, James R.
Ellison, Paul M.

Elsbury, Irvin B.
Elwell, John M.
Emert, Otha E.
Emmons, Ward

Box 175:

Fair, Claude E.
Flack, Harry T.
Falconeiri, Donald L.
Falise, Fabien
Fantacci, Aristide
Farley, Elgie J.
Farley, Roy E.

Box 181:

Fichtner, Harry J.
Field, Maurice E.
Fields, John W.
Figgins, John R.
Figueroa, Victor NMN
Feliz, Mathet

Box 186:

Fleming, William
Fletcher, Robert Warren
Florestorres, Roberto
Flowers, Billy G.
Flowers, Gerald M.

2/1/1 (USMC) holds final reunion

Korean War veterans of 2nd Bn., 1st Regt., 1st Marine Division (2/1/1), held their final reunion at Oceanside, CA on October 26, 2017. Bill Alli notes, "We have NOT retreated! Our organization, incorporated in New Jersey, is merely disbanding. The remaining funds in our bank accounts will be donated to the Marine Museum in Quantico.

"Some of us may meet again at our

next duty station. All of us are aware of our Marines' Hymn, which asserts that 'If the Army or the Navy ever look on Heaven's scenes, they will find the streets are guarded by the United States Marines.'"

Semper Fidelis (Always Faithful). (Sergeant) William Edward Alli, Korea 1951-52, billalli39@gmail.com

Bill and Frieda Alli at the 2-1 reunion



In Memory of LTG (RET) and AMB Edward Rowny

April 3, 1917 – December 17, 2017

General Edward L. Rowny passed away at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington DC on Sunday, December 17, 2017, at the age of 100. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 47 years Mary Rita in 1988, and is survived by his second wife of 23 years, Elizabeth (Betty) Rowny. He also is survived by his daughter Marcia (Charles) Jordan, sons Peter (Sheila), Paul, Michael (Jane), and Grayson (Diana), 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, 2 step-children Jon (Jill) Ladd and Lyssa Ladd, and one step-granddaughter.

Gen. Rowny was the son of a Polish immigrant and a Polish-American mother. This heritage was a strong influence on his life that culminated with his participation in the return of the remains of Ignacy Jan Paderewski to Poland in 1992, and later with the founding of the Rowny-Paderewski Scholarship Fund to bring Polish students to the U.S. to study American-style democracy.

Gen. Rowny graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1937 and, because he felt war in Europe was imminent, immediately entered the United States Military Academy (West Point). He graduated in 1941 and began a 38-year career in the U.S. Army. In World War II, Rowny led a battalion with the 92nd Infantry Division driving up the west coast of Italy.

He was on Gen. McArthur's staff when the Korean War began in 1950 and was a planner of the Inchon Landing. In addition to



Gen Rowny (seated, L) with Tim and Monika Stoy and Monika's mother, Mrs. Haesook Choi (L-R) on their last visit with him on 2 November 2017—during which they talked about his next birthday in April 2018

seeing combat with the X Corps, he helped to evacuate thousands of troops trapped near the Chosin Reservoir by airdropping a bridge. Early in the Vietnam War, he proved the viability of arming helicopters and creating a sky cavalry for fighting counterinsurgency operations.

In 1971, President Nixon appointed Gen. Rowny as the Joint Chiefs of Staff Representative to the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT). He served under Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter until retiring in 1979. President Reagan appointed Gen. Rowny as his first Chief U.S. Negotiator for the new Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) with the rank of Ambassador. During Reagan's second term, Ambassador Rowny served as his Special Advisor on Arms Control. He was awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal with a citation reading "Rowny was one of the chief architects of peace through strength."

During his Army career, Gen. Rowny earned MAs from Yale in Engineering and International Affairs and a PhD in International Studies from The American University. After completing almost 50 years of continuous government service, he wrote his first book, "It Takes One to Tango," in 1992, about his service to five presidents as an arms control negotiator. At the age of 96, he wrote a memoir "Smokey Joe & The General." He assisted in writing a third book in 2014, "West Point '41, The Class That Went To War and Shaped America."

Quote:

"Luxembourg knew only too well what it was like to be invaded and occupied, so it sent troops [to Korea]. Luxembourg had less than 300,000 people in 1950, so its losses have to be taken in context. One must never forget the contributions of the smaller countries to the UN effort."Stan Myck

NOTE: Luxembourg sent 85 soldiers to Korea. They were merged into the Belgian battalion. Two were killed and 13 were wounded.

Accordion War: Korea 1951

Life and Death in a Marine Rifle Company



A personal narrative of combat by Charles "Doc" Hughes. *"Flags of Our Fathers' came close but you nailed it."* Maxwell Baker FMF Corpsman, Vietnam/Korean War vet.

"Hughes. . . is a gifted writer. . . . This book is hard to put down. The writing is terrific. . . ."

Leatherneck, Magazine of the Marines



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www.dochughesbooks.com

Looking for seven USA comrades from the Korean War

I would like to find the seven American soldiers with whom I fought against North Korea during the Korean War. I would really like to meet even one of them if they are still alive. They were about 3-4 years younger than I was that time.

I am a Korean who was born in August 1924. My name is Jun-Jang, Kim and I reside in Seoul. I am 5 feet and 9.3 inches tall. My Korean Identification number is 240810 -1042116. The National Honoree number published by the Ministry of Patriots & Veterans Affairs is 12-12030154.

Before the Korean War I worked for the Korean police. Immediately after the war broke out, in July 1950, I met seven American soldiers at Masan Seaport located on the southern part of the Korean peninsula. They came from Okinawa, Japan by warship. As soon as they disembarked I learned they were members of the USA 25th Infantry Division. I was assigned to the Military Police Company, USA 25th Infantry Division accordingly.

Soon I wore the patch of the USA 25th Infantry Division, whose symbol is lightning (thunderbolt), on my shoulder. As I belonged to Japanese army during the World War Two, I could speak Japanese quite well at that time. Most of the USA soldiers at that time could speak basic Japanese, as they were stationed in Okinawa, Japan. We communicated in Japanese from time to time.

We had marched through Ham-an, Daejeon and arrived in Soo-won around the end of November, 1950, as I recall. As far as I know, the intervention of the Chinese communist army during the Korean War commenced in 25 October, 1950. By the end of December 1950 they formed the line of defense around Seoul, Koyang, and Dongducheon and stopped attacking in Suwon. At that time the Suwon perimeter was surrounded by the Chinese communist army and the remaining North Korean soldiers, while some region was occupied by USA soldiers and South Korean soldiers like a guerrilla combat zone.

Then, the atmosphere during night time was bloody and brutal. In early December, 1950, as I remember, I was adjacent to the Suwon city hall at 0100 hours. There was a



Jun-Jang, Kim in November, 2017

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bright moon shining. I was with American soldiers in an empty shack when we were attacked by the enemy. The area became a scene of utter confusion. The area adjacent to Suwon city hall had been on a dreadful mess.

I hastily opened the door of the toilet to escape. However, I could only find American soldiers, who were alarmed as they thought I was a North Korean soldier. My intention was to escape through a concrete 2.5 meter diameter garbage drainage located near the attacked shack. Unfortunately, I couldn't, because the fallen electric wires due to bombing covered the end side of the drainage. So, in the bright moonlight, until early dawn, I hid beside the pillar of another big fallen house.

As I hid I perceived a few people loitering about 20-30 meters ahead. We all remained silent, since none of us knew exactly who was the ally or the enemy. Meantime, I found another two North Korean soldiers who put white towels on their heads and walked along the 2.5 meter diameter drainage. I couldn't stand anymore. I jumped down the drainage and shot my M1 Carbine, consuming 60 rounds of ammos. I struck with the knife on the basis of what I learned from the Japanese army.

That time, I supposed that about 6-7 American soldiers returned to the USA base camp as soon as they witnessed the scene of me fighting with North Korean soldiers. Later on, I found myself at the field hospital where a few USA Military Police officers were investigating me. Due to the above action, I got a medal from the USA government, but I couldn't find it.

My nickname at that time was "Banzai (in Japanese that means hurra) Sergeant," as I was considered brave. (Japanese may shout Banzai when they win the war or the battle.) The interpreter was Mr. Han. The medic was Mr. Smith. For the operation of the outside restaurant, the second generation of the Chinese was the chief.

We marched to Hei-cheon, Pyonganbuk-do. However, due to the intervention by the Chinese communist army, we thought we might have to withdraw in two days. After that we were stationed in Pocheon and the other places. At that time, Pocheon camp was famous for the rumor that at night the North Korean soldiers may cut the heads of either Korean soldiers or USA soldiers by knives. At night both I and my American soldier comrades moved together.

In 1953, just before the cease fire agreement, I said farewell to the seven American soldiers at Seo-Jeong-Lee near Pyeong-Taek. I would like to re-establish contact with them. In conclusion, the Korean War, even though it is a forgotten war on the young generation of both Republic of Korea and the United States of America, was the confrontation between democracy and communism.

This is what has been written by my eldest son, based on my narration. He works for the USFK (United States Forces Korea). Considering I can't hear well, please contact my eldest son, In-Su, Kim, who resides in Busan City, near Masan seaport, where I accumulated my unforgettable memories 67 years and 5 months ago. Contact him at: Hannara Villa, Number 201, Block 3, 187 Wachi-Ro, Youngdo-ku, Busan, Korea [My eldest son]; e-mail to longmaniskim@naver.com; Cellular phone number 010-5789-0159, 051-403-0159, or 010- 8997 -4676.

Contact me at 02-814-4676 or No. 201, Yejin Villa, Sangdo-ro 47 a-gil, Dongjak-ku, Seoul, Korea.

Best Regards, Jun-Jang, Kim

GENERAL WALTON WALKER MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The General Walton Walker Memorial Foundation was established in 1971 by Ri-Jin Kim, a Korean War veteran, to honor General Walton H. Walker, the first 8th Army Commander in Korea. General Walker, who issued the order, "Stand or Die," is a hero who defended the Pusan Perimeter and the Naktong River Line during the Korean War, despite being outnumbered and outgunned by North Korean forces. The Foundation under the leadership of current Chairman Jong Min Kim is proud to provide scholarships to descendants of Korean veterans to express appreciation for the sacrifices made by veterans that have allowed South Koreans to enjoy freedom and peace today.

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The following items are required to complete the application process. These items must be submitted in a single envelope in the order listed. All items received separately, except transcripts, which may be mailed directly from your school, will not be considered.

- Application – must be on the original form, printed legibly or typed and signed.
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Signature _____ Date _____

Flashback!!!!

Gen. Davis and Col. Wiedhahn: Return to North Korea (1997-1/30)

This article first appeared in the Nov/Dec 2007 issue of *The Graybeards*, p. 34. We are reprinting it here because of the current unrest regarding relationships between North Korea and the United States.

It would seem that not much has changed topographically, politically, culturally, etc. since Gen. Davis and Col. Wiedhahn visited the "Hermit Kingdom" twenty years ago. In fact, if we can believe the news, the people of North Korea's situation may be worse now, based on current events involving North Korea's attempts to build a nuclear program and the political enmity between our countries.

The article is edited slightly and formatted to fit our pages.

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Traveling with Congressman Tony Hall (D-Ohio), General Ray Davis and Colonel Warren Wiedhahn, U.S. Marine Corps (ret), both veterans of the Korean

War in 1950, returned to North Korea as official representatives on a congressional delegation to explore the situation of starvation in North Korea. Viewing firsthand the severe food shortages, to include sick and malnourished children in an orphanage in Hamhung, both Davis and Wiedhahn were overwhelmed with emotion and came home determined to do everything possible to encourage more food he allocated by the international humanization agencies specializing in disaster relief.

It is believed that these two Americans were the first Korean War veterans to visit Hamhung, the jump-off point for the "Chosin Reservoir Campaign" in November and December 1950. The secondary reason for going to Pyongyang was to strongly encourage the Democratic People Republic of Korea (DPRK) government to relax their travel restrictions so the veterans of the Chosin (Chanjin) Reservoir could return to that significant military and historical site. General Davis explained to both Foreign Minister Kim Yong Nam and Vice Foreign Minister Kim Gye Gwan several times that veterans have no political motives in their quest to return.

For hundreds of years, warriors who were once bitter enemies have found solace in their advancing years by revisiting old battle sites and commemorating the great loss of life that occurred on both sides. Expressing that familiar maxim that politicians start wars but soldiers fight them, General Davis expressed several times that the individual foot soldiers were doing exactly what their country ordered them to do and that, in later years, as experienced from Normandy through Iwo Jima, these now gray-haired warriors could meet and commemorate the great loss of "life & limb" that occurred to both sides of the conflict.

General Davis added, "Warriors have special affinity for the individual bravery of fellow combatants. War is the ultimate exploitation of man's inhumanity to man. Perhaps meeting in peace on the battlefields, soaked with the blood of both, we can find a way to prevent further armed aggression between our respective countries."

General Davis was assured by Vice Minister Kim Gye Gwan that it will be possible for veterans of the 1950 Chosin Reservoir Campaign to commence returning in small numbers in the summer of 1998.

Reunion Calendar: 2018

Mail your info to Reunion Editor, The Graybeards, 2473 New Haven Circle, Sun City Center, FL 33573-7141 or email it to sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net. Include Unit, Date(s), Place, and Contact's name, address, phone #, email address. Entries are posted "first come, first served." The Graybeards is not responsible for the accuracy of the information published. NOTE: Submissions may be edited for space considerations.

APRIL

Korean War Historical Seminar, 3d Inf. Div., Apr. 18-21, Springfield, VA, Hilton Springfield Hotel. Tim/Monica Stoy, Timmoni15@yahoo.com

Korean/Vietnam History Wars Conference, Apr. 20-21, 2018, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD. The conference covers events related to the Northern Plains (the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Montana). The theme is "Korea and Vietnam: 25 Years of War in Asia (1950-1975)."

Unique to this conference is that we welcome both amateur and professional scholars. We feel that the blend of the two makes for some interesting discussions! So we welcome presentations by any veterans of those wars and anyone with an interest in how they affected (are affecting) the lives of residents of the Northern Plains. Additional conference information is available at this link: <http://www.augie.edu/dakota-conference>

76 Engineer Construction Bn. (Korea 1950 to present), Apr. 26-29, Lebanon, TN, Comfort Suites. Richard Cerone, PO Box 742 Bridgton, ME 04009, 207-647-3877 or Bruce Fonnest, 1745 Baldwin St., Las Cruces, NM 88001, 575-649-1149

MAY

67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing Reunion (All Units), May 7-11, Orlando Space Coast Area, FL. Marion Edwards, 570-222-4307, jeeme@nep.net

SEPTEMBER

USS Hornet (CV-8, CV, CVA, CVS-12) Assn. All ship's officers, air groups, crew, Marines and families welcomed. Sept. 19-23, Mobile, AL, Mobile Marriott. Sandy Burket, Secretary, PO Box 108, Roaring Spring, PA 16673, (814) 224-5063, cell (814) 312-4976, hornetcva@aol.com; website: <http://www.usshornetassn.com/>; USS Hornet Museum: <http://www.usshornet.org/>.

OCTOBER

25th Inf. Div. Assn., Oct. 8-13, Providence, RI. Sarah Krause, PO Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031, TropicLtn@aol.com or www.25thida.org
KWVA, Oct. 17-21. Details to be announced at a later date.

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tombstones at Arlington National Cemetery and other places across the United States. The wreaths are manufactured at Columbia Falls, Maine. It is estimated that a total of 1.2 million wreaths were placed on military graves across the United States in over 1,238 federal and state veterans' cemeteries. (See [http:// www.wreathscrossamerica.org/](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/))

At the suggestion of one of my daughters, we participated this year through the "Wreaths Across America" website. In addition to the wreath being placed at one of the national cemeteries, a companion wreath is sent to your home. I encourage any of you when that time of the year rolls around again to consider participating in "Wreaths across America."

Do you know Hannah Y. Kim? If not, check pp. 76 & 77 in the Nov/Dec 2017 issue of *The Graybeards*. The article is aptly titled, "Coming to a Memorial near you." Hannah is a beautiful young lady of Korean descent who expresses her gratitude to Korean veterans whenever she has an opportunity. She recently completed a tour of all the countries that participated in the Korean War. In each of them she met with Korean War veterans to thank them for their service and sacrifice. Her next big effort is to visit the Korean War Memorials around the U.S. Read the article and learn how you can help her.

Finally, I encourage each KWVA member to VOTE in our election. There are chapters that are having problems just finding people to serve as officers or even to attend meetings. Regardless of your ability or willingness to do either, one thing you can do is VOTE.

This issue contains a ballot that identifies candidates for President, 1st VP, 2nd VP and four Directors. The only contest is for President. Please read the backgrounds of the candidates, arrive at an informed decision, and use the democratic process to VOTE—please!

*Thank you,
Tom Stevens, President*



Mary Ingman, daughter of Korean War MOH recipient Einar Ingman, places wreath in Wisconsin cemetery

The Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery at King, WI awash in wreaths (PF)



SAVE THE DATE!!!



Korean War Veterans Association
Annual Membership Meeting
ORLANDO, FLORIDA



October 17 – 21, 2018



Stay Tuned for additional information and registration.

In the process of selecting the venue.



The Marine Corps' loss was the Army's gain

By Robert Mackowiak

The Navy armada carrying the elements of the V Amphibious Corps moved painfully slow through the reefs fringing the tropical islands. On board ship, Lieutenant Lawrence Brice was working as a communication officer with the Corps' signal battalion.

It had been barely over a year since he joined the Marine Corps in February 1943, but he held a great deal of experience and education that accelerated his progression through basic and Officer Candidate School. He already had military experience, with a haircut to match, that his college friends called a "whiffle top." It was so suitable for the Marines that he had the same style for his basic photo, unlike so many other recruits who had full heads of hair aggressively shaved off. He may have been subjected to this indoctrination as well, but at least within the few months it took to complete boot camp he had his classic brush cut back.

Lieutenant Brice had a solid three years in the National Guard prior to the United States' entry into World War II, and a degree from Washington College in Chestertown, MD that he earned in 1942 while living with his father at his sister Isabelle's home. After Lawrence's mother's death in 1937, he and his father moved in with Isabelle, her husband, and toddler daughter. It was likely his parents imbued in him the value of education and determination.

Brice's mother was a school teacher for 25 years until her death at the age of 45, and his father was a Chesapeake Bay fisherman. For the year following school, he worked as an engineering aide at Aberdeen Proving Ground. He was intelligent and independent, and always congenial and sincere. Between his attitude and stature, he embodied the idea of what cloth a Marine officer was cut from.

A few years later, Brice changed branches and joined the Army. In 1950, he and seven other officers, with 81 NCOs and enlisted men, were reassigned from the 3d Armored Cavalry in Maryland to Tank Company, 65th Infantry Regiment, Third Infantry Division, a predominantly Puerto Rican unit led by non-Hispanic "continental" officers.

The 3d Infantry Division, slated to head to the Far East, was dramatically understrength. Its 30th Infantry Regiment had been stripped to cadre strength to flesh out the 7th and 15th Regiments. The 65th Infantry was recommended to fulfill the slot of the Third Infantry Regiment, along with the 64th Tank Bn., 58th Armored Field Artillery, and 999th Armored Field Artillery. The latter three units were mostly black troops led by white officers. The combination of these units made the 3d Division the most racially diverse division in the Army.

With seventeen refitted Sherman tanks of World War II vintage, the company departed on September 15th from Seattle aboard USNS General A. W. Greely. The 65th Infantry, ahead of Tank Company, stopped briefly at Sasebo before continuing to Korea. Brice and Tank Company were delayed another four days after the Greely broke down at sea, while the rest of the regiment disembarked at Pusan on September 23.

Finally, by the second week of October, the tank company and other straggling elements of the regiment arrived in Korea. They were attached to the 25th Division near Waegwan-Kumch'on. The troops were sweating through still steamy days, though the nights were beginning to cool as autumn was upon the Korean peninsula.

For the remainder of the month, the regiment developed its skills and became accustomed to the unforgiving Korean terrain. For the majority of the soldiers who were native to Puerto Rico, the landscape was harsh and the dropping temperatures were unusual. They were still fighting in summer weight fatigues and they began to demand warmer clothing.

By the end of the month the 65th Infantry had moved as far north as Hamch'ang, inflicting significant losses on the enemy and



The official USMC photo of Lawrence Brice

sustaining 38 battle casualties. MacArthur praised the unit, stating they showed "magnificent ability and courage in field operations" and were a credit to Puerto Rico.

Reassigned to the 3d Division, the regiment departed for Wonsan on November 2nd to support operations planned for northeast Korea. The regiment was to trek to Yonghung, 35 miles north of Wonsan, and then move 70 miles west with other X Corps units to make contact with the 8th Army's right flank. The first elements arrived at Yonghung on November 6 and set up camp to wait for the rest of the regiment, including Tank Company with Brice.

Within 48 hours the lead elements had already made contact with the enemy at Yonghung. Despite a number of setbacks, the regiment pushed northwest, consistently making contact with enemy forces—although they never did make it as far as the planned destination in the west. Struggling with the dropping temperatures and lack of winter clothing, 3d Division command requested an expedited delivery of cold

weather gear. On November 17th the troops finally received the shipment to combat the subzero temperatures.

Their assignment of rear area security during the month of November was more combat action than the police and security tasks originally intended for the X Corps rear guard. In reality, they defended the Wonson perimeter, constantly engaging the enemy. The 65th Infantry led the way, progressively releasing pressure from the 1st Marine Division in the Hamhung area.

The final days of November saw the beginning of the battle for the Chosin Reservoir, when the Chinese kicked off their massive offensive against X Corps, virtually annihilating the units located around the reservoir north of the 3d Division in Yonghung. Despite attacks on most of the units in the area, the 65th Infantry's sector remained quiet. In addition to fighting the enemy, the 3d Division had to deal with confusion in command as well as the terrible weather conditions, though they were now sufficiently equipped with cold weather gear.

Perhaps the only advantage to the dropping temperatures was that the rice paddies, now freezing over, were trafficable for the tanks. This opened a vast amount of terrain over which tanks that normally could only traverse the mountains via the few roads could now travel freely. Though these freezing conditions offered new avenues of transport, there were many areas of ice that caused trouble for the tracked vehicles. If they remained parked for too long, their tracks would fuse to the frozen ground. So logs had to be placed beneath the tanks to keep them mobile.

By December 4th, the 3d Division had moved to Hamhung as the little-known Task Force Dog to relieve and cover the retreating 7th Division and 1st Marine Division. They knew little of what was happening to their north, but neither did X Corps command. The 31st RCT of the 7th Division was breaking out from their entrapment at the Chosin Reservoir, fighting bitterly to survive. A few men barely made it to friendly lines. The Marines, on the east side, made a victorious yet battered move to the south. The 65th Infantry caught some of the same heavy



The front and back of Lawrence Brice's Bronze Star

Unable to overrun the roadblock with his tanks due to the steepness of the terrain and unable to determine the exact location of the well-concealed enemy, Lieutenant Brice completely exposed himself in an effort to draw the hostile fire and reveal the enemy positions.

blows from the advancing Chinese forces.

Platoons from Tank Company were deployed to reinforce the front line regiments after they had taken heavy beatings from Chinese chasing the retreating Marines and 7th Division. The success of the 65th Infantry supported the withdrawal south to form a tighter perimeter and eventually beginning evacuation. By December 24th, all 3d Division units had boarded Navy transports and were en route to Pusan. The 3d Division was responsible for protecting and supporting what is now considered the largest beachhead evacuation in U.S. military history. The cold and tired troops of the 65th Infantry finally stopped shivering when the Navy furnished hot showers, warm beds, and hearty meals.

The division moved toward Seoul on January 4th, after only a few days of rest and re-equipping. After 230 miles they arrived at Suwon, driving through a 22-hour blizzard on their chilly journey.

In preparation for Operation Exploitation, the 65th Infantry moved north on Route 55, covering the division's left flank. No one knew if the Chinese had

secured positions at the Han River, and it appeared that the small units they met were only screening forces. Despite their small numbers, the enemy refused to budge as the 3d Division tried to reach the banks of the Han. In their path lay several roadblocks and minefields, raked by machine guns, mortars and artillery from the watchful eyes of the Chinese. On January 27th, one day before the operation launched, Lieutenant Brice was leading a task force along the route. The tanks were in the lead to clear such roadblocks and were the driving force for the main infantry following behind.

Tracks bit into the frozen ground along Route 55, occasionally sliding on a layer of ice. As they reached a roadblock at the base of a steep hill, enemy fire lit up the small column. Men riding the tanks jumped off and rolled to the ground as bullets ricocheted off the steel hides and ripped into the frosty earth. They returned fire at an invisible foe, buried somewhere in the white hills before them. The tankers ducked into their armor and swept the land with machine gun

fire.

Unable to overrun the roadblock with his tanks due to the steepness of the terrain and unable to determine the exact location of the well-concealed enemy, Lieutenant Brice completely exposed himself in an effort to draw the hostile fire and reveal the enemy positions. His selfless action enabled his force to destroy the disclosed enemy positions and to neutralize the road block. He was wounded under two weeks later, severely enough that he returned to the United States for treatment. He received the Bronze Star Medal for his heroism on January 27, 1951.

In the years since the end of his service, all that stayed together were Lawrence's Bronze Star medal and his Marine Corps dog tag that he kept in the case. With some luck, the author found a portrait of him from basic training and is waiting for more detailed records from the archives. Between his South Pacific service and leadership with the 65th's Tank Company, there is still a lot more to uncover.

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South Korea Military Revisit: Veterans are Celebrating

When Norm Spring revisited South Korea, he was surprised to see how the country has changed since 1953. The shacks he remembered in Seoul are gone and a vibrant, ultra-modern, high-rise city has developed along the Han River where 31 beautiful bridges span the wide river.

When we arrived, about 45 vets from many countries and their guests were greeted with a large banner that said: "Veterans You Will Always Be Our Heroes." A team of guides and young men helped them onto a bus and they were whisked from the Incheon Airport to the Ambassador Grand Hotel where they had fine views of the city from the 18th floor. Seoul is a vertical city that accommodates a large population on an island.

The next day "Freedom is more important than food" is what he heard in a welcoming speech. The heartfelt speech showed the people's gratitude. South Korea is now a democracy where people



Norm Spring wearing his Freedom Medal

may practice whatever faith they follow and where businesses such as ship building, Samsung, LG, Kia and many others thrive, he noted. He picks up the story here.

"At our hotel we enjoyed an excellent

buffet with many varieties of sea food, miso soup, rice, salads, desserts and spicy things we tried but could not exactly identify. We gained a few pounds. At the Bulgogi Brothers restaurant we ate the national dish: beef, spices and vegetables cooked right in the middle of the table.

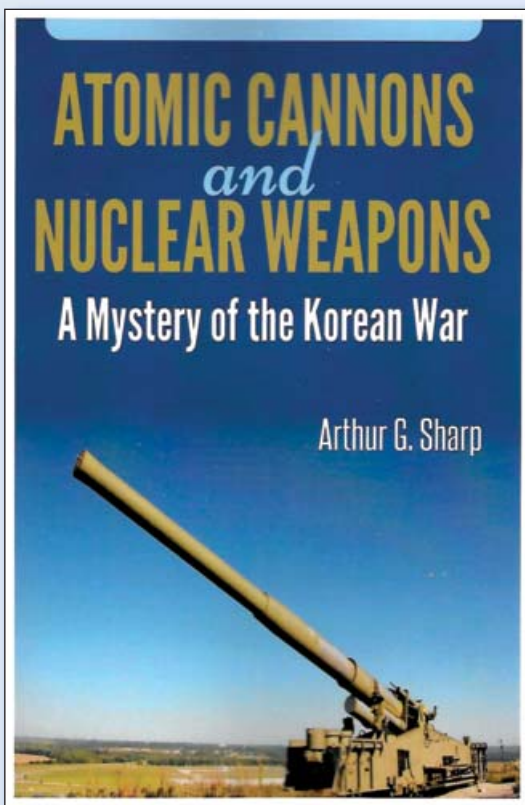
"We were shown a charming ceremony where children honor their mothers on New Year's. A mother and her children demonstrated. Then Norm was ushered up on the stage with two other veterans and the little girl and her tiny brother honored them. Then the veterans gave the kids money in their currency at the end of the ceremony.

"As part of our cultural experience, we dressed up in the hotel ballroom in Korean traditional costumes in many colors and designs. We took a city tour where we purchased some beautiful fans and a lacquer box to bring home."

South Korea has never forgotten what

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ities in Seoul

the United Nations troops did for them when Communist North Korea invaded and China joined the battle. The fighting ended on July 27, 1953 when the armistice was signed at Panmunjon. Norm Spring remembers how it was then, for he was in the trenches when the Armistice went into effect. He was 20 years old. Back home, this was called the “forgotten war,” in which many fought died and many were wounded. When he returned, people seemed indifferent, as if nothing had happened.

To show their gratitude to the United Nations soldiers from many countries who fought for them, the South Korean government hosted and paid for a week-long series of ceremonies, banquets and cultural events. Some of the veterans were in wheelchairs. Soldiers from the U.S., Canada, England, the Netherlands, Sweden, Turkey, Ethiopia, Thailand, and India were honored. Some veterans brought their spouses, children or grand-



Child's ceremony honoring veterans

children on the trip.

The ceremonies were moving. The wreath laying and incense offering happened at the Seoul National Cemetery for veterans, where Korean soldiers lined up in full dress uniform. Our guide explained the incense burning symbolized the risen spirits of the fallen. Spring continues:

“We were taken to the War Memorial of Korea, where all the U.S. fallen soldiers’ names were written on bronze plates along a long hall. We all laid white chrysanthemums under their names.



Where the Armistice was signed: Panmunjom

“The Armistice Commemoration Ceremony held at their Olympic Hall on July 27 featured speeches, entertainment and flags from many countries. A children’s choir sang their national anthem. Then dancers and fantastic gymnasts performed.

“Our bus took us to the National Museum of Korea, where we saw many treasures from the past: golden crowns, sculptures of Buddha, and paintings. Korea has a very long history. In contrast, we had police motorcycles guiding us, blowing their sirens so our buses could move quickly through Seoul’s heavy traf-

ing in Panmunjom, where the armistice between North and South Korea was signed in 1953. It is an uneasy armistice. Land mines and razor wire surround the place. But wild flowers bloom all around it above the tunnels North Korea has dug to spy on South Korea.

“A “Thank you” banquet was held on the last evening of our trip. There were many dignitaries and ambassadors, along with the veterans and their relatives. Grandchildren of the veterans also were there on a special program.

“After dinner we were entertained with traditional Korean dances and songs. Then the veterans were presented the medals they had earned.”

Norm Spring received the Freedom Medal for his service. At last his service was recognized. For him, it was an outstanding revisit to South Korea.

Reach Norm Spring at barbaraspring@yahoo.com

fic. Veterans are celebrities in Seoul.

“On our next tour we went to the DMZ, the line between North and South Korea. We were warned not to wave or point. We were shown into the build-



The Demilitarized Zone

The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

Tell America

Skip Hannon speaks at SCF in Venice, FL

As has been the case for several years, I was invited to speak at the State College of Florida. In the past I was joined by Korean veterans who, sadly, are either no longer with us or unable to attend. I participated with Nadine Noky, an Iraq War veteran with whom I have appeared at many other venues, and James F. Hargrave, an Afghanistan War veteran.

Here is a message from Mike Rogers, who put the program together:

"Once again, thanks to everyone for participating and/or helping

make our veterans roundtable discussion a success! We had a good turnout and everyone seemed to enjoy the event. Our speakers were fantastic and responded to the panel and audience questions with clarity and detail.

"Thanks to Student Veterans of America Club for providing the refreshments and thank you all for your service to our country and/or representing SCF on campus and in the community! I look forward to our clubs working together again soon."

Skip Hannon, tghskip@aol.com



Skip Hannon, Nadine Noky, and James F. Hargrave (L-R) at the State College of Florida round table



Part of the audience at State College of Florida

24 - CHARLES PARLIER [IL]

Members gave a presentation on 3 November 2017 at Clinton High School, Clinton, IL. There were 5 classes, 7 teachers,

and 103 students. David Freyling (President), David Mayberry, Wayne Semple, and William Hanes made the presentations.

Four days later Jim Cavanaugh, Wayne Semple, and William Hanes spoke to 1 teacher and 1 class of 20 students at Monticello High School, Monticello, IL.

On 10 November 2017, Gene Howell, Wayne Semple and

William Hanes presented a flag ceremony (The Thirteen Folds of the American Flag) at Stevenson Elementary School in Decatur, IL.

William Hanes, Secretary, williamhanes@att.net



Dave Freyling of Ch. 24 at Clinton High School, Clinton, IL



Jim Cavanaugh of Ch. 24 speaks to class at Monticello [IL] High School.



LEFT: Ch. 24 member David Mayberry talks to students at Clinton High School

BELOW: Mr. Gordillo's class at Clinton High School listens to Wayne Semple of Ch. 24



30 – INDIANA #1 [IN]

During the fall, we start to get a little busier with the last of our schools wanting our Tell America programs. Our final one in 2017 was a great program. The school was Shawnee Middle School, which always has 35-40 veterans in attendance.

Our presentation included veter-

ans from all branches of the service and all ages. Some had grandchildren in the audience. How proud these veterans and grandchildren are as they introduce themselves.

Mary Anna Roemke, Publicity Director, 5516 Newland Pl., Fort Wayne IN 46835



Cletus Rumschlag, Walter Scare, Bernard Wisniewski, Carl Fowler, Bud Mendenhall and Lynn Shady (L-R) of Ch. 30 at Shawnee Middle School

60 – ADIRONDACK [NY]

By Bruce Blackie, Chairman
Tell America Program

In the fall of 2017 we were honored and privileged to present our program to three schools in our upstate New York area. Students at all three, Lake George High School, Ballston Spa High School, and Argyle Central School, were attentive, courteous, and responsive. We continued with the presentation team and format that served us well in the 2016-2017 school year. Tell America Chairman Bruce Blackie welcomed the students, introduced the chapter members, and briefly described the national mood and environment that contributed to the description of the Korean War as the "Forgotten War." Commander Roger Calkins followed with a brief account of the war from the Pusan Perimeter to the cease fire DMZ.

The heart of our program was sharing personal experiences and insights of the Korean War from Army combat veteran and chapter chaplain Paul O'Keefe, paratrooper Bob Garland, Navy destroyer veter-

an and chapter treasurer Gene Slavin, and Air Force grounds crewman Bill Reid. Army combat veteran and Bronze Medal with "V" device recipient Ed Bushey was unable to join us for this series of presentations due to a brief illness; we look forward to his valuable participation next spring.

Our student audience at Lake George High School was a spirited group of close to 200 juniors and seniors. During the question and answer interchange, a student asked "How do you feel about NFL players kneeling during the national anthem?" When Paul O'Keefe replied "I will never watch another NFL game" the auditorium rocked with cheers and applause. The local newspaper used that exchange for an attention-grabbing headline in their excellent coverage of our program at the school.

At Ballston Spa High School, our audience was a smaller group of 35 history students who were unable to attend our program presentation last fall to a consolidated group of about 100 students. The



**Gene Slavin, Ch. 60
Treasurer, at Tell
America presentation**

school has asked us to plan for a return program presentation each year that they will integrate with their history curriculum. In the high school building reception area, we couldn't help but notice a large display case with recognition of students, faculty, and their relatives who have served in the armed forces.

Argyle Central School is a small rural consolidated school. Our audience comprised about 150 middle and high school students. Because of the significant age range, and in anticipation of our visit, faculty members briefed their classes on the meaning of Veterans Day and the role that we played in that history. One of the final questions from a younger student brought a smile to us all, and a bit of soul searching. "Did

you ever have any fun?"

It is this interaction with students from the very young to the West Point applicant that make participation in the Tell America program such a pleasure and rewarding experience. At Lake George High School, our presentation was scheduled for the first thing in the morning, and we were setting up in the auditorium as the school day began.

Over the loudspeakers, Principal Francis Cocozza preceded his daily announcements with the words, "Please stand and say the Pledge of Alliance." As we came to attention and joined in the pledge, there was a renewed recognition in the bonds that unite us all.

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**Gene Slavin, Roger Calkins
(Commander), Paul O'Keefe
(Chaplain), Mary Kuelzow, Bruce
Blackie, Bob Garland, and Bill
Reid of Ch. 60 during Tell
America session**

National KWVA Fund Raiser

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Featured Chapter

20 HAWAII #1 [HI]

We have run many stories over the years of Koreans thanking KWVA members and chapters for their help in turning back communism between 1950-53 and keeping the peace ever since. Those stories have always gladdened the hearts of our members. Here is a story in which one chapter turned the table and thanked the people who have served them well. Just look at the delight on the faces of the staff members depicted in the nearby photos when they received unexpected thanks. Ah, the spirit of Christmas.

On December 19, 2017, during a weekly breakfast get together at Like Like Restaurant in Honolulu, Walter Ozawa, Lucio Sanico, Ken Tashiro, Mike Inouye, Ed Wong, Tommy Tanaka, Jimmy Shin, Hideo Tomita, Fred Wakugawa, George Saiki, Tommy Tsuda, Herb Schreiner, and Jack Hirai presented each waitress and bus boy with a bouquet of roses, lei and chocolates as Christmas gifts in appreciation of their efforts while waiting on veterans and their spouses throughout the year.

The staff included Kay Tsutahara, Christina Rosa, Ruth Sunahara, Nora Salcedo, Hal Suk Smith, Lynne Ishido, Raydine Delos Santos, Kim Henry Saducos, Rogelio Baltar, and Julie Tateyama (manager)

Hey, it doesn't have to be Christmas to make people happy. KWVA chapters and individual members can do that all year long. Serving those who serve is always a thoughtful endeavor. Thanks to Stan Fujii, stan_fujii@hotmail.com, for the story and photos.

Ch. 20 thank those who serve them





19 GEN. RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

On 18 November 2017 we attended a joint Thanksgiving dinner with the Korean Inter-Married Women Association of Georgia (KIMWAG) at the Korean Community Center in Norcross, GA. It was well attended. A wide spread of traditional Korean and American Thanksgiving food was prepared by the wives of both our members and those of the KIMWAG. A mix of Korean entertainment and American classical music was presented. Both groups enjoyed this event and it was agreed we would build on this event next year.



Attendees at the Ch. 19 – KIMWAG dinner

On 16 December we had our annual Christmas party, which had to be re-scheduled from the original date of 9 December due to the “big snow” during which the entire Atlanta metro area and most of the outlying communities were snowed in. Even with all of the confusion the party was a success.

The party was again hosted by the Korean Counsel. Any kudos go to Patricia West, the aide to the Counsel for her valiant efforts for re-scheduling the date and the menus. Assistant Counsel General Mr. Yeon, Won Jeong presented Norman Board, our vice president, with a generous donation.

At the opening our chaplain, William Stubba, asked for a moment of silence that was followed by a solemn prayer in remembrance of



Yeon, Won Jeong presents check to Ch. 19 VP Norman Board



Left, Thanksgiving wreath festoons room at Ch.19 dinner

Below, Mrs. Norman Board, Yeon, Won Jeong and Marine from Toys for Tots Program (L-R) at Ch. 19 dinner



the passing of our past President, Robert (Bob) McCubbins, and our secretary, James (Jim) Conway.

Our annual Marines Toys for Tots donation was a success. The Marines sent one of their finest to accept the toys. He told us about the history of the Toys for Tots program and its huge success in the Atlanta area.

Since we didn't have a speaker, the members were asked to tell of a special happening, event, or remembrance they had during the holidays they had while stationed in Korea. Some were humorous, some were somber, but all stories were recollections of time spent some sixty-plus years ago in a different setting than they had ever experienced before.

Urban G. Rump, Secretary/Treasurer, 234 Orchards Cir., Woodstock, GA 30188, 678-402-1251, ugrcr@comcast.net

24 CHARLES PARLIER [IL]

On December 1, 2017 Secretary William Hanes delivered two checks to Dawn Whitcomb, Adjutant, Quincy, IL Veterans Home, for Christmas gifts and a party.

William Hanes, williamhanes@att.net



William Hanes of Ch. 24, Dawn Whitcomb (L) and Hannah Ajdinovich (R), business administratrix, at check presentation (

40 MINNESOTA #1 [MN]

Early on the morning of November 20, 2017 I arrived at the building housing the squad room for the Memorial Rifle Squad Volunteers at the Minneapolis Veterans Cemetery for Veterans. A couple young guys, probably in their 80s, told me the leader of the Monday squad was a Marine named Mike Rose.



Members of Ch. 40 included in the Minnesota Volunteer Rifle Squad, Andy Urness and Bob Pellows, 2nd and 3rd from the right respectively

I introduced myself and asked if I could take a group photo of this lash-up he was in charge of. He said, "Sure," and asked everyone in the ready room if they would assemble outside by their bus, which transports them to each individual burial detail.

Without hesitation they responded to his request. "Once a Marine, always a Marines" as the saying goes. The results of the photo shoot are in the picture above.

Rain or shine, snow or cold, there is a volunteer rifle squad available on each of the five weekdays to honor deceased veterans and their families. As they say, “We’ll be the last ones to let you down.”

Blair C. Rumble, 969 Lombard Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55105

55 NASSAU #1 [NY]

Charles Bours and Robert O’Brien joined sixty other WWII and Korean War veterans and guardians on a September 23, 2017 Honor Flight to Washington D.C. The guardians provided a variety of services for the participants.

We were greeted by two fire trucks when we arrived at the airport, which washed down our plane. Then we visited several memorials in the city. The Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery was most impressive.



Robert O'Brien and Charles Bours (L) of Ch. 55 at Korean War Memorial



Two “nurses” greet Robert O’Brien of Ch. 55 in Washington D.C.



Robert O'Brien of Ch. 55 and other veterans on Honor Flight



Crowd greeting veterans returning from Honor Flight in which Ch. 55 members participated

There was a large crowd at the airport to greet us when we arrived back in New York. It was just as large—or maybe a bit larger—than the crowd that was there to send us off.

Robert O’Brien, 408 5th Ave., Cedarhurst, NY 11516

56 VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

We held a ceremony on July 29, 2017 to commemorate the 64th anniversary of the July 27, 1953 cease fire. There were 72 wreaths placed during the ceremony, sponsored by chapter members, the U.S. Army 24th Inf. Div., the 40th Recon, KVA Western Region (Los Angeles), KWA, 1st Marine Division et al.

David Lopez, 3850 W 180th Pl., Torrance, CA 90504, 310-323-8481, LopezPitts9@aol.com



Rudy Garcia of Ch. 56 reads the list of veterans from Ventura County [CA] who gave their lives during the Korean War

Below, Commander David Lopez of Ch. 56 displays folded flag among wreaths at cease fire observance





A wealth of wreaths at Ch. 56's memorial



Members of Ch. 58 and the Korean community at the Monroe County Airport homecoming

99 TALL CORN [IA]

We had our October 14, 2017 meeting at the Grout, Sullivan Brothers Museum in Waterloo, Iowa. The Korean War display will be there through the first two weeks in July 2018. The items were furnished by veterans from around Iowa.



Veterans meet veterans at Ch. 56 commemoration



Items on display at Sullivan Brothers Museum



Contingent from Korean Veterans Association—Western Region (LA) who came by bus to Ch. 56's ceremony

58 MONROE COUNTY [NY]

Several members participated in an Honor Flight recently.
Roger Hill, 21 Mapleton Dr., North Chili NY 14514



Marine figures stand tall next to member of Tall Corn Ch. 99 at Sullivan Brothers Museum

They let us have our meeting in their board room, which was really nice. For a January get-together we had lunch at Scott's Restaurant in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on the 13th. There were fifteen of us. We had a great time catching up with everyone, and the food was great.

James Koenighain, jkskoenighain@q.com



Crowd from Ch. 99 awaits lunch



Members of Ch. 99 meet in the Sullivan Brothers Museum Boardroom

111 CPL. RICHARD A. BELL [WI]

We hold a memorial event every year in honor of Cpl. Richard Bell, Washington County, Wisconsin's first Korean War casualty. The ceremony is held on the anniversary of his death. This year we held it with the help of Cpl. Bell's great grandson.



James A. Maersch,
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0991

Chaplain James
Maersch of Ch. 111
and the great grand-
son of Cpl. Richard
Bell

159 SUNSHINE STATE [FL]

A muster of peacocks...not everybody knows that muster is the collective word for a group of peacocks. Not even Marine and chapter member Ray McGuire. Yet, Ray has, for many of his later years following retirement from the Corps, lived on Indigo Drive, in "the Home of the brave," where he could wake up every morning and look out of his windows or doors and see a muster of peacocks in his front, back and side yards taking their time holding up the traffic while leisurely pecking their way across the roads.



A muster of peacocks—none of whom are members of Ch. 159

Ray's daughter Patti has recently sojourned from California to Florida to assist Ray in moving from his idyllic home/retirement spot into assisted living. Ray is a Charter Life member of the KWVA. There are not too many of those left in the association!

Ray is also a Founding/Charter Life member of our chapter, having previously been a member of the Suncoast Chapter CID 14. All the members of CID 159, and I'm sure those of CID 14 who remember him, will take this opportunity to wish Ray many more happy years in retirement in his relocation spot, where he'll continue to keep himself informed of the progress of the KWVA through the pages of *The Graybeards* and our chapter's monthly newsletter.



The Gulfport Senior Citizens Harmonica Club at a Ch. 159 meeting

Thanks to Patti for her tireless efforts on her dad's behalf, and best wishes to Ray. We'll keep you in the loop, Marine. We're still trying to find out if they named Indigo Drive as such because of the 'blue' show given by the muster of peacocks as they patrol their "home" territory."

On the second Thursday in January every year we celebrate a United Nations International meeting. During our 20 years of operation we have had members from the USA, Korea, Australia, Canada and the UK. Each year the colors of these nations, together with ours and the UN's, are piped in and posted as the national anthem of each country is played.



Flag being piped in during Ch. 159's international meeting



Peter Palmer, right, addresses Ch. 159 meeting



Pizza pies on parade as band (in background) plays on at Ch. 159 social gathering

For the past six years those attending have been entertained by the Gulfport Senior Citizens Harmonica Club, whose average age until a couple years ago was 88! However, as with chapter membership, the replacing of the aged with the younger has, in recent years, diluted this figure.

This year the club made a very generous gesture after listening to a talk given by chapter member Carol Barkalow, LTC USA (Ret), a graduate of the first West Point class with female officers (1980). They donated their performance fee for this year's meeting to Carol's charity.

During her twenty years of service, she at one time commanded troops in South Korea. Now she runs, as a co-founding partner, an organization providing residential accommodations for homeless veterans in St. Petersburg, FL. (Heaven on Earth for Veterans, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization; www.HeavenOnEarth4Veterans.org, PO Box 66676, St. Pete Beach, FL 33736-6676, (727) 490-9441 - HOEVhome@gmail.com)

Our memorial color now bears 86 names of deceased members, all of which were read out at the meeting, as is done every year. The volunteer members of the Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 2205, cook and serve free pizza to everyone in attendance at the annual international meeting.

Peter Palmer, P.O. Box 5298, Largo, FL 33779, 727-584-7143, Palmersp@verizon.net

170 TAEJON [NJ]

As we announced in the August-September 2017 issue, we earned a trophy for "Best Uniformed Marching/Walking Group" in the Ridgefield, New Jersey 4th of July Parade. It is pictured nearby.

Louis Quagliero, 142 Illinois Ave., Paterson, NJ 07503



Ch. 170's 4th of July Parade trophy

172 HANCOCK COUNTY [OH]

We held our annual Christmas banquet on December 14, 2017, with 107 members and guests present. Our speaker was Bob Weinberg, a former sentry at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Mr. Weinberg spoke of the history of the Tomb and the requirements to be a sentry.

Larry Monday, Secretary, 419-387-7532, mondayL9@aol.com



Bob Weinberg addresses Ch. 172 crowd

200 NORTH EAST FLORIDA [FL]

On Dec. 22, 2017, members Commander Henry Moreland, Ed O'Sullivan and his wife, Don Foy, Carol Meadows, and John Printy visited with 20 Korean War veterans at the Clyde Lassen State Veteran's Home in St. Augustine, FL. They presented each with a Korean Veteran baseball cap and a certificate of appreciation for their military service.

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Jacksonville, FL 32244, 904-771-3333,
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175 LT. BALDOMERO LOPEZ (MOH) [FL]

We elected new officers on 2 December 2017: President Edward Epps, 1st VP Albert Greer, Secretary Peter White, and Treasurer J. L. Roy Cunningham. Charter and founding member and Past President Murdoch Ford swore them in on January 6, 2018.



Above, President Edward Epps, 1st VP Albert Greer, Secretary Peter White, and Treasurer J. L. Roy Cunningham of Ch. 175 being sworn in

Right, Murdoch Ford, who swore in Ch. 175's new officers



In 1998 members gathered from three local chapters to form a basis for our chapter. We were chartered by the KWVA in 2000 and incorporated in the State of Florida in 2002. Over the years we have been active in establishing the Lt. Baldomero Lopez (MOH) Memorial and the Korean Memorial at Hillsborough County Veterans Memorial Park, 3602 US 301, Tampa, FL 33619.

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Carol Meadows, Ed O'Sullivan, Cdr. Moreland, Don Foy, and John Printy (L-R) in the lobby of the Clyde Lassen State Veterans

215 GEN. WALTON H. WALKER [TX]

We held our annual Christmas dinner on December 16, 2017. The nearby photos of the event were taken by our photographer, James Lucas.

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Ted Malcolm, Marvin Dunn, and Jack Cooper (L-R) of Ch. 215 enjoy Christmas luncheon

Thomas Sheffield, Thomas Landham, and Stan Bullard (L-R) at Ch. 215's Christmas luncheon



251 SAGINAW-FRANKENMUTH [MI]

We held our 2017 Christmas party on December 5th at Zhender's in Frankenmuth, MI. Frankenmuth is a Bavarian town, and Zhender's is famous for its chicken dinners. Everyone enjoyed the chicken served family style and the entertainment by the Middlebrook Band.

Richard Carpenter, 4915 N. River Rd.
Freeland, MI 48623



Mr. & Mrs. William Thiesen, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Leaman, Mr. & Mrs. George Reinert, and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hunter at Ch. 251 party



Mr. & Mrs. Leon Hagen, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Wenzel, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rosa, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Demaet (L-R) enjoy Ch. 251's Christmas festivities



The Middlebrook Band entertains Ch. 251 members

259 CENTRAL INDIANA [IN]

Vice Commander Paul Dickerson has been an active contributor to both KWVA and community activities in his home town of Lebanon, Indiana. He is an Army veteran who served during the Korean War era. Paul is an active member of the Lebanon American Legion Post as well as KWVA, and works with VFW and Boone County Senior Services promoting veteran related events and benefits.

Paul has actively recruited informative speakers for CID 259 meetings, transported members to meetings, and obtained literature from the Veterans Affairs officials for distribution in several communities. He has been active in many other community government and church projects year round since his youth.

He was instrumental in gaining funds and approval of an extensive Veterans Memorial Plaza representing all wars and service branches. He was on the Lebanon Memorial Monument committee. One of his favorite activities is encouraging residents and visitors to donate funds for maintenance of the monument by purchasing Memorial Bricks, which he also helps to install. His contributions include maintaining the landscape around the plaza.

Paul addressed attendees at our Veterans Day commemoration last November 11th. He worked with Legion, VFW, Legion Riders and Ladies Auxiliaries. An Honor Guard fired salutes and a National Guard Officer gave the address.



Paul Dickerson of Ch. 259 addresses Veterans Day audience

Another of his contributions is arranging high school anniversary reunions. That event makes him even more appreciated by our veteran and civilian residents. He shows no sign of slowing down as he nears 88 years.

John Quinn, saggi32@aol.com

264 MT. DIABLO [CA]

We held our bimonthly meeting at Denny's Restaurant in Concord, CA. Attendees included Pete Loechner, Ailene and David McDonald, Will Flaherty, Mary and Stan Grogan, Kathleen Foley, John Antczak, George Lubas, W. E. Winstead, and Ken and Pat Rishell.



Dave and Ailene McDonald "hiding" at Ch. 264 meeting



Photo of a B-29 in conference room of Denny's Restaurant in Concord, CA, where Ch. 264 holds meetings



Left, President Ken Rishell of Ch. 264



Below, Will Flaherty of Ch. 264 at recent meeting

W. E. Winstead of Ch. 264 and guest George Lubas (L) at restaurant



Ailene McDonald noted that Santa Claus (rumored to be Ken Rishell) and his elves visited Dave [McDonald's room, sang songs, and spent time with him. The group meeting in his room gave him a chance to sing again. Dave belted out his songs to all.

It was noted that Pete Loechner, along with the VFW chapter, displayed the Rose of Sharon flower at the local Safeway store.

Stanley J. Grogan, 2585 Moraga Dr.
Pinole, CA 94564

270 SAM JOHNSON [TX]

Stan Grogan led the pledge of allegiance, followed by John Antczak's treasurer's report. The officers for 2017-18, who were elected at our previous meeting, were installed at our January meeting.

The restaurant features on a wall in its conference room a photo of a B-29. This aircraft, which flew many combat missions during the Korean War, became famous when one was used to drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan during WWII. Late in the Korean War an RB-29A dropped leaflets offering \$50,000 for a MiG-15—two of which defected (with their pilots).

Pat Rishell initiated a service project after the volunteer coordinator with the VA said they could use items for the veterans. She asked the chapter for \$200 to fund the project. Kathleen Farley said that amount was too low. We voted to donate \$500.



Contingent from Ch. 270 at Binnerri Church

tos and history of ancient Korean pottery and arts.

We learned the origin, history, and current location of the artifacts. The Binnerri Church has offered this holiday luncheon to the Korean War chapter for several years. This is their way of thanking the veterans for their service. We are impressed by the gracious hospitality of the members of the Binnerri Church.

Joe Seiling, joeseiling.debbie@gmail.com



Dr. Jay Zo provides pictures and history of Korean artifacts for Ch. 270 guests



President J.D. Randolph of Ch. 270 briefs members on upcoming events



Following the presentations at Binnerri Church, Ch. 270 members enjoyed a lunch featuring many traditional Korean dishes

272 GREATER ROCKFORD [IL]

For over three years members have met informally every Wednesday at 8 a.m. at Hardee's in Loves Park, Illinois at 1550 E Riverside Blvd. This is a drop-in for biscuits and gravy, coffee, or just to chat. Hardee's has kept us coming by taking special care of us. As you can see in the nearby photo, 12-20 people show up weekly without prompting.

Jack F. Philbrick, 1601 Scottswood Rd., Rockford, IL, 61107-2069, 815-226-1601, Felbriggs@comcast.net



Members of Ch. 272 at meeting

289 MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN]

We continued our busy fall season with a presentation of an "Ambassador for Peace" Medal to the widow of Gerald L. Vanizant at our October 2017 meeting. She was accompanied by her four daughters and their husbands. Later in the month six of our members took part in the Chapter's Pumpkin Pie Party at the VA Community Living Center.

Members also helped in a fundraiser sponsored by the TM-Macs to aid the Eastman Foundation's "Supplies for Soldiers." The boxes, which contain needed items and reminders of home, are shipped to service people serving overseas.

December 2 was the day of the 2017 Kingsport Christmas Parade. Our Sr. Vice-Commander, Arlen Hensley, was the Grand Marshal. The magnetic sign on the sides of the car stated that he was a member of the Marine Corps, a Korean War veteran, and a Purple Heart recipient.



Presentation of Ambassador of Peace Medal by Past Commander Fed Himelwright of Ch. 289 to Mary L. Vanizant

On December 3, 2017 several of our members attended the program honoring those who were killed at Pearl Harbor on Dec.



Members of Ch. 289 at VA Pumpkin Pie Party: Bill George, Bob Shelton, Fred Rountree, Fred Himelwright, Sr. Arlen Hensley and Bob Jenkins



Grand Marshal
Sr. Vice
Commander
Arlen Hensley of
Ch. 289 at
Kingsport, TN
Christmas
Parade



Arlen Hensley, Bob Jenkins, Bob Shelton, Gale and Shirley Carpenter, Fred Rountree and Fred Himelwright (Back, L-R); Carol Shelton, Bill Hayden, Wilma Jenkins and Mary Ann Himelwright (Front, L-R)

7, 1941. It was held at the VA Hospital in Johnson City. The next week some of our members hosted a Christmas gift giving party at the hospital.

Several of our members joined veterans from groups all over the area to place over 5,000 "Wreaths Across America" at the VA Cemetery in Johnson City. We closed out the year with our Chapter Christmas Party on December 21st.

Carol Shelton, cshelton37633@yahoo.com

297 PLATEAU [TN]

Just prior to Christmas we celebrated the year with our annual Christmas Party at the Fairfield Glade Legends Dining Room in Fairfield Glade. The attendance was good, including many honored guests from the community. The guest speaker was Cumberland County School Superintendent Janet Graham, who brought the chapter up to date on the pluses and minuses of the Cumberland County School System.

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Phyllis Stone and Linda and Gene Ferris listen to Janet Graham at Ch. 297's Christmas party



Janet Graham at the Podium at Ch. 297's Christmas Party

299 KOREA VETERANS OF AMERICA [MA]

In November 2017 about 60 members attended Boston Korean Consul General Ohm's final luncheon before he returns to Korea. The event was held at the Sheraton in Framingham.

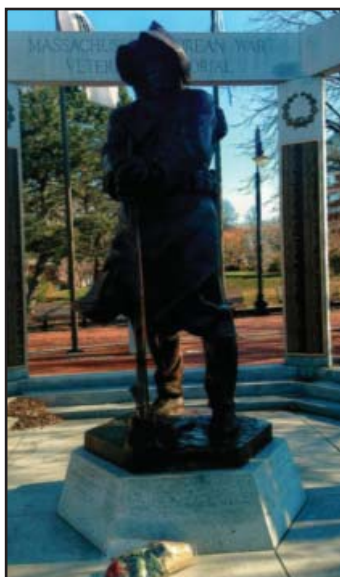
Consul General Ohm has been in the Boston/New England area for the past four years. We will miss him greatly.

Several hundred Korea veterans from the New England region attended the luncheon, which featured short films and musical performances. Chapter Past Commanders Jeff Brodeur and Al McCarthy addressed the attendees.

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Korean Consul General Ohm addresses audience at the Korean Consulate General Luncheon



The Massachusetts Korean War Memorial erected by KWVA Chapter # 300



Members of Ch. 299 at Framingham send-off for Consul General Ohm



Below: More of the attendees at the Korean Consulate General Luncheon



Guests galore at gathering in Framingham, MA



2nd VP Jeff Brodeur, 3rd from left, with guests at Framingham Sheraton

301 FOOTHILLS [SC]

A group of members participated in a presentation to the student body of the Easley High School regarding fundraising for the Korean War Wall of Remembrance. This is in Pickens County, and they are considering helping us raise funds for the Wall.



Attendees at Ch. 301's presentation at Easley High School [SC]: SC State Rep. Neal Collins, Jordan Cummings, Savannah Murray, school seniors, KWVA Director Lewis Vaughn, Easley High Senior Bailey Watkins, and SC State Senator Rex Rice (L-R)

All the high, middle, and elementary schools in Greenville County, SC are already raising funds for us. As of this writing, we have raised \$63,000 toward a South Carolina statewide goal of \$200,000.

Chapter members continue to speak to American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, etc., groups. We are also speaking to civic clubs and other groups that invite us to speak. It's a lot of work, but is invigorating and really cheers us knowing the results will be honoring our comrades who didn't come home.

I have talked with several families of the KIAs/MIAs/POWs, and they're ecstatic that after so many years their loved ones are finally being recognized for the heroes they were.

Lewis R. Vaughn, 623 Ashley Commons Ct., Greer, SC 29651, 864-848-0368, lvaughn1146@gmail.com

307 WYOMING [WY]

Members have been trying for a couple years to get enough members to have an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to see the war memorials. This year they invited Vietnam veterans to join them and were able to get enough veterans to organize a flight.

The participants had a professional tour guide when they visited all the memorials and Arlington National Cemetery. It was a memorable trip, which they will never forget.

Paul Rodriguez, 1076 Road 16, Powell, WY 82435



Several Ch. 307 members of the Wyoming Honor Flight group in front of the Korean War Memorial: Donald Kurtz, Raymond Karst, Bill Sheets, President Paul Rodriguez, Jack Martin, Dennis McGary—and a Korean who wanted to be in the picture

314 WESTERN CAROLINA [NC]

On Sept 30th, 2017, 5 members and 2 wives of members met at the Asheville Airport (AVL) to welcome the return of the 600th Honor Air Flight. The members held U.S. and KWVA flags and the chapter banner that we also displayed at the Hendersonville Apple Festival.

Among the WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War vets on the flight to Washington to see the military memorials was our very own Leander Parker, who was greeted upon his return by his wife Susan.

Bill Lack, Commander, bill.lack@charter.net



Michele Bretz, Bill Lack, Louise Weber and Glenn Richardson await the return of the Honor Air Flight to AVL

This is the scene that the returning veterans saw when they returned from D.C. to AVL. The airport was full of people cheering and welcoming the veterans home.



"There he is," as folks awaiting returning veterans to Asheville indicate

Veterans arrive back in Asheville in style





Leander Parker's wife greets the Ch. 314 member upon his return from Honor Flight

Bill Lack of Ch. 314 shakes hands with one of the returning Honor Flight veterans. Jr AF ROTC holding flags in the background



Michele Bretz receives a thank you from Jeff Miller, Hendersonville Councilman and organizer and founder of Honor Flights for Veterans to see the monuments and memorials in Washington D.C. Jeff goes with the veterans on all the flights from AVL. Accompanying the veterans are the guardians and other volunteers, including doctors and EMS personnel to be sure all the veterans arrive home safely and in good health.



George Davidson shakes hands with Chuck Edwards, NC State Senator from Ch 314's district. The senator joined in the welcome of the returning veterans to AVL

319 LAWTON [OK]

We presented our Award of Appreciation to Craig Rhea, manager/owner of the Golden Corral in Lawton for over a generation. Mr. Rhea has opened the doors on Veterans Day to any active duty or retired veteran from 1600 hrs. to 2000 hrs. The buffet is open at no cost to the veterans. A valid ID card is all that is needed for a veteran to partake of the buffet.

This is just one of the services Mr. Rhea offers. He sponsors golf tournaments and open houses for the disabled veterans to recruit and sell fundraising items. It was with great honor that the Korean War and service veterans presented this prestigious award presented by Secretary Bud Arenz.



Bud Arenz of Ch. 319 offers award to Golden Corral manager Craig Rhea



Patricia Miller (R), an associate member of Ch. 319, helps some of the ladies from the association, widows of veterans, with their hot dogs and sodas. In the background is Ch. 319's office.

On Veterans Day we held our first open house at our location on SW Lee Blvd. in Lawton. We held tours of the office showing what our chapter has accomplished in our five years of existence.

After our POW/MIA golf tournament we had quite a few hot dogs and sodas left over, so we donated them to veterans who stopped by for our open house. We had over thirty guests stop by. We signed up two new members during the open house day.

Bud C. Arenz, P.O. Box 84
Lawton, OK 73502, 580-248-1786



Marilyn Janosko (L), Ch. 319 treasurer, and Director Horace Whetstone (2nd from right), the head chef at the chapter's open house and POW/MIA golf tournament, offer hot dogs to two veterans who stopped by for a tour.



Past Commander Richard Moushegian, Senior Vice Commander Robert Desmond, and Junior Vice Commander Richard Zoerb of Ch. 320 in the flag line for the Honor Flight departure. All three have gone on previous Honor Flights.

320 NEW HAMPSHIRE [NH]

Several members participated in an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. on November 5, 2017.

Richard Zoerb, 72 Hawkstead Hollow
Nashua, NH 03063



Junior Vice Commander of Ch. 327, Richard Zoerb, at the Korean War monument at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH



An Honor Flight veteran pauses to shake hands as he moves through the flag lines at the Portsmouth NH airport

DEPARTMENTS

DELAWARE

Korean War veterans contribute to the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund

Edward J. Johnson, a member of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, presented a \$5,000 check from the Korean War Veterans Association's Chapter 1 Wounded Warrior Fund to Dave Skocik, president of the Friends of Delaware Veterans Inc., for the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund.

Signed into law in 2013, the Trust Fund assists Delaware's veterans in verified financial emergency with a one-time, hand-up grant. It has prevented cutoff of utilities, repossessions of property, evictions, and sometimes puts food on the table. Contributions are tax deductible. The presentation took place after the Commission's monthly meeting on Nov. 16, 2017.

The Friends is a volunteer group of veteran leaders from across the state who operate under the auspices of the Commission and uses their facilities to meet and for administrative help. As such, no expenses or administrative fees are deducted.

Visit www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com for information and how to contribute.

Edward J. Johnson, 25 Hunters Pt.
Millsboro, DE 19966



Part of the double flag line at the Manchester, NH airport assembled to honor the departure of a group of New Hampshire WWII and Korean War veterans

ILLINOIS

The department held its 2017 annual convention September 21-23. Chapter 25, Greater Chicago, hosted the gathering.

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Ha, Byung-kyoo, Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Chicago (L) with assistant

Members and guests at Dept. of Illinois convention



MISSOURI

Several Missouri KWVA members went on a visit to Ft. Leonard Wood in October 2017. There were enough to fill an ADA compliant bus, which is a remarkable conveyance for KWVA members and other groups. The group included three

cadets and their CO from Washington, MO High School.

NOTE: An ADA compliant bus is equipped with lifts and boarding devices to assist wheel chair-bound or other physically challenged passengers that allow passengers to travel in comfort and luxury. Hopefully, they arrive for tours with trained personnel who can operate the bus and the special mechanisms that make the vehicle accessible to everyone.



The Dept. of Missouri group at Ft. Leonard Wood

We were honored guests for lunch at the 58th Transportation Battalion Dining Facility. COL Dale Crockett, CO, 3d CM BDE, and Command Sergeant Major Larry Orvis, CSM USAG, were our hosts. Other events included a "Windshield Tour" of the base as the bus traveled between the main gate and the dining facility and self-guided tours of the John B. Mahaffey World War II Complex and Memorial and Museum and a visit to the PX.

Members of all the chapters in Missouri were invited by CID 324, Washington Missouri, to participate in its First State Chapters Luncheon on March 15, 2018. The venue is different. The meeting is scheduled for the East Central College Training Center Culinary Arts "Dining Area" in Union, MO. All the food will be prepared and presented by Culinary Arts students.

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NEW JERSEY

Memorial Dedication Honoring Korea Defense Veterans

Atlantic City, New Jersey-The Korean War/Defense Veterans, Department of New Jersey, under the Commandership of Charles Koppelman, along with National Director Thomas McHugh, dedicated a Korean Defense Memorial on Saturday November 11, 2017 (Veterans Day) at the Korean War Memorial. This memorial is for those who served in Korea since the cease fire.

National Director Thomas McHugh presided. Remarks were made by Retired Colonel U.S. Army Michael Davino, a former National President of the 2nd Indianhead Division Association. The program had the unveiling of the memorial by Messrs. Koppelman and McHugh.

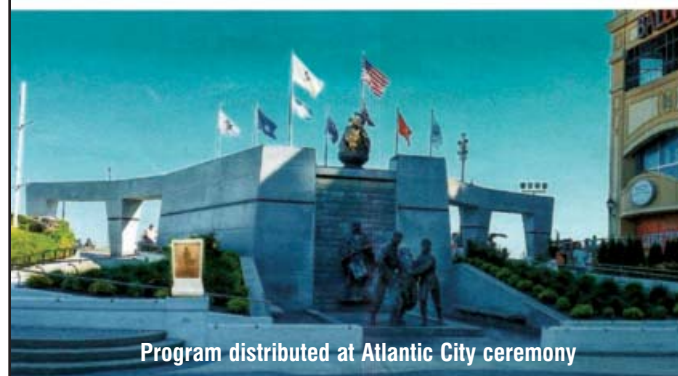
A memorial blessing, wreath presentation, and taps were

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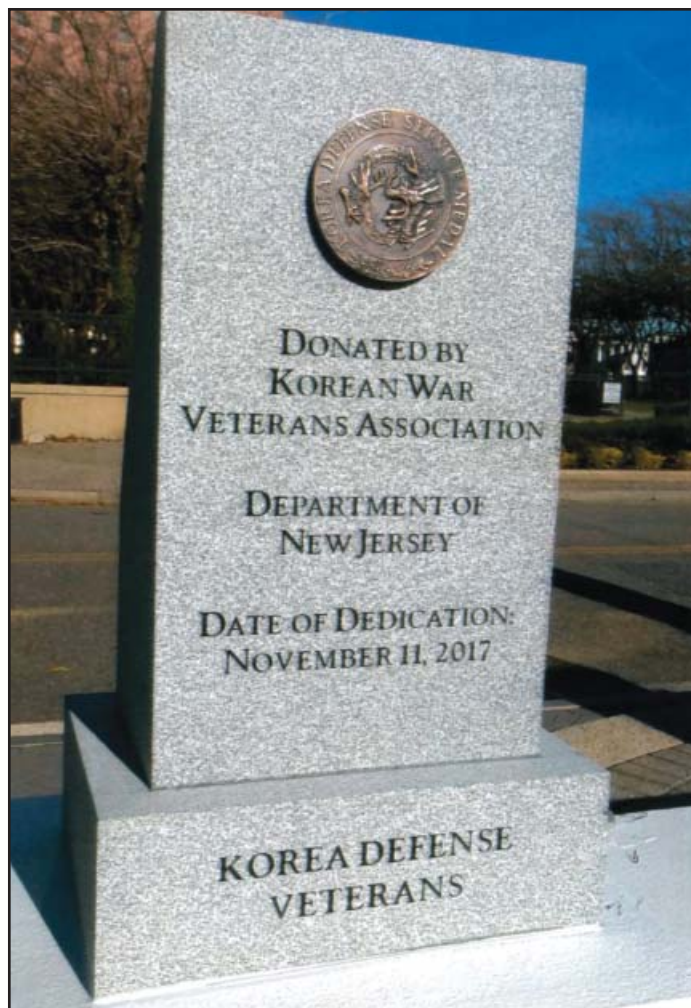
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Program distributed at Atlantic City ceremony



Charles Koppelman, Kyu Ho Park, and Kenneth Green (L-R) at NJ unveiling



Kyu Ho Park, Pasquale Candela, George Rothfritz, Walter Amos, Kenneth Green, Alexander Atheras, Henry Ferrarini, and Louis Quagliero (L-R) in Atlantic City, NJ



Ch. 170 Honor Guard at NJ dedication Henry Ferrarini, Alexander Atheras, Pasquale Candela, Commander Kenneth Green, and Charles Koppelman

included. The CID 170 (Taejon) Color Guard presented the national colors. Chaplain Major Byun Gho Kim, 177th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, NJ Army National Guard, gave the invocation. The Korean invocation was given by Kyu Ho Park, Elder-Arcola Korean United Methodist Church, Paramus, NJ. The Harmonic Quartet sang our national anthem and patriot songs.

Prominent guests included National Director George Bruzzis

and General Edward Chrystal, Deputy Adjutant General New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Live Taps was played by Michael Del Vecchio, Commander of the Hector A. Cafferatta, Jr. MHO Chapter #213 KWVA.

The United States involvement in the Korean War resulted in 33,742 Americans dead and 92,134 Americans wounded. Since 1954 over 1,243 Americans and over 2,400 ROK military personnel have died in Korea. It is fitting and proper for the State of New Jersey to recognize and honor all who served and all who died since the Armistice.

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Thomas McHugh (L) and George Bruzgis at NJ Korean War Memorial



Thomas McHugh addresses audience at NJ dedication while Charles Koppelman (L) looks on


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VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day at Washington, D.C.

KWVA members have been participating in Veterans Day parades and ceremonies for many years. Proof? Ch. 159, Sunshine State [FL] provided a contingent to march in the Veterans Day Parade in New York in 1997. Twenty years later the KWVA hosted the national ceremonies in Washington D.C. Here is a roundup of that event and other KWVA-related Veterans Day ceremonies from around the country.

Incidentally, Gen. Skip Sharp, president of the Korean War Defense Association (KWDA) presented a check in the amount of \$20,000 to KWVA President Tom Stevens as a contribution to the Veterans Day Planning Committee. The presentation took place at the KWVA Annual Meeting in Norfolk on October 5, 2017.



Ch. 159 members march in New York City in 1997

The KWVA is most grateful to the KDVA for this generous gift enabling us to complete our mission.

Note: One of the photos on page 55 shows a veteran at the Women's Memorial in Washington D.C. during the Veterans Day ceremonies reading the plaque to Loretta Perfectus Walsh. No doubt many of you are wondering who she was. Here's the answer:



Veterans think KWVA involvement in Veterans Day Parade is a "capitol" idea

Loretta Perfectus Walsh (April 22, 1896 – August 6, 1925) became the first American active-duty Navy woman, the first woman to enlist in the U.S. Navy, and the first woman allowed to serve as a woman in any of the United States



Korean Women in traditional dress at Veterans Day commemoration

armed forces, as anything other than as a nurse, when she enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve on March 17, 1917. Walsh subsequently became the first woman U.S. Navy petty officer when she was sworn in as Chief Yeoman on March 21, 1917.

Jim Fisher, KWVA Executive Director addresses group at Veterans Day event



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loretta_Perfectus_Walsh

Old Glory Travels America's Freedom Road

The American Flag, named Old Glory, was first raised in 1999 at Valley Forge in front of the National Memorial Arch honoring General George Washington and his Continental Army for their winter encampment of 1777-78. The ceremony launched Century Link America's world flag tour, "Old Glory Travels America's Freedom Road."



Old Glory posted at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day

The mission of the Old Glory Tour is to remember and commemorate important events of our history, to honor the service and sacrifice of veterans and the fallen who helped shape them; recognize and salute members of the armed forces and showcase each branch's unique service to our country; recognize the firefighters, police and EMTs who protect our freedom domestically; inspire and educate our youth; and celebrate the freedoms and spirit of America our flag symbolizes.

Old Glory has participated in ceremonies, presidential inaugural parades, school visits, and more throughout the U.S. from Fort McHenry to Mount Rushmore and in several other countries, including France, Japan, Italy, South Korea, Bosnia, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Old Glory has flown proudly aboard U.S. naval and U.S. Coast Guard vessels on the seven seas, as well as military aircraft worldwide.

She has flown over hallowed ground at Normandy American Cemetery and Point du Hoc; the USS Arizona and USS Utah Memorials at Pearl Harbor; Midway Atoll; Saipan and Tinian Islands, atop Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima; Oklahoma City Memorial, at Ground Zero in NYC, Shanksville, PA, and the Pentagon; honored WWII veterans at WWII Memorial in DC and Korean War veterans at Korean War Memorial, and was presented at Arlington National Cemetery on the first occasion by The Army-Navy Union.

Old Glory was presented at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day 2017 by the Korean War Veterans Association of the USA. The flag had recently returned from a second visit to South Korea, where she saluted the airmen/women of the 51st Fighter Wing and the Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division.

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172 – HANCOCK COUNTY [OH]

Ken Wynkoop, Don VanRenterghem, Bob Perkins, and Bob Zellers participated in the 2017 Findlay, OH Memorial Day Parade.

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Ken Wynkoop, Don VanRenterghem, Bob Perkins, and Bob Zellers (L-R) at 2017 Findlay, OH Memorial Day Parade

215 – GENERAL WALTON H. WALKER [TX]

Members participated in the 2017 Veterans Day Parade in Dallas on November 10th.

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Ch. 215 President James Sharp with driver Mary Ann Scheppeler (Lone Star Corvette Club) staging for Veterans Day Parade in Dallas, TX. Photo courtesy of Lone Star Corvette Club



264 – MT. DIABLO [CA]

We participated in the Clayton, CA Veterans Day Parade hosted by the local VFW post. Member MGen Dan Helix was one of the speakers. Clayton has historical significance: it was the last stop of the famed Pony Express.

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Ch. 264 members present the Colors at the Clayton, CA parade

289 – MOUNTAIN EMPIRE [TN]

November 11 was a busy day for us. Some members attended the ceremony at the Kingsport Veterans Memorial. Others attended services in other cities. In addition, three of our members took part in the Bristol TN/VA Veterans Parade at 10 a.m. Our members rode in cars. Five members of the South High School JROTC carried our banner and the American, Tennessee, and Virginia flags.

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Reps from Ch. 289 at Bristol TN/VA Veterans Day Parade – Fred Rountree, Bob Shelton and Bruce Johnston



At Bristol TN/VA Veterans Day Parade – South High School JROTC Cadets: Banner Lydia Pruett and Caroline Hembree, U.S. Flag Melissa Parsons. TN Flag Jacob Riggs, VA Flag Savannah Bowery, Past Commander Bob Shelton in front of banner

327 - GEN. JOHN H. MICHAELIS [PA]

We had a fantastic ‘first experience’ weekend attending the Veterans Day National Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, November 11, 2017, on a day cold enough to remind most of us of some days in Korea. Sponsored by the Veterans Administration, it was the KWVA's turn to organize the event. Our president, Paul Cunningham, National Director, was the Chairman for KWVA. How happy we all were to have his good guidance for the event.

We went to Washington by bus from Lancaster (with a 3-squad car PA State Trooper escort to the Maryland border) on Friday. Once we arrived, we:

- attended the evening banquet
- got up to a blistering cold day Saturday
- bused to Arlington Cemetery through tight security into the amphitheater
- waited on cold marble benches

- listened to the Air Force Band while making new friends among all the KWVA members seated in the right front section
- waited for the warmth of the sun as it came to bathe our section
- took part in the ceremony, which included the presentation of colors, prayer, pledge, remarks by KWVA National President Tom Stevens, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. Shulkin, and Vice President Mike Pence, and the retiring of colors

We got back on the bus to the Women's Memorial for lunch, then visited the Korean War Memorial for a ceremony and wreath laying at our own special place, which was full of meaning for each of us. At last we returned to the hotel, where each of us found our own way to recover heat from a full day of cold outdoors.

We returned to Lancaster on Sunday, November 12th. All 28 of us had a full experience together for an unforgettable weekend.

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Members of Ch. 327 preparing to visit Washington D.C.



PA state troopers who escorted Ch. 327 to PA-MD state line

Ch. 327 contingent aboard their bus



Korean War vet gives message of pride, patriotism at FLCC

Ralph Calabrese of CID 67, Finger Lakes #1 [NY] was featured in a November 10, 2017 article in the Canandaigua, NY Daily Messenger after delivering the keynote address at a Veterans Day ceremony at

Finger lakes Community College. He served with 9th Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea. Here is an excerpt from the article written by Denise Champagne.

HOPEWELL — Pride and patriotism is what Ralph Calabrese's Italian immigrant parents instilled in him and his siblings.

In turn, he has instilled the same in countless youth and continues to fight for his country and fellow veterans long after doing so in the Korean War.

Calabrese, the keynote speaker Friday at a Finger Lakes Community College ceremony in honor of Veterans Day, said his father's eyes would well up whenever he saw Old Glory and noted that he was very meticulous in its care and storage.

"He would tell us 'That's your flag. You take care of it and it will take care of you,'" Calabrese said, getting choked up at times.

He said when World War II finally ended, his mother ran into the yard, knelt down and kissed "the ground of this great country," then grabbed a couple of handfuls of earth, calling the children in to ask them if they knew what it was.

"Yeah, ma, it's dirt," Calabrese recalled. "Her face got a little stern. She looked at us and said, 'It's your country, if you don't take care of it, don't expect somebody else to.'"

I'm disgusted at the disgraceful way they're doing it," he said of the protests. They don't have to disgrace our symbols of freedom...."

Calabrese's long-term dedication and support of veterans was also recognized by state Sen. Pam Helming, who presented him with a framed Certificate of Appreciation from the state Senate.

Helming talked about how Calabrese inspired her daughter and son-in-law when they were students at Canandaigua Academy, where she said he attended every one of the Braves home games. She credited Calabrese with instilling pride and patriotism in them, noting her son-in-law is a captain in the U.S. Army and her daughter works as an orthopedic physician's assistant at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, working with soldiers.

"We'll never know how many kids you inspired or how many kids learned from you about pride and patriotism," Helming said.

'A Veteran's Prayer'

Korean War veteran Ralph Calabrese read his "A Veteran's Prayer" poem at Finger Lakes Community College Friday during a ceremony in honor of Veterans Day:

You called and I answered.

I gave my all.

I left my books, my desk, my machine, my store.

Yes, I even left my mom and dad, my wife and kids — my entire family.

I put my life on hold because you needed me.

I did not hesitate to answer your call.

I went to foreign lands without question on your command.

There too, I left many things behind — my foot, my leg, my arm, my eyes.

Yes, even my mind.

I left my life, my family, my happiness.

Now, I'm asking for your help, for me and mine.

Please dear God, don't let America turn its back on me.

Read the entire article at <http://www.mpnnow.com/news/20171110/korean-war-vet-gives-message-of-pride-patriotism-at-flcc>.

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More Images of Activities on Veterans Day in Washington D.C.



Gen. Sharp of KDVA presents check to KWVA President Stevens



Vice President Mike Pence addresses crowd at ANC Amphitheater



KWVA President Tom Stevens speaks at Washington D.C. Veterans Day event



KWVA National Director Bill Lack, photographer Michele Bretz, Escort Officer Christian Gillenwaters, and unidentified attendee (R-L) at ANC for Veterans Day ceremony

A large contingent of KWVA members (in foreground) at ANC Amphitheater on Veterans Day



Jim Fisher speaks at Women's Memorial in Washington D.C. during Veterans Day observances



Veterans read tribute to Loretta Perfectus Walsh at Women's Memorial in Washington D.C.



This says it all.

My letter, July 21, 1953 from Korea

What was going through a Soldier's mind six days before the July 27, 1953 truce was signed? Here is one example.

My sister-in-law was cleaning a bureau used by my father when he lived with them and found a 50-year-old letter stuck between the drawer and the separator. It was from me to my father. When I looked at the bright red cross and letterhead of the American Red Cross my old memory bank started churning.

I read the letter several times; each time the memory fog cleared a little more to the point I could visualize sitting under that tree, listening to the birds, and hearing the rumble to the east from Christmas Hill, where the 179th was now being beat upon. Looking up at the hanging Holly made me wonder "can there not be peace in this world?"

It is interesting that my philosophy as a 21 year old is still indelible on my mind 50 years later!

I hope it provides readers with some of your thoughts way back then.

Peace and God Bless,
Wayne Pelkey

Letter to my dad, July 21, 1953 Monday, 2 p.m.—six days before the cease fire:

Dear Dad,

Well how is everything going with you at the old quarry? Good I hope and you are not working too much overtime. I worry about you going down in the deep holes at night to tend the pumps; you should let Winston and Maurice do the ladder climbing.

Everything is now going better for me for a change, I am sitting under a tree writing this letter. You can see it has a fancy letterhead of "American Red Cross" and much nicer to write on new paper than squeezing in between the lines of letters that I received that were wet and soiled from wearing under my shirt. Yesterday, Sunday July 20, I was given a box of this stationery and envelopes to distribute to my platoon. As it was our first full day away from the hellish trenches. I gave each of my remaining members 8 sheets and 4 clean envelopes with orders to write their families and friends so here I am following my own orders.

It is hot and sunny today and it seems like a part of heaven to sit under a tree in the shade and actually hear the birds sing while not having to wear our helmets, flak vests, cocked weapons and just plain relaxing. We are promised a shower and a clean set of clothes this week after 3 weeks; thank goodness as I smell like a wet dog and don't have a clean spot left on my tee shirt to wipe off my C ration spoon. We had a hot breakfast this morning, for the first time since June 30th, prepared by the cooks on a Jeep trail. It was all hand carried up by Korean "Chogis" from the valley below, it tasted good but the change gave most of the guys an upset stomach or back door trots; as for me, no problems as you [know] I was never fussy and could eat anything.

This is the first mountain I have been on since Sandbag in April that has any trees on it. The forests that have not been torn up by

shelling are nice with hardwood and softwood trees with no brush in between as the Koreans had picked all that clean for their cooking fires. There is even Holly hanging from most trees; strange, as we certainly have no desire to kiss!

From here, I can see down a valley for about 20 miles as we are up about 4,000 feet and can look almost straight down; just like looking into the E. L. Smith Quarry x 12 times. The engineers are building a road up here from my view with a lot of switchbacks and a few turn outs. That may be our ride to the shower point and clean clothes plus getting us at least one hot meal a day. I may choose to walk my group rather than risk a ride in the back of a deuce and half on the one lane road on edge of steep embankments.

We pulled off outpost Christmas two days ago with the lucky remnants of our 2nd platoon. Our 180th regiment really took a beating from July 1st to the 19th. We had casualties of 60% plus and those that were lucky enough like me had bruises, cuts or concussions. Believe me it was a nightmare with all the mortars, artillery plus a horde of "Chinks" during almost every night. I sure did a lot of praying and much more serious than at our good St. Sylvester's church; I have my St. Christofer's medal right on with my dog tags and I guess my faith has got me over many troubled waters both in the states and now here in this Godforsaken land.

I do not know if and when this war will ever end but we hear about so called "Truce Negotiations". If the people involved were up here on the front lines, they might make the process go a little faster. While I am sitting here writing and hearing birds chatter, I can hear the rumble of the war a few miles to our east at Christmas. It makes me feel guilty knowing the 179th, who relieved us, are now getting the pounding that we received. Well, at least, we can feel proud of holding our ground despite all those that were casualties and gave their lives.

I don't know where we will be sent next but have an inkling that we will replace the 179th as soon as we get more green replacements. It seems that they are putting Americans all along the line to replace the Koreans who sadly are a real demoralized bunch of guys. Each place that we take over from the ROKS, we find a filthy hell hole. They are the worst examples of what a soldier should be but most come from families who were refugees from the North Korean aggression and further treated badly by the horde of Chinese. And the South Korean leader, Syngman Rhee, is a real problem to this whole so called "Police Action" that we know is a War despite what the politicians seem to make of it.

Am I discouraged? No, just plain angry and wanting revenge for some of my friends who gave it their all!

When I was at home, I kept seeing news reels and newspaper photos of airplanes providing close ground support to the infantry on the front. I have only seen air support twice in the 3 months since I have been here and that was back at Sandbag. Must be Christmas outpost could not be found on the map or the planes were being polished at some rear bases! It sure burns me up that the rear echelon guys get to rotate as quickly as the Mud Dogs in the trenches.

We now are about 5 to 7 miles west of Christmas as I estimate

because we never get any factual news from our brass. We are slightly behind the main line of resistance (MLR) and will keep training with new replacements thrown in and will be the reserve to be thrown in at another location. I now have enough points that I should go for an R&R (rest and recuperation) in Japan in about 2 months; boy, do I look forward to that.

When we were back at Inje the middle of June, I applied for a field communications job that involved climbing posts. That would be a cinch after climbing the 110 foot derricks at the quarry. Now, I am sure that is lost in the shuffle as I am temporarily platoon sergeant as the most experienced left of the non-corns; make me feel older than 21!

From the letters I receive from home, I see everyone is enjoying time at the old camp on Bliss Pond. Hope too many do not stand in the same room as those spongy floors may collapse; a good repair job for me when I get home. It is nice to be on a pond in the hot July weather and I would even drink the pond water compared to the foul water here. I bet... and kids have also enjoyed it there. Even little Mickey could bark till his heart is content. Remember last July, I was working in Bridgeport, CT as the quarries were down due to granite cutters strike so I missed the camp get togethers.

I had to laugh to hear [my brother] Wendell writing me and telling about Ben Grenon and Bill Murray fighting over a couple feet of their property lines. Cripes, it really gets me to be over here fighting a war for a foreign country and some people back home make trouble for each other despite their nice and peaceful living.

Two weeks ago, I received your package with the nice big farm shoe rubbers. I think I am the only guy in platoon with dry feet and I put the rubbers under my sleeping bag when sleeping to make sure they are not swiped! I will give to my favorite Katusa when I leave as he is already big eying them.

How is Wendell making out with my Pontiac? That was a real gas guzzler and the transmission was beginning to slip so I told him to trade it in any time as I gave it to him when I left.

Well, Dad, I have to get a couple more catch up letters out while I have the time and inclination. Say hi to all the quarry guys for me and give old black & white Mickey a few pats and stroke his ears as he really likes that.

Don't worry about me as I am almost as tough as you are!

Love,

Wayne

Was it worth it?????

NOTE: This is a recurring topic for The Graybeards. Please let us know whether you think the Korean War and/or your role in it was worth it. As the writer below stresses, "This a question only YOU can answer." So, let us hear you answers. Send your thoughts to Arthur G. Sharp, 2473 New Haven Circle, Sun City Center, FL 33573 or sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net.

This is a question only YOU can answer. As a Korean vet ('52-'54), I had the pleasure to revisit Korea for the 50th and 60th anniversaries of the Korean War with two other vets. We were amazed at the landscape of the place since we were there 50 years ago.

During our stroll we came upon what we believed to be a small military cemetery that was marked only "UNKNOWN." We stayed a moment and paid our respects. I'm sure all of us had the same thought: "There but for the grace of God I would be."

We did not see at first a group of small school children a little distance away heading toward us. As they got nearer, their teacher motioned us to stay put. Once the children settled in front of us they started to sing. We could tell by the melody and a few words in English that it was "God Bless America."

When they finished, each little one stopped in front of us and, with a low bow, said, "Kamsa Kamnioa" (thank you). The teacher came up to me. She took my hands. Her voice started to crack and little tears flowed gently from her eyes as she said, "I was their age when American soldiers stopped at our village one night. In the morning before they left, their doctor, our Medic, took care of some of our ill villagers, and they left clothes, blankets, and food. This is the first time I have had a chance to say 'Thank You' to an American soldier."



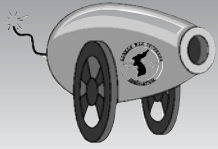
The school children in the graveyard

It was good thing we had on our sunglasses, otherwise we would have shown a few misty eyes. But I know now there are at least three people who can answer the question, "Was it worth it?"

Just a side note: in the Nov/Dec 2017 issue, pages 48-49, "Supporting Descendants of American Korean War Vets," my granddaughter, Emma Hartman, bottom row, 4th in left, is pictured. Next to me is another veteran whose family member has been a scholarship recipient three years in a row.

This was my third visit to the Scholarship Banquet, even though I live in Rochester, NY. The warm greetings and standing ovation when we were introduced were overwhelming. I strongly recommend that any Korean vet who has a family member in college in that area look into this AKWV scholarship program.

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Feedback/Return Fire

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

Mail your "Return Fire" to the "Feedback Editor" at 2473 New Haven Circle, Sun City Center, FL 33573-7141; E-mail it to: sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net, or phone it in to (813) 614-1326. Whatever the medium you choose, we welcome your input.

KWVA volunteers place wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery

A large number of volunteers placed wreaths on tombstones at Arlington National Cemetery. The annual event placed more than 245,000 wreaths at military grave sites on Saturday, December 16, 2017. The ornaments, part of "Wreaths Across America," were trucked from Columbia Falls, Maine, where they are made, to Arlington National Cemetery, VA.



Wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery

The tradition began when Maine wreath maker Morrial Worcester donated 5,000 wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery. It is estimated that a total of 1.2 million wreaths were placed on military graves across the United States in over 1,238 federal and state veteran cemeteries.

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Forging a new relationship

I have a monthly meeting with the Korean War Veterans Association of Washington, D.C. These gentlemen are Korean Americans who fought in the Korean War for the Republic of Korea. They now reside in the Northern Virginia area.

This past week, the president of the Association, Mr. Kyung Jun Son, and the vice president, Mr. Jin Gyun Shin, asked me to pass along the following message to the KWVA president and members of the Board.

They express their deepest appreciation to President Stevens and the members of the Board for making them feel a part of the

Korean War Veterans Association of the USA. They stated that in all the years they have been in existence, these past three years they have felt they have been welcomed at all of our events and feel very grateful for allowing them to participate.

They hope very much that this alliance between the two Korean War veterans organizations will continue to get stronger and that lasting friendships will be made. They stated that their English is not that good, but I told them that our Hangul is even worse. We will work together to ensure that communications between us are up to date and passed along frequently. The monthly meetings have paid great dividends.

This is one of the goals that President Stevens and I spoke about at the beginning of his presidency. They stated to me that they started to feel welcome with President Kinard, but the relationship has developed more closely over the past three years.

I encourage KWVA chapters in your areas to reach out to the Korean American veterans and invite them to participate in your activities. I know they will be grateful to be invited and participate. Let's make this alliance stronger!!

Incidentally, the Korean American veterans from the Washington, D.C. area will be invited to participate in our ceremonies in 2018.

James R. Fisher, Executive Director

KWVA membership statistics - appalling!

Fellow Korean War and Defense Veterans,

According to recent statistics we just received from the Veterans Administration, there are over a million living Korean War veterans. Current KWVA membership numbers in the thousands, while there are over 100,000 in the VFW. Why such a difference?

First and foremost, I cast no aspersions on current or past KWVA "Volunteer" Membership Chairmen! They have done, and are doing, their very best, armed with limited experience and/or financial resources.

In recruiting a potential member, the first question most often asked is, "Why should I join KWVA?" The answer differs, but I often turn it around and say, "Why not? You should be proud to join the fraternal association of veterans, like yourself, who fought for the freedom of the Korean people! Their responses to that vary. Some examples:

- "I am proud; I belong to the VFW. Or, I belong to my respective Division, Regiment, Battalion or Squadron Association. Why

should I join KWVA?”

- “I used to belong, but I got bored with the same annual association meetings where most of the time was spent on senseless arguing. They were no longer fun!”
- “I used to belong but now I’m too old to travel and attend meetings.”
- “I never heard of the KWVA.” (This one is hard to believe!)
- “My wife, children and grandchildren are not welcome. There are no women officers or board members, although thousands served during the Korean War.”
- “There has never been a responsible scholarship program for my children or grandchildren.”

Let’s not debate these excuses, since “perception” is, in most cases, stronger than “reality.” If a potential member believes these reasons, it doesn’t really make any difference if it’s true or not. It’s what he/she believes that will affect their decision to join, or not to join, KWVA, which brings me to the heart of the issue.

We have never had a strong, proactive, professional membership recruiting program. Volunteers are fine, up to a point, but until we contract with a professional military public relations association, KWVA will continue to limp along until we can no longer sustain ourselves and die slowly on the vine. Will it cost money? Of course! However, “It takes money to make money” and we simply cannot afford NOT to attract more Korean War and Defense veterans “and their descendants” to the rolls of this very proud veterans association!

Warren Wiedhahn, 1st Vice President, KWVA

The Danville, VA Veterans Memorial

There is an impressive Veterans Memorial in Danville, VA that can serve as a model for similar facilities elsewhere. KWVA member Davis (Dave) Newman was instrumental in getting the project off the ground to make sure the memorial was on the ground. The story is in a YouTube video that is worth watching, especially for people who are thinking of building their own memorials.

Davis wrote: “Recently the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region had a video made about our Veterans Memorial located in Dan Daniel Park, Danville, VA. They asked me and veteran Lawrence McFall, local historian and researcher, to tell how the Memorial construction got started and also some specifics about the Memorial. The following video was taken as we walked around the site explaining from memory how it all came together.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WsxPBLc0XU&sns=em>

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And the debate continues....

I have read a few of the articles regarding the KWVA and the Korean Defense Veterans association controversy. As a life member for many years, I am sure that when Mr. Norris established the KWVA, that’s exactly what he meant: the Korean War Veterans Assoc.

How can any person join the KWVA when in fact he or she never served in Korea during the war? It appears there are mem-

bers who weren’t even born when the Korean War started. How can these members represent the KWVA at Tell America and tell students anything about the Korean War when they never were “in country” Korea during it?

How can they explain to the students what it was like sleeping in a rice paddy with the smell of “human fertilizer,” trying to eat a frozen can of C-rations, firing your M-1 when it was frozen, sleeping with one eye open in a dugout hoping an enemy doesn’t get in the trench and stab you, or watching your buddies who froze to death being carried away?

I realize that we are all into our eighties, but keeping the KWVA active by allowing a veteran who served after the Korean War ended just to keep the membership up is a dishonor to those who served in Korea during the war and to the 36,000+ who never came home. As General Mc Arthur said, “Old soldiers never die. They just fade away.” Let the Korean Defense Veterans have their own organization and not call themselves Korean War veterans.

Victor J. Dellaripa Sr., dellinsp@sbcbglobal.net

Former KWVA Secretary Lew Ewing responds:

Good Morning Victor,

Your concern is a topic that has been the subject of many, many, hours of discussion by not only the members but also the leadership of the KWVA for a long time and, most likely, will be discussed long after some of us are no longer around. I don’t think there is a perfect solution to the question.

There are numerous Korean WAR veterans who share your position. However, there are many WAR veterans who feel the Korean Defense veterans should be included in the KWVA membership. Although the Defense veterans were not combat veterans of Korea, we need to keep in mind that the fighting in Korea ended with the signing of an armistice, not a peace treaty, so technically, the war has never ended. Also, since the fighting ended, we have had a number of our soldiers killed in skirmishes in and around the Panmunjom area, which remains on constant alert 24 hours a day.

Regarding Tell America presentations to our school students, I agree that there is no substitute for being able to relate personal experiences by veterans who were involved in the hand-to-hand fighting. However, if I can use my chapter members as an example, it is extremely difficult to get those men to participate in Tell America presentations. Most of our presentations are made by veterans who served in non-combat roles during the war or were not in Korea during the war. They can still explain why and how the war started, discuss the strategy used by our commanders, how the fighting ended, and how the two Koreas have evolved since 1953.

Our students need to be informed about the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, WWI, WWII, etc. Obviously, there are no veterans of those wars living today who could relate personal experiences to the students. Nevertheless, they can tell them about the wars, the reasons for them, and how the results of the wars have affected the history of our country.

The students need to learn about the Korean War also. Once all the Korean War veterans are gone, someone needs to be knowledgeable enough about the Korean War to pass that infor-

mation on to the students. Korean Defense veterans are the logical choice to do that.

So, Victor, as I said earlier, there is no perfect answer to your question. Each veteran has his own opinion regarding the make-up of the membership of the KWVA, and I definitely would not attempt to change anyone's mind. From your comments, I assume that you were one of our American heroes who were actively involved in the fighting on the ground, where you personally observed and were involved in the unbelievable horrors and carnage that occurred during the war. I commend you and I thank you for your service!

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A "Teller" from RHS

It was November 8, 2017, the day of the monthly meeting of Chapter 327, GEN. John H Michaelis [PA]. As I sat talking and eating lunch prior to the meeting, a face with a degree of familiarity came into focus across the room. As the man approached a table with his lunch, I asked "Is your name Ray Teller?"

"Yes," he said. "Who are you?"

When I answered "Don Dempster," a look of surprise and a smile brightened his face.

"RHS, class of 48," he said.

Ray Teller and I were classmates at Rutherford High School, Rutherford, NJ, graduating in June 1948. Our meeting on 8 November 2017 was our first since that busy day in 1948. Sixty-nine years had passed! We quickly shared news of other classmates and memories of our days at RHS. Both Ray and I are proud veterans of the U. S. Air Force.

You never know where or when a familiar face will brighten your day—even after seven decades!

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A Manchurian (Hemorrhagic) fever survivor

In the Nov/Dec 2017 Graybeards I found a reference to Epidemic Hemorrhagic Fever. I was among the early cases, and was evacuated in late September or early October 1951 to the Fourth Field Hospital (Taegu??). I was among the fortunate and returned to my unit after three weeks.

In October 1951, I was a platoon leader in D Co. 89th Medium Tank Battalion in support of regiments of the 25th Division along the base of the Iron Triangle between Chorwon and Kumwha. Except for occasional harassment by Chinese artillery the sector was quiet.

At some point, I became ill, with a rising temperature. I was evacuated to the 25th Division Clearing Station, where I met with a Medical Service Officer who had just flown in from Tokyo to interview me. He explained that what I had was probably Epidemic Hemorrhagic Fever (EHF), and that at the time the fatality rate was 25%.

He also said that EHF was often called Manchurian Fever, because it had caused a lot of casualties in 1931 when the Japanese invaded Manchuria. Unfortunately, we were starting from scratch, since the Japanese had kept few if any detailed records about how they had responded to the disease.

Then I was taken to the nearest MASH unit, where I was

given intravenous fluids to try to get the fever under control, plus antibiotics to help the kidneys, since there was no specific treatment. Once my temperature was down I was put on an overnight hospital train to the 4th Field Hospital, which I believe was in Taegu at the time.

At the hospital I was told that if I recovered in three weeks, I would be able to go back to my unit; if not I would be moved to a more private setting in preparation for my evacuation to Tokyo. Then, if there was no improvement, I would go back to the states. The message was that if I made it in three weeks, OK; but if not, I would probably be one of the stats.

For the first week or so, I was given fluids and nutrition intravenously, because I couldn't keep anything down. Everything I tried to eat or drink came right back up. Blood was taken periodically to try to measure the course of the disease. Other than the fever, its primary manifestation was that I felt that someone was kicking me in the kidneys.



Rex Rehfeld in June 1951

At some point near the end of my second week I chanced to say to the doctor that I had a terrible longing for lettuce, celery, other greens, and milk. Not long after I was brought those delicacies, which had been flown in from Tokyo specifically for me. I ate as if I hadn't for some time — which was the case. From that day on, I began to recover and soon began eating regular rations. Almost exactly three weeks after I had gotten to the 4th Field Hospital I was discharged and returned to my unit.

The attention that the Army Medical Corps gave to the care and treatment of those who contracted the disease cannot be overemphasized, and—without which—I probably would not have survived.

A few years later I met another soldier who had contracted EHF almost exactly one year after my experience. He told me that almost immediately upon his arrival at the field hospital the staff began experimenting with diets until they found one that he could accept, and that he was discharged in only two weeks. He also told me that at that time, October 1952, the fatality rate was down to 5%. Quite a change.

Many years later I was in a hospital for minor surgery, but had to stay overnight. When I woke up about 3 a.m. I turned on the TV. There was a rerun of M.A.S.H. To my astonishment, the subject was some sort of strange disease that was occurring and the problems of finding relief. Near the end of the episode, one of the doctors is able to convince others that diet might be the key. Certainly, it was for me.

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The Minnesota Mosquito Mystery

Recently entomologists at the University of Minnesota came across a number of small pillboxes containing mosquito specimens. These little boxes had become lost in the recesses of some cabinets. The mosquitoes were collected in Korea between late

1952 and late 1953.

Since I am a retired Navy entomologist who helps out in the insect museum, they asked me if I could find out how these specimens ended up in Minnesota. After some research I found the 219th PMSD had been attached to the 25th Station Hospital at Taegu, Korea. The information was in an article written by Henry "Hank" Augustine and published in the May-June 1996 edition of *The Graybeards*. He provided some other information about the 219th as well, such as their mission and size.

The following names were provided: Lt. Bill Mates, Lt. Bill Young, Lt. John Kramer, Sgt. Ray Arnold, Sgt. Henry Moore, Joel Avant, Richard Chrz (sic), Ed Cliver, Glenn Collett, Russ Conners, Don Cunningham, Moses Epps, John Flegiel, Wilfred Harrington, David Jacobowitz, Per Young, Ernest McKenzie, James Smith, and Lou Turala.

We hope there is some way to discover how the insect specimens came to rest in Minnesota. Perhaps there are some men from the 219th or the 25th Station Hospital still around who might know. Also, both my father and my brother were in the Navy during the Korean War.

Thanks for being there and sustaining freedom.

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Hemorrhagic Fever (KHF)

Not differentiating friend from foe, this enemy of both enemies first attracted international attention after it struck UN troops during the Korean War. This insidious killer was a disease called Korean Hemorrhagic Fever (KHF).

KHF is a widespread, often fatal, illness, caused by a rodent-borne species of Hantavirus, known clinically as Hantaan virus. Hantaan virus is the pathogenic namesake of the Hant'an River and Valley. It was there, in the area near the confluence of the Hant'an and Imjin Rivers, that the earliest concentration of hemorrhagic fever cases among UN troops was reported during the Korean War.

UN troops fought and lived in fields, mountains, and cities and villages initially. Later in the war they took refuge in bunkers located often in filth-permeated areas where rats and other vermin proliferated. Their "roommates" in these bunkers were often rats, mice, voles, and other unwanted guests that proved impervious to attempts to eliminate them. Even flamethrowers, often used to clear brush and debris, were unsuccessful in substantially eliminating the breeding and nesting places of disease carriers.

There are four known species of rats, several of mice, and common voles have been identified as Hantavirus hosts. The virus is airborne, arising from dusty ground, saturated by feces, urine, and saliva deposited by its rodent vectors. Victims are infected through inhalation. The incubation period is approximately a month.

It is not unreasonable to postulate that the disease contributed to the inordinately high morbidity rate among the thousands who perished in unsanitary, disease-ridden, communist-run prisoner-of-war camps, where the POWs received little or no medical treatment or essential drugs in prisoner compounds that were no more than death factories. KHF was frequently unrecognized as such in the field hospitals.

Identifying KHF cases was vital in the link between MASH facilities and rear hospitals. When KHF cases were proliferating, and the number of severely ill patients was growing, the cases were treated at the 48th MASH installation. There was a less virulent form of KHF, dubbed "Seoul virus," which was not as likely to kill.

Mortality figures from official military sources fail to show the full extent of KHF illness and death. Imprecise or missing medical records have made it impossible to compile an accurate death count. It is speculated that the percentage of KHF victims who perished during the Korean War substantially exceeded even the highest approximations.

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of the Infectious Diseases was selected to compile information for a pilot study of the proclivity of late-developing conditions among those who survived KHF in the Korean War. A complete study, analysis, and evaluation of the present health of former KHF victims who have experienced chronic high blood pressure, stroke, and /or kidney disorder, remains in limbo, because of the lack of federal funding (as of 1997).

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Lou Dechert

Thanks for the tribute to the late Lou Dechert. I first met him in the IFWKVA meeting in Seoul a few years ago when I was president of KVA Canada. We hit it off at once. Thereafter we corresponded frequently and met at the New York chapters' get-together.

He was one of the good ones. I'll miss him.

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below. Not as cold as the Samichon valley, but close!)*

Jungle training for Korea?

I hate to hog the "Letters" page, but this is serious and I hope a lot of Korea veterans will express their outrage as have I. On about December 15, 2017 I saw a news item on television about how our military "top planners" were, in anticipation of a possible ground war in Korea, sending our troops to Hawaii to learn jungle warfare. Did I miss something, or are our "top planners" out in left field? When last I was in Korea, there were no jungles there. In fact, there were hardly even any forests. And, it certainly wasn't tropical.

North Korea is about the same latitude as the area from Washington, D.C. up into New York State. But, its climate is much more like northern Maine or the Lake Placid area of New York. It was in the 70s in the summer and more than 30 degrees below zero in the winter. Also, the mountains of Korea are much more like the pressure ridge Appalachians of Pennsylvania, New York, and Maine than like the volcanos of Hawaii.

In fighter/bomber training at Nellis AFB, I was taught dive bombing tactics by pilots who had already flown combat in Korea. We learned single engine jet tactics; and they worked. But, in Korea, when we received very detailed mission orders from our "top planners" in Tokyo, the tactics were like those of the P-47 in WWII, and we got our butts shot off.

It appears as if our current strategists are not current at all but are still thinking of Vietnam. Should we tell them that was fifty

years ago and they need to get caught up? We had an expression in the Air Force that covered this kind of situation, which seems very applicable here. That is, "It's awfully hard to see with your head up your butt." I'm just shocked and can't believe that anyone could be so stupid.

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A wonderful Christmas present

In May 1917 I sent a picture that my wife took of me in my old Army uniform with the Washington Monument in the background while we were in Washington in 1995 for the dedication of the Korean War monument. This picture was signed by George W. Bush.

I asked President Trump if he would also sign the picture for me. I never heard a thing until today and thought for sure I had lost the picture that President Bush had signed. Early one morning my doorbell rang and an envelope was left by my door. Inside was a picture of the president and vice president in, I presume, the Oval Office.



The picture sent to Bob Barfield

The picture was signed by them both with my name and a "Thank you for your service" on the picture. Also included in the envelope was my picture that George W. Bush had signed! I was sure I'd never see it again!

How nice for the president to see that I received both pictures, especially as busy as he is with so many other much more important things. Guess someone wanted me to have it for Christmas!

Bob Barfield, rnj187@yahoo.com

Silly geese

I was born in the 1930s in Superior, Wisconsin (hence I love winter), and I really did not know about the Korean War. Our neighbors who live in Hudson, Wisconsin recently gave us two copies of the magazine, which I loved reading.

My husband informed me that he enlisted in the Air Force so he wouldn't have to go to Korea. He was sent to Greenland to save us from North Korea.

I'm sure all service members have tales to tell and I enjoy reading them in *The Graybeards*. I am very thankful for the men and women who served everywhere and protected us—and still do.

My mother and father were from Sweden. They became great Americans. My mother sold war bond stamps in our neighborhood during WWII. I went along to help. I was young and many of the people could not speak or understand English. So they would chase us away, sometimes by sending their farm geese after us. But that didn't stop my mom!

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The flag could be seen for miles

The nearby picture was taken either in the winter of 1952 or early 1953. I had rotated out in October. I don't know how I got the picture. I think it was through the 40th Div.

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NOTE: The photo is not particularly clear. It is the spirit of the American soldier that is portrayed clearly.



The flag at Sandbag Castle

Upgrade denied

Thanks for including my brother Joe's story in the Nov/Dec 2017 issue. A couple weeks ago I received a letter from the Secretary of the Navy stating that my latest appeal to have Joe's Navy Cross Award upgraded to the MOH has been denied for technical reasons. It was worth the effort to try, as among other things I was able to do was tell the family of Marines Taylor and Sweeney, mentioned in Joe's story, about their heroics. Perhaps your article might reach others who might have served with Joe.

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Egging the troops

I was a cook and baker during the Korean War. I served over there from the early part of 1952 until July 1953. As you know, it was cold in Korea, especially if you watched the TV show *MASH* and heard the characters complain repeatedly that it was frigid and that fresh eggs were a rarity. This has to do with eggs.

I was with the 79th Engineer Construction Battalion, Co. B. Basically we were fixing roads. The mess sergeant came up to me one day and said there would be a squad of men working all-night shifts. He wanted me to prepare the meals late at night for them.

"No problem," I said.

He also noted that whatever we had they were welcome to it. Well, we did have an abundance of eggs. As the troops came

through the line during their first meal I asked each one how many eggs he wanted.

Invariably they asked, “Are you kidding?”

“No,” I responded. “Do you want 2, 4, 6, 8...they’re yours if you want them.”

I repeated my question to each man for a week until one of the other cooks made a big deal out of it. He thought I was currying favor to make friends. But, if anyone were to give me a million dollars I wouldn’t have been able to name one of those graveyard shift workers. Nevertheless, the mess sergeant told me to ease off for a couple days and then go back to my routine if I so desired. I did, especially after one of the workers told me the eggs were the best part of working the late hours.

Anyway, the workers went back to taking only one or two eggs apiece after the newness of the unlimited number wore off. I believe their project lasted about a month.

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More old photos on the front cover please

It might help recruiting if we included more old photos of the actual conditions in Korea on the front cover of *The Graybeards*. The frequent photos of contemporary service members and scenes are eye catching and appropriate, but the older photos might be more helpful as a recruiting tool.

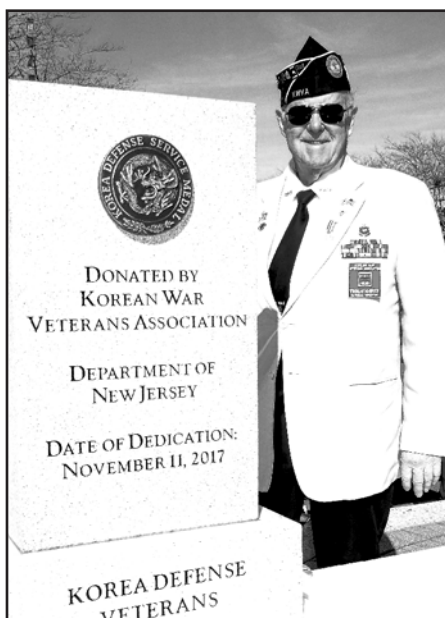
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EDITOR’S NOTE: Mr. Biggs offered this suggestion in a most pleasant phone conversation we had recently. I agreed with him. The problem is that our front cover photo requirements are considerably more exacting than for the rest of the magazine. Photos taken in the 1950s do not come close to matching them, since technology has changed so much in the past 65 or so years.

Today we deal with pixels, megabytes, dpis, *et al* that were not considerations during the Korean War when troops were taking photos via Kodak Brownie cameras—and using film. No matter how hard we try we can’t enhance old black & white photos to place on our front covers.

Then we have to worry about placement of the banner on the cover and its impact on the content of the photo, clarity, etc. In short, finding suitable photo covers is a difficult task. Truth be told, it is the one part of my job that I dread.

Here’s an example. Look at the nearby photo of KWVA National Director Tom McHugh standing by the recently dedicated photo of a



Tom McHugh and the Atlantic City, NJ memorial

Korean Defense Veterans Memorial in Atlantic, NJ. One would think it would be suitable for the front cover. One would be wrong.

Yeah, it’s large enough at 3MB (megabytes). (Our minimum qualification for the front cover is 1MB.) It’s in glorious living color, even though it’s in black and white here because this is not a color page. (We pay for a finite number of color pages per issue.) Resolution and dpis are good but....the photo is washed out (now there’s a technical term) and the monument would pretty much block out the banner—especially in this issue, when we place a second “banner” on the cover page.

Bottom line? We are limited in what works and what doesn’t work on the front cover. We will continue to find the best photos we can from any era.

Anybody remember the Seoul PX?

No doubt many GIs will remember the PX located in Shinsegi Department Store in Seoul. Apparently the “We welcome you with open arms” policy had a different meaning when GIs shopped there.

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The entrance to the Seoul PX in 1952

Too many wounded

I served in Korea in 1952 and 1953 as a Marine in helicopter squadron HMM-163. I was a crew chief on a helo that carried supplies of all kinds and wounded troops and extracted troops from many hot areas.

One time we went in to extract South Korean troops and there must have been twenty or more Korean soldiers on the rescue collar. The helo couldn’t lift off so, we had to cut the cable.

While in Korea I was awarded six Air Combat Medals. After a tour in Vietnam I retired in 1969 with 23 years of service.

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GySgt Albert Pule

going online at www.supremecourt.gov ... go across that web site's top screen and hit the button "Docket Search." ***Put in 17-6583 (docketed 11/1/2017) and my case will come up. Scroll down to the Nov 24 2017 Supplemental brief of Petitioners Thomas J. Crean, et al. filed. (Distributed) ... *Click* on the words: main document, and you can read these 15 pages to see what this is all about.

"We have had no help at all in this case in the past 4 years of us alone bringing this case to the fore, and we are not lawyers! The Supreme Ct's preliminary conference (held on 12/8/2017) resulted in our case still being active - we passed their criteria over the approx. 150 other cases (heard that one day that were denied)! FYI- Out of the 8,000 (or so) cases the US Supreme Court gets every year - they only pick out less than 1% to hear) and our case is pending! That is the good news!"

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RIGHT: Thomas Crean with ROK Soldiers, seven miles from Moonsanee, adjacent to small village of Chinchill Mill, South Korea, 1959

BELOW: U.S. Army Co. B, 3rd Med. Tank Bn., 40th Armored Inf., 1959. Thomas Crean is top row, left.



Thomas Crean as a 19-year-old soldier at Inchon, Korea 1959



Keep on truckin'

A couple months after the cease fire of 7/27/53 I was given "lighter duties" and changed from an infantry squad leader to a truck driver. This change was per 46th MASH as recuperation from my mortar concussion at OP Queen (Christmas Hill). This "so called" light duty was really hard work, but better than the ongoing infantry training!

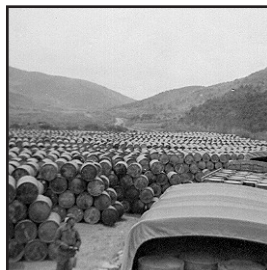
Nearby are four B&W photos taken with my \$5 Ansco 110 camera showing some of my "45th trucking business for the 180th."

Wayne Pelkey, wppelkey@charter.net

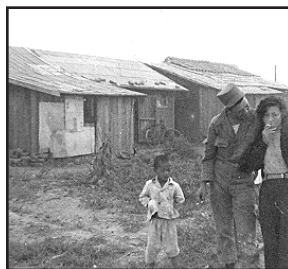
RIGHT: Wayne Pelkey in front of his Jimmy deuce-and-a-half. "I had the only heavy duty 8-ton cargo winch in our motor pool and I was kept busy pulling vehicles out of ditches; a lot of bad drivers coupled with narrow, slippery/muddy roads.



Note my ill-fitting pants that a joker at the shower point threw at me. Must have been 38s, and with my 28 waist I had to use shoe strings between belt loops to make the waist smaller; the shirt was almost as bad; so big that the pockets were tucked in my trousers!



LEFT: Wayne Pelkey unloading gasoline drums at a POL center near Chunchon. "Imagine what one tracer round would do if fired into these thousands of vapor-laden 55-gal. drums. The full ones were picked up at another area and rolled by hand from a bank into the truck and then stood on end. 430 pounds each and 16 per load. Can't hardly believe how we manhandled those as I only weighed about 130!"



LEFT: One of our drivers who skipped his K ration box lunch stopped to visit an off-limits area on the other side of road. I was surprised to see a girl in American style clothes, as up to that point all I saw was the white-garbed "Mamasans." Guess this was a transition to "Babysans."

I waited for him with a bunch of kids clamoring around me begging; gave them my extra box of K rations and they stayed with me until "Wild Willie" from Chicago finished his visit. Never liked him anyway and told him I hoped he got Vidoki! When we got back to Camp George, I put him on garbage run for a week."

RIGHT: Oct. 1953: Wayne Pelkey et al on way back from Inchon with new Jeeps. "A long, dusty 12 hours."



Quote:

"I don't like the term 'stalemate.' You either win a war or you lose it. We unequivocally won the Korean War. The UN mandate was to drive the North Koreans back. We did that."LtGen Charles G. Cleveland

Remembering litter bearers

(Cpl) Alexander Belshaw, a Combat Medic assigned to 24th Inf. Div., 21st Inf. Reg., Co. A, 1st Platoon, north of the 32nd Parallel, remembers two of his Korean litter bearers, ROK Sgt, Ko So Nam and Won Son Duc.

*Alexander Belshaw, 8740
Gilardi Rd., Newcastle, CA
95658*

(Cpl) Alexander Belshaw (C) Sgt. Ko So Nam (L) and Won Son Duc near Kumwha in October 1951



Where Sgt. Reckless got her name

I enlisted in the Marine Corps on January 31, 1950 and graduated from Parris Island on April 25, 1950, two months to the day before the Korean War started. I went to Quantico, VA to attend Ordnance School. The onset of the war canceled that.

I stayed in Special Training Regiment in October 1951, when I was shipped to Camp Pendleton, CA. Then I went to Korea in February 1952, where I was assigned to Anti-Tank Co., 5th Marine Regt.

In late summer Lt. Eric Pederson was given command of the 75mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon. He soon realized that one man could only carry two 75mm Recoilless rounds to the line on a fire mission, so he obtained permission to buy a horse to pack ammo. He and Cpl. Phillip Carter took a jeep and trailer to the Seoul Race Track. Lt. Pederson purchased Reckless with his own money. The horse was named Reckless after the 75mm Recoilless Rifle because the Marines called it the "Reckless Rifle."

Lt. Pederson, with help from some of the young men who had knowledge of horses, trained Reckless. She would go into a bunker under incoming fire. She was like one of the Marines. She ate mess hall chow, drank beer, and went into the squad tents.

When the Marines were fighting for the Nevada Complex, i.e., the Carson, Reno, and Vegas outposts, Reckless took 51 trips to the hill—most of them unescorted. After she learned where to go she traveled the route alone.

To my knowledge Reckless was the last working horse in the Marine Corps. After the war she was brought back to Camp Pendleton, where she lived out her days. There is a statue of her at the Marine Corps Museum at Quantico. To learn more about



(Sgt) G. Frank Wagoner, USMC, Korea 1952

Reckless, reading one of several books about her listed on amazon.com. (There are at least six.)

(Sgt) G. Frank Wagoner, PO Box 76, Deep Run, NC 28525

Coincidence?

On Veterans Day, 11-11-17, the Plymouth, IN Pilot News published photos of local veterans. I took notice that the photo of Paul Haag revealed an Army soldier who had served in Korea and was wounded on 9-9-51. No unit was described.

I knew exactly where I was on 9-9-51! I was gunning a heavy thirty machine gun, (Dog Company, 35th Regiment, 25th Infantry Division) counterattacking Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) to retake the 35th's Outpost north of Kumwha, North Korea.

Was Paul Haag in the 35th, and on the outpost on 9-9-51? I phoned him. He was on the outpost on 9-9-51, as a light machine gunner with Fox of the 35th.

We met for the first time at Paul's farm. He was born and raised in Marshall County, IN, and I, not a native Hoosier, had lived the last 30 years just 16 miles southwest of Paul's farm.

We had extensive discussions about our service in Korea. I gave him a copy of my memoir (now on Amazon): A GI Machine Gunner, From the Seminary to Korea's Front Line (Copyright 2002), in which I tell of combat experiences from August 1951 to May 1952. Paul and I were astonished to realize the memoir revealed we had more connections beyond both serving in the 35th on machine guns, and being on 9-9-51 on the outpost attacking CCF.

I quote from A GI Machine Gunner:

"As if they were sharp knives thrown from the brow of over-head clouds above my head, F-84s sliced through the smoke of the fire fight, blazing cannons flashing. Suddenly, plunging pieces of metal bit hunks out of my sand bags and the earth around the fighting hole. I thought I was being hit from behind by the enemy..... The F-84s had turned the battle into a charnel house. Pleased with themselves for leaving a crimson glow on the far hill, they shook wings and flew away."

Paul Haag was hit by a 50 caliber round from one of those attacking fighters, perhaps its 50 caliber casings chewing up my gun emplacement.

A simultaneous coincidence beyond belief!!

James F. Walsh, 16815 20 B Rd., Culver, IN 46511

Memories

All combat veterans have memories. Some are more vivid and realistic than others, and some reoccur more often in our dreams.

Speaking of memories, my letter in a previous issue regarding "Pyongyang Patty" obviously brought back some for fellow KWVA members. I received replies from several. It is always good to hear from them.

Concerning radios: we had a big radio in our tank which had quite a few low frequency channels. We'd go through them and hear a lot of people talking. When we saw a group of high-flying jets pass over our positions we could pick up Russian pilots speaking. Yes, Russians.

We could also monitor North Korean and Chinese command

posts and individual companies. We usually had a KATUSA with us to translate for us. The Chinese and North Koreans could never figure out how we could be in an area when they arrived or how an artillery barrage would suddenly rain down on them.

Back to memories. My wife still doesn't understand why I wake her up in the middle of the night sometimes with my holering. When she asks me what I was dreaming about I tell her I can't remember. Really I do, but she just wouldn't understand.

So, to my Korean War veteran comrades, yes, our memories mean a lot to us. We wish some of them would go away, but they keep coming back. May your memories be mindful of who you are: men and women who witnessed terrible actions and results, but survived.

May the Good Lord continue to watch over all of us.

Jim W. Colburn, 11544 Jim Ferriell, El Paso, TX 79936

There was no 51st Air Force

In the Nov/Dec 2017 issue, pp. 20-21, "Holidays are a lonely time," we misidentified the 5th Air Force as the 51st Air Force. As readers pointed out, there was no 51st Air Force—at least not in the United States military.

Christmas Day, Baguio, Philippines

The photo at right of a group of B-26 pilots who visited the Philippines around Christmas 1952 includes at least two who had just completed their combat tours. One, Ed Shaver, eventually became a famous ENT (ear, nose & throat) surgeon. He was my best friend over the years. Sadly, he passed on recently.

Arthur L. Snyder, 429 Manor Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016, 908-272-5700



Christmas at Baguio: Art Snyder (R) and Ed Shaver (C) with group of pilots in the Philippines



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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Largest Strike

A major fuel supply center for the communists was the large oil refinery located at Aoji, North Korea, 8 miles from the Soviet frontier and 4 miles from the North Korean/Manchurian border. The site was beyond the range of UN land-based attack aircraft. The Destroy-Mission finally was assigned to U.S. Navy Task Force-77 Aircraft-Carrier Based Tactical Aviation, by the UN Command in Japan.

The Destroy-Mission was given to the large aircraft carriers, *USS Essex (CVA-9)*, *USS Boxer (CVA-21)*, and *USS Princeton (CVA-37)*, which were on the line off of the east coast of Korea, in the Sea of Japan. In 1952, 144 aircraft from the three carriers carried out the air

attack, the largest aircraft carrier strike of the Korean War. Air attacks on industrial targets at Munsan and electric plants at Chongjin were also made that day. The missions were all successful, and all of the naval aircraft returned to their aircraft carriers.

The raids caught the enemy air force (MIGs) and their flak defense gunners completely by surprise. The enemy believed UN air power could not reach them at that time, and that the UN Command would not take such a risk to bomb so close to Russia and Manchuria (China).

Surprise, Surprise.

(Thanks to Tom Moore, tm103ps@yahoo.com)



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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."

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Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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- ☐ **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 ____.
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☐ killed in action, ☐ missing in action or ☐ died as a Prisoner of War during the Korean War
on: Month ____ Day ____ Year ____.
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- ☐ **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 ____

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Section 1. Qualifications of Members. Membership in this Association shall consist of Regular, Associate and Honorary Members. No person shall be excluded from membership because of race, color, creed, sex, national or ethnic origin, or physical or mental disability, as long as the individual meets the criteria of service requirements as stipulated below. Only Regular Members as defined in A. below have a vote in National or Department matters.

A. Regular Members.

- Service in the United States Armed Forces.** Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, is eligible for membership if:
a. Said service was within Korea including territorial waters and airspace at any time, September 3, 1945 to Present, or
b. Said service was outside of Korea, June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955.
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- Must not be eligible for Regular membership.
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New Year tradition honors elder Korean War veterans

Continuing a long Korean tradition, KWVA member Monika Stoy, her husband Tim Stoy, and her mother, Haesook Choi, paid New Year's Day calls on Mrs. Barbara Freedman, widow of Korean War veteran COL, USAF, ret. Roswell Freedman and GEN, USA, ret. and Mrs. Volney Warner. They dressed in traditional Korean costume and bowed, wishing them good health and happiness in the new year, a traditional Korean New Year's ritual.

First they visited Barbara Freedman at Falcon's Landing retirement home in Sterling, VA. They joined her for lunch in the home's dining room. Afterwards

the Stoys donned their Korean costumes and bowed to her.

COL Roswell Freedman served in both WWII and the Korean War. He flew more than 50 combat missions over Korea. Later in the war he served as Base Commander of Kunsan Air Base. Many of his missions involved interdiction of enemy supply lines in North Korea. He unfortunately passed away in 2013.

Barbara participated in a Korea revisit in July 2014 which the Stoys organized. Monika presented Barbara with a photo album with pictures from the 2014 revisit.

Later that afternoon the Stoys visited

GEN Warner and his wife Janice in the Warner home in Mclean, VA. GEN Warner was commissioned from West Point in June 1950. Within weeks he was in Korea, serving as a company grade officer in L Co., 21st Inf., 24th ID.

GEN Warner attended the Stoys' Korean War historical seminar in Springfield, VA in April 2017, where he spoke about his personal experiences in the Korean War. GEN Warner had a long, distinguished Army career and his family continues that great tradition of Army service.

The Stoys performed the same ritual honoring the Warners last year.



Roswell Freedman



The Stoys and Mrs. Haesook Choi with Barbara Freedman



The Stoys with GEN and Janice Warner

LT Warner, right, with USMA classmates in Korea



The first 'Guided Missiles'

On 28 August 1952, Guided Missile Unit-90, on board the aircraft carrier *USS Boxer (CVA-21)*, launched a pilotless (and today, we have driverless autos) radio-controlled Grumman F6F-5K Hellcat fighter aircraft against a target in North Korea. The F6F-5K Hellcat, loaded with 1,000-pound bombs, was guided to a bridge at Hungnam by a controlling AD-4N Skyraider aircraft of VC-35.

Five more of these early "Guided Missiles" were launched between 28 August and 2 September 1952. The first resulted in two direct hits and one near miss. They were the first guided missiles (today's drones) launched from a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier in actual combat.

(Thanks to Tom Moore, tm103ps@yahoo.com)

131ST TRANSPORTATION TRUCK COMPANY

Part I

The headline in the September 11, 2010 edition of the Huntingdon, PA Daily News read simply, "Guard unit did job in Korea." The piece referred to "the 74 men who left from the Huntingdon armory of the Pennsylvania National Guard as the 131st Transportation Truck Company. The subhead was significant: "Everyone came home."

To commemorate their service there is a plaque in the local National Guard's readiness center. And, there is a written history that was compiled by Major General Robert H. Appleby on the 40th anniversary of the unit's mobilization. That history appears below.

The attack began at dawn on a rainy summer morning, June 25, 1950, with heavy artillery fire in the various attack zones which were the main valley roads or corridors leading to Seoul and Chunchon. The main thrusts came down these valleys with T-34 tanks rumbling ahead and infantry spreading out quickly into battle line wherever resistance was met.

Coordinated with these drives was the complete overrunning of the Onjin Peninsula and an amphibious flanking move along the coast to cut off ROK units that were covering the north-south coastal road as well as the roads extending southwest to Hongchon, Wonju, and Chechon, villages that would later become well known to the 131st Transportation Truck Company. This was the beginning of what was to be known as the Korean War.

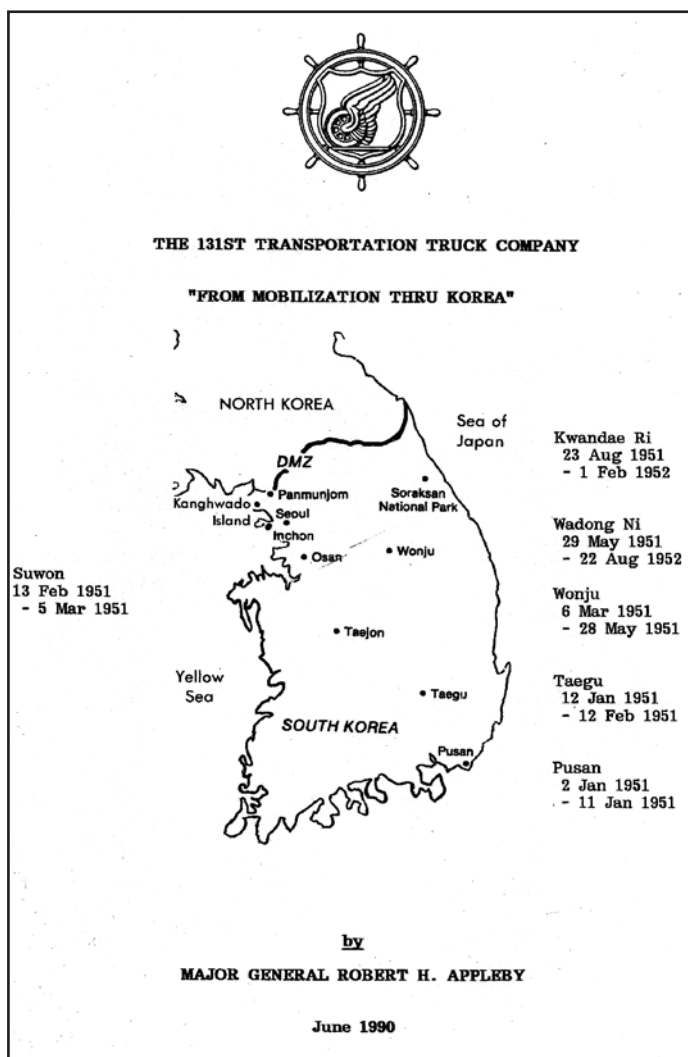
The 131st Transportation Truck Company began their annual training in July of 1950 at Camp Perry, Ohio. Few, if any, dreamed they would soon become participants in the Korean War. An advance party, a detachment of the company, arrived at camp on 19 and 20 July. By Sunday, 23 July, the main body arrived by train. Accompanying the unit were several officers and enlisted personnel from the parent unit, the 154th Transportation Truck Battalion.

CPT Carl Moore, the unit commander, had not attended its annual training; thus, the command was led by 1LT Robert P. Weaverling. The mission was to work ration breakdown, transport rations, conduct camp garbage collections, and support the 51st AAA Brigade, an anti-aircraft unit developing its skills by firing at targets as they were towed over Lake Erie.

PREPPING IN PA

On Wednesday, 26 July, CPT Fred Angle, Adjutant of the 154th Transportation Truck Battalion, received maps of Korea and alerted the unit of its pending mobilization. Thirty days later, 26 August, the unit was federalized for active service. After accomplishing its training mission, the unit departed Camp Perry, Ohio, and arrived at home station, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, on the morning of 6 August.

Initial mobilization started on 16 August at the armory, and the unit remained under state control. Processing for active duty began by screening records and upgrading personnel files. Physicals were given, shots and immunizations administered, and some personnel were eliminated through screening. Flat rail-



The cover of the 131st history

road cars were positioned behind the fiberglass plant, and unit personnel began preparing the shipment of equipment by rail by blocking and tying down its vehicles, trailers, and tool boxes.

On 26 August, the NGUS ordered the 131st Transportation Truck Company into active military service per General Order No. 2, TAGPA, and dated 4 August 1950. In the evening of 6 September, under the command of 1LT Weaverling, the unit departed Huntingdon by troop train.

TRAINING IN TEXAS

The train passed through St. Louis, Missouri, on 7 September and arrived at Fort Bliss, Texas, at 0800 on 9 September. Equipment arrived on flat cars on 12 September. Initially attached to the 111th AAA Brigade, they were subsequently released and attached to the 167th Transportation Truck Battalion on 18 September. The Battalion was commanded by LTC Swalm. During this time frame, the United Nations forces in Korea were defending the Pusan perimeter, and on 15-16 September the Tenth Corps launched its amphibious landing at Inchon.

The unit took up residence on Logan Heights, and the next few days were spent familiarizing ourselves with the terrain surrounding the area. Rocks, sagebrush, and lots of sand provided our panoramic view. Sand storms were frequent during our stay in Texas, and during September the temperature hovered at 100 degrees. White washing rocks surrounding the huts and making the World War II billets habitable was the order of the day.

Preparation for overseas movement consisted of briefings on Korea, first aid and land navigation training, dismounted drill, familiarization with the M-30 carbine and the .50 caliber machine gun, weapons firing, and obstacle and infiltration courses, with overhead fire provided by the water-cooled .30 caliber machine guns. Maintenance of equipment was a priority, and keeping the vehicles shined was great until the sand storms blew in. KP, guard duty and parades filled our spare time.

Some personnel were detached to the artillery units firing in the desert during October and early November. Entertainment was provided by the Queen Bee Dairy, opposite the motor pool, attending Texas Western (now UTEP) football games, and crossing the Rio Grande into Juarez, Mexico. The unit provided outstanding softball, basketball, and bowling teams in Post competition. Some outstanding boxers participated in the outdoor boxing shows.

While we were stationed at Fort Bliss, many hometown businesses contributed equipment to be used by the troops for recreation, morale and welfare purposes. Those contributors were Don's Sporting Goods, Corcelius Hardware, C. H. Miller Hardware, Shetrom's Hardware, Dean Phipp's Auto Store, People's and Wolf's Furniture Stores. Juniata College and Huntingdon High School also donated athletic equipment. The unit owes a debt of gratitude for their contributions and support. The Huntingdon Daily News contributed considerably to the morale of the unit by its extensive coverage throughout its tour in Korea.

During the months of October and November, the unit was brought to full strength with fillers from the active army, transfers from the Kentucky and Alabama National Guard, and inactive reservists called up from the southwest, mostly from New Mexico. These reserve fillers were veterans of World War II. On 23 November, CPT Richard Forehand assumed command of the unit just prior to their overseas deployment. He replaced 1LT Weaverling, who then became Company Executive Officer.

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In Korea, the pursuit was on. The United Nations had reached the Yalu River on 25-26 October. However, the Chinese intervened, and it was a fight for survival, November through December, until the eventual evacuation from Hungnam on Christmas Eve, 24 December 1950.

GOING WEST, YOUNG MEN

On 16 November 1950, the unit was alerted for deployment to Korea. Vehicles were prepared for shipment by rail and loaded on 28 November. The advance party departed for Camp Lawton, Washington, on 30 November. The unit's initial destination in Korea was to be Hungnam.

The main body of the company continued to train, and the night of 4 December was spent going through night infiltration and obstacle courses. Bedding was turned in on 5 December, and the unit departed Fort Bliss at 2 p.m., Thursday, 7 December. We boarded 11 Pullman coaches of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Headquarters Company, from Pine Grove, Pennsylvania, accompanied the unit. NCOs in charge of cars were Trimer, Shetrom, Wesner, Quintana, and Boyce. Hockenberry was in charge of the mess cars, which were located in the center of the train.

The route to Camp Lawton, which passed through New Mexico and Arizona, included the cities of El Paso, Tucson and Phoenix. The train arrived in Los Angeles around noon on 8 December. Everyone disembarked for about an hour to exercise and stretch.

After leaving Los Angeles, during a layover in Bakersfield, California, one of our soldiers, L. D. Butler, and a porter got off the train to pick up some refreshments, but the train pulled out without them. Butler was declared AWOL and dropped from the rolls, but was later seen in the summer of 1951, a member of the 2nd QM Company, 2nd Infantry Division.

The train passed through many California cities, arriving in Sacramento at 3 a.m., Saturday, 9 December. Leaving Sacramento, the route took us through Oregon and Washington. We passed through the towns of Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Albany, and Salem; from there to Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and, finally, Camp Lawton. The train arrived at 7 a.m., Sunday, 10 December.

When the advance party departed Fort Bliss on 30 November, Sgt. Heck had taken a small puppy with him for the trip to Camp Lawton. Apparently, when the train loaded with equipment stopped at Grants Pass for the steam locomotives to take on water, the dog disappeared. The troop train that fol-

lowed several days later also stopped at Grants Pass—and the puppy reappeared. It was gathered on board and taken to Camp Lawton. Later, efforts to smuggle it aboard the ship failed, and the puppy was left on shore.

YOU CAN'T GET AS SICK AS A DOG IF THERE ARE NO DOGS ABOARD

On 11 December, the unit was indoctrinated on Korea and remained assigned to the 167th Transportation Truck Battalion. The weather was cold and rainy the few days we spent at Camp Lawton. We carried with us our initial issue of summer clothing and summer sleeping bags issued at Fort Bliss. No winter gear was issued, for which we would later suffer.



Trucks (not the 131st's) at the PX in Young-Dong-Po

An estimated 1200 troops boarded the Victory ship, USNS SGT Sylvester Antolak (T-AP-192) at 1145 hours, 14 December, en route to FECOM, our permanent change of station. The troops' morale was excellent. The ship cleared the port around noon. After nine days on the water we crossed the International Date Line at 0814 hours, 23 December. We gained one calendar day noted on the morning report of 24 December. This was the same day the evacuation of Hungnam was completed. That changed our destination.

We celebrated Christmas Day on the water with a turkey dinner (for those who weren't seasick). Small gifts donated by church groups, such as writing paper, candy, and toilet articles, were distributed. The weather was blustery and the waves extremely choppy the entire 18 days spent on the water. The seagulls provided our only entertainment. The ship arrived in Pusan Harbor at 2140 hours, 1 January 1951. The following morning about 15-20 boys and girls under 13 years of age paddled out to the ships and begged for whatever we threw to them.

HARD TO FIND A PARKING SPACE IN PUSAN HARBOR

Since the evacuation of UN forces from Hungnam had been completed on Christmas Eve, 24 December, many of the warships that had supported the evacuation were now at anchor in the port of Pusan. Troopships were unloading their cargo, and the troops were moving to staging areas as they prepared to

move north again. In the port were a Swedish hospital ship, Constellation, and about 35 U.S. Navy ships.

NOTE: The hospital ship to which the writer refers was most likely the Norwegian hospital ship, Jutlandia, The Constellation was probably USS Consolation.

Ships in the harbor varied in size from rowboats to heavy cruisers and battleships. There were fishing boats of all sizes, e.g., Korean "junks" maritime ships, naval vessels, tramp steamers, passenger ships and victory ships. There was an air base nearby, and we observed several formations of American Sabrejets. The airbase was later identified as K-9.

From both sides of the bay, towering hills and mountains arose, topped sparsely by trees. The lower slopes were terraced, and the green pots showed us the Oriental practice of using every available space to raise food. In port, our ship reloaded its hungry hold with fresh supplies, oil, and refreshing clear water from the nearby hills. The water was pumped to our ship from barges in the port.

The unit remained on the ship Tuesday, 2 January 1951, and we disembarked the following day, moving to higher ground in the vicinity of Pusan. We moved into squad tents, GP mediums, some with heaters and some without, with about 17 men per tent. Troops were tramping over one another. It was wet, cold, and everyone was soaked. Oh, for some warmer weather gear.

GUERRILLAS, FIRES, BED CHECK CHARLEY...

On 4 January the Chinese had overrun Seoul, and we were now preparing to move up to reinforce the front. Until our trucks arrived, there wasn't much to do but wait. In the evening, the troops were entertained by Canadian bagpipers at an enlisted club. When the trucks arrived by sea and were unloaded, we immediately prepared for movement by topping them off and mounting the .50 caliber machine guns.

On 12 January, through haze, fog and rain, the long convoy moved over the Green Diamond route, north to Taegu, and arrived at 1730 hours. There were two primary routes from Pusan north to Taegu, the "Green Diamond" (east coast) and Red Diamond (mountainous western). The Red Diamond was extremely treacherous because of ambushes and raids from bypassed guerrillas who were operating in these mountain areas.

We were assigned to the 69th Transportation Truck Battalion. The 67th Transportation Truck Battalion remained in Pusan and occupied buildings of Taegu University. The buildings were previously occupied by 8th Headquarters in the initial defense of the Pusan perimeter. It was on 5 February that one of the buildings burned to the ground.

The Chinese offensive finally ground to a halt on 15 January, just north of the village of Suwon. While located at Taegu, the 131st Transportation Truck Company began its support to the divisions of 8th Army all along its front. The

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missions consisted primarily of hauling rations, POL in 55-gallon drums, and ammunition from the railhead at Taegu to northernmost supply points located at Taejon, Chonan, and Chungju.

Taegu, at the time, was the northernmost railhead, as all railroads were severed beyond the city. Most supplies were being airdropped to the forward troops, and it was the unit's mission to retrieve parachutes for repacking and reuse. Different colored parachutes denoted a different class of supply.

Movement was difficult because we had to ford both the Nakdong and Kum Rivers, wide and deep, due to a lack of bridging. Many lessons were learned on fording rivers, to include getting a "winch" truck over first. The crossing lane was narrow and when a truck stalled out, it blocked the ford. The Sobaek Mountains presented an obstacle to our resupply missions to Taejon and Chonan because the passes were narrow and the road net barely trafficable.

While supporting the 24th Infantry Division north of Taejon, in the vicinity of Kumsan and Yongdong, the unit passed through the battle area where MG Dean, Commander, 24th Infantry Division, was captured in July 1950. Russian T-34 tanks and U.S. M-24 light tanks were burned and disabled all along the road.

While at Taegu, one of our interior guards was shot while on duty, and it was not unusual for burp guns to be fired into the motor pool from behind the stone wall that surrounded the compound. Bed Check Charley would make his nightly run, and the lights would go out until it was clear. During one run to Angdong with an MP escort, one convoy ran into an ambush and was fired on from a ridge as it came around a bend in the road. After returning the fire and the ridge swept, the convoy proceeded with blackout drive.

THE REALITIES OF WAR FOR TRUCKERS

On 25 January, the United Nations forces began a counter offensive. Our unit, still assigned to the 69th Transportation Truck Battalion, was split and moved to new locations on 13 February. A detachment was relocated to K-5, an airfield just north of Taejon, and the main body moved to K-13, an airfield located at Suwon.



Members of the 131st Truck Co. in Korea

It was 12 February when five trucks were lost at Chungju when an ammunition train blew up. Garber and Hawn were wounded, Garber seriously, and were evacuated to the 1st Medical Army Surgical Hospital. Hawn would later rejoin the unit. The detachment at Taejon was resupplying rockets and ammunition from Chungju to the P-51 fighter base located at K-5. Initially, there were four fighters operating from the base; however, one of the P-51 Mustangs crash landed while the detachment was in support.

The main body located at Suwon also had a resupply mission. One mission was meeting the C-46s, C-47s and C-54s flying into Suwon with ammunition, mail, and blood plasma. These supplies were then moved forward. Suwon was the northernmost airfield, as Seoul and its Kimpo Airfield had not been recaptured.

On 20 February, both Generals MacArthur and Ridgway flew into Suwon to visit the front, just south of Seoul and about 15 miles to the north. On the 22nd of February, Yongdongpo and Ascom City were recaptured and the unit's specific mission was to evacuate an ammunition dump that had been overrun by the Chinese when someone failed to blow it in place. It was suspected that we were covering someone's blunder.

It was also at Ascom City that the unit found an ice cream making machine, dismantled it, and removed it for its own use. Shortly thereafter, the 351st Transportation Group Headquarters found out about it and took it for their own. It was also the first time the unit operated out of Yongdongpo.

Significant was the fact that the only concrete highway in Korea was a 30-mile stretch between Seoul, Yongdongpo, and Inchon.

To be continued...

Old Glory: Linking the Past and Present

Veterans Day 2017 was a significant milestone for the KWVA. We hosted the National Veterans Day ceremonies in Washington D.C for the first time. One of the most prominent groups there was Century Link America, whose purpose is explained in the following lead-in to our Veterans Day special.

As founder Dave Pawlewicz explained, "It is the fact that the success of The Old Glory Tour is the result of the participation over many years by members of every service branch, individual veterans and veterans groups, police and fire departments, teachers and students, other volunteers and so many more who have kept Old Glory traveling America's Freedom Road and who have kept her safe."

OSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea - Published November 11, 2017

The beaches of Normandy, the ports at Pearl Harbor, atop Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima, and Ground Zero in New York City; all of these places have one thing in common: the American Flag. The American Flag has symbolized victory, defeat, liberation and hope throughout our nation's history. For many Americans, the flag represents allegiance, freedom, and a proud heritage. This symbol has flown over France, Japan, Italy, Korea, Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan and more, not as a sign of hostility but as a promise to support and defend those who need us most.

In an attempt to link the present with the past, one flag in particular, named Old Glory, has traveled all over the world. In an effort to remind those near and far, Old Glory proudly represents those who have courageously defended our nation and its allies.



"The Old Glory Tour has been a very positive experience for me," said Dave Pawlewicz, President of Century Link America, a patriotic non-profit organization. "I am an Air Force veteran who served during the mid-1960s. I reached a point in the late 1990s where I wanted to do something meaningful and patriotic."

"My son practiced his cross country at Valley Forge National Park. While waiting



Left, Old Glory on the Arlington Amphitheater stage. Right, Old Glory being escorted out of Arlington amphitheater



for him, I would sit and look at the National Memorial Arch dedicated to General Washington and his Continental Soldiers who endured a harsh winter at Valley Forge. Looking through the Arch, I could see the American Flag waving proudly. To me it was a beautiful site. The idea for The Old Glory Tour flowed from all of the above," said Pawlewicz.

He started the flag tour in 1999, when Old Glory was raised at Valley Forge, marking the beginning of the Old Glory Travels America's Freedom Tour hosted by Century Link America.

"The mission of the Old Glory Tour is, in part, to remember and commemorate important events of our history, to honor the service and sacrifice of veterans and the fallen who helped shape them, to salute members of the armed forces, to recognize the firefighters, police and EMTs who protect our freedom domestically, to inspire and educate our youth and to celebrate the freedoms and spirit of America our flag symbolizes," said Pawlewicz.

As tensions grow between North and South Korea, we are reminded of the Korean War not so long ago. June 25th of 1950 began a war that has still seen no conclusion. The American Flag flew for the south during the three year conflict. It flew against communism, and held those we lost in its bold stripes and stars.

In January of 2005, 30 active-duty service members took the Oath of Allegiance in Seoul and became U.S. citizens during a special overseas military naturalization ceremony. During that ceremony, Old Glory was unfurled and presented as she welcomed our newest citizens. Now, 12 years later, Old Glory made a trip to Osan Air Base to fly in honor of those who fought, those who died, and those who are ready to do the same to uphold freedom in South Korea.

The 2d ID reenlistment ceremony in South Korea





"It's an important visit," said Pawlewicz. "Here in the states, Korea is a daily topic in the papers and on TV - front and center. Most know that we have U.S. troops stationed in South Korea, but I don't think the majority of citizens know or can appreciate what our troops do on a daily basis to protect our freedoms here at home and abroad."

Old Glory was flown in a U-2 Dragon Lady at an altitude of 60,000 feet above the earth's surface and took a ride in an F-16 Flying Falcon with the commander of the 51st Fighter Wing, Col. Williams Betts. She also made one of the most dangerous flights an American can make. She flew at the 38th Parallel, the DMZ, in an A-10 Thunderbolt II.

"It was a great reminder of why we are here," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Michael Kantack, 51st Public Affairs broadcasting craftsman. "While I flew with Col. Betts and Old Glory, it really made me think of those who came before us and the legacy we might leave for those who will come after us."

After sharing its history and capturing new memories, Old Glory will return to Washington D.C. to be one of many heroes during a Veterans Day Ceremony. Korean War veterans, holding Old Glory, will lead the procession of veterans groups through the Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery.

"It will be a special experience for them knowing that Old Glory has just returned from being with our troops in South Korea," said Pawlewicz. "Hopefully, it will also be a special connection for all who participated with Old Glory at the 51st."

To see a beautifully done short video of the pilots and aircraft who took Old Glory aloft, visit <https://youtu.be/P0-L-GshsIE>. It was released on Veterans Day by the 51st Fighter Wing at Osan Air Base, but it is timeless and would be appropriate every day of the year.

Incidentally, Old Glory "participated" at a reenlistment ceremony for the 2nd ID in South Korea. The gentleman holding Old Glory is the man who hand carried Old Glory back to the states from South Korea and kept her safe. Andrew Spano, holding the flag in the nearby photo, is a retired Command Sergeant Major.

On World Flag Tour, Old Glory Travels America's Freedom Road: Old Glory's Connection to Korean War Veterans and Republic of Korea



Old Glory served as the American flag posted on the stage with the flags of countries who were allies during the Korean War. The occasion was the 50th Anniversary commemoration in Washington D.C. After the ceremony, Old Glory recognized Korean War veterans at the Korean War Memorial.

The flag first traveled to Republic of Korea during Christmas 2004/Jan 2005. Old Glory saluted troops at Osan AB and flew with the Base Wing Commander and on a reconnaissance mission in a U-2. The flag participated in a Naturalization



In an attempt to link the present with the past, one flag, named Old Glory, traveled to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Oct. 20, 2017. As part of the Old Glory Travels America's Freedom Tour, the U.S. Flag traveled around South Korea before being flown on Veterans Day. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Gwendalyn

Ceremony for U.S. service members who became U.S. citizens. While in South Korea, students and Joint Security Area military personnel saluted Old Glory. Finally on that first trip, Old Glory was flown over the Joint Security Area in the Demilitarized Zone, United Nations Command.

On Veterans Day 2016, Old Glory participated in ceremonies at the Korean War Memorial in Washington D.C. During the ceremony, a soldier from the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX, presented Old Glory to each attending Korean vet as an individual salute for their service.

In October and November of 2017, Old Glory visited the Republic of Korea for the second time. The purpose of the trip was twofold. First, Old Glory was there to salute U.S. troops. Second, the trip was a prelude to the Veterans Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. The objective was to make a special connection for the troops and the Korean War veterans who would be in Washington for the ceremony.

While in Korea, Old Glory saluted the Airmen of the 51st Fighter Wing at Osan AB. Old Glory flew missions in an F-16, an A-10 Thunderbolt II in close proximity to the DMZ, and a reconnaissance sortie in a U-2. Old Glory was then transferred to the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Casey, where she served as the American flag for a mass Reenlistment Ceremony.

On Veterans Day, 2017 the Korean War veterans had the honor of leading all veterans groups into the Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery for the Veteran Day Ceremony. Robert Shirley and Ron Twenty were chosen to lead the procession, marching Old Glory and the KWVA flag and posting the flags on the stage during the ceremony.

For more information contact Dave Pawlewicz, Century Link America, 484-947-6847, davep_cla@hotmail.com.

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Korean War Veterans who served in or supported ground, naval, or air operations in the Korean Theater between June 25, 1950 and October 15, 1954. Family members of deceased or disabled Veterans are eligible to participate in the "Korea Revisit Program." An eligible applicant is allowed to bring a family member or friend as a "travel companion." Korea Defense Veterans (1945 – Jun 24, 1950 and Oct 16, 1954 – present) are eligible to go when Korean War Veterans are not available.

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1. For the 65th anniversaries (2015-19) there will be more quotas available. In addition, those who have been on a Revisit prior to 2011 can apply to return again. (Call MHT for more details)
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3. Korea Defense Veterans who served in Korea during these periods (1945 – Jun 24, 1950 and Oct 16, 1954 – present) are eligible to return on a space available basis TBD by the MPVA and the ROK criteria.

Benefits & Schedule

1. Free hotel accommodations for the veteran their companion or veteran representatives, meals for 5 nights and 6 days in Seoul for 2 people. If you want to bring more people you may at your expense.
2. Accommodations are based on (2) persons per room, if you want a single hotel room you may at your own expense. All of the above items need to be requested in writing.
3. Tours of Seoul and its vicinity, banquet hosted by the MPVA and KVA with presentation of the "Ambassador for Peace" medal, tours of the DMZ, Pan-Mun-Jom, War Memorial Museum, and National Cemetery.

Typical Korea Revisit Itinerary

Day 1: Fly to Korea.

Day 2: Arrival day Incheon Airport, ROK check into Seoul Hotel.

Day 3 - Tribute Ceremony at the "Korean National Cemetery", visit to the Korean War Memorial.

Day 4 - Visit Panmunjom, DMZ, Joint Security Area, Camp Bonifas & wreath laying.

Day 5 - Ceremony for Korean War Veterans & Display/Show.

Day 6 - Visit tour of "Korean Folk Village" and shopping opportunity. Banquet hosted by MPVA and KVA.

Day 7 - Depart Korea or begin post-tour extensions.

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1. The MPVA Revisit Program privileges are provided for scheduled groups only.
2. Participants are required to have a valid passport that does not expire until 6 months after return to the USA.
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6. Applications will be received/accepted on a "First-come, first-served" basis.
7. Use of frequent flyer miles or other "free" transportation is allowed, but the administrative nonrefundable service fee of \$450.00 per person is still required for the insurance, tour leaders and administration costs.
8. The initial \$50 per person registration fee that is required for postage, printing, phone charges, file maintenance and personnel staffing to manage the Korea Revisit Programs is not refundable. The remainder of the nonrefundable Service Fee (\$400) will not be charged until the participant has selected his Korea Revisit (KR) dates on the KR Preference Sheet that will be mailed in March-April as part of the KR Handbook.

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