

# Tell America

## Tell America Documentaries Available

This is a conversation between William Hanes of Ch. 24 and Tell America Director Alves Key. It might be of some interest to Tell America participants.

Dear Sir;

We like to have something to leave with the students after our presentation. I have distributed all my copies of the white anniversary book and the black pamphlet. One of our members has a VHS copy of Bloody Korea: The Real Story. The quality is not the best.

I am trying to copy it to DVD to distribute at our Tell America presentations. If you know of a good quality copy or DVD version (or similar resource), please let me know.

Thank You,

William Hanes, Secretary,  
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Bill,

I have a DVD copy of the video that views well. I will have a copy made and send it to you. I will also send you a DVD copy of The Korean war and its Historical Impact (11.5 minutes). This video works well in classrooms. Quality duplications locally cost \$7.50 each, so our chapter uses them only for presentations. Another option is to duplicate DVDs on flash drive. Regrettably, the KWVA did not archive master copies of VHS tapes created in decades past.

As Tell America chair for national, I am creating a list of internet based digital media resource links that chapters and educators can readily access. For example YouTube has an extensive list of Korean War documentaries and videos, many of which come from archived U.S. military sources. The following links are two of many examples that can provide meaningful information to audiences of all types. They are free and accessible in most educational venues.

- The Korean War 1950-53 - A Forgotten War Full Length Historical Documentary Cold War Combat Footages, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fO-OZN5n1c&feature=share>
- Korean War Veterans Digital Museum (Compelling Korean veteran interviews), <http://www.kwvdm.org>
- A Brief Account of the Korean War, by Jack Walker, [http://www.kwva.org/brief\\_account\\_of\\_the\\_korean\\_war.htm](http://www.kwva.org/brief_account_of_the_korean_war.htm)
- Korean War Veterans Digital Memorial, <http://www.kwvdm.org>
- Korea The Forgotten War 1950-1953, St. Petersburg Times July 20 2003, <http://www.sptimes.com/2003/webspecials03/koreanwar/timeline.shtml>
- 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Video from Korea-MY Dearest Friend, <https://youtu.be/dMrJ3SvKM-8>

With best regards,

A. J. Key

## 19 – GEN. RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

In February Bob Moore and Urban Rump presented the Tell America program to the Junior Air Force ROTC program to the sophomore class at the Sequoyah High School Canton, GA. This program, directed by Lt. Col. USAF (ret.) Ronald Whittle, was originated by MSGT. John Futrel. An Air Force veteran of twenty years, he is retiring this year after 25 years in the Canton, GA, school district.

This successful program has drawn many honors in the years it has been as part of the curriculum at the school district. Both Col. Whittle and MSGT Futrel are due high praise for leading it.

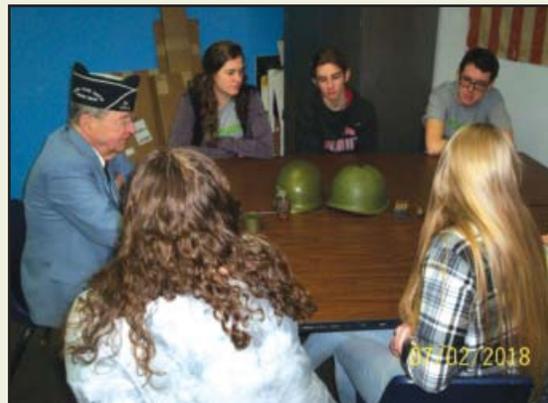
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John Martel introduces Ch. 19 presenters

## 24 – CHARLES PARLIER [IL]

Dave Freyling, Orval Mechling, Wayne Semple and Bill Hanes made a presentation at Mt. Zion High School, Mt Zion, IL on 7 February 2018 before 1 class, 1 teacher and 23 students. Orval Mechling (Chairman), Dave Mayberry and Wayne Semple



Dave Freyling (L) of Ch. 24 speaks to students at Mt. Zion High School

gave a similar presentation at Stewardson-Strasburg High School on 6 March 2018 to 2 classes comprising 64 students, and 2 teachers.



**Ch. 24 member Orval Mechling discusses Korean War experiences with Mt. Zion students**

**Presenter from Ch. 24 Wayne Semple talks with Mt. Zion High school students**



## 72 – OREGON TRAIL [OR]

The 17th Living History Day, held on 9 November 2017 at McNary High School, began at 0700. Students of the Leadership class greeted veterans and escorted them to a designated area for “meet and greet” and continental type snacks. Our assigned escorts were from the JR Air Force ROTC and the leadership class. The event was “honored” by KATU (an affiliate of ABC), which sent a crew to

record some of the day’s events. Usually two veterans speak in each class and share the time. This continued throughout the entire day until dismissal at 2:30, with a break for a delicious lunch (prepared by the catering class). About 30 speakers from all branches of the military and from World War II through the current conflicts were enthusiastically welcomed to the classrooms.

Principal Eric Jespersen said the



**Attendees at McNary High School’s Living History Day in which Ch. 72 members participated**

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highlights of the school year are graduation and Living History Day. What is so outstanding for the veterans is how the students take a personal interest in each of us. They wait on us because of some mobility problems, make sure we have plenty of water or snacks, see that we are properly introduced in the classes, and carry our reference material.

The morning assembly was outstanding as always. Colors were presented by the cadets to begin the day. The band/orchestra played a beautiful rendition of our national anthem and a quintet honored us with the songs of each service branch (for which we stood to the appropriate

song). Two cadets performed a silent drill. The event concluded with the playing of “Echo Taps.” This program originated in 2000 as an inspiration of former faculty member Jerry Hritz, when he gathered a few veterans for a GI lunch and conversation. Ever since it has progressed to where it is today. The beauty of this program is that it is presented by the students with guidance from the faculty where it is appropriate. No professionals are involved. One Vietnam veteran, Ron Raleigh, has attended for all of the 17 years.

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## 249 – JOSEPH C. RODRIGUEZ (MOH) [TX]

We have been promoting the Tell America Program to students in the El Paso, TX school districts. The nearby photos were taken at a presentation at Socorro

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**President Bill Whitley, Pete G. Flores, Benn Arriola, brother of a POW, and Ramon Rosales (L-R) display certificates of appreciation at Ch. 249 Tell America presentation**



**Pete G. Flores of Ch. 249 tells students at Socorro High School about his experiences as a photographer aboard a B-29 bomber during bomb raids into North Korea**



**Former USS Pueblo POW Ramon Rosales of Ch. 249 shares his experience with Socorro High School students**

## 270 – SAM JOHNSON [TX]

Eight members made presentations to 2,897 students at the Allen High School in Allen, TX on February 5th and 6th. The members talked about their experiences in the Armed Forces. Some veterans were in the Korean War and some came after.

The students were from combined history and social studies classes, plus Marine Corps JROTC, which is in its fifth year at Allen High School and has been very popular. This JROTC program is the largest in North Texas.

Students were prepared with relevant questions for each presenter. Questions were submitted in advance to Dawn Blake, history teacher and Co-Chair of the Korean War Legacy Foundation, Inc. All questions were answered by the Tell America Team.

On both days taps and the national anthem were played by a JROTC cadet and Korean War veterans rendered the hand

salute. Marine Corps cadets wore dress blue uniforms and presented the colors.

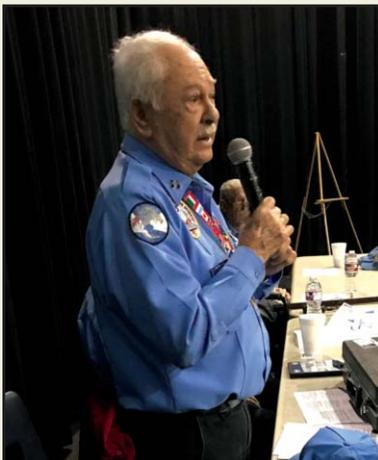
Not only did the JROTC cadets assist speakers by carrying maps, charts, and photographs, but after every presentation students and cadets lined up to shake the veterans' hands and thanked them for their service.

Some of the speakers who have returned to South Korea for a visit told the students of how they were treated there. They found people friendly and appreciative for their service. It made them feel that their service and sacrifice had a lasting effect.

The Tell America Program has been presented at Allen High School since May 2012. The speakers felt they had made a special contribution, one that the history books don't completely provide. They all look forward to returning to Allen High School next year.

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**Dick Lethe, who heads the Ch. 270 Tell America Program, talks about flying an F-94 Saberjet**



**Bugler plays "Taps" at Allen High School presentation**

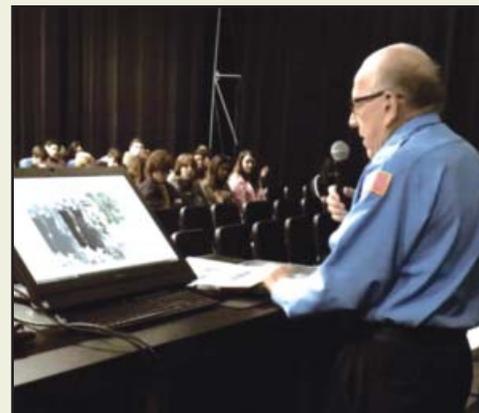


**Paul Pfrommer of Ch. 270 answers navigation questions about the B-29 bomber**



**Ch. 270 member Robert (Ski) Wojciechowski talks about setting up radio-telephone equipment during Korean War**

**B.J. Jimenez of Ch. 270 explains the role he played during the Korean War**



**Jerry Kasten of Ch. 270, a VIP photographer, talks about what he saw when he arrived in South Korea**