

The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

Tell America

327 - GEN. JOHN H. MICHAELIS [PA]

On May 25th, six members met with three third-grade classes at the Rohrerstown Elementary School. This invitation was a direct outgrowth of these same classes, which sent cards and messages to our members to honor us on Veterans Day 2017.

The program was well organized. After each veteran gave a brief overview of his experiences in

Korea, students took turns asking questions which they had prepared beforehand. The veterans fielded many good questions, which showed that the students had given much thought and effort in preparation for our visit. All agreed it was a very rewarding experience.

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Participants in Ch. 327's presentations: Dr. Walter Kreider, grandfather of Ms. Kassees; Sam Stoltzfus, James Shuman, Jay Meiskey, Paul Cunningham and Donald Lohr (L-R)

The classes of Ms. Kayla Kassees, Mrs. Cenekofsky, and Mrs. Skundrich that attended Ch. 327 sessions at the Rohrerstown Elementary School

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asked his buddies to take care of Henry and feed him during his absence. Mike became angry when one of his buddies said they would cook and eat him while he was away. Mike was unsure if his buddies were just joking with him. When he returned from R&R, Mike was happy to see Henry alive and rushed to cradle him in his arms like a precious pet.

One of Mike's saddest moments was when Henry was killed during a heavy bombardment of deadly mortars that rained on his unit's positions. Mike grieved when he saw the lifeless body of Henry. He dug a hole, buried his adorable pet, and placed a cross made of tree

branches on the grave. Even though they spent only a few months together, Henry brought comfort to Mike and he missed his pet.

Memories fade over time, but every moment he spent with Henry remains vivid after 67 years. Mike reminisces about Henry and shares this heartwarming story with friends and family, delighting them especially his children and grandchildren.

Mike did not have a photo of Henry. However, on a recent visit to an animal shelter, Mike saw a rabbit that reminded him of Henry and took the photo on page 9.

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