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# From the President

Paul Cunningham

Our annual membership meeting in July had its high points and low points.

I will begin on the high note. We were privileged this year to be visited by Gen. (Ret) Kim Jin Ho, Chairman of the Korea Veterans Association; an organization of over 10,000,000 members. Chairman Kim and his delegation participated in several of our events and culminated with their presentation of a check in the amount of \$530,000 to the Wall of Remembrance Foundation. Additionally, Gen Kim and the KVA underwrote the cost of our banquet and open bar reception. There were 280 people in attendance.

In his address to our members he emphasized the deep gratitude of the Korean people and Korean veterans for the sacrifices made on their behalf during and since the war. He quoted from ROK president Moon's Memorial Day speech:

"It is the United States of America that endured the greatest sacrifices for the peace and freedom of the Republic of Korea. We will build the Wall of Remembrance by 2022 and we express appreciation for the Korean War veterans."

We look forward to working with Gen. Kim and the KVA, along with the embassy and other agencies in Washington, as we plan for the observance of the 70th anniversary of the start of the Korean War in 2020.

Now for the downside.

For all practical purposes the Board

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business meeting has to be considered a disaster. In my last message to you I outlined several cost-cutting measures I deemed necessary in light of our shrinking membership. You will recall that these recommendations were formulated as a result of your responses to a survey I circulated to all chapters last spring. Reducing the number of issues of *The Graybeards* was not on the survey, but was added because several chapters made this suggestion.

Remember, this was an open-ended survey. At our meeting in July, your Board chose to fly in the face of your recommendations, citing the returns of only nineteen chapters. I have been informed that, of the 185 chapters in our organization, only 100 are fully functioning. Having returns from 19 chapters represents almost 20% of active members. Researchers and pollsters make predictions and generalizations with far smaller samples.

A major dereliction of duty by the Board was its failure to authorize seeking a replacement for Jim Fisher as Executive Director. Reasons cited were the need to review the ED's job description as well as quibbling about the title for this position. This item was withheld from the Board agenda with the

hope that it might be reviewed in a clearer light a few weeks later. Unfortunately, that was not to be the case.

When the question was placed before the Board in a "Business Without Meeting" it was defeated by a 7-6 vote. Thus, your board is now functioning without the services of an Executive Director as we enter the next few important months as we begin joint planning for the 70th Anniversary of the Start of the Korean War.

Within the next few weeks I will be, once again, circulating a survey form seeking your input on matters of profound importance to the future of the KWVA. I know the practice of soliciting your input may be new to you, but as I said in my initial message to you a year ago, KWVA is your organization and you should have an opportunity to have some say in how it is run. I believe the best way to achieve that is by offering you a referendum on crucial issues facing KWVA in this day and age.

ROK Ambassador Yoon-je Cho will be departing his post on October 2, 2019 and returning to South Korea. Ambassador Cho has been a great friend and benefactor to KWVA during his tenure. As a token of our esteem for him and as a memento of our close association, I will be presenting the Ambassador, on your behalf, with a book entitled, "Monument Wars: Washington D.C., the National Mall, and the Transformation of the Memorial Landscape."

October 2nd also marks the National Day in South Korea as well as the ROK Armed Forces Day.

Regards to all,

Paul

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## Recruiting

"We will be trying other venues where there are large crowds to get name recognition and recruit new members."

KWVA is always looking for new recruiting ideas and efforts. Here is a suggestion from Ch. 306, West Michigan, which took advantage of the annual hot rod cruise through the southern part of Grand Rapids, MI and suburbs. Doug Voss worked with the VFW to get a part of their space to explain to people about the KWVA. Here is the chapter's report:

"We held a recruiting drive at the 28th St. Metro Cruise August 23 and 24 Grand Rapids MI. It's an annual event for auto enthusiasts to show their classic cars, hot rods, and custom vehicles and cruise on 28th St., which wends through the Grand Rapids suburbs of Wyoming and Kentwood. Over the two days 200,000 people came to look at the cars, buy crafts, and visit food booths and vendors' tents to see what they were selling. We didn't sell anything, but we handed out membership forms for the KWVA."

"This was the first time we did this. We'll see if it pans out. Regardless, we will be trying other venues where there are large crowds to get name recognition, and recruit new members."

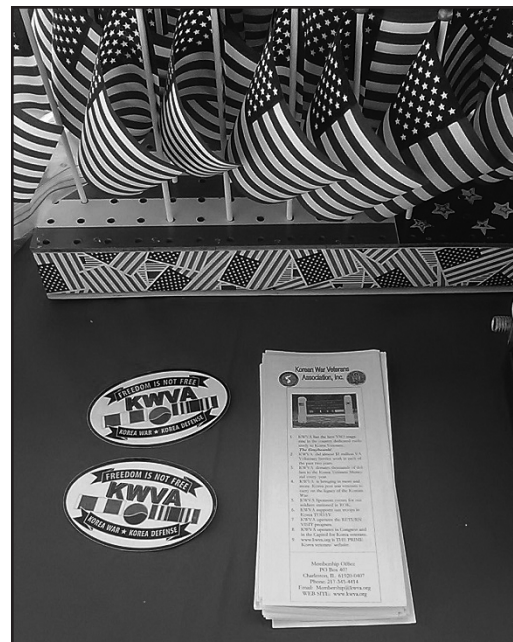
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Doug Voss standing by Ch. 306 banner at Metro Cruise



Part of the large crowd at the Grand Rapids, MI car show



Ch. 306's table at car show, with literature, stickers, and flags

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# From the Secretary

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**W**ell-functioning Not for Profit board governance is an essential element of meaningful and effective not for profit entities. There is a significant volume of board governance literature available on effective and successful board governance. It is a business, albeit a not for profit business. Boards must know the ins and outs of effectively and economically promoting their cause and raising the funding necessary to meet the entity mission.

The crux of the matter is ensuring that all aspects of the business must be transparent, the cause relevant to the needs of the member recipients, the mission executed in an effective and efficient manner while maintaining sufficient donations used to provide those services. That is achieved only by having committed volunteer board leadership that collaboratively works in the best interests of the entity, and is well equipped by knowledge, and a burning desire to serve their members.

In our case those members are the Korean War and defense veterans and KIA/POW/MIA families who paid the price of freedom for the citizens of the democratic Republic of Korea and the long-term strategic security interests of America in East Asia.

The KWVA, Inc. is accountable to its members, its donors, and the regulatory bodies of the United States and state of incorporations as a not for profit entity. The KWVA has well-written and comprehensive bylaws and a Standard Procedure Manual that govern all aspects of administrative governance. Board members must also be cognizant and adherent to well-established not for profit best practices.

An article in the summer 2017 edition of the Nonprofit Quarterly opens with this quote:

"A board is needed to incorporate a nonprofit, to get it tax exemption, to apply for a bank account, to properly file annual reports, and to do most important transactions. This is so because the principal roles of the board of directors are to represent the public (or membership) interests in the organization and to represent the organization as its legal voice."<sup>1</sup>

"Best Practices for Nonprofit Organization-Summary Listing"<sup>2</sup>

Nonprofit organizations follow many of the same best practices as for-profit organizations. This is because best practices largely have to do with good governance. Best practices for nonprofit boards include sound practices for board development, succession planning, legal responsibilities, liabilities and handling conflicts of interest...

## Board Development

Board directorship brings many opportunities to learn and grow, personally and professionally. Before committing to board service, nominees for nonprofit board directorship should be informed that their service requires continued board development.

## Succession Planning...

Nonprofit boards usually have term limits. Regular board turnover can be good for nonprofit boards because it continually brings in new skills and fresh perspectives. Best practices for nonprofit board recruitment include building a board with the necessary

skills and abilities, having active and engaged board members, and having some semblance of independence on the board..."

## Legal Responsibilities

Nonprofit board directors should have a written job description that outlines their expectations, duties and responsibilities, which includes many legal responsibilities. Best practices highlight the legal responsibilities that come with being a nonprofit board director.

## Liabilities

A basic best practice for nonprofit board directors is to be prudent in their decisions. This means that they must be wise, careful, discreet and sensible. They should know that they are liable for their actions and decisions that arise from their own negligence.

I close by asking all members to review the information in this article regarding the importance of having leadership that works in the best interests of the members. It is one thing to say it and another to do it. It requires knowledge of all noted above plus more, and a commitment to being prepared to discuss and act in accordance with what is best.

One needs to know what is expected and do the research beforehand to ensure they have sufficient correct and relevant information to make sound and independent decisions.

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### DECEMBER

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## What were you really thinking?

*"With the invasion floundering, Kennedy refused to send in Marines stationed in Puerto Rico or a large naval force that stood at the ready outside Cuban territorial waters." (<https://www.history.com/news/bay-of-pigs-mistakes-cuba-jfk-castro>)*

So we Marines of 3rd Bn., 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division (3/8) aboard USS Boxer (LPH-4) are eating our traditional pre-landing steak and egg breakfast at 0300 sometime in April 1961 as we prepare for an assault somewhere. We had no idea of where we were, other than somewhere in the Caribbean Sea, who we were going to attack, what our objective was... As we learned later, we were at the Bay of Pigs in Cuba.

Our breakfast conversation that morning was centered on tactics and strategies as we discussed the purpose of our assault, the geopolitics of the operation, its significance in the classical struggle between capitalism and totalitarian forms of government, who decided steak and eggs was a suitable last meal for Marines getting ready to make an amphibious landing during which they would be bobbing around the water for next four hours or so until the boats formed up and the coxswains checked their GPSs to make sure they were heading in the general direction of the shore, etc. Not!!!

We were USMC privates, lance corporals, corporals...in short, a bunch of mostly teen-aged enlisted Marines launching an unspecified mission planned by field officers and politicians hundreds or thousands of mile away whose lives were not in any danger. All we knew was that the operation came as a surprise to us, and the reality of being issued live ammunition before 0400 made it seem unlikely that this was a normal day training day.

We went topside to begin our surprise attack. (At least it was a surprise to us as to where we were going and who our enemy was.) Then, at 0600 the bos'n announced over Boxer's PA system that the operation had been aborted. "Turn in your ammo and go back to your normal daily routine," he said, as if we had just been practicing for a

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**What could go wrong with that plan?**

dance routine at the local ballet.

We had two mysteries to solve: 1) the identity of the bos'n who delivered the disappointing order to stand down so we could vent our frustration on him and 2) where we had been headed in the first place. We didn't find the answer to either mystery immediately, and it wasn't until years later that the government declassified documents pertaining to the operation, at which time we learned what had happened that lovely April morning. (We never identified the bos'n).

3/8's mission was to feint a landing to trick the Castros into thinking the exiles' landing was somewhere else. What could go wrong with that plan? (See the CIA report at <https://www.cia.gov/news-information/featured-story-archive/2016-featured-story-archive/the-bay-of-pigs-invasion.html>). Needless to say the whole operation turned into a fiasco and nobody bothered to explain to us what had happened.

I was reminded of that operation as I was preparing declassified CIA reports for eventual publication in *The Graybeards* regarding "The USSR and the Korean Invasion," "The Chinese Intervention in Korea, 1950," and "Factors Affecting the Desirability of a UN Military Conquest of all of Korea." (See the first of our series on p. 20). While military analysts and intelligence specialists were studying what might happen if the Chinese entered the war or how the Russians would react to a North Korean loss, warfighters on both sides were dying in large numbers.

In all probability they did not know or care about the geopolitical considerations of a North Korean invasion of the republic to the south, the ramifications of the Chinese entry into the war, or what would happen if the analysts and intelligence specialists messed up their predictions on such eventualities. Heck, they could read about those analyses after the war—if they lived

to do so. That is a problem with "After Action" reports: they often are not released for years or even decades after the event is concluded and the "Lessons Learned" are no longer applicable.

Declassified government files make interesting reading for historians, military analysts, field officers attending war colleges, et al. But, as I read them I cannot wonder what the soldiers in the foxholes in Korea were thinking as the actual battles the reports parsed decades later took place. How could they prepare to take on the unknown, e.g., the hundreds of thousands of Chinese troops who infiltrated into North Korea undetected or ignored in October and November 1950? The declassified CIA reports make it clear that analysts failed them in Korea. Has it been any different since?

In my case with 3/8 and the Bay of Pigs it didn't matter if we knew at the time what was happening. We were pulled back at the last minute so there were no casualties or any need for after action reports other than those declassified documents released decades later. It wasn't until then that I even found out that I was in the area for what amounted to what we Marines used to call a "colossal cluster....k."

I guess the central questions are these: is it better for the troops doing the actual fighting to be blissfully unaware of the large picture as it applies to them or to know what's going on in the grand scheme? Does understanding the overall plan for a military operation help or hinder them in and around their foxholes? Heck, troops can always read about the operations decades later—if they live long enough.

And for those who survive a battle reading those declassified reports is scary. The declassified reports we print here are proof of that.

# CALL FOR ELECTIONS

The membership is hereby notified that elections will be held in the spring of 2020 for the following National Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. (KWVA) positions:

President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President, to serve from June 25, 2020 - June 25, 2022; and three Directors to serve from June 25, 2020-June 2023.

Any regular member in good standing of the KWVA seeking to run for the aforementioned offices shall make their intentions known to the Chairman of the Elections Committee, Tim Whitmore, in writing, using the format below. The Election Committee Chairman must receive all applications and documents not later than December 16, 2019.

## REQUIREMENTS:

### Applicants must:

A. Present proof of service by submitting a signed Official KWVA Membership Application Form (found on the KWVA website or in The Graybeards magazine) showing eligible service years.

B. Submit a copy of his/her Form DD214 for verification by the Election Committee. The copy of the form DD214 may be redacted selectively by blackout/whiteout to remove information not related to the information required by the KWVA.

If you need a copy of your Form DD214, go to the National Archives website at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

C. Submit a current photograph, suitable for publication in The Graybeards, in which the candidate is clearly the focus of the picture.

D. Submit a letter, signed and dated, limited to approximately one (1) page, including the following:

Your intent to run for an office and the office sought.

- A summary of your qualifications for this office, stating any experience that will be of benefit to the Association.

- A statement that you will attend all called meetings of the Board of Directors and that you understand that two (2) unexcused absences could be used for your removal from office.

- A statement that your dues are current through the complete term of the office you are seeking.

**Note:** Payment of delinquent dues shall not be retroactive for purposes of establishing eligibility to run for office within the Association.

- A statement releasing all submitted documents/material for verification by the Election Committee.

- Your current mailing address, telephone number, and KWVA membership number and email address if available.

- Alternate email address and alternate phone number, if available.

## SUBMISSION DATE:

Send the above items by "USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested," or "USPS Express Mail, Return Receipt Requested," to the Election Committee Chairman, to arrive no later than December

16, 2019.

**Note:** Scanned documents sent via email are not an acceptable alternative and will be automatically deleted.

## MAILING ADDRESS:

Address application packages to L.T. Whitmore, Elections Committee Chairman, 5625 Canterbury Lane, Suffolk, VA 23435-1605.

For sample letters, refer to previous issues of The Graybeards, e.g., Jan/Feb 2016, 2015. If you do not have access to hard copies, go to [www.kwva.org](http://www.kwva.org), scroll down the left side, and click on The Graybeards, Online archives of Past Issues.

Address any questions you may have to the Election Committee Chairman at: (757) 483- 9784 and/or email at: TWhit35@gmail.com

## The six-step KWVA election process follows:

1. The Elections Committee certifies the candidates who are qualified to stand for office.
2. The declarations and pictures of certified candidates are then sent to the editor of The Graybeards for publication in the January-February 2020 edition. The ballots are also published in that edition.
3. Members cast their ballots by May 11, 2020 and mail them to the KWVA-approved CPA printed on the front of the ballot.
4. The CPA verifies the eligibility of members to vote in the election, counts their ballots, and reports the results via certified tally sheets to the Election Committee.
5. The results reported by the CPA are verified by the Election Committee.
6. Copies of the completed and verified tally sheets are sent by certified mail to each of the Board Members and to each of the candidates for office, regardless of whether they were elected or not.

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## Editor's office hours

**Editor Sharp's office hours, such as they are, are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday. He is not an employee of the KWVA, so his hours vary.**



# Membership

Recently, KWVA National 1st Vice President Jeff Brodeur presented his cousin, USMC Gunnery Sergeant Mike



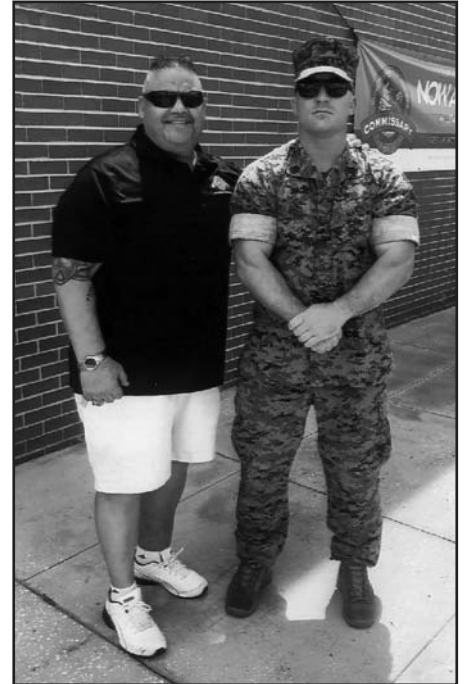
McCoy, with one of the new KWVA Challenge Coins. Mike, a Korean Defense Veteran and member of Ch. 299, ships out to the Mideast on his 9th tour out of MARCENT at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida. He has done tours in Korea, Kuwait, Jordan, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

New members are expected to surpass last year's number of 486. As of now, with almost four months to go, we have 417 new members and 35,820 likes on our Facebook page.

Please call Sheila at membership ( 217-345-4414) to order our new KWVA challenge coins, shirts, hats, pins and decals.

*Jeff Brodeur, kvamane@aol.com*

Mike McCoy displays his KWVA challenge coin



Jeff Brodeur (L) and Mike McCoy

## Administrative News

### NOTICE TO KWVA MEMBERS REGARDING DUES

The KWVA Board of Directors at their last meeting increased dues for Associate Members to \$25.00 per year, the same as Regular members. Associate members are valuable partners in sustaining Chapter activities and are greatly appreciated. Each Regular or Associate Member is responsible for keeping their dues current. Dues may be paid through their local Chapter or directly to the Association Office. The increase in dues will help sustain publication of The Graybeards.

### REMINDER TO CHAPTER AND STATE OFFICERS

No Association, Department or Chapter officer shall be allowed to conduct KWVA business or attend any meeting, or represent themselves as a member unless he or she is a current Member in good standing. See KWVA Bylaws (page 4) Section 3. A. Dues.

### CLARIFICATION OF HONORARY MEMBER

E. Honorary Members. Any person of good character may be elected as Honorary Member by vote by the Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the Board). See KWVA Bylaws (page3). Honorary Membership as defined by Merriam Webster online is an act "conferred or elected in recognition of achievement or service without the usual prerequisites or obligations." No dues or attendance or any other obligation to the Association is necessary or required.

#### Now Hear This:

**All comments concerning, or contributions for publication in The Graybeards should be sent to:**

**Art Sharp, Editor**  
**2473 New Haven Circle**  
**Sun City Center, FL 33573-7141**  
 or emailed to:  
**sharp\_arthur\_g@sbcglobal.net**





# Recon Missions

## Carmen Claudio?

The nearby hand-painted portrait is in my possession. I hope you can locate the family members and pass this portrait to them. The back of the painting has the following:



CARMEN CLAUDIO  
Dr. Rufo 115 Caguas; 11/10/53  
Sincerely,

Patricia Wright,  
Patricia.Wright@nassauda.org

**Carmen Claudio?**

## Yoo, Kim, and Han

I am trying to locate a few Korean Korean War servicemen who served during the Korean War with James O'Driscoll, a friend of my father. They were all attached to the Fifth Republic of Korea Corps and stationed about 30 miles north of Seoul, in a remote area, during parts of 1952 and 1953. They were part of the communications section at the base



**1st Lt. Yoo (L)  
and Master  
Sargent Kim  
Sung Sah**

Their names are 1st Lt. Yoo (surname only known), Master Sargent Kim Sung Sah, and PFC Han Mung Jen. He would like to meet with them on a Revisit Trip to Korea.

Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Chuck Bye, 952-975-0768,  
1536 Asbury St., St Paul, MN  
55108, [chuckbye@yahoo.com](mailto:chuckbye@yahoo.com)

## A Manchus Yearbook looking for a home

We received a note and a copy of a yearbook from Cindy Bordeaux. She wrote:

"I really enjoy your magazine. My father was a Korean War veteran and my husband was in Korea 1967-69. I found a 1st Bn. 9th Inf. 2nd ID yearbook among his things. He wasn't in the book but others may like it for history's sake. Please pass it on to



**Master Sargent  
Kim Sung Sah,  
at bottom with  
glasses**



**Han Mung Jen**

someone or an organization that collects historical artifacts."

The book was photographed and published in May 1967. The battalion commander at the time was LtCol William H. Platts. It contains pages and pages of photos of battalion members and events.

Anyone who is interested can contact *The Graybeards* Editor, 2473 New Haven Circle, Sun City Center, FL 33573.

## How did this pistol belt get to London?

I live in the UK. I wonder if you may be able to help me with a search for a possible U.S. soldier from the Korean War.

I have always been interested in World War 2 history and collecting relics from that war. About 35 years ago I was given a U.S. webbing pistol belt by a work colleague that he had gotten from a person he knew in London. At that time I was in the process of moving house with my family and my small collection got boxed up and put in the attic of our new home. That is where the belt has been since then and now I am retired from work I have set about giving the attic a bit of a sort out.

When I looked at the belt I had forgotten that it had a name



written on the inside and a manufacturer's name and date. With the help of the web I found out that this belt was not WW2 issue, as I always thought, but a JQMD 1951 which probably makes it a Korea-era issue. I would like to find out more about it now and find out about the soldier whose name is written inside, e.g., if he served and survived the war and if he is still alive today, so I could possibly reunite him or his family with the belt.

I would also like to know how it ended up in London. Any information or help would be most welcome about the soldier, Joe Garza.

Alan Partleton,  
afp52@hotmail.co.uk

### A photo of my grandfather

I am looking for a photo of my grandfather, Tom Frank Eakins. I live in France. He was born in 1913 in Flagstaff, AZ. He fought during WW2 and Korea (and maybe Vietnam). He died in 1980, and is buried at Jefferson Barracks National Military Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.

His name is written in my mum's family booklet as her father, but she never met him. She was born in January 1946, by which time he had probably returned to the USA. This is a kind of "classic" story of a soldier meeting a woman abroad.

I never tackled this issue with my mum. She is still alive, but I don't want to involve her in the quest.

Would it be possible to put an inquiry in The Graybeards magazine with my story and email address in order to have a chance to have a feedback? Maybe your readers can help me.

Emmanuel ROMIEU,  
eromieu@hotmail.fr

## Wanted: Past recipients of AVKF Scholarships

It is the wish of the Hon. Kim Jung-Hoon, founder of the American Veterans of Korea Foundation (AVKF) scholarship program, that all past recipients of this scholarship be part of a community that is able to connect with one another and encourage future participation in the organization.

After I visited Mr. Kim in Korea this summer, he kindly requested that I chair this community. I have received this scholarship in the past, and I am honored to accept the role of helping gather the recipients into one group.

If you have received this scholarship, it is our request that you email the chairman, Ronald Carpenter, at ronccarp@verizon.net, with your contact information so we may get in touch with you.

Thank you—and we look forward to getting in touch with each of you!

Abigail Willis, AbigailWillis@corban.edu

## Is there a philatelist in the house?

Tom Crean and his wife Sue donated some "U.S. For Defense Stamps" as a contribution to KWVA fundraising. Some readers might remember the Creans from their fight to get their case onto the U.S. Supreme Court's docket. You can listen to an explanation of the Creans' case at [www.travestyofjustice.org](http://www.travestyofjustice.org).

As they wrote, "We are still trying to get due process and hope some U.S. Supreme Court-rated lawyer will help us. Thanks for your support at the KWVA."

As far as the stamps go we do not have any idea of their value. There are a few samples pictured nearby. We do know a little about the particular stamps.

"War savings stamps were issued by the United States Treasury Department to help fund participation in World War I and World War II. Although these stamps were distinct from the postal savings stamps issued by the United States Post Office Department, the Post Office nevertheless played a major role in promoting and distributing war savings stamps.

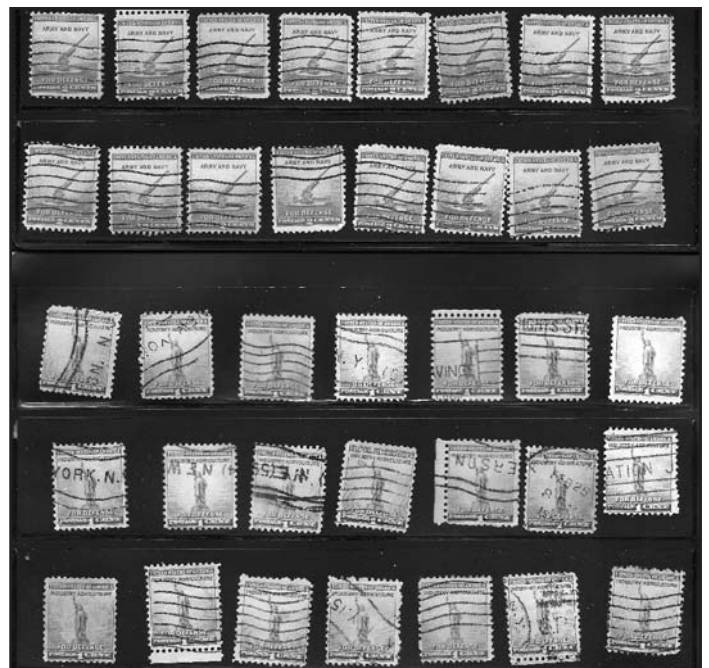
"In contrast to Liberty Bonds, which were purchased primarily by financial institutions, war savings stamps were principally aimed at common citizens. During World War I, 25-cent Thrift stamps were offered to allow individuals to accumulate enough over time to purchase the standard 5-dollar War Savings Certificate stamp.

"When the Treasury began issuing war savings stamps during World War II, the lowest denomination was a 10-cent stamp, enabling ordinary citizens to purchase them. In many cases, collections of war savings stamps could be redeemed for Treasury Certificates or War Bonds."

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War\\_savings\\_stamps\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_savings_stamps_of_the_United_States)

So, if anyone can fill us in on their worth let us know.

And, if anyone wants to contact the Creans you can reach them at Susan & Tom Crean, [chrysedawn@gmail.com](mailto:chrysedawn@gmail.com).



Sample "Defense" stamps

# MIAs ID'd

## Amazing progress on MIA identification process

On August 1 and 2, 2019, I attended an MIA update event at the Renaissance Capital View Hotel in Arlington, VA. This annual event is for the families of unaccounted for servicemen from the Korean War and Cold War and always takes place in August. Its purpose is to update the family members on the cases of unaccounted-for servicemen from the Korean War and Cold War.

The Department of Defense pays the airfare for two family members to attend. All family members of the unaccounted-for are welcome to attend, but DoD only pays the air travel for two family members for each unaccounted-for serviceman. I represented the KWVA at the meeting and wore my KWVA badge to identify myself. For me, it is an opportunity to listen to the briefings presented to the family members, talk to family members, and listen to their concerns and opinions on various issues related to the unaccounted-for servicemen. Also, it is an opportunity to renew my contacts with key DoD officials who are involved in the POW/MIA issue.

A banquet was held on Thursday evening, August 1, 2019, but I did not attend that event. Besides the briefings that were presented to the genre group, each family in attendance received a review of the case of their unaccounted-for serviceman from the service casualty office (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force). This was scheduled by each of the service casualty officers in coordination with the primary next of kin for each missing serviceman.

The most important piece of information released at the meeting is that DPAA has identified 25 more U.S. servicemen in addition to the eight already identified from the group of 55 boxes of remains that were repatriated from Wonson, North Korea in July 2018. The new identifications will be announced by DPAA over the coming weeks after the families are notified by the service casualty officers. Some of the family members were notified of the identifications at the annual meeting, which made the meeting "special" for a small number of families.

Following DNA testing on all the osseous remains in the 55 boxes over the past year, DPAA estimated that the 55 boxes contains the remains for as many as 250 persons so it is likely additional identifications will take place in the coming months from this group of remains. Some of the remains tested belong to ROK soldiers (most likely KATUSAs) who were serving with U.S. Army units during the Korean War. Those remains will eventually be returned to the ROK Ministry of National Defense Agency for KIA Recovery and Identification (MAKRI), which is the ROK counterpart organization to DoD's DPAA.

This is an amazing amount of progress in only one year since the 55 boxes of Korean War remains were repatriated from North Korea to the United States. As you will recall,

this repatriation of Korean War remains resulted from the Singapore Summit between President Trump and Chairman Kim Jong Un, which took place in June 2018.

Respectfully,

*Bruce Harder, National Director and POW/MIA Coordinator, 540-659-0252, harderbr@aol.com*

Here is the up-to-date list of the remains of the Korean War MIAs/KIAs identified by the DPAA as of 9/13/19. With the exception of Pfc. Billy E. Johnson, all warfighters listed are members of the U.S. Army.

**Cpl. Joe T. Avant**, Heavy Mortar Co., 31st Inf. Rgmt., 7th Inf. Div., 31st Rgmt. Combat Team, 11/30/1950, NK

**Cpl. Autrey J. Betar**, Co. A, 1st Bn., 32nd Inf. Rgmt., 7th Inf. Div., 31st Rgmt. Combat Team, 12/2/1950, NK

**Cpl. Norvin D. Brockett**, Co. A, 57th Field Artillery Bn., 7th Inf. Div., 31st Rgmt. Combat Team, 12/6/1950, NK

**Cpl. Ralph L. Cale**, Co. B, 1st Bn., 32nd Inf. Rgmt., 7th Inf. Div., 12/2/1950, NK

**1st Lt. George S. Crisp**, Co. L, 3rd Bn., 31st Inf. Rgmt., 7th Inf. Div., 12/12/1950, NK

**Pfc. Junior C. Evans**, Co. I, 3rd Bn., 31st Inf. Rgmt., 7th Inf. Div., 12/12/1950, NK

**Sgt. David A. Feriend**, Headquarters Co., 3rd Bn., 31st Rgmt. Combat Team, 7th Inf. Div., 12/6/1950, NK

**Sgt. Willie V. Galvan**, Medical Co., 7th Inf. Div., 31st Rgmt. Combat Team, 12/1/1950, NK

**Cpl. Jerry M. Garrison**, Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 32nd Inf. Rgmt., 7th Inf. Div., 12/2/1950, NK

**Pfc. Daniel W. Gerrity**, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Inf. Div., 11/30/1950, NK

**Cpl. Charles H. Grubb**, Co. M, 3rd Bn., 31st Inf. Rgmt., 7th Inf. Div., 12/1/1950, NK

**Pfc. Billy E. Johnson**, U.S. Marine Corps, 1st Marine Div., attached to 1st Bn., 32nd Inf. Rgmt., 7th Inf. Div. 11/30/1950, NK

**Cpl. Gudmund C. Johnson, Jr.**, Co. K, 3rd Bn., 35th Inf. Rgmt., 25th Inf. Div., 7/31/1951, NK

**Pfc. Harold K. Knight**, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 31st Inf. Rgmt., 31st Rgmt. Combat Team, 11/25/1950, NK

**Pfc. Jasper V. Marquez**, Co. L, 3rd Bn., 38th Inf. Rgmt., 2nd Inf. Div., 11/28/1950, NK

**Sgt. Billy J. Maxwell**, Heavy Mortar Co., 3rd Bn., 31st Inf. Rgmt., 7th Inf. Div., 11/30/1950, NK

**SFC Phillip C. Mendoza**, Bty. D, 15th Anti-Aircraft Artillery, 57th Field Artillery Bn., 31st Rgmt. Combat Team, 12/2/1950, NK

**Sgt. Donald L. Murphy**, Co. A, 1st Bn., 32nd Inf. Rgmt., 7th Inf. Div., 31st Rgmt. Combat Team, 12/2/1950, NK

**Cpl. Ysabel A. Ortiz**, Bty. D, 15th Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Bn., 7th Inf. Div., 12/2/1950, NK

**Cpl. Harold Pearce**, 1st Platoon, 24th Military Police Co., 24th Inf. Div., 7/20/1950, SK



**Cpl. Herman R. Phy**, Co. A, 1st Bn., 17th Inf. Rgmt., 7th Inf. Div., 7/6/1953, NK

**Sgt. Gerald B. Raeymacker**, Bty. B, 57th Field Artillery Bn., 7th Inf. Div., 31st Rgmt. Combat Team, 12/6/1950, NK

**1st Lt. Robert C. Styslinger**, Bty. B, 57th Field Artillery Bn., 7th Inf. Div., 11/29/1950, NK

**Maj. Harvey H. Storms**, Headquarters Co., 3rd Bn., 31st Inf. Rgmt., 7th Inf. Div., 12/1/1950, NK

**Pfc. Wilbur T. Tackett**, Bty. B, 57th Field Artillery Bn., 31st Rgmt. Combat Team, 7th Inf. Div., 12/6/1950, NK

**Sgt. Walter H. Tobin, Jr.**, Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 32nd Inf. Rgmt., 7th Inf. Div., 31st Rgmt. Combat Team, 12/2/1950, NK

**Cpl. Gerald N. Wilson**, Co. F, 2nd Bn., 5th Cavalry Rgmt., 1st Cav. Div., 7/25/1950, SK

For more information go to <https://www.dpaa.mil/Our-Missing/Recently-Accounted-For/>

**LEGEND:**

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

## VA NEWS

### **VA partnership with Corporation for National Community Service supports older Veterans and their caregivers**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently began partnering with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to engage Senior Corps volunteers in support of VA's Choose Home Initiative, enabling older Veterans to receive needed homemaker and daily living support in their homes, rather than move into health care institutions.

"VA supports Veterans who choose to remain home while receiving the care and services they need," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "This partnership will help improve Veterans' health and well-being and will aid their families and caregivers through in-home assistance."

CNCS is the federal agency that leads national volunteering and service efforts. Senior Corps volunteers are a nationwide network of service programs for volunteers age 55 or older who commit their time to a wide range of community needs. CNCS mobilizes Senior Corps volunteers to provide homemaker and in-home respite care services to eligible Veterans, so those Veterans can remain in their own homes, live more independently and stay close to their families, caregivers and support services.

Homemakers assist with activities of daily living, such as light housekeeping and preparing meals. Respite care services temporarily relieve caregivers of their duties, so they may rest and return refreshed.

Through this interagency collaboration, which was formally agreed to in May, CNCS is providing volunteer support services in the following five communities that are part of the Senior Care Choose Home Program: Colorado Springs, Colorado; Las Vegas, Nevada; Missoula, Montana; Pittsburgh; and San Antonio.

Senior Corps volunteers will receive training about Veteran-specific concerns, including suicide awareness and prevention, before providing services in Veterans' homes. Those participating in the partnership will also receive ongoing training on a variety of Veteran-related topics.

"Through national service, our commitment to Veterans is twofold: We serve them and we invite them to serve with us," said Barbara Stewart, CEO of CNCS. "This new Senior Corps project is a unique opportunity to do both, helping aging Veterans to 'choose home' while providing others with a second opportunity to serve."

### **VA Appeals Management Office unveils new path to speed up appeals decisions**

"Tired of waiting" is a phrase we often hear associated with appeals. But since the implementation of the Appeals Modernization Act, Veterans who disagree with VA's decisions on their compensation claims have had a new and quicker way to receive a second look. That benefit has now been extended to Veterans stuck in the legacy appeals process.

Dave McLenachan, director of VBA's Appeals Management Office, unveiled the Decision Review Process last week in a VBA Facebook Live, noting that Veterans with appeals in the old process can—as soon as they receive a Statement of the Case (SOC) or Supplementary Statement of the Case (SSOC)—elect to transfer their appeals into the AMA process. The opt-in notice will be included with SOC and SSOCs, and must be returned to VA within 60 days.

The benefits of opting in are eye-popping: appeals in the legacy process average 3-7 years for a single decision; the current average for claims in the AMA is 36 days.

And lest you think the AMA "leads to quicker denials," consider that since RAMP started, AMO has processed more than 75,000 claims and awarded more than \$378 million in retroactive benefits. That's a lot of granting.

In the video, Mr. McLenachan also busts a few myths. My favorite is the "effective date protection"—your "back pay" date—which actually improves effective date provisions as long as a Veteran continually pursues the review of her claim.

That "continually pursues review" leads into the next busted myth: AMA is not a one-and-done; if the Veteran disagrees with the decision VA makes, she can move her claim into another lane, and there is no limit to how many times she can use the lanes, or in which order. None of the options go away!

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# May the alliance endure



Eric Won Jae Kim

Our banquet at the Annual KWVA meeting in July was hosted by Gen. Kim, Jin Ho, chairman of the 10,000,000 member Korean Veterans Association. Gen. Kim is the former chairman of the ROK Joint Chiefs of Staff. During the banquet Chairman Kim presented a check in the amount of \$530,000 to the Wall of Remembrance Foundation.

His grandson, a rising high school sophomore, delivered the statement below at the gathering regarding the ROK-U.S. alliance. We are looking forward to collaborating with the Korean veterans and the ROK Embassy as we make plans for observing the 70th anniversary of 6/25/50.

*Here are Gen. Kim's opening remarks:*

Korean War Veterans Association President Dr. Cunningham, Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation Chairman, General Tilelli, Ambassador Cho Yoon Je, Korean War veterans and families, and ladies and gentlemen!

First of all, on behalf of 10 million members of the Korean Veterans Association, I extend my deepest respect and profound gratitude to the veterans and their families for their noble sacrifices in the Korean War 69 years ago.

I vividly remember a scene from back in 1950. I was 10 at that time. I recall waving both the Korean and U.S. flags at U.S. tanks that came to recapture Seoul from North Korean forces after the Incheon Landing Operation under the command of General MacArthur.

The American soldiers I welcomed on that day may be among you, brave Korean War veterans, who later participated in the various battles including Pork-chop Hill and Chosin Reservoir. One of those veterans was 2nd Lieutenant Edward Pence, father of Vice President Pence, an assault platoon leader at the Battle of Pork-chop Hill. Once again, I pay my deepest appreciation and respect to the veterans.

In 1968, I fought alongside U.S. soldiers in the Vietnam War as an Army

Captain. And until the end of my military service, I fought against North Korean threats with U.S. soldiers. Through my experiences, I can testify that without the strong ROK-U.S. Alliance, today's Republic of Korea would not have been possible.

President Trump has emphasized the importance of the ROK-U.S. Alliance in his address to the ROK National Assembly in 2017, saying "For the last 70 years American and South Korean soldiers have fought together, sacrificed together, and triumphed together, and in his remarks in Panmunjom last month, "the ROK-US Alliance is stronger than ever."

In order to join efforts to honor the noble sacrifices of the veterans and their families and strengthen the Alliance, 10 million members of the Korean Veterans Association have been leading the nationwide fund-raising campaign to build the 'Wall of Remembrance.'

Against this backdrop, in his Memorial Day speech last month, President Moon Jae In said, "It is the United States of America that endured the greatest sacrifices for peace and freedom of the Republic of Korea. We will build the 'Wall of Remembrance by 2022 and express appreciation for the sacrifice of the Korean War veterans."

General Tilelli was the Commander of the Combined Forces Command when I was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. We had a close operational partnership. Now he is the Chairman of the KWVMF, and I am confident that Wall of Remembrance project will definitely gain momentum.

Dear Korean War veterans!

The Korean people will never forget the tremendous sacrifices of the American sons and daughters who, during the Korean War, answered the call to defend a country they never knew. The Korean Veterans Association has sponsored this banquet to express the Korean people's warm appreciation to Korean War veterans.

I ask everyone here to join me and give our veterans a big round of applause. May God bless all of you and your families,

and the United States of America!

Thank you!

July 27, 2019

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*And here is what his grandson said:*

Good afternoon everyone,

My name is Eric Won Jae Kim, and I am currently a rising high school sophomore in South Korea. Although I may attend high school in South Korea, I was born and raised in southern California until junior high school.

I didn't know much about the Korean War when I lived in the States. Even though I tried to learn more about the Korean War from my grandfather, whose knowledge on the war as a former ROK joint chiefs of staff is overwhelming, I don't believe that I've ever truly understood the significance behind this historical conflict until my grandfather had undertaken this massive project.

I realized that due to the quick willingness and engagement of the American troops, Communist forces were unable to inundate the southern half of the Korean peninsula. Since then, the strong ROK-US Alliance has safeguarded peace and stability on the Korean peninsula. Many records also show that tens of thousands of young Americans made great sacrifices to protect South Korea from Communism.

Today, I finally fathomed my grandfather's passionate appreciation for the Korean War veterans after visiting the Korean War Memorial Park, which echoed this saying:

"Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met."

With my newfound knowledge, I hope to reflect on the importance of this relationship through my everyday life.

Again, I express my sincere appreciation to all of the Korean War veterans. As a young Korean-American, I can definitively say that if it had not been for the successful collective efforts of all of you Korean War veterans, I would not be standing here today.

It is an honor and pleasure to stand here



and pay my tribute and gratitude to the Korean War veterans on this Armistice Commemoration day.

I hope the ROK-US alliance remains everlasting.

Thank you.

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Eric proved later what a young man of great character he is. At the banquet he was seated beside Dr. James Argires, a new KWVA director, who died just 16 days later. Eric wrote a short "thank you" note to Dr. Argires after the presentation:

"I am Eric Kim and I was the KVA youth representative in DC a few weeks ago, and I even ate dinner with you. I just wanted to say thank you so much for your kindness and encouraging words of wisdom that I received. Your light-hearted energy helped me to realize that helping veterans, in the end, is so worthwhile, and it allowed me to fully understand the passion for veterans that I now fully understand.

"I enjoyed our interview and was amazed that your life was so full of accomplishments despite participating in years of war. Again, thank you so much for your kindness and may God bless you."

Sincerely, Eric Kim

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Finally, after he learned of Dr. Argires' death, Eric sent this heartfelt note to the doctor's widow, Tasia: "I'm sorry for your loss and may he rest in peace." That gesture suggests that Eric Kim is a young man who does not forget other people—and one people are not likely to forget in the future.

**KVA members : 13,330,000 / Subordinate organization : 3,547**

City Province	City.County District	Town	Vocational Districts	Overseas Departments
13	221	3,266	25	22

※ Overseas branch : **US 9** (D.C., NY, LA, Chicago, Atlanta, SF, Houston, Philadelphia, Orange county), **Canada 2** (Toronto, Vancouver), **Argentina, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, Germany, UK, France**

※ **Numbers of Veterans or Friendship group** : 66 (Korean War, Vietnam War Veterans Association, etc.)

**Subsidiary Company 10(Corporation 7, Direct Management 3)**

Corporation Company	Direct Management Company
Chungang Express Bus, KVA Funeral Service, Hyangwoo Industry etc.	Expressway Service Center General Business Center, KVA Tower Center

※ Total assets : \$1.2 billion, Sales : \$314 million,  
Executives and employee : 2,736

**KVA Major Events to Strengthen ROK-US Alliance**



Welcome Rally for President Trump  
(8 November 2017)



Welcome Rally for President Trump  
(30 June 2019)

**Korean Veterans Association facts**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Monday, November 11, 2019**  
**Veterans Day Ceremony**



**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**  
★ ★ ★  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**Korean War Veterans Memorial**  
**Washington, D.C.**

**Disappointed service members in 1952**

**Planes were grounded**

In San Francisco, a fleet of 52 planes was chartered by military authorities to fly home hundreds of Korean veterans. But many service-men spent Christmas in airport terminals as flights were delayed or canceled by fog.

Rockford [IL] Register-Republican,  
Dec. 26, 1952, p. 1

# Where were you on July 27th, 1953?

This is part of a continuing series—or it will be as long as members keep sending their stories about where they were that historic day. Please send your stories and/or photos to us at Arthur G. Sharp, 2473 New Haven Circle, Sun City Center, FL 33573.

## South Korean President's Defiance against Truce

By *Therese Park*

*Pusan, July 27th, 1953*

A few minutes past ten a.m. on Thursday morning on July 27, 1953, our father came to our “study room” and said solemnly to us six children, aged 11 to 17, “Finally, we are free, children. You don’t have to demonstrate against Americans anymore. The truce was finally signed.”

We cheered. Since the peace talks began between the U.S. and Chinese leaders in October 1951, until our president, Syngman Rhee, finally agreed to go along with the peace negotiators a few days earlier, school kids of all ages nationwide had been forced to demonstrate at many different places, shouting “Move out Americans! We want reunification!”

Often, the grownups—religious leaders, teachers associations, labor unions, and even women’s organizations—joined us, each holding their signs.

As a seventh grader, I didn’t fully understand why we had been asking the Americans to move out of our country when the war was still going on, but our president had been adamant about not letting the UN and Chinese leaders end the war.

“Dear citizens, if the war ends now, our country Korea will never become one nation again,” he said several times daily through the radio. “Do not forget, we have been one nation for 5,000 years; we sustained our Korean culture and value in spite of Mongolian invasions in the 13th century, and during 40 years of Japanese occupation, too, that ended only a few years ago. We can’t be divided forever! American and Chinese leaders are not concerned about it, because Korea isn’t their country...!”

Life Magazine’s June 22, 1953 issue reads, “After about 35 months of blood-

shed and 23 months of haggling, the combatants of Korea at last achieved every essential of a truce, except the agreement of one supremely stubborn old man. South Korea’s 78-year-old President Syngman Rhee cried that truce between the UN and the Communists means death to his country and threatened to fight on alone to expel the Chinese Reds, and take the entire Korea.

“If you have to leave us, we’re sorry to see you go,” he said. Meanwhile, the United Nations gravely faced the fact that, if Rhee’s threats were carried out, he might very well wreck the truce beyond repair.”

Now, as an American senior citizen who has lived here for more than a half century, I can’t recall how many times we school kids had been mobilized to different parts of our town to protest, but I remember it was always late spring or summer. Each time we walked for a long hour, forming a long line, escorted by a teacher or two. Once, we marched to a fenced-in U.S. military base known as Somyon and found a large crowd waiting for the action to begin.

When we snaked through the older kids in school uniforms and positioned ourselves before two solemn-faced American soldiers in an “Attention posture,” their feet firmly planted, and each holding a rifle, I was afraid that they might shoot us at any given moment. Time moved slowly when we were dripping with sweat under the hot summer sun, and the tension between Koreans shouting anti-American slogans and the Americans staring at us was intolerable.

And why did the Korean man wearing a white armband on a platform talk forever through a loudspeaker? I wished we could at least sit down, but there was no space for such a luxury.

After the rally ended, everyone rushed to drink vendors to buy water, though we all knew that the “Icy water” sold at vending booths was “melted ice” from the Han River that had been stored somewhere for months. (It was long before Americans built water-purifying systems in our country.) But when you were extremely thirsty, as we were, drinking any kind of water seemed better than the thought of dying from scorching heat.

And what did President Rhee do?

One night in June, while the peace talks dragged on and the soldiers of both sides were still fighting, our family was awakened by a loud banging on our wooden front door, followed by a Korean man announcing, “Please open the door! I have a special order from our president!”

Our father went out to meet the intruder, telling our mom and us kids not to make any noise. In the dark, we heard men’s voices, followed by footsteps moving toward the back. More voices and moving feet. Then we heard our father’s voice at the front.

“Goodbye, sir. We’ll do our best to make our guests comfortable.” The wooden door creaked as father closed it. He returned to us.

“Don’t tell anyone about what I’m about to say, okay?” father said.

We held our breath.

“Our president has done something he shouldn’t have. A policeman just delivered us two North Korean prisoners of war, saying that I should hide them. I said, ‘What is this all about?’ The police repeated the same thing: he’s delivering our president’s order and that I should hide them. So I put them in our storage room for now. If the Americans find them here, in our house, we’re in serious trouble.”

Early the next morning, the radioman announced that our president had indeed ordered ROK guards to release the pris-



**“Our president has done something he shouldn’t have. A policeman just delivered us two North Korean prisoners of war, saying that I should hide them. I said, ‘What is this all about?’...”**

oners of war who didn’t want to repatriate to North Korea: not only a few hundred, but 25,000 men, and that they were everywhere in Pusan.

“If they cause harm,” the radioman said, “please notify the police.”

Our father clacked his tongue and said, “What game is our president playing with the U.N. leaders?”

I saw our “guests” with my very own eyes for the first time that day. When my sisters and I showed up at the well area to wash, the two men were there washing themselves. They looked older than our brothers, but not scary; in fact, they looked too bony and sickly to harm us. As soon as they were done washing, they quickly moved back to the storage room.

That night, I heard my father talking to them in the dark, near our bedroom, and thought he was releasing the North Koreans. I imagined him saying that they’ll find food and money in the back he had given them, and that the best place for them isn’t our home, where American military police could easily find them, but in the mountains, somewhere far away.

Finally, that Thursday, the “Cease-

Fire- Agreement” was signed by the U.S. and Chinese, and the war was officially ended. Father explained that the U.S. government offered the Rhee administration a significant amount of American dollars to repair the bomb damages and promised to help more. Rhee accepted it at the last moment.

In early September we heard on the radio that the U.S. troops were leaving Pusan and that all citizens should show their appreciation to the departing “American friends” by showing up on the main street. When our family got there, a large crowd of school children and adults had gathered on both sides of the street, like three years earlier when the first American troops had arrived. But this time, instead of fear-stricken faces, there was a sense of festivity.

A band was playing the American anthem over and over, and in the clear blue sky a dozen airplanes were circling around, each dragging a long white foamy tail behind it. Suddenly a long line of American military trucks approached us, and people shouted, “Thank you, Americans! Have a safe trip home!” Or “We’ll never forget you, GI Joe! You’re our heroes.”

I had mixed feelings about seeing

American troops leave our country for good. A part of me was sad because I had shouted unkind words at them, though it wasn’t my intention. But another part of me was glad because the Americans were now returning to their beloved America and soon would be reunited with their family members.

The following spring our family moved to Seoul because, in Father’s opinion, “Seoul is where all the good things will happen.” He was right. American engineers, scientists, missionaries, professors of all kinds, and world class entertainers and concert musicians poured into our country. The bomb-damaged buildings and bridges were repaired, and new structures were built.

Shortly, our parents bought our first refrigerator, marked “Sears,” in the market selling American stuff left behind by the American troops. It was about that time I owned my first cello that had been played by an American army orchestra. In 1959, I entered Seoul National University School of Music. After graduation, thanks to our parents, I left for Paris to further study cello.

As I reflect on July 27, 1953, 66 years ago, I’m shocked that I’m an old lady, but my heart swells with gratitude once more toward all American veterans, on earth or in heaven, for saving my motherland, South Korea, from the Communist North.

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## **Holiday and continuing series stories wanted for 2019**

### **Is it too early to say “Bah, humbug?”**

We are soliciting holiday stories for the 2019 November/December issue of *The Graybeards* and for our standard ongoing series—but our incoming holiday submissions have slowed to a trickle. Let’s continue to build our holiday inventory now.

Please send your stories, photos, and art work describing anything memorable, special, or routine that occurred in Korea, Japan, stateside, en route or returning...anywhere you might have been...involving you, your unit, your friends...on the 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 the issue.

Hey, it’s never too early to get a start on our holiday issue. Send your 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](mailto:sharp_arthur_g@sbcglobal.net).

Remember that we are also looking for stories in our continuing “Where was I on July 27th?” and “Humor in Korea” series. You can use the same addresses as above.



# CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM NO. 300

28 JUNE 1950

### SUBJECT: The USSR and the Korean Invasion

The invasion of the Republic of Korea by the North Korean Army was undoubtedly undertaken at Soviet direction and Soviet material support is unquestionably being provided. The Soviet objective was the elimination of the last remaining anti-Communist bridgehead on the mainland of northern Asia, thereby undermining the position of the US and the Western Powers throughout the Far East. By choosing Korea as the area of attack, the USSR was able to challenge the US specifically and test the firmness of US resistance to Communist expansion.

North Korea has possessed the capabilities for attacking South Korea for some time, and the USSR has probably been making plans for such an attack ever since the withdrawal of US forces from Korea in 1949. This withdrawal and subsequent US policy probably led the Kremlin to believe that the US had abandoned any intention of giving effective military support to South Korea and that North Korea aggression could be undertaken with only a slight risk to US intervention. The USSR probably further estimated that, even in the event of such intervention, it could readily disclaim or otherwise localize the conflict.

The timing of the invasion was probably determined primarily by such recent indications of increased US interest in the Far East as the development of a policy for economic and military aid for Southeast Asia.

The prompt US reaction in ordering air and naval support of South Korea has probably exceeded Soviet expectations, and the USSR is now faced with a strong possibility of global war if it supports the North Korean invasion sufficiently to overcome combined US and South Korean resistance. It is still estimated that the USSR is not yet prepared to risk full-scale war with the Western Powers, and it is expected, therefore, that the USSR will seek to localize the Korean conflict.

The USSR can achieve this result by publicly disclaiming any responsibility for the invasion and: (1) secretly ordering a North Korean withdrawal to the 38th Parallel and cessation of hostilities; (2) permitting the North Korean forces to be driven back to the 38th Parallel, but probably continuing sufficient aid to maintain that position; or (3) providing support to North Korea short of open participation by

Soviet forces in an attempt to perpetuate the civil war and maintain North Korean positions south of the 38th Parallel. Because of the advantages of continuing civil and military disorder in Korea, the USSR will probably adopt the third alternative.

In the probable event that this attempt proves impossible, the situation might well develop into indecisive and intermittent hostilities stabilized at approximately the 38th Parallel. Meanwhile, the USSR will continue to provide substantial material aid to the North Koreans, including irregulars recruited from Chinese Communists and Soviet forces.

Although the USSR has for some time been considering the advisability of aggressive moves in other areas of the world, there is no conclusive evidence to indicate the exact nature or timing of the moves being contemplated. Southeast Asia (particularly Indochina), Iran, Yugoslavia, Greece, and Berlin offer the USSR the greatest opportunities for aggressive moves or increased pressure. For example, there is continuing evidence of military preparations in the Balkans aimed at either Yugoslavia or Greece and several reports have indicated that the Korean invasion was designed, in part, as a diversionary action to cover an attack on Formosa.

In view of the vigorous US reaction to the Korean situation, however, it is not likely that the USSR will instigate surprise moves in any of these areas until the Kremlin has had an opportunity to study the implications of this reaction, particularly as to its effects on the possibility of global warfare in the event of Soviet-inspired outbreaks elsewhere. Nevertheless, Communist activity in the Far East and elsewhere will continue and will probably be intensified, but greater care will be taken to maintain the fiction that it is "indigenous."

Meanwhile, the USSR has reacted to the strong UN resolution on the North Korean invasion by branding all action taken thus far by the Security Council as illegal and hence not binding. The attack itself indicated continued Soviet indifference to ending the boycott of the UN and the temper of non-Soviet members of the UN will in turn make it far more difficult for the USSR to return.

NOTE: This memorandum has not been coordinated with the intelligence organizations of the Departments of State, Army, Navy, and the Air Force.

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# CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## MEMORANDUM

22 August 1950

### SUBJECT: Factors Affecting the Desirability of a UN Military Conquest of all of Korea

#### Conclusions

Although an invasion of North Korea by UN forces could, if successful, bring several important advantages to the US, it appears at present that grave risks would be involved in such a course of action. The military success of the operation is by no means assured because the US cannot count on the cooperation of all the

non-Communist UN members and might also become involved in hostilities with Chinese Communist and Soviet troops. Under such circumstances there would, moreover, be grave risk of general war.

#### Discussion

A successful invasion of North Korea by UN armed forces could bring several important advantages:

1. The conquest of North Korea by UN forces would represent a major diplomatic defeat for the USSR. It would have a profound



effect on the entire non-Communist world and would give renewed hope to anti-Communists in both the European and the Asian Satellite states. The recovery of a Satellite from Soviet domination, regardless of its geographical position or political importance, would be decisive victory for the Western world.

2. The military victory achieved by the UN forces would greatly increase the prestige of the UN and particularly would bring prestige to the US as the chief participant in the UN forces. The countries of Eastern Europe and the Near East would place greater reliance in the UN as a practical force for world peace and in the determination and ability of the US to stem Communist aggression.

3. UN military conquest of Korea could not only deny the USSR a strategic outpost from which to threaten Japan, but it would provide the Western Powers with a buffer area and a wedge into Communist-held territory.

4. The elimination of the arbitrary division of Korea at the 38th parallel and the expulsion of the North Korean regime would appear to provide an opportunity to bring about the economic and political unification of the country. Korean unity would be in accord with the wishes of the Korean people, the announced policy of the US, and the recommendation of the UN.

In addition to these advantages, however, an invasion of Korea would involve certain grave risks for the U.S.

1. It is doubtful whether the US could secure the support of its allies and other non-Soviet nations in the UN for such a course of action. Many non-Communist members of the UN would almost certainly be opposed to any action which would involve the risk of strong counteraction by the USSR. The nations participating with the US in Korea do not wish to become deeply involved in Korea or to take action which might bring them nearer to a general war.

They would probably take the position that the UN forces are not committed to the liberation of North Korea and that the SC's resolutions do not provide an adequate legal basis for the conquest. Consequently, US action would provide the USSR with a strong wedge for attempting to separate the US from its Western European allies.

It would also have serious repercussions among Asian nations, particularly India, which is heavily distrustful of Western motives, and might convince many Asians that the US is, after all, an aggressive nation pursuing a policy of self-interest in Asia.

2. The invading forces might become involved in hostilities with the Chinese Communists. As it became apparent that the North Koreans were being defeated in South Korea, the Chinese might well take up defensive position north of the 38th parallel. The USSR, which might welcome the outbreak of hostilities between the US and China, would thus have an additional opportunity of driving the wedge more deeply between the US and its allies. The USSR might use Chinese Communist troops at any stage in the fighting, but their participation would be especially useful at the 38th parallel, where UN members could legally discontinue their support of the US policy.

3. Inasmuch as the USSR would regard the invasion of North Korea as a strategic threat to the security of the Soviet Far East, the invading force might become involved either directly or indirectly in hostilities with Soviet forces. The USSR is now in a high

state of readiness for general hostilities, and the Kremlin might well calculate that, with US mobilization in motion, the USSR is better prepared now than it would be later for full-fledged test with the US.

It could therefore place Soviet forces on the 38th parallel and oblige the US to initiate hostilities against Soviet forces under conditions which would alienate most of Asia from the US-UN cause in Korea, permit full exploitation of the propaganda theme that the South Koreans under US guidance opened the aggression against the North Koreans and other peace-loving peoples, and enable the USSR to neutralize and conquer most of Europe and the Near East before the impact of US industrial mobilization could be felt upon the defensive capabilities of those areas.

Even if the USSR should not choose to utilize a UN attempt to conquer North Korea as a pretext for inauguration of general hostilities against the West, it is probable that the Kremlin would be prepared by one method or another to prevent UN occupation of North Korea. Along with exploiting fully its veto power in the UN and the opportunity for charging the US with aggressive action, the USSR might well provide sufficient ground, air, and naval assistance to interdict UN communications, halt the US advance, and neutralize UN air and naval superiority.

Concurrent with such action the USSR might well inaugurate new limited aggression elsewhere in order to offset the advantages which might be gained by an advance into North Korea and to strain further UN military capabilities. There is no assurance that the USSR is unprepared to assume such risks.

4. The conquest of North Korea would not provide assurance of peace throughout the country or true unification. The Soviet high command would almost certainly attempt to withdraw into Manchuria or into the USSR a large portion of the North Korean forces. From these areas the USSR might continue to threaten aggression and infiltration and thus produce such instability as to require the continuing presence of US or UN forces.

Moreover, Syngman Rhee and his regime are unpopular among many—if not a majority of—non-Communist Koreans. To re-establish his regime and extend his authority and its base of popular support to all of Korea would be difficult, if not impossible. Even if this could be done the regime would be so unstable as to require continuing US or UN military and economic support.

If, as one alternative, a new government should be formed consequent to a UN-supervised election there is no assurance that the Communists would not win either control or a powerful voice in such a government.

If, as another alternative, a prolonged trusteeship under UN control and with US participation were established, instability would nonetheless continue, with probably even the noncommunist Koreans reacting against the substitution of outside control for independence. Furthermore, Korea once more would become the catspaw of international politics, and its ultimate status would be dependent upon the comparative strength and ambitions of the countries whose representatives supervised the trust administration.

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# DPAA REPORT

News of interest from the DPAA Families/VSO/MSO Quarterly Call and Update Notes –Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 2:00 PM

## Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)

Although the remains issue was discussed at the second summit in Hanoi, the DPRK military did not respond to several requests to meet with us to arrange joint recovery operations. As a result, there was insufficient time left to plan and execute operations this fiscal year (FY). After the President's meeting with Chairman Kim at the DMZ, we sent a letter on July 4 to their military seeking to pass our proposal for FY20 operations to them. Although there has been no response to date, we are ready to engage in productive dialogue with them. It's important to note our State Department continues to view this issue as separate from the denuclearization talks.

## Exemplar of Strong Community Support

On Saturday, June 29, two accounted-for servicemen were laid to rest in Wyoming – a Sailor lost in WWII and a Soldier in the Korean War. In Kaycee, whose population is 260, over 700 attended the burial of Corporal Kirtley including the Wyoming Governor, who also declared flags be flown half-staff statewide in honor of the servicemen's return. Both homecomings exemplify the incredible community support afforded to the accounted-for.

## DMZ Demining and South Korea Remains Recovery

Based on open source data, the South Koreans resumed demining operations and are conducting remains recovery operations in the Arrowhead Ridge area. To date, they have reported to have recovered more than 400 bone fragments as well as two skeletons. We are not aware any U.S. remains have been recovered by the South Koreans from this operation. DPRK has not yet participated in this effort per the Inter-Korea Military Agreement and they stopped observing the work a few months ago.

## Disinterment Operations

Twenty-four exhumations were conducted at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Hawaii over the past three months, of which 23 represented the beginning of Phase Two of the Korean War Disinterment Project; the twenty-fourth exhumation was from WWII. There are an additional 94 Korean War Unknowns remaining in Phase Two (117 total), which will carry us into the new FY. Of note, Congressman Greg Pence (R-IN), older brother of the Vice President and a former Marine, heard about our July 1 disinterment ceremony and attended along with his family.

## FY 2019 Identifications

Total = 121 (identifications of unaccounted-for personnel), including 29 from the Korean War: (surpassed 500th ID this summer. Making final reports for more K55 IDs this summer.

### Questions and Answers

#### Coalition of Families:

Q In the past, the Korean People's Army (KPA) operated independently; do you believe they can act independently today like

DPAA can?

A No, although we have been cleared by Secretary of State Pompeo to delink the remains issue from other issues such as denuclearization and to deal directly with the KPA on it, it is very clear the DPRK sees their cooperation on accounting as linked to the nuclear issue and sanctions, so the KPA does not have the latitude to engage with us.

Q In FY19, DPAA received \$20 million (M) for Korean War accounting, correct?

A Last summer, the House of Representatives passed two amendments to its version of the Defense Appropriations Act for FY 2019 that would transfer a total of \$20M to DPAA. The floor debate on the amendments indicated the intent of the program increase was to provide additional funding for DPAA's efforts to account for personnel missing in the DPRK. The final conference report accompanying the enacted Defense Appropriations for FY 2019 only designated this \$20M program increase for unspecified operations.

DPAA fully intended and planned to use this program increase to support field operations in the DPRK and held funding in reserve until all communication efforts with DPRK failed to result in an arrangement to conduct field operations in FY 2019. In late April 2019, DPAA reallocated the \$20M to support other critical operational and operational support requirements for the Agency.

Q Do you have results from the Korea Investigative Team (IT) missions you mentioned in the Indo-Pac Operations update?

A The IT identified sites for future excavations. No remains were discovered by the IT.

Q Korean War Veterans Association: When was the last time you heard directly from the KPA?

A We last had a face-to-face, working level meeting with the KPA in December 2018. Our last communication from them was March 2019. At present, they are not responding to us, the United Nations Command, or the South Koreans.

Q Can you update us on the Korean War Family Reference Sample (RFS) percentage?

A Of the original 8,100 Korean War unaccounted-for, we have 92% FRS on file. For the other conflicts, we have 85% for the Vietnam War, 85% for the Cold War. While we have 6% of the original 73,000 from WWII, we have 12% of the believed-to-be recoverable from WWII.

Q Korean War Advocate: What role does the United Nations Command play in the accounting mission?

A Under the Armistice, they have the lead for the repatriation of any remains associated with the Korean War. As an example, the K-55 remains were passed to the UNC at Wonsan last July, but after DPAA's initial forensic review at Osan Air Base, they were flown to Honolulu, draped in U.S. flags, and accessioned into our laboratory. DoD has the lead for all joint field operations in-country and through DPAA, conducts all negotiations for those operations. In these matters, UNC's role is only to pass communications to the KPA in support of our mission.



# KWVA honors Eagle Scout

For this young man's Eagle Scout project, he interviewed Korean War veterans and created a DVD. He was inspired to do this as a tribute to his grandfather who served during the Korean War and to help keep this from becoming "the Forgotten War."

On April 24th 2019 Robert L. Gagnon achieved the Honored Rank of Eagle Scout. Robert is an active scout with Boy Scout Troop 170 in Cherry Hill, NJ. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow Lenape Lodge 8 Pine Hill, NJ.

His Eagle Scout service project was interviewing Korean War veterans at the George Walton American Legion Post 273 where his grandfather, who is a Korean War veteran, is an active member. He and the other vets speak at approximately 25 schools throughout the year.

After they spoke at Robert's high school he realized that their firsthand experience and stories would be lost once they had passed away. Therefore he wanted to preserve those memories for future generations and worked with the troop, his Eagle counselor, troop leadership, and his extended family to create a video/multi-media DVD, which included interviews of the veterans and photos of their time in Korea.

Robert raised the funds, secured the equipment and the location, and managed the project which entailed over 150 man hours. Copies of the DVD were given to the veterans who participated and sufficient copies were provided to give to the schools that they visit.

Here is President Cunningham's letter to Robert Gagnon.

May 28, 2019

Robert Laurent Gagnon  
57 Bradford Way  
Voohrees, NJ 08043

Dear Robert:

On behalf of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., it gives me great pleasure to express congratulations to you for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, an achievement realized, on average, by less than 5% of all who enter scouting. I know your parents are very proud of your accomplishment as I am sure, so is Troop 170 and the Garden State Council of BSA. Becoming an Eagle Scout is no mean feat.

Perpetuating the legacy of Korean War veterans is one of the Mission Statements of KWVA. One way we try to do this is by the very thing that your grandfather's American Legion Post is doing—visiting schools and relating stories about the Korean War and its aftermath.



Richard Daucunas, John Mason, Charles Jackson, Robert Gagnon, Robert Rueppel, Roger Rider, Kenneth Mills (L-R)

As you've probably heard, the Korean War is sometimes referred to as the "Forgotten War." Your Eagle Scout project should contribute toward erasing that notion. In order that others may be encouraged to follow your lead, I would like to request that you provide me with a short write-up of your project and a photo from your Court of Honor so that it can be published in our KWVA magazine, *The Graybeards*.

For a more tangible expression of our gratitude for your work, I am presenting you with a copy of the book, "Korea Reborn: A grateful nation," a DVD entitled "Beyond the Bridge of No return," a documentary about a Korean veteran taking his great grandson on a tour of modern day South Korea, and finally, a challenge coin commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Korean War Memorial.

On behalf of my fellow veterans, I wish to extend our very best wishes for success in all your endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Cunningham, Ed.D  
President

## Thank you, President and KWVA

Dear Mr. Cunningham,

Thank you very much for the generous gifts & letter that I displayed at My Eagle Court of Honor. Attached is the write up and the names of the attendees and the other Veterans who were interviewed for my project as well as the "beneficiary letter" from Capt. Jackson that was read at my ECOH.

Regards,

Robert L. Gagnon

## Where were you on July 27, 1953?

### July 27th was not a joyous day for everyone

I was with B Co. 23rd Inf. Regt. in a reserve position, behind the MLR on July 27, 1953. Our unit had been withdrawn from "Outpost Harry" the day before, the 26th of July as I recall. We could see the fireworks the night of July 27th...long streams of tracers, flashes from explosions, etc.

The next day, July 28th, I was wounded in the ammo explosion and was evacuated to a M\*A\*S\*H\* unit, and then moved to a hospital in southern Korea.


Here is an excerpt from the July 1953 Command Report, Hq. 23d Inf Regt, dated 14 Aug 53:

On 27 July 1953, the regiment started extensive preparations to move to Post Armistice Positions. The cease-fire was effective at 272145L. A Company, 72nd Tank Battalion came under control of the regiment at 272200L. During the evacuation of the old Main Battle Position an explosion occurred in a temporary ASP (Ammunition Supply Point) used for the collection of ammunition evacuated from Outpost Harry under the supervision of C Company. This accident resulted in two (2) killed from B Company, four (4) MIA from C Company, and thirteen (13) wounded.


The names of the deceased were included in a letter sent from the Department of the Army POW/MIA Affairs to Charles Herch, Jr. dated March 10, 1989.

Kemp and Kellis were standing about 4-5 feet to my right. They both died at the M\*A\*S\*H\* unit.

*Irvin C. Pool, 6430 Sandstone St  
Carmichael, CA 95608916-961-8299*



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. TOTAL ARMY PERSONNEL COMMAND  
ALEXANDRIA, VA  
22331-0482  
March 10, 1989



POW/MIA Affairs  
Division

Mr. Charles Herch, Jr.  
2394 Faber Street  
Hastings, Michigan 48212

Dear Mr. Herch:

This responds to your letter of February 12, 1989, concerning the men of Company B and C during the Korean War who were killed or injured as a result of an ammunition supply point explosion.

Based on the copies of the morning reports you sent, the names were checked against the casualty listing for the Korean War. The results are as follows:

Name	Svc. No.	GR	Status
Co C Freeman, John H.	RA14398560	Cpl	Dead-Buried in Tennessee
Clifton, Milo F.	RA15484865	PFC	Dead-Body Not Recovered
Dunn, Ralph E.	RA13469720	Pvt	Dead-Body Not Recovered
Kemp, Raymond L., Jr.	RA52231596	Pvt	Dead-Buried in Maryland
Co B Kellis, Burlin V.	RA52218496	Pvt	Dead-Buried in Kentucky

All of the other names on the morning report copies, were not listed. I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

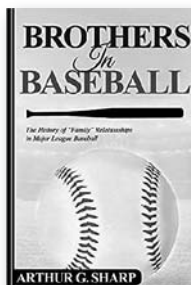
*J. G. Cole*  
J. G. Cole  
Lieutenant Colonel, GS  
Chief, POW/MIA Affairs

*Note: Kemp and Kellis were standing to my right about 4 or 5 feet.  
They both died at the MASH unit.  
Irvin Pool*

Letter to Charles Herch

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(Brothers in Baseball: The History of "Family" Relationships in Major League Baseball is available in paperback and ebook format from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com).)

Visit the Korean War Veterans Association  
Website: **WWW.KWVA.US**



# The Where, When, and Why of the Korean War

# Tell America

## 270 – SAM JOHNSON – TX

Our team spoke to 109 cadets with the Hebron High School Naval JROTC on September 9, 2019. Hebron High School is a part of the Lewisville Independent School District in Carrollton, Texas.

The speakers spoke to the students using 11 X 14 photos mounted on card stock. In one picture Jerry Kasten showed a photo he took of a helicopter removing a bomb that had not exploded. His pictures of Marilyn Monroe (1954) captured the students' interest. Kasten also explained how he got his job as a VIP photographer.

The Hebron program is quite active. At the beginning of each class Commander Ed Morales did a complete rundown of coming events requiring cadet participation. Dick Lethe, Tell America Director for the chapter, used a new approach of passing out 15-20 laminated cards with a question like the following on each card: "Did you enlist or were you drafted?" It encouraged student participation.

Joe Seiling talked about things that happened for the first time in the Korean War.

We received this message from one of the students at Hebron HS, Carrollton, TX. It was impressed and meant a lot to all of us. All of the Tell America presenters should be inspired by this message for what they are doing.



Above, Jerry Kasten of Ch. 270 shows a photo he took of a helicopter removing a bomb that had not exploded



B.J. Jimenez, Dick Lethe, Jerry Kasten, and Joe Seiling (L-R) at Ch. 270 ROTC presentation

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Dear Korean War Veterans,

Thank you for your kind words! I am still an ever learning photojournalist. It was a lot of fun photographing and listening to your stories. Thank you all so much for the service and sacrifice you have made for this country. I am genuinely grateful from the bottom of my heart, because without the selfless sacrifices of you and many others, I would have never had the opportunities and freedoms I enjoy now. Please keep sharing your stories and life lessons, they are an inspiration to those who wish to follow the same path you and many others have paved for the American Dream.

Natalie Nguyen  
Hebron High School  
Carrollton, Texas  
Joe Seiling, joeseiling.debbie@gmail.com

## 327 - GEN JOHN H MICHAELIS [PA]

In May, students and teachers in Harrisburg, PA and Hummelstown, PA public and Catholic elementary schools listened attentively as chapter members recounted their Korean War experiences. At the conclusion of their scheduled presentations, principals of both schools insisted that encore sessions be planned for the near future.

William Kelley, kelleywtk@msn.com



Ken Hooker and Gil Condor of Ch 327 surrounded by teachers

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# 91st M.P. Bn. (Korea 1952-54) Reunion held in

**QUIZ: Whence comes the name Minneapolis?**

**Answer at the end of the article.**

Members of the 91st M.P. Bn. (Korea 1952-54) visited the Bloomington/Minneapolis, MN area to take in its exciting historical attractions and enjoy their usual camaraderie. (We'll refer to the venue as Minneapolis in this recap.)

Ward Blumer assisted Manuel Sanchez with the arrangements and provided additional awareness about the local attractions. His family welcomed our group with home-made back packs created by daughters Abby and Margo. The packs were filled with small samples of Minneapolis-made goodies.

The Salvation Army offered coach transportation piloted by the knowledgeable driver Dean Lyons and his wife Renee. The presence of an experienced driver assured that the group would see more of Minneapolis than they might have visited otherwise.

Among the sites we visited were the Minneapolis Institute of Arts' Walker Art Center, which was arranged by Jill Ward Blumer, the historical Fort Snelling, where we witnessed an artillery and infantry drill, the fort's cemetery, Minne Ha Falls, a flour mill built by Charles Pillsbury, the state capitol, and the magnificent Cathedral of St. Paul. Yes, it pays to have local people as part of your reunion group.

We spent a few hours at the Mall of America, where some of our members shopped. Sadly we did not have enough time to visit all 520 stores. A few members visited the Sea Life of Minneapolis Aquarium, where they came face to face with dozens of sharks, starfish, turtles, jellyfish, and fresh water fish by way of a 300-foot water tunnel.

Thanks to Ward Blumer, who contacted Kip Elliott, Executive Vice President, and Brian Bessler, Group Ticket Sales and Service Executive, of the Minnesota Twins

of the American League's Minnesota Twins, we received the great honor of raising the American and MIA flags on August 8, 2019 at the team's beautiful Target Field. Unfortunately the Twins lost the game to the Cleveland Indians, 7-5.

We enjoyed a dinner banquet at the Chester Bird American Legion Post 523 in Golden Valley. Our choices of Walleye, steak, or prime rib was satisfying.

We thank all the people who helped us coordinate our delightful and successful 24th reunion. Special thanks go to Susan Breen and Tony Cooks of the Bloomington Convention and Visitor Bureau, who supplied us with maps, Mall of America coupon books, and information about the regional tourist attractions. We also offer our gratitude to Mike Moyer, who crafted our 91st M.P. plaque.

*Manuel Sanchez, 4160 Burnham St., Saginaw, MI 48638, 989-793-4277*

**Quiz Answer:** Minneapolis gets its name from "Minne," the Dakota tribe's word for water, and "Polis," the Greek word for city. Incidentally, Minneapolis was established in 1867.



**TOP:** Arlen Blumer, Manuel Sanchez, Jack Walker, Dick Suchodolski, Merton Wenner, Margrite Wenner, and Marilyn Blumer (L-R), 91st M.P. Bn flag raising detachment at Target Field



**BOTTOM LEFT:** Renee Lyons, Dean Lyons, Dorothy King, Jack Walker, and Dick Suchodolski (L-R) with 91st M.P. Bn. group at Target Field

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Fran Gay, Mary Carpenter, and Velma Monk of 91st M.P. group at Target Field



# Bloomington/Minneapolis



Group of 91st M.P. Bn. reunion attendees at luncheon held at American Legion Post 523



Manuel Sanchez, Dick Suchodolski, Arlen Blumer, and Jack Walker (L-R) at Minneapolis Korean War Memorial during 91st M.P. Bn. reunion



Garret Elert, Norman Murray, Kit Elert (L-R) enjoy camaraderie at 91st M.P. Bn. luncheon



Dorothy King, Velma Monk, Fran Gay, Mary Carpenter, Arlen Blumer, Marilyn Blumer, Jack Walker, Dick Suchodolski, Renee Lyons, Dean Lyons (Standing L-R) and Ward Blumer (Kneeling) traveling in style in Salvation Army van during 91st M.P. Bn. reunion



Arlen Blumer, Jill Blumer, Ward Blumer (standing L-R), Marilyn Blumer (sitting) at 91st M.P. Bn. luncheon



# KWVA represented at June 25th observation

Nearby is a collage of some wonderful pictures taken by Ms. Silvia Patton at the June 25th ceremony in Washington D.C. to mark the start of the Korean War. The commemoration was held at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on a beautiful summer day.

Silvia, who is a wonderful photographer and a lady with many talents, captured a wide cross-section of the guests who attended the ceremony and their activities.

Thank you, Silvia!!!

*Jim Fisher, jrfisher1121@verizon.net*









# Gold Star Mother and daughters to unveil Memorial at FNC

I take great pleasure to inform everyone attending the Korean War/Korean Defense Memorial dedication donated by the KWVA Department of Florida on November 9, 2019 at 1 p.m. at Bushnell Florida National Cemetery that Gold Star Mother Ruby Osceola and her daughters Veldina and Caroline will unveil the Memorial in honor of their brother/son USMC LCpl Herman Osceola.

LCpl Osceola was killed with 18 U. S. Marines and 11 ROK Marines on March 24, 1984 when their helicopter flew into a mountain in bad weather south of the Korean DMZ. The Marines killed were from L/3/5, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California.

Herman was from the Seminole Tribe in Clewiston, Florida. The family is very excited to unveil the Memorial, which will have both the Korean War and Korean Defense Medallion on the front of it.

*Jeffrey J. Brodeur, National 1st Vice President, kvamane@aol.com*



Jeff Brodeur (C) with Osceola family members at Memorial at Florida National Cemetery



The Memorial at Florida National Cemetery

**LCpl Osceola was killed with 18 U. S. Marines and 11 ROK Marines on March 24, 1984 when their helicopter flew into a mountain in bad weather south of the Korean DMZ.**



The Memorial to LCpl Osceola at Florida National Cemetery





## Missouri Veterans Commission Korean War Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony

*If you are a Veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955, regardless of location we encourage you to attend as we thank and honor our Nation's Korean War Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.*



**Date:** Monday, November 11, 2019

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Location:**  
Warrensburg Veterans Home  
1300 Veterans Road, Warrensburg, MO 64093

**Sponsor:**  
Missouri Veterans Commission

To be recognized at the ceremony, Korean War Veterans and their families are encouraged to **RSVP by November 5** through Eventbrite at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/korean-war-veterans-recognition-ceremony-tickets-69455953627?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Point of Contact: Missouri Veterans Commission  
Jamie Melchert  
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Battle of Hue City – I Corps
- 24 – 30 Mar Iwo Jima – Guam 75th  
Anniversary Iwo Jima Reunion of Honor
- 20 - 26 Apr Turkey WWI – Gallipoli  
Campaign, Troy, Istanbul & ANZAC Day
- 25 Apr – 8 May 50th Anniversary of Vietnam  
War Ops Saigon to the DMZ
- 16 – 25 May France WWI Battlefields, Verdun,  
Belleau Wood & Paris
- 27 May – 9 Jun 76th Anniversary of D-Day &  
Battle of the Bulge & Paris
- 1 – 9 Jun 76th Anniversary of  
D-Day: Normandy to Paris
- 2 – 12 Jul Russia WWII "Eastern Front"  
Moscow, Stalingrad & Kursk
- 2 – 11 Aug Guadalcanal "Turning the  
Tide in the Pacific"
- 26 Aug – 7 Sep VN 50th Anniversary  
1970 – Corps Op Jefferson Glenn
- 2 – 12 Aug China "Imperial Jewels"  
Beijing, Xian & Shanghai



# Chapter & Department News

## FEATURED CHAPTER

### 298 ALAMO [TX]

We hosted the Texas State Convention the weekend of 2-4 August 2019 at the historic Menger Hotel next to the Alamo in San Antonio. Speakers for the banquet held Saturday night included Ishmael Abuabara, a representative from the Mayor of San Antonio, Deputy Consul Jae Hi Kim, from the Korean Consulate General office in Houston, and MajGen Juan Ayala (USMC, Ret.).



Texas State Convention banquet, with Tom Cacy, Alamo Chapter #298 president and National Director, presiding

Entertainment was provided by various women's groups in San Antonio and Killeen and the Korean Culture Center from the All Nations Korean Church in San Antonio. Meetings were well attended and results from the national convention, held the previous weekend, were briefed to the membership.



Youth Dance Group from Korean Culture Center performs at Texas State Convention

Following a reception on Friday night, the group took a riverboat tour of the Riverwalk. On Saturday, the veterans had lunch with basic trainees at Lackland AFB, sharing their memories of the old days and their impression of today's basic training, followed by a tour of the Airman Heritage Museum. Altogether, this was an outstanding convention.



Riverboat on the Riverwalk: Texas State Commander Eddie Bell is on the left



Attendees at Texas State Convention banquet



Veterans at the Lackland AFB Airman Heritage Museum during Texas State Convention





Members of the National Association of Intercultural Family Mission Organization at the Texas State Convention

Thanks to the National Association of Intercultural Family Mission organization, which heavily supported the banquet, both financially and personally.

*Thomas Cacy, pastorcacy8@gmail.com*

## 9 DUTCH NELSEN [CO]

We commemorated the July 27th, 1953 Korean War armistice signing on July 27th at Memorial Park, Colorado Springs, CO.

*Mike Thomason, Secretary-historian, coloradoveteran@hotmail.com*



Air Force Academy cadets and staff with Ch. 9 members at armistice commemoration



Some of the attendees, including three members of the Korean National Assembly, at Ch. 9's event

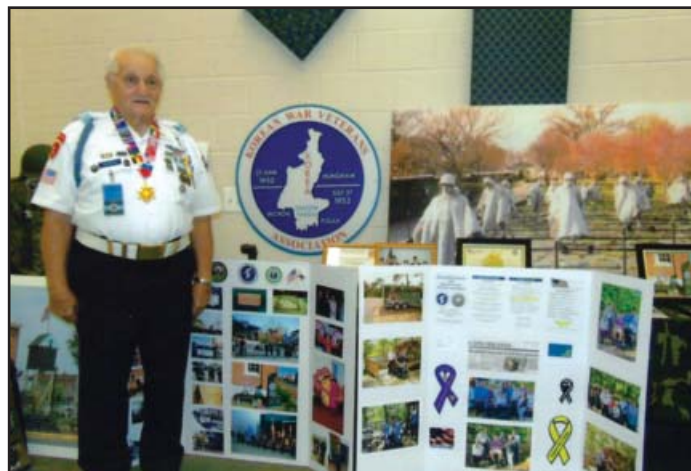


Ch. 9 1st VP Nelson Padgett and President Stan Hamamoto present wreath at armistice ceremony

## 13 BILL CARR CHAPTER 1 [DE]

To commemorate the 18th anniversary of 9/11 and Patriot Day honoring our military and EMS heroes, the Georgetown CHEER Center held a community-wide event for local citizens and youth. Community organizations besides us that participated included the U.S. Marine Corps, Viet Nam Veterans, Georgetown Police Department, American Legion Unit #28, Disabled American Veterans, and local high school J.R.O.T.C. units, among many other organizations.

Since 1971 the CHEER Center focuses on the community's 50+ population who need nutrition, transportation, home health care, and social and recreational activities. It is the center that involves thousands of people, or over half of the population, in the Sussex County, DE area.



Walter Koopman, Programs Director for Ch. 13 and a Director of the CHEER Center. A partial collection of his history of the Korean War is shown, along with his pristine memorabilia marking that 1950 to 1953 era.

Walter Koopman, the chapter's program director, and a Director of the CHEER Center, essentially organized the event and acted as the Master of Ceremonies to introduce local and state dignitaries to the audience. Congratulations to Walt



Koopman for all that he does for the local community.  
*Jack McGinley, 302-945-0698 or 610-247-1207,  
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## 19 GEN. RAYMOND G. DAVIS [GA]

As one member said the past few weeks we have been running up a lot of mileage going to chapter events. This was said not in regret but with thanks to our wonderful hosts at these events.

On 26 July we attended the annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Korean Cultural Center where we commemorated the Korean War and the 740 Georgians KIA. This ceremony has grown every year. There were nine beautiful wreaths placed this year. The event is sponsored by The American-Korean Friendship Society, with lunch hosted by Mr. Jay and Mrs. Stella Eun.

The keynote speaker was Mr. Robert Lunney, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret). Admiral Lunney served aboard the SS Meredith Victory as chief staff officer. On 23 December the SS Meredith Victory evacuated over 14,000 North Korean civilians from the port of Hungnam as the North Korean forces approached, forcing the evacuation of these civilians in a ship built to accommodate only 12 passengers. This miraculous evacuation saved these civilians and delivered them safely to the southern port of Busan, where they lived out the duration of the war.



**Sunny Park, Robert Lunney, and companion (L-R) at Korean Cultural Center wreath laying ceremony**



**Robert Lunney speaks at wreath laying ceremony**



**Rudy Accarino, Carol Rump, and Urban Rump (L-R) represent Ch. 19 at Alpharetta, GA parade**



**Byoung-Gu Lee (L) and Ch. 19 President Norman Board at citation presentation**

**The citation presented to Ch. 19**



On 3 August the chapter was represented in the Old Soldiers Parade in Alpharetta. The parade, which dates back to the early 1950s, is sponsored by Post 201 of the American Legion and the City of Alpharetta.

On the same date our President, Norman Board, was given a surprise Presidential Citation from the Republic of South Korea signed by Moon Jae-in, President of the Republic of South Korea and delivered, in person by Byoung-Gu Lee, Vice Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs from South Korea. The citation reads: "In recognition of and appreciation for the outstanding contribution to freedom and democracy to the Republic of South Korea."

We are proud and humbled to receive this citation as we were the only chapter to receive this cherished recognition.

Our bimonthly chapter meeting was held on 6 August. It was



hosted and donated by the Korean Inter Married Women's Association (KIMWA). This chapter was given a plaque in recognition of their service to our chapter. Our speaker was our Past President Gordon Sherman, who served as head of the Social Administration in the southeast for many years. He briefed us on the history of the SSA and how it has benefited every American since its beginning.

Our new member, Jack Shuler, told us of his revisit trip to South Korea and the side trips they took while there.

The last part of our meeting was the presentation of the portrait pictures we had taken by Mr. Remy of South Korea and delivered in person from South Korea by Mr. Juho Chung of American Panel Corporation.

Urban G. Rump, Secretary/Treasurer, 234 Orchards Cir, Woodstock, GA 30188, 678-402-1251, [ugrcr@comcast.net](mailto:ugrcr@comcast.net)

## 20 HAWAII #1 [HI]

We sponsored the 69th Korean War Memorial Service on June 25, 2019 at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. Dignitaries included civilian leaders and military commanders. Keynote speaker was ADM Phillip S. Davidson, USN, commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Fleet Forces Command.



**Wreath from civilian leaders and military commanders at Hawaii June 25th commemoration**

the Ministry of National Defense Republic of Korea, presented \$600.00 gift cards on behalf of the Korean Consulate's Defense Attaché' CAPT Kim, Jungil. The cards were presented as a token of appreciation to Korean War veterans.

*Stan Fujii,  
[stan\\_fujii@hotmail.com](mailto:stan_fujii@hotmail.com)*



**Ch. 20 wreath presented at June 25th event**



**Master of Ceremony Gene Castagnetti, Col USMC (retired), Korea Consulate staff member Sue Son, Deputy Korean Consul Sam Lee (L-R) at Hawaii ceremony**



**Sada Sanico, Herb Schreiner, Su Hyon Son, and Tommy Tahara (L-R) at Like-Like Restaurant breakfast**

**Retired Hawaii Supreme Court Justice Ronald Moon and General Consul Choon-goo Kim at National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl**



## 25 GREATER CHICAGO [IL]

We elected a new slate of officers: Commander Charles Simokaitis; 1st Vice Joe DiFranco; Directors Joe Henmueller and Sal Amati; Sgt.-at-Arms Norm Sachman; Treasurer Don Glasell; Chaplain Tom Bezouska.

Chapter members extended thankful post-election congratulations

*Charles Simokaitis, 1211 Potter Rd., Park Ridge, IL 60068,  
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New officers of Ch. 25: Director Joe Henmueller, Sgt.-at-Arms Norm Sachman, 1st Vice Joe DiFranco, Commander Charles Simokaitis, and Chaplain Tom Bezouska (L-R); Director Sal Amati and Treasurer Don Glasell were absent for photo.



Members and officers of Ch. 25

## 51 RICHLAND COUNTY [OH]

Some time has elapsed, but my memories are still very clear about a very special day when, along with three other members, I was on a 737 flight from Columbus, Ohio to Washington D.C. sponsored by Honor Flight Columbus. Tom Ellis, Roger Hunter, Mearl Nichols and I were greeted at the Columbus Airport at 5:30



Tom Ellis, Roger Hunter, Mearl Nichols and Roy Anderson of Ch. 51 (L-R) on Honor Flight

a.m. by Honor Flight Ground Crew volunteers who served us a continental breakfast and coffee while we waited for our flight.

While in D.C. we saw the WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Women's Memorials. There were 78 of us veterans transported in three large buses, escorted by two D.C. motorcycle policeman who let no one get in our way.

Arriving back at the Columbus Airport late that evening we were met by a large crowd of welcome home and cheering folks. It was a long day.

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## 54 THOMAS W. DALEY, JR. [NJ]

We held a fundraiser at the Voorhees Diner on May 30th. It was a very successful day. The patrons were kind and generous. Many wanted to talk about relatives who had served in Korea. Patriotism is not dead, but vibrant and enthusiastic in Voorhees, NJ.

We passed out small flags to donors. The manager said it was some sight to see these flags waving at each table.

On May 27th members attended the dedication of the Korean War and Defense Veterans Monument at Freedom Park, Medford, NJ. Our chapter donated \$500 towards the cost of the monument.



Capt. Andy Jackson, George Ulmer (USA), and Carl Letizia (USN & USMC) of Ch. 54 (L-R) at the Voorhees Diner in Voorhees, NJ

We presented the KWVA Medal of Leadership Award and Certificate of Excellence to two members of JROTC USARMY Crusader Battalion, Delsea Regional High School, Delsea, NJ. The recipients were Cadet Jacob Worley and Cadet Chloe MacCauley.



Andy Jackson of Ch. 54 saluting the flag



Both show outstanding leadership abilities and are examples of what a JROTC cadet can achieve under the guidance of the excellent leadership of Lt. Col. Albert Flood, U.S. Army (ret). We thank all cadets of the Crusader Bn for participating in the JROTC Program. We are proud of all of them.



(Sgt) John Carney (USMC) and Andy Jackson of Ch. 54 salute at the Medford, NJ Freedom Park dedication



Fred Connolly (extreme right) of Ch. 54 presents the KWVA Medal of Leadership Award and Certificate of Excellence to members of JROTC USARMY Crusader Battalion; Lt. Col. Albert Flood is at the extreme left



Korean War veterans at the Philadelphia, PA Korean War Memorial

Chapter members and representatives from other organizations and the Korean-American Veterans Association attended a ceremony at the Philadelphia, PA Korean War Memorial.

Andy Jackson, 856-424-0736, [captjack71@comcast.net](mailto:captjack71@comcast.net)

## 56 VENTURA COUNTY [CA]

Since 2010 we have been sponsoring a program to honor all Korean War veterans by placing wreaths at our Korean War Monument in Santa Paula. We have a list of families that want to honor their loved ones who served during the war.

We receive donations from the public to help defray the costs. For the past three years we have received sufficient donations to honor all 48 of our deceased chapter members.

On July 27th we held our 2019 ceremony to recognize the 66th anniversary of the Korean War cease fire. Members of Korean organizations showed up, including a group of girls from South Korea.



Man Kyu Choi, President of the Association of the Republic of Korea Army, speaks at Ch. 56 commemoration



U.S. and Korea alliance association and youth group attendees at Ch. 56 ceremony



Group of Korean War Veterans association—Western Region at Santa Paula, CA monument



We were also assisted by members of Santa Paula VFW Post 2043 who stepped in to help our members whose physical activities are limited due to advancing age.

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



**Commander David Lopez of Ch. 56 with Sally Lopez at Ch. 56 monument**



**Commander John Barbic of VFW Post 2043 salutes at Santa Paula, CA cease fire ceremony**



**Members of Korea Veterans Association (KVA) who attended Ch. 56's activity**

## 72 OREGON TRAIL [OR]

On June 22nd we held a Korean War Remembrance—69th anniversary event. There were many people in attendance at our

Oregon Korean War Memorial in Wilsonville. We co-sponsored the event with KWMFO, KIMWA, and the Korean Consulate of Seattle. Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs Director Kelly Fitzpatrick spoke.

The local chapter of Quilts for Valor presented quilts to two members, Don Cohen and Gene Evers.

*Mary Gifford, 521 Charman St., Oregon City, OR, 503-655-2778, megifford@comcast.net*



**Department of Veterans Affairs Director Kelly Fitzpatrick speaks at Ch. 72 event**



**Quilt presentation at Ch. 72 gathering**

**Member of Ch. 72 displays quilt**



## 100 NORTHERN VIRGINIA [VA]

Col. (USA Ret) Don Howell, incoming commander, presented a Service and Sacrifice Memory Lamp to Col. (Ret) Warren Wiedhahn, outgoing commander, in recognition of his great contributions to the veterans over his military career and then as chapter president. Warren served with great expertise and with great honor for over 25 years in the Virginia chapter, while holding several key offices with the National KWVA.





**Don Howell presents a Service and Sacrifice Memory Lamp to Warren Wiedhahn (L) of Ch. 100**

The presentation was a great surprise to Warren. He said, "This is unprecedented!" The service he has provided to so many KWVA members as President and CEO for Military Historical Tours for over 30 years, during which he coordinated trips to over 8,000 veterans and family members to participate in Korean-Revisit programs, was extraordinary. Indeed, it was unprecedented.

The presentation was made during the final business meeting at the recent 2019 KWVA National Convention in Arlington, VA. To procure a Collectible Service and Sacrifice Memory Lamp (pictured above), contact Don Howell at [dehinva@gmail.com](mailto:dehinva@gmail.com) to place an order. Proceeds from the Service and Sacrifice Memory Lamps will go to the KWVA operational funds as a donation. Checks should be made to KWVA. The \$70 fee includes quality shipping costs.

*Don Howell, [dehinva@gmail.com](mailto:dehinva@gmail.com)*

## 111 CPL. RICHARD A. BELL [WI]

We presented Norb Carter with a certificate of appreciation for his many years as our chapter commander.

*James A. Maersch, James A., 1829 Park Ave., West Bend, WI 53090, 262-338-0991*



**Mike Adell (L) presents Commander Norb Carter of Ch. 111 with certificate**

## 142 COL. WILLIAM E. WEBER [MD]

### Welcome Home

On July 15, 2019, Maryland First Lady Yumi Hogan invited Korean War veterans to a "Welcome Home" reception at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis, MD. State Governor Larry Hogan writes:



**Commander Fred Becker of Ch. 142, Richard Cody, Chip Chipley, Dr. Kim, First Lady of Maryland Yumi Hogan, Secretary Glenn Wienhoff, Bill Fox and (seated center) Treasurer Bob Mount (L-R) at Maryland State Capitol**



**Bill Fox, Joan Fox, Sandra Becker, Fred Becker, Richard Cody, Chip Chipley and Bob Mount (L-R) at Ch. 142 table at Maryland State Capitol**

"There can't possibly be words adequate enough to express our gratitude, our respect, and our appreciation to our men and women in uniform. In spite of all the things that have sought to divide us in this country, and that still divide us today, we are brought together by the tremendous respect we hold and the

incredible debt that we owe to all those who have worn the flag of our nation on their arm and who are willing to lay down their lives to protect the rights and freedoms that we hold so dear.”

Several members attended the reception and were greeted personally by Yumi Hogan, who was born in Naju, South Korea in 1959 and became a U.S. citizen in 1994. She has great respect for Korean War veterans, who fought selflessly for her birth country, and honors them every year with a reception in the Maryland State capitol.

Among those attending were Commander Fred Becker, Richard Cody, Chip Chipley, Dr. Kim, Secretary Glenn Wienhoff, Bill Fox and Treasurer Bob Mount. Several members from Ch. 312, Hagerstown, were also present.



The program for the Maryland State Capitol reception

The reception was also attended by Secretary George W. Owings, III, USMC, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs; BG Pyo Se Woo ROK, Republic of Korean Defense Attaché to the United States; The Honorable Larry J. Hogan, Governor, State of Maryland; Paul H. Cunningham, President, Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.; General John H. Tilelli, Jr., USA (Ret.), Chair, Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation; and Yumi Hogan.

Linda Crilly, Ch. Webmaster, CID142Webmaster@gmail.com, or Glenn Wienhoff, cid142kwva@gmail.com.

## 170 TAEJON [NJ]

We honored the July 27, 1953 cease fire by placing wreaths at the Korean War monuments in Saddle Brook and Atlantic City. Commander George Bruzgis and eight members attended the ceremony in Atlantic City, where they placed a wreath at the marble Wall of Honor, on which the names of the 900 New Jersey military members who gave their all in the Korean War are inserted.

Sr. Vice Commander Fosco Oliveti led a contingent of members in Saddle Brook to place a wreath at our monument, which was erected in June 2000. The wreath laying team included Fosco Oliveti, Adjutant Perry Georgison, and Color Guard Captain Alexander Atheras.



Alexander Atheras, Perry Georgison, Fosco Camille Georgison, editor of Ch. 170's newsletter, the Taejon Post, Perry Georgison, Fosco Oliveti, and Homer Vanides (L-R) at Ch. 170's monument



Camille Georgison, editor of Ch. 170's newsletter, the Taejon Post, Perry Georgison, Fosco Oliveti, Louis Quagliero, and Homer Vanides (L-R) of Ch. 170 at July 27th commemoration



Walter Amos of Ch. 170 at Saddle Brook, NJ monument

Fosco Oliveti gave a short speech about the significance of the day and the war, which took the lives of 33,742 American military heroes and resulted in 92,134 wounded service members—all within three years. Another 1,243 American military personnel have died in Korea since the cease fire was signed.

The short ceremony lasted one hour. Sr. Vice Commander Oliveti ended it with a prayer.

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



## 183 NEBRASKA #1 [NE]

In July 13, 2019 we held our annual “At Ease Picnic” at the Yutan, Nebraska VFW Post 9844. Many members and their wives attended, along with Korean-American friends from around the state. Everyone had a good time while enjoying the music, games, and delicious food.

*James S. Lane, 3318 S. 159th St., Omaha, NE 68130*



**Don Kane, Ch. 183 President, presides over Nebraska “At Ease” proceedings**



**Some of the many people attending Ch. 183's picnic**

**Dennis Pavlik, the last surviving Nebraska Korean War POW, describes his experiences as a POW**



## 202 ORANGE COUNTY [NY]

We had a summer picnic at the Bullville Memorial Park,



**Left, Dr. Hubert Hojae Lee of Ch. 202, who has been providing a thank you party for Korean War veterans for the past 30 years, stands in front of a U.S. Army truck, remembering his service at 8th U.S. Army as a chief KATUSA instructor 55 years ago. Right, attendees at Ch. 202's picnic**



**Far left, members of Ch. 202 enjoy themselves at picnic. Right, part of crowd at Ch. 202's picnic**

remembering many Korean War heroes who were not there anymore.

Nick Scali, at age of 92, was there with his lovely wife tearing in his eyes with many members. A U.S. Army truck was there.

Members attending at a picnic included General Secretary Fred Schweikert, Treasurer Howard Aiello, 1st Vice-President Dr. Hubert Lee, new President Jim Scali, Raymond Margota, Efrain Aezola, and Tom Nowsworthy.

The commemoration of the 69th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War was held on June 23, 4 PM, 2019 at the Town of Wallkill Community Center, Middletown, NY.

Korean American Foundation, USA and the chapter jointly sponsored this 30th thank you party that was initiated in 1989 by Dr. Hubert Hojae Lee, a former KATUSA instructor in the 8th U.S. Army Support Command, South Korea. Dr. Lee was a military interpreter and translator for a senior U.S. Quartermaster advisor to the first ROK Army, Col. Bennett, at Camp Long, Wonju, Gangwon-Do in 1965.

During the ceremony, Dr. Lee delivered a eulogy to fallen member Robert Jones, a Korean War veteran, in front of invited family members. The Korean Marine Corps of New Jersey made a long trip to serve as color guard and honored all surviving veterans with a special gift of red ginseng in a hope that with its power they will live healthy, long lives. An elder, Cho Soo Hyun, brought a shoulder carriage (Ji Ghe) to carry those gift items and Korean flag, together with Freedom Medals transported from Korea to honor Korean War veterans.

Ji Ghe was a symbol of the responsibility held by the head of a household in Korean tradition, as well as of a poor farmer's life. He carried the gifts to show his thanks to veterans for transforming poor farm lands into an industrialized nation by driving out communism from South Korea and by making Korea adopt the market economy capitalistic system.

Dr. Lee presented certificates of appreciation to all performers for the party: violinist Jennifer Song, who played Beethoven's “Romance for Violin and Orchestra;” harpist Joyce Hoffman, who performed “Finlandia” and “America the Beautiful;” gui-

tarist Manny (?), and entertainer Soh Young Lee.

Other guests included General Hahn, Korean Consul Pakh, and professional photographer Cho Nam Chun, who has helped the Foundation's mission for the past ten years with artful photos that keep records of the honorable events. A professional Korean folk dance group led by Young Ja Yoon of Pilgrim Missionary Dance entertained all veterans with "Jango Dance and Nanta Dance."

Dr. Lee presented a special Glow at Night wrist watch to Nick Scali, a Korean War veteran, who made the trip to celebrate his 93rd birthday. Also in attendance were Tom Nosworthy, Mike Aiello, Fred Schweikert, and Jim Scali, president of Ch. 202.

Multi-culture entertainer Soh Young Lee inspired everyone attending the party to sing the Korean folk song "Arirang" in Korean and English to remind veterans of their selfless military services in Korea, a land unknown to them 68 years ago. All attendees pledged to maintain a stronger allied relationship between the two countries by uniting in spirit with the Arirang song. Finally, the music concert stage closed and everyone bid farewell, with much regret.

*Hubert Lee, drhl@frontier.com*

## 215 GEN. WALTON H. WALKER [TX]

Members were again honored along with other veterans with an Appreciation Luncheon at the Coyote Ridge Golf Club in Carleton, TX. What has become an annual event has been jointly hosted by the Consular Office of the Republic of Korea in Dallas and the Korean Society of Dallas.

Associate Member Sherri Steward made a presentation there regarding the plans for the Korean War and Korean Defense Veterans Memorial in Arlington, TX. On September 7th the City of Arlington announced the dedication of the memorial site with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by several chapter members.

We will be spearheading the effort to obtain the funding required to construct this memorial. (See more coverage in "Texas" at end of Chapters report)

*Dave Moore, dmoore.kwva215@outlook.com*

Sherri Steward of Ch. 215 makes presentation



Members of Ch. 215 at ribbon cutting ceremony

## 222 DON C. FAITH (MOH) [TX]

We held our 25 June 2019 Ceremony in memory of the onset of the Korean War.

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Members of Ch. 222 listen to "Taps"



Fermin R. Cantu, Master of Ceremony at Ch. 222's June 25 observation





**President Roy L. Lytle of Ch. 222 at June 25th event**

Giddings-Essenmacher, Program Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association. She gave a talk on Alzheimer's and dementia, of which there are eighty types. In fact, one of three seniors will die of dementia. Risk factors are age, family history, and genes.

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



**The Fire Department Color Guard at Ch. 222's ceremony**



**Above, truly a welcoming church for Ch. 251**

**The church sign at Lake Huron, MI**



**Eddie Bell, Sr., Texas KWVA President, at Ch. 222 remembrance**



**Members of Ch. 251 enjoy service at Korean Presbyterian Church**

## **251 SAGINAW-FRANKENMUTH [MI]**

The Korean Presbyterian Church of Saginaw has invited Korean War veterans to their church service and dinner each year for the past 26 years. We have been honored and given a warm welcome each time. Two of our members have attended every event.

The guest speaker at our August 2019 meeting was Jennifer



**James Brownlie, Jr., Jennifer Giddings-Essenmacher, and Charles T. Chantiny (L-R) at Ch. 251's August meeting**

CLARIFICATION: "In the end, most people with late-stage dementia die of a medical complication related to their underlying dementia. For instance, a person may die from an infection like aspiration pneumonia, which occurs as a result of swallowing difficulties, or a person may die from a blood clot in the lung as a result of being immobile and bedbound.

"However, it's important to note that dementia itself is fatal. At times this is appropriately listed as the cause of death on a death certificate, as late-stage dementia is a terminal illness" (Source: <https://www.verywellhealth.com/what-is-it-like-to-die-of-dementia-1132331>).

## 256 NORVILLE B. FINNEY [MI]

We engaged in two activities of note recently: a successful Rose of Sharon drive and our chapter picnic. We were pleased to see 52 people at our picnic.

*James E. McCarthy, 2159 Parliament Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48310, 586-464-4223, jimsshop@comcast.net*



Grillmasters at Ch. 256's picnic



Below, R&R at Ch. 256 picnic



Lone rep from Ch. 256 at Westborn Market Rose of Sharon event



Member of Ch. 256 solicits donations at Rose of Sharon station



Rose of Sharon participants from Ch. 256



Members of Ch. 256 at Korean Church

## 258 NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND [RI]

We had a very busy June/July, starting with the installation of officers for 2019-20 by Gloucester, RI Town Clerk and associate member Jean Fecteau. They are Commander Richard St. Louis, Sr. Vice Richard Mende, Jr., Vice Robert Jaworski, Judge Advocate Al Galato, Secretary Margaret Walsh, and Chaplain Pete Robert.

Following the ceremony Town Clerk Fecteau presented the chapter with a proclamation from the Gloucester town council as well as a marble plaque with "Home of Korean War Veterans Northern R.I. Chapter# 258- 3" engraved on the surface. This beautiful plaque will be placed on the Gloucester Senior Center Building, which is quite an honor for us.





Glocester, RI, town clerk and associate member Jean Fecteau swears in new Ch. 258 officers

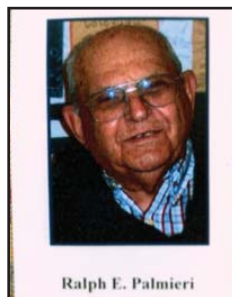


The plaque presented to Ch. 258

In July we lost one of our past commanders and founder Ralph Palmieri, who was a Bronze Star recipient for saving his unit through his heroic actions. Some of our members attended his wake, as shown in the nearby photo.



Members of Ch. 258 at Ralph Palmieri's funeral



Former Commander of Ch. 258 Ralph Palmieri

On July 15th members visited the R.I. Bristol Veterans Home to present Korean hats to the Korean veterans as well as to give them gift cards they can use in the PX or the bistro located on the premises. Robert Jaworski is shown with one of the residents.

The 66th anniversary of the Korean cease fire was celebrated in Providence at the Korean Memorial. A wonderful luncheon was enjoyed by all at the State House after the ceremony.

*Margaret Walsh, Secretary/Photographer, 311 Hardig Rd., B205, Warwick, RI 02886*



Ed Doyle and Dick Mende of Ch. 258 visit with fellow member Gerald O'Neil, who now resides at the Rhode Island Veterans Home, and his wife Kathleen, a daily visitor



Chief Liaison Officer John K. Jeon, Commander Richard St. Louis, and Jr. Vice Robert Jaworski of Ch. 258 at Korean War cease fire commemoration in Providence, RI



Veterans watch as Ch. 258 Commander Richard St. Louis accepts a proclamation from Kasim Yarn, representing Rhode Island Governor Gina M. Raimondo, declaring July 27th as Korean Veterans Day



## 264 MT. DIABLO [CA]

### “Medal of Honor” Ken Rishell

Ken Rishell was invited by Duane Nokes, Senior Chief, U.S. Navy, to attend a party to celebrate the completion of two weeks of training for COMSUBGRU NINE Force Protection Department 2. This was held at the Residence Inn, Pleasant Hill, CA, where they were all staying. The graduates and family members enjoyed the BBQ and festivities.



Duane Nokes (L) Senior Chief and Ken Rishell of Ch. 264

Chief Nokes introduced Ken as part of the history of the armed services. All service personnel were invited to meet Ken and visit with him. This was interesting as it represented the past and present of those who have in the past and now serve the United States.

Ken and his wife Pat were invited to the graduation party. Chief Nokes has a tradition of presenting “Paper Plate Awards” for comical achievements during the training. Chief Nokes had a surprise and presented Ken with a “Paper Plate Award Medal of Honor” for being married to Pat for 63 years.

It was a wonderful evening. Both Ken and Pat enjoyed visiting with all of the Sailors and family members. Ken has placed this prestigious award in a special place in his home.

*Pat Rishell, 925-682-6279, krishell@astound.net*

## 267 GENERAL JAMES A. VAN FLEET [FL]

Our Color Guard, comprising Commander Norm Tankersley, NCOIC Terry Fitzpatrick, Ron Carbaugh, Eddie Thomas, and Norm Sherry, presented the Colors and performed a flag raising

ceremony on June 14, 2019 at a Flag Day ceremony for the Windsor Assisted Living Facility in Gainesville, FL. Over fifty residents and guests attended the event sponsored by the facility and Mr. Robert Phillips of Community Hospice and Palliative Care.



Eddie Thomas, Ron Carbaugh, Don Sherry and Terry Fitzpatrick (L-R) of Ch. 267 at Flag Day ceremony



Residents and guests at Windsor Assisted Living Facility say Pledge of Allegiance at Ch. 267 Flag Day ceremony

Also in attendance was our highly decorated member, MOH recipient Cpl. Duane Dewey, and his wife Bertha. Duane earned the MOH for valor against the Chinese as a squad leader with E Co., 2nd Bn., 5th Regt., 1st Marine Division on Hill 3 in Panmunjom on April 16, 1952. He and his wife are residents of the Windsor.

(On March 12, 1953, Dewey was the first person to receive the Medal of Honor from President Dwight D. Eisenhower. After presenting the medal to Dewey during the ceremony at the White House, Eisenhower said to him, “You must have a body of steel.”)

Our Master of Ceremonies was U.S. Army Master Sergeant (ret.) Ray Davis. He gave an excellent talk about the flag and the U.S. Army’s birthday on the same day.

*Don Sherry, Adjutant, 352-375-8355, dpskwva@yahoo.com*



## 270 SAM JOHNSON [TX]

(See Texas at end of Chapters report)

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## 272 GREATER ROCKFORD [IL]

### 66th Anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice

Commander Arnie Cabello began organizing the ceremony he envisioned for the 27th of July 2019 while, I believe, knowing in his heart this would be the “Last Event” he would have the privilege of steering.

As members sat and listened, Commander Cabello laid out what he saw taking place at our Tri-County Korean War Memorial. I have to say the plan seemed a bit more ambitious than the membership had in mind. Never wavering, Commander Cabello stuck to his guns, setting about convincing the chapter “We NEED to do this.”



**Kim Jiman, Director of the Veterans Department for the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea, at Ch. 272's celebration**

**Below, Emcee Scott Lewandowski, Ch. 272 Commander John Scott, and Ch. 272 Chaplain Howard Ballard (L-R) at July 27th ceremony**



We reached the “All Hands On Deck” point as Commander Cabello’s illnesses got the better of him, forcing him into the hospital just a few weeks before the ceremony was to take place. Commander Cabello was to never leave the hospital, as

### Col. Duane Hayden speaks at Ch. 272 event



the illnesses he suffered took his life July 17, 2019, just 10 days prior to “His Ceremony.”

Member John Scott took the helm as Commander and joined with Vice-Commander Bill Doran to complete Commander Cabello’s vision. As one would expect Commander Scott and Vice-Commander Doran met the challenge, presenting a ceremony Commander Cabello would have been most pleased with.

Scott Lewandowski, Museum Director at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Rockford, Il., answered the call and emceed, introducing both Kim Jiman, Director of Veterans Department for the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea, and our keynote speaker, Col. Duane Hayden, Illinois Air National Guard, Chicago.

Jim Jiman and Col. Duane Hayden spoke with respect and awe of what the “young American men and women” were willing to do for such a far away and, for most of them, an unknown country. Both Director Jiman and Col. Hayden arrived early and stayed late, conversing with the dozens of war veterans from the Korean War as well as veterans of the Vietnam War, and dozens of family members.

Also attending to honor the date and time were Illinois State Rep. of the 68th District John Cabello (also the son of Commander Arnie Cabello), Dave Severson, IL State Senator of the 35th District, and Joe Sosnowski, IL, Rep. 69th District.

More than one tear was shed as Howard Ballard, Chaplain, asked for a moment of silence remembering Commander Cabello, past Commander Joseph Myers, and past secretary Allan Ekberg, all three men passing within the last month.

*George B. Graham Jr., Lifetime Associate Member, [gbg1948@aol.com](mailto:gbg1948@aol.com)*

## 297 PLATEAU [TN]

Our annual picnic was catered by the men’s group from the Fairfield Glade Methodist Church. It included a birthday cake in conjunction with Cmdr. Gene Stone’s 88th birthday.

Our new officers for 2019-20 are Jr Vice Cmdr. Emil Zenk, Senior Vice Cmdr. Jim Morris, and Commander Gene Stone.

We gained a new member, WWII and Korean War veteran Robert Terraforte, who recently relocated to Fairfield from New York.

*Dick Malsack, PIO, 931-707-7292, [kaslam2001@yahoo.com](mailto:kaslam2001@yahoo.com)*





The cake for Ch. 297 Commander Gene Stone's 88th birthday

Below, members of Ch. 297 with two Korean girls from Clarksville, TN and Associate Pastor of the Fairfield Glade Memorial Church, Moses Hahn, who was born and raised in Korea



Fairfield Glade, TN Police Chief Mike Williams swears in Ch. 297 officers for 2019-20: Jr Vice Cmdr. Emil Zenk, Senior Vice Cmdr. Jim Morris, and Commander Gene Stone (L-R)



New member of Ch. 297, WWII and Korean War veteran Robert Terraforte, with his son sitting behind him

## 299 KOREA VETERANS OF AMERICA [MA]

### Korea in Boston

A special concert hosted by La Mer et L'Ile\* and the Korean American Society of Massachusetts was held in Jordan Hall at the New England Conservatory in Boston on September 14, 2019. Korea War and Defense Veterans were invited as special guests of Yonghyon Kim, Consul General of Korea in Boston, a co-sponsor of the event.



Consul General Kim with Ch. 299 members Mrs. Betty Benoit, widow of Korean War veteran Roy Benoit, KWVA National Director Bernard Smith, and KWVA National 2nd VP Albert McCarthy (L-R) at Boston concert



Performers from La Mer et L'Ile take a bow at Jordan Hall at the New England Conservatory



Soloist from La Mer et L'Ile sings at Boston event



The newly designed KWVA Challenge Coin was presented to CG Kim as a remembrance of the occasion. According to KWVA members in attendance, the music was “masterful” and “magical,” at times “intense,” yet “soaring.”

\*La Mer et L’Ile is a non-profit Arts and Science Society established by 100 renowned artists and scholars to promote Korean culture, history and nature through classical music, fine arts, and poetry. The words “La Mer,” meaning the sea, refer to the East Sea, while “L’Ile” means the island, referring to Dokdo Island. The intent of these words is to bring people’s attention to the issues related to the naming of the East Sea and Korea’s sovereignty over Dokdo.

### Texas Hospitality

Texas Roadhouse has a heart as big as Texas when it comes to supporting veterans! Recently, Bryanna Stark, Legendary Store Marketer, gave 200 free meals to Project New Hope of Massachusetts.

According to Bill Moore, chapter member and President of Project New Hope, MA, “The donation by Texas Roadhouse directly supports our belief in the healing power of mutual support and targeted services for all current or former service members and their families, including Gold Star honorees, or survivors who have felt the impact of military service.”

*Al McCarthy, mccarthy.albert@live.com*

## 301 FOOTHILLS [SC]

We have now raised more than \$121,000.00 for the Wall of Remembrance (WOR) in Washington D.C. Our goal for South Carolina (SC) is \$200k for the 552 South Carolinians who were killed in action (KIA) and the 24 prisoners of war (POW). We are going to work hard to reach our goal by the end of 2019.

I thank Colonel Bill Weber, whom I would have loved to serve under, and his spouse Annelie, who has helped me a lot and who I know is a godsend to Colonel Weber. Also, thanks go to recently resigned Jim Fisher, who has labored tirelessly for the KWVA



Howell Clyborne, former South Carolina state representative, Lewis Vaughn of Ch. 301, South Carolina state senator (ret) and former KWVA National Director, and Phil Bradley, former South Carolina state representative (L-R), at a KWVA fundraiser at a Texas Roadhouse in Taylors, South Carolina, where they raised \$1,220.00 for the WOR in Washington, D.C.

and the Foundation Board. Jim befriended me and provided wise counsel as a new member of the KWVA Board.

I also thank Bill Alli for working with me in the successful effort to get Congress to enact the resolution allowing the WOR to be erected at the site of the Korean War Memorial in D.C., where the names of the 35k+ American KIAs and the POWs will be engraved to preserve the legacy of those heroes. And heroes they were.



Ch. 301's table at the WOR Fundraiser in August 2019



Bettie Stewart (L), the South Carolina upstate coordinator for the Honor Flight, and Lila Vaughn at Ch. 301's August 2019 fundraiser

It is imperative that we get the WOR erected and those names etched into it soon, as the average age of Korean War veterans today is 87-88. We want some of them around to attend the dedication of the Wall.

I urge the President and officers of the KWVA to put aside differences and coalesce to make this their number one priority and urge other states and chapters to do what SC has been doing the last couple of years and what MD and WA are doing under the able guidance of Bill Alli.

### A memorable way to celebrate a wedding anniversary

Lewis R. Vaughn and his wife Lila celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary by participating in a fundraiser in Anderson, SC for the WALL OF REMEMBRANCE in D.C. That is truly dedication to a cause. U.S. Vice-president Mike Spence was the keynote speaker.

The August 26, 2019 event was to support Congressman Jeff Duncan. We raised \$712.00 for the Wall. So far we have raised \$123,000 of our \$200,000 goal for South Carolina, with \$77,000 to go. We'll get there "if the Good Lord is willing and the creeks don't rise."

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## 306 WEST MICHIGAN [MI]

For the past sixteen years, member Rod Chapman has put up a display of flags and a sign commemorating the armistice ending the Korean War. This year the sign stated 7-27-2019 is the 66th Anniversary of the Armistice that ended the Korean War. The armistice ended combat operations, and ushered in a new era that is still in place to this day, with the DMZ separating North and South Korea. The Forgotten War should never be forgotten. Freedom is not Free.



Ch.306 member Rod Taylor's Armistice Day display



Doug Voss, George Stark, and Rod Chapman of Ch. 306 (L-R) at their latest ice cream social, on August 9th

Members sponsor ice cream socials every summer for the veterans living in the Michigan home for Veterans in Grand Rapids. The veterans living there need assisted living, but also appreciate visits from people in the community. We have done these ice cream socials for at least 12 years.

*Doug Voss, Sr. VP, dwv123@aol.com*

## 313 SHENANDOAH [VA]

### Korean Baptist Church Program

On Saturday, June 22nd, the sanctuary of the Bethel Korean Baptist Church in Dale City, Virginia was the scene of great joy, thankfulness, and outstanding talent. We were welcomed by Rev. Sang Rae Cho, church minister. There were seventeen Korean veterans honored by the hosts of the banquet.



Assemblage at Bethel Korean Baptist Church in Dale City, Virginia



Mary Jane Ewing modeling the "Han-bok" (traditional Korean dress) that was presented to all the ladies present at Ch. 313 event



Mary Jane Ewing and Faye Keep dancing at Dale City church with their Korean friends during the playing and singing of the Korean folk song "Arirang"



Counter Tenor Min Sang Kim entertains Ch. 313 guests at Dale City, VA ceremony



A Korean lady who performed an interpretative dance to the hymn "Amazing Grace" at Bethel Korean Baptist Church

In attendance were a number of citizens from Korea, including Ok Ran Lee (Director of Gamrin Prayer House) and Rev. In Cheol Baek, (Andong Hansa-rang Church). Guests were honored by receiving many gifts, including medals, traditional Hanbuk dresses for the ladies, and suitable Korean men's attire for the veterans.

The banquet was a feast that covered four tables, with many of the selections laid out in colorful arrangements. The food was excellent and enjoyed by all.



We were entertained by outstanding musicians, including counter tenor Min Sang Kim, and dancers, with two Taekwondo performers showing their skills. Needless to say, our hosts gave it their all in showing their appreciation for the sacrifices of the veterans from this country, with many Korean ministers adding their thanks to the veterans.

Members and their wives in attendance included Lew and Mary Jane Ewing; Rodney and Ellen Cowley; Jack and Faye Keep; Lawrence and Elsa McNealy; Ed and Sandy Hill; Gary Fletcher; Gerald Lunt; and David Clark.

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## 316 MODESTO [CA]

Several members participated in the Modesto 4th of July Parade.

*Dave Garcez, garcez@pacbell.net*



Members of Ch. 316 at Modesto, CA parade

## 319 LAWTON [OK]

Capt (Ret.) Robert Meyer was inducted into the Lawton-Ft. Sill Veterans Wall of Honor. Once a quarter a local veteran who has donated time and money to various needy organizations is elected to the Wall. Mr. Meyer was selected for the 2nd Quarter 2019 for his outstanding time donated to helping many youth organizations.

We held a Korean War Remembrance Ceremony on July 26, 2019. CMS (Ret) Ed Moody and Mrs. Insuk Pace placed a wreath. The Consul General of Korea, Mr. Kim Hyung-Gil, honored the fallen veterans from Lawton and said that although he was not born at that time what America did keeps South Korea free. That is why he is able to stay free and thank the Americans today.



Robert Meyer (L) at his induction into Wall of Honor



Ch. 19's opening ceremony was honored by the Comanche veterans



Consul General of Korea, Mr. Kim Hyung-Gil, addresses Lawton, OK, audience



Aaron Boone (CSM, Ret.), President of Ch. 319, reminded the attendees that although an armistice was signed the war was not over. There have been some clashes on the DMZ.

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



**CMS (Ret) Ed Moody and Mrs. Insuk Pace place a wreath at Ch. 319's ceremony**



**Past Commander Dick Moushegian and Commander Bob Desmond man Ch. 320's display on July 20, collecting donations for a Rose of Sharon fundraiser**

**Aaron Boone speaks at Ch. 319 ceremony**



**Korean War Monument at the New Hampshire Veterans' Cemetery, where a ceremony was held on July 26, 2019 to honor Ch. 320 and other Korean War veterans**

**Below, Consul General Young-yon Kim addressing the crowd at New Hampshire ceremony**



**Background shot of attendees at Ch. 319 remembrance ceremony**



**Left, Jr. Vice Cmdr. Richard Zoerb of Ch. 320 holding a proclamation from Governor Sununu of New Hampshire honoring New Hampshire Korean War veterans**

## 320 NEW HAMPSHIRE [NH]

We participated in two significant events recently, a fundraiser and a ceremony to honor Korean War veterans. The latter event was co-sponsored by the Korean-American Society of New Hampshire and the Korean Consulate in Boston.

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## Have a Mini-Reunion?

**Send your photos and a short write-up to  
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Consul General Kim and Jr. Vice-Commander Richard Zoerb of Ch. 320 at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery



Members of Ch. 320 gather after the ceremony to honor Korean War veterans: Richard Zoerb, unidentified, Robert Courtmarche, Conrad Perrault, and Carroll Thompson (L-R)

## 321 RICHARD L. QUATIER [WA]

On July 17th 2019, chief financial officer Jeff Croll from the Cowlitz Tribe of SouthWest Washington State came to our monthly meeting and delivered a check for \$10,000 to help fund the Wall of Remembrance to honor the 36,574 women and men who lost their lives in Korea. Members of the Cowlitz Tribe have served our country in many wars, including the Korean War.



Dixie Hotaling, James Mead, Bob Sumrill, and Ed Barnes of Ch. 321 (L-R) accept donation from Jeff Groll with the Cowlitz Tribe

## Cowlitz Tribe donates \$10,000 to Korean War Memorial

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe donated \$10,000 to help build the Korean War Wall of Remembrance in Washington, D.C. Ed Barnes, a retired business manager of IBEW Local 48, has been raising funds for the wall ever since a bill was passed by Congress in October 2016 and signed by President Barack Obama. Barnes, a Korean War veteran, wants the wall to remember the 36,574 men and women who lost their lives fighting for the people of South Korea and the rest of the world. The Congressional bill passed with no money attached, so it has to be built with private donations. Barnes has been raising money ever since.



Ed Barnes, left, receives a check from Jeff Groll of the Cowlitz Tribe.

With the Cowlitz donation, Barnes has raised nearly \$64,000. His story was featured in the Korean War Veterans magazine. Nationwide, about \$5 million of the needed \$15 million has been raised. You can send donations via the Northwest Oregon Labor Council, 9955 SE Washington, St., Suite 305, Portland, Oregon, 97218. Make checks payable to The Korean War Memorial. Any amount is welcome.

The article re the Cowlitz Tribe's donation to Ch. 321 that appeared in the Northwest Labor Press

We appreciate the Chief and Tribal Council and their members for their support of the American military and the Korean veterans who are trying to make this happen. The donation and pictures of the presentation were included in the Vancouver, WA, Columbian newspaper and the Northwest Labor Press. The latter newspaper also published in its July 5, 2019 an article by President Ed Barnes, titled "Help build the 'Wall of Remembrance.'"

We now have collected \$64,160.12 for the Wall.  
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## 323 PO2 TAYLOR MORRIS [IA]

On July 27, PO2 Taylor Morris Chapter 323 commemorated the signing of the armistice ending the Korean War with an event at the Korean War Monument on the Capitol grounds in Des Moines, Iowa. Lt. Governor Adam Gregg spoke and read from the proclamation signed by Governor Kim Reynolds proclaiming July 27 as "Korean War Veterans Day in Iowa."

Other speakers included Dan Gannon, former Chair of the



Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs, Christina Kim, who represented the Korean-American community and who read from a letter sent by the Korean Consulate in Chicago, and Secretary Jake Chapman. President Ed Pagliai was the master of ceremonies.



**Lt. Governor Adam Gregg of Iowa presents proclamation to Ch. 323 President Edward Pagliai**

A wreath was laid at the foot of the monument by Christina Kim and chapter member and Purple Heart recipient Robert Gates (USMC). There was a good turnout of Korean War veterans who attended. The Korean-American Community was well represented. An Honor Guard from the Iowa National Guard presented the colors.

*Ed Pagliai, President, Eddee@mediacombb.net*

## 328 LOS ANGELES COUNTY [CA]

Members attended a luncheon at Korean Ambassador Wan Joong Kim's home in Los Angeles to commemorate the 69th anniversary of the start of the Korean War. USMC MajGen Mark G. Malanka was in attendance.

We have made a sizable contribution to the KWVA.

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**Bob Son of Ch. 328 stands at Korean Ambassador's luncheon; Joseph Wong sits to his left**



**USMC Major General Malanka (C) at Korean Consul General ambassador's home on June 25, 2019. Ambassador WAN JOONG KIM, 3rd from center, hatless in blue suit center; Gentlemen in white caps are all ROK veterans.**



**Joseph Wong and Bob Perry of Ch. 328 salute the colors at Korean Ambassador's home**

## DEPARTMENTS

### MISSOURI

Here is one we missed last year when Hannah Kim was making the rounds of the United States.

**Hannah Kim's Visit to the Korean War Memorial in Forest Park, St Louis, MO**

In attendance at the meeting and luncheon prepared by



**Missouri chapter members gathered for Hannah Kim's visit**





**Mr. Choi, Terry Bryant, Hannah Kim, and Don Gutman (L-R) at Forest Park, MO wreath laying**

KWVA Chapter #1 before gathering at the Korean War Veterans and the Chosin Few Memorials in Forest Park for a wreath laying were:

Terry Bryant—KWVA Department of Missouri State Commander

Missouri KWVA chapters that are here today are:

- Cmdr. Chapter #1, St Louis— Don Guttman
- Cmdr. Chapter #3, Antonio—Leo Stroup
- Cmdr. Chapter #4, Florissant—Walter Kaiser
- Cmdr. Chapter #6, St Charles—Art Minor

And Vice President of the Korean American Assoc. of St Louis—Mr. Choi.

Ms. Kim will be traveling to all 50 states to visit the Korean War Memorials in each state. She was instrumental in the passage of the law which established the National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, celebrated on July 27 of each year. Ms. Kim is also an Ambassadors of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation.

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## TEXAS

### **Korean War Veterans Appreciation Luncheon at Coyote Ridge Golf Course, Carrollton, TX**

Members of two Texas chapters, Sam Johnson (Ch. 270) and Gen Walton Walker (Ch. 215) attended a special luncheon at the Coyote Ridge Golf Course in Carrollton, Texas on July 31, 2019. The event was hosted by the Consular Office, Republic of Korea in Dallas, the Korean Society of Dallas, and National Unification Advisory Council, Dallas. Chapter. Members stood for both the U.S. and the Korean national anthems.

There was a short presentation of the Korean War and Korean Defense Veterans Memorial, a project Chapter 215 is completing. Following the presentation, the veterans enjoyed the luncheon and traditional fan dancing. We're not talking about Sally Rand. We're talking traditional Korean dancers.

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**Jim Cline (L) and Ch. 270 President J.D. Randolph converse at Carrollton, TX ceremony**

**Speaker Yoo Suk Chan, President of Dallas Council of Democratic Peace Unification Advisory Council, meets with Jim Cline and his grandson James White at TX gathering**



**Not a single steak left on those plates. Members of TX chapters 215 & 270 mingle at luncheon.**



**David Bentley of Ch. 270 assists guests as they arrive at Carrollton event**

# 69th Anniversary: A Perception

For the past two years I have attended the Korean War Memorial event that commemorates the beginning of the Korean War, June 25, 1950. This event is held at White Haven Cemetery in East Rochester, NY every year in addition to a similar event a month later to commemorate the end of the war, July 27, 1953.

I am a veteran of the war in Afghanistan and I currently serve as Director of Monroe County Veterans Services in Rochester, NY. Part of my responsibility is ensuring that veterans in Monroe County have the support they need in order to be successful after military service. Another component is making sure that those who have come before me are remembered and known for the sacrifices made in the name of standing between those who are innocent and those who prey on the innocent.

History tells us that Korean War veterans provided this sacrifice to a degree no less than those of either World War, Vietnam, or the current War on Terror. We do not always pay attention to history. In America the Korean War has unfortunately been deemed the "Forgotten War."

Korean War veterans did not earn this reputation; we citizens of this country thrust it upon them, and I fail to understand why. I cannot say how many times I have attended events honoring our military or veterans and heard every conflict mentioned in the program except Korea.

Why do we forget the Korean War? Is it due to a lack of intensity in regards to the fighting? No! This war was one of the most brutal conflicts our country has ever experienced overseas. The rate of civilian casualties was higher than World War II and Vietnam. Nearly 40,000 Americans were killed in action and more than 100,000 were wounded. In total, nearly five million human beings were killed in this conflict. We should keep in mind that this is in the span of three years.

Do we forget the Korean War because the environmental conditions may not have been as extreme as in other wars? No! Those who served in Korea are known to have been exposed to the worst conditions in which our military has ever operated. In the battle nicknamed the "Frozen Chosin" extreme frostbite was common for our



Participants at White Haven Cemetery, East Rochester, NY ceremony

Soldiers and Marines, often leading to death or loss of limbs. We plunged our military into -25 degree temperatures without adequate cold weather protective gear. Those men on the frontlines will remember that cold for the rest of their lives, having had no escape from it for years.

Perhaps we forget the Korean War and its veterans due to it not having a significant impact on our own national interests. This may have something to do with the reasoning. If this is the reason then shame on us as Americans.

It could be argued that this war may not have been necessary from the perspective of American defense, which makes this even more significant than those in which our national safety was threatened. These brave men and women exposed themselves to frigid temperatures, combat, and the potential to be away from their families for years in order to defend and protect innocent human beings who they would never know. This is a form of sacrifice that is unsurpassable.

On June 25, 2019, as I stood among these heroes I noticed a few things. I noticed their appearances, e.g., their gray hair and aging bodies as they stood solemn-

ly out of respect for the U.S. and Korean anthems. Many of them would normally be in wheelchairs. However, regardless of their ability to remain standing, they will stand. I noticed their humility; a heavy silence emanates from them. Occasionally one can notice lone tears stream down their faces as they bow their heads in unison.

I noticed the surprising number of Koreans who come every year to this sacred ground in order to show their appreciation to the former 18-22 year olds who traveled across the world in order to risk their lives 70 years ago. They also cry. I noticed the memorial itself representing the 40,000 Americans who gave their lives so that people across the globe might have the same freedoms we enjoy in our great nation.

I noticed the absence of politicians and representatives from the community that I normally see at other events. Finally, I recognized that it is an injustice for those whose presence I stood in to be forgotten. We must do better.

*Nick Stefanovic, Director of Monroe County Veterans Services*

*Roger Hill, President of Korean War Monroe County Chapter 58*



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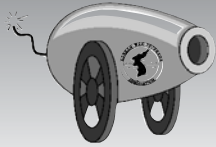
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# Feedback/Return Fire

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.

## Country performers galore in Korea

In the May-June 2019 issue, p. 59, "Wait for the war to end," there was an article re country performers visiting Korea. A fellow GI and I were hauling gravel for a road repair in Pusan in February 1951 when a sergeant asked for two volunteers to go to the docks at Pusan and pick up a country western group from the USA and transport them to the 8069th Replacement to perform for the troops there.

My buddy, named Parker, from Virginia, and I drove down to pick them up. I was driving a 2-1/2-ton GMC with a steel top. The other vehicle had a cloth top that was complete. Our orders were to sweep out the truck beds and hide the guns under the seats.

When we arrived at the pick-up spot it was snowing. The group was not dressed for this kind of weather. By the time we got there they were very cold. To give the ladies our very best we placed them in the cab with me, where the heat from the motor helped warm them a little. The rest of the group rode in the open bed.

Ramona Jones and her friend, companion, and singer Mary Click rode with me. Grandpa Jones was up front in the following truck. The rest of the show group was scattered between both trucks for the trip to the 8069th, where they performed for the young troops on their way to the front. We drove them back downtown to a hotel near the R.T.O. building after the show.



**Ramona Jones** (Photo by Louis Du Mort, <https://www.findagrave.com>)



**Grandpa Jones**



**Elton Britt**

During the summer that year Elton Britt, from Arkansas, was in Korea with a country western group. He had a hit song at the time, "There's a Star-Spangled Banner Waiting Somewhere," the first country performance awarded a gold record for selling more than a million copies. He was at the 70th Transportation Truck Company at Pusan when I saw and talked to him. His song was much requested.

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## The ammo shortage

This is in response to your invitation, Q & A, p. 10, in the May-June 2019 issue of The Graybeards magazine. You asked the question: "How did the ammo shortage affect you, your unit, or forces in general in 1952? Did it have any impact on the outcome of specific battles or the war in general?"

Memory is a wonderful thing. I remembered that I had addressed this exact issue in 1953, more than 60 years ago! I am thankful that I had saved the transcript of my handwritten speech which I had typed into my computer in 2002.

I present below a transcript of a portion of a talk I gave to the Rotary Club of Mansfield, Ohio, in 1953. In my talk I specifically addressed the question of an ammo shortage. I had recently returned from Korea where I had served as a lieutenant from January to December of 1952. I was assigned to the Second (Indianhead) Infantry Division, 38th Field Artillery Battalion, first, for several months, as Forward Observer with the infantry companies of the 38th Infantry Regiment, and for the balance of my tour as Assistant S-3 of the 38th Field Artillery Battalion.

Following the talk I was invited to join the Rotary Club and served as its Treasurer for many years. I then joined the Rotary Club of Tucson, Arizona, and retired after a total of 55 years of membership in the two clubs.

The military has been a significant part of my life: at Culver Military Academy, at Stanford in ROTC, on active duty in Korea, and in the military government/Civil Affairs, U.S. Army Reserve in Mansfield, Ohio.

Lastly, I have a few comments on the alleged ammunition shortage that has recently gained much attention [in the press]. Following this I shall show a few colored slides showing various phases of life in Korea.

In speaking of the ammunition problem I again point out that these are my personal experiences and I do not attempt to speak for the larger overall picture of ammunition supply. I have stated that as Assistant Operations Officer it was my duty in the FDC of my battalion to make the decision as to whether or not the mission requested by the Forward Observer with the infantry, or the observer in the liaison plane or requested by other sources, should be fired, and if so, how much ammunition was to be expended.

I was helped in making my decision by the policies set down by my battalion Commanding Officer and by his commander at Division Artillery, and by the ammunition allotment that was sent



down from higher headquarters. This allotment was based on the ASR [Upon transcribing in 2002 I do not recall what ASR meant.] that is determined at quite a high level of planning. When this figure of the ASR came down to us, usually every ten days, it was translated into so many rounds per gun per day. This method of allotment is not at all new to the Korean War, but is a necessity of course for all wars.

We were then limited on paper as to the amount of ammunition we could expend and we fired accordingly. When we exceeded that limit on several occasions we were required to submit explanations to higher headquarters. Except for periods of heavy action the ammunition was sufficient for all worthwhile targets. It was simply a matter of deciding which targets deserved the fire.

During heavy action it was an entirely different matter. All ammunition allotments went out the window and we started shooting as fast as the men could load the shells. I quote from the Second Infantry Division History that I received in the mail last Thursday. These passages refer to the Chinese attacks on Old Baldy, Pork Chop, T Bone, and Arrowhead Ridge last summer and fall:

*(Excerpts from "The Second United States Infantry Division in Korea 1951-1952" Toppan Printing Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan)*

"Once again the incoming fire grew heavy on 18 September and the enemy attacked Old Baldy and Porkchop outposts. Both the 37th and 38th Field Artillery Battalions fired at a continuous rate in this action. The Chinese suffered heavy casualties as artillery barrages pounded their withdrawal." (P. 138)

"All in all, 2nd Division Artillery fired 114,941 rounds in defense of the two hills. Included in this was a large volume fired in support of the diversionary raid on T-Bone on 10 October by the 9th Infantry's Second Battalion. Enemy casualties for the period numbered nearly 3,000. The planned fires in defense of Arrowhead proved so successful that similar patterns were set up for Old Baldy, Porkchop, and other hill outposts on the Division front." (P. 141)

Firing in volumes such as this means that the guns were firing at maximum rate, about one round per minute, for hours at a time. It is quite plain to see that there was no apparent shortage of ammo whenever our positions were threatened.

I cannot say what the effect of firing like this had on stocks of ammunition in the rear, nor do I know whether or not there is enough ammunition to sustain a general UN offensive. I do know that no matter what the talk is of shortages, our artillery always had enough ammunition at the guns so that we could shoot just as fast as the shells could be loaded. There was always enough ammunition to protect from the enemy. In fact some of the World War II veterans said they had never seen such extravagant use of artillery.

End note: Upon release from active duty on January 20, 1952, I returned to civilian life and resumed my career with our family's department store in Mansfield, Ohio, with my father and my brother. I stayed in the Army Reserve in the Civil Affairs/Military Government branch and reached the grade of lieutenant colonel. I retired from the active reserve in 1971.

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## Correction to a correction

In "Feedback," in the March/April edition I corrected an error about Hank Williams' death, but I made an error myself. I did not leave Korea on August 1953. I left on August 1954.

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## A great project

"Teen's Mission of Thanks to Korean War Veterans," (July-August 2019, p. 14) is the reason I love history and the reason I strongly believe our Library's Archives need our support. Miss Victoria Hwang, an Arkansas teenager, researched the online collection about the Korean War curated by the Central Arkansas Library System's (CALS) Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, in Little Rock. Her mission was to thank veterans "for everything they've done" for freedom in South Korea.

Butler archivists sent Miss Hwang's letter of thanks with photos from a recent South Korea trip to veterans. Miss Hwang learned the value of writing when veterans wrote back to share their stories and gratitude for being remembered. May she have many new friendships!

This is a great story about a project which my father, who served in Korea in the mid-1950s, would have greatly enjoyed! I urge others to write Korean veterans and their families to express thanks for the sacrifices they made in the name of freedom. Bless you for this worthwhile project, Miss Hwang! Keep writing and sharing the goodwill of free people to prevail over communism and its lifelong suffering.

*James E. Patterson  
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## Concerning an award for having PTSD

David McDonald once wrote, "In war, there are no unwounded soldiers." He's right. But, if he is, we would have to give everyone who has been in combat an award for those mental wounds. And, where do you draw the line about what constitutes "being in combat?"

For instance in my field, should medical personnel in an Army MASH (averaging about 10 miles behind the MLR) or a Navy/Marine Medical Company (averaging 3-4 miles behind the MLR), receive a medal for mental wounds? Remember that 90% of all people in uniform during a war have never shot at anybody or been shot at.

But for most combat veterans who have experienced post-war stress, it's temporary – weeks or months. I firmly believe that when a vet continues to have symptoms for a much longer time, there is almost always some sort of underlying mental problem present before, during, and after combat.

*Birney Dibble, jbirneydibble5@gmail.com*

## Another view

No, I did not bleed red in 1952 in Korea, as some did, from gaping intrusions on their bodies. I have no visible scars on my body as a testimonial of my war experiences.

My wounds are upon my mental being, unseen, but always present. My bloodless wounds are not considered as "wounded in action." I am not a wounded warrior worthy of any recognition, Yet, I carry my scars hidden for no one to see or appreciate.

I am a PTSD victim. It would be of significance if our war maladies were recognized as worthy of some merit.

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## Aboard USS Clymer

I read in the July/Aug 2019 the mention on p. 43 about USS Pickaway (APA-222). I served aboard USS Clymer (APA-27) from April 1950 to January 1953. Both ships were part of "Phibron 3" with Clymer as the flagship. Our job was to haul Army and Marine troops in and out of Korea and back to Japan. We carried troops from the 19th, 24th, 40th and 1st Cav. Divisions and the 1st Marine Division, among others.

I spent three months as a Master at Arms aboard Clymer. It



USS George Clymer (APA-27)

was interesting to see the looks on the troops' faces when they asked, "Where is the chow line?" Depending where we were on the ship my answer was, "Go forward (or aft), go topside (or below). When you come to a ladder (stairs), cross over to port (or starboard), and go forward (or aft)) until you come to the line."

With bewildered looks on their faces they turned and walked away wondering if "I will ever find my way around this boat?" (Uh, ship...)

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## Where were you on 10/3/1951?

On October 3, 1951, I was aboard the General M.M. Patrick sailing for FECOM when Bobby Thomson hit the "shot heard round the world," a home run upsetting the Brooklyn Dodgers by the New York Giants.

*Leroy Rogers, leroyrogersusa@hotmail.com*

*NOTE: This blurb appeared in the Washington D.C. Evening Star, October 5, 1951:*

"Alvin Dark, Giants' shortstop, has the ball which he parked in the left field stands yesterday for the first World Series homer. A fan, who identified himself as Cliff Barton of Providence, R. I., presented the ball to the Giants' captain after the game.

"But Bobby Thomson is still looking for the holder of his dramatic home run ball hit in the ninth inning of Wednesday's playoff against Brooklyn to send the Giants into the series against the Yankees."


How long did it take for news of Thomson's dramatic home run to reach Korea? Did anybody there care? And did Thomson ever find the ball?

## Dog-gone-it


I had a dog throughout my combat time in Korea. His name in Korean meant "Small." He was with me all the time.

I asked permission to bring him home. My parents spoke with U.S. Congressman Norris Cotton (R-NH), who spoke with a Cabinet member. Permission was not received.

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## **Photophobia, TBI and PTSD**

Important nexus between Agent Orange Exposure, Traumatic Brain Injuries, PTSD and Photophobia.

A Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) can lead to debilitating symptoms such as irritability, depression, insomnia, memory deficits and post-traumatic headaches, which are similar to migraines.

Photophobia is a debilitating symptom of TBI and post-concussion syndrome related to painful light sensitivity caused by severe headaches and/or migraines.

Any TBI (mild or otherwise) can lead to complications for Veterans, including ongoing physical disabilities related to chronic migraines, headache disorders, and other associated vision or neurological problems.

Studies have shown that Photophobia can last weeks or even months after the initial injury, and in some cases, it will never fully recede. In addition, Photophobia can have a significant impact on a person's daily life such as:

- \* Ability to participate in activities, and/or
- \* Impairing a Veterans performance in the workplace.

Peripheral neuropathy is a VA Agent Orange presumptive disorder of the peripheral nervous system, which consists of nerves outside the brain and spinal cord.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology states Photophobia is a neurological symptom affecting 80% of those suffering from severe migraines. Veterans suffering from Photophobia who served in Vietnam, the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), or any other area where Agent Orange was sprayed are encouraged to have a free Agent Orange health exam at their nearest VA Hospital.

Dr. Levi Sowers, lead researcher at VA's Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Visual Loss, believes that; "Veterans with migraine headaches have a strong correlation with PTSD."

Researchers still do not have a firm grasp on what causes light sensitivity in people with traumatic brain injury, but they do have an idea of the types and characteristics of light that can be problematic. These include:

- \* Bright, intense light
- \* Blue light (wavelengths in around 480nm)
- \* Fluorescent lighting
- \* Glare and other repetitive light patterns

The most important action for Veterans to take is to see a doctor or specialist and ensure proper diagnosis of any underlying condition, whether it is TBI, migraine, or another neurological disorder such as Peripheral Neuropathy. This will help to rule out any health issues that are causing painful photophobic reactions as well as identify strategies for addressing the condition.

An effective treatment is the use of special photophobia glasses that are precision tinted with FL-41. This tint filters the most painful wavelengths of light that are abundantly present in everyday light sources such as fluorescent lighting, sunlight, and computer and mobile device screens.

In addition, research has shown FL-41 tinted lenses not only lessen painful photophobia but also can reduce overall headache and migraine frequency—another common side effect of TBI and concussion for Veterans.

There are numerous other behavioral suggestions for managing light sensitivity, and these might include:

- \* reducing the amount of blue light exposure by taking frequent eye breaks from computer or mobile devices and avoiding extended usage before bed;
- \* providing more natural light and/or alternatives to fluorescents for the office or home environment;
- \* wearing dark and polarized sunglasses and a hat outside on bright, sunny days; using eye drops to keep your eyes well lubricated and reduce chances of developing temporary eye strain or dry eye, both of which can worsen light sensitivity.

The Health and Medicine Division of the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine concluded in the report "Veterans and Agent Orange" that there is evidence suggesting neuropathy of acute or subacute onset may be associated with herbicide exposure.

Based on this evidence, the VA now presumes an association between herbicide exposure during service and acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy.

The HMD report Veterans and Agent Orange concluded there is "limited or suggestive evidence of an association" between herbicide exposure and "early-onset peripheral neuropathy that may be persistent."

In response to this report, VA eliminated the requirement that acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy appear "within weeks or months" after exposure and resolve within two years.

David Apperson, a DMZ Veteran, who served as a 60 gunner as well as working in law enforcement ([www.myveteran.org](http://www.myveteran.org)), suffers from chronic pain, has had a TBI, diagnosed with PTSD, and who has severe migraines and suffers from peripheral neuropathy due to AO exposure states;

"I hope those seeing this article will share it with Veterans who suffer from Migraines and/or Photophobia as the VA may award a 30% or 50% disability rating."

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# ON THE HOME FRONT

Originally this story was published as part of the Korean War memoirs of my husband, Birney Dibble, who was a doctor with the First Marine Division when it was in combat in Korea in the early 1950s. The interview took place in Nashville in 1999 during the annual reunion of the Third Battalion, Fifth Marine Regiment, the unit in which Dr. Dibble served for six months before he took over as the Commanding Officer of Easy Medical Company, a Marine/Navy forward hospital similar to a M\*A\*S\*H in the Army.

*By Edna Dibble*

**B**irney and I had been married for two years when he left for Korea. After medical school at the University of Illinois and a two-year internship at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, he was recalled to active duty in the Navy Medical Corps in July, 1951. His first duty station was at Great Lakes, examining recruits. Then he was ordered to Camp Pendleton, California to train for combat with the First Marine Division in Korea. He went out alone at first, but after a few days, he asked me to join him there.

I was a registered nurse, but I wasn't working at the time. We lived in Zion, 25 miles from Great Lakes Navy Base, where there was no hospital. My mother and dad drove out to California with me. We stayed with some friends of my parents, Frank and Henrietta Sperling, who were formerly from Illinois.

When they retired, they moved to California with their daughter Charlene. My parents stayed with us at the Sperlings for about a week. Then they took the train back to Springfield. The Sperlings lived in San Diego and Charlene was going to school. Because Birney was an officer, he could leave the base almost every evening so we could have our time together. He stayed until after breakfast the next morning and then drove back to the Marine base.

We knew that his sailing date was going to be December 15th, so about a week before that we sent his mother a train ticket so she could come out and be with us in San Diego. She was there with me when he left and we drove back to Illinois together. It was a very difficult time for me.

I felt sorry for myself. When I got back to Springfield, living with my mother and

dad, I was still feeling sorry for myself because something I dearly loved had been taken away from me. I just didn't know how I was going to cope. We had been married for two years, and I had gotten used to having him around. Suddenly he was not going to be there. I sort of worked through this. I realized I was not the only woman whose husband was gone.

I got busy. I got a job in a surgeon's office as an office nurse and started taking classes again at Springfield Junior College. I wrote to Birney every night. I had a friend who lived in my community and worked in the grocery store across the street. We played golf in the summertime. I just kept busy doing things. That first Christmas was pretty rough because Birney had shipped out on December 15th as scheduled. I was living with my mother and dad, so we did the Christmas thing together.

As often as I could, I drove over to Decatur, Illinois, to see Birney's sister, her husband and my two nieces, who were one and three-years old. It helped. In a sense I think if I had had children it would have been easier to go up there because I was so envious of Elsie with those two babies.

Whenever I could, I drove up to Belvedere, Illinois, where Birney's parents were. His father was a minister there. That helped, except I remember that whenever Pop prayed – and his prayers were long – they always included Birney in them. That would break me up. Mother would say, "Edna, you seem to be crying all the time."

I said, "Mom, I try not to."

But I think that visiting them was good for them and me.

We had a really good friend, Bill

Johnson, still at Cook County Hospital, who was just getting ready to go to Korea. He was in the Army. Mother Dibble had him out a couple of times and we got to visit with him. That was nice. It helped because there just weren't people in Springfield with whom I could relate about this Korean business. The Korean War was a very personal war.

Unlike World War II, when the whole country rallied around the boys, they didn't rally around Korean War veterans. I had grown up in Springfield in one church where my mother was an active member. When she and I went to church on Sundays, rumors started.

"Well, Edna Dibble must be separated from her husband."

Finally someone said to me, "What are you doing here?"

I said, "I'm living here with my parents because my husband's in Korea."

"Well," she said, "my niece is with her husband."

When I asked where he was stationed she said, "Oh, he's in Tokyo."

I told her, "But they're not at war. Japan isn't at war. Korea is at war."

They had no concept.

There wasn't a nightly news broadcast with video of what was going on. Newspapers didn't carry much news about Korea. Occasionally there would be a little blurb, and every once in a while Mr. Truman would say something that would create headlines, but it was not like the stories in newspapers during World War II. I didn't know anybody else in Springfield whose husband was in Korea. There just weren't that many of them. And, of course, all my girlfriends were married and their husbands were at home. It was a unique situation for me.

For me, the hardest part of Birney's absence was just wondering, "Is he going to come back? Is he coming back?" There was one period when I went for three weeks without a letter from him. I was living with my mother and father in the same house in which I grew up. So the same mail carrier had watched me grow up. Every day I would be at the mailbox





**2Lt. (USNR) Dr. Birney Dibble with wife Edna with Army Captain Dr. Wally Indeek, also home from Korea on same ship with Birney, and wife Lil, on 3/18/1953 at the Fairmont Hotel Tonga Room, San Francisco**

and he would say, "Oh, Edna. I'm so sorry. There isn't a letter for you today. Maybe tomorrow." Here was the mail carrier feeling sorry for me!

It was during this time that I saw Birney on national TV on the Kate Smith program. "Oh kai," I said, using a Hausa language expletive I learned when we were living in Nigeria as medical missionaries. I was working in the surgeon's office and I said to Dr. Schnepf, "My husband's going to be interviewed on the Kate Smith show. I know the day it's going to be on and I'm going to run home no matter what."

He said, "Well, go. Just go."

That day I scurried home and got there in time. We turned on the TV as Kate Smith was saying, "And now we're at so and so." They panned Easy Med and the hospital station. There was my dear husband standing there receiving the bottle of blood. Meanwhile, our phone was ringing in the background and mother was catching it.

Our friends were calling to say, "Did you know that Birney's on?"

"Yes, I'm trying to watch it."

"Did you know that your husband's on?"

"Yes, I'm trying to watch it."

And I thought, "Oh, if I could just

jump inside that television set and give him a squeeze." I wasn't upset to see him, but I think I cried afterwards. It was just such a thrill to see him live on TV—and alive.

When I went to bed I cried myself to sleep, as I did occasionally. It was just having the sense that he is at war. I had lost two cousins in WWII. Well, I lost one totally physically. We lost the other to neuro-psychiatric problems. He was just never normal after he came back from the war. The other, a navigator, was shot down.

A third cousin who was a navigator during the war came back essentially normal and is still alive and going full steam in his business. He was in as much combat as the other two. But I think when you've lost two family members and you know that it can happen...I prayed a lot. The power of prayer helps, but I still believed that there were times when he would be in a combat zone and I just worried. I think that I inherited my mother's worry-wart gene.

I sent him one package every week. I didn't know if he liked sardines, but it was something that I could send in a can so I sent them. I discovered after he came back home that he loved sardines. I made chocolate chip cookies and sent them to

Birney. As a joke I sent him a corn cob pipe, although he had never smoked in his life. He also never ever had a drink.

His mother didn't even use liquor in fruit cake. She was a member of the Women's Temperance organization — WCTU or whatever it was called by the church. So, as a joke I sent him a little corn cob pipe because I knew they had a cigarette ration but he never smoked cigarettes. I just happened to see it on a shelf and thought that this would be something kind of fun to throw in just to lighten things up. Apparently he was also getting tobacco of some kind, and so he learned to smoke a corn cob pipe, thanks to me.

I packed the cookies and brownies that I sent him in popcorn. We had one of those push things that were used at that time to pop popcorn and we hadn't yet put the lid on. The phone rang so I ran into the next room to answer it. I heard a sudden, "Pop! Pop! Pop! Pop!" Popcorn was just going all over the place.

Being the frugal person I am, I just scooped it up and threw it in the box I was sending to Korea. I also sent him tubs of honey butter. He said that was one of the best things that he ever got, except once when the container opened up somehow and the honey got all over everything. I sent him a box a week and I wrote him a letter every night. Film was the only thing that he ever asked for. See, their needs weren't very great. There was no place to do anything. The corn cob pipe, I guess, was the only real treat — surprise. And then the film, whenever I could send that.

Birney's letters to me were like a diary. I was reassured by getting the letters. That three-week period of time when I didn't hear from him was rough. I thought, "Well, that's it. That's it." I thought something had happened to him because he had been so faithful writing.

When I finally got a letter, he said that this was the Bunker Hill period when there just wasn't time to write. They couldn't. It was 24-hour a day surgery. He told me that they were so busy. At that time I wasn't quite conscious of what "busy" meant. I knew that he was taking care of wounded and all that, but not how, as I know now, how busy he would have been.

He sent all of his film home and I had the rolls developed in Springfield. I had

copies made of some of them and sent them to his mother and dad. They were all slides. The pictures were primarily of other people and, of course, the wounded. I just sort of scanned them, and if I thought this was something his parents would want, I sent them copies. But, as I said, his letters were pretty much diary like.

Neither he nor his father are extremely demonstrative in their love, so his letters weren't filled with gush and mush. Every once in a while there would be something that came out when he was really, really lonesome. But, if he had been too busy to think about me or anything else, then it was pretty much diary. I kept all of his letters and his parents kept the letters that they received from him. Later Birney sort of culled through them and picked up various parts. That's how his story came out in a novel called *The Taking of Hill 1052*. And they also helped with a Korean video that he made a few years ago.

After the first year, I kept saying to Dr. Schnepf, "Now, Dr. Schnepf, my husband's going to be coming home soon so I'll just have to tell you when I'm ready to leave."

He would say, "That's okay, Dib. You just tell me and you can go whenever you think he's coming home." But he had been in the Second World War and he knew that things didn't happen like that. I wasn't going to say on Monday that my husband's coming home Tuesday and I'm going to be leaving.

About six weeks later I got a message from Birney saying, "Yes, you probably should come on out to California." I had a favorite aunt – Edna Chrisman, who I was named for – and she rode out with me to California. She visited friends of hers and came back home. That's when I stayed with Frank Folk's wife. Frank Folk was the surgeon who replaced Birney as commanding officer of Easy Medical Company in Korea. We had known his family in Chicago.

This is when I really quit feeling sorry for myself, because Lonnie Folk had three small children, ages about one, three, and five. Every night it was, "Is Daddy coming home for supper tonight?" "Where's Daddy?" "Is Daddy going to be here to go to church with us on Sunday?"

And I thought, "Edna! For a year and a half you've been feeling sorry for yourself!" Lonnie was so busy with the children she didn't have time to feel sorry for herself.

Then one evening all of the officers' wives were invited to a party. The wife of the Commandant of the Marine Corps at that time, General Lemuel Shepherd, Jr., who served from 1952-1955, was the hostess for this party. General Shepherd's son, Captain Lemuel Shepherd III, came to 3/5 as a company commander in late spring of 1952. Dr. Dibble and he kept in touch until Shepherd died a few years ago.

Talk about a group of sad, sorry females! We all tiptoed too much and we started the stories. I would be embarrassed if anybody had taken a tape recording about how sorry we were for ourselves. How much we longed for our husbands and how great it was going to be in bed and all this business – you know, how lonely wives talk about after a year and a half. But it was fine. It was a good catharsis for all of us. Nobody had any regrets.

They had a special report every night after the news on the LaJolla television station. I was living in LaJolla at the time. Lonnie and I watched the special every night because it would tell what ships were coming into harbor the next night. We waited and we waited and we waited. I was with Lonnie two or three weeks when finally we got the news that Birney's ship was coming in. That was a wonderful, wonderful reunion. That was just great.

My aunt had gone home by then. I had my own car so I drove from LaJolla up to San Francisco by myself. I can still see that ship coming in under the Golden Gate Bridge and I can still see Birney standing up there. Ohhh! There were other women and little children, some parents, and a band playing. It was just great. I was thinking, "Ohhh! Ohhh! There he is! There's that handsome, wonderful..." I had forgotten about all of his freckles.

I was so excited about his homecoming that every once in a while when we had to stop the car for gasoline or something I just sat there just looking at him. And we would squeeze each other. We couldn't believe it. There were a lot of

people who were separated a lot longer than us. It was just very wonderful.

We drove back home to Illinois, stayed with my folks for a few days, and then went to Chicago. His folks were living in nearby Batavia, to where they had moved just a few months before. I noticed a difference in Birney. I thought that he had periods of intensity that I hadn't felt before, moments when maybe he was off to himself. I didn't try to intrude. Before he went to Korea, we had two years when he was an intern at Cook County and I was working as an RN at Illinois Research and Educational Hospital, the University of Illinois medical school's hospital.

There were times during his internship when we wouldn't see each other. He would be going in one direction to duty and I'd be going in the other direction to the apartment to sleep and there were times when it was just like this. I remember one day when I was sitting there just feeling so sorry for myself. "Sniff, sniff, sniff. I don't get to see you. I don't have time with you."

And he said, "Honey, I didn't even have time to talk to my father when he called on the phone the other day."

I had a lot of growing up to do. Having been an only child, I was very spoiled. I had all of the attention. I continued growing for a long, long time. I finally reached maturity. When our little girl was growing up there were times when she and I were just battling and Birney would say, "Which one of you is the child?" So I had a lot of maturing to do.

I couldn't have asked for better parents, but when they don't have anyone else to put it on, you get all of the love and attention. I was a spoiled little child, albeit extremely disciplined. My father would not allow me to be undisciplined. But I expected all the attention. Finally daughter Barbie and I got to be good friends. That's another whole story. We both matured. (Birney and I also have a son, Eric.)

When Birney came home we didn't talk about Korea in depth. I don't think either one of us was ready for it at first. We were just so glad to be back together again. It just wasn't something that we



Birney began his surgical residency and I began working as an RN. We were both at Cook County Hospital. One night, about six months after he had been home, I awakened with his hands around my throat.

talked about immediately—or later, not specifically. We talked about the people we knew and just the surface things, like some of the fellas I knew: Bill Johnson, still in Korea, his friend Bill Morrow, my friend from medical school, in Japan, and Frank Folk, of course. As I mentioned, Frank had been Birney's replacement in Korea.

Birney began his surgical residency and I began working as an RN. We were both at Cook County Hospital. One night, about six months after he had been home, I awakened with his hands around my throat. He was just ripping and ripping and ripping. He had already ripped my pajama top, and now he had his hands just in a tight clutch around my neck. I woke up screaming, which awakened him.

In his dream he thought someone was trying to choke me and he was trying to get those hands off my throat. I got scratches and everything and that night I thought, "I'm not sure I want to go back to bed with him."

This was definitely a Korea-related thing. After it happened two or three more nights he told a psychiatrist friend of his at Cook County what was going on. His friend said, "Oh, Birney, this is so common. People go into combat and when they come home they relive that combat. Whoever happens to be near them is the victim."

Birney thought that he was trying to save my life by getting this other man's hands off my throat. Thank goodness I did go back to bed with him, because we might not be here today! I don't know what caused him to stop having the dream. It just happened about three

**Birney and Edna Dibble in 1949, days after his graduation from the University of Illinois medical school, a couple days before their wedding, a week before he started internship at Cook County Hospital, two years before shipping out to Korea with the Marines**



times and then it never happened again. To this day, when he hears a helicopter go over, or hears a sudden loud noise, he kind of hunkers down for a few seconds.

We lived on Guam in the early 1980s. We were there for two years when he worked for an HMO out of Long Beach, California that provided medical personnel for the island of Guam. They had a large HMO clinic there, so Birney hired on as one of their surgeons. When we were there we were invited to return to Korea on the first Korea Revisit program. We went as guests of the Korean government. There were several hundred of us.

That first night Birney sobbed and sobbed and sobbed. I had never seen him cry so hard. That poor man. I didn't have to ask him why he was crying. We communicate. I had heard the other men and knew that Birney was guilt-laden that he was alive and others weren't. It was just a catharsis for him.

Finally he said to me, "So many died. Why was I allowed to live?"

I said, "Well, Birney, I think the Lord's got a lot of work left for you to do and you happen to be one of lucky ones." It was hours before he finally calmed down and fell asleep. And the next day he was on top of things again.

I've heard other people say the same thing. This morning John Dickerson said that he had gone over to Korea with

five buddies from high school. He was the only one who came back alive. I remember him saying, "Why was I the lucky one?"

There is a lot of guilt involved in something like that, but Birney got over it. Being with his old friend Dr. Lee in Korea helped a lot, too. And we were treated royally.

That was the only time since he's been back from Korea that I ever saw that kind of emotion in him, although he gets a bit emotional at the Marine reunions. Everybody does, but not that deep, gut-wrenching emotion.

We had a memorial here today for Charles Durham. He was the first man to start all of this and we had a brief memorial for him. Four of his daughters were here with us. Everybody could feel something, but nothing like what going back to Korea does for them.

I don't see many war wives at these reunions. I know what they went through, but most of these men and women weren't married during the Korean War. At that time most Marines were teenagers. Birney was older than most of the other men when he was in Korea. He was 25 when he went over, 27 when he came home. Most of the others – the enlisted Marines – were 18 and 19 when they went over.

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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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## Former KWVA President Harley Coon Passes



Harley Joseph Coon

Harley Joseph Coon, who served as KWVA President from 1998-2004, went to guard the gates of Heaven on 12 August 2019. Coon, a life-long resident of Beavercreek, Ohio, joined the U.S. Army in 1948 as a young lad of 17. He served in the Korean War with the 25th Infantry Division, "Tropic Lightning."

Harley was captured by Chinese Communist forces on November 27, 1950. As he recalled in his

comments in the July-august 2000 issue of *The Graybeards*:

"The soldiers in the 503rd 2nd. Inf. Div. were captured near Kunu-Ri Pass while I was captured a little north at a town called Ipsop. It was a turn of fate, because on the 23rd or 24th of November 1950 "B" Co. liberated about 29 wounded soldiers from the 1st Cav. Div. that had been wounded and left by the Chinese.

"When the Chinese pulled back we were able to get them to the rear for medical attention. Three or four days later we were overrun and captured. Col. Roy Appleton (Ret.) wrote in his book "Disaster in Korea" that "B" Co. (of Task Force Dolvin, later Wilson) 35th Reg. 25th Inf. Div. held hill 234 with a force of 203 men. The Chinese attacked at about 15 minutes after midnight with wave after wave. When daylight broke there were only 27 men of "B" Co. left, but they still held the hill. Out of the 27 there were only 7 or 8 who survived the Prisoner of War camp.

"The 503rd 2nd Inf. Div. fought very well and some could escape but many were killed or captured. Many were wounded. The results of these battles enabled the 8th Army to withdraw to better defensive positions and save South Korea from another "Dunkirk."

He was not released until August 31, 1953—after 33 months and 4 days of imprisonment. He was a Sergeant First Class at the time of his discharge from the Army. Harley earned the Purple Heart, Korean Service Medal w 10 battle stars, UN Service Medal, and Presidential Unit Citation Medal for his service.

He remained very active in veterans' affairs in his post-service life. Harley was inducted into The Ohio State Veterans Hall of Fame on November 1, 1994. During his "enlistment" with the KWVA he was instrumental in the establishment of the Korean War Memorial in Washington, DC. His long history of participation in military efforts included State President and founder of Department of Ohio, Korean War Veterans Association; National POW/MIA Chairman: Korean War Veterans Association; National Director, Korean War Ex-POW Association; National Jr. Vice Commander American Ex-POW's; National Director, American Ex-POW Association; and Past-president, Greene County Veterans Service Commission.

The country and the KWVA owe Harley Coon a great deal of gratitude for his efforts on behalf of veterans over the years. We salute him, and we offer our association's deepest condolences to the Coon family.



## Membership is Our Strength

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



# Pork Chop Hill and PTSD

Recently one of my old friends passed away at the age of 87. He was one of the heroes of the battle of Pork Chop Hill in July 1953. We grew up together in West Philadelphia. Decades passed before we met again.

During two lunch meetings he explicitly revealed a play by play of his experiences to me with graphic details from the moment he marched up the hill until the battle ended. It is a certainty he had a classic case of PTSD.

An artist, he had drawn a detailed map of the battle which I enclose together with his picture. I received a phone call from his family who would like to know more about his Army service after their grief period passes. Apparently he never discussed it with them.

Korean War hero Alan Sandberg passed away recently at the age of 87. Alan and I were from West Philadelphia and "hung out" on the same typical city street corner, as well as in the same poolroom with our crew of friends throughout the 1940s.

My family eventually moved away from the neighborhood. The next time I saw him was when we were taking infantry training for sixteen weeks with the 101st Airborne Division at Breckinridge, Kentucky. He was barracked with Fox Company, 506th Inf. Regt., several cycle weeks ahead of me, while I was training with George Co. of the same regiment on the same street. We had little more time to meet other than to wave to each other. We were both destined to ship out to Korea.

The next time I saw him, two years later, was in early 1955 on the same West Philadelphia Street corner, while hanging out with the same crew of friends. Alan was an artist who I remembered from our teens as a quiet young man. It would be an understatement to say we had matured considerably since the last time we met.

Alan was a combat veteran fighting with the 7th Infantry Division. He casually mentioned he was the recipient of the Bronze Star for Valor during the period July 9-11 1953. But, he added "I didn't do anything. I just threw hand grenades all night at the attacking Chinese hordes trying to take the hill."

I abandoned by corner friends, went to college, and left my corner days behind. I didn't see Alan again for many decades. Fifty-seven years later I wanted to find him and hopefully renew our friendship. Happily, I located his phone number and Philadelphia address on the internet. I called him and asked him to meet with me. We spoke briefly. He vaguely remembered me and was not

interested in our meeting again.

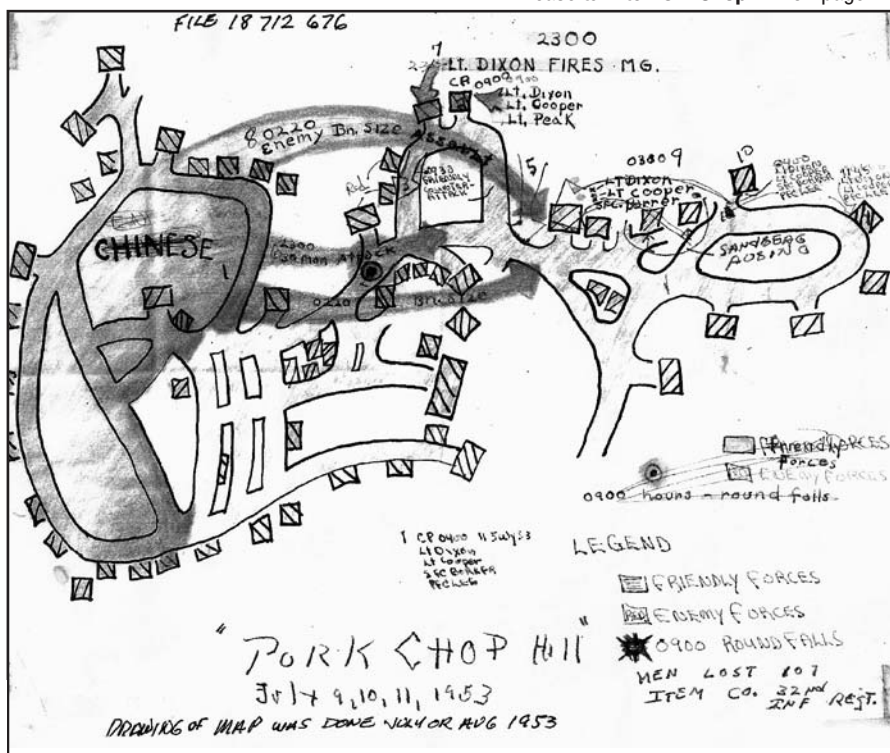
After several weeks I called him again and received another negative response about meeting for lunch. I then wrote him a long letter reminding him of our long-ago relationship, our many mutual friends and, especially that we both were Korean War veterans. I emphasized that I was not a salesman or an insurance man, and my sole motive was to meet again. To my pleasant surprise, Alan agreed to meet me for lunch.

Veterans, generally speaking, do not discuss their war experiences with folks who have not served in war, as disinterested blank expressions are usually the result, which is understandable. During lunch, his combat experiences poured out of him in thorough graphic detail as though he had never discussed them with anyone before. He also remarked about receiving those blank expressions and never discussed the war with others.

From the moment the order came down at 9 a.m. one morning to fix bayonets he described his two-day combat experiences on Pork Chop in detail. I reminded him of our conversation 57 years ago regarding throwing hand grenades all night. He emphasized he received the Bronze Star for helping rescue 13 wounded men.

A round landed near a group of 15, of whom 2 were killed. In the midst of battle, avoiding his own well-being, he picked up the wounded and loaded them on the APC. He said that was the reason he received the Bronze Medal. The continual Chinese artillery barrages left him stone deaf in one ear and partially deaf in the other ear. During one barrage he lost his

Please turn to **Pork Chop Hill** on page 72



The layout of Pork Chop Hill as drawn by Alan Sandberg



# Official Membership Application Form

The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

PO Box 407, Charleston, IL 61920-0407 (Telephone: 217-345-4414)

**DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE** Assigned Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

KWVA Regular Annual Dues - \$25.00 | Associate Membership - \$25.00 | MOH, Ex-POW, Gold Star Parent or Spouse & Honorary - \$0.00  
Regular Life Membership: (May be paid in lump sum or 6 equal payments by check over a 12 month period.)  
Ages up to and through 35 years of age: \$600      Ages 36 through 50 years of age: \$450  
Ages 51 through 65 years of age: \$300      Ages 66 years of age and older: \$150

Please Check One: ☐ New Member

☐ Renewal Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check One:	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member ( <input type="checkbox"/> KATUSA?)	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Life Member ( <input type="checkbox"/> KATUSA?)	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Medal Of Honor
<input type="checkbox"/> Ex-POW			<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Star Spouse/Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorary

(Please Print)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Apartment or Unit #(if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Number/Name (if applicable) # \_\_\_\_\_

## **-All applicants for Regular Membership please provide the following information-**

### Unit(s) to which Assigned

Division \_\_\_\_\_

Regiment \_\_\_\_\_

Battalion \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Service Branch Dates of service:

☐ Army

☐ Air Force

☐ Navy

☐ Marines

☐ Coast Guard

**WithIN** Korea were: (See criteria below)

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

**Without** Korea were: (See criteria below)

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about the KWVA?** ☐ KWVA member, ☐ Internet, ☐ Google, ☐ KWVA Website, ☐ Facebook, ☐ Email, ☐ Magazine, ☐ Newspaper, ☐ YouTube, ☐ Twitter, ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**"I certify, under penalty of law, that the above information provided by me is true and correct."**  
[If you are applying for membership in a category other than Section 1, par A.1., of the "Criteria for Membership" listed below, complete the "Certification of Eligibility for KWVA Membership" Form on page 2.]

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: KWVA - Mail to: KWVA Membership Office - PO Box 407 - Charleston, IL 61920-0407.

(Or you may pay by Credit Card)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ VISA ☐ MASTER CARD ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ V-Code \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR KWVA MEMBERSHIP

In addition to completing the KWVA Membership Application Form on page 1 above, persons applying for, and qualifying for, membership under one of the categories listed below, are also required to fill in the appropriate blanks, sign in the space provided below and attach this page to the completed Membership Application Form on page 1.

### Check Only One Category

- ☐ **KATUSA:** I served in the Korean War as a member of the Korean Augmentation to the United States Army Forces. I have since relocated to the United States and became a United States Citizen on: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_. (Verification will be required)
- ☐ **Medal of Honor:** I am a Medal of Honor recipient and the date on which it was awarded was: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ **Ex-POW:** I was held as a Prisoner of War by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces at some time during the period June 25, 1950 to the present, From: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_ To: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ **Gold Star Parent:** I am the parent of: Name [print] \_\_\_\_\_, who was ( ) killed in action, ( ) missing in action or ( ) died as a Prisoner of War during the Korean War on: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ **Gold Star Spouse:** I am the spouse of: Name [print] \_\_\_\_\_, who was ( ) killed in action, ( ) missing in action or ( ) died as a Prisoner of War during the Korean War on: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ **Associate:** I have a legitimate interest in the affairs of the Korean War Veterans Association and agree to accept the terms and conditions set forth in its charter and bylaws. I do not qualify to be a Regular member.
- ☐ **Honorary:** I was elected as an Honorary Member of the KWVA by a vote of the NATIONAL 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 \_\_\_\_

### Check HERE If GIFT Membership

- ☐ **GIFT Membership:** I certify, under penalty of law, that to the best of my knowledge, ALL of the information I have provided about the Applicant is true and correct. I have included the required payment with this application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_



## CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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

### A. Regular Members.

1. **Service in the United States Armed Forces.** Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States, defined as Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, is eligible for membership if:
  - a. Said service was within Korea including territorial waters and airspace at any time, September 3, 1945 to Present, or
  - b. Said service was outside of Korea, June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955.
2. **Medal of Honor.** Any KWVA Member, who is a Medal of Honor recipient, is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
3. **Prisoner of War.** Any person held as a prisoner of war by the North Koreans, Chinese, or Russian forces during and after the period of hostilities from June 25, 1950 forward is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
4. **Gold Star Parents.** Any parent whose son/daughter was killed in action, or was missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.
5. **Gold Star Spouses.** Any person whose spouse was killed in action, missing in action, or died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to the present) is eligible for free life membership. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

### B. Associate Members.

1. Must not be eligible for Regular membership.
2. Any person with a legitimate interest in the affairs of this Association and who wishes to support its aims, and not being eligible for Regular Membership; and who agrees to accept the terms and conditions set forth in the KWVA Charter and its Bylaws and Standard Procedure Manual, shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the Association. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

**C. Honorary Members.** Any person of good character may be elected as Honorary Member by vote by the Board of Directors. A signed statement of their eligibility for membership [Application Form page 2] must be provided for approval.

**D. Ineligible.** Any person who has been separated from the service of the Armed Forces of the United States under conditions other than honorable shall be ineligible for membership in this Association.

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## Board Meetings and Sausages!

A long time ago, Otto von Bismarck famously said that "Laws are like sausages; it is better not to see them being made." With apologies to sausages, the same could be said of voting at Board meetings.

The KWVA Board meeting in Washington this past July was focused on the future of the organization, its organizational structure, and finances. Since all three areas are vital in their own right, synthesizing each Board member's point of view on these matters into a cohesive whole becomes quite a challenge.

Here's the rub! The KWVA's membership mix will need to swell with defense vets or decline into a last-man-standing war veterans' group. So too, the Board can reduce its members and fatalistically narrow its focus or challenge its members to get creative and do more to increase vitality. Then there is the issue of finances; do less and save more or spend more to grow more?

Fortunately, like any family, the brotherhood of KWVA members vigorously argued both sides of every issue and coalesced around the

decision to keep the current composition of the Board and raise the bar on what is expected of them, focus efforts on attracting and retaining defense vets at an accelerated pace, and spend money on recruiting initiatives, advertising, etc.



The devil is in the details and the details are in the minutes.

Enjoy the meal!  
*Albert McCarthy,  
National 2nd  
Vice President*

Laws and  
sausages

## PORK CHOP HILL from page 68

LEGEND		Enemy Forces	Friendly Forces
1. 0900 10 JULY 53 C.P. Lts. Dixon, Cooper, Peck.	5. 2030 10 JULY 53 Enemy probe 10 men	9. 0300 11 JULY 53 Friendly counter- attack. Lt. Dixon, Lt. Cooper and SFC Borror.	
2. 0900 10 JULY 53 Round falls, <del>see Two</del> killed, <del>see</del> injured. /3	6. 2300 10 JULY 53 Enemy probe 30 men	10. 0400 11 JULY 53 Lt. Dixon, Lt. Cooper, SFC, Borror, PFC Lee.	
3. 0930 10 JULY 53 Friendly counterattack	7. 2300 10 JULY 53 Lt. Dixon fires M.G.		
4. 1145 10 JULY 53 C.P. Lts. Dixon, Cooper, and PFC Lee.	8. 0220 11 JULY 53 Enemy assault, BN. size		

COUNTER ATTACKING THE 67TH CCF

201 REGTS  
200  
199

LEGEND JULY OR AUGUST  
1953 HQ. CO.

Sketch of action on Pork Chop Hill



Alan Sandberg holding captured Chinese rifle

He drew the Chinese positions and the American positions with names of the men and where they were positioned. He told me who fired what machine gun, what weapon, etc., who was KIA and who was wounded. His battle conversation was so in-depth that he even mentioned at one point during the battle he was sitting on bodies and didn't know if they were Americans or Chinese. Alan's "Item" company of the 32nd Regiment was a reinforced company of over 200 men. Sadly, 107 men were KIA in the two-day battle.

I was astounded when he also told me that after the battle he volunteered to go on a five-man patrol to reconnoiter a hill known as Alligator Jaws due to its shape. The patrol was to determine if it was occupied by the Chinese enemy. My artist

helmet, dived prone on the ground, dug a hole with his hands, and placed his head in the hole with the hope that would protect him from the shrapnel that was flying around indiscriminately.

Alan agreed to meet me again for lunch, at which he continued to detail the combat he probably never had discussed with anyone before. He gave me a photo of himself holding a captured Chinese rifle. Most importantly, Alan, the artist, gave me a graphic detailed picture, with accompanying legend, of the battle of Pork Chop Hill, which he drew in July or August 1953.

friend, the quiet kid I knew in our teens, was one of the many heroes of the strategic battle to control Pork Chop Hill. He served on the Kansas line for months prior to the signing of the armistice.

We never met again, but we had several phone conversations regarding our friends of the past. I invited Alan to my 80th birthday party in 2012 at which other Korean War veterans would be present. He declined, saying "such parties are for family only." He sent me a birthday card, apparently printed for the 7th Division members, as the insignias of each component of the division were in color.

Self-made billionaire Norman Braman also grew up in our neighborhood, and Alan certainly knew him well. He told me he recently had attended a party at which Braman was a guest. He said he did not speak to Braman. "I am not like that," he said. At that moment I was shocked to realize he had withdrawn from even good memories of the past.

At our ages of 80 I put him in touch with a VA contact who assisted him in obtaining disability compensation for his combat-related loss of hearing. He never called to advise me he was accepted for same. When I made my last phone call to him he told me he was receiving a small disability compensation. The fact that he never called me to tell me made me aware Alan seemed to be a man who had decided to disassociate himself from close relationships. That and the fact that he did not contact our old friends of the past suggested to me it would have been impossible for him to not be haunted by the horror of his war memories.

Although he told me he thought of the war every day of his life, he specifically said he did not have PTSD. Unfortunately, in his case classic symptoms of PTSD had to exist. He was blessed to be married for 62 years and raise a family. While saddened by his passing, I am happy to have briefly met and talked with my old friend and comrade. I also believe he was happy to open up on the two occasions we met for lunch.

Too soon there will be no Korean War witnesses remaining.

Staff Sergeant) Stanley A. Levin, 24th Inf. Div., Pork Chop Hill and PTSD, 115 E. Kings Highway, Bldg. # 10, Unit# 251, Maple Shade, NJ. 08052, salmoors@comcast.net



The birthday card Alan Sandberg sent Stanley Levin



# 92nd Armored Field Artillery Bn. – Korea holds final reunion

April 7, 2019, began in bright Texas sunlight. Clouds were few and the temperature was delightful. It was a perfect day for the event that was about to take place.

The 92d Armored Field Artillery Battalion-Korea, the “Red Devil Battalion,” had come to Fort Hood, Texas for its 22nd Annual—and final—reunion, ending 22 years of gatherings. They came with 17 veterans of the Korean War and 42 family members and guests to celebrate friendships and memories of long ago. They were to be guests of the 1st Cavalry Division’s 3rd Cavalry Regiment for a “Casing of the Colors” ceremony.

The attendees visited the 3rd Cav’s Museum and field exhibits and pondered how things had changed. The time for the ceremonies arrived much too soon, so they must go on. The narrator called the ceremonies to order.

1st Cav Chaplain Jefferies gave the invocation and the 3rd Cav Regimental Band played our national anthem. The narrator spoke of some of the deeds performed by the “Red Devils” in that land called Korea, so far away, so long ago. The mayor of Killeen, Texas, His Honor Jose L. Segarra, read a proclamation declaring Monday, April 7, 2019 to be “92d Armored Field Artillery Battalion-Korea Day” in the City of Killeen.

LTC Jonathan Rolfe was introduced as the guest speaker. LTC Rolfe is the Fires Support Coordination Officer of the 1st Cavalry Division. He spoke of the meaning and significance of a unit’s colors, the history, the honors, the esprit de corps of a unit, and the manner of and procedures



Members of 92nd AFA Bn. at final reunion



Veterans and current Soldiers gather at 92nd AFA Bn. gathering



Photo of 92nd AFA Bn. weapon

for their casing. He then asked Association President Joe Baker to assist him in the casing of the 92d Armored Field Artillery Battalion’s Color for the final time.

The names of the Red Devils deceased since the last reunion and the battalion’s Killed in Action were read by Association Secretary, Guy McMenemy. Taps was played, Chaplain Jefferies gave benediction, the “Army Song” was sung and lots more memories were made.

Special thanks to the 1st Cav Division Color Guard and the 3rd Regimental Band. You made the day. It may come to pass that the 1st Cav could be “Red DEVILS.”

**Red Devil Stats: 34 uninterrupted, unrelieved months in combat, 311,929 rounds fired, 18 KIAs (16 US EM, 1 ROK EM, 1 US Officer), 7 POWs, 73 WIAs, No MIAs.**

Three Citations: Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, U.S. Army Presidential Unit Citation, and the U.S. Navy/Marine Corps Presidential Unit Citation.

Yeah, RED DEVILS.

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## Background

The Korea Revisit program was begun by the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA/Seoul) in 1975 for the 25th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War to express the Republic of Korea (ROK's) government's gratitude to Korean War veterans and their families also to show them the bountiful results of their sacrifices and devotion.

## MPVA's Eligibility Requirements

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.

## Expanded Eligibility

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)
2. Widows and family members of deceased veterans or those unable to travel are also eligible for the Revisit as Veteran Representatives.
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.

## Sundry Tour Requirements

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.
3. Neither MPVA Seoul nor MHT Virginia U.S.A is responsible for any loss of or damage to personal or other items; medical expenses, injuries or loss of life due to any accident of whatever nature during the Revisit tours.
4. Medical and Evacuation Insurance is required by MPVA for all veterans, companions or veteran representatives. Insurance costs are included in the admin service charge for Korea only.
5. Roundtrip transportation costs to Korea are not included and will be borne by each person who participates in the program. The participants must purchase roundtrip airfare, the ROK government will subsidize air costs (approximately 50% Veterans and 30% Companions.) The refunded airfare reimbursement will be calculated by the ROK after all the revisits. The reimbursement will be sent in a lump sum to be distributed by MHT for the entire year's groups.
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# POW/MIA Report: Korean War Personnel

June 28, 2019

Prepared by: Bruce R. Harder, KWVA POW/MIA Coordinator.

The statistics in this report come from a Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) Korean War Fact Sheet dated June 25, 2019. According to this DPAA document (copy attached), as of September 13, 2019, 7,621 U.S. Servicemen remain “unaccounted-for” from the Korean War. With the exception of the preceding number the statistics quoted in this report are current as of June 25, 2019. The statistics are likely to change as additional remains are identified and accounted-for by DPAA over the next month. In fact, the numbers change almost daily as remains are identified and accounted-for.

Therefore, keep in mind that the statistics briefed by DPAA Director Kelly McKeague in his presentation on July 26, 2019, at the KWVA Annual Meeting, may have differed slightly from the statistics quoted in this update.

## Progress is understandably slow

Progress on accounting-for U.S. Servicemen from the Korean War continues at a slow, but steady pace. The scientific identification process takes place primarily at the DPAA laboratory at Hickam, Air Force Base in Hawaii. Fortunately, the U.S. government has control over hundreds of unidentified remains from the Korean War. These remains come from a variety of sources. For example, some remains come from “Unilateral” turnovers conducted by North Korea such as the K208 group of unilateral that took place from 1990-1993 and other similar unilateral turnovers in 2007 and 2018.



Some remains come from past Joint Field Activities in North Korea conducted between 1994 and 2005, and still others come from disinterring remains from the original 866 unidentified remains at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, also known as the “Punchbowl” cemetery on Oahu, Hawaii. In addition, a small number of remains are still being recovered periodically from the Republic of Korea.

Since 1982, 505 Korean War remains have been identified and accounted-for. “Identified” means DPAA finished the identification process and has identified the remains. “Accounted-for” means that a military service casualty officer (Army Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force) has briefed the Primary Next-of-Kin of the Service member on the identification of the Serviceman. DPAA now has a medical examiner whose identifications of remains are considered final.

## Latest developments

The latest developments on Korean War Personnel Accounting include:

- The June 2018 U.S./DPRK Singapore Summit Talks between President Trump and Chairman Kim Jong-Un.
- The July 27, 2018, DPRK turnover of 55 boxes of possible Korean War remains and artifacts to the U.S.
- The October 1, 2018, U.S. repatriation of the remains of 64

  <b>Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency</b> Korean War Personnel Accounting as of July 19th, 2019		
<b>Korean War Statistics:</b>		
Total personnel unaccounted-for		7,649 <sup>1</sup>
Completed Republic of Korea (ROK) Joint Field Activities (JFAs): 1996 - present		58
Completed Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) JFAs: 1996 - 2005		33
<b>Category</b>	<b>Total Each Category</b>	<b>Accounted-for</b>
DPRK: Remains recovered and repatriated through unilateral turnover, 1990-1994 in 208 caskets <sup>2</sup> (K-208) or JFA in 229 caskets, 1996-2005	K-208 (208 boxes) JFA (229 Caskets)	342 (K-208 - 186, JFA - 156)
DPRK: Remains repatriated through unilateral turnover 2007	7 Individuals	6
DPRK: Remains repatriated through unilateral turnover 2018 <sup>3</sup>	55 boxes	7
National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCPC) in Hawaii: Unknown remains disinterred 1999 - present <sup>4</sup>	306 Caskets	132
People's Republic of China (PRC): Remains repatriated through JFAs	1 Individual	1
Japan: Remains repatriated through JFAs	1 Individual	1
ROK: Remains repatriated through JFAs 1982 - present	26 Individuals	18
Total remains identified and accounted for, 1982 - present		507
<b>Korean War Accounting Efforts on the Peninsula</b>		
• Korean War Personnel Accounting main lines of effort:		
– <b>Repatriation of U.S. remains recovered by, and under DPRK control.</b> On July 27, 2018, the Korean People's Army of the DPRK turned over 55 boxes of remains to UN officials in accordance with a commitment for repatriation as agreed upon in a Joint Statement signed by President Trump and Chairman Kim during the June 2018 Singapore Summit. On several occasions in the past, the DPRK officials have indicated they possess as many as 200 sets of remains they had recovered over the years. A definitive number has never been confirmed.		
– <b>Identification of remains already recovered and under U.S. control.</b> Remains recovered during and/or shortly after the Korean War that could not be identified were buried as unknowns in 866 graves at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCPC). There is one set of unknown remains from the Korean War buried at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. To date, 306 unknowns buried in the NMCPC have been disinterred by DPAA, or its predecessor organizations; 132		
<sup>1</sup> This is a working number from the Personnel Missing Korea (PMKOR) list; approximately 5,300 lost in the DPRK.		
<sup>2</sup> 208 boxes of remains received from DPRK, many of which were commingled; possibly 400 remains in the 208 boxes.		
<sup>3</sup> 55 boxes of remains received from the DPRK on July 27, 2018, it is likely there may be more than 55 separate individuals represented.		
<sup>4</sup> Original estimate of 866 sets of Unknown remains located in NMCPC when exhumations began in 1999. The Total displayed represents disinterred caskets to date.		

ROK soldiers to the Republic of Korea.

- The December 2018 meeting in New York City between U.S./DoD/DPAA representatives and the North Korean (DPRK) delegation to the United Nations to discuss issues related to technical talks aimed at resuming joint remains recovery operations in North Korea at some future date.
- The February 27-28, 2019 U.S./DPRK Hanoi Summit Talks between President Trump and Chairman Kim Jong-Un.

There are several reasons why the Korean War personnel accounting process has been slow. First, the remains of an estimated 5,300 Korean War U.S. Servicemen are located in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). Many are buried at or near battlefield locations and near POW camps and temporary POW collection points and holding areas in North Korea.

The 1953 Armistice that ended the fighting remains in effect. There is no peace treaty that ended the war. In addition, the U.S. does not have diplomatic relations with North Korea, making it difficult to deal directly with North Korea. Despite the June 2018 U.S./DPRK Singapore Summit talks, the July 2018 DPRK turnover of 55 boxes of remains and artifacts to the U.S., and the February 2019 summit talks in Hanoi, no U.S./DPRK negotiations or formal talks on talks on resuming remains recovery operations in North Korea have yet taken place. Although informal U.S./DPRK meetings have taken place, no current signed arrangement exists to conduct Joint U.S. and DPRK joint field activities in North Korea. No Joint



# Accounting Update

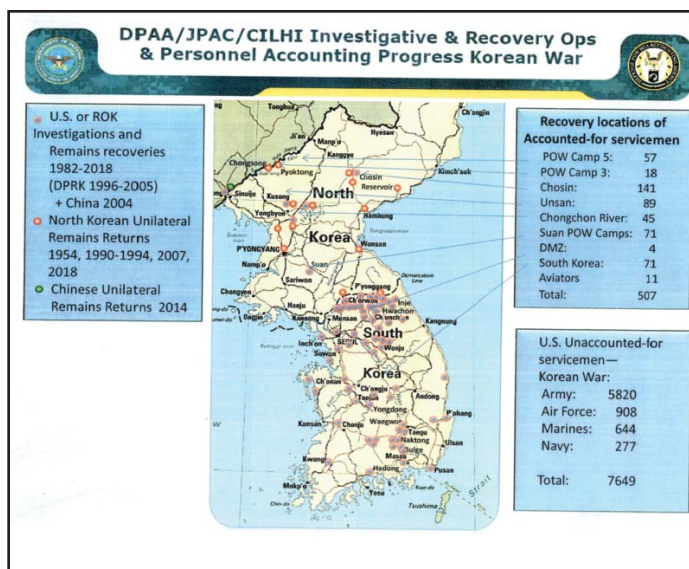
Field activities have taken place in North Korea since May 2005.

## Director's update

At the DPAA Quarterly Update on May 9, 2019, DPAA Director Kelly McKeague updated the POW/MIA community on the situation. He said, "Based on the agreements between President Trump and Chairman Kim at the Singapore Summit, we (DPAA) immediately began discussions with the Korean People's Army (KPA) for resuming joint recovery operations. Those discussions have not yet resulted in an agreement, and with the necessary logistical timelines and DPRK weather cycles, it is now too late for us to prepare for and conduct field activities before the end of the current fiscal year (FY).

"Though the KPA has not communicated with us since before the Hanoi Summit, we remain open to productive discussions with them at some point, including on conducting joint recoveries in FY2020.

"Another 292 Korean War U.S. servicemen are unaccounted-for over water around the Korean Peninsula, and 19 are



unaccounted for in China. DPAA is pursuing the few Korean War era cases that remain in China, but progress in China is slow because it is difficult for the U.S. to get access to visit the Korean War era loss sites in China.

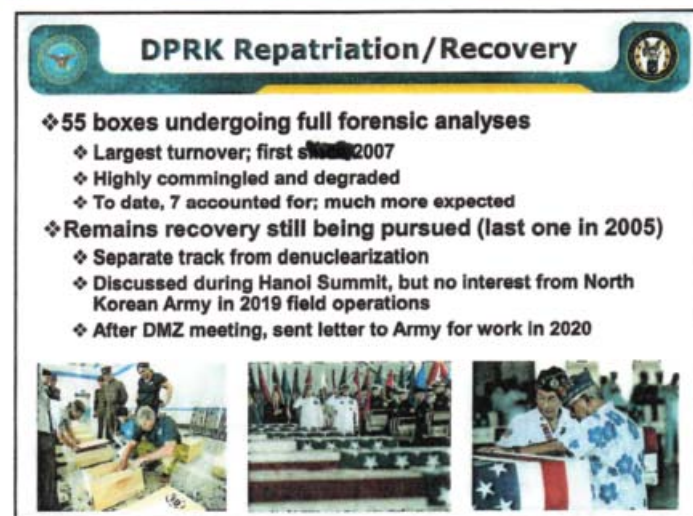
"DPAA estimates approximately 970 U.S. servicemen are unaccounted-for in South Korea from the Korean War. Many of the remaining unaccounted-for U.S. servicemen in South Korea were lost in the area of the Demilitarized Zone, where access is extremely difficult and dangerous because of barriers, minefields, and other hazards. However, in 2018 the ROK and DPRK reached an agreement and began demining operations to clear an area of the DMZ.

"In May 2019, based on open source news reports, DPAA said that the Republic of Korea resumed demining operations on April 1, 2019, and are making preparations for remains recovery in the Arrowhead portion of the DMZ. Just as they did in the fall of 2018, the ROK has reported finding remains as part of the demining process.

"To date, DPAA is not aware that any U.S. remains have been recovered from the Arrowhead region. North Korea has not yet participated in either effort, which is part of the Inter-Korean Military Agreement. In summary, the United States presently does not have access to North Korea to recover U.S. or other allied forces Korean War remains.

"Second, because of the lack of access to North Korea, no new Korean War remains are being recovered and turned over to the DPAA laboratory to undergo the identification process on a regular basis. Most of the current Korean War identifications being accomplished at the DPAA laboratory come from remains recovered in past years (prior to May 2005) and not from new accessions to the laboratory.

"Most of the identifications since 2010 have come from either the K208 group (repatriated from 1990-1994 from North Korea) or from the disinterment of Korean War "unknowns" from the National Cemetery of the Pacific or "Punch Bowl." Identifications from the Joint Recovery Operations (JROs)/Joint Field Activities (JFAs) have slowed in recent years because the remaining cases are difficult to resolve.



“Today, the U.S. has approximately 1,000 Korean War remains under U.S. control either at the DPAA Laboratory in Hawaii or at the National Cemetery of the Pacific or “Punch Bowl” cemetery. These two groups provide the majority of the remains that are currently being identified by the laboratory.

“The July 27, 2018 DPRK turnover of 55 boxes of possible U.S. remains from the Korea War is a rare exception to this situation. We do not know if the DPRK is holding additional recovered U.S. Korean War remains on the shelf in North Korea, although that is certainly possible.

“Third, the DPAA search and recovery effort continues in the ROK. Although the U.S. has had full access to South Korea since the armistice was signed, all the easy cases of unaccounted-for U.S. servicemen were resolved long ago. Remaining cases of unaccounted-for U.S. servicemen in the ROK are very difficult to resolve because most of those cases are located in unmarked graves or mass burial sites in limited access areas such as in the demilitarized zone (DMZ) and in other sites scattered throughout South Korea.

“U.S. Korean War remains recovered from South Korea have slowed to a trickle of one or two a year. These cases require extensive investigation and recovery efforts to resolve. The Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense Agency for KIA Recovery and Identification, known by the acronym, “MAKRI,” has been searching for and recovering remains of South Korea soldiers lost in the ROK during the Korea War for several years.

“MAKRI has been successful in finding the remains of many South Korean soldiers. Although a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) exists between MAKRI and DPAA, and joint investigations have taken place for several years, the fact is that only a small number of remains of U.S. soldiers have been located, recovered, and repatriated back to the U.S. through this cooperative effort. During April and May 2019, DPAA had an investigative team working multiple sites in the Republic of Korea in coordination with MAKRI. No results have yet been reported to the community from this joint field activity.

“It will take the DPAA laboratory years to identify the Korean War remains it has on hand, including the 55 boxes of remains recently repatriated from North Korea. To date, the remains of six servicemen have been identified from the 55 boxes. We expect some additional servicemen will be identified shortly.

“The undeniable fact is that no recently recovered Korean War remains are flowing into the laboratory on a regular basis to undergo the identification process. Most of the recoverable Korean War remains are located in North Korea not in South Korea or China. Therefore, unless some action is taken to resume the recovery of Korean War remains from North Korea, the identification of Korean War remains will slow down and eventually stop.

“With the recent resumption of dialogue between the U.S. and North Korea, the big question is: will the United States be able to resume the search, recovery, and repatriation of remains of U.S. servicemen from the Korean War that was

suspended in May 2005?

“Here’s a quick update on Korean War disinterment operations. The National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific “Punchbowl” (Hawaii) completed Phase One of the Korean War Identification Project (KWIP) with exhumations of 43 unknowns from January through March 2019 (plus a single WWII Unknown). This brings the total of DPAA exhumations from the Punchbowl to 84 since October 2018 and concludes Phase I of the KWIP. Approval for Phase II was in final staffing in May 2019. DPAA planned 16 Punchbowl exhumations per month beginning on June 10, 2019.

“Finally, there is reason to hope that remains recovery operations in North Korea might resume. In June 2018, President Trump and Kim Jong Un held a historic summit in Singapore. As a result of the summit, a joint statement was released. Point four of the joint statement states that “The United States and the DPRK commit to recovering POW/MIA remains, including the immediate repatriation of those already identified.

“Following the June Singapore Summit talks, a follow-up meeting was held at Panmunjom between U.S. and KPA officials to discuss the next steps in the process of repatriating the remains to the U.S. that the North Koreans have already recovered. DPAA continues to plan for the possible resumption of remains recovery operations in North Korea. However, this will be a long process that will take some time. To move forward, the U.S. and DPRK must negotiate and agree to an arrangement that will provide the details of how and when future remains recovery operations could take place in North Korea.

“The fact is that none of the 55 boxes of remains repatriated on July 27, 2018, from North Korea to the U.S. were identified prior to the repatriation event. The identification process started when the remains arrived at the DPAA laboratory in Hawaii. However, it is uncertain if the North Koreans have additional remains stored in North Korea that have not yet been repatriated to the U.S.

“Previously, the North Koreans indicated on several occasions that they had recovered as many as 200 possible U.S. remains in North Korea. If that information is true, perhaps additional repatriation ceremonies could take place in the future. Unfortunately, the second summit meeting in Hanoi in February 2019 between President Trump and Chairman Kim Jong-Un, did not result in any new developments or progress on the Korean War POW/MIA issue.

“The KWVA leadership recognizes the Korean War personnel accounting effort has challenges and is taking action to engage DPAA leadership on the issues described above. The recent U.S./DPRK Summit meetings and repatriation ceremony gives hope for the future. However, we must remember that past events in North Korea, including the nuclear tests and long-range ballistic missile launches, incidents in the demilitarized zone, and past statements made by North Korea’s President, Kim Jong-un, make discussions about engagement with North Korea on the personnel accounting issue a challenge.”





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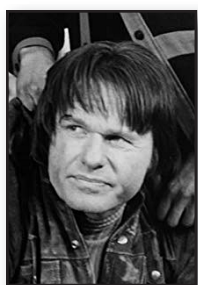
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## Bill McKinney: Minesweeper Sailor



Bill McKinney

Bill McKinney, the movie and television character actor who was one of the great on-screen villains, was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on September 12, 1931. He had an unsettled life as a child, moving 12 times before joining the Navy at the age of 19 during the Korean War. Once, when his family moved from Tennessee to Georgia, he was beaten by a local gang and thrown into a creek for the offense of being from the Volunteer State.

In his four years on active duty in the Navy, McKinney served two years on a mine sweeper in Korean waters. He was also stationed at Port Hueneme in Ventura County, California, and he would journey to nearby Los Angeles while on liberty from his ship. During his years in the Navy, McKinney decided he wanted to be an actor and would make it his life if he survived the Korean War.

Discharged in Long Beach, California, in 1954, McKinney

settled in southern California. He attended acting school at the famous Pasadena Playhouse in 1957, and his classmates included Dustin Hoffman and Mako. McKinney supported himself as an arborist, trimming and taking down trees, a job he continued into the 1970s, when he was appearing in major films. McKinney has had a life-long love affair with trees since he was a child.

### KOREAN SUFFIXES

We frequently use suffixes in the magazine to designate certain places in Korea. Here is what some of them mean.

CHON — Small River or Tributary of a Larger River  
DAN/TAN — Point  
DO/TO — Island  
GANG — River  
PONG — Hill or Mountain  
NAE — Dam  
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RYONG — Mountain Pass



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ARLINGTON, Va. (July 31, 2019) Kelly McKeague, director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), and members of South Korea's Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MVPA) and Ministry of National Defense for KIA Recovery and Identification, pay their respects before participating in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, July 31, 2019. The visit was held in conjunction with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's (DPAA) Korean and Cold War Annual Government Briefings. DPAA's mission is to provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Seth Oulter/Released)