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USA, Tom Nebbia

SAVING ONE LIFE, a frontline medic with too few hands will soon have another to fight for as GIs pull a wounded buddy onto a plateau pressed into service as a dispensary. In this "hospital," a patient's helmet was his pillow and his bed a canvas litter on hard ground. Trees served as plasma racks and sunlight illuminated an operating room. A casualty often clung to his rifle as if it were the comforting hand of a good friend and an anchor on life.

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STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

- To support the ideals this Great Country was founded on;
- To maintain the dignity and pride of the Korean War Veterans who served this Country when asked to:
- To work towards the recognition of those who did not return from the Korean War;
- To maintain and foster the comradeship between the men and women who served during the Korean War;
- To perpetuate the memory and reason which required our service during the Korean War.

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KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL STATUS:

H.R. 2205, 99th CONGRESS 1st SESSION.

Bill H.R. 2205 authorizing that a Memorial be erected to the Veterans of the Korean War was passed by the House of Representatives of the 99th Congress. The Bill was sent to the Senate for their approval. Prior to being placed on the Senate Floor for discussion. Senator Jeremiah Denton (R) Alabama introduced S.J. Resolution 184. This Resolution was introduced following Senator Dentons strong support of the "ERECTION OF A MEMORIAL BY THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL, INC." This may be found in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Proceeding and Debates of the 99th Congress, First Session, Vol. 131, No. 105, Wednesday July 31, 1985. (I strongly urge concerned members to write to their Senators who represent them in Washington, D.C. and request copies of H.R. 2205, S.J. Res. 184 and the proceedings and debates recorded in Vol. 1, No. 105 Wednesday July 31, 1985). Requests will show these Senators that we as Korean War Veterans are con-

cerned. As other organizations along with private individuals have been sending in articles concerning this issue, we forwarded the articles to those Senators and Congressmen who maybe concerned. The Korean War Veterans Association had invited "Korean War Memorial Inc." (Mr. Edward R. Borcherdt, President) to attend our Annual Reunion and explain how we may help in 1985 and 1986. We have also sent a request to Col. William R. Ryan Jr. Director of Operations and Finance, The American Battle Monuments Commission. Both were unable to attend either Reunion.

Mr. Edward R. Borcherdt is presently in Los Angeles, California and no longer involved with fund raising, Letter dated November 13, 1985.

I called Col. Ryan upon receipt of his letter of 30 May 1986 saying that he would be unable to attend our Reunion. Col. Ryan was scheduled to be away on annual leave July 14 to August 1. During our discussion on 3 June 1986 Col. Ryan stated that as of that date the American Battle Monument Commission had only \$13,296.50 for the Korean War Memorial. Col. Ryan also stated the Legislation would be enacted on by JULY 4 (STILL NO ACTED ON).

In April, I received a telephone call from The Republic of Korea Embassy, Washington, D.C. asking if we could meet with them. As Col. (Ret) Millett and I were to be in Arlington on other business we made the necessary arrangements.

Upon hearing that the Bill H.R. 2205 was in "The Sub-

committee on Public Lands, Reserved Water and Resources Conservation", we requested a meeting with the Chairman, Senator Wallop. Due to another commitment, Senator Wallop would be unable to meet with us (Ltr. June 26, 1986). I was furnished a Staff Member's name and phone number to direct any future questions and to obtain updated information regarding this Bill.

Following the completion of this year's Reunion, I have received phone calls and letters as to what the status of the Bill H.R. 2205 is. I used the phone number furnished to me by Senator Wallop and made inquiries about this Bill and it's present status in this Subcommittee. I called during the first week of September for information explaining we would like to update our membership in this newsletter. We were told the Bill H.R. 2205 had been referred to the Committee to correct some wording and phrasing regarding the maintenance and construction. A hearing was held on 19 Oct. 1985 with regards to this. I asked for a copy of the hearing and was told they would send me one.

1 OCTOBER 1986:

Well, everyone has been wondering what the hold up is in the Newsletter. The following letter has been sent to each Senator of the United Senate and the 5 Delegates. The letter was sent on this Association's stationary and it shows that this is a subject that we are very interested in. Because it was important to have the necessary information and the present status of this Bill I have been waiting for information that was to be sent to me so that I may be able to enlighten the membership. Although the information that was to be sent in regards to this failed to arrive others who are concerned called to let me know what things were happening. I then had to call a few people and offices to get further information.

29 September 1986

The Honorable United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator

H.R. Bill 2205, To erect a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in the Korean War is of major importance to this Association.

We implore your support and help in seeing that H.R. Bill 2205 is brought onto the floor of the Senate this session of the 99th Congress, to be voted on.

We understand that this legislation was passed last year by the House of Representatives and forwarded to the Senate. On 19 October 1985 the Senate referred this Bill to a Senate Committee to be refined in regards to some wording and phrasing. Although we have been in contact with Senator Wallop's office earlier this year, and recently on 3 September 1986 with Ms. Pat Kennedy we were not brought up to date as promised.

At this most crucial time regarding H.R. Bill 2205, we are asking for your help and support prior to the adjournment of the 99th Session of Congress.

Sincerely,

/s/ William T. Norris WILLIAM T. NORRIS President

The information that I have received is that if this Bill is not voted upon by the Senate in this Session of Congress that it will die. It will be considered that it was not acted on and the process of introducing a Bill in the future and proceeding through the whole legislative process again. I urge the membership to write to their elected Congressmen to seek their support.

This will have to be done upon receipt of this Newsletter as it has been told to me that the Congress will try to adjourn at an early date so that they may go out to campaign for re-election.

Letter To The Editor

Published in "California Veterans" V.F.W. Publication

I am a Korean War veteran who is fast becoming fed up with all the Vietnam veterans and with the various groups sanctifying their plight, whatever that is.

Your paper has pages covered with items about the Vietnam veteran, also a feature article concerning a state memorial.

The Korean War was one of the bloodiest ever fought. There were 54,246 killed, 103,284 wounded and 8,177 missing. All this in one third the length of the Vietnam War (three years for Korea, nine years for Vietnam).

We never hear a word about the 8,177 missing in action from Korea. We only hear about the 2,477 MIAs from Vietnam (3 to 1 MIAs from Korea over Vietnam).

We fought a mountain war in a climate that ranged from monsoons, with mud slides that make the PCH-Malibu slides pale by comparison, to bitter cold that froze the coffee in our canteen cups. Our M-1s froze up and wouldn't fire, mortar barrels cracked and became useless.

The wounded had to be carried so far that they often bled to death before medical attention was available.

We have no memorial. We returned to apathy. We

were ridiculed as being "Part of Truman's Police Force."

Thirty-three years have passed and we still have no memorial. There are two bills in the House (HR 2205 and HR 2588) and one in the Senate (S 1223), which call for a Korean War Memorial. Yet nothing is being done about these bills. There is too much apathy. No one seems to care.

My question is: When will the injustice shown to Korean Veterans be corrected? Who will commemorate the patriotic sacrifices that we, the Korean veterans made? Will someone please welcome ME home and say: "We should have done this 33 years ago?"

CHARLES V. HEARN Santa Monica

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MEMORIAL SERVICE:

The 2nd National Reunion and Memorial Service was successful in both attendance and weather. It is always nice when the sun shines and things look so clear and bright. Some of us from the North find it rather warm but I am sure that it was bearable and I have not heard from any really dissatisfied participants. For those that were at the first they will agree that the humidity made this years more comfortable than last years.

This year the American Government was represented by Ltg. V.O. Lang, Deputy Asst. Secretary of Defense, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea by Major General Doug Kyu Yoon, with several other members of the Military Attache Staff who are assigned to the embassy in Washington, D.C.

This year we had the pleasure of having members of "The Korea Veterans Association of Canada" (K.V.A. Can.) join us at the reunion and the Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. They had brought a wreath with them and they participated by having their members place a wreath following the placement of the wreath by this association. This year the 3d US Inf. (Honor Guard) assigned at Arlington also furnished a Color Guard Detail and Two Platoon Honor Guard for the Wreath Laying Ceremony. It was impressive and to hear that these men got up at 0600 to practice shows their dedication.

Following the Wreath Laying Ceremony we then proceede to the Ampitheater to hold our Memorial Service. This year everyone was lead into the Ampitheater by the Association Colors which we had made this year. Because of a generous donation from the Blue and Gray Post No. 8469, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fairfax, Virginia and combined with Unit #5, the Korea Veterans Association of Canada this was possible. The following Flags were used, United States flag (48 stars), Korean War Veterans Association, the Korean National, United Nations and the POW/MIA. We must mention at this time we did have the use of the ten Battle Streamers to place

on our Association flag. Gen. Lang had borrowed them so that we would have them. Sfc. Dawes whom I have had the pleasure to work with for the last two years also located a set and told me what he had done prior to the Ceremony. I had failed to tell him that Gen. Lang had already gotten the use of a set and for this I want to thank him.

The Ceremony in the Ampitheater started with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Invocation by the Chaplain Staff, Cmdr. Paul Moore, CHC, USN. This was followed by a speach by Ltg. V.O. Lang who represented the United States Government. Gen. Yoon then spoke for the Republic of Korea. Col. (Ret.) Lewis L. Milliett, Medal of Honor recipient of Korea, Colonel of the Regiment, 27th Infantry (Wolfhounds) Regiment and Chairman of the Monument and Memorial Committee of this Association spoke to conclude this Ceremony. "We Remember....."

"WE REMEMBER"

We meet here today to honor our comrades in arms who died in Korea. WE REMEMBER...We are not statesman nor politicians, we are not sports heros or TV Stars, just comrades...BUT WE REMEMBER...There are no great Granite or Marble Monuments, No heroic bronzes...WE REMEMBER...

We remember you went to War understrength, without adequate arms, with old worn-out equipment, but with Courage and Perseverance and Fortitude...WE REMEMBER...

We Remember...The festering heat, the humidity that cloaked you with dirt and dust...The biting, freezing cold, the ordeal of battle which you met with dignity and bravery...WE REMEMBER...

We saw no welcoming parades, no commerative displays, no memorial exercises, no monument...BUT WE REMEMBER...

There were no thousands massed in coliseums to praise and honor your Sacrifice...BUT WE REMEMBER...

Others may never recognize your valor or recall your names. BUT WE REMEMBER. . .

We remember you, BENNETT, CHRISTIANSON, COMMISKY, CRUMP, DESIDERIO, GARCIA, GOMEZ, KELLY, KELSO, LESCOLLET, MAGEE, OTOMO, PARKER, RED CLOUD, SIMMS, VITTORI, WESTIN, YOUNG. WE REMEMBER the 54,000 that died to keep a nation free...WE REMEMBER...

Many of your country-men may forget your sacrifice that retained freedom for the people of Korea. . .BUT WE REMEMBER. . .

WE REMEMBER The brothers-in-arms, our allies who fought besdie us, who sacrificed with you...the AUSTRALIANS, THE CANADIANS, THE FRENCH, THE GREEKS, THE DUTCH, THE ETHIOPIANS, THE MEN FROM BELGIUM, NEW ZEALAND, THE PHILLIPINES, TURKEY, THAILAND, GREAT BRITAIN, AND THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA...WE REMEMBER...

WE REMEMBER the young men of Korea, drafted from the streets and villages to fill our depleted ranks who served with you in the United States Army, who died beside you in the battle for freedom...THE KATUSA...WE REMEMBER...

And the people of Korea remember...They remember the 1,300,000 dead they sacrificed, They remember the assassinations, the persecutions, the rape of their country, the tyranny of the communist aggressor. They remember that you helped bring freedom back to their land. They meet your comrades-in-arms with thankful hearts and outstretched arms and treat us as heroes...THEY REMEMBER...

WE REMEMBER BECAUSE

We have fought when others feared to serve, we have gone where others failed to go.

We've lost friends in war in strife who valued duty over love of life.

We have known the comradeship of pain, We have searched the lands for men that we have lost.

We have sons who serve this land of liberty, who'd fight to see that other stricken lands are free.

We have seen the weak forsake humanity, we have heard the traitors praise our enemy.

We've seen challenged men become bolder, we've seen the dity, honor, sacrifice of the soldier.

Now we understand the meaning of your sacrifice, the loss of comrades so very long ago.

So to you who've answered duties siren call, May God Bless You Our Comrades. . . May God Bless You All.

2ND ANNUAL REUNION & MEMORIAL SERVICE: 26 JULY 1986

Well again this year we held our reunion and memorial service and things went rather well for all we hope. . . the hospitality room was open for all to gather and meet and there was a lot of concern about some strange looking Veterans in official looking dress, even though it was civilian attire. These men were members of "The Korea Veterans Association of Canada (K.V.A. Can.)" "L'Association Canadienne des Veterans de la Coree (A.C.V.C.)" They were Mr. Ted Sutherland and Mr. George Biggley, PPCLI Mr. Bill Cornwall and Mr. Vic Pool, 1st Commonwealth.

Following the Banquet on Saturday night the men from the PPCLI presented the National Flag of Canada to the Association along with a \$50.00 cash donation. This was followed with a similar ceremony and presentation by the members of the 1st Commonwealth in presenting Province or Ontario Flag to the Association with a cash donation of \$150.00. This was quite a surprise and a fine gesture of friendship between the two associations who not only have a common border between our countries but a brotherhood of service in Korea too.

Although we had anticipated the larger room at the hotel for our banquet we had to give way to a Wedding Party. Because of the height of the ceilings we

were not able to present the Associations colors at the Banquet. The invocation was given by Chaplain Woods, of the Chaplain Staff Military District of Washington, DC. Speaches by Col. (Ret.) Lewis L. Millett, Medal of Honor Recipient, Korea and Ltg. Vaughn O. Lang, Deputy Asst. Secretary of Defense. Following the Speeches there were some placques awarded to members and special groups for their help and support in making this Association what it is:

John (and Rose Mary) Herbert, Treasurer and Secretary.

Rose Mary helps John register everyone and makes the runs to the Post Office. When John has a question it is Rose Mary who is able to get a hold of me for the answer while John is at work.

Robert D. O'Hara, Top recruiter of over 110 members in six months and still at it (even got a member who tripped getting off the elevator during the reunion to join and then not satisfied, sold him a Hat).

Lewis L. Millett, (Col. Ret.) Chairman, Monument and Memorial Committee, Guest Speaker Banquet and Memorial Service.

Ltg. Vaughn O. Lang, US Army, Deputy Asst. Sec. Defense, speaker.

William C. Coe, Quartermaster. Securing many of our supplies to support the flow of paper, etc. Office of Ceremonies & Special Events, Ft. Lesley J. McNair, Washington D.C. For the arrangement of the ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery.

Arlington National Cemetery Staff & Personnel For their help in setting up and help coordinating the ceremonies.

Staff Chaplains Officer, Assigning Chaplains for the Annual Banquet and other functions.

Military District Washington, DC, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, for their support during our Annual Reunion and Memorial Service.

Later on prior to the dance the radio-cassette player was raffled off. This had been tried and used during the day to pay a tape of music (Korean and Japanese) of the late 40s and early 50s. The tape went with the radio and other tapes were given to others who were runner-ups as consolation prizes. For those who received these tapes I suggest a way to get even with someone who plays loud music in the household on these Boom Boxes. Put one of these tapes in and put on equal volume and stop the offender from touching it till complete. It will be enjoyed two ways: 1. You will enjoy the music as you know what it is about. 2. Offended person will play their music at a lower volume in the future. . . I find that it works well on a neighbor's dog that likes to serenade me when I am trying to sleep. I enjoy the music and do not have to listen to his as I drift off into the arms of Morpheus. I want to thank Dr. Robert Brace for the loan of the records to make up the tapes.

The following items are for sale by the Association to help offset operating expenses.

Association Hats (Baseball Type) \$7.00 ea. Association Decals (Window) \$1.00 ea. Association Coffee Mugs (3 sides printed) . \$7.00 ea.

- 1. Association Logo
- 2. List of Casualties of the Korean War
- 3. Map of Korea as on letterhead

Books on the Korean War. Add \$1.50 to price for postage and handling.

MARCH TO CALUMNY: The Story of American POWs in the Korean War Biderman, Albert D.

\$20.00



In this extraordinary analysis of the American prisoner of war experience, social scientist Albert Biderman destroyed the thesis advanced in the 1950s (and still today popular) that American servicemen collaborated with the enemy in large numbers, succumbed to communist propaganda, or simply gave up and died. In the process, Biderman produced the most sophisticated, cross-disciplinary and cross-national study ever done on prisoners of war. He showed that American soldiers behaved as well as those of other nations and as well as American POWs in the past, revealing that American society was not necessarily "soft" or particularly vulnerable in the Cold War struggle against communism.

THE SEA WAR IN KOREA (1957) Malcolm W. Cagle and Frank A. Manson

\$37.50



In his foreword to this volume, Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, then Chief of Naval Operations, contended that a limited war was the most likely kind of conflict to occur in the thermonuclear age. This reasoning underscored the authors' concentration on the basically conventional nature of naval operations during the Korean War as well as the importance of the Navy in future wars of a similar nature. The Sea War in Korea was the first complete analysis from a naval point of view of the operational problems and lessons of the war. In an exciting and sympathetic narrative. Cagle and Manson also portray individuals in battle- their courage, ingenuity and humor in surmounting hardship and frustration. The large volume contains maps and photographs, notes and an appendix with lists of major Naval commanders during the Korean War, air groups in Task Force 77, patrol squadrons and tenders in Korea, U.S. Naval casualities and ships lost during the conflict, and technical terms and abbreviations. Both authors, after distinguished active service in the United States Navy, became administrators and naval historians. "With the fully documented chapter notes and the general index, the volume should long serve as the major reference work of the role and accomplishments of the United States Navy in the first war fought by the United States and the United Nations to resist Red imperialism."—Annals of the American Academy of Political Science.

AIRPOWER: The Decisive Force in Korea Stewart, James T., editor

\$25.00



Every aspect of U.S. air operations in Korea is described in this anthology of articles from the USAF's Air University Quarterly Review. The articles, all written between 1950 and 1954, are remarkably authentic, manu authored by personnel engaged in fighting the war. The Review's aim was to study the concepts of air war, strategy, tactics and techniques, and the articles discuss topics such as: air-to-air combat, F-86s against MiG-15s, and fighter maneuvers and tactics; heavy bomber and fighter-bomber operations, including specialized attacks on electric power installations, bridges and dams; air-field construction, air rescue and troop-carrying operations. The book begins, "Without question, the decisive force in the Korean War was airpower."

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 22, 1986

I am deeply honored to extend my warmest greetings to all those gathered for the Korean War Veterans Wreath Laying Ceremony.

In his farewell address to the cadets of West Point, General Douglas MacArthur paid tribute to the American soldier. "I regard him," he said, "as one of the world's noblest figures, not only as one of the finest military characters, but also as one of the most stainless. . .In twenty campaigns, on a hundred battlefields, around a thousand campfires, I have witnessed that enduring fortitude, that patriotic self-abnegation, and that invincible self-determination which have carved his status in the hearts of his people. From one end of the world to the other he has drained deep the chalice of courage."

You men have given flesh-and-blood meaning to General MacArthur's words in the defense of America and her allies. Your courage and sacrifice serve as a constant reminder that America remains the land of the free only because she has been the home of the brave.

God bless you.

Ronald Reagan

SPEECH BY COL. (RET) LEWIS L. MILLETT, MEDAL OF HONOR, KOREA AT ANNUAL BANQUET.

Tonight we meet to renew old acquaintances, to meet new friends, to reminisce on happenings that occurred 35-36 years ago. To exagerate on our military prowess, to prepare for tomorrow when we memorialize those who already crossed the line of departure and arrived at their final objective. I've wondered as I compare the last three wars—the hundreds of friends I have lost—the names of men who died in places with strange names that the young people of today would have no idea the effect on this agining mind, the recalling of these names and places at times like this.

When you compare WWII and the attack on the United States by Japan it's easy to understand the patriotism of that time. The direct attack on our homeland, the desire for revenge to avenge the disaster at Pearl Harbor. Korea was very different. Korea becomes a singularly moral issue. We did not need Korea to defend Japan, we did not need Korea to defend the United States homeland. To take action in the defense of Korea was to prove that if those people who enjoy freedom and are under attack from tyranny we who are also free need to defend those whose freedom is under attack.

I've sometimes wondered if the Korean War being the only time we've directly confronted armed communist aggression and won, I repeat won. And altho' we did not punish the aggressor for the murder, plunder and rapine visited upon the Republic of Korea, we did assist in the eviction of the aggressor from their ill-gotten gains. I wonder if, because of the afore-mentioned considerations those ill-mannered minions of the left, so prominent in some aspects of society, wish to deny that these events really occurred, to censor history and fact, to denigrate the singular victory that you achieved. As we watch the news about Korea, it is an objective of those who bring their prejudiced views and commentarie the nefarious task of making the Republic of Korea another Cuba, another Nicaragua???

You'll note that I do not wear the Uniform of my service tonight altho' it is a singular honor that we who wear the blue ribbon and white stars are authorized to wear the uniform on any occassion, except when it would be defamed by public ridicule or for political purpose. Therefore because I speak on subjects which could be construed to be political, tonight I come attired in Mufti. Sometimes I think this political restriction to be rather redundant. For since 1776, the wars we have fought have been to achieve liberty, are political objectives, and have been the objectives of humankind since the beginning. The beginning, when our creator, reaching out to the touch the fashioned clay that would be mankind, imbued in man's soul the desire to be free. Men have fought and died to obtain, to preserve their liberty. From the coliseums of Rome, to the bloody regime of Red China, in the concentration camps of Nazi

Europe, on the bloody frozen hills of Korea, the steamy jungles of Vietnam. In the mountains of Laos and Afghanistan, in the poor and broken land of Cambodia lie the bones of slaughtered dreams of countless millions whose only desire was to be free. President Reagan, not so long ago, in a speech declared that the Vietnam war was a noble cause. I would echo his remarks ten-fold in speaking of the Korean War...and point out to you who fought in Korea...who engaged in military operations in Korea, were fighting for a lofty and noble cause, the cause of Freedom. The cause of a people, who before the attack of the North Koreas, were limited, by our government, to a lightly armed Constabulary, a National Police Force, but when we realized the intentions of the communist aggressors we also realized the cause of a peoples freedom was our cause. A people were being deprived of Life and Liberty, a cause that still obtains...that exists to this day. . . for the murderers and assassins who attacked Korea in 1950 still attack with a vicious beastiality the defenders of freedom on duty in Korea. An American Major is brutality murdered with an axe at Panmuniom. A vehicle with American guards is ambushed on the road to the Peace Site, we see the benefactors of the North Koreans, Russia, providing a stark example of official terrorism with the shooting of an American Major in Europe and the Russian soldier watching him slowly die while holding at bay those who would provide humanitarian first aid. We see a vivid example of State terrorism with the shooting down of KAL 007 and see that the North Korean follow their mentors example. The people of the Republic of Korea still suffer...from the highest office when their Presidents wife was assassinated by North Korean infiltrators...to the recent terrorist attack when members of the Korean National Cabinet and other Korean officials were blown-up by North Korean Communist terrorists in Burma.

No, freedom today, continues to be under attack, freedom today, continues to demand a constant vigilance and continuing sacrifice. Our efforts in the cause of Liberty, on behalf of the people of Korea does not pass unremembered, a forgotten incident in the long history of Korea. The people there remember and Honor your efforts and you have every right to be as proud of your efforts on behalf of the people of Korea, as our fore-fathers were proud of their achievement in 1776. I would close with this final observation:

"He who refuses to fight for freedom or serve the cause of Liberty, will die a coward, or live as a slave." The people of the Republic of Korea and the United States are not slaves, because you were not cowards. May God bless you and our two Nations.

LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP

As this was voted to be put on hold to see if we would get going at our 1985 Reunion and to allow our treasury to grow a little, it was agreed to wait two years. This will be up in 1987 and it will be brought up and be voted on this next reunion and will give us time to see what the assessment should be for those who wish life membership. There has been many inquiries so I hope this will answer those in the future.

PLEASE MAKE USE OF CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS:

This mechanical age has done wonders in production and efficiency in factories and offices. It was seldom that man had gotten hungry enough to eat mail or mutilate it. It is not uncommon for a machine to chew apart a letter in the cancellation machine or separated the sealed flap. We have received envelopes that have been open and the contents missing. Those that have sent for Hats, Mugs or "T" Shirts have written or called asking where they are? I asked them if they have their cancelled checks and they inform me that I hadn't cashed or deposited them. I would tell them to stop payment and I will send their items. Yes, this caused the post office to investigate a distribution center and they found two employees tampering with the mail although none of our checks were found they could have been destroyed. They are also your receipt and help us when we forget and allows us to trace your items when we know we shipped them.

PLEASE USE YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.

It is very helpful as some of our records are listed alphabetically (card index with personal information) and the main Roster is listed numerically as is the registration book containing the same information as the index cards. Should your address be incorrect in spelling, street names or numbers please let us know. We have had members who have not received their Newsletters and we send them out first class mail hoping that they will not be delayed. Some members have moved and failed to send us a change of address, those have been returned and noted on their cards as to why they were not delivered.

Korean War Veterans

Silent generation of 'Forgotten War'

This is the second part of the special tribute to those who were a part of The Korean War, which ended with the signing of the armistice thirty-three years ago yesterday.—Editor's note

By Sonya Hepinstall Special to The Korea Herald

WASHINGTON-When the 25th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army landed in Pusan for a "police action" In 1950, they knew very little about Korea, and Korea knew very little about them.

Now, when an anonymous American veteran of that war walks through the streets of Seoul, older Koreans peer at the Insignias the veterans wear conscientiously on their pockets or caps, then run to shake their hands to thank them for what they did for Korea more than 35 years ago.

The returned veteran in Seoul looks in vain for some trace of the rubble, the mud and the hundreds of starving orphans and outcast Amerasian children he left behind.

These stories, and thousands more about life in combat and life after combat in the United States, were passed around at the 2nd annual reunion and memorial service of the Korean War Veterans Association this past weekend in Washington, D.C. More than 200 veterans met, some for the first time since the war, to commemorate the mutual efforts of the American and Korean armed forces in a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

They also met to remember the destitute country for which they fought, and to marvel at the advanced industrial society that nation has become.

In a three-year "police action" that ended on July 27, 1953 with the signing of the armistice agreement, 54,236 Americans died and 103,000 were wounded; more than 8,000 were listed as missing in action and 389 prisoners of war were known alive at the time of the signing and remain unaccounted for, according to statistics cited by the Department of Defense.

The bond that brought the veterans together in Arlington was not only the brotherhood that springs from living through a war of such magnitude, a conflict that has been nicknamed America's "forgotten war," but also a special feeling and nostalgia about Korea itself.

In the minds of these veterans, Korea's was a righteous war.

"When you compare WWII and the attack on the United States by Japan, it's easy to understand the patriotism of that time. Korea was very different. Korea becomes a singularly moral issue," said Col. Lewis L. Millet, retired and a veteran of WWII, the Korean War, and the war in Vietnam, at a dinner on the eve of the ceremony at Arlington.

"We did not need Korea to defend Japan. We did not need Korea to defend the U.S. homeland. To take action in the defense of Korea was to prove that if those people who enjoy freedom...are under attack from tyranny, we who are also free need to defend those whose freedom is under attack," Col. Millet said

This sentiment, echoed by others at the reunion, was also one of the inspirations for the Korean War Veterans Association, or "The Graybeards," whose charter was approved on June 25, 1985 in the State of New York. The organization takes its membership from any of the divisions who served in Korea: the 24th, 25th, and 34th Infantry Divisions, the

"Seabees," the 1st Marine Division, and many more. The Korean War Veterans organization is still so new that the VFA does not have it listed in its directory, and yet the membership grew from 39 to 537 veterans in the first six months, according to William Norris, a founder and current president of the association.

"Getting the word out," as Norris called it was done simply. Members put ads in local and union papers or called up friends who invariably knew of at least one other person who had been in the war.

Norris remembers recruiting one member simply by wearing his "Graybeards" cap at a shopping mall. A stranger came up to him and said, " "Were you in the Korean War? So was I."

"People were proud to say they were there," Col. Millet added.

And so on the 33rd anniversary of the signing of the cease fire, veterans gathered with their families at a hotel in Rossyln, Virginia, to "renew old acquaintances, to meet new friends, to reminisce on happenings that occurred 35 to 36 years ago," as Col. Millet put it.

They watched two movies about modern Korea on their first night in Washington, courtesy of the Korean Embassy, and gasped in disbelief. "Must have been made in Hollywood," one man said, "That can't be Seoul."

The statistics, dates and unfamiliar names flew like strange foreign insects in the humid night air across the Potomac: a battle where 50 men had held a hill and only five came down; a memory of the 39 who survived the war out of the 530 who fought at Suwon; the 100,000 Koreans evacuated voluntarily from north of the 38th Parallel; names of cities, places that even most South Koreans don't remember for they are now in North Korea; and places like Heartbreak Ridge, Sandbag Castle, Pork Chop Hill.

There were complaints against the lack of training of the troops and the scarcity of supplies. "We were constantly under-equiped, using antique equipment," said SFC Norris, who volunteered for Korea.

They said some Americans came to battle fresh off the boat after three days of training in Japan and many thousands of Koreans were enlisted from villages with no millitary training and with a poor command of English. "We lost 50 percent of them at the very start," Col. Millet said.

Sunday's ceremony was "to commemorate...that their contributions were not in vain," eulogized Lt. Gen. Vaughn O. Lang, deputy assistant to the Secretary of Defense, who attended the dinner and memorial ceremony as a representative of the Department of Defense.

It was also to ensure that neither the Korean nor the American people would forget about that war, or try to diminish America's role, the veterans said.

"They tell you that in time you'll forget," said Norris, "But it's not true."

"There were bitter times, when I didn't want to see a uniform. We went through a lot of hardships over there and we wanted to forget." he said. "But they (the Korean people) don't forget."

Like the soldiers in Vietnam, the Korean War veterans saw few parades in their honor when they returned from Korea. Unlike their counterparts in Vietnam, however, they have yet to be honored with a memorial, although the House of Representatives passed a bill last November to construct a monument in Washington, D.C.

The Senate's counterpart to that bill remains bogged down in the Subcommittee on Public Lands, Reserved Water and Resource Conservation due to complaints from the National Park Service that Washington lacks the space for more monuments.

A bill to set up guidelines to control the establishment of memorials is on the agenda of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, but may not be voted on until much later in the year, according to Patty Kennedy, professional staff member on the subcommittee.

However, she said, "There's a lot of support for the Korean War memorial."

The current interest in a veterans association and in a memorial after more than 35 years was in large part a function of the publicity surrounding the Vietnam Veterans of America.

"We never thought anything about it (what we did in Korea)," Col. Millet, who earned a Congressional Medal of Honor as a Captain at Soam-nI in Korea in 1951. But after the hoopla over the Vietnam vets, several Korean War vets said, they started to think about Korea again.

Joe Ricker, now a radio announcer in Southhampton, Long Island, remembers announcing that the Vietnam War veterans were going to march in the town's 4th of July parade in 1985 and thinking, the Korean vets ought to march too.

So this July 4th, the Korean War veterans in his area, about 15 of them in all, marched separately from the other veterans "for the first time in Southhampton," according to Ricker.

The association and its members are working toward several individual and collective goals; many veterans hope to revisit Korea and the battlefields they remember so well, others are planning to build a central library of books on every aspect of the Korean War and its aftermath. The group voraciously collects funds for the future memorial, and of course, hopes to return to Arlington annually to remember their dead comrades-at-arms.

The uniqueness of the association, as one veteran put it, is that of all the things they wish for America and for Korea, they really don't want anything for themselves.

Canadian war vets gaining recognition with dignity

In a letter which appeared in a monthly publication of Harpers Ferry-Bolivar in W. Virginia, Col. Ryan of the American Battle Monuments Commission was quoted as saying: 'The Korean War veteran is the only veteran of many wars that this country has fought in who has not been honored by a national monument."

The letter went on to say. "Korean War veterans were the silent generation. Running off to Canada was unheard of; no one burned the American flag, tore up their draft cards, or demonstrated against the war. There was no television to bring the war into living rooms each night. There were no parades for returning veterans; neither did they complain about it.

They fought the war, quietly came back. No one returning from Korea had "post-traumatic stress disorder," or if they did not know it—the term had not yet been invented. And if any of them murdered someone they could not blame it on a flashback to the war in Korea."

Canadian veterans of the "Forgotten War tell a similar story, with a few additional distinctions. No National Resource Mobilization Act (conscription) was required to induce them to volunteer for the Special Force; they were not confronted with a social stigma and referred to as "Zombies" if they failed to enlist. They were all genuine volunteers from the start—a distinction they are quietly proud of.

Again, like their U.S. counterparts, they were not welcomed home with large parades, bands and flags; they simply dispersed to their homes on debarkation leave and rejoined their units when their time was up. Many of those who proceeded to Korea took a cut in pay when their "risk allowance" (for parachuting) was ceased one day out of the Canadian embarkation port. They did receive a small "Foreign Allowance" of \$16.50 per month, but not "Combat Pay" of \$50 per month paid to their U.S. comrades.

On return from Korea, veterans of the Canadian Forces received a War Service Gratuity and Reestablishment credits, but with no adjustments to the rates and benefits from 1945, though inflation was now significant.

Canadian veterans of earlier wars or "conflicts" received a distictive "discharge pin" upon their return to civilian life. Today they are still worn very proudly on civilian dress. But the Canadian veteran of the Korean War?...Well, that's another story...he was in the 'Forgotten War.'

John Clark, immediate past president of The Korean War Veterans Association of Canada, Inc., received The Military Cross as a Lieutenant of the B Company of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment for his actions during a battle that took place on Oct. 22, 1952. Editor's note

24TH INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION:

On August 14-15-16, 1986, the 24th Infantry Division Association held its 39th Annual Convention at the Crowne Plaza in Los Angeles, CA. Being held in Los Angeles this year gave our West coast members an opportunity to attend a reunion nearer to home. Reunions have usually been held east of the Mississippi. On Friday we were awarded a Proclamation from the City of Los Angeles City Council proclaiming Friday—24th Infantry Day. Myself and President Dick Watson received this award at City Hall in Los Angeles.

At the luau on Friday evening, the highlight of the evening was a "Christmas in August" raffle giving away a total of 75 prizes to the lucky ticket holders. On Saturday morning, Gen. Cooley, Commanding General of the 24th Infantry Division at Ft. Stewart, Georgia arrived. With him were a contingent of Color Guards and a 5 piece Army Band. At the banquet that evening Gen. Cooley gave a film presentation on Ft. Stewart and its accomplishments. Also at this dinner, I took over as President and Lt. Gen. Donald Rosemblum (Ret.) was elected the new Vice-President.

The 40th reunion will be held in Chicago, Illinois and Bob Shea will be the Chairman.

Looking forward to a great time in the "Windy City".

Warren G. Avery President

REVISIT KOREAN IN MARCH 1987

Anyone interested in going back to Korea for a visit may contact Mr. Richard Ziemba, 891 County Road, Pocasset, MA 02559 who is the Group Leader. During this revisit a ceremony will be conducted by the 25th Inf. Div. Asso. and Korean Officials to commemorate the Han River crossing in March 1951.

Although this program is sponsored by the Korean War Association of Korea there are some requirements of Eligibilty you may receive all the necessary information by writing to the Group Leader. This visit will be for 6 nights and 5 days in a First Class Hotel and with a Tour Guide helping you understand the culture and keep you company. As the Tour Bus tours the country you will never believe it was the same country that you were in during the Korean War. Having participated in such a revisit I strongly recommend that you consider this opportunity. As there are limited number of allocated spaces early request will be to your advantage and allow you to make the necessary plans.

During the return last year the 25th Inf. Div. had members of others that served during the Korean War participate with them.

DOCUMENTARY OF THE KOREAN WAR TO BE MADE

Letter asking us for our help: Thames Television Limited 306-316 Euston Road London, NW13BB

After receiving the letter from Thames Television Ltd. I sent copies to the Board of Directors for their information. As our roster has been voted to remain confidential and not to be issued publicly I informed Ms. Henshelwood. Having a few discussions with members of the Executive Board it was agreed to have her come to us and let her state her ideas and needs. She was allowed to go through the Roster to select those she would like to contact to see if they would be interested in being interviewed. She was informed that the decision is left up to each member and we would not interfere.

As you can see the letter was sent from United Kingdom on 15 August 1986 and Ms. Hinshelwood contacted me on 29 August asking to meet with me on 30 August. Bill Coe and myself picked Ms. Hinshelwood up at the airport when she arrived from New York City and spent several hours with her. I then took her back to the airport to get a flight back to New York City where she was staying.

Because of this tight schedule with the air transportation we were not able to host Ms. Hinshelwood to dinner. We had snacks and a salad prior to her departing. We presented her with a couple of books on Korea and a few articles that I had copied for her to read while flying between towns. We understand that she will be in Boston and Washington, DC and will contact Veterans in these areas.

Well as we said in our story so others will remember Korea was a WAR, this will help erase that so called Police Action and Conflict that has so long been attached to those that served during the WAR in Korea.

For those who cannot place this television company they have done the Documentary on WWII, "THE WORLD AT WAR". I know my wife knows who they are because I would always watch it. . .I am sure that this company will not take things out of context such as the present controversy now being done by Clint Eastwood in the making of the film "Heartbrake Ridge". Maybe someday he will make a movie about the Army taking Iwo Jima it would be another way to make some money. The Korean Veterans around my area will picket this movie when the time comes to show the feelings of those that served during the WAR and remember.



Thames Television Limited

306-316 Euston Road London NW13BB Telephone 01-387 9494

15th August 1986

Mr. William T Norris, President, Korean War Veterans Association Inc., PO Bos 4610 Halfmoon, New York 12065

Dear Mr. Norris,

Thames Television, one of the major independent networks in the UK, has started production of a series of documentary programmes on the Korean War. The series will be transmitted in the UK, by PBS in American and ABC in Australia in 1988. It will involve extensive filming in Korea and in most of the countries which were major combatants on both sides.

We would like to ask your help in contacting members of your organisation who were eye-witness to the main fighting in the war and some of the conditions under which it was fought. I'm planning to arrive in New York at the end of this month for a research trip lasting 3 or 4 weeks, to try and make initial contact with people with clear memories of their service in the Korean war, some of who we would later invite to contribute to the series.

Perhaps the best idea would be to contact you on arrival to ask your advice on how best to locate people who could describe lucidly and graphically how they remember the events and conditions of those years. Korea has been called the forgotten war: we'll try to ensure that it does not remain so.

I look forward to talking to you.

Yours sincerely,

Isobel Hinshelwood Researcher Documentary Dept



THE TRUE STORY OF THE KOREAN WAR

Thames Television, one of the major independent networks in the UK, has started production of a five part series of documentary programmes on the Korean War, in conjunction with WGBH in Boston and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. The series will be shown in 1988 on PBS, ABC and on the Independent Television network in the UK.

The series will involve extensive filming in Korea and in the countries which were major combatants. In America we are keen to locate people with vivid memories of the war, some of whom we would later invite to contribute to the programmes. We are anxious to locate American veterans who - for example -were witness to the beginning of the war with General Dean, members of the USAF who flew bombing mission, veterans who recall the pull back to the Pusan perimeter, the Inchon landings, the recapture of Seoul, the drive to the Yalu, and the retreat south: General Ridgway's 1951 offensive; the conflicts along the line once stabilized; people who were captured, who were witness to the capture and internment of the enemy, who saw particular incidents affecting the civilian population.

Korea has been called the "forgotten" war: we would like to ensure that it does not remain so through a rigorous examination of the history and by letting the real story be told by participants who saw it then, and who remember it now.

Anyone who would like to contact Isobel Hinshelwood a member of the Thames Television Production team...please write to her in care of:

Korean War Series WGBH 125 Western Avenue Boston, MA 02134

A MISDIRECTED LETTER OF THANKS:

We Korean War Vets thank you and the men and women of the 3d US INF. Honor Guard.

Dear Mr. Norris.

Thank you very much for inviting me to the dinner you all had for the Korean War Veterans. It was a pleasure to be able to attend and then to accept the plaque you gave on behalf of Arlington National Cemetery.

Thank you also for introducing me to Col. Millett and Msgt. Cavaiani the two Medal of Honor Recipients attending the dinner. I enjoyed meeting the Korean War Vets and talking with them. It makes me feel good when I know Job at the Tomb is appreciated by people such as you.

Thank you, Sir, for the hospitality and your willingness to share a bit of History with me.

> Sincerely, /s/Bret Gookin.



Sp/4 Brett A. Gookin Co"E", 3d US INf. Box 56A Ft. Myer, VA. 22211

I had received a call from Ms. Kerri Childress, that was the lovely blond lady that was scurring around with the radio in hand making all the arrangements. It seems that Brett is on the day shift tour of duty at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and wanted to know if it would be possible to have Co. Millett sign his book of the Medal of Honor Recipients. Seeing that he has the day tour I told her to have him come to dinner that night for our Banquet as our guest.

It was our honor that he accepted and it was a pleasure those attending had not anticipated. Meeting and talking to one of these Elite Men that are so dedicated. I have had this pleasure a few times and I still am amazed everytime that I go to the Cemetery to make arrangements. To step into the Guard Room (which is off limits) and see a Guard that is getting ready to go on duty. Believe me it is a joint effort by a couple of them. They help each other and inspect the Relief Guard to insure that nothing is out of place.

It makes this old Veteran feel like he just got out of basic and wish that he was 40 years younger, so he could try to belong to such a fine unit. No, Brett it is us who wish to thank you and the men and women of your Unit for your dedication to duty. We understand the reason you are there is to guard and honor our Comrades.

To show our appreciation I would like to have each member write to him to show our feelings are united and allow him to share with the other members of his Unit his letters as a joint thank you to them that serve in the 3d US Inf. at Arlington National Cemetery.

I am sure that you have not forgotten the number of letters we shared with our buddies and they shared with us to get us over the rough times. Sometimes you thought that you had another family in the States because once in a while there was a part in his letter asking about you.



A CARD OF APPRECIATION:

Minneapolis, Minn. July 29, 1986

Mr. William T. Norris

Dear Sir:

Sorry we couldn't be at the Korean War Veterans Reunion this year. Our thoughts and prayers were with you all.

Donna (Parnow) tells me you have a goodly number now. They are still contacting Veterans and some are interested, some don't want to bother. We have relatives in Wisconsin who fought in Korea and I talked to them abouth the new organization and won't give up on them.

The corsage you sent me last year from the wreath of the one you placed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier I decided I wanted to place it on my Son's grave Memorial Day even though I didn't like to part with it I felt it belonged there on his grave at Ft. Snelling Cemetery. I also donated the casket flags I had from my son's funeral and also my husband's. I was given a Certificate for each flag which will be flown with many others on Memorial Day.

Best Wishes /s/Elda Johnson, Gold Star Mother, MPLS



Department of the Army Arlington National Cemetery Arlington, Virginia 22211 13 August 1986

Office of the Superintendent

Mr. William T. Norris 302 Middletown Road Waterford, NY 12188 Dear Mr. Norris:

I wish to extend my most sincere appreciation and those of my entire staff, for the impressive plaque you presented to Arlington National Cemetery. I assure you that it will be proudly displayed.

I am very sorry that I was unable to attend your service this year. I promise you that I will watch my calendar more closely next year, to ensure that I will be present for your annual Memorial Service and Wreath laying Ceremony.

Again, thank you for your very kind gesture of gratitude.

Sincerely,

/s/ R.J. Costanzo R.J. Constanzo Superintendent



MEMORIAL SERVICE 27 JULY ON VIDEO TAPE:

This year the Memorial Service that was held at Arlington National Cemetery by this Association has been recorded on Video Tap (VHS). The Video is in color and covers the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This year it was a Duel Ceremony as Veterans of "The Korean Veterans Association of Canada" (K.A.V. CAN) who attended this years Reunion also layed a Wreath. Following the wreath laying ceremony the Association held its Annual Memorial Service in the Ampitheater Honoring those that Died and those listed as Missing in Action. This Video Tape is approximately 40 minutes in length.

"The Korean War Veterans Association Inc." reserve to maintain the rights to this Video Tape. The Association has agreed to allow the sale of this Video Tape for the purpose of raising monies to support the Monument and Memorial Committee of this Association. This Video Tape MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED or used by any individual, organization or media in fund raising related activities without the written permission of the Executive Board and Monument and Memorial Committee Chairman of "The Korean War Veterans Association Inc."

Price: \$30.00 each, including postage.



MEMORIAL DEDICATED ON 27 JULY 1986: "Coles County Roll of Honor, Korean War"

Sometime ago I told you in a letter that on 27 July 86, we were going to dedicate a Korean War Memorial. I



thought you might like to have a picture of it. We did not have a real large crowd because the temperature was about 92 degrees. A few weeks before the dedication a sudden wind storm took down several of the trees in the area, so there was not a great deal of shade.

We had a representative of the US State Department who spoke and we had the Republic of Korea Counsul-General from Chicago who spoke. I had the honor of making the dedication address. The event was covered by the "Korean Times - Chicago", a Korean language newspaper whose ciculation covers 23 States. We think that we had an impressive ceremony in which we recognized the living Korean Veterans as well as honoring the dead.

The Mother of one of the men whose name is on the Memorial unvailed it. Relatives of 12 of the 17 men whose names appear on the Memorial were present to lay flowers on the Memorial. We worked pretty hard on this project from February to July but three of us are looked upon as causing some problems, BUT IT WAS WELL WORTH IT.

GLENDON C. GILBERT Mattoon IL

CONGRATULATIONS GLEN and welcome to the select club of being an agitator for such a worthy and noble cause.



MG Yoon, Doug-Kyu Defense & Military Attache

Col. Hwang, Ik-Nam Logistics & Service Attache

Col. Ahn, Taek-Soon Air Attache

Capt. Joo, Jang-Kil Naval Attache

Col. Do, Sang-Ho

Research & Development Attache LTC Moon, Dhu-Sheik

Assistant Attache

LTC Hwang, Chil-Sang Assistant Military Attache

Maj. Kim, Ki Heung Assistant Attache (Naval)



KOREAN EMBASSY PARTICIPANTS IN Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Service;

Again this year the Embassy of the Republic of Korea has participated in the Wreath Laying Ceremony and the Memorial Serivce at Arlington National Cemetery. We would like to thank them for the support shown to the Veterans of the Korean War.

As every time that support has been given or shown to this we have taken time to thank those concerned. It would be nice if the membership would take time to write or send a card of thanks to the Embassy of Korea. The address is:

Embassy of Korea 2320 Mass. Avenue, N.W. Washington, ID.C. 20008 Mpls. Minn Oct. 8, 1985

Dear Sir:

Sorry I haven't written sooner. I have been ill with a virus but thankful I'm on the mend. I was so appreciative of the lovely flowers you sent to me and to my friend Mildred Jenson. I tell you it was a moment I won't forget, it really gave me a warm glow and a few tears, tears of gratitude to know we have people like you thinking of others. Donna and Herb really feel they have a friend in you.

Thank you so much for the letters and continued success with Korean War Veterans, Inc.

Elda Johnson, G.S.M.

P.S. I purchased a book shortly after the Korean War called "The New Breed" about U.S. Marines in the Korean War. The author is Andrew Geer. It gives a true picture of that war, I feel.

My son's name was Douglas Dustin.

Mr. William T. Norris President, Korean War Veterans Association P.O. Box 4610 Halfmoon, New York 12065

Dear Mr. Norris,

I wanted to thank you for the flowers you sent in memory of the deceased members of the Korean, my mother is eighty-six years old and I showed it to her and she told me to keep it.

I like to set down and put my thoughts on paper, in the form of stories or poems. I have a couple of them published in the American Writer, out of Nashville, I don't know if you have ever heard of it or not, but anyway I am sending you one of them entitled Forgotten Men. You may do with it what you want, but I wanted to let you know how my family and myself feel.

Thank God for people like you who do not forget and are trying to let the Nation know how we all feel.

I don't think I ever sent any membership dues, if I didn't, please let me know what they are. Again God Bless You.

Violet Catalfu

BY
VIOLET CATALFU

There are many men out there defending our Country, some will come home and some will not. Wives,

Children, Sweethearts, Mothers and Fathers are at home waiting and praying for your safety and the safety of our Country.

I know a young boy who joined the National Guards and at the age of nineteen was sent to Korea. The Korean Conflict, as it was called, only lasted one or two days for this young boy. Why? We will never know, there were many wars and conflicts before this one, and there will be many more to come if the world does not unite with one another for lasting Peace.

Veterans from all past wars and especially the Viet-Nam war, from all over the country, are honored for their part in serving and defending our Country, but, what about the ones who served and lost their lives in the Korean Conflict. It was in every way as much of a War as all the others, but these men are forgotten by a lot of people, Why? Because it was called a Conflict and not a War, yet many of these men came home, sick, disabled and depressed, and some who came home only to be buried in their Home Town. So, think about these men and try to see them as Heros also.

How do I know all this? Because the Young Boy, who at the age of nineteen went to Korea, to serve his Country, and was sent home to be buried was by Brother. So, please, don't single out one War or Conflict from the other, because they are all important. Remember them all, and pay homage to all Veterans, Dead or Alive.

But most of all pray for Peace among all Nations, all over the World, because this is the only way the Wars will ever stop.

To all you Korean Veterans out there, my family and I will always remember you and thank God for letting you come home, no matter in what condition, and we will always remember the Ones who, like my Younger Brother, lost their Life over there, because they will never have the chance to know the meaning of Life and to enjoy it. God Bless You for being the Brave Men that You are, and being among the many Heros of Our Country.

ANNUAL OBSERVANCE FOR KOREAN WAR VETERANS:

Massachusetts State Veterans seek establishment of a permanent day 27 July to Honor the Men and Women of that State that had served during the Korean War. A petition has been submitted to the Legislative governoring body requesting the State and House of Representatives of THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS enact into law this date.

NEW YORK STATE DEDICATES MEMORIAL:

On 22 June 1986 the State of New York dedicated a memorial to Honor the Men and Women of that State

that served during the Korean War. This memorial is located at the State Campus Office Complex at the State Capital in Albany. It pays tribute to the 5,000 who died, the 240 Men listed as Missing in Action and the 160 Men of New York State who died while Prisoners of War. This Memorial is located in the Rose Garden at the State Office Complex.

Governor Mario Cuomo has signed into law a bill authorizing the erection of a Monument paying Honor to the Korean War Veterans of New York State. This Monument would be in the Empire State Plaza or Capitol Park, has not been designed. Its cost, which would be paid by the state, has not been determined.

EMPORIUM PENNSYLVANIA DEDICATE MONUMENT:

Jack Jones was a driving force behind this tribute to honor the Korean War Veterans of this area. Jack had contacted us last year and supplied us with sketches of this monument and explained his ideas. He had kept us updated on its progress and when the time came for the dedication invited us to attend. Jack had sent an invitation asking if I could attend and say a few words on behalf of The Korean War Veterans Association. Having taken a week vacation at that time to attend my daughters graduation on 25 June I accepted. In my eagerness to meet Jack and support him in his efforts I had failed to check the household activities calendar. As this was my daughters graduation week we had a party scheduled to celebrate her graduation and her birthday that weekend. When I contacted Jack and explained he was very understanding.

Because I had been requested to speak I know that this would upset the planned ceremony. To try to make ammends for my overreations I called a fellow Korean War Veteran from Pennsylvania to ask for his help. Ranger Joe Slavinski who served with the Rangers during the Korean War came to my rescue. Joe accepted this request and later called to thank me for asking him to do this. It is with such help from the members that shows that we are on the right track.

On behalf of the Association and myself we want to take this time to thank Joe for his support.

"TAPS"

Van Winkle, Archie T., CMH #29 Died May 22 1986

A career military officer in the Marine Corps, serving in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, he received the Congressional Medal of Honor for Action in Korea.

Racek, William D., Dr. Member 0635 Died 3 June 1986 HQs. Co. 31st Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div. Korea September 50 to October 51

Dr. Racek upon hearing of this Association joined and offered his help and assistance as Medical Ad-

visor and Consultant. We had received information from Dr. Racek pertaining to things that could be of interest to our membership. The important service that Dr. Racek offered will be hard to replace.

Kuhn, Leonard A. Charter Member 0086 8138 AUS Hosp. Trn. 8069 Repl. Depot Korea Setember 52 to August 55

Have no further Information, will update when available.



"THIS WAS A BIG ONE" 240 Howitzer Korea May 1953

The above Howitzer fires a 360 Lb. shell up to 12 miles. Don Parrott from Minniapolis, Minn. sent this in and we will see that it is returned. By the way, Don, this cannon was made in my old home town at "The Watervliet Arsenal". Another interesting fact is that in May 1953 while in the Hospital in Japan. I placed a call home to tell my folks I was all right and reached my mother prior to her reporting for work at the Arsenal. I will show my mother this picture prior to returning it to you.

RECRUITING OF NEW MEMBERS

"FRENCHY GAURETT" Henrietta, NY, says he had gotten members while wearing his Association Hat on weekends in shopping malls.

"ED ORMSBY", Cohoes, NY has his hat in the rear window of his car (he also wears one) and carries membership applications in his pocket.

"KEN GREEN" Redding, CA. & "SAM ASKINS JR." Anderson, CA. These two members have been putting up posters and held a meeting with other veterans and have sold 2 dozen Association Hats.

They now have a dinner planned in October and have requested 3 doz. Coffee Mugs and another 2 doz. Association Hats along with more membership applications.

"BILL COE", Cohoes, NY goes to all the Gun Shows and military flea markets looking to collect military items. Prior to going to these he stops by for more membership applications.

To all the above we want to thank you in your efforts to increase the membership.

ANNUAL DUES \$10.00

Fiscal year for this Association is 1 Jan to 31 Dec. Dues must be paid prior to or before 1 July following the closing date of any fiscal year to maintain active membership status. We do not use anniversary date of application as a renewal date for membership.

We have 169 members who have failed to renew their membership and will be dropped from the rolls. This is due to the simple reason we are not financially affluent to carry such a burden. All members delinquent in payment of dues were notified in the June Newsletter and again by Post Card in August.

Newsletters have been sent out by 1st class mail to insure delivery. We have received questions from members as to where their newsletters are. First Class mail guarantees delivery or is returned to sender. All those that were returned we kept on file for future reference. Should you change your address please notify the Association.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

As voted on at the annual business meeting in 1985 and again in 1986 is to remain RESTRICTED and not for publication or release.

We will accept requests from members wishing to make contact with others to publish their name and address as it is their decision.

KOREAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA 2nd National Convention, Cornwall, Ontario, Canada. 10, 11 and 12 October 1986.

The K.V.A. (Can) has been in contact with this Association for quite some time now. We have been maintaining communications because of the common bond of Service during the Korean War.

An invitation had been received for the President of this Association to be a guest of the K.V.A. (Can) during this convention on 7 July 1986. This was prior to this years annual reunion and business meeting of 25, 26 and 27 July. As outgoing president I did not answer as I thought that the new president should make this decision according to his schedule.

Although I was re-elected I failed to reply upon returning home. Prior to receiving a phone call from Mr. Elburn Duffy President of Unit 28 who is hosting this Convention, I had received a letter Mr. Bill Cornwall, President of Unity 16. It was time to answer both men and state a commitment. So as not to offend either, I sent copies of the letters to each individuals. The day the letters went out Mr. Duffy called and I informed him that I had just mailed the letters that morning.

While attending this convention I will be checking into the way they have set up their Chapters and Units. As many members have been inquiring about star-

ting these we are trying to obtain a working solution.

We will be participating in their planned activities and will have more information for our next Newsletter.

For those who attended the Associations Reunion in Arlington this year, Bill Cornwall was the Canadian with the ONE EAR ELEPHANT (Vic Poole) in tow.

I hope to meet up with Ted E. Sutherland and George E. Biggley from the Princess Pats (PPCLI) who also attended our reunion in Arlington VA.

KOREAN AND VIETNAM MEMORIAL DEDICATED by State of South Dakota, 30 May 1986

This memorial is located in Pierre, SD and contains the names of 349 men who died in both wars. The 158 men from the Korean War are listed on the left side while the 191 men from the Vietnam War are listed on the right side. All South Dakotans killed in the wars were men including 41 Indian Soldiers.



Placed between the two slabs listing the names of the men who died in those wars was an Indian War Bonnet.

As separate ceremony honoring all Veterans from South Dakota whose are on the Memorial was planned by the Pierre Indian Learning Center after the dedication, said Francis Whitebird, deputy coordinator of the State Indian Affairs Office.



Standing next to the Scroll honoring the Korean War Veterans is Maurice Morningstar. Maurice was not able to attend the complete ceremony as he was delayed due to a Doctors appointment. When Maurice called to tell me he sounded a little disappointed. I hope there is still a Doctor in Maurice's hometown! Maurice says that he will make next years reunion at Arlington and was sorry that he could not make it this year. I look forward to meeting Maurice and his wife Elsie during our reunion in 1987.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS FINALLY GRANTED:

The culmination of a frustrating year seeking Tax Exempt Status as a Fraternal Veterans Association has been granted by Internal Revenue Service on 15 September 1986.

Upon receipt of papers at 3 PM, I was at the Associations Post Office at 3:30 PM filing for our Bulk Mailing Permit. This will now take six to eight weeks. It just goes to prove how much time it takes to get things done. There are very few offices you can hand carry requests or applications to and have them approved on the spot the same day. There is always someone upstairs who has to give the final approval.

This was one of the two hurdles we were attempting to conquer; the other was to start Chapters. Well, this is another ball of wax we will now start to work on. As much as we all complain about Big Brother, (The Internal Revenue Service) we must take this time to thank him. They had called to inform us that they needed additional information in regards to issuing Charters for Chapters. They would hold up the Tax Exempt Status or we could comply with the requirements at a future date. We decided to accept the Tax Exempt Status to obtain the Bulk Mailing Permit. We can work on the Chapter Requirements while setting up a committee to handle applications and develop Requirements Governing Chapter Qualification and Operations. We hope that this will answer many of our memberships' inquiries.

The following information was furnished and we would like to pass it on to all the membership:

"Based on the fact that at least 90% of your members are War Veterans and that you are organized and operate primarily for purposes consistant with your current status as a War Veterans Organization, donors can deduct contributions made to or for the use of your organization".

We urge those members making such contributions or donations to do so with a personal check as to the purpose (donation). Your cancelled check will be your receipt for Tax Purposes. Always make checks payable to "KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION INC".

NATIONAL POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY: 19 SEPTEMBER 1986.

Local members of the Association participated in these activities and paraded with other Veteran Organizations with their colors. They had the privilege of having a local former Prisoner of War, Harold T. Brown, carry our POW-MIA flag. We had seen Harold's picture and article of what was going to take place. The article stated Harold had served with the 25th Inf Div but failed to mention his Company or Regiment. Prior to contacting Harold I checked to see what information I had on him to

have ready when and if I should make contact. When we started to talk and I inquired as to the Co. and Regt, as I had the other information, I was surprised when he told me Co. B 35th Inf Regt. I mentioned that I had met two former POWs who were assigned to that "B" Co. 35th Inf Regt during my trip back to Korea in March 1985. As he would be at the Ceremony that night I told him that I would bring a picture of the two men and give him their addresses. Harold told us that night that he often wondered what happened to the other members of his company that were captured. Because the Tri-County Council Viet-Nam Era Veterans were a major group in sponsoring and participating they help us. We had brought the POW-MIA wreath that we had used in our Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in the Ampitheater during the time that we pay honor to our comrades. We thought that this would be an appropriate time to use it again. We asked the director if they wanted to use it. We then explained that we did not have enought men to carry it, but they were welcome to the use of it. The only problem he came upon was selecting who would have the honor from all that volunteered. As with those "Korean War Veterans" who paraded on 4 July in Suffolks County, Long Island, New York we have been asked to participate in future Veterans activities.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS WEEK

Presiding Officer Gregory J. Blass (R - Jamesport) and the Suffold County Legislature honored Veterans of the Korean War and recognized the week commencing July 27 to August 2 to be "Korean War Veterans Week" in Suffolk County.

Those attending the presentation to the Korean War Veterans Association at the Tuesday, June 24 meeting of the Legislature were: (left to right) Mr. Harry Wikman, U.S.M.C.; Harry J. Strack, Medic-US Infantry; Presiding Officer Gregory J. Blass;



Legislator Lou Howard (R-Amityville), Chairman of the Legislature's Veterans Committee; Sgt. Major Shelby T. Clarke, U.S. Army Infantry; Technical Sgtr. David J. Hunter, U.S.A.F.; and Joe Ricker, U.S. Navy, and also the local organizer of the Korean War Veterans.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS MARCH ON 4th JULY

Pusan Joe Ricker of Sag Harbor, New York got a group of Korean War Veterans together and participated in their local parade. Joe through the use of announcements on radio shows and putting up posters through out the area put the group together. A mojor surprise came following the Parade when they found out that they won second place in the Patriotic Category. The Group received a two foot high Trophy and Joe said that they were all much higher as they had not even thought of such honors. The Banner shown was the banner that they had all marched behind. This shows a few of the Veterans during the Recognition and Declaration proclaiming the week of July 27 to August 2, "Korean War Veterans Wee" in Suffolk County.

STATE PROCLAMATIONS HONORING KOREAN WAR VETERANS

The following States issued proclamations to Honor the Men and Women of their States that served during the Korean War. By proclaming the Week of July 21-27 1986 as KOREAN VETERANS WEEK these States recognized those men and women who served their Country during the Korean War:

Illinois, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Maryland, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Colorado, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Connecticut, Georgia, California, New Hampshire. These are the States that I have received proclamations from. In additions to these States I have received proclamations from towns, cities and counties doing the same. We want to Thank All the Members for taking time to write to their respective Legislators to obtain this recognition for the Korean War Veterans.

By the time a man can afford to lose a golf ball he can't hit it far enough to lose it.

The guy who looks down on his neighbors is usually living on a bluff.

Don't depend on nature to give you special protection from accident. Train your human nature to do the job.

You don't do the right things automatically unless you have practiced doing the right things consciously.



2nd from left-William J. Fewry-Alleghany, Va.



1st on left-William J. Fewry-Alleghany, Va.

SPECIAL REQUEST TO ALL THE MEMBERSHIP:

Would like to hear from anyone who may have known or served with my brother, Cpl. WILLIAM J. FEURY, CO "D". 32nd Inf. Regt., 7th Inf. Div., Cpl Feury was reported killed near Chosan Reservoir on or about 1 December 1950. Anyone having any information that may be useful please contact:

Mrs. James M. Huff PO Box 121 Madison Heights, Virginia 24572

ORGANIZATIONS ALREADY ESTABLISHED THAT SEEN SERVICE IN KOREA:

Anyone wishing to contact Representative of Units that they may have served with during the Korean War may contact the following:

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1st Cavalry Div. Asso. 302 North Main Street Coppeaus Cove, TX 76522

Gen. (Ret) Robert M. Shaomaker, President



North Haven, Conn. August 2, 1986

Dear Ken:

I have just returned from the 2nd Annual Reunion and Memorial Service of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., in Washington, D.C. It was very im-

pressive and touching. The reunion was held at the Westpark Hotel. On Saturday evening, quest speakers at the banquet were Lt. Gen. Lang, Dept. of the Army and Col. Louis L. Millett, holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, who served with the 27th Inf. Reg. 25th Div. in Korea. The theme of his speech was why we fought in Korea; to keep men free, and how Americans may be called on at another time, to help weaker countries fight off agressors who would take away their freedoms, and that we did win the war in Korea.

Sunday: we moved out to Arlington Cemetary at 9:30 AM where we lined up on the stairs in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We each were given a vellow mum which denotes Peace. At 10:00 AM Lt. Gen. Lang and a Korean Lt. General moved forward and placed a wreath on the Tomb. Immediately after the Canadians moved forward and did the same. What I think was the most impressive part of this ceremony was the appearance of 2 platoons of the Old Guard who were heard marching long before they were seen coming up from behind the Tomb. In my minds eye, I could visualize all our dead comrades marching together up to meet us and to join in the ceremony. I'm sure many of us there thought along the same line because as I looked about at the men, I saw many tears rolling down faces. As the Old Guard continued to march towards us, you first saw their hats, then shoulders, and then they were at attention in front of us and as the bugler sounded taps we all presented arms.

We then moved to the Amphitheater and marched center aisle following our colors. We each placed our yellow mum on the book containing the names of the 54,235 American dead and 8,177 MIA's. The Chaplain then led us in prayer to these men. The Korean Lt. General then spoke and thanked us for the sacrifice we all made for his country.

We then picked up the yellow mum and went out into Arlington and placed it on the grave of our choice. We then returned to the CP at the hotel and "refought" the war with the following men of the 24th:

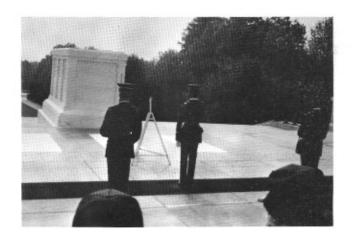
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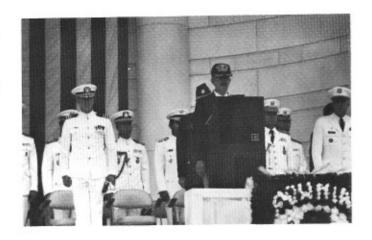
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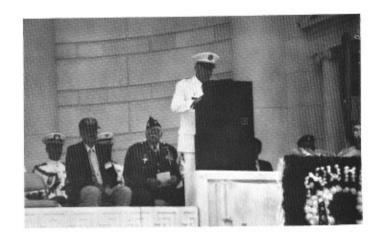










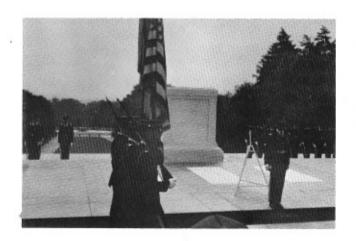


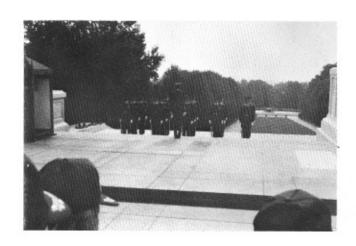


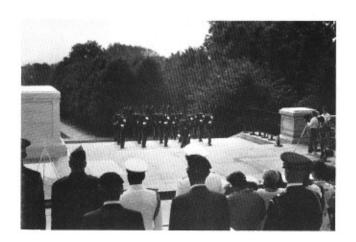


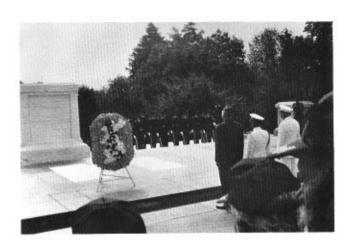




















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Korean War Monument OK'd

United Press International

WASHINGTON—Construction of a memorial to Americans who fought in the Korean War—the only major U.S. conflict without such a monument in Washington—won final approval in the House Tuesday.

The bill, passed earlier by the Senate, establishes a Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board, to be composed of Korean War veterans, to recommend the site and design of the memorial.

The board also will seek private private donations to pay for the project. The bill authorizes \$1 million in federal funds, but specifies that the money cannot be used until sufficient private funds have been collected to complete the memorial.

Construction of a Korean War memorial is "something that should have been done years ago," said Rep. Sonny Montgomery, D-Miss., a Korean War veteran.

Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., a veteran of the conflict, recalled it was called "a police action. But to the men who knew it best, who fought and died, it was a war plain and simple."

The Korean War began in June 1950 when North Korean forces invaded South Korea. Before it ended three years later, some 5.7 million Americans served in Korea. Of that number 54,000 died and 103,000 were wounded.

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Mr. Robert Tuttle Office of Presidential Personnel The White House Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear Sir:

The membership of this Association is made up of "Korean War Veterans". As you may see on the bottom of this stationary we have been concerned about no monument to honor those of us of the "The Forgotten War".

With the recent passage of Bill H.R.2205, the realization of a memorial to honor the Korean War Veterans, it stated that a twelve man advisory board was to be appointed.

As you will note we have a committee within this Association whose Chairman is Lewis L. Millett, (Col. Ret.) recipient of the Medal of Honor (Korea). Prior to our Annual Reunion and Memorial Service at Arlington, Virginia this year, Col. Millett and I met for two days planning what action must be taken. During this time Col. Millett contacted other Medal of Honor recipients of the Korean War and asked them to serve on this committee also.

Because of the dark cloud that has been affiliated with other private fund raising organization for the Korean War Memorial we did not want this to happen. At a time this Government is trying to cut Budget Cost we are aware that additional help will be needed. The membership of this Association are willing to support this committee to see that this memorial is completed.

I strongly urge that Col (Ret) Lewis L. Millett be considered for appointment to serve on the "Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board".

Col.(Ret) Lewis L. Millett, United States Army

Military Career, Retired after 30 Year Service, has service with two countries (Canada and United States), served in three wars, WWII (Canadian and United States Army), Korea (United States Army, recipient of Medal of Honor during Korean War), Vietnam (United States Army with Rangers) has 9½ years combat duty during his military service.

Has returned to Korea in efforts to locate Men listed as Missing in Action as National Chairman of Project Freedom.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. NORRIS

President

1-(518)-371-7816.

To all members of the "KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION".

I urge those recieving this letter in their Newsletter to sign their name and mail to Mr. Tuttle immediately. Nominations will be recieved for 120 days following the signing of this Bill into Law. The President signed the Bill on 28 October 1986.