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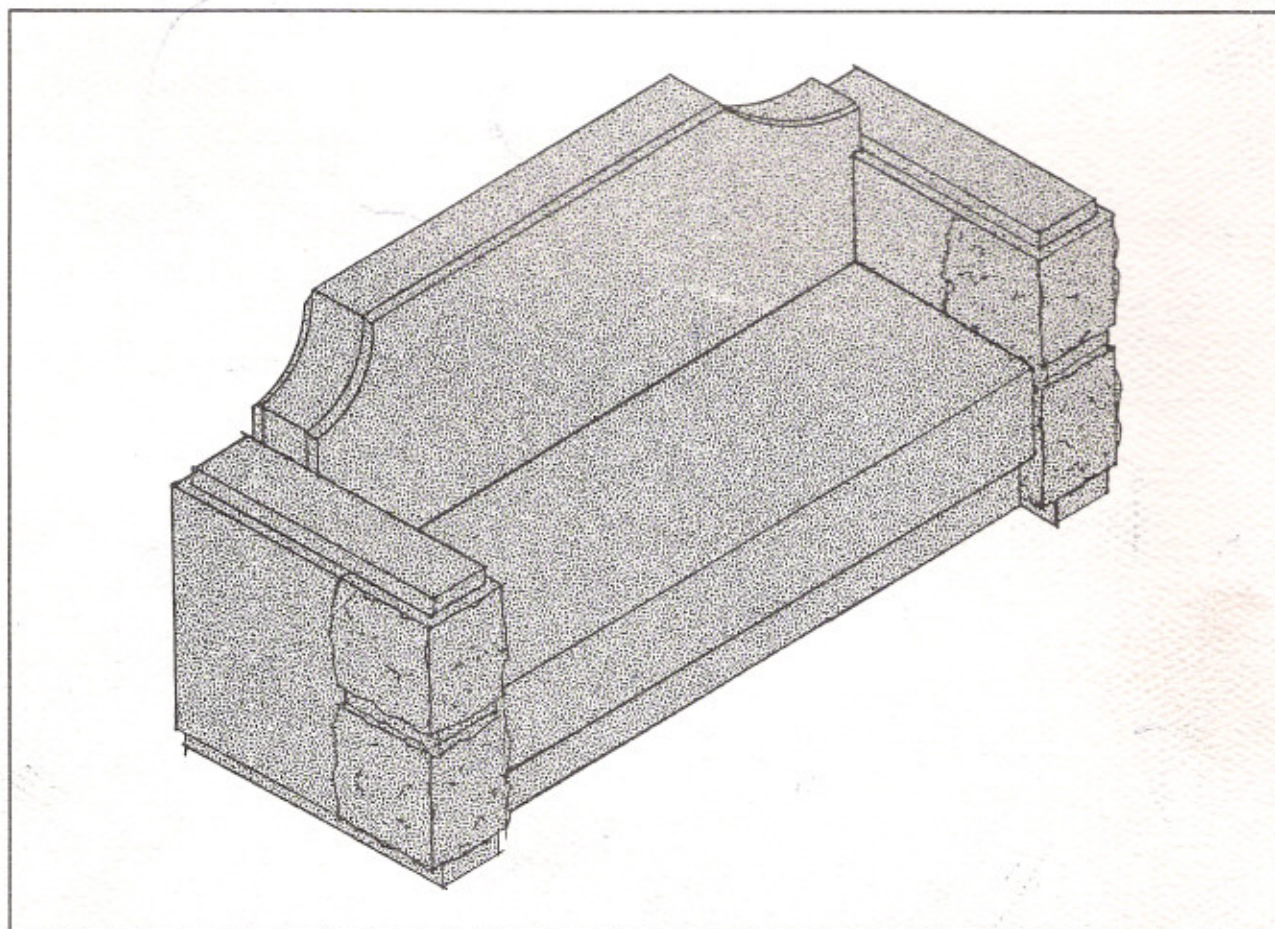


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STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

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

ANNUAL DUES

Fiscal year 1 January to 31 December

Members living in the United States
or Military Postal Service (APO-FPO)

\$10.00

Members residing outside the United States:

\$15.00 (U.S. Currency)

Dues must be paid by 1 July
to maintain active membership

AUGUST NEWSLETTER —

Results of the annual business meeting, reunion and memorial service and raffle results. Raffle results will include a complete financial accounting (total sold, expenses and amount donated to the Korean War Memorial fund). We will publish the winning ticket stubs selected during the annual banquet on 27 July 1987.

"SPECIAL FUND RAISING RAFFLE"

This year we will be conducting a Special Fund Raising Raffle prior to this year's reunion. The money raised will be used for two purposes:

1. To cover expenses of invited guest.
2. Donation to the National Korean War Veterans Memorial Fund.

The expenses will be for the room and meals of the invited guests and their spouses.

1. Medal of Honor recipients (Korea) and spouses.
2. President and International Representative of the Korea War Veterans Association of Korea and their spouses.

Col. Millett will be in contact with the above special guest to make the necessary arrangements.

THERE WILL BE NO MONEY RETAINED BY THIS ASSOCIATION FROM THIS RAFFLE.

Anticipated expenses are as follows:

1. Rooms and meals for all invited guests and their spouses. (We will not pay transportation cost to or from Arlington, VA.)
2. Printing of tickets
3. Prizes: 1st \$1000.00
2nd \$ 500.00
3rd \$ 250.00
4. Printing of literature
5. Mailing of tickets (postage)

The above expense will be deducted from the total sale of the tickets and the balance donated to the Memorial Fund. Following the drawing of the winners at the Annual Banquet, a check for the balance will be presented to the Battle Monument Commission towards the Korean Memorial Fund.

All ticket stubs must have this association member's number on it when returning donations. Return all stubs and money by 1 July 1987 and make checks out to KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION with notation or memo Special Fund Raising.

This will be our first attempt to raise money that will be needed for the completion of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Each member has received the same amount and if you desire more, when returning those stubs request additional tickets. It is the old saying, the more you sell, the more there will be for the memorial.

Mr. William F. Bradley, 12 Sunset Ave., Troy, NY 12180, has agreed to handle all paperwork and registrations of tickets.

RAFFLE TICKETS

When returning checks for Raffle Tickets please send your check or money order for the amount of the ticket stubs sold. This money is under a *special account number* and cannot be used for only the reason stated.

We hope that this will explain things ahead of time should you later notice two different account numbers on your cancelled checks later in the year.

Any member who would like additional raffle tickets write to the Membership Chairman, Bill Bradley. Bill is maintaining the assignment of raffle tickets (by number) to the membership.

After July 1st we request the membership to return all tickets including those that were not sold. This will allow us to make an accurate accounting of the funds.

The drawing for the prizes will be at the Annual Banquet on 27 July 1987. The association will at that time place a call to the winners to notify them of their winning. We will publish the ticket stubs in the August newsletter for the entire association to see. At this time we will publish the accounting of tickets sold and money raised. It will also include the amount donated to the *American Battle Monument Commission for the Korean War Memorial by The Korean War Veterans Association*. This we will be able to announce, was done by the members of *The Korean War Veterans Association*.

Money and ticket stubs have been returned within two weeks of members receiving their newsletter. It has already been deposited and has started to accumulate interest. This will be added to the amount that we will present to the American Battle Monument Commission on behalf of the efforts of the *members who care and are willing to work to achieve this association's goal, a national memorial*.



Army nurse off-duty.

Korean massacre still haunts Magoffin man

From *The Sunday Independent*, Ashland, Ky., January 18, 1987



By George Wolfford
Senior News Writer

SALYERSVILLE, Kentucky — Thirty-six years after he escaped unscathed, the nightmare of the massacre on Hill 303 goes on for Melvin Rudd.

Rudd can't forget the storm of bullets or the two friends who fell dying on top of him.

He won't forget the one Red soldier who showed kindness to the American prisoners and was shot down by his comrades for it. Rudd would like to see a special marker placed on Hill 303 to honor that act of compassion.

He can't forgive his North Korean captors for killing or forget that he survived.

Melvin Rudd's story is a long one. It covers seven years of military service driven by the lasting hatred for the men who killed his friends. But it focuses on a narrow time, less than three days, on a rocky battleground in South Korea.

Rudd, a Magoffin County native, was a corporal in the Fifth Cavalry on Aug. 15, 1950, when his unit was captured almost intact. As a survivor of the horror that was to follow, his accounts were broadcast and printed around the world three days later.

Rudd said that tanks and North Korean foot soldiers launched the attack on his outfit.

"We sent in a call for help as we didn't have the weapons to fight infantry. We were told 60 Koreans would be sent up an hour later under a Lieutenant Pak.

"A little later we saw some Koreans. We called out 'Lt. Pak,' and an officer answered us. Some of them had South Korean markings on them. There were about 45 or 60 of them. We fired a few rounds and then stopped."

In a recent interview, Rudd said he and another American, Truman E. Purser of Alabama, realized the officer in charge of their unit believed the soldiers approaching were the reinforcements the South Koreans had promised.

"We were firing at the main body of their men when our lieutenant ordered us to cease fire," Rudd said. "Pak was coming up over to one side. We knew there was a mix-up because most of them had on Russian uniforms, even the man who answered to Lt. Pak had boards on his shoulders, and they carried Russian burp guns. We disobeyed and fired again.

"I had an ammo bearer in the foxhole and I told him to slip down in a ditch and when Pak got close, shoot him in the stomach. Our lieutenant saw us and ordered me directly to not let it happen."

Most of the unit was taken with no further struggle. Rudd and Purser reopened fire, "but Purser got shot right down through the top of his shoulder and it came out of his body. I grabbed up his first aid kit and stopped the blood, but when I looked up they were pointing guns into our foxhole.

"Purser was frozen or something," Rudd said. "I couldn't get him to turn loose of his gun, and I thought they would kill him, but I finally got it away from him."

The North Koreans took 37 prisoners in Rudd's unit, and captured five more from another company of the same battalion. The captors bound their hands with communication wire and then tied the Americans together into a line. Their shoes, and sometimes their pants, were taken, and they began a march through the rugged area.

As they walked, some of the enlisted men growled death threats at their lieutenant, blaming his confusion for their capture. The strong had to help the weak keep moving. At one point, Benjamin F. Briley of Tennessee fell over a bluff and had to be pulled back by the others tied to him.

The lieutenant was able to loosen his wire bands the second day out, and escaped. Three others who tried to do the same were not as successful. When the North Koreans found their bindings slack, they beat them with shovels and rifles in front of the other troops, then led them away.

"We heard three shots, and knew what had happened," Rudd remembers.

"I got crazy mad and told them, in English, 'If you s.o.b.s will untie me, I'll bite your throats out!' After I cooled down, I figured they'd kill me for that."

It turned out the escaped lieutenant had not been fortunate. His bullet-riddled body was found tied to the front of a jeep in a nearby town by the same unit that later liberated Rudd.

Again they marched, "and my feet were cut to pieces, marching barefoot," Rudd said. "I still had my pants, but my arms were cut from the wire. I was a long time getting the feeling back in them."

"They gave us no water, and the only food was two apples. They started at one end and held them out for us to take a bite apiece. I was near the end and got a bite of a core. They tormented us, ate in front of us and poured water out on the ground. We had to use the toilet in our pants."

Still, the real hell hadn't started.

At one resting point, the prisoners sat on a hillside. The North Koreans took all the contents of their pockets, throwing down what they didn't want.

"This fellow, Benjamin Bristow from Newport, Ky., knew I could speak some Japanese because I had been there for three years before that," Rudd said. "He asked me to get his fiance's picture back for him."

"They left us with one guard and I asked him, using Japanese because I knew the Japanese had forced all Koreans to learn their language. The guard picked up the picture and put it in Bristow's jacket pocket. Then two or three other fellows, seeing me talk to the guard, asked me to get him to light them a cigarette. They had thrown all the cigarettes and other stuff out on the ground."

"I asked him, again in Japanese, and he did it, and we began a conversation. All at once he started to talk English, and it floored me. I asked him how he knew the language and he said he had been raised and educated by a missionary couple in North Korea."

"He made a point to tell me he was a Christian, and I asked him how he could be a Christian and fight in the army of a godless nation. That's when he told me how the Red Army took away the missionaries and asked him to join."

"When he said no, they took him to his home, and when he said no again, they lined up his whole family, starting with the youngest sister, and put a pistol to her head and gave him one more chance."

"But how can you get out here and shoot at fellow Christians?" I asked him.

"He said he always fired over the head of the American troops, although he had to be careful, because other soldiers were watching him."

Two of the other guards came back, tongue-lashed him for his kindness to the Americans, and knocked the smoking cigarettes from the prisoners' mouths. When the other North Koreans left, the friendly guard relit the smokes and put them back.

"They must have just gone around the hill where they could watch, and they came right back," Rudd

said. "They knocked the cigarettes out again and grabbed him and started beating him something awful. Then they pulled him just a few feet away and shot him."

That death, herald of the wholesale slaughter that was to follow, deeply affected Rudd.

"He told me his name and that he was from a village near Pyong-yang, so poor his family couldn't feed or educate all the children. His parents were Buddhists."

"I've studied about that man a lot, the position he was in. We never knew it of course, but when his unit was firing on us, we were firing back with everything we had. I'd rather have been in my position than his. There must have been a higher power working with him to keep him alive that long."

None of the survivors remembered the dead guard's name, but Rudd says that if he could somehow return to Korea, could "go back to Taegu, even to Seoul, and get in touch with some of the government, they might help us find out who he was."

"I want to find out his name and have a monument put there on that hill."

On the afternoon of Aug. 17, with American units closing in, the North Koreans lined up the survivors and opened fire on them with automatic weapons. Among them, Rudd was the only one who was not wounded. He fell to the ground and two dying men fell on top of him.

Five others survived, but one died in a hospital the next day. One who lived, Charles Ryan of Newport Ky., was shot five times. Ryan's high school chum, Bristow, was hit more than 25 times and didn't make it.

Purser lived, as did a soldier named Manring, and Roy L. Day of El Paso, Tex., a veteran who had also survived the Bataan Death March in World War II.

The other survivors were all sent back to the States immediately. Rudd recuperated in a make-shift hospital near the front for a month, then pestered his superiors until they let him return to combat.

Rudd said Geneva Convention rules of warfare excuse an enemy for executing any escaped prisoner who is recaptured, even at a different front. Consequently Rudd's officers at first refused to allow him to return.

Full of hatred and fighting in the same area where he lost his friends, Rudd was shot three times in the leg on Sept. 17, a month after the slaughter.

His answer is indirect when he is asked if guilt at surviving played a role in his decisions.

"Why do you think I wanted back on the front?" he says.

Rudd was sent home, discharged at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., in 1951 and offered a disability pension for his wounds. He turned it down — out of hatred.

"I had made up my mind to re-enlist, and I had a lot of bitterness. I made up my mind I would never take another prisoner. I didn't tell them the real reason, but I knew if they found I had been captured, I'd never get back to the front lines. I just told them I was a patriotic American and not hurt so bad I couldn't work and handle myself, that I figured the government didn't owe me anything."

He did re-enlist, in 1952, and wound up back in Korea, but when he pressed a commanding officer too hard for information, the major noticed the combat infantryman's badge on his fatigues and figured out what had happened. Rudd admitted he planned to take no prisoners, even if ordered to do so by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of United Nations forces fighting the Communists.

The Army got around the problem by assigning him to a western front where the U.N. forces were engaged with the Chinese, not the North Koreans.

Rudd was discharged again in 1956 and went to work in a shop in Chelsea, Michigan, where a number of other Magoffin Countians had resettled. He had in the meantime married Flora Sue Shepherd, a teacher in his home county, and over the years they had eight children.

After a bout with malaria in Michigan, his doctor convinced Rudd to apply for disability. He now gets a 20 percent disability pension.

Rudd has heard only once from the other survivors and then indirectly. Ryan, now a railroader, called, but the two never made the connection. There is an unlisted number in El Paso in the name of Roy L. Day.

Rudd's feelings for the military have never waned. He said his four sons grew up with constant reminders of their own responsibility to their country. All four joined military units, and his son William Allen, a warrant officer, participated with the 82nd Airborne Division in the invasion of Granada.

"I expected them to join, but when my daughter joined, too, it surprised me. She reminded me she had been right with the boys when I was drilling it into their heads."

Now 55 and disabled from a fall from a swinging bridge, Rudd said the carnage of Hill 303 will be a part of him until the day he dies.

"I lost my own son last year, and you'd think that would have to be the worst thing that could affect a man," he says. "But I think every day of those men, my friends dying there all at once."

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

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

It was necessary to drop from the rolls 112 members for non-payment of 1986 dues. In the September newsletter it was mentioned there were 169 members who failed to pay their 1986 dues. These members were notified by a Red X on their June newsletter by post card in August and by personal letter in October. Fifty-seven members brought their dues up to date and we were forced to drop 112 members as of 31 December 1986.

This is a financial drain upon the Association Treasury that cannot be absorbed at present. The Association has the newsletter on a schedule and will be committed to see that those paid members receive it. The Association will not carry delinquent members who fail to pay their dues by 1 July 1987. It will cut from the rolls all delinquent members as of 31 July 1987 prior to the August newsletter.

As of 1 February 1987 we have 1,024 members that have not paid their 1987 dues. Each newsletter that went out in January contained a reminder, placed on the envelope (DUES R DUE). On the inside cover an explanation was placed explaining we have to operate a Fiscal Year of 1 January to 31 December. This date is assigned by the Federal Internal Revenue Service who granted us our Tax Exempt status. Although we are tax exempt we have to account and file a yearly financial report.

This year when you pay your dues you will receive a new membership card. It will show the expiration date of 31 December 1987 so you have a reminder this year. The reason that dues must be paid by 1 July is to be ELIGIBLE to vote during the Annual Business Meeting held during the Reunion.

There still seems to be questions arising as to the time that dues are due. It was mentioned in the September Newsletter with regards to the fiscal year. It also stated "We do not use anniversary date of applicant as a renewal date for membership."

HEARS OF DAUGHTER'S BIRTH

Using a jeep radio, we managed to contact Emmerich in a ROK headquarters. Jubilantly he told of the South Korean crossing. Asked if he knew his wife had given birth to a baby girl Sept. 16, Emmerich said:

"That is correct. I got one message about crossing the 38th Parallel and another message about the baby."

Asked "how about passing out a few cigars?", his voice boomed back over the radio:

"They'll have to be pretty damn long if I get them to you people there."

The Pusan Perimeter

By the end of July 1950 the situation of the United Nations forces in Korea had become desperate. Reinforcements had arrived but the impetus of the North Korean drive could not be halted. Slowly but surely the UN front line had been driven back until General Walker, the commander of the UN forces in Korea, knew that defeat was inevitable unless he stopped the retreat. The enemy had to be brought up against a strong defensive position.

Before the end of month reconnaissance had been carried out to decide on a line of defenses from which to make a 'last ditch' stand, and from which, once the enemy had been held, a counter-offensive might be launched. The line chosen formed an outer perimeter protecting the vital port of Pusan: the last town of any size remaining in UN hands, and one which it was essential to protect if further urgent reinforcements and supplies were to find their way to the beleaguered UN Command.

The Pusan Perimeter, as it soon became known, formed a roughly rectangular area in the southeast corner of the Korean peninsula. In the west it was bounded by the Nakdong River running south from Waegwan to where it joined the Nam River. From there the chosen line ran due south to the coast. The northern boundary ran east from Waegwan through the rugged mountains of the southern Taebaek to join the east coast at Yongdok.

From north to south the perimeter stretched for some 130 km (80 miles) and from east to west approximately 80 km (50 miles). The defensive positions along the Nakdong River were sited on the east bank which formed a significant natural obstacle to the forces of the Korean People's Army (KPA). When covered by observed artillery, mortar fire and tactical air support it would, it was hoped, force a major delay on the enemy and, at last, blunt his lightning advance.

General Walker issued the order for all formations to withdraw behind the Nakdong on 1 August in order to take up these new positions. But even as this final deployment was being carried on a new threat developed from the west. Elements of the US 24th and 25th Divisions raced to stop the gap as the KPA made a thrust against Masan, scarcely 50 km (30 miles) from Pusan itself. The swift reaction of the US troops just succeeded in stabilizing the perimeter line.

The perimeter now contained approximately 47,000 US combat troops together with 45,000 men of the army of the Republic of Korea (ROK). The Nakdong River line was held from the south coast to Waegwan by the US 25th Division, the 24th Division and the 1st Cavalry Division with its right flank at Waegwan. The re-formed ROK army was deployed through the mountains along the northern line with

II Corps on the left joining the Americans at Waegwan and I Corps on the right stretching to the east coast. General Walker's headquarters, that both of the Eighth US Army in Korea (EUSAK) and of all the UN forces (including the ROK army, which came under his control by an agreement of 14 July), was located at Taegu, to the rear of the link-up between the US and ROK armies.



Within a few days further reinforcements began to arrive to stiffen up the defenses and to provide a very necessary depth to the deployment of troops in areas thought to be particularly critical. The first to arrive was the US 29th Infantry Regiment from Okinawa, which was sent immediately to bolster forces in the Masan area in the south. The story of this regiment's arrival in Korea demonstrates just how extremely serious the UN position had become. On 15 July the regiment was warned to be prepared to move to Korea. It was very low in numbers so the men available were reorganized into only two battalions instead of the normal three. On 20 July a draft of 400 recruits arrived in Okinawa by ship. They were issued with weapons and equipment, allocated to the two battalions, and the regiment sailed the next day. It disembarked at Pusan on 24 July and on the next afternoon found itself in the front line. Not one man had set the sights on his rifle, none of the regimental mortars

had been test-fired and the newly-issued machine guns were still completely clogged with protective carbon grease. The two battalions were, not surprisingly, extremely badly mauled when they first came into contact with

the enemy on 27 July. After its desperate baptism of fire the 29th Regiment, or what remained of it, was incorporated into the 25th Division.

MEMORIES OF THE 29th INFANTRY REGIMENT

by Raymond Reis

February 10, 1987

Dear Bill:

There's little I can add to your pool of information; although, I've not heard nor seen the mention of the Argyll-Sutherland Bn. from Hong Kong, the Columbia outfit, nor the Benelux outfit, the Filipinos, Aussies, French, Greeks, Ethiopians, Princess Pats, Middlesex Armor, et al are often thought of. Seoul City Sue and Bed Check Charlie were a couple of buddies in evidence in the Pusan Perimeter. Margaret Higgins certainly deserves high praise for the gallant way she mingled w/doughboys upfront to write her articles and Al Jolson, ill and up in years made his appearance as a showman; before returning home to meet his maker.

It was often said at the time, "Okinawa should be manned by a Division"; instead the understrength 29th Infantry Regt. was assigned. That's the kind of unit it was. Things are different now. The Reds invaded South Korea, the 29th RCT made up of two Battalions was sent in to help stem the tide. They went to the 19th Inf., 24th Inf. Div. around Chinju, then joined as 3rd Btns. 27th Inf. Regt. and 35th Inf. Regt. of the 25th Inf. Div. (as replacements). They left Okie aboard a Japanese Hospital ship.

Some flashbacks might show roads filled with refugees, a hill with so many enemy and civilians it looked alive. Sleeping on a hill side with the 17th ROKs covering and it rained so hard, we felt we were lying in a river bed.

The deserted villages, the old papa-sans with their light beards and hats; lepers on the loose; children suffering and dying; direct laying by Arty; night attacks, Marine Corsairs, P-51s; Napalm and willy-peter — all in all quite a gruesome kaleidoscope. Incidents I might mention have happened time and again.

To reiterate I think of the 29th; I think of an understrength regiment assigned to do a division's job on Okinawa, and two battalions sent as a Regimental Combat Team to Korea. Its members made up in courage for the lack of preparations, due to the circumstances of that period. There's nothing I can add ...

/s/Ray

March 4, 1987

Dear Sir:

I belong to the VFW and DAV; also I belong to the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

The story about the Forgotten Korean War Vets was the truest and most in-detail report I have ever read. It was just the way I saw the war. I went with the 29th Infantry 3rd Battalion from Okinawa in July, 1950. We lost all but 31 men of "L" Company 3rd Battalion 29th Infantry Regiment.

I then went to the 25th Infantry Division, 27th Infantry (Wolfhounds) Regiment, "L" Company, I am sending my dues. I sure wish other organizations would run that same story. It is so very true and it is how all Korean Combat Veterans feel — I was wounded two different times.

I was wounded with a grenade in the back the first time. The second time, with a heavy mortar, three months later.

I get a 40% disability. I still got the shrapnel in my right knee and left knee; also in my backside and in both hips.

I have sent reports by civilian doctors, but they refuse to recognize those wounds and I still have problems getting up and setting down.

I get the 40% on my right thigh, left shoulder and left elbow.

When I talk to the DAV they just say, how can you prove that's where you got the shrapnel? "I have only been in one war." I went in the army in June 1949 and was Honorably Discharged Sept., 1952.

/s/Donald R. Peasley #0936
Haden Lake, Idaho

THE CHAMPIONSHIP RULE

If you sleep on it, make it up. If you wear it, hang it up. If you drop it, pick it up. If you eat out of it, put it in the sink. If you spill it, wipe it up. If you open it, close it. If you empty it, fill it. If it howls, feed it. And if it cries, love it.

Letters

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS:

Feb. 24, 1987

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for 1987 dues for the Korean War Veterans Association. I wish to make several suggestions. I am certain your rate of returns would increase greatly if a dues statement would be sent, instead of just a written note on the outside of the envelope containing the *Graybeards*. Secondly, it possible to find out who to send the dues statement to; it is stated nowhere in the magazine.

I know the above two suggestions would cost money, but I am certain they would be cost-effective. It also would take more help — I believe there are members of this organization who would be willing to help in some of the setting-up duties, if they were asked.

The Graybeard could develop into a fine method of communicating with members, but it will have to follow a more regular publication schedule. I realize it is stated in one issue that it was held up pending a Congressional decision. I feel it would have been much better to get the issue out on schedule, and, if the Congressional decision was that vital, an extra issue, or simply a note to members at the time, would have taken care of the issue. I know you are not the editor of *The Graybeards*, but hopefully you can pass it on.

All of the above is my way of saying I want this organization to succeed. I can understand members not paying dues the second year; it is easy to get the feeling that you get nothing for your dues. I am paying another year's dues because I still have hopes that the KWVA will make it.

I also am willing to help the group, if I can. I do not particularly mean by signing up members, although I will do that if I am convinced that the KWVA can do. Right now I think you have office problems and problems communicating with members. Maybe too few people are trying to do too much.

Sincerely,

/s/Eugene J. Weber
EUGENE J. WEBER
Member #0607

We are in complete agreement with the above comments and have been working to correct the problems mentioned and a lot more not mentioned.

Sending of statement that dues are due would require a special mailing, figure the cost of letter, envelope and postage. Without the necessary funds a stamp "Dues R Due" (approximately \$4.50) with the mailing of the newsletter seemed sufficient and eco-

nomical at the time. It was stated in the September newsletter (that was late) that 169 members had not paid their dues. These members were notified in the June newsletter, a post card in August and a 1st class letter in October (three notifications or statements). Prior to the June newsletter, of the 650 members, then only 85 had paid their dues. The newsletter cost approximately \$3,000.00 to publish and an additional \$200.00 to mail.

The delay in the September newsletter was not due entirely to the Congressional decision we were waiting for but also the previous publishing company. We have since taken time to seek one that would meet deadlines. You will notice on the inside cover the name of the Membership Chairman and his home address. It also states Fiscal Year (dates dues cover). It states on the bottom the month of the next newsletter and what will be included. (We had already made the change that the months the newsletters will be published to be added — January, April, August, November.) It was noted on page 13 (REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS) of the problem we are having when not notified of address changes. It also stated that "This NEWSLETTER" will drain the treasury and we will be looking forward to getting payments from members who have not paid their dues. We keep reminding those that ask "where is and how come I haven't heard anything from the association lately?" this costs money and the treasury is LOW."

The above statements show that we agree the newsletter is the method of communication with the membership. We also are operating on a limited budget (shoestring). The January newsletter stated that it would be out in April, and if enough money was not received I (Bill Norris) would have to pay for it as I had made the commitment for publication.

The cost of the previous newsletters were as follows:

\$2,062.00	April	1,200 copies
\$ 388.50	June	1,200 copies
\$3,230.16	September	1,500 copies
\$3,017.00	January	1,500 copies

Looking to cut cost of POSTAGE:

Last year the association spent **\$1,224.01** on postage. This was necessary to send out requested information and applications by those wishing to join the association. We will not have this expense this year as we will depend on the association newsletter and membership to accomplish this in the future.

Prior to the last newsletter we were reproducing membership applications on a copy machine to save money. The new applications were inserted into the newsletter for the membership to pass on to other interested Korean War veterans to recruit new members. Many of the membership filled these in and returned them to the membership chairman when sending in their annual dues. **This is not necessary but it is more helpful if you would use your membership card number when corresponding with us.**

As mentioned previously, prior to last year's reunion, only 85 members had paid their dues. It was brought up at the annual business meeting to raise the dues to increase revenue to operate with. It was decided to keep the dues the same due to the lack of members' response with hope that it would increase the interest in the association. This was accomplished and we have increased the membership by over 60%. We have to thank those that stayed with the association while we were trying to get organized. We have the help of two more members, Bill Bradley, who has taken the position of Membership Chairman which includes registration of new members and accepting **DUES RENEWALS**. Bill Coe has taken the Quartermaster's position to ensure that items for sale are sent out and keeping of inventory of what we need. The profit from the sale of items is put into the operating fund (purchase of supplies). Both of these positions are voluntary and take a lot of personal time.

We have only recently been asked to submit a resume to the Veterans Administration, Washington, DC to be listed in the Directory of Veterans Organizations. A similar request has been received from the Encyclopedia of Association, Gale Research Company of Detroit, Michigan, to be listed under subdivision of "Veterans, Hereditary and Patriotic Organizations."

We appreciate comments from the membership and will reprint them in the newsletter with appropriate answers. By doing this we think that it will answer questions that may arise or that members intend to ask. We would appreciate any articles from the membership to print and improve the quality of views to maintain the interest. **We will reprint these as long as they are not derogatory and we are allowed to print the name of the member as the source.**

26 Feb. 87

Greetings, Bill:

Just wish to express my joy and appreciation to you and the fellow members of the Korean War Veterans Association for the creation of and the impressive progress that has been made in the growth of the

association and toward the furthering of *The Graybeards'* goals, chiefly, toward the realization of the long overdue Korean War Memorial.

Even though technically I do not qualify for the membership in your very worthy association because I was too young to be a soldier and of the Korean nationality at the time of the Korean War, I, nonetheless, do indeed, feel like a Korean War veteran, because I was with the American soldiers and served them from the beginning of the war until my adoption by one of your fellow GIs in May, 1955.

In fact it was because of my very fond memories of the caring GIs of the Korean War that, as you and the participants at the first reunion and memorial service in Arlington, Virginia know from having seen my manuscript in 1985, I wrote about my fond experiences, as well as about some of the tough times I saw the GIs go through during those tough times. For your information, the manuscript is in the hands of my literary agent in New York City, who is doing his best to find a publisher for it. I, of course, will keep the association informed on this development, through you. As you recall, I dedicated the book to the American veterans of the Korean War three years before the creation of your great association, since that's when I began writing it. That tells you what I think of those who fought and served there during the Korean War! I, of course, am anxious for its publication as soon as possible not only for the fruition of my almost two years of hard writing, but also in the hopes that its resulting publication and also in the hopes that its resulting publicity and other possible benefits can contribute toward the eventual construction of the long-overdue memorial.

My heartfelt greetings to you and to the members of the association.

Sincerely,

/s/Link White

Mr. White, a 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, veteran of the Vietnam War, was known as "Chiisi" of the Tenth Corps during the Korean War.

Dear Mr. Norris:

First, I must congratulate you and the others of the group who have gathered together and published Vol. 2, No. 1, of the newsletter! It appears that you and others of the membership have certainly done a lot of leg work and correspondence to be able to publish such a magazine.

My dues payment is on the way to Mr. Bradley. My sincere thanks to you for accepting "associate" members in the realm of the Gold Star families. And, for the money that has been donated and designated

for the memorial, my thanks.

I came across the following from J.M. Hightower, Lt. Col. Inf. Commanding: "Private First Class Charles Robert Selby US56053416, while with his company engaged in an attack near Ch'u-Dong, Korea, was killed instantly by enemy mortar fire on August 1951, 26 ... The significance of his heroic service to his country will be preserved and commemorated by a grateful nation ..." "It is hoped that this thought may give you strength and courage in your sorrow." This truly speaks to the point!!!

Keep up the good work, my friend.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Selby Anderson
(Mrs. O.A. Anderson)

Re: Member #0488

Dear Pals:

Enclosed is \$10.00 for 1987 dues — THANK YOU for reminding me.

I am Local Chapter Cmdr. for Military Order of the Purple Heart. Got a letter today from Joseph Kozloski, who is running for Natl. Jr. Vice of M.O.P.H. In his letter he says he was with the 24th Inf. Div. in Korea in 1951, wounded at Taejon. Anyway, how about hitting him up to join? His address is (furnished).

Nothing much new with me, getting older and am no longer "Foot" Infantry as V.A. issued me a wheel chair. Now I am "Mechanized"!!! Reminds me when I was in the hospital in Japan. One of the guys from the 1st Cav. got a letter from "Mom." She was "...so happy her son was in the cavalry instead of the infantry." As I remember he was in a rifle company but I don't remember what regiment.

Enjoy belonging to the association and still think about Korea now and then. When I grew up I was told "men don't cry." I think about the guys I knew and even the ones I didn't know; and every now and then, I still cry.

I served in Korea in 1951 with the 24th Inf. Div., 24th Signal Co. a little bit, but mostly Co. "F" of the 5th Regimental Combat Team.

Respectfully - In Comradeship

/s/Clem Harris

Hello! Bill:

I hope your family is doing well.

This is the same photo you put in the (Sept-1986) newsletter. You may keep it for yourself or your records.

The enclosed membership form is one I made up from the things you sent me and I have been sending it to potential members.

Also, I received my medals from the army on January 27th, all except the U.N. Service Medal. It took 45 days, which is not bad.

Thanks again.

/s/Don Parrott #1067

P.S. I think you got **our snow** this winter — 17" here so far.

We want to thank you for the picture. The snow you could've kept. Last I heard we had 73 inches. I just got to see the well and pump that we have on the front lawn. A few more days of sunshine and the snow will be gone (I hope).

COMRADE IN NEED OF HELP:

The following letter was received asking for our help. We realize that this is a lengthy letter but it details the problems that have plagued Korean War veterans because of the lack of documentation and records. This was compounded over and over again with stragglers hooking up with other units while trying to return to their former units. This chronology shows another problem that was caused by TDY assignments with other units.

Mr. Henricks has agreed to let us publish this for all to understand that we must seek Korean War veterans to get proper action on claims. Mr. Henricks is a Service Officer and has used every avenue available and is still seeking verification.

RE: Walter W. HENRICKS,
AF16310913 C17411790

RR 1. D148
Wolcottville, IN 46795
(219) 463-3933

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing \$20 for membership in your organization which I just heard about tonight! If life membership is available, please advise cost. If hats, T-shirts, tie tacs, lapel pins are available, please convey costs and details.

I also understand a pending documentary is in the coming — please include me on such if possible.

I am also member of Mosquitoes/6147th TAC Number 766.

I am a life member of DAV and chapter Service Officer, and a 34-year Legion member and Air Force Sgts. Association member.

The following information is for your files. Will specify data needed for "search for witnesses" in summation. Will appreciate witness search as soon

as practicable.

Entered Japan into the 8th Fighter-bomber Communications section, July 1950. The 8th later became the 6160 Comm. Sdn.

Scott AFB radio school grad "50," Ground/air tech. One of three pulled from last two months of school to ship to the Far East.

In Japan I majored in voluntarily reconditioning from junk and motor pool salvage yard 399 radio vans and power units. These units later became base communications back-ups during air alerts, and many were sent to Korea. The volunteer duties got me off all extra duty and formations.

In December, 1950, I accompanied Sgt. to the Lone Pine Hill overlooking Pusan Harbor to the 606th AC&W Sdn. with the delivery of two 399 vans to the 606th. TDY was two weeks.

In February, 1951 I alone ferried from Sasebo, Japan, three 399 vans to Pohung Harbor. Recruited two Korean laborers to drive two of the vans to Taegue. One van went to Marine detach. One to 502nd Headquarters at the brick school house and the remaining van went to the 6132 AC&W above the strip at Taegue. It was there that I learned of the injury of James Wiecks.

The TDY van deliveries were to orient operating personnel on recent modifications I did while in Japan on antenna tuning units and BC312s and modulation circuits of the BC610 and a "keying" device which greatly enhanced the operation of the 610. Each delivery took about 24 hours to orient crews.

While awaiting air-transport back to Itzuki, the 6160th Comm., we were socked in and no transports were moving in or out of Taegue. I repaired some radio equipment while waiting on the flight line. During frequent travels about the area I was alerted about an AT6 from the Mosquitoes picking up payrolls and mail so it might be possible to hitch a ride to Pyontaek, then pick up a ride out of Pyontaek, K6. I did obtain a ride, on top of sacks of money and mail orders!

While at K6 I met some former Itzuki buddies and the conversation got around to my TDY of 40 days and on my way back "home" the word got out of my status, so was soon shanghaied into either the 6147/48/49 or 50th. In 24 hours I was to fill-in for absent repairman on the jeep observer team who I did not know. A short briefing and getting acquainted with my crew of a buck sergeant and 2nd lieutenant and stocking up on guns, ammo, grenades and whiskey for our trip to somewhere in the Ichon area.

We were drunk when we got our "hill" assignment order and while on our way up the steep hill, about 30 miles north east of Ichon I was hanging on the left rear of the jeep for traction aid and counter-balance when we struck what apparently was a land mine. All I felt was the heat and flying through the air when my lights went out.

I later awoke in an aid station tent on the cold

ground and since I did not know any words spoken, thought I had been taken prisoner. I was in and out of consciousness for an undetermined period. My head, back, ribs, knee and wrist hurt but the head worst of all. I still to this day have frequent aches in the left quadrant of the fracture area. I later "back-crawled" from under the tent at night and staggered in a generally southern direction. A Marine squad picked me out of a ditch and got me to help for my ferry back to K6. I remained in the K6 ward for about 24 hours for observation before making ready for another trip back up in another jeep. We were about to make our big push back North.

All told (my jinx of being with the 48?) we lost four jeeps in a little less than two months! We buried two of them too deep to get them off the hill fast enough, so burned them as they sat. We used up many grenades and ammo in a couple of details.

The 6150th was consumed by the 47th. In the latter part of March, 1951. I still do not know which outfits might have carried me on morning reports as TDY. Anyone on TDY was fair game for whomever could make an excuse for "stealing" that man.

For a time, my orders (when they finally caught up to me) had me with the 6132 AC&W sdn. in about April of '51, but I was never there when they said I was (?).

While at K6, re-outfitting for more trips back up front, I got wind of some buddies in the 606th. AC&W was across the strip, so I went to visit and met several former radio school and shipboard buddies. While there I was presented with a challenge of repairing a 610 which was shocking everyone when keyed and had been that way ever since the 'States, Shaw Fld., N.C. I had the unit repaired in a jiffy by laying down behind the thing and working on it with the interlock jammed and rear panel off. A tiny piece of uninsulated wire wedged on the plate relay and was shunting a goodly share of the RF voltage into the truck chassis during "keyed" operation!

Capt. Carl Hoppe from Ohio was so pleased over the deal and so was everyone else; they decided they gotta have me on their crews. Hoppe made a trade for me: an FM transmitter for a technician. Later — a year later — Hoppe had to pay for the shortage xmtr. The inventory caught up with him!

Anyway, around early May was when I got booked into my new outfit, the 606th AC&W. It may have been the latter part of April, to be more exact.

As to the radio jeep-land mine incident — no witness survived. As I understand it, both the driver and observer lt. got killed in the incident. I probably would have too, if I had been inside the thing. I still do not know if it might have been a North Korean medic station I was in.

May '51, with 606th — I volunteered to go with the advanced party to Kimpo. The only technician along on this journey — which was interesting, as while we went up the main road to ol' Smokey, the British were finishing up their mopping-up and going down the other side. We had to do some burying of Chinks

before digging the vans in, and often dug into a body buried within a bunker, which we concentrated on for hiding the vans.

July '51 — I volunteered again for Pyongyang-do Island detachment to help set up communications sight to help with the overloaded air-strike channels. This operation consisted of four vans with operations inside our squad tent for about 10 men. We worked around the clock many times to handle radio traffic, damaged aircraft returning from North Korea.

All supplies were delivered by LST operated by the Japanese. It took most all of the military on the island — off-duty personnel to hike to the beach and help unload fuel drums and tent frames and so forth. Two men lifted the 55 gal. fuel drums onto six trucks. Quite a task for average men not physically in shape for such lifting. I re-injured my back several times over these details.

17 Sept. '51 — While awaiting deactivation and return back to Kimpo via Inchon. Cold, misty, and tide coming in. We packed up that very day. No advance notice to leave the island. While waiting on the beach a DC2 mail plane landed. The Greek Royal Hellenic pilots delivered mail, booze, money to other detachments on the island. At 1900 hrs., when the plane took off it hit a soft spot on the beach and spun into the surf. Many planes had this happen but not so bad they couldn't get out on their own power. Then again, many damaged craft had problems, too, upon landing.

We drove to the scene and my buddy J.J. Clark, radio operator, and I decided to carry a line to the tail wheel and try pulling the plane back onto the beach out of the incoming tide. One cable eventually met four cables and chains. It took four vehicles to pull the plane out of the surf, which was running high and cold! During the time of hooking the last chain onto the tail wheel, a wave lifted the tail up. The undertow dragged me under the wheel and the tail came down onto my back. JJ tried to pull me free but the weight of the plane pinned me solid against the sandy bottom. While pinned, I finished securing the last chain and cable. I was a good swimmer and could hold my breath a long time, so was not overly panicking. JJ had called for help but by the time his words made sense to the men ashore 150 feet away, the next incoming wave lifted the tail and I was able to wiggle free with JJ's help on my legs. I was beginning to panick towards the end, afraid the next wave was not coming in soon enough. The plane kept sliding further out to sea with each wave, and it dragged me with it when I was pinned.

We were both down to our shorts and blue with cold. The island Commandant — a Marine colonel — ferried us in his jeep peromptly to his command post — namely the island intelligence HQ. We had our first hot shower in all our time on the island. I was shaking badly and was still blue from the cold when we dressed and downed a couple of hot rum toddies. By the time we got back to our LST our men had it

loaded and about ready to leave the beach. Tide was nearly at maximum then, so we went to our bunks. Another hot shower and tea.

For the next tree days I was not able to move from the bunk until I had to go to the bathroom so badly I managed to crawl to the head. The Japanese captain of the ship gave me something to drink and some liniment, which helped considerably. We had to stop at all the islands on our way back to Inchon which took around 10 days for our trip. We had to wait at each island for high tide and on some, wait until the next day.

I went to the general hospital in Seoul after being recommended by the air strip dispensary at Kimpo. I went to the Seoul facility twice, but nothing really was done. The 606 aid station gave out APCs.

After an R&R to Fukuoka and Japanese doctors, there I was, feeling a bit better when I got back to Kimpo. Upon returning it was another volunteer mission to another island farther North of Pyongyangyongdo — namely CHODO-Dentist Charlie radio call sign; 90 miles farther north and only two miles from the commie mainland.

Arriving in Chodo, the latter part of October, 1951, I set up the numerous radio gear as its only technician. We had about eight men of the 606th present, with Lt. C.D. Alexander as our detachment commander. Terrible winter. More LST supplies via the freezing water to be loaded and more back strains. We had food shortages, numerous dysentery cases. Frequent shelling from the mainland. Occasionally, I helped remove bullets from the South Korean guerillas and suture them up. Often repaired the Navy island commandant's (Lt. Penny) radio gear and the crash boat's gear. We obtained supplies from New Zealand, British and U.S. ships. The U.S.S. Manchester medics gave me both pain and pneumonia medicine in the fall of '51. — November. We used one of the island's skulling boats to get to the visiting ships which shelled the mainland to help us out.

Wind and cold got to all of us. Food shortage did too. LST running aground in blizzard on the commie mainland did not help our food supplies, either. Always cold, bitter wind — to match and outdo *Four Years Before the Mast!* Wind blew our antennas down and repairs had to be made in -20° blowing snow weather.

Our purpose was to help damage aircraft back to help farther south of us. And to help severely damaged craft to beach it in on the west side of the island. Then we ran intelligence missions from our island well behind the commie lines. Some missions went as far north to nearly the harbor of the Yalu River.

We later go some army ack-ack men to help for defense with their quad fifties out on the point. One of their men committed suicide with his grenade during one of our howling blizzards. We ate water buffalo and rice reserved for Korean laborers when food ran short.

Help: Publish —

Our placement on the behind-the-lines island was top secret — and the government for many years did not want to admit to the commies our existence. Hence, our records and claims and existence has been highly distorted and non-existent as far as public knowledge goes!

The first crew on the island left via LST in April, 1952.

Many of us, including me, were to be returned to the 'States.

When I left Japan for good to Korea on that fateful TDY tour I weighed 180 lbs, the same as leaving the 'States. I was 6'2" and well-built. After three bouts of dysentery in Korea, pneumonia, crud and whatever, and three back injuries I arrived in California at 129 lbs. and 5'11"!

HELP: If anyone can recall the jeep-observer incident about 21 Feb. '50, probably with the 6148th TAC. via K6.

SECOND SPINAL INJURY occurred while man-handling fuel drums and very heavy antenna crates on the island of Paeyangyong-do from July to September '51. During salvaging of the DC2; 17 Sept. '51, 1900 hrs.

THIRD MAJOR INJURY: During salvaging of the DC 2; 17 Sept. 51, 1900 hrs. Paeyangyong-do Island. 18 witnesses.

Thank you.

I doubt if further re-injuries with fuel drums and antenna crates witnesses will carry enough weight. The antenna crates weighed 350 lbs. and two of us man-handled them which increased spinal damage.

There army, marine, navy and air force people who know about the DC 2 sitting on my back in the very cold water — they all cannot be dead. I have had three letters confirming the incident but I must have the eyeball witness, so the system says. All help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/Walt Henricks

Williamson W. Va.

March 11, 1987

Dear Mr. Norris:

Be sure that I am most appreciative of your sending me the January newsletter. I found the format very attractive and the contents informative, inspiring and thought provoking. I read it from cover to cover and some of it over and over.

Your speech (page 10) was excellent. It must have been a masterful presentation judging from the contents. I also found the article, "The Forgotten Man of the Forgotten War" exceptionally good.

I will pass this newsletter on to my nephew, Chad Slater. I feel that it is very important that we keep before the younger generation what the Korean War was all about. Your newsletter and your Statement of Principles will go a long way in achieving this objective.

Mr. Norris, Chad has profited so much from the materials that you made available. The Korean War and Heartbreak Ridge have come alive for him and we have you to thank. He did make an A+ on his English paper. The teacher was well-pleased, not only with his work, but with his interest in doing the assignment. Chad seems to have fun doing the research. His teacher has suggested that he keep it and go into the subject in more detail for a future assignment — perhaps at the college level.

Thank you for your kindness and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/(Ms.) Virginia L. Chapman

March 6, 1987

Dear Sirs:

V.F.W. Post 1079, Elyria, Ohio donated \$100.00 to the War Memorial (Korea) and the Ladies Auxiliary contributed \$50.00 also.

The money to be forwarded by Quartermaster later.

Norman Heldt
(KWVA #0604)
Public Relations Chairman

VFW Post 1079
Elyria, OH 44035

We wish to thank Post 1079 for this generous donation to the Korean War Memorial. We are sure that this will be sent to the appropriate agency designated to receive such.

February 24, 1987

Dear Mr. Norris:

You recently requested information about the formation of our Redding Chapter. I hope the following will help you.

The Redding, California Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association held its first meeting September 13, 1986.

A membership drive was held October 6-7, 1986 in the Redding Downtown Mall. This increased the membership to 45. A few more have since joined to bring the total membership to approximately 52. There may be more members because some who picked up applications didn't leave their names.

The membership decided they would meet the second Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at different restaurant locations where no host dinners are enjoyed, with business meetings following. Spouses are invited.

Sam Askins, co-founder of the Redding Chapter, asked George Deukmejian, governor of California, to proclaim July 21-27, 1986 as Korean War Veterans Week and the governor did this.

In November some of the members participated in the Veterans' Day parade in nearby Anderson (CA) to remind people of the forgotten war. The chapter was honored to receive a third place trophy.

Special events coming up are a parade on July 4, 1987 in Weaverville and a parade in Anderson on November 7, 1987. We will have membership applications available at the Anderson District Fair (Shasta County) on June 16-20, 1987; these will be at the D.A.V. and the M.I.A. booths. Nominations for new officers will be made at our April meeting with the election following at our May meeting.

Current officers are:

Ken Green, Chairman pro-tem
Phone: (916) 243-0404 (office)
(916) 549-3614 (home)

Leroy Neuenfeld, Secretary/Treasurer
Phone: (916) 365-5102

Sincerely,

/s/KENNETH GREEN
Chairman, Pro-Temp

The following named person is appointed to Chairman, pro-tem to the above group of Korean War Veterans of this association of Redding, CA.

Mr. Ken Green will operate under the guidelines of the approved Charter and By-Laws of this association as amended.

This title of office may change following this year's annual business meeting of 26 July 1987. The selection of a committee to develop operational guidelines and rules to govern state chapters and units under those state chapters will have priority this year.

Until this is accomplished, Mr. Kenneth R. Green shall be appointed Chairman pro-tem.

Sincerely,

/s/WILLIAM T. NORRIS
President
KWVA

The White House
Washington, D.C.

January 15, 1987

Dear Mr. Norris:

On November 19, 1986, I received your recommendation of Lewis L. Millett for appointment to the Korean War Memorial Commission, which I acknowledged on November 22, 1986.

Since then I have received some 200 additional copies of your letter signed by individual members of your organization.

In your next newsletter, please publish my thanks and deep appreciation to all your members for their efforts and support for Mr. Millett's appointment to the Korean War Memorial Commission.

Be assured that their comments will be included in our personnel files, and as we endeavor to select the most qualified individuals to serve in the second term of the Reagan Administration, their support will be given careful consideration.

Sincerely,
/s/Bob Tuttle
Robert H. Tuttle
Director of Presidential Personnel

18 February 1987

Subject: Appointment of Chairman pro-tem representative of the Korean War Veterans Association, Redding California group.

To: All Executive Board and Directors
Korean War Veterans Association

We wish to thank the members for taking the time to forward the letter and endorse the nominee to this important committee. We also wish to thank the members who also took the time to write to their senators and congressmen seeking their support also. We have received letters from them acknow-

ledging their support and endorsing your individual efforts.

We had submitted the name of Lloyd "Scooter" Burke, Col. Ret. for consideration to serve on the Korean War Memorial Advisory Board also. Both of the nominees are recipients of the Medal of Honor from the Korean War and retired from a full military service career. Both men saw further service for their country in the Vietnam War.

We will publish the names of those selected to serve on "KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL ADVISORY BOARD" in our August Newsletter.

2 March 1987

The Graybeards
Korean War Veterans Association
P.O. Box 4610
Halfmoon, NY 12065
Mr. William T. Norris,
Editor and President

Dear Bill

I just read Volume 2, number 1. I changed my mind about import cars when I heard that Hyundai made that contribution to the Korean War Memorial. I might buy one myself.

I already made a contribution to the Korean War Memorial; otherwise, I would have donated through the Korean War Veterans Association.

Sincerely,

/s/Dick Larrowe
#0720

E Co. 3d US Inf
Box 56A
Ft. Meyer, VA. 22211
3 Mar 1987

Dear Mr. Norris:

I hope all is well with yourself and the association. I do not meet any of the qualifications to become a member of the Korean War Veterans Association, but I would like to continue receiving your newsletter. I've only met you all once, but you are a great group of guys, and I enjoy reading about what you've done and what you plan to do. If the invitation to come to the reunion is still open I would really like to stop by. I will be in the area for that long barring any unforeseen circumstances.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely, /s/Brett Gookin

Brett, the door is always open at the reunion. I was pleased to hear that you would still be at Arlington

National Cemetery for this year's reunion and memorial service. You had previously mentioned that you may be released from the military early and felt bad that you would not be able to meet our members this year.

Well, I can see things still change rather fast in the military, and there are still those fast changes in assignments. Brett, we look forward to having the pleasure of meeting and talking to you again during this year's reunion.

The American Legion Magazine

March 3, 1987

Dear Mr. Norris:

This is to inform you that upon re-evaluation, we are dropping editorial material to ensure that we have enough space for your reunion notice in the June issue of *The American Legion Magazine*.

I apologize if our earlier notice rejecting your reunion submission caused any inconvenience.

Sincerely yours,

/s/Raymond H. Mahon
Managing Editor

We wish to acknowledge this gesture and consideration. It was our fault for not sending in the notice in the required time that the American Legion requires. We want to let the membership of this association know of this recognition and consideration by this fine organization.

Dear Korean War Veterans Association:

I recently attended a reunion for ex-POWs of the Korean War in Portland, Oregon, July 31-Aug. 3. I passed out several membership slips. Enclosed are two applications for membership; \$10.00-Rogers, \$20.00-Leonard Rachel. If there is no membership fee for Rachel, as he is a Korean POW, then consider the \$20.00 as a donation to the monument fund.

We have our ex-POW reunion the last weekend of July through the first weekend of August. 1987 reunion will be in St. Louis, MO., 1988; site will be in Norfolk, Virginia. Our president is Bill Norwood, 909 Whisperwood Trail, Cleveland, TN 37311.

We gather to visit and renew old friendships formed in the POW camps of Korea.

Col. Millett was guest speaker at our banquet this year. Perhaps you could mention our group in your newsletter. Our group started in 1976 with 12 POWs getting together. It has grown to 350-400 POWs and families and we have a great time.

Thank you.

/s/Roy E. Hewitt
Box 146
Norwich, KS 67118

Association Plaques

We would like to thank the following persons for their assistance in presenting these plaques to those mentioned:

Ken A. Borchardt - Blue and Grey VFW Post No. 8469.

Ralph W. Melcher - Mr. Peter Coor, President, Coors Brewery.

Victor Gerst - Honorable James J. Florio.

*Lloyd "Scooter" Burke - Honorable William L. Armstrong,
- Honorable Stan Parris.*

Dear Mr. Florio:

The members of this association, in recognition of your efforts in obtaining a memorial to honor the men and women who served during the "Korean War," present to you this plaque.

The long overdue recognition of those that served their country and remain quiet is a reality now because of Bill H.R. 2205 which you introduced.

Although legislation has been introduced in other years, it has died during the session. The motivation of putting H.R. 2205 together along with a driving effort in obtaining co-sponsors assured the passage of H.R. 2205.

We are looking forward to the day we will remove the bottom of our stationery. The day is at hand now, thanks to the legislators such as you who represent us in the nation's Capitol.



Left to right:

Bob Coyle, George Walker, James Florio, Victor Gerst.

Dear Senator Armstrong:

The members of this association, in recognition of your efforts in obtaining a memorial to honor the men and women who served during the "Korean War," present to you this plaque.

The long overdue recognition of those that served their country and remained quiet is a reality now. Because of H.R. 2205 sponsored by Mr. Florio and your Bill S-1223 the "Korean War Veterans Memorial Act of 1985" is now a reality.

This monumental piece of legislation that the President signed on 28 October 1986 is due to the support that you have given to this issue. We are sure that the additions by the Senate to H.R. 2205 can be traced back to your efforts to ensure this memorial would be achieved. Through your efforts in obtaining co-sponsors and seeing that it was voted on during this session ensured its passage.

We are looking forward to the day that we will remove the bottom of our stationery. The day is at hand now, thanks to you and the recent passage of the "Korean War Veterans Memorial Act of 1985."

Dear Mr. Parris:

The members of this association, in recognition of your efforts in obtaining a memorial to honor the men and women who served during the "Korean War," present to you this plaque.

The long overdue recognition of those that served their country and remained quiet is a reality now because of legislators such as yourself.

Although legislation has been introduced in other years, it has died during the session. Your introduction of Bill H.R. 2588 and later withdrawal of it in favor of Mr. Florio's Bill H.R. 2205 reflects such moral fiber of greatness within a man.

By withdrawing your bill, Mr. Florio's name will be recorded in history as the sponsor of the "Korean War Memorial Act." Members of this association will always remember your efforts in seeking similar recognition for us and even to forfeiture of a place in future history.

The Korean War Veterans Association's membership is proud of your noble gesture, and we should thank your constituency, who elected you to represent them in the Congress of the United States.

We are looking forward to the day we will remove the bottom of this stationery. The day is at hand now, thanks to the legislators such as you who represent us in the nation's Capitol.

10 February 1987

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.
Blue and Gray Post No. 8469
P.O. Box 114
Fairfax, Virginia 22030
Attn: Post Commander

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the members of the "Korean War Veterans Association" we wish to present this plaque to the "Blue and Gray Post No. 8469."

This plaque is in appreciation of Post No. 8469 for its generous donation last year to this association prior to Annual Reunion and Memorial Service at Arlington, Virginia.

By combining your financial donation with a donation from Unit #4, London, Ontario, Canada of the "Korea Veterans Association of Canada" we purchased our Association Flag. This would not have been possible due to our recent formation and limited funds.

We are sure that some members of Post 8469 have seen the "Korean War Veterans Association Flag" during last year's reunion. We are proud of this flag and will always remind those who inquire where and who helped us obtain the flag.

Please express to your membership our most sin-

cere gratitude from the members of the "Korean War Veterans Association."

Yours in Comradeship,
WILLIAM T. NORRIS
President

Dear Sir:

We would like to present this plaque to Coors Brewery in recognition of your support and most generous donation. Because of your donation and the additional donation of the local distributor (Arlington, VA. area) our 2nd Annual Reunion was successful.

This allowed the association to use money allocated for this expense to be used to hire a band. With this newly-formed association, we do not have a large reserve of funds to cover such expenses.

We would also like to thank you for your donation of the combat posters that your representative gave to the members. It was an added pleasure for the men to meet the artist who painted them when he dropped into the hospitality room.

I must say that there was not a request for any other brand of beer requested.

WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT:

I would like to contact former members of "C" Co. 1st Pltn. 1st Bn. 1st Marine Div. with whom I served in Korea in 1953, 1954 and part of 1955.

Claude Little
Box 124
Hellier, KY 41534

Korean War veteran. His name is Guy W. Comley, P.O. Box 315, Berea, KY 40403.

Should any member wish to drop Guy a line and thank him, I am sure that he will appreciate it. We appreciate his effort and are glad to shine the light on Guy and thank him for all the time and expenses he has incurred.

The *Phantom of Kentucky* is now exposed, and again, Guy, you have done a superb job of recruitment in your state...

OUR SUSPICIONS CONFIRMED

As mentioned earlier, there is one member who is a driving force in Kentucky. This member has been placing ads in newspapers, writing articles to the editor, phoning fellow veterans. In his spare time he has written 108 letters to congressmen and senators across the United States. He has spent \$1,800.00 on ads in the newspapers and has lost count on the postage to send out letters.

This member is 100% disabled and still refuses to take it easy. Every letter that he writes, he tells me that it is not necessary to answer as he understands that I am busy. Well, I think it is time that we open the door and let some light shine onto this dedicated

U.S. 5th AIR FORCE HEADQUARTER, KOREA

Oct. 1 (AP) — A Fifth Air Force rescue helicopter was knocked out of the air Saturday by an enemy tank mine in one of the oddest accidents of the Korean War.

The helicopter was on its way to evacuate a battle casualty. It was piloted by Capt. Ferdinand Svore, of Alexander, N.D., and carried Cpl. John Fuentez, of Kansas City, Kans., as a crewman-medic.

Near Andong, South Korean soldiers had dug out some Red tank mines and tossed them beside the road. Noting that the mines had time fuses, the

South Koreans vacated the area temporarily.

One mine exploded just as the helicopter flew over. The explosion knocked out the controls. The helicopter turned over and crashed upside down.

It was demolished.

Svore was cut on his forehead and hands. Fuentez suffered leg and back injuries. Three South Korean soldiers jeoped the injured airmen back to their base.

The mine blasted a hole in the ground six feet deep and 18 feet across.

REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ex-POWS Korea

Annual Reunion last weekend of July, first weekend of August, 1987. St. Louis, MO. For information contact:

Mr. Bill Norwood, President; 909 Wisperwood Trail
Cleveland, TN 37311 (615) 476-3628

24th Inf. Div. Assn., 40th Reunion, August 14-15 and 16, 1987. Hyatt Regency Woodfield, Schaumburg, IL. For information contact:

Mr. John R. Shay, 1129 Sherman Rd., Glenview, IL
60025. (312) 724-5133.

On Wednesday, August 13, the members of the 34th Infantry Regiment will hold a mini-reunion at the same hotel. Maj. Lacey Barnett (Ret.) who is writing a history of the 34th Regiment will be there to answer any questions about his book and will welcome any information from past members of this Regiment.

45th Infantry Div.

Co. A. 120th Engr. 45th Inf. Div.

23 May 1987

*Holiday Inn, 3 Executive Boulevard
Suffern, New York*

Contact:

John J. Hammersley Sr., 87-12 98th St. #4C,
Woodhaven, NY 11421.

"MOSQUITO" Military Unit Reunion

"MOSQUITOS" 6147 Tac. Control Gp., 5th A.F., KOREAN WAR 1950-58. All personnel, attached units & TDY people. combat aircraft T-6 "TEXAN." At the Mayflower Park Hotel, Seattle, Washington. Dates are July 23-26, 1987.

Reunion Commander:

Orville S. Long; 10621 SE 236th Pl.; Kent, WA
98031. Tel. (206) 852-1030 for information.

UNIQUE HEROES OF A UNIQUE WAR HOLD REUNION: The T-6 Airborne and Ground TACP Combat Crews and Attached People, 6147 Tactical Control Group, 5th Air Force, KOREAN WAR (1950-58).

An unusual, highly aggressive, hardy breed of MOSQUITOS will gather in Seattle, WA this summer, 1987. These are not the usual variety of mosquitos that Washington people deal with when the weather gets warm. These MOSQUITOS are former members of the 6147th Tactical Control Group, pilots and support personnel from more than a dozen UN countries that were part of the "police action" called the KOREAN WAR. This year's reunion is the 11th for this group of men whose daring and skill earned them major national and international decorations, as well as glory and immortalization from such as CBS newscaster Edward R. Murrow, the Steve Canyon cartoon series, and the Associated Press' Hal Boyle.

Orville S. Long, USAF Ret., The Boeing Company, 6147th TCG Combat Operations/Pilot, of Kent, WA is the Reunion Commander of this year's reunion, which will be held 23-26 July 1987 at the Seattle Mayflower Park Hotel. More than 300 men and their families from the U.N. countries, USA military service, etc. will attend.

U.S.S. Walter B. Cobb

(APD-106)

September, 1987, Knoxville, TN. For information contact:

James G. Plough, RT#1, Box 89 Lynwood Hts.,
Jefferson City, TN 37760. (615) 475-2970

25th Inf. Div. Assn.

July 16-19, 1987, Cleveland, Ohio. For information contact:

Robert L. Muzzy, 809 Forston Drive, Takoma Park,
MD 20912. (301) 434-0192 after 6:00 p.m.

CHALLENGER REMEMBERED:

Among the artifacts retrieved from the ocean floor with the wreckage of the *Challenger* space shuttle was a laser videodisc bearing and international pledge of peace and the signatures of thousands of children from all over the world. It was to have been taken into orbit by the ill-fated shuttle crew at the request of *No Greater Love*, a humanitarian organization that collected the signatures. At a recent memorial ceremony to the fallen astronauts in the U.S. Capitol, the recovered videodisc was returned to *No Greater Love* chairman Carmella LaSpada by astronaut Robert Crippen.

CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS:

The following changes to amend and add qualification for eligibility for membership to this association were voted on and passed at this year's annual business meeting:

Amend Section 1 to read:

"The membership of this association shall consist of regular members, chapter members, honorary members and *associate members*.

1. Any person who has served in Korea with a regular assigned unit following the cease fire on 27 July 1953 to present shall be eligible for membership.

2. Upon making application for membership they must submit documentation as to unit assigned and to have served in Korea for at least 90 days.

Amend Section 1. Qualification of Members: To Read:

The membership of this association shall consist of regular members, chapter members, honorary members, associate members and *auxiliary members*.

The following paragraph shall be added to the requirements under regular members.

Add 4. Any person who is related by blood, marriage or adoption to a person who served during the Korean War and is listed as: Killed in Action, Missing in Action, Died While a Prisoner of War, Died as a Result of Wounds or Injury Sustained during the Korean War. Any person willing to agree and accept these terms and conditions set forth in the Charter and By-Laws of this association shall be eligible for membership as an auxiliary member.

T A P S

Died 23 December, 1986
JESSET, William G. (1192)
26915-Westwood Dr.
Westlake, Ohio 44145
US Army 41st Engr. T.O.L. Co.

Died 14 January 1987
BROOKS, Melvin D. (1021)
10807 Ashbury
Cleveland, Ohio 44106
Co. "A" 101st Airborne Rangers

Died 17 February 1987
RIGGS, Winthrop H.
Charter Member 0167
Box 112
Nicholville, New York 12965
Served aboard USS Leary (DDR 879)
during Korean War

*These members will be remembered during
this year's annual memorial service.*

Change of Headquarters location:

The INDIANHEAD

Second (Indian Head) Division Association, Inc.

The transition of records and files between Ft. Benning, GA to Wixom, MI and Peabody, MA has taken place in an orderly fashion. In the event of incorrect name and/or address spelling, please send all corrections to P.O. Box 3557, Peabody, MA 01961-3557 so the master mailing list can be updated.

Thank you

Philip N. Yates
Editor

"Well, sir, that depends.
Just where is the stockade
located?"



KOREAN WAR VETERANS WANTED

We are looking for new members of the Korean War to join our already-organized
"Korean War Veterans Association"

This organization is responsible for promoting and supporting a Korean War Memorial.

Did you know that the Korean War Veterans are
the only veterans without a National Memorial?

All veterans that served between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955
are eligible for membership.

To get your membership forms, send a self-addressed envelope to:
Mr. William F. Bradley, 12 Sunset Avenue, Troy, New York 12180

The above notice appeared in the Herald-Leader, Lexington, KY, Thursday, February 12, 1987. Bill Bradley called to say that he was receiving requests for membership applications and that they were sending in self-addressed envelopes. Bill seemed a little dumbfounded as he did not know of the above notice.

Before receiving the above notice, Bill received a telephone call from the Herald-Leader asking why he had placed the notice. Of course, Bill informed the caller that he did not place the notice, but had been receiving requests for membership applications. A few days after talking with the newspaper, he received the above clipping with a request for an application for membership.

In previous newsletters, we have mentioned how members have been recruiting new members. This is just another method that has been used and (although no one has taken credit for this as yet) we have a strong suspicion of who this dedicated Korean War veteran is ...

THAMES TELEVISION LIMITED:

306-316 Euston Road
London, NW13BB
United Kingdom

On 4 March I received a telephone call from Ms. Isabel Hinshelwood from London. Ms. Hinshelwood asked to pass onto the membership their gratitude for our help. The documentary is progressing well and they would like to expand to cover another factor, Koji-Do United Nations Prisoner of War Center. They would like to contact members who served there guarding the POWs and they would like information also on the attempted breakout when the commanding officer was captured.

Any member that would like to pass on information may send it to this association and we will forward it to Thames Television Ltd. Be sure to include your home telephone number; this will make it easier for them to contact you for further information.

APPOINTMENT OF LIASON OFFICER

Mr. Bill Cornwall, president of Unit 16, Korea Veterans Association of Canada (K.V.A. CAN.) has accepted this position to represent the Ontario Region. For those that attended last year's Reunion and Memorial Service I am sure that you will remember Bill Cornwall, as he participated in the Wreath Laying Ceremony, representing the veterans from Canada. Bill has accepted the liason officer's position in addition to his responsibilities of being president of KVA Unit 16.

Having had the pleasure of meeting Bill at Arlington last summer and again at their national convention at Cornwall, Ontario, we are pleased that he accepted.

Due to Bill's participation with us at the reunion last July, he was able to explain many questions that came up during their regional meeting.



AN INVITATION

This is an invitation to all artists or would-be artists (professional, amateur, or just Sunday dabblers) to join me in forming a Korean Art Club with hopes of some day establishing a permanent gallery for the club.

This can be a place for us vets and others to share in our experiences, memories and emotions forever.

I can be reached at: 9005 162nd Street, Whitestone, New York 11357 - (718) 767-3512.



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Please refer to master file number: Continental YZ 1240; Eastern EZ 7AP37.

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There will be a discussion about what the restrictions are governing the association operations under the charter and by-laws and under the federal tax-exempt status granted by the federal Internal Revenue Service. This will have to be done so that everyone knows what it is all about and what this association's obligations are.

It is time that we make a decision to purchase a computer to maintain important information: Membership roster, financial records, mailing list, inventory of sale items, etc.

This computer will have to be one that can be transferred to future elected officers to perform their

duties. To be compatible with similar computers (if necessary) throughout the United States. This means one that can be serviced and maintained in file and are time-consuming when keeping up current addresses and compiling records for tax purposes.

It will be necessary when we need to cross check members by states during the formation of chapters. The names of members of a state will be needed when a group from this association of that state's desire to form a chapter. It will be necessary for the committee selected to handle this to see that they receive a copy of the guidelines which will govern their operation.

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During this year's Annual Reunion and Memorial Service this Association and *No Greater Love* will be co-sponsoring the additional Dedication at Arlington National Cemetery on 27 July 1987.

No Greater Love is a non-political, non-profit, humanitarian organization that sponsors programs of friendship and care for children who lost their fathers in service to our country.

At 10:00 a.m. the Wreath Laying Ceremony by this Association will be conducted commemorating the 34th Anniversary of the signing of the Cease Fire of the Korean War. The Memorial

Service to honor our fallen comrades will follow in the Amphitheater.

At 11:00 a.m. the dedication of the Meditation Bench placed at the base of the Korean White Pine Tree that the former President of South Korea, Park Chung Hee, gave to the United States on May 18, 1965. The bench will be a permanent memorial to all who served the cause of peace in Korea.

This will be the first permanent international remembrance honoring all those who fought and died in Korea with the United Nations Forces during the years 1950-1953.