



KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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TO THE DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM...

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO DID NOT RETURN, the Korean War Veterans Association will hold its annual reunion this July 25 - 28, 1988. Events will be headquartered in the Holiday Inn at Fair Oaks in Fairfax, Virginia.

WE HAVE ASKED FOR ATTENTION FROM THE WHITE HOUSE ... AND NOW WE MIGHT GET IT!

This year our chance of a WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY WITH THE PRESIDENT stand at better than 60 percent.

This year our chance of an Arlington Memorial Ceremony WITH PROBABLY THE VICE PRESIDENT stand at better than 80 percent.

But we all know that things can change at the last minute . . . so we ask you to be there . . . that is the REALLY IMPORTANT thing, because YOU KNEW those who did not return. We will not forget.

BUSINESS MEETING ON TUESDAY MORNING ... OR ON MONDAY NIGHT ?

Our business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday morning, July 26, at 10 o'clock. BE ALERTED TO THIS: we might have to have that meeting on Monday night IF -- and it is a big IF -- we get involved with a ceremony at the White House on Tuesday.

Our agenda will include the following:
 Cutting cost on newsletter; national charter and local chapters. How to get new members. Shall we change calendar dates of dues payment. By-laws; should each member have a copy. How do we get the computer we need, and who will handle it. Shall the membership list be made available; if so, how and at what cost. Appoint a budget & Finance committee. How to raise funds for the memorial. Advise the president on selection of a quartermaster. (Will you volunteer to help?)

ALSO -- hat and jacket committee. Shall we consider changing reunion site city each year? Reports of the officers. ELECTION of new officers, including president, 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents; at least four new directors (I think we have seven vacancies). Dick Adams is the official president-elect but the attending membership will have a chance to speak. ALSO -- shall we somehow devise a system whereby our votes can be cast by mail from the entire membership, instead of by those attending convention, and is that what we want?

YOU CAN HELP -- be there; or write/call with your opinion; send your contribution to the memorial; and PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES.

"TO REMEMBER THE FORGOTTEN WAR"...

--Wm. Weber, Col. (Ret) U.S.A.

THERE IS A HARD-CHARGING TEAM AT WORK ON THE THOUSANDS OF DETAILS involved in awakening our nation to Remember The Forgotten War . . . and to build a National Memorial in Washington, D. C. to the Korean War Veterans.

I'm mighty glad these men are on our side:
 Harry Wallace -- Scooter Burke -- Stan Hadden -- Blaine Friedlander -- Ken Borchardt

Bill Norris -- John Herbert -- . . . and
 From the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board: Gen. R. G. Stilwell -- Bill Weber -- John Kenney -- Don Williams (volunteer artist/veteran) . . .
 And those scores of un-named volunteers who are giving freely of their time and money to help us.
 We owe special thanks to two men who are vital in the presentation of our Arlington ceremony: Thomas Groppe, (MDW) Director of Ceremonies and Special Events; and Ray Constanza, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery.

ARE YOU GOING TO HELP?

THE 1988 REUNION COMMITTEE REPORTS...

That we heard your voices last year and this time we found a hotel -- with a small swimming pool; with a large shopping mall nearby (120 stores across the street) with open-air parking for mini-cars to RVs.

ALSO -- the hotel supplies free shuttle to/from Dulles Airport and the subway station. You will pay your own shuttle to/from National Airport. With your registration card the hotel will send you a map showing how to reach there via auto.

SOME OF YOU have complained about the cost of \$130. We can say only that we have held cost to as low as we could, considering the high cost of everything in the Washington, D.C. area. That's one of the reasons we will be in Fairfax, Va. -- only 12 miles from Arlington Cemetery; and why we will have shuttle busses on the 27th of July.

Please read on -- this FlashLetter is designed not to be pretty -- but to be informative. And cheap to produce.

YOU CAN CONTACT KWVA AT:

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 Waterford, New York 12188

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP...

our goal is to build a National Memorial To The Korean War Veterans, in Washington, D.C. Congress has given us the permission and the land site; they also have appropriated about one million dollars for use thereto.

The Hyundai Auto Co. of Korea has contributed one million dollars toward the memorial.

Other contributions are trickling in from around the nation.

BUT WE MUST RAISE ABOUT FOUR MILLION DOLLARS

and various events are planned to happen to help find that money. Here are some:

- JUNE 14 -- baseball game at Philadelphia will feature the Korean War as the Forgotten War -- and show the public how to contribute to the memorial.
- JULY 25 -- Kick off press conference at National Press Club in Washington, D.C. YOU CAN HELP by asking your local and area newspapers, radio, and television people to interview Korean War Veterans and to include a donation pledge for the memorial.
- JULY 26 -- Issuance of Presidential proclamation setting aside the entire week as Korean War Veterans Week. YOU CAN HELP by asking your mayor and governor to act likewise. If you need a copy of the official proclamation, write us.
- JULY 26 -- TV tour of the memorial site selection; maybe announcement of competition for design, etc. We hope to have included in this some combat footage. YOU CAN HELP by asking your news media to run a documentary on the Korean War, and how the memorial will honor the sacred dead and recognize the part in history by all who served.

DURING A WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY we plan to hand to President Reagan a check from KWVA for more than ten thousand dollars, which he will hand to the president of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board who will in turn hand the check to the president of the Battle Monuments Commission. YOU CAN HELP BY CONTRIBUTING, and if possible, attend the reunion ceremonies.

- JULY 26 -- Band concerts and variety shows on the Mall. We are trying to get this done; and to include a way to contribute donations to the memorial.
- JULY 26 -- We are hard at work on cooperating with movie star Loretta Swit and all associated with the recent documentary "The Forgotten War" -- the plan includes display on the Mall of the movie sets of the TV series M*A*S*H and its new replacement in the Army medical elements.
- JULY 27 -- Our ceremony at Arlington. Come if you can.
- JULY 27 -- Probably several embassy receptions for vets.
- JULY 27 -- Our main banquet at hotel. Gen. Stilwell has been asked to be the key speaker.
- BALANCE OF WEEK -- Embassy open houses, all nations in United Nations command; church services to include recognition and remembrance moments; televised church ceremony at National Cathedral; various television and other news media recognition.

YOU CAN HELP -- on July 27, 1953 (cease-fire date) a lot of American newspapers ran the news on their front page. WILL YOU ask your local newspaper to re-run that page in a reproduction format . . . and to include at the bottom of the page a copy of the donation pledge for the memorial. You can copy the form we have here.

DRESS CODE at 27 July banquet is Black Tie Optional.

Some will choose to wear their uniforms; others will choose to wear plain coat and tie. Medals and/or ribbons are optional.

WE WILL NEED PLACARDS ...

OR SOMETHING SIMILAR to temporarily fasten to the sides of the busses as we travel to/from Arlington Cemetery and/or the embassies. We have men working at getting proper police escorts through Washington and it seems a good idea to let the public know who we are. IF YOU WANT TO HELP -- write Earl House, c/o Harry Wallace, P.O. Box 12205, Baltimore, Md. 21281

WRITE TO YOUR SENATOR NOW...

ALL U. S. SENATORS CAN BE CONTACTED BY WRITING:

The Honorable _____ (name from your state)
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

WE URGE YOU TO WRITE TODAY AND ASK YOUR SENATOR TO VOTE FOR H. J. 568 . . . we need to spur the Senate and House of Representatives into action NOW before they adjourn in mid-July for their summer vacation.

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP -- Go to your place of employment and ask management to establish a fund drive. . . . or ask your union membership to participate in a drive to raise funds. . . . or talk to the influential people of your community (bankers, corporation heads, ministers, etc.) and ask their help in establishing a drive for funds. Ask your church to ring their bells at one P.M. on July 27 to recognize the cease-fire.

ILLINOIS AREA MEMBERS MIGHT BE INTERESTED

. . . IN CONTACTING this man who was a boy during our war, and told me that he owes his life and what he is today to the American armed forces. He has a number of photographs, seeks more, and would like to hear from any veteran of The Forgotten War:

DR. YUNG CHUNG
Mental Hygiene Clinic, mail route symbol 11683
Edwards Hines Jr. Hospital
Hines, Illinois 60141

Dr. Chung is also interested in getting the Korean community of the Chicago area involved in contributing to the National Memorial To The Korean War Veterans to be erected in Washington, D.C.

Why don't you contact him and get moving?

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP -- YOU can contact/write/call media outlets such as the television show "Sixty Minutes" or "48 Hours" (Dan Rather); or "20/20", etc. -- urge them to put The Forgotten War on their agenda. Television documentaries are being made in England -- why not in our country?

THE OFFICIAL WORD ON M.I.A. . . .

ON MONDAY NIGHT, 25 July, at our 6 p.m. dinner, Colonel M.A. HOHERZ, U.S.A., of the Casualty and Memorial Affairs Operations Center (Washington, D.C.) will present the facts as they now stand on our MIA's. Should you need to contact his office, the telephone number is:

(202) 325-7777.

SEEKING HELP...

SECOND DIVISION -- Have been trying for years to get proof of my service in Korea; records burned in St. Louis; with 2nd Combat Engrs HQ Co Bridge Plt; sent home from Hill 1062 (Old Baldy). William E. Ezell, Rt. 3, Box 238, Theodore, Alabama 36582.

25th INFANTRY DIVISION -- looking for someone who can verify I was in Baker Co., 14th Inf Regt, 25th Inf Div, I Corps in Ui-Jon-Bu in 1953. Please help me. I need to prove my nightmares are not fantasies. Kenneth Greenspan, Lyons, VA Hospital 56-B, Lyons, N.J. 07939.

WRITE -- Russell D. Bressler, 5119 N. 57th St., Milwaukee, Wisc 53218.

PLEASE HELP MY SON -- But don't tell him I asked. He is a Korean vet; he has been sick; he got hurt in a car accident; he has not asked for any disability or help but something has got to give soon. His wife works but not enough . . . so please send him anything that would help him understand he is entitled to doctor help and hospital. Thank you. I'm a mother worried. His address is William Wilson, RD 2, Box 145-A, Weiner, Ark. 72479.

EACH EVENING...

OUR MOMENT OF SILENCE WILL PRECEDE EACH DINNER AND THE BANQUET. Joe Ricker will coordinate this with Scooter Burke, our Master of Ceremonies. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the room lights will dim and go out, leaving only the three candles burning at our table set for the three absentees, while TAPS will play. Your cooperation and silence will be requested.

WE NEED MORE LIKE...

HERSHALL E. LEE -- here is another hard worker for the Korean War Veteran. Mr. Lee, of Danville, Illinois, has taken it upon himself to form a chapter and to raise a goodly sum of money for contribution to the memorial fund. He will present his check to KWVA during our reunion ceremonies. I for one am looking forward to meeting this dedicated man.

IF YOU JUST WANT TO ATTEND ONE DAY OR ONLY ONE FUNCTION...

AT THE REUNION AND CEREMONIES, here's how . . .

For only one meal: just come to the registration desk (or write us at P.O. Box 12205, Baltimore, Md. 21281) and say so; you will then pay that cost. The average dinner meal cost is \$23 per person.

The average breakfast cost is about \$9. The coffee break cost at the business meeting is about \$4. The bus cost is \$10. If you want to hitch a ride on the bus, possibly from Arlington, there might be a problem unless you have reserved a seat. I believe bus regulations will not permit standees -- and all sitters will have paid. Your \$130 registration covers all those costs and worries -- we offer this breakdown because there will be a very few people who will want to attend only one function. Oh, I nearly forgot . . . the open bar will run about \$10.

TO ATTEND ONLY THE ARLINGTON CEREMONY: you may attend as you desire. BUT REMEMBER that the audience of veterans, all wearing their badges, will be paid-up members. We can only hope that you will at least ask how you may pay your dues . . . but you are welcome to be there under any circumstances.

IF YOU JUST WANT TO MINGLE IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM: you will be welcome to do so. However, again we assume that all in the room will be paid-up members . . . we will not be checking on that . . . and maybe you can see fit to donate something to the cause.

ENTRANCE TO ALL EVENTS WILL BE BY SHOWING YOUR REGISTRATION BADGE AND THE PROPER MEAL TICKET. No exceptions.

ON KWVA OFFICIAL HEADGEAR...

AT THE 1987 CONVENTION, THE MEMBERSHIP VOTED TO ADOPT the PC (overseas cap) as the official headgear of KWVA.

There are those who prefer a beret-type headgear. Dick Adams of California (president-elect) will bring to our reunion in July, a sample PC headgear, in KWVA colors and design. They will, after approval by the membership present and voting, be offered for sale.

↓ COPY THIS AS OFTEN AS YOU WANT TO.

YES! I WANT TO HELP BUILD THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS, IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

I WANT TO CONTRIBUTE:

OTHER \$ _____ \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50

CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MADE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

MAKE PAYABLE TO: KWVA NATIONAL MEMORIAL FUND

MAIL TO: KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 12205
Baltimore, Maryland 21281

DO NOT SEND CASH. YOUR CANCELLED CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT.

Your name and address: _____

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THIS IS YOUR FLASHLETTER UPDATE
ON THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO KOREAN WAR VETERANS
TO BE ERECTED IN WASHINGTON, D. C.
— AND ON THE KWVA REUNION ON 25-28 JULY 1988
— AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!

BUILDING A STRONG ASSOCIATION IS NEVER EASY . . .
BUT KILLING ONE IS --

1. Don't go to any meetings. Instead, complain about the issues and tell your neighbors that the association isn't doing anything right.
2. If you do go to meetings, arrive late. If you sit in the back of the room and visit with your neighbor, you'll also be able to detract from the working speakers in front.
3. Never pull out your checkbook to pay dues. By paying dues, you'd be helping the association spend money for the wrong kind of your things.
4. If you don't get appointed to a committee, start the rumor that the association is just a clique of good old boys or big-shots.
5. If you're asked for an opinion, don't give one. When you hear someone else's idea, say "the guy must be crazy" and then tell him why his idea won't work.
6. Tell you neighbors about all the things the association doesn't do.

ONE FINAL POINT: If the association dies, say you saw it coming all along. That's why you never went to any meetings and didn't pay your dues.

THERE IS NOTHING BUSIER THAN AN IDLE RUMOR.

WHY YOUR DUES RUN FROM JAN.-DEC. . . .

RIGHT NOW OUR DUES PAY ONLY from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31. . . . and even though we might pay on December 1, 1988, they become due again on January 1.

Many members have asked WHY? And some have said to hell with it and refuse to pay . . . and the rest of us pay our dues and struggle to build a memorial to the Korean War Veteran.

SO HERE'S THE STRAIGHT INFORMATION: right now all dues payments are recorded by hand, in a card file. We know the name; we know the number; we know when dues were paid -- IF YOU TELL US YOUR NAME FIRST.

At our business meeting this July 26, we will discuss this question: Shall the date of "Dues payment" be changed? If so, to what? If so, how do we do it?

Your vote will be needed on this issue.

Until we can buy a computer and the right software system with a printer, we have to continue hand records the way we do today. Why? Because we need a part of your dues payment to buy the computer. But we are hard at work on correcting the problems. . . . we need your understanding and cooperation. Out of his own pocket, Harry Wallace has bought a small computer -- but he has not been yet able to get all the necessary components.

If that member is dedicated enough to try ON HIS OWN to help KWVA . . . what can you do?