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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF K.W.V.A.

Dear fellow veterans...

PERHAPS THE MOST SATISFYING thing that has happened during the first six months of my tenure has been the growth of KWVA. There have been one or two people who have complained about the status of our membership . . . so let me set them straight right here:

We are growing at the rate of about 200 members each month -- and that in JUST THE PAST SIX MONTHS. I think that is excellent and indicates the very high potential for membership that is waiting to hear about KWVA.

The success of building a National Memorial in Washington, D.C. is tied closely to our organization's continued growth. I would like to thank our membership for all your continuing efforts to raise funds for the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

Please send donations to: Harry Wallace;
P.O. Box 12205; Baltimore, MD 21281.

Sincerely,

DICK ADAMS, President
Korean War Veterans Association

P.O. Box 127; Caruthers, Calif. 93609
(209) 864-3196, after 5 P.M. Pacific Coast Time.
(209) 268-1869, office.

WES WORSHAM IS NEW JUDGE ADVOCATE

AS HAS BEEN NOTED, one of our original 39 members, Kenneth Borchardt, was also the first Judge Advocate and served until his sudden death last October 2.

WES WORSHAM of Virginia has been appointed to succeed Ken as Judge Advocate of the Korean War Veterans Association effective December 1, 1988, by order of Pres. Dick Adams.

We add our congratulations, Wes.

THEY ALSO SERVE, WHO ONLY STAND AND WAIT.

5TH ANNUAL REUNION COMING IN JULY

"KOREAN WAR VETERANS (all services) for all in uniform between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955 inclusive: Reunion and Memorial Services July 25 - 28, 1989 in Arlington, Virginia. For full information, contact Korean War Veterans Association, P.O. Box 12205; Baltimore, MD 21281 -- or phone (304) 535-2259 or (301) 327-4854."

See inside page for full details.

Please consider sending a copy of the above notice to your own special veterans unit for publication. Thank you.

MORE THAN \$200,000 DONATIONS CAME IN WHEN KATHLEEN C. WYOSNICK, KWVA MEMBER, WROTE TO "DEAR ABBY"

ON NOVEMBER 11, 1988, the syndicated newspaper column Dear Abby carried, as its sole letter, a message from a lady who was an Air Force nurse, who lost her husband in the Korean War, and who is a member of KWVA. We do not have space for everything, but here is a letter from Kathleen after the column appeared in print:

"WOW. . . where do I begin? My phone has been ringing for over a week and I am sure there would have been even more callers had we not recently moved to a new address. First, I would like to apologize to you for writing on my own. (KATHLEEN -- no apology necessary!)

"It was never my intention to divert attention to myself. I wanted the public to understand what you men have been through all these years of neglect. The long-overdue Memorial is our common goal, and no one individual, in my opinion, should take credit in achieving that end. I want the vets whom I so highly respect, to know that it was them I wanted to honor when I recounted some information that was pertinent to their heroism and bravery.

"Dear Abby called me herself last Friday. What a gracious, down-to-earth lady she is. She said contributions were pouring in; I'm not sure whether that was in addition to the donations being mailed to D.C. I have never been called by a "celebrity" before now and was somewhat scattered in my thinking.

"I am not through fighting yet! I plan to write Pres. Reagan and ask him to put the pressure on his rich corporation friends to help his American "Freedom Fighters". I have been contacted by several newspapers, UPI etc., who want to expand on our story. Let's hope they really mean biz!

"I wish there was some way I could convey to you how deeply affected I have been by the men and women who called. If you will bear with me, I would like to relate one vet's reaction.

"Late on the 11th, Al from Washington state called. He spoke of feeling bereft and sad on Vets Day, having just gone through a painful divorce. He was alone thinking about the day that the nation had set aside to honor men like him; but from the past realized that little would be

PLEASE SEE KATHLEEN ON PAGE 2

IF YOU HAVE STORIES FOR . . .
OR COMPLAINTS ABOUT YOUR NEWSLETTER . . .

Please send them to:

STAN HADDEN, Editor

Korean War Veterans Association

P. O. Box 131

Harpers Ferry, W. V. 25425

KATHLEEN (From Page 1)

mentioned about the Korean War veteran. When he saw my letter, he put his head down on the table and cried! We spoke of his combat horrors and I assured him that I indeed would never forget him or all the other men.

"On Friday the 18th he called me back. That dear man had personally collected \$5,000 . . . and he thanked me.

"I am so overwhelmed by "my" vets . . . they have been quiet for so very long. Now it's my turn to fight for you and, God willing, I WILL."

-- KATHLEEN CRONAN WYOSNICK;

P.O. Box 3716; Saratoga, Calif. 95070.

KATHLEEN ALSO WROTE A PERSONAL LETTER to those who called and wrote her in response to her letter to Dear Abby. There is not room here to include all her words, but let these cover it:

She said: "In closing, I would like to quote one vet who contacted me. 'Is this Kathleen? This is Bob, a vet from Montana and I just want to say one thing . . . Lady, I love you.' Well, Bob from Montana, the feeling is mutual. Every single one of you and your families are loved by me and I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU !"

Well, veterans, there it is . . . get out your calculator and realize that if we had only 25 enthusiastic Kathleens we would have that five million dollars in hand by now. Why not tell her thanks?

FLASH! AND ON JANUARY 3, 1989

. . . KATHLEEN'S letter had a follow-up column by Dear Abby . . . and as of this date we have no idea what the mail will bring as additional donations for the memorial. Ain't she sweet?

FINANCIAL STATUS OF MEMORIAL FUND

AS OF DECEMBER 20, 1988, the American Battle Monuments Commission reported this:

"Total monies on hand for Memorial funding: \$2,725,371.81. We normally refer to this amount as 'just over \$2.7 million -- contributed by 23,679 donors."

SEND YOUR ORDERS TO QUARTERMASTER

to: AL RUDY

P. O. BOX 516; Dania, Florida 33004

Please do not send orders to anyone else.

KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATIVE M-1

Name.....	Phone.....	
Address.....		
Seller.....		

HERE IS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO OWN one of the finest! Every KWVA member will be contacted and asked to help this project TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE MEMORIAL FUND.

If you have not received your chances yet, please contact TOM MAINES, 1st Vice President KWVA; 1801 Saw Mill Run Blvd.; Pittsburgh, Pa. 15210.

HE HANDED ME AN APPLICATION . . .

"ONE OF THE REWARDING EXPERIENCES of my life is my active membership in the Korean War Veterans Association. Over 3 years ago, during a casual visit to Harpers Ferry, W.V., I met Stan Hadden. After noticing a Papa-San hat on his shop wall, I asked Stan if he had served in Korea. A few minutes later he handed me an application for membership.

"Several months later, I attended the 2nd Annual Association Reunion. After all those years, I finally had discovered a group of people with similar backgrounds. Soon afterward, I was in Seoul, Korea on a revisit program.

. . . NEXT CAME TWO MORE REUNIONS

. . . and, lucky me -- a lot of new friends. Somewhere in between all this I became actively involved in helping establish KWVA on a little firmer ground. How Bill Norris accomplished so much is beyond me. Maybe not as big a job when members were few, but as a result of his leadership and with the help of members like Bob O'Hara and John Herbert, membership increased.

"A friend of mine, Guy Gruders, from Tampa, Fla., donated \$10,000 in computer software programs. I'm happy to report, as your 1st Vice Pres., that we are well on the way to total automation. And, it will help if YOU will return the data base card on page 16 this issue.

. . . THE M-1 RAFFLE IS ENCOURAGING

"EACH DAY the mail brings letters with M-1 raffle tickets money and requests for more tickets. Members write words of help and encouragement to help conclude building of the Memorial.

"A few letters, as is expected, voice objections to raffles and/or firearms. I'm pleased that even those who do not agree, have taken time to return their tickets and voice their opinion. MANY of these members HAVE INCLUDED A CONTRIBUTION even though they do not want to be involved in a raffle. Overall response, to date, has been good.

"Members are approaching gun shows, port authorities, race tracks, military reunions, service organizations, etc. for permission to place a table or install a booth to sell tickets. You will be surprised to hear so many say: 'It's high time someone did something for the Korean vet.'

THE REAL HEROES ARE THOSE WHO DIED

"As expected, we have received a few letters which the writer has taken issue with today's KWVA officers and board members. These opinions are as welcome as any other -- because by everyone working together we can and will get to our final objective: the MEMORIAL. Satisfying the personal ago of one or a few individuals at this time is not our first priority.

"We must, therefore, set aside any effort that at this time delays KWVA in our drive to reach our six-million-dollars goal.

"The real honor will be the Memorial, in place, honoring the REAL HEROES . . .

THOSE WHO DIED."

--TOM MAINES, KWVA 1st Vice President; 1801 Saw Mill Run Blvd.; Pittsburgh, Pa. 15210

BOB STAHL (see also page 13) "placed a short article for teacher veterans in the California Teachers Association Newspaper, CTA Action. Its circulation is about 200,000 teachers et al in California."

IT'S OK TO TRUST EVERYONE,
BUT CUT THE CARDS ANYHOW.

HERE'S A REMINDER FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN . . .

(Harry Wallace, P. O. Box 12205; Baltimore, Md. 21281)

WHEN RENEWING YOUR DUES . . .

It is not necessary to fill out another application form.

Just make your check payable to KWVA and on the lower left, mark it "RENEWAL" plus your membership number. That will help stop getting more than one membership number . . . in the past, several of you have received different numbers . . . and it is KWVA policy that your number will be used ONLY ONE TIME; it will not be used again after your resignation or death.

AND PLEASE REMEMBER that annual dues are now \$15.00 -- but the biggest change is that dues now run for one year FROM THE DATE OF YOUR PAYMENT and become due again one year later. Your help will be appreciated -- and in this issue of Graybeard there is an application blank -- feel free to make as many copies as you want for distribution to the public. . . our goal is each member sign up SIX.

DONATIONS FOR THE MEMORIAL FUND are being sent to the Battle Monuments Commission in Washington, D.C. The KWVA office in Baltimore also is receiving donations for forwarding; the listing that follows shows those received in Baltimore as of Dec. 31, 1988:

Walter Elaroth, NY,	\$ 50	Benedict Putkowski, NY	10
George L. Schaudel, Va	10	Richard Cecilio, FL	10
Richard Stewart, NY	10	Lawrence W. Gibbs, MI	5
Charles Bower, SD	50	Thomas F. Pickus, NY	50
Doris Hastings, CA	25	G. Richard Berry, ME	50
Herb Hair, FL	10	Walter L. Frankland, VA	25
Walter Tracks, CT	25	Myron A. Collins, NY	50
William L. Pence, FL	50	Philip L. Harrison, NC	50
Irving W. Oakes, MA	50	Robert E. Stahl, CA	25
Ronald W. McKeown, NY	100	Charles W. Brooks, IL	25
Henry D. Palmer, NH	50	Bremen Post #781, VFW	100
Robert F. Verhaeghe, VT	100	Francis R. Abadie, LA	100
D. E. Braucher, IL	5	Ladies Aux, VFW, MN	100
John Spencer, IL	5	Richard J. Kubicki, IL	100
Ira G. Darling, NY	10	Joseph A. Capella, FL	100
Leon Schanker, NY		Seymour Rabinowicz, NY	100
Donald C. Belken, TX	50	John L. Frohler, NY	100
John T. Lypowy, NJ	25	Bob Snider, NY	60
John D. Ahlgren, MN	10	Jack Burgan, FL	50
Anthony Pappiti, DC	50	Doris Hastings, CA	50
James R. Hamilton, NJ	25	William H. Hotes, COL	50
James Wyllie, ILL	25	Harpy J. Owens, MONT	50
Michael C. Canyon, NY	25	** Donald Hafsas	50
** Frederick C. Goodwin, NY	100	Edward D. Hedin, NY	50
Dennis Radley, CA	10	Leonard A. Scroea, FL	50
Louis F. Edmond, LA	5	Bruce Randel, CA	50
William S. Adams, NY	10	Clarence F. Sadler, VA	50
T. L. Pelphrey, OH	10	Burton A. Landy, FL	50
William Yahwker, NC	5	Henry H. Taylor, Jr., FL	50
Charles H. King, NY	5	Robert S. Hull, Sr., WV	50
C. Torres, CA	4	Tom Carberry, FL	25
Antranig Avakian, MA	15	Charles E. Taylor, CA	25
Donald L. Parrott, MN	20	Diane Passoff, NJ	25
Ronald Sipnott, WA	10	William A. Salb, NJ	25
Joseph A. Farello, NY	20	Marvin H. Schafer, AZ	25
Edith A. McCann, FL	10	Joseph L. Bowler, FL	25
Constantino Bocci, PA	5	Victor Yarnis, MD	20
John Marks, NY	25	Gordon R. Collins, CA	20
Alfred L. Pugh, Jr., PA	25	Dick Wysocke, IL	15
Bob Hackett, NY	5	Eugene W. Ayeis, NC	10
Arthur V. Pinturo, CT	25	Frank Snider, NY	10
Walt Hinrichs, PA	5	Francis X. Fink, Jr.	10
Francis J. Klamann, NY	10	Marvin Haux, MN	15
Don Rounds Post 586, ALEG	50	Clyde Weierke, MN	50
Robert L. Curtiss, FL	25	Marion T. Wood, GA	35
Jesse S. Poole:		Gerald J. Miller, WI	20
Post #297, MN	50	UAW Local 2000, OH	220
F. J. Aleksandrowicz, OH	25	Wm. V. Marcantonio, TX	50
Valrie K. Sittig, MN	20	John M. Conroy, NY	10
		Raymond W. Meaney, NY	25

** : In Memory Of.

Queens County NY Council, Jewish War Veterans \$100.

A DOG HAS LOTS OF FRIENDS BECAUSE HE WAGS HIS TAIL INSTEAD OF HIS TONGUE.

KWVA CREDIT CARD FOR MEMBERS *

SPECIAL NEWS FLASH TO KWVA MEMBERS -- The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc., introduces a new credit card that will assist in supporting the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

AL RUDY, Quartermaster for KWVA, stated that revenue generated from the credit card will directly support the funding of the memorial. The card will be specially designed with the logo of the Association, to enhance the visibility and national prominence of our organization.

The VISA card will be structured with a 16.75% annual percentage rate, a \$15.00 annual fee and a 25-day grace period. The Association will receive \$7.50 of the annual fee and a .25% of the sales volume as a royalty to assist in funding the memorial, as well as \$5.00 per every approved account.

"Most of our members carry several credit cards," stated Rudy, "but we will encourage members of the association to transfer balances to this new card in an effort to earn money toward the memorial." The credit card application will be designed to provide an opportunity to transfer balances, if desired.

Rudy continued: "We will also have 'merchant status' starting in February 1989. That means that vets will be able to charge dues, donations, merchandise, to their existing cards -- and can transfer to our KWVA card if they so desire."

Credit Cards Services, Inc., a subsidiary of INTEGRATEC, Inc., based in Atlanta, Ga., has been chosen to establish, design and manage the credit card program. INTEGRATEC has been involved in the development and management of such programs as the National Football League's VISA card program in 1987 and the Army Air Force Exchange Services Program, providing credit cards to active members of the armed forces. Additionally they manage three U.S. Army Airborne Association programs, as well as several other affinity groups.

Applications are scheduled to be available to the members of KWVA in February 1989. "We encourage you to support our united effort by applying to the Quartermaster for this distinctive and unique credit card," ended Rudy.

• TAPS •

EUGENE P. MACDONALD; May 8, 1988. "My father was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, a very proud Korean War veteran; in the 3rd Inf Div. Age 60." This came from his daughter Debra Mescal; 128 Wilson Ave.; Port Monmouth, N.J. 07758.

JOHN R. TEIFER, JR.; July 11, 1988; Trenton, Michigan.

BERNARD J. DEDERICK; July 21, 1988. 1092nd Engineers. Donnelly, Idaho.

KENNETH A. BORCHARDT; October 2, 1988.

Air Force. 10920 Fairchester Dr.; Fairfax, VA 22030.

FREDERICK C. GOODWIN; October 19, 1988.

5 Grotto Court; Watervliet, N.Y. 12189.

DONALD HAFSAS; date and state not known.

YOU WROTE IT...

NOTE: as space permits, we intend to publish those letters coming first to our editorial desk. We intend also to see that every letter gets an answer in one way or another, from officers, directors, etc.

COMPETITION STARTS FOR MEMORIAL DESIGN

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A single stage open national competition is being held to determine the design for a memorial "to honor the achievements of the American Veterans of the Korean War. The Memorial will be located in Washington, D.C. near the Lincoln Memorial."

Sponsor of the Competition is the American Battle Monuments Commission, an independent agency of the U.S. government.

Public Law 99-572 established the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board whose duties include selecting the design for the memorial. Their opinion will be subject to the approval of the American Battle Monuments Commission, the Secretary of Interior, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission.

FOR APPLICATION FORMS and more information, you may contact:

Korean War Veterans Memorial Design Competition,
P. O. Box 17045
Baltimore, MD 21203-7045.

"January 23, 1989 is the closing date for receipt of registration forms. . ."

WE THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW that the story (to the left) on the contest for design of the memorial was written on Dec. 22, 1988, and quoted the OFFICIAL RULES.

We do not know why we did not know of the official rules in time to publish them last September. Apparently those who are in charge of the design, selection, erection have not yet gotten around to putting us on their mailing list.

The following information comes from the American Battle Monuments Commission:

"Approximately 1800 - 2000 individuals, teams, or corporations have written to the Memorial Design Competition address seeking information on how to enter the competition. Detailed information on the number of applicants will be clearer in the next few days. The closing date for requesting information and registration forms was last Friday, December 16."

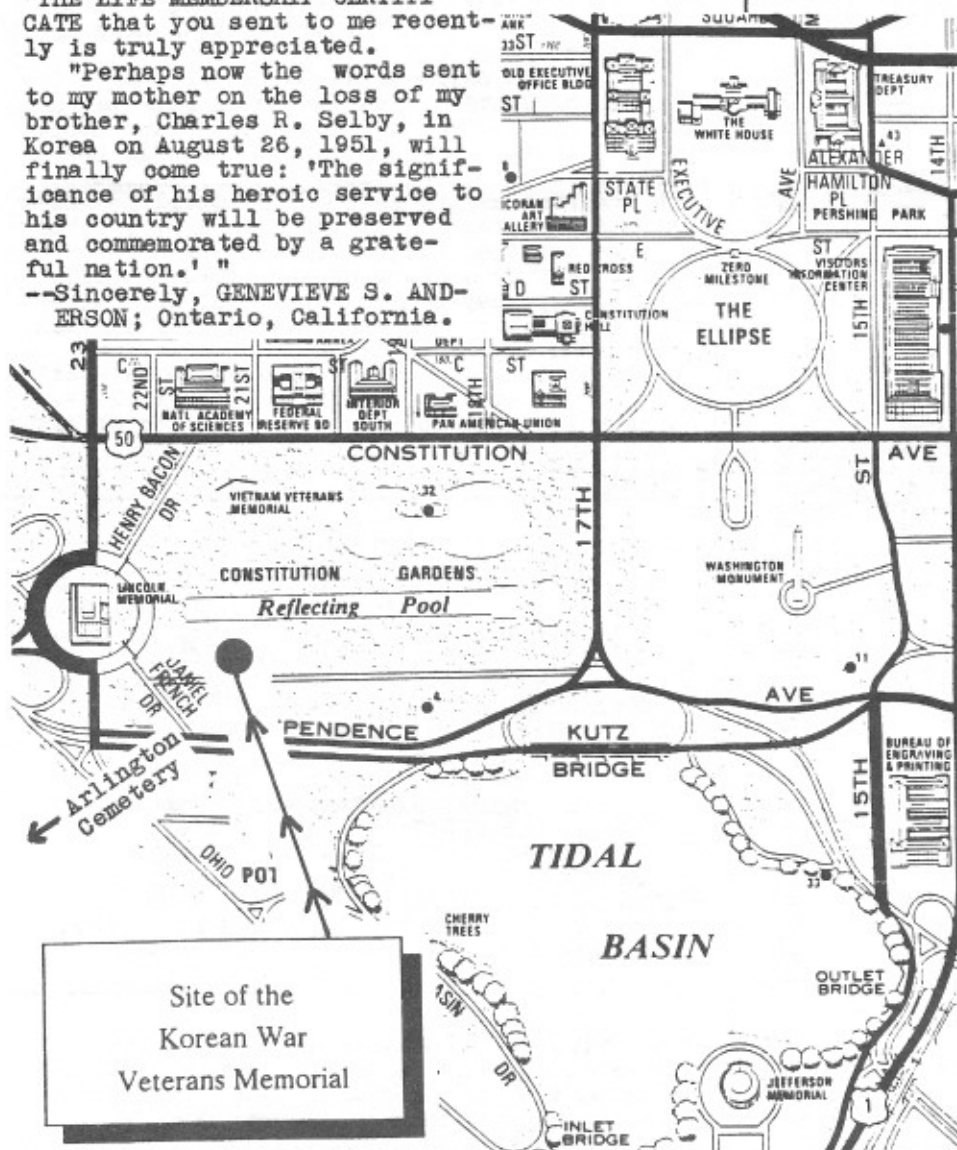
Your editor, Stan Hadden, sent in one letter asking for application blanks. I got TWO of them -- in two separate envelopes mailed two weeks apart.

"DEAR MR. ADAMS:

"THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE that you sent to me recently is truly appreciated.

"Perhaps now the words sent to my mother on the loss of my brother, Charles R. Selby, in Korea on August 26, 1951, will finally come true: 'The significance of his heroic service to his country will be preserved and commemorated by a grateful nation.'"

--Sincerely, GENEVIEVE S. ANDERSON; Ontario, California.



THE SITE SELECTED...

ASH WOODS, on the Mall, has been selected as the Memorial site.

It is a 7½-acre wooded area near the Lincoln Memorial, across the Reflecting Pool from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Of the 7½ acres, only a maximum of two acres may be used for the Memorial itself.

It is bordered on the north by athletic fields and on the south by Independence Ave. On the east are the National Park Service horse stables, well-screened by foliage. The site is directly accessible from the Lincoln Memorial.

MEANTIME - WHY DON'T YOU SEE THE SITE FOR YOURSELF?

COME TO WASHINGTON, D. C. on July 27, 1989 -- and if you do not want to attend the reunion or the Arlington ceremony . . .

THEN COME TO the Memorial Site on the Mall about 11 a.m. on July 27. At that time, KWVA is planning to hold a brief ceremony at the site, followed by laying of a wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.

That will be a good time to maybe hear comments on the status of POW/MIA . . . and to maybe hear an update on design progress.

Veterans of ALL WARS should be there that day -- YOU are the most important person because America remains free because of its veterans.

"THIS LETTER TELLS IT ALL"

"My dearest darling:

"The sun is going down and the deep blue sky is turning magenta. I can hear a running brook in the distance and all the night sounds are starting song again. It was just like the first night we met. I can still remember it like it was yesterday. It was the 4th of July and I was watching the fireworks and there you were. To me you were the most beautiful girl in the world. I wanted to speak to you but meeting girls that I did not know was almost impossible for me.

"You must of thought I was a real jerk when I finally walked up to you and ask if you knew what time it was. You smiled and told me it was 10 o'clock. Like a jerk I just said thanks and walked away. After the fireworks were over I looked in your direction and you were still standing there. It looked like you missed your ride home.

"I waited a while and finally I asked you if you needed a ride home. When you said yes my heart started to pound like a jack hammer. We started to talk about ourselves and for some reason I could not stop talking. After that we started to go steady and I still feel the softness of your sweet lips. Oh how I wish I was with you tonight. This war is stupid and many of my friends are dead. Why? For what?

"I don't know. I wouldn't mind dying if I could see you one more time. That's how much I love you."

***** This letter was never finished. I found it in a dead GI's hand on Heartbreak Ridge, Korea, April 21, 1952.

--JOHN C. MILSON; Combat Photographer;
25th Signal Co., 25th INF DIV.

31 Oak St.; Lincoln Park, N.J. 07035.

"I THINK I STARTED THE 'FORGOTTEN WAR' THEME..."

"I'M ENCLOSING AN ARTICLE I WROTE that was in the DAV national magazine in June 1983. Also I have a letter I received from VFW Hdq in April of 1983 telling me to start a resolution for a memorial in Va. and Tenn. and to spread the word.

"I did this. Also I have a letter from Cong. Jim Olin (Va. 6th Dist.) in reply to my sending all the information on the proposed memorial and he co-sponsored bill that passed in Congress.

"I think I started the Forgotten War theme with the article in JUNE 1983 DAV. (See at right). Makes no difference as long as we get the memorial.

"Wade LaDue of national VFW wrote me April 27, 1983 and said in part: 'Thank you for your letter concerning the 'missing' memorial to veterans of the Korean conflict. I could not agree more. Perhaps if a resolution were developed for the Virginia State VFW Convention, this might get the ball rolling.' "

-- WILLIAM W. ARNOLD;

1515 Memorial Ave. S.W.; Roanoke, VA. 24015
(NOTE: Also see page 10 for more on Mr. Arnold).

YES, YOU CAN HELP!

PUT THIS IN YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER:

(YOUR HOME TOWN) -- (Today's date): "We seek to contact all veterans of the Korean War, and their families, and anyone else interested in what we did for freedom," said (your name) who is a veteran of the Forgotten War, the conflict in Korea from June 1950 to July 1953.

"For 36 years the American public, for the most part, has forgotten there was a very real and tragic war in Korea. I was part of (YOUR UNIT) sent to Korea on (YOUR DATE).

*** HERE TELL YOUR OWN PERSONAL STORY. ***

In 1985 a dedicated group of veterans of the Korean War met in Arlington, Virginia to hold their own very special memorial ceremony at the Tomb Of The Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. They formed the Korean War Veterans Association, started recruiting members, and will have their fifth annual reunion this coming July, again in Arlington, Virginia.

From the original 39 members, the association has grown to now count its members in several thousands. This July 27 they will assemble for their reunion; and to hold their very special ceremony at Arlington Cemetery. For the first time, there will be something added.

"That something extra," said (YOUR NAME) "is that now, at long last, there will be a national memorial for our dead and missing.

"We are asking the public to donate to a special fund established for building the memorial. It will be located on the Mall, near the Lincoln Memorial, in Washington, D. C. We are trying to raise four million dollars.

"If you are a veteran of the Korean War or if you lost someone dear in that war, please join us in Washington on July 27. Come to the Mall area, and be with us. I believe the American people will want to remember The Forgotten Warriors of 1950 - 1953."

(YOUR NAME) lives at (YOUR ADDRESS) and anyone wanting more information is urged to contact him.

Donations may be sent directly to the Korean War Veterans Association; P. O. Box 12205; Baltimore, Maryland 21281.

FRENCH VET SEEKS POSTAL ITEMS

THIS LETTER WAS SENT TO AL RUDY, who forwarded it as of interest to KWVA members:

"I read in last issue of Indian Head (and of which I am also a member) your address. And I made research of postal history of the Korean conflict and wish to contact all veterans of that war; all nationalities, for help in my research.

"I buy all covers (envelopes) such as air mail, registered mails and receipts, money order labels and receipts, parcel receipts, POW, Navy, Marines, Chaplain, Missing, Dead In Action, etc. provided from the U.S. and other nationalities who fought in Korea. I will buy and pay in U.S. dollars. Receive, dear comrades, my best and cordial regards."

-- JEAN-MARC VILLEMAGNE; 47 rue de l'Abattoir;
68330 Huningue (France).

THOSE WHO FIND THE MOST FAULT with what others do often have little or no ability to do anything of consequence themselves.

TRUDY JACKSON? RESUMPTION?

DID YOU SERVE IN THOSE UNITS/OPERATIONS? They have an important place in my forthcoming book and I want to talk to you. I am a member of KWVA. Please contact DR. NORMAN E. JONES; P.O. Box 127; San Simeon, Cal. 93452. Or Telephone TOLL FREE: 1 - 800 - 592 - 5909. Thank you.

FAREWELL TO INNOCENCE

"I AM ENCLOSING A POEM I WROTE a long time ago when I came back from Korea. At the time it was put down because I used the word Comrads, knocked politicians and American workers. The VFW (I am a Life Member) have been using Comrad long before the Reds took over Russia. Truman and other politicians did call the Korean War a police action. American workers did strike while other Americans were being killed. I for one do not share their guilt. I enlisted in 1949 and spent my 19th birthday in Korea. I hope some of the readers will know what I was trying to say as a 19-year-old kid who abruptly grew up.

FAREWELL TO INNOCENCE

As friends were leaving school for summer joys
A foreign war erupted half a world away.
Orders received to help comrades
Ill equipped, ill prepared
Against a foreign horde half a world away.
The sunshine innocence of youth
Is lost to the cold bitterness of war
Half a world away.
Names not learned in school
Chongjin, Wonsan, Songjin
Receive fire and destruction
From cruisers Worcester and Helena
Half a world away.
The Pirate and Brush feel the sting of death
While politicians speak police action
Half a world away.
The pride of our youth kept Pusan from becoming
America's Dunkirk, half a world away.
Workers strike in America
As crosses multiply in Korea, half a world away.
Shame and disgrace is theirs
Who have not kept faith with us
Half a world away.
-- GEORGE A. McKENNA; Rezen Road, St. Rt. 65-A;
Roseboom, New York 13450."

MESSAGE FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

"TO ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN who have ordered merchandise are are very apologetic towards me as 'Al, you have so much to do', and 'Al, when you have time . . .', and 'Al, I know that you are very busy' . . .

"The answer to you all is: it is a labor of love with me, and if you vets care enough about my welfare, I accept it as a compliment. I will always find time from my regular business day to take care of any and all vets. It goes back to the war. We all had to help each other out. Words do not have to be spoken. Keep the orders coming.

"America has to see that there are Korean War vets around." --AL RUDY,
Quartermaster for KWVA.

LIASION WITH CANADA

THE LIASION OFFICER from Korea Veterans Association of Canada, Inc., is:

DON B. (Sam) URQUHART; 1st Vice President;
KVA of Canada, Inc.; 7740 #4 Road; Richmond,
B.C. V6Y 2T5 Canada.

HE SAYS IT LIKE IT IS...

"TO: Time-Life Books; 1450 East Parham Road; Richmond, Va. 23280-0002. Please take me off your mailing list entirely and send no more offers or information.

"I have been a faithful subscriber . . . but . . . the one thing that troubles me greatly is that there is no series on the "Forgotten War". Yes, the Korean War. Never a nuance in any of your brochures that a series may be in the offing nor even a mention of that bloody and heroic war in which 54,246 Americans lost their lives in the short span of 3 years and one month; about 1,000 less casualties than were experienced in the 10 years of the Viet Nam war! And you gave that latter conflict unprecedented coverage.

"Many of us who experienced that stinking cold conflict with over 103,000 wounded will never forget it and the fact that we stopped Communist aggression cold with bullets instead of rhetoric. There were Olympic Summer Games held there in August 1988 because of the sacrifices of hundreds of thousands of American fighting men and women who believed in real freedom for other people.

"If your bottom line is 'How many volumes can we sell?' then take me off your mailing list permanently. We are desperately trying to build a memorial in Washington to those who gave all during that Forgotten War.

-- EMMETT BENJAMIN, Pres. KWVA Dept. of Florida;
12431 S.W. 195 Terrace; Miami, FLA 33177."

Editor's Note: Emmett sent his letter last November 28. After reading a copy of it, I wrote Time-Life Books also; I asked for their opinion and comment for passing on to you in these pages.

AND HERE IS THEIR REPLY:

"Dear Mr. Hadden:

" . . . We certainly have not forgotten the veterans of Korea. At the present time, however, there is still much vital information about the conflict which has not yet been declassified. Thus, we are keeping this war in mind for a series at some point in the future. The same, you may say, can be said about Vietnam. In this case, though, we are not the creators or publishers of the series. We had the opportunity to become the mail order distributors for "The Vietnam Experience" and elected to do so because we felt that it was a timely and important series."

" * * * To this, we wrote our thank you letter. However, we do ask ourselves this: Just what is that MUCH VITAL INFORMATION which has not yet been declassified? It seems to this editor that a really GOOD REPORTER would want to dig up that story. Maybe one of our members is, or knows of, a cracker-jack reporter who will go to work on this story.

"Forsake not an old friend, for the new is not comparable to him; a new friend is as new wine: only when it is old, shalt thou drink it with pleasure."

PLEASE START PLANNING NOW...

FOR THE 1989 REUNION. It will again be held in the area of Washington, D.C. per vote by the reunion attendees -- and will continue in that area until the memorial has been dedicated. After that, it is planned to move the reunion to a different state each year.

BILL NORRIS TO BE HONORED

INFORMATION IS INCOMPLETE AT THIS WRITING, but BILL NORRIS, founder of K.W.V.A., is to receive the prestigious DeWitt Clinton Award.

This honor will be bestowed on Bill by the Masonic Order for outstanding service to the community; in his case, for service to the state and nation. The event will be held March 9, 1989 in New York City.

"TWO MEMORIALS ARE NOT TWO TOO MANY"

THIS INVITATION WAS SENT TO DICK ADAMS:

"A ground-breaking ceremony for the International Korean War Memorial is scheduled for Sunday, 25 June 1989 at the site in Angels Gate Park, San Pedro, California.

"Please consider this your invitation to arrange for the KWVA to lay a wreath at the monument site. Also, as a part of the day long event, various veterans groups will be provided space at the site to display information and seek new members. Estimated of attendance vary but I believe it is safe to say there will be well over 5,000 attending the ceremony.

"I realize the KWVA's primary support is directed toward the national monument project. However, I would assume there are members that feel as I do: that two memorials are not two too many."

-- International Korean War Memorial;

Jack Stites, Chairman;

The California Committee - IKWM;

15019 Vista View;

Lake Elsinore, CA 92330 (714) 674-1785.

"Woe unto him who is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up."

HERE ARE THE ORIGINAL 39 IN KWVA -

AT THE FIRST REUNION OF KWVA, 26 July, 1985, the following men were present and signed-up: Bill Norris -- Founder.

Dale W. Riggs.

William Booker.

Joseph J. Perc.

William F. Mason, Jr.

Robert A. McWatter.

Victor A. Estella.

Arthur T. Patterson.

Donald E. Nelson.

Gabe Lamagna.

Allen M. Smith.

LeRoy M. Stucker.

* Richard Winterstein.

John A. Herbert.

Daniel Lucey, Jr.

Edward Roth.

* Kenneth Borchardt.

Ralph W. Melcher.

* William McCavitt.

* Deceased.

C. J. Rittenhouse.

Thomas C. Harris, Jr.

Wes Worsham.

Harry Wallace.

Herman Vollings.

Charles Ritenour.

Richard Ziemba.

Ralph Lugo.

Stanley Hadden.

Herbert Parnow.

Charles Soules.

Jack Cloman.

Mario Scarselletta, Jr.

Howard M. Steele, Jr.

Victor Gerst.

Robert O'Hara.

Joseph Brown.

Joseph P. McCallion.

Herbert Watson.

Milton H. Olazagasti.



WALK TALL, KOREAN VET, YOU HELPED STOP COMMUNISM COLD.

THAT HEADLINE IS TAKEN FROM the program of the Department of Florida on November 12, 1988, when they held their first official ceremony of salute and tribute to the Korean War Veteran.

"The infant Dept. of Florida has shed its diaper and is walking tall. Our celebration on Nov. 12 was a big success and we kicked off our Charter in grand style and everyone took the oath of office from our guest speaker, Maj. Gen. James Dozier.

"It was a lot of work and my officers did a great job. We are very proud of our organization and the 47 names on the Request For Charter.

"We have signed up about 72 members (as of January 1989 it is more than 100) including about a dozen as a result of my trip to Colorado Springs in late September for the reunion by 'Dutch' Nelson of his Colorado Korean Combat War Veterans group. I made a pitch for KWVA and applications are still coming in. Dutch certainly has enough to start a Dept. of Colorado. I met a guy there who lives in Arizona and I'm helping him in getting Arizona's first chapter going. His name is Jim Bork. Great guy."

-- EMMETT BENJAMIN; 12431 S.W. 195 Terrace;
Miami, Florida 33177.

YOU SHOULD SEE the program and list of events and photographs that Emmett and his group sent. I wish there was a way to reproduce all of it in this newsletter. Suffice it to say that the state of Florida leads in recruiting for KWVA.

THE LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP CARD

HERSHALL E. LEE, Danville, Illinois, accepted from Dick Adams the project of designing and producing the new lifetime membership card. He said as follows:

"Mike Batemen, KWVA member and partner in Faulstich Printing Co. of Danville, donated the cost of manufacture and printing. The first printing will be 81 cards; an extra 119 cards will be held for future memberships. All this was at no charge; Mike said it is his way of helping out.

"The cost of laminating and postage will be extra, however. Harry Wallace (membership chairman) will furnish me the names, numbers, and dates of the members and I will handle the rest from here."

* * * From all of us: Thank you, Hershall and Mike.

KOREAN WAR
VETERANS
ASSOCIATION, INC.



SAMPLE

SAMPLE

HERSHALL E. LEE
Life Member

No. 1540
June 1, 1987

"YOU NOW HAVE AN ORGANIZATION THAT CARES ABOUT YOU AND THE 'FORGOTTEN WAR'."

--Emmett Benjamin,
KWVA, Dept. of Florida.

CHARLES MCCARREN, founder and General Chairman of the Chosin Few, underwent major surgery during first week of January. Good Luck, Mac!



Style 1



Style 2



Style 3



Style 4



Style 5



Item 8



Item 5



Item 10



Item 9



Style 8



**SUPPORT THE NATIONAL
KOREAN WAR
VETERANS MEMORIAL**

Dead: 54,246

Wounded: 103,284

M.I.A.: 8,177



Item 19



Item 11

Order Form:

Korean War Veterans Assoc.; P.O. Box 516; Dania, Florida 33004
Atten. Al Rudy

[illegible]

Items For Sale

Line No.	Style No.	Description	Item No.	Price
1	1	KWVA Window Decal, 4" x 3"	1	\$1.00
2	2	KWVA Shield Patch, 3 3/4" x 4", with Korean Campaign and Presidential R.O.K. Ribbons	2	\$5.00
3	3	KWVA Patch, 10" Diameter	3	\$10.00
4	3	KWVA Tie Tack/Lapel Pin	4	\$10.00
5	3	KWVA Key Ring, 1 1/4" Diameter	5	\$4.00
6	4	KWVA Patch, About 4" Diameter	6	\$5.00
7	8	KWVA Patch, About 3 1/4" Diameter	7	\$4.00
8	6	Hat/Lapel Pin, Crossed Flags	8	\$2.50
9		Wrist Watch; Quartz; Specify whether you want KWVA, or your unit as logo	9	\$32.00
10		KWVA Korea Commemorative Campaign Map, 30" x 22 1/2"	10	\$9.95
11		T-Shirt: of division, will have "Korea" on top and then your division. Also available for 5th Air Force, FEAF, 1st Marine, and 187th. Specify which you want, and size.	11	\$9.50
12		T-Shirt: Style 3 or 4; Specify which.	12	\$9.50
13		T-Shirt: For Grandchildren; Style 3 or 4	13	\$8.50
14	14	Bumper Sticker, 11 1/2" x 3", Memorial.	14	\$3.00
15	14	Envelope Label, 3" x 3/4", Memorial.	15	.20
16		Coffee Mug, White, With KWVA Decal	16	\$7.00
17	3	Light Blue, Association Hat	17	\$9.00
18	5	Royal Blue, Association Hat, with gold lettering and gold scrambled eggs	18	\$9.00
19	3	KWVA Jacket, Varsity Style Athletic, Light blue with white striped knit cuffs, with 10" cloth printed logo on back. Sizes: M L XL	19	\$45.00
		Size: XXL	20	\$48.00

Divisional Pins (Korea) \$4.00 Each.

These are for the most part 1 1/4" in height, made of hard enamel or cloisonne; Pins are available for any unit, in Korea or not, that was active during the Korean War and that a KWVA member served with.

Description	Item No.	Description	Item No.	Description	Item No.
1st Cav.	101	25th Inf. Div.	118	13th Air Force	234
2nd Inf. Div.	102	40th Inf. Div.	133	20th Air Force	238
3rd Inf. Div.	103	45th Inf. Div.	138	Far East Air Force(FEAF)	241
7th Inf. Div.	107	1st Marine Div.	198	187th A/b	187
11th A/B Div.	111	1st Marine Air Wing	207	8th Army	108
24th Inf. Div.	117	5th Air Force	226	Korea - Bar	Bar

Books:

Item No.	Title And Author	Price
31	"The Forgotten War", by Clay Blair.	\$25.00
32	The Congressional Medal Of Honor, Korea; the names, the deeds	\$ 5.00
33	"Pork Chop Hill", by S.L.A. Marshall.	\$20.00
34	"Airpower: The Decisive Power In Korea"; James T. Steward.	\$25.00
35	"March To Calumny: The story of American POWs in the Korean War"; by A.D. Biderman.	\$20.00
36	"The Sea War In Korea"; by M.W. Cagle and F.A. Mason.	\$37.00
37	"The Chosin Reservoir Campaign", by Montross and Canzona.	\$23.00
38	"Rakkasan", by Roberts; of the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.	\$20.00
39	"The River and the Gauntlet"; story of 8th Army Nov/Dec 1950; S.L.A. Marshall.	\$22.00
40	"Buck: a Tennessee boy in Korea"; by Raymond L. "Doc" Frazier; Co. D, 38th Regt, 2nd Div.	\$10.00
41	"Enter The Dragon", China's Undeclared War Against The U.S. In Korea, 1950-1951 — by Russell Spurr	\$20.00

"I AM SEARCHING FOR MY FATHER . . ."

he was **JAMES SAMUEL GORDON**

"MY NAME IS Patricia Ann Gordon Thompson. I am searching for my father who was in Korea when I was born in 1950.

"His name is James Samuel Gordon. He was 19 years old when I was born; my mom was only 15 then. He was from Elizabeth, N. J., and born in either 1931 or 1932. He would be about 56 now. Before he went to Korea he was stationed at Edgewood Arsenal Chemical Center.

"My father's mother's name was Elsbeth; she had remarried a Charles Thompson. They had a daughter, Irish Renee Thompson. My father had a brother, John Gordon.

"I have been looking and searching for 21 years and I have had no luck as of yet. I wrote to Veterans Administration and because I had no Social Security number for him, they couldn't help me. Vital Records in Elizabeth, N.J. have no record of his birth.

"The last known address that my mom had on my father's mother is: Mrs. Chas. Thompson; Manuel Blvd.; Albuquerque, N.M. 87102. I wrote to that address but the letter came back.

"I don't know if my father ever came home from Korea or not but when I was about 10 years old a man came to where we were living in West Virginia looking for a girl and he gave my name but my other brothers and sisters were afraid he was going to take me away, so they told him they never knew anyone by that name. I tried to catch up with the car but I was not quick enough.

"So if you can help at all please let me know. My name again is:

Patricia Ann Gordon Thompson;
2708 Woodsdale Avenue;
Baltimore, MD 21214. Ph. 301-444-5039.

THIS HEADLINE and part of the story clipped from DAV Magazine of March, 1988 helps to illustrate how other veterans groups are helping raise monies for the Korean War memorial.

Have you asked your special group to also help?

DAV Contributes \$500,000 to Korean War Memorial Fund

The DAV, in a continuing effort of support, recently contributed \$500,000 to the Korean War Memorial Fund.

DAV National Commander Gene A. Murphy presented the \$500,000 check at a recent meeting of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board in Washington, D.C. On hand to receive the check were

HELLO WORLD!

IF YOU WERE AT THE 1988 REUNION and happened to meet a lovely and very-pregnant young lady . . . who happened to be the daughter of (Quartermaster) Al Rudy and his wife Bernice . . . you will be pleased to join in welcoming into this old world the brand-new daughter of SHARON and MARK MOSKOWITZ.

The baby has been named Jordan Rachel -- all 6 pounds and 11 ounces of her; she arrived on November 9, 1988 at 10 p.m., Washington, D.C.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEET JAN. 28

President DICK ADAMS issued a call last Dec. 12 for all officers and members of the Board of Directors to meet on Jan. 28, 1989 in Arlington, Virginia. Our next Newsletter will contain for you full information on whatever decisions are made at that meeting.

HE IS GETTING RADIO AND TV AND NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROANOKE, Virginia -- "Here is my report: Blaine (Friedlander) and I met with Carroll Huffman, a friend of mine, two weeks ago at Channel 10 TV, WSLs, Roanoke.

"The PSA tapes (Public Service Announcement) were mailed to Huffman and are being sent to his contacts: Ted Turner Cable TV, national NBC TV, and Fox Broadcasting national TV.

"We've asked for and are securing 12 more tapes of each 30-second spot from Dan North for further distribution. The first one of many in Roanoke airs at 5:30 today on TV Channel 10 (on Dec. 30, 1988). IT'S STARTED!

"On Thursday Dec. 29 Col. John Kenney (of the Memorial Board in D.C.) and Blaine came to Roanoke. We then met with Carroll Huffman at WSLs for more action and discussion. Radio station WFIR just a few minutes ago called to interview me about what we're doing. The reporter found out over her UPI wire service news. They tell me it's going all over TV, radio, and newspapers. Also went to Roanoke papers.

"I'm to see the AP man next Monday with that same press release.

"Also I'm going to have 1,000 copies of the press release that John Kenney sent to me, printed so as to include an application blank for KWVA attached. I will send those to all the VFW, DAV, AL and AmVets state leaders and district leaders in the U.S.A., with directions to 'duplicate and distribute' to all members and ask them to join and/or donate.

"Finally, we plan for Thursday Jan. 5 to make a taped interview, possibly including some or all of the following: myself, Blaine, John, Col. Burke, Hon. Bid Hopkins (Chosin Few), Tommy Duncan (Chosin Few), Gordon Barham (Chosin Few), Bob Gray (POW 3 years), with Carroll Huffman of Channel 10 TV. We hope to get wide distribution including national coverage of this."

-- BILL ARNOLD; 1515 Memorial Ave. SW;
Apt. #7; Roanoke, Va. 24015. Jan. 3, 1989.

"POSTAL RECORD" MAGAZINE KNOWS US

"ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND in the magazine an article that I was interviewed for. . . . I have some response to it (all very good) from my brother carriers. This has a circulation of 296,000 so I'm hoping that some Korean vets out there in the Postal world will want to join our cause.

-- Howard W. Camp; 430 S. Stadium Dr.; Xenia, Ohio 45385"

THANKS, Howard -- and yes, many fellow postal workers not only read your article, quite a few of them sent in their applications.

THE CANADA KOREA VETERANS

MANY KOREAN WAR VETERANS will want to know how our Canadian friends and allies are doing . . . and if you want more information on how to join and support them, here's how:

KOREA VETERANS ASSOCIATION, Unit #5
Les White, Membership Chairman
P. O. Box 65, Stn. A
Weston, Ontario, Canada M9N 3N6



GUY GRUDERS, mentioned in Tom Maines' report on page 2: VietNam Veteran; shot down twice by enemy ground fire; captured when he parachuted in jungle; was POW 5½ years. Thank you, Guy!

WAS THIS THE FIRST KOREAN WAR VETS GROUP? FORMED IN 1952?

WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER and other materials from PATRICK J. TEEVENS; Box 176; Rockwood, MI (zip code 48173). He was in HQ BTRY 12 FA BN 2nd INF DIV Korea 1951-1952.

"Re your question: 11-11-88 is our last scheduled KORVET meeting this century; also our first since the 50's at U of Detroit when our beards were still young tho many somewhat sorag-gly even then."

Pat's enclosed flyer had a lot to say and this line caught my eye: "Committee disbanded; next KORVET 36th: 11 November 2024." Then he wound up with: "If you've got 'em, wear 'em!"

TO START A CHAPTER OF K.W.V.A. —

FIRST: You must contact Wm. F. Mason, Jr.
P.O. Box 382
East Taunton, MA.
02718
Phone: 508 - 823-4260

YOU WILL THEN RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING --

1. Copy of KWVA By-Laws (9 pages).
2. Copy of the Petition For Chapter Charter (3 pages).
3. Copy of the Oath Of Office (1 page).
4. National Memorial donation forms (please make more copies for your use).
5. National membership applications (please make more copies for your use).
6. Only ONE State Charter will be authorized per state or territory; the rest will be Chapters under the State Charter.
7. You will need a minimum of 12 Korean War veterans who are a member of the national K.W.V.A. to start a chapter, state or congressional.
8. To further encompass each state or territory, the state group will encourage and back a chapter in each of its Congressional districts.
9. Chapters, state or congressional, should incorporate themselves for limited protection (check laws of your state or territory).
10. RETURN ALL MATERIALS TO ABOVE ADDRESS WHEN COMPLETED (not to the President).
11. Include the members' name, address, and K.W.V.A. membership number.
12. Person submitting Petition For Chapter: please include your phone number and area code.

NOTE: If you need further assistance, please contact Bill Mason by phone or letter. The best time for phone is between 5 and 6 p.m. -- EDT or EST depending on time of year.

Miracles DO HAPPEN -- to
those who believe in them.

CHAPTER: ARIZONA

"WE NOW HAVE A CHAPTER IN ARIZONA. Our first meeting was Dec. 10, 1988 at American Legion Post 1. The Korean national and local monuments were discussed; also a charter was started with 13 signatures; 12 are required. We agreed to work at getting new members. Next meeting will be Jan. 14, 1989. FOR MORE INFORMATION please contact: JIM BORK; 3301 W. Encanto; Phoenix, Arizona 85009. Phone (602) 272-2418."

CHAPTER: NORTHEAST NEW YORK

From Bill Bradley, 1st Vice President;
12 Sunset Ave.; Troy, N.Y. 12180

"IN ADDITION TO EXPANDING our Northeast New York chapter, we have been 'showing the flag' every chance we get.

"On 14 August Bill Coe and myself and wives went to Moosup, CT and met Warren Avery, Len and Marilyn Dube and their two children and marched in the only V-J Day parade in the country.

"On 16 Sept., POW/MIA Recognition Day at the state capitol at Albany, N.Y.

"On 17 Sept. to the prisoner-of-war Med-al Award ceremony at Albany.

"On 11 Sept. we were in the 'Uncle Sam' day parade in Troy, N.Y. and received a plaque for the Best Veterans Group. We had a large turnout for the Albany Veterans Day parade.

"At every parade our turnout becomes larger as more people see us and the Korean War Veteran is coming out of the background and finally saying 'I am a Korean War veteran.'

"Have been interviewed by two local newspapers and had one letter to the editor published. It is too bad we had to wait so long to have local chapters but now that we do, we can leave all that behind and increase our membership to where it ought to be."

One of the news clippings that Bill included in his letter quoted him on what seems to be a top-notch recruiting aid: "Bradley said KOREAN WAR VETERANS WANTED posters will soon be distributed at several businesses."

CHAPTER: ILLINOIS

HERSHALL E. LEE: 212 S. Kentucky Ave.; Danville, Illinois 61832

reported as follows:

As of Dec. 10, we have 168 members.

Russell Britt and Jim Schroeder sold 204 tickets on the M-1 rifle the weekend of Dec. 3-4 at the Wabash Valley Gun Show. (Please see the photograph on page 14.)

Election of officers: Pres. Marylon Palmer; 1st Vice Pres. Ray Nasser; 2nd Vice Pres. Don McClure; Treasurer Ron Mauk; Secretary Charles Lomax; Directors Bob Juvinall, Howard Varner, Don Walker, Gene Vandervort and Past President Hershall Lee.

Lifetime Membership Cards: This project was assigned by Nat. Pres. Dick Adams. Along with my son, Daniel Lee (who is a designer in the art and print world) we came up with the new lifetime membership cards. Mike Bateman, who is a member of our organization and partner in Faulstitch Printing Company of Danville, donated the cost of manufacture and printing of the cards. It is his way of helping out, he said.

OTHER CHAPTERS FORMING

NEW CHAPTERS VOTED ON include: Department of Florida; Louisiana Chapter; and Santa Barbara, California.

We have received papers of application from:

Minnesota Korean War Vets; Chapter #1; St. Paul. and
Missouri Chapter Korean War Veterans; St. Louis.

"I WENT TO KOREA

... FROM OKINAWA with the 29th INF 3rd Batt. We went on a Japanese freighter the Maru Marau It had just made a trip to Russia to get a load of Jap prisoners-of-war (WWII) to take them to Japan. Oh, but that ship did stink.

"But we cleaned all the way to Korea. Outside of Pusan a NK submarine was lurking in the water. Well, a Australian PBV plane dropped depth charges. I and others thought the dam old wooden ship would capsize but it made it on in to the harbor. I heard they got one sub and was still tracking another.

"Well, we all was lucky that the United Nations forces was on the ball as we would of got a torpedo into the old wooden bucket. But we got in to port okay and of course went on to war. This is an experience that I am sure others remember if they read this."

-- DONALD R. PEASLEY; Willow Tree Condo #1; Hayden Lake, Idaho 83835.

NOT SURE THAT WE ANSWERED...

... or did we? NEIL VANDERMEULEN; 1073 Poplar Dr.; Mehlville, MO 63125

Neil, if I failed to respond to your letter that was filled with copies of news clippings of your efforts to form a St. Louis chapter of KWVA -- and also stories of Rudy Aguilar (USMC) and especially the scores of photographs he has of the war... please don't shoot.

I'm not certain at this time about bumper stickers but if AL RUDY (KWVA Quartermaster) reads this, and I'm sure that he will, he's the man with all those answers. If you have stories or a report for next issue of Graybeards, please send it to me next month.

-- Thank you; Stan Hadden, editor.

AH, SO! AMERICAN CIGARETTES!

IN CO. H, 35th INF REGT, in Korea, June 1951, cigarettes were not scarce. In fact, each of us received a candy bar and a pack of cigarettes, even if we did not smoke, nearly every day that supplies could reach us. I was not a smoker so I merely gave mine away.

Our unit, while on an outpost hill, had been attacked by Chinese on four successive nights. Finally, upper echelon strategy ordered us off the hill, sensing a powerful attack in which the Chinese would overrun us and take the outpost.

Before leaving, I got a devilish idea. I carefully opened a pack of cigarettes, poured insect repellent into the package, and tossed the pack where the Chinese would find it when they occupied the vacated hill.

I could imagine the ecstatic shout from the finder: "Ah, so! American cigarettes!" I wonder if I caused any casualties in his squad... we'll never know.

-- HAROLD E. LONEY (25th DIV);

3679 SR 598; Willard, Ohio 44890

THE PHOTO WAS TOO DIM, BUT...

... "THIS PAST SUMMER while on vacation I found out that all states have not forgotten the Korean War veteran. Highway 51 in Wisconsin runs from north to the south border and a large billboard proclaimed it to be 'KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY'. I know other K.W.V.'s would be interested in it."

-- KEITH W. BAUMAN; Life member; #0705;

Rt. 3, Box 818; Birchdale, MN 56629.

TO PARAPHRASE PATRICK HENRY --

"I have earned my liberty and freedoms; I will not let you enslave me in your chains of party politics."

WE WELCOME YOUR STORIES

YOUR STORIES OF KOREAN WAR EXPERIENCES are coming in to us; a few at a time.

We are trying to print them in your newsletter... this issue will contain some. Right now we look at the problem this way: suppose we -- or someone -- accumulate ALL your stories and photographs and then combine them into ONE book about the war. What do you think?

Most of us have short stories to tell -- and by themselves do not justify the huge cost of printing and distributing a book. So, maybe all together we could do it? Write the editor (Stan Hadden) at P.O. Box 131; Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425.

WERE YOU IN ATOMIC TESTS?

"I WAS IN THE 3rd INFANTRY DIVISION in Korea.

"I'm trying to locate former members of the outfit I ended up with after coming back to the States. I ended up in Camp Cooke, Cal. Then oil was discovered on camp property and all were re-located.

"My group went to Camp Roberts, Calif. Then immediately we went to Nevada to the atomic test site north of Las Vegas, Nev. Then at end of my service period I went back to Camp Roberts for discharge, while my outfit stayed at atomic test site for how long I don't know.

"THE OUTFIT I'M TRYING TO LOCATE members of was the 3623rd ORDNANCE MAINT CO (DS). We were the support troops for 1953 series of tests named "Upshot-Knothole". I am now suffering skin problems on my hands and have not worked for almost 5 months and I'm wondering if there are any former members of the outfit in KWVA who would get in touch with me so we could compare for our health problems. My address is:

"Kenneth R. Kendall; 5782 Houston Ave.; Portage, IND. 46368. (219 - 762 - 4248)."

WHY DON'T YOU AND I AND HIM AND HER just reach into our pocket now and send a few extra bucks to the Memorial Fund... P. O. Box 12205; Baltimore, MD. 21281. Thank you!

A MISTAKE BY 1st MAR DIV ASSN?

Oct. 13, 1988 -- "I RECEIVED your new issue of The Graybeards and I approve of it wholeheartedly. I was happy to note that you will now answer letters; if the organization is to grow I believe this is important. I also am a member of the 1st MAR DIV ASSN... and the recruiting letter they sent me 3 years ago said their 'membership was made up of men from WWII, Viet Nam, and peacetime.' They had left out Korea completely which did not endear me to them."

-- BOB COCHRANE,
50 Brunswick St.; Marshfield, MA 02050

"OUR HIDDEN STRENGTHS, our ability to reach the American people, lies in how well we reach them through the small daily and weekly newspapers, and in the radio stations, and in the company workforce newsletters."

-- STAN HADDEN; P.O. Box 131;
Harpers Ferry, W.V. 25425.

A POSTAL CHESS & GAMES CLUB Established in 1960

Knights of the Square Table

We would like to form a special correspondence CHESS tournament consisting of Korean War Veterans only. For information about joining our friendly club, mention this ad and write: NOSTQUARTERS, c/o Les Roselle, 111 Amber St., Buffalo, NY 14220.



HEY THERE, CHESS PLAYERS!

THERE IS ANOTHER PLUS TO THIS AD: Les Roselle will donate "to the Memorial Fund, c/o KWVA in Baltimore . . . when the ad appears in The Greybeards. I'll send 'em a nice little check post-haste. THANKS. Incidentally, the NOST is a non-profit organization."

JIM WATERS: PLEASE NOTE-

"WOULD YOU PLEASE MENTION that Max Hasting's book titled 'The Korean War' is on the shelves at \$10.95. Warren Avery and I were two of his interviewees among others; British, Korean, Chinese, and Americans. -- JIM WATERS."

(There you are, Jim; but you did not send me your address etc. -- STAN HADDEN).

NOTICE TO 25TH INF DIV

ALL CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS of the 25th Inf Div and attached units (WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Peacetime) are invited to attend the 40th annual convention in Washington, D.C. on the week-end of November 9-12, 1989. For further information, contact:

25th Infantry Division Association; P.O. Box 5439, Friendship Station; 4005 Wisconsin Ave NW; Washington, D.C. 20016.

NEW YORK -- The 4th District Congressman, Norman F. Lent, is a veteran of the Korean War and last October he was signed-up by William Stahley who lives at 13 Elm Street, Hicksville, New York 11801.

(All you New York members now can find out whether Rep. Lent is on your side.)

"TO ALL YOU GUYS . . .

" . . . FROM WHEREVER, let's get on the KWVA train and get the recognition we deserve; shed the apathy; one last time to saddle up -- one last forced march!

"Some of my views are: WE MUST BE DIFFERENT. Colors to be UN blue and white. Memorial location to be on UN grounds or the top of Pike's Peak. (The government has given us different treatment--so let's be different.) Memorial to be a library.

"Let us not ask the government for one damn thing. Be tough like we were in Frozen Chosin; ask no quarter and give no quarter."

"-- JIM 'Vi-Dookie' CHAPMAN; 10360 W. Ntl Rd.; New Carlisle, OHIO 45344.
B CO, 223 INF REGT."

"I SEE THE MEMORIAL AS . . ."

" . . . ALL OF THIS HAS CAUSED me to reflect on my 3 years in the army, 1948-51, including nine months as a combat infantryman in Korea.

"I believe the War Memorial should be different . . . uniqueness of the Korean War is, I believe, that it was the first war conducted by the United States with United Nations sanction and with international law and order in mind. The second characteristic that sets it apart is the 'police action' aspect; this was a legal non-war causing a great number of Americans to be killed, wounded, or taken as prisoners.

"And of course, it was a forgotten war. . . . I view the memorial as a remembrance of those who fought, the traditional way of presenting memorials; but in addition, I see the memorial as a consciousness-raising step toward creating and desiring International Peace.

" . . . I am persuaded to symbolize International Peace by consciously placing on the Korean War Memorial a passage stating that the Korean War was fought for a variety of purposes among which was to remember and foster International Peace. In fact, that may be the biggest legacy of this historical conflict. There you have my view. . . ."

-- Robert E. Stahl (Ex-Corporal);
801 Beaverton Ct.; Sunnyvale, CA 94087

ANY MEMORIAL GARDENS PLANNED?

"I WONDER IF ANY MEMBERS are aware of any gardens in their localities which are dedicated to the veterans? I am a free-lance writer/photographer in the travel area, as well as a garden writer, and it may benefit all if I can write about these. Please send me details such as newspaper clips or names and addresses of keepers of such gardens.

"ALSO -- has Robert W. Michler moved? I wrote the address printed in the last Graybeards to ask about a travel tour to Korea; my letter was returned. AND, after publication of last Nov. 11 in her column, I think we should make Dear Abby an honorary member. How much was received in donations?"

-- FRANK J. ALEKSANDROWICZ;
343 Canterbury Road; Bay Village, Ohio 44140

6132 TAC CONTROL GROUP

"I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR from any one who served in this group. I am 100 percent DISABLED and need to find witnesses to the incident because all of my records were burned at St. Louis in 1973. Am also interested in writing to those I served with. I can't work so writing letters is about all I can do, and my days pass slowly.

-- JAMES WIECK; 1029 State St. #31;
River Falls, WI. 54022.

2ND CML MORTAR BN CO A

"WOULD APPRECIATE hearing from my old outfit; I was there Sept. 1950 to Oct. 1951 as 1st Sgt. Also plan to move back to Staunton, Va."

-- V. P. LEAVEL, JR.;
4717 Diaz #1; Ft. Worth, Texas 76107

7TH CAV REGT KOREA 1950-51

REUNION June 14-16, 1989. Holiday Inn North; Nashville, Tenn. 37207. 230 West Trinity Lane & I-65 North; exit 87-B; phone 1-615-226-0111. Contact Ecton J. Plaisance, Jr.; Rt. 5, Box 230; Cut Off, LA 70345; ph: 1-504-693-3835.

WHERE ARE THEY?

FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL LIST of former members who moved and left no forwarding address in our files. Maybe you know one or more of them and can remind them to renew their dues:

Ernest Vermaaten; Millersport, OH	Arthur Warren; Norfolk, VA.
Harry Lee Clark; Arlington, Va.	Joseph Sayre; Dover, DE.
Leroy Landino; Detroit, MI.	Charles Bell; Drayton Plains, MI.
Milton H. Taylor; Raleigh, NC.	Walter Moody; Sacramento, CA.
Bruce McGuire; Hebron, OH.	Lindsay Henderson; Savannah, GA.
John Correll; New Hope, PA.	George Couper; Richmond, ME.
Maurice Loir; Levittown, NY.	Warren Flournoy; Red Bluff, CA.
William Seofield; Kissimmee, FL.	Leo Crowl; Redding, CA.
James R. Bradley; Charleston, WV.	Robert Sheridan; Canton, NY.
Bob McFarland; Charleston, WV.	Geraldine Johnson; Beaver Dam, KY.
William McCavitt; Indiana, PA.	Francis Butler; Phoenix, AZ.
Franklin C. Merritt; Durham, NC.	Victor Arrisola; Tacoma, WA.
Eugene P. MacDonald; Keyport, NJ.	Kenneth Hagan; Torrance, CA.
Thomas W. Parker; Toccoa, GA.	Francis Lockwood; Danville, IL.
Richard Kubicek; Chicago, IL.	Harris Lee; Minneapolis, MN.
Jerry Searles; Duluth, MN.	Wm. Schmitz; Newton, NJ.
Norbert A. Kocman; La Grange Park, IL.	Raymond Gornay; St. Clair Shores, MI.
Floyd L. Baxter; Shreveport, LA.	Thomas Schulz; Mableton, GA.
Richard E. Matthews; Pawling, NY.	Robert Yackimowicz; Dover, NJ.
Robert A. Quattrocchi; Dunwoody, GA.	Robert Davis; Wantagh, NY.
Jack E. Carr; Port Huron, MI.	Kenneth Foss; Atlanta, GA.
Louis Ross, Jr.; Youngstown, OH.	Paul Riggs; Brashear Falls, NY.
Carl Welter; Elyria, OH.	John Greager; Lakeland, FL.
Roy Cammensen; Roseburg, OR.	Clyde Livaudais; Metairie, LA.
Ronald D. Kirk; Baltimore, MD.	Theodore Pruitt; Elyria, OH.
Charles Fitzsimmons; Danville, IL.	Daniel Kalifut; Scottsdale, AZ.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED 12-31-88.

INCOME:

Membership Dues	\$21,835.04	
Life Memberships	13,206.21	
Memorial Fund	22,359.82	\$57,401.07

EXPENSE:

Office Supplies	\$ 979.25	
Postage	2,497.11	
Printing	1,900.00	
Telephone	827.56	
Transfer to Memorial Committee	10,000.00	(16,203.92)

CASH BALANCE AT 12-31-88	\$41,197.15
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CASH BALANCE COMPRISED OF:

Operating Funds (Current Dues)	\$15,631.12
Life Memberships	13,206.21
Memorial Fund	12,359.82
TOTAL	\$41,197.15

630TH ENG BUILT THE AIRSTRIP ...

"BUT WHAT LATER HAPPENED TO IT?"

"In Dec. 1951 I was assigned to the 630 Engineers Lt. Equip. Co., 19th Engineer Combat Group, 10th Corp. The company area at that time (January 3, 1952) was situated just south of the Kansas Line and then was moved south to what was a city at some time earlier called Yanngu, North Korea.

"Our work was the construction of an air field with a runway of 5500 feet with a taxi way of 4500 feet long. Each airfield was assigned a K number, but I don't recall ever of hearing a number for this strip. My job was operator of the Northwest 1 1/2 yd. dragline and various other equipment. On or about April or May of 1952 a M.A.S.H. unit moved in next to the air strip and in July we were done with the main construction of the air field and were then put on detached service to other units. I did not get back to my company until December 25, then went back to the outfit I was detached to, 116th Combat Batt Engrs located at the foot of the Punch Bowl.

"My request of anyone in that area or was later attached to the 630th: What happened to that air field? Is it now being used; is it in the demarcation zone or is it growing weeds? Yanngu is just southeast of the Hwachon Reservoir in North Korea, and maybe 12 miles north of the 38th. I would appreciate hearing from you."

--FLOYD KING, JR. Sgt(T); 8 Mason St.;
Johnstown, N.Y. 12095.



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: _____



RUSSELL BRITT
on the left, and
JIM SCHROEDER on
the right, sold
204 tickets on
the M-1 raffle
at the Wabash
Valley Gun
Show held in
Danville, Ill.
Dec. 3 and 4.



HERE IS AL RUDY —

THE HARD-WORKING QUARTERMASTER for KWVA. . . and Al adds these words:

"Any group of members that want to begin a Chapter, know that any merchandise that they need to buy could be purchased at group prices so that it will give the chapter some seed monies in the beginning."

He stated also: "I think it would be good if all members contact their local newspaper, whether in a small town or a large city, and have the paper put in a public service announcement listing the member's name and address for application into the KWVA, and mention the fact that the association is trying to gather all Korean vets to join an association only for Korean vets, and also for working toward building a memorial in Washington."

"I think that the newspapers will do it, as the memorial is gaining national attention, and the newspapers can hold the interest of its readers. The Korean War will not go away, and the Korean Vet is becoming more visible to the general public," he concluded.

The Dept. of Florida: Photos at the right, from TOP to BOTTOM: Miami Chapter Gold Star Mothers with Board Member Charlie Dawson. Standing is EVA LYONS, who lost her son in the opening days of the Korean War. "Time to party." Dept. Pres. Emmett Benjamin hands membership card to MajGen James Dozier. "Post the Colors." Nov. 12, 1988; Miami, Fla.



HARRY WALLACE on the left, and STAN HADDEN on the right, co-chairmen of the 1988 reunion, took some R&R after the Arlington ceremony. This photo was sent by Dale Riggs.

America's Forgotten War

I desire to enroll in, and become a member of, the KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.: To organize, promote and maintain for benevolent and charitable purposes an association of persons who have seen honorable service during the Korean War at any time between June 25, 1950 and January 31, 1955 both dates inclusive, and of certain other persons; the particular qualifications for membership to be set forth in the By-Laws of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

Annual Reunion and Memorial Service is held on 27 July at Arlington Cemetery to commemorate signing of the cease-fire and to remember our fallen comrades.

DETACH AND MAIL TO

Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 12205

Baltimore, Maryland 21281

(Annual dues \$15.00; renewable
on anniversary date)

Make all checks payable to: "KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION"

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SERVICE BRANCH _____

UNIT ASSIGNED _____

DATES OF SERVICE _____

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TO OLD AND NEW MEMBERS

IT SHALL BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WILL ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW AND RETURN
TO: Tom Maines; 1801 Saw Mill Run Blvd.; Pittsburgh, Penn. 15210.

Member Name _____ Spouse Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Present Occupation _____

Member Date of Birth _____ Spouse date of birth _____

Membership Number _____ Service Branch _____ Serial No. _____

Rank or rate last held _____ Dates in Korea _____

Division _____ Regiment _____ Battalion _____ Company _____ Battery _____

Group _____ Squadron _____

Fleet _____ Ship _____

Decorations _____

Congressional District _____ Hobbies _____

I have contacts for information such as _____

PLEASE MAKE AS MANY COPIES AS YOU WANT!

OFFICIAL NOTICE

25-26-27-28 JULY 1989

OFFICIAL NOTICE

A wreath-laying ceremony will be conducted at the Tomb Of The Unknowns at 10 a.m., 27 July 1989. Immediately afterward, a Memorial Service will be held in the Amphitheater in remembrance of our fallen comrades; and those 8,177 men missing in action, and the 389 prisoners-of-war still unaccounted for.

This year's Reunion Registration Fee is \$105.00 per person (adult). This fee covers Wednesday and Thursday breakfasts; Wednesday dinner; Thursday banquet; bus fare to Arlington Cemetery; our flowers, etc. There will be a separate Cash Bar just before the banquet.

25 JULY 1989, TUESDAY

Sign-in and registration starting 9 a.m.

26 JULY 1989, WEDNESDAY

Annual business meeting 10.00 a.m.

Dinner 6 p. m.

27 JULY 1989, THURSDAY

Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Sharp. (Don't be late).

Board busses about 9:00 a.m. -- exact time will be announced.

Arlington Cemetery ceremony starts 10:00 a.m.

There is a possibility of a trip afterward to the Memorial Site on the Mall; problems are being worked on.

28 JULY 1989, FRIDAY

Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

Open discussion of this year's reunion.

Adjournment.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE REUNION -- please fill out the below attendance registration form and return it to the Korean War Veterans Association with your attendance fee. Upon receipt of your attendance form and payment, we will mail you a hotel card for your reservation along with a hotel brochure of particulars.

There are 150 rooms reserved at the SPECIAL RATE of \$62.00 (single or double) per day. Other rooms are available and plentiful. In order to receive this special rate you must use this KWVA procedure and form.

There will be a Hospitality Room serving refreshments on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Your donation of a bottle will be appreciated. Should you also wish to make a financial donation (regardless if you attend or not) it will help offset the additional costs of this year's reunion.

ATTENDANCE QUESTIONNAIRE--

Your KWVA

Card NO. _____.

Mail to: Korean War Veterans Association (REUNION)

P. O. Box 12205

Baltimore, Maryland

21281

Your Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

I WILL ATTEND ____ Yes ____ No WIFE: ____ Yes ____ No

Reunion fee of \$ _____ at \$105.00 per person (adult) enclosed; Check number _____.

Operating fund donation of \$ _____ enclosed; Check number _____.

I will be traveling by ____ Car ____ Van ____ Train ____ Plane

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Korean War Veterans Association; noted "For Reunion".

PLEASE MAIL
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