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## KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

## THIS IS OUR BEST ESTIMATE OF EVENTS AND DATES AND POSSIBLE COSTS TO COMPLETE THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

H. R. 3603

A BILL To direct the heads of Federal departments and agencies to disclose information concerning United States personnel classified as prisoners of war or missing in action from World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam conflict.

#### CONGRESS IS ACTING ON POW/MIA

To: Dick Adams, President of KWVA-

"I want to thank you for your endorsement of H.R. 3603, the "POW/MIA Public accountability Bill." introduced by myself and Rep. Denny Smith.

"As you know, this legislation will require the heads of Federal departments and agencies to disclose information concerning U.S. personnel who remain unaccounted for from World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam conflict. Even though World War II, Korea and Vietnam are wars that ended many years ago, federal agencies still have information about missing servicemen kept classified on the grounds of "national security." With the exception of protecting intelligence sources and methods of collection, what security considerations should prevent the American public, including veterans, families, and friends, from seeing any information the government has on U.S. servicemen and women that were sent overseas and are still unaccounted for? As you know, H.R. 3603, also has safeguards to protect families from the unauthorized disclosure of military records which have no bearing on the POW/MIA issue.

"Unless this information is made public, our government will always be subject to charges to cover-up and conspiracy. I hope you will urge your membership to write to their Congressmen urging them to become a cosponsor of this important legislation. If we can get enough Congressmen to support H.R. 3603, I am confident we will finally be able to follow through on former President Reagan's 1982 Executive Order relating to the classification of documents. As you know, this Order permits the government to keep classified "only that information whose unauthorized disclosure could reasonably be expected to damage America's security." H.R. 3603 is the logical outcome of this Executive Order. It is time for our country to make information still classified from these wars available to the public. Only in this way will we ever achieve the fullest possible accounting of the 78,000 missing service members from World War II, the 8,177 from Korea, and the 2,331 from Southeast Asia. "Again, let me express my deepest gratitude to you and your members for your endorsement of this important legislation. "With warm, regards, ROBERT C. SMITH; Member of Congress, from New Hampshire."

ALRIGHT NOW! Will you, as a member of KWVA, now please write your congressman/congresswoman and ask their support for HR 3603. Here's your chance to help - - and it will only cost you a few minutes plus two bits for a stamp. SEND YOUR LETTER TODAY!

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by (Member) JOHN F. C. KENNEY, JR.; (Nov. 1, 1989) "To the editor:

"I received your letter asking for an estimate for the completion time for the Memorial. To get the best information available, I have checked with the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) and the following is the best guess we have been able to come up with.

1. Contract approved for the award of the contract for the Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Study to produce the final (detailed) design for the Memorial. March 1990

- 2. A/E study completed and final design July 1991 approved.
- 3. Contract approved for sculpture, art work construction and landscaping of the memorial. October 1991 .
  - 4. Ground breaking for construction. October 1991
- 5. Construction, art work, and emplacement ot figures, and landscaping completed. April-May 1993
  - 6. Memorial dedicated.

July 1993

- 7. "Stan, there are a lot of factors which can upset this applecart. The most important is that there must be a construction permit from the Secretary of the Interior in hand before construction can begin.
- 8. "The issuance of that permit requires that the site and design be approved and that there are sufficient funds on hand to complete the construction and also endow a maintenance fund equal to ten percent of the construction
- 9. "For all intents and purposes, the site and design (subject to review of details by the approving commissions) are approved now. So, the biggest challenge facing all of us who want this Memorial is to raise the money. By law, we have until October 28, 1991, to come up with the money. Right now, it looks like the six million dollar initial fund raising goal is woefully short. That means that even with four million already deposited in the escrow account, we -- all of us -- are going to have to raise several million dollars more by the ground breaking time if we are to keep up with the schedule.
- 10. "Being realistic, the remainder of the fund raising is probably going to have to be done by the Association, or in the name of the Association. It can be done, but we're going to need a lot of ingenuity, concentration, and enthusiasm.

"I hope I have answered your question."

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#### 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 answered in one way or another, from officers, directors, etc.

DEAR EDITOR: Please CHA	NGE MY MAIL ADDRESS
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# WHY THE SUDDEN JUMP IN COST OF THE MEMORIAL?

# WHO IS WRITING/ADMINISTERING THE CONTRACT?

# ARE COST-CONTROL METHODS BEING USED OR IS THE USUAL BOON-DOGGLING BEING FOLLOWED?

These are brutally frank questions that someone should ask. . . but that does not mean a guarantee of getting straight answers.

On page one is a letter I received from John Kenney, who answered my request for information. John was executive secretary of the Korean War Memorial Commission until his resignation last September. He is a long-time member of KWVA and has truly been one of the more staunch workers for all of us. John also will be in complete charge of the Arlington Cemetery this coming July 27. His remarks here come from his intimate knowledge of how Washington works and you must know that what he said in that letter on page one is his ANALYSIS of the facts - not his personal opinion.

After I read his letter, I numbered the paragraphs in John's letter in order to tie-in some of my own personal opinions and thoughts which I am now presenting to you, the KWVA member. I'll begin with the statement that hit me the hardest. -- (and remember, this is only the personal opinion of Stan Hadden and no one else):

COMMENT ON PARAGRAPH NO. 9. As of 12-7-89, the estimate is 8.2 to 10.6 million dollars. Let's assume the total amount to be raised is TEN MILLION. And our deadline for that sum is only 23 months away. (See #4). If we use some arithmetic it seems that we must raise about \$261,000 per month. . . or \$8,700 PER DAY starting Nov. 1, 1989. (Lest year!)

(a) Maybe we should demand that cost-savings methods be used, instead of cost-overrun padding.

COMMENT ON PARAGRAPH NO. 10. John says that KWVA must be the realistic fund raiser. WOW!

All right, if that's truly the case, then I think KWVA should immediately sit down with whatever Congressional committee has the responsibility and press for certain definite to be given KWVA, such as abolish the present plan and turn all its authorities over to KWVA.

That's probably unlikely to happen . . . so I look at other alternatives, such as:

- (a) Let's assume that the 38 figures in the present memorial design will EACH COST \$265,000 (I divided ten million \$ by 38).
- (b) We have four million S now; we probably can reach six million by October 1991 by using our present methods of solicitation thru KWVA and whoever else is helping.
- (c) So six million S minus \$600,000 (10 percent for maintenance endowment per paragraph 8) will leave us with a net of \$55,400,000.
- (d) That will buy about 20 figures in the Memorial. Shall we thus consider suggesting to the powers-that-be that the Memorial be scaled down to fit the funds raised?
- (e) Or - why not suggest, in face of considerable displeasure with the present design not showing ALL SERVICES, that the Memorial follow the approved format of heroic-size figures marching/walking toward the flag - - but make at least one to represent each branch of service; (or two figures, or three figures each branch).
- (f) I think KWVA should have a loud voice in ANY design changes that are to be discussed. See paragraphs 1, 2, and 3.

## START PLANNING TODAY FOR THE JULY 1990 REUNION



On June 25, 1989, the Florida KWVA held a special recognition and fund-raising dinner for Korean War recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Three of those most valiant are shown in the above photo. Left to right: Col. (Ret) CARL SITTER, USMC; Col. (Ret) LLOYD "SCOOTER" BURKE, USA; Capt. (Ret) THOMAS HUDNER, USN.

#### HERE'S THE SHORT STORY ON FLORIDA'S GIFT OF \$10, 250 FOR THE MEMORIAL

"Tm enclosing some items for the next issue of The Graybeard. Most of them pertain to the June 25 dinner held in Miami for the Medal of Honor recipients. The first is a copy of the check for \$10,250.00 given to the Korean War Memorial Commission from the Department of Florida as our contribution towards the Memorial. It represents a lot of work on the part of a lot of people. While most of the money represents proceeds from the dinner, there were a lot of small and medium contributions represented. I will send you the list shortly. I had a lot of phone calls by my people asking why we didn't get any mention in the last Graybeard. Some even asked me jokingly if I had really gone to Washington. I realize it wasn't your fault and I hope that you can rectify this oversight.

"There is also a program of the dinner. Mayor Alex Daoud of Miami Beach gave a rousing speech on the sacrilege of flag burning and State Representatives John Cosgrove and Tom Easterly presented House Resolution 1775 which they sponsored, and with Florida Senate Resolution 1955, naming June 25, 1989 Korean War Veterans Day in Florida.

"The special photo is the one taken of the wreath that you all asked me to place at the Viet Nam Veterans Wall. I think that Our Association should send a copy of the photo or the Graybeard to the national headquarters of the Viet Nam Veterans of America."

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

#### WHERE WAS SEN. HELMS IN 1950-53?

"Recently Sen. Jesse Helms introduced a bill that would establish a MIA-POW rescue fund. This fund would be financed by a dollar check off on individual income tax forms. It would provide a reward for citizens of Burma, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam who rescue a captured or missing American.

"I would like to bring to the attention of Sen. Helms and the rest of our representatives in Washington, the fact that before the Vietnam war was ever thought of there existed 8,389 MIA-POWS of the Korean War. That number is four times as many that exist in Vietnam and there is evidence that many are still waiting for their country to rescue them.

"Since when has the U. S. government started to differentiate which war needs our efforts to bring MIA-POWS home from? Did we not all fight under the same flag? After awhile one begins to wonder."

--PETER SUSKO; 102 East 2nd St.; East Syracuse, N. Y. 13057

#### KWVA REUNION IS JULY 24 - 28, 1990

WE ARE TRYING TO REMIND YOU that the JULY 1990 reunion will be another memorable event for all of us. And one of the better arrangements is that you may -- if you wish -- pay the registration fee of \$115 per adult in monthly payments to suit yourself. Just start now, and make the last due payment when you walk up to the registration desk. ALSO -- we can make arrangements for you to pick and choose the meals and events you want to attend -- and that will have a direct bearing on your registration cost. Please contact the reunion committee -- see the reservation form on insert page.

WE NEED MORE MEMBERS -- says Harry Wallace, 2nd VP and Membership chairman. Please don't slacken on your efforts to recruit more Korean War veterans. Try word-of-mouth, ads in your county or town weekly or small daily paper; radio ads, etc. Or write letters to your company management and ask permission to post recruiting posters on their property. There are hundreds of other ways.

#### IN MEMORY OF 13 WHO DIED IN E/27TH INF

DELL EVANS (and with his son); 5501 JKF Blvd.; North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116 -- and PETERSON INDUSTRIES of Decatur, Ark. have together contributed \$1100 to the Memorial fund. Dell said: "I'm glad you agree that it would be proper to allow my son's and my donation to be made in honor of 13 of my good buddies. Our discussion about publishing the enclosed citation of how they fought and how they withstood such great odds, should be shared with their survivors and others like myself, who would not be here today had their effort not prevailed. This action was so remarkable that our rifle company was recognized with a Presidential Unit Citation by Pres. Truman.

"The article about these wonderful soldiers can more than illustrate our recently-adopted military march title "The Mighty Men Of Val-or." I didn't know until the next morning at first light that it was definitely Chinese that we were fighting".

The Unit citation reads in part: "This gallant force rose to the occasion against tremendous odds and protected the command post, the only road between the forward and rear elements, and the supplies vital to the operation. Their successful stand also enabled the wounded to be evacuated safely. Their achievements are in keeping with the rich traditions of an Army well-renowned on the battlefield."

"Under the provisions of AR 260-15, the Distinguished Service Emblem is posthumously awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Capt REGINALD B. DESIDERIO, Congressional Medal of Honor 1st Lt BILL M. OTOMO, DSM

MSGT CARLOS LOPEZ; SFC LORETO DELATOBA; Cpl ROBERTO NAVARRO; Cpl. ROBERT E. BLAIR; Cpl KENNETH J, HILL; Pfc ELLIS H. COPELAN, JR; Pfc JOSEPH E. CYR; Pfc MARSHAL E. FLETCHER; Pfc MARLE L. Z. SAVAGE; Pvt ERNEST E. GETTS. And from MED CO, 27th INF: Pfc ARNOLD V. REYNA.

#### AAA Author Looking For You!

Attention, you cannoncockers from the Anti-aircraft Artillery: I want to hear from you. I'm contemplating a book on AAA in Korea and need your info on experiences, unit history in Japan just before and during the war. Let me hear from you whether you were in Div Arty or under 8th Army. I need your help! . . . . Emmett Benjamin, 12431 SW 195 Terrace, Miami, FL 33177.

## WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE MEMORIAL DESIGN?

PLEASE SEND YOUR OPINIONS TO: DICK ADAMS, President KWVA; P.O. Box 127; Caruthers, California 93609

#### HERE'S PAT'S OPINION

I sure as hell hope you can tell me I'm wrong, but, do I detect an attitude of negativism towards the National Korean War Memorial lately?

The VFW magazine has made a mention of this Memorial, only twice this year, and both times seemed to make a point of mentioning that none of the designers are vets. I think it odd that this criticism was not voiced with the Vietnam Vet's Memorial, nor the one now underway here in N.J., both of which were designed by <u>Vietnamese</u>!

VFW magazine, current issue, (Oct 1989) carries a letter of opposition to the Memorial, because it doesn't recognize "airmen, sailors, and Coast Guard." (?????)

MILITARY magazine, out of Sacramento, Calif., although having little to say about the Memorial, in the 2 plus years that I've been getting it, ran a letter in Opposition to the Memorial from some Major, who opens his criticism with the words, "How dare they consider a Monument without recognizing the M\*A\*S\*H units?" Where was he for the last ten or twelve years, while "Hawkeye", Trapper John," "Radar," and "Margaret" were giving the American public their jollies over just what a M\*A\*S\*H\* unit was, and how it operated?

Then there is this new Col. with the ABMC, who, in three separate interviews with the press, has come up with three negative positions on the Memorial. (1) it is to be located in an isolated place, where it will be subject to vandalism and graffiti. (2) it will be in a flood zone, when the D.C. area gets its heavy rains, every 50 years or so. (3) and the worst of all, he has speculated on the near impossible job it will be, if they have to refund all the money!

What the hell is going on here? I already know that there is a "deadline" for the whole fund-raising campaign, for 1991, so what's the reason for all this bad-mouthing? To run the cost of the Memorial up, thereby prolonging the allotted time? To have the deadline run out, without the funding completed? To just deny us the Memorial, that has been denied us for nearly 40 years? Are they afraid that PSTD will be found to be not limited to the Viet vets? That we were the first to have POW/MIA's, with no accounting?

With dang near two-thirds of the 6 million dollar cost of the Memorial in the bank, why did they wait until now to start this crap? Something stinks here, and I don't mean over in Denmark!

--PAT BRESLIN; KWVA #2384; Co. B, 14th Inf., 1952-53; P. O. Box 6025; Newark, N.J. 07106

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"As a disabled veteran of the Korean War I feel obligated to express my opposition to the proposed design of the Korean War Memorial. The proposed design shows only Army infantrymen. It fails to recognize other branches of the Army. It also fails to include Marines. Coast Guard, Navy or Airmen. Everyone who was there knows full well how much we all depended upon each other.

I served on the preliminary design committee for the Iowa Korean War Memorial. Our prerequisite was that the memorial should tell the saga of the war and include <u>all</u> of the armed services. This was accomplished. I hope that the proposed design of the National Korean War Memorial is ultimately rejected and a more suitable, meaningful memorial will be built. --ALBERT ROBESKY; 418 Lincoln Ct.; Des Moines, Iowa 50319

AND A NEWS STORY by AP dated August 28, 1989 said in part: "This summer, the Washington Post newspaper published a map showing how much of the Mall would be under water when the region gets the type of flooding that is expected to occur every 50 years. The Korean War Memorial is in a prime flooding spot."

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#### CHANGE THE UNIFORMS

"WHEN A WAR MEMORIAL is designed, it should remember everyone — and this could be accomplished simply by changing some of the 8 feet tall uniforms to: a jet pilot G suit; a sailor; a Coast Guardsman; a paratrooper with chutes; a nurse in uniform; etc. Those changes would make the Korean War Memorial the most unique in America. From what I have read about it, the Memorial has nothing for the Air Force and I am disappointed. But I will continue to do more than my share of work and expense of collecting donations."

--NORM JEFFERS; 1048 Bermuda St. NE; Port Charlotte, FLA 33980

#### FOR 38 YEARS IT WAS ZERO

I love the design. The first guy I showed a copy of the picture of the model said: I don't like it because I was a Navy pilot and it don't have an airplane on it. I told him it don't have an aircraft carrier setting on it or a tank or a howitzer or a truck or a jeep and if anyone don't like it — let them look at the one we have had the last 38 years: ZERO."

-- NOEL ROBERTS; star Rt. 3; Crocker, MO. 65452 1st Cav. Div.

#### GEN. STILWELL COMMENTS ON THE DESIGN

In a memorandum letter dated 5 Dec 1989, Gen. R. G. Stilwell, chairman of the Memorial Advisory Board, said this:

"Every veteran will applaud that design. When translated onto the site, it will encompass the equivalent of a football field. The dominant feature will be 38 larger-than-life statues of soldiers — in combat gear and formation — ascending a gentle slope through a shallow stream, toward an American flag. As the visitor walks through that column, he will notice that the soldiers' faces reflect the ethnic diversity of America and include the Koreans who augmented our ranks. It was a war fought on foot, to be sure; but there will also be panels which will recognize the contributions of the supporting services, the Air Force and the Navy, the other allied contingent's and the population we came to protect. That Memorial will constitute an uplifting experience for all viewers of all ages. Of that I am certain.

"Note: On the east face of the wall there will be a tribute to all the allied military contingents that fought in Korea for the cause of freedom. This will notably include the Greek expeditionary forces."

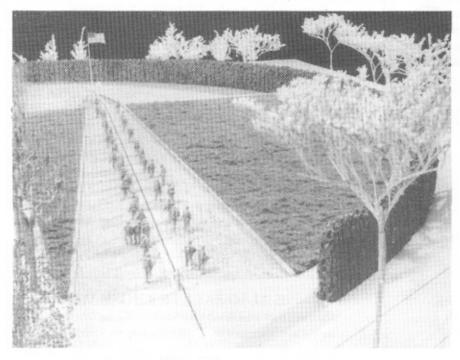
"Several of the major veterans organizations have been most forthcoming in their support as the enclosed list demonstrates. Both the American Battle Monuments Commission and our Board are grateful for that concrete evidence of encouragement for realization of this noble project. Clearly, we need all the continuing help we can harness. Thus we count on your organization to encourage those members who have not yet contributed to do so."

-- R. G. STILWELL, GEN., USA, Ret.

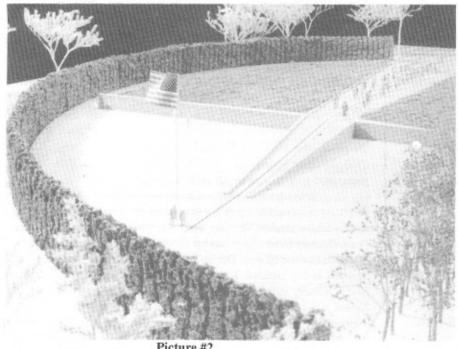
"It appears to me that far too many of us across the country tend to the theory LET GEORGE DO IT -- we like to have a party for our local fun but forget that the National Memorial is the ONLY GOAL of KWVA -- and it is going to take all of us to raise the money for it. It won't happen if we keep on waiting for "George to do it". --STAN HADDEN.

I would like to propose that the following poem (by A. E. Housman) be on our memorial:

"Here dead lie we because we did not choose
"To live and shame the land from which we sprung.
"Life, to be sure, is nothing much to lose;
"But young men think it is, and we were young."



Picture #1



Picture #2



## THIS IS THE DESIGN FOR THE MEMORIAL

ON JUNE 14, 1989 the design for a memorial to Korean War veterans was unveiled in a White House ceremony hosted by President Bush. He said "Until recently, the Korean War was not formally remembered. And today we say: no more. . . . it's time to remember."

Statues in the Memorial (of heroic size, 8 feet tall) depict 38 soldiers heading unevenly down a 120yard, tree-lined path toward the American flag. Some face in different directions, and two appear to help an injured buddy. A red granite path is to be down the middle of the "platoon" for visitors to follow as they walk within the Memorial.

One of the design winners told the president that the 38 men depict two things: the 38 months of war, and the 38th Parallel.

The design statement included these words: "On approach, one enters from the west (Picture #1) into an open plaza. The plaza is edged by a dogwood bosque and marked at its center by a white marble square. Within the square a red granite line originates and extends east to a distant horizon and the American flag. . . . The war, that 'tract of time,' is measured by the red line. Walking with the 38 figures, the visitor is an observer, in the act of commemoration.

"Passage ascends through a landscape symbolic of war; water rushes around the feet of the figures. . .one is flanked by figures whose faces are alert with caution and strong with resolve.

Upward movement concludes at a second white marble square. This square is blank and the adjacent water, still; both mark a silent moment of reflection and end the time of war. Smooth water flanks the red line as it descends and terminates at the final white marble square which bears an inscription celebrating peace." (Picture #2).

The sculptor or sculptors are to be selected after contract negotiations. The material itself is not yet chosen, and John Paul Lucas, one of the designers said a gray Vermont granite would be preferred material.

We members of KWVA can proudly work toward completion of the task: let's raise ANOTHER SIX MILLION DOLLARS and get the Memorial built.

"It is my opinion from reading various reports and talking to Korean War Veterans, that the design for the Korean War Memorial to be constructed in Washington, D.C., is not entirely acceptable. The main objection is the fact that it displays the United States Army and has no mention of the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marines.

"I do not want to be appear critical, Dick, but I do think this is something that our Korean War Veterans Association should resolve before the news media takes off with support of objection. Opposition could result in funding problems from those people associated with military branches of service other than the U.S. Army. I bring this subject matter to you for handling in whatever manner you deem proper."

-- ROBERT W. MITCHLER; Illinois State President; KWVA.

ANOTHER MEMBER told your editor: "I was in Washington in early November and decided to take a picture of our flag and flag pole at the Memorial site. Driving there, I met thousands of people demonstrating for something or other, the police cautioned me not to try to reach the Memorial site. Being stubborn, I worked my way through the people and reached our site. And this you might find hard to believe -- or maybe you will not want to believe it -- but our flagpole and flag were gone; taken down. And in its place stood about 100 portable toilets -- to accommodate the demonstrators. Is this what our national leaders in Washington think of the Korean War Veterans?

--AL RUDY

#### Here are some ramblin' thoughts. . . . .

The Board of Directors will meet in Arlington, Va. on February 10, 1990 -- at the Sheraton National Hotel. That's the same hotel where we had our reunion last year and will again in 1990. Other members are welcome to attend if they desire. Contact Pres. Dick Adams.

Congratulations to our member John Edwards who was elected national Commander of Former Prisoners Of War. Also, congrats to our member Joe Hems who was elected Jr VP, Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Pres. Dick Adams said: "I saw a picture of the New York State's Korean War Memorial -- it is a work of art."

PROPOSED SUMMER DRESS in July 1990 -- to beat the heat of our reunion at Arlington we will wear no coat, with white shirts and dark blue ties. No change in headgear or pants.

WATCH FOR the KWVA ad in the VFW Magazine, January or February 1990.

FREEDOM FLIGHT, INC. was formed to administer and operate a hot air balloon and related equipment to increase public awareness of the POW/MIA issue of all Americans held captive in foreign countries. Contact: JIM TUORILA; P.O. Box 7606; St. Cloud, MN 56302-7606.

The BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION was chartered by Congress and is the only service organization exclusively dedicated to serving veterans with severe vision loss. Contact: Blinded Veterans Assoc.; 477 H St, NW; Washington, D.C. 20001.

COMBAT DOGS will have their day. MIKE BOUCHARD; Rt. 2, Box 457; Colville, WA 99114 is your contact. He is collecting stories from ex-dog handlers.

THE KAV CANADA will have its 1990 reunion on Aug 31 - Sept 3. Contact: S. Bruce Richardson; P.O. Box 65, Station A; Weston, Ontario, Canada M9N 3N6.

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS has adopted a change in its law whereby the State School Code is changed so that the commemorative school holiday recognizing the Korean War Veterans Day will now be the school day immediately preceding Veterans' Day.--From HERSHALL E. LEE.

OUR ASSOCIATION HAS GROWN from a charter membership of 39 men in 1985 to over 6,000 members at this time and can project a membership of over 15,000 by July 1990. We now have 24 chapters and several others are being formed. If you want information on starting a chapter, please write: WILLIAM F. MASON; P.O. Box 382; East Taunton, MASS. 02718 (phone 508-823-4260).

IF YOU WANT IT PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER -send your story and pictures to STAN HADDEN; P.O. Box 131; Harpers Ferry, W., 24525. Phone 304-535-2259.

#### We goofed on his ID

In the September 1989 edition, on page 17 -- the picture of someone with Col. Hackworth SHOULD BE NAMED BILLY R. SMITH of Oreana, Ill. AND the photos we reproduced on pages 18 and 19 SHOULD BE CREDITED TO BILLY R. SMITH of Oreana, Ill. We apologize.



#### YOU WROTE IT

"As I said to you on the phone, the main purpose of raising funds for the Memorial seems to have taken a back seat; starting chapters seemed to be the thing to do. When members are involved with local chapters the national organization and the Memorial take second place. The KWVA was started to get a Memorial in Washington -- That should be the one and only driving force for the members."

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"KWVA is a good outfit and doing a damn good job. And I'll be damned if I will let the American people forget what we did; they cannot erase history whatever the reason. We owe it to those who did not make it home. In my life time I have been in mid-stream about 8 times and sent back, still not knowing His reason. I know this: that before I cross that stream and rest in the shade of the trees on the other side, I will have attended the dedication of our Memorial."

--GEORGE A. McKENNA; Rezen Rd. St. Rt. 62-A; Roseboom, NY 13450

#### YES - WE ALSO SALUTE THOSE WHO...

"Yes, "Salute the Korean Vet" and the Korean War era Veteran. While the Korean War raged on, the Korean War era Veteran sat at their post in Europe and the rest of the world, facing the cold war, never knowing if the Russians would do what the chinese did in Korea-overrun Europe. So when you salute the Korean War Veteran, don't forget those comrades in arms, the Korean War era Veteran also. "I salute you all."

--LAWRENCE M. BOTTINO; 59-30 108th St; Apt 3-CC; Corona, N.Y. 11368

#### -AND-WHY DON'T WE INCLUDE THEM IN OUR MEMBERSHIP?

BILL BROCKNER; 4881 Montgomery Road; Ellicott City, MD 21043-6618 wrote as follows: "I believe those that served, 'keeping the peace' over there -- at least those that died or were wounded since 1953 should be remembered AND be eligible for KWVA. (ED. NOTE: please send your opinion on this proposal to Dick Adams).

"It has been 20 years since my Korean service, but will never forget experiences. On my first day north of the Imjim, some engineers were machine-gunned. Thinking that I was lucky to be there instead of 'Nam, the truck radio reports had me shocked. And for the next 9 months it seemed like war (it was). During the Pueblo crisis as fire support officer attached to the 1st/23rd, I requested what would have been the first hostile artillery strike since '53, against escaping members of a North Korean assassination team. It was rejected at I Corps level."

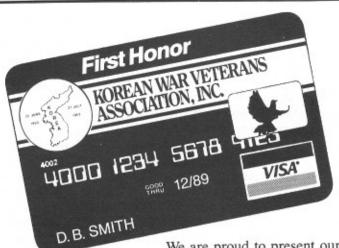
# CAPT. FRANCIS — PETER INGRAM OF THE BRITISH NAVY IS LOOKING FOR YOU

Last August KVA (Canada) Unit 13 entertained 20 members of the British KVA and this request is from one of them: "The chap in question is Capt. F. B. Francis, USMC, a pilot who crashed on 8th of March 1953 in the Pyong Yong Do, North Korea area. Peter Ingram, who is trying to establish contact, was involved in his rescue and evacuation. Peter served in the British Navy on the HMS Birmingham; the only thing he can remember is that Francis was from California. The captain can get in touch with me and I will relay his message."

--FRED J. WOROCH; KVA Canada; 27 Elizabeth St.; Cambridge, Ontario, Canada N3C 2T2

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THIS SPECIAL PHOTO is of EMMETT BENJAMIN placing a wreath last July 27 from KWVA at the Viet-Nam Veterans Memorial Wall. We had planned to attend the ceremony as an entire group but (and maybe you don't want to believe this) we were prevented from doing that because the Washington, D.C. Park Police told us that any more than two people gathered there would be considered a demonstration and we would need a special permit; they denied us the permit.

#### "VETERANS HELPING VETERANS"

"Some veterans seem to think that the only war or conflict that this country ever fought in was the one they were in. One bullet fired from the enemy would have killed you in World War I just as much as in World War II, Korea, or Vietnam. The only difference between all us veterans is that we fought in different places at different time frames. But we all fought for the United States of America. Veterans, in my eyes, were young boys who gave up their youth so others could enjoy the good life they, the veterans would never know.

"I am enclosing a picture of a memorial we dedicated here in Livingston County in 1987. We raised enough money to pay for the monument plus we are sending one thousand dollars to the Korean Memorial in Washington, D. C. and another thousand dollars to help build the women's memorial in Washington, D. C." (ED. NOTE:Doug, the photo was too dim to reproduce).

 --DOUG BURTON - Supt. Livingston Co. V.A.C.; 112 W. Madison Street; Pontiac, Il 61764



THIS PHOTO is from BOB MORGA; P.O. Box 835; Bayport, NY 11705 and he says "We used this armored box car to chase guerrillas that hit our supply trains; they usually disappeared before we got there. I have been told that this car now stands in a memorial-type park in Pusan. It belonged to Co B, 772nd MP Bn."

#### KOREA RE-VISITS

WE HAVE RECEIVED several stories concerning re-visits to Korea; two of them are excerpted herewith for your information:

HENRY RUSKIN; 146 Byron Ave.; Kenmore, NY 14223 said 
"A group of 20 of us veterans and wives were guests of the Korean Veterans of Korea last summer. All who had to do was pay for our flight over and back. The one-week accommodation in the five-star Ambassador Hotel, all our meals daily, plus land travel to all points of interests as well as sight-seeing and shopping -- was at their expense. Various battle sites were features of the entire tour."

BRIG GEN RICHARD MILLS; US Dist. Judge; U.S. Courthouse; Springfield, ILL 62701 elaborated in his remarks; "The South Koreans are indeed grateful for our assistance and constantly reminded us of how thankful they are for our joining them in a common purpose of such great worth; the very existence of South Korea as an independent nation. They remember. And we were proud of that remembrance. Each Korean War veteran in our group was decorated with the Korean Freedom Medal and presented with a Certificate of Ambassador For Peace. It was a most impressive ceremony and we were each honored."



"I was a P.O.W. for 33 months in Korea, Camp #3, Chang-song. This is a propaganda picture made by the Chinese in spring of 1953. I would appreciate any information on location of P.O.W. camps; I have been working on a book for a number of years."

--THEO BAUDOIN; Rt. 3, Box 471; Dickinson, TX 77539. NOTE TO THEO:- for accurate maps of the camps, contact NEIL VAN

DERMEULEN; 1073 Popular Drive; St. Louis, MO. 63125

#### TWO MEMORIALS ARE NOT TOO MANY!

GEORGE BABE, outgoing President of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the CHOSIN FEW had this in his newsletter:

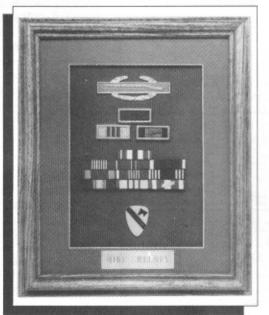
"As I looked at those British remembrances, I couldn't help but wonder how we were coming in the construction of our memorial to the men who gave their lives in the Chosin Reservoir Campaign. Has the concept of our monument become too grandiose to be supported by an organization such as ours? If so, we have no one to thank but ourselves as we have not done much, collectively or individually, to insure that what was proposed could be supported. We are now in competition with those who are soliciting funds for Korean memorial to be constructed in Washington, DC. Maybe we should consider combining our efforts to insure the completion of one Korean memorial within our lifetime."

Beneath our orderly surfaces, we sit first in judgement of others; and only then of ourselves.

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# DO YOU THINK YOU CAN RAISE \$350 FOR THE MEMORIAL?

CARUTHERS, CALIF. --Our membership total as of the mailing of this edition stands roughly at slightly more than 6,000. Projections are that by JULY 1990 we expect to have 15,000 enrolled; part of that will come from our ad running in the VFW Magazine. If we receive even ONE percent response from the 330,000 eligible members in the VFW, we will easily reach 15,000 by reunion time.

So - - if each of 15,000 members will raise \$350 each for the Memorial fund, the total will exceed five million new dollars.

There are ways to raise funds. You will think of your own way. A yard or garage sale. A special dinner at the post home. A local merchant who will offer a percentage of sales to go to the Memorial; maybe even McDonalds will help. Raffle something in your own home area. Contribute directly to the fund. Set up a table at a local flea market, or mall, and man it with yourself and friends and simply put up a sign asking for donations. Ask your family and friends to help think up ideas.

Our First Vice President, TOM MAINES of Pittsburgh is in charge of association fund raising activities. Some of his working and active projects are mentioned in this edition.

BUT YOUR HELP IS VITAL TO SUCCESS--if you will join in the effort to build a Memorial to the Korean War veteran -- and that is you -- we will get the job done right fast. Thank you.

#### THIS IS FOR ALL TOP THREES

The Top Three Retired Military Association, which consists of retired E-7s, E-8s, and E-9s from all branches of the military. We meet at a local Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Abington, Massachusetts Post No 5737. We retiree's have either twenty years, or more, of active service or twenty years of active and reserve time combined. We have monthly meetings, dances, picnics, family social events and once a year, a formal military ball.

At our monthly meeting of November 25, 1989, a P.O.W. flag was raffled off between our members, for the amount of \$110.00. The Top Three Association voted to donate this money to the Korean Veterans Memorial Fund.

This P.O.W. flag was donated to the Top 3 by the VietNam Veterans Association of Brockton, Massachusetts Chapter 2, and the winner of this drawing, will donate this flag to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5737 of Abington, Massachusetts, where we hold our monthly meetings.

If any reader of the Graybeard would like any information on The Top Three Retired Association please feel free to contact E-7 (RET) Charles A. Paulding; 117 Mountain Ave; Pembroke Massachusetts. 02359 (K.W.V.A. card number 1683)

#### FROM VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

"The way I see it, a POW/MIA is still a POW/MIA no matter what war they fought in. The government sent us to fight and protect our freedoms, but they neglected to bring some of us back home. And to this day (our government)still denies any truth to the fact that there are still live Americans from all three wars being held against their will. . . .I only hope that our government wakes up to the fact that there is a real tragedy with the missing and unaccounted-for, and their families."

-- THOMAS McGRAW; 931 Bellflower SW; Canton, Ohio 44710

WILL YOU PLEASE put this in your "other" veterans newsletter or magazine: "KOREAN WAR VETERANS, all services, reunion Arlington, VA 24-28 July 1990. contact Harry Wallace; P.O. Box 12205; Baltimore, MD. 21281. Or phone Stan Hadden; 304-535-2259

#### A NEW AUTO WILL BE OFFERED AS FIRST PRIZE

Tom Maines, our first Vice President, noted that some of the money represented by the first two \$10,000 donations had been raised by informal lotteries or raffles conducted within the Association membership. Seeking a way to expand on this concept, Tom discovered that the American Historical Society was offering for sale presentation models of the famous Garand M-1 rifle, the standard individual weapon of the Korean War. He persuaded the Association to purchase a number of these weapons and devise a means whereby anyone making a donation to the Association memorial fund would be given one or more opportunities (equated to the amount of the donation) to own one of the rifles. The end result of a one-year, almost one-man, effort was our \$50,000 donation to the Memorial Fund IN 1989.

Always seeking ways to expand his fund raising concept and to maintain the momentum of the Associations contributions to the establishment of the Memorial in the nation's capital, Tom and the Association fund raising committee have hit on a new approach which promises:

- (a) To keep the fun in fund raising and, at the same time
- (b) To expand the Association fund raising effort to reach out to all of "grass roots" America.

Two basic assumptions underlie this approach. First, the best way to make an effort grow is to keep on doing well what has worked in the past. Second, the grass roots of the American people find fertile ground in the municipal, county, and state fairs and expositions which have been part of American tradition since the establishment of the first colonies in the Eighteenth Century.

#### A DONATION GIVES A CHANCE TO WIN A NEW CAR ON JULY 27, 1990

How will the Association expand its activities to raise funds for the Memorial? By purchasing a top of the line automobile from a major manufacturer and set up a means whereby anyone making a donation to the Association memorial fund will be given one or more opportunities (equated to the amount of the donation) to own the new car as the Grand Prize to be awarded at the Association Convention July 27, 1990. To give all of grass roots America the opportunity to participate in this program, Tom and the committee plan to set up booths in many of the major fairs and expositions around the country so that everyone has the opportunity to make a donation -- through the Association -- to the Memorial Fund. One automobile manufacturer has offered to encourage its dealerships to put a demonstrator model of the Grand Prize car in the vicinity of the Association booth at each fair.

#### THERE WILL BE OTHER PRIZES

In addition to the Grand Prize, Tom and the committee plan to have an appropriate prize for those who participate in this program at each fair or exposition hosting an Association booth.

Because of the lead time needed to set up this new venture, this year the program must be limited to those fairs and expositions which are scheduled from January through June 1990. However, if the program matches up with expectations, it will be resumed in August and will run through June 1991.

To get things started right Tom Maines and one other member of the Association fund raising committee will participate in the 99th Annual convention of the International Associations of Fairs and Expositions and will man an Association booth there. We will all hear more from them soon.

If you want to help out on the 1990 project, contact: TOM MAINES; 1801 Saw Mill Run Blvd; Pittsburgh, PA; or phone 412-881-

GOAL: 10 MILLION \$ WE HAVE 4.2 MILLION \$

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#### ALLENS' 1950 FORD STILL WAITS FOR HIM

In the fall of 1951 the old train depot in West Hillsborough, N. C. was still operating.

On this particular day there were quite a few people gathered to meet the train from Greensboro. Aboard would be the body of Allen J. Daugherty, returning home from Korea. Walkers Funeral Home was there to receive him. Everyone says that there were more people there at the train station than there were at the service at Hillsborough Cemetery.

Allen's father, also named Allen, had reported his son missing in action even before the telegram came. He felt that something had happened to his much loved only son. The telegram had come while he was on a fishing trip at the Coast. Mr. Daugherty's wife had died when young Allen was 7 years old, so he and his two daughters, Ruby Eddins and Marie Gates, had raised him. Allen quit school in the 8th grade and started working in the cotton mill in West Hillsborough and lived over on the mountain. In the summer of 1950 young Allen's father bought him a new 1950 Ford and he was having quite a time.

Allen was drafted into service that same Fall and was sent off to Ft. Jackson and was subsequently assigned to the 61st Inf. Regt. to be trained (along with myself). After this training and a 5 day delay in route, we were sent to Korea to fight a Police action in a place we did not know about. We were both assigned the 2nd Division and got right down to fighting a war from day one.

On the night of May 28, 1951, during a roadblock we were pinned down overnight and could not move any trucks or tanks until the roadblock was cleared. Allen, all alone in total darkness, walked into a lost contingent of enemy Chinese soldiers and was killed. No one in the immediate area heard a shot fired. Early the next morning the roadblock was cleared and the company moved out.

The actions during this 20 day period was called "May Massacre," in which 65,000 Enemy Troops were killed at a ratio of 10 to 1 during this action. Peace talks started a few days later, and the war slowed down for a while. The Hill Wars, of Old Baldy, Bloody Ridge, Heartbreak Ridge, Punchbowl, Jane Russell and Iron Triangle continued.

But Allen's War was all over and he came home, before me, under the Flag. I feel that if Allen had lived a few more days he would have made it home with me. Only God knows this. Allen's father never accepted his son's death, and would not let Allen's sisters discuss it. Allen's 1950 ford still sits in the yard till this day, grown to the ground and weather beaten. Mrs. Eddins said that their father grieved himself to death and died in 1957.

When I returned from Korea in 1952, I drove over to Allen's home to speak to his father whom I detected at once did not want to talk; I clammed up and left.



I always visited Allen's grave especially around May 28th of each year. This year 1989 Allen's sister, Mrs. Eddins sent word by Mr. Dwayne Butner (who live across the street) that she would like to see me. Before Allen was reported missing Mrs. Eddins said that she had had two dreams about her brother. In the first, she said, Allen was calling for her to open the door as he was cold and wanted in. Her husband awakened her and told her to go back to sleep and that she was only dreaming. In the second dream, she said, Allen was calling out to her for help and she had great difficulty finding him. When she did find him, he was laying on his back with his hands over his head and was dead.

I assured Mrs. Eddins that her brother did not suffer long, and that he was found with one arm over his head and one down by his side. I also told her that I was sure that Allen was under that flag that came home, as Graves Registration, at the time Allen was killed was working very well.

I have prepared a display case for his patches and medals and I hope that it will be handed down through his family so that the name Allen J. Daugherty, be remembered by his loved ones.

Allen was never allowed to marry and have a family as I was. He gave his all for his country, and I shall never forget him.

THERE IS NO GREATER LOVE THAN A MAN WHO GIVES HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS

The forgotten War is not forgotten. Allen Daugherty is not forgotten. The 56,000 killed, 389 P.O.W. still unaccounted for, and 8,177, still missing in action are not forgotten

--WILBUR P. DAVIS; Rt. 1, Box 1004; Hillsborough, N.C. 27278

#### THIS IS HOW IT WAS ON 27 JULY, 1989 WHEN WE HELD OUR MEMORIAL SERVICE

The sweltering heat of Washington in July beat mercilessly down on the hundreds who sat in the amphitheater of Arlington Memorial Cemetery. They had come to pay tribute — to the Unknown, to the deceased, the missing, and had watched through misty eyes as the wreath was laid at the Tomb; had listened to the Army Band's "first ever" presentation of Burke's new march, dedicated to and written for real "Men of Valor" — the Korean Veterans. They waited for the words that would stir again the memory of buddies lost, limbs lost, futures lost, lives lost. . waited, with quiet expectation, for the presentation which would mark the 36th Anniversary of the Armistice ending the Korean War.

#### GUEST SPEAKER WAS GEN. R. G. STILWELL

General R. G. Stilwell approached the podium. At 73, he looked — and was — every inch a General. His words, spoken with the certitude of one who's "been there," rang clear;

"This hallowed place radiates Duty and Country and Honor from every pillar and stone. It is appropriate that we meet here. . . to give concrete expression to. . Recognition and Remembrance of the sacrifices of the veterans of the Korean War. Those veterans number in the many hundreds of thousands across the length and breadth of these United States. All are represented in spirit — and some in body — by the assembled members of the Korean War Veterans Association, that very dedicated band which has done so much — and so well — to heighten awareness of the what and why, the cost and the consequences of a conflict largely ignored by history. In saluting those present, we salute every veteran.

"We mark this day, 36 years ago, when the guns fell silent and the carnage stopped as a Military Armistice Agreement suspended the military phases of the Conflict. In the preceding 3 years, America had met — and passed — its first real test of worthiness as leader of the free world. The brutal, unprovoked North Korean assault on its own countrymen prompted President Truman to fateful decision. Galvanized by that courageous resolve, the United Nations called on member states to follow suit, and raised its banner to combat aggression, for the first and only time in its history.

"The men and women who responded. . .accepted all manner of privation. . .the harshest terrain, terrible extremes of weather and often confronted vastly superior enemy strength. But they stayed the course,

"In any war, acts of courage are legion and personal sacrifice is a way of life. So it was on the battlefields of Korea. In three years of vicious combat, the assigned mission was accomplished and one of the brightest pages of U.S. military history recorded.

"There are those who still argue that the fearful cost was not

justified. Wars are waged for objectives set by the national civilian leadership. Thanks to the battle prowess of Americans and Koreans and the allies arrayed alongside them, the national objective was obtained in full — with immensely favorable results for the world called free. We, the Korean Veterans, can be very proud of that!

"The phrase, "Forgotten War," has served a salutary purpose but it is time to reassess its continued validity.

"Forgotten?" Certainly not by all of us who endured the hell of war; who experienced a world where death stalked unrelentingly and time and space were compressed to immediate inperatives: getting on with the mission; staying alive; and helping buddies stay alive.

- "... not by the families and friends of those who paid the last full measure of devotion to country in battle or in captivity, or by those still carried as missing in action.
- ". . .Nor by those 40 million South Koreans whose territorial integrity and individual freedoms were secure. . .they have levered their nation upwards to global prominence.
- "... Nor by the architects of national strategy (who learned) the lesson of Korea that it is better to deter aggression than to deal with it once launched. They established a collective security system and structured our own Armed Forces to ensure a generation of peace in Northeast Asia.
- "... not forgotten by Congress which directed establishment of a national Memorial to express gratitude for the courage and fortitude demonstrated by its sons and daughters on the far-off Korean peninsula. It is the first and I repeat, the first Public Law to memorialize an entire war and it has been the stimulus for upwards of a hundred state, city, and community memorials across the nation.

"I would ask that all join in fervent prayer that two years hence, this ceremony will be conducted at the national Memorial to the American heroes who fought so valiantly for the cause of freedom. I guarantee that Memorial — powerful, inspirational, timeless in meaning — will make you swell with pride."

Gen. Stilwell ended his tribute with a salute to the veterans visible before him, and to those invisible thousands of others whom we all remember.

Applause rose up from the theater and, carried on invisible waves, fell gently on the graves of those who had given "the last full measure." With fitting traditional close, those present filed past the Memorial Bench commemorating the lives of those who had shared with them the horrors of Korea, each carried a yellow chrysanthemum, paused, prayed and gently laid the flowers until the bench was covered with a million golden petals — fitting tribute to men of valor.

WILL YOU BE THERE WITH US ON 27 JULY, 1990?

#### "I GUESS WE DON'T COUNT ANY MORE"

"I guess we vets don't count any more. We are a has been; we served our time and got out like a big fool. I'm sorry I didn't remain in the service; I had the bull by the horn and didn't know it. Now I guess I will be buried in a VA cemetery. If you don't have the money they won't see you at the doctor's office or the hospital. They tell you to come back when you have the money. What's a person to do when they get sick? The insurance company won't even look at you if you have a heart problem."

-- GEORGE M. COUPER; 8 Adam Court Ladry Cir Exten;

South Portland, ME 04106

(GEORGE: I sent your letter to your U.S. Senator. - The Editor)

SEE STORY AT RIGHT

# BUT THE VA IS SENDING SURPLUS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO VIETNAM!

Washington, D.C. - The KWVA agrees with VFW Cmdr. Walter Hogan and want this message to get across to the management at VA: "The recent decision by the Bush administration to send to Communist Vietnam about \$250,000 in medical equipment from stocks of the Veterans Administration goes against our grain."

"Further, with a current \$700 million funding shortfall in the VA budget we find the decision to transfer equipment hard to believe, and questions whether this action is prelude to further aid being provided to other communist regimes. In view of the potential health-care crisis facing American veterans we deem it objectionable and insensitive that the Administration would send to communist Vietnam, medical equipment at a time when veteran's health-care programs are in jeopardy because of a continuing deterioration of services and erosion of funding."

Birth Date

Dates in Korea

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## IF YOU LIKE THE NEWSLETTER. . LISTEN

Many thanks to all the members who have paid their 1989 dues. You have probably noticed a revision in your membership card regarding the anniversary date for your next renewal. We are busy checking the computer to be certain that the next renewal statement you receive will correspond with the dates on the membership card. Please advise us of any changes in your address, or any other information on your mailing label on this newsletter.

For those members who have not paid 1989 dues - - you have been billed. All members who joined KWVA prior to September 1988 have received an invoice for dues. Soon you will receive another. This will be a FINAL STATEMENT. We love you all but we cannot send newsletters without dues being paid. The cost of production and mailing prohibits charity.

If there is a hardship, let us know. Many paid the price of the newsletter on the battlefields of Korea many years ago. We don't know your financial status. For those who do not wish to renew, let us know your reason. We want to improve and would appreciate your comments. If you have a billing problem, please contact TOM MAINES; 1801 Saw Run Blvd.; Pittsburgh, PA 15210.

#### WHY THE INFO FORM CAN HELP YOU

One of the rewards that may result from the completion of the personal information form (see below) we request is illustrated by the following story.

Retired MSgt. Alfred Couturier from Winslow, Maine had not heard from anyone since leaving Korea in 1951. Al was a platoon sgt in Heavy Tank Co, 7th Regt, 3rd Inf Div. The company left San Francisco on Sept 1, 1950 for Korea. I remember when Al joined the company in early spring of 1949. I was soon to be 19 and remembered how Al reminded me of my father. He was a serious, sober, fine soldier and family man.

Al was one of the "Old Guys". Tank Co was comprised of many pre-WWII regulars. Looking back, I wonder how I could have thought anyone age 34 was old. The example he set of what a man should be, is one that I have never forgotten. Now -- because of information on a mailing list -- I have been in contact with Al.

Please fill out your information forms so that one day we will have the ability in KWVA to match YOU with former members of your unit. Share with me the joy of receiving a letter like the one I received from MSgt Al Couturier .-- TOM MAINES.

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

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WE RECENTLY SENT INVOICES to those members whom our NEWLY-COMPUTERIZED RECORDS said "ask'em if they have paid their 1989 dues". We will confess that the computer pulled some dumb mistakes, but mostly it was correct. To those who already had paid, we found a missing few sheets that were late being recorded; your letters have helped us fix things. And to those of you who have not yet paid your dues, we urge you to do so.

PART OF OUR PROBLEM comes from the Invoice sent to you. At left is an explanation of just what the headings mean to you.

Your Newsletter is scheduled to be published in January, April and June 1990. After THE JULY reunion we start again in September. Send your letters to Stan Hadden, Editor; P.O. Box 131; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425 or phone 304-535-2259

TOTAL NOW DUE

"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them."- FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Rusty wants a shoulder patch . . .

I am trying to find a "33rd Tank BN. 3rd Armor Division Patch". I would really appreciate it if you know where and how I can locate.

-- Rusty Vaught; P.O. Box 482; Beaver Dam KY 42320.

15.00

#### ... And Here's Jerry!

I buy, sell and trade US military shoulder patches. Jerry F. Keohane; 16 St. Margarets Court; Buffalo, NY 14216.

#### I would like to contact ---

"The man we are trying to locate is named Theodore Enoch Kelley. Mr Kelley is about 57 years old and is a Korean War Veteran. The last information we have is that he was working for Coca Cola Company, perhaps as an engineer, in Central America in the autumn of 1961. He may have resided in Florida at that time. Any information you could provide about Mr. Kelley's past or present whereabouts would be greatly appreciated. I do not wish to intrude on Mr. Kelley's privacy and do not intend to contact him. Any information I receive will be turned over to my friend who is most anxious to contact his relative. If Mr. Kelley would like to contact me, I will be happy to explain the situation to him in detail. Thank you."

--ROBERT N. WILSON; 94816 Toftdahl Road; Junction City, Oregon 97448; (503) 998-1654.

#### 2nd INF DIV, 38th REGT, E CO, 1st Platoon

We launched an attack on the central peak of Heartbreak Ridge on Sept. 3, 1951. I became a POW and later escaped. Can you please help me with this: (1) I need a list of the people who were assigned to 4th Airborne Ranger Co. and 38th Infantry Regiment who were killed in Korea, and the date of their deaths; and (2) names and addresses of people who served in the aforementioned outfits who are still alive who fought from September 3, 1951 through October 26, 1951 who may or may not have been in prison camps. And God bless you for your help."

-- CHARLES WINDER; Rt. 16, Box 917; Lubbock, Texas 79403

#### 25th INF, 1st BN, 14th REG

My name is Doug Burton. I am the superintendent of the Livingston County (Ill.) Veterans Assistance Commission. I never served in Korea, but I am a Vietnam veteran who served on river boats in Nam. I have a lot of good friends that served in Korea, and I am proud to have them as friends. Right now one of my friends is trying to get his Purple Heart from wounds he received in combat while serving in Korea in 1952. The location was the "Punch Bowl". My friends name is John (Jack) Murphy, and he was with the 3rd Platoon "C" Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division.

Jack is trying to locate Everett Hill who was from South Carolina at the time, and Luis Pasada who was a medic for Jack's unit. Please send all information to: Jack Murphy, Box 151, R.R. #1, Manville, IL. 61339 AND Livingston County Veterans Assistance Commission, 112 West Madison Street, Pontiac, IL 61764."

40th INFANTRY DIVISION AVIATION COMPANY (PROV) KOREA 1952 - 1954 Will any former members please contact: Norman R. Zehr; P.O. Box 1410; Golden, CO 80402.

#### Can you help a Gold Star Mother?

"We were holding our Veterans Day services in my hometown and I was wearing my Korean Vets Jacket. A Gold Star mother approached me and said that her son was killed in action in Korea but that he was still listed as M.I.A. She gave me his name and what unit he was with the time that he was killed.

"Would it be possible to run his name in our bulletin and maybe someone in our association might have known him and could write to her. I'm sure it would be very gratifying for her.

"Here is the information she gave to me: NAME: Lester E. Bishop. UNIT: 9th Inf., 24th Division. ARRIVAL IN KOREA: July 1950. REPORTED K.I.A.: 22 Nov 1950

"Anyone having any information can write: Mrs. Beatrice Coppola; 106 Maple Street; Black River, N.Y. 13612."

--DENNY AMBROSE; Charter Member KWVA #0050; Box 111; Black River, N.Y. 13612

#### 25th DIV, 2nd BN, 35th REG

I recently received a copy of DAGO (Department of the Army, General Orders) -35, from a fellow member, Ted Braybrook of Michigan. The General Order is for a Unit Citation for action in North Korea during the first week of September, 1951. The units cited were Companies I, L, and attached units of M Co. It was truly a memorable event centered around Hills 682 and 717. The book, 25th Division History, printed in 1988 has good narrative of the action on page 60.

I was with Company H machinegun platoon attached to Co. G rifles in the same action. Our mission was to help I and L out of a situation in which they were surrounded. They were able to come out of the encirclement, but with many wounded. Sometimes one well man would come out helping two wounded men. As the battle continued, I was subsequently wounded and left the area. As I looked back, all hell was breaking loose on the hills. Later, I heard that my platoon and G in general had a lot of casualties.

I would be interested in hearing from someone who has knowledge of any of the second battalion, 35th Regt. in that action, and if the Unit Citation that we received is from that action. (We did receive a Unit Citation, but I never learned the contents.)

-- HAROLD E. LONEY; 3679 SR 598; Willard, OH 44890.

#### 24th INF, TACP 1950

"My name is Jim Wiecks, a Korean Veteran from River Falls, WI, and I am embroiled in a dispute with the veterans administration. I am in dire need of orders or anything that may verify my medical situation, I am 100% disabled, and all of my records were destroyed in the St. Louis, MO. fire. I served as a TACP starting in July of 1950 and was wounded on Aug. 24, 1950. While working as a TACP out of the 6132 TAC CONT GP. I was at that time 24th infantry. If any one knows me or has orders or any other information, that could help, please contact me. I went on to continue to serve as a TACP for the next 16 months, leaving Korea in Dec. of 1951. Any one knowing about my being wounded just north of Tague, or of receiving the Purple Heart, or can verify the stress that the TACP were under, or anything that could help in my claim please contact me.

--JIM WIECKS; 1029 State St, #31, River Falls, WI 54022.

#### DID YOU KNOW HIM?

I am trying to locate Sgt. Boston Wilson who served in Headquarters E Baker Batt's of the 981st F.A. BN. 40th Div. Korea. Please Contact Earl Keller; RR 2 Box 99; Freeman SD 57029

#### SEEKING "LYNX RANGERS"

The "library' at Redstone Arsenal no longer has books on the history of organizations like the U.S. Army Infantry. Today, they have mainly technical books. I have received a request for information about the "Lynx Rangers" who were part of 34th Regt. 25 Div. and were "employed" in Korea in the time frame of Jan. "51 thru Sept. '52. The widow of Cpl Fred Roland Owens has requested the information as her husband is dead and her sons are NOW wanting to know more about what their father did during the Korean War! Can you or any KWVA member help me to get the information?

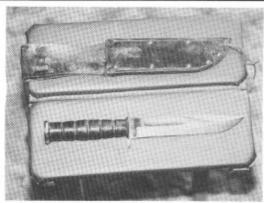
--CHARLES L. COLLINS; 3931 Shamrock Drive; Huntsville, Alabama 35810; 205-859-3913

#### I WOULD LIKE TO LOCATE:

Floyd Mills - USMC and Garth Foster - USMC

both with the 1st Marines, 7th battalion 4.2 Mortar Company in 1950 Participated in Inchon, and Chosin Reservoir. Thank you.

--Kenton W. Noakes; 505 Sandy Hook Road; Treasure Island, FL 33706; (813) 360-5163



#### HEARTBREAK RIDGE KNIFE RETURNED TO 2ND DIVISION VET

Just before being shipped to Korea I bought this Chrome Plated USMC Knife with 7 inch blade to take with me into combat, I thought I should have a good fixed-blade knife with me, one that would be resistant to getting rusty. I knew I would have to keep the knife in its sheath most all of the time because of its bright shine, but would always be clean and sharp when needed. The knife served me well, and to this day 38 years later knife looks as good as ever after I cleaned it up a bit and put a new edge on the blade.

When I was finally taken off Heartbreak Ridge and sent to Taegu, Korea for reassignment, as I was getting off the passenger train, this U.S. MP came up to me and tells me that it was against the law for a G.I. to have a knife like that hanging on my belt like that. He tried to take it away from me. Well after I told him just try and do it, and told him how well I thought of my knife he let me keep it without a fight.

After I got discharged in 1954 I did a lot of hunting and always had my knife with me. Well anyway, as I was coming back from rabbit and squirrel hunting this one day. . .(I gave the rabbits and squirrels to my dad before starting back home.) So I had blood, guns, and knife in the trunk of my car. Anyway it just so happened to be the day when two men had a shoot-out with the police here in Minnesota and on the way home I got stopped by the State Highway Patrol.

The Trooper looked in my car trunk and saw the guns, knife and blood, so he took me to the St. Paul Police Station with my guns and knife. They wanted to keep me in jail, but I convinced them I was not one of the men they were looking for, and I was only hunting that day.

Well they let me go, and kept my knife and guns. I did get my gun back after a few days, but one of the police officers liked my knife, so he just kept it. They told me at the police station it must have gotten lost somehow. This took place in 1959.

And now its Sept. 1989, and the Minneapolis-Star paper here did an article on me and the parade that was going to take place Sept. 16th for the Korean War Veterans in St. Paul, and as I was getting ready to go march in the parade, I get a call from this man that said he may have something that belongs to me. He said he saw that article in the paper and asked what my middle name was?

I told him. . . William. He said "I have your knife that was lost 30 years Ago." (I had scratched my name on my knife and sheath.) He said he would be right over to give it back to me, he was only 5 minutes. away from my house. When he got to my house and gave me back my knife, I was so happy to see it again, I forgot to get his name. He said his dad gave it to him when he was just a boy, and had always wondered about where the knife came from?

His dad must of been the police officer that kept my knife in the police station back in 1959. Anyways this young man must have felt some guilt over this, and after reading the article about me in The Heartbreak Ridge Battle, he just wanted the knife back to the rightful owner.

I had my knife on my belt for the parade in its original sheath. I sure am thankful to this young man, I feel bad about not getting his name. ..End

--VERNON W. MARQUART; Korean War 1950 1953; 2nd DIV. 23rd REGT. 1951; 180 C. W. Wentworth; W. St. Paul, MN 55118.



"Here's us KWVA members marching in the Sept. 16 parade in St. Paul, Minn." said VERNON MARQUART. See the story of his knife in left column.

#### "SOLDIERS PRAYER"

It was on a long and dreary night,
A soldier sent a humble plea.
To let the moon give out its light,
As we fight for Democracy.

From 4 to 6 they will attack,
An it will be a bloody fight.

I plea to you, Dear God, Above,
Don't let the moon go down tonight.

Oh, God, do hear my humble plea, As we struggle in this fight. We'll need the light to drive them back. don't let the moon go down tonight.

Dear God, we know that thou have blest.

We thank you for your help and hand.

Protect us all as we attack,

And plant Old Glory in this land.

Return us safely to our homes.

That there in peace we'll forever be,
On other nations help to impress,
the greatness in Democracy.
--Written By: SGT CLIFFORD L. NEEL; Co. C 65th Engineer
Combat Battalion in Korea, July 1950 - July 1951. Address

now is Dept. 3003; P.O. Box 29304; New Orleans, LA 70189

#### If you happen to be in the vicinity. . .

of Palm Beach, Florida for vacation or for the winter, member TOM CARBERRY offers this: "Put in the newsletter they can be my guest at JAI ALAI by calling me IN ADVANCE at 407-844-2444."

-- TOM CARBERRY: 2745 Foxhall Dr. E: West Palm Beach, FL 33417.

#### Looking for one from E CO, 7th CAV

Can you help me? I seek BERYL FISHER; I think he used to talk of Indianapolis, Indiana, but one former E company trooper said he thought Beryl had been living around Oklahoma City. Thank you.

-- ROY E. ALLEN; 2601 Hixon Road; Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

#### We Lost A Gold Star Mother

Tag Jenson of Bridgewater, NJ wrote: "The passing of one of our members is always sad, and more so when our loss is one of our own Gold Star Mothers. She was Mrs. G. Flaherty, over age 80. Her son EDWARD C. BENFORD, was a Navy corpsman with the U.S. Marines and received the Congressional Medal Of Honor, posthumously. We have named our KWVA Chapter in his memory."



We had a fund raiser for the Korean War Memorial, and NESTLE FOODS donated two cases of Taster's Choice Coffee. I sold tickets to Nestles employees and VFW members and to the 187th Airborne (the RAKKASSANS, who had their annual meeting at our post). We raised \$506 for the memorial and mailed the check to Washington, D.C. and received a very nice "Thank you" letter from the American Battle Monuments Commission. The photo above shows those of us who went to Nestle Foods to receive the coffee. They are left to right: RUSSELL FRY, employee and KW vet; RONALD E. ROSSER, recipient of the Medal Of Honor, Korea; DARLIS FISHER, Trustee, VFW Post 3297; and BOYD THOMPSON, employee and KW vet.

--BOYD THOMPSON; 3967 Main St.; Kilbourne, Ohio 43032.

REMEMBER - You can pay the 1990 reunion registration cost of \$115 in convenient monthly payments of your own choosing! Use the reservation form insert.



THIS PHOTO; Korean fisherman suspected of spying for North Korea. Flown on a C-46 from the island of PAEGNYONG - Do to Seoul K-16 airfield for interrogation, June 1952. Pilot (the tallest man) is 1st Lt. Norm Jeffers, with two of his crew.

#### HAVE A DOLL RAFFLE AND RAISE \$350!

"I WILL PAY POSTAGE TO YOU if you want to have a doll raffle to raise money for our Memorial. My daughter Debbie Spencer has made over 100 numbered and dated Betsy Ross collector dolls to be raffled off and all proceeds for the Memorial. We furnish tickets and instructions; all you furnish is the time. Thank you. Please contact me, SSgt NOEL L. ROBERTS (USA Ret); Star Rt 3; Crocker, MO 65452."

COL. WILLIAM E. RYAN of ABMC wrote: "Dear Sgt Roberts: Gen. Richard Stilwell has made a donation of \$250 to the Memorial, in your name. His tribute says, in part --

"Although disabled, Sgt. Roberts has long waged a one-man campaign for a Memorial, writing hundreds of letters (usually in long hand); was instrumental in getting the Missouri legislature to authorize a state memorial; is an active member of the Korean War Veterans Association and is a tremendous supporter (along with wife and daughter) of our national effort. He is without peer as precinct worker on our behalf. If we had more Sgt. Roberts, our fund raising goal would have been long since realized. Besides all that, he is an exceptionally warm and compassionate person. He gets my respectful salute as an American patriot of first rank!" (this was sent to Noel Roberts; Star Rt. 3; Crocker, Mo.).

SEPT 1952 - NOV 1953: anyone with 2nd Div. 4.2 Mortar Co, 9th Inf Regs. Please contact EDWARD L. SHIVES; 413 Martinsburg Rd.; Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 or phone 304-258-1150

#### SOME MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS

\*This report neglects to include the fact that Dear Abby, the noted columnist, is an honorary member of KWVA. More importantly, because of her direct and personal interest in the Korean War Veteran movement, Dear Abby has published about 4 letters concerning the memorial fund drive—and has brought in about \$700,000!

**PROPORTIONATELY:** if you figure how much KWVA has donated PER MEMBER for our Memorial, it comes out to about S20 each. Other organizations average about one dollar each.

IF YOU THINK that the KWVA goal is only to help you build a chapter home complete with neon sign out front and with a bar in the meeting room by the bingo table— please look again. Our national KWVA purpose is to build the National Memorial to you, the Korean War Veteran.

We are not completing with any other vet group. But your \$15 membership fee is VITAL. Will you please keep on helping?

#### THE HISTORY BOOK

FROM TURNER PUBLISHING COMPANY comes this word: Please find enclosed the final deadline brochure for the Korean War Veterans History Book. We are making plans for a summer delivery of the book; a professional writer has been assigned to the project and will get a rough draft to you after the New Year."

-- GARDNER HATCH, Military Editor; Turner Publishing Co.

#### I WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT...

Tank Company, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7the Division. August 1950 to the end of 1951. Looking for members of this unit for a reunion next year. Even if you can't make it, contact: JOHN E. SULLIVAN, 3777 NW 78 AV Apt.48-G; Hollywood, FL 33024; Phone: (305) 432-4880

#### THE NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER IS FORMED

We now have a new KWVA chapter, elected by members in the Atlanta area. It has been named the North Georgia Chapter of KWVA. Our newly-elected chapter president is Gen. (Ret, USMC) RAYMOND DAVIS; CMH; former Ass.'t Comndt. USMC. He also is vice chairman of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board and served as chariman of the design selection jury.

Other officers elected are: WILEY VIRDEN, 1st VP; JOE REYNOLDS, 2nd VP; TOM HARRIS, Sec.; W. DOUGLAS EPPS, Treas.; DAVID CAMPBELL, Historian; THADDEUS SOBIESKI, Judge Advocate.

Members of the 6147th Tactical Control Group "Mosquitos" who served with the Fifth Air Force in the Korean War will hold their annual reunion on September 20-23, 1990, at the Best Western Landmark Resort Hotel, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Contact: John N. Webster, 610 1st Avenue (N), Surfside Beach, S.C. 29577, (803) 238-0560.

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#### He Throws A Thank-You Party Each Year

HUBERT LEE grew up in his divided nation of South Korea and came to this country in 1966. He now owns Anton's Liquor Store; Middletown, NY. And two years ago he started giving a thank-you Christmas party honoring the Korean War veterans. In 1989 we received an invitation to attend and noted this: "VETERANS FREE. All other \$40 per person." He can be found at the store with the American flag in front, at 285 Route 211 East. He also is President of the NY State Korean Assoc.; 31 Maple Ave.; Chester, NY 10918 Thank you, Hubert.

LEROY STUCKER; 7 Crawford St.; Port Jervis, NY 12771 wrote as follows in connection with this party:

"I answered the newspaper article and spoke to Hubert Lee. More than 100 vets with their families and friends attended the party. I was asked to make a short statement and my main effort was to impress those present of the facts why we call it The Forgotten War. I also spoke of how to donate to the Memorial.

"I introduced NY State VFW Post Commander Jack Simmons of Liberty, NY who is a Navy veteran of the war. Also present was E. Arthur Gray, a senator and personal friend who also spoke."



WARREN AVERY; 836
Middletown Ave.; North
Haven, CONN 06473 is
shown receiving the 24th INF
DIV prestigious William
Jordan Verbeck award. The
silver bowl is presented as a
"symbol made to that
member who, by his service
to the association, best
exemplifies the ideals of Gen.
Verbeck."

#### Northeast Chapter, New York State, Sent \$325

TOM SHARP; 170 Bloomingrove Ave.; Troy, NY 12180 sent a list of those who contributed to the Memorial Fund, in amount of \$325. Because space does not permit us to list all donations now coming in, we have sent the check and the list of names on to headquarters so that an appropriate response may be sent for each individual. Thank you very much. We do want to take special note that the Northeast NY Chapter ex-POW sent \$100.

#### Dear Abby Helped Us Again

On Nov. 28, 1989, a letter to the columnist Dear Abby resulted in her publishing the remarks of one Donald C. Chung, who had fought in the ROK army in 1950 and to the war's end. He has written a book, "The Three Day Promise", and Dear Abby asked her readers to send him \$15 for a copy. AND the entire \$15 was promised by Mr. Chung to the KW Memorial. As of Dec. 7, about 15,000 orders had been received. Thats \$225,000! Send your check or money order to Dr. Donald Chung; 2865 Atlantic Ave., Suite 253; Long Beach, CA 90806

#### PRESIDENT OF KOREA PRESENTED WITH GIFT FROM KWVA

The American Historical Foundation of Richmond, Va. generously donated to KWVA a commemorative pistol which was then presented to the President of Korea. The October 17, 1989 letter of presentation follows:

His Excellency Roh Tae Woo President, Republic of Korea Dear Mister President:

On the occasion of your visit to our Nation's Capital we are taking this opportunity to present to you a gift, a symbol of the deep and enduring relationship we enjoy with your nation. It was born of the union of the courage and trust of our two peoples and tempered in the fires of combat.

Thus, the nature of our gift as a memento of your visit. The .45 caliber, M-1911A1 automatic pistol was the basic side arm for all U.S. and Korean troops during the War. This specific pistol is a specially produced, commemorative model of that war time weapon.

It is also the first of its kind to be produced as a memento commemorating the Korean War. It is serial number 1 of this limited production, and we are honored that you will accept it as a token of the esteem and affection the members of the Korean War Veterans Association hold for your nation and your people.

Sincerely, RICHARD ADAMS, President

#### THE GE FOUNDATION PHILOSOPHY IS...

"Contribute to an approved not-for-profit charitable organization and the Foundation will match your gift."

THOMAS COCKERILL; RR 1 Box 220-A; Spring Valley, IL 61362; sent his \$50 donation to the Memorial Fund. Upon completion of the GE forms by an officers of KWVA, the GE Foundation will match Tom's contribution

That Gift-Matching policy is an efficient and effective way for corporate donations to reach the place their employees think is best. We thank you Tom, and thank you GE Foundation. Request for more information should be sent to "More gifts/More Givers Program; GE Foundation; Fairfield, Conn. 06431

#### WE ARE PLANNING THE 1990 REUNION...

and, per vote at the last reunion, we will again meet in the Washington, D.C./Arlington, Va. area next year.

This is your chance to get an early start on reservation. The registration fee will be \$115...and you can send it all in one payment OR IN THREE PARTIAL PAYMENTS. For instance, send \$35 now; in about 60 or 90 days send \$40 more; and on or before the registration date next July (probably July 24) send or bring the last \$40 payment. That's per person. Or break the payment in whatever parts is easiest for you. If you have any questions, just contact Harry Wallace or Stan Hadden (see page 2 for address and phone).

# WHEN YOU RENEW YOUR DUES: Please write these words: "My renewal for my membership number\_\_\_\_\_." Thank You!



NEW YORK CITY'S BATTERY PARK will be the location of this magnificent Memorial to that city's 181,000 veterans of the Korean War. Fund-raising goal is two million dollars with dedication scheduled for late spring of 1990. Member IRWIN R. SCHWARTZ, executive director, sent us this excellent photo.

#### From Louisiana

GEORGE and DOLLY HUHNER of 619 Jefferson Park Ave., in Jefferson, LA, sent a newspaper clipping showing photos of the Sept.. 16 ceremonies dedicating Louisiana's first Korean War Memorial. Thank you; I wish we could print all the news photos sent from around our nation but space is too small.

#### **Korean Community Hosted Veterans**

TAG JENSON wrote: "On Oct. 29 a buffet reception was held by the Men's Association of the Korean Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth, N.J. Eleven of us attended; 7 wore the new jackets with blue berets; three from Military Order of Purple Heart also attended.

JOE HEMS of MOPH asked several of us to talk of our experiences in Korea; I talked about the future and how KWVA became an organization. The warmth and gratitude shown us by all the Koreans was overpowering and made me feel like we were not forgotten by the people of that faroff land."

#### Long Island Chapter Holds Ceremony

BOB MORGA; P.O. Box 835; Bayport, NY 11705, wrote: "Our Central Long Island Chapter KWVA held our first wreath-laying ceremony on Veterans Day at the recently-constructed Armed Forces Plaza, in Hauppage, NY. REBA MELVIN, whose son was killed just three days before the war ended, laid the wreath, assisted by Chap. Pres. Bob Morga and VPres. Peter Iajnone.

"The memorial plaza resulted largely from the efforts of Legis. Rose Caracappa (C-Selden) who said: "I assure you, I and my colleagues in the legislature do not feel you are the forgotten soldiers."

"Our membership has now grown to 138 paid members," added Bob, "and that after only three general meetings."

#### Indiana Forms Its First Chapter

On September 30th, 23 Korean War Veterans got together and started a K.W.V.A. Chapter, the first such Chapter in the State of Indiana.

Officers were elected as follows: Art Flotow, President; Irwin Lindsey, 1st Vice President; Doug Zimmerman, 2nd Vice President; Charles Vernon, Sec., and Treasurer; Dale Naugle, Historian; and Laurane Litral, Judge Advocate.

We have been on Local T.V. a couple of times, and were in the Veterans Day Parade on November 11. Our meetings are held the 1st Saturday of each month at an American Legion Post here, where they let us use one of their meeting rooms, and have presented us with an American flag, so that we may have our own.

We all met at Watchfire, which was started two years ago, on Memorial Day weekend, where we post the colors, and light a fire that is kept burning for twenty-four hours. At different times during Watchfire, we have special services to honor fallen comrades from each war. I was elected Chairperson for the Korean War Services. Some Korean War Veterans showed up and we decided that we have to stay together and let people know that we are out there. Three of us started going to the high schools last spring to speak to the history classes. We plan to expand that area more this year.

-- ART FLOTOW; 5120 Chepequau; Ft. Wayne, IND. 46819

#### Light is the task when many share the toil . . Homer

A SPECIAL MAILING WILL BE SENT TO OUR MEMBERSHIP around the end of February. This is just to alert you to watch out for the package of information material concerning how you may participate in the purchase of a Limited Edition M-1911-Al Automatic Pistol. It will be a replica of the one given recently to Pres. Woo of Korea (see story on page 17). The American Historical Foundation is making this offer to KWVA ahead of their own membership. And—it is important for you to know that this mailing is being done by KWVA and your name is definintely NOT being sold or commericialized in any way.

#### M.I.A. — PVT. JOSEPH RAYMOND TRAVERS



Joe left Camp Stillman on 22 Feb 1951 and was captured and reported to be in a North Korean prison camp on 22 April 1951. On 4/11/51 his address was 5th Inf RCT; 24th Inf Div; APO 301, S. F. and again on 4/17/51 his address was Pvt. J. R. Travers, US 51000 431; Co. D, 5th Inf RCT; APO 309, S.F. Cal.

His mother received two letters with this address: Camp No. 3; North Korea; Co 3-1 Plt 4 Sqd; c/o Chinese People Committee For World Peace; Peking, China.

Joe was reported seen on a stretcher or guerney shortly after being captured when a North Korean or Chinese doctor or medic removed a watch from his wrist. Joe has a brother and a sister who are seeking information on him.

Joe's brother and sister seek ANY information on him. If you can be of any help, please contact: WILLIAM MASON, Jr; P.O. Box 382; East Taunton, Mass. 02718. Or call collect between 5 and 7 p.m. EST: 508-823-4260.

#### West Point Remembered POW/MIA

AT WEST POINT last Sept. 29, a ceremony was held as a tribute to POW/MIA. The musical presentation was hosted by Helen Hayes and Gen (Ret) John Vessey.

LE ROY STUCKER; 7 Crawford St.; Port Jervis, NY 12771 wrote: "As you know, I sent for the music for KWVA; if it got there, it was not played although they did play a Korean folk song. There were hundreds of flags at the program; Eisenhower Hall was packed. I carried our KWVA flag, and I wore the blue jacket and beret. There were many comments on this; many of the vets there did not know about our organization. I gave out cards and info, too. It was a very short ceremony and with so many flags and units only a few pictures were taken."

NOTE TO LE ROY: Per our agreement, the music for "The Mighty Men of Val-or" must be purchased by the band unit; we cannot give it away.

#### Danville, Illinois is in action!

RAY wrote from Robert Wurtsbugh Chapter; 1307 Harmon; Danville, IL 61832: "In October we had 13 members help with Veterans Fair and signed up 3 new and one renewal.

Through the efforts of Hershall Lee, we will be getting the complete flag outfit we talked about for well under \$300.00. Several local firms are helping financially. We will give you a detailed report at our meeting.

The following comments are from Don McClure our 1st V.P.: Fellow members of the Rober Wurtsbaugh Chapter, Korean War Veterans - remember when you were approached to become a member of KWVA? Some may of been hesitant about joining - that's a normal feeling - but aren't you glad you did? Our ranks are presently nearing the two hundred mark - if each of us will just sign up one new member, we can be 400 strong before the July 1990 National Meeting. If you need help calling on a prospect, please call me (354-4232). I'm counting on each of you to contribute - remember our goal - build a National Memorial to honor all KWV. but especially those who gave their lives for us and freedom.

#### Hello from Arizona

I get a call every few weeks from someone that is a National Member and not aware that we have an Arizona Chapter, I don't know how to put the word out but we are trying.

We are planning a Spring Picnic, maybe about March, to raise funds to front our next October Korean Era Vets Reunion. The Colorado Vets really went to work to put together an 1988 and 1989 Reunion but the turn out was poor, we that were there had a good time. We hope the Reunion in Phoenix will be a success as a nice Hotel and Motel has given us a pretty good deal.

For you Arizona Vets that don't know of us yet, we meet at American Legion Post #1 at 364 No. 7th Ave. in Phoenix the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 am. For info write to P.O. Box 10843, Scottsdale, AZ. 85271 - 0843 or call 272 -2418 evenings. We always are looking for veterans, we need the numbers and the help."

-- JIM BORK; 3301 W. Encanto Blvd.; Phoenix, AZ. 85009

#### \$1,000,000 PRIZE FOR A HOLE-IN-ONE

Many Companies sponsor golf outings for their customers and employees. Many of these companies include an event or a special prize for any player making a "Hole-In-One" during this outing. The prize for this accomplishment is usually an automobile or a substantial cash award, sometimes a vacation for two, all expenses, to an exotic place. In the course of my insurance business activities, I place the proper policy to protect the sponsor in the event that a participant wins the grand prize.

Each year I place such a policy for Westinghouse Electric Corporation. This year, as I was completing the application, an idea came to mind. How about a National Hole-In-One event? This event to be scheduled on each day of the three day Memorial Day Holiday. Further investigation indicated that a minimum of 2,000,000 rounds of golf are played on each of these three days. The Holiday set aside to honor our dead warriors would certainly be the most appropriate time for this event.

The event plans are as follows: golfers across the Nation, will rogister and pay a small fee, to be eligible for a trip to Palm Springs, or another well known area, to play a round of golf with a famous celebrity. This will be an all expense paid trip. All the registrant must do is score a witnessed "Hole-In-One" during the round of golf that he placed his registration fee. Remember this round of golf is at the golfers regular course and it is during a round of golf that he would normally be playing on that Memorial Day weekend. Golfers scoring the "Hole-In-One" will now be eligible for not only the expense paid trip, the celebrity round of golf, but if they score another "Hole-In-One", during this event, they will win a prize of \$1,000,000. The insurance is in place in the event we have a winner in this event.

It is estimated that there could be as many as 90 "Holes-In-One" scored during the regular registered rounds of golf. The logistic should not be much more difficult than D-Day or Inchon Landing. Quite frankly, with the cooperation of only a few individuals, yet to be confirmed, the necessary work details are in place. The Insurance Company will provide the advertisement and work with the PGA, Country Clubs, and golf Course Owners. They will provide the up-front money to conduct this national campaign. The Insurance Company will be reimbursed by a National Sponsor, when we have one in place. We will have a National Sponsor for this event.

The premium for the Insurance policy will be between \$6,000 and \$8,000. No one is making any money on this event.

Proceeds will be presented by the KWVA to the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board and the American Battle Monument Commission for deposit to the Memorial fund. It is estimated that this event could raise over \$2,000,000.

If you are interested and want to know more — AND IF YOU WILL HELP—please contact: TOM MAINES; 1801 Saw Mill Run Blvd.; Pittsburgh, PA 15210. Or phone him at 412-881-5844.

THIS FOR THOSE FEW WHO COMPLAIN FIRST: Yes, sometimes your letter will drop through the cracks of our operation. And yes, sometimes your membership card might be late arriving. We apologize to you and ask you to understand that this is an ALL-VOLUNTEER operation. There are those of us who gladly spend thousands or hundreds of our own dollars just to help build the Korean War Veteran Memorial.

And for those of you who are spreading rumors about the "high pay" of KWVA officers -- that's absolute nonsense. Any one who wants a time-consuming, dollar-eating job with No pay, No fringe benefits, No vacation, and hours that run from dawn to midnight -- well, you just holler and we will be glad to put you to work.

And there is a computer -- and bought and paid for out of one member's pocket -- and supplied with labor by him at no cost to KWVA -- and if you cannot live with a glitch now and then, why, then, I suggest that you get us a better operation out of your pocket. If you have any question, please contact Stan Hadden, your editor, at the address shown on page 2.

#### IN MEMORY OF ERWIN L. BECKWITH

The following donations for the Memorial Fund have been received:

\$100 each: Mr & Mrs. Ernest Catenacci; Mr. & Mrs. Reckler; John Haney; Community Council of East Hampton Town.

\$50 each: Mr. & Mrs. Al Gorsline; East Hampton Town Chiefs Assn.; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Osborn; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Caggana; Mr. & Mrs. Warren Aydelotte; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Rea; Fayette Parsons; Lawrence Merrill; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rocker;

\$25 each: Mr. & Mrs. Warren Sussman; E. Lynn DiSunno; Mr. & Mrs. Mearle Smith; East Hampton Town Blood Bank; Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Bennett; Mr. & Mrs. Jules Keller; Mr. & Mrs. Don Reutershan; Edna R. Graid; Mary Daige; Mr. & Mrs. Marvin LaMoore; Mr. & Mrs. Allen Wolcott; Mr. & Mrs. Sal Carrubba; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lizewski; Adele Watson; Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Remkus; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Waleko; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Drell; Mr. & Mrs. C. T. Anderson; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Miller;

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Coughlan \$10; Mary Louise Dodge \$15; William F. King \$20; Evelyn Osterberg \$35; Mr. & Mrs. Albert Loper \$10; Sandra Vorpahl \$15; Dorothy Forbell & D. Renkins \$20; Audrey Cameron \$30; George & Ellen Dracker \$15; Wesley & Rosalie Bennett \$20.

I THINK WE FORGOT last September to list: the WINNERS of the M-1 rifles last July 27 were - - ROSE GLEASON of Troy, NY; sold by CLAYTON DARROW. Also LEO R. DESHENS of Oxford, Mass; sold by RON JOHNSON. Also MICHAEL PALIZZOLO of Avon, Mass.; sold by AL PRISCO. Also ANTHONY GUTTILLA of Glen Cove, NY; sold by ANTHONY GUTTILLA. The winner of the Armed Forces "U.S. Army" edition 1911-Al .45 cal auto pistol was DWELTON D. ANDERSON of Cottage Grove, MN. All of the winners are members, or relatives of members of KWVA.

#### WE NOW HAVE A LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Word was late coming in, but we are happy to announce to all you members in Louisiana, that the first chapter is official. Contact ANTHONY A. BIRKEL, JR.; P.O. Box 8481; New Orleans, La. 70182 or phone him at 504-947-1611. We congratulate y'all! They had a big turnout on Sept. 16 for "Louisiana Remembers Korea: POW/MIA Recognition Day".

3rd Infantry Division Society will hold its 71st annual reunion/convention, October 4th-7th, 1990, at the Adams Mark hotel in Houston, Texas. For futher information, contact: Lendon P. Pearson, Rt. 4, Box 369 D, Canyon Lake, Texas 78133 (512) 899-2589.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Look on your card. A non-paying member can cost the rest of us more than one dollar just to print and mail him this newsletter

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# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.--- AMERICA'S FORGOTTEN VICTORY"

- Enrollment for membership in the "Korean War Veterans Association Inc.: is given to any man or woman who served in any of the Armed Forces from June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955; you need not have served in combat to be eligible.
- 2. Associate member is offered to surviving spouse, children, parents and other.
- 3. All Medal of Honor recipients and ex-Prisoner of War of the Korean War are automatic Life Time Members. There is no fee for dues.

MAIL TO: Korean War Veterans Association Inc.; Membership Chairman; P. O. Box 12205; Baltimore, MD 21281 K.W.V.A. Annual Dues - \$15.00. Life Membership - \$150.00 Associate - \$12.00

All on our membership roster will receive the K.W.V.A. Newsletter.

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# OFFICIAL NOTICE JULY 25-26-27-28, 1990 OFFICIAL NOTICE

A wreath-laying ceremony will be conducted at the Tomb Of The Unknowns at 10 a.m., 27 July 1990. 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 Fee is \$115.00 per person (adult). This fee covers Friday and Saturday breakfasts; Thursday dinner; Friday banquet; bus fare to Arlington Cemetery; our flowers, etc. There will be a separate Cash Bar just before the

banquet.

25 JULY 1990, WEDNESDAY

Sign-in registration starting 9 a.m.

26 JULY 1990.THURSDAY

Annual business meeting 10:00 a.m.

Dinner 6 p.m.

Awards to be presented.

27 JULY 1990, FRIDAY

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

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

Arlington Cemetery ceremony starts 10:00 a.m.

Open Cash Bar 6-7 p.m.

Banquet 7 p.m.

28 JULY 1990, SATURDAY

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 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 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Should you also wish to make a financial donation (regardless if you attend or not) it will help offset the additional cost of this year's reunion.

#### THE 1990 REUNION JULY 25 - 28

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