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THIS IS A SPECIAL FLASHLETTER TO YOU!

Memorial 'Promising'

Panel Seeks Details on New Korean War Design

By Sarah Booth Conroy
Washington Post Staff Writer

The Commission of Fine Arts yesterday reviewed and asked for more details on a new version of the contro-

sculptured soldiers with the mural wall so "the soldiers won't shiver out in the open."

Joan Abrahamson, voting against the motion, said, "I am still uncomfort-

DON'T BE MIS-LED!

YOU were in the FIRST armed forces of the United States to operate with our own commander under the flag of the United States in fighting a brutal war declared by the United Nations.

How much longer are you going to sit idly by and let the bureaucracy laugh at you and your buddies? How much longer will you let the bureaucracy encourage America to forget you and your war fought for their freedom? SEE "YOUR DECISION" on page 5.

"My question is: do members of KWVMAB and ABMC share what so many others feel: extreme frustration and hidden anger at the way this Memorial project is being endlessly dragged along with no proper management decision ever being made or finalized?" See comments titled "And So Here We Are" on page 4.

NEW KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL COMMEMORATIVE SILVER DOLLAR COIN: Order forms are scheduled to be mailed in April for a KOREAN WAR SILVER DOLLAR. A Surcharge from the sale of each commemorative coin will help pay for construction of a KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL in WASHINGTON, DC. Literature and coin-order forms from the U.S. Mint are available by writing to: U. S. Mint; 10001 Aerospace Drive; Lanham, MD 20706 or by calling (301) 436-7400.
--JOHN SPENCER; P.O. Box 1983; Danville, IL 61833.

TAPS

They died before we built the Memorial; we will remember them:

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JAMES E. NOSS; Cleveland, OH.
BRADFORD RAYWORTH; March 17, 1990; Littleton, MA
THOMAS TAHENY; Flushing, NY.
CLIFFORD G. CUMMINGS; August 31, 1990; Fairmont, MN.
LUCIAN McCLURE; August 29, 1990; Ft. Smith, AR.
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BERNARD L. PARSONS; May 17, 1990; Blacksburg, VA.
KENNETH E. BLUE; January 2, 1991; Danville, ILL.

THIS IS THE NEWEST DESIGN FOR THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

By STAN HADDEN, Graybeards Editor

NO, there is no mistake in what we have shown you in the above space. The hard cold truth is that NO DESIGN HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL. Nobody has approved anything that can be physically measured or weighed. General talk is that a concept has been accepted but you must remember that a "concept" is ONLY AN IDEA.

Before we tell you what happened at that Fine Arts Commission meeting, we will back up and refresh your memory on certain other events that have happened:

DESIGN NUMBER ONE

WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 27, 1990 -- At the KWVA annual reunion and banquet, speakers from the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board (KWVMAB) spoke to the membership and positively stated that the Memorial costs were going up rapidly and that no one knew exactly how much the final cost would be although it seemed reasonable to estimate a total of fifteen million dollars.

We were assured that work to construct Design Number One (the one unveiled by President Bush on June 14, 1989) was going forward smoothly; that certain minor changes would be made in the design. Further, we were told that groundbreaking ceremonies were planned for on or about November 11, 1991, with dedication of the Memorial scheduled for July 27, 1993.

If you carefully read page 16 of the September 1990 issue of Graybeards you will recall that your editor, Stan Hadden, repeatedly asked members of KWVMAB during
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the banquet "why does the cost keep going up?" And, you will recall the answers he was given as follows: "That is none of your business;" and "The average veteran does not understand these things" and "If you want more information, go through the Freedom of Information Act."

DESIGN NUMBER TWO

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 27, 1990 -- with only the choice of Freedom of Information Act to pursue for answers, I arranged to talk with the officers commanding the American Battle Monuments Commission at their office in Washington. The result of that interview is shown on pages 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the JANUARY 1991 Graybeards. That story featured a "new design" of the Memorial, complete with photograph and several reassuring statements about cost and progress of the architectural and planned construction work.

Through sources such as the Freedom of Information Act, I found some contracts that clearly stated the estimated costs of the Memorial. Those estimates were quite specific in what each move would cost, such as the drainage, the statues, paving, fountains, grass, etc. The estimate was realistic and detailed enough to even include an item of \$2800 for ice, coffee, and cups. Another item was for about ten percent (one million dollars) of the total cost set aside for the contractor's profit markup. The total amount in one estimate was \$10,598,287.59 and another had a total of 14.9 million dollars.

Again, we were assured that the necessary changes had been made and this new design (let's call it design number two) had been basically approved.

The January 1991 Graybeards said, with a sigh of relief, that "the Memorial will be a national asset honoring the more than five million who served in the Korean War." We thought that KWVA now could look at Design #2 and get a pretty good idea of what the Memorial would look like.

However, several disturbing signs kept showing in words and events through December and January. President Dick Adams called the Board of Directors and Officers to meet in mid-winter session on Feb. 9, 1991, in Independence, MO. The next thing to happen was this:

THIS WAS OUR OFFICIAL ALERT

TO: OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

I think we have a serious problem that we need to talk about at our Board meeting February 9th, 1991. Please give serious thought to the following:

Our Association has sat back and watched as the estimate keeps going up and up on the cost of the Memorial and no one seems to be able to tell us why it is increasing or how to control the increase.

We started with a cost of six million - this was our Fund Raising Goal. Now the cost is fifteen million. Will it be 18 million next month?

As one member said, "we need to get a clear understanding of the final cost and get it damn soon". I agree.

Sincerely, Dick Adams, National President, Korean War Veterans Association; P.O. Box 127; Caruthers, CA 93609; (209) 864-3196 After 5 P.M. Pacific; (209) 268-1869 Office.

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KEEP ON READING! Go to the next page and see what happened next. **SEE "RESULT" ON PAGE 3**

"RESULT" CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2**THIS IS A RESULT OF THAT ALERT**

Traveling at their own personal expense, the KWVA Executive Council met in the Truman Library at Independence, MO on Feb. 9. Briefly, this happened:

A resolution offered by Gen. Richard Stilwell, head of the KWVMAB (the Memorial Board) and a member of KWVA, offered a resolution that said: "We, the Board of Directors, KWVA, hereby officially endorse the work thus far accomplished by the American Battle Monuments Commission. This endorsement is intended to express our full confidence in that Commission's ability to bring into being a fitting Memorial and pledges our full support of their efforts to do so." (See complete text of the resolution on page 5).

That resolution failed to pass, by a vote of 12 to 1.

ART PATTERSON, member and on the Board of Directors, then offered a resolution that said, in effect, we, the KWVA believe that because about nine million dollars has been raised for the Memorial, and another seven million is expected from the sale of the commemorative coin, that those in charge of constructing the Memorial do so on or before July 27, 1993; and that on or before October 28, 1991 they have the construction permit in hand. (See page 5 for exact wording of the resolution).

That resolution passed unanimously by a vote of 13 to 0.

See explanation of the law on page 4 by Blaine Friedlander.

On Feb 21, 1991 the Commission of Fine Arts will discuss and review designs submitted for the Korean War Veterans Memorial. The public meeting will be held in Suite 312, Pension Bldg., Washington, D.C.

NEXT, WE ATTENDED THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb, 21, 1991 -- I attended the Fine Arts Commission meeting. Very deliberately I wore, not a business suit, but informal clothing plus my distinctive KWVA windbreaker decorated with dragons, our seal, our U.S. flag, the U.N. flag, the ROK flag, and our KWVA pocket emblem. My reason was simple: because I had been told that the Fine Arts Commission did not know of our existence, I wanted the people at the hearing to know that at least one member of KWVA was present. To say the least, I was highly visible in the crowd of people dressed in business suits.

Those attending the meeting included about 40 people interested in projects other than the Korean War Veterans Memorial. There were five members sitting on the Commission: two ladies and three men including their chairman. Among the assembly were representatives of the KWVMAB; none of them would speak to me. Others present were representatives of the firm of Cooper-Lecky, the architects hired to work on the Memorial project. Also present were at least two of the design team who won the

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competition for the design that President Bush unveiled on June 14, 1989; their lawyer accompanied them. Two other members of KWVA were there so that we had our own group of three.

As the meeting droned on, I alone of the crowd heard and listened to the murmuring voices of 54,246 who died in the Korean War.

The Commission members displayed wide knowledge of art and architecture. It was my judgement they were all too young to really know of the Korean War and its impact upon the world we live in today. The senior member of KWVMAB introduced the representative of the firm of Cooper-Lecky, Architects, who proceeded to his presentation of the proposed Memorial "concept".

At that precise moment I realized, with a sinking feeling in my stomach, that Design Number One and Design Number Two were both dead ducks. We were now looking at Design Number Three.

DESIGN NUMBER THREE

The model shown was not much larger than the top of a large briefcase, compared to the previous large tabletop-size models. Slides were also flashed upon a screen, including one that used toothpicks stuck into a plastic block surrounded by toy trees to illustrate the proposed concept. I was surprised to see the rather crude tools used in the presentation, rather than high technology equipment such as computer-generated designs that can be altered instantly and as desired, endlessly, without piling up a lot of architectural costs.

Chief discussion seemed to center around a proposed wall that would stand to the side of the two-file line of troops. That proposed wall is to stand in perpetual shadow. It is to be of dark marble with round discs cut to resemble the enlarged dots of a printer's halftone screen. The viewer would feel "drawn into" the scene as he viewed the statuary and saw various reflections in the wall. The dots would be in different arrangements as, for example, one would be of a giant human eye, or of an airplane.

Toward the end of the discussion, the chairman voiced the opinion upheld by a vote of 3 to 1, that the architect is to return in March, and probably again in April, to show what his organization might have done to change the proposed concept.

The main adverse opinions on the Memorial project seemed to be voiced by one member said to be a veteran of Viet Nam.

THEY REFUSED TO READ OUR RESOLUTION

As the discussion ended, the secretary of the commission presented the letter and resolution from KWVA (see page 5) that was passed at the KWVA meeting on Feb. 9. The secretary stated simply that the KWVA resolution "just says 'get on with it.'". The chairman, without touching the paper or reading our resolution, announced "We will not be rushed."

THERE WAS A SECOND PHASE to the discussion of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. That was a quickly-done pronouncement that the Fine Arts Commission does agree with ABMC that Congress is to be asked for an extension of time in which to build the

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Memorial. Basically, that deadline is October 28, 1991 (See page 7). Their request will be for two more years, to be October 28, 1993. One might conclude that will postpone dedication of the Memorial to the year 1995.

AND SO HERE WE ARE...

My question is: do members of KWVMAB and ABMC share what so many others feel: extreme frustration and hidden anger at the way this Memorial project is being endlessly dragged along with no proper management decision ever being made or finalized? It seems to be one meeting after another, with probably nearly two million dollars already spent and the only visible result being a lawsuit. Common sense would dictate using the original design (Design Number One) and make a few relevant changes, such as including names of KIA, by management decision in order to proceed with construction.

I was told by several "experts" in Washington politics that KWVA must be patient. Their opinion is that we should do nothing except wait for the bureaucratic system to produce a Memorial.

On the other hand, I have my own opinion, which is this: what we need is for one strong personality who knows how to make successful business decisions, to take charge of the entire project. We need a man who will bring together all the members of the Fine Arts Commission, the ABMC, and whoever else is charged by law to build the Memorial; put them in one room all together; and make them stay there until a final decision on design is made. Then discard the present contracts and, with new ones in hand, commence building. (See YOUR DECISION on page 5).

If my deductions are an acknowledged correct assessment of the situation, I believe members of KWVA, if asked to do so, would rally around and provide the necessary force of sergeants and privates to carry out the tasks that no amount of orders from general officers can accomplish by themselves.

I have tried to present the correct information in these reports and it is your choice to now act as you deem best. Thank you for your attention. See page 5.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MEMORIAL

by Blaine P. Friedlander, KWVA Counsel

"At the recent Executive Council Meeting, a resolution offered by Gen. Richard Stilwell, Ret., failed 12 to 1 and a resolution offered by Art Patterson passed unanimously. The position of the Korean War Veterans Association is that since over \$9,000,000 has been raised, let's get on with the construction of the memorial. The adopted Resolution is set forth elsewhere. (See page 5.)

"According to the law authorizing the memorial, if the construction permits are not issued on or before October 28, 1991, the authorization for the construction of the memorial will expire. There is no provision for an extension.

"The Executive Council, speaking for the KWVA, expresses our clear position that we must strive to have the construction permits issued in a timely manner.

"There are two federal laws governing the construction of the memorial. The first is National Capital Memorials and Commemorative Works Act. The second is the Korean War Veterans Memorial Act. Both were enacted in 1986.

"The National Capital Memorials and Commemorative Works Act states that the purpose of the law is to preserve the integrity of the

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comprehensive plan for the nation's Capital; to ensure continued public use and enjoyment of open space in the District of Columbia; and to ensure that memorials are appropriately designed, constructed and located and reflect a consensus of the lasting significance of the subjects of the memorial.

"To do this a National Capital Memorial Commission was established. Several years ago, the Memorial commission did agree as to the location of the memorial.

"Under the Korean War Veterans Memorial Act, the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board had the duty to select the design. This they did on June 1, 1989, with the design introduced in the Rose Garden of the White House on June 14.

"The second step under the laws was to approve the design. **This is where the memorial stands right now.** After the approval of the design by the KWVMAB, the American Battle Monuments Commission had the duty to consult with the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts, as well as the Secretary of the Interior to approve the design. There is no mention of the KWVMAB in this section of the law, and the law authorizing the KWVMAB clearly states that the KWVMAB recommends the site and selects the design. **The KWVMAB did, in this writer's opinion, a masterful job and selected a grand design. (Design Number One).**

"Yet the KWVMAB is still in the picture, and I find nothing in the code that authorizes their continued input. (See Comment Number One on page 10). What is needed now, is for the American Battle Monuments Commission to seek the consent of the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission for a design consistent with the clear intent of the law that the memorial be located in surroundings that are relevant to the commemorative work; that the design not interfere with, or encroach upon any existing commemorative work, to protect open space and existing public use, and be of durable material, with landscaping compatible with climate (that is, for example, no palm trees).

"The problem is that the re-design (Design Number Two) enlarged the selected design, which not only increased the costs of the memorial, but violated the clear mandate of the law, and that is one reason the design is in limbo and in court."

**PLEASE CONSIDER TELLING THIS
TO YOUR SENATOR**

"If the ABMC proceeds apace, the design should be approved forthwith.

"If we can obtain design approval, the next step is to obtain a construction permit from the Secretary of the Interior. To do this the site and design must be approved, with knowledgeable people certifying the structure is sound and durable and meets high professional standards, and the ABMC submit the proper contracts and drawings to the Secretary of the Interior, and MOST IMPORTANT, the ABMC has enough money to pay for it.

"Nine Million Dollars has been raised. With ten percent deducted for maintenance and preservation (\$900,000.00) there will be \$8,100,000.00 for a memorial. If the ABMC uses the original design, the ABMC has sufficient funds to construct a memorial now. With the sale of the commemorative coin, there is more than enough money available.

"It is my information that the original design was budgeted between eight and nine million dollars.

"The KWVA will be developing these thoughts in the next weeks and shall keep our members informed."

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY ART PATTERSON AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FEBRUARY 9, 1991

Upon a motion made, duly seconded, and adopted unanimously, it is resolved that the President of the Korean War Veterans Association be, and he is hereby instructed, to inform those persons, or organizations, responsible for the planning and construction of the KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL that it is the sense of the Korean War Veterans Association that the design and construction of the Memorial be completed on or before July 27, 1993; and the American Battle Monuments Commission secure the construction permits on, or before, October 28, 1991; and the President is directed to transmit the Association's desires forthwith.

ADOPTED by vote of 13 to 0.

THIS LETTER WAS PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON FEB. 9, 1991

"We had an earlier discussion about the different views of different members on the appropriateness of the Korean War Veterans Memorial design. Everyone is entitled to his own ideas and unanimity is clearly impossible to achieve. However, organizations have to take positions and I believe that it is particularly important that the KWVA do so.

"Tom Maines opined that perhaps that position should be one of neutrality, which strikes me as inappropriate for an Association that has, as a principal objective, furtherance of the establishment of a long sought memorial honoring our members.

"As a member of the KWVA, I submit a proposal for consideration at your meeting next week. It simply reminds us all that the American Battle Monuments Commission is charged by law with the responsibility for establishing the memorial, notably including sponsoring a design and getting it approved. (The role of the Advisory Board — however important it may be in fact — is entirely supportive of the mandate of the American Battle Monuments Commission.) Given this fundamental verity, it is mete that our Association enunciate its full support for, and confidence in the American Battle Monuments Commission's ability to establish a memorial in which all veterans can take justifiable pride.

"I recommend that my proposal be adopted by the Board of Directors. "Sincerely, General R. G. Stilwell, USA Ret; Chairman, Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board 1 Feb. 1991."

AND THIS IS THE RESOLUTION OFFERED BY GEN. STILWELL

"Whereas Public Law 99-572 authorized establishment of a national memorial in the nation's capital to honor the members of the Armed Forces who served in the Korean War; and, by subsequent action, authorized that Memorial to be sited on the Washington Mall; and,

"Whereas Public Law 99-572 also designated the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) as the Federal Agency responsible for establishing the Korean War Veterans Memorial; and,

"Whereas the ABMC's responsibilities include development of design, presentation of design to the cognizant Federal Commissions for review and approval; and modification of design, as necessary to accommodate the concerns of those Commissions; and

"Whereas, a principal objective of our Association is to help bring the Congressionally-mandated Memorial to fruition;

"We, the Board of Directors, Korean War Veterans Association, hereby officially endorse the work thus far accomplished by the American Battle Monuments Commission. This endorsement is intended to express our full confidence in that Commission's ability to bring into being a fitting Memorial and pledges our full support of their efforts to do so."

This was turned down by a vote of 12 to 1.

IT IS NOW YOUR DECISION ON WHAT TO DO NEXT

Because we members of KWVA work well together, a push by each member will help call attention to the problems of building the Korean War Veterans Memorial. It is up to you to decide whether you want to take action; whether to insist through your senator and congressman that business management now replace the present foundering procedure.

Feel free to copy or otherwise use anything printed in the Graybeards.

Some points to contact are these:

The Senator from _____ (YOUR STATE)
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510.

The Congressman from _____ (YOUR HOME TOWN)
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515.

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C.

RE-VISITS TO KOREA PLANNED GET YOUR PASSPORT READY

One trip is scheduled probably late August or early September. KVA-Seoul will confirm the August date after the first of the year when they get their budget allotment. Each trip is for 6 days. Vets will stay at the Ambassador Hotel, Seoul, double occupancy. Visits Include:

8th Army headquarters, DMZ, Inchon, Korean Village, Korean National Memorial Cemetery, shopping and a formal dinner sponsored by the KVA during which General So, president of KVA will present the medal of freedom to each combat vet.

At present there are four KVA Associations in the U.S.: New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Hawaii. It is the policy of KVA to "stagger" trips throughout the year in order to insure smaller, more manageable groups of vets.

The 1991 trips scheduled for April 5-11 and in late August will be sponsored by Chicago-KVA and be accompanied by Kew Chai. He may be contacted at this address: Kew S. Chai; 2415 Copple Drive; Northbrook, ILL 60062. Phones: home, 708-564-8844. Office, 312-856-2382.

Travel to Korea will be arranged by Korean Airlines. Departure city is San Francisco. Plans will be made for those travelling from the East and mid-west for half price airfare. All meals, hotel accommodations, sight-seeing are paid for by the KVA. Incidentally, there is no tipping expected in Korea. Suggest those planning to go apply for passports.

Contact Kathleen Cronan Wyosnick; P. O. Box 3716; Saratoga, CA 95070 if you need other information.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE!
**KWVA, INC. IS NOT CONNECTED IN ANY WAY
WITH A TRAVEL GROUP USING THE NAMES
OF MITCHLER OR KIM.**

"The politicians are quick in putting the serviceman on the line and at risk, but damn slow in helping with his personal problems, among other things, during and after the military action."

(See letter on page 7).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON OUR POW/MIA PEOPLE PLEASE CONTACT:

Warren Avery, KWVA POW/MIA COMMITTEE
836 Middletown Ave,
North Haven, CT 06473
Phone 203-239-3406.



HAROLD LA VALA, K.I.A.

Enclosed is a donation for the Korean War Memorial in memory of my cousin U.S. Army, HAROLD LA VALA, K.I.A. 31 July 1950.

Enclosed also is a picture of my cousin. He was guarding prisoners in Japan and was sent to Korea when the war broke out. He was the 2nd Philadelphia, Penna., listed missing — 2 years later he was declared dead. (A Casualty list is where I got the 31 of July date). I am trying to find out what outfit in the U.S. Army he served with in Korea and if anyone should remember him.

I am his only living relative. I wrote military records in St. Louis, MO. but they claim a fire destroyed some records and so far haven't been any help. I

will appreciate any information. Thank you very much.

--WALTER D. HINRICHS (USMC); 1182 Emerson Lane; Andalusia, PA 19020.

DID YOU KNOW THESE MEN?

Help is needed to confirm the POW status of a former Marine. Former Sgt. CHARLES E. FENRICK claims to have been taken prisoner in Korea with a group of 8 - 10 Marines. They were being taken North on a train when they escaped and returned to U.N. lines. This was about 23 days duration.

Mr. Fenrick died recently and his family would like to straighten out his records and obtain the medals and decorations due him.

Also for a claim JERRY L. OAKLEY, who was a POW at Camp 5 needs contact with anyone who was at the Bean Camp when it was rocketed in 1951. Please contact Jerry Oakley at 5818 S.E. 80th Ave. Portland, Or. 97206 or Fred Liddell.

Any information would be appreciated. Please contact Fred Liddell, National Service Officer. 503-684-3270, or at 16440 S.W. 129th Terr., Tigard, OR 97224.

"WE HAVE HAD NO WORD AS TO HIS FATE"

I am a sister of a soldier who served in the Korean War. He was listed as a prisoner of war for the past 41 years. My brother enlisted on 3/49 and did his basic training at Fort Picket Virginia, he was then shipped to Japan and from there to Korea. He was reported missing in action on 6/13/50. Some time later my family was told he had been taken prisoner by the Koreans and that they could or would not account for him. To this date we have had no word as to his fate.

I am writing to you in hopes that there may be someone out there who served with my brother and could give me some information as to what his fate was.

My brothers name is Pvt. LEONARD PROVOST; RA12119797; 21st. Infantry Regt.; APO 24th Unit.

Sincerely yours, Trudy Bleau; RD 4, Box 410; Ogdensburg, N.Y. 13669.

HERE IS THE TIP OF THE MANAGEMENT PROBLEM IN BUILDING THE MEMORIAL

At the Board meeting last Feb. 9, Stan Hadden presented a letter containing alleged facts given him through various sources which he contacted via Freedom of Information Act just as he was told to do last July 27. Based upon the lack of an approved design, some of those comments are as follows:

"The combination of ABMC and KWVMAB has apparently hired an architectural company, COOPER-LECKY, to do work on the Memorial. Apparently another company, Scharf-Godfrey, also was hired for some consultant work. Parts of an estimate made by Scharf-Godfrey comes up with the final figure of \$10,598,287.59 for costs as of October 8, 1990. That figure seems odd, especially because on their own "Item 5" they cite the problem of making estimates on unknown design problems. So one can ask: who authorized this meaningless estimate expenditure? What did it cost? Will there be more such "estimates" that say nothing but cost much?

"Again, the estimate included a cost projection of a little more than six million dollars for making 38 statues. And yet we are told that "the design has been rejected; there is no design". What's going on? How can you estimate the cost of something unknown?

"And, we have been told that the "final" cost estimate is "maybe" fifteen million dollars. How can that be? Who is the one man in charge? Or is there one man in charge? If not, why not?

"The estimates I have seen all have included a fixed percentage of profit and cost overhead that is GRANTED AUTOMATICALLY to the supplier. That appears to me as a case of open invitation to cost over-runs, and probably inferior end products. I have never thought it the best of business management to tell your bidders in advance just how much you will pay for their overhead and profit; those are bidders' problems."

Hadden added: "It is not my wish nor my intention to criticize unduly; but I do feel the members of KWVA are entitled to know more of what is happening because it is their donated dollars that are being spent."

DID YOU KNOW S/SGT BIRD HENSLEY, JR.?

I am writing to ask if anyone knows if the man whose name I wear on my MIA/POW bracelet ever came home. I am still wearing it. I get the Graybeards because my brother was in Korea and I support the KWVA. The man's name is S/SGT BIRD HENSLEY, JR.; USAF; 10031-50-K4-KOREA. If you can help, I will thank you. ANN"SIS" McHUGH; 5251 Akron St.; Philadelphia, PA 19124.

"THERE MUST BE A KOREAN WAR VET SOMEWHERE THAT KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT THIS"

MISSING IN ACTION: LT ANN HADDOCK, Army Nurse Corps. Missing in Action in North Korea. I am seeking information for Women in Military Memorial to be built in Washington, DC. Lt (or Capt) HADDOCK was assigned to a MASH unit (number not known) and went to Korea shortly after the war started. They (a Dr., Corpsman, Haddock, and some patients) were reported Missing In Action not long after the Chinese entered the war. They were still reported missing in action 2 or 3 years after the end of the war. I haven't heard anything since then. So far I have not been able to get any information from the Army Chief Nurses office in Washington, DC or the Army Records Center in St. Louis. There is at least one other Army nurse with the same name. She is much younger. The Lt. Haddock I seek was about 40 when I knew her in the late 1940's. There must be a Korean War veteran somewhere that knows something about this. Please contact: BERTHA A. MILLER; 4366 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108.

CONCERN ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF MILITARY RESERVES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

The following letter was sent also to a number of national political office-holders, other veterans groups, various news media. We found it particularly appropriate for this edition of the Graybeards because Mr. Williams has put into well-chosen words the feeling of so many from the Korean War.

I am enclosing a copy of a newspaper article dated 12/4/90 covering the plight of Mary Elaine Nelson. The article is self-explanatory and requires immediate attention. Her husband, Fred Nelson, has been called to active duty to lay his life on the line in Operation Desert Storm to protect and serve our country as required. Now what happens to his wife and child left behind to cope with the resulting problems? The Soldiers and Sailors act does not completely do the job and should be amended to cover all debts he assumed upon marriage. The bank has a attitude problem in not working with her on the payments and the attorney's bankruptcy statement is ridiculous.

Mary Elaine called our office before the article appeared because of our association and help with the U S Navy League, Orange County Council in "Operation Desert Christmas." We referred her to the American Legion, VFW and a local FM Station while she continues to look for help. But real help starts at the top and that is you. The Law Needs Change and Now.

I understand their situation, and I have been there, twice, during the Korean War. I served two tours plus an extra year for Harry. The politicians are quick in putting the serviceman on the line and at risk, but damn slow in helping with his personal problems, among other things, during and after the military action.

I am a life member of the VFW, American Legion, U S. Navy League, AMVETS, Naval Institute, Naval Memorial, Naval Aviation Assoc., and regular member of the Korean War Veterans Assoc., Chosin Few, Tailhook Assoc., USS Phillipine Sea Assoc. and the Naval Aviation Museum. I am hoping that all of them plus you can get the job done. We must have thousands like Fred and Mary Elaine Nelson all around our country and they need our help. You can contact Mary Elaine at P.O. Box 1625, Laguna Beach, CA 92652 or 714-831-9208. Thank you for your consideration.

--G. LLOYD WILLIAMS, JR; 17871 Santiago Blvd, Suite 205; Villa Park, CA 92667.

"According to the law authorizing the memorial, if the construction permits are not issued on or before October 28, 1991, the authorization for the construction of the memorial will expire. There is no provision for an extension . . . Yet the KWVMAB is still in the picture, and I find nothing in the code that authorizes their continued input." See "THE CONSTRUCTION" on page 4.

IF YOU MOVE-- When your Graybeards comes back because you moved and forgot to tell us or the post office, it can cost us as much as \$1.12. So please send us the new address, right soon. Thank you.

IF YOU WANT IT PRINTED IN GRAYBEARDS, SEND TO STAN HADDEN; P.O. BOX 131; HARPERS FERRY, WV 25425



CHUCK DAWSON (at right) AND OTHERS ON A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR KWVA and DAV at a shopping mall in Pinellas Park, FL.

DEAR SGT. ARNOLD:

Thank you very much for publishing Sgt Arnold's letter (Page 22, Jan. 1991). His is a valuable message. It is important we all share his perspectives. Most of us have not thought very much about "the American way of war", but we should.

Please publish the attached letter to Sgt Arnold in your next issue. I have told him that you will be asked to do this.

Dear Sergeant Arnold,

Your article in the Jan. 1991 issue of KWVA was an excellent statement about the effects on the population of the way we fight wars. Few of our planners or even our soldiers think of the people unfortunate enough to be where we are fighting. Technology appears to be lessening "collateral damage" to Iraqi civilians in the present war. This was not the case in WWII, Korea or in Vietnam.

The "American Way of War" is very costly to the people where we fight. We owe them our best efforts to limit damages. This has never been a high enough priority for soldiers in the field, or their commanders.

I share your belief in Living Memorials. It seems reasonable, however, that the static one we build will make responding to our war, or at least remembering it, somewhat easier to do. It will help make the public conscious of our "forgotten war". The memorial to the Vietnamese war has had this effect, and I hope it is a precedent for ours.

I expect to revisit the positions on "28 day hill" where "L Co" 21st infantry spent most of August, 1950 overlooking the Nakdong. This depends on the pending assignment of my son-in-law to Korea. I'll write you sometime before I arrive to propose lunch.

--CARL F. BERNARD; 3008 Doeg Indian Court; Alexandria, Virginia 22309

NEXT ISSUES OF GRAYBEARDS ARE PLANNED FOR APRIL, JUNE, SEPTEMBER. COPY DEADLINES ARE ABOUT THE MONTH AHEAD OF ISSUE.

THIS EDITION IS SCHEDULED TO BE AT THE POST OFFICE ABOUT MARCH 4.

IT IS BEING MAILED THIRD CLASS AT A COST OF 19.8 CENTS EACH. ONE DOLLAR OF YOUR DUES HAS BEEN ALLOWED FOR EACH GRAYBEARDS INCLUDING PRINTING COSTS. (THAT'S \$4.00 PER YEAR) PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!

ANY DELAY IN REACHING YOU, AFTER MAILING, IS THE POST OFFICE PROBLEM.

THIS KWVA MEMBER RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN SAUDI

We probably have many more old-timers in this same category but as far as we know, only this one member recalled to duty: "As of 5 Jan 1991, I will go to Saudi Arabia with the 269 MPCo National Guard," wrote BOBBY J. RUNIONS; 1709 Ayers St.; Dyersburg, TN 38024.



GOAL: 15
MILLION \$

WE HAVE
8.3 MILLION \$

PLEASE CLIP AND MAIL
THIS. THANK YOU.

YES! I WANT TO HELP BUILD THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO THE Korean War veterans, in Washington, D.C.

I want to contribute: ☐ Other \$ _____ ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50

CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MADE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.
MAKE PAYABLE TO: KWVA National Memorial fund. DO NOT SEND CASH.
YOUR CANCELLED CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT.

MAIL TO: KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 127

CARUTHERS, CALIFORNIA 93609

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS: (PLEASE PRINT) _____

7th ANNUAL REUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE
KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

38TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CEASE FIRE
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

OFFICIAL NOTICE JULY 25-26-27-28, 1991 OFFICIAL NOTICE

A wreath-laying ceremony will be conducted at the Tomb Of The Unknowns at 10 a.m., 27 July 1991. 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.

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. 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.

PLEASE MAIL

THE 1991 REUNION JULY 25 - 28

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ATTENDANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Your KWVA

Card NO. _____

SELECT
No. 1 or No. 2

Mail to: Korean War Veterans Association (REUNION)

P.O. Box 12205

Baltimore, Maryland 21281

Your Name: _____ (Please Print) Spouse Name: _____ (Please Print)

Address: _____

I WILL ATTEND _____ Yes _____ No SPOUSE: _____ Yes _____ No

1. { Reunion Fee of \$ _____ at \$135.00 per person enclosed; Check number _____
PAYMENT PLAN: (PER PERSON) ☐ ALL NOW ☐ \$45 NOW ☐ \$45 LATER ☐ \$45 IN JULY

OR "PICK-AND-CHOOSE as follows, for which payment is enclosed or arranged for as explained:

2. {	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat Fee Must Be Paid - \$27.00	}	_____ Persons at \$27 Flat Each = \$_____ Due	}	TOTAL DUE \$_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast, 27 July - \$13.00		_____ Persons at \$13 Each = \$_____ Due		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast, 28 July \$13.00		_____ Persons at \$13 Each = \$_____ Due		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner, 26 July - \$32.00		_____ Persons at \$32 Each = \$_____ Due		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Banquet, 27 July - \$40.00		_____ Persons at \$40 Each = \$_____ Due		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bus, 27 July - \$10.00		_____ Persons at \$10 Each = \$_____ Due		

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Korean War Veterans Association; Note "For 1991 Reunion"

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

___ CHECK ___ MONEY ORDER

YOUR SIGNATURE AND DATE _____

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - FEBRUARY 9, 1991

The Board of Directors met at 9:20 A.M. on February 9, 1991, at the Harry S. Truman Library, Independence, Missouri, pursuant to written notice mailed to Directors on January 9, 1991.

Constituting a quorum for the transaction of business, the following Directors were in attendance:

Richard Adams, CA; Arthur Patterson, NY; William Weber, MD; Harry Wallace, MD; Stan Hadden, WV; Billy R. Smith, IL; Emmett Benjamin, FL; Thomas Maines, PA; Kathleen Wyosnick, CA; Blaine Friedlander, VA; Hershall Lee, IL; William Smyers, CA; Charles Dawson, FL; Warren Avery, CT.

Directors absent were:

Lloyd Burke, AL; Leonard Dube, CT; Bill Coe, NY.

President Richard Adams presided at the meeting and Secretary William Smyers recorded the minutes.

The President introduced each of the Board of Directors. He asked each of the Members in attendance to introduce themselves.

The President also introduced Mr. Kew Chai, Liaison to the South Korean Veterans Association.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed, to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on July 24, 1990; the Annual Meeting of Members held on July 26, 1990; and the Board of Directors Meeting held on July 28, 1990, as mailed.

President Adams asked Thomas Maines for a report on fund raising activity. Maines, Chairman of Fund Raising Activity, reported that a promotion was in progress for sale of Commemorative Colt .45 Pistols which was expected to raise \$15,000. to \$20,000. for the Korean War Memorial. He said final arrangements were being made to hold a National Hole-In-One Contest on Memorial Day weekend, which if successfully concluded, was expected to raise more than \$1,000,000.

Next, the President requested a report on the Annual Reunion arrangements. Harry Wallace, Chairman of the Reunion Committee, reported that the Reunion would be held at the Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, Virginia, from July 24, to July 27, 1991. He said that he and Stan Hadden were making good progress in completing all of the arrangements and felt details would be finished on time.

The President asked Warren Avery, chairman of POW-MIA Activity, for a report. Avery reported on activities since the Reunion in July 1990. He said there was an unconfirmed report that North Korea was willing to return the remains of eleven more Americans. He said there was a meeting scheduled for February 23, 1991, in New York City, with Ho Jong, Deputy Permanent Observer to the United Nations for the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea. Several representatives of the Korean War Veterans Association would attend the meeting, as well as Senator Robert Smith, (Rep), New Hampshire. He said all interested veterans and families of POWs and MIAs would be invited to attend. He then related results of contacts with elected officials and other government officials regarding the POW-MIA problem.

The President then asked William Weber to report on the design and construction costs of the Korean War Memorial. Weber made a report on the design process and detailed projected construction costs. The President asked Thomas Maines to read a letter from General R. G. Stilwell, Retired, Chairman of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board, which requested an expression of support of the American Battle Monuments Commission by the Board of Directors of the Association. Maines then read the Resolution which, in summary, said the American Battle Monuments Commission had the full support and confidence of the Association to establish the Korean War Memorial.

A motion was made, and seconded, to adopt the Resolution. There followed much discussion of the proposed resolution. After discussion, the President called for a roll-call vote on the motion. The motion was denied by a vote of Twelve Negative to One Affirmative.

There followed further discussion on construction of the Memorial. A motion was made, and seconded, to adopt a Resolution

which said, in summary, The Korean War Veterans Association request those persons or organizations responsible for the Memorial, to complete the design and construction of the Memorial on, or before, July 27, 1993; and that construction permits be secured on, or before, October 28, 1991. After discussion of the motion, the President announced that a roll-call vote would be taken. The motion passed by a vote of Thirteen Affirmative to None Negative.

The meeting was recessed at 11:30 A.M. for a tour of the Korean War Exhibit; for Lunch; and for a ceremony in which a wreath was placed on the grave of Harry A. Truman.

The Board of Directors Meeting was reconvened at 1:15 P.M.

The President introduced Dave Turner, of Turner Publishing Company, Paducah, Kentucky. Turner reported that sales of the Association's History Book were going well and he estimated commission to the Association from sales of the book would amount to \$2,000. He said interest in the History Book was so great, the Association might wish to consider publishing a second volume. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, to authorize publication of Volume II of the Association's History Book.

The President then asked William Smyers, Treasurer, to make the financial report. Smyers reported Revenue and Expense for the period 1-1-90 to 12-31-90 as follows:

OPERATING FUND:	Beginning Balance	\$34,324.
	Revenue	76,052.
	Expense of Operations	56,628.
	Ending Balance	\$53,748.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND:	Beginning Balance	\$30,436.
	Revenue	18,488.
	Ending Balance	\$48,924.

MEMORIAL FUND:	Beginning Balance	\$16,765.
	Revenue	77,747.
	Transfer to ABMC	60,000.
	Ending Balance	\$34,512.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed, to approve the Financial Report.

Next there was a discussion of Member's complaints about membership cards. Several faults in the system of handling membership records were recognized. The President asked Harry Wallace and Thomas Maines to develop and institute corrective measures to eliminate the problem.

The President announced that he had asked Warren Avery to develop a Plaque for presentation to the Arlington National Cemetery for display in the Trophy Room. Avery presented 6" x 6" and 5" x 7" designs which met specifications. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, to authorize purchase of five 6" x 6" Plaques; one for presentation to Arlington National Cemetery, and the others to be reserved for future presentations.

The President then asked Kathleen Wyosnick to report on the status of the Korean War Commemorative Coin. Wyosnick reported that President Bush had signed the law authorizing the Coin; the United States Mint was developing the design; and the Coin would be offered for sale about April 1991. Considerable discussion then followed on purchasing coins for the Association to be used for ceremonial gifts and other appropriate uses. A motion was then made, seconded, and passed, to authorize the Association to purchase Five Hundred Proof Coins to be used for purposes.

There was discussion of possible changes in the Membership Newsletter. It was the consensus of the Board that changes in format, or other improvement, were not possible because of financial

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constraints. Then, a motion was made, seconded, and passed, to authorize the publishing of a Special Newsletter to report actions taken at this Board of Directors Meeting to the Membership.

The President asked Blaine Friedlander, Congressional Liaison and Counsel to report on efforts to obtain a Federal Charter for the Association. Friedlander summarized previous efforts, and the advantages to the Association of becoming federally chartered. He indicated legislation would soon be introduced to grant the Charter and would need the assistance of the Membership obtain the support of their legislators to obtain passage of the bill.

Director Hershall Lee suggested that plaques be made and given to Officers and Directors at the Annual Reunion. A motion was made, seconded, and passed, to table the suggestion.

Various announcements and suggestions were made, but no action was taken.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 P.M.

--WILLIAM F. SMYERS, Secretary.

IT'S OUTRAGEOUS!

Bigday is supposed to have agreed to talk peace, but why in the hell does he keep you fighting and the same?

He doesn't seem to give a damn to your lives! But haven't you suffered enough in this mess?

Nothing is more outrageous than this that burns one up!

You've got to do something before it's too late.

To avoid fighting is practical at times.

Better still would be to go over to the Koreans and Chinese. That would be your ticket home for sure.

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July 11—Sept. 5

U.N. losses on the 135 miles front

Casualties: 58,900

Aircraft: 414

Tanks: 15



"Dear Stan, Just received my copy of the 'Graybeards' and thought I'd send a copy of a surrender-propaganda leaflet I picked up in the autumn of 1951 while serving with the 2nd Engineers of the 2nd Inf. Div. in Korea. It might be interesting to publish it in a future edition. This shows both sides of the paper.

--GEORGE & EILEEN CRERAND; 536 Gibson Ave.; Hollywood, PA 19111."

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD MEETING

There will be a second edition of the History Book by Turner Publishing Co. A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED FOR EDITORIAL WORK. CONTACT DICK ADAMS

A KWVA plaque is being developed for presentation and display in the Trophy Room at Tombs of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery.

KWVA will buy 500 Commemorative Coins to help those who might be left out of the first notice.

Your help is still needed on Congressional action to get our federal charter.

FOR CLAIM PURPOSES, I SEEK THESE MEN

I need to communicate with anyone who graduated in Basic Training (USMC) Platoon No. 30, August 1950 in San Diego, CA. Especially I seek; Sgt. OLLER, of Pine Bluff, AR.; Cpl. J. C. DYKES, MO; M. W. JOHNSON, Cokato, MN; INGRAM JOHNSON, Los Angeles. Contact RALPH L. HICKS; P.O. Box 371; Childress, TX 79201 (phone 817-937-6464).

IMPORTANT RANDOM INCOMING

We received a copy of the informative bulletin put out by the HANKS-STAPLETON CHAPTER 116 of DAV in Willows, CA. Among their comments we saw this: "The coffee fund at the Redding VA Medical Office costs about \$190 per month. Funds are running low. Send your contributions to DAV, Chapter 116; P.O. Box 1354; Willows, CA 95988. Checks payable to Shasta County Veterans Affiliated Council."

"I think the only way we are going to get the attention of our government in Washington is for us Korean War Veterans to hold a big rally right in the middle of Pennsylvania Avenue close to the White House. They have ignored us for nearly 40 years. What does the KWVA Board of Directors think of this idea?"

--VINCENT RUSSO, R.I.

COMMENT NUMBER ONE:

On Jan. 10, 1991, the architectural firm of Cooper-Lecky released its statement in response to the lawsuit filed by winners of the original Memorial design. Their remarks included this: "The client for this project is, in fact, a duality; the ABMC and the KWVMAB. The former, a statutory federal agency, is empowered by public law to establish the Memorial and utilize the Army Corps of Engineers as its agent for execution of the design and construction documents. The same law created the KWVMAB, whose members are Presidential appointees, to assist the ABMC in bring the Memorial to fruition. The ABMC has relied heavily on the input of the KWVMAB in formulating the ABMC's guidance and instruction to the Architect of Record through the COE." (See story "CONSTRUCTION" on page 4.)

WHO ARE WE?

"Is it the Korean War Veterans Association, or Korean Service Veterans Association? This is the question that has been on many of our members' minds since the last "Graybeards" was received, said a letter from the Sgt. Erwin L. Beckwith Chapter in Eastern Long Island, N.Y.

Their letter continued: "...you now know that National will accept anyone as a member as long as they served in Korea up to the present day." That Chapter proposes to change its By-Laws to eliminate that provision.

This reply is from National President Dick Adams: "Gentlemen: National DID NOT change the rules. That was done BY MEMBERSHIP VOTE ON JULY 26, 1986 at the 2nd Annual Reunion. The Graybeards reported that vote on page 12 as follows:

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

Adams concluded: "By-Laws may be amended by a majority of the Executive Council and ONLY if ratified by the members at the annual national reunion meeting 24-28 July. If you want to make such an amendment, please submit in writing to me so that I can notify the Executive Council well in advance of July. Thank you."

REUNIONS

3rd Infantry Division, Society, will hold its 72nd Annual Reunion/Convention, August 25 - 28, 1991, at the Omni Hotel in Charleston, SC. For further information, contact: Vester Thacker, Sr., 436 Mt. Bethel Road, Sunset, SC 29685. (803) 868-4321.

7th Infantry Regiment Association (All former members of the 7th Infantry Regiment). The Days Inn Lancaster, 30 Keller Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603. May 31st, June 1st and 2nd, 1991. Contact: Harry E. Cooke, President and Host, 7th Inf. Regt. Assoc. 618 Hamilton Street, Lancaster, PA 17602. Phone: (717) 291-9142. All Reservations for the Hotel must be received by the Hotel with one nights room deposit of \$83.00 (single or double) by May 1st, 1991. Contact Harry for Registration Forms.

See next page more Reunions

WE CAN'T FIND YOU! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN TO PAY YOUR DUES? We tried to mail you the Graybeard but these were returned as "Moved":

JOHNNY E. OWEN; Aberdeen, MS.
 ELDON LANE; Danville, IL.
 DR. V. MATTHEW RAD; Boca Raton, FL.
 CARL WOOLWORTH; Kentwood, MI.
 BOBBY WINGATE; Upper Darby, PA.
 MILROY BEYDLER; Metairie, LA.
 ANDREW MILES; Ravena, NY.
 HAROLD Z. FINWALL; Redding, CA.
 E. ANDREW WILDE, JR.; Needham, MA.
 KENNETH WALLS; Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
 PAUL R. BAYNES; Port St. Lucie, FL.
 LENNY SCORCA; Hialeah, FL.
 RICHARD SHOWSTEAD; Boston, MA.
 CARLYLE KING; Evansville, IN.
 JOE O'LEARY; Albany, NY.
 RAYMOND MORRONE; San Jose, CA.
 ROBERT NOVAK; Davie, FL.
 NORMAN RABINOWITZ; Whitestone, NY.
 ROBERT EDWARDS; Huber Heights, OH.
 JAMES HARTZ; Glendale, AZ.
 JOSEPH DIGNEY; Vincetown, NJ.

MORE REUNIONS

Army 2nd Indianhead Division; Company K 38th Infantry; June 12th to June 16th; Branson, Missouri.
 Contact: Dick Smith; 3286 C.R. 29; Burgoon, Ohio 43407; (419) 986-5870.

The 15th Inf. (Korea) is planning a reunion in Iowa. July 19-20-21, 1991. For more information contact George Pilkington; Rt. 1 Box 26; Cuba, IL 61427

"H"OW COMPANY - 38TH REGIMENT - 2ND DIVISION - KOREA will hold it's 1991 reunion August 16-17-18 in Perrysburg, Ohio. For info contact Ron "Vic" Mossing; 24250 West River Rd.; Perrysburg, Ohio 43551 or call 419-878-8297.

SURVIVORS OF THE FORCED DEATH MARCH FROM THE NAKTONG RIVER TO NAMWON KOREA. Ex- POW's holding reunion in Leavenworth, Kansas 27, 28, 29 Sept 1991 For more info and details please contact: Eldred (Andy) Anderson; 1063 Washington St; Leavenworth, Kansas 66048; phone 913-682-1137. Korean Ex-Pow Co. A 1st BN 9th Inf. Regt. 2nd Inf. Div.

"75TH AIR DEPOT WING Texas Korea-Japan) 1952-1955 The 75th ADW will hold its 39th Anniversary Reunion in Las Vegas, NV, Sept 17-20, 1991. For further information about the reunion or the organization, please contact: Walt Walko 25736 E. Jamison Cir.; Aurora CO. 80016, Tel. (303) 690-7399.

Reunion: 32nd "Queen's Own" Inf. Regt. Association, Sept. 12 -15 at the Raddison Hotel, Dayton, Ohio. Contact Chester Bair, 1022 Howell Ave.; Brooksville, FL 34601. Phone 904-796-6219 or 904-754-9394.

999TH AFA "TRIPLE 9" We will be holding our 1991 reunion in Branson, Missouri on Sat. and Sunday, September 14th and 15th. For more information contact: Thomas A. Evans; 503 Tarrson Blvd.; Lady Lake, FL 32159; 904-753-7278.

The USS Walke, DD 723, plans the third annual reunion October 6 -10,
SEE NEXT COLUMN

(MORE REUNIONS)

1991, at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada. Please contact: Bob Dawson at 11 Twilight Terrace, Loudonville, NY 12211 (518) 438-3619 for details.

Easy Co, 2nd Bn. 5th Reg. Korea Sept. 18-22, 1991 New Orleans, LA. Contact: Bart Dauberman; 526 North 2nd St.; Lykens, PA 17048. Phone 717-453-7472.

MARINE KORVETS plan a Reunion. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope (sase) to: MARINE KORVETS; 26 Fermac Street, Albany, New York 12205-4705.

#539 C.B.M.U. - W.W. II Oct 1 thru 4, 1991 - San Diego, Ca. For further information contact James W. Smith - P.O. Box 4209, St. Louis, Mo 63163-0209. Phone (314) 534-8931.

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Trying to locate All Members who served EASY Co. 2nd Bn. 5th Reg. 1st Marine Div. Korea. Contact: Bart Dauberman; 526 North 2nd Street; Lykens, PA 17048. Phone 717-453-7472

Does anyone know JERRY DOUGLAS ALLEN served on U.S.S. Buck 4/48 to 1952. If so contact Ann Saccomano; 3700 Massachusetts Ave. N.W. #227; Washington, D.C. 20016

Looking for former members of the 420th Engineer Dump Truck Company, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina from February 1951 to September 1951. Would like to hear from BILL KILBY, THE BOYD TWINS, JOE GRAFFEO from Brooklyn, LEONARD QUIMBY, WINSLOW MARTIN, BOB NUSMAN, FRANCISCO BRUZZESE, BILL WINCHESTER or SID STEIN. I would also like to hear from former members of the 504th Transportation Truck Company stationed in Wonju and Sokchori Korea from October 1951 to January 1953. Larry Hochfeld; 120-9 Co-op City Blvd.; Bronx, NY 10475.

Hq Co 3rd BN-223 Inf Regt - 40 Inf Div. Looking for some of our friends from the Korean War era. Any help would be appreciated. Roy Brazzale; 1196 Filbert Avenue; Chico, CA 95926.

I am trying to contact survivors of the 3RD INF. DIV. who served in North Korea during the Evacuation of the Hungnam Beachhead. Truly the "Forgotten Battle in the Forgotten War." We want to meet during the 3rd Inf. Div., 72nd Reunion in Charleston, SC Aug 1991. Anyone interested contact me for further details. Paul Dudash (39th FA. 3rd Inf. Div. 1375 Mt. Hope Rd.; Fairfield, PA 17320. 717-642-8796.

Could anyone help me find these Korean War Veterans of the 15th Inf Regt. KERMIT YATES, VESTER MONTGOMERY and BILL MADEL. Thank you. George Pilkington; Rt. 1 Box 26; Cuba, IL 61427.

CO. "C" 76TH ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION BN. 2 ENGINEER GROUP. I would like to hear from any member of the 76th Engineer who left Okinawa in July 1950 for Pusan Korea. Thank you, Roy J. Hendra; Rt. #1 Box 162D; Hebron, MD. 21830.

My service in Korea was from June '52 until May '53 in the 3rd Div., 15th Inf & HQ. My regimentals CO. was Col. Richard G. Stilwel & Exec. Lt. Col. Shoemaker. When at home a letter received from W. G. Abe Siemons Regt. S-1, told me "Everyone I knew" were dead in an action on O.P. Harry. I would like to hear from anyone involved in this action (June or July '53). Please write: 710 73rd Ct.; Willowbrook, IL 60521 or call collect 1-708-920-8441. Respectfully a KWVA member since 1987. My duties were 3rd PLT LDR, Exec. & C.O. of "G" Co. 2nd BN, 15th, 3rd Div & then Asst S-2. Dan Braucher; 710 73rd Court; Willow Brook, IL 60521.

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

3. Raise and contribute funds for establishment of the National Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In 1986, we convened again in Arlington, Virginia, and in 1987, in cooperation with "No Greater Love," we dedicated a Meditation Bench at the Cemetery to memorialize those who died in the war. At our convention that year we also identified, as an objective for our Association, helping to raise money for the Korean War Veterans National Memorial in the nation's Capital.

On November 11, 1988, Abigail van Buren ("Dear Abby") published a letter from one of our members asking Abby's help in obtaining Memorial donations from her readers. Abby responded by making her own donation and asking her readers to do the same. More than 35,000 readers of "Dear Abby" contributed over \$340,000 to the Memorial Fund.

In the Spring of 1989, we sponsored a ceremony at the Memorial site and made another \$10,000 donation to the Memorial Fund. On Flag Day, June 14, after conferring an Honorary Membership on Dear Abby in Washington, D.C. more than fifty of our members watched

By convention time in July, 1989, our membership had grown to more than 5,000. General Stilwell, Chairman of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board, spoke at our ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery, and we donated an additional \$50,000 to the Memorial Fund. Colonel Dave Hackworth, author and a veteran of both Korea and Viet Nam, spoke at our dinner. Bob Hope was our honored guest and spoke at our convention banquet.

Late in the fall Dear Abby again provided the basis for another successful fund raising campaign. This time she sponsored the sale of a book written by a physician from California who had been a soldier in the ROK Army during the War. Sales of the book earned over \$200,000 for the Memorial Fund.

By the end of 1989, our Association had contributed \$80,500 directly to the Memorial Fund. In addition, through the efforts of Dear Abby, we were also recognized as responsible for an additional \$340,000 contribution to the Memorial Fund. Therefore, by May 1, 1990, at a fund raising gala for the Memorial Fund, our organization was recognized as the third largest contributor to the Fund overall.

In May, 1990 we were recognized as being instrumental in the first return of remains of American dead by the North Korean government since 1954. Our Association president accompanied the team of U.S. Legislators and other prominent Americans to accept the remains at Panmunjom, Korea, May 28, 1990.

On July 27, 1990, we held our Annual Memorial Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery and again we were able to present another \$50,000 check to the Memorial Fund.

Our Association is living up to its promise. It has grown from the original thirty-nine Charter Members to over 8,000, and the growth continues at a steady pace. In the past five years this Association has established a track record that anyone can be proud of, and any qualified veteran of the Korean War, and all who have served in Korea since the end of the active hostilities, can be a part of it by becoming an annual member for only \$15.00, or signing up for the long haul as a life member.

Either way, your continuing support for our Association and its objectives will be welcome. Begin your membership, today!

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