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### PRES. DICK ADAMS HAS BEEN ON THE MOVE



The parade in Seoul: Dick Adams led a group of eleven KWVA members who reached the six-mile length before cheering thousands of Koreans. He is at far right; note the garlands worn by each marcher.

### CALLING TASK FORCE SMITH

Being as there were more than eleven survivors of this group, please let Warren Avery know (203-239-3406) of all Task Force Smith members. We are attempting to see if the White House would accommodate the survivors and families on the fortieth anniversary of the original recognition.

On June 16, 1952, at 3:10 p.m. in the White House Rose Garden, eleven Task Force Smith veterans were honored by ex-artilleryman Pres. Harry S. Truman. We thought you would enjoy the Presidential comments which included these:

"It's quite an admission for an artilleryman to make, but we couldn't fight a war without the infantry, I'm afraid. I congratulate you men on the job you did in that original task force. Had it not been for the fact that these two divisions to which you belong had caused the Communists to hesitate, we possibly would not have been able to hold our position with the Korean Republic."

### "WE DO KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. . ."

Dear Stan: Let me voice my disappointment with our elected Federal Officers in Washington about the way our Korean War Memorial is being mishandled. Too much bureaucratic infighting and bungling. As Howard Kleinberg of the New York Times stated, it's being designed to death. Of course when you write to anyone up there, they always write back and tell you that you don't know what you are talking about. But that is one of their problems now. We do know what we're talking about and they don't like it.

—DALLAS GRIFFITH; 47526 Middle Ridge Rd., Suite B-1; Amherst, Ohio 44001. Phone 216-988-3086.

Graybeards extends its thanks to BLAINE FRIEDLANDER for his factual information in our reports concerning Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, Task Force Smith, the resolutions, letters for your use in writing official Washington, D.C., and Operation Firefight.

### ... IN SEOUL FOR THE JUNE 25 OBSERVANCE

Before a crowd numbering more than ten thousand South Koreans, Pres. Dick Adams was honored when asked to make an address on behalf of our organization and our nation. His words follow:

"General So, fellow veterans, ladies and gentlemen:

"We Korean War veterans want to thank each and everyone of you from the bottom of our hearts for all the time and effort you have put forth to make this day a very special occasion for myself, the veterans from the United States and our brothers from the United Nations Countries. We especially appreciate the courteous manner in which you have treated all of us.

"The Korean Veteran has been quiet and modest for all these years. They have been "Forgotten" — yet that police action we fought in took the lives of thousands of soldiers and civilians. The Korean War Veteran has not been bathed in glory, nor has he insisted on being placed on a pedestal.

"We know, as Korean War Veterans, that the Korean War was fought not only for Koreans themselves, but for peace and security of all mankind the world over.

"Not too long ago a veteran from another war was complaining to me that when he returned from the war he had not been given a parade. I looked at him and said, "sir, no one ever threw a parade for The Korean War Veterans".

"But today, here in Seoul, we had our parade"

You have done a magnificent job. Thank you, thank you from all of us."

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## TAPS

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

**HAROLD E. HALLBERG;** June 23, 1991, at Fort Snelling Medical  
Hospital, Minneapolis, MINN

**EVELYN NICHOLS;** August 4, 1991; Springfield, MASS. She served in  
the Army Nurse Corps in the China-Burma-India (CBI) Theater in  
WWII; and again in the Korean War. She also was a Lt Col, Army  
Reserve.

**DANIEL J. DONAHUE;** May 19, 1991; Springfield, MASS. He served in  
Company B of the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division,  
in the Korean War. He was awarded the Distinguished Service  
Cross (superseding the Silver Star) for heroism in action on Hill  
717 near Sobangsan, Korea, on June 23, 1951.

When his company was pinned down by heavy enemy  
machinegun fire on the well-fortified hill, Corporal Donahue  
dashed forward and singlehandedly destroyed the nearest  
Communist emplacement with his Browning automatic rifle. He  
then neutralized a second enemy position, firing his BAR with  
devastating effect.

This enabled his comrades to renew their assault and seize the  
objective. The DSC was awarded by Maj. Gen. Henry I. Hodes,  
Army chief of staff. Donahue also received the Purple Heart, and  
was a member of the Elite Legion of Valor.

**MARIANO SCOPOLI;** Capt USA Ret; 19th INF REGT; Jacksonville,  
FLA, April 29, 1991.

**CHARLES J. SEIGLER;** Med Co, 5th Cav Regt, 1st Cav Div; April 24,  
1991; Marietta, GA. Charles was born 8 November 1930 and  
entered Military Service (Army) 31 January 1951 at Atlanta,  
Georgia. He was Discharged as a PFC 16 January 1953. On arrival  
in Korea he was assigned to the Medical Company, 5th Cavalry  
Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division and was wounded in action on 16  
October 1951 near Yonchon, Korea. Total Foreign Service was 1  
year 6 months and 3 days. Decorations included the Purple Heart,  
Combat Infantry Badge, Occupation Medal (Japan), Korea Service  
Medal w/2 Bronze Stars, and United Nations Service Medal.

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ceremony was dedicated on July 27, 1987 in joint ceremonies with  
No Greater Love. The cover of that commemorative program is



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15 minutes long, was produced in  
conjunction with NBC News at  
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### "ARMISTICE DAY"

I remember as a young boy,  
The sound of whistles filling the air  
The Nun asking for silence  
As we bowed our heads in prayer.

Armistice Day it was called  
As the hour struck Eleven  
Remembering those brave souls  
May they be at rest in Heaven.

Now that I am grown  
No whistles do I hear  
The classrooms are busy  
Still this day I hold dear.

—By THOMAS J. VAN SANT; 708 E. Madison St., Philadelphia, PA 19134.





## OUR MISSING IN ACTION



### PFC EDWIN RACINE BASHAM M.I.A. DEC. 3, 1950 3RD INF DIV, 7TH REGT

My brother, PFC EDWIN RACINE BASHAM, RA 13-350-872. Born: 9-22-32. SS: 236-48-6477. Lived in: Lashmeet, WV 24733. Joined U.S. Army June 1950; basic training Ft. Knox, Ky. (11/16/50 - entry into combat zone.) Came home in Sept 1950 on leave. Took him to Beckley, WV railroad station and he went to Illinois; then California; then by plane overseas. In Oct. 1950, we received a postcard from him with a picture of the plane that took him overseas. Then he went to Korea. The postcard was the only contact until we received a telegram from U.S. Army saying he was missing in action on Dec. 3, 1950 at Huksu-ri, Korea. We received two boxes of clothes only, nothing else. Never heard another word from Army or government until he was declared dead in 1953.

A Mr. Saxon, Mayberry, WV, received a letter from his grandson (think his name was Pete Huffman). Earl Bashman, Sr. (Eddie's dad) went to Mayberry and read Mr. Saxon's letter which said "he saw Eddie get killed but he went down shooting. Guess I'll be next one to get it." Shortly thereafter his grandson was killed. Please help us: EARL BASHAM; Rt. 1, Box 350; Leesburg, VA 22075; Ph. 703-777-5011.



### PFC PAUL IZOR, K.I.A. JUNE 19, 1953

### PVT LESTER KEITH, K.I.A. FEBRUARY 12, 1951

Our local Historical Society is researching the lives (and deaths) of our servicemen who lost their lives during armed conflict in the 20th Century. Can your organization help us locate anyone who may know the circumstances of how the following two men were Killed in Action:

#### PFC PAUL IZOR

14th Infantry Regiment of the 25th Division  
Killed in Action June 19, 1953

#### PVT LESTER KEITH

38th Infantry Regiment of the 2nd Division  
Killed in Action February 12, 1951... possibly while clearing a road block near Samel.

Thank you in advance for any assistance which you can offer.  
Sincerely, Brian Lindner; RTE 1 Box 4316; Waterbury Center, VT 05677.



**WE DO NOT FORGET:** the first to die in the fight against Communism that led to Russia's splintering in August of 1991 was Pvt. KENNETH SHADRICK, of Skin Fork, WV in July 1950. His name must be first on the Korean War Memorial.

### SGT IRVIN ARTHUR PAYLOR, M.I.A.

NOV 1950

Sir: My name is Hugh Gillen. I am a member of the Korean War Vets Assoc. of Mass. Korean War 1951-52.

I am writing you with hope that you can help me with some information about my cousin (M.I.A.) his name is SGT. IRVIN ARTHUR PAYLOR RA 11199983 Co G 5th Cav Regt.

Enlisted from Medford, Mass 1949. The family never knew what happened to him. The Dept of the Army sent his Purple Heart and his medals, to his mother who was sick with cancer at the time, my aunt at that time sent his medals back to the Dept of the Army. She was asking about her son, not medals. She was never told what happened to him.

Any information will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much for your time. Hugh Gillen; 290 Quarry St.; Quincy, MA 02169 Apt 807.



### SGT. JAMES J. WALSH, M.I.A. NOVEMBER 2, 1950

My brother, Sgt. James J. Walsh is missing in action in the Korean War since November 2, 1950. The last letter that we had received from him was dated 22 Oct. 1950 Sun. 12 Noon. He mentioned in that letter that they were staying in a big hospital. He said that there was a rumor that they were going to Japan on the 4th of Nov. 1950 but doubted it was true.

Any help that you can give us to find out what happened to him will be deeply appreciated. His name was:

#### SGT. JAMES J. WALSH

RA 12308513 Co. L  
8th Cav. Regt. (Inf.)  
1st Cav. Div. A.P.O. 201  
San Francisco, Calif.

If you need any additional information, please advise: Kathleen Walsh; 502 Whitehall St.; Lynbrook, N.Y. 11563.



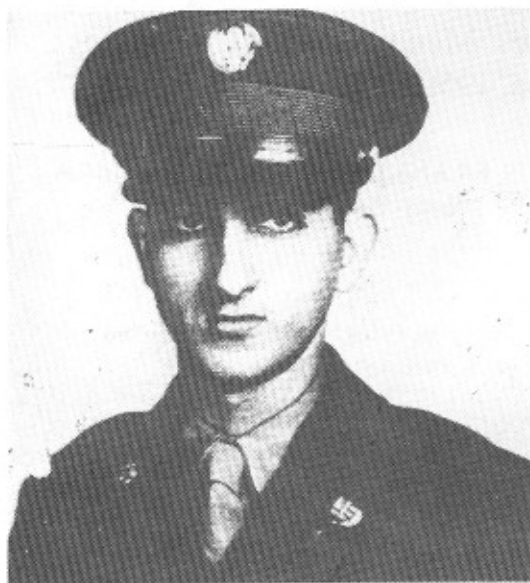
### CPL. PETER PATETE, M.I.A. NOVEMBER 27, 1950

Seeking anyone with information on Cpl. PETER PATETE, also known as "Rocky" Patete. Cpl. Patete enlisted in the Army during 1947 and was a well known welterweight boxer at Fort Bragg and Fort Ord. At one time he was an aide to a Major Peoples. While with the Second Division in Korea, he became missing in action on November 27, 1950. Please contact his only living relative. Mrs. Dorothy Carle; 8318 Avenue N; Brooklyn, New York 11236.

Submitted by Richie Alexander, 14 Wisteria Dr. 1-A; Fords, N.J. 08863.







**PFC JOSEPH F. EARTBAWEY, M.I.A.  
AUGUST 12, 1950**

I hope that you may be of assistance to me. My uncle, JOSEPH F. EARTBAWEY, was a 20 year old private 1st class in the United States Army when he was killed in South Korea on August 12, 1950. For years, my mother and her family have agonized over what really happened to him. His body was never brought home nor was his real fate ever revealed to the family. We were told that he and his squad were out patrolling when they were ambushed by enemy fire. We understand that every member of his squad died, with the exception of one. Our knowledge of the events from this point onward is very sparse. We do not know why his body was never returned home nor do we know the exact cause of death. Persistent inquiries by my late uncle's mother, my grandmother, were futile and exacerbating. Eventually the years passed onward and the truth never became known.

The uncertainty of Joseph's death has been a heartache for my mother's family for over 40 years. I hope to finally put to rest what really happened. My ultimate goal is to find individual(s) from his unit who remembers my uncle, and may be able to tell me anything about the circumstances that lead up to his death.

Attached is the only information I have in regards to Joseph Earthbawey. I hope that you are able to assist me. Thank you for any help you may provide.

The following men, all members of 14th Eng Bn, 24th Inf Div, identified Joseph's body:

1st Lt. John W. Davis, 01540933; M/sgt Billy M. Skiles 6881385; SFC John S. Kavetsky, 33605758; PFC Eartbawey's superior officer: Captain Robert Gass, serial no. unknown.

Personal information concerning Private First Class Joseph F. Eartbawey; 14 Rexhame Street; Roslindale, Ma. 02131. Caucasian, brown hair and eyes. Born 11/6/29. Killed: near Taegu or Yonsan, Korea on Aug. 12, 1950. Member of: 14th Engineer Combat Battalion, Company A, APO 310 24th Division, I Corp.

Captain Gass wrote our family stating that Joseph's body had been interred in the 24th Infantry Division Cemetery at Miryang, Korea. However this later proved to be incorrect, since his body was never found there. I obtained information that 1st Lt. John W. Davis was transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia; M/Sgt Billy M. Skiles was transferred to Repl Bn 8068th Au, APO 27; and SFC John S. Kavetsky was transferred to Repl Bn 8068th Au, APO 27 as of February 1951.

—BETTYANN KALIL; 18 Rexhame Street; Roslindale, MA 02131.

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RUSTY TRAMONTE; P.O. Box 43; Marshfield, MA. 02050 (phone 617-837-0145 sent these photos above and below of WEBELOS Scouts in action at the Brockton VA Hospital. The boys, all members of Pack 79, Den 3, of Brockton, are: Ron Comperchio, Jay Mullin, Carl Baggs, and Eric Hutchinson.



**THANK YOU, DOROTHY**

"I would like you to consider the enclosed poem for publication. If you don't feel it is worth printing I will understand.

"I am an Ex-Navy Wave who enlisted during the Korean War. Even though I didn't leave the United States I understood well what it was all about. Also saw many hospitalized veterans where I was stationed.

"It's been too long a wait for your memorial but I'm sure some day it will be something all Korean War Veterans can be proud of."

**"A VOICE TO REMEMBER"**

Wasn't Korea a war to remember?

Didn't many die?

Now it seems forgotten

we can only wonder why

Fight for your memorial

as you did in war

The voiceless must be remembered

This has become your chore

Because they can only count on you

all those that were lost

When you unveil the memorial

you'll have paid the cost

All are patiently waiting

and you've waited much too long

but all will be worthwhile

when the voiceless shout out strong. . .

—DOROTHY HAHN; 66 Smith St.; Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779



## ARE YOU OUT THERE?

**THE GRIM REAPERS:** I am seeking the address of any association formed from the GRIM REAPERS veterans. Please contact: CLYDE J. AUSTIN; 1417 92nd St.; Byron Center, Michigan 49315.

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**3RD INF DIV, 15TH REGT, 3RD BN, CO K:** I am seeking the whereabouts of M/SGT George Curry who served in the Korean War as Platoon Sgt with Co K, 3d Bn, 15th Regt, 3d Inf Div for most of 1952. I was the artillery Forward Observer (FO) with Item Company. I believe that M/SGT Curry was born and raised in San Pedro, California. Please help. SAMUEL ROSKER; 532 N. Brighton St.; Burbank, CA 91506.

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**1ST MAR DIV G-3-1:** Last September at my revisit to South Korea, I met CW Johnson, a former marine. He asked me if there was some way that I could help him locate some former members of his machine gun section from California. I agreed to try and help him out, I contacted my resources in California but thus far I have been unable to come up with any firm leads. Perhaps, one of your many readers can help put CW Johnson in touch with his buddies. The names of the men Johnson is trying to locate were all wounded on Hill 902 on April 24, 1951 while members of FIRST MARINE DIVISION. (G-3-1):

GEORGE T. JACOBSON, 1105249. KENNETH D. LISTERMAN, 1139131. WAYNE D. RUDD, 447116. MILTON KEIZER, 1102527 (This fellow may not be from California but rather somewhere in the Mid West).

C.W. Johnson can be reached at: Route 1, Box 278N; Ennis, Texas 75119. (Sent in by RUDY LEYVA; 2426 Richelieu Ave.; Los Angeles, CA 90032.)

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**45TH INFANTRY:** I read the Graybeards and would like to see more 45 Infantry guys say something. We were on Baldy, Pork Chop Ridge, and received a presidential unit citation and combat pay. I must agree with Thomas Sharkey 45th Div. Assoc. - page #7, Graybeards - June 91, that we (the 45th) seemingly must have been ghosts.

We replaced the 1st Calvary division on a cold night in December of 1953. We maintained the Jacksonville line (MLR). I will send for patches, caps, and other materials as soon as I can. (special offer). I will write to support commemorative bills. I was commander VFW Post #229 - 2 years. In case you want to quote me - JOHN J. HAMMERSLEY, SR.: - (120 Engineers, Company A-45 Infantry Div. - RA); 8712 98th St. #4-C; Woodhaven, NY 11421-2208.

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**45TH INF DIV:** CPL GUY MILLS, Jr. of Wadsworth, Ohio, U.S.A., Company A, 87th Inf. Reg., 10th Div., Fort Riley, Kansas (Basic Training and Leadership School) 1951! In Korea 1952-53, Service Co., 180 Reg., 45th Inf. Div. I would like for all to contact me if at all possible! GUY MILLS, JR.; 28915 Via La Espalda; Murrieta, Calif. 92563-5738 Ph. 714-677-8825.

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**TRYING TO FIND:** . . . Attempting to locate JOSEPH RAE 987 A.F.A. formerly from Cinn, OH. Last known address was in FL. Please contact W. Toerpe, 26 W 430 Natalie Ct. Wheaton, IL 60188, Phone 708-653-5142.

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**607TH AC&W SQDN - Korea 1951-1953:** I would like to hear from anyone who served with this outfit that is interested in a reunion. Please contact Leo Phelps, 1010 Louisedale Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46808, Phone (219) 483-8690.

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**HQ & HQ CO. 5TH RCT:** Trying to locate anyone who served with the HQ & HQ Co. 5th REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM. I served with the 5th R.C.T. from July 1951 to the middle of April 1952. Would like to hear from anyone who served with the Regiment at that time. One of my Comrades in Arms was Paul Rousch from Clarksburg, W. VA. KEN MARKSTROM; 5410 W. Freeway Lane; Glendale, AZ 85302-4830; 602-939-9367.

## "TO THE LAST MAN!"

Kulbes' Mongrels at the Chosin Reservoir, Korea, 1950

by

MAJOR FRANKLIN D. R. KESTNER, SR.  
U.S. Army Infantry, Retired

and

JAMES LIVINGSTON

with Forewords by Frank Kerr, Phillip A. Kulbes,  
Richard R. Seward, and Gordon Greene

When Dog Company's officers reported to Battalion Headquarters, their story was not believed. As reports of the dead and wounded trickled in, however, it was evident the Dogs must indeed have been at the Chosin.

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**THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART**, Dept of New York will have their 60th convention in June 1992. All Korean Veterans living in New York State who were awarded the Purple Heart decoration can get info by writing to me Sr. Vice Cmdr. Norman S. Kantor at 138 Locust Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y. 10805



## ARE YOU OUT THERE?

**51ST SIGNAL BN. T/T OPERATIONS CO.** My name is Bob Barnes I served with the 51st Sig. Bn from May 51 to June 52, would like to hear from anyone who was there around the same time. Contact me: Robert J. Barnes; 2194 Evening Ave.; Las Vegas, NV 89119.

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**LOOKING FOR ALL EX-U.S. CONSTABULARY "TROOPER".** We now have a National Group. If interested in joining, contact: B. J. Chambers; 530 Park Ave.; Lancaster, PA 17602; Ph # 717-397-9704.

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**7TH INF REGT:** I attended the reunion of the 7th Inf. Regt. at Lancaster Pa. in early June. It was nice but I didn't meet anyone for Co E. I would like to hear from anyone who was with Easy Co. in Korea during 1951. Maybe you can help me locate some of them. Thank you: PATRICK FILIDORO; 255-11 87th Drive; Floral Park N.Y. 11001.

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**27TH INF REGT: DICK SPITLER:** Your old I & R buddy (S/Sgt.) Tom Lyman wants to find you. Contact: 3351 St. Helena Hwy. N., St. Helena, CA 94574. (707) 963-2476. Thomas A. Lyman; (formerly I & R Platoon, 27th Inf. Regt., Korea).

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**ANY EX-SUGAMO PRISON GUARDS?** I am writing to you in reference to the possibility of tracking down some of our group that may belong to your organization and not realize that we have our own organization.

We, the former personnel that were assigned as jailers, guards and service personnel at Sugamo Prison near Tokyo from 1946-1950. At the onset of the Korean Conflict, many of our men were assigned to the 24th Inf Div, 1st Cav Div and several other units.

We would appreciate it very much that we be contacted by any ex-Sugamoites. We held our very 1st Reunion last month and were happy that we were able to have such a great turnout after 40 some years. Our intention is to try everything in our power to reach as many more men that is possible. One of our guys is writing a book titled "Sugamo" and would appreciate as much input as we can help with.

—ROBERT N. SHIVELY, SR.; 6259 Sard St.; Alta Loma, CA 91701.

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My name is Stewart N. Rothman, I served in **FOX COMPANY. 3RD PLATOON, 17TH RCT, 7TH INF. DIV.** from Dec/Jan 50 to Sept/Oct 51. I was a B.A.R. man in CPL Fitzpatrick's Squad. I'd sure like to get together and/or correspond with any of the guys I served with. It's been a long time, but as I read about other old buddies getting together, I think it'd be nice if I could chat with some of the old gang. Especially any who were with me at Bunker Hill (Hill 1261) or hill 1005. That was a wild night with those big hamburgers when we broke out. . . remember anyone???? My address is 921 Woodway, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709, my phone is (907) 474-0685.



In April, following the Board meeting in Independence, Mo., Mr. Curtis, Director of the Truman Library called me about the photos which Gene Putnam took in Korea 1951-52 when he was an Army photographer. The Library was interested in looking at them with the idea of putting them in the archives; it seems that they do not have too many pictures of the Korean countryside and people in that time period.

I made arrangements with Gene Putnam so that William Perry and myself transported Gene and his pictures (about 200 old photos) to the Library. Director George Curtis and Director John Curry took charge of them, gave Gene a V.I.P. tour of the place. Recently they informed him they will be copying around 170 of the photos, and they will be placed in the archives as the "Gene Putnam File". We are sure glad to be able to assist in preserving some of our history and I want to thank Gene Putnam for hanging on to those pictures all of the last forty years. Photo L to R: N. Bentele, Gene Putnam, John Curry.

—NORBERT BENTELE; 1st Vice President Dept. of Ill. KWVA; 711 S. 16th St.; Quincy, ILL 62301.

## THUNDERBIRDS IN HAWAII

The Hawaii Chapter of the 45th Infantry Division Association, Korean War Veterans, held its Second Annual Reunion on July 26 & 27, 1991, at the Sheraton Coconut Beach Hotel in Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii. In attendance were twenty Thunderbirds and their spouses and guests. Festivities began on Friday with a morning golf tournament at the beautiful public seaside golf links at Waiialua and a nine course Chinese chop suey dinner at the Kauai Chop Suey. Following the dinner the group returned to the hotel and continued with the party in the hospitality room until the wee hours of the night. Saturday morning saw everybody sightseeing and it wasn't until 4:00 p.m. that everyone got back to the hotel.

After a brief rest everyone met in the banquet hall for cocktails and a delicious dinner. After the dinner, Chapter President Louis Baldovi and Chapter Secretary David Suzuki presented Honorary Membership Certificates to two Korean nationals who had encouraged and supported the growth of the Hawaii Chapter. These two were Maj. General Jangnai Sohn (retired), Korean Consulate General of the Republic of Korea and Michael Ho. General Sohn was twice wounded in the Korean War when he was a Platoon Leader and Michael Ho was a spotter pilot. After some fun and games the group again retired to the hospitality room for more food, refreshments and songs. And, it didn't end there. . . the next morning many returned to the hospitality room for breakfast prepared by the wives of the Thunderbirds. After breakfast there was more sightseeing and more "refreshments" until it was time to leave for the airport. It really was a wonderful reunion.



Receiving Honorary Membership Certificates from Chapter Secretary David Suzuki (left) and Chapter President Louis Baldovi (right) are Michael Ho (left center) and Korean Consulate General Jangnai Sohn (right center).

**GROUND-BREAKING SHOULD BE PLANNED FOR JUNE 25, 1992. INSIST UPON IT!**









THIS PHOTOGRAPH is of the memorial to "The men and women of the United States who served in the Armed Forces". It and the story that follows came from Keith and Clara Jean Bennett of 205 Salisbury Road (The blue house); Conneaut, Ohio 44030.

Dear Editor: I am enclosing my poem entitled "By the Grave". My father Peter Mariotti is a member of the Korean War Veterans Association. Thank you.

#### BY THE GRAVE

There I stood by your grave,  
You were one of the very brave,  
And on that cold day in Pusan,  
The Lord took you in his arms,  
And though the years they flew,  
Each year on your grave,  
They place the red, white, and blue,  
And now Uncle Sam is building you a monument,  
There in our great capital,  
There will stand 38 statues of the men who fought  
And the men who died,  
And when you finally are honored,  
You will see from the other world,  
That when you were taken from this earth on that day in 1952,  
It was worth giving your life,  
For the red, white and blue.

By Celine Rose Mariotti

#### WAR PAPER ITEMS WANTED

Seeking WW II/Korea/Vietnam psywar leaflets, safe conduct passes, military currency and other paper memorabilia for research project then donation to military museums. W. G. "BILL" HARRISON, Army Retired, WW II/Korea Veteran, 5546 North Sixth Street, Fresno, CA 93710.

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Photo by courtesy of DIANA LEWIS, writer/photographer for the NEWS-HERALD of Conneaut, Ohio. When she and others at the newspaper office were shown photos of other memorials as displayed in the recent Graybeards, she gasped "I never realized! I never knew!" Clara Jean explained: "So don't a lot of others; that's why the Korean War vets can use all the help they can get."

#### CONNEAUT'S WAR MEMORIAL

By Clara Jean Bennett

It was less than three months from the origination of the idea to the completion of Conneaut's War Memorial. Construction began in mid-Sept. of 1989 and was ready for dedication on Veterans Day.

With faith in the community for financial support the Committee started without finances. The project was a joint effort of many local Veterans groups. The memorial was built by volunteer labor and cost under \$4,000. All the money was donated. The city supplied the land. The designers were Vincent Rose, Jr. and Leonard Dello, KW Vet of the VFW, was also the overseer of construction. Other volunteers included: Michael Arcaro, Robert Graf, Vic Grable, Richard Gleason, James Clancy, Archie Marn, Steve Mitrovich and others.

The 18-foot arched brick wall consists of four separate etched tableaux honoring Veterans of WWI, WWII, The Korean and Vietnam Wars. There are also plaques honoring all branches of service as well as POW/MIA. The refurbished bell was taken from the old City Hall. A year after the dedication, a time capsule was inserted in the brick wall underneath the bell. The capsule contains photos, information about construction and a videotape of the dedication.

Future plans include a gas-fed eternal flame. We think all would agree with us, that this truly was a labor of love. Those who gave so fully of their time and talents truly exemplify what this Memorial stands for. The best of America — those who gave their lives and those who continue to give — our Veterans.

May we add, those involved with this Memorial should be on the Committees for the KWV Memorial to be built in D.C.

**Directions to Memorial:** From Interstate 90 take Rt. 7 north (Mill St.) to Main St. (first traffic light); turn right on Main St. to City Hall (2 blocks). The Memorial is in front of City Hall on the corner of Buffalo and Main. (Approx. a 10 min. drive from Ints. 90).

#### GREATER CLEVELAND AREA CHAPTER

A chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association has been formed in the Greater Cleveland area for veterans from Cleveland and the surrounding area.

The Chapter's initial purpose is to support the national KWVA, Inc., and committees in the restoration of the "Fountain of Eternal Light" on Mall "A" to be called the Cleveland Memorial Plaza honoring those who served our nation during World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. It will list those who died while serving, were captured or who are missing in action while serving our country during these four eras.

—RICHARD DANIELSON; 4745 Westview; North Olmsted, Ohio 44070.



# THE MAN AT THE TOP OF THE HILL

## THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

I lie here under this cold granite slab  
My name is known by no one but God  
Down the hill in Arlington  
In that graveyard on this hill

Lie more of my comrades as still as I  
They, like I,  
Died so others could live,  
The cannons 21-gun salute  
As a head of state lays a wreath at my head

But can't you understand  
You who write the laws  
We hurt no longer  
Our pain is over with  
Our lives are gone  
Go look in the veterans hospitals  
Look at the pain on our living comrades' faces

Look in a wheelchair  
No legs  
A stare  
A mind in another place  
The war did not start for them till they got home  
The memory of combat a fallen friend  
Has left scars of the mind  
Some do not heal  
Their minds still in hell  
But help them please  
They are friends of mine  
The man at the top of the hill.

—by ELDON R. HARBORO; Rt. 1, Box 185; Falcon, MO 65470. (April 20, 1990).

We acknowledge that many typographical errors were made in the first edition, therefore, the revised second edition will be your opportunity to correct any errors made to your information. If you had material published in the first edition and need a correction made on that material for the second edition please mail that to the attention of Pamela Wood, Chief Editor, Turner Publishing Company, P.O. Box 3101, Paducah, KY 42002-3101.

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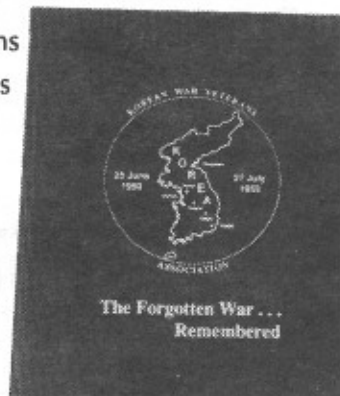
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## "I WOULD LIKE TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT"

"I just received my Association Newsletter yesterday (May 15, 1991) and was shocked to read the letter on Page three which was written by a sister of a Korean KIA with the heading: "MOM AND DAD RECEIVED WORD THAT WAYNE WAS COMING HOME; I CRIED."

"This letter was sent to you by JAMES L. BROWN of Austin, Texas and included his address.

"I would like to set the record straight as to who the actual Recipient of this letter from the bereaved sister. This letter was sent to me in December of 1985 and addressed to "THE KOREAN WAR AWARENESS PROJECT" c/o TONY ZDANAVAGE. This was one of more than 36,000 letters received over more than 6 years this Project has existed.

"Since 1987, I have sent a couple of computer print-outs of these letters to veterans who have been active with me so that they could realize how effective their time, money and efforts were. JAMES L. BROWN was NOT sent a copy and I have no knowledge of how he gained access to this letter. When I first keyed this letter into my computer, I cried as I did the many times I had read it over and over and some mistakes were made in transposing the letter and it was not copied EXACTLY in spelling or punctuation marks as it was written, which was my intent, but it was very close! As we compared MR. BROWN'S version which was sent to you for publishing in the "GRAYBEARD" of the JUNE 1991 ISSUE, it was found to be EDITED to suit MR. BROWN and distorted the actual writing of this sister!

"As I read his version of the letter, it appeared and could be interpreted by most readers that MR. BROWN was the RECIPIENT of this letter, when in fact, I hold the original version!! I believe every person in America should read this heart-breaking letter. My intent is to share this letter along with many others I have received, in a COPYRIGHT MANUSCRIPT I have written. This manuscript is now in the process of being published, entitled, "KOREA, THE WAR AMERICA FORGOT TO REMEMBER." When this publication is finalized, all Americans will have the opportunity to read many of these heart-breaking letters!

"Would you please print this letter in your next newsletter to set the record straight as to the actual source of the letter, "A SISTER WRITES?"

—TONY ZDANAVAGE; P.O. Box 236, Berwick, PA 18603, ph. 717-759-3677.

## "I HAVE A LOT OF HISTORICAL MATERIAL ON THE WAR..."

"I had a good trip home from the re-union, stopped in West Virginia to visit an old friend I had not seen since June 1952 in "Seoul". I am retired and have some spare time so if you ever need information on various units in the Korean War give me a call or drop a line. I have a lot of Historical material on the Korean War."

—THOMAS G. CHILCOTT; 1020 Livingston; Brighton, Michigan 48116.

"I sent a letter on June 19 to my local newspaper and to the local television station. I am happy to say the TV showed it on the Friday evening news, and the newspaper printed it on June 25. Here is a copy of my letter." ROBERT M. ANDERSON; 187 W. Ocean Ave.; Norfolk, VA 23503.

## Remember Korea

To the Editor:

June 25 marks the 41st anniversary of the start of the Korean War — a war that is forgotten by most Americans; a war that cost 54,236 dead, 103,000 wounded, 8,177 missing in action and 7,000 prisoners of war, 3,450 of whom returned alive (51 percent died in prison camp) and 389 of whom are unaccounted for.

It would be nice to say thanks to the Korean veterans. They, as well as the Vietnam vets, should be thanked for their sacrifices so they won't be the forgotten vets.

ROBERT M. ANDERSON  
Norfolk, June 19, 1991

## CONTRIBUTIONS CAME FROM THE ODD FELLOWS BROTHERHOOD

HAROLD S. LANEHART; 5521 Vernon Way; Camp Springs, MD 20746; phone 301-423-1240, is not only a hard-working member of KWVA but he spends endless hours working with and for his favorite community service organization, the Independent Order of ODD FELLOWS. Harold wrote:

"The ideals and principals of Odd Fellowship should be of interest to outstanding citizens in every community. ODD Fellowship is a philosophy of life; the teaching and application of friendship, love and truth; of faith, hope and charity and universal justice for the creation of peace and harmony among men."

To show his faith in his beliefs, Harold then sent in contributions as follows:

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He added: "The name itself signifies something different or out of the ordinary. And it is ODD because it endeavors to enlighten the mind without taking from the individual any of his right or privileges. It conforms to law, religion and sound morality without usurping the rights of the church or that of the courts. It is a brotherhood that presents life in all its fullness, broadcasting the mind and elevating the character of man."

## WE CAN'T FIND YOU!

Your Graybeards come back - we paid 35 cents to find out you have moved and did not tell Graybeards! Please get in touch.

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RICHARD WARD, Houston, TX

FREDERICK NICKERSON, Carpinteria, CA

DR. V. MATTHEW RAO, Boca Raton, FL.



I am a disabled Korean veteran and former POW and a member of the KWVA, CARD #POW 111. I am sending you one of the Korean War Mini Memorials that I have been making over the past few months; am in hopes that you might be able to put an item in the Graybeards to promote them a little. I get \$18.95 plus \$2.50 for postage and packaging for total of \$21.45. I would be more than willing to contribute two dollars

per copy to the memorial fund or for whatever need the organization happens to have at the time.

These little memorials are made from dry cherry wood. Each one is a little different due to the grain of the wood and the fact that I make them one at a time myself, they might vary slightly in thickness, but basically they are the same. When I show them to people, many never realized that the Korean War was so bloody, so I believe that we should display the statistics when ever we get the chance. "Lest They Forget".

These also come with the Mini CIB in place of the American and ROK crossed flags if any one would rather have them. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery. Also I am not equipped to handle credit cards, so personal check or money order is preferred.

Sincerely, —VERNON CLARK; Box 1120 R.F.D. No 1; Brooks, Maine 04921.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Vernon has already sent his check for \$140 donation from the first publication of his story!



## YOU WROTE IT

### "THIS LETTER MAY NOT GET PUBLISHED . . ."

"Stan: I feel the Korea War Vets has been short changed from the word 'Go'. He's been forgotten from President Bush all the way down to the media. They all forget that he fought one hell of a hard, bitter war. He not only had to fight the North Koreans and the Chinese, he had to fight the heat, cold, rain, snow and disease.

"He had no parades or hoopla, not even a thank you. The Korean War was not taught in school. My kids never heard of Korea. Our war has been over since July '53 and we still have not got our memorial. I have yet to see a movie or TV star do anything for us. The only movie star I know of that served in Korea was James Garner and even he didn't do anything for our Memorial. There were almost as many killed and wounded in 3 years in Korea as there were in Viet Nam in 11 years and yet the Korean vet has been the forgotten one.

"Another thing that burns me up is the fact that Korea was a 'Police Action.' We sure got a lot of police killed, wounded and missing in action. Some deal eh? 'This letter may not get published but at least I got it off my chest.'

—RICHARD A. BLANC; 19200 Pawnee Ave.; Cleveland, OH 44119-1725; Tele # 1-216-486-8156.

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### "I AM NOT SURE WHY I AM WRITING THIS LETTER"

Dear Stan: I am not sure why I am writing this letter. I guess it's because I want to vent my frustrations out on a comrade who works hard and most likely also has some.

On June 25th I got up, got my coffee, picked up the newspaper and behold there was a two page spread on the beginning of World War II. I then had a flash back to that date in 1950, the day the Korean War started. Good old Fort Lewis. I continued to read the paper and behold there was not one word about Korea, and the starting of our police action. It's sad — and I must admit that Korea is the Forgotten War. That's very sad.

Last week during the same ritual, reading the paper, I noticed way on the back page a very small paragraph that stated that the Commission of Fine Arts had rejected the complete design of our memorial. I thought to myself: well here we go again.

I am beginning to believe that the government and maybe the American people really want to sweep the conflict under the rug. My thoughts go back to August 1950, to the Natong River Bulge, at Cemetery Two, at Miryang. They buried 1026 G.I.'s in 14 days, many of whom were from my outfit. I remember the 17 days and nights in September of pure hell. I remember November 1950, the cold, the retreat from hell, standing firm at Wonju, Twin Tunnels, and at last Chipyeong-ni, where I came close to meeting my maker.

On June 7, 1952 I came home, changed clothes, got a job, got an education, got married and made a good life for the wife and I. I ask for nothing and I expect nothing. I did what I thought was right, I did my duty. So regardless of what they do I will have my memories good and bad and live my life to the fullest. Thanks for listening. Good luck and God bless.

—D.W. HOFFMAN; 1543 Rose Ave.; Stow, Ohio 44224.

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### PUT NAMES ON THE MEMORIAL

"Dear Dick Adams: I read recently of old-time actor Jimmy Stewart and his visits to the Viet Nam memorial wall. He was quoted as saying: 'We lost our oldest boy in Viet Nam, and every time I go to Washington I go to it (the wall). There are 58,000 names, but I can pick out my son's name with my eyes closed.'

"Dick, it seems to me that the parents, the children, the other relatives of the Korean War dead should have the right to look at their loved one's name engraved in eternal stone on our Memorial. . . just as so many others do along with Jimmy Stewart.

"I believe it is logical to insist that our Memorial contain the names of those lost in the Korean War."

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

## YOU WROTE IT

### "FOR THE SAKE OF OUR SLAIN LET'S TELL IT LIKE IT WAS"

The K.W.V.A. editorial in the June issue, called **Let's Tell America!**, said in part, "Tell America how the Korean War was really the last time America fought in the sincere belief that the U.S.A. was saving freedom and liberty." Well, that is only part of the story.

The reason why it was the last time was because America became dis-illusioned during the Korean War. Our Allies stood beside us on the battlefield, but they did not stand beside us in the United Nations. They were more ready to compromise with communism than to go for total victory.

We went into the Korean War with the wrong idea. We assumed that international communism was monolithic. Somehow we believed that fighting back against Communist China was a way to hurt Communist Russia. Nothing could have been further from the truth. We fought the Red Chinese and Stalin laughed his head off. The same thing happened in Vietnam, except that China did not supply the troops, only weapons.

When we finally got our head on straight, President Nixon gave recognition to Communist China in order to establish a counter-weight to Communist Russia. It was then that Communist control of Eastern Europe began to crumble.

That is the lesson we should have learned with our long Forgotten War. For the sake of our slain let's tell it like it was.

—LEON G. JOHNSON; 105 Geneva St., Apt 431; Bath, N.Y., 14810; (607) 776-3098.

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To: The Editor of The Washington Post:

### "THE FORGOTTEN MEMORIAL"

The recent decision by the Fine Arts Commission rejecting the latest re-design of the Korean War Memorial is only the most recent of a long line of bureaucratic disgraces involving this noble project. Several years ago the White House announced with great fanfare the selection of the winning design of a memorial to honor those who served and died to stem the tide of Communism on the Korean peninsula 40 years ago. Little did the White House realize, apparently, that the implementation of this design would become a campaign unto itself involving the different standards of the approving agencies: The Department of Interior, The Fine Arts Commission, and the National Capital Planning Commission.

To date over \$3 million dollars has been spent, and wasted, on re-designing this memorial! In effect, this project has been re-designed to death in order to satisfy the whims of these effete bow-tied connoisseurs of "artistic taste," most of whom were probably ensconced in safe havens when the bullets were flying.

Enough is enough! Construct the memorial approved by The White House before Korean war veterans become an endangered species. In retrospect, Harry Truman had it easy: He had only to consult the United Nations in order to win approval of his project—The defense of freedom!

—JACK MURRAY; P.O. Box 1546; Falls Church, VA 22041.

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### ARE THERE NO COMMISSION PEOPLE WITH KNOWLEDGE?

"Dear Stan: I must convey to you my dismay and disappointment at the news that the Washington Memorial design has been once again turned down. For the life of me, I cannot understand how or why this has happened time and time again. Are there no people on the Commission with the knowledge and experience in dealing with the various Commissions and bodies which are part of the approval process? Who set up the design parameters? Were they in sync with various approval bodies? Perhaps they should consider hiring an art professional familiar with the procedures to aid them through the process of getting the new design approved. By the way, what is the new design—should we not have an opportunity to see it?

"The KWVA was a major force in getting a memorial under way and should at least be allowed to view any designs/plans being considered."

—IRWIN R. SCHWARTZ; 15 West 84th St, Apt. 6-H; New York, NY 10024.



## YOU WROTE IT

### "I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TAKEN THE PART OF THE OBEDIENT SILENT CHILD LONG ENOUGH."

"I have been a part of the K.W.V.A. for almost two years. A short time compared to many of you. I speak on behalf of perhaps 1% percent of the total national membership. Being in that position I feel that my thoughts **MUST BE EXPRESSED**, as a duty to that membership.

Let me say, that since I have joined I have had faith in the National Board of Directors, to do what is right, and best for all members. I still do for that is why we elect them.

I have done my best to convey that trust, not only to my members, but to others who have in turn trusted me and have made small contributions to the memorial.

With the latest news, on the progress of the memorial, I feel that perhaps I have mislead, and perhaps, broken that trust. However, I believe in my heart, that we, the K.W.V.A. have taken the part of the obedient, silent child long enough.

We all have watched while others not in the K.W.V.A. have spoken, acted and made decisions for us. We have counted the millions of dollars in donations come in. And have read where millions of dollars have gone out. And where are we? Apparently back to square 1.

The time is now for salesmanship, and negotiations, with the K.W.V.A. in on negotiations, concerning the next step in building the memorial, presented to the American Battle Monuments Commission.

Stan Hadden spoke of several alternatives in his memo of early July. I myself, agree with his thoughts. We can not sit idly by, and let our members die off, while the bureaucrats, and those in for personal gain, hem and haw and laugh at what "Good Little Boys" the KWVA has been.

And they are laughing — make no mistake about that.

My part, in Korea, was very small. I stand here before heroes; one of you must step forward.

I know only what I am told regarding the memorial.

**What I do know is, the KWVA must do something and now is the time.**

I firmly believe that a select group of five members should be named to formulate the pro's and con's of their collective ideas. Then formulate the most progressive step possible. One that will let everyone involved in the memorial know that the KWVA intends to fight for what is rightfully ours.

We must continue that fight until what is right, is what is done — and that the K.W.V.A. is involved in that final decision.

Then, and only then, will the KWVA truly speak for the 54,000 dead, the 8,100 POW/MIAs and millions who served and did their duty, and deserve to be remembered. Thank you."

—RON JABAUT; 1346 East Taylor St.; San Jose, CA 95133 (408-286-3051).

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### PUT NAMES ON THE MEMORIAL

Stan. . . Thanks so much for the advance copies of Graybeards (maybe a change in name is in order. . . some of our women vets are not too happy with that!). As usual, you and "Your Staff" did a super job. I really think some of our members have the notion you DO have a staff. Whenever I think I am busy, I think of you with non-stop deadline you have to meet to get our newsletter out! I really do not know how you have managed all these years. I have piles and piles of mail to answer, so can well imagine what your "office" looks like.

Glad you printed some letters re: The Memorial, and especially the anger and disappointment that the names of KIA/POW/MIAs will not be inscribed. As you know, this has been a sore spot with me for sometime. Further, I am not satisfied with the "reasons" for the omissions that I got. I simply feel, sincerely, that the most effective way to honor ALL our dead is to have their names on our memorial or somewhere in close proximity. I am disappointed now in the smaller version you printed of the Memorial since it's latest re-design. And. . . what happened to the area of meditation for our dead that the original design had???? Seems to me the smaller it gets, the higher the price.

—KATHLEEN CRONAN WYOSNICK; P.O. Box 3716; Saratoga, CA 95070; (408) 253-3068; FAX (408) 973-8449.

## YOU WROTE IT

### "WE'RE UP AGAINST. . . INFLUENCE PEDDLERS, GRAFT-SEEKERS AND PEOPLE THAT JOCKEY YOU AROUND. . ."

"Dear Stan: Was I right, or what? When I wrote and told you what We (K.W.V.A.) were up against in dealing with the Federal Bureaucracy, influence peddlers, graft seekers and people in high modes of Government that jockey you around and play games to throw their weight around, I wasn't kidding. We have been bamboozled and mislead into believing that we were set to go and now at the eleventh hour, they pull the rug from underneath us and we fall flat on our asses. Some joke, eh buddy?

"I am losing faith in the People that are in charge of this project and the manner that they are handling it. What now is my question: More expense for another re-design and then wait another couple of years to see if it's approved, or not? Somebody blew it!

"Surely, we should have been told that it would not fly and arrived at some workable solution before it came to this. We have lost precious time and money for nothing. As I see it, the government has about abandoned us and don't give a damn one way, or the other.

"We are truly The Forgotten Men who went over there, kicked ass, got the job done and returned to nothing. I am realistic when I tell you that those in Washington will not help us see this thing through. Our resources will be depleted, we'll still be begging for more. Should we listen to what they are saying till every bastard and his brother are paid off? It's a bad joke, I kid you not! I am teed off highly and don't give a damn if all the Gen's, Col's and their brothers know about it.

"I will not abandon this cause. To do so would be a disgrace and dishonor to all the men that never made it back. I make special mention of my good friend SGT1/C EDWARD D. HIGGINS (187th R.C.T.) who got killed 11 days before it ended.

"I still carry this grief in my heart because we enlisted together after high school graduation and went thru Basic and jump school together in 1948. I am not a quitter, never was, never will be. I still remember and believe in the Regular Army way of doing things — do it right, there is no other way!

"I don't know where we go from here, or at this particular juncture, but if you should get any info from whatever source, feel free to enlighten me.

"Where should I, or the other members of K.W.V.A. turn our attention to now?

"In closing I want to let you know, I am not a rabble rouser, blowhard, or trouble maker. My only objective is to see this Memorial completed A.S.A.P. before we die of old age and all goes up in smoke, Bureaucratic red tape, plus all the underhanded tactics so pervasive in the Nation's Capitol this day and age. Thank you for your time Stan."

—ALFRED D. RAMIREZ; 2400 Imperial Rd. #6; Winterhaven, CA 92283.

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### PUT NAMES ON THE MEMORIAL

Dear Editor: I strongly request that names of killed in action and missing in action be inscribed on the proposed Korean War Memorial to be erected in Washington D.C. Thank you. BOB SNIDER, Korean War Veteran; 138 Fairview Rd.; Massapequa, N.Y. 11758.

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### "WE ARE THE FIRST IN PA."

"Hi Stan: I would like to know if our chapter could get some recognition in Greybeard. I talked to you about just receiving our charter from Bill Smyers at the Reunion.

We are the first Charter in the state of Penna. Our Chapter #38 started in Feb. 24, 1991. We had 38 members then and now we are up to 54. We picked Chapter 38 because of our number of members at the time it coincided with the infamous 38th Parallel."

—BILL DURNIN; 852 N 21st St.; Phila. PA 19130-1431; (215) 765-7847.

**GROUND-BREAKING SHOULD BE PLANNED FOR JUNE 25, 1992. INSIST UPON IT!**



## IS NOW THE TIME FOR VETERANS "TO GET MAD" AND DEMAND ACTION?

Pages 14, 15, and 16 report to you the very latest information we have on the Memorial. Please read carefully; send your opinions to Dick Adams and, if desired, to Graybeards.

### "HERE WE ARE...AND LETTING THE BUREAUCRACY PUT US ASIDE..."

Dear KWVA President and Members,

On this date (June 25) 41 years ago a war of aggression began in a remote part of the world. When it was over in 1953 its purpose, goals and personal horror were somewhat swept under the rug. The Korean War, like other events in history, got researched and written about and they truly are not forgotten — put aside for convenience sometimes, but not forgotten.

Here we are in 1991 still feeling a little sorry for ourselves and letting the bureaucracy put us aside for convenience. The KWVA's call to arms should be "The Monument" and our motto should be "Let's get it (Built) DONE in 1991." I think its time to gather our strength; get the reserves up, and take the initiative:

A. Assemble the membership at this month's re-union; get a resolution passed to get the monument up and personally deliver it to the Veterans Admin.

B. Treat the monument as a "CAUSE" of the assembly and picket if necessary the Monument Commission Office while there in DC.

C. Stop appointing additional committees and groups to address the issue of a monument. This weakens the effort.

D. Get all Vet groups to support a push to get the monument (and don't compromise on the orig. design) started in 1991. Petition to redress our Congress if necessary. Let's get off the pot.

—MICHAEL C. J. KAMINSKI; 2912 S. 10th Ave.; Broadview, IL 60153-4830.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Please see pages 14, 15, and 16. for explanation of what is happening and the official government people who are responsible.)

### ABMC ASKS FOR MEETING WITH FINE ARTS COMMISSION

Graybeards has had several discussions with the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) concerning their reply to the letter from the Fine Arts Commission (FAC) which was sent on July 12, 1991 to General Kelley (see column at right).

The ABMC office is located at 5127 Pulaski Bldg.; 20 Mass. Ave. NW; Washington, D. C. 20314-0300. Telephone: 202-272-0533. Their FAX number is 202-272-1375.

General Kelley on August 22 was out of town and not expected to return until September 3. The deadline for Graybeards going to press is September 3. This story was written for you — the KWVA member — on August 28.

### ABMC IS ASKING FOR 19 STATUES

Gen. Kelley prepared a letter which was sent to the Fine Arts Commission and is in their office as of this date. ABMC and KWVMAB (Korean War Memorial Advisory Board) have requested a joint meeting as soon as possible with the Fine Arts Commission for consideration of the latest design based on 19 instead of 38 statues. (Also see "UPDATE" on page 15).

### FAC SAYS NO MORE THAN 3 STATUES

For the past two years there was no indication that the Fine Arts Commission had any objection to a design based on 38 statues. Then on July 12, 1991 that commission and its Chairman Mr. Brown issued a flat DISAPPROVAL and apparently will "possibly consider" a design concept of no more than three statues. (See top of column at right).

### THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS ISSUED THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO GRAYBEARDS

"FROM: Charles Atherton, Exec. Sec. AUGUST 20, 1991.

"SUBJECT: Update on Korean War Memorial.

"Here is a copy of the letter that was sent to General Kelley, chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission, following our 25 June meeting. Basically this design featured a total of 38 figures in various poses reflecting a line of march over rough terrain (rocks and moving water). Behind the line was a polished granite wall etched with photographic images of all those whose role was to support the ground combatants.

"At the Commission's 26 July meeting, it was hoped by the members that a major change would occur along the lines of reducing the number of figures and the complexity of the imagery on the wall. Unfortunately this did not happen. While the figures were somewhat smaller than before, they were still larger than life, and the number had only been reduced to 29. The images on the wall were darker, but the overall impression remained that the total effect was still excessive when combined with the sculpture.

"P.S. A lot of us still feel it is possible to bring this off yet, with a wall and 3 free-standing figures, with the remaining line of march and supporting troops to be in the form of a bas-relief on the wall."

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The Fine Arts Commission letter, referred to above, was sent to "Gen. Paul X. Kelley, Chairman; American Battle Monuments Commission; 5127 Pulaski Bldg.; 20 Mass. Ave. NW; Washington, DC 20314" and stated as follows:

"Dear General Kelley:

"12 July 1991

"I am writing to confirm the Commission's disapproval of the Korean War Veterans Memorial design.

"This was a difficult decision, but a unanimous one. It came only after careful and extensive deliberation. Of particular importance was our inspection of the large-scale mock-up of the full ensemble of thirty-eight figures modeled in the context of a combat situation. This was the first time most of the members saw the sculptures as an ensemble in *maquette* form. (See editor's footnote at end of this story). It was also our first opportunity to see the fully-developed concept of the multiple-image, etched companion wall.

"Both of these elements are powerful in themselves and exhibit considerable creative strength and skill in execution. However, as was clearly demonstrated by the mockup, the combined effect was excessive and confusing and would seriously diminish the overall impact of the memorial. The design would result in a memorial that would be less than the sum of its parts. Moreover, it is also clear to us that the concept of thirty-eight free-standing figures, which we had agreed to see developed to this point, simply will not work. The Commission believes that at this point we should all step back and examine the situation together.

"The Commission will be meeting again on 25 July and we will be happy to devote whatever time is necessary to this matter; our staff is available, of course, before then, and, schedules permitting, local members as well. This is one of the most important submissions to come before the Commission for some time. While we recognize that it is imperative that we proceed as rapidly as possible, the Commission must, to fulfill its Congressional mandate, take whatever steps and time are necessary to achieve a simple, dignified, and compelling design that will be a compatible element of the National Mall.

"Sincerely,

"J. CARTER BROWN, Chairman

"The Commission of Fine Arts."

(Editor's note: the dictionary defines "maquette" as meaning this: "A small model or study in three dimensions for either a sculptural or an architectural project." Are we veterans to conclude that the Memorial models previously shown in Graybeards photographs since June 14, 1989 were never seen by the Fine Arts Commission?)



**KWVA President Dick Adams said firmly: "Our official position is absolutely no — we will not accept that concept of only three free-standing figures. We have come too far; we will not back down now."**

**UPDATE:** On August 30, Graybeards received a copy of the letter sent by Gen. Kelley to Fine Arts Commission. The main point of his letter said this:

"Dear Mr. Brown — In a sincere and forthcoming effort to find 'middle-ground' that will both preserve the column of troops as the central theme and obviate, insofar as possible, your current concerns with a 'sea of bronze,' the Advisory Board has agreed to reduce the number of statues in the column of troops by 50%, to nineteen. This number will still permit representation of the multi-racial composition of our Armed Forces during the Korean War. Therefore, the American Battle Monuments Commission urges the Commission of Fine Arts to formally address what we believe to be a responsible and reasonable compromise. In this regard, since you do have some relatively new Commissioners, I would strongly recommend that you allow the chairman of the Advisory Board to provide a presentation similar to the one we received on 14 August 1991. It is essential for every agency and person in the approval process to work from the same set of historical facts, and, due to its statutory responsibility for the design of the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Advisory Board is uniquely qualified to provide such facts."

"Sincerely, P.X. Kelley, Chairman, ABMC."

#### STATEMENT FROM KWVMAB:

##### "... THIS NOBLE PROJECT IS BACK AT THE STARTING GATE. . ."

That message on August 21 came from the KWVMAB (Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board) whose office is at: U.S. Dept. of Interior; 18th & C Sts. NW; Room 7023; Washington, DC 20240. Their telephone number is 202-208-3561; their FAX number is 202-208-3459. The FAX from their Executive Director to Graybeards included this message as follows:

##### "DESIGN IMPASSE THREATENS ENTIRE PROJECT"

"Central feature of winning concept is column of statues representing troopers who fought war on foot. American public long conditioned to this powerful image. In initial review, the cognizant Federal Commissions (each holding veto power) applauded column while raising concerns about adjunctive features.

"Architectural team (with successful Vietnam Memorial to its credit) has worked hard and creatively to meet review Commissions' concerns and adapt design to Mall setting. Second stage of review (late Winter '91) resulted in further go-head, albeit qualified, from all Commissions.

"At third stage of review (June '91) Commission of Fine Arts reversed its earlier endorsement of statuary, now judged inappropriate for Mall unless dramatically reduced in number (from 39 to, say, 3). National Capital Planning Commission expressed similar view.

"Despite two years of effort and expenditure of nearly \$3 Million of citizens donations, this noble project is back at the starting gate.

##### REDUCE COLUMN FROM 38 TO 19 FIGURES

"The Advisory Board met with the Commissioners of the American Battle Monuments Commission on August 14, 1991. The Board's final position on the Memorial design, reducing the column of 38 statues to 19, was presented and accepted. ABMC will ask that the Commission of Fine Arts formally review it at their next meeting in September. We hope that the Fine Arts Commission will agree to endorse this final modification thus preserving the central theme and getting the Memorial back on track. Should Fine Arts again reject it, we will pursue other recourse."

#### WHO IS, AND HOW TO REACH THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION

The Commission of Fine Arts was established by Congress May 17, 1910. Its offices today are located at: The Pension Bldg.; 441 F St. NW, Suite 312; Washington, DC 20001. Telephone 202-504-2200. FAX number is 202-504-2195.

The members of the Commission, all appointed for 4 years by the White House, are as follows:

J. CARTER BROWN, Chairman; of the District of Columbia. Term expires in 1994. Mr. Brown has been serving as Director of the National Gallery of Arts since 1969. He graduated from Harvard University (A.B., 1956; M.B.A. 1958) and the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University (M.A. 1962). He is married, has two children and resides in Washington, D.C. He was born October 8, 1934 in Providence, Rhode Island.

JOAN ABRAHAMSON, of California. Term expires in 1994. According to the press release from the White House, Dr. Abrahamson serves as President of the Jefferson Institute in Beverly Hills, California.

ADELE CHATFIELD-TAYLOR, of New York. Term expires in 1993. According to the press release from the White House, she currently serves as President of the American Academy in Rome, New York. She was graduated from Manhattanville College (B.A., 1966); and Columbia University (M.S. 1973). She was born January 29, 1945 in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Chatfield-Taylor is married and resides in New York.

GEORGE E. HARTMAN, of Maryland. Term expires in 1993. According to the press release from the White House, he serves as a partner with Hartman-Cox Architects in Washington, D.C. He was graduated from Princeton University (B.A. 1957); M.F.A., 1960). He was born May 7, 1936 in Fort Hancock, New Jersey. He is married, has two children and resides in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

NEIL H. PORTERFIELD, of Missouri. Term expires apparently in 1993. He is, according to the White House press release, Professor and Head of the Department of Landscape Architecture at Pennsylvania State University. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University (B.S., 1958) and the University of Pennsylvania (M.S., 1964). He is married, has three children and resides in St. Louis, Missouri. He was born August 15, 1936 in Murrysburg, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT A. PECK, of the District of Columbia. Term expires in 1994. According to the White House press release, he currently serves as an Associate with the law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue in Washington, D.C.

*On the next page — page 16 — you will find a letter from one member and what he thinks about the Memorial situation. (See "I believe it is time to act and stop being pushed around.") Also there is a list of other addresses for your use. And there is an explanation of how you as a private citizen, acting alone or with others, have the right to ask congress to investigate and find out what is going on.*



## IS THERE A VILLAIN?

Graybeards editor Stan Hadden has bluntly asked several officials: "Who is the villain in this move to not build the Korean War Veterans' Memorial?" No one has given a clear answer. It is now up to the KWVA member to decide whether there really is a villain, and if so, just who is the culprit.

## 3 MILLION BUCKS HAVE BEEN SPENT SOMEWHERE BY SOMEONE

Your editor — as a private citizen — is asking his United States Senator and Representative about the advisability of requesting the General Accounting Office to investigate the expenditure of nearly three million dollars in public donations. That three million dollars has been spent, somewhere by someone, to present three separate designs based on the concept of 38 statues, to the Fine Arts Commission. The result, as of August 28, 1991, has resulted in absolutely no design approval. The Fine Arts Commission appears to have successfully blocked progress toward erecting an impressive memorial to our dead. "There is a way" — see story at right.

## ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF ELECTED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:** The Hon. George W. Bush; President of the United States; The White House; 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.; 20500; Telephone: 202-456-7639.

**SENATOR:** The Senator from (YOUR STATE); United States Senate; Washington, D.C. 20510. Telephone 202-224-3121.

**REPRESENTATIVES:** The Representative from (YOUR STATE); United States House of Representatives; Washington, D.C. 20515. Telephone 202-225-3121.

If you do not know the name of your Senators and Representatives go to the post office from which your mail is delivered. The names are posted on the wall on an official government form.

**UNITED NATIONS:** His Excellency Javier Perez de Cuellar; Secretary-General United Nations; U.N. Plaza; New York, NY (There is NO zip code for the UN).



**CHUCK DAWSON** manned his own KWVA booth on a sultry July 4 in St. Petersburg, FL on Veterans Recognition ceremonies.

## "I BELIEVE IT IS TIME TO ACT AND STOP BEING PUSHED AROUND"

Dear Dick Adams: this is a copy of the letter I am sending to my U.S. Senators and Representative:

**DEAR SENATOR:** As a member of the Korean War Veterans Association representing the more than 4 million who served in that war, I hereby ask you to contact the General Accounting Office (GAO) and request an official investigation into the actions revolving around planning for the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

Thousands of us citizens have contributed freely to the fund-raising efforts that have now put about 14 million dollars into the fund. Of that amount, I am told that about 3 million of those public-donated dollars have already been spent by members of various boards, commissions, and architectural firms.

The result of that expenditure is: ZERO. There is nothing to show. There is no design for the Memorial.

For your information and to strengthen my belief, I am enclosing copies of pages 14 and 15 of the K.W.V.A. September 1991 newsletter, "Graybeards." You will see official statements made by those commissions and boards appointed by Congress and the President. You will note their consistent failure to do anything constructive.

Sir, your immediate action is requested and I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

—STAN HADDEN; P.O. Box 131; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425; telephone 304-535-2259.

## THERE IS A WAY...

Graybeards is reporting all the latest information we have on matters judged to be of top importance to members of KWVA. We were told one other significant thing to know — for your own personal use — is this:

**Congress has established, long years ago, a system for any American citizen to register a complaint and ask for an investigation into whatever matter is of interest to that citizen.**

All that is required in seeking an investigation is for a citizen to request — **AND CONVINCED** — a member of Congress (Senator or Representative, or a Committee of Congress) to ask the General Accounting Office in Washington, DC to conduct such an investigation.

The General Accounting Office (GAO) is then duty-bound to comply and report back to that member of Congress.

Thus you, as a citizen, have the right to act as you see fit. Please heed these words of caution: when you make an accusation, be certain of the facts you allege. **You do not have** the right to make false accusations.

You do have the right to ask others to join with you in your request.

*"... They knew what they had done for this country even if a majority of the country didn't...  
" See "Korean War Vets Had a Parade" on page 22.*

## 84TH AND 62ND ENG CONST BNS

The first reunion of the 84th and 62nd Engineers, Korean War bridge-builders and "Conquerors of the Imjin" was held in New Iberia, LA last March, according to a newsletter given to Graybeards by SAL AMATI (phone 312-622-7655). Future reunions are in the planning stage.

Sal also pointed to this release: "The book 'Bridging the Imjin', an account of the construction of Libby and Teal bridges during the Korean War, is available free of charge from the Historical Division; US Army Corps of Engrs; Kingman Bldg.; Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-5577."



CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**Pres. Dick Adams was in Seoul, and . . .**

At the same time in Korea, but at Panmunjom on June 24, a solemn ceremony was held in which Sen. Robert Smith of New Hampshire accepted, on behalf of the United States, the remains of eleven said to be American military personnel previously lost in North Korea. *Excerpts from an official U.S. Embassy press release follow:*

At Panmunjom on June 23 North Korean members of the Supreme People's Assembly met with Sen. Robert SMITH. It was a delicate "door opening tete-a-tete" between North Korea and the U.S. The meeting was held to discuss the return of remains of American soldiers missing in action during the Korean War and a humanitarian solution to American POWs who may be still alive somewhere in the north. It was also a place for mutual probing into the comprehensive "bilateral relations" including North Korea's signing of the NSA.

SMITH'S visit marked the first visit by a Senator to the truce village of Panmunjom. Officials of the State Department and the Pentagon visited Korea with SMITH and met with North Korean Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs KANG Sok-chu on June 24.

At an open session which lasted for about 50 minutes SMITH told the north, "If returning the remains, etc. of American soldiers makes progress, an improvement of the relationship between the U.S. and North Korea will be realized," North Korean Assemblyman LEE answered by saying, "In order to solve this question, it will be necessary to organize a joint committee on repatriation of the remains of American soldiers." SMITH proposed a closed session of the committee since its formation is a sensitive issue. LEE replied, "Do we need to do so? The U.S. side asked for a meeting, and so I am here. Let's talk about the joint committee while reporters are present."

As the situation developed SMITH told his counterpart, "Please, let's make it a closed meeting. If you close it to the public, I would respond to the discussion sincerely and would not be exhausted, even if the remainder of the afternoon is devoted to the meeting." LEE reluctantly accepted by saying, "Your courage is commendable. I came here since you asked me to spare some time. Let's discuss the matter, even if it takes 24 hours."

The U.S. has thus far made contact with North Korea at the level of counselor 16 times in Beijing. Recently, some American people visited North Korea, and contacts between the U.S. and North Korea below the surface have been quite active. These facts leave the impression that the Panmunjom meeting might be a signal that direct talks between North Korea and the U.S. are "formal."

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### 11 SETS OF REMAINS TRANSFERRED

The official "Confirmatory Note" signed by Senator Smith for the United States, and by Li Song Ho for North Korea, reads as follows:

"Upon the authorization of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Li Song Ho, Deputy to the Supreme People's Assembly, has transferred 11 sets of the remains of the United States military personnel, which have been accepted by Senator Robert C. Smith, upon the authorization of the Government of the United States of America."

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While in Seoul last June, Dick Adams asked questions of the Office of the Secretary, United Nations Command, Military Armistice Commission. The answers to two of them were mailed to him on July 30 as follows:

"Dear Mr. Adams: You asked me two questions during your visit in Korea. Here are the answers:

Q - How were the national treasures in Korea protected during the war?  
A - We believe they were kept in government hands, and were hidden, possibly buried. However, I was unable to locate anyone who knew for sure.

Q - Where were teenage Korean girls?

A - They were hidden by their families. They came out at night. I was advised that Confucious teachings state that women don't "hang around" in day light."

## ...IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO TESTIFY BEFORE A SENATE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 25, 1991 — KWVA President DICK ADAMS appeared before the Senate Committee on the POW/MIA hearings. He stated the KWVA support for the formation of a special committee to bring all known information into one office for control in order to resolve the many problems now existing.

His remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you to discuss SEN RES 82, the formation of a select committee to help resolve the lingering MIA-POW information concerning those missing in action and not returned prisoners of war.

"I have with me today, Mr. Warren Avery, The Korean War Veterans Association POW-MIA Committee Chairman, also Mr. Blaine P. Friedlander, ESQ., Korean War Veterans Association Counsel. Also in the room are our Board of Directors and many of our other members. The Korean War Veterans Association is six years old and is one of the fastest growing veterans organizations. We have 10,000 members located in the fifty states and territories. We are the only Veterans Association to have members in Canada, England, Norway, Australia and others of the twenty nations with whom we joined armed forces in Korea forty years ago.

At the truce on July 27, 1953, it was agreed that all prisoners of war would be exchanged, with a provision that a POW wishing to remain with the enemy would be allowed to remain. Twenty-two Americans chose to remain in Korea. Of the twenty-two, twenty-one have returned to the United States.

"Today, of the 8,177 remains of American POWs believed to be in North Korea, only 16 have been returned: five last year and eleven this year. Senator Robert Smith, the sponsor of this bill, is in large measure responsible for the return of the latest eleven.

"The Korean War Veterans position is that some of the 389 American Servicemen known by name and serial number to be prisoners of the Chinese Communists and North Koreans from the Korean War were left to a living death by the United States Government and we believe that American servicemen are still alive in North Korea, China and Russia today.

"The Korean War Veterans have been stymied in our quest for information. The relatives of two of our members, Bob Dumas and Charles Lopes, are convinced their loved ones are still alive.

"The formation of this committee is essential in insuring that effective and continued oversight is exercised by the Senate until the Korean War POW-MIA problem is resolved. There are over 8,177 men still missing, and the United States Senate has not held hearings on this fact since the late 1950's.

"It is time we go beyond just the hearing stage and work to find a way for the administration to resolve this problem. No existing committee of the Senate will have the time to do this, except a committee that is solely focused on seeing that this POW-MIA issue is resolved. Nothing has been done since the 1950's in the Senate, and that, alone, is a compelling enough reason to set up this temporary committee.

"This committee is not in addition to the other functioning committees of this distinguished body, it is a supplement, an addition, if you will, to the existing committee structure—one source, with a limited mandate, for the veteran, for the family of the missing and the nation to resolve the POW-MIA problem remaining from the Korean War.

"The Korean War Veterans stand squarely behind the formation of the committee and respectfully request your prompt affirmation.

"Please accept our thanks for your kind attention. I would be pleased to answer your questions, if any."

**"... It was then that Communist control of Eastern Europe began to crumble. . . ." See page 12.**

(There is a message for today's politicians and news media in this letter titled: "For The Sake Of Our Slain Let's Tell It Like It Was.")



# A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU... THE MEMBER OF KWVA

It is high time for each of us to sit down, look in the mirror, and ask ourselves: How can I do something good for my family, for my country, for my fellow veterans?"

There is one suggestion that we will make here in the pages of Graybeards — you can help to

## TELL AMERICA ABOUT THE KOREAN WAR

Your support is needed in letters to those people who are stalling around on building the Memorial in Washington, DC.

Your support is needed in the form of money contributed to the KWVA "Tell America" fund. Send your donation to the address shown below in the request form.

Your support will make it possible for us to tell our children and their children's children about the Korean War. We can tell them why it happened. We can tell them who fought and won and died in that war. We can tell them what happened in later years and how **WHAT YOU DID** helped change the course of world society — especially the noteworthy fall of communism in Russia in 1990 and 1991.

We can tell them those things through use of television, radio, and print media. We can tell them through our votes for public officials who run our nation today.

But it costs money — and we need your help.

Thank you, every member of KWVA, Inc.

## THE ZONING BOARD BLUES ... AND IN WARTIME KOREA

SAM B. FIELDER, Jr.; 1121 Rigdon Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084 — sent Graybeards a tape of him strumming the guitar and singing his song "The Zoning Board Blues." Sam is a dairyman so you can imagine the woes he is having.

On the same tape is Sam singing his own composition of a song about Korea — and it is from the heart of a man who was there. Write him if interested.

## IMPORTANT RANDOM INCOMING

**AT INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI:** the Harry S. Truman Library is presenting through September 30 an exhibit that hopes to help Americans remember the Korean War and what our armed forces, our President and our people went through from June 25, 1950 to the cease-fire on July 27, 1953.

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**"IF THOSE PEOPLE** are not able to do the ground-breaking right and on time, give us vets the shovels and we will furnish about 200 men who will do the job in short order" said JOE BECK; 809 Thompson St.; Rock Ledge, PA 19111 (Ph. 215-663-9637).

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**CREDIT—AND LOTS OF IT—**goes to JIM ADKINS; 1903 Pump Road; Richmond, VA 23233 (804-740-3445) for his hard work and his own money spent to produce and distribute many many application blanks for membership. A feature of Jim's flyer is casualty statistics and a prominent notice that all contributions are tax deductible when directed for the Memorial.

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**SO MANY MEMBERS HAVE ASKED:** Who are the committees that decide on the Memorial? And here is the list for you to know:

The following commissions must approve or act on this memorial design:

KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL ADVISORY  
BOARD (KWVMAB)

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION  
(ABMC)

NATIONAL CAPITAL MEMORIAL COMMISSION (NCMC)

COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS (FAC)

NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION (NCPC)

—including these two:

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD (HPRB) and  
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
as advisory only to the NCPC.

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**AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR** will hold their 44th National Convention on Sept. 11-14, 1991 at the Doubletree Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Contact EXPOW National Hdq; 3201 E. Pioneer Pkwy.; Suite 40; Arlington, TX 76010.

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**GRAYBEARDS SENDS COMPLIMENTS** to the Louisiana Chapter in Metairie, La for its excellent newsletter. Their editor is : BOB HATFIELD; P. O. Box 55321; Metairie, LA 70055.

### YES! I WANT TO HELP!

I AM ENCLOSING: ☐ Other \$\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \$200 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$10

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already on hand, probably enough to build with.)  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ FOR ☐ TELL AMERICA ABOUT THE  
KOREAN WAR

CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MADE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

MAKE PAYABLE TO: KWVA NATIONAL TREASURER. DO NOT SEND CASH.

YOUR CANCELLED CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT.

MAIL TO: KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.

P.O. Box 127 — CARUTHERS, CALIFORNIA 93609

MAIL  
TO

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS: (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

WE SUGGEST THAT THE  
MEMORIAL PROJECT GIFTS  
NOW BE DIRECTED TO THE  
TELL AMERICA DRIVE

PLEASE  
CONSIDER  
THIS AS  
YOUR WAY  
TO TELL  
AMERICA  
ABOUT  
THE  
KOREAN WAR





**KOREAN VETS OF WESTERN PENNA PROUDLY DISPLAY THEIR NEW BANNER,** Presented to the group by the newly elected President Ed. Stevens. The members marched in the DESERT STORM PARADE in Pittsburgh. They also took part in July Fourth Parade in Cannonsburg, PA. Holding the banner are, from left to right: John Meyers, EX. P.O.W.; Next man is not identified; Gene Tallon, EX. P.O.W., Rich Kolar, Vice President; and John Choma, EX. P.O.W. Ed. Stevens is in middle wearing his Korean cap.

—LARRY DONOVAN; 362 Bartola St.; Pittsburgh, PA 15243.



**Quincy, Illinois--The Illinois Veterans Home is the site for the Korean War Memorial in Quincy, Illinois, on the Mississippi River.** It was funded and erected by the Adams County Korean War Memorial Committee, made up of veterans from all local military organizations. It is the result of much planning, hard work, fund raising projects, and dedication by all veterans in western Illinois.

The monument, which cost \$37,000 to erect, was unveiled on Memorial Day 1989. The impressive memorial of black marble honors more than 2,500 Adams County residents who served in the Korean conflict and 23 who died there. The dedication address was given by Brigadier General Richard H. Mills (now Major General), U.S. District Judge, of Springfield (shown here in front of the memorial).

### 25TH DIV, 35TH INF REGT, CO. L

A reunion of Co. L, 35th Inf Regt, 25th Div, is being held on Oct. 2 - 7 in West Palm Beach FLA. Any former members of Co. L. that might be interested can contact me and I will get them all the info.

—DALLAS GRIFFITH; 47526 Middle Ridge Rd. Suite B-1; Amherst, Ohio 44001; Ph. 216-988-3086

### 25TH INF DIV, JULY 1950

#### AND ON TO PUSAN AND...

On July 4th, 1950, I was stationed at Osaka, Japan with Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division; when I received orders to proceed to Pusan, Korea. I was transported there on the Kongou Maru, a channel ferry. . . with the first Americans to sail under the rising sun flag after World War II! It was some experience. At that time I was a Sergeant First Class. (later I was given a direct commission as 2d Lt, Infantry) My tour included fighting from the Pusan perimeter to the Yalu, then back to the 38th parallel in the yo-yo action. I finally was rotated back to Japan after more than a year of combat duty.

Presently, I am disabled and house-bound so I cannot participate in the reunion. It would be truly memorable to get reacquainted with our Korean buddies from the 25th and 24th Divisions, as well as those who flew the "rice-paddy" air force in the early days of the war. . and members of the Princess Pat, Turkish Brigade, and British Brigade troops with whom we fought. We also had units of the 1st US Marine Brigade with us side-by-side in the early days of the war. (Later they returned to Camp Gifu and reorganized for their landings)

It is ironic that even after more than forty years so many Americans are unaware of the more than 38,000 men who died in the "police action" plus the tens of thousands wounded. Later veterans complain that they received belated recognition. We didn't even get a shrug of the shoulders when we returned.

My best wishes for a successful reunion and my special greetings to the Tropic Lightning soldiers with whom I had the honor of serving in the first American war that really did liberate a country from the communists.

—THEODORE P. FOX; (Capt. USAR, Retd.); 210 S. College St.; Albany, MO 64402-1439; (816) 726-3445.

### DOROTHY, THANK YOU BUT PLEASE TWEAK VERN'S EAR!

"Stan: Was happy to see Vern's letter, picture and poem published in your last edition from Mn. KWVA Chapter #1. They are all great guys. I would like to amend one statement. "We are up to 200 men now" — to read we are up to 200 men and women."

Thanks — great magazine. One more thing — earlier this year my grandson (grade 8) came home and said we are studying "the Korean War. The Forgotten War" (his words) I told the kids "your grandma was in then — they said "No way, Grandpa maybe. NOT Grandma. I need proof."

Did I load him down? From service pictures of me at Basic in Ft. Lee, Va. in 1950 — to info on the KWVA, POW-MIA bracelets, Mn KWVA t-shirts, etc., etc.! He got an A on his report.

I belong to DAV, AM Legion, 20 and 4, Women Vets of Mn, WAC vets, plus KWVA National and State. I have never seen the attendance at meetings that matches our Mn KWVA group. Great! I attend a Korean PTSD group that meets weekly in St. Cloud, Mn. I bring all the news possible on the Memorial each week.

—DOROTHY WACKER; P.O. 177; Murdock, MN 56271.

### ON MEDALS AND DD-214

**WEARING OF MEDALS:** In the past, veterans were permitted to wear lapel buttons or rosettes on civilian clothing on any occasion and miniature medals on civilian clothing at formal or social functions. That policy has changed. Veterans are not permitted to wear miniature medals on civilian attire on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

**THE PURPLE HEART:** The Purple Heart has been elevated in precedence and should be worn between the Bronze Star and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. All retirees authorized this award should rearrange their ribbons to conform to this change.

**TO REQUEST A COPY OF DD 214:** Submit written request to Commander, ARPERCEN. ATTN: DARP-PAS-EVS, 9700 Page Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63132-5200. The current waiting time is ten to twelve months to receive a reply.

—JOHN SREIN; 1207 Palethorpe St.; Philadelphia, PA 19122.



**OPERATION FIREFIGHT:****GETTING POW-MIA REMAINS :  
LOCATING LIVE POWS**

This is operation Firefight! Contact every group you can and ask that they, too, contact the President of the United States, Members of Congress, The State Department, and local press. Let it be known we want all POW remains back, all live POWs back, and most of all, north Korea out of the United Nations.

Our association on last July 26 by wild acclamation resolved to be active in the recovery of POWs and MIAs alive or dead, and as we used to say, "You had better believe the noise and enthusiastic support was heard in Pyongyang. This is one way the KWVA resolve will take the fight to Washington, New York and Pyongyang.

The resolution does this:

- That the president of the United States seek the denial of North Korea's request to be a member of the United Nations;

- That the President of the United States follow-up on the information that Ambassador Ho Jong of North Korea has reportedly told Robert Dumas that live American POWs are still in Russia and China; and

- That North Korea return all remains forthwith.

On page 15 we have printed the addresses and telephone numbers of the appropriate officials. Please write or call each and lend your voice to the outcry. We would ask that you use the form letters and do not embellish. A short, polite message is most effective in this case. You may copy the following for your own use:

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The following resolution was passed July 26, 1991 by the KWVA membership at the seventh annual reunion.

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has refused to return all American POWs, MIAs and remains after repeated requests:

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED:**

1. That the President of the United States, be, and he is hereby requested to seek the denial of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's application for membership in the United Nations; and

2. That the Democratic People's Republic of Korea return all remains of deceased American servicemen through Panmunjom immediately; and

3. That inasmuch as the Korean War Veterans Association have been given to understand Ho Jong, DPRK Ambassador to the United Nations advised Robert Dumas that while the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is not holding any live American Prisoners of War, the DPRK does know the location of live American Prisoners of War in both the Soviet Union and China, the said DPRK should immediately identify the location, name and rank of all such Americans.

4. That, on November 11, 1991, . . . . a high ranking official of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea officially apologize to the Korean War Veterans, for the said Democratic People's Republic's mistreatment of the ex-POWs and the said DPRK's refusal to return all MIAs, all POWs and the remains of those who are dead.

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**HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

You may copy the following if desired:

Date \_\_\_\_\_;

The Hon. (see page 15 for name and address).

**RE: DENIAL OF UNITED NATIONS MEMBERSHIP  
TO NORTH KOREA**

Dear (name you select):

I am opposed to granting membership in the United Nations to the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (north Korea). They have not returned our POWs and MIAs. Recently Robert Dumas reported that north Korea Ambassador Ho Jong told him recently that the North Koreans know the location of live POWs still alive in Russia and China.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely, (your signature, printed name, Address, Zip, and Telephone.)

**KWVA ASKS PRES. BUSH TO ACT ON THE  
MEMORIAL PROBLEM**

The following resolution was passed on July 26, 1991 by the KWVA membership at the seventh annual reunion.

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, on Flag Day, June 14, 1989, the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board selected a design for the Korean War Veterans Memorial, which design was approved by the American Battle Monuments Commission and unveiled in White House Ceremonies on that date; and

WHEREAS, after \$3,000,000 has been expended and the selected design has been amended many times, it is not clear to the members of the Korean War Veterans Association what the Commission of Fine Arts, American Battle Monuments Commission and the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board are going to design or build; and

WHEREAS, the Korean War Veterans Association has raised a goodly portion of the \$14,000,000 now on deposit; and

WHEREAS, there has been repeated and continual delay in the start of the memorial; and

WHEREAS, The Korean War Veterans Association is appalled and outraged over the continued disagreement among the government agencies involved over the design or for other reasons causing the aforesaid delay;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the membership of the Korean War Veterans Association in annual reunion authorizes and directs its leadership to take appropriate action, including communication with the President of the United States to the end that a design be selected forthwith and that the memorial be started on November 11, 1991 and completed speedily.

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**Here's What You Can Do**

You may copy the following for your own use:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_;

Re: The Korean War Veterans Memorial

Dear Mr. President:

Please take all necessary action to have the Korean War Memorial constructed immediately.

The Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board selected a design approved by the American Battle Monuments Commission, which selected design was presented to you on Flag Day, June 14, 1991.

Two years have passed and three million (\$3,000,000.00) expended without action. On July 25, 1991, the American Battle Monuments Commission withdrew the amended design and we apparently are not to have a completed memorial.

I am most disappointed that the selection of the memorial design has not been timely completed and the licenses have not been issued for the memorial to remember the sacrifices of the Korean War Veteran. Your kind efforts to forward this project would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, (your signature, printed name; Address; Zip; and Telephone.)

The Korean War Veterans Association — **COLORADO CHAPTER** is hosting a reunion for all Veterans that served in, over and around Korea between June 1950 to July 1953. These veterans are encouraged to bring spouses, family and friends. The place Sheraton Hotel, CO Springs, CO. October 10-13, 1991 — C. WADE SMITH; 815 Kingsley Dr.; CO Springs, Co 80909; Tel-719-635-0736.

Dear Stan: Hope you can help me out. I am looking for the following item needed for my Korean Display: Pacific Stars and Stripes 1953 Map of The Korean War. This map is in color, about 3 x 2. I had one but lost it. I have the booklet. I would like to know if somebody out there has one for sale or what ever. I am a member of the Korean War Vets Asso. My card #2795. 45th Inf. Div. 180th Inf. Regt. was in Korea 53. I really need help in finding this item.

—LEO GIRARDEY; 7 Legion Place; North Arlington, New Jersey 07031. You can call me collect: 201-998-7150, 9 to 11 nights.

**SIGN-UP A NEW MEMBER! MAKE IT 10,000 PLUS 1.**



## "... IN DECEMBER, 1952, A CONSCIOUS DECISION WAS MADE TO STOP THE WAR..."

By BLAINE FRIEDLANDER

With the latest developments in Russia and the hardliners making a play for power and attempting (as of August 20) to oust Gorbachev, and Bush being clear there would be no aid for Russia under the existing conditions, the time has come for the President of the United States to demand an accounting for American POWs of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

### "...made it possible" for Ike to be elected president

From July, 1950, Americans were captured in Korea by both the North Koreans and Chinese. Three very important events occurred. On November 11, 1950, Harry G. Summers, Jr., 21st Inf. Rgt., 24th Inf. Div made Sergeant, changing the course of history forever. The other was the beginning of Peace talks on July 10, 1951, while Sgt. Summers, Jr. was standing at one place or another defending democracy with his bayonet. He had a few hundred thousand helpers, but make no mistake it was Harry at the Han River Bridge that did the job. This made it possible for Dwight D. Eisenhower to be elected president of the United States.

At this point, we did not anticipate any problem with the return of Korean War POWs, and on December 5-8, 1952, Pres.-Elect Ike went to Korea. John Foster Dulles, Syngmon Rhee, and Gen. Mark Clark were insisting that the United States re-invade north Korea and end the war. The China Lobby and Gen. Douglas MacArthur were equally insistent. Ike avoided all of the arguments, and during his three days in Korea visited the front and actually watched an artillery duel. One biographer quotes Ike as saying the Korean War as it was being fought in 1952 was insanity and had to be stopped.

Thus in December, 1952, a conscious decision was made to stop the war as soon as possible. This decision included the thought that POWs and MIAs would not be actively pursued, and the policies complained about today were put into place. The goal was to cut our losses.

On March 5, 1953, Stalin died. The Soviet nation was in much political turmoil and Russia decided to end the war and shelve their plans for invasion of Europe prior to 1955. Ike's people guessed this and on April 16, 1953, Ike made the finest speech of his life. In a portion he stated that if the Russians wanted to send a signal of peaceful intentions, they would release the POWs that they had been holding since 1945. **THIS DID NOT INCLUDE THE KOREAN POWS.**

Later, in August 1955, when Ike was on vacation in Colorado, he again alluded to POWs, this time INCLUDING the Korean War POWs. These remarks show concern for the safety and well being of our people. Here is a portion of his speech:

### "THE FIRST GREAT STEP" TO WORLD PEACE IS TO END THE KOREAN WAR

"This we do know: a world that begins to witness the rebirth of trust among nations can find its way to a peace that is neither partial nor punitive.

"With all who will work in good faith toward such a peace, we are ready, with renewed resolve, to strive to redeem the near-lost hopes of our day.

"The first great step along this way must be the conclusion of an honorable armistice in Korea.

This means the immediate cessation of hostilities and the prompt initiation of political discussions leading to the holding of free elections in a united Korea.

"It should mean, no less importantly, an end to the direct and indirect attacks upon the security of Indochina and Malaya. For any armistice in Korea that merely released aggressive armies to attack elsewhere would be a fraud."

***The KWVA position is that some of the 389 known to be prisoners of the Chinese Communists and North Koreans were left to a living death by the United States Government. . . (See the Adams testimony before the Senate committee, on page 17.)***

"This Editorial was written for the Lakota Junior High School newspaper in Amsden, Ohio. I am an eighth grade student at this school. I thank you for your time. I have two grandfathers who served our country. My grandpa Hunter served in W.W. II and my grandpa Smith in the Korean Conflict (he is a member of the KWVA). My father also served in the Ohio National guard for 9 years. My pride in the armed forces runs deep. My address is: 5473 N. Twp. 63 #503; Fostoria, Ohio 44830-9500."

—RICHARD L. SMITH, III

### FREEDOM

Have you ever heard the old saying, "If you value your freedom, thank a vet."? Veterans are men and women who have served our country in Freedom's name. They have fought, been wounded, put their lives on hold and even died. You may ask why? Because they believe in America and Freedom.

Through all the wars America has paid the price for Freedom. From the Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf and all the wars between. America will keep on fighting for Freedom. Men and women will keep on dying for our country. You may ask why? Because they believe in American and Freedom.

If you value your freedom, write to your Senators and your Congressmen. The government for which these people so proudly fought has cut funding to veterans clinics and hospitals. They have cut their burial allotment almost in half. Where will they stop? Is this any way to thank our veterans for their services? I THINK NOT! What about you?

### ... AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY ANNUAL REUNION AND MEMORIAL CEREMONIES

*This report is from KOREAupdate, published by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea:*

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea and the Korean War Veterans Association held a joint memorial ceremony Saturday, July 27, at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. to commemorate the 38th anniversary of the Korean War armistice.

The observance began with a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown officiated by Korean Ambassador to the U.S. Hong-cho Hyun and Korean War Veterans Association President Richard L. Adams.

Commemorative plaques were then presented to the Arlington National Cemetery Museum by a group of veterans from the Army's 24th Infantry Division, and by KWVA.

After the unfurling of the Korean and American flags, the national anthems of both countries were played by the U.S. Army band. Mr. Adams then welcomed the 400 veterans and guests and introduced the keynote speakers.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs Ronald E. Ray lauded the sacrifices made during the 1950-1953 conflict. "Those sacrifices," he proclaimed, "resulted in the halt of communist aggression and the preservation of our friends and ally, the Republic of Korea." Secretary Ray added, "Americans still stand ready to defend South Korea, to preserve freedom and the right of self-determination which exist there."

Ambassador Hyun paid tribute to the million and a-half Americans who served in Korea, and the 54,000 who lost their lives there. He assured the group, "This war has not been forgotten. You did not serve, and your fallen comrades did not die, in vain."

Arlington Cemetery is the final resting place for many of those slain during the Korean conflict. Calling those who lost their lives heroes, Ambassador Hyun observed, that "a true hero seeks neither fame nor glory, only the chance to serve his or her country, to uphold its principles and ideals."

"The heroes who died, like those who returned, all were answering the call for peace, freedom and democracy," Ambassador Hyun concluded.

The event closed with a solemn rendition by the U.S. Army Band of the Traditional Korean folk ballad entitled "Arirang."

That evening, the Korean Embassy and the Korean War Veterans Association co-hosted a banquet in honor of the ceremony participants.

### ARE YOUR DUES PAID-UP?



## KOREAN WAR VETS HAD A PARADE IN NEW YORK CITY

*Graybeards presents two letters that are typical of those received showing various emotions aroused over the parade for Korean War vets after the homecoming demonstration for Operation Desert Storm:*

"Stan, Enclosed is an article I felt that I had to write following our attending the parade in New York on 25 June for the dedication of the Korean War Memorial at Battery Park in lower Manhattan.

"In New York City, the stretch of Broadway below Rector Street is known as the Canyon Of Heroes. For generations people like Lindbergh, Eisenhower, MacArthur were showered with the gratitude of a nation in the nation's largest city. After World War Two, the 82d Airborne Division marched down the Canyon in all their glory. Truly a place for heroes. In June of 1991 a tremendous outpouring by the people of this great city for the participating forces in the Gulf, surpassed anything ever seen like it till that time.

"On June 25, 1991 a large contingent of true heroes, although they would not answer to that title, marched and were wheeled down the Canyon, in a show of camaraderie after 41 years of being buried. They were the survivors of a war that took place from 1950 to 1953 in a small country called Korea. South Korea, a struggling democracy, was invaded and the people butchered by a strong, tough, well armed and trained North Korean People's Army. The U.N. called for intervention and the guys who marched down the Canyon were in their war. As one said when interviewed, it was hell on earth. The history books tell of the battles. Some excellent novels tell of their ordeals. The men that marched down the Canyon tell on their faces the pride they feel of being veterans of that war. With the average age probably about 58 or 59, there was the inevitable array of large stomachs, bent backs and thick glasses, but these men probably saw themselves of forty or so years ago, climbing the hills of Korea with forty pound packs, mortar tubes and BAR's slung over strong, young backs.

"They wore, as only they can, the pale blue and white Korean Service Ribbon with their battle stars; patches of the divisions they fought with and many Combat Infantry Badges, earned in their exclusive way of thirty days in a campaign or twenty four hours under fire. Many Purple Hearts and Silver Stars were paraded past. These are truly brave men, for all time to be so and known so by us who stood on the side as they went by and served during that period. Not the young bodies of the Gulf Parade but they instinctively knew the cadence steps and behind their eyes was the wisdom of age, from war and living after that experience. They knew what they had done for this country even if a majority of the country didn't and that was all that mattered. If the nation finally recognizes what these warriors did in that brief period of history and the importance of their sacrifice, all the better, but they know and this was silently transmitted to each other and that is the most important thing to come out of that March down the Canyon.

"And they were acutely aware of the buddies they lost at places called Heartbreak Ridge, the Chosin reservoir, Chipyeong-Ni and Pork Chop Hill. Guys like Bobby from the neighborhood who we gave a going away party for when his Marine unit was called up at the outbreak of the war and was killed six months later. He was nineteen and will be forever. Or Tiny, a guy from high school who was a great tackle on our varsity team. He was twenty one. Or all the guys who still carry metal in their bodies and may live every day in pain. You could see that in their faces as they marched and were wheeled down the Canyon. They don't talk, they don't brag, it was the way of our generation but to each other they can talk for they know the soul of another warrior in a way that we cannot.

"They had the day in New York that they didn't have or expected to have from 1950 to 1953, but they had it and we all know that they by God deserve it. They hide their scars both mental and physical but they are proud. Of their unit, of their country, of themselves, and we as a nation may now have a little pride in them too."

—WALTER F. McCORMICK; 5 Cambridge Ct.; Mt. Holly, NJ 08060-3203.

### CAMP BRECKENRIDGE REUNION

All personnel who took basic training or were cadre at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky during the years 1948 to 1954 are invited to attend the second annual reunion in Evansville, Indiana June 25th to the 28th, 1992. Please forward this to anyone who took basic at Breckenridge. Request registration information from: Camp Breckenridge Reunion; 4104 SO 42 St; Omaha, NE 68107-1096.

The next letter was sent to the Editor of NEW YORK TIMES:

"The article in today's (June 26) New York Times by James Barron concerning yesterday's Korean War parade leads me to address myself to you both in sorrow and in anger.

"I am referring most specifically to the reference by your snottosed reporter to "paunchy, graying men" participating in this long-overdue parade.

"I have discussed this gratuitous reference with others who, like myself, were proud to march down Broadway yesterday.

"I am 63 years of age and, believe me have no paunch (I should like to know what Mr. Barron will look like at that age—if he can still march by then) and neither do the friends with whom I marched.

"However, be that as it may, Mr. Barron should remember that it is thanks to all of us — including the ones with paunches, and — who knows — how much shrapnel is still in some of those paunches, that he has the right, today, to write as he pleases.

"However, what he has written here does NOT please me. At least, he should be reprimanded, if not dismissed. Even more so, the fact that you, as editor and — presumably — somewhat more mature (I wish I could say responsible, but the publication of this article, as written, makes a mockery of that word in this case), permit such a reference to appear, causes me to request — DEMAND — the publication of a FRONT PAGE apology to all of us from you personally."

—ROBERT M. SANDERS; 310 Clinton Ave.; Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 (Ph. 914-693-0791). ex-SFC, 1st CAV DIV, Korea 1951.



These are photos of the New York Korea War parade on June 25, 1991. It was at the unveiling of the "Forgotten Soldier", a monument dedicated to us. There were representatives from all of the allied countries that were with us in Korea. 9,000 marchers participated. The Staten Island Korean War Veterans was the largest marching contingent.

—BILL LIEHL; 112 Quintard St.; Staten Island, NY 10305-2552.

### WAS THIS THE LAST SHIP TO RECEIVE HOSTILE FIRE?

"I would like to verify a very minor point on the history of the Korean War.

"On June 14, 1953, the ship on which I was serving (USS LST 529) was taken underfire by enemy shore batteries between the Island of Cho Do and the mainland. Fortunately we were not hit. They did straddle us four times and a near miss on our stern when they sprayed water on the men manning the after gun tub.

"Was this the last ship involved in hostile action in the Korean War? The armistice was signed very shortly thereafter. Could anyone help in clarifying this. As I said, it is a very minor point of history."

—ARTHUR F. GERDES; 12935 East Rosecrans; Norwalk, California 90650; Phone 921-3511.





1991 Memorial Day service conducted by Richie Alexander in Woodbridge, New Jersey. Mrs. Thomas Peake, Gold Star Mother of Marine Cpl. TOM PEAKE JR. laid the wreath at the Veterans Monument.



## "HERE WE GO AGAIN; LAWYERS, ARCHITECTS, THE BUREAUCRATS, WILL SPEND. . ."

"Stan: Just wanted to communicate. Enclosed you will find a copy of a petition (from 23rd Inf Regt 2nd Div) that we sent to George Bush from our reunion in Phoenix last month (July). Also enclosed is the reply to the petition from Col. W. E. Ryan of the ABMC.

"We also got our hands on an article out of Stars and Stripes that should ring your bell. As we see it, this whole thing is out of control and at our annual meeting we passed a resolution that no more monies will be sent to these people, from us, until we see some concrete action.

"We get the impression that the left hand does not know what the right hand is doing. Our group as a whole are completely disenchanted with the whole damn thing.

"As you will note in S&S article Stilwell is quoted as saying that nearly \$3 million of private citizens' donations were expended for the design. Here we go again — the lawyers, the architects, and the bureaucrats will spend the whole load and we will end up with nothing."

—DON HOFFMAN; 1543 Rose Ave.; Stow, OH 44224.

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*EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks, Don, and Amen. However, we urge you and all other veterans to now donate to TELL AMERICA fund. In that way we can put the pressure on where it needs to be put. We will then be able to tell the nation what the Korean War really was.*

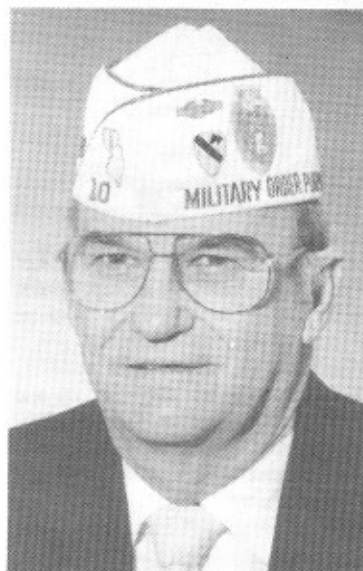
## MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART ELECTS JOSEPH R. HEMS

The MOPH of NJ is honored to have one of their own from North Brunswick, NJ elected as National Commander of MOPH. Joseph R. Hems was elected National Commander of the Military Order of the

Purple Heart at the 59th National Convention in Colorado Springs, Colorado, August 17.

Commander Hems was the first New Jersey State Commander and was instrumental in rebuilding the New Jersey organization in just 7 years into the largest Department in the country.

As a member of E Company 8th Cavalry Regiment, he was wounded in Walled City, Korea on September 14, 1950, when a mortar round exploded near him causing severe injuries. Hems spent 18 months in the hospital recovering.



For the last 3 years, Joe was the MOPH National

Chairman for the Korean War Memorial Fund and was instrumental in the creation of the NJ Purple Heart license plate for the Combat Wounded Veterans through the NJ Division of Motor Vehicles. He is a Life Member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Korean War Veterans Association, American Legion, and Catholic War Veterans.

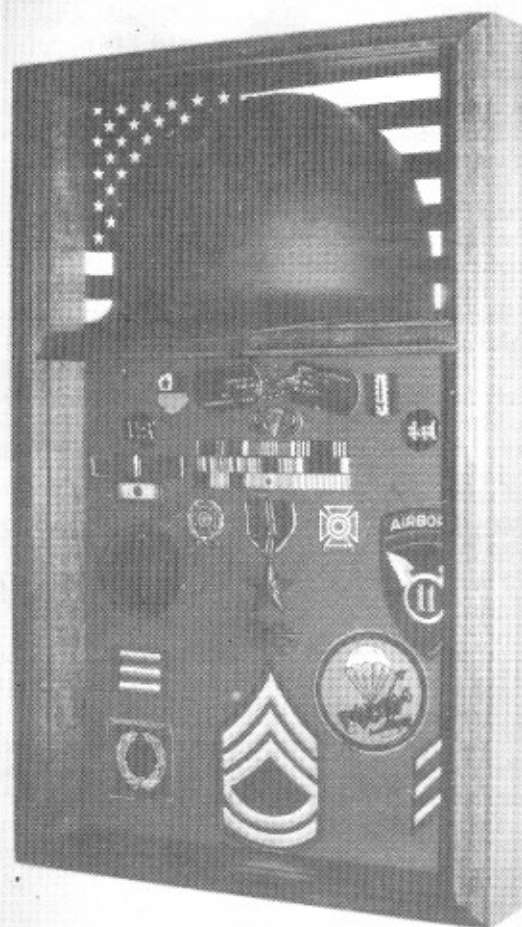
New Jersey will host the 1992 MOPH National Convention at the Cherry Hill Hyatt during Commander Hems' tenure.

—Contact: 1271 Stockton Drive; North Brunswick, NJ 08902. Ph. 908-297-1746.

**RENEWING DUES:** when renewing your dues please mark your membership number on your check. Then mail to this address: KWVA, INC.; P.O. Box 12205; Baltimore, MD 21281.

Your membership card will be mailed from Baltimore. Thank you for your cooperation.





I am enclosing a brochure and pictures of the award display cases that I make. Prices begin at \$150.00 and up depending on the headgear.

I conceived the idea for these cases after looking at all kinds of display cases. I came up with the design of the helmet, sailor cap, berets, etc. and now have a patent pending on the same. I will send my brochure to all who ask.

They are symbolic in respect to their measurements 13" x 21".

13" across for the 13 bars and stripes in our flag, 21" up and down for a 21 gun salute, which GI's and veterans deserve. They are 2 3/8" in depth to hold any and all badges, patches, medals, etc.

The top portion has a flag background, 48 stars for WWII and Korean veterans and 50 stars for Vietnam to present.

I will donate \$10.00 to "Let's Tell America" from the sale of each case.

—FRED ORTIZ; "Charlie Co's Creative Crafts; 14430 Duncannon; Houston, TX 77015. Ph. 713-455-6608.

## AGENT ORANGE WAS USED IN KOREA IN 1967

**RICK MORROW** wrote the Pentagon asking for information on defoliants used in Korea. He was startled to receive a 30-page "Vegetation Control Plan" that had been declassified.

That plan said Agent Orange was used in Korea beginning as early as 1967, and at least 18,000 acres were treated near where Morrow was stationed at the DMZ with the 2nd Inf Div in 1974. He now suffers one of the classic ailments from Agent Orange and, with the help of some in Congress as well as other veterans, helped insert a change in the Agent Orange Act of 1991. That insertion allows those stationed outside Vietnam to apply for VA disability benefits that are said to run from \$70 to \$1,700 per month.

For more information, contact: **RICK MORROW**; 5974 Cypress St.; Haslett, MI 48840.

## OPERATION HARRY — "CAN DO"

"Fellow Members of the 15th Infantry: The following is information I received in response to my letter to the K.W.V.A. "Greybeard" this past year. The information I solicited concerns the action (6 June to 18 June 1953) on OutPost Harry ("Harry") as well as the men who responded. The latter includes support units such as the 64th Tank Battalion, the 39th Division of Artillery, and the Medics.

(1) There were 4,200 casualties in this action.

(2) There was a congressional investigation of this action (with no results to my knowledge).

(3) Harry received 30,000 rounds of enemy artillery per night with many times this of friendly fire.

(4) All companies of the 15th were engaged, including the Greek Battalion and the 10th Engineers.

(5) The Regimental Commander was Colonel R. F. Akers Jr.

(6) Harry was designated as a "hold at all costs" position by the 8th Army.

(7) Harry was so pulverized by artillery fire that bodies were found eight feet under the crest following the action.

(8) The heaviest enemy (CCF) force against Harry was a reinforced regiment (3,600).

(9) O.P.'s Tom and Dick were also receiving enemy shelling and probes during this time.

Note: Any additional information (or corrections) with respect to this period of action will be appreciated.

## RESPONDENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

**RIDLON, JOHN** - Sgt. 64th Tank BN.

**McCLELLAND, WILBUR** - 65th Regt. White Horse and Harry

**LASSOR, LEONARD** - 15th Medical Co. Harry.

**GOLDSTEIN, MALVIN** - 15th Inf.

**EATON, LARRY** - F. Co. 65th Inf.

**OGDEN, GEORGE** - H. Co. F.O. 81 Mortars w/F Co.

**BAUER, DON** - 3rd Plt. G. Co. 15th Inf. (Articles in NY Times and Chicago Tribune)

**SCOTT, CHARLES** - G. Co 15th Inf.

**RANDOLPH, CHARLES** - Plt. Sgt. K Co. 15th Inf. **SWAIN, BURK** - G. Co. 15th Inf.

**WALKER, EMORY** - F & G Co. Company CO (WIA on Harry)

**LEE, DR. HARRY** - Regt. Surgeon 15th Inf.

**BAKER, JAMES** - F Company CO 15th Inf. (D.S.C.)

My Assignments - Plt Leader & CO of G Co. 15th, Plt Leader F Co. & Regt. Asst S-2. Several tours on O.P. Kelly & Tom.

—**DAN BRAUCHER**; 710 73rd Court; Willowbrook, IL 60521 (708-920-8441).



"I am sending a picture of my outfit which held its sixth annual reunion at Ft. Eustis, VA. We are from the 765th T.R.S.B. whose home base is Ft. Eustis."  
—**JOE ARONICA**; 162 Burlington Ave.; Deer Park, NY 11729.





A handful of Korean War vets here in Webster, Mass have been extremely busy carrying our message to the public. We worked to get a monument dedicated to the five who were killed in that brutal war. We have a scholarship fund. I have enclosed a photo of the float we built for the Desert Storm parade on July 3. (see on left).

No one is going to forget us as long as we have a breath left in us.

I have signed up several new members and we all look forward to receiving Graybeards — a great newspaper and getting better with every issue. Keep up the good work.

The float was decorated with flags of all the countries that participated in our war. The five crosses were engraved with the names of the Webster men and women who made the supreme sacrifice.

—DON WAYMAN (former RD2 USS E. G. Small DD838); 18 Asselin Ave.; Webster, MA 01570.

### KATHLEEN W. SAYS THANKS TO TWO SHE MET IN D.C.

"If not too late, thought maybe you might print some small 'articles' for me in Graybeards. I am sure you have had quite a job with the current issue you are working on as there are so many important agendas... in particular, the Memorial 'mess'.

ITEM #1 — Coins: daily, I am getting calls from those who have not received theirs yet. I phoned The Mint and talked to a supervisor who told me they are really back-logged as they had so many orders for our coin plus the new USO and Mount Rushmore coins. He assured me that they will have all the Korean Coins sent in the next 4 - 6 weeks.

ITEM #2 — Two more of our vets will not see the memorial, quoting you. Both were from our local Santa Clara County Chapter. DON OLSON, USA, 223rd Infantry Reg. 40th Div. died July 3rd, 1991 and RAY LARSEN, USN, February, 1990. Both of course were members of National.

ITEM #3 — At the July reunion on Friday, July 26 when we broke for lunch during the general business meeting, I was way-laid on my way to the restaurant by a Vet who wanted to talk. Since I never, ever want our vets to think I am "too" busy for them, I decided to forego lunch. As I headed back to the meeting, I saw two of our men enroute to the NCO. I asked them if they would please bring me back a sandwich; giving them five dollars, enough for a beer for their help. I never opened the box they brought back, as the meeting started. They asked me later, when I was going to eat it! Grabbing the elevator, I replied, right now. When I finally opened the box those dear men had tucked my five dollar bill in the potato chips! I was deeply touched. I wanted very much to thank them; but didn't know their names — and could not recognize them — or remember who they were when they were all "dressed up" that night and later on Saturday. They must think me ungrateful, so I just wanted to thank them through the Graybeards."

—KATHLEEN CRONAN WYOSNICK; P.O. Box 3716; Saratoga, CA 95070.

### THEY TOLD THEIR CONGRESSMAN IN FACE-TO-FACE TALK ABOUT OUR BELIEFS

"On August 6, Vic Gerst, George (Sarge) Krauss, and myself met with Congressman Robert Andrews, (Dem. Camden Cnty) on an Open discussion at the Oaklyn Town Hall, New Jersey. There was at least 35 attending the open forum.

"Vic Gerst spoke of our Memorial, and we are interested in putting together someone or many to help us. Also about our Gold Star Mothers, and their interest. I spoke of this, and who the people are in the Fine Arts Commission. Also that we wrote to the President, Mr. Bush, to alert him of our situation and to try and get some help to erect our Memorial in Washington.

"I mentioned to Congressman Andrews, that we also wrote our Pres, Mr. Bush that we do not want North Korea into the United Nations, this September coming. And to other Congressmen and Senators. Mr. Andrews spoke of his other members, and he would try and get the information to them to help the Korean War Vets Assn. I personally feel all Chapters should all get involved in their town meetings with Congressmen and Senators, to gain more help in our Country. This is to recognize our Korean War Veterans Association, all members must show we are not quitters."

—LOU SELMI; 201 N. Madison Ave.; Cherry Hill, N.J. 08002; 1-609-667-6694.



"Comrade Stan: first of all I would like to say you should be very proud; your magazine is really something. I know I am proud to be a member. Keep up the good work!

"I am a veteran of WWII (Signal Corps) Panama and also of Korea 1950-1953 with 4 Bronze Stars. Am sending some literature etc of my outfit and the supporting role we played as field artillery. We had 90 mm guns. Sure did a lot of moving. You can tell that by looking at the map.

"Our chronology is written by our Bn Commander LtCol Thomas W. Ockett; the other one is by my Bn Commander (C Btry 78th AAA Gun Bn)."

—LOUIS E. WEDGE; 140 High St.; South Portland, Maine 04106.

**IF YOU WANT IT PRINTED IN GRAYBEARDS —**  
Send to Stan Hadden; P.O. Box 131; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO?**  
PLEASE SEE PAGES 14, 15, 16, AND 18.



## STILL IN DANGER OF LOSING HIS HOME

"To Graybeards: I wish to thank you for the article that was placed in the Graybeards vol. 6, No. 5, June 1991.

"There is nothing new I can report to you on my quagmire or status of my case with the Federal Office Of Workers Compensation. The scars of battle from the Korean War are one thing but to live the rest of my life knowing how cruel our own system of government can be to helpless injured federal workers is just too much to bear, and I may add, my family have been victims to this tragedy also.

"It is a dam sham and a national disgrace what is happening to us veterans who have fallen victim to a completely un-constrained bureaucracy. I will appreciate any additional input you may have regarding this problem. Thank you very much for your help. It is really a lift to my faith in people.

—ALTON L. MacLACHLAN; 95 Bethel Road RFD #3; Norwich, Conn. 06360.

## A SUGGESTION TO UNCLE SAM

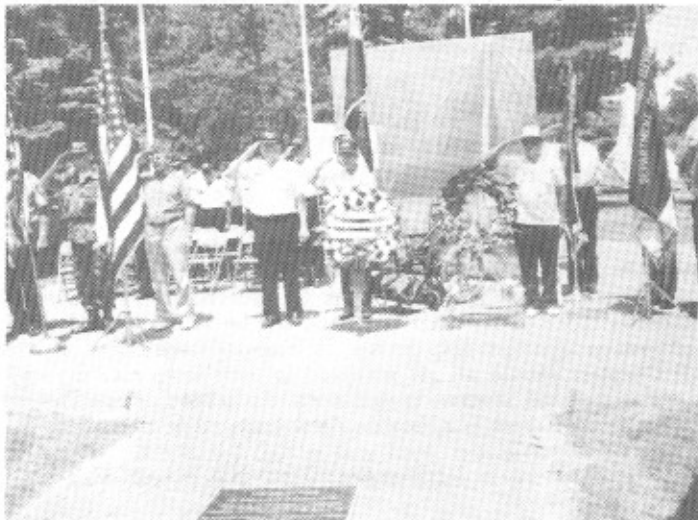
Something to think about: I ordered our Korean War Casualty list—we paid \$48 for it. What struck me is why are we paying for it? The Government Printing office generates billions of documents a year. This is what I propose: that the Federal government publish the casualty list from all Wars. World War II of course would need about 15 volumes, Korea and Vietnam would need about 2 volumes a piece etc. The government would compile (have most of it already in computers) and distribute say about 10,000 copies free to be used in Reference libraries through out the nation. This would only cost a few million dollars which is a drop in the bucket to the Government. This would be perhaps the greatest memorial to the Veterans and their posterity. Also, would be a bonus for military scholars. Write your Congressman!

—NEIL VAN DERMEULEN; P.O. Box 29721; St. Louis, MO 63129.



ABOVE: Proudly displaying their banner, members of Missouri Chapter No. 1 lead the group in the Memorial Day "Salute To Veterans" parade at Columbia, MO, one of the state's largest celebrations.

BELOW: Chapter members and guests salute fallen comrades during Korean Armistice Day ceremony. The Paralyzed Veterans of America "Empty Wheelchair" stands before the sundial sculpture.



## I'M WRITING A BOOK ON MILITARY WEDDINGS

I'm a writer working on a book about traditional military weddings. Unfortunately, there's not a lot of information out there on the subject.

Specifically, I'm interested in learning about both officers and enlisted ceremonies (the difference in each), guidelines for women service members, traditions and the historical significance behind the customs, and I also need touching or humorous anecdotes to serve the personal side to military weddings.

There's never been a book on this subject that would cover the scope my colleague, Carol Eszes, and I are trying to achieve. We hope to produce a concise how-to that also focuses on the history. To illustrate these wonderful weddings, we will use many photographs.

If you were married in a military ceremony, or you know of someone who has, we would be very interested in obtaining photographs and stories about those weddings. Likewise, if you know of any publications, official or civilian, that pertains to any aspect of a military wedding, we would appreciate this information. If you can think of any other person also knowledgeable about the subject, we'd like to have their names and addresses.

Thank you for your time, and we will look forward to hearing from you soon. BONITA F. SHEFFIELD; 1107 S. 27th Street; Copperas Cove, TX 76522; (817) 542-1257.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS will have their mid-winter meeting in February; Miami, FL. All travel at their own expense.**

## ACTIVITIES KEEP MISSOURI CHAPTER BUSY — AND GROWING

By DAVID DE PEW

402 Heathstone Lane; St. Louis, MO 63122.

The State of Missouri is turning into one of KWVA's most fertile recruiting grounds. Since May, two new chapters have formed to supplement Missouri Chapter No. 1, headquartered in St. Louis.

### New Chapters Form

In June, Missouri Chapter No. 2 formed in Kansas City, with 26 charter members. Not to be outdone, Chillicothe vets formed Chapter No. 3. Meanwhile, additional chapters are presently forming in Farmington and Springfield, while inquiries from four other groups are being explored.

Much of the explosive growth is a result of concentrated activities by the St. Louis group — including parade participation, advertising, a regular newsletter mailed to over 300 monthly, and distribution of a new recruiting brochure produced by the chapter. All three work together to increase awareness of KWVA among eligible veterans and enlist their support.

### Objective: Make More Vets Aware

"It's really astonishing how many veterans there are who are anxious to join KWVA in our goal of erecting the monument," commented Commander Paul Phillips of chapter No. 1. "What's even more astonishing is how few of those veterans are even aware that KWVA exists."

### Good TV Coverage Results

Late in 1990, the chapter developed plans to expand. First action was to buy a striking new banner emblazoned with the KWVA emblem against a black background. The Banner leads the group in all parades and is a favorite feature of local television news cameramen. Virtually every activity in which the chapter has participated since has resulted in TV coverage.

### Parade Activities Increase

At the same time, the chapter boosted parade participation, beginning with well attended April parade in St. Louis. Not reluctant to travel, the chapter participated in a major Memorial Day program in Columbia, in the central part of the state.

In each parade, the members were cheered enthusiastically as they marched past the crowds lining the street, wearing their "Uniforms" of black dress tunics, gray trousers and caps.





Fred Hardin, right, of Orrington, Maine, created this banner for the July Fourth parade between Brewer and Bangor. More than 20,000 people lined the parade route and gave a good reception to the team. It was the first time Korean Vets have identified themselves in a parade in this area. All three local TV stations gave us close-up attention on the 6 p.m. news. Altogether there were nine Korean War vets, including former WAAC Nurse Delores Haines, who carried the flag, accompanied by her sister Nancy Boone, whose husband, Pfc. Harry Lord was killed on Pork Chop Hill. Hardin and Ken Buckley, left of Hardin, are now pulling the vets and survivors together to form a local chapter. Nancy will become an associate member. Other KV's marching were: Carroll Trim, Glen Rea, Fred Mitchell, Vernon Smith, Al Dahl and Marion Reprobe. (Bangor Daily News Photo By Bob DeLong). —KEN BUCKLEY; 207 Forest Ave.; Bangor, Maine 04401; (207) 990-8132 or 942-6501.

### SENATE REPORT ON POW/MIA POLICY IS AVAILABLE

Recent newsworthy events have turned attention in Washington, DC to the POW/MIA situation. Factually, most of the discussions have been of the Viet Nam opinions. For you who want to be updated on what is going on in Washington, you may want to get one or both of the following documents:

"Interim report on the Southeast Asian POW/MIA Issue;" by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations (Republican staff study) dated Monday, Oct. 29, 1990.

The other is "An examination of U.S. Policy toward POW/MIAs"; by the same committee and dated May 23, 1991.

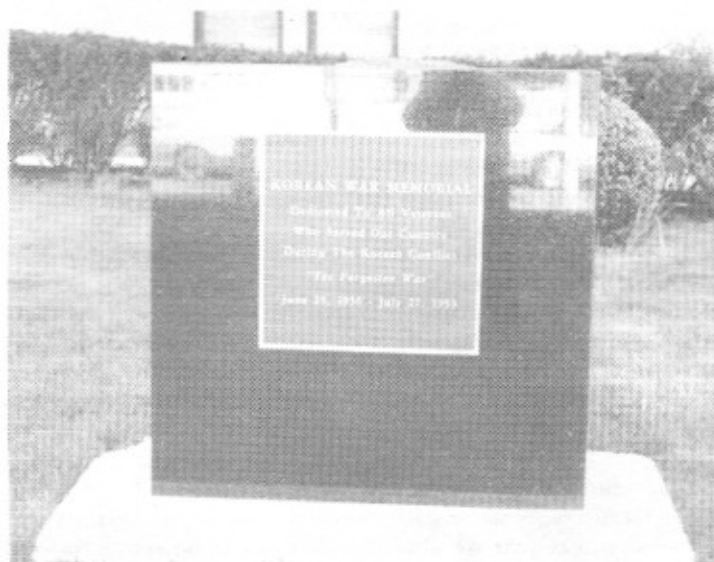
Both may be had by writing your Senator. You may also, at the same time, express your opinion on the subject. Send your letter to: Senator from the state of (your state); U.S. Senate; Washington, DC 20510.

### CANADA GETS ITS K.V.S. MEDAL

Yes! We are going to be awarded the KVSM at long last. On 17 June it was announced in the House of Commons by the Hon. Gerald Merrithew that the government has approved the award of the "Canadian Volunteer Service Medal for Korea" for all Canadians who served in the Korean War from 27 June, 1950 to 27 July, 1954. These are the same dates as the qualification for the United Nations Medal for Korea. The first medal will be awarded at a special service on Remembrance Day, 11 November, 1991.

All of those members who contributed to our campaign to have the medal struck, are to be commended for their efforts in fighting for what we saw as an injustice, in not being awarded a distinctive Canadian Volunteer Medal for our service in Korea many years ago.

More than 26,000 Canadians served with United Nations forces during the Korean War and 516 gave their lives.



The monument in the enclosed picture was dedicated on Veterans Day, 1990. It is positioned on the lawn at the Northwest corner of the Broome County Courthouse which is located on Court Street in Binghamton, NY.

The driving force in making the monument a reality was three or four dedicated Korean Veterans obtaining the support of the Broome County Executive and the Mayor of the City of Binghamton and then soliciting funds from private individuals and businesses in the County.

At the dedication were veterans of WWII, Korea and Viet Nam and also local, County and NY State Government Officials.

The stone itself is a highly polished black marble (as you can see from the reflections across the top of the stone) and in my judgement, the next to the last line of the inscription says it all - "The Forgotten War".

—VINCENT D. McCORMICK; Member #1733-NY; 11 Lillian Drive; Binghamton, NY 13903-2412.

In memory — Local veterans organizations officials salute fallen comrades after laying wreaths at the World War II monument at the base of the steps to the Hopkins County Courthouse during a brief ceremony on Memorial Day. Henry Stoltz, left, represented the Korean War Veterans Association, Commander Leroy Ford, center, representing Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5480, and Sandy Keown, president of the VFW ladies auxiliary. The large wreath was for Korea KIA's. ("The Messenger" staff photo by Mike Heronemus.) —From HENRY STOLTZ; 535 S. Scott; Madisonville, KY 42431.





## FACT SHEET

### THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. To seek out the truth about our 8179 M.I.A.'s and 389 P.O.W.'s that didn't return.

2. Raise the awareness of the American people about the Korean war and those who served in it.

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

The Korean War Veterans Association was founded in July 1985. The place was near Arlington National Cemetery - where we held the first of our annual ceremonies to commemorate those who had died, who are missing, and who were prisoners of war. Thirty-nine Charter Members enrolled in our Association at the first meeting. We returned to Arlington in 1986 for our ceremony and convention, and celebrated the growth of the organization which had taken place in that first year.

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.

By the summer of 1988 we had grown to over 2,000 in number, and our Arlington Cemetery ceremony was highlighted with the presentation of our first check, for \$10,000, to the Memorial Fund. Following the ceremony, we again visited the Meditation Bench and attended a reception at the Korean Embassy. In September, 1988, several of our members participated in the ceremony to announce the approval of the site for the Memorial.

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

President Bush unveil the winning design for the Memorial at a ceremony in the Rose Garden at the White House.

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. By July 1991, the Memorial fund is almost at the end goal of \$14,000,000.

Our Association is living up to its promise. It has grown from the original thirty-nine Charter Members to over 9,000 in 1991, and the growth continues at a steady pace. 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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