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### !!!!!!NOTICE, NOTICE, NOTICE!!!!!!

KWVA President Dick Adams issues this: Please take notice that on July 26, 1992, in the city of Reno, Nevada, The Korean War Veterans Association, in convention assembled at the Nugget Hotel, will elect the following officers:

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6. If you have a photograph please send one.
7. State what office you are running for.

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Stan Hadden, Editor  
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The information you send will be printed in the June 1992 issue of the Newsletter.

**General Davis said: "We are going to tell the veterans you are blocking their memorial."**

**Chairman Brown replied:**

**"Oh, well,  
I think we can survive that."**

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 24, 1991 — The Fine Arts Commission met today to review the fourth and newest proposed design for the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

They rejected the design.

Graybeards is reporting excerpts from the official transcript made at that meeting. Actual words are printed on pages 4, 5 and 6 with photographs taken by the editor.



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## TAPS

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

BARBARA TRASKA; wife of Walter, died unexpectedly Oct. 12, 1991.  
158 South Center St.; Windsor Locks, CT 06096.

GEORGE REINHEIMER; St. Louis, MO, August 1991. He was a  
director of St. Louis Chapter No. 1. He held the Silver Star; served  
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TOM KRZENSKI; November 19, 1991; Southampton, Long Island, NY.

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**OUR  
MISSING  
IN  
ACTION**



### BILLY G. COCHRAN, MIA FEB. 12, 1951 D BTRY, 82ND AAA, 2ND INF DIV

My name is JOHNNIE GRAY. I was with D Battery August 1950 to August 1951. We were with Support Force 21 north of Hoengsong the night of Feb 11 and 12, 1951 where the Chinese broke through the 8th ROK and surrounded us. We had to fight our way out.

BILLY G. COCHRAN was a very good buddy of mine. He was listed Missing In Action; his family heard in 1954 that he died in a P.O.W. camp but his body was never sent home. I was told that there was an association called Graybeards and to write to you and maybe somebody will remember him.

On his death report from Department of Army it says Capt. William R. Shadish witnessed the death of Cochran on Jan 8, 1951. This date cannot be right. I contacted Mr. Shadish and he said there was so many died in P.O.W. camp he does not remember Cochran, but always checked the deaths and wrote down the names and dates. He said he was in a mining camp at Hofong, North Korea.

Maybe somebody will remember Billy G. Cochran. I hope so and that someone can help me. This is the best picture I have of Billy.

—JOHNNIE GRAY; HCR-1, Box 54-B; Eldon, MO 65026. Phone 314-369-2159.

### EMIL KAPAUN, (CAPT. CHAPLAIN) 8TH INF REGT

I am writing concerning Army Captain (Chaplain) Emil Kapaun. Chaplain Kapaun was attached to the 1st Cavalry Division during the Korean War. He was captured with other members of the Eighth Infantry Regiment at Unsan in November, 1950 and he died at the prison camp at Pyoktong, North Korea in May 1951.

I have been gathering information about Chaplain Kapaun and plan to write his biography. I seek your help in locating any veterans who knew Chaplain Kapaun or may have any letters or other documents pertaining to him. Please ask them to contact me at the address shown above.

Any assistance that you can provide will be greatly appreciated.  
—WILLIAM L. MAHER; 2311 Cedar Swamp Road; Brookville, N.Y.  
11545; (516) 626-1469.



### FREDERICK JOHN SLIPKA

Dear Sir or whom it concerns: Writing about the Assoc. You see we lost a brother in Korea on October 5, 1991. He was 17 and I would like to know about. Forgive me his name was Frederick John Slipka, U. S. Army. I sent money Memorial and here in St. Paul. All the service men who lost there lives. The names and war are inscribed in the pillars of our court house. Thank you for letting take up your time. —LORRAINE OGG; 84 E. Sidney Street; St. Paul, MN 55107.



### ALVIN B. GESSNER Co. C, 23rd Regt 2nd DIV

I would like to hear from anyone who knew my cousin CPL. ALVIN B. GESSNER, Co. C, 23rd Regiment 2nd Army Div. He was killed on Heartbreak Ridge Sept. 21-1951. God bless you all —JOANNE ENGELL; Rt. 3 Box 301; Princeton, MN 55371.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

Since the article on my cousin Peter Patete appeared in the September issue of Graybeards, I have been contacted by a Mr. Henry McDermott of Pleasant Valley, New York. He told me he was the medic who worked on my uncle in Korea after he had been shot. Mr. McDermott said he remembered my uncle because he thought the name "Patete" (meaning small) did not fit the man who was big. Mr. Patete was the welterweight champion boxer in his division, and was well built.

Mr. McDermott then told me that my uncle's body was placed on a ship heading toward South Korea. He said the ships would come to pick up the wounded and dead soldiers, but that things were very chaotic when they were overrun with bayonets. He also told me there is a cemetery called the 25th Infantry Cemetery in South Korea where some of the graves are marked.

I wrote to the American Battle Monuments Commission in Washington, D.C. and asked them if they could offer any information about whether Mr. Peter Patete may be buried in the 25th Infantry Cemetery. I hope they will reply.

Thank you also for the copy of the letter written by Carl Lombard to President Bush. I will send my own letter to the President and to my Congressman, Charles E. Schumer.

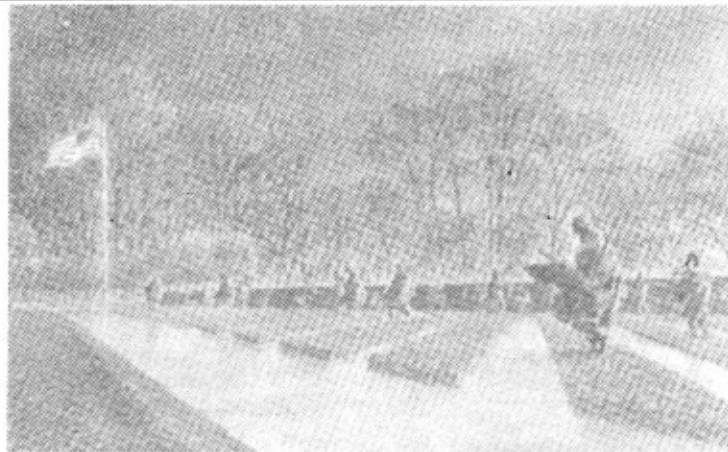
—MRS. DOROTHY CARLE; 8318 Avenue N; Brooklyn, New York  
11236.



Another meeting will be held January 16, 1992 between the ABMC, the KWVMAB, and Fine Arts Commission.

*There is reason to believe there will be a design agreement on that day.*





180 feet long. The standing figures were arranged in a pattern similar to rows. At the end of each "row" next to the wall it was planned to have a large face etched into the stone of the wall. Kent Cooper of the architectural firm, explained it this way:

**Mr. Cooper:** "At the end of each of the rows a large face has been placed, one of the supporting troops, the nurses, the chaplains, the truck drivers, the aviators, the sailors, the artillerymen, and the like. Each one is represented among the 19 major heads that progress up the hill with almost a drumbeat of solemnity." (SEE PHOTO BELOW).

**Chairman Brown** raised the question of whether a Commission member, Neil H. Porterfield, should now be heard from. In the past meetings Mr. Porterfield has apparently never appeared or voted on any of the designs.

Porterfield is a professor at the Pennsylvania University where the original design was created and for that reason has always absented himself, apparently thinking it might be conflict of interest. Here is how Chairman Brown said it:

**Chairman Brown:** "If not, there is one issue that I would like to resolve. We have invited to hear the presentation the Commissioner, Neil Porterfield, who has recused himself in previous discussion of this design by virtue of his being at the same university design department that provided the team that won the competition. . . We would like to be able to call on Professor Porterfield, whose field is landscape architecture, for the larger landscape solution, for his expertise in plant material,

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The Fine Arts Commission met at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, 1991 at its offices located at: The Pension Bldg.; 441 F St.; Suite 312; Washington, D. C. 20001.

Telephone 202-504-2200.

FAX number is 202-504-2195.

Present were: J. Carter Brown, Chairman. Neil Porterfield, Vice Chairman. Adele Chatfield-Taylor, George Hartman, and Robert A. Peck, Commissioners.

Absent was Commissioner Joan Abrahamson of Beverly Hills, CA.

### Here are the actual words said at that meeting

**Gen. RAYMOND DAVIS** of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board spoke for that group, in the absence of its chairman Gen. Stilwell. It is important to note that the design presented was the result of agreement between KWVMAB and ABMC (American Battle Monuments Commission). The models shown to the Fine Arts people were prepared by the architectural firm of Cooper-Lecky. Gen. Davis recapped all previous agreements and cited all the work, time, and money spent in an effort to meet the objections of the Fine Arts Commission.

He clearly stated his opinion that the main problems have come from the Fine Arts Commission. He put it this way:

**Gen. Davis:** "The three elements were agreed to: the column (of marching figures), the wall, the open chapel. . . This is the fourth time that we attempted to interpret what these commissions want, and we are just finding it almost impossible, so this has got to go or we're hurt, seriously hurt. . . I want to say unfortunately for us, because that gave you the veto over our Memorial, and we have got to somehow resolve it."

The proposed design consisted of 19 figures (down from the original 38) in a setting vaguely resembling agricultural somewhere. They were clad in cold weather gear of coats and/or blankets blowing wildly in the Manchurian winter winds. They were loosely arranged in front of a wall and appeared headed slightly uphill toward the American flag flying from its high mount.

The wall as proposed was to be about 6 feet high and about

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and so forth. . . . This is the problem. These conflict of interest laws are really built around financial gain, and so forth. However, there always is this perception question, and that's what it comes down to."

Apparently a number of Korean War veterans have written the Fine Arts Commission. Chairman Brown objected to being thought of as anti-veteran, saying as follows:

**Chairman Brown:** "Let me say, as I said at the outset, that our whole effort is to also get something approved. I realize there is considerable animus, because no one wants delay, it is expensive, and it churns up a lot of man hours and agony, and it is certainly the goal of this commission to get a suitable and powerful memorial to these valiant Americans who have served their country so well. . . . I object to the perception that one finds in letters from certain veterans, and so forth, that this Commission is anti-veterans and anti-Korean War and just trying to get its way. . . ."

**Commissioner Robert A. Peck, an attorney, spoke his thoughts on the same subject matter, as follows:**

**Mr. Peck:** " . . . I just want to express a concern, which we have had privately, so we ought to get it on the table, which is that a commission like this sometimes expresses wishes or suggestions for design changes which we then find flung back in our face, because we can't design. We can suggest, for example, that at some point the number of sculptures looks like it is too many, given the way the concept is going, and we are then asked to approve the next concept we see simply because the number has been reduced, and that is not the way a design commission works. It is not a matter of numbers. The fact that the number has been reduced by 50 percent isn't dispositive to you all or to us. It is a question of quality. A hundred and fifty percent might work, if it is done in a concept which works in its entirety. So just as a question of how we work through our comments, I just want to say that it is ironic that the lawyer in this group says that not every comma and word is to be taken literally, because that is the way the design function works."

**General Davis:** "I want to say unfortunately for us, because that gave you the veto over our memorial, and we have got to somehow resolve it."

**Mr. Peck:** "Yes, sir. Anyway we would like to do that, but I just want to say that it is important to listen to us, not as a judge rendering an opinion, but as a design review board which can't rewrite the law, which can't redesign the memorial, but can give you suggestions, and if we are not clear, then shame on us."

There were some lengthy discussions about the color of the stone, the color of the shrubbery to be planted between the rows and whether it would be knee high or would there be added barriers for the handicapped visitors.

**Mr. Hartman:** "Let me just follow that, because if it turns out that you don't want the public, the tourists, if you will, intermingling with the figures because of what happens to their scale in juxtaposition to people, yet you do want to approach them very closely at certain times, your own geometry tends to do that because up near the point you are very close to the figures and you are not as close at the beginning or end. Your design almost takes care of that for you. And it is interesting to keep the rows, when you understand of them and their appeal, and the sort of almost agricultural feel and quality that they imply and give them two kinds of planting to keep the rows, and yet not encourage people

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to go out into them, as you do with the Juniper rows. . . ."

There was discussion about the layout of sidewalks and walkways.

**General Davis:** " Let me respond to the problem of circulation around the figures. From our initial effort, it was our instructions that

this was a memorial for the people, for the veterans, and when the veterans took their sons, grandsons, daughters there, that they could find themselves somewhere in this array, and in our effort just to arrange these things, we need a pretty good look at it to see — this

is representational, the rifleman, the machine gunners, the leader, the radio man, the medical corpsman — they can go there and find themselves and take a close look, so it has been our dictate so far that this is a requirement, that people need to go and see themselves on the wall or in this group close up."

**Adele Chatfield-Taylor, Commissioner, expressed her thoughts as follows:**

**Ms. Chatfield-Taylor:** "First of all, I think that the trees are beautiful in this new scheme and I tend to think of that as being the spiritual center of the piece, and it surprised me to hear you think of it as being the columns of figures, but to me that has been the starting point and it continues to be very strong."

"I happen to think these colors are much better than they

were, that goldish color, and it is better to have them related than unrelated, and I continue to think, as I have all along, that the sculptor is very able and the work that has been presented is extremely moving and beautifully executed, or



AT TOP: Vice Chairman Neil Porterfield, with Comm. George Hartman.

looks as though it would be.

"I think the tourists, while not a detail, are certainly a feature of this memorial and should be conceived that way or visualized that way as they came down. I just wanted to get that in. I think they should be thought of as part of the scene altogether

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and not something that is an intrusion.

"... I also should say for the record that I am still convinced that there is too much here, with the wall, the figures, and the landscape, and then the trees, the copse, the end, and the flag, and so on, and I still think the whole is being undermined by the fact that, in a sense, when you listen to this presentation, you feel it is an effort to dovetail details and that that is what ultimately will emerge as a result of getting the details to pay off. I am very troubled about that.

"... We got to this point, and it wasn't the idea of a single thing, which is a more common way of visualizing a work of art. I should say that the time pressure is keenly felt by all of us. The time pressure, in addition to all of your other concerns, the time pressure you mentioned, I would like to say will be here forever, once it gets here, and I would like to report how troubled I am about all of this, and I would think that this wouldn't be considered in any way and that we will continue to look at this very, very carefully."

There was discussion of how many years the Memorial might be of interest. Mr. Hartman asked why propose aligning from east to west, and how the paths would move pedestrian traffic. Chairman Brown then moved for a lunch break.

**General Davis:** "Thank you for listening and, again, we really plead for a positive look at this."

**Chairman Brown:** "We understand that."

**General Davis:** "We are really up against the block."

**Chairman Brown:** "We read you loud and clear."

**General Davis:** "We are going to go tell the veterans you are blocking their memorial."

**Chairman Brown:** "Oh well, I think we can survive that. If the Congress really wants this, they can grant you an extension."

Discussion resumed after lunch.

**Mr. Peck:** "... Here's where I am. As you know, the concern that I have expressed, and a couple of us have expressed, is that it is important that the soldiers be somewhat abstracted, not meaning it to be abstract art, but they need not to be as specific as at one time they were looking to be.

"... The problem for me on that memorial is still that there are three elements which don't come together yet, and that is the figures, the wall, and the final copse, and I am the least qualified person on this commission to try to figure out how to make that work. More importantly it shouldn't be the job of the

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Commission to make it work. We are not a — we may sometimes cause design by committee, but we are not a design committee. So I just sort of lay that out there as a reservation, but it is a serious reservation.

"... to clarify, I will vote against this design because I just can't, I just don't feel that I can vote for it because it doesn't hang together, and having said that, I think there is considerable improvement to date."

**Mr. Porterfield:** "... If I were to vote, I would vote no. However, because of the extreme tangential connection I have with the original designers, I think it is in the best interest of the Commission and myself to abstain at this time.

**Mr. Hartman:** "I want to second Bob Peck's comments, and I agree with most of the things he said. I do, however, draw a different conclusion at the end of them."

**Ms. Chatfield-Taylor:** "... I would vote against it because I am persuaded — I want to make sure that we are not misleading — I certainly do that without prejudice and with optimism that I will be able to vote for it in a future time, including some or all of the elements, but I feel bound to vote against it at this time because it doesn't at this moment add up to the work of art that I think it should."

**Chairman Brown:** "For my part, I think I have expressed some of the areas that I think are susceptible to improvement. I feel that the wall would be much more successful if it were more nearly like the original concept and be an all over mural pattern that would read really as a blur to the visitor on the north side of the triangle of figures, so that you have to get up close before you really see what is being represented, and then you would have a fascinating time learning about and understanding and perhaps even emoting over the role of the various support personnel..."

At the meeting reported above, Mr. Peck moved to disapprove the design. Commissioners Peck and Chatfield-Taylor voted to disapprove the design. Chairman Brown and Commissioner Hartman VOTED TO APPROVE the design. Porterfield said he would abstain from voting to avoid conflict of interest, but said that had he voted, it would have been to disapprove.

Chairman Brown declared the design has been disapproved, and closed the meeting.

### **THIS LETTER SHOULD BE REQUIRED READING FOR THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION**

Dear Stan: This is to thank you for publishing my poem "A Voice To Remember" in the September issue of *Graybeards*.

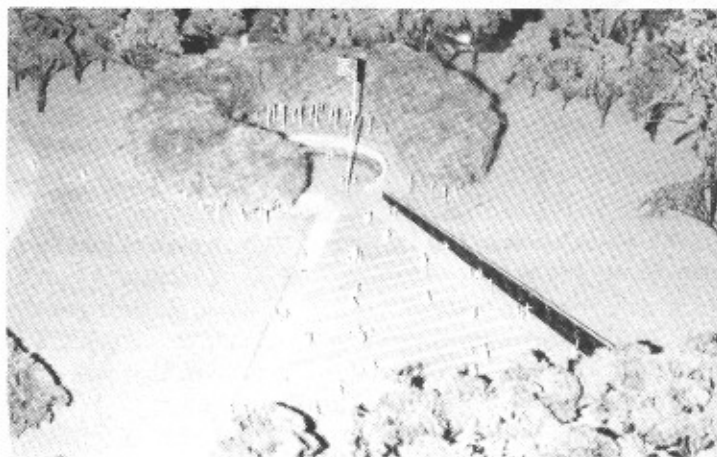
I thought I knew about the Korean War but after the many cards and letters I received I found out I knew very little.

I learned about 15 year olds that fought in the war, about one survivor out of an entire squad, about agonizing pain and devastating emotional and mental anguish, about things that can't be forgotten and things that can't be remembered, and about losses, so many losses.

When the memorial is finally a reality it will be a time to meet comrades living and dead. It will be a time to say "I can now go on from here." A time to honor all who served in the "Forgotten War."

I only wish at the head of the memorial it could be inscribed "America Thanks You" but since that can't be, please accept this from one grateful American as a Thank You.

Most sincerely: Dorothy Hahn; 66 Smith Street; Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y. 11779; (515-467-2938)







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### YES. GRAYBEARDS MADE A BIG TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR. THE WORD SHOULD HAVE BEEN "NOW"

Regarding the entry on page 19 of the September 1991 Graybeards:

I am wondering if the "WEARING OF MEDALS" paragraph contains a typographic error. "Veterans are not permitted to wear miniature medals on civilian attire on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day," says the last sentence of this paragraph. **Was the word "not: mistakenly typed instead of "Now"?" (YES!)**

I quote from Air Force Regulation 35-10, Chapter 7, entitled "Awards and Decoration." Paragraph 7-5 states "Members may wear miniature medals. . . while wearing civilian 'black tie' clothing or civilian evening dress (White tie and tails)." Paragraph 7-6 states "Honorably discharged and retired Air Force members are authorized to wear full-size or miniature medals on civilian suits on appropriate occasions such as Memorial Day and Armed Forces Day. Women members are also authorized to wear full-size or miniature medals on equivalent dress."

—DOCTOR WM. F. SIMS, CAPTAIN, USAF (Reg); 9971-A Sturgis; Ellsworth, AB, SD 57706.

### 50,000 WOMEN SERVED DURING THE KOREAN WAR

I served in the WAC (Womens Army Corp) from 1951 - 1954, and spent two years overseas on Okinawa and Japan.

I am a member of DAV, VVAC, Women Vets of MN, VFW, Legion, plus KWVA National and State.

To all KW Veterans and members: You are often in my thoughts and prayers.

—MRS. AUDREY J. REID; Chapter 1 Mn KWVA; 4385 Trenton Lane #201; Plymouth, MN 55442.

Graybeards receives a large volume of mail and telephone calls. This January 1992 edition carries a number of letters that reflect the general tone of nearly all incoming mail. Apparently there are lots of veterans not only unhappy with the way the Memorial is being handled, but with government in general. One that is short and hits the point directly on the head is this one from Tom Shortell:

### A VETERAN'S FANTASY ON OUR MEMORIAL

Since I am over 75 and have very little hope of seeing a Korean War Memorial in Washington, D. C. I can dream of a somewhat bizarre method of getting approval of a final design for the memorial:

1. Find a large meeting room with bathroom facilities and adequate heating and cooling.
2. Furnish the room with the required number of folding cots, two blankets, and a pillow (WW2 surplus). Install several micro-wave ovens, several freezers full of T.V. meals, and a coffee urn.
3. Round up all the members of the following committees: Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board (KWVMB); American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC); National Capital Memorial Commission (NCMC); Commission of Fine Arts (FAC); National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC); Historical Preservation Review Board (HPRB); Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.
4. Inform them that they will be released when a final, approved, design for the memorial is ready for submission to the contractor. Be sure to tell them that since housing and food has been provided and no travel is involved there will be no per-diem or mileage paid.

IT'S TOO BAD IT'S ONLY A DREAM!

—TOM SHORTELL; 4531 E. 7th St.; Tucson, AZ 85711 (Grim Reapers Assoc.)

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**YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED:** If any of the information on your label is incorrect: please write Harry Wallace, Membership Chairman; P.O. Box 12205; Baltimore, MD 21281. Or see page 2 for his phone.

**If your dues are past-due,** please send your payment to Harry. **MARK IT** with your membership number and the word "RENEWAL". Thank you.

**If your payment is not received in about 45 days, we will be forced to remove your name from our mailing list and membership roll. Please do not let this happen!**

### THEY DID IT

WITH ONLY one year and ten months left to get the design approved for the Memorial, it was necessary to get a bill passed in Congress to extend the deadline into that far in the future.

Otherwise the ground-breaking would be in jeopardy, not to mention the giant problems of handling the donated monies.

WE ALL OWE a debt of gratitude to three people: RAY DONNELLY, his wife LENORE DONNELLY, and BOB HANSEN of the KWVMB. They are the ones who worked far into the small hours of the nights, and in the last ten minutes of the Senate session for 1991 succeeded in shepherding the bill through to passage.

Through this message in Graybeards — we veterans of the Korean War thank you: Ray, Lenore, Bob.





### IF YOU ORDERED A 1991 REUNION BOOK:

Graybeards has been informed by ABS Visuals that mailing is scheduled for January to February 1992. The delay is normal and arises from the needs to receive photos from those who were there; to sort, identify, typeset, layout, print, and mail.



ABOVE photo shows about 20 of the original 39 charter members as they attended the ceremony at Arlington in 1991. They are standing inside the Trophy Room.

### WHAT HAS COME OVER THE VA MANAGEMENT?

Now the VA wants to serve NON-VETERANS in certain government hospitals, even though they have already cut off many borderline veterans' cases. We quote here from an editorial in the weekly "Spirit of Jefferson Advocate" from Charles Town, West Virginia:

"The net result is a medical system which has cut off non-service connected veterans with income above certain levels. Many of those cut off are at risk simply because they cannot afford private insurance or domestic medical care.

"The VA leadership is now suggesting that 'rural' VA hospitals now undertake to serve NON-VETERANS of the community. . . . We ask: what exactly is a 'rural' VA medical center? We recognize the need for medical care in understaffed rural area, but we question using VA authorized monies to pay for such things.

"VA hospitals now collect private hospitalization and medical insurance, but balk at collecting from Medicare — even though the great majority of veterans probably have paid into Medicare ever since it was authorized."

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112 South Meridian  
Puyallup, Washington 98371

### DEAR PRESIDENT BUSH. . .

THE FOLLOWING LETTER was sent to President Bush by CARL E. LOMBARD, president of Monroe County Chapter No. 1 in Rochester, NY. Copies also were sent to Chairman Brown (Fine Arts) and Gen. Kelley (ABMC). We publish it for your information:

Dear Mr. President:

As a fellow veteran, and on behalf of the many hundreds of thousands of our fellow veterans who served their country so well and willingly in the Korean War, I am turning to you for your help in correcting a serious disservice to those veterans, especially those 54,246 who gave their lives so that our nation may be free.

Our concern is the latest subterfuge being foisted off on the public by Mr. J. Carter Brown, Chairman, Commission of Fine Arts, and his abrupt and unheralded about face with respect to the Koreans War Veterans Memorial.

In a letter dated 27 August 1991 to Mr. Brown, from Mr. P. X. Kelley, Chairman, American Battle Monument Commission, Mr. Kelley points out:

- The A.B.M.C. is the Federal Agency with direct statutory authority and responsibility for the establishment of a Korean War Veterans Memorial on the Mall, in Washington, DC.
- After two years of close cooperation between the American Battle Monument Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts, the A.B.M.C. was stunned by the Fine Arts Commission's verbal disapproval on 26 June 1991, with written confirmation of that arbitrary stand on 12 July 1991. This, in spite of the fact that as recent as 5 March 1991, Mr. Brown forwarded a letter of conceptual approval to A.B.M.C.
- Mr. Brown's about face was without prior warning to, or consultation with, either the A.B.M.C. or the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board, both of whom had been in constant contact with the Fine Arts Commission regarding this Memorial.
- An examination of the record by the A.B.M.C. clearly indicated the Fine Arts Commission had favorably considered the design with 38 free-standing troops in an advancing combat infantry column stance for two years, and has now reversed their position without sufficient explanation of due regard for the consequences of that action.

Mr. President, Commissioner Brown and the Fine Arts Commission seem to have lost sight of the significance of the number "38" as it pertains to the Korean War.

- It commenced at the 38th Parallel.
- A cease fire and truce were effected at the 38th Parallel.
- The official DMZ centers around the 38th Parallel.
- This year, 1991, marks the 38th anniversary of the end of hostilities in Korea.
- This year, 1991, the ground breaking for the Memorial is scheduled for 11 Nov, Armistice Day.
- The Korean War occurred during a time span of just slightly less than 38 months.

Mr. President, after so many years of benign indifference, the American public is becoming aware of the sacrifices made, in their name, by millions of patriotic men and women, many of whom will never come home to their family and friends. It would be an absolute disgrace to allow the whim of one man who seems to have, arbitrarily and capriciously, decided to reverse a long time stance regarding this Memorial, despite all others around him finding the design tasteful and pertinent.

I recognize that there are many other pressing affairs of state that occupy your time, but I ask, in the name of our brothers, that you intervene in this matter and press for the original design of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in our nation's capitol. Thank you.

Respectfully: CARL E. LOMBARD; 92 Old Pine Lane; Rochester, NY 14615. Phone 716-663-1846. 25 Sept, 1991.

### MY GRAYBEARDS GOT LOST IN THE SHUFFLE

WILL YOU PLEASE send me any spare copies of Graybeards that you have? I am looking for anything after Jan 1990 and before Sept 1991. Thank you. DALE D. GRISMORE; c/o MCCA; P. O. Box 2870; Estes Park, CO 80517. Phone 602-234-3025.

## ARE YOU OUT THERE?

**1ST BN 5TH RCT 1950-51.** I am seeking whereabouts of 1st Lt. Edmun R. Lang, the S-2 of our outfit. I was radio operator the day we got pinned down for about three hours. CPL Vernon Grand and CPL Gobin were two jeep drivers. Please contact me: JOHN W. HEMPEL (SSG); 3619 Sunridge; Flint, MI 48506. Phone 313-736-9570.

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Lt. Richard V. Johnston, SFC Howard A. Smith, SGT William O. Goad, or anyone else who landed at Inchon with "L" Company, 32nd Regt. 7th Infantry Division. Please contact James Woody, Rt. 1, Box 1064, Maysville, Georgia, 30558 or telephone (404) 652-2828.

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**2nd. Inf. Div. 9th. Inf. Regt. 2nd Bn. H. Co.** If you have any members who served with H. Co. please contact: William J. Pistulka; 123 New Delta Ave.; Manistique, Mich. 49854.

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In 1953, I served as Cpl. in the **HEAVY MORTAR CO. OF THE 5TH RCT**, and would welcome hearing from anyone in that unit who served with me. I am particularly interested in hearing from my Platoon Leader, 1st Lieut. Bordinet (the spelling of the last name is probably incorrect). If the Lieut. is out there, he'll remember the rough times of "Outpost Harry". He might also recall to alleviate those rough moments, we had light conversations about our musical tastes (Stan Kenton, the 4 Freshmen, etc.) SY DAVIS, 26 Joyce Lane, Woodbury, NY 11797.

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Looking for members of the **30TH BOMB GROUP 1946-1954 B-29's** that served at Mac-Dill AFB and Kadena AFB. Contact: Lee Rosenberg, 3 Wellington Dr., Stony Brook, NY 11790. Ph# (516) 751-7324.

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**31st INF 7TH DIV** — Does anyone know where, or whatever happened to Capt. or Major PETER BORCICK? Please contact CHARLES T. LINDSEY; 6390 Southfield Road; Detroit, MI 48228.

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**40 DIV. 140 TANK BN. COMPANY KOREA.** Looking for anyone not on our mailing list. Please contact MARK DINSMORE; 1308 Liberty St., Covington, IN 47932 Ph. 317-793-2576.

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Feb 1951 thru Feb 1953: want to hear from any who served in the following units: 22nd Evacuation Hosp (Pusan), and 1066 Med Co 160th Inf (Muag-Doognee area). Contact me: A. MALONEY; 1820 Barbara Lane; Clearwater, FL 34615.

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**PUSAN PERIMETER VETS - NEED YOUR HELP!** If you are veterans of the Pusan Perimeter, I need your help! I am writing a book on the Perimeter campaign from the viewpoint of the men who were there. I need your personal recollections. Infantry, artillery, tankers, etc. all needed. Book title: *Fighting on the Brink: The Defense of the Pusan Perimeter*. If you can help, please contact me. Your input is vital to the success of this project. (I was in a rifle platoon in the Perimeter 1st BN 27th INF 1949-51.) Contact: UZAL W. ENT 37 Golfview Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Tel: Bus: (717) 257-7180. Res: (717) 737-5706 (7-9 PM. Eastern Time).

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**CO F, 224TH INF. REGT. 40TH INF. DIV.** (Korea, Jan. to June 1952): **To Substantiate Claims** Seeking anyone for information who remembers when I entitled for the Purple Heart medal for being wounded in action, and the Silver Star medal for rescue a wounded buddy under intense small-arms fire near vicinity of Sniper Ridge April - May 1952. GLENN L. HICKMAN, PO Box 728, Cedar Hill, TX 75104.

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**187TH RCT:** I am looking for my buddy FRED SALYERS. We served together in B Co from late 1951 to early 1953. His home at that time was in Logan, WV. Any information, please contact me: JOE GRAMIGNA; 54 E. Collingswood Ave.; Oaklyn, NJ 08107, or phone 609-858-4313.

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**140TH TANK BATTALION, 40TH DIVISION CO "C".** I am seeking whereabouts of VITO J. PACE from Brooklyn, New York, or also Joe, or TONY PIRIANO from New York, or anyone from Co. "C" Between 1950 to 1952 in Korea. Contact GEORGE NITIS. 18559 Montpere Way, Saratoga, California. PH 408-378-2577 Zip 95070.



The Minnesota Korean War Veterans, Chapter No. 1 honored their dead in an impressive ceremony on Sept. 28, 1991. The occasion was their third reunion. JAMES J. EIDEN and VERNON MARQUART are shown as they presented the M-1 rifle and helmet next to the flag. NOTE that James is saluting with his left hand as a result of losing his right arm when hit with a mortar round.

Also present were National President DICK ADAMS and Director KATHLEEN WYOSNICK, as well as men and women from the surrounding five-state area, plus two men from Canada. Special thanks are due ED VALLE and TOM CLAWSON and TOM CLAWSON and all the committees for their hard work.

### THIS IS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 26 1990 OFFICIAL REUNION

"The President announced there were several proposed amendments to the By-Laws and that the Board of Directors had approved them and recommended approval by the members. Copies of the proposed amendments were given to members. Blaine Friedlander explained the proposed amendments and moved they be adopted; followed by a second to the motion. There followed much discussion. Then a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously to adopt the proposed amendments."

### KOREA REVISIT SCHEDULE PROJECTS 3 TRIPS

Many of our members have been calling/writing me regarding the 1992 trips. I will not have the official dates until January when KVA-Seoul sends me their schedule. However, I can project three trips, April, September and October. These will be sponsored by KVA-MidWest, New York and Los Angeles and the travel agency each department assigns to handle travel arrangements.

For those of you who are not familiar with the revisit program, trip is for six days in Seoul which includes tours to the DMZ, war museum, National Cemetery, Korean Folk Village, shopping, a dinner hosted by General So, President of KAV, at which time he presents the medal of "Ambassador of Freedom" to each combat vet.

All hotel accommodations, meals and tours are courtesy of KVA. Your only expense is round-trip airfare. Wives OR one adult child are also eligible to accompany you, their expense is also only airfare.

It has come to my attention that a few K-Vets have taken advantage of KVA by returning for a second, or even third time. As space is very limited, approximately 150, please do not take the place of K-Vets who have not had the opportunity yet to return to Korea.

KWVA now has 10,000 members and we would like to give priority to those who are returning for the first time. I am sure you can understand the position of KVA and KWVA on this matter.

The requirements for application are: a member in good standing with National KWVA and having served in combat during the period of the war. Should you feel that you might like to go to Korea in 1992, please contact me so I can "reserve" a place for you as my "lists" are already filling up. When I receive more information, Stan will publish it in future Graybeards issues.

—KATHLEEN CRONAN WYOSNICK; P.O. Box 3716; Saratoga, CA. .. Phone 408-253-3068.



## ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Any one knowing **RAYMOND WEST**. He lived in St. Louis Mo. 1950. We went to Korea together. Contact **LARRY MILFELT** 2809 Kramer St. Mesa, AZ. 85213 Phone #1 602 832-5255. Also any one knowing **JOE D. MADDOX**, he lived on Tibbs Ave. Indianapolis, Ind.

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**728TH MP BN CO. B:** I recently received my first copy of your publication from Dick Adams and have joined KWVA. Until two months ago I did not know KWVA existed.

When I was discharged from the regular army in 1947 I joined the enlisted reserve. Just about the time my reserve enlistment was up I was extended on the Truman year. In September 1950 I was returned to active duty.

I reported to Camp Breckenridge, KY. From there to Fort Lawton, Wash, then to Yokohama. After a couple of days at Camp Drake we were sent to Sasebo and by ship to Pusan. I arrived in Korea about Jan. 5, 1951. From Pusan by train to Taejeu. Somewhere north of Taejeu I joined the 728TH MP BN. Co. B. When I joined the company they were camped next to a river with very wide banks the name of which I do not remember. I think the name of the town was Dokemyon but after forty years the memory is a little short. After a period of time my platoon was sent on detached service to Wonju where we took over a red brick house on the side of a hill overlooking what was left of the town. We used the garage for a mess hall. Sometime in April I came down with Hepatitis and was evacuated to the 35th Station Hospital in Kyoto Japan. I was in the hospital until July and then I was sent back to the states and released from active duty.

If there is anyone out there who was in Co. B, of the 728th when I was there I would appreciate hearing from them or anyone who was at the 35th Station Hospital at that time. Also can anyone tell me what happened to the 728th MP Bn. Thanks a lot for reading my story I know it is kind of windy for the short time I was in Korea but that is how I remember it. **CHARLES C. ZALESKE**; 116 Elizabeth Ave.; Iselin, NJ 08830; Phone 908-283-0788.

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## UNDERAGE VETERANS SOUGHT

(**ELLICOTT CITY, MD**) A National Veterans Association is seeking veterans who served underage in the U. S. Military. A National Reunion will be held next year. An underage military veteran would have fibbed about his or her age and enlisted under the age of 17.

I am a member of KWVA, I joined the military at the age of 14 and served in Korea as a combat infantryman and was wounded and discharged at 17. We would like to find others who were also underage, can you give us a little space. We have no dues or charges of any kind. I love the newsletter, keep up the good work.

For more information, write to Jack Britton, Recruiter, Veterans of Underage Military Service, 3444 Walker Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042 (304) 461-9779.

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## U.S. ARMY, INCHON/SEOUL 1950

I am doing research on my uncle, **TROY CORNETT** who was killed in the Korean War on 30 September 1950. He was assigned to F Company, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, U.S. Army which was part of the invasion force at Inchon, Korea. I have completed my research at the National Archives in Suitland, Maryland, and St. Louis, Missouri and would like to identify other sources of information which would contain details of U.S. Army operations in the Inchon/Seoul area during September 1950. Would your organization have knowledge of such information?

I would gladly accept a collect telephone call at home any day after four P.M. Eastern Standard Time. I can also be reached by phone at work. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

—**AMOS KEITH**; 997 Round Bay Road; Crownsville, MD. 21032; 301-923-2682 (Home); 301-688-7582 (Office).

**GRAYBEARDS 1992 SCHEDULED EDITIONS WILL BE JANUARY, APRIL, JUNE AND SEPTEMBER. COPY DEADLINE IS ABOUT ONE MONTH EARLIER.**

## AFTER 41 YEARS, A MEMORIAL REMEMBERS PVT KENNETH SHADRICK

**HE WAS THE FIRST** reported killed in the American forces, during the fighting on July 5, 1950 outside Sojongri.

**PVT. KENNETH SHADRICK** was only 19. He was destined to never become a father, or grandfather. Now in 1991, the Fine Arts Commission in Washington, D.C. refuses to even consider placing his name at the head of the thousands who died in that war.

But others did care. **FLOYD COX**, identified only as Chairman of the Committee to Memorialize the Koreans War's First Fatality, Inc., said he did not know why it had taken so long to erect a memorial to Shadrick. Cox moved to the area of Pineville, West Virginia in 1976, the town where American Legion signs can be seen bearing the welcome "God and Country" greeting.

Floyd Cox began planning some kind of memorial. After long and tedious years he and his group are responsible for the granite memorial, costing about \$5,000, that now sits on the courthouse lawn. The nearby Elmore Bridge on Highway WV 10 was rededicated in memory of Pvt. Shadrick.

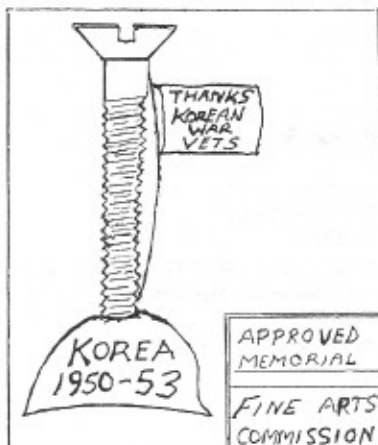
Cox said with the collapse of the Soviet Union this year this memorial has a special significance for him. "It's very important because Kenneth Shadrick died in the war that was the beginning of the end of communism," he added.

Many family, friends and veterans gathered to salute Shadrick and all others who gave their lives in the war. But special tribute came from a retired Army veteran who had fought about a mile away from where Shadrick lost his life.

**Col. CARL BERNARD** of Washington said Shadrick was "the victim of a misguided military philosophy." He said the soldier died because he was using outdated equipment that military officials knew was obsolete. "If Kenny Shadrick had had the anti-tank weapon he needed, he'd be here telling his story."

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The information in this article came from a newspaper story written by **SARA OVERTON**. It was sent to us by **THORNTON W. COX**; 409 Fairview Drive; Charleston, WV 25302. We are obliged to both of those people.



This cartoon was drawn and submitted by **KEN F. ERCKENBRACK**; 56 Searing Ave.; Harrison, NJ 07029

On Nov 3, 1991 the South Boston Korean War Vets put up a memorial on Castle Island in So. Boston. As you can see it is a beautiful memorial —**LOUIS AVITABLE**; 22 Bradford Rd.; Hanover, MA 02339.



## IMPORTANT RANDOM INCOMING

WE NOW HAVE 56 CHAPTERS Plus one in Canada. For the list in your state, please contact DICK ZIEMBA; 373 Country Road; West Wareham, MA 02576. Phone 508-295-7766.

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LEN DUBE, Director, recently returned from one year of extended duty in Operation Desert Storm. He wrote: "It's tough adjusting back to civilian life after one year. Also, I think that saltpeter they gave me in 1953 is starting to work."

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Word from the KWVMAB advises that the previous announcements of scheduled ground breaking for the Memorial have all been cancelled, due to refusal of the Fine Arts Commission to approve any design. Graybeards has asked Gen. Davis to place before the KWVMAB our request to consider any future groundbreaking date to be scheduled on June 25 — of whatever year it occurs. The reason is obvious, we believe.

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It is Graybeard's understanding that the lawsuit brought by the winners of the Memorial design has been thrown out of court.

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Probably another indication of the apparent disdain held by the Fine Arts Commission for veterans is seen in a display case in their Washington office. A dusty case containing military medals includes one of the Medal of Honor, lying in a lop-sided position and lacking its ribbon.

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As of Nov. 6, 1991, information from the American Battle Monuments Commission lists the seven top veterans organizations donating to the Memorial fund as follows:

|                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| VA Check Solicitation.....           | \$1,518,103.89 |
| Veterans of Foreign Wars.....        | 590,783.74     |
| Disabled American Veterans.....      | 522,515.30     |
| KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION..... | 179,738.47     |
| Paralyzed Veterans of America.....   | 173,275.00     |
| DOD Check Solicitations.....         | 146,054.05     |
| The American Legion.....             | 120,640.12     |

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Board of Directors will hold their mid-Winter meeting Feb. 14, 15, 16 in Miami, FLORIDA at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel. For more information and if you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact: Director EMMETT BENJAMIN; 12431 S. W. 195 Terrace; Miami, FL 33177. Phone 305-255-6355..

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1992 REUNION WILL BE in Reno, Nevada. See on page 25 for full details.

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The following list of winners from the drawings of last July 27 is submitted by TOM MAINES, 1st Vice President KWVA:

### KOREA TRIP

Charles Yeagley of Ocean View, Del.; Mrs. Curtis McGee of College Park, GA.; Kenneth Brisbane of Croton-on-Hudson, NY

### TELEVISION

Don Howe of Cypress, CA.; Peter Carbone of Rochester, NY; Susan Callahan of Roswell, GA.

### PISTOL

Susan Callahan of Roswell, GA.

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Another indication of how little some of our elected public government officials know and/or care about the Korean War is seen in a copy of a letter from Governor Florio of New Jersey. In it he said (on September 9) that "A site and design have been chosen and groundbreaking is not too far away." His letter was an answer to a copy of Carl Lombard's detailed letter citing problems with the Fine Arts Commission in which the governor was clearly told that no design had been selected.

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Recently in Atlanta, Georgia a retired Army Colonel, a retired Army Lt. Colonel, and a retired Air Force Master Sergeant met for a special reunion. What did they have in common? Forty one years ago 2nd. Lt. Jack Thomas, SFC James Carroll, and Sgt. James Woody landed at Inchon, Korea. All three were in "L" Company, 32nd Regt., 7th Infantry Division. If you would like further information on any one of these, please call (404) 652-2828.

## REUNIONS

**THUNDERBIRDS COMPANY "G" 180TH INFANTRY, 45TH DIVISION**, will hold its annual reunion 1 - 3 May 1992 at the Holiday Inn in McAlester, OK. Contact: Jim M. Phipps, P.O. Box 347, Clarcona, FL 32710. Phone: 407/295-6759 or 703/686-5088.

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**"C" BATTERY, 1ST 4.5 ROCKETS, 11TH MARINES (KOREA)** will have its 2nd Reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 22 and 23, 1992. Contact: John J. Murtagh; 8 Albright Place; Delmar, New York 12054; Phone: (518) 439-1858.

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**USS INDEPENDENCE CV-62 AND AIR WINGS** Nashville, Tennessee July 9, 10, 11, 12, 1992. Please Contact: Denis Bagley; 12 Trenton Ave.; Edison, New Jersey 08817; Phone 1 (908) 819-0359.

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**USS WISCONSIN (BB-64)** 3rd Reunion. Sept. 10-13, 1992, Milwaukee, Wis. Contact Jim Janz, P.O. Box BB-64, Rudolph, WI 54475-0116.

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**USS WEBER, (DE-675/APD-75)**, will hold their 3rd reunion in May, 1992, at Nashville, Tennessee. For further information contact: Joe Retcho; 10710 Goldview Drive; So. Hollywood, Florida 33026; Telephone: 305-436-2943.

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**WAVES National** will hold its reunion on July 13-18, 1992 in Anaheim, CA. For information, please contact: WINNIE DONAHUE; 14312 Avalon Street; Hudson, FL 34667; phone 813-863-4807.

**11TH FA, 24TH DIV, BTRY C:** The article below was printed in the Stars & Stripes in February 1952, as submitted by a SFC. James Gobble. I was the author, and left the note when I rotated back to the good old U.S.A. I would like to hear from Mr. Gobble, or any of my buddies from "C" Battery of the 11th. Field Artillery, 24th Division. WILLIS SCHADLER; 500-294A Peconic St.; Ronkonkoma, N.Y. 11779.



## Rotatee Gives Foxhole Welcome To Unseen NCO

**WITH U.S. 40TH DIV**—When SFC James Gobble arrived here recently with the 40th Infantry Division, little did he suspect the fine reception in store for him.

Gobble, from Santa Maria, Calif., and a member of Battery C, 981st Field Artillery Battalion, first discovered that his bunker was already dug and then noticed the following greeting hanging from the log roof.

**"TO MY replacement:**

"I extend a greeting of welcome to this winter wonderland. May your stay be as comfortable as possible. I have built this apartment especially for you, since you have so gallantly offered me the opportunity to go back overseas.

"I'M SORRY to say the bath facilities are a bit limited, but if you'll bear with it until June you'll find a pleasant river with a congenial crowd about two hundred yards southward.

"You'll find the cuisine prepared by most experienced culinary experts who for many years have been serving our lodge.

"I AGAIN wish to express my whole hearted welcome. If there is anything we can do to make your stay more comfortable, please ask."

The letter, printed in ink on a mud spattered piece of paper by Sgt. Willis Schadler, Springfield Gardens, L.I., N.Y., was signed, "The Management."



# KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC. STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE

1-1-91 TO 10-31-91  
OPERATING FUND

## REVENUE

|                   |           |            |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| Membership Dues   | \$74,934. |            |
| Quartermaster     | 1,605.    |            |
| Interest          | 1,941.    |            |
| Tell America      | 1,262.    |            |
| KWVA History Book | 1,271.    |            |
| Membership Raffle | 46,359.   |            |
| Miscellaneous     | 935.      | \$128,307. |

## EXPENSE

|                       |          |              |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------|
| Office Supplies       | \$ 6,721 |              |
| Postage               | 5,847    |              |
| Publishing & Mailing  | 38,790   |              |
| Telephone             | 3,619    |              |
| Meetings              | 667.     |              |
| Fund Raising Activity | 3,803    |              |
| Miscellaneous         | 50.      |              |
| POW-MIA Activity      | 834.     |              |
| Memorial Activities   | 16,000.  |              |
| Education & Promotion | 9,931.   | (\$ 86,262.) |

## NET REVENUE

\$42,045.

## OPERATING FUND RESERVE

53,749.

## TOTAL OPERATING FUND AT 10-31-91

\$95,794.

## COMMEMORATIVE COIN INVENTORY

550 Coins - Valued At Cost \$14,000.  
(Cost is included in Memorial Activity Expense)

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance at 1-1-91            | \$48,924. |
| 1991 Life Membership Revenue | 23,386.   |
| Balance at 10-31-91          | \$72,310. |

## MEMORIAL FUND

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Balance at 1-1-91       | \$34,512. |
| 1991 Memorial Donations | 37,754.   |
| Balance at 10-31-91     | \$72,226. |

## SUMMARY - ALL FUNDS

|                                |           |                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Operating Fund - Savings       | \$50,000. |                   |
| Cash                           | 45,794.   | \$95,794          |
| Life Membership Fund - Savings | 60,000.   |                   |
| Cash                           | 12,310.   | 72,310.           |
| Memorial Fund - Savings        | 70,000.   |                   |
| Cash                           | 2,266.    | 72,266.           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   |           | <b>\$240,370.</b> |

## THANK FOR THE EXPLANATION

Dear Stan: The last two issues of The Graybeards (one instance is on page 1 of the Sept. edition) have carried mention of a column I wrote about the Korean War Memorial. The purpose of this letter is to let you see the actual articles and also to correct that I am not on the staff of the New York Times but a national columnist for Cox Newspapers whose columns are distributed by the New York Times News Service.

You should also know that I am a member of the Korean War Veterans Association. Although I did not serve in Korea, I served during the Korean War and have strong feelings about it. Anyhow, enclosed is the column — not the first I have done on the subject of the Korean War, the memorial and the MIA-POWs.

Sincerely, HOWARD KLEINBERG; 14520 Southwest 79th Court; Miami, Florida 333158.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you, Howard. I wish we had space to print the entire article for you. We appreciate your help. I'm sure that you will be glad to arrange copies for any who ask?

## HELP KIETH GET THE STARS & STRIPES, PLEASE

KIETH W. DALLMAN; 68 Elmore St.; Holyoke, MA 01040, 1067; phone 413-532-8613. For some months past he has been writing many letters in an effort to launch a "pen-pal" operation with those now on active duty in Korea. Graybeards has carried his appeal for letters from stateside veterans interested in the operation.

Kieth writes this: "It looks as though the letter writing campaign has run its course. I have not received even one letter from all the membership for even one address of a service personnel serving Korea. That is a little upsetting.

"I have tried, without success, to contact the KVA in Seoul. Can anyone help me on that? Also, I have been trying to contact the Stars & Stripes in Seoul, again without success. I would very much like to receive the Pacific edition of S&S.

"The command Chaplain of the Army wrote me that it is his opinion that 'generally speaking, soldiers in Korea are very busy and have a high morale and opportunities for social activities on their time off.' So, again thank you for your help."

## 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.

Submitted by: LOUIS BALDOVI, President/Historian  
Hawaii Chapter 45th Inf Div Assoc.; 46-150 Nona Loop;  
Kaneohe, HAWAII 96744.



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).



### ORDER OF THE BAYONET

I have made this ORDER OF THE BAYONET and paid for it out of my own pocket. I am 80 percent disabled and can't afford too much. If you can place a word in Graybeards that I have them for \$10.00 I will donate part of the price to KWVA. It is made of nickel and silver. It was given to the 7th Division for high use of the bayonet from 1950 to 1953 in Korea.

—GILBERT (Sgt ISH) ISHAM; 9544 W. Morgan; Milwaukee, WI 53228.



This is a picture of men who fought together in Korea in 50 and 51. We had been corresponding and decided to get together. It had been forty years since we last seen each other. The two in the middle were in the same fox hole together. The one on the far left was shot in the stomach and groins by the enemy. We spent the afternoon together in Romulus, MI talking about our time in Korea. We were all in Co. B 27 Wolfhounds Rgt. 25 div. We met June 17, 1991. I promised them I would send this picture in to see if you would put it in THE GRAYBEARDS. I'm a little late getting it sent in. Left to right are: Ernest Smith, Mich.; Donald Allen, Mich.; Joe Flanagan, Ind.; Charles Taylor, Penn.

Submitted by: JOE J. FLANAGAN; RR 13, Box 296; West Terre Haute, IN 47885.

## 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.

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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.

### TO THE MAN WHO SENT TEN CENTS FOR THE MEMORIAL FUND

WHOEVER YOU ARE, MISTER, I will take all the dimes you want to send to me for the Korean War Veterans Memorial fund. You said that "is all it is worth" to you. OK, so be it. But I don't like what you said in telling me what I could do with the memorial. If you don't have the guts to sign your name — then don't send me any letters. We can do without your kind of spineless person.

—HARRY WALLACE; 2nd Vice President; P.O. Box 12205; Baltimore, MD 21281.

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## MIA/POW REPORT

COL. WEBB REFUSES TO DISCUSS  
KOREAN WAR MIA/POW

On September 29, 1991 I arrived in Hawaii to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the 24th and 25th Infantry Divisions which was hosted by the 25th Infantry Division Association.

In Monday, September 30, 1991, a Sgt. Miller of the 25th Infantry Division helped me to contact Col. Johnny Webb of the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii. I spoke to Col. Webb by telephone that day and asked him if the identification of the 16 bodies that has been returned from North Korea had been made. He informed me that they had just completed computerizing a MIA list of the Korean War and would be able to positively identify the 16 remains within 3 to 4 months. I asked him if I could visit the facility to see for myself what was going on and he told me that would not be possible because he was very busy.

I learned approximately 1/2 hour later that another individual had made contact with Col. Webb regarding identification of Vietnam MIA's and that Col. Webb was sending an Army vehicle to pick him up at the hotel on Tuesday at 9:30 am. I then contacted this individual, Howard Williams, a Vietnam veteran from the state of Georgia and asked him if I could accompany him to the facility at Ft. Shafter. He said he didn't know but would call Col. Webb immediately, which he did and was advised by Col. Webb that the briefing was only for Vietnam veterans.

## WE SEEM TO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ANN GRIFFITH

I then learned from Mr. Williams that the briefing was set up by Ann Griffith, chairperson for the American League of Families. So like Col. Peck's problem with Ann Griffith, we also have a problem.

Approximately 2 weeks prior to my visit to Hawaii I happened to watch the Ted Koppel show on television where the MIA question was being discussed. Sen. Kerry from Massachusetts was on the show, as you know, he is the chairman of the Senate Select Committee on MIA's and POW's and at no time was the Korean War mentioned on the program. I think we have been sold short on this issue. I have discussed this with Dick Adams our president and will be advising the membership of what we can do to bring the Korean War MIA's to the forefront.

—WARREN G. AVERY; 836 Middleton Ave.; North Haven, CT 06473.  
Phone 203-239-3406.

HE BRUTALIZED OUR P.O.W.s IN JAPAN, WAS  
SENTENCED FOR TREASON, AND NOW WANTS  
TO COME BACK TO THE U.S.

"DEAR VETERAN" wrote ALFRED A. CARSTENSEN (former SFC) who lives at 867 Grenola Dr.; Concord, CA 94518; phone 510-686-0902. "Dear veteran," he said, "if Tomoya Kawakita pulls off his latest scheme, we can only conclude that we have a bunch of crazies in the Department of Justice.

"Tomoya Kawakita is well-remembered by U.S. P.O.W.s held in Japan during WWII. His game, an apparent joy to him, was his brutal treatment of P.O.W.s. A baseball bat was his favorite instrument of 'instructions' for us.

"The son of an El Centro, CA truck farmer, he was in Japan when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He reportedly was a student studying the Japanese 'Code of Culture'. He joined the Japanese Army and served as a guard at P.O.W. camps. He served brutally for his emperor!

"At the conclusion of the war he returned to California. In San Diego he was recognized by a former P.O.W. He was arrested and tried for treason. He was sentenced to death. At his trial in Federal court, more than 30 former P.O.W.s identified him.

"Kawakita's mother and sister pleaded to President Eisenhower to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment — which he did! President Kennedy then bowed to further pleadings of Kawakita's mother and sister and banished him to Japan!

"Now the criminal Tomoya Kawakita is pleading to the United States Justice Department to let him return to the United States.

Please put this information out to your membership: every citizen of the United States should write to our senators and congressmen and DEMAND that Kawakita be barred from returning to the United States. Sincerely and thank you."



DONALD W. HOFFMAN; 1543 Rose Ave.; Stow, OH 44224, in 1987 was named to work closely with a local jeweler Don Basch to complete and replace missing cups from this magnificent 23rd Infantry Regiment Korean Bowl Set. Its completion was announced in October of 1991.

The set commemorates the sacrifices made by those who served in the 23d Infantry Regiment during the Korean conflict. The 23rd Infantry Regiment distinguished itself in Korea at Chipyong-ni, when the regiment and attached units, surrounded, cut-off and withstood the frenzied assaults of four (4) Chinese Communist Divisions for five (5) days, halting the Chinese offensive threatening to engulf the entire Eighth Army. This was the first tactical defeat of the Chinese Communist forces during the war and represented a turning point in the conflict. To recognize these extraordinary efforts, the idea of the Korean Bowl Set was developed.

The monies needed to pay for the project came from the efforts of the men and women of the 23rd Infantry Regiment, Korean War Branch, Second Infantry Division Association. A special thanks goes to those many individuals and companies that donated their time, materials and efforts, at no expense to the project.

The set is reputed to be the largest solid silver vessel in the world. It was constructed by melting down 5,610 silver Combat Infantryman Badges and Combat Medic Badges donated by members of the Regiment who fought in Korea. The original idea for the bowl was conceived in the spring of 1951 and it took thirty (30) silversmiths a period of four (4) months to complete the masterpiece in May of 1952. This priceless work and its components items, which consisted of the bowl, a tray to hold the bowl, a ladle, and a cup for each unit that served with the 23rd, weighed 220 lbs. of which 189 lbs. are pure silver. The bowl is 23 inches in height and spans 36 inches in diameter.

The set is currently on loan to the Fort Lewis Military Museum awaiting a time when the country again calls and reactivates one of the most decorated regiments in the United States Army.



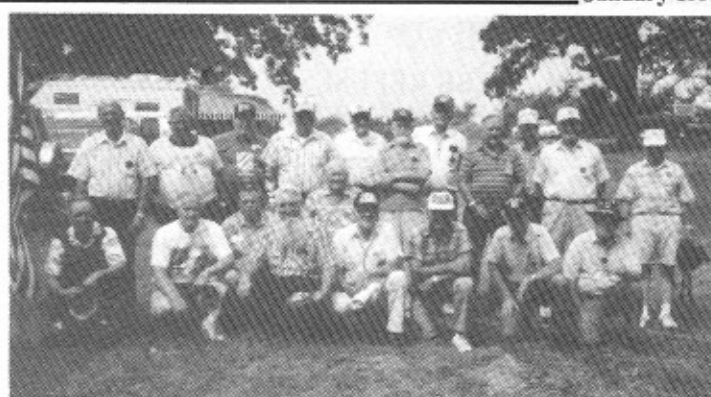
THIS CARTOON ARRIVED without a return address. It speaks volumes of what is happening to the nation once thought of as "our country."



I would appreciate it if you would publish the following picture for identification. These were some of the great guys that I counted among my friends from the Korean War. We served together in Japan and some of them were in FIActs Korea with me.

I can identify some by name, but I would like to hear from any of my mates that can identify any particular individuals in these pictures. I regret that I haven't been in touch with my good friends for all these years.

—CHESTER PHILBRICK; 12 Hilliard Rd; Old Bridge, NJ 08857.



We had a very successful "Get Together" in Waukeg, Iowa of 15 Inf. 3 Div. Korea in Aug. Here is a picture of the guys. Some are missing as usual when you're taking pictures.

I copied more applications to join K.W.V.A. so I hope it will help. The guys sure liked your book and I've ordered Vol. II. Keep up the good work. When we get our KWVA newsletter all work stops at our house. Your KWVA buddy: George Pilkington; Rt. 1 Box 26; Cuba, Ill. 61427.



This Korean War Memorial is located in Bradford, PA, located on Route 219 about 60 miles south of Buffalo, NY. Photo sent by Bill HEALEY (40th Trans Bn Ascom City, Korea 1953-54); 41 Bishop St.; Bradford, PA 16701.

### I COLLECT BUSINESS CARDS

You don't know me but here I am asking a favor. Because of the wet muddy foxholes in Korea I came up with crippling arthritis after my 20-year hitch and retiring. So now I do most of my traveling in my mind — with business cards. I have more than 4,000 now and need some from West Virginia and Delaware. And I would like to get more from any Korean War Veteran anywhere. While in the army I was a professional clown and did a command performance for the king and queen of Thailand while stationed there with the JUSMAG. —MELVIN STORKE; (SSG E6 USA Ret); 2306 Fairfield Ave, Apt 94; Fairfield, CA 94533.

### I WROTE TO CONGRESS

WARREN DOLFINGER; 30-33 Westgate Dr.; Bohemia, NY 11716 wrote to his congressmen and senators regarding the United Nations letting North Korea become a member. Congressman Downey replied saying in part:

"I share your concern about the POW/MIA issue. Hopefully, the United Nations will be active in finding a resolution to this problem now that North Korea is a member of that body."

Senator D'Amato promised to look into the Memorial problem, and send the information back to Warren.

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## YOU WROTE IT

### STOP USING THAT TERM!

Dear Stan: Again and again, over and over, I read the letters written to you and the Graybeards by Korean War veterans who continually refer to the Korean Conflict or War as a "Police Action", some casually, some irately, the latter justifiably so.

I would like to point out that so long as we, as Korean War Veterans, continue to use the term, "police action", in whatever context, we will also continue to lend credence to this term, onerous as it is to us, and its continued use by others.

The term was first used by President Truman in one of his first announcements that the U.S. was committing troops to aid the South Koreans; it was an unfortunate slip and was immediately picked up by the media and was from then on used almost exclusively by them. "Police Action" was not an official term nor was it used by any one in an official capacity in reference to the Korean Conflict. I believe President Truman came to regret his one-time use of this term.

Let us, as Korean War Veterans, resolve not to use this term ever again, either in print or in our conversation, and when we hear someone using it, to correct them on the spot, in a kindly way, of course.

**AND ABOUT OUR MEMORIAL.** . . I, too, am dismayed and angry over the progress of the Memorial. The original design was a fitting tribute with much beauty and symbolism, but a scaled down version will lose that. I think we should, as an Association, insist on the original design and to hell with all the special interest groups and those who feel they are being left out. The record and history show who sacrificed and suffered the casualties in the highest percentage. Sincerely: HAROLD L. PUTNAM; 720 S. Pine River; Ithaca, MI 48847; 517-875-2292

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### ARLINGTON CEMETERY PERSONNEL DO NOT KNOW WHERE OUR BENCH IS. WHY?

After receiving my "Graybeards" Newsletter in this morning mail I felt I had to sit down and write this letter.

In August of this year my wife Alice and I were treated to a weekend in Washington, DC to see our Capital, by my son. On the tour bus, we were fortunate to be able to stop and see a lot of wonderful and different places and things.

We went to see the Viet Nam Wall — when we got close enough to see it, then the crowds it is something not to be forgotten. I tried to buy a memento of the Korean War, but none of the many vendors had any kind of a Korean War memento.

We went on to Arlington Cemetery to see our Memorial. Excuse me, I meant to say our "Memorial Bench".

I asked the tour guide to direct me to the Memorial; the reply was "It is someplace up near the tomb".

When we got to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, I asked some of the Honor Guard where our Memorial was and I received the same reply from them. "Gee I don't know." We were fortunate enough to see a "Wreath Ceremony" with the Honor Guard, the Changing of the Guard, the bands, and when they played "Taps" I could feel the tears running down my face, and at that moment, I was proud that as an American, I played a part in fighting for the freedom of this country.

After the ceremony was over I asked again about the Korean Memorial. I was told go down this hill. I did so and found three park benches. On my way back, I met a black Sgt. who directed me right to it.

I read the inscription as chills ran down my spine — I thought it is only large enough for two skinny people to sit on, compared to the numbers killed, wounded and still M.I.A. and P.O.W.

Let all who can put pressure on our elected officials, whom we put in office, to get going on our memorial.

We fought for freedom for them let them know there is still fight and votes in us. Let them know that all our thoughts and prayers are for our Memorial, and we will not be forgotten.

—WILLIAM MACH; 1807 Phillips Drive; Medford NY 11763.; (516) 475-6959.

## YOU WROTE IT

### YES! PUT NAMES ON THE MEMORIAL

I see now that the ground is not going to be broken until June '92. Why? I thought Oct. 91 was for ground breaking. I cannot believe that our country continues to leave this war packed in a box on a shelf somewhere.

Yes! Our vets who died in Korea should have their names put on this monument. They died for it! MIA'S also.

Sending you this picture of me, Bob and Jose. They drove in from Minnesota to welcome home Desert Storm troops. We were supposed to be group number 25 in this Chicago parade. But the organizers pushed us back so damn far that Gen. Powell and others left the reviewing stand before we got there. We ended up in this affair about group number 171.

Nobody gives a damn about us, our dead or our MIA's. We simply do not exist. I truly hate to say this, but the American people and Washington, DC simply don't care. We exist to nobody except ourselves and a lot of us that did make it back are quickly dying off.

—DICK WY SOCKE; 4242 South Grove; Stickley, IL 60402.



THIS PHOTO is May 10, 1991 at the Welcome Home parade for Desert Storm. Left to right: DICK WY SOCKE (1st CAV 7th Regt); Bob; and Jose.

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### IT'S TIME TO MAKE SOME NOISE!

The time has come. Actually we are all well aware, we KVVETS should have but didn't make any "noise" when we returned from the "Police Action"; but now it's time.

Several current things disturb me as a Korean War Vet of 4 years service 1950 to 1954. Number one: I'm sick and tired of hearing the comments of Viet Nam, especially the M.I.A. issue. What about the 8,177 M.I.A. in Korea or WWII for that matter. We KW Vets should flood our congress with this fact. It seems that only the KWVA really does anything about Korean M.I.A., look at the record.

My next gripe: When is the U.S. Navy going to get any credit for their part in the Korean Conflict, all I read or hear is what the army or marines did. Hell, I was there too as a sailor, giving support of those troops on both coasts of Korea; Pusan, Wonsan, Inchon, the Yalu, Vladivostok I know them well. In no way do I show lack of respect for any branch of service, I cared about them all. It was a tough job, we all worked together to get it over with, as a victory or truce what ever way you look at it. Now its time to pull it together once again, lets make some "noise" Now! Together!

—RICHARD J. FISCHBACH Life Member #1850; U.S. Navy 1950-1954 Task Force 77. RR #2, Box 237; Shelbyville, IL 62565.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Richard, we say AMEN to your beliefs about "making noise." And the Navy does get plenty of recognition; we just need to receive more letters.

## YOU WROTE IT

### MUST IT TAKE A MARCH ON WASHINGTON?

"Dear Stan: You and I have spoken about the deplorable situation on the proposed Korean War Memorial. Time after time, some bureaucrat seems able to abort the wishes of the veterans of "America's Forgotten War". Our letters to our Senators and Congressmen seem to evoke no action. Yet, every other proposed monument seems to glide through easily.

"Meanwhile, the funds — so carefully solicited and collected — are being drained as commissioners squabble among themselves, receiving a "paycheck" each time they meet. As we understand it, thousands of hard-collected dollars have already been wasted — with more to go in the future as the squabbling continues.

"What does it take to get this Memorial built? What does it take to make them understand our frustration of four decades of neglect?

Must it take a march on Washington? If so, then we of Missouri Chapter No 1 are ready to march. Just say the word and we'll join our comrades to demonstrate the same proud determination when we marched out from Chosin. We want the National Board to discuss this and let the members know what they can do. And soon.

—Sincerely, PAUL S. PHILLIPS, Commander; P.O. Box 29721; St. Louis, MO 63129. phone 314-644-6059.

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### IT'S TIME FOR US TO STAGE A DEMONSTRATION IN WASHINGTON

Stan, may I make a suggestion regarding the memorial? I think we need to make the nation aware of what's taking place and the only way to do that is to get national network and newspaper coverage. And how do we do that?

#### "KEEP UP THE FIRE"

Have hundreds or thousands of Korean Vets occupy the site designated for the memorial with the stated purpose of not moving until an agreement has been reached and a binding promise made that the memorial will be built and built using the original approved and announced plan. Drastic? Yes, but we've been screwed over for too long.

If something is not done soon a monument to the Gulf War will be built on our site, if they haven't already started on it.

I can not emphasize enough my personal desire to see the memorial built using the original design plan and I'm sure that thousands of other Korean War veterans feel the same.

—HAROLD L. PUTNAM; 720 S. Pine River St.; Ithaca, Michigan 48847; 517-875-2292. Nov. 14, 1991.

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### LET'S DEMAND WHAT IS OVER-DUE!

Dear Stan: I am a new member to KWVA and I must say I am proud to be among so many great men who proudly served their country when called and served with honor.

We are truly the forgotten servers of a forgotten war. I was dismayed to read that the Fine Arts Commission has rejected the Korean War Memorial after its approval and 3 Million Dollars spent. What next? The monies from the commemorative coin will be wasted on other paper work and put us on the back shelf for another forty years. By the time it's brought out into the light again we all will be too OLD or DEAD. I say no, it's time for us the silent, Proud Server to get mad and Stand UP and be HEARD, we SERVED PROUDLY, WITHOUT COMPLAINT, to no big HARRAH when we came home and so many of us still carry the scars and memories of a time gone by.

How many more times are we going to be stepped on? I and several of my fellow comrades were so looking forward to coming to Washington to see our MEMORIAL erected and to stand tall and proud as we remember our comrades who made the supreme sacrifice HONORED after forty three (43) years after the cease fire.

COME ON COMRADES, LET'S NOT CONTINUE TO BE THE SILENT SERVER ANY LONGER. LET'S STAND SHOULDERS TO SHOULDER AND DEMAND WHAT IS OVER-DUE FOR THE KOREAN WAR VETERAN! —LOUIS GASPARINI; Oakwood Dr.; Brewster, N.Y. 10509.

## YOU WROTE IT

Col (USA Ret) DAVID HACKWORTH, America's most decorated living soldier and a veteran of both the Korean War and the Viet Nam War, sent this letter written, as he said, "from the heart." We recommend that every veteran of all wars fought for America's freedom put this on a MUST READ AND REMEMBER list:

### "SOMETHING IS DRASTICALLY WRONG WITH AMERICA..."

Today — 11 November 1991 — has a special meaning for millions of American men and women — the living veterans who have stood tall over the last three score and seven years — for whom, along with their fallen comrades, this day is hallowed for remembrance, tribute and summing up.

This is a day where old and young veterans reflect and remember those that stood at their sides and shared the frequent horror and pain, and loneliness and fear, on distant fields from the Marne in 1918 to the Persian Gulf in 1991.

For many of the older veterans the sounds of guns grow dim, the roll calls shorter and taps plays more frequently. Soon the few remaining WWI doughboys will have joined the ranks of the AEF comrades and the heroes of Concord, New Orleans and Shiloh. WWII and Korean War veterans have begun to fall and to be laid to rest between the white crosses and white stars with the other warriors whose sacrifices allowed our nation to fulfill the dreams of our founders and the hopes of the free world.

Many veterans today are asking whether our country is better off now than it was forty years ago. And the cynical ask: "What did we fight for? We won the Cold War and lost our nation!"

In 1950, America was at the top of the heap. We led the world in everything from quality products made in the USA to strong values that enriched our schools, houses of worship and families. Our banks and dollars were strong. Our Government, business, religious and educational leaders were straight and took the-buck-stops-here responsibility for their actions. Our streets were clean and crime was not an epidemic exploding across the land like a violent plague. Our children could read, write and were as bright as new moons, full of Edison and Ford-like innovations and ideas. The future was never headier. All one had to do was roll up his sleeves, work hard and those magic words, inscribed in marble on the Statue of Liberty, gave everyone a shot to go all the way from immigrant family to president.

Today, American passports are being sold to the highest bidder, and greed rules the land. Immigrant Schwarzenegger, a role model of violence, drives a \$130,000 Army Hum-vee and immigrant Liz Taylor, an icon of Hollywood illusion and instant gratification, wants one too. In their Desert Storm opulent toys they'll drive by the homeless, hungry and dispossessed "masses yearning to be free" that are the walking wounded of every big city street in America. Just the cost of one Hum-vee would care for many of the "wretched refuse" from our kinder, gentler America.

Our banks are melting down and our children's inheritance is pretty bare, pretty empty and pretty sick. Teenagers are shooting it out in the streets with automatic rifles just like on TV, except actors can get up. Condoms have replaced prayer in our schools and drugs have replaced hope in our youth. Our education system is bankrupt and produces new-age morons who are high tech illiterates. Yet, technology is the future wave. Many of our children can't write, spell or add and sadly, many are brain dead. Worse still is that many parents now believe that the basic primer is, "All I ever knew I learned in kindergarten."

Our governments are rocked with scandal from the White House to city hall. No one is responsible. So the S and L and BCCI megabuck white collar holdups, Senate Keating-gate scandals, the deficits that are sweeping across the land blow away like autumn leaves that are left to be raked up by the average American taxpayer whose standard of living gets lower as his taxes go higher.

Meanwhile the rich buy new tax shelters like they buy lawmakers. Most Congress members ask not what they can do for their country, but what they can do for themselves through PACs, perks and rip

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offs. The lobbyists stroke the politicians fire with money, and these chosen representatives of the people turn their heads away from the M-16s on the streets and gaze fondly at the not so invisible B-2 bombers in the skys that are designed to bomb America's invisible enemies and instead focus on urgent stuff like the next election, prestige, power, and me, me, me. With such not - of - the - people -, not - by - the - people - and not - for - the - people - type leadership, America's wealth and future has been plundered with the reckless arrogance of a two-bit dictator.

Oliver North, William Secord and John Poindexter, graduates of our Duty, Honor and Country sacred military academies, shred the constitution which they swore to defend and go on to be the heroes of the looneytunes. The Pentagon deceives our citizens with their chant of more bombs, bombers and bullets or we'll be gobbled up by some CIA dreamed up bogymen. Defense contractors have made Ike's worst case scenario of the Military Industrial Complex seem like a scene from Mary Poppins. They have stolen our national treasure, obliterated our industrial base and wasted much of our nation's talent building bombs and tanks instead of building America. Meanwhile, our Congress watchdog has jumped in bed with these crooks and are licking their faces for reelection dollars instead of sending them to jail.

The Washington Globe Trotter's George Bush worries about the world getting space-age plumbing while America goes down the drain. He sends our Army to fight in the Persian Gulf to stop aggression, but won't take action to stop aggression in America's streets or in places like non-oil producing Haiti. In the Gulf War, which made as little military sense as the invasion of poor Panama, there were few winners, and one of the big losers was America's freedom of the press. The White House and the Pentagon Nazified that cherished right. Our reporters were denied free access to our warriors so they couldn't report what they saw to the citizens as Ernie Pyle and Walter Cronkite did in WWII. The press corps was forced to regurgitate what deceitful Pete Williams fed them, leaving the people to believe that it was a good war: bloodless, laser-clean and antiseptic. A war as make believe as it is in Schwarzenegger's world, but without popcorn.

The Gulf War was about oil, but two primary users failed to send troops. While we kept the oil pumping into Japan and Germany, they were continuing to bust our chops in the industrial arena. While we defend their lands today, they sandbag on defense spending and put their dough in research and development to zap us down the track in the technology race.

When Sununo flies to the dentist and collects stamps in flashy limos, the taxpayers picked up the tab. While Baker and Swaggert talk God and redemption, they steal and sleaze and ask for understanding with the same repentance and regret as Teddy Kennedy and Alan Simpson, two of the seven mean-spirited dwarfs that slimed the Thomas McCarthy-like hearings. Michael Milken is viewed by many as a big Wall Street Robin Hood instead of a cheap hood that stole big. Meanwhile, our Veteran's hospitals are filled with human wreckage that was eagerly sent to all the wars, but treated with disdain upon their return.

As officer recently wrote me, "Something has happened to our country," he said, "It seems that those who lie, cheat and steal are rewarded and those that do not, have more difficulties than they can imagine."

"Well, young ensign, USN, you're dead right. There's something drastically wrong with America, which in spite of all the bungling is still the richest nation in the world. Yet, our economy sputters like a rusted out car on the side of the road, while those nations we defend are flying high in America's crumbling fast lanes."

What is wrong is that people don't feel like they have the capacity to turn things around anymore, and their lives are going down the tubes. The average working stiffs have been down so long that they have forgotten how to look up. We've got our own third world nation right here in the USA, sandwiched between affluent Beverly Hills and Fifth Avenue. The citizens know the system doesn't benefit the people. It benefits the special interest groups. Many just shrug when they're reminded that 40 percent of Americans live below the poverty line and

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that decent medical care can only be obtained by Goldcard holders.

Up to now, many Americans have forgotten they have a rightful place in the running of our government. Yet there is a change blowing in the wind. I feel it wherever I travel in this great land. There is revolutionary dissatisfaction cutting across America like a cold wind, which explains the sad backlash of Duke and his red necks, who, like Hitler, promise "ways and means" to stop the corruption and bring back the happy days.

A revolt is in the making. The people are fed up, hearing that they're in the promised land when they know they're smack in the middle of the grapes of wrath. They're frustrated and tired of the yuppies who at 31 can leave the White House inner circle and cash in as crooked Arab oil sheik's political hitman. They want leadership that will lead by example, not by poll results, sound bites and warm and fuzzy sounding points of light. They're telling us on the streets to get rid of the bums in government that have corrupted America, just like the Soviet people are tossing out their users and abusers.

As we celebrate this day and perhaps blame others for the conditions that have withered our nation, we should first look in the mirror and face the guilty party. For it has been, you and I, many living veterans and millions of people across America who have forgotten Thomas Jefferson's advice that: "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance." We slept, shrugged and were too busy to protect that for which we fought. It's not too late to get America back on track. It's time to get involved, time to wake up. All we have to do is get cracking, sound off and once again stand tall and be responsible for the security of this great republic.

### HIS HANDLE WAS GRAYBEARD

Dear Stan: I wanted to write this letter years ago but kept putting it off. I had a buddy, MARC WEINSTOCK, who served with me in 1st Marine Div in Korea. He was into the CB's and his handle was 'Graybeard'. If he was still alive, I am sure he would be a KWVA member.

Secondly, I think that you should send every new member a decal for their car, and increase dues to cover cost of it. Thank you.  
—OSCAR SHERMAN (#5154); 2928 W. 5th St.; Brooklyn, NY 11224.

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*EDITOR'S NOTE: That's interesting, Oscar. About the decal, that is. What do you other members think of that idea?*

### I PRAY

O God forgive us for the sins that we commit each day,  
And please try to understand we have never lived this way,  
With the filth, dirt and disease, it's hard to understand,  
Why anyone would ever fight for such a worthless land,  
I see a flash across the sky and hear a big gun roar,  
And when the flash fades some men will be no more.  
Now God, I ask you, is it right for men to fight this way?  
Some of course will go home but others, they may stay.  
Each night I pray for peace and for freedom to sustain,  
So my buddies who have died will not have died in vain.  
—by EDWARD G. HERSHMAN, Somewhere in Korea.

I was with the 48th Field Artillery, 32nd Regimental Combat Team from 1950 through 1951, serving in Korea. While there, a member of my outfit wrote a poem (above) that I have cherished for years and feel it may be appropriate to publish in the newsletter.

His name is Edward G. Hershman and my last correspondence with him was in February, 1953, so I do not know his present whereabouts. While I do not have permission to insert this into any publication, he provided me with a copy of his poem and I would think he would be pleased if it was published.

—JOSEPH A. CAPPELLA; 404 W. Lantana Rd.; Lantana, FL 33462.  
Phone 407-585-5512. (7th Inf Div).

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### "YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THE GUYS FROM A CO WERE"...

DONALD HAYNICK; P.O. Box 57; Etna, ME 04434 sent this

letter:

"I was with A Co 1st Batt 7th Inf in 1950, with Task Force Dog.

"I enlisted in Cleveland, Ohio May 12, 1950; nine days after my 17th birthday. Took my boot with the 33rd Med Tank Co at Ft. Knox, KY. I went to Japan where they sent me to the 3rd Div; that was in August 1950.

"There was only about 10 guys in A Co and I was the first boot to join the division. Later we started training South Koreans. In Nov 1950 we departed for Korea and landed Nov 17 at Wonsan. From there we rode to a place called Sugena or Death Valley.

"The first night we got hit I was a 30 cal machine gunner and that was the night I got my first Chinese kill.

"Well, we stayed there 4 nights and five days. The fifth day the Marines started spraying the hills in front of us and on the third pass one of the planes dropped a cylinder on our position. The note read: 'You are completely surrounded. Haul ass.'

"The first night I was on point with two other GI's who carried BAR's and I was carrying my 30 cal. Along about eleven that night while still on the main road, some one yelled halt. It scared hell out of us because we didn't know there was anyone in front of us.

"It turned out to be the Marines from the Chosin Reservoir. We were on one side of the road and the Marines were on the other side. When I woke up next morning the Marines were gone so that left us as rear guard.

"The rest of the battalion went ahead and left A Company first of the 7th for rear guard.

"Well, I have read a lot of books about what happened about the withdrawal in November 1950, and I can tell you whoever wrote the books didn't know what the hell they were talking about.

"First A company of the 3rd was the only rear guard. The rest of the 3rd Div went ahead to put a perimeter around Hungnam. We had to fight all the way down to the harbor.

"The cavalry left first. Then the Marines. We had to hold, while the charges were set along the harbor and warehouses. That was another thing: When we were about 10 miles from the harbor the C.O. sent a three-quarter truck down to see if we could get some food and ammo and some winter clothing.

"The truck came back empty. He told us the Marines were guarding the warehouses and they would not give him any. He told the Marines our situation and they said get the hell out of there. 'We are not giving anything to anyone because they (UDT) are going to blow up the warehouses'. That was a great help to us?

"Well, Dec 24 we departed and I was on the landing barge where the guy took the picture of the harbor blowing up. It was the 3rd Inf Div that held the rear guard while everyone else took off.

"I know, because that month and a half was something a 17-year-old kid won't forget.

"I stayed with the 3rd until Sept 1952. I was wounded twice but kept going back to my old company. I was in all five major battles including the big one in April 1951 (What a bitch that was).

"I could go on for ever but will close now, hoping this will straighten out what really happened in 1950 with A Co, 3rd Div. You said in the paper you didn't know where the guys from A company were. Well, I can count on one hand what's left. Now you know."

### HOW TO APPLY FOR GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL?

When I went into the Army in 1949 we were told if you serve 2 years and have a good clean record you will receive the Good Conduct Medal. When I came home from Korea I was assigned to the Ohio NG at Camp Polk, La. And we were treated like hell. And I believe this is why I wasn't given the medal. Can anybody tell me where to turn to?

—EMSLEY E. HATFIELD, 6158 Cisco Rd.; Ft. Laramie, OH 45845 (1st Cav).

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### "...NO MORE THAN 3 STATUES, WHICH IS TANTAMOUNT TO DISAPPROVAL OF THE WRONG CONCEPT"

Dear Stan: The more I read about our Memorial the more frustrated I get. No Memorial is going to please 100% of the veterans. I personally would just like to see a Memorial built in Washington during my life time, but am seriously beginning to doubt that it will happen.

I would like to quote from a letter from The American Battle Comments Commission to the president of the 23rd Inf. Reg. Korean War Branch, of which I am a member, dated Aug. 1, 1991:

"The KMVMAB was appointed by the President on 20 July 1987. . . The AMBC approved the winning design concept on June 14, 1989. On July 25, 1991 the Commission of Fine Arts rejected a 38 statue design concept. Instead of 38 statues, it has stated that it will consider no more than 3, which is tantamount to disapproval of the winning concept."

That tells me we are back at square one and over two years work has gone down the drain. How much more is this delay going to add to the cost? It's already skyrocketed from some \$6 million to over \$15 million.

And what type of person is on this Fine Arts Commission that it took them over 2 years to decide they did not like the winning design? I know it doesn't take me 2 years to decide if I like something or not! You know Stan, I have to agree, your idea of a granite stone, left blank, is the best. The Forgotten Monument for The Forgotten War.

Thanks for listening. CLIFF MACDONALD (Svc Co 23d Inf) 18 Grand View Dr.; Plymouth, MA 02360.

P.S. As for politicians, I contacted one of my senators, a Viet Nam vet, relative to co-sponsoring legislation for the Korean War Memorial Coin and never received a reply. Apparently, I was concerned with the wrong war!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Cliff, your correct questions are the ones we ask over and over. I believe the story starting on page 1 about the Oct. 24 meeting will give you some answers.

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### ARE WE TO STAND IDLY BY ?

Dear Stan, Upon receiving my Graybeards Newsletter (September 1991), there were five names added to the TAPS list of those who have died before the Memorial is built. This always disturbs me to no end. However, this time it hit home and made me fighting mad.

On that list was Daniel J. Donahue, who was with Co. B, 15th Regt. 3rd Inf. Division near Sobangson, Korea on June 23rd and 24th, 1951 on Hill 717 in the Iron Triangle. I too, was on that hill with Co. B, Squad leader of the 3rd Squad, 2nd Platoon. What bothers me most, is whether I knew Danny or he knew me. Forty years have gone by since then. It's a shame that we never met before he passed on. To the family of Danny, please accept my sincere condolences, and may I add that Danny's actions on June 23, 1951 reflect the highest tradition of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Are we who survived, **Death, Misery and Suffering** of the Korean War, are those KIA'S, MIA'S, POW'S, the UNACCOUNTED for POW'S, the POW'S who DIED in prison camps. Are they all to be ignored? Are we to stand idly by and let these Commissions and Bureaucrats play games, making a mockery of the design of our MEMORIAL? As Korean War Veterans, we cannot shirk our duty to those who have passed on and above all, we must not become complacent.

This is not a skirmish, its a Battle we must win before there are not enough of us left to fight.

This is one DOGFACE that still has some fight left. Danny, I know you'll be looking down on us Dogfaces who remain! ROCK OF THE MARNE.

I'll end this letter to ask if there are any more of you Dogfaces from Co. B. especially, those who were on Hill 717 on June 23 and 24th, 1991 to please get in touch before it's too late.

—BILL FORTIER; 12 Amherst Street; Red Hook, New York 12571; 914-758-2240.



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### "...WE MUST ALERT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE..."

I would like to comment how we might be able to get approval from The Fine Arts to build the monument we are seeking.

We can write our Representative in Washington, D.C., or we can meet the Congress like our President did, Mr. Dick Adams. When the senators leave the room they soon forget and take up the next business at hand. When you write letters, the aides to the Representatives, open the letter and read it. If they feel this is not important (aides) will not mention it. Believe me I know how the system works.

I will tell how I know. When I left the service, I got a job in Washington, D.C., with the General Services Administration, The Federal Protection System (Police). We were the lowest paid employees in the Federal Government. We wrote letters to our Representatives, we even went to Capitol Hill to testify, but to no avail. We could not strike; no one can strike against the Federal Gov. We took to the streets in the major cities where Federal Protection Services is located. After two or three demonstration, we got our raise.

Next came the demonstrations against the Viet Nam war. I was in every demonstration against the Viet Nam war. I was a policeman, and my job was to protect life and property, make arrest where needed.

When the Viet Nam war was over, they wanted a monument built in Washington, D.C. where all America could see, and come to see. They wrote letters like we are doing, but to no avail. So, they took to the streets in every major city in U.S. After three or four demonstrations, they got their monument. It is the major attraction when people come and visit Washington, D.C.

Two things: (1) Did you know that the Viet Nam and the Korean vets could not march in the big parade that took place in June of this year? The Big Parade in Washington, D.C. was for Desert Storm Troops only. Every other major city that had a parade invited Korean and Viet Nam vets. (2) They had a ceremony in the National Guard Armory about October 1 and Vice President Quail unveiled Bronze Statue, and dedicated to all the National Guards who fought in Desert Storm. You know the Vice President was in the National Guard during the Viet Nam war, and did not have go and fight.

That was a slap in the face for all men that fought and died that serve with the 40th and 45th Divisions in Korea. They don't realize that the Korean War was 1st to fight under the U.N. Charter. Desert Storm was second.

Stan: we must alert the American people to what we are up against when trying to build a monument for the Korean vets. The best way to do this, is by peaceful demonstrations in every major city in the U.S., especially Washington, D.C. The American people will get the message and you embarrass the Current Administration. I would think next spring would be the ideal time, because it is election year. Everyone knows the Viet Nam vets did not get their monument by writing letters. I know because, I was here.

I thought I would let you know what is happening in Washington, D.C.

—ISHAM O. HOLLEY; 2020 19th PL SE #108; Washington, DC 20020.

### THE BRITISH KOREAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION HAS SOME AMERICAN P.O.W. NAMES

In June 1984, Aubrey "Sonny" Cussan passed away. He served with the Gloucester Regiment in Korea and was a P.O.W. at Chongsan from April 26, 1951 to August 14, 1953.

Amongst his efforts is a small notebook in which are written the names and addresses of about 75 men, mostly British, who were in the camp with Sonny; but included the following six names with U. S. addresses:

PATRICK J. DEMPSEY, NJ; TOM BEAN, PA; JAMES J. VOLPONE, Ohio; HARRY BORIE, Philadelphia; G. DAVIDSON, NJ; and KENNETH L. REESE, Illinois.

If any of these men, or anyone else, would like further information on any of the names and addresses in Sonny's list, they can contact me: ALEX W. WALKER; British Korean Veteran; 3 Gifford Court; Roxburgh Road; Glenrothes; FIFE KY6 1NF; United Kingdom.

### ASKING GAO TO INVESTIGATE WHERE WENT THREE MILLION DOLLARS

Of the many letters sent from members of Congress to the General Accounting Office in response to the Sept 1991 Graybeards story, the following is probably the best we have been shown:

The Honorable Charles Bowsher  
Comptroller General  
U.S. General Accounting Office  
441 G Street N.W.  
Washington, DC 20548

Recently a constituent voiced concern about financial dealings surrounding planning for the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

According to his letter, thousands of citizens have contributed about \$14 million to the fund, but it is believed that about \$3 million has been spent by members of various boards, commissions, and architectural firms with no results — these organizations have yet to produce a design for the Memorial. The concerns are personal and heartfelt. Monies that were donated came from the pockets of hardworking Americans, many of whom heroically fought for their country in the Korean War. I ask that you take these factors into consideration and entertain his request to complete an examination of any possible wrongdoing.

Sincerely, PORTER GOSS, Florida. Member of Congress.  
cc: Gene Bowser, Ft. Myers.

### MONROE COUNTY CHAPTER NO. 1

Here in the Rochester, NY area we have a Seniors market newspaper called The Golden Times. Read by folks in their 50's, 60's and 70's, it is the perfect vehicle to address the topic of our Memorials, both local and national. Many of our readers either served in Korea, or had family who did, and so they can empathize and understand our plight.

The enclosed article was submitted for inclusion in a special Veterans Issue on Nov. 13th. They publish twice a month, and that was as close as we could get to Nov. 11th.

We here in Rochester, at Monroe County Chapter No. 1, Inc., are determined that there will be a Korean War Veterans Memorial, and support our national organization fully in its endeavors to bring that about. It's a sad commentary, but we had to fight for our country, and now we have to fight with our country.

—DONALD G. COFSKY (PRO); 46 Putting Green; Penfield, NY 14526.

### US MINT UPDATE ON THE COIN SALES

In a letter addressed to a member of KWVA, the Mint replied:  
Mr. Gene L. Bowser  
12372 4th Street SE  
Fort Myers, FL 33905

Dear Mr. Bowser:

This is in reply to your October 21 letter to the Director of the Mint in which you asked how many Korean War Memorial Coins have been sold. As of October 24, 1991, the Mint sold 790,299 Korean War Memorial Coins.

Sincerely, Francis B. Frere; Assistant Director of the Mint for Sales Operation.

(Note: Sales will continue after Dec. 31, 1991 but on a less-advertised scale.)

### THANK YOU, AMERICAN LEGION POST 8!

In February, 1991 I spoke to the American Legion Post 8 in New Rochelle, N.Y. I asked them for help and they came through with flying colors, a check was sent for the total of two hundred dollars (\$200) for the memorial.

Please place them in next issue and give them credit. In couple of weeks (Oct. 16) I will be guest speaker at a V.F.W. group. I'm working for more. So far I have pushed and know that over \$525.00 was collected. Please give the Legion Post 8 credit, they asked me and why make it look like they were never on our side. — NORMAN KANTOR; Sr. Vice Cmdr, MOPH; 138 Locust Ave.; New Rochelle, NY 10805. (Co. C, 31st Regt, 7th Div).

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## MISSOURI CHAPTER HELPS DEDICATE UNIQUE MEMORIAL

In early August, Missouri KWVA Chapter No. 1 presented a roster of Korean War dead as part of the dedication ceremony of The Korean War Library and Exhibit at Mineral Area College in Flat River, MO, a unique memorial containing books, maps and memorabilia.

Chapter Commander Paul L. Phillips, Treasurer George Studt, Secretary Neal Vandermuellen and other members of the St. Louis-based Chapter No. 1 attended the ceremony, August 3, 1991. Turnout of Korean veterans at the ceremony was so impressive that a new Missouri chapter is presently being organized in the area.

Originally built around contributions by southeast Missouri area groups like the Chosin Few Chapter and individual veterans, the memorial has grown into a significant repository of Korean War information. In addition to its memorial status, the Library will give students access to historic data and information to increase their familiarity with the Korean War.



The photo above shows three of our chapter's members who attended the session: (From Left) Vallie Stump; Commander Paul Phillips; John Collier. Unfortunately, no one took photos of the ceremony, but these three were instrumental in the formation of the Mineral Area exhibit and attended the ceremonies. Our chapter has been busy and continues to grow. We are considering a general statewide member meeting for 1992, and definitely plan to have representation at the national meeting next year.

—DAVID P. DE PEW; 401Heathstone Lane; St. Louis, MO 63122.



THIS IS A PHOTO of our group at the Welcome Home parade for Gulf War returnees staged by the city of Cleveland in June. We had a color guard as you can see. This from FRANK ALEKSANDROWICZ; 343 Canterbury Road; Bay Village, OHIO 44140.

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**TELL AMERICA FUND**

The following have contributed in August, September, and October for the **TELL AMERICA FUND**. The Board of Directors will now establish a proposed use for these special funds and will present their plan to the membership for comments. We are appreciative to the following dedicated people who want to help our nation continue to be the **Land of the Free**:

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This photo of the 96th FAA shows: back row left to right: Francis Soenker, William Gillies, Don Beynon, John Halligan.

3rd: Curt Umhoeffer, Francis Lewandowski, Jim Moran.

2nd: Robert Welsch, Ray Littell, Herbert Black, Bert Outland, Andrew Stevenson, Morris Drake, Donald Erickson.

Front row left to right: Art Jensen; Arny Anderson; Sal Profaci; Walt Pakes; Robert Humphrey; Gene Pakes; Norman Pearson; Kenneth Studer.



I got the city of Flint to have a Korean War program on the 27th of July, 1991. Here is the proclamation that the mayor signed. About 200 people attended the program that day.

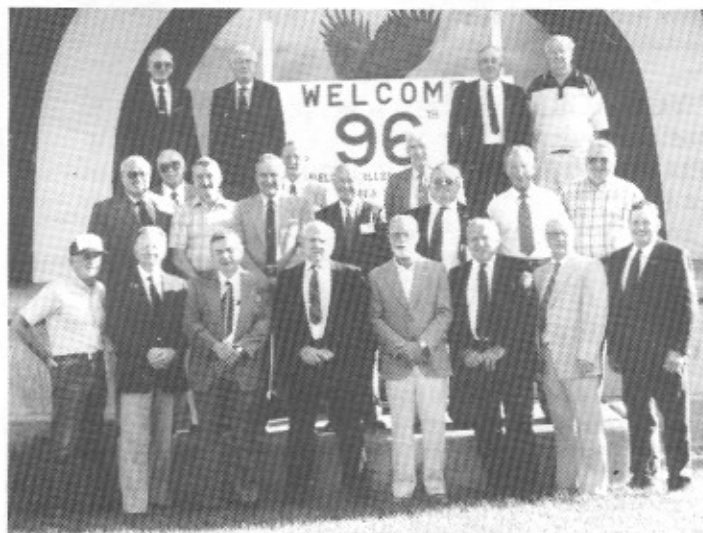
I was in Korea several times: with the 7th INF DIV 1948-1949; then with HQ Co 1st BN 5th RCT 1950-1951; back to the 7th INF DIV 1961-1962 and then to 60th ART.

—JOHN W. HEMPEL; 3619 Sunridge; Flint, MI 48506.

The 96th Field Artillery Battalion held a reunion this past September in Huron, SD. It started with Arny Anderson when he searched and found an old buddy, SALVATORE PROFACI of Freehold, NJ.

From then the idea blossomed. Arny has found 77 former members; 24 were able to make the Huron reunion. One veteran, Dr. WILLIAM GILLIES of Galena, Ill showed numerous color slides of the war and said "The battalion was involved in all of the major conflicts" in the Korean War.

Interested members may contact: ARNY ANDERSON; 1350 Fourth St. SW; Huron, SD, 57350. Phone 605-352-6313.



## "YOU PROBABLY WON'T CARE BUT I THINK YOU OUGHT TO KNOW"

This newspaper story was sent by Emsley Hatfield of 6158 Cisco Rd.; Ft. Laramie, Ohio 45845:

### A tribute to a hero

To the editor:

About 7 a.m., June 13, 1991, my Uncle Carl died. But he gave his life for his country 40 years ago in Korea! My fondest memories of him are quite simple, even though he was a boyhood hero of mine.

He was a bear of a man in his youth. Broad, muscular shoulders, close cropped hair and a bull-like neck were very impressive to a skinny kid like me. I was 10 years old when I first saw him in his Marine uniform.

I remember he came home from the war wearing soft slippers to accommodate his badly injured feet. Uncle Carl had fallen prey to the severe Korean winters and the inadequate preparation of the United States government. As a nation, we failed to gather even the most basic geographical information about Korea before sending our troops into a five-day foray which became a war of 37 long and destructive months. Ill-equipped and unprepared, our military took the field against the North Koreans and the Communist Army of China.

My uncle, like many of his buddies experienced frostbite and freezing in the winter, voracious mosquitoes in the summer, and a continuing stench caused by the local farmers all using human manure on their rice paddies. He never regained his health after Korea.

Korea created a new lexicon of war words for us. I still have vivid memories of the MIG 15, the F-86 Sabrejet, the BAR (Browning Automatic Rifle) and brainwashing.

He would talk to us about the war and I tried to imagine places I have never seen. Names like Inchon, Kaesong, Panmunjom were not standard fare in Ohio elementary schools.

I shook my head in disbelief when my uncle told me he "cried like a baby" fearing the Chinese bugles, knowing wave after wave of enemy soldiers would soon be coming. I lis-

tened to his stories of hand-to-hand combat after his BAR ran out of bullets.

Like so many others who would give their lives for police actions around the world, my uncle didn't enjoy a hero's welcome home. He wasn't given a parade through the streets of Manhattan, Washington D.C. or even Columbus for that matter. Soon after he arrived home from Korea, he and I were sitting on a bus on our way to a downtown movie theater. His eyes weren't dancing like they had before. He didn't laugh as easily as he once did, but he did laugh and to me, he was every inch a hero. I have often wondered how many other Marines would have taken their nephew to a movie rather than drink beer and display their medals to some wide-eyed beauty.

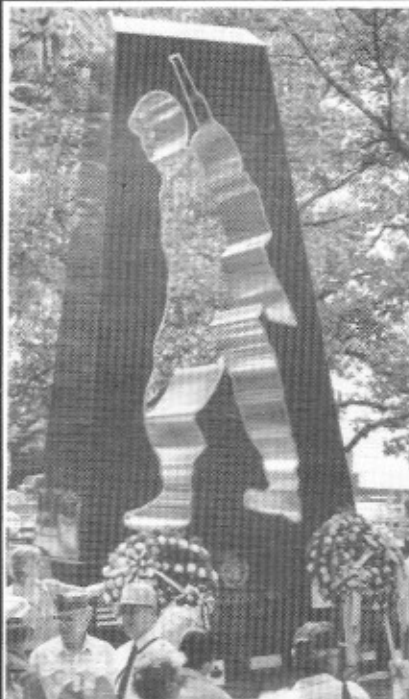
We Americans love our soldiers when they win. We throw confetti, bring out the bands and have one hell of a party. But wars aren't in the hands of soldiers. They are masterminded by politicians in shiny new suits. They are the strategic bungling of men who sleep in warm beds and snuggle up to comfortable wives. They are decided in smoke-filled conference rooms and not on fields of valor. Often, wars end in stalemate. Politicians cut their losses and begin new propaganda to cover their mistakes. They bury the numbers and the history along with their victims. Years later, no one remembers.

And no one cares.

For the record: From 1950 to 1953, 142,000 Americans died in Korea. They paid full measure in the blood, and the mud and the snow.

But not all of the victims of that war died in the 50s. My uncle, Carl Shaw, died Thursday. You probably won't care but I think you ought to know.

Paul C. Reed  
4750 N. Washington Road  
Piqua



This excellent photo of the New York City Memorial came to us from THOMAS G. HANNON; 24 Colonel Glenn Drive; Carmel, NY 10512.



Another photo of the same memorial came from Andrew F. King; 4 Williams Ct.; Monroe, NY 10950. This one gives an idea of its setting. Andrew said also: "You have not given credit to the New York Korean community for their generous contributions of money for the Monument or the excellent luncheon that was given to us after the parade. The monument is named 'Universal Soldier' and when you look through it at a certain angle, you can see the Statue of Liberty."

IF YOU AGREE with this logo: please consider giving to  
TELL AMERICA ABOUT THE KOREAN WAR.  
See page 12.



... she worries about the trees and thinks they are the heart of the Memorial.

... he worries about the sidewalks.

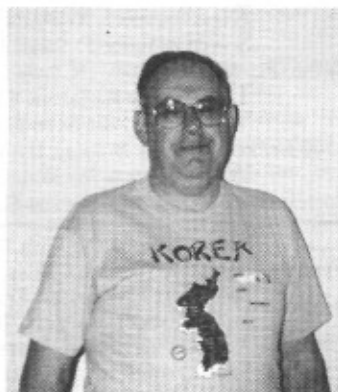
... he wonders about the grass being too high.

Are those reasons to deny the Memorial design? See the story starting on page 1.

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I am looking for any of you guys I served with; where are you hiding? Just renewed my membership in KWVA and proud of it. Please contact me: LARRY HOCHFELD; 120-9B Co-Op City Blvd.; Bronx, NY 10475.





# The 1992 REUNION — JULY 24 THRU 28 — WILL BE HELD IN RENO, NEVADA!

8th ANNUAL REUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE  
KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

39TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CEASE FIRE  
RENO, NEVADA

## OFFICIAL NOTICE JULY 24-25-26-27-28, 1992 OFFICIAL NOTICE

An exciting reunion combined with somber memorial ceremonies as well as official business will greet every member of KWVA next July in Reno. Bring your family; enjoy the casinos, the boat cruise on Lake Tahoe, the many other sights and pleasures that will be there. Your reunion committee has tried to hold costs down and the following agenda will give you your choice of what to select.

Rooms are reserved at the SPECIAL RATES SHOWN (single or double) per day. Other rooms are available nearby, but we suggest that early reservations are a must. In order to receive this special rate you must use the KWVA procedure and form.

All functions will be held in the main hotel: The NUGGET (Tower), a year-round casino. Secondary accommodations are available in the next-door COURTYARD Hotel about 300 feet from the Tower. There are 7 restaurants in the Tower with prices all in low range.

ROOM RATES apply for 3 days BEFORE July 26 and for 3 days AFTER July 28. Early reservations are recommended. We have made arrangements for the following:

On FRIDAY July 24; 50 rooms, Tower, at \$80. Board of Directors will meet. You are welcome to be present.

On SATURDAY July 25, 100 rooms, Tower, at \$80 plus 50 rooms, Courtyard, at \$60. Registration will commence. Hospitality room will be a cash bar operated by the hotel/no host.

On SUNDAY July 26; 150 rooms, Tower, at \$80 plus 100 rooms, Courtyard, at \$60. Business meeting and elections will start about 11 a.m.

On MONDAY, July 27; a series of seminars is planned for start in the morning and last until about 5 p.m. Help is needed and your offer will be welcomed. There will be a reception with cash bar after 5 p.m.; followed by Memorial Ceremony to be held in the banquet hall; followed by traditional Commemorative Banquet and installation of new officers and Board members. We plan only 8 per dinner table; seating will be allocated by ticket on first come/first served basis.

On TUESDAY, July 28: we will have a joint buffet breakfast with recap business discussion followed by adjournment around noon.

Among the many other sights and things for your entertainment will be an evening dinner cruise on Lake Tahoe on a motor steamer. It is not part of the reunion schedule but we can help you get reservations at a cost of about \$40 per person which includes sit-down dinner, and dancing to tunes of the Forties and Fifties

## THE 1992 REUNION JULY 24 - 28, RENO, NEVADA

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ATTENDANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Your KWVA

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P.O. Box 12205

Baltimore, Maryland 21281

Your

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I WILL ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

1. { Reunion Fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ at \$69.50 per person enclosed; Check number \_\_\_\_\_  
PAYMENT PLAN: (PER PERSON) ☐ ALL NOW ☐ HALF NOW ☐ BALANCE BEFORE JULY 10

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

2. { ☒ Flat Fee MUST BE PAID - \$28.00 } ☒ \_\_\_\_\_ Persons at \$28 Flat Each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due }  
☐ Breakfast, 28 July \$12.00 } ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Persons at \$12 Each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due }  
☐ Banquet, 27 July - \$29.50 } ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Persons at \$29.50 Each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due } \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. YES—I AM INTERESTED IN THE LAKE TAHOE CRUISE. Send me the address for getting more information.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Korean War Veterans Association; Note "For 1992 Reunion"

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

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YOUR SIGNATURE AND DATE



Members of New York and New Jersey chapters demonstrating at the U.N. Building on October 24, 1991, UN Day, against the admission of North Korea as a member. Submitted by Richie Alexander; 14 Wisteria Drive; Ford, NJ 08863.



## WORKING FOR MEMBERSHIP!



The Adirondack Chapter (Glens Falls, N.Y.) was chartered in January 1991 and our membership numbers are rising. We are fortunate to have an ambitious president (Gene Slavin) and a good panel of officers. Prior experience with other veteran groups has gotten us off to a good start.

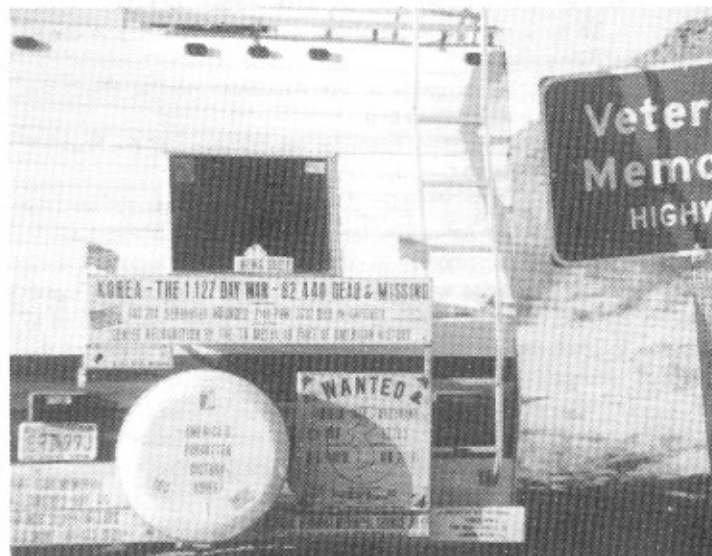
In the first 7 months we've had fund raising for the memorial, participated in numerous parades, a chapter installation of officers dinner dance and purchased our chapter colors.

Other veteran organizations graciously helped with donations of cash, flags, and parade accessories. We are striving to increase our membership and hope to be a contributing factor to the K.W.V.A.  
—GEORGE GOODWIN; Pilot Knob Rd.; Pilot Knob, NY 12844.

PHOTO ABOVE, Left to right: JIM CORCORAN, JOHN WASHBURN, BOB FLORANCE man their table at war memorial and membership drive. PHOTO BELOW: Poster for membership fund raising drive, designed by GEORGE GOODWIN.



## WORKING FOR MEMBERSHIP!



NORM JEFFERS; 1049 Bermuda St. NE; Port Charlotte, FL 33962: "One photo is worth 1,000 words. I covered 17 states in two months and drove 11,000 miles. Highway response to the signs was excellent. I would have driven more but ran out of steam; ended up in the hospital. Guess I'm getting old. This is Veterans Highway 95 near Las Vegas, Nevada."



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!

REGARDING THE "BREAKUP" OF COMMUNIST RUSSIA: it probably is viewed with a lot of suspicion by Korean War veterans. To blindly trust a Communist is to ask for trouble.

RENEW your membership NOW! Sign up a new member TODAY!

**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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2. Associate member is offered to surviving spouse, children, parents and other.
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HARRY WALLACE, Membership Chairman;  
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