

**GRAYBEARDS. . . the forgotten warriors of the forgotten war!**

# THE KOREAN WAR

## HEARTBREAK RIDGE



TONY OLIVARES, 1951, "Just one of Lt. Fargo's peace makers"

"I celebrated my 21st year on Heartbreak Ridge. This picture was taken as I was coming back from patrol. We lost JOE MENDONCA of Petluma, CA when he was killed in a minefield. GEORGE TAYLOR was wounded. I liked carrying the B.A.R. because of the firepower. It was bitter cold that morning. One of the guys took off his jacket and covered Joe with it. Some of the patrols we went on we just wore our shell liners because of sweating in the cold. We had to use ropes to get up on Heartbreak Ridge, it was so damned steep and snowing like hell. Covered with sweat and if you stopped climbing you would freeze from the cold.

"The sky was black with clouds, the ground was wet, and it looked like the end of the world to me that day. Even today I can't seem to talk about the war without busting out crying."

The January Graybeards carried the story and photos from Doug Fargo (former Lt. L-2 32nd Inf Regt) concerning Heartbreak Ridge.

One of the warmer results from that story was a call to Doug from one of his former soldiers: TONY OLIVARES; 314 Hereford Dr.; Montebello, CA 90640. Phone 213-728-1661. These photos and captions are from Tony.

SEE PAGE 8 FOR TWO MORE  
PHOTOS FROM TONY

### CAUTION

If you have blood pressure problems. . . **DO NOT READ** the story on page 33 discussing the apparently secret agreements being made in Washington, DC to give copyright royalties on the Korean War Veterans Memorial to private individuals and/or companies.

If you think the Memorial is supposed to be **PUBLIC PROPERTY** paid for by **PRIVATE FUNDING** — there might be a big nasty surprise waiting for your tender ears and eyes.

SHE'S A NURSE.  
NOT A WARRIOR.  
YOU WHO WALKED THE LINE  
KNEW HER BEST.  
SHE SAVED YOUR BLOOD  
FROM SPILLING INTO THE EARTH.  
HELD YOUR LIMBS  
FROM THE DUST AND THE SAW.  
CHASED YOUR PAIN  
WITH HER HEART  
AND HER TOUCH  
AND CRADLED YOU  
FROM DEATH.

—PEGGY MENEGAKIS; 8 Cook  
Street; Shrewsbury, MA 01545. 2-18-93

Korean War Veterans Association  
P.O. Box 131  
Harpers Ferry, W. V. 25425

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## TAPS

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

THEODORE M. SUMODI; Valley City, OH.  
RUSSELL L. KREUTZER; Refugio, TX, Jan. 16, 1993.

FRANK J. PIPITONE; Dec. 16, 1992, Palisades Park, NJ.

BEN A. THAU; Bayside, NY.

HERBERT C. GRAHAM; Boulder, Co.

HENRY J. SHACKLETON; Medina, OH.

VINCENT A. CASERTA; Piqua, OH. Died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1993 at age 62. U.S. Army Korea.

HENRY D. BAILEY; Medina, NY.

EUGENE C. KOCH; Dover, DE.

MARTIN J. (JAKE) PATSEL; Feb. 7, 1992; Roanoke, VA.

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JOHN P. DONOHUE; Massachusetts.

ARNOLD L. BLACK; March 1992; Ottuma, Iowa.

WILLIAM L. MILLER; St. Petersburg, FL.

HUGH J. BLAKELY; Santa Barbara, CA.

FRANK J. PIPITONE died on Wednesday, December 16, 1992. Frank lived in Palisades Park, NJ. A loyal and courageous soldier who served with "G" Co. 23rd REGT. 2nd Inf. Div. Korea - May 1952 - May 1953. (Contributed by M. MAGGIULLI; 87-75 257 St.; Floral Park, NY 11001)

THOMAS F. CARR; December 2, 1992; Battle Ground, IN.

ARTHUR W. TRUDEAU; February 28, 1993; Apple Valley, CA.

## WAR

Oh, god, why is there such a thing as war?  
What am I doing over here?

I can't take it no more.

You see a big flash in the sky,  
You hear a big gun roar.  
In a few seconds, there will be men no more.

Oh, God, it's what we call war.  
I can't take it no more.

It reminds me of a terrible thunderstorm.  
The flashes and the roar go on endlessly,  
day and night.

I can't take it no more, this thing they call war.

Oh, God what a terrible sight, humans burned  
and mangled, bodies lying all over the battle site.

Oh, God, this is more than we mere mortals can stand.

Please, God, give us your hand.

This thing called war, I can't take it no more.

I was taught as a child to love, not to hate;  
But when you see your friends attacked and killed,  
You just have to retaliate.  
This thing called war, I can't take it no more.

## HE JOINED THE KWVA AND WAS A PROUD MEMBER UNTIL HIS RECENT DEATH

*"Dear Stan: Russell and I  
"happened" in your store in 1987 where  
you and he struck up a friendship. Thru  
your information, he joined the KWVA and  
was a proud member until his recent  
death.*

*I'm sending a copy of his obit and a  
poem he wrote, "War". It is not copyrighted  
so I don't know the implications of someone  
plagiarizing it for profit which I certainly  
do not want.*

*Thanks for your work and for the  
chance meeting which brought him so  
much satisfaction.*

*Sincerely, RACHEL (Mrs. Russell for  
38 years) V.K. KREUTZER; Rt. 1, Box  
122-E; Refugio, TX 78377. Jan. 31, 1993.*

This poem at left was written by  
RUSSELL LAWRENCE KREUTZER of  
Refugio, TX who died January 16, 1993  
after a six-year battle with leukemia.

He was born near La Veta, Colorado  
on July 2, 1931. His ancestors were the  
first settlers of the Territory of Colorado,  
pioneer merchants Kansas City, Missouri,  
and originally from pre-revolutionary  
Virginia.

He and the former Rachel Kelley  
were married on February 12, 1955 at the  
home of her parents on Kelley Road west  
of Refugio.

Russell was a four year Navy  
Veteran of the Korean War and served  
aboard the destroyer Twining and the  
submarine chaser Sausalito. He was a  
Gunner's Mate and saw action off the  
Korean Coast for more than three years. He  
was a member of the Korean War Veterans  
Association and attended the U.S.S.  
Twining reunions on a number of  
occasions. He was actively involved in  
fundraising for both the Korean War  
Memorials and the Navy Memorial in  
Washington, D.C.

In addition to his wife and mother he  
is survived by two daughters, Susan Slack  
and Sherri Foxey; one son; Kirk Kelley  
Kreutzer; two grandchildren, Jason Tyler  
and Rachel Victoria Doxey; five brothers,  
Richard, Ray, Keith, Glenn, and Wayne  
Kreutzer; and one sister, Marie Riggins all  
of Colorado.

**DIED: CLETUS C. BLASINGAME;**  
Jan. 30, 1993. At 52 Penn; Asheville, N.C.  
28806.



**DONALD G. HAMMERSMITH**  
**5TH RCT 24TH DIV**  
**BORN 1930, DIED SEPT. 10, 1992**

It is with sad heart than I have to write this and let you know that another Korean Veteran has died who will never see the memorial. He was my brother, DONALD G. HAMMERSMITH, KWVA# 3772 II. Don was 62 and died on the 10th of Sept. He is survived by his two sons, Mark and Kevin and one daughter Peggy. He had four grandchildren. We laid him to rest on the 14th of Sept. about 20 feet from where our older brother was buried who served in the Navy in World War Two.

Don served in Korea with the 5th RCT of the 24th Div. from 1951/52. We passed each other on the high seas. I was returning from Korea in early Sept. 51, and he was going over as a replacement after being called back to active duty. Don never talked much about the time he served over there, but am sure he thought about it quite a bit. I had asked him several times to come to the convention with me in D.C. and also to the groundbreaking, but physically he was just not up to traveling.

Enclosed find a check for \$50.00 in memory of Don to be used to "Tell America about the Korean war". I am sure he would want that. We had talked about the memorial several times and we both agreed that more recognition should be given to our fallen comrades the KIA/MIA. If space would permit at the memorial site names should be chiseled on some type of granite or marble, so all America could see the sacrifices that were made during this 37 months of a so-called police action.

A Sad Graybeard; BOB HAMMERSMITH (KWVA# 3570); 4817 Liebel Ct.; San Diego, Ca. 92117. 1-21-92.

**IF YOU SERVED IN THE**  
**NATIONAL GUARD**

News from Redding, CA chapter:

If any of you were in the National Guard, and were called to serve in Korea, please contact BILL BEREBITSKY, at 20120 Mountain View Ct. in Lockford, CA 95237, or call him at (209) 727-0424. He is writing a book on the units.

*"A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers."*

—President John F. Kennedy.

**THE MACKIE BURKE**  
**MEMORIAL FUND**

The sudden death of the beloved wife of a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor sent shock waves through membership of KWVA last January 8.

We knew her affectionately as Mackie.

She always attended our reunions. She always stood ready to help where she could. And she always stood by the side of her valiant husband, Col. Lloyd L. "Scooter" Burke, in everything he did for their family, their church, their country.

We know him as Scooter, recipient of Congressional Medal of Honor for action in Korea October 1951.

He serves presently on the Board of Directors KWVA. Some of us have been privileged to know Scooter and Mackie maybe a little closer than others have been. We know of their devotion not only to each other but to their church and their God.

Their church — the United Methodist in Foley, Alabama — is in the midst of paying off an accrued debt of about \$20,000. Their congregation is quite active but as with nearly all houses of worship, a little boost always is welcome.

So a Memorial Fund was established by both Scooter and Mackie before she died. Mackie asked her husband to do what he could for their church after she could no longer be at his side in life.

If any member of KWVA would like to contribute, please send your donation to this address: The Mackie Burke Memorial Fund; Foley United Methodist Church; Foley, AL 35535.

**THIS IS COLD HARD TRUTH**  
**STRIPPED OF FANCY WORDS**

A letter came with a renewal check for dues. The letter instructed this: "Send his dues to me from now on for payment. He is one of four seriously wounded vets from a war that didn't exist. I was with him for awhile and he is another vet who just about gave up his life in Korea for a country who plain don't care or give a damn. This vet is lucky he is alive, but he is slowly going down hill. He won't be with us too much longer. Another Forgotten Warrior who the United States did send in to a foreign country and then forgot the war and the warrior."

**SEE REVISED APPLICATION**  
**BLANK ON LAST PAGE.**

**MAXINE HUSTED BURKE**

Maxine Husted Burke—Died at Mercy Medical Hospital January 8, 1993, after a brief illness. She was a native of Louisiana and former resident of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and Burke, Virginia, and has resided in Foley, Alabama, for the past three years. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Foley United Methodist Church on Wednesday, January 13, 1993, with Rev. Wesley Wachob presiding, assisted by Rev. James Tiller and Rev. Ray Chamberlain of Richmond, Virginia. John Seski, a long time friend from San Diego, California, will give the eulogy. Following interment in Pine Rest Memorial Park, Foley, Alabama, a reception will be held at the Church Fellowship Hall to greet the family. Mrs. Burke is survived by her husband, Col. Lloyd L. Burke (Retired) U.S. Army; sons, John Michael Hardin of West Helena, Arkansas, Gary Lee Burke of Washington, D.C., Lloyd Douglas Burke of Springfield, Virginia; daughter, Pamela Hardin Cheek of Kingston, N.H. and Leslie Ann Burke of Springfield, Virginia; grandchildren, Shannon Burke, Lindsey Berkowity, Amelia Burke, Chase Alan Burke, Virginia V. Burke and Amanda Copeland, all of Springfield, Virginia; a brother, Harleth E. Husted of Magnolia, Arkansas, and two sisters, Mary Lucille Fulty of Mobile, Alabama, and Juanita H. Ellyey of Selma, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Maxine Burke Memorial Fund, Foley United Methodist Church, Foley, AL. Arrangements are by Bayview Funeral Home, 2551 South McKenzie St., Foley, AL.

*There is a woman at the beginning of all great things.*

—Alphonse de Lamartine (1790-1869).

**Dear Editor: Please be advised that Cpl. LARRY RUSHING Co L. 31st Inf. Regt. 7th Inf. Div. was killed in action in Korea 1950.**

**He was my Asst. Squad Leader. I returned to the states. He was squad leader at the time of his death. He was from Guin, Alabama.**

**—Sincerely, CHARLES T. LINDSEY; 6390 Southfield Rd.; Detroit, MI 48228. Jan. 20, 1993.**



ABOVE: Ben is on the left.  
PHOTO AT RIGHT: Ben is on the right.

**CPL BEN H. DICKSON  
B BTY 57 F.A. BN  
M.I.A. DEC 6, 1950**

Did you know my brother, BEN HENRY DICKSON? He was a Corporal in the Army when he became missing in action in the vicinity of Hagaru-ri, North Korea on Dec. 6, 1950. Ben was a cook with the 57th Field Artillery Battalion. His personnel file stated he was with the 7th Infantry Division. This is the way he addressed his last letters to us: CPL BEN H. DICKSON; 142 68 104; B Brty, 57 FA Bn; A.P.O. 7 Unit 5; c/o P.M.; San Francisco, Calif.

Ben's name was called over the Chinese radio but the Army said it must have been propaganda. My mother wrote the P.O.W. camp and her letter was returned with a statement of, "we don't have him."

When Ben was a PVT in Seoul, Korea on 30 May 1948, a Howitzer on the Div. Arty Compound ran over his right foot and broke it. When we last heard from Ben he was twenty years old. He had fair skin, gray eyes and red-auburn, curly hair. I am enclosing three pictures of him and his Army friends

At the time the family lived in Holcomb, Mississippi in Grenada County. If you remember my brother, please call 601-328-0359. My address is: MARTHA D. RUSSELL; Apt. #3, 210 East Manor Dr.; Columbus, MS 39702.



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**JOSEPH F. KEENAN, HM3  
K.I.A. MARCH 26-27, 1953**



"I am looking for information concerning my brother, JOSEPH F. KEENAN, HM3. Joe was killed March 26-27, 1953 near Reno in what become known as the Nevada Cities battles. He was serving with the Marine unit F/2/5. The late Dr. William E. Beaven told me he wrote Joe up for the Congressional Medal of Honor. "On the evening of March 26, 1953, a platoon (about 40 men) from Fox Company, Second battalion, Fifth Marines with Hospital Corpsman Joseph F. Keenan was sent out to relieve the outpost Reno. Reno and its forty defenders were being overrun by an enemy force of approximately 3,500 men.

Fighting off an ambush and suffering about 50% casualties, they actually reached Reno. Along the way, Joe received shrapnel wounds to his right arm and was almost blinded by debris. A Marine tried unsuccessfully to wash dirt from Joe's eyes and attempted to evacuate him from the area.

Joe refused, stating that there were still men that needed his help. At Reno, they were mauled and pulled back to a smaller hill called the Reno Block. At the Block, Joe continued to care for and

evacuate the wounded until mortally wounded by mortar fragments to his neck.

"I would like to hear from anyone who served with F/2/5 at that time. In particular, I would like to locate a Corpsman named Jack Linn (Denver?) and a Corpsman, Jim McKean. I would be grateful if you would publish this appeal."

Sincerely, MICHAEL P. KEENAN, Sr.; 95 Ponderosa Drive; Hanover, MA 02339. (617) 878-7341.

*"When in the course of human events. . ." then ". . . a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them. . ." to hold a different opinion.* Graybeards is exercising that Constitutional right in presenting for you the other side of the Memorial construction story. Please see pages 33, 38 and 40.

**When Chamberlin met with Hitler he came back saying: "Peace at any price". Are we now willing to say "a Memorial at any price"?**



## "GUS, YOU ALWAYS TOLD ME TO SAY WHAT I THOUGHT..."

To the Editor: I read letter after letter, issue upon issue, in "The Graybeards" lamenting the lack of names in our Memorial. I would like to share my opinion on this matter.

I believe that it would be insulting to the memory of those who were KIA in Korea to have their names on a wall and have the names of these honored dead bracketed by a fatality due to drug overdose and a suicide. That is exactly what exists on another Memorial. There is no distinction given to those who died in action, suicides, drug overdose, murder, etc on the other Memorial, they are all lumped together. The relatives of the brave men who died in action should be greatly offended. The Department of Defense lists ONLY those deaths that occurred as a result of hostile action in the Korean Conflict Casualty File, record group 330. There are 33,642 names recorded in that file. If names must go on a wall, let it be those 33,642 no others!

When I again meet my brother, Sgt. WILLIAM M. SCALF, KIA 11 April 1951, I don't want to have to explain to him that others thought that a death from drug overdose was just as important as his sacrifice. This is the accepted norm on the other Memorial. NOT IN MY BOOK!

It would appear that anything we say, or even think, these days must be "politically correct". I say BS! If you are too frightened to express your true opinion, you have lost the freedom you fought for and you desecrate the memory of those who died for that freedom.

Why should we have any fear whatsoever of the truth? We Korean Veterans don't have to stand in front of a wall and shed tears for the realization that because we were high on drugs and "nodded off" our friend died.

Let's get ourselves unified. Let's work towards a common goal. Stop the bickering about nonsense. It is your right to dissent, but have a constructive suggestion when you dissent.

To Gus: You always told me to say what I thought and speak the truth as I knew it. Thank you Gus.

—"Little Brother" ROGER SCALF, President; RAY HARVEY (MOH) Chapter; Korean War Veterans Association of AZ; 4709 E. Mineral Rd.; Phoenix, AZ 85044.



## "ME, MY HAT AND THE AIRPLANE"

PETER STUMBERGER; 11390 Island Lakes Lane; Boca Raton, FL 33498 sent the above photo and these remarks last January 28:

I was 82nd Airborne Eng attached to Bragg and Benning. I voluntarily went to Korea in 52 and 53; the hill was Old Baldy where I lost a lot of my friends.

So I accepted an invitation to the inaugural ball last January 20, me and my wife Meril. I met Senator Graham and other Florida representatives and told them all that would listen to never forget the Korean War; put the names of our KIA/MIA on the Memorial. And never forget the Airborne.

Even wrote on my hat — on the plane in this picture — and it looked better with me dressed in tux at the ball. Many vets shook my hand and thanked me — it was a great feeling. I wore the hat at the ball, and had the Medal of Freedom on my tux; just that one, and it felt great.

Will go to Florida capitol next 90 days for legislative session and meet with anyone to talk about veterans rights.

## ARE YOU A CARTOONIST?

Are you talented at drawing cartoons? Will you send to Graybeards your cartoon hero character based upon an action in the Korean War? Or life as an aging veteran? Could it be a pilot for a possible series?

Good guy versus bad guy . . . to show how the gooks and communism were whipped. . . is that a reasonable plot?

Anyhow — if you want to try drawing, we will try to publish it for you. Send to Stan Hadden; P.O. Box 131; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To protect the future, our past must be remembered. We must insure that what we experienced under horrible circumstances and what we saw with our own eyes, will be properly conveyed to future generations.

## WE MUST GET OUR MEMORIAL BUILT

### NAMES OF KIA/MIA ON THE WALL WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE

From the beginning of the design selection process by the design Jury, it was agreed that names engraved on a wall, that in any way gave the appearance of duplicating or competing with the Vietnam Wall, would not be acceptable.

Any effort now to put names on the wall could jeopardize what has taken four (4) long years to attain. After the Memorial is completed, we can & will lobby Congress and the various Federal commissions to add names to the back side of the wall.

We now have a new National Secretary/Treasurer: Roger Scalf, P.O. Box 11767, Phoenix, AZ 85061-1767, Telephone (602) 893-1467. As Roger wrote me, "the Gulf Shores meeting was a great success for all Korean Veterans. Much positive action was taken that will unite us into a great organization."

The organizational structure is now beginning to fall in place, we will step up the pace in tackling our problems with membership promotion, chapter development and "Tell America". We hope to compile a standard procedure manual for use by all Chapters, (this is Roger's idea), and I think it is great.

Hope to see all of you in Minnesota, at the annual meeting, July 25th through 28th, 1993. There are many special events being planned for the convention.

Like to thank all of you for your continued hard work and dedication to your Korean War Veterans Association.

President KWVA  
March 5, 1993.

*Duke Adams*

## WANNA SELL YOUR CIVIL WAR RELICS?

I will buy them

STAN HADDEN; P.O. BOX 131  
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## Korea Revisit Trips (1993), Sponsored By

### The Korean Veterans Association (KVA)-Seoul

By KATHLEEN WYOSNICK

(Please do NOT confuse this program with Olympus Travel, Los Angeles, Revisit Trips!! You will receive the Medal, Ambassador To Peace, ONLY on the KVA Trips that I am co-ordinating for KWVA).

APRIL 12-17TH\* (see below)

MAY 24-29TH\* (see below)

JUNE 21-27TH\* (see below) (This trip is "sold out" and there is currently a waiting list)

SEPTEMBER 13-18TH\* (see below)

OCTOBER (KVA-Seoul will fax me the specific dates later, as there is, presently, the possibility that the new President/South Korea, may cancel a large Holiday Parade, the first part of October, which KVA would like our K-Vets to attend. However, an October Trip will definitely be scheduled).

**\*All trips will depart the U.S. on a Sunday, the day before the above dates, due to the International time difference.**

#### ELIGIBILITY, PER KVA POLICY

1. Any Korean War Vet who was assigned to duty in Korea from June 25th, 1950 - July 27th, 1953. In addition, a K-Vet's spouse or ONE adult son/daughter. Space permitting on a trip, you may also include grandchildren, parents.

2. Immediate family members of our KIA, MIA and POWs.

3. K-Vets who have NOT been on a previous KVA sponsored revisit trip.

Hotel accommodations, meals (3 a day) and tours, are courtesy of KVA-Seoul, including the above family members. All revisit trips are for 6 days and 5 nights. However, you may "extend" your visit at the Seoul Hotel, for the rate of approximately \$100.00, per night, single or double.

There are private tour companies in Seoul that you may hire for the purpose of visiting battle sites, etc. in the event you do not wish to rent a car (and, Seoul traffic is horrendous)!!! Please note if you would like me to mail the info on tour companies when you contact me.

#### AIRFARES:

The Travel Agents have contracted with Korean Airlines (KAL) as KAL provides our K-Vets with the lowest fares and best service.

Roundtrips, per person, from YOUR nearest airport, on a domestic airline, to connect with the KAL Flights, either at: JFK-New York, O'Hara-Chicago or Los Angeles International are:

Eastern, Midwestern and Southern States: \$1,090.00

Western States (Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Washington and California): \$870.00

Note: The June Trip will be approximately \$110-150.00 extra, as June is considered the "peak" tourist season by the airlines.

Upgrades to Business class on KAL are: \$1,120 - \$1,130.00 in ADDITION to the above fares.

Please, do NOT make your own individual travel arrangements with other Travel Agents, than the one designated by KVA, as KVA-Seoul would like our K-Vets to arrive together. Otherwise it will be "mass confusion" and only add to my heavy work-load!

For our K-Vets who are Retired Military with MATS-Space A, K-Vets who are qualified for "free" tickets on other airlines, due to employment or earned mileage, kindly note this when you mail your application back to me, as I must fax KVA-Seoul and the hotel of your plans.

Upon your arrival at Kimpo Airport, which will be the same date you departed U.S., you will clear customs. After this procedure, an Official KVA Representative, will welcome our K-Vets and escort them by van, to the Ambassador-Sofitel Hotel (rooms are assigned double, unless you request a single, in which case you will be asked to pay the single supplement rate of approximately \$100.00 per night during your five night stay in Seoul).

Hotel Ambassador-Sofitel; 186-54 2-ga, Changch 'ung-dong; Seoul, South Korea. Phone (from U.S.) 011-882-275-1101. Fax: (from U.S.) 011-882-272-0773.

FYI. .Colonel Lee, D.K. Chief-Revisit Program; The Korean Veterans Association; Kongdong P.O. Box 189; Seoul 134-600 Korea. Phone: 011-822-417-5274. Fax: 011-822-417-5273.

#### TOURS:

Panmunjon-DMZ, this usually is a "trip" through the "invasion tunnels".

Korean Folk Village-Near Suwon.

War Museum and National Cemetery (similar to Arlington).

Shopping at Itae-won.

Seoul City Tour, sometimes with a stop at The Palace.

Dinner Hosted by KVA, with presentation of Medal, Ambassador to Peace. Depending on KVA's schedule, it is either mid-week or the night before

departure.

Incidentally, our KIA, MIA and POW's family members who go on the Revisit Trips, are awarded the Medal, posthumously.

#### PASSPORTS:

You must have a current passport for travel to Korea (apply at your Post Office, "normal" time is 4-6 weeks). You will also need a copy of your birth certificate to obtain a passport.

No "shots" are necessary for travel to Korea. Also, you do not need a Visa, unless you plan to stay in Korea more than two weeks.

Documents, etc. required for those traveling on to Mainland China will be provided by the Travel Agents.

#### OTHER DESTINATIONS:

Hong Kong, Taipei, Singapore, Japan, etc. Fares are: \$100.00, per person.

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These trips are arranged by the Travel Agent.

You may indicate your plan in this regard, on your application form.

#### DRESS CODE:

Mostly for comfort, "sports-wear" for the ladies is perfectly acceptable. For the KVA hosted dinner, jackets/ties and dresses. In addition, you may want to consider jacket/ties, etc, when you visit the National Cemetery, in respect for the Korean War Dead.

#### MISC. INFO:

There are money exchange facilities at Kimpo or the Banks. Also, there are AMT Machines, usually located at banks in Seoul. Your purchases may be charged to your Credit Cards.

"Bargaining" is the custom at most shopping areas. The KVA Representative or the Hotel Staff, will advise you whether U. S. Money or the Korean Won is the best "Deal".

Cameras and Camcorders are, of course, O.K. to bring with you to Korea. However, when you visit the DMZ, there may be some restrictions of their use, in which case, our Military Personnel or your Tour Guide, will so advise you. Film is readily available in Korea, except for Poloroid cameras, as I learned first-hand when I was in Korea, March - 1990. So, you should make certain to have enough film before you leave home.

I would be most grateful if you would please contact me ASAP, if you plan

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## FROM PAGE 6

to go on one of the 1993 Trips, as I must have an accurate "count". . .also, I will need your phone number and, if a family member will be accompanying you.

I am just a little, one-woman "office" (home) and my duties with the Revisit Trips create all manner of book-work, volumes of correspondence and meticulous record keeping. I have gladly and, freely volunteered to co-ordinate the trips again this year, as I did in 1991-92.

Further, FYI, I do NOT receive any commission/"kick-backs" from either the airlines, travel agencies, hotels, tours, etc. My efforts for the trips are truly a labor of love. . .and, my small personal way of thanking you for serving your Country in Korea.

It is indeed, my HONOR to assist "my" K-Vets return to Korea and a rare privilege when you have shared your combat experiences with me. I will, however, confess to shedding many a tear when I contemplate the horrendous time you had in combat and our Ex-pows who suffered the tortures of the damned. You will always be my beloved HEROES, Loved and respected by me, without end. Salutes, Hugs and Kisses, "Lt. Honey".

For further info and "reservation", please contact:

Kathleen "Lt. Honey" Cronan Wyosnick  
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BOTTOM ROW, L to R: John (Robertsdale); White (Perdido); Sherman (Foley); and Landry (Mobile).

BERNARD WHITE; P.O. Box 193; Perdido, AL 36562 says "please contact me" — my phone is 205-937-5877.



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In the January Graybeards we printed a story by Dr. Hall — and inadvertently left out his address. For those of you who want to communicate with Doctor Hall, here's the address: ROBERT M. HALL, MD (Col USA Ret); 200 Transylvania Ave.; Raleigh, NC 27609.



PHOTOS SENT BY TONY OLIVARES  
SEE ALSO HIS STORY ON PAGE 1

ABOVE: "Left to right: ZEKE MEDINA; "BUBBLES" BESETTI; me (TONY OLIVARES); and RICHARD MELLO. This is in reserve area after Old Baldy, when Lt. Cordero was still in charge. We lost most of the 3rd Platoon on Old Baldy. I remember Lt. Cordero going around asking us if we thought it was his fault we lost so many of the 3rd Platoon. I remember seeing the wounded being brought up — some with part of their heads shot off and still alive! Our reserve area was named after CANALES, a B.A.R. man killed on Old Baldy. He and KLENKO were a B.A.R. team and both were killed that day along with others I did not know."

BELOW: Left to right: FRENCHY; BUBBLES BESETTI; JOE CHIMALASK, ZEKE MEDINA; BIG ED; TONY OLIVARES; JOHNSON; Sgt PERRY. That's the 1951 Christmas tree."



## "THIS TAPE WILL MAKE CHILLS ON YOUR SPINE"

Dear Stan: After our talk on the phone I got the tape out again. We redid it at the recording studio til we got it right. There is a variety of music. It starts with Yankee Doodle, then Grand Old Flag, Stars and Stripes Forever, Dixie, Battle Hymn of the Republic, Over There and the four branches of the service: Navy, Marine, Army and Air Force in that order.

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I have read a lot of books on the Korean War. Each gave me a little more insight of the War and enabled me to put this together. It is a five-minute poem of the history of the Korean War with martial music.

I played it for Colonel Burke and he said "damn, I wish we had had that at the Reno Reunion."

Blair Cross, the Maryland State VFW Commander takes a copy with him everywhere he goes. I guess the greatest compliment I've gotten on it was from the wife of a friend. It was a one word praise "WOW"!

"You can order your cassette tape from Sam B. Fielder; 1121 Rigdon Rd.; Jarrettsville, MD 21084. Please send \$6 per tape in U. S.; and \$7 per tape in Canada. Thank you."

## IT WAS COLD, REAL COLD. DID THEY SURVIVE?

I can remember the winter of 1950 because we picked up 36 or 40 soldiers aboard the U.S.S. LSM(R) 401 and took them close to shore somewhere in North Korea.

I remember that we let them off the ship around 2300 or 2400 hours. It was pitch dark. I have always wondered if any of those soldiers made it home after that. I felt so sorry for them. It was cold; real cold. They got in rubber rafts or boats and went ashore.

If you were there — please write: MARVIN DELP; 215 East 8th St.; Alton, IL 62002. Phone 618-462-9187. 1-29-93.

THE MAN that eats the most is not the fattest, neither is the one who talks the most, wisest.





Dear Stan: the Graybeards continues to be very good. Mr. Paul Phillips, commander of our St. Louis KWVA Chapter 1 asked me to send you one of our pictures (see above) taken in Forest Park in St. Louis. Our Korean War Veterans Monument is in the background with the flags Old Glory and POW/MIA flag. The Yooter Corporation and Anheuser-Busch donated the funds for the monument which was dedicated in 1989.

Chief of Staff Colin Powell and former Sec. of Defense Dick Cheney sent us a printout of 54,246 names of the Americans killed in action and the MIA's of the Korean War. There were 100 names per sheet with the hometown and state. We unrolled it in front of our monument and it wound over 300 plus yards thru the park.

Our group here in St. Louis is a very close organization. Commander Phillips and our other officers and members have all done a very good job. Keep up the good work and let's get that Memorial built while our members are still living. I contacted Congressman Dick Gephardt this week and told him to get behind it 100%.

By the way one of our members, SANTIAGO VANELA passed away suddenly February 1. Santiago was a former POW for 33 months in N. Korea by the Chinese. His funeral will be Friday the 5th with burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery here in St. Louis.

Keep up the good work — LOY LOVITT; 4305 Virginia Ave., Apt. 102; St. Louis, MO. 63111.

This photo at left was taken last July 27 at the reunion in Reno. Left to right: PAUL PHILLIPS (19th Inf Regt 24th Div); JOE T. JENNINGS (Hvy Mortar Co 24th Inf Regt Wolfhounds 25th Div); and Col (Ret) DAVID HACKWORTH, the noted soldier and author who was keynote speaker for the event. Joe added: "This is to replace the picture that you said you had lost. Also, I was in Japan Occupation 1949 and 1950 before going to Korea July 10, 1959, where I stayed until July 19, 1951. I live now at 7004 Nottingham Pl.; Apt 103; St. Louis, MO 63119."

## POWS WERE NOT AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR

The following letter addressed to Harley Coon (KWVA POW/MIA Chairman) is self-explanatory:

"Dear Harley: I was first made aware in 1989 that a General Order was published in 1950 that awarded members of the 24th Division the Bronze Star for meritorious service during the Korean War. I had discussed the General Order with Major Lacy Burnett (Ret) who has been working on the history of the 24th Division.

"Major Burnett was aware that the General Order was published, but did not remember the details.

"However, in April 1992 while at the National Archives in Washington, DC, he searched the 24th Division file and found a copy of the order signed by General Church.

"The General Order for the Bronze Star applied to those members of the Division who served with the 24th from June 1950 to July 14, 1950, and were still present on November 20, 1950 to be awarded the Bronze Star.

"Those of us that became POWs in July 1950 obviously were not present or part of the Division in November 1950 and therefore were not eligible for the Bronze Star.

"It is regrettable that the Commanding General of the 24th Division had forgotten that those who fought during June 30 to July 14 were the first troops to engage the North Koreans.

"We became POWs and did not receive his recognition for our efforts between the period of June 30 to July 14, 1950.

"I don't know how successful I will be, but I plan to continue to pursue the Bronze Star for the ex-POWs of the 24th Division. I will keep you posted."

—CHARLES MINIETTO (National Commander of American ex-POW Association; was held captive in Korea for 38 months).

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By MAGGIE THE BOOKWORM

**Question?** Have you checked your local Library; School Library; State Library; or your local Book Stores, for books on the Korean War?

Do so; it will amaze you on how few books on the Korean War there are in these Libraries and Book stores. Visited a Book store that has over 150,000 volumes of books. Found six book shelves on World War I and II, six shelves on Vietnam and one shelf on the Korean War with only twelve different titled books. I was angry to say the least. LET'S GET THESE PEOPLE TO PUT MORE BOOKS ABOUT THE KOREAN WAR ON THE SHELVES.

We as individuals can purchase these books and donate them to the Libraries; also we can tell the Book stores to put more books on the Korean War on their shelves too and if they do not do so, then we can write to the corporate CEO and let them know about this lack of interest.

**Answer:** This Column will appear in each issue of the Newsletter with titles of books on the Korean War. If you know of a book you think people would be interested in please send Title, Author, and Publishers name, (if possible), to: KW BOOKS, P.O. Box 127, Caruthers, CA 93609., and we will include the titles in the next Graybeards.

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Title: The Korean War; Au: Max Hastings; Pub: Touchstone.

Title: The Hidden History of Korean War; Au: I.F. Stone; Pub: Little Brown & Company

Title: Korean War Almanac; Au: Harry G. Summers, Jr.; Colonel of Infantry; Pub: Facts on File - New York - Oxford - Sydney.

Title: The United States Army in the Korean War; South to the Naktong; North to the Yalu (June - November 1950) Au: Roy E. Appleman; Pub: Center of Military History; United States Army, Washington, D.C.

Title: In Mortal Combat - Korea 1950-1953; Au: John Toland; Pub: William Morrow and Company, Inc. - New York.

Title: U.S. Army Uniforms of Korean War; Au: Shelly Stanton; Pub: Stockpole.

Title: Korea (The Unknown War); Au: John Halliday & Bruce Comings. Pub: Pantheon Books - New York.



## HIS "NIGHTTIME BUDDY" IN RESERVE AREA, 1952.

I am PFC Frederick S. Reich US 55152403 45th DIV 180th Reg D. Co.

I was with D Co. 180th from Dec. 51 til Sept. 52. I arrived in Korea in Oct. 51, with the 1st Cav. and was transferred to your 45th when the First Cav. returned to Japan.

For years I never tried to contact anyone in the old outfit, but now as I get older I seem to think of my Korea days more and more often.

Like most soldiers, I was very young and very dumb! It seemed I never knew where I was most of the time or where I was going. I did what I was told, kept my head down and hoped for the best!

If anyone has any detailed information and/or maps of D. Co. movements during the time mentioned I would sure like to have copies. I will be glad to pay any costs involved.

I'm retired from the Chicago Fire Dept. and living in a very snug "earth sheltered house". (seems I can't keep away from bunkers) just outside of Richland Center, Wisconsin. I'm on wife #4, have 3 cats and collect bolt action rifles from 1880 to the Korean War period.

I was in a "heavy 30's squad; perhaps you remember me as the guy who collected snakes. Anyone remember the beer and the jam!

—FREDERICK S. REICH; Route 5, Box 610; Richland Center, Wisconsin 53581. Jan. 26, 1993

## ◆ THAT MISSING 3RD CAMPAIGN

*Some of you wrote concerning the Jan 1993 story on page 3, "Awards and Decorations." The author, Tom Harris wrote as follows:*

Dear Stan: We have had some telephone calls, and letters from the membership in reference to the article, page 3, of the January edition.

"Somehow, or for some reason of omission, we left out the 3rd Campaign of the Korean War. The date was Jan. 25, 1951 to April 21, 1951. It was listed as the First U.N. Counteroffensive Campaign.

"I wish to thank you for placing this information in the Graybeards Jan. 93 issue, and giving the membership addresses, and telephone numbers to call for assistance."

—TOM HARRIS; 1304 Oak St. SW; Atlanta, GA 30310. Phone 404-753-5150.



## YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS WILL BE USED TO HELP DISABLED VETERANS

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It is probably unfair to say Bernard Elmore is retired, since the work he does on behalf of disabled veterans is a full-time job. The former Depew (N.Y.) Village trustee solicits donations of postage stamps through ads in newspapers and magazines.

"I had a fellow call me from Florida, and ask me what to do with used stamps," Elmore said. "some people figure they're just junk."

But used stamps are not just junk. The stamps Elmore collects are used in veterans hospitals and schools, to help pass the time and to teach about geography and history. One of the groups Elmore collects postage stamps for is the National Veterans Stamp & Coin Club, which operates out of Tucson, Ariz.

"Right now I'm their largest donor in the United States," he said. "I've been at it six years now."

"There are stamp collectors in and out of hospitals, and we give them stamps," Elmore said. "The stamps are (also) used in rehab programs and art programs, and they're used in craft programs."

"The problem with hospitalization is that a person begins to get bored, and then after a while he gets depressed," Elmore said. "What we're trying to do is keep them busy."

"Everyone wants to help, and stamps don't cost much to send," he said.

Bernie is a WWII vet with six battles stars earned in Patton's 4th Armored Division.

Anyone wishing to contribute used stamps may send them to: Stamps for Veterans, c/o Bernie Elmore. P.O. Box 398, Depew, N.Y. 14043-0398.

## FROM HARLEY COON PRESIDENT OF THE

## ASSOCIATION OF EX-P.O.W.'S OF THE KOREAN WAR INC.

2439 Lantz Rd.

Beavercreek, Ohio 45434 (513) 427-9445

It is my goal to go through proper channels to get as many of our deceased POW'S and MIA'S remains back from North Korea. To do this three things must happen. The North Korean government and the Chinese government must be responsive to the U.S. Government. The North Korean Government must permit U.S. Ex-POW's back into the prison camps to show where the remains are located. Since the Chinese are involved they must put pressure on the N. K. Government.

After the war ended there were 21 American Prisoners who stayed in Communist control. All have since returned to the states, a few have died. I believe that a couple may have died in China. Has the federal authorities questioned any of these men to determine if they knew of any American POW'S in China or sent to Russia? I have talked to many of the POW'S who returned and none have any knowledge of any men taken from our camps who did not return or were not accounted for.

It will be impossible to recover many remains from some of the men we buried on the hillside in Camp #5, between Jan. 1951 through May 1951 as many of those bodies were washed away when the Yalu thawed out and flooded the area where a lot of these men were buried.

We are missing about 1,000 Korean POW'S in this country so I wonder: How we can find 8,177 in a country that we can't get in to? We have been trying to locate all Korean Ex-POW'S so they may get their "lost leave pay".

The last thing I would like to mention is some false reports that state there are still some POW'S seen alive. One that comes to mind is the story of Charles M. Skero. It was reported that he was one of the soldiers interrogated by the Soviet Union and possibly transferred to China. It so happens that Charles M. Skero was buried by a friend on June 22, 1951.

I think it is most cruel to have this family go through this suffering again 40 years later. I think that nothing should be released on any MIA until it is confirmed. Has anyone heard any more on the East case?

## KOREA VETERANS Uijongbu Club

### OF CANADA

Dear Comrades and Friends: 1992 has been a dismal year for most Service Clubs and it (the recession) has hit smaller clubs like ours a little bit harder.

This is our 6th year of doing business as the Korea Veterans Club at the nearby Lester B. Pearson International Airport. Lester B. Pearson the Canadian Diplomat whose name has become synonymous with that of the Canadian Peacekeepers the world over and whose worthwhile contribution via the United Nations resulted in Canada's involvement in Korea. This is the message that the Uijongbu Club continues to portray to a number of Canadian and International visitors to the club.

We have felt that our location, a short distance from the International airport and the geographical centre of the country was an ideal aspect of the club and to which some of our visitors have remarked favorably upon.

Our newsletter "Arriang" continues to give an account of happenings within the Canadian/Korean community and this year we have embarked on seeking subscriptions to the newsletter to cut down our costs. The continued generous support in 1992 by the Royal Canadian Legion and the Army, Navy, and Airforce Veterans Association and of course those most generous friends has indeed helped us to carry on.

We sincerely hope that you will continue to extend this generous assistance to us on our path to keep a place for ALL veterans to visit during their sojourn to the Hub of Canada and the oasis to stop while passing through the Pearson International Airport (we are 10 minutes away). Come in and enjoy the banter that we ex-servicemen are most familiar with.

Yours in Comradeship: George Mannion, President; 6033 Shawson Drive U-5, Mississauga, Ontario. L5T 1H8.

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## SUIT IS FILED IN FEDERAL COURT IN MIA/POW CASE

Members of the Council received, in February, a copy of the law suit filed by NORMAN E. JONES, PhD (Life Member KWVA) et al. KWVA is not directly involved in the suit.

Dr. Jones said also that he is contemplating further legal action on behalf of those veterans and families who have publicly stated their desire to have names of the KIA/MIA engraved on the Memorial to be built in Washington, DC.

He added: "If you want to join in this action — at no cost to you — please write me" at this address: 2511 Christopher Lane; Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

Here below is the actual letter received by the KWVA Council:

6 FEBRUARY 1993

### LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Attached hereto is a Federal Court Case filed in Washington D. C.. on January 11, 1993, on behalf of Robert Dumas, Pro Se, that might be of some interest to you. We have brought in all of the parties (DEFENDANTS) that have lied to all of us over the past forty years.

The so called, Select Committee on MIA/POW'S have with-held documents from the public and they will pay the price as will the others as named. (See attached of three pages that say, "left over" from the Korean War, etc.).

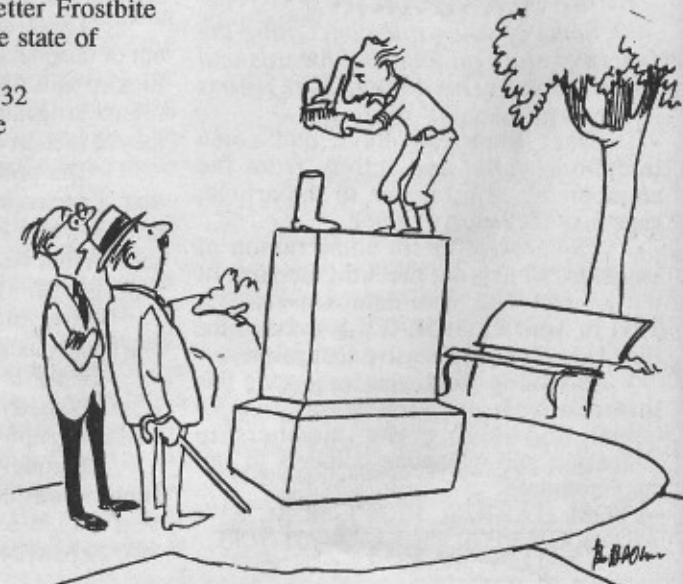
Now, as you are aware, a vast number of the "Association" have spoken about "NO WALL" by not having the KIA'S and POW'S listed but the Boards in Washington D. C. did not approve such a "WALL" so----- I will send out letters to those members in some 40 States and try and get some members from all 50 States and when we are ready, then I will file a "Class Action" in the Federal District Court in W.D.C. so that our members will have their day in Court about the "WALL". (I believe I have found the documents that the "INTENT OF CONGRESS" by the House Members was to have a "WALL" with names and the Senate voted what the House Members wanted).

I would like the Association to take up this issue as the Association has not done much for its members, except, an internal fight on the By-Laws, so forth. Now it the time to stand-up and be counted!

## the FROSTBITE FLYER

FRANCIS K. FORTON; 10610 E. Cherry Bend Rd.; Traverse City, MI 49684 sent a copy of his chapter newsletter Frostbite Flyer — aptly named for the state of Michigan.

He added: "We have 32 members and are quite active during the summer months. In the winter months, things up here are cold and quiet." Enclosed in his letter was this cartoon titled: "I SEE THEY'RE FINALLY BEGINNING THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MONUMENT!"





## CHAPTERS BY-LAWS MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Director HANSEL HALL has been asked by President Dick Adams to assist in solving by-laws problems for chapters. The following is published at his request:  
MEMORANDUM NUMBER #1. January 11, 1993.

TO: Chair of Chapter By-Laws  
FROM: Hansel C. Hall, Director  
SUBJECT: By-Law Minimum Requirements

a) For your reference, information and action, it is suggested that at a minimum, Chapter By-Laws should include the following sections or articles, specifically:

- I. NAME
- II. OBJECT OR MISSION OR PURPOSE
- III. MEMBERSHIP
- IV. OFFICERS
- V. MEETINGS
- VI. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- VII. COMMITTEES
- VIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
- IX. DISSOLUTION OF CHAPTER
- X. AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

b) It is further suggested that since there are several Parliamentary Authorities, KWVA should be encouraged to use the most popular authority in America which is "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED". Therefore, it is suggested that your article or section on Parliamentary Authority should read as follows:

### PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the CURRENT edition of "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED" shall govern the chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws and any special rules of order the chapter may adopt and any state statutes or municipal codes applicable to this Chapter.

c) If you have comments or questions, please feel free to write, phone or fax (612 338-5850).

GOOD LUCK and PLEASE keep us advised. Hansel C. Hall, Director; P.O. Box 14648 Uni Sta; Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414-0648; Telephone (612) 332-2685.

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## "IT IS TIME FOR KWVA TO COME OUT FIGHTING"

Dear Stan: Thank you so very much for seeing to it personally that I received a copy of the latest Graybeards. It was certainly pleasant not to have to wonder where it was or when it was coming, for a change. I think the new format of the newsletter is great, and it seems that each issue is containing more and becoming bigger and better. Keep up the good work.

However, I do have a couple of comments. As you know, the Senate Select Committee has ended its investigation into POW/MIA affairs. The Korean War received minimal attention, notwithstanding Senator Smith's herculean efforts on our behalf. It has long been my concern that the KWVA has not presented itself to the public as an organization to be reckoned with — not made itself visible enough — on its stand on the POW/MIA issue. With the exception of some board members, who have traveled back and forth from coast to coast, paying their own expenses, we, as an organization have not demanded strongly enough that the Korean POW/MIA issue receive the same attention and time as the Vietnam War. If the KWVA cannot stand up and be counted for on this issue, we certainly cannot expect the VFW, and American Legion, etc. to do it for us. It is time to come out fighting for our many MIAs and their families. This has NOT been done so far. I cannot suggest too strongly that a more positive stand be taken immediately.

On the same thought, I am enclosing a letter from President Clinton to Peter Susko expressing his (Clinton's) support

for the POW issue. NOW is the time to remind President Clinton and ask for his support in establishing a means to continue the investigation, and to continue Task Force Russia, and also establish a Task Force Beijing and Pyongyang. And to declassify immediately all Korean War documents and records which are currently being denied to we families. IT HAS BEEN 40 YEARS!!!!

### NEW INFO ON MY HUSBAND

You might also be interested to note that I have recently received some information from the Central Identification Lab in Hawaii contained in the file of my MIA husband. During the Nov 10-11 1992 hearings on the Korean War, a Dr. Cole from Rand Corp testified. I obtained a copy of his report. In that report he mentioned that in each case file in Hawaii, there is a Casualty Data card and a Case Status card. A copy of these cards can be obtained by writing to Col. Johnie Webb at the above lab. The casualty Data card gives info on the POW/MIA status of the individual. The Case Status card (on the back in my case) gives a reference to look up the info from. In our particular case, this was new info we had not had before, and I hope will lead me to eventually locating the original records of my husband's shootdown. This type of info should have been released to the families long ago.

I appreciate the efforts of all of you who work so hard to send us the newsletter, and I hope that in the future we can open up a strong position with President Clinton on our POW/MIAs.

Sincerely, JEANETTE (HEISE)  
EARL; 154-B W Spain St., #B; Sonoma  
CA 95476; Ph. 707-996-9044. Jan. 30,  
1993.



This photo was made at K8-Kunson, 1951-52. We were cooks for the 36th Fighter Squadron. TOP, L to R: Grubbs, Hanna, Olson, Rondy. BOTTOM, L to R: RALPH KEARNEY, Sizemore, Ryan, and Simons. We were holding plucked chickens. —RALPH KEARNEY; RR 1, Box 348; Toronto, OH 43964.



**Lloyd L. "Scooter" Burke**

"The purpose of this letter is to announce my candidacy for the KWVA Board of Directors.

#### Resume

"I enlisted in the Army in March 1943, and served as a Combat Engineer in Italy during WWII.

"Discharged in Jan 1946, I re-entered college in Arkansas and graduated in 1950. I was designated a Distinguished Military Graduate thru the ROTC program and entered active duty again as a 2nd Lt.

"Volunteered for Korea in Oct 1950 and served there as a platoon leader and infantry C.O. for 16 months in the 5th Cav Regt, 1st Cav Division.

"After various command and staff assignments I volunteered to lead a battalion of the 16th Infantry Rangers of the 1st Division to Viet Nam in June 1965.

"Upon returning to the Continental United States I attended the National War College, in Washington, D.C. and graduated in 1967. My last eleven years of active duty was spent as the Army's Liaison Officer to the U.S. House of Representatives. Retired in 1978 after 35 years of service, as a colonel.

"Decorations include: CMH, DSC, SS, BS, 5 Purple Hearts, Combat Infantry Badge w/Star.

"Respectfully: LLOYD L. "SCOOTER" BURKE; 9170 Lakeview Dr.; Foley, AL 36535."

The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done — and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it.

## THESE ARE CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### YOUR BALLOT WILL BE IN JUNE GRAYBEARDS

*In accordance with instructions, Graybeards here lists those candidates for election to the position of Director on the National Council, effective July 27, 1993 through July 26, 1996. The JUNE Graybeards will provide every member with a specific ballot for voting by mail. Full instructions will be on that ballot in June.*

*The candidates who qualified are listed starting on this page:*



**Kenneth B. Cook**

By following the KWVA By-Laws, I am seeking a Board of Directors seat for years 1993-1996.

"High School Graduate. 2 years U.S. Army. Serving with the 195th Ordnance Depot, 74th Ordnance Battalion, 8th Army. May 1, 1953 thru June 1, 1953.

"Married: wife Katherine W. Cook. Four children, four grand-children. Retired truck driver (over the road) as of March 1, 1993. I retired to have more time to work for (1) God, (2) then my family and the KWVA Veterans.

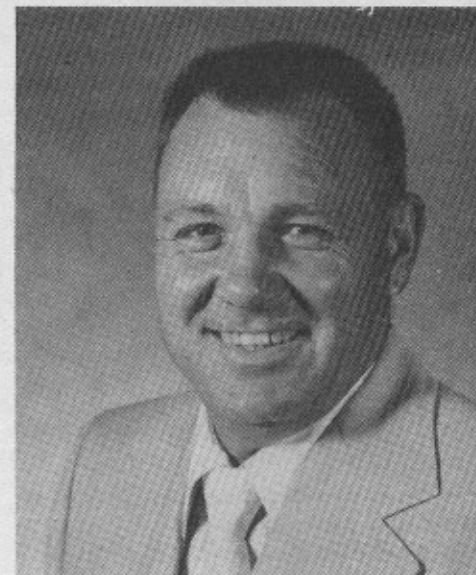
"Member and Past Board Member, Quartermaster of the Robert Wurtsbaugh Chapter. Life time member of V.F.W. 5 years past president of the Danville Twilight Baseball League (oldest semi-pro league in the United States). 5 years past president of the Danville Youth Baseball Tournament. (American Legion).

"I have seen too many Veterans in the KWVA working hard, but for their own ego. I'm too old and I don't have time for trophies and ego. We must work for what we were elected for — serving our KWVA Veterans. Let's get the Monument built; and working for the POW and MIA. There are too many projects that need to be done. It takes all board members working together as one unit; than and only then,

will we move ahead."

—KENNETH B. COOK (LM-1764); R#3 Box 573; Danville, Illinois 61832. Phone 217-446-9829.

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**Harley J. Coon**

"This letter will confirm my intention to run for a seat on the board of directors of the Korean War Veterans Association.

#### Resume

"Born March 13, 1931, Dayton, Ohio. Attended Dayton public schools until Sept. 20, 1948. Entered U.S. Army September 28, 1948 and took basic training at Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

"Assigned to 1st Cav. 8th Regt. January 1949. In April was transferred to "B" Co. 35th RCT 25th Div.

"Served with occupation forces until July 1950. Ordered to Korea in early July 1950. Fought from Pusan Perimeter to Yalu River. Captured by Chinese on 27 November 1950 and served 33 months as Prisoner of War. Released on September 1, 1953.

"Returned home; married Sylvia A. Syrbick of Wellsey, Mass. on March 13, 1954. We have three children Debra,

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Sandra, and Chris, also 3 grandchildren. After returning home I finished high school then graduated from University of Dayton in 1958.

"Started a Business in 1959 and operated until 1986 then retired. Have been active in community affairs for over 40 years. I am presently:

President: Korean War EX-POW Association.

POW-MIA Chairman: KWVA.

Treasurer: Korean Veterans Memorial Association.

Life Member: Disabled American Veterans.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Korean War Ex-POW Association, Non Commis-sioned Officers Association.

President: Greene County Veterans Service Commission.

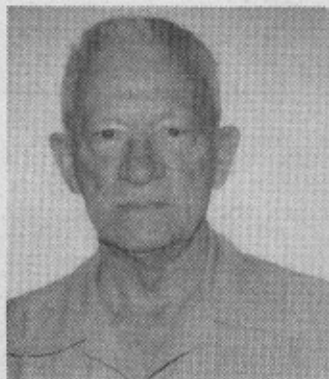
"My Prized Medals are: Combat Infantrymans Badge, Purple Heart, and Prisoner of War medal.

"I feel with my experience that I can be of service to my fellow Korean War Veterans.

"Thank you. A VOTE FOR ME, IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION."

—HARLEY J. COON; 2439 Lantz Rd.; Beavercreek, Ohio 45434.

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**Stan Hadden**

"I hereby submit this letter of intent to declare myself a candidate for one of the seats on the KWVA Board of Directors for the term starting this coming July 1993.

"I consider that I am qualified to serve based upon my past experience wherein I have served KWVA as the first to hold the office of Second Vice President; my service as the Editor of Graybeards since September 1988 and in which I am continuing to serve. I am now a Director.

"I am asking the membership to

honor me once more by electing me to again serve, for the next term. I have never missed attending a meeting of and for national KWVA since July 26, 1985.

"I hold membership number 0015. I pledge to every member that I will do my utmost to help build KWVA into the vital veterans organization that we are destined to become. I pledge my time to the effort to have the national Memorial built in Washington; our goal for dedication shall be not later than 1995.

"Your vote for me shall be appreciated."

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

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**Paul G. Martin**

I would like to seek nomination for three year term on the KWVA Board.

"I served with Recon Company First Marine Division in Korea from Sept. 15, 1950 to Nov 6, 1951 which included Inchon, Seoul, Chosin Reservoir during 1950 and Hwachon, Inje, Punchbowl during 1951.

"I spent many recent years selling the public how important the KWVA performance was in winning the 40 year COLD WAR and am still at it. The Korean War Vets stood up to aggression unlike the League of Nations during 1935 which lead to WWII. I would like to continue this program. I helped write the books "Korean War: Pusan to Chosin" and "IN MORTAL COMBAT"

"I was interviewed by Thames TV station during 1987. I would like to have people to remember the Korean War like they do the Statue of Liberty and American Revolution."

—Sincerely: PAUL G. MARTIN; 434 Marine Avenue; Brooklyn, New York 11209. Ph. 212-598-2941 M-F 9 to 5. Or call 718-748-0595 evenings/weekends.



**Maurice R. "Dick" Wainwright**

"I, Maurice R. "Dick" Wainwright, desire to place my name in nomination for Director - KWVA for the term 1993-1996.

"The following information will state my qualifications and positions on important issues:

"Military Service: Enrolled in ROTC while attending Purdue University in 1947-48. Entered US Army from Indiana on May 8, 1951, shipped overseas in January 1952, assigned to the 45th Infantry Division in Korea in February 1952 and to division headquarters on April 1, 1952. Returned to the US in April 1953 and was transferred to the USAR. I became active in USAR in November 1954, accepted a direct commission in December 1956 and retired in October 1988.

"I joined KWVA in January 1990 and became a member of the Phoenix chapter a little later. In April 1991 I began looking for Korean Veterans interested in forming a chapter in Tucson. With twelve Korean Veterans in November 1991, we formed The Edward W. Rhoads Chapter and I was elected the President. In conjunction with the Ray Harvey (MOH) Chapter, the two chapters in Arizona in November 1992 began forming the Department of Arizona. The Department was established in December 1992 and I was elected the President.

"I was a member of the American Legion Post in Rushville, Indiana. In 1974 I joined American Legion Post #7 and later joined VFW Post 549 as a life member. I am a Charter and Life member of The Edward W. Rhoads Chapter, Korean War Veterans Association of Arizona and a Life member of National.

"In forming a chapter of KWVA I

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became aware of several problems that needed to be corrected to make our National a great association for Korean Veterans. Other problems were discovered last fall and were brought before the Officers and organization of the KWVA. For me to continue this work was the main reason for me to decide to run for Director.

"Being an owner and manager of a business since moving to Arizona in 1969, I have become aware of several business problems in KWVA that I believe can be corrected.

"The restructuring of KWVA's legal status to give IRS non-profit status to all units, standard by-laws that will be used by all levels of KWVA to include information and forms for organizing new chapters and establishing a National office with minimum expense staffed primarily by volunteer KWVA members are actions I believe need to be accomplished quickly.

"The completion of our National Memorial in Washington, DC is a primary goal. This must be finished as approved with the least delay. To improve our image and prepare for the dedication I believe we need to increase our membership significantly and that can be accomplished by establishing regions or departments and requiring those at that level to be responsible for recruiting and assisting in forming new chapters.

"In 1989 I began locating members of the unit I served with in Korea. Since I was assigned to a National Guard unit that entered Korea late in December 1951. I was surprised at the lack of information about units from that time until the armistice was signed. I feel the "Tell America" program is an important project.

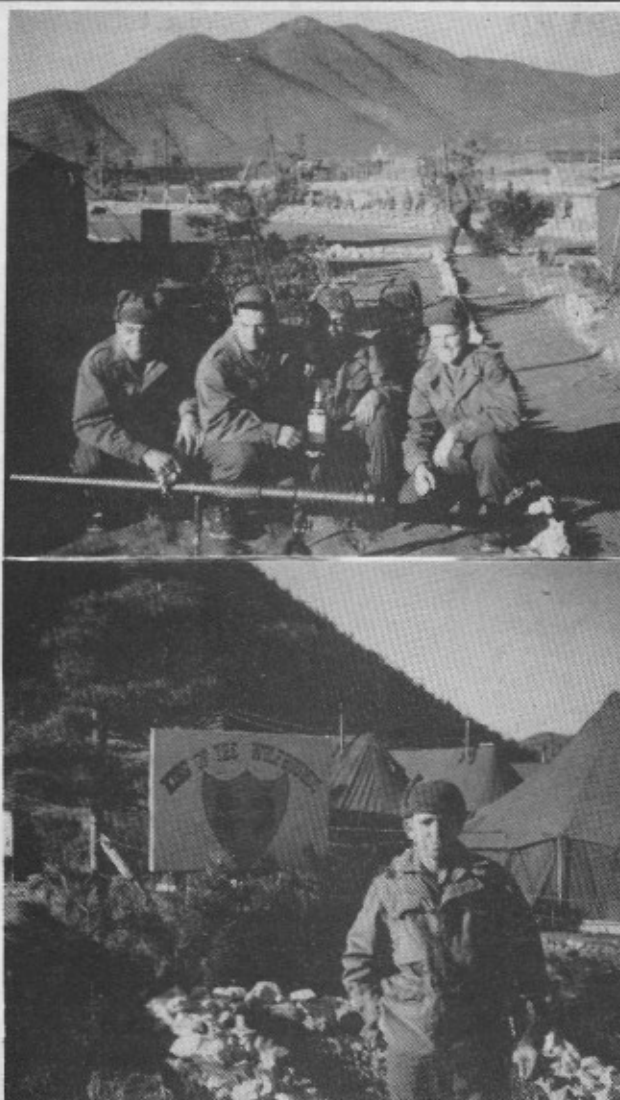
"The membership roster needs to be published at least semi-annually and distributed at least to chapter level and used as directed by National.

"KWVA must be responsive to its units and members. If I become a Director, it will be my pledge to accept and respond to the interests of our members and to assist with answers in a timely manner.

"I ask for your consideration to elect me to this important position."

—Sincerely, MAURICE R. WAINWRIGHT (KWVA #6712LM); 9001 E. Rosewood St.; Tucson, AZ 85710-2650; 602-298-1851/(W) 623-4199.

END CANDIDATES LIST



"Here are some pictures I took in Korea, 1951-1952, at the Kojido P.O.W. Camp. Maybe some of my buddies will remember? WILLIAM (Bud) G. MAYTI; 2222 #A Randolph St.; Huntington Park, CA 90255. Phone 213-583-9563.

This is a snapshot (SEE BELOW) of Chapter #1 Fort Wayne, IN following our January monthly meeting held at Chowders. Hope you can publish this photo. MEL ALDRIDGE, Promotions & Publication; c/o 116 East Berry St., Suite 1300; Ft. Wayne, IN 46802.





## "WOMEN WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY HAD TO PUT UP WITH HOSTILITY AND..."

As always I look forward to reading my Graybeards from cover to cover. This one was no exception to the rule! I am always hoping that a name or picture will ring a bell; and I will see or hear from someone I served with in the Military. So long ago, but, sometimes it seems like yesterday!

I liked the clean type format better, but if this new "format" will save money for the organization I vote yes!

When one belongs to an organization, whether it be Veteran, Social Service, or Art and Culture, I believe in standing behind what the organization stands for, and working with the elected officers in order to accomplish what is good for all in the organization. In others words; The Goal. Which in our case is the KWV memorial.

### HIS QUESTION OF A DIRECTOR'S "BONA FIDES" IS DISCRIMINATION MESSAGE

It is unfortunate that the person or persons questioning the eligibility of one of our Directors as to whether she is a "bona fide" Korean War Veteran is also sending a message of discrimination towards women veterans.

When I read Lt. Col Pratt's letter in the Graybeards I felt very angry and very sad. For years we women that served in the military have had to put up with hostility and discrimination from the powers that be in the military and at the Pentagon down to the Veterans Organizations.

While care and treatment has improved at the V.A. Centers, and women are receiving equal access to most benefits, discrimination is alive and well in many "subtle" ways. Civilian women are just as guilty as men in failing to find women veterans as equal as men veterans.

I am pleased to see this organization is confronting the problem up-front!

It's true most of us were not in the combat zones, but we too volunteered to serve our country in supportive services. Many men who served were also not in combat. Does that make their service to their country less honorable? Women do not want "special services" or "attention", just Equal treatment.

Also, I am for having the names and numbers on the Memorial. This will not change the design. Whose Memorial is it?

I am against violence, but sometimes doing the right thing means more than setting back and waiting for people to change. The Vietnam people are noticed because they raise a little Hell once in awhile to get the public's attention and Washington's attention.

People have said: The Memorial should not be a Crying Wall. I say why not! Maybe we Veterans want to grieve and cry our eyes out for those who did not come home, and for our past lives. Only then can we leave it all behind us. Most important too is the fact that people and the country will remember. Korea deserves a place in history and a place in what our children learn about the past.

I will close, thanking you and all the members of the Executive Board and National Officers for your good work. Sincerely yours, I am  
—AUDREY J. REID; 4385 TRENTON LANE #201; Plymouth, MN 55442. Corresponding Secretary MKWVA Chapter 1. Jan. 26, 1993.

If you want it  
printed in Graybeards,  
send to  
Stan Hadden;  
P.O. Box 131

Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

**CHECK YOUR LABEL!  
PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!**

## 1996 REUNION PROPOSALS SOUGHT

Our reunions for the next three years are set:

1993 - July 24-28, Bloomington, MN.

1994 - July 24-28, Tempe, AZ.

1995 - July 24-28, Washington, DC (Memorial dedication)

1996 - ?

We are now looking for a Department/Branch to host the 1996 reunion. Keep in mind that, if for some unforeseen difficulty, the memorial dedication slips to 1996, we will have our reunion in Washington, D.C. in 1996. Therefore, whoever is selected to host the 1996 reunion should be prepared to change to 1995. We don't think (hope) this will happen — but who knows?

Please send your proposal packages to one of the members of the time and place committee (or bring them with you to the reunion in Minnesota):

DON BYERS; 3475 Lyon Park Ct.; Woodbridge, VA 22192 (will not be home after 1 July).

BILLY SMITH; 6 MacCory Dr.; Oreana, IL 62554.

CHARLES DAWSON; 7503 119th Ave. N; Largo, FL 34643.

**GOOD LISTENERS** are not only popular everywhere. . .but after awhile they know something. Read page 33.

## NEW BOOK!

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This picture was released by Peking News Service, then Time Magazine with the caption "American soldiers captured by soldiers of the Chinese Peoples Army at Wonsan, Korea. These four members were from B. Company, 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion. They were Theodore Reynolds, Melvin Hearn, Seal, and the other member I believe was Schultz. Picture was taken during early 1950s."



### "I WAS ON THE PHONE WHEN THEY WERE CAPTURED"

"This picture was in Time Magazine Jan. 22, 1951. The caption says it was taken in Wonsan, North Korea but was actually taken at Unson, North Korea, Nov. 1 or Nov. 2, 1950.

"The four men were from B. Company, third Platoon, 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion. This picture has been in several books, written on the Korean War. One author suggests that it was posed but I doubt that very much.

"If any P.O.W. recognizes these men or in fact, if any of these men were repatriated in "Operation (Little Switch) or "Big Switch", I wish they would contact me. I was on the phone to this platoon, and the only thing I could hear was shots. Our Company Commander, Capt. Maurice E. Wilhelm was killed in Action, trying to get these men out. Any help would be appreciated."

—Sincerely yours, HERBERT L. GILBERT; 3700 51st St. N; St. Petersburg, FLa. 33710. Phone (813) 527-2931.

Rules of qualification for KWVA membership were changed to recognize that we are getting fewer in numbers and by drawing in the occupation troops we will maintain our strength to answer the call to save our nation — again. Please help KWVA help you. Pay your dues now.

### LET'S LIFT THE GRIDLOCK CURTAIN AND PEER AT "POSSIBLY HIDDEN" MANIPULATIONS

March 1, 1993

TO: Mr. Stan Hadden

From: Mrs. Elizabeth Hartzell

You may wish to include the following information in the next issue of The Graybeards:

1. Fourteen months after the unfortunate deaths of the seven astronauts in the Challenger space shuttle accident 1/28/86, they were honored with a mural with their images and names in a first floor corridor of the Senate wing of the Capital, and a Memorial with their images and names at Arlington National Cemetery with full ceremonies, all paid for by the tax payers. D'Vera Cohn in a Washington Post article on 3/22/87 states "Challenger's explosion was a brutal reminder that progress sometimes extracts a terrible toll."

2. Ten years after the end of the Vietnam war the veterans of the Vietnam war had their Memorial, complete with names of the MIAs, POWs and those who lost their life in the service of our country, paid for with public contributions. The thousands of deaths are a brutal reminder that peace sometimes extracts a terrible toll.

3. Forty years after the Korea war ended and six years after the Korean War Veterans Memorial was promised, providing sufficient money was contributed to pay for it, and even though an excess of \$16 million was contributed by the veterans, veterans families and the public, with an excess of \$4 million already used, there is no Korean War Veterans Memorial. The MIAs, POWs, and 54,260 American deaths is a brutal reminder that peace extracts a terrible toll, and yet our Korean war veterans and the families of Korean war veterans who lost their life are, as I understand it, threatened with the withdrawal of the Korean War Veterans Memorial if they continue to want and request that the names of the MIAs, POWs and 54,260 Americans who lost their life in the Korean war be etched in a place of honor on their Korean War Veterans Memorial, a request that was respected for the Challenger astronauts along with their images, and a request that was respected for those who lost their lives in the Vietnam war.

If it is considered that death in the pursuit of progress is more worthy of honor, respect and appreciation then death in the pursuit of peace, those who linger in this delusion must be reminded that without peace, there can be no progress. It should also be remembered that discrimination against a person or a group of people, as certainly appears to be exhibited in the deplorable treatment of our America veterans of the Korean war and their families, is, as I understand it, unlawful, requiring corrective action without delay.



## "IF THE MEMORIAL GOES FORWARD WITHOUT THE NAMES, I'LL DROP OUT"

Dear Stan: I've been wanting to write, but I've been tied to this computer trying to come forth with a novel that is almost complete and I never knew I could be such a slave to anything other than good Scotch and the female gender.

I am not sure that I don't agree with the man from San Antonio about the KWVA. When a bunch of us got back from Truman's police action, whole in body at least, we would sit around a beer hall and talk about forming what we back then called K-Vets. The idea finally drifted away and evaporated; it may have been an idea that would bring us together for the purpose of beer drinking or just drinking and telling war stories and comparing notes. For whatever reason, it went by the way.

When I was at a First Cav reunion at Hood a couple years ago I met a wheelchair veteran who had applications for KWVA and I got one and sent in my check and became a member. Through GRAYBEARDS I learned that the memorial was going to be built. I have been raising hell since then, in the only way I know, to correct what I consider to be a fatal flaw in the memorial and that

is the absence of the names of Korean War dead and missing. We'll (otherwise) have a chunk of marble or whatever with no meaning.

People who care will do as I have; they will go to the Wall and run their fingers over the names of friends and soldiering buddies who bought the farm. I thought the emotion I had heard about from those who preceded me to the Wall was bullshit. How wrong I was.

I will stay awhile in KWVA but if the war memorial goes forward without the names, I'll drop out and return to the VFW and Legion. Incidentally, the Brandon VFW post passed the exact resolution that I drafted for 60th Tank on Dec. 1, 1992 and plans to carry it to district, state and hopefully to the national. The vets who voted in the VFW were from World War II through Desert Storm. The vote was unanimous.

Tried to get the Korean War veterans to do the same at the Cav reunion last year in Billings. They did vote, again with no dissent, in favor of the resolution but the board of governors declined to endorse it, or permit it in resolution form. What the hell does a damned ole sergeant know, especially if he came from recon. I do a column for SABER and finally got the resolution of the 70th in it.

—Sincerely KENNETH FAIRLY;  
348 Wild Cedar Place; Brandon, MS 39042.

## THOUGHTS ABOUT ETCHING NAMES IN STONE

by STAN HADDEN

Here is information useful to some: a stone mason who makes his living manufacturing and engraving tombstones told me that it would be NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE, in his opinion, to engrave names in granite ON AN UPRIGHT WALL. He said that the really only practical method for such engraving is done on a horizontal surface.

So I asked him the approximate cost of engraving a name in stone. His reply was: "about five dollars per letter, with polished v-cut edges". So I did some calculating and based on the average name having 17 letters, to engrave a name would cost about \$85. Carry that a step further — to engrave 33,643 names in the Korean War Veterans Memorial would cost about \$2,859,655.

Insofar as many people are concerned, the talk about engraving names after the Memorial is completed is not based upon logic.

## "THANKS! AFTER SAYING THIS I FEEL MUCH BETTER!"

"Stan: You did a great job with the new Graybeard, I'm all for the new look.

"1st — I'd like to thank Lt. Col. Sherman W. Pratt on his letter about Kathleen (Lt. Honey). She is doing a hell of a lot more than the ones that are undermining the KWVA. (page 30).

"2nd — About Mr. Clinton (page 2) where was the KWVA. What did the last President do for us? and he was a Vet of WWII.

He cut more VA benefit. He got more service men killed without a war. He had more draft dodgers on his staff than anyone did. Sec. of Defense - Vice President and other. He didn't do a damn thing to help the KWVA Memorial.

"And by the way, where is Senator John Glenn — what has he done? and he a Korean Vet. If you don't like the Game then change the rules.

"Thanks Stan, I feel better."

—FRANK di LEONARDO; 1443 Station Rd.; Valley City, OH 44280.

## "ON FEB 2, 1952 I WAS CAPTURED AND THE WOUNDS WILL NEVER HEAL INSIDE"

Dear KWVA:

Thinking back on the time in 1951 that I graduated from High School and contemplate on the War that was going on in Korea. At that time I thought that my country needed me very much in the fight against Communism in Korea.

My father had served in the Field Artillery from 1925 - 1928. Stan, when we listened to the radio on Dec. 7, 1941 and heard that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor my father said he was reenlisting. On Dec. 2, 1941 my father had turned 36 and he did reenlist. He went overseas. He came through WWII triumphantly.

When I was ready to ship overseas I left Camp Stoneman, Ca. and went to San Francisco to board ship. While on the dock the Red Cross served us coffee and donuts. Later the men asked for refills and seconds on donuts. The Red Cross there said that will be so much (to pay). That is when I felt so much hate for them that I told them what they could do with their coffee and donuts. It wasn't very nice. The Army and Marines were going to Korea and we didn't know if any of us were coming back. The Red Cross is a For Profit Organization.

On the way over I was scared to death. In those dark waters I didn't know if there were subs or not.

I served with a proud outfit. The 25th Tropic Lighting and the 27th Regt. (The Wolfhounds). On Feb. 2nd 1952 I was captured and spent the duration of the war as a POW. Fighting face to face was hell but being a prisoner and trying to live was much worse than hell.

I believe the memorial wall should have the MIA/KIA inscribed on it. I still have a cousin that is unaccounted for and he was in WWII.

Thank you very much for reading this letter. A comrade in arms from the "Forgotten War."

Sincerely, ROBERT CLARK; 305 9th St. S. #111; St. Petersburg, FL. 33705 #500 POW.

P.S. The wounds have healed on the outside but they never will on the inside.

—◆—  
"We fought in this opening conflict against the Soviet bloc. Now the Communist threat to Freedom has been destroyed. Hence we share in that now REMEMBERED victory!" —CHAPLAIN FRANK R. GRIEPP (Col USA Ret); 3505 Coolheights Dr.; Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274.

The story briefly, in photos, (at right) of the 4.2 Mortar Co, 5th Regt, 1st Mar Div March 1951 to April 13, 1952 as told by FRANK di LEONARDO; 1443 Station Rd.; Valley City, OH 44280.

Some of the guys from our company, and one of the gun crew. That's me front row on the right without jacket.

We had set up the guns for a firing mission; if I recall correctly was around Punchbowl. We had fought our way up from Inje and were now just above the Hwachon Reservoir (20 miles from the east coast). We had three ROK battalions on our right and one battalion on the left. Three battalions were ROK Marines and they beat the hell out of NKPA. This is now about the middle of June 1951.

After all the fun was over we were sent to reserve; that was about 2 or 3 miles behind the front lines. (1st and 7th Regt Marines were on line). We were the backup Regt of 1st MarDiv. All-in-all, a good time was had by all. By the way, this was the first time the Marine Corps had used the 4.2 mortar in combat, and it was great.

## "THEY TAUGHT THEIR SON TO BE THANKFUL FOR VETERANS"

Dear Stan: After reading David Maguire's story in the January issue of Graybeards it reminded me of an incident that happened to me.

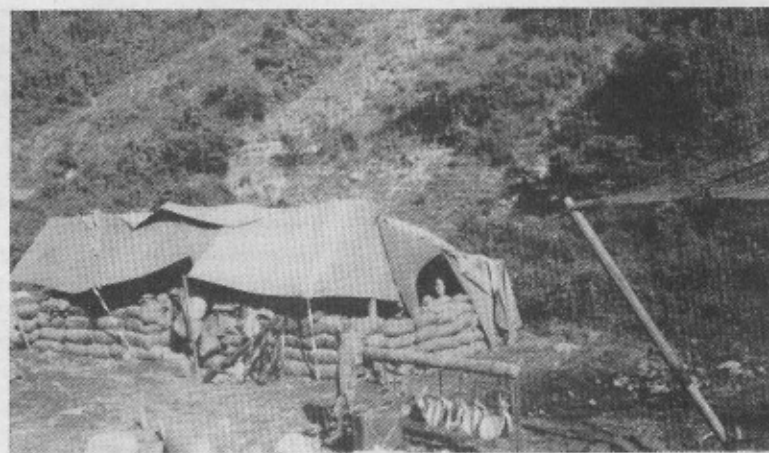
About six month's ago my wife and I went to Atlantic City. We decided to go to Resorts International for the buffet. As usual there was a long line waiting to go into the buffet.

We had been in line about ten minutes when I saw this young boy around eleven or twelve coming back through the line. I was wearing the Forgotten War Cap. When he came up to me he stopped and asked me if I was a Korean War veteran. When I said yes he said let me shake your hand and say "God bless you and thank you". For a minute I was speechless, but was finally able to say thank you to him.

While we were in the buffet I saw him with his parents so I decided to go tell his parents what he had done and compliment them on his behavior.

In talking to him I noticed an accent. I didn't ask them about it, but they told me they raised him to be thankful to all veterans because it was because of them Europe was freed of Nazi Germany.

Yours in Comradeship William C. Hyde (54th ENG MAINT CO) 405 S. Union St., Wilm., DE. 19805. Jan. 19, 1993.



## SEARCHING FOR BROTHER

I am searching for my long-lost brother Joon-Woong Kim, AKA Byung-Jo Kim, nicknamed "Skosse" (meaning little boy). Skosse apparently was adopted by a 1st Lieutenant and taken to the US in 1954. He was approximately 11 years old at the time, making him approximately 50 years old at present. Indications are that the Lieutenant was attached to CIC 308, 801, or 704, in Taegu.

May God bless you for any information you can provide to help me in my search. Sincerely, Byung-dong Kim, Korea. CDR Arthur J. Manger, USN (RET) has kindly consented to be my contact in the USA. If you have any information which will aid in my search, please contact him at 1600 Michael Lane, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272, Phone: (310) 459-5109.



# WANTED KOREAN WAR VETS!!

## KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSN.

### THE 9th ANNUAL REUNION WILL BE July 24-28 in Bloomington, Minnesota

Start planning now to attend the July event. There will be fun affairs and business affairs. Hotel room rate is \$66.37 single or double including tax.

#### MINN. CHAPTER #1 IS HOST

The hard-working members of Minn. Chapter #1 are putting things together for us to enjoy in July.

Radison South Hotel in Bloomington will be the reunion headquarters for main events. Phone 612-835-7800 or Toll Free 800-333-3333. Room rates \$66.37 single or double, includes taxes. Special "Cabana" rooms are available at slightly higher cost.

Tom Clawson (Pres. Minn #1) is co-chairman with Harry Wallace (National 2nd V.P.). Tom's Fax/Phone is 612-457-0321, Harry is at 410-327-4854.

AS USUAL: all reservation forms with payment will go to Harry Wallace as shown below. We have asked the hotel to send confirmation to all who request rooms.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 23

Board of Directors must arrive; others are welcome if so inclined to come early.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 24

Board Meeting: First & second session (Open to members)

Early Bird Registration: 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Early Bird Tour: Twin Cities Highlights, 1-4 p.m.

Early bird Hospitality Cabanas, 6-10 p.m.

Bus to Mystic Lake Casino, Evening

#### SUNDAY, JULY 25

Registration: 8 a.m. -7 p.m.

Board Meeting: Third session

Chapel Service: (non-denominational): 11 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

Hospitality Cabanas: 12 Noon-10 p.m.

Tours: Ball game - Mall of America; also Minneapolis and Dome: afternoon.

OTHER EVENTS: Freedom Flight hot air POW/MIA balloon. Military vehicles and equipment display. Bus to Mystic Lake Casino. Night life on Mall of American. \*Minimal fee may be charged for transportation.

#### MONDAY, JULY 26

Breakfast on your own.

Registration 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Business meeting 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Spouses Tours: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Hospitality Cabanas: 5-10 p.m. with musical entertainment and dancing if you feel like it.

TOURS: Stillwater 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Mystic Lake Casino, Mall of America "Nite on the Town", Planes of Fame.

\*Minimal fee may be charged for transportation.

#### TUESDAY, JULY 27

Special Seminars 8:30-12 Noon

Memorial Service 1:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

The 40th anniversary ceremony will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Dress code will prevail.

Reception 6-7 p.m.

Banquet Buffet Style, 7-9 p.m. (program & keynote speaker) followed by our 40th Anniversary Dance. The usual dress code will prevail. Table seating arrangements will be assigned (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED). If you want your group seated together we advise you to be FIRST with reservations and NAMES/PAYMENTS for all.

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

Breakfast and closing ceremony 8-11 a.m. Please attend this important, but informal gathering of all men and women in attendance. TOUR: Fort Snelling plus a cruise on the Mississippi - Afternoon.

HOST STATE: MKWV #1 to Offer Following: Any information, R.V. Camping, Mall of America, Restaurants, Events & Tours, Lodging, Maps, Golf, MN Lakes/Fishing.

WRITE: MKWV #1 - REUNION  
P.O. Box 18486  
West St. Paul, MN 55118  
Phone/Fax 1-612-457-0321  
Tom Clawson

PLEASE MAIL

### REGISTRATION FOR "FOCUS ON THE 40th" THE 40th ANNIVERSARY-CEASE FIRE REUNION JULY 24-28, 1993 BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA

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#### ATTENDANCE QUESTIONNAIRE:

Your KWVA Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

SELECT

No. 1 or No. 2

Mail to: Korean War Veterans Association (REUNION)  
P.O. Box 12205  
Baltimore, Maryland 21281

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

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Last First M.I.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Reunion Fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ at \$69.50 per person enclosed; Check number \_\_\_\_\_  
Note: Full registration includes flat fee, banquet, breakfast, bus to memorial, flowers, dance, hospitality, seminars, exhibits, etc.  
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 - \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Persons at \$30 Flat Each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due  
(includes Bus to memorial, flowers, hospitality, registration packet, seminars, exhibits, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Banquet, 27 July \$27.50 \_\_\_\_\_ Persons at \$27.50 Each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due  
\_\_\_\_\_ Breakfast, 28 July \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Persons at \$12.00 Each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Korean War Veterans Association; Note: "For 1993 Reunion"  
Operating fund donations of \$ enclosed; Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Upon registration - A Radison Hotel South Lodging Envelope will be sent to you.

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION PACKET AND TICKETS FOR ALL EVENTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT KWVA REGISTRATION DESK LOCATED 2nd FLOOR - RADISON HOTEL SOUTH.  
NOTE: REPRODUCTION & DISTRIBUTION OF THIS FORM IS AUTHORIZED & ENCOURAGED.  
3/8/93 - T.C. & H.W.

Your Signature

Date

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THUNDERBIRDS FROM THE KOREAN WAR:

Time has taken its toll; we cannot deny that. We are older and, I hope, wiser, but in that wisdom we must not forget. We must not forget what we were, what we are and what we accomplished, tried to accomplish and maybe failed to accomplish as proud wearers of the Thunderbird as we joined together during Ithuriel's Hour\* and developed that deep, affectionate regard for one another, one of the discoveries of combat and mortal danger. (\*reference is to John Milton's *Paradise Lost*).

We shared so much as Thunderbirds whether in World War II or in Korean War, and when we removed our uniform and relegated it to the back of the closet, the sharing was often forgotten purposely as we again began our duties, responsibilities and privileges in living as free men. It is wrong to forget! We must remember with pride this sharing.

What did we share? (I can only speak and write for the Thunderbirds in the Korean War from 5 December 1951 until 27 July 1953.) We shared a common cause, common hopes, common fears and dangers and common dreams. We developed an *esprit de corps* not often seen or experienced as we in the 45th Infantry Division saw it develop and experienced it in our lives as Thunderbirds.

Why can this sharing not continue now as the years grow long since we trudged the hills and valleys that were and are Korea and heard the demented screams of shells and the rapid crack of rifles and the staccato bursts of machine guns? Why not redevelop that brotherhood, that comradeship, that helped many of us youngsters (I was only 21 when I joined H. Company, 179th Regt.) step into manhood, that comradeship and sharing that made our baptism of fire endurable—that baptism of fire that hurled us into the blazing crucible, forged us and made us soldiers?

Were not the days when we proved our mettle—and hopefully came out stronger—good days? Surely they were not all bad days or weeks or months, for these days helped make us resolute, made us unflinching in the face of adversity.

Fellow Thunderbirds from the Korean War walk tall with pride of a job well done. Remember Heartbreak Ridge, Old Baldy, Luke's Castle, Christmas Hill, the Punchbowl area, and the Mundung ni valley? These names are places we should remember, even vividly for it was in these areas that events occurred that would

## Memorandum For Graves Registration

*They came on us from out of the Sun  
Carion*

*To feed and  
Our lifeless eyes  
Turned up to stare  
And disgorged them as they fed.  
A little while before  
I remembered hoping  
Some later passerby  
Would find an indigestible bit of tin  
And remember.*

### THE KOJE-DO KID

forever change us and make us much different from what we were and influenced us in what we are today.

No monuments have been erected at these places named above. The place-names have been forgotten by many and never been known by many more, but these places have been etched into our minds and souls, and it is imperative that we do not forget, for if we remember, no monuments are needed. George L. Skypeck in his beautiful poem entitled "Soldier" states in the last two lines:

*"At last someday I will be able to  
say that*

*I was proud of what I was . . . a  
SOLDIER."*

Comrades, that day is now! We are proud of what we were — soldiers in the fighting 45th!

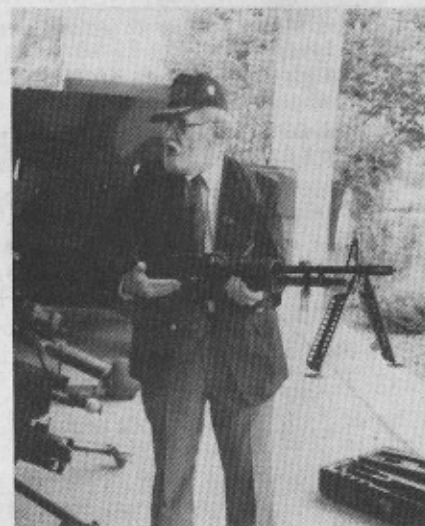
I wish to end with a special request, a special call, to the men of H. Co., 179th Regiment from December 1952 to July 1953 to contact me, and I will send a roster of names and addresses of all to all. We must not forget! Contact the 45th Infantry Division Association; 2145 NE 36th Street; Oklahoma City, OK 73111. Order a decal or two of our emblem; place the decal on your car, and other Thunderbirds will make contact with you. In this way old contacts will be reestablished. God Bless.

—ARTHUR G. CARLE, past First Sergeant of H Company, 10632 Twilight Dr.; St. Louis, Missouri 63128; Telephone 1-314-849-1720.

SEE REVISED APPLICATION  
BLANK ON LAST PAGE

JOHN FALCH; 6332 Stevens Ave. South, Richfield, MN 55423, sent this intense poem (at left) that he wrote.

In photo below, John is at left, with J. Dennison, Koje-do 1953. The lower photo was made in September 1991 as John examined a weapons display in Bloomington, MN.



The development of a new American product is a three-step process: First: an American firm announces its invention.

Second: the Russians claim they made the same discovery 20 years ago.

Third: the Japanese start exporting it.

If you are upset at the delays in building the Memorial — get mad about it — and tell your congressman that you want him/her to do something about it! See pages 33, 38, 40 AGAIN!





## YOU WILL BE GETTING A NEW PLASTIC MEMBERSHIP CARD

HARRY WALLACE, Membership Chairman, announces that KWVA has adopted a new type of membership card. It is made of plastic, in varying colors dependent upon category of membership.

The supplier company is based in Florida. Procedure is to send to them — one state at a time — names of all members in that state for processing. As they finish a state, the cards are returned to Harry for individual processing and mailing.

The next time you renew your dues you will receive the new card. After that, each time you renew you will not get another card.

One important point to note — the date shown will be the month and day your dues are again payable, **THE YEAR WILL NOT BE SHOWN.** This will be your permanent card and if you fail to pay on time it will be necessary to send you an invoice reminder.

We hope you will always remember to pay promptly, because we can only carry you on the books as unpaid for a restricted length of time.

## A REMINDER IF SENDING RESOLUTION TO NATIONAL

Any Regular Member of KWVA is entitled to submit a Resolution for consideration by the Board of Directors. However, this Resolution **MUST** be received by the Resolution Chairman no later than one month prior to the next scheduled Board Meeting. This affords the Resolution Committee the necessary time to study the submitted Resolution and prepare their recommendations to be presented to the Executive Council for further discussion and, subsequent voting.

**Deadline to receive a proposed resolution for the July Board Meeting is: Midnight, June 23rd, 1993.**

Kindly include your phone number and name of KWVA Chapter, if the Resolution is being submitted by a Chapter rather than an individual Member. If you fax your Resolution, I must have a copy also mailed to me, to ascertain that it was properly received by the Resolution Chairman and in correct order.

Thanks for your co-operation in this regard. —KATHLEEN CRONAN WYOSNICK; P.O. Box 3716; Saratoga, California 95070. Phone: 408-253-3068. Fax: 408-973-8449.

## Korean Presidential Unit Citation (KPUC) Ribbon

The Executive Council at the mid-winter business meeting established the following qualifications and procedures for the KPUC Ribbon, formerly the Sygman Rhee Presidential Unit Citation.

**All KWVA members in good standing who served in Korea, June 25, 1950 - July 27, 1953, are eligible for the Ribbon.**

Chapter Presidents will be responsible for requesting and distributing the Ribbon to their members. Members at large will submit a DD214 as well as their membership number and \$2.00 with their request for shipping/handling charges.

All requests are to be mailed to the following address: Nicholas J. Pappas; 209 Country Club Dr.; Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971.

All Chapter Shipments will be C.O.D. Eligible KWVA members who have already requested/paid for the KPUC will be shipped separately.

1900 ribbons have been allocated to the Korean War POWs. The remaining 3100 will be shipped on a first-come first serve basis, until the well runs dry.



In October, 1992 I received a call from a Mr. Robert L. Lindorff the President of the Lester Hammond Chapter of the 187th Airborne RCT Association — The RAKKUSANS — needless to say I was surprised to learn that there is another Chapter named after Lester Hammond CMH, so was Mr. Lindorff, as their Chapter had made plans to hold a reunion and Memorial ceremony honoring Lester Hammond in Quincy, IL. The following week we agreed to get together (both of the Lester Hammond Chapters) of the KWVA and the 187th RCT.

We all had a fine time with dinner at VFW Post 5129, and the next day (Sunday) both Chapters with our Color Guard and Members of Lester Hammonds family and others attending paid respects to Lester Hammond at his Grave-site located at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy, IL.

What a fine group of veterans — We made plans to get together again in the future, maybe at the Illinois KWVA State reunion scheduled in June of 1994 — How about it RAKKUSANS.

—NORBERT BENTELE; 711 South 16th; Quincy, IL 62301.

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Revisit Korea quota for June 1993  
is sold out.

Next one is October 1993.



# 1993 KWVA

## 40th ANNIVERSARY-CEASE FIRE REUNION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY JULY 23	SATURDAY JULY 24	SUNDAY JULY 25	MONDAY JULY 26	TUESDAY JULY 27	WEDNESDAY JULY 28
<b>Radison South Hotel</b> <b>Bloomington, Minnesota</b> <b>612-835-7800</b>	<b>8:30-8:00 A.M. - BREAKFAST - ON YOUR OWN</b>				<b>8:00-9:30am BREAKFAST</b>
	<b>8:00am-12 Noon BOARD MEETING</b> <i>(1st session)</i> Morning Coffee & Pastries *Members Welcomed	<b>8:00-11:30am BOARD MEETING</b> <i>(3rd session)</i> Morning Coffee & Pastries *Members Welcomed	<b>8:00am-7:00pm REGISTRATION</b> 2nd Floor Desk <b>9:00am-12 Noon OPENING SESSION</b> BUSINESS MEETING Morning Coffee	<b>8:00am-12 Noon REGISTRATION</b> 2nd Floor Desk <i>*Note: Banquet reservations close at Noon</i>	<b>9:30-11:00am CLOSING CEREMONY &amp; FAREWELLS</b>
	<b>12 Noon-1:00pm EXECUTIVE BOARD LUNCH ONLY</b>	<b>8:00am-7:00pm REGISTRATION</b> 2nd Floor <b>DAY TOURS DESK OPENS</b>	<b>9:30am-5:00pm</b> Spouses & Guest Tour of Mall of America. (Lunch optional) <i>*Shuttle Buses Continuous</i>	<b>SEMINARS</b> <b>8:30-10:00pm</b> <b>*POW/MIA Update</b> <b>*Tom Ashworth</b> <b>-MN Won't Forget</b>	<b>11:30am-4:30pm</b> <b>TOUR #6</b> Historical Ft. Snelling Plus Cruise on The Mississippi
	<b>11:00-7:00pm EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION</b> 2nd Floor Day Tours Desk	<b>9:00am-5:00pm QUARTER MASTER EXHIBITORS MEMORABILIA</b>	<b>9:00am-3:00pm</b> <b>TOUR #3</b> Spouses & Guest Historic Stillwater & St. Croix River	<b>10:15-11:45</b> <b>*The Real Mash Story</b> <b>Robert M. Hall, M.D.</b> <b>Colonel USA Retired</b>	
		<b>11:00-11:50 CHAPEL SERVICE</b>			
<b>12:00 NOON-1:30 P.M. - LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN</b>					
	<b>1:00-5:00pm BOARD MEETING</b> <i>(2nd session)</i> Afternoon Coffee/Soft Drink *Members Welcomed	<b>12 Noon-5:00pm</b> <b>TOUR #2</b> Baseball Game Twins vs. Baltimore <b>1:00-5:00pm</b> KOREAN WAR ERA Books/Authors <b>1:00-9:00pm</b> MALL OF AMERICA *Shuttle Buses	<b>1:30-5:00pm BUSINESS MEETING -Cont.</b> *Important News  NOTE: Exhibits Open During Breaks - Lunch Period. Stop by and thank them for attending.	<b>1:00-1:30pm LOADING OF BUSES FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE</b> Fort Snelling Nat'l Cemetery *Dress Code Prevails	<b>OPTIONAL GOLF MATCH BEING CONSIDERED</b>  <b>Have A Safe Trip Back Home!</b>  <b>The MKWV #1 Appreciates Your Reunion Visit!!</b>
<b>1:00-4:00pm</b> <b>TOUR #1 - "Twin Cities Highlights"</b>	<b>1:00-6:00pm QUARTER MASTER EXHIBITORS MEMORABILIA</b> Room Open	<b>5:00-10:00pm HOSPITALITY CABANAS</b> 7:00 Entertainment Special Awards	<b>2:00-3:15pm</b> KWVA Memorial Service Ceremony		
<b>1:00-5:00pm EARLY BIRD LOOK AT Mall of America</b> *Hotel Shuttle	<b>1:00-4:00pm</b> <b>TOUR #1 - "Twin Cities Highlights"</b>	<b>5:15-9:45pm</b> <b>TOUR #4 - Evening &amp; Dinner on Missippi River-Sternwheeler</b>	<b>3:15-3:45pm</b> Buses return to Radison South		
<b>1:00-5:00pm KOREAN WAR ERA Books/Authors</b>	<b>1:00-6:00pm SPECIAL DISPLAYS</b> *Freedom Flight-Hot Air POW/MIA Balloon *Minnesota Military Vehicles & Equipment Museum *Tank Demo	<b>5:30-10:30pm</b> MALL OF AMERICA Nite on the Mall *Shuttle Buses	<b>5:00-6:00pm</b> <b>PICTURE TAKING</b> For Reunion Book *Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar		
			<b>6:00-7:00pm PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION</b>		
<b>5-6:30 P.M. - DINNER - ON YOUR OWN</b>					
	<b>6:00-10:00pm EARLY BIRD HOSPITALITY CABANAS-OPEN</b>	<b>6:00-10:00pm BUS TO MYSTIC LAKE CASINO &amp; RETURN</b>	<b>6:00-9:00pm</b> <b>PLANES OF FAME</b> *** TOUR #5 *** Korean War Era War Birds At Flying Cloud Airport <b>4 STAR EVENT!!</b>	<b>9:00pm-Midnight</b> <b>40th ANNIVERSARY DANCE</b> Music By Jules Herman Orchestra Have A Good Evening With Fellowship!	<b>*Reproduction &amp; Distribution of this schedule is encouraged.</b>
	<b>6:00-10:00pm EARLY BIRD BUS TO MYSTIC LAKE CASINO &amp; RETURN</b>	<b>6:00-10:00pm HOSPITALITY CABANAS</b> *Mini-Reunions *Medal of Honor Recipients	<b>6:00-10:00pm BUS TO MYSTIC LAKE CASINO &amp; RETURN</b>		
	<b>6:00-10:00pm EXECUTIVE BOARD DINNER ONLY</b>				
<b>*Official Pre-Registration Packet &amp; Tickets for Banquet, Breakfast will be distributed at registration desk.</b>					
<b>*INFORMATION for any of the above events, write:</b> <b>MKWV #1</b> <b>P.O. Box 18486</b> <b>West St. Paul, MN 55118</b> <b>Phone/Fax 1-612-457-0321</b> <b>Tom Clawson</b>					

**\*NOTE:**  
KWVA Officers  
and  
Board of  
Directors  
**MUST Arrive!**

**\*KWVA  
Members &  
Korean War  
Vets Are  
Welcomed, If So  
Inclined To Come  
Early!**

**\*Admission to all  
seminars, social  
events, ceremonies  
& banquet is by  
registration badge  
only.**

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# IF THERE IS A RED X ON YOUR MAILING LABEL

## PLEASE NOTE THIS:

We have been screening the entire membership status list and if the red X is on your label — IT MEANS that our records show you have not paid your dues yet. We might be wrong — but please:

Look at the date in the upper right part of the mailing label. That date is the date your dues should have been paid. Please renew now — we shall be happy to re-instate your Graybeards subscription as well as keep your name on the roll of Forgotten Warriors of the Forgotten War.

KWVA needs YOU. . . if there is a special problem in paying your dues, please let us know and maybe we can be of some help.

*Otherwise — this will probably be your last copy of Graybeards.*

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

1-1-93 TO 2-28-93  
OPERATING FUND

#### REVENUE

Membership Dues	\$ 34,069.00
Interest Income	844.68
Tell America	166.00
Miscellaneous Income	116.06
Ad's Graybeards	523.00

\$ 35,718.74

#### EXPENSE

Legal & Accounting	\$ 150.00
Office Supplies	335.12
Postage	2,518.98
Newsletter	2,699.00
Telephone	1,025.78
Meeting	682.61
Promotion	150.00
Secretarial Service	2,501.27
Computer & Repair	987.53

\$ 11,050.29

1993 Net Revenue

\$ 24,668.45

Operating Fund Revenue

\$112,304.93

TOTAL OPERATING FUND

\$136,973.38

#### SUMMARY - ALL FUNDS

Operating Fund	\$136,973.38
Life Membership Fund	\$ 83,616.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 97,807.00
Commemorative Coins	\$ 14,000.00

\$332,396.38

Bank Balance 2-28-93

\$108,396.38

CD-101-031896-000

75,000.00

CD-101-030344-000

75,000.00

CD-101-030336-000

60,000.00

500 Coins at Cost

14,000.00

\$332,396.38

## SO I WAS TOLD TO GUARD THE HOSPITAL WITH A CLUB

Stan: In regard to the wounded in Korea, I had a different time. The first time I got hit (26 July 1950) we were in Taejon. I was hit right through the steel helmet and took part of my right ear.

After some time we stole a train and got to Pusan. I got to a hospital; they took care of me and gave me another helmet. Then they said since I was a walking wounded, I could guard the hospital with a club.

Less than a month later (11 August 1950) I was hit again. This time I was put in an ambulance. They wanted my rifle but I said no. They also told me to lay down — and I said no again. I told them I'd sit by the door and when it was shot at I'd get up and leave.

When we got to Pusan they fixed me up. They said since I was walking wounded — which I didn't let them finish. I told them I had to go to the head and slipped out the other side.

I went to the motor pool and searched the trucks and found a grease gun and went to town. While there I saw a Korean selling American cigarettes. I picked up a pack and on the bottom it read "Free from the Red Cross".

So I took all he had and put them in my pack. He complained to a MP. In turn the MP asked me if I was going to pay for them. I took out a pack and showed it to him and asked him what it read.

At the same time I took the safety off — the barrel was right under his chin. I turned and walked away.

I heard him telling the Korean, between Korean and English, to leave that crazy bastard alone. After that I went back to the hospital and picked up my rifle and went back to my company.

Months later, when we were in North Korea our C.O. told us to go get water. But it wasn't ready so we filled the water tank with beer.

Thank you. — BOB OSTROWSKE;  
2614 Canfield Rd.; Akron, OH 44312. Jan 19 1993. In the perimeter with 34th Regt 24 Div. In North Korea with 19th Regt 24 Div.

## ANOTHER "GROUNDBREAKING" IS PLANNED FOR APRIL

Here is a story from ABMC and KWVMA and signed jointly by them:

"4 March 1993. Dear Stan, Here is a possible story for the Graybeards:

"The contract for Phase I construction of the Korean War Veterans Memorial has been signed by the Corps of Engineers with a local contractor. It provides for site stabilization and installation of underground utilities and will take about 6 - 9 months. The work performed during Phase I will ensure that the Korean War Veterans Memorial in the Nation's Capital has a stable foundation in the years to come.

"The contractor will mobilize on site by the end of March 1993. On Wednesday, April 21st, the media will be invited to take pictures from outside the fenced working area and be briefed on the progress and scope of work. Visitors to Washington D.C. may visit the area as long as they remain outside the fenced area.

"We now are seeing the fruits of your labors, not only from the battles some 40 years ago but from your donations and fund raising efforts in recent years for the memorial.

"Our best estimate of a date for the memorial's dedication is July 27, 1995, the 42nd anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended the hostilities there."

## "YA GOTTA KNOW" IF GOING TO MINNESOTA LUTEFISK

THOUGH I AM of Norwegian ancestry, I can't stand lutfisk, which makes me feel, at times, like a traitor to my forebears. Well, here's an old recipe for lutfisk.

- 1) Get some lutfisk.
- 2) Get a piece of pine board;
- 3) Lay lutfisk on the board;
- 4) Flatten lutfisk with a cleaver;
- 5) Sprinkle with pepper and salt;
- 6) Pour on melted butter;
- 7) Heat in stove for two hours;
- 8) Allow to cool down a bit;
- 9) Put on table;
- 10) Throw away lutfisk;
- 11) Eat the board.

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



## "HE WAS AWARDED THE NAVY CROSS CLOSE TO ME"

Page 32 of January Graybeards carried the story by TOM DREW (USMC) and his personal experiences on Bunker Hill. Tom wrote Graybeards to say:

"Yep, I've received some contacts. This letter is from a Navy Corpsman who was awarded the NAVY CROSS in combat close to me at the same time slot, but we didn't know each other at that time."

We asked permission to print the next story, and ROGER G. WHEAR, JR.; 15 William Rd.; Marblehead, MA 01945 answered this: "I don't mind at all if the letter I sent to Tom Drew is published. I have heard so many 'DOC' stories that I'm thinking of writing a book in the near future about how many U.S.N. Corpsmen with U.S. Marine infantry performed so gallantly and how they bonded together with their units."

Then Roger added this afterthought: "When I was in boot camp in Oct 1950, prior to graduation an order came through making each man (100 percent) Navy Corpsmen. So I didn't get to submarine school."

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### "C'mon Doc, Let's Get These Guys Patched Up!"

"Feb 16, 1993. DEAR TOM:

"I was also with you on the same dates with I Co, 5th Marines, 1st Div alternating outpost action every two weeks about eight miles from Panjunmon. As far as coordinates etc. go, or even the hill number, I couldn't tell you because I was Navy (F.M.F.) Corpsman.

"I was awarded the Navy Cross on a

reconnaissance patrol on August 20, 1952, two days prior to going up on outpost again.

"The gooks had been waiting for us about 5 nights in a row. Headquarters ordered a two-man patrol to follow our communication lines from our line to the outpost. The first hill we were to follow was heavily mined and napalmed by us. My platoon sergeant and a corporal were assigned this duty. The Sgt had recently returned from an intensive school on mines training.

"A Corpsman usually only goes if there is at least a squad of men but these were my pals and at 19 years old I was full of adventurous activity.

"After reaching the top of the hill the Sgt located where the gooks were tapping into our communications lines. He also told us that his map was completely useless as they had dug up all the mines and placed them elsewhere. He said he would have told the Cpl and me sooner but thought it would make all of us nervous instead of just him.

"He said OK let's take a break and I'll call headquarters and let them know why the gooks knew where we would be every night. As he did, he took one step backwards and tripped a Bouncing Betty.

"I caught the mine in the crotch so luckily it blew at mid-level. We were all hit pretty bad but the only one that was killed was the Sgt.

"But he stood with one-half of his body and stated to me: 'C'MON DOC, LET'S GET THESE GUYS PATCHED UP.'"

"My legs, arm and chest were bad but he was dead in my arms when I got to him. The other guy I got to I was able to save and all this was seen from the headquarters

by binoculars.

"For forty years I still have this dream of the Sgt standing (left side only) with that command.

"The V.A. and outside doctors have tried to remove this from my subconscious mind without success. I was able to keep both legs but 12 years ago my left knee was removed and fused so I walk like Chester on 'Gunsmoke.'

"In the past year an organized veterans group called 'Corpsmen Inc.' has started, with a surprising number of the ones still living. This year will be their first reunion.

"I would like to know if you would by any chance have the names and address of this 'gung ho' Corpsmen's organization. I would like to have him join the Legion of Valor of the United States (membership restricted to recipients of the M.O.H., D.S.C., N.C. or A.F.C.).

"I've been able to use the G.I. Bill (Bentley College). Retired last July at age 60.

"Sgt. Drew, your article really hit home for me and got me out of the closet, you might say, as I rarely write any letters to anyone about the war.

"I want you to know that I do not consider myself in any way a hero. So many died while I was holding them and fearfully trying to save them and all the men who gave their lives to keep America free. Yes sir, those are the heroes.

"Two days after we were hit by the mine our platoon went back on outpost and the second night were overrun by 1200 gooks with no survivors. It's something I think about all the time. Why did God choose me to survive, or is it luck or Fate?

"Gratefully yours, Semper Fi. Roger G. Whear, Jr."

## HE IS WILLING HIS CD TO KWVA

"I have just written Dick Adams that it is my opinion that a National Korean War Veterans Headquarters, is a great idea. Here is one reason I believe that — my wife was killed in a '78 plane crash; no kids, O.K.

I have a life interest in a \$40,000 C.D. and before I leave this World I would like to give that to Korean War Veterans Assoc. headquarters, to Tell America about Korean War — to get new members, or just to raise all the hell that \$40,000 would raise."

—GUY W. COMLEY; Korean War Veteran, Also served in Territory of Alaska's Arctic, November 1953 - May 1955; P.O. Box 315; Berea, KY 40403.

## FLASH NOTICE

Just before press time, Graybeards was advised that the KWVA Council will be asked to consider approving a proposal authorizing a private public relations firm to try and get nearly two million dollars in corporate donations — from those companies primarily involved in sales to our age group — for use in launching a massive advertising campaign to bring in new members, and to pressure Congress into action on the Memorial.

Deadline for the goal is early July 1993.

## WIN 2 ROUND TRIP AIR TICKETS TO SEOUL PLUS \$1000 SPENDING MONEY

Does that sound like a fairy tale?

Well, it is FOR REAL. . . see the story on page 30 about the Massachusetts Memorial now being planned. All you have to do is send your \$10 donation to the address shown and your name will be put in this pot.

The winner's name will be drawn June 14, 1993.

Just remember that June 1, 1993 is the deadline. If you don't buy a chance you can't win this fabulous prize!

Turn now to page 30!

## YES, I ASKED, AND HERE'S WHAT YOU SAID

Dear Stan: You asked our opinion of the new look to Graybeards, I think it looks great. Especially it makes me feel as if I am part of it because as you know I have printed on tee shirts THE FORGOTTEN WAR/RIORS WHAT ABOUT US. I just wanted you to know how I feel. Keep up the great work. I'm still out there trying to get as many people to write to the (ABMC) to put the names on the wall. Best regards: LOUIS GASPARIINI; Oakwood Dr.; Brewster, N. Y. 10509.

*Thank you, Louis. Your letter represents hundreds that we have received expressing sentiments similar to yours.*

*Unfortunately, we must now report to you that the majority of the Executive Council has taken a position to not support putting names on the Memorial.*

*However, this edition of Graybeards does present for information of those interested, certain data that should be carefully read and understood. See pages 33, 38, and 40.*

## NOTICE TO AUTHORS

Author! Author! AUTHORS of books on the Korean War are invited to PROMOTE them at the annual KWVA Reunion to be held this coming July 24-28.

MKWVA Chapter #1 is host — and we are now planning spaces to be allocated. If you are interested, please communicate ASAP your name and date of arrival to this address: Books/Authors Chairman Ms. A. J. REID; 4385 Trenton Lane; #201; Plymouth, MN 55442.

In order to participate you will be required to pay a flat fee. Thank you.

## WANTS TO START A FLORIDA CHAPTER

Please advise "GRAYBEARDS" readers that I am trying to start a KWVA Chapter here on the Treasure Coast of Florida. There are many residents and retirees in the area who served in Korea who either belong to Chapters up north (and are therefore effectively INACTIVE) or don't belong to the KWVA. There is NO chapter anywhere near this area at present. Anyone interested can contact me at the following address: KWVA TREASURE COAST CHAPTER c/o Fred Shear; 1225 N.W. 21st St. Apt. 502; Stuart, FL 34994.

## Here's Your Vote In Blue Ballot Opinion

The January Graybeards asked "what do you want the KWVA Council to do?" and asked for your ballot on six questions. Here are your answers:

Question #1: put names of KIA/MIA on the wall. The YES vote was 94 percent. The Council took no action. See message from Dick Adams on page 5.

Question #2: Hold hearings on POW/MIA. The YES vote was 92 percent. The Council took no action except to continue the present procedures.

Question #3: participate in a joint memorial service in June with the Korean Embassy. The YES vote was 92 percent. Council did not take action because at that date (Feb 15, 1993) we were told there was no word from the ROK embassy on their plans.

Question #4: Support/participate in a June 26 mass rally at the Memorial site. GRAYBEARDS PRINTED AN ERROR — the date should have read "JUNE" but instead it read "July". That July date conflicts with the annual reunions and caused some confusion. Nevertheless, your YES vote was 75 percent. The Council took no action. See page 26 for the story relating the fence now built around the site.

Question #5: Build a national coalition. Your YES vote was 91 percent. The Council took no action.

Question #6: Try for a meeting with Pres. Clinton to resolve all the Memorial problems. Your YES vote was 100 percent (actually, there was one NO vote). The Council asked two Medal of Honor recipients to try and arrange such a meeting. Their report will be forthcoming in the future.

## SPECIAL ATTENTION TO VENDORS

The KWVA and Minnesota Korean War Veterans-Chapter #1 are opening to any exhibitor, vendor or display firms an opportunity to exhibit at the KWVA Reunion July 24-28th, Bloomington, MN. Exhibitors may call or write the MKWV #1 for "Exhibitors registration form" for booth/table space and fee. Contact:

Korean War Veterans - Reunion Exhibits  
P.O. Box 18486  
West St. Paul, MN 55118

or

Phone/FAX (612) 457-0321 Tom Clawson.



BILL TAYLOR is shown at the Korean War Memorial located in front of the state capitol in Phoenix, Arizona. He received the Purple Heart while fighting with the Twenty fourth Division in Korea. He is a very active member of Phoenix Chapter #1 KWVA. Sent by: JIM CHARLETT; Box 6224; Phoenix, AZ 85005.

## Dept. Of Illinois Election Notice Absentee Ballots

Election of the Department of Illinois Officers will be held at the State Convention 5 June 1993 at the Holiday Inn in Decatur, IL. Qualified members may call or write to: ROBERT H. KENNEY, Secretary; R. R. #1, Box 116T; Decatur, IL 62526. Phone (217) 877-7091

## "...HONORED THAT I SERVED ON LAND FOR WHICH MY FATHER DIED.."

"Dear Stan: At this time I want to thank you for the outstanding job you did on the article about my Dad, SFC HAROLD A. LLOYD (Jan 1993 Graybeards).

I also want to thank Mr. Louis Gasparini of Brewster, NY and Mr. Dyer of Omaha, NE for their responses on that article. These gentlemen gave me support and courage to go forward. We need our hearts to beat as one so we (KWVA) can erect our Memorial that best describes our era.

"My Dad died on 9 Nov 1953 and I landed in Kimpo Airbase on 6 April 1973. As I departed our aircraft I felt a sense of pride, courage, dignity and remembered our motto "We Will Defend."

"I feel honored that I served on the land for which my Dad gave his life. I am a patriot; son of a patriot."

—Sgt THEODORE H. LLOYD (now serving 876th Combat Engr Bn Co C); RR 3, Box 28; Effort, PA 18330.





These photos (at left) were sent to Graybeards by CHARLES (Chuck) KELLERMAN; 6645 Garner Ave.; St. Louis, MO 63139.

ABOVE: On Line Lincoln 1951. Note the front bumper "25th Div 27th Inf Regt 1st Bn Wolfhounds Co D #10".

BELOW: we climbed Mt. Fuji. Our hiking sticks got stamped with the station number as we went through. I am second from the right.

I would like very much to hear from anyone that remembers. All the men in the Mt. Fuji photo were on 27th Regt baseball players. We were at Fuji when we got word that we were going to Korea.



### CLASSIFIED ADS

MILITARY PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS, POW documents and military currency needed for research/museum project. Mail to: W. G. Harrison, 5546 North Sixth Street, Fresno, CA 93710.

### THE ART OF SNIPING

I am an author compiling material for a book on the art of sniping. I am reaching out to as a wide group of veterans as possible, to draw on a myriad of experiences. With this mixture, the final result will hopefully be a solid manual on the training, tactics, and anecdotes of snipers and their teams. The idea is to be functional as well as entertaining. Please contact me: KEITH EVERETT; 260 S. Atlanta Drive; Tucson, Arizona 85747.

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

### YES! YOU CAN HELP!

Now that about 16 million dollars has been given for the National Memorial, — **AND THE OFFICIAL NATIONAL FUND DRIVE HAS ENDED** — you can help to **TELL AMERICA ABOUT THE KOREAN WAR!**

**SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TODAY!**

**PLEASE SEE COUPON BELOW:**

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?"

**BUILD AN ARCHIVE!**

**PUBLISH TEACHING MATERIALS!**

**CREATE PRESS RELEASES PACKET!**

**FIND THE TRUTH ABOUT M.I.A.s!**

**YES! I WANT TO HELP!**

**I AM ENCLOSING WHAT I CAN GIVE AT THIS TIME.**

**FOR TELL AMERICA ABOUT THE KOREAN WAR**

**CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MADE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.**

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

**YOUR CANCELLED CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT.**

**MAIL TO: KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**P.O. BOX 127 — CARUTHERS, CALIFORNIA 93609**

**MAIL  
TO**

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

**ESTABLISH OUR NATIONAL OFFICE!**

**IMPACT UPON OUR NATIONAL AND LOCAL SOCIETY AND GOVERNMENT!**

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

## LETTER TO CLINTON

By NICK PAPPAS

At the mid-winter meeting of the Executive Council, General Ray Davis, KWVMA Chairman, briefed the Council on the progress of the Memorial. Problems discussed were the lawsuit by the original designers, construction/contractual slippages, milestones and design delays. The ABMC anticipates all will be approved by October 1993 and the Memorial completed in sufficient time to dedicate on 27 July 1995 or 11 November 1995, with no assurances that either date will be met.

As a result the Council directed a grass-roots campaign be initiated requesting the American public to write President Clinton, to ensure the Memorial is completed/dedicated on 27 July 1995, the 42nd anniversary of the Korean Armistice. I was instructed to co-author the "Open Letter to President Clinton", printed on page 31 (see opposite page) of this issue, requesting his assistance to resolve the aforementioned problems and speed up Memorial construction.

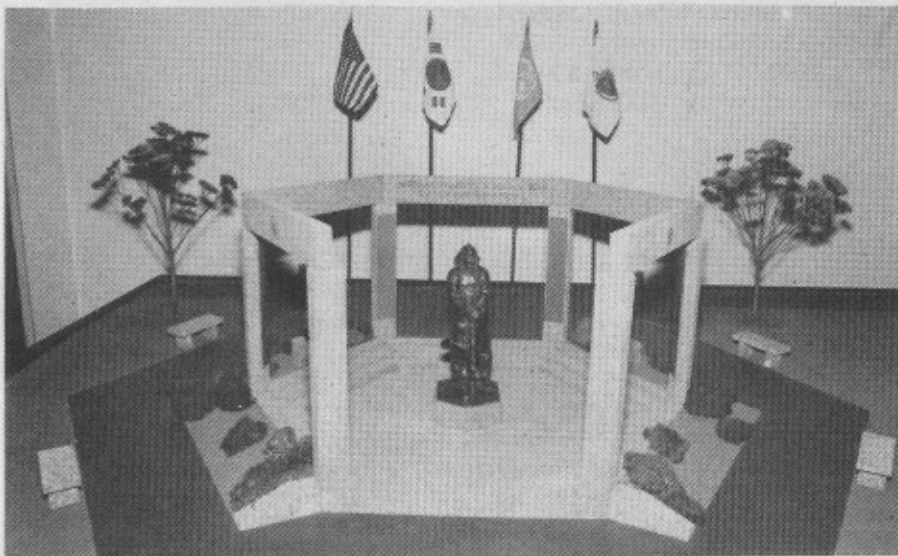
The Presidential letter has been sent to the National Officers of major veterans organizations requesting it be published in one issue of their monthly magazines for their members to sign and send to the White House. The organizations were the VFW, DAV, AmVets, 40/8 Voiture, American Legion, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Marine Corps League, Jewish War Veterans, and American POWs Association. Dear Abby was also sent a letter with a similar request it be printed in her column.

All KWVA Chapters (65) have been sent letters, asking copies be made and distributed by their members to civic veteran organizations, VA hospitals, and etc. in their local areas, urging all to sign and send to the President and responsible Congressional Committees. President Adams is addressing similar letters to all Senators/Representatives requesting their signatures.

Members at large, who do not have KWVA Chapters in their area, are urged to make copies of the President's letter on page 31 and distribute it where they can. Maybe local organizations would pay for copies, thus reducing costs to you.

Numbers are important. The more letters, the stronger our case with the White House and Congress. Maybe this concerted effort will break the Memorial gridlock and get Washington moving on the right track.

Let's make America and the President "aware" of what the Korean War was all about.



### MASSACHUSETTS KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston have generously donated prime public property for the Memorial. It is located in Shipyard Park at the center of the Charlestown Navy Yard, adjacent to the famous warship USS *Constitution* and the Korean War veteran destroyer USS *Cassin Young*. It is also within the shadow of the Bunker Hill Monument, itself a great memorial to the sacrifices of our forebears in the creation of this great nation.

The hexagonal Massachusetts Korean War Veterans Memorial structure is forty-four feet in diameter including walks and benches. The gray granite Memorial will have six twelve-foot high columns spanned by five two-foot high lintels. The facing of the interior lintels will have inscribed the names of major battles fought in Korea.

The centerpiece of the Memorial is a nine foot bronze statue of a U.S. infantryman in winter combat gear standing on an eighteen-inch thick piece of Korean granite. The Korean granite was given in gratitude by the Korean government as a symbolic testimony to the sacrifices made by Massachusetts veterans in the defense of Korea. The soldier stands watch over the "Honor Roll" of Massachusetts troops who made the supreme sacrifice or are still missing in action, cast on bronze plaques set on the inside of each of the six columns.

The Memorial is being funded and built by the Korean War Veterans Committee of Massachusetts, Inc. a tax-exempt non-profit organization. Dedication is scheduled for July 27, 1993.

For further information call WM (RED) MASON, 508-823-4260, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. East Coast time.

**WIN! • 2 ROUND TRIP TICKETS TO SEOUL KOREA ON KOREAN AIRLINE**  
(From New York or Los Angeles)

**PLUS! \$1000 Spending Money**

**Your \$10.00 Donation to the MASSACHUSETTS KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL will enter you in the drawing.**

Please complete the attached form and mail with check or money order to:

**MASSACHUSETTS KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND**  
P.O. Box 6254; J.F.K. Station; New Chardon St.; Boston, MA 02114

### ENTER NOW! HERE'S HOW: Fundraising Drawing Entry Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: AREA CODE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Winning form to be drawn on June 14, 1993 - winner will be notified by certified mail - no entry forms will be accepted after June 1, 1993

Airline Tickets Valid Thru June 14, 1994



President William Clinton  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear President Clinton,

On June 14, 1992, groundbreaking ceremonies in Washington, D.C. supposedly began the finalization of the Korean War Veterans Memorial to commemorate and honor the 5.7 million Americans who served in the "Forgotten War", especially those dead or missing, who will never view this "national" tribute to their bravery and heroism.

Your support and assistance is requested to ensure that after 40 years of "silence and indifference", the Memorial is completed and dedicated on July 27, 1995, the 42nd anniversary of the Korean Armistice. The original Memorial model/design was unveiled by President Bush on 14 June 1989. Private/public sources and veteran organizations contributed \$16 million to fund the construction of the Memorial. Approximately \$4 million has already been expended, because of delays directed by the vagaries and autocratic/arbitrary decisions of the federal agencies involved, especially the Commission of Fine Arts, National Capital Planning Commission and American Battle Monuments Commission, all under your jurisdiction.

According to American Battle Monuments Commission projections, the first on-site hole is about to be dug. Additionally, "the site should be ready for construction, the final Memorial design approved, and a building permit issued, all by October 1993. It is anticipated that the Memorial will be completed in sufficient time, to be dedicated either on July 27, 1995 or November 11, 1995."

Chronological construction history of the Memorial contradicts these projections. The bureaucratic bumbblings and inter-agency conflicts that have plagued completion of the Memorial are well documented. Four years of costly delays and profligacy demand rational explanations. Further delays and escalating expenditures of donated funds could "jeopardize" and/or "cancel" completion of the Memorial.

Many personal letters had been written to President Bush and other responsible government officials, including one to the President's Chief of Staff, by a retired Marine General and Korean War Medal of Honor recipient, to speed up construction of the Memorial. All have been "ignored" by the cognizant bureaucracies.

Mr. President, time is of the essence. Korean War veteran ranks are dwindling, with no positive guarantees of "when" the Memorial will be completed and dedicated. A simple stroke of your pen could achieve one lasting contribution to the "Forgotten Warriors." It is only befitting that they be recognized on the "anniversary" of a day engraved in American history, the Korean Armistice.

Any action taken for the resolution and expedition of this request would be appreciated by all "living" veterans. Thank you!

Very respectfully,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State

Copy to: U.S. Senate  
Committee on Governmental Affairs  
340 Senator Dirksen Building  
Washington, DC 20510 - 6250

U.S. House of Representatives  
Sub-Committee, Libraries/Memorials  
612 O'Neil HOB  
Washington, DC 20515 - 6164

## KWVA ASKS THAT REMAINS NOW BEING HELD IN HAWAII BE SENT HERE FOR BURIAL

TOM CLAWSON, co-chairman of the July Reunion in Bloomington, MN sent the following story regarding efforts by his group to receive unidentified remains from Korea for interment during our memorial ceremony on July 27.

At Graybeards' press time, no definitive answer has been received from Dept of Defense authorities. KWVA

President Dick Adams wrote both the Secretary of VA and Secretary of Defense on Feb 23 and said, in part:

"It has come to our attention that there are several remains of unidentified American servicemen from the Korean War being retained in Hawaii and that these remains may be interred in the United States.

"It is a fitting tribute that these remains be interred here utilizing the 40th Anniversary of the cease fire, JULY 27, 1953, of the Korean War at the Annual Reunion of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA). This Reunion will be held in Bloomington, Minnesota July 27, 1993 and a Memorial Service will be held at the Ft. Snelling National Cemetery,

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"Because of our utmost concern for the POW/MIA matter and the recent wave of Public Awareness due to the POW/MIA Senate Select Committee Hearings, it would be most appropriate and proper to inter these remains in a National Cemetery with full Military Honors.

"The KWVA proudly requests the interment of one or more of the Unknown Korean War Veterans remains at the Ft. Snelling National Cemetery."

Clawson added: "This interment with full military honors would be held during the KWVA traditional Memorial Service on July 27, 1993 at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery. All members and guests will be invited to attend."

## WERE THERE TWO NAMED BUNKER HILL? I WAS IN 3RD PLT FOX CO 2ND BN 17TH RCT 7TH INF DIV

Dear Stan: First time I've written you. You do a great job on the Graybeards Magazine/Newsletter. I really enjoy and look forward to it. Quite an undertaking for one person!

### MY BUNKER HILL WAS NUMBER 1261

In the Jan 93 issue, Vol. 7, No. 2, on page 32 there is a story about BUNKER HILL 1952/1992 by (Sgt) TOM DREW; D Co., 7th Regt, 1st Mar. Div. This puzzles me. Maybe I'm wrong, but I thought that once a name was used to designate a hill, that name wouldn't be used again, at least not in the same war, in the same theater of operations.

When I was in the Army in Korea in 1950-51, I carried a BAR in Fox Co., 2nd Bat., 17 RCT, 7th Inf Div. In early 1951, my company was moving along a ridge

line when we came to hill 1261, then designated as BUNKER HILL. The North Koreans/Manchurians were in front of us as we moved forward. All of a sudden they flanked us on both sides and closed in behind us to completely encircle BUNKER HILL. We were in this trap for two days and nights before we broke out and in the middle of the night made our way back along the ridge line to hill 1005, where the rest of the outfit was giving us covering fire. I'll never forget the Mess Sergeant with a couple of five gallon Mermite cans filled with giant hamburgers passing them out to us as we passed him. As we hadn't anything to eat for a couple days, they were better than Filet Mignons.

### TOM DREW'S HILL WAS NUMBER 122

Hill 1261 was officially designated as BUNKER HILL and I've read other stories about it. When I first read the story in your Jan Issue, I thought at first that Sgt. Drew was writing about the same hill, just a year later. But he said that the number of the hill was 122, meaning an elevation of

122. Our BUNKER HILL was numbered 1261, which meant an elevation of 1261. Therefore they couldn't be the same hill. Can you or any of your readers explain this. I would be very interested.

I would also be extremely\* interested in hearing from anybody who served in Third Platoon, Fox Company, 2nd Bat, 17th RCT, 7th Inf. Div. from Dec-1950 to Sept-1951. In September 1951 I received my second Purple Heart being hit by a grenade fragment in the head which penetrated my steel helmet but didn't enter my head. . .gave me a hell of a headache, but no after effects. I couldn't wear a steel helmet after that and was transferred to 8th Army Hq in Taegu where I finished out my tour.

Sure would like to touch base with any old buddies. Every time an issue of Graybeards comes out, I scan it for names of guys I knew. So far, no luck.

—STEWART N. ROTHMAN, 921 Woodway; Fairbanks, Alaska 99709; Phone (907) 474-0685; Compuserve 76576,2576; FAX (907) 474-0090.



A picture of some of the members of our local chapter of KWVA, at a Memorial Day service. The recently chartered "Tri-County Chapter, KWVA" meets every other month, and at present we have forty two active members and still growing. We take every opportunity to display our Korean War Banner by participating in parades and memorial services. Sent by: GEORGE J. ELLIS: 1020 Wildwood Pk. Rd.; Florence, AL 35630.



## WE'RE NOT TRYING TO START AN ARGUMENT, BUT. . .

The belief held by many that any effort to include the names of KIA/MIA on the Memorial would only cause more delays in its construction needs to be looked at from a cynical viewpoint.

The planning started 10 years ago.

At any point along the way, the decision about names could have been placed before the veterans of the Korean War.

It was not.

In 1989 when Graybeards first started questioning procedures surrounding the Memorial planning, we were told to not ask questions — to go through the Freedom of Information Act if we wanted to know facts.

In 1989 the questions of names could have been placed before the veterans of the Korean War.

It was not. Not officially, that is. Graybeards did begin an active campaign that resulted in informing every member of KWVA on the controversy.

Now we have been told there will be no official KWVA action asking for names on the Memorial. We have been told there will not be any effort by official KWVA to call attention of this vital subject to the Congress or the President of the USA.

We have been told that it would be necessary to go back down the bureaucratic path of getting approval from the various boards and commissions involved.

*Well, maybe.*

Every country boy knows there's more than one way to skin a wildcat.

Pres. Clinton has been asked to appoint only one member from each of the four involved boards/commissions with personal instructions from him to immediately resolve all problems of the Memorial. That system would work — so why must we say that only the present convoluted process can be followed?

*So — let's ask Mr. Clinton again to put just 4 people to work.*

"They" have spent about one-third of the donated money and still do not have an approved design for even the first statue.

Did you know that?

Do you know about the in-fighting in Washington over just who is going to make the profits from selling the souvenirs of the Memorial? See the middle column on this page. ALSO SEE PAGES 38 AND 40 FOR MORE FACTS!

## WILL THE MEMORIAL BE PRIVATE PROPERTY MANAGED FOR PRIVATE PROFIT?

Last February 14 at the KWVA Council meeting, General Davis casually mentioned that the "copyright battle" in Washington, DC is one of the newest and biggest problems/threats facing construction of the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

Nothing further was said during the Council meeting.

However, Graybeards has been asking questions since that date and has been told the following as being **HARD FACTS**. And the bottom line is this: in the shadows stand a person or persons, a company, or a group, apparently **OWNING COPYRIGHT** of the planned Memorial. That means the Memorial might not be simply public property standing on federal government soil owned by American taxpayers.

That means the Memorial might be a profit-making property for the copyright owners. And if you or I want to simply take a photo of it — or maybe make a tee-shirt to sell to raise funds for your chapter and use a likeness of the Memorial on it — we might then be **IN VIOLATION OF COPYRIGHT LAW**.

That happened to veterans involved in selling tee-shirts with an image of the 3-servicemen statue at the Viet Nam Wall. That 3-man sculpture was thought to be part of a great national memorial.

Now, those veterans who made the tee-shirts have been found guilty in United States District Court and judgment of \$359,442.92 has been rendered against them.

**And you thought the Korean War Veterans Memorial will be public property? Think again!**

Ted Sampley, a highly-decorated veteran of Viet Nam and publisher of "U.S. Veteran News And Report" "primarily used the drawings (of the 3-servicemen statues) on T-shirts and other items" and offered them "to the public in an effort to raise funds for continuing work on obtaining a full accounting of American POWs in Viet Nam and other related issues."

**One result is the \$359,442.92 judgment against him.**

Sampley told Graybeards that the Korean War Veterans Memorial also "is going to be copyrighted" and we will then learn that the Memorial could be a profit-making property — and not truly a Memorial to those who served and died in the military service of this great nation.

## GRAYBEARDS ASKED OFFICIALS FOR AN EXPLANATION

Graybeards asked the ABMC and KWVMAB for their explanations of the copyright alleged agreements. . . and asked **ARE THERE** such agreements in existence? And if so, who authorized and signed such agreements?

Here is their answer:

### FROM ABMC

*"Reference your fax of March 8, 1993, only Colonel Badger, our Engineer and Acting Secretary has knowledge of any copyright matters concerning the memorial. He is presently on leave. I will ask him to draft something when he returns."*

*Signed: Col. Wm. E. Ryan, Jr. for American Battle Monuments Commission.*

### THEN CAME THIS:

## ABMC CONFIRMS COPYRIGHT PLANS ARE BEING MADE

*"Reference your fax of March 8, Fred Badger cleared the following with the Army Corps of Engineers lawyers:*

*"In accordance with the rules of the National Design Competition conducted for the Korean War Veterans Memorial, ownership of the winning designs for the memorial is vested in the U.S. Government. Consequently, the winners have no basis for a copyright. The artisans who are developing the statuary and mural walls, however, do have certain rights. Our legal advisors are seeking an equitable solution whereby all parties involved in the development of the design, to include the U.S. Government, will receive adequate compensation when their work is copied. A solution in the nature of that being contemplated by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Association and the artists of its memorial is presently under consideration."*

*Signed: "BILL RYAN; March 25, 1993.*

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As of press time for Graybeards, KWVMAB has not replied.

## YOU WROTE IT

ERVIN A. YARBROUGH, JR. P.O. Box 363; Terry, MS-39170. Former member of KMAG, June 1949- Sept 1951. I do not agree with the new membership qualifications dates that were set up with dates Sept. 3, 1945 to Jan. 31, 1955, and any other dates. The war was June 1950 - Aug. 1953.

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First I want to say that I think Graybeards is a great publication. I also want to say that I fully support the KWVA with letters to congress, letters to editors, donations, and active recruiting.

The main purpose of this letter however, is to fully agree with the letter from MORTON WOOD, JR. in the January 1993 GRAYBEARDS. For the past 42 years I have been proud to compare myself and other Korean War combat vets with the World War II combat vets. We did our job, we came home and took up where we left off. We did not drop out, cop out, or walk around looking like dirt bags crying "poor me" and "you don't give me any recognition". I am satisfied with the recognition that I have received from my family and the personal satisfaction that I did the best I could while there. That was my Memorial. Other than that, to hell with the rest of them.

However, now that some of you have stood tall and gotten the Memorial started, I am with you 100%. I will continue my letter writing, trying to get "them" off their duffs and get the ball rolling again. I also feel that the names should be on the Memorial and will continue to express that to anyone that will read my letters or listen to me talk.

Keep the heat turned on! I am with you all the way! —GEORGE W. GATLIFF; Route 6 Box 178; Malvern, AR 72104.

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I am a veteran of the Korean War. My brother and I shipped out of Ft. Lewis Washington in Nov 1950 with the 2nd Inf. Division, we went from one end of Korea to the other end! We feel that our Government has been blind to the Korean Veteran. They have turned their backs on us as turncoats did in Korea. I've served both active army first with 17th Air Borne Division in the regular army. From 1948 till 1952 May. I was in the 17th Air Borne for two years then I joined the 2nd Inf Division who I went to Korea with. I also was in the Marines from 1954 - 1957. I then joined the Marine Reserves from 57 til 1977. I then joined the Army Reserve till

## YOU WROTE IT

1990 till I had to get out due to my wife's sickness. She passed away Jan 13th 1991 from a heart attack.

I am going to contact, Congresswoman Helen Bentley of Maryland and ask her for her help in placing the names on the National Memorial. —GENE D. SPEICHER; 17 Higan Ct.; Baltimore, MD 21237.

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Dear Editor: With Vol. 7, No 2, Jan. 1993, the Graybeards publication not only continues to maintain a high standard but constantly improves. The new format is excellent. A joy to read, it is by far the best veterans publication in existence. A lot of publications come into this household but none are more welcome.

In response to 1st Vice President Nicholas Pappas' article referring to the unfair attacks directed against President Adams and the increased work load, let it be known that President Adams has my unqualified support and the efforts of all the KWVA officers is appreciated.

It is tempting to offer comments about a considerable number of matters that appeared in the latest Graybeards but it seems more appropriate to address those that might not get the greatest attention. 1) Colonel Robert M. Hall's definitive article Care Of The Wounded is a welcome insight into a branch of service that has thus far not received proper recognition. 2) Colonel Sherman W. Pratt's beautifully written The Sad Passing Of The Infantry Regiment stirs the emotions. Unit pride and loving memories suffer with this passing. 3) Unlike the positive contributions, the T.R. Fehrenbach letter is disturbing. His strange remark, "...the question of a memorial is a minor matter in the cosmic theme of things", brings into question his priorities. Our concern is not for imaginary galactic warriors but for real men who made real sacrifices. Come to Earth Mr. Fehrenbach.

With pride of service, I am Darlington M. Fadeley.

*My Blue Ballot responses: 1) yes, 2) yes, 3) yes 4) yes. My support in any manner possible. Less certain that I would be able to appear in Washington, DC. 5) yes, 6) yes.*

*My check #4053 in the amount of \$10.00 for the Tell America program: Mailed this day to the KWVA National Treasurer.*

—DARLINGTON M. FADELEY; 13 Jump Dr.; Lowellville, OH 44436. 20 Jan 1993.

## YOU WROTE IT

President Bill Clinton is no embarrassment for the K.W.V.A. the Constitution of the U.S.A. stipulates that it is the Congress that has the power to declare war. Since there was no declaration of war for either Korea or Vietnam, these wars were un-constitutional. If these wars had no Constitutional sanction, then the draft laws which fed live bodies to these war had no moral validity. Draft avoidance, under these circumstances, was a responsible exercise in citizenship. It was as honorable a choice as was enlistment; and no one now should fault any American, no matter which path was chosen. At any rate, the K.W.V.A. should take no position on this issue, but we should, rather, look to the future, and see to it that lives are never again expended in useless police actions, or the military adventures of individual American presidents.

For this very same reason, I do not believe that the K.W.V.A. should work to build a national coalition of veterans' organizations. WWII veterans do not think the way that we do. They never had to fight in a "limited war", so they do not know the feeling of coming home without victory. Perhaps we can join up with the Vietnam Veterans Against The War, if their organization still exists, but we find no sympathy among those who fought in what they still call The Big One. It has been 40 years since we dreamed of seeing a Korean War Veterans' Memorial in Washington, D. C. If the larger veterans organizations were sincere in their promise of aid, our war Memorial would have been built by now.

No. There are more retired generals among the WWII veterans than there are among us, and they will always obstruct our desire to build a Memorial to a failed war. If they would not join us when we were young, why should we join them, now that they are old? The only ones who could possibly understand us are brothers and our sons among the Vietnam veterans, and with our help and dedication, their Memorial already stands.

—LEON G. JOHNSON, #3626 (Veteran, WWII & Korea); 105 Geneva St., Apt 431; Bath, N.Y. 14810; (607) 776-3098. Jan. 27, 1993.

The trouble with this world is that too many people go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands.

Luck is preparation meeting opportunity.



## YOU WROTE IT

"Stan: I would like to add my two cents for Kathleen (Lt. Honey) Wyosnick.

I wanted to go on one of the Korea Revisit Trips in 1992. I was put on the Oct. trip and with her help everything was all set except for the final payment and anymore information the travel agency needed. I got that notice on Aug 22. I had enough time before the Sept. deadline. But early Monday morning the 24th Hurricane Andrew paid a visit. With no power, no mail moving in or out, bank closed. I needed Lt. Honey's help again. After a phone call each way, she took care of my problems. I went on the Oct. trip.

Thank you, Lt. Honey, hope you are up and running around.

—ELISHA SMITH; M Co 7 Regt. 3rd Div also M Co 32 Regt. 7 Div.; 4600 N. W. 196th St.; Opalocka, FL 33055. Feb. 9, 1993.

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I would like to see more aggressive action on behalf of Korean War veterans. As a USAF Veteran, I don't see anything representing the Air Force. I'll still, however, support the KIA/MIA memorial, but physical problems prevent me from participating.

Sincerely, ROBERT K. STORKSON; 338 Beverly Court; Ontario, CA 91762. Jan. 26, 1993.

## "I'M THANKFUL YOU SURVIVED..."

This letter was sent to VERNON W. CLARK, whose ad you will see on this page for the special plaques memorializing the Korean War. He wants to share it with you:

"Mr. Clarke: I'd like to take this means to tell you how pleased I am with the plaque you made. I had high expectations when I ordered it, but upon receipt those expectations were greatly exceeded.

"I have it on my desk at work and nearly everyone who passes by picks it up, reads it, and remarks about the quality of workmanship. Even though my office is in a military service school (Ft. Sill, OK) there are numerous people who don't know, or have never heard about the statistics of the Korean War.

"I'm thankful you survived the horrors of prison camp and lived to make others aware and appreciative of what you experienced. Thank you. Sincerely, R. A. Johannes, I Co 17th Inf 7th Div."

## "I WILL AGAIN WRITE TO SENATOR GRAHAM"

Dear Editor: In the January issue of The Graybeards you published an excerpt from a letter to Sen. Bob Graham of Florida from the American Battle Monuments Commission as to why the names of those killed during the Korean War could not be added to the Korean Monument.

This letter was in response to a letter that I had sent to Sen. Graham soliciting his help in having the names added. I will again write to Sen. Graham and make him aware that the reason given by the ABMC is not valid since the design has in fact been changed from the original three accepted designs and that the final design is yet to be approved.

If the commission can add 1000

**PLEASE READ PAGE 33 AGAIN.**



I am a disabled Korean War 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.

etched faces they can surely add the names of those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the defense of our country and of freedom in the world.

Also, if you have the space available in The Graybeards, I would appreciate your printing the following:

### "YOUR COUNTRY CALLED — YOU ANSWERED"

*In memory of Bob Hilgenberg, a classmate and fellow Marine, killed in Korea 1951.*

Your school days are over, 12 years of studies are behind.

The challenges and joys of life are now yours to explore.

But wait, a war has broken out in Korea, your reserve outfit is activated.

Your country calls, you must answer.

Your buddies and you report to camp, they are sent overseas, you stay stateside.

This cannot be. You cannot stay behind while your buddies go off to war.

Your request for a transfer is finally approved, you are off to join your buddies.

You are assigned to a company at the front, maybe you will see them soon.

The Chinese attack at night. You never make it out of your sleeping bag.

You give your life so that total strangers can be free.

Free from oppression, free from tyranny.

Free to experience the joys of life that you will never know.

The joys of marriage, of children, of Christmases, of birthdays.

Your country called and you answered.

For those of us that you left behind, who knew you for such a short time, we mourn you passing and cherish your memory.

You are with us forever, forever young, forever 18.

Rest gently in God's hands, you have earned your place with him.

Your country called, you answered.

Sincerely, LEN MARTIN; 70 West Cypress Road; Lake Worth, FL 33467.

## YOU WRITE HEAD FOR THIS STORY

KWVMAB released some information in February 1993; their list of "Associated Costs" included these figures:

Ground Breaking and Dedication — \$150,000.

Kiosk for interactive video — \$500,000.

That "KIOSK" apparently means their plan to put a computer operation at the Memorial. HOWEVER — from what we have been told by other interested sources, that "kiosk" really is being planned to provide combined restroom facilities for both the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Viet Nam Wall Memorial.

Is it reasonable to speculate as to who will hold the copyright royalties on both the computer and the restroom facilities?



During a "Korea Revisit Program" in September, The Graybeards were represented by Commander Arthur J. Manger, KWVA member, who led the touring veterans during their visit to Seoul. On one of the daily tours the group visited Panmunjom where they viewed the site of the ongoing armistice talks and actually entered North Korea by crossing to the north side of the negotiating table. It was an unusual experience to be within arm's length of a uniformed enemy who years ago would have engaged us in mortal combat. That same evening the group was hosted by Admiral William V. Mathis, Commander, Naval Forces, Korea, at the US Navy Club. After enjoying an open bar and a steak dinner (sans Kimchi), they were put on the alert by the opening statement of a briefing by the Admiral — "I want all of you to realize you are in a combat zone and within range of the enemy's artillery!" After those colorful remarks, the Admiral held their rapt attention and, as he closed, the group was well aware that our nation had the best of negotiators on our side of the table. Pictured above, left to right, are the Admiral, Adrienne Schweers, wife of General Schweers, Commander Manger, and General Schweers.

"Revisits" for April and September 1993 are being arranged by Olympus Travel. They can be reached at 2528 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, 90006, Tel: (213) 487-0947, FAX (213) 487-8130. See their advertisement in the January issue of THE GRAYBEARDS."

*The official drive to raise funds for the National Memorial ENDED last year.*

*However, we still receive donations as listed below; we thank you deeply.*

*Graybeards suggests you examine the TELL AMERICA program on page 29 and consider sending your contribution for that cause.*

#### DONATIONS FOR MEMORIAL

American Legion Post 446, Warrensburg, NY. Palma Cabiles, OH. Joseph Cannon, DE. Marvin E. Delp, IL. Agnes H. Denicola.

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Reba Melvin, NY. In Memory of Walter J. Kowalsck.

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#### OTHER DONATIONS

Alton B. Chamberlin, NY. Joe "Doc" Grossman, NY. Wayne E. Hubener, Sr., MA. Charles T. Lindsey, MI. Red Barn Enterprises, CO. Martha D. Russell, MS.

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 29 —  
SEND WHAT YOU CAN!  
THANK YOU.**





## "I WAS A NAVY CORPSMAN WITH THE 7TH MARINES"

I read with great personal interest the article by Dr. Robert M. Hall on care of the wounded in Korea.

Dr. Hall's description of the treatment and evacuation of wounded was excellent and right on target. I can say that with authority since I was a Navy corpsman with the 7th Marines in 1952. I served several months with a rifle company and also at battalion aid stations.

I was so pleased to have Dr. Hall suggest that one of the men on the Korean Memorial should be corpsman or aidman. I certainly agree.

If I may, I'd like to expand on Dr. Hall's description on care of the wounded. Before the wounded men reached an aid station at battalion or regiment, an aidman or corpsman had to drag the man away from hostile fire and check his wounds, stop bleeding and try to keep the man from going into shock. While helping the wounded the medic exposed himself to enemy fire. Most of the time we didn't even pay attention to enemy fire; we were just too busy.

Also, giving an IV in the dark was not easy. We didn't use blood plasma in 1952. Blood plasma was slow because it had to be mixed, and therefore there was more chance of infection. In 1952 we were using serum albumin vials. They were small and easier to handle and keep warm in the cold weather.

Probably the most difficult decision a corpsman or aidman had to make was which wounded person got evacuated first on chopper or otherwise. Which casualty was treated and moved first was a decision only the "Doc" could make, and under front line combat conditions it was a very difficult decision to make when you were 20 years old, as I was.

We all thank Dr. Hall for his article. Thanks for the recognition. The picture I am enclosing is one of me taken in 1952 at "The Hook." As you can see, corpsman in the USMC had no identifying markings. We looked just like any other Marine.

—PHILIP V. MORIN, P.O. Box 61; Williamsville, VT 05362.

This reprint of a 1951 newspaper story was sent to Graybeards to try and emphasize the need for American today to KNOW and TO REMEMBER those who sacrificed their lives for something our nation was involved in doing. We are not trying to open old wounds — but we must face up to reality and bring forth the courage to tell our young people why they are so blessed today with freedom. The article was sent by FRANK di LEONARDO; 1443 Station Rd.; Valley City, OH 44280.

## GI Says of Buddies:

# "I've Seen Lots of Dead but Nothing This Bad"

By WILLIAM CHAPMAN

WITH THE U. S. MARINES IN HOENGSONG, Korea, Mar. 3—(UP)—The bodies of an undisclosed number of American soldiers were found today sprawled in mud and water where they had been shot down three weeks ago by ambushing Chinese Communists two miles north of Hoengsong.

Most of the bodies had been looted for shoes and other wearing apparel. Several of the men had been bound and shot in the back according to Marines who found them.

"It's as bad as anything I've ever seen," said Marine Lieut. Col. Harry T. Milne, The Dalles, Ore. "It was horrible."

"We have counted many bodies already," said Sgt. Virgil Street, Dallas, Tex., a Marine tank commander.

"Most were around the convoy and some were up in the hills where the men ran to get away. And don't think we've found all of them yet."

## Only Four Survive

Four survivors of the massacre—two Americans and two South Koreans—were found by U. S. Marines. All were taken to hospitals. One GI was wounded and one was suffering from frostbite.

The ambushed men were in a Second Division convoy pulling back Feb. 12 under pressure of an overwhelming attack on the Central front.

In the convoy were 25 trucks, three tanks, two armored half-tracks and several jeeps. The

Chinese attacked from ambush in the valley north of Hoengsong. They struck at night with mortars, machine guns and rifles.

In the darkness, split by lethal flashes of fire, American and South Korean soldiers left their shattered vehicles and tried to run or fight. Today, three weeks later, their bodies lay where they had fallen.

## Shot in the Back

"I've seen a lot of dead people, but I've never seen anything as bad as this," said Marine Corp. Phil Larue, Los Angeles.

The bodies of two soldiers lay together about 30 yards from the road. Both were face down. The legs of one GI were tied together. Both had been shot in the back of the head with burp guns.

And fluttering forlornly in a muddy rice field was the last letter a young American soldier ever got. It's blue ink blurred the letter said:

"Gee, I'll be glad when you get to come home. I love you so much, honey, and I wish you were here with us. We miss our daddy."

Our Congress has set itself above our laws. Compare 1993 with this statement in our Declaration of Independence: "The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States."

## "Let's work together to get a bill in Congress to not allow copyrights on national monuments."

This request came to Graybeards from BILL OPFERMAN, with the "Homecoming II POW Project" of the Viet Nam veterans.

Bill was referring to the now-revealed problem surrounding a separate-standing sculpture of three GIs at the Viet Nam Wall. It has been generally believed by the American public that the statues were a natural part of the national monument. That belief has been shattered by a federal court award of copyright damages (see story on page 33) against a veteran who made tee-shirts to sell.

Opferman told Graybeards that the Korean War Veterans Memorial also will be copyrighted and similar problems are bound to result. He added:

"These national monuments are supposed to be available to the public (let alone veterans) without control or charge. Now U. S. Park Service Rangers are at times stopping visitors from photographing the Three Servicemen statue or warning of the copyright. This is totally wrong, and it is wrong for the Women's Memorial statue and for the Korean War Veterans Memorial."

Opferman enclosed a copy of a proposed bill and asks KWVA members to join in sending that proposal to members of Congress and demand passage. The proposal asks Congress "to introduce a bill to remove any copyright on a national memorial or monument, and allow them to be available to the public without control or charge — or else remove the monument and replace it with one that is copyright-free."

KWVA members may write for more information to this address: BILL OPFERMAN (Homecoming II); 810 Atlantic Ave.; Trenton, NJ 08629. Ph. 609-586-6443.

### If You Have Problems Getting Graybeards

"...and you wonder whether it's the slow mail — or the editor — please check FIRST:

Have you paid your dues on time? If not, your name might be taken off the list. LOOK AT your mailing label on page one; see when you should pay your dues.

Have you moved? And forgot to tell the editor? We can't find you without your help. Many copies are returned by the post office as "FOE" meaning they can't find you either.

SO PAY YOUR DUES ON TIME AND TELL US WHEN YOU MOVE. Also note this: the postal system is slow, and Graybeards moves at third-class rates. Have patience.

This came to us from the author, a well-known and highly decorated soldier who also is a member of KWVA. This was printed in the Washington Post weekly edition section on July 6-12, 1992:

*"I cannot think of a better way to destroy fighting spirit. . ."*

By David Hackworth

Democratic Rep. Pat Schroeder of Colorado wanted to give women "equality and opportunity" by making them rucksack-toting grunts. Now she aims at putting homosexuals in the foxholes to "end the final bastion of discrimination."

I cannot think of a better way to destroy fighting spirit and gut U.S. combat effectiveness. My credentials for saying this are more than four decades' experience as a soldier or military reporter.

Despite the ban on service by homosexuals, gays have long served in the armed forces, some with distinction. Many perhaps felt no sexual inclination toward their heterosexual fellow soldiers. If they did, they had their buddies' attitudes and the Uniform Code of Military Justice hanging over their heads. Still, I have seen countless examples of inappropriate and morale-busting behavior.

In Italy, for example, in the postwar occupation, a gay soldier could not keep his hands off other soldiers in my squad. He disrupted discipline, mangled trust among squad members and zeroed out morale. In the same unit, the personnel major was gay. He had affairs with ambitious teenage soldiers in exchange for kicking up their test scores. This corrupted the command's promotion system and led to the commissioning of William Calley-like lieutenants not fit to lead combat soldiers.

During my second tour in the Korean War, a gay commanding officer gave combat awards to his lovers who had never been on the line. In Vietnam, a young captain in my unit was asked by the commander to go to bed with him. This almost destroyed the esprit of a fine parachute unit.

These are not isolated incidents: During my Army career I saw countless officers and NCOs who couldn't stop themselves from hitting on soldiers. The absoluteness of their authority, the lack of privacy, enforced intimacy and a 24-hour duty day made sexual urges difficult to control. The objects of their affection were impressionable lads who, searching for a caring role model, sometimes ended up in a gay relationship they might not have sought.

A majority of American citizens, according to polls, support Schroeder's bill. Many people look at the armed forces as they do the post office, the Bank of America or General Motors—an 8-to-5 institution where discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is against basic freedom, human rights and the American way of life. If these polls are true, a lot of people don't understand what war is about.

Sure, banning gays from defending their country is discriminatory. But discrimination is nec-

essary when a larger public purpose is served. Civilian standards of fairness and equality don't apply down where the body bags are filled.

On the battlefield, what allows men to survive is combat units made up of disciplined team players, who are realistically trained and led by caring skippers who set the example and know their trade. When all of these factors are in sync, a unit has the right stuff. It becomes tight, a family, and clicks like a professional football team. Spirited men who place their lives in their buddies' hands are the most essential element in warfare. The members of such combat teams trust one another totally.

One doesn't need to be a field marshal to understand that sex between service members undermines those critical factors that produce discipline, military orders, spirit and combat effectiveness. Mix boys and girls, gays and straights in close quarters such as the barracks or the battlefield, and both sexual contact and the consequent breakdown of morale are inevitable.

Many bright people are pushing for the ban to be lifted. I suspect that few if any have been down in the trenches, but I have no doubt their psychological/sociological/political clout will have considerable influence even if they don't

have a clue what combat is about.

Unfortunately, most of the top brass won't sound off. They duck and weave and offer hollow and spurious Pentagonese double-talk reasons for continuing the ban—reasons that only fuel the pro-gay argument. But they have told me in the "G" ring of the Pentagon that they're "against it, but sounding off would be the kiss of death, like opposing women in combat—a career killer, you know."

I hope that our lawmakers will visit Quantico and Fort Benning before they vote, and ask Marine gunnery sergeants and Army platoon sergeants what a few gays would do to the fighting spirit of units. These pros told me: Gays are not wanted by straight men or women in their showers, toilets, foxholes or fighting units. They say that in combat young men face death constantly, and what allows them to make it through the hell of it all is a feeling of toughness, invincibility and total trust in their buddies.

My experience with warriors in more than eight years of roaming the killing fields in seven wars confirms what these old salts are saying.

A serving lieutenant general recently wrote to me, "Ask Pat Schroeder if she'd like her kids under a gay first sergeant who might use his rank and authority to demand sexual favors from his subordinate 18-year-old kids. We just had that occur in my command."

No doubt advocates of gays in combat units will argue that they don't approve of demanding sexual favors and that the first sergeant deserved what he got—a court-martial. The problem is, all the court-martials and regulations in the world can't prevent the kind of morale problems that a change in the law is bound to create. Sure, the first sergeant is serving hard time at Fort Leavenworth, but Pat Schroeder and the two dozen lawmakers who support her bill must also ask themselves what happened to the morale and fighting spirit of his unit. ■





Pictured is a portion of the eighteen members of Chapter 2, Korean War Veterans Association and their guests who gathered at American Legion Post 11, Lafayette, Indiana for a dinner meeting February 19, 1993.

Those members attending were: Betty Baker, Edward Cavanugh, Carl Connolly, Donald Easterly, Sr., James Galbraith, Paul Gipson, Troy Haste, Donald Isenberg, Donald James, Franklin Littleton, Edward Neff, Fred Priest, Robert Query, John Rutledge, Robert Schoonover, William Taber, Clifford Dolick and Albert Zentko.

Chaplain Dan Shields, on advice from his doctor, tendered his resignation. Carl Connolly volunteered and was accepted by the members to serve as Chaplain.

Orders were taken for berets to wear at any function that Chapter 2 will participate in.

The members of Chapter 2, Korean War Veterans Association, Lafayette, Indiana, would like to thank American Legion Post 11, dining room staff and kitchen staff for their hospitality.

JOHN M. RUTLEDGE (Publicity Chairman) Chapter 2; Lafayette, Indiana, 208 Eastland Drive; Lafayette, Indiana 47905-4805.

### WE WONDER: HOW MANY ENVELOPES STILL AROUND?

I am submitting this drawing for, if desirable, one of the Graybeards additions. This drawing was made into a stamp and used by our squad when mailing letters home.

The drawing was made by, if my memory is correct, John Smurthwaite, 40th Division, 1953. John lived in San Francisco, CA., prior to Service duty. The stamp does say a lot about the conditions and all of its joys.

—SGT. RICHARD F. SIMMONS; P. O. Box 83; N. Dighton, MA 02764



JOHN A. SULLIVAN; 9117 Beech Ave.; Munster, IN 46321 was a platoon leader (2nd P I E Co 17th Regt) Jan and Feb 1953 in The T-Bone area west of Chorwon. He has written this book:

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## Were Those Who Oppose Names On The Memorial Actually Being Used as Dupes?

By STAN HADDEN, Editor Graybeards

Have those who sincerely do not want names of KIA/MIA to be on the Memorial been unwitting DUPES? We hope not.

Have they been used as a diversionary tactic?

Do those alleged "secret copyright royalties agreements" have anything to do with the constant delays and changes in design? (See page 33).

Who are the alleged parties to such alleged agreements?

And we ask: IF such agreements were made: Who has given or taken upon himself the authority to give or sell that privilege?

Maybe these are among the questions that should now be asked — in public — and tell the answers in public.

It won't solve the problem to just send your opinion to Graybeards, although we like your letters. Send your opinion and questions to Pres. Clinton; to your members of Congress; and then to Graybeards. Also tell your newspaper, your radio stations — your TV stations. Tell your neighbors.

Try to TELL AMERICA about this alleged copyright agreement that might be judged as a scandal!

Will the Iwo Jima Memorial be next?

## A \$500 MILLION PROJECT SKIMMED THRU FINE ARTS AFTER ONLY 8 MEETINGS

Graybeards asked the questions and the Fine Arts Commission replied as follows:

A project now named the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation is under construction in Washington DC just about three blocks from the White House. It is estimated to cost about 500 million dollars; the finished product will be basically for merchandising control stores, offices, etc. in downtown Washington.

*The plans for the project had to go through the same approval paths that the Korean War Veterans Memorial has had to follow.*

### THE DIFFERENCE IS THIS

From April 1988 to April 1992, after only **eight recorded meetings** with the Fine Arts Commission, the "Working drawings have been approved and, provided there are no significant changes, it is doubtful that further review will be necessary."

### WHAT ABOUT OUR MEMORIAL?

The Korean War Veterans Memorial, a \$16 million dollar project (only \$16 million) began in November 1982. In January 1993 — 10 years and two months later — **after 17 recorded meetings** before the Fine Arts Commission — **the design is not even approved.** The next review by Fine Arts is scheduled for October 1993.

*(See story about the copyright royalties on page 33).*

## You Can't Copyright A Wall Full Of Names

So — the Viet Nam Wall memorial is not copyrighted. And the American public is free to photograph it, or draw pictures, etc. without paying for the privilege.

## We Hear The Korean War Veterans Memorial Is Going To Be Copyrighted

And now should we guess JUST MAYBE why various boards and commissions involved in the Korean War memorial might have decided there will not be any names on it?

? Could it be? Is it because somewhere "they" might have made "secret agreements to split the royalties" on a memorial without names?

? Could it be? Are "they" maybe keeping the names off because to do otherwise would mean no copyright privileges to make money out of?

## YOU CAN COPYRIGHT A WALL FULL OF FACES!

Graybeard's efforts to get a copy of the alleged agreements have been denied. So why don't you — the member of KWVA — ask your congressman or senator to go through the Freedom of Information Act and send you a copy of the agreement. If you get a copy — send it to Graybeards. And we will print it.

Why don't you go off and think about this for awhile?

GRAYBEARDS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EDIT OR REJECT ANY LETTER TOO LONG FOR OUR AVAILABLE SPACE:

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It's not every day that one gets the opportunity to have his photo taken with a governor. Bob Haas, of the Greater Cleveland, OH Chapter President and Art Becks, secretary, flank Governor George V. Voinovich after the ceremony at Cleveland City Hall. They were part of the 12 members of our color guard which participated in the Veterans Day (November 11) observance.



# G-2

YOUR OPINIONS  
ON  
NATIONAL EVENTS

## DEAR EDITOR:

I read with interest a letter in your January issue from Rich Fishbach. He complained about the KWVA not taking a stand against Gov. Clinton for president. Some of you may have noted that the US issue of the Stars and Stripes was for Clinton. Also the VFW was neutral.

It will be a sad day when we have the Korean War Memorial dedicated by a draft dodger. Maybe we can get Past President Bush or someone else to do the honors. I also would like the names on the memorial. But if we wait till a new design is approved, none of us would be around.

I have yet to understand how the cost of the memorial has doubled and the design cut in half.

—JOSEPH I. HESS, (VP of Korean War Branch 2nd Infantry Div. Assn., Inc.); P.O. Box 1049; Tiburon, CA 94920. FAX 415/435-5260. 415/435-5725.

## "I AM A POLITICAL ANIMAL AND I BELIEVE THIS"

"Sept. 21, 1992. Dear Stan: Received your mailings today and read them avidly. You seem to have quite a conservative outlook. My heart read everything underlined with great excitement and concurrence. The last lines of the poem from The Chosin Few Newsletter really got to me. How true!

My head on the other hand tells me that a Democrat in the White House with that party holding majorities in both houses of Congress will be a disaster for people who think like me.

I never cared for Nixon but when I was asked why I didn't regret voting for him, I answered that his election had kept Ramsay Clark off the Supreme Court. I will vote this time to keep Mario Cuomo off the court if for no other reason.

In June 1992, a president qualified to wear high decorations for valor broke the ground for our memorial. I will be damned if I will have any part in having it dedicated by a draft dodger. Our dead have been neglected, I will not see them disgraced. I will not attend.

Further I am resigning from the VFW. Their refusing to endorse the president is a *De Facto* pardon for draft dodging. Any veteran's organization that cannot discern is telling the public that it is OK to lie to avoid serving your country. I

will not be a part of that either.

The deficit will not be solved quickly or painlessly. If disaster is in the offing Bush will delay it. We have no other choice! It's that bad.

As you probably have gathered I am a political animal. I hope my convictions do not offend."

—SKIP RITTENHOUSE; KWVA Member #0022; 1540 Norma Road; Columbus, Ohio 43229.

## "I RODE A WOODEN PLATFORM AT THE WATER LINE TO PUSH FLOATING MINES AWAY AT WONSAN"

Fellow Korean Vets: Seeing the story in Graybeards about the sinking of the Pirate, and the Pledge off Wonsan 1950 took me back to that God-forsaken harbor with a jerk!

I arrived off Wonsan in April 1951 and was on the U.S.S. L.S.M.R. 412. My ship along with the L.S.M.R. 409 and L.S.M.R. 411 kept that harbor bottled up from April until Feb, 1952. We fired repeated rocket attacks on the rail yards during that period. The area was thick with mines of all kinds. We would move in close under cover of dark nights and fire massive volumes of five inch rockets into the rail yards and water front areas.

I had tried to block out the details all these years. I remember the Captain, a Lt. W. W. Kurcher, asking for someone to ride a wooden platform mounted on the bow just at the water line to use a boat hook to push any floating mines away as we eased between the two islands and took up firing position. Since I was just a young eighteen-year-old with no brains I signed on for the job each time we went in. I now remember the cold icy wind and water lapping at my feet as I knelt on that set of boards and strained my eyes to see into the dark black waters slowly passing the Bow. I guess I would have been no worse off then anywhere else on board if we had hit a mine. An L.S.M.R. is nothing more then a big floating ammo dump with rapid fire rockets turrets. Just about every inch of the ship was loaded with five inch rockets and five inch gun ammo.

Now that Graybeards has brought it all back. I would sure like to hear from any of the guys who served on L.S.M.R. 412 or any other L.S.M.R. in Korea. Please contact me: JIM E. QUARLES; 5124 Mississippi Bar Dr.; Orangevale, Calif. 95662. Tel 1-916-988-8290.

## HR 291: Missing Service Personnel Act (POW/MIA)

The February KWVA Council meeting was asked to help the effort to persuade Congress to take corrective action in solving certain MIA problems. The following letter from John Holland is a brief explanation of the matter.

Dear Fellow Veterans: Remember the old military adage, "If it's out of sight, it's out of mind, so that means it's out of maintenance"! That is how the POW/MIA Issue came into existence, and why it still plagues our nation. How Missing Service Personnel (MIA's) are declared Dead is hidden in the Missing Persons Act of 1942 (MPA-41).

This well intended law was written solely to protect the financial welfare of the MIA's financial dependents. However, nowhere in the law is the welfare of the MIA mentioned.

IF THEIR WELFARE IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE LAW, THEN UNDER THE LAW IT IS IGNORED! THUS WE HAVE THE POW/MIA ISSUE!!!

In the past three sessions of Congress, there has been a Bill before the House of Representatives that would have amended and corrected MPA-42.

Congressman Austin Murphy (D) (PA) has reintroduced the very same Bill in this session. It is now HR 291 "The Missing Service Personnel Act".

Previously, we have been unable to get a companion Bill in the Senate. If we are to ever end the POW/MIA Issue, in a responsible manner, then we must have a companion Bill in the Senate.

I have asked Senator Bob Smith (R) (NH) to introduce such a companion Bill. I am asking that you and/or your organization contact Senator Smith and encourage him to introduce a companion Bill to HR 291.

—JOHN R. HOLLAND, President; American's For Freedom, Always! Inc.; PO Box 9561; Arlington, Virginia 22219. (703) 351-9326.

EUGENE J. CONWAY; 7769 Marquis Dr.; Tucson, AZ 85715 has this logo on his envelope.



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## REUNIONS

*PLEASE NOTE that Graybeards is normally published/mailed in January, April, June and September. The usual deadline for receiving your news story is about one month earlier. If you do not observe that deadline there is no assurance your notice will be printed — or if it will be timely for your purpose. — THE EDITOR.*

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### ALL SERVICES

**Nebraska Korean War Veterans Association:** all veterans who served in the armed forces from June 25, 1950 thru January 31, 1955. Annual reunion August 27-29, 1993. Contact Art Reddish, 4121 South 37th St., Lincoln, Nebraska 68506. Tel #402-488-7412.

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The Association of Ex-Prisoners of the Korean War will hold their 40th anniversary reunion on July 26 - August 31, 1993. The event will be held at the Hunt Valley Inn; 245 Shawan Road; Hunt Valley, MD 21031. Phone 410-785-7000.

If you are interested in getting more information, please contact HARLEY J. COON; 2439 Lantz Road; Beavercreek, OH 45434. Or phone him at 513-426-9645.

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**Dept. of Illinois Korean War Veterans Association** convention - Reunion, June 5, 1993. Holiday Inn, Decatur, Illinois. Contact MAURICE BEUSKING, 3502 N. Water St. Decatur, Ill. 62526. (217) 877-6814.

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### ARMY

**"C" Company, 72D TK BN, 2D Inf Div (Korea 1950 - 51)**—5th annual reunion, Sep 16 - 18, 1993, Radcliff, KY (Ft. Knox) contact JAMES RANDOLPH, R.R. #5 Box 868 Sweetwater, TN 37874. (615) 337-3625.

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Veterans of **72D HV TK BN, Korea 1950-51** for reunion 7/23/93 Ft. Worth, TX. LTS. Harper, Taylor, Black; SGTS. Snow, Austin, Zayatz, Rodriguez; W.O. Pratt and any others out there. Contact MAX OGAS; 1214 Cummings; Copperas Cove, TX, 76522; 817-547-8297.

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**REUNION: 25th Infantry Division,** New England chapter. September 23-26, 1993, Atlantic City, N.J. for information contact: Richard Ziemba. 373 Country Rd. West Wareham, Ma 02376. Phone (508) 295-7766.

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**96th FIELD ARTILLERY BN ASSN 2nd REUNION** September 17, 18 and 19, 1993. Contact Arnold Anderson 1350 - 4th ST SW Huron SD 57350. Phone 605/352-6313.

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**"351st Comm Recon. Co (ASA)** Reunion June 25 - 27, 1993 at Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA. Contact Bob Rutter, 26 Ware St., RFD 1, Box 63A, West Brookfield, MA 01585. Tel (508) 867-6057.

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The **453rd E.C.B.** will hold a Reunion at Winterset, IA. Aug 7, 1993. Anyone who served in Battalion welcome Contact BEN KIRK, R.R. #1; Box 28; Loremon, IA. 50149; Phone 515-763-2151 or William E. Sparks; Phone 309-579-3009.

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**780th FA BN** will hold a reunion in Burlington Iowa on August 20-21. For details contact ALLAN M. GEDDES; P.O. Box 216; Mediapolis, IA 52637 or GEORGE J. ELLIS; 1020 Wildwood Pk. Rd.; Florence, AL 35630; 205-764-5938.

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I would like to contact former members of **606th A.C. & W. SQ DET. #4** Korea 1952-53 for possible reunion. Contact: BEN L. COST; 8416 Purity Rd. NE; St. Louisville, Ohio 43071.

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**Anyone having served with X Corps -- Korea - 1950 - 1953** please write: X Corps Reunion; Korea 1950-53 Alumni; PO Box 274; Wilderville, Oregon. Or call: (503) 476-7898; John G. J. Pimentel.

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**86th Ordnance Company Association.** annual reunion will be held September 9-11 in Pittsburgh, PA. Contact: Leon O'Brien, 2571 Crystal Drive, Joliet, IL 60435. Telephone: (815) 436-9273.

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**4th INF (IVY) DIV ASSN** reunion will be held 29 June - 5 July 1993 in Arlington, Virginia. Contact Roger S. Barton, 2 Spring Drive (R-29), Walkersville, MD 21793, (301) 845-4168.

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**7th Div. 32nd Infantry "Queen's Own"** Regiment. Sept. 22-26, 1993 Holiday-Inn Hampton, Va. Contact: CHESTER BAIR; 740 Rellim Lane; Sarasota, FL 34232; Phone: 813-377-9851.

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**10th Inf Div/ 1st Cav Div Reunion:** HQ Co 1st Bn 85th Inf Reg and Item Co 87th Inf. Reg. Dec 53 - Jan 54 and George Co 86th Inf Reg Mar- Apr 54 of Ft. Riley, KS. and their replacement units in the 1st Cav Div will hold their 3rd Annual Reunion in the vicinity of Kansas City 10-12 Sep 93. Contact persons are Bob Lundy, Burden, KS 316-438-2959 and John Mason, Platte City, MO, 816-431-5184.

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**25th Inf Div** veterans reunion: to be held in honor of our 25th Div Korean War veterans. All former 25th, from any state, unit, or year of service, any war or peacetime — are invited to attend. In New Orleans, LA from Oct 21 to 24, 1993 at the Landmark Hotel. Contact: ROBERT L. MUZZY; 809 Forston Sr.; Takoma Park, Md. 20912.

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**15th Inf Regt 3rd Inf Div** get-together on July 16, 17, 18, 1993. At show grounds of Central Hawkeye Antique Power Show west of Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: GENE TRUMBO, 515-989-0528. Or ALBERT D. CRINER, 309-358-1102. Or GEORGE PILKINGTON; Rt. 1, Box 26; Cuba, IL 61427. Phone 309-785-2863.

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**34TH Regt** (Companies I, K, L, M) and **21st Regt** (Companies E, F, G, H) **24th Inf Div** reunion: May 19-23, 1993, at the Executive Plaza Quality Inn; 823 Murfreesboro Road; Nashville, TN 37217. Phone 615-367-1234. Any questions, call: HARRY WITTMAN; 1385 Terri St.; Keyser, WV 26726. Phone 304-788-0465.

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**999th AFA BN** (Armored Field Artillery Battalion) (Army Korea 1950 - 1954) will hold its 8th annual reunion September 11-12, 1993 at the USA Inn, York, Nebraska. For more information contact: GERALD HEIDEN; Rt. 2 Box 268; Waco, NE 68460. Phone: (402) 728-5435.

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**2ND INDIANHEAD DIVISION** — Company K 38th Infantry. 25th Reunion June 16 to 20th, 1993. Nashville, Tenn. Contact: DICK SMITH; 3286 C.R. 29; Burgoon, Ohio 43407. (419) 986-5870.

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**68th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion** (Korea, 1950-54 - Sept. 10-12 - Holiday Inn, Benton Harbor, Mich 49022, phone (616) 925-3234. Contact Les Long Rte. 1, Box 163, Maiden Rock, Wis. 54750, phone (715) 448-2611 or Don Dennett, W163 N11515 Windsor Court, Germantown, Wis. 53022, phone (414) 255-2121, business (414) 255-7122, fax (414) 255-7122.

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**The 204th Field Artillery Bn (Li'l Joe)** Korea 1950-1954; ninth reunion in Orlando, FL Oct 28-31, 1993. Contact: NICK VANDERHAVE; 1333 Littleton Rd.; Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Ph 201-538-7189.

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**5th Regimental Combat Team** reunion May 13-15; Fayetteville, Arkansas. Contact 5th RCT Assoc.; ELVIE P. HEINEY; 5688 E. Huntsville Rd.; Fayetteville, AR 72701. Phone 501-442-2389.

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### AIR FORCE

**15th Radio Squadron Mobile - LISAFUS** ASHIYA, Japan, APO 75. (1953-55). Planning 1st Reunion. Please Contact: Dr. Ben Asdell; 201 Walker St.; Logootee, Indiana 47553.

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**4th fighter Interceptor Wing** (All squadrons) If interested in a reunion contact: JOHN DAVID; Rt. 2 Box 2543; Quitman, TX 75783. 903-967-2569.

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### MARINES

**G-3-1, USMC KOREA** will hold their annual reunion September 9 thru 12, 1993, at the Executive Inn, Seattle, Washington. For information contact DON TAYLOR, Box 726, Elma, Washington 98541 (206) 482-2565.

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**Easy Company - 2nd Battalion - 5th Marine Regiment.** Korea 1950-53 Association. 5th Annual Reunion September 15-19, 1993, Nashville, TN. Contact Bart Dauberman, 526 N. 2nd St., Lykens, PA 17048. (717) 453-7472.



## REUNIONS

**B-1-5 (The Baker Bandits** and other Korean War Marines will have their eighth annual reunion June 17-20 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Contact: Emmett Shelton, Jr., 808 Caravan Circle, Austin, Texas 78746 or phone (512) 327-1305.

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The 1993 national convention of the **Montford Point Marine Assn., Inc.** will be held at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel, 300 South Charles Street, Baltimore, MD July 6 - 11, 1993. Contact President Jerome B. Milburn at the address above, or call (410) 254-8588.

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**7th Defense-AAA Bn. Asso. U.S.M.C.** Reunion: Sept. 27 to Oct. 1, 1993 J.G. Plaza, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: PHIL "BUCK" PACINI; 191 Greenbriar Road; Lewistown, PA 17044 (717) 248-8667.

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**Third Marine Division Association** will hold its annual family reunion during September 22-26, 1993 in San Antonio, Texas. All attached personnel and units are cordially invited to attend. Contact: SGTMAJ DON WILSON, USMC Retired, 225 Burnam Wood Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054-3107 - Telephone: (609) 235-8178.

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### NAVY

**U.S.S. Brinkley Bass (DD-887)** Eight Annual Reunion 29 July to August 1993; San Diego, CA; Contact: BOB SHETRON; 347 W. Leeside; Glendora, CA 91740; (818) 335-8040.

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**U. S. S. HELM DD-388** reunion: Sept 29 to Oct 3, 1993 at the Holiday Inn, Dayton Mall; 31 Prestige Plaza Drive; Mianisburg, OH 45342. Contact NICK LIRA; 7421 Mad River Rd.; Dayton, OH. Phone 513-433-4175.

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All veterans of the **PHIL SEA (CV-47)** and anyone who ever served on board, including Marines, All Air Groups and Squadrons, Units, etc. For Reunion starting Oct. 7, 1993 in New Orleans, LA. Person to contact: CHUCK DAVIS, CPO, USN (Ret); USS Philippine Sea Association; Post Office Box 597; Levittown, PA 19057-0957.

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**U. S. S. BOXER, CV/CVA/CVS -21, LPH-4** is holding a reunion of all former shipmates, carrier air groups, U. S. Marines, U. S. Army, and other units, in Niagara Falls, New York on September 16, 17, 18 & 19, 1993. For further information, please contact our Michigan director: EARL DUNCAN; 3029 Vincent road; North Street, Michigan 48049; (301) 982-5437 Days; (313) 982-7228 Evenings.

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**USS Sampson DDG-10** 1st Reunion. October 14-17, 1993. VA. Beach, Virginia. contact RON LARSEN, 1240 Franklin Street, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin 54494; 714-423-8905.

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## "MR. LUCKY"

Born in the Bronx, I thought I was 4-F because of a bad eye, heart murmur, and flat feet. After giving me glasses, telling me that my heart was fine, and giving me cookies for my shoes, the army recruited me, in December 1951.

I was assigned to George company, 39th infantry regiment at Fort Dix in January 1952, but contracted pneumonia in the fourth week. After missing ten days of training, I was released to Mike company to start basic over (16 weeks).

George company, mostly guys from New York and Long Island area, with wives, girlfriends, and jobs, were sent to Korea. After finishing basic, I was sent to the 1st armored division, 13th MTB, as a tank gunner. About eight months later, I was sent to Korea. My MOS was changed, and I was sent to KCOMZ, 8th army, in Pusan. I soon learned that most of my original comrades from basic training were wounded or died in combat. "Mr. Lucky" thinks of this every day. If it wasn't for pneumonia...

—DAVID KLAPOW; 2701 South Seamans Neck Road; Seaford, New York 11783-3214.



DAVID KLAPOW IN PUSAN

## REUNIONS

October 1993: **USS McGowan DD678**, 16th Reunion Washington, D.C. All former crewmembers 1943-1960. Contact DON ROGERS; 30 Hurd ST.; Lynn, MA 01905; Phone (617) 595-1137.

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**USS Lyman K. Swenson DD729 Association.** 5th reunion will be held in Seattle, Washington on September 2, 3, 4, 5, 1993. Contact: GLEN INGRAM; DD729 SECRETARIAT; 203 Shadow Ln; Euless, TX 76039; 817-283-8294.

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**U.S.S. Floyd B. Parks (DD884)** 1st Reunion August 13, 14 & 15, 1993. St. Louis, Missouri. Please contact: HERBERT J. TARTT; 421 Normandy Drive; Wilmington, N.C. 28412 919-452-4395.

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**The Association of Minemen Annual Meeting and Reunion** will be held August 20-22, 1993 in Reno, Nevada. All active, reserve, retired Minemen and other military and civilian personnel interested in Naval Mine Warfare are invited to attend. For more information and registration form write the Association of Minemen, P.O. Box 71835, Charleston, South Carolina, 29415 or call Don Decrona at (702) 826-3081.

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**USS FLOYD B. PARKS DD884** reunion August 13-15 1993 in St. Louis, MO. Please contact me: JAMES ROBBINS; P.O. Box 61; Twain, CA 95984.



DAVID KLAPOW IN 1993

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"The US Navy Cruiser Sailors Association" will be holding its second annual meeting October 8 thru 11, 1993 in Buffalo, N.Y. For information contact: E. AUGUST; 21 Colonial Way, Rehoboth, MA 02769 or R. MACIEJOWSKI; 55 Donna Terrace, Taunton, MA 02780.

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### AIR FORCE

Members of the 614th Tactical Group "Mosquitos" who served with the Fifth Air Force in the Korean War will hold their annual reunion on September 15-19, 1993 at the Wichita Airport Hilton, Wichita, KS. Contact Robbie Blackburn, 1301 Azure Lane, Wichita, KS 67235; (316) 721-4322.

## ARE YOU OUT THERE

I am seeking: **JIM GORDON JAMIESON** (of Orlando, FL); **RONNIE FOWLER** (USMC); please call me collect at 618-462-9187. Marvin Delp; 215 East 8th St.; Alton, IL 62002.

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**THE MOSQUITO ASSOCIATION:** I am looking for those U. S. Army officers and NCO's who flew as Observers with the "Mosquitos" (6147 TCG) in Korea 1950-1956. Please contact **T. M. CRAWFORD** 5129 W. Maplewood Ave., Littleton, CO 80123. 303-795-2818.

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I am looking for all former members of the **96TH FIELD ARTILLERY BN** Korea 1950-1958 for reunion. Contact Arnold Anderson, 1350-4th St SW Huron, SD 57350. Phone 605/352-6313.

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Seeking anyone who served with **Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division.** Korea 1950-54. Contact **BART DAUBERMAN**, 526 North Second Street, Lykens, PA 17048.

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**18th Fighter Bomber Wing:** I am looking to hear from anyone who served in Korea from Sept 1950 to Feb 1952 in the 18th Fighter Bomber Wing, 18th Air Police Sq. Write to **DONALD S. HERMAN**; R.D. #1 Box 155; Barto, Pa 19504.

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All of a sudden, it was 40 years ago! I served in **Heavy Mortar Co, 14th Inf Regt. 25th Inf Div** Dec 52 - Oct 53. I was there, on line, when the truce was signed. Please let me hear from you! **PAUL E. JACOBS**; 521 Sampson; Dyersburg, TN 38024. Ph: (901) 286-5073.

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Anyone that was a **Member of KMAG** (The Military Advisory Group to South Korean Government) from June 1950 - Sept 1951. I was with KMAG at start of the war June 1950 and was there before start of war. First arrived in Korea Jan 1948 thru Sept 1951. Please contact me at P.O. Box 363, Terry, MS. 39170. I am **ERVIN A YARBROUGH, JR.**

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**76th ENGR.** looking for vets who served with 76th ENGR Okinawa/ Korea 1950-53. Planning a reunion. Contact **EUGENE COLLINS**; 148 Allen Douglas Dr.; Richmond, KY 40475. Phone 606-623-5084.

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**7th Calvary Regt., 2nd. Bn., Fox Co., Korea 1951** - Served in 1st. Platoon from Jan. 1, 1951 to Sept. 19, 1951 from rifleman to platoon sgt. Would like to locate former members of Fox Co. National Personnel Record Center states that all "sick and injury records" for entire Co. between dates of March 22, 1950 to December 25, 1951 are, and have been, unavailable between dates indicated. Would like to hear from any members who requested and

received copies of these records which are dated within that time period. **CALVIN D. HERR**, 1501 Hiawatha Av., Big Lake, MN 55309.

Thank you for your consideration and help; they will be greatly appreciated. All of my Korean service and medical records have been unavailable since returning from Korea in 1951. In 1985 the N.P.R.C. claimed in a letter that they had "reconstructed" my service and medical records. . .they did not. They have since acknowledged that there were no reconstruction of any records. It is unbelievable that is the only description I can apply to it.

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"Would like to correspond with men who were part of the **9th R.C.T.** out of Fort Lewis, Washington. We were part of the Pusan perimeter early July 1950. We were part of the 2nd Div. and the 24th and 32nd regiments followed later. I was with Easy Co. Medal of Honor recipient David Smith was in my company. **ED QUAM**; 9306 Health Camp Road; Cuba, NY 14727. Phone 716-968-3670".

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**7th Div 31st Inf** — I was assigned at Inje just after Heartbreak Ridge. We were in the Iron Triangle area for the nine months I served; Huachon, Chorwon. I received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star with V.

My wife's brother was also in the 7th Div — he was killed and we are seeking information about him. His name was **DAVID QUAM**, from North Minneapolis.

Please contact me: **BOB BAXTER**; 16020 117th Ave N; Osseo, MN 55369.

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### WHERE IS TERRY VANCE BILLS?

I am trying to locate a Terry Vance Bills, formerly of the **1st Reg. 1st Bat. B company, USMC.** We served in Korea from Feb. 50 to Oct. 51. Last I heard he lived in California. Also interested in anyone else serving in the unit during that period. Contact **JERRY SCHWARTZ**, 15458 N. 62nd St. Scottsdale AZ. 85254.

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Served with the **24th Inf Div 19th Reg Co A** 1950-1951. Served with the 5th Air Force 17 Air Police 1951 - 1952. Nick name "Chippy" any one remember me? Please write: **FRANK CHIODO**; 5726 SE 164th Ave.; Ocklawaha, FL 32179.

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The **Selman Field Historical Association** is looking for any former military or civilian personnel associated with Selman Field Navigation School 1942-46 in Monroe, Louisiana. All former personnel or family members of former personnel may send info to the Selman Field Historical Assn. c/o P.O. Box 14962, Monroe, Louisiana 71207.

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"Walt Henricks, wants to hear from anyone knowing the whereabouts of: Fred Richter; JJ Clark; Ignaticus Namiotka; Ben Stevens; Chodo & Py-do men of the 606th AC & W. MASH units in Weonju area mid-Feb. 51. Thanks. **WALT HENRICKS**; P.O. Box 3; Wolcottville, IN 46795.

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**Marine Corps Veterans of Korea:** we're looking for a few good men! The reunion committee of Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines is trying to locate any and all men who served in Korea between 1950 and 1953.

If you know of anyone or have any information concerning anyone that served at that time, please contact Joe K. Provence, P.O. Box 3792, Savannah, GA 31414. We would like to know of, where and about our fellow marines with whom we served. Semper Fi.

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Would like to hear from anyone who remembers Cpl **EDWARD J. ROTERT**; Co. D 2nd Batt, 7th Reg 1st USMC Div. On July 21, 1953 was wounded with a shrapnel in left forearm, in or near the city of Boulder, Korea, north of the Imjin river, to substantiate claim for a Purple Heart not received at that time. **EDWARD J. ROTERT**; P.O. Box 492; Pacific, MO 63069.

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I would appreciate very much, if you would kindly help me locate anyone who served in the **153rd Transportation Company (Port)**, in Pusan, South Korea, from December, 1953 until May, 1955.

I am a current member of the 2076th USARF School, Wilmington, Delaware. I served in Korea, as a member of the 153rd Transportation Company (Port, Pusan., South Korea, from December, 1953 until May, 1955.

After Korea, I served an additional hitch at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, in Maryland. Since that time, I have been active mostly in the USAR. However, my MRD is February 29, 1993, and I will retire as a CW4 on February 25, 1993. Thank you. **CW-4 YOUNG HINES**; 1410-B Ocean Pines; Berlin, MD 21811.

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I would like to hear from any member of "Dog" **Co 21st Regt 24th Div** who served from Aug 1950 to Sept 1951. Remember P.J. Deneir, 1st Sgt? Also if **RALPH RANDALL** from Chicago is out there; he was with G Co 31st Regt. **THOMAS SHERRY**; RR5, Box 142; Gouverneur, NY 13642.

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**7th Sig Photo Section 7th Div 52-53.** contact **FRED QUEDENFELD**; 34 Albert St.; Feasterville, PA 19053.

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I would like to get in touch with officers in Co A, 2nd **Chem Mortar Bn** 1950 and 1951. V. P. **LEAVEL, Jr.**; 4717 Dirz Ave. #1; Fort Worth, TX 76107.

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Trying to locate men from **B Co 453rd E. C. B. Korea 1951 -1953.** I especially am looking for Royal Woodward, Donald Roth, Karl Nelson, Sidney Johnson, Glen Burdick, Allen Smith and Robert Love. Contact: **WILLIAM E. SPARKS**; 175 Pinewood Park Ct.; Chillicothe, IL 61523. Phone 309-579-3009.

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SEE MORE, NEXT PAGE!



## USCGC TANEY CREW MEMBERS

I am researching a book on the history of the USCGC Taney from 1936 to 1986. The book will tell the history of the Taney through the experiences of her crewmembers as well as her evolutions. I am requesting all crewmembers call or write me to receive a questionnaire. I am interested in personal stories as well as pictures and letters describing life on the Taney and your experiences in the Taney's many missions. I want to include a wide variety of experiences across the entire spectrum of the Taney's service. Please respond and tell other shipmates to contact: I especially need the stories of Korean War Vets. Yours is truly the Forgotten War. Help me to give you the gratitude you deserve!

—BRIAN J. WHETSTINE; 8747 Contee Rd Apt 402; Laurel, Maryland 20708; (301) 490-3156 Home; (301) 688-7877 Work.

## ARE YOU OUT THERE

3rd Div, 7th Regt, Easy Co in most of 1951. Then I was transferred to King Co of the 15th Regt, 3rd Div in late October 1951. I am looking for anyone who was in those companies at those times. Please contact me: PATRICK FILIDORO; 255-11 87th Drive; Floral Park, NY 11001. Phone 718-347-8240.

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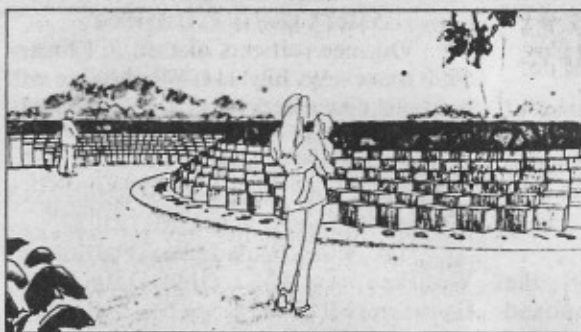
Searching for members of Co A, 8th Cav Regt, 1st Ca Div Korea 1950-1951. Especially MARK BEARBOW (OK) and WILLIAM JORDAN (LA). Served from Pusan perimeter to Unsan NK and back to Seoul. Please write me: LEO H. MARQUIS, JR.; 245 Sherbourne Ave.; Tyngsboro, MA 01879.

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I am trying to locate a Capt WILLIAM S. ROBERTS, former commanding officer of Co A, 17th Inf Regt, 7th Inf Div in 1953. His last known address was Cuyahoga Falls in Ohio. Please contact me: ANGELO PALERMO; 765 4th St.; Oakmont, PA 15139.

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PLEASE RESPOND! anyone that served in the Korean War in 1951 - 1952 839th Engineer Aviation Battalion, Headquarters and Service Company AKA S.C.A.R.W.F. Also, anyone that would have been placed for medical treatment or served medical duties at the 4th Medical Group and the 67th Medical Group located at the Kempo Air Force Base in Korea between the months of October - December 1952. If anyone has any information or can help in anyway with medical or personnel information, please contact JERRY SIMENSON at 411 Lilly Lane, Altoona, WI 54720. Any response will be appreciated. The information is important.



with designs ranging from simple engraved walls to complex and detailed forms.

Assisted by the State Department of Defense and Office of Veterans Services, the commission put together a rigorous six-day schedule to show the entries at seven locations throughout the state. Commission and Board members visited each location throughout the state. Commission and Board members visited each locations to hear what veterans, their families and friends had to say about the entries and the competition itself.

The design, by 30 year old architect Paul Medley, consists of two winding walls—one for each war—of terraced granite blocks inscribed with the names of those missing or killed in action. According to Medley, the structure is designed to allow visitors to touch names and adorn them with flowers on special holidays. The memorial will be located on the State Capitol grounds and the target date for the dedication is tentatively set for Veterans Day, November 11, 1993.

Korean War veterans who served on the Commission on Memorials were Herbert Kondo, also a Vietnam veteran, and Kurt Johnson, a former fighter pilot, who was credited with downing a MIG. Korean War veteran Louis Baldovi served on the Memorials Review Board.

In photo below, the Memorials Review Board was established to review the work of the Memorials Commission and to approve or disapprove the final design selection. Pictured from left to right, Michael Leineweber (chairman), Lester Higa, Alvin Au, Louis Baldovi, and David Gushi-Clementson.



TWO THINGS worry most folks these days: (1) that things may never get back to normal; and (2) that they already have.

Half of life is: IF.

50th Anniversary of Commissioning — Reunion: U.S.S. Endicott DD495-DMS35. St. Louis, MO. Sept 16-19, '93. Dean Wren 11811 E. 60th St., Kansas City, MO. 64133-4324. (816) 356-4833.

**For those critical of the job I am doing as your editor, I have two things to say: (1) tell me about it, openly; and (2) apply for my job.**

—STAN HADDEN.

## Monroe County Chapter #1

36 Tilegate Glen; Fairport, NY 14450

"President Adams:

I have received the January issue of "GRAYBEARDS", wherein the inclusion of a correction notice to the publishing of the Association's amended by-laws of September 1992 appears to contain a very serious error.

"Under Article II, 1, subB-1, the reading as it appears in the proposed correction suddenly, and without due regard, excludes from regular membership a large number of Veterans who up to now have been regular members, under the original Charter and By-Laws. I refer to members who served during the Korean War era, 25 Jun 50 to 31 Jan 55, outside of Korea. Indeed, it is likely that many of these here-to-fore regular members are officers of their local Chapters or state Departments. Suddenly, and without due regard, they are removed from their status as regular members, and must relinquish their positions of leadership in KWVA.

"To correct this serious flaw, I suggest the following change to the cited paragraph, to meet the intent of the organization as it applies to military personnel covered under the modified dates:

### BY-LAWS SHOULD READ LIKE THIS

"Article II, 1, sub B-1. SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. Any person who has seen honorable service in any of the armed forces of the United States, which service shall meet at least one of the following requirements regarding time and location:

"a) within Korea 3 Sep 45 to 24 Jun 50.

"b) within or without Korea 25 Jun 50 to 31 Jan 55.

"c) within Korea 1 Feb 55 to the present time. "...shall be eligible for membership as a regular member. (the paragraph would then continue with "No person...)

"This wording allows for recognition as regular members those service personnel who we have granted regular member status to before this amendment had been made, and also allows for the intent of the Executive Council vis-a-vis the Occupation Service Personnel to be met.

"I trust this will be brought before the Board at the mid-winter meeting at Gulf Shores. Thank you for your attention."

—DONALD G. COFSKY; 1st Vice President.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Please see the new application blank on last page this Graybeards.

## Maryland Chapter

Our new officers elected in January 1993 to serve to July 1, 1994 when we will hold our new elections in June to comply with the change in the National By-Laws for Chapters, are as follows:

President: James K. Martin; 2518 Liberty Parkway; Dundalk, MD 21222.

1st Vice President: William K. Wahlhaupter; 1322 Glen Dale Road; Baltimore, MD 21239.

2nd Vice President: Victor Yarmis; 8401 Winands Road; Baltimore, MD 21206.

Secretary: Jack E. Cloman; 2702 Franklinville Road; Joppa, MD 21085.

Treasurer: Earl A. House; 1870 Yakona Road; Baltimore, MD 21234.

Directors: Joseph J. Perc; 4916 Aberdeen Ave.; Baltimore, MD 21206. Edward Hechmer; 302E Cherry Hill Road; Reisterstown, MD 21136. William B. Zollenhoffer; 32 N. Curley Street; Baltimore, MD 21224

Appointed: MIA/POW Officer; William B. Zollenhoffer. Chaplain: Roy E. McGhee.

We have a total of 72 members on our rolls as of Feb. 1, 1993.

## Edward E. Rhoads Chapter

"The Sonny News"

9001 E. Rosewood St.; Tucson, AZ 85710

New Chapter president is DICK WAINWRIGHT; home phone 602-298-1581.

On December 13, 1992, members of The Ray Harvey (MOH) and The Edward W. Rhoads Chapter of KWVA of Arizona completed the organization of the Department of Arizona. The Articles of Incorporation with the State of Arizona have been completed and filed with the Secretary of State. The application for Non-Profit status with the IRS has been completed and sent for approval. The Bylaws are being written and will be made known soon.

The Council of the Department will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Judge Advocate. These positions are elective and will be chosen from the members of the council. The council at this time is composed of the Officers of the two above mentioned Chapters. If needed to control the size of the Council in the future, a Department meeting may reduce the size of the Council by amending the Bylaws. The meetings of the Council will be open to any member to attend if they desire.

## Missouri Chapter No. 1

"KorVets News"

P.O. Box 190075; St. Louis, Mo 63119

In their fourth quarterly meeting January 16, at Columbia's VFW Post 280, delegates from Missouri chapters laid the foundation for future growth of a strong, active KWVA in Missouri.

Under the guiding hand of Interim Commander Neil Van Dermuellen, the first order of business was approval of the Department of Missouri's first constitution and by-laws. Members from Chapters 1 and 2, along with at-large members from Columbia, unanimously approved the document, which had been developed in cooperation between the state's two largest chapters.

Following the acceptance, permanent officers were nominated for the scheduled election at the April 10 at the VFW Hall in Columbia. Elected officers will serve one-year terms. Voting is only by official delegates elected from recognized chapters.

Acceptance of the constitution and by-laws paves the way for a series of future activities, including not only greater participation in legislation affecting veterans, but for a planned recruiting of new chapters and members.

At the same meeting, a chapter expansion plan in which existing state chapters would participate was discussed and accepted. Interim officers and nominees urge those KorVettes interested in forming other chapters to contact Neil Van Dermuellen to obtain guidance and assistance. He can be reached at 1073 Poplar Drive, St. Louis, MO. 63125 314-487-3059.

Editor's Note: we like your newsletter, Missouri — but where is the Editor's name? We send compliments from Graybeards.

## LOUISIANA CHAPTER

P.O. Box 55321, Metairie, Louisiana 70055

Phone (504) 282-0228

FAX NO. 833-7244

At the January annual meeting of the Louisiana chapter of The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. the following officers and Executive Council members were elected:

President: Lamar O. Hooks. First Vice President: George L. Huhner, Jr.. Second Vice President: Milroy J. Beydler. Secretary/Treasurer: Robert L. Hatfield.

Executive Council: Glen E. Stiglet - 1986. Dan Moyle - 1995. Louis J. Huhner - 1994.



## Eastern Long Island Chapter

P.O. Box 292; Long Island, NY 11725

The newsletter of the Sgt. Erwin L. Beckwith Memorial Post included this:

**"IS THE KOREAN VET A THIRD CLASS VETERAN?"**

"Did you know we are 3rd class Veterans! Did you know that WWII Veterans are considered 1st class Veterans and Viet Nam Veterans 2nd class!"

"Yes we are at the bottom of the barrel, and all we do is bicker between States and Chapters."

"Do you belong to the American Legion? How often have they wrote about the Korean Veteran, can't remember can you. Belong to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, can't remember when they last mentioned us either can you."

"Make a contribution to a Veterans Medical Center recently or volunteer your services as a Korean Veteran, haven't acknowledged that either have they! Went to a ceremony where every volunteer organization was acknowledged for being there except the Korean War Veterans?"

"How many times do we have to be hit on the head before we do something about it?"

## Ray Harvey (MOH) Chapter

*"The 38th Parallel"*

P.O. Box 11767; Phoenix, AZ 85061

This active chapter has started a drive to get "54,246 members (one for each American death in Korea) with 8,177 of them life members (one for each MIA) by July 27, 1995."

Their newsletter included a short story as follows:

**"WE MUST GET POLITICALLY INVOLVED.** Politicians listen to VOTERS! Meet your Federal, State, and local Representatives. Tell them what we demand. You are naive if you believe that the new administration in Washington is not going to attempt to cut Veteran's benefits. We no longer have a Veteran and friend in the White House. The 38th Parallel will publish the names of those who are not sympathetic to our desires in the section titled "Names to Remember".

**DON SWANSON** (the ol' Sarge) of Mobile, AL at left; **STAN HADDEN** at right; at Board meeting in Feb, at Gulf Shores, Alabama.

See photo at right.

## Central Long Island Chapter

P.O. Box 835

Bayport, NY 11705

Under Bill Beatty as Editor, this newsletter contains so much useful information for all veterans that Graybeards lacks the space to do justice to its comments.

We will simply recommend that veterans across the country would do well to contact IRENE MANDRA on her efforts in the field of POW/MIA; she has some volatile actions to recommend. For info on solving veterans' problems, contact NOEL CHISHOLM for supportive suggestions. Both can be reached through the address given above.

## IMPORTANT RANDOM INCOMING

You are being asked to write Pres. Clinton and members of congress on various matters. Since most of us have had the experience of never getting an answer, or at most just a form letter, from Congress, here's another name you might want to write: ROSS PEROT; United We Stand, America; P.O. Box 6; Dallas, TX 75221.

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KWVA has a new national Treasurer. He is ROGER SCALF; P. O. Box 11767; Phoenix, AZ 85061. Phone: 602-893-1467; FAX 602-598-1583. We all thank retiring BILL SMYERS for his heroic past work in helping KWVA get its financial feet in better order.

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IT IS DOUBTFUL that any meeting of veterans on July 26 at the Memorial site, carrying crosses to memorialize the dead in the Korean War, can be held — because there now has been a fence erected around the site. See story on page 26.



## WHEN ONE MAN TRIES OTHERS WILL FOLLOW

Dear Stan: I have made an individual effort to "Tell America About the Korean War."

This month I have a 3 shelf display in the lobby of our local library. It consists of maps, copy of KWVA quarterly, information of the long six years to possibly get a design approved, Korean War Commemorative Coin, books available on this war periods, still photos of U.S. Troops in South Korea and the hopes of getting names engraved on the Memorial.

Enclosed is an article the local daily newspaper printed. Our local AM radio station (WPTW) also has mentioned similar information from newspaper article.

If you want to sift thru this information and reference some of it to print in the April edition, maybe it will inspire one other member to get involved.

I get emotionally concerned when I try to tell people of the war; as memory experiences return; so I can not speak before groups of people, so I try in other ways.

—GENE L. BOWSER; P.O. Box 57; Piqua, OH 45356.



This is a photo taken during memorial services at the Korean War Veterans Memorial at Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix, AZ.

On the left is Col. Ray Harvey, Medal of Honor, for whom the Chapter is named. On the right is Col. Gene Young, former POW. Col. Harvey laid a wreath in the form of a Korean Service Ribbon.

A doctor warned a cardiac patient, a veteran of the Korean War, not to smoke, drink, or dance during convalescence from a heart attack.

"How about kissing?" asked the veteran.

"Only with your wife," said the doctor. "I don't want you to get excited."

## "Mosquitos In Korea"

Our Historian, Bill Cleveland, has finished our book, "Mosquitos in Korea" and now has it ready for sale by mail at \$40.00 postage and handling paid.

This book has over 300 pages and 285 photos of Mosquitos in action. You'll want to buy and keep this book. It is protected by a cover containing a color photo of a T-6 on front, and a color photo of our original, large Mosquito patch on the back. It has a glossary and an Index and is full of many stories about our members; many written by themselves.

It will be an important addition to the permanent history of the U.S. Air Force in Korea during the period of the Korean War and the cease fire from 1950 to 1956.

It is important that we sell out the modest publication we have made. Accordingly many of our members are giving copies of the book to family members and to their town and college libraries. We ask that you do the same.

They make ideal Christmas gifts. If you want one or more copies, please fill out and mail the slip below. Also, if you know any bookstores or museum gift shops willing to sell our book, please pass their addresses along to the Historian so he can contact them. You will be helping your Mosquito Association by doing so.

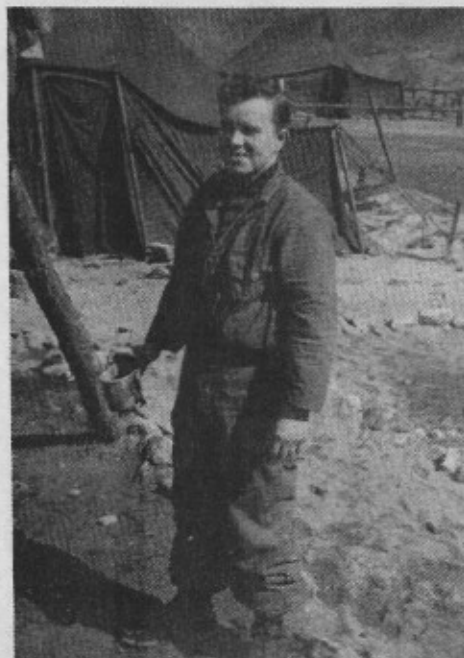
### MOSQUITOS IN KOREA"

Yes, I will help in the sale of our Mosquito book.  
I enclose a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for  
\_\_\_\_\_ copies of the book at \$40.00 each., postage and  
handling paid. Am sending along a list of addresses for the  
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Your address \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Please make checks to the 'Mosquito Assn. Inc.' and  
send to: Bill Cleveland, Historian; 1106 Maplewood Ave.;  
Portsmouth, NH 03801. Tel: 603-436-5835.*



### THE HELMET

There is nothing like  
A bath in the field  
When your bath tub  
Is a helmet made of steel.

Shaving is something  
You do in the field.  
Your wash pan is your  
Helmet of steel.

Cooking of food  
You need a pot.  
Without the helmet  
You could not.

The helmet was made  
For your head.  
Without it,  
You could end up dead.

This poem and photos came from BOYED H. BURNLEY; 203 Lemon Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24501. Phone 804-385-4579.

PHOTOS ARE: (Top) Russian T-34 tank used by the Chinese on a hill in the Chorwon area, 1952.; (center), Here are GIs from M Company cleaning their machine guns.; (bottom), incoming shell from the Chinese, on Old Baldy in July 1952. I was on Hill 226 at the time; I think Company I was on Old Baldy.; (left), This is me, Boyed H. Burnley, 279th Regt 45th Div, in rear reserve at this time.



The Greater Cleveland Chapter newsletter is edited by a professional: FRANK ALEKSANDROWICZ, writer, reporter, photographer, ex-MP in Korea. He titled the newsletter simply: "Newsletter". Nothing fancy. His address is 343 Canterbury Rd.; Bay Village, OH 44140. One of his recent editions carried stories that we capsulize here, of two veterans.

**CHARLES E. JORDAN**, A forty-eight year member of Cory United Methodist Church, loves to listen to classical music when he is not devouring volumes of history-related tomes. Those are forms of relaxation from his busy schedule as a deputy bailiff for the Housing Court Division of Cleveland Municipal Court.

He is a charter member of the American Society of Certified Engineering Technicians (ASCET) as well as having been the first African-American National Director and first of his race to be a regional vice president of ASCET.

In 1969 he was honored as the first African-American Engineering Technician of the Year. Another goal was reached

when he was certified as a Senior Engineering Technician by the National Institute of the Certification of Engineering Technicians.

A graduate of the NCO Academy, he received numerous citations for work in radio relay systems work. His service in Korea was with the 440th Signal Aviation Construction.

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**FRED DORSEY** was a driver for the Cleveland Transit System (CTS), now named Regional Transit Authority (RTA), from December 22, 1953 to December 1987.

Fred Dorsey served in Korea from August 1952 to September 1953 as a cannoneer with Battery B, 145th Field Artillery Battalion.

**FOOTNOTE** to the Fred Dorsey photograph — "The man at left in the photo is STEVEN LAWRENCE. He is originally from Jamaica and he lived in Chicago, where he was the last time I heard from him. If it is any way possible to get in touch with him, I would like him to know that I named my second son in honor of our friendship."

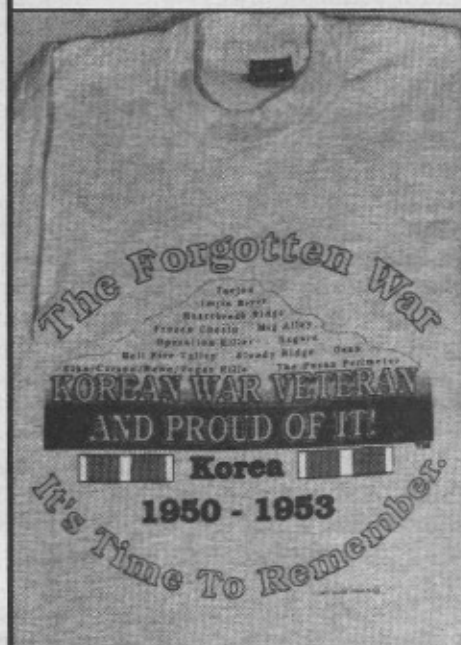


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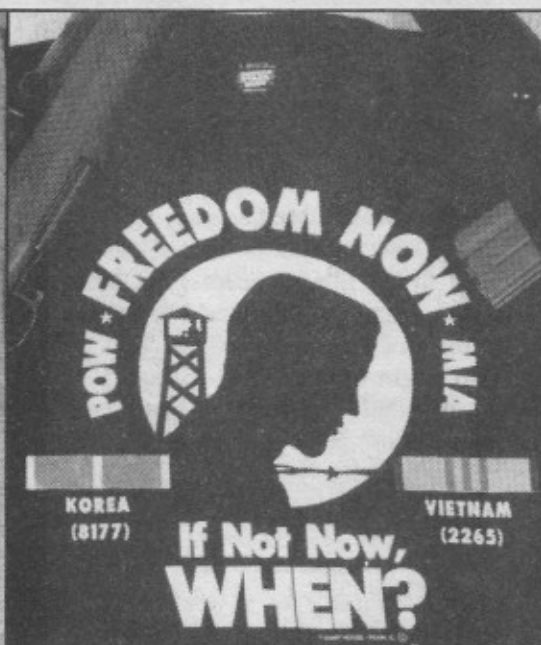


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## "THESE ARTERIAL GRAFTS WERE FIRST DONE IN A FORWARD HOSPITAL"

### "My Company Got Most Of The Bunker Hill Casualties"

A couple of comments on Dr. Robert Hall's article on medical care in Korea during the war that I think will be interesting.

1) Arterial grafts in the field. In the summer of 1952, during the battle of Bunker Hill, I was attached to Easy Medical Company. I had just come back from seven months as battalion surgeon in the lines (3/5 of the 1st MarDiv) and was working one night with surgeon Dr. Frank Spencer. We had just cut off the leg of a Marine who'd had his left thigh blown away by an artillery shell fragment.

Frank said to me, "If I'd had an arterial graft, I could have saved his leg." We got to work on the problem. He knew the "recipe" for the solution the grafts had to be kept in. He knew how to remove the arteries from KIAs. He knew how to sew in arterial grafts. What he needed was logistical support.

Soon after our talk I was promoted to CO of Easy and with this clout I set up the necessary logistics. Frank began to collect arteries from various parts of the body. They were kept in a jar of his special solution back in Able Medical Company, about ten miles back of us. Then when we received a casualty who needed a graft, I called back to Able, they called a helicopter, and literally minutes later the graft was in our hands up at Easy.

We were told at the time that these arterial grafts were the first ones to be done in a forward hospital.

Frank Spencer is now the Chief of Surgery of the New York Medical Center, a former President of the American College of Surgeons, and the author of hundreds of scientific articles, as well as medical text on general surgery. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his work in Korea, one of the first — if not the first — officers to get that award at the relatively low rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade in the USNR.

2) The actual figures for death of a wounded man even if he reached a forward

hospital: WWI 8%, WWII 4%. Korean War, two and one-half percent.

3) The **Jutlandia** did more than transport wounded European soldiers. She took a regular rotation off Inchon for at least a year that I know of, spelling the three U. S. hospital ships. It was a beautiful ship. I was on her a couple of times. It was, as you probably know, a converted cruise liner.

4) A note on the battle for Bunker Hill: Easy Medical Company got most all of the casualties from that encounter. We were located just to the north of the Han River, just outside the neutral corridor which was used by the Peace Talk people to travel from what was left of Munsan-ni to Panmunjom. The bridge was blown out behind us so we had to keep almost all the casualties from Bunker Hill in the hospital area. We triaged and treated 1,004 casualties in three days. None of us slept during that entire time, which lasted from a Friday night until the following Monday morning. It was a nightmare which I've never forgotten. Finally, on Monday morning, when the casualties were letting up, a "packaged" surgical team came over from Japan and took over for us for the next few days. So I read Sgt. Tom Drew's account of the battle (in the same issue of *Graybeards* - Jan. 1993) with considerable interest.

5) I went over with the 16th Replacement Draft, Dec 15th, 1951, and didn't get relieved until mid-April, 1953, which is as long, or longer, than any other Navy medical officer who served in Korea.

I don't know how much of this you'll want to use in *Graybeards*, but thought both you and Dr. Hall would be interested in some of these recollections. Tom Drew also might be interested to read a little about another aspect of the battle he was involved in.

Cordially,—J. BIRNEY DIBBLE, M.D.; W 4290 Jene Road; Eau Claire, WI 54701. Phone 715/832-0709.

*The latest "story" about why some parties in DC want to have a computer room with names at the Memorial is so there can be combined restroom facilities for both the Korean War Memorial and the Viet Nam Wall. We do not know this to be true. We are asking questions about it. See page 35.*

## "THE OL' WWII VET BELLIED UP TO..."

Dear Doug Fargo: your photos shown in *Graybeards* last January brought back the old warm but hard memories that I have of the 'Old Buccaneers' from August '51 to May 14, '52 when I was wounded by gook mortar fire and shipped to the states.

"I was the 7th Div motion picture combat cameraman and covered all three regiments. However, my best line company friends were the 32nd. I lived with the Ethiopians for a week filming them continually (Kagnew Btn) and two firefight patrol missions.

"I often went on missions with the 32nd Tank Bn. I filmed Operation Cleaver on 21 Sept '51. I believe Love Company accompanied the tanks. I was slightly wounded but not hospitalized.

"The reason I write to you is that you do look familiar as I always asked unit leaders for info and briefing on forthcoming action, etc.

"Your photo of Heartbreak Ridge is the most familiar to me. I was there only once and that was Xmas day in a snowstorm. I was filming Cardinal Spellman's visit to Heartbreak that day.

"I was only a corporal and staff sgt during my time in Korea (7th Photo Session 7th Div attached to Div Hdq.) In patrol actions I always was behind the assault squad (up front) because it was the only place I could get good film coverage. Any further back I couldn't film "Dick" and I was just as vulnerable from all the incoming stuff.

"I recall a 'probing patrol' 2-platoon size, George Co 32nd in about Feb after a new snow. (All wore those 'white pajamas'), and attacked a Chinese bunker atop a steep ridge about at daylight. The 'priceless' ol' WWII vet point man bellied up to the bunkers (2) and dropped grenades in on the gooks. All was rather quiet as the assault squad withdrew by me as I filmed them.

"As I was the last to leave — three Chinks jumped out of the bunker firing at the last of the squad. With only my .45 Colt and camera equipment (20 rolls of 35mm film) I jumped up, emptied my clip while running by my saviors—a George Company B.A.R. team who were responsible for the gooks hitting the snow. That was my closest to Heaven!

"I love you guys in the 32nd — you're the greatest!

"My very best regards to you" — FRANK KLAY; P.O. Box 86; No. Marshfield, MA 02059.





(PICTURED IN THE CENTER OF THE KOREAN FLAG, GENERAL RAYMOND DAVIS, MH)

Things that are done, then put aside, only to reappear at a time when nostalgia are "The Order of the Day". This past December, in New Orleans, the members of a very elite veterans group, The Chosin Few, veterans of the very heroic battle of the Chosin Reservoir in November-December 1950, rejoined for a Reunion. This 4,000 survivors organization is made up of Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines that served in that epic fight in -40° temperatures. 15,000 against 125,000 Chinese CCF and North Koreans and their 80 mile march to the sea, right through these ten enemy Divisions.

The custom is the large reunion is comprised of many smaller reunions within the outfit. Such was the case when Sgt. Charles McKellar, now Retired Captain McKellar organized a reunion of Able Company, 1st Battalion Seventh Marines. It was amazing that 38 survivors were there including many of their Platoon Leaders and their Company Commander, Col Gene Horvatter, USMCRet. This was the first time many of these men had seen each other since they reached the safety of the Navy Ships at Wonsan late December, 1950. Old photos, long forgotten, but the men in them will never be forgotten. This Company had two Medal of Honor, both Posthumously, and mess of Navy Crosses, and Silver and Bronze Stars. This is not counting their Battalion Commander, then LtCol Ray Davis, later General Davis, and two more Medals of Honor for the Battalion. They led the way up, and they led the way out.

While they reviewed the bad times, and good, one Marine from the Company presented a South Korean flag, presented to

the 3rd Platoon of Able by a woman standing on the side of the road as they liberated Seoul. It is unique in that right after the Southern Campaign of Inchon-Seoul, it looked like the war was over. The Company was put on an LST and prepared to make the landings at Wonsan on the East Coast of North Korea. It is even more unique that one man should of carried that flag all these years.

The flag was passed around and members signed it as a casual thing. They never could possibly guess what lay ahead. The great men who cover themselves with glory, and the still greater, who would fall. This time the flag was passed around again, and the names, still legible, if the eyes did not fill with tears from the memory of fallen comrades.

It was decided that this outfit was not going to drift apart again. So much so, they are going to have their own "Mini Reunion". They know there are still more of the gallant bunch out there somewhere. Any former members of the **First Battalion, Seventh Marines**, who served from 15 September, 1950 to 31 March, 1951, we want you with us at this roundup. Please contact William Cartledge, P. O. Box 21, Liberty Center, Ohio, 43532-0021, (419/533-7861), to be held Sept. 10th to 12th, 1993, Toledo, Ohio.

Semper Fidelis. —FRANCIS H. KILLEEN; (GYSGT USMCRET); P.O. Box 1776; Rocky Point, NY 11778.

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show a fellow being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

**BILL DURNIN**, Sec. PA Chap. 38; 852 N. 21st St.; Philadelphia, PA 19130 sent the following prayer that was composed on Dec. 27, 1992 by member **VINCENT ANTHONY WALSH**.

#### A VETERANS MEMORIAL

*Our dedication should be to the widows and orphans of the ones lost in the battle for freedom from our burdens of mournful hearts that only they who served together in a bond of trust to one another could truly understand. We the living are the last hope of the ones lost in the wars, to see that they did not serve and give their blood and souls forever lost to their families without the honors a grateful country and its citizens can bestow on their memorials.*

*This must be our purpose, let no one infringe on this purpose, by word or deed that would not allow us to unite together for that common purpose. Our pledge therefore must be true to one another, let the glory of the heroes left to the grave be with them where it belongs, not to the living souls that live on this day.*

*Our pride must come from the dedication and accomplishments we bestow on them that gave for the freedom which all enjoy brought at a price unmeasured by material wealth and comforts.*

*Not to be forgotten, the God in whom we trust, watch over our efforts and bless us so that we may rededicate each day to the promise we make to Him and to them He has called to His throne, that all they gave for this nation and this people shall not be left as unfulfilled promises, like their unfulfilled lives on this earth.*

*And if one cannot approach this task willingly, do not participate in an endeavor that you cannot give a clear conscience for the departed souls cannot give judgement on you if you dishonor them, do not make your fellow man be distracted from this honorable task by your actions, words or deeds.*

*As age gives us the wisdom to understand, time is a measure that continues through the daily sunrise and sunsets. Our allotted measure on this earth, though recorded, is never foretold to us. Should we not use each day to the fullest never knowing the remaining ones we share as partners in life.*

*Some folks can't see happiness when it's close enough to bite them — but they can hear trouble barking from a long way off.*

## CHIPYONG-NI; A CRITICAL BATTLE THAT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED

By Lt Col Sherman W. Pratt (USA-Ret)

"Chipyong-ni" is a small Korean village that is unknown and meaningless to the great majority of Americans, to include even a sizable percentage of Korean War Vets. But that remote and inconspicuous spot on this planet does not deserve such obscurity and American oversight.

A battle fought in and around that village in mid February 1951 was most unique and one of the most decisive of the Korean War. The outcome justifies that the name Chipyong-ni be engraved boldly and graphically in our history so that it can be long remembered and hallowed.

Chipyong-ni was and is a multiple road junction and rail and communication center about 50 miles east of the South Korean Capital of Seoul. It lies in a picturesque and bucolic valley filled with rice paddies nestled among low and rolling hills.

It was at Chipyong-ni that a Regimental combat team of the U.S. Second Infantry Division, in a three day and night continuous battle, held off an all-out attack of Chinese divisions and slaughtered thousands of charging communist troops before the crippled enemy broke off the attack and withdrew.

To be sure, there was no shortage of other significant fighting in the Korean War that merits the attention, respect, profound admiration, and gratitude of historians, patriots and others. At the Naktong, Inchon, Kunu-ri, Heartbreak Ridge, the Hungnam-Chosin Reservoir beachhead, Pork Chop, White Horse, Jane Russell, Iron Triangle, Pikes Peak and countless other lonely and remote places, American and other UN troops fought savage, brutal, costly, and sometimes brilliant, sometimes pointless, battles.

The fighting at Chipyong-ni however, was different and distinctive from any other engagement in the three year war. More than any other, the battle at Chipyong-ni, with its simultaneous counterpart engagement just to the east at Wonju, was the turning point of the war, a fact not much understood anywhere by anyone.

Chipyong-ni was the "high water mark" for the Chinese Communist cause as was the Battle of Gettysburg for the South in the American Civil War. After Chipyong-ni the enemy would never again hold the initiative. The fighting front would

see-saw up and down for some weeks and then settle along a line anchored in the Heartbreak Ridge highlands and constituting roughly the present DMZ line.

To appreciate the criticality of Chipyong-ni, it must be remembered that only weeks before in November, with the North Korean army totally devastated and the UN Forces in possession of almost all of Korea, the Chinese intervened in overwhelming numbers. In the following weeks the X Corps, with its Marine Division and 3rd and 7th Army Division, was evacuated from the Hungnam beachhead in the Northeast. In the west, the 8th Army pulled back in near panic, but successfully, to positions again just below the 38th Parallel. By the New Year the Chinese forces had caught up with the main UN forces and were again in close contact.

January and early February 1951 was a period of great uncertainty. There were limited Chinese attacks that were met by UN defensive retrograde actions known as "rolling with the punch".

No one up and down the chain of command seemed to know just what were the Chinese intentions or capabilities. There was much doubt as to whether UN forces could hold their lines in Korea, or what amount of national effort either side was willing to pour into the struggle. There had not yet been any meaningful confrontation with the Chinese forces. In withdrawing to positions south of the parallel the Eighth Army had not actually been driven back, but rather, had deliberately pulled back in most areas to avoid encirclement.

Talk of evacuating the peninsula abounded. Large quantities of supplies were burned or destroyed to prevent possible or certain capture by the enemy. Generally, the instructions to UN troops were to defend and inflict the maximum casualties, but then to withdraw through another unit to the rear just before being overrun or encircled. There was little or no talk of standing and fighting to the bitter end.

In the midst of these developments, paratrooper Gen Matthew Ridgeway, a new 8th Army Commander, arrived. With him came a certain amount of encouragement. His reputation as a tough and able commander was well known. He was inspiring with his widely publicized grenades strapped to his chest. He talked

tough. Still, talk was cheap and there was no real test yet of enemy or UN capabilities. But such a test was coming and within days. It would be at Chipyong-ni.

The early days of February found the Chipyong-ni areas occupied by the 2nd Division's 23rd Regimental Combat Team under the command of Colonel Paul Freeman. The RCT had been aggressively patrolling the area and involved in several stiff, but indecisive, fire fights at the "twin tunnels" south of Chipyong-ni and elsewhere.

The situation maps soon began to show an ominous and continuing build up of Chinese forces of at least several corps in the area just north of Chipyong-ni. Col. Freeman recognized the danger and asked if he should withdraw or relocate.

The answer was that he was not to withdraw but, on the contrary, perfect his defenses, and stand and fight. Freeman protested that he was grossly outnumbered and that his position in and around Chipyong-ni was not favorable for defense. He pointed out that his positions were on low hills and only a few hundred yards from higher and much more commanding enemy held terrain.

Not to worry, Freeman was told. Form a perimeter, dig in deep, prepare thorough fields of fire, and lay in heavy reserves of ammo, food, fuel and other supplies. Higher command wanted a meaningful test of enemy capabilities and the time had come for it. The RCT was to be resupplied by air drops around the clock and if the Chinese and North Koreans struck hard, an armored column of the First Cavalry Division would drive from the south to link up.

Like the good soldier he was, Freeman set about energetically, but with heavy reservations, to comply with his instructions. The perimeter became a beehive of activity as all efforts were directed at establishing all-around defenses in classic military text book fashion. With the village of Chipyong-ni as the hub, Freeman placed his 1st Battalion on low hills to the north, the 3rd Battalion to the east, the 2nd Battalion generally to the south and the French Battalion westerly between the 2nd and the 1st. He designated Baker and the Ranger Companies as his reserves located centrally near his CP.

Shortly after dark on the evening of



February 13th, the Chinese struck the 1st Battalion positions in the northern sectors of the perimeter. The enemy used mortars and artillery as well as small arms and grenades, and punctuated his fighting with the usual horns, bells, cymbals and other noise making apparatus.

Gradually through the night the enemy attack spread until the entire perimeter forces were under assault. The communists attacked in waves and were mowed down by the thousands over most of the next three days and nights.

The RCT generally held firm, but early in the predawn of February 15th, after hours of sustained and unrelenting assault, positions in the southern sector of Easy and George Company were overrun and occupied by the enemy. This constituted a set - back of the utmost gravity. With the enemy occupying the 2nd Battalion high ground, not only were friendly units on the flanks exposed but the enemy had direct observation of and access to the center of the perimeter. Through the gap he could pour masses of troops and quickly overrun the entire RCT.

Realizing the seriousness of the situation the RCT commander ordered the 2nd Battalion commander, with the help of the Ranger reserves to counterattack and retake the lost positions. Just as day was breaking the counterattack got underway but was quickly repulsed by the enemy.

In desperation, the RCT commander

threw in his only remaining reserves. Baker Company was ordered to retake the positions. By mid afternoon, the Company, with help of an Air Force napalm attack and flak wagon fire from the 82 AAA Bn, recaptured the lost positions. The Baker Company attack route was across open space in daylight under full surveillance of the enemy troops. Consequently, almost half the company was wiped out, but the gap in the defenses was plugged and the perimeter was again secure.

With the enemy displaced from the southern high ground, the relief column of the 1st Cav, arriving as dusk was settling, was able to link up with and strengthen the Chipyeong-ni defenders.

The Chipyeong-ni engagement had demonstrated that American and UN forces could successfully fight off anything and everything that the Chinese enemy could throw at them. The uncertainties concerning enemy and UN capabilities had been resolved once and for all in favor of friendly forces. After Chipyeong-ni all talk of evacuating the Korean peninsula ended.

In the following weeks until late summer at Heartbreak Ridge there were to be several other Chinese indecisive "Offensives". As a result, UN forces would undertake limited advances and pull backs for tactical maneuvering purposes before stabilizing the front in late summer along a line now marked by the DMZ.

For overall impact, however, the

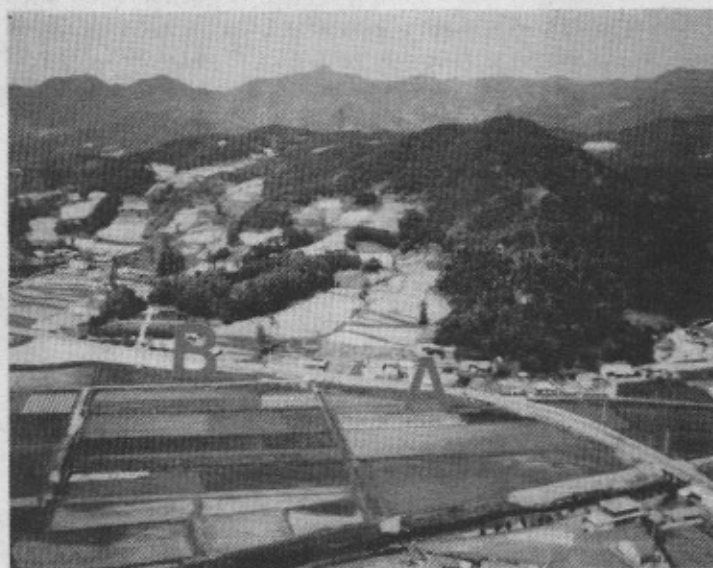
engagements at Chipyeong-ni, and nearby Wonju had demonstrated effectively that absent substantial and unlikely additional Chinese commitments, the UN was in Korea to stay. Had the battle of Chipyeong-ni been lost, it seems all but certain that confidence in our ability to prevail would have evaporated, plans for evacuation would have been accelerated and all Korea today would be Communist.

It took many years after the battle of Gettysburg for posterity to realize the decisiveness and criticality of that engagement as the turning point in the American Civil War. Chipyeong-ni has yet to be known as the Korean War counterpart of the Civil War battle of Gettysburg. Ironically and sadly for the brave men who fell there, and the cause for which they fought, it may never be so recognized no matter how much it may be deserved.

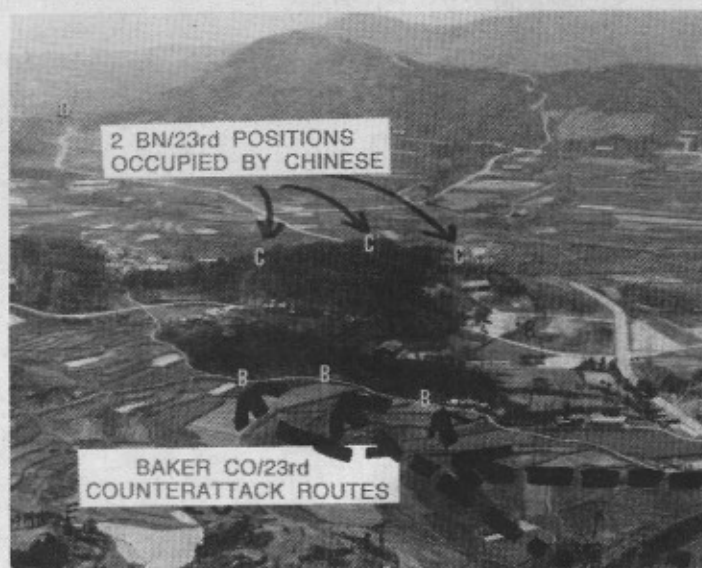
There may be other Korean War vets or authorities who disagree with my conclusions concerning the importance of the Chipyeong-ni engagement. If so, I hope they will so write me. I will enjoy learning their views on the matter.

—LT COL SHERMAN W. PRATT;  
1512 S. 20th St.; Arlington, VA 22202.

(Col Pratt's books, "Decisive Battles of the Korean War" and "autobahn to Berchtesgaden" were published in 1992 by Vantage Press and Gateway Press, respectively.)



Modern day view of mid Feb/51 Chipyeong-ni battleground looking north. Low hills in foreground were 1st BN/23rd positions. Low Mts in background were occupied by the communists. "A" marks the Regtl Hdrs location. "B" marks the Baker Company reserve location before launching the counter attack to close a gap in the southern rim of the perimeter. Photo by Eighth Army Historian Thomas Ryan.



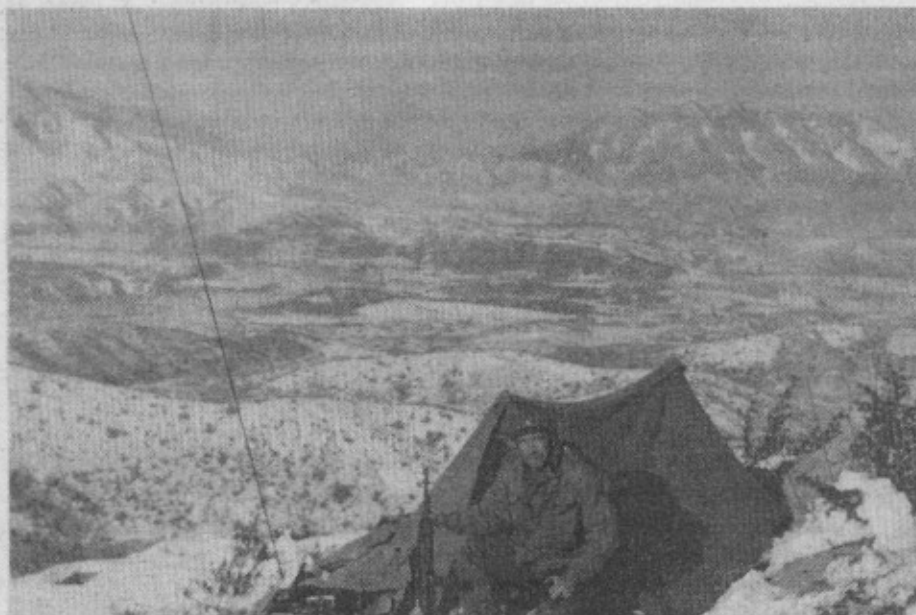
Modern Day View (with recent forest growth) of Chipyeong-ni Battlefield looking south showing site in defenses where the Communists punched a hole in the perimeter (C's) and counter attack routes (B's) of Baker Company/23rd that recaptured the ground. "D" marks the road from the south used by relief column of the 1st CAV Division. Photo by Eighth Army Historian Thomas Ryan.



View from inside the Chipyong-ni defense perimeter of the 23rd RCT in mid-Feb 1951 looking southwest. Hills in background were location of the French BN positions. The tank is from the 72nd Tank BN which, with the 82nd AAA BN supported the Infantrymen with devastating and highly effective fire support. Photo by the author.



"Flak-Wagon" of the 82nd AAA BN in the Chipyong-ni defense perimeter in mid-Feb 1951. When not needed for anti aircraft protection the weapons were used, to the delight of infantrymen, with devastating effectiveness to support ground operations. Snow dusted hills in background were location of French BN positions.



These two photos came from Lt. RALPH R. BALESTRIERI; 41 Rose Ct.; Eatontown, NJ 07724.

ABOVE: "A Day at the office"; December 1950 Y'ong P'yong, 38th parallel, before New Year's Eve enemy attack; me and my "office" equipment.

AT LEFT: Ralph Balestrieri 1993.



## I AM LOOKING FOR D.M.Z. VETS OF VIET NAM ERA

Dear Graybeards: I've been a member now going on two years. I've just renewed my membership that I am very happy with. I am a member of 2nd Div Indianhead for 7 years.; and a member of 9th Inf Reg. Manchu Warrior 7 years.

I am trying to get in touch with troops who served during Vietnam Era in Korea mostly on D.M.Z. "Zone". Any of you guys who served with the 2nd Div. or 7th Div. or any along the "zone" write: Johnny Campbell; D.M.Z. Vets of America; 24860 Curie; Warren MI 48091. Or contact Tom Murray Jr.; Suite 650; 540 Blue Lakes Blvd., North Farin Falls, ID.

A lot of us Korean Vets during Vietnam feel we never had a combat place even if we received combat pay, C.I.B. & Saw a lot of things along the "zone" and the Imji River. Any of you guys out there get in touch!!

Graybeards, please put this in your newsletter for me and Tom Murray. He is also a member. Keep up the fire — "Second to none".

◆  
The hardest man in the world to beat is the man who laughs in the face of defeat.

◆  
A doctor told me the way to keep from growing old is to keep working — which I've been afraid of all along.





This is a photo of the X US Corps, Group Ordnance Section, Summer of 1953, taken at X Corps Headquarters, and I am the young guy kneeling 5th from the left. Ordnance C.O., Colonel Milton Clarke, is standing 5th from the left. I would appreciate it, if you would return the photo after you publish it in the "Graybeards" magazine. Perhaps someone will see themselves, and would like a copy, at any rate I am sure it will bring back some old memories, good or bad.

I am also looking for additional Veterans who served underage in the Military, and would appreciate you asking them to contact me, I have enclosed a news release for your approval, we have veteran members from all wars. I thank you in advance for any assistance you may give us in locating additional underage veterans who served their country with honor. A proud "Thumbs-Up", to all our Korean Veterans.

## Underage Vets Group Has New National V.C.

SEE PHOTO AT LEFT

Ernest A. Price has been elected National Vice Commander and appointed California State Commander of Veterans of Underage Military Service by Allan C. Stover, National Commander. The nonprofit group is incorporated and headquartered in Maryland and has over 500 members nationwide who served in the U. S. military under age 17. Members have served as young as 12 years old and as old as 16 years old. Mr. Price joined the U. S. Navy at age 16 in 1942.

Mr. Price's major duties in the state are to administer association affairs and to locate underage veterans in order to assure them that the U. S. government "forgave" them long ago, and their military pensions and veterans benefits will be unaffected.

National Contact: Allan C. Stover, National Commander; 3444 Walker Dr.; Ellicott City, MD 21042.

Local contact: Ernest A. Price, Jr. CM066; California State Commander; 9540 Charter Oak Ln.; Riverside, CA 92503-6230.



These two met last June 14 at "groundbreaking" in DC: on left is LEN YANEZ of St. Paul, MN. At right is FRANK ALEKSANDROWICZ. Total strangers now pen pals. Or are they just trying to brag how after 40 years they can still wear the old uniform?



Richie Alexander, Bill Coe, Len Dube, Hansel Hall, Scooter Burke.

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Scooter Burke, Dick Adams, Grady Vickery of Mobile.

## COL ALICE GRITSAVAGE CHAPTER

Our February celebration of our K.W.V.A. Col. Alice Gritsavage Banner was enjoyed by all. Since Col. Alice is in N.Y. for foot surgery, she was well represented by her sister Jenny Clardy and Nephew John. We will have lots of pictures for Alice, who serves as our Historian.

Special Thanks to Hilda Aid for setting up, and Rose Florio for tidying up. Our generous members Tolbert and SUE Cook supplied most of the door prizes. Both Joe and Ann Alfano won door Prizes as did Ike Kaile, Eleanor Sheppard, John Aid, Jen Clardy. Robert Burke sold tickets for the Prizes and raised a substantial amount for our treasury.

We had a great response for items to be sold at our yard sale. Joe Smith and O.G. Shepherd request you continue to bring more items. Like anything!

Art Dube (his ole self) after recovering from surgery. Lookin Good! Jose Perez feeling better, after a 23 day

stay in the hospital. Jose brought his brother-in-law to the meeting, who was visiting from Puerto Rico. Ken Fagan and Don Hathaway look rested after returning from a recent vacation. Two new member prospects attended our meeting

Charles and I worked at the special olympics; we had occasion to meet a Kiwanis Volunteer, Robert Walker, a W.W. II Pilot who under the G.I. Bill majored in psychiatry and is presently retired.

Our President Chuck Kierne congratulated Ray Wilkinson and John Churgovich on their election to Sr. & Jr. Vice Pres. of the Marion County Vet. Council. We are proud to have Korean Vets serve as leaders.

—AMY CARAFANO, Editor; 1885 Van Allen Circle; Deltona, FL 32738.

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FOR WHAT YOU CAN DO YOURSELF



JOE FARIS, member of Greater Cleveland Chapter lives in Bay Village, OH. He served in Korea as a combat engineer and said "if the Chinese were not shooting, it was the American pilots who came too close with their strafing". Today he enjoys life tending his own small homestead laden with gardens and fruit trees. He is shown standing amidst a tree laden with winesap apples.

PHOTO BY FRANK ALEKSANDROWICZ

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Bal. due \_\_\_\_\_