4th Sec, Bty A, 15th FA, 2nd Div, 1950 at the Naktong River. Sgt. Fausto standing at left. (See story "I WAS ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES" by Oscar Cortez on page 20.)

Copyright is public knowledge...BUT?
The application for a copyright says this very clearly in its "Privacy Act Advisory Statement":
"The principal uses of the requested information are the establishment and maintenance of a public record..."

Graybeards asked ABMC for information — where is their answer? ABMC is paid for with TAX DOLLARS! Why do they refuse to answer to the taxpayers? (See page 7.)

Will YOU ask ABMC why they have not answered the list of questions sent them on April 29, 1993 ????

Their phone is: 202-272-0533.
Their FAX is: 202-272-1375.
Ask for Col. Ryan or Col. Badger.

TAPS
They died before we built the Memorial; we will remember them:
CARMINE T. MONTEMAROPE; 4 Atlas Way; E. Northport, NY 11731.

Better men than I died during the war. All I can do is press on — and try to see their names and deeds shall be always known and remembered by America.

Is it asking too much of YOU — to press on; fight the plan to copyright the Memorial — fight to have the names of KIA/MIA engraved on the Memorial wall?
—STAN HADDEN; Editor of Graybeards.

AMERICA'S FORGOTTEN VICTORY!

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Remember there will be an official greeting for you at the airport and FREE transportation to the Radisson South Hotel, Bloomington. See page 15 for details!

Minnesota Korean War Veterans, Chapter #1, as the host KWVA Chapter, requests that you attend the Official Reunion & Business Meeting. This cooperation will provide a strong and healthy K-Vet Organization.

Please inform the MKWV #1 of:
Airlines __________?
Date-time of arrival & departure __________?

Contact MKWV#1 KWVA REUNION: P.O. Box 18485; West St. Paul, MN 55118. Fax/Phone 612/457-0321; Tom Clawson, Co-Chairman.
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GRAYBEARDS

June 1993

KILLED IN ACTION

Cpl TERRANCE F. BOYLE
Co L, 31st Regt, 7th Div.
This photograph of Terry was taken January 20, 1953. On the back he wrote:
"This is where I used to sleep. The bag at my shoulder is an aid kit. I am wearing a
flak jacket."
Terry was a medical corpsman when he was killed at age 19 on March 7, 1953.
He was a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Woodbridge, NJ. He was a member
of the National Guard before he enlisted in the Regular Army in April 1952.
He went overseas in September that same year.

HIS MEMORIAL SERVICE
HAS FINALLY BEEN HELD
BY GRIEVING FAMILY

"Dear Stan: I thought you would like to know that because of my letter to Graybeards in September 1992 and the
resulting letters concerning the death of PFC CHARLES E. BYERS in a POW camp, his family on May 15 held a
memorial service for him.
"Finally, after more than 40 years his family and friends will have a peace of mind and his soul will be at peace."
- DONALD E. OAKLEY; 101/2
Stewart St.; Amsterdam, NY 12010.

19th Inf Regt (all ers): Colorado Springs, CO; Sept 29 - Oct 3; Contact: BILL ROSEBORO; 605 Marlboro St.;
Hamlet, NC 28345. Ph: 919-582-1189.
MARINES OF PLT 92 P.L., SC
Aug-Sept 1956. Please contact: DONALD LaBOISSIERE; 26 Old Westminster Rd.;
Hubbardston, MA 01452. Ph: 508-928-4444. For possible reunion.

Father MAURICE SULLIVAN
1st Cav Div

Father Sullivan (left) with a
Korean soldier attached to the 1st
Cavalry on Hill 436 - 1951.

With a sad heart, I want to inform you of the death of Father Maurice Sullivan, C.P. who was the beloved
Chaplain of the First Cavalry Division, Korea, 1951. He died on April 13, 1993 at the
Immaculate Conception Monastery in Jamaica Estates, Queens, New York City
where he happily lived his last few years and where he was also buried in the
Monastery Cemetery.

Father Sullivan was a dedicated, caring and courageous Chaplain who
devoted all his energy through his deep love of God to the combat soldiers of the
First Cavalry Division who he gallantly served and loved so dearly. He always
described their heroic actions, their terrible ordeals and their constant fear and
suffering referring to them as "My Kids." Everyone who knew Father Sullivan loved
and respected him to the fullest, as a priest, a combat chaplain and a true servant to
God. The many examples he continuously gave throughout his life to so many will
never be forgotten.

Thank you. MARINO MAGGIULI
87-75 257th Street; Floral Park, NY 11001.

"KIOSK" — a word now favored by ABMC; of European origin; commonly thought to be Russian; roughly meaning refreshment stand, etc. See pages 7 and 13 and 22.
IT'S TIME NOW TO STAND UP AND FIGHT FOR OUR MEMORIAL!

WHY SHOULD IT BE JUST A THING FOR MAKING OTHERS RICH?

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I think it is time for our Board and Association Members to take a stand on the copyrights to our Memorial.

The ABMC stated in a letter to Graybeards that the artisans and muralists who are developing the statuary and mural walls, have certain rights to the copyrights.

This Memorial is being paid for by private contributions: $5,288,032 from known Veterans; $1,531,005 from Korean American Companies; $955,380 from American Corporations and $5,820,437 from coin surcharges.

If the copyrights are given to the artisans, muralists and architect we would and could be in violation of copyright laws for using a likeness of the Memorial in photos, tee-shirts or anything else.

THIS IS OUR MEMORIAL — not a memorial to the artisans, muralist, and architect. They have no right to the copyrights — it is time for KWVA to come out fighting.

Dick Adams  
President

DELWARE COUNTY (OHIO) WORLD WAR I VET SUCCUMBS AT 95

Ralph E. Fisher, Post 3297, Delaware County's (Ohio) last surviving veteran of World War I, died Jan 6. 1992 after a brief illness. He was 95.

At 21, he was drafted and served two years in France and Germany, driving a wagon in the supply company of the 83rd Division, 324th Heavy Artillery. His company distributed artillery, food and other supplies to combat units on four fronts.

Fisher continued to play cards with his buddies at the post home until a few days before his death.

He thought so highly of the Post that he left it $1000 for the Building Fund.

Sandbag Castle and Luke the Gook's Castle

Can anyone supply accurate map coordinates for these two famous hills on the MLR in Korea?

Sandbag Castle is northwest of the Punchbowl, east of Heartbreak Ridge. Approx. coordinates DT 203397.

Luke the Gook's Castle is near Hill 812 (DT 282465), south of the Soyang River, northeast of the Punchbowl.

Am trying to locate these hills on my 1:50,000 maps. I have been able to locate almost all the rest of the famous hills along the MLR, but can not get a positive location for these two hills, even from some 1953 artillery observer's 1:25,000 maps. Thank you, and best regards.

—NORMAN R. ZEHR, 3931 Mossy Rock Lane; Evergreen, CO 80439. Tel. (303) 674-1522.
ARMY VETS OF FROZEN CHOSIN GET TOGETHER

"I was one of the mis-mated," said FRED E. RUNNELLS; 28 E. 18th St.; Merced, CA 95340. Phone 209-383-6293.

He enclosed a copy of an article that appeared in the 1992 Hourglass, Newsletter of the 7th Inf Div. Here it is:

There were two mis-mated Army rifle battalions supported by one battalion of artillery less one battery (plus and engineer company & other miscellaneous small units) east of Chosin Reservoir.

West of Chosin the Marines had deployed six rifle battalion - 5th & 7th Marines - supported by a regiment of artillery, the 11th Marines. (John Toland, who traveled to China and examined their archives on the Korean War clearly states that the Chinese commander concentrated his forces against the weakest link in the reservoir defense the Army Task Force).

While the two Army unit regiments executed their orders to withdraw, the Army unit, Task Force MacLean, consolidated and held in place for five nights and four days, preventing the Chinese from taking Hagaru which was the initial destination of the Marines and their only avenue of escape.

Having received no withdrawal orders, the Army with its ammunition almost exhausted, withdrew on its own and reached the area where its rear headquarters, a tank company, and other supporting units should have been. These units, then under Marine command, had been recalled to Hagaru. Their former position was occupied by the enemy.

Too weak to break through, the unit disintegrated. A few individuals made it back but most were killed or captured. The gallant stand and incredible sacrifice of the Army Task Force saved the two Marine regiments, yet little credit or recognition has been given to this action.

IN PHOTO BELOW: left to right: Bill Donovan (4th Pl Sgt); Bill Etchenevery (Co Co L); Fred Runnells. In front is Fred's mascot "Lucky". In Reno, July 1992.

ABOVE; top row, left to right: Elmer Scheart; Melville Coolhaugh; James Cady; Fred Runnells. Bottom row, left to right: George Nightingale; Stanley Anderson; John Fairclough; Alfred Johnson; "Lucky"; Peter May. All from Co L, 31st Inf Regt, 7th Inf Div. They were in Korea together and met again in Colorado Springs in May 1992. See story at left.

Gold Star Mother Emma Bosch Has Heard From One Who Knew Her Son!

GRAYBEARDS HAD A SMALL PART IN THIS DRAMA!

Dear Stan: As an editor of a Newsletter I can sympathize with all the flack that you have to put up with. Writing an editorial, which is expressing the editor's feeling, is the prerogative of the editor.

What most readers do not realize is there can always be good resulting from these editorials. You reprinted my editorial in the April 1993 Graybeards, and the following is the result.

I received this letter in the mail just today:

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        April 19, 1993

Sgt Erwin L. Beckwith Memorial Post
Long Island, New York

"Reading your post newsletter printed in the April issue of Graybeards reminded me of a Long Island Marine I served with in Korea.

"Marine PFC EDWARD P. BOSCH was Killed in Action On 31 May 1952 in the Pannmunjon Area. Eddie was like all of the rest of us who wanted nothing more than to get back home to his girl, his family, his job and get on with the rest of his life. He had only been with us a few months, so there was a lot we hadn't talked about yet but everyone knew how Eddie felt about his girl and home. However, there was a job to do and went about getting it done.

"Early in the morning on 31 May as our platoon made its way up a hill to man an outpost we came under heavy fire from a Chinese patrol that had occupied the outpost during the night. Our platoon had 29 casualties before it was over and Eddie Bosch had lost his life. It was a very brief firefight and even though our platoon leader was awarded the Navy Cross, we doubt that it will ever be written about in the history of the Korean War.

"However, I still remember and I often wonder if anyone else does. I'd like to think somewhere on Long Island there is a Memorial to a young Marine who gave his life before we really got to know him."

Sent by Former Marine Sgt Donald K. Smith; 103 Balmore Lane; Wilmington, Del 19808.

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Stan, we have two Gold Star Mothers on Long Island, and one of them is Mrs. Emma Bosch. Yes, the mother of PFC Edward P. Bosch.

It was my honor and privilege to call Emma Bosch and tell her of the letter I had received, she was thrilled with it. Emma was hoping upon hope that someone who knew her son would contact her someday. Now her prayers have come true. I have forwarded the letter on to her.

I then called Sgt. Smith and thanked him for the letter. He made a Mother as happy as you can make a Mother who has lost someone most dear to her.

So there you are, Stan, a story that you usually only find in the movies, and you and I helped put it together.

-HAROLD KRANTZ; P.O. Box 292; Long Island, N.Y. 11725.
"If they don't start building the damned thing, we'll never get to see it!!!"
This cartoon from Francis K. Forton and the "Frostbite Flyer" in Traverse City, MI.

The Government owns the Korean War Veterans Memorial and cannot give away the copyright privileges
ACCORDING TO COPYRIGHT LAW

Copyright law says this: "Unless the work was "made for hire", the individual who actually created the work is its 'author'. In the case of a work made for hire, the statute provides that 'The employer or other person for whom the work was prepared is considered the author.'"

The citizens of the United States own the Memorial design (according to ABMC) and the taxpayers are the people hiring another
to make the desired statue;
to make the desired wall;
to make all other desired elements of the Memorial that will stand on public property.

ABMC is paid for with tax dollars!
Who gave them permission to give away the copyright royalties?
Who ordered ABMC to even copyright the Memorial in the first place?
Why must a Memorial to our war dead — paid for with public monies — standing on public property — why must the public Memorial be copyrighted?

We are still waiting for ABMC to answer questions. See on page 7.

"Artist Doing Wall Designs Is Using Photos Paid For With Tax Dollars"

KWVA National Director believes the circumstances deserve an investigation.

Upon reviewing past issues of Graybeards, I noticed numerous articles on the subject of placing names on the Memorial wall. Yes, the activity which takes place at the Vietnam Wall is inspiring, to say the least. That’s what memorials are intended to do. Ours will do the same, no matter what the final design is like. The Korean War Memorial Act (Public Law 99-572) did not authorize the K.W.V.A. or any other veterans organization to choose the design of the Korean War Memorial. It did authorize the establishment of a twelve member Advisory Board of Korean War veterans appointed by the President, to do that job. Even these twelve Korean War veterans had no final say on this matter, because the law said their recommendations had to be approved by the American Battle Monuments Commission. How does one become a member of the American Battle Monuments Commission? Beats the hell out of me.

Public Law 99-572, authorizing the Korean War Memorial is dated October 28, 1986. How many of you veterans know about Public Law 99-652, dated November 14, 1986? Just seventeen days after Congress passed the Korean War Memorial Act, they passed the Commemorative Works Act (P.L. 99-652) which says that any memorial to be built on Federal land in the District of Columbia, shall be supervised by the National Capital Memorial Commission which is made up of (representatives of):


Section I of this Act (99-652) states that these commissions and individuals will have voice in the final design of any commemorative works in the District of Columbia. Most of these commissions are made up of political ass kissers, not veterans, so you can understand why there are so many delays and problems.

The records on the Korean War are incomplete and inaccurate. Should there be 33,629 names in granite or 55,246??? I was MIA and found unconscious in a snow bank. I was air lifted to a hospital where I stayed over a week but my military records show nothing. So much for government records.

Going through my files, I came across some paperwork, sent to me from the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board. One of the papers consisted of a statement of Design Facts that says, "By rules of competition, American Battle Monuments Commission retains ownership and all rights to design concept."

If this is true, how can anyone claim copyrights on the memorial design? It is my understanding, that the artist responsible for the wall designs is getting all his ideas from photographs that are in the National Archives. These photographs are U.S. government property, paid for with tax dollars. This activity deserves an investigation.

—RICHEE ALEXANDER, Director; 14 Wisteria Dr. Apt. 1A; Fords, NJ 08863, April 22, 1993

To Clear The Air On Those Letters Many Of You Are Receiving...

KWVMAB has apparently been sending by mail, circular letters announcing a series of events apparently planned by that office. The affairs in Washington, D.C. are not official KWVA events.

Our reunion will be July 24th-28th, 1993 in Bloomington, Minnesota. This is our Official Business Meeting & Ceremony. Show your support for your association by attending the reunion in Minnesota.

We all know that it is easier to have a meeting of members than to have a meeting of minds, and we also know that the members have to meet first to get the meeting of the minds. If the association is going to bring the Forgotten War to the attention of the American people and to the politicians in Washington, D.C.: Our first step is to have a large turn out at our reunion in Minnesota to show our strength as an association.

DICK ADAMS
President, KWVA
# 1993 KWVA 40th Anniversary-Cease Fire Reunion Schedule

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**Banquet, Breakfast will be distributed at registration desk.**
COPY THIS WHOLE PAGE

For Your Senator
and Congressman

The following proposed draft of a Joint Resolution is what a group of Viet Nam vets on May 10 asked a member of Congress to consider passing, among other changes in the law. This draft says — in brief — that the American public does not want any memorial paid for by public funds to be copyrighted. Ever. By anyone. 50 co-signers are needed. Call or write your people in Congress!

And to remove any presently copyrighted memorials from public property. That no one can make an agreement to give away such copyright ownership.

And if such an agreement has already been made — it shall be declared no good; null and void.

And if there are any now holding such a copyright, they will have 90 days to release the copyright, or to remove the object from public property. And if necessary, Congress shall then appropriate $300,000 to replace any such work removed by the copyright owners.

ASK CONGRESS TO DO THIS:

WHEREAS, memorials have been constructed to honor the living, missing and dead veterans of the several wars, and;

WHEREAS, those who sculpt, design and construct the memorials have retained a copyright upon their works of art and are charging royalties therefor; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the laws approving the memorials, the funds to design and construct the several memorials were raised by public subscription; and,

WHEREAS, the public raising the funds and being required to pay a royalty for the replication of the design for which they paid, make demand upon the Congress of the United States for appropriate relief; and,

WHEREAS, such relief is justifiable and necessary; it is

JOINTLY RESOLVED, that, that portion of the Copyright Law is amended to provide that where a statue or memorial is constructed with funds raised by public donation or subscription, or the sale of coins from the United States Mint and has been placed on public lands for the inspection and edification of the public, that any agreement in any shape or form retaining a copyright shall be void ab initio, and any such agreement shall be unenforceable in any court in the United States.

Where such a memorial has been constructed with publically subscribed or donated funds or with funds raised by coins minted by the United States Mint, and where the artisans, artists and architects, together with committee or group producing and overseeing the said fund raising and construction retained and copyright, those holding the copyright will have hold on the copyright until 90 days from the date of this law to release the copyright, or remove their copyrighted work from the public ground, and the sum of $300,000 be provided from the public treasury to replace said work with a non-copyrighted work.

Last April 29, 1993 Graybeards Asked ABMC To Answer 13 Questions.

**AS OF MAY 17, 1993 THEY HAVE NOT REPLIED!**

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From: Stan Hadden, citizen.

I am herewith submitting a few questions concerning the Korean War Veterans Memorial. It is my intention to publish my questions and your answers next week in GRAYBEARDS. Your cooperation and consideration shall be appreciated; thank you.

I own a number of copyrights in the field of art; I always must apply personally for that right; I always must pay the required federal fee; sometimes my application is rejected for one reason or another.

(1)—THEREFORE: who made the decision to give copyright privileges on the Korean War Veterans Memorial?

(2)—Of the design/ sculpt/mural people that ABMC is in contact or contract mode with: are THEY insisting upon copyright privileges?

(3)—If your answer to number (2) is "YES": why don't you tell them goodbye and seek a source willing to waive copyright privileges?

(4)—Have you asked the veterans organizations of America to poll their membership for talent needed to design/ sculpt erect the Memorial... talent who would be honored with the task and would not demand copyright privileges?

(5)—If your answer to question number (4) is "NO": why not?

(6)—Do all the members of ABMC know about your intention to give copyright privileges?

Do they all agree with that decision?

Who does not agree with that decision?

(7)—In February/March 1991 Graybeards asked the following question and is still waiting for your answer; we ask again: During the years since June 14, 1989, why haven't you insisted upon the use of modern computer technology by the architect when submitting design changes?

(8)—Who made the decision to not use computer referred to in question number 7?

(9)—Why does ABMC insist upon giving copyright privileges for the Korean War Veterans Memorial?

(10)—If the names of KIA/MIA were to be put on the Memorial wall, would ABMC still insist upon giving copyright privileges?

If your answer is "NO": why not?

If your answer is "YES": why?

(11)—Has the Memorial design and construction been delayed by the discussions and negotiations on giving copyright privileges?

If your answer is "YES": to what extent?

(12)—Will you give Graybeards a copy of the blueprint or floor plan — suitable for publishing — showing what plan you have in the KIOSK already publicly-mentioned and budgeted-for?

(13)—Is that KIOSK planned to be combined restroom facilities for the Viet Nam, Lincoln, and Korean War Veterans Memorials?

If your answer is "YES": who made that decision?

Thank you for your cooperation. Stan Hadden, Editor KWVA Graybeards.
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By MAGGIE THE BOOKWORM

Hi! There all you readers!!

The Bookworm is growing, growing by inches, your response to the Bookworm Corner has been overwhelming. Maggie wishes to thank you for the book titles you have sent to the Bookworm Corner.

This column is not a review book column; it is a reference column only. It is up to the readers of these books to draw their own conclusions about content of any book.

This column will appear in each issue of Graybeards 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 93620, and we will include the titles in the next Graybeards.

BOOKWORM, BOOKWORM KNOWING THROUGH THE PAGES
Devouring, devouring, all the History through the ages.

My what a feast, my what a treat

BOOKWORM, BOOKWORM KNOWING, GROWING, GROWING, GROWING.

THE KOREAN WAR; Au: Matthew B. Ridgeway; Pub: Doubleday (Hard Book).


CONFLICT; Au: Roger Leckie; Pub: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

THE LAST PARALLEL; Au: Martin; Russ: Pub: Rinehart & Co.

ONE BUGLE NO DRUMS; Au: William B. Hopkins; Pub: Algonquin Books.


THIS KIND OF WAR; Au: T.R. Rehnberg; Pub: Bantam Books

POK CHOP HILL; Au: S.I.A. Marshall; Pub: Permnanomooks, New York (paper).

THE CIRCUIT RIDING COMBAT CHAPLAIN, The Chaplain of the 7th Cavalry Regiment in Korean War; Au: Frank R. Griep; Pub: For sale by Author.

"Yes," said DICK ADAMS, President of KWVA, "maybe that's the question we should publicly ask the members of the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) in Washington, DC."

He was referring to the newly-revealed circumstance whereby members of that commission have, apparently, arbitrarily given away the copyright royalty rights on a Memorial paid for from publicly-donated monies.

"I'm talking specifically about the Korean War Veterans Memorial" continued Adams from his home in Canuthers, CA on May 5, 1993. "I am president of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. and we helped raise more than 16 million dollars from the American public to pay for building a Memorial in honor of the 33,000 to 54,000 who died in the Korean War. Those who will never come home had been told their sacrifices and service would be in the cause of Freedom.

"Now," he added in a somewhat bitter tone, "we are finding out that some people who were given the high honor of designing and constructing the Memorial apparently have taken it upon themselves to let selected friends make a million or so bucks selling souvenirs of OUR Memorial. And I am angry about it."

"To make matters worse," he added, "for the last ten years we have been told that names of our KIA/MIA could not be put on the Memorial because it would complicate the selection of a design for the Memorial. Now we know their real reason boils down to simply profit — money-making for a few selected people who happen to be friendly with what they call the 'right' people."

Dick Adams and the Korean War Veterans Association are asking the American citizens to phone or write their members in Congress and demand that action be taken now to end this injustice.

"We want Congress to stand up NOW and say there will NOT be any copyrights — past, present, or future — on any Memorial built with public funds. And we also want President Clinton to instruct his appointees on ABMC to immediately plan for putting names of our KIA/MIA on the Korean War Veterans Memorial."

"This situation blackens the names and honor of all those who have died since 1776 in the name of American's freedom," concluded Adams.

If you want more information or to make an appeal to the more than 4 million who served in the Korean War, telephone KWVA at 1-800-843-5982. (1-800-THE-KWVA)

THE WHITE HOUSE PHONE: 202-456-1414

THE CONGRESS SWITCHBOARD: 202-224-3121
and ask for your Senator/Representative office.
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 4, 1993

Colonel Frederick C. Badger
American Battle Monument Commission
20 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20314

Dear Colonel Badger:

I spoke with you on April 14 regarding the concerns one of our constituents had about the proposed Korean Veterans Memorial to be built in Washington, D.C. I then relayed what you had told me in a letter to Mr. Combs dated April 14, 1993, a copy of which is enclosed.

I then received a letter from Mr. Stan Hadden, editor of the magazine Graybeards, as Mr. Combs had forwarded my letter to him. I am also enclosing a copy of their magazine sent to our office in which are several articles noting that the Korean veterans are generally very unhappy about the way things are proceeding with the construction of the memorial.

The magazine also mentions, although it is not documented fact, that the proposed "kiosk" is to be nothing more than restroom facilities for both the Vietnam and Korean memorials.

Please look into the concerns of these veterans at your earliest convenience. These men have sacrificed much in the service of our country and deserve to have a memorial they can be proud of. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Holly S. Nolan
District Representative

Last July 1992 we dedicated our monument to "Our Fallen Comrades in the Korean War", complete with the names of those who will never return home. This Wyoming Valley Korean War Monument stands in Wilkes-Barre, PA on the lawn of the Luzerne County Courthouse.

"With the help of a lot of people," said GEORGE KIERNAN; 213 Stucker Ave.; Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705; "It took us four years to get it built. And I say that if we can do this in four years, how come those in Washington can't do as well. It makes me worry a little bit. Anyone wanting to get in touch with me can write, or call me at 717-829-2876."

The smaller stone in foreground is from the 109th National Guard in memory of 33 men killed in a train wreck in Ohio in 1950, en route to Korea.

Withdraws As Candidate For Board Of Directors

"I was elected in 1985 the first to serve KWVA as Second Vice President. In 1988 I agreed to serve as your Editor of Graybeards. In 1990 I was honored by you to be elected as a member of the National Board of Directors.

"It is with heavy heart that I must now withdraw my candidacy. My reasons are varied: health, in which my eyesight has been severely battered this winter. Frustration, from seeing lack of enough fighting spirit that I believe is needed to oppose copyright of the Memorial. Frustration, in the fight I have waged to have names of KIA/A/KIA included on the Memorial.

"Please accept my heart-felt thanks for your past support."—STAN HADDEN; P.O. Box 131; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. Phone 304-535-2259.

I am a disabled Korean War veteran and former POW and a member of the KWVA, CARD #10111. 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 the 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. "Let 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 1129 R.F.D.; No. 1; Brooks, Maine 04921.
OFFICIAL BALLOT
KWVA Election 1993
For Board of Directors

Instructions for the voter:
You must be a paid-up member of National KWVA in order for your vote to be counted in this election.
You must sign this ballot.
You must show your membership number in the spaces provided.
You must sign your name in spaces provided (print it on one line; sign it on the other).
Your ballot will be checked by the membership list provided by the National Membership Chairman. Any ballot cast by a member whose dues are not paid-up as of June 30, 1993 or whose membership number is not shown, or is not signed, will not be counted.
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_____ PAUL G. MARTIN
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Voter's Signature ____________________________

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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.

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.

BE PHOTOGRAPHED for the 1993 40th Anniversary Reunion picture yearbook! Have your picture taken twice!

No cost to be photographed; no obligation. Preview pictures will be sent to your home.

Photo casual dress (see daily posted times) and again for the banquet (from one hour before cocktails thru dinner).

For all members, spouse, and guests.

You may also order a yearbook by mail.

More info in Bloomington!

40th Inf Div June 25, 1950 until the Division left Korea in 1954 please contact the Association of 40th Inf Div Korean War Veterans; 2029 "G" St.; Lorain, OH 44052. Ph 216-288-0739. SID SULTZBAUGH.

"Dear Editor: The KWVA is the only organized veterans group that has not taken an official stand against homosexuals in the military. What's our problem?" —ROGER SCALF, president of Ray Harvey Chapter; Phoenix, AZ.
SEND CAMPBELL’S SOUP LABELS AND HELP BOYS HOME

Covington Boys’ Home needs Campbell’s Soup labels. The school needs a van and if they can amass 995,000 Campbell’s soup labels, the Campbell’s Soup company will get them a van. Please send your can labels to: Covington Boys’ Home; Covington, VA 24426. Thank you.

The Department of Defense, in its infinite wisdom, has placed newspaper ads in Russian newspapers that asks that any U.S. military personnel who “involuntarily fell under the control of the Soviet regime” to contact U.S. officials in Moscow. The DOD says they have no replies as yet.

DUTCH NELSEN CHAPTER
Vernon I. Bowen: 2523 Monterey Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

The Colorado Chapter of KWVA recently changed name to the DUTCH NELSEN CHAPTER in honor of our founder and first president. LTC Ellsworth “Dutch” Nelsen AUSA (Retired) fought in the first 6 campaigns in Korea with the (from “The 38th Parallel newsletter).

We are not accusing anyone of anything. This “information page” shows the location of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Note the size of the “KIOSK” compared to the actual Memorial. Note also it is to be hidden behind a grove of trees — apparently to make the approach to the restrooms less noticeable. We veterans have been told that this “KIOSK” will house the computer database of names of KIA/MIA. Is there any connection here with that well-known story of putting names on the outhouse wall? ABMC and KWVMA/ABM won’t answer our questions.

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“FOCUS ON THE 40th ANNIVERSARY”

THE FOLLOWING OPTIONAL TOURS AND SPECIAL EVENTS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED BY DAY TOURS FOR THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION 9th ANNUAL REUNION
TO BE HELD IN BLOOMINGTON, MN, JULY 24-28, 1993.

Day Tours Has A 15 Year Reputation For Tour Services

TOUR #1 - TWIN CITIES HIGHLIGHTS TOUR - $12.00 Per Person
This tour will feature an introduction to the fascinating and unique city of Minneapolis and the historic city of St. Paul. This deluxe tour will feature dozens of Minneapolis and St. Paul highlights including the famed Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis’ chain of lakes, the “Mighty” Mississippi River, mansion lined Summit Avenue and many more. There will be stops at the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, legendary Minnehaha Falls, and the State Capitol approach. This tour will be offered on a deluxe motorcoach and will be fully narrated by a knowledgeable Day Tours Hostess/Guide, who will explain to you why these two cities are not “twin” cities at all.

DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1993 Depart: 1:00 p.m./Return 4:00 p.m. - (An early bird event)
SUNDAY, JULY 25, 1993 Depart: 1:00 p.m./Return 4:00 p.m.

TOUR #2 - MINNESOTA TWINS BASEBALL GAME - $19.00 Per Person
Enjoy an afternoon of baseball at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, home of the 1987 and 1991 World Champions, as the host Minnesota Twins take on the Baltimore Orioles. Lower deck reserved seat ticket and round-trip, to-the-door bus transportation will be provided. Note: A pre-registration dye by June 30.

DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 25, 1993 Depart: 12 Noon/Return 5:00 p.m.

TOUR #3 - STILLWATER - PRIDE OF THE ST. CROIX RIVER - $14.00 Per Person
Enjoy a delightful day in Stillwater, Minnesota’s oldest and most scenic river town. Step back in time as you enjoy beautifully restored Victorian homes, historic buildings and steeped churches. Your knowledgeable Day Tours hostess/guide will provide information about the history and folklore of this lumberjack community which will feature a visit to a beautiful private residence. Conclude your tour with time to shop the unique boutiques or dine at one of the many riverfront restaurants.

DATE: MONDAY, JULY 26, 1993 Depart: 9:00 a.m./Return 3:00 p.m.

TOUR #4 - AN EVENING OF DINNER AND DANCING ON THE MISSISSIPPI - $34.00 Per Person
Recapture the spirit of the 19th Century aboard the Jonathan Padelford sternwheeler. Recreate the feeling of this by-gone era as you listen to the rhythmic swish of the paddlewheel. Listen to the lively songs of a banjo as you enjoy a delicious chicken and rib dinner. Later in the evening. Note: A pre-registration dye by June 30. Minimum tour participation is 70 persons.

DATE: MONDAY, JULY 26, 1993 Depart: 5:15 p.m./Return 9:45 p.m.

TOUR #5 - VIEW PRIVATE WAR PLANES COLLECTIONS - $12.00 Per Person
Round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation to some of the areas most extensive war plane collections - Planes of Fame Warbirds Air Museum, includes FG-1D Corsair, P51D Mustang, P-40N War Hawk, P-47-D Thunderbolt, B25 Mitchell Bomber, A26 Invader, P38 Lightning and other war birds. Planes are all authentically restored to flying condition.

DATE: MONDAY, JULY 26, 1993 Depart: 6:00 p.m./Return 9:00 p.m.

TOUR #6 - FORT SNELLING PLUS A CRUISE ON THE MISSISSIPPI - $21.00 Per Person
Go back to the 1820's with a visit to restored Fort Snelling. Set high on a bluff above the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers, observe inhabitants go through their daily activities as they did more than 150 years ago. Acclaimed as the finest "living history" museum in the U.S. Then it’s off for a relaxing afternoon cruise on an authentic 19th Century sternwheeler on the Mississippi River. Enjoy the beautiful riverfront scenery and refreshments on your own.

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1993 - Depart 11:30 a.m./Return 4:00 p.m.

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-chair 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.


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”, Plant 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

ATTENDANCE QUESTIONNAIRE:

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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P.O. Box 12205
Baltimore, Maryland 21281

Name ____________________________

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Last _____________________________

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City _____________________________

State ______________ Zip __________

I WILL ATTEND ________________

Yes ______________ No ______________

SPouse __________________________

I WILL ATTEND ________________

Yes ______________ No ______________

PAYMENT PLAN: (Per Person)

ALL NOW ______________ HALF NOW ______________ BALANCE BEFORE JULY 10

NOTE: Upon registration - A

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

1. Reunion Fee of $ ______________ at $59.50 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:

Note: Upon registration - A

2. $30.00 ______________ Persons at $30 Flat Each = $ ______________ Due

(BRANCH to memorial, flowers, hospitality, registration pocket, 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 ______

Signature __________________________

Date ____________________________
YOUR HELP IS ASKED IN EFFORT TO FURTHER HONOR ALL RECIPIENTS OF MEDAL OF HONOR

The National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, Inc. have been petitioning Congress to increase the monthly pension of all living recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. They are asking all veterans and their families to send the following resolution to their Congressional officials:

WHEREAS; The Medal of Honor is the highest distinction which can be awarded to a member of the Armed Services of the United States, and

WHEREAS; The Medal of Honor is presented by the President, in the name of Congress, to an individual who while serving in the Armed Forces "distinguished himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty," and

WHEREAS; There are approximately 204 Medal of Honor recipients living today, and in excess of 40 recipients who are at or near the poverty line, and

WHEREAS; A law established in 1958 provided that the Veterans Administration shall pay monthly to each person whose name has been entered on the Army, Navy, Air Force, and the Coast Guard Medal of Honor roll a special pension at the rate of $100, and

WHEREAS; This amount was increased from $100 to $200 in 1978, and

WHEREAS; The Consumer Price Index percentage increased from 1978 through 1992 has forced the $200 monthly pension to a "real" value of nearly $500, and

WHEREAS; Many of the individuals are asked to participate at community and government functions at their own expense and often times a recipient is unable to participate due to lack of funds, and

WHEREAS; It is only fitting that the recipients of the Medal of Honor should be acknowledged with an increase in the present monthly pension for their conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty, in action involving actual conflict with an opposing armed force, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED; that the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, in meeting at Washington, D.C., on February 20 thru 24, 1993, does hereby support and encourage federal legislation which would amend the U.S. Code, Chapter 38, subsection 562, to increase the monthly pension of Medal of Honor recipients from $200 to $500.

HELP TO MAKE NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR DAY A REALITY

A bill to permanently designate December 7 as "National Pearl Harbor Day" has been introduced in Congress by Rep. George Sangmeister of Illinois.

Richard Foltyniewicz of Ottawa, IL is the "father" of the effort. He is asking KWVA members to write Congress and ask them to support as a co-sponsor, H. J. Res. 131. Eight other major veterans organizations have endorsed this legislative effort.

Through the intense efforts of Richard and with cooperation from VFW and other veterans, the City of Ottawa, Ill. has issued a formal proclamation declaring June 25, as Korean War Remembrance Day.

SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO TELL AMERICA!

Public television stations throughout the country will usually place information between programming segments for worthy causes. Call on your local public TV station and see what their requirements may be as to promoting the KWVA.

Also, cable companies have a "public access" channel. Get their standards and see what it takes to get on the air with our message. These channels usually don't draw much of an audience except when they have a town meeting program. If we could tag at the end we would have a greater exposure.

The KWVA has access to some gifted speakers and maybe we could get one or more of them on a station and get the tape to send to other stations.

Just an idea. Sincerely, Roger Scalf, Phoenix, AZ.
To Pete Stumberger: Thanx! and a Special Request

On March 19, Pete Stumberger of Tallahassee, FL received a letter from Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles proclaiming he had signed a document proclaiming June 25, 1993 as "Korean Forgotten Warriors Day". Pete added this footnote to the letter:

"I will have TV and press for Boca Raton on June 25. Shotgun proclamation to all concerned when I get back. That's my noise."

OKAY, PETE — we thank you sincerely for what you have done and continued to do.

NOW HERE'S OUR REQUEST: when you have the TV and other news media on hand, announce to them, in plain language, that there are certain bureaucrats in Washington, DC who are working to give away copyright royalties on a Memorial we veterans thought was really going to be in honor of our war dead. Pete, also see page 7 and 9 of this Graybeard; take that press release with you!

When things appear to be going better — you have overlooked something.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
Springfield, Illinois 62756

George H. Ryan
Secretary of State

April 26, 1993

Mr. Kenneth B. Cook
Route #3, Box 573
Danville, Illinois 61832

Dear Mr. Cook:

I just received my copy of Graybeards and saw you listed as a candidate for the Korean War Veterans Association's Board of Directors.

Admittedly, I don't know much about the other candidates, but I do know that Illinois Korean War veterans would benefit from having someone like you serving on the national board. I certainly agree with your assertion that we must work together as one unit if we are to succeed at all.

That's the kind of leadership that America's veterans deserve particularly now as our population ages and finds itself in greater need. I am looking forward to getting my June edition and will proudly cast my ballot in support of your candidacy.

If I can be of assistance to you before or after you assume office, please do not hesitate to contact me. Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

George H. Ryan
Secretary of State
ANOTHER BUNKER HILL; MAY 16-20 1951

I am writing in regard to the story on page 52 of April edition, about a Bunker Hill. Well, I have another one for you. It was Hill 800, May 16 - 20 1951, from company morning reports DS-043832 (16 May Kiwajimal) and CS-078765 (15 May Tundong-Ni). In that 5-day period we had 17 KIA, 3 MIA, and over 100 WIA.

I arrived in Korea in July 1950 with an amphibious Army boat company preparing for and making the Inchon landing. I went to the infantry in time for the Heonson-to-Wonju road block in mid-Feb. Our company was so decimated we were placed in Corps reserve as an ineffective fighting unit.

We had 21 guys left with the ranking man being a buck sergeant. I was hospitalized on 18 Aug 1951 and rotated home on 24 Sept 1951.

I shall appreciate your publishing this Indianhead notice for me. Thank you.
—DELMAR J. DYER; Apt. #3; 1713 Dorcas St.; Omaha, NE 68108.

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JACK CLOMAN of the Maryland Chapter sent this important notice for veterans having access to the Baltimore VA hospital:
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The Geriatric Research Education Clinical Center will provide the services noted below to veterans 60 and over at no charge, absolutely free.
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KOREA 1950-1953

"I Was One Of The Lucky Ones To Come Out Of That Massacre Alive"

** Btry A, 15th FA, 2nd Div **

First I would like to commend you on the fine work you have been doing as editor of the Graybeards. Second I would like to thank Frank diLeonardo for the reprint of a 1951 newspaper. (April Graybeards page 37). It brought back a whole lot of memories.

I was one of the lucky ones to come out alive of that massacre.

On one of the pictures I am enclosing is "A" BTRY, 15th Flg. Arty. 2nd Div. It was taken on 5th Feb. 1951 a week before I got captured. I was captured on 13th Feb. 1951. Before our battery moved up names were picked to go on R&R to Japan, two guys were lucky.

After moving up our 105's were pointed almost straight up. That night we got hit. I can still hear the sound of the Chinese bugles.

We couldn't move out because of darkness and we were pinned down. At day break we moved out. We received rifle and machine gun fire along the way.

We made a stand along the way. We were firing point blank at the Chinese but they kept coming. We exhausted all our ammo, even the color smoke rounds.

My section chief, Sgt. Barrett was wounded on the leg. We left quite a few dead friends behind and we moved out again. Along the way we stopped and we were to join the Infantry in trying to get out.

The word came that all wounded were to get back to the convoy and since I was helping Sgt. Barrett I went back to our truck.

All this was at night and we started moving out once more. We haven't had any sleep for almost 40 hours and fell asleep in the back of the truck.

When I woke up I called for the driver and Sgt. Barrett. When no one answered I figured they were slumped over in the cab, I reached in but couldn't feel anyone.

I grabbed my carbine and jumped from the truck. There were a lot of people on the side of the road, being dark I couldn't recognize anyone so I called out quietly for Sgt. Barrett.

Everybody was looking at me and someone fired a shot at me so I opened fire. I felt something hit me on my stomach and realized it was a grenade. I ran to the other side of the road and hit the ground when the grenade went off.

I heard a tank firing out front so I started crawling towards the sound of the tank. I crawled about thirty yards when it ceased firing.

I crawled under a truck to see and hear what was happening.

All of a sudden I was pulled out from under the truck. I left my weapon under the truck and I played dead. I was checked if I had a wrist watch. I was stepped on a lot and then someone turned my face up and the first thing I thought about was what P.O.W. life would be like. I opened my eyes and was told to get up. The next thing I thought was about the two guys who went on R&R to Japan.

I was taken to the rear and joined other G.I.'s. Later that night we started moving toward the front. We passed a lot of the dead G.I.'s mentioned in the newspaper story and they were half naked and with no boots. The road was covered with bodies.

The second photo (see page 1) is of the fourth section at the Naktong River (1950). Sgt. Fausto is the bald head guy.

This is the first time I have read about Hocensiog and I will treasure it forever.

I only know of two or three other guys that survived that battle. One of them lives here in San Antonio, his name is Manuel Vasquez. He was a cook on our battery.

I believe Sgt. Fausto made it out of a P.O.W. camp. The last picture is of me after being released from Camp 3 Company 4 in North Korea.

If there is anyone out there who was in "A" Btry at the time of capture please write.
—OSCAR CORTEZ 00094 POW; 2931 White Tail Dr.; San Antonio, TX 78228.
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Stan: As promised here at left and above is the story. I just received a FAX from Jack Walker regarding our efforts to secure a major funding grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities with regard to our proposed television series on the Korean War. Jack is quite hopeful that our grant will be forthcoming and perhaps we will be able to provide Americans with a balanced and truthful television history of the Korean War rather than the slanted, biased version that appeared on PBS a few years ago.

In any case in conjunction with the U.S. Army Medical Museum Foundation, Ft Sam Houston, TX, we are planning a major symposium, here in San Antonio in June of 1994, that will cover the first 200 days of Korea: The Forgotten War.

The Army Medical Museum Foundation is a non-profit organization whose goal is to raise, through private gifts, the funds needed to construct an educational museum that provides a fitting presentation of Army medicine's contributions to the United States of America and to the world.

I believe you will agree that many of us might not be around today if it weren't for some very brave and dedicated medics.

—HOWARD D. GUTIN (LTC, USA, Ret.); 40 Campden Circle; San Antonio, TX 78218. 210-822-8011.

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**WANTED — WHERE IS THE NEWSLETTER FOR 35TH INF REGT, CO H**

My father, PAUL P. STEVENSON, served in the Pacific Theater during World War II with the 35th Inf Regt, Co. H. I would like to hear from anyone who might have known my dad, or if you can tell me how to contact the editor of their newsletter, Thank You.

—BERT HEBB, P. O. Box 943; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. Phone 304-535-2637.

I was in Korea 1952 and part of '53, 45th Infantry and a company medic in the trenches.

**MY CUP**

We all live in floating cups. You in yours and I in mine.
You isolated from me.
If your cup float too close to mine and you are the wrong color,
or believe something I don't.
I won't be childish.
I'll be civilized and mature.
My cup has warplanes.
I'll drop a bomb on your cup.

—BRUCE A. TOWNSEND; Apt 2; 702 Smith System Rd; Princeton, MN 55371.
ON KWVMAB'S PLANNED VIDEO KIOSK, MOST SUCH "ARE BROKEN FROM MISUSE"

A letter to KWVMAB said:
"Received your prompt response to my request for information regarding expenses for ground breaking and the proposed kiosk for Interactive Video.

"Not being familiar with the manner in which things are done at these official events, I cannot help being stunned when the budget calls for $6,000.00 and the actual expenditure is $11,635.00, or a budgeted $8,500.00 ultimately amounts to $13,173.00. I would call that a typical government overrun. (See the Actual expenditures for Ground Breaking, dated August 12, 1992).

"I realize that you, Mr. Hansen, are not the one who makes the policy, but it would be better for those involved, particularly the individuals and associations which have donated towards this memorial, if the projected expenses were more accurately forecasted.

"I would bring to your attention what my experience has been regarding Video memorials. I have been honored to have my name in the video retrieval center in the Statue of Liberty Museum, as an immigrant from Sweden. Frequently I take foreign visitors there to see the statue, and the video system is broken, or a bunch of kids monopolize the system, playing with it as a video game. The same can be said of video systems or displays at Ellis Island Monument which are activated by knobs or buttons, or telephone sound systems; most are broken from misuse.

"As a birthday gift to me, my wife had my name inscribed on a bronze plaque on the wall which encircles the Ellis Island Monument. This written inscription is much more reliable, and visible at any given moment. It will be there long after the video is obsolete for my family to see.

—RUNE E. BORGMAN; 27 Monitor Hill Rd., Trumbull, CT 06611.

NO MAN'S life, liberty or property are safe while Congress is in session.

ASK YOUR SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS THIS KEY QUESTION:

On page 35 of this Graybeards we have listed the names of the members of both ABMC and KWVMAB, as given to Graybeards by ABMC.

We can show only the name and the state of residence.

If there is one there from YOUR STATE please consider asking your senator or representative in Congress this key question: "Since this is a White House appointment with consent of Congress, do you support the action taken by your approved appointee in which he/she apparently has agreed to the use of public donations for funding copyright of a national Memorial for another to gain personal wealth?"

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If there is one thing a politician does not like — it is adverse publicity, especially that which raises the possibility of making personal profit from public money.

So go ahead — write or phone and ask that question.

THE WHITE HOUSE PHONE:
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and ask for your Senator/Representative office.

CLAUDE POOLE, JR., FROM TEXAS:

I OWE YOU ONE

Dear Editor: I received my first copy a few days ago. I am delighted that we have our own publication! I read every word and look forward to any back issues you can send me, as well as future issues.

This is like finding "family" — because we all were, back during the "Forgotten War" 1951-1952. CLAUDE POOLE, JR., from Texas: if you are out there, I owe you one, get in touch with me!

—PAUL F. KUHN; 200 Pleasant St.; Rn. 121-A; Malden, MA 02148.

YES, THERE WERE TWO BATTLE NAMED BUNKER HILL

One Army. One Marine.
See the map with story

In regards to the letter with the question "Were There Two Named Bunker Hill?" written in from Mr. Stewart N. Rothman of 921 Woodway; Fairbanks, Alaska 99709, and published in the Vol 7, #3 (April 1993) "The Graybeards", page 32. I answer his question with the enclosed map plus reference to the book "45 Marine Operations In Korea" Vol. V, Chapter III, Meid & Yingling.

Yes, there were two Battles named Bunker Hill; one for the U.S. Army, and one the the U.S. Marines. It might be noted that since bunkers were in everyone's mind and frontline units were heavily involved in the bunker construction program, it is felt likely "someone in G-2" arbitrarily assigned the name of bunker hill (122) to their specific battle.

Of equal interest is also noted that during the fighting, Hospitalman JOHN E. KILMER was mortally wounded while "administering aid to the wounded and expediting their evacuation." Though wounded by enemy mortar, he continued his life-saving efforts until another barrage took his life. He had died shielding a wounded Marine undergoing emergency treatment. Corpman Kilmer, a distant cousin of poet Joyce Kilmer, became the first of four corpsmen serving with the First Marine Division to be awarded the Medal of Honor during this trench warfare in western Korea.

Yes Stan, we need a corpsman statue among our Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

—Chaplain: TOM DREW; P.O. Box 145; Union Grove, AL 35175.

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MARINE INFANTRY STRENGTH AT THE END OF JULY 1952 WAS LITTLE MORE THAN HALF OF THE CHINESE TOTAL. (TAEJON AREA)

ACROSS "NO-MAN'S-LAND," UNITS OF TWO CHINESE DIVISIONS FACED THE 3,603 MARINES.


STRONG ENEMY OUTPOSTS ON HILLS 120 TO THE NORTH AND 110 TO THE NORTHEAST CONSTANTLY THREATENED THE SQUAD ON 58A. FROM THESE TWO FORWARD POSITIONS, CHINESE TROOPS STREAMED DOWN TO SIBERIA (58A), LETHALLY IN THE PROCESS THE BUNKER-HILL BATTLE WOULD YOU BELIEVE WE ACTUALLY HAD AN AMMUNITION SHORTAGE!

For two years I have been researching his casualty, and all the events that led up to and were subsequent to his disappearance. I was all alone in my search until last summer when I met a wife of a missing serviceman, and then in November, when, by the grace of God, I met two other daughters of missing airmen. Through them, I have found renewed strength and a true sense of sisterhood.

I first contacted the KWVA in 1991, when, after talking with Kathleen Wosnick, I was encouraged that maybe they could offer me some assistance in my search. If nothing else, I was hoping for at least some encouragement from my father’s comrades in arms.

What I found instead, was indifference.

This year, one of my new-found sisters encouraged me to join, so that I might be able to follow the activities of the KWVA regarding their involvement in the resolution of the POW/MIA issue or possible repatriation of the remains of the 8,177. My first Graybeards issue was the April, 1993 issue. It is filled with letters and comments concerning the Korean War Memorial.

I am appalled at what I have read. I cannot believe that in all good conscience the board has chosen NOT to endorse the addition of the names of the killed and missing.

As for my father, his remains were never repatriated; he never had a headstone; he never had a plaque erected with his name on it. How can I or anyone else ever be reminded that Lt. Col. Gerald E. Montgomery, and 54,000+ heroes gave all that they had so that we can continue to live in a free, democratic society. Is this not what you ALL fought for?

And secondly, that you do not stand up and scream with rage that someone will copyright a memorial that belongs to you and you and all Americans, paid for in American blood, and let them profit from this memorial that has been paid for by your sacrifices! I find that vulgar and demeaning!

It seems to me that if you want people to remember the Forgotten War, you must first unite, which from what I read, you are totally divided. Secondly, YOU must remember that not only did you give up your youth and your innocence in a war that no one wants to be reminded of, but that it also left behind the survivors, who have NEVER been remembered.

I'm speaking of the children who were denied the pleasure of ever getting to know their fathers, and have never had any support emotionally; remember that in those days there was no such thing as support groups or therapy to be able to understand why we were so different from our friends. And that we were too young to understand that our friends and other adults were not able to communicate with us, because they did not know what to say to us, that we were isolated from other children for this reason. We could not convince our friends that Daddy was gone because he had fought for us and he didn’t just simply run away from us!

Has anyone ever asked the children what they want, or how they feel? Before you answer that question, please search your mind AND your heart thoroughly! Have you ever taken the time to get to know a child of one of your "Buddies"? Did you even know whether or not he left any children behind, or what became of them?

We do not want sympathy, or empathy, or grants or pensions. What we want, and what we've always wanted was to know that our fathers would be returned to us some day so that we may finally grieve for them and lay them to rest near us for the first time in our lives.

We want to know that their "Buddies" didn't abandon them in their quest to come home. Did you not depend on each other 40 years ago for your very survival? Why do you let them down now?

You may not agree with the approach that the veterans of the Vietnam War have taken, but their children are proud that they have not forgotten their fathers!!! I can do no more for my father and his memory than to make sure that he IS remembered!!!

How else can he and the others be remembered if you don't know their names and you are not allowed to photograph their memorial?

I really would appreciate your answer.

How will you answer?


—GERRI MONTGOMERY PRESCOTT: 605 Eastbrook Road; Estill Springs, Tenn. 37330. Phone: 615-649-5407.

Patrick D. Ruddy, Jr.
H Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Mar, 1st MarDiv

"Please be advised that Patrick D. Ruddy, Jr., formerly of Philadelphia, PA, died in Lewes, DE. He served as staff sergeant in Korea in 1952. He volunteered for Korea while stationed in Parris Island, SC as a D.I. with the 4th Rec Tmn Bn. He brought out several honor plaques and in 1951 had the honor plaque of the year.

"After 8 years in the Corps he became, in civilian life, a policeman in Ridley Twp, PA. For 23 years he had the honor of being awarded Policeman of the Year. When he retired in 1985 he moved to Rehoboth Beach, DE area and became the first chief of security in our community. His training in the Corps made him a dedicated lifelong officer of the people.

"He died of lung cancer at the age of 61, leaving his wife, five children and 13 grandchildren. Wife can be reached at this address: Doris M. Ruddy; 179 E. Gooseneck Rd.; Millsboro, DE 19966."

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Those who criticize your performance should be "allowed" to do it at least for one issue. Keep up the splendid work.

I ran across this photograph (above) a while back and, thought it might be of interest to you and your readers. It was taken at Inchon harbor I think about the middle of April 1952. We were all going home after our tour, with that spruce up stopover in Japan.

All eyes were on that hospital ship and, you can just imagine what thoughts going through their minds: "There, but for the Grace of God, go I."—LAWRENCE BLOCK; 12302 Promenade; St. Louis, MO 63146.

The following poem was written IN MEMORY OF CHARLES W. MAINE of Georgetown, DE. "I wrote it in memory of a very good friend, who fought a war that 'never was'," said Lawrence Z. Passwaters; P.O. Box 151; Lincoln, DE 19960.

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FORGOTTEN DAY

ANOTHER WARRIOR ANOTHER DAY
LEFT THIS WORLD AND WENT AWAY
COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN BY A NATION HE LOVED
HAS FOUND HIS PEACE IN THE LAND
ABOVE
NO HANDSHAKES NO WELCOME HOME
ALL THOSE YEARS HE FELT ALONE
NEVER COMPLAINING NOR NEVER CRIED
PUT IN HIS TIME MANY NIGHTS HE DIED
NO MEMORIAL WILL HE SEE, BUT HE
WAS THE BEST THAT HE COULDN'T BE
YES WE SAY JUST WAIT AND SEE BUT
THAT MEMORIAL IS NOT TO BE

WE SET BACK WHAT FEW IS LEFT
IN A NATION SO FULL OF DEBT
MONEY SAVED BY YOU AND I,
JUST GOES OUT THE WINDOW WE KISS
IT GOODBYE
THIS VETERAN AT AGE 65
FOUGHT A WAR AND DID SURVIVE
WITH HOPE WITH DREAMS OR REALITY
NOW NO MEMORIAL WILL BE SEE

WHAT KOREAN VETERANS HERE AND
FAR
WE ALL KNOW WE FOUGHT A WAR
BUT A NATION DAMNED BY BUR-
Eaucrats
LIKE TO GIVE GIVE GIVE TO THE VIET
VETS
SOMEDAY SOMEONE WILL REALLY SEE
WHAT A CORRUPT NATION WE FOUGHT
TO KEEP FREE

SO REST IN PEACE MY TRUSTED FRIEND
YOU GAVE SO MUCH YET LOST IN THE
END
A FORGOTTEN WARRIOR OF A
FORGOTTEN WAR
BY A NATION OF WEAKNESS ONE
THAT'S MARRED

THE GOD ABOVE IS PROUD OF YOU
YOU DID WHAT YOU HAD AND STILL
LOST TOO
HE'LL REWARD YOU YOU'RE IN HIS
EYES

GOOD OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE
HE KNOWS YOU A WARRIOR HE SAW
YOU PAY
HE'LL STRIKE THIS NATION ONE OF
THES DAYS
SO REST IN PEACE LEAVE YOUR
DREAMS BEHIND
YOU'VE GONE TO A BETTER PLACE,
LEFT THIS BURDENED NATION
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The MKVW #1 Reunion Team are hard at work to make your reunion stay an enjoyable "Pursuit of Happiness". Thanks for all of your words of encouragement and positive recommendations. Tom Clawson, Co-Chairman; KWVA Reunion.
MADISON COUNTY
ALABAMA
MILITARY
HALL OF HEROES

Dear Stan: Mr. T.R. Fehrenbach of San Antonio, TX wrote in the January issue, "I don't believe that any POW/MIA's survive from the Korean War..."

I am the Secretary of this Commission and we maintain a HALL OF HEROES in our county courthouse. This HALL honors those citizens of this county who have earned medals of valor during any of our country's conflicts. The HALL consists of three large display cabinets containing almost every medal presented by our three major branches of Service. Across an area, each medal of valor is displayed in an individual cabinet with a list of those citizens who have earned that medal. In addition, is a cabinet containing names of those citizens of the county who have died in each of the Wars in which this country has been engaged; each war is indicated by an engraved plate.

Each Veterans Day, this Commission holds an Induction Ceremony to honor those citizens who have been identified as being eligible to be so honored. The lists for each medal are up-dated for each Induction. I am enclosing a brochure for additional information.

Last year, this Commission together with the American EX-POWs association installed a plaque identifying those citizens of the county who were POWs. The plaque is scheduled to be up-dated as new data is obtained.

I have just checked with a member of the Commission who is also an EX-POW and found that there are at least five POWs from the Korean War still living in this county! I believe that other counties around the country could find additional Korean War EX-POWs!

Any veteran visiting the Huntsville, Alabama area who desires to see the exhibits, may contact me at the address and phone number above and I will make arrangements for them to visit our courthouse even on weekends!

—CHARLES L. COLLINS; Madison County Military Heritage Commission; 3931 Shamrock Drive; Huntsville, Alabama 35810-4033.

KWVA HONORED AT U.N. COMMEMORATION IN ANKARA, TURKEY

The President of Turkey hosted the second commemoration to United Nations Forces who fought in Korea. The event also marked the 40th anniversary of the end of hostilities on that war ravaged peninsula.

Five members of the Texas Lone Star Chapter (Houston) of the Korean War Veterans Association represented the United States at this International Fete. Two veterans from each of the other participating nations were also in attendance. Numerous ceremonies and activities took place between Ankara and Istanbul from May 25th thru the 31st.

The TLSC initiated the first U.N. Commemoration in Houston during Memorial Week of 1992 and hosted Korean War Veterans and diplomatic guests from around the world.

Turkish president Turgut Ozal, who was in Houston, and through his Chief Aide-De-Camp, Colonel Guner, extended the invitation for the 1993 event. Perhaps another nation will do the same for 1994.

Veterans of the Korean War can take special pride in our legacy. We joined South Korean troops and combat units from 15 other nations in an historic event. We were the first troops to serve under the United Nations Flag in the defense of freedom.

We the living, and those who sacrificed their lives helped to restore freedom to South Korea and to lay the foundation for the movement toward democracy which we are currently witnessing throughout the world.

Submitted by William B. Kirchheim, Delegate: Past Pres. TLSC/KWVA. (now living at 11475 Five Mile Rd.; Morley, MI 49336. phone 616-823-2882.)

Photo - left to right: BILL KIRCAHEIM, Turkish Consul-General MENGU BUYUKDAVRAS, and Turkish war hero HAYRI OZUREK who lost his right eye and hand throwing back communist grenades.
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Extensions to Hong Kong, China, Hawaii and other Pacific Rim locales can be combined with this visit.

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IS IT ASSUMED TO BE "SUPPORT" FOR COPYRIGHTING THE MEMORIAL?

The present effort to copyright the Memorial is apparently the responsibility of two public agencies consisting of people appointed by the White House.

Those two agencies thought by many to be in the forefront — or at least not effectively resisting the effort to subvert the public intention to build a memorial with public donations and standing on public land to honor war dead and missing — are KWVMAB and AMBC.

Graybeards is receiving many letters and phone calls asking this key question: "Does supporting these events sponsored by KWVMAB mean agreeing to copyright the Korean War Veterans Memorial?"

Your editor can reply only: possibly; but every member must think that through as an individual. "In my personal opinion," said Stan Hadden, "the answer is yes, it might be construed by the wrong people to be support for copyrighting the Memorial."

Description of an American war veteran

America's war veterans come in a wide variety of sizes, shapes, and ages. Their collective experience spans two world wars and several foreign conflicts. They have followed war mutes through the mud of Flanders Field, cropped from landing barges onto the beaches of Normandy, fared the icy cold of Porkchop Hill and trudged the rice paddies of Mekong Delta. All veterans share a common bond.

A veteran is the first man up as the flag passes by on the 4th of July, and the last one down, for he has been a witness to the blood and tears which make this and all other paradoxes possible. A veteran is a man of peace, soft spoken, slow to anger, quiet, to realize that those who talk most about the glory of war are those who know least about its horror. He never jokes about war, he's been there, and still sees on memory's veldt screen the wounded and dying, the widows and orphans; he knows first hand that no war is good and that the only thing worse than war is slavery.

He is a friend to all races of man, bridging none, he carries with him the knowledge that it is not the man who is the enemy but enslavement and false ideologies. Those whom he once faced across the hostile battle lines, he now estems as his brothers.

A veteran is at once proud and humble; proud of the fact that in 200 years no foreign enemy has set foot on American soil; and humble in the realization that many of his comrades who helped him make his lofty aim a reality, never returned.

More than anything else, a veteran loves freedom. He can spend a whole afternoon doing nothing — just because it suits him and just because he has paid the price to do what he wants with his time.

He also takes a personal pride in the freedom of others — in men and women attending the church of their choice; in friends voting on how they choose, and in children sleeping quietly, without fear to interrupt their slumber.

A veteran is every man grown up a little taller — a person who understands the awesome price of life's intangibles of freedom, justice and democracy. His motto is to live and let live. But, if he had to, if he had to choose between servitude and conflict, the veteran would once again answer a call to duty.

Because, above all, above all else — a veteran is an American.

Marguerite Hoff
Beckley
We dedicate this month’s feature to those who were unfortunate to be taken into captivity and suffered very traumatic experiences. We shall always remember them as well as those who died in captivity. No one knows what it means to be a POW except the one who experienced it. Two scenes which depict the sorrow and joy of a prisoner of war are reproduced below.

Sketch from memory along with comment by

Carl V. Cossin
member of
A Company
21st Regiment
24th Infantry Division

who was captured by the North Koreans in July 1950 and released in 1953. He lives in Columbus and consented to exhibition of his sketches of prisoner of war life in North Korea in the upcoming exhibits in Cleveland as announced on page 1.

"American prisoners of war on a burial detail in North Korea. Their tools were a shovel and pick worn away. The ground was frozen solid down to two feet in the winter months. Oftentimes it took hours of chipping and scraping to new our burial trenches. Then the nude body of the deceased would be placed in the trench without dog tags, grave marker of any type of identification. The guards would only give the burial detail enough time to cover the bodies with chips of ice and frozen ground.

BIG SWITCH POW RELEASE
AT PANMUNJOM

When the truce was finally signed on July 27, 1953, the main exchange of prisoners - BIG SWITCH - began. Big Switch was completed on September 6, 1953. On April 20, 153 "sick and wounded" prisoners were released in the LITTLE SWITCH POW exchange.

This entire page by courtesy of FRANK ALEKSANDROWICZ "newsletter", Bay Village, OH.

Please help to honor POW's of all wars by sending your tax-deductible contribution to help build a larger National Memorial Prisoner of War Museum at the Andersonville National Historic Site. Make out check to:

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C/o W.L. Fornes
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DO YOU HAVE THE KOREAN HEMORRHAGIC FEVER?

* * * *

SEE QUESTIONNAIRE AT RIGHT

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'Little did I know', said MICHAEL STRYSICK, "that the disease I contracted in Korea in 1953 would haunt me for the rest of my life. Had I known this 40 years ago, I would have been one of the most outspoken Korean War veterans the U.S. Government ever knew."

He is speaking of the insidious disease, Korean Hemorrhagic Fever. It has taken the better part of 40 years to find more about the fever, and who has it, and find them. The questionnaire shown here is directed to any who served in China, Japan, Russia, or Korea. If you were in any of those places, and had a fever (of any kind) a blood test should be sent in. This list would include malaria and dated back to 1930s. Positive tests for the "Hantaan" strain have been received from WWII vets.

Michael added: "Congressman Tom Penny, MN, stated anyone with positive test results to the Hantaan strain should file a claim for 100 percent disability."

Monroe County Chapter No. 1, Inc.
Rochester, New York

On April 15, 1993 the Korean War Veterans of Monroe County Chapter 1 of Rochester, New York held their election of officers for the year 1993-94. Listed below is the names of the newly elected officers for our Chapter:

President Donald G. Cofsky; 36 Tilegate Glen; Fairport, NY 14450. (716) 223-7792.
1st Vice President Bob De Meco; 244 Polaris St.; Rochester, NY 14605.
2nd Vice President Philip McNally; 36 Baldwin St.; Rochester, NY 14609. (716) 482-7556.
Secretary Kathleen Veltz; 10 Mercedes Dr.; Rochester, NY 14624. (716) 247-1967.
Treasurer Paul Wurzer; 886 Britton Rd.; Rochester, NY 14616. (716) 663-3153.

When this questionnaire is completed, mail it to:
Service Officer, P.O. Box 2324; Harrisburg, PA 17105.

Questionnaire For Korean War Veterans

1. NAME_____________________________________________________

2. CURRENT ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER (OPTIONAL)__________

3. DATE OF BIRTH________________________SEX__________
   RACE____________________(SOME CHRONIC DISEASES ARE
   KNOWN TO BE MORE COMMON AMONG INDIVIDUALS OF CERTAIN
   RACES)

4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER______________________________

5. MILITARY I.D. NUMBER (IF KNOWN)_____________________

6. APPROXIMATE DATES SERVED IN KOREA__________________

7. WAS PATIENT HOSPITALIZED WHILE SERVING__________

8. IF YES, APPROXIMATE DATES__________________________

9. DISCHARGE DIAGNOSIS (IF KNOWN)_____________________

We would like to explore the possibility that Korean hemorrhagic fever (also known as epidemic hemorrhagic fever or hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome) may make a person more likely to develop certain chronic diseases later in life. Since the virus which causes this disease was only recently isolated, and diagnostic tests are not widely available, this survey is only an initial investigation to see if additional, more detailed studies are justified. If responses suggest that past patients are indeed at greater risk of some chronic diseases, then a more formal study will be initiated and you will be invited to enroll.

If you do not know the answer to any of the following questions please leave it blank.

7. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DIAGNOSED AS
   HYPERTENSIVE. YES_________NO_________
   IF YES, APPROXIMATE DATE (YEAR) OF FIRST DIAGNOSIS_____
   ARE YOU PRESENTLY TAKING MEDICATION TO CONTROL YOUR
   HYPERTENSION YES_________NO_________

8. HAVE YOU EVER SUFFERED A STROKE_________YES_________NO_________
   IF YES, APPROXIMATE DATE (YEAR)_____________________

9. SINCE LEAVING KOREA, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DIAGNOSED AS
   HAVING KIDNEY DISEASE_________YES_________NO_________
   IF YES APPROXIMATE DATE (YEAR)_____________________

10. SINCE LEAVING KOREA, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TOLD THAT YOU
    HAVE BLOOD OR PROTEIN IN YOUR URINE_________YES_________
     IF YES, APPROXIMATE DATE (YEAR)_____________________

8. DID YOU RECEIVE TREATMENT OF MEDICATION FOR THIS
   CONDITION_________YES_________NO_________

11. ARE YOU NOW RECEIVING, OR HAVE YOU EVER REQUIRED KIDNEY
    DIALYSIS_________YES_________NO_________
    IF YES, DATE (YEAR) OF FIRST DIALYSIS_____________________  

12. HAVE YOU EVER HAD A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT_________YES_________NO_________
    IF YES, DATE (YEAR)_____________________

13. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN A FORMAL STUDY OF
    THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF KOREAN HEMORRHAGIC FEVER
    (IF CONDUCTED, THIS STUDY WOULD INVOLVE A REVIEW OF THE
    PATIENT'S RECORDS, AND LIMITED LABORATORY TESTS SUCH AS
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|      | 5. Windbreaker/Golf Jacket | Midnight Blue Nylon | Official 3/4" Round KWVA Patch M/L/XL/XXL | $32.50 |
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|      | 9. MINIATURE CAP RIBBONS | For wear on your official KWVA Overseas Cap-Mounted for wear. All in stock. | $2.50 |
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|      |      | Army w/gold frame | $3.50 |
|      |      | Korea (Syngman Phee) w/gold frame | $4.50 |
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|      |      | Official Round Map of Korea 3/4" | $5.00 |
|      |      | Official Round 10" Map of Korea | $10.00 |
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|      |      | 24th Inf Div | 20th Air Force | |
|      |      | 25th Inf div | 1 Corps | |
|      |      | 40th Inf Div | X Corps | |
|      |      | 45th Div | |
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|      | 14. WINDOW DECALS | | $1.25 ea. |
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BATTLELINES—The above map traces important phases of 1952 operations in Korea, locating key hills and ridges on western and central fronts where the bitter action has been concentrated. The Eighth Army review of 1952 calls it a deadlock with the line virtually unchanged since armistice negotiators designated it as a truce line in November, 1951, becoming the most dangerous strip of ground on earth.

38th Regt 2nd Div. Daytime patrol near Kumwha, May 1953. Left to right: EUGENE CONWAY; RICHIE ALEXANDER; FRANK CARLUCCI (lying down); WILLIAM LARABEE.

Cpl. Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter
Staten Island, NY

The following Officers and Trustees were elected for the year 1993-1994 at the April meeting of the Alan F. Kivlehan Chapter:

President: Richard McNeil. 1st Vice President: James Jahn. 2nd Vice President: Joseph Calabria. Treasurer: Peter Dodd. Secretary: Thomas Harrison. Judge Advocate: Donald Ducey. 3 year Trustee: Lawrence Shaver. 2 year Trustee: Joseph Ferris. 1 year Trustee: Martin Niler.


What Was The Exact Hour That Ended The Korean War?

RICHARD FOLTYNEWICZ; 920 Chestnut St.; Ottawa, IL 61350. Phone 815-433-4429—writes as a veteran of WWII and his mission is to have December 7 officially declared as permanent "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day."

Richard is a staunch supporter of all veterans activities; the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day happens to be his number one priority. In telephone conversations with him, Graybeards has gladly received his offers of help — he is working hard to publicize not only KWVA but the copyright scandal problems.

He and his fellow members of his VFW Color Guard plan to hold a small ceremony on the date and exact time of the Korean War end.

IF YOU KNOW THAT EXACT HOUR that the Korean War ended in armistice, will you please contact Richard and tell him about it?

He has been nearly a one-man army in getting the mayors of surrounding towns to issue separate proclamations honoring the Korean War. It would be worth your time to get to know him.
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I understand that if my order for the World War II 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coins is postmarked no later than July 9, 1993, I am entitled to the pre-issue price. Coins are not sold until certified and accepted by the United States Mint. The Mint reserves the right to limit quantities and may discontinue accepting orders at any time. Shipping will begin in July 1993 and continue for several months. Coins may be delivered in multiple shipments.

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO COPYRIGHT THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

We suggest that you read this letter written from the heart of a grieving father who was also a P.O.W. Then go look in the mirror and ask yourself: WHY?

"Dear Stan: I am sending these pamphlets to see what you think of them. "We Are The Forgotten Men" just came to me so I just put it down. I believe the Lord gave me the words. Maybe by this time you can pretty well tell that I am a Minister of Jesus Christ. It is great to be saved by the blood of Jesus Christ.

"He gives me many things. He has taken away the hurt of the past. Of what I have gone through. My oldest son was 38 years old when he was murdered in 1990. It killed me almost. It brought back bitter memories. My son had been in the 1st Air Cav. in Vietnam as a paratrooper. I had to tell the Lord that this was His problem, what He had died for. I put the hurt on His shoulders.

"I don't say things are easy. They're not, but they are better than they were.

"I hope you will believe what I am sending you. Please believe that many of our comrades were sold into slavery for greed.

"Thanking you very much for your time and patience. Hoping you read and publish if you can, these articles." Sincerely yours: ROBERT E. CLARK; (POW, #500); 205 9th St. S.
#1111; St. Petersburg, FL 33705.

WE ARE THE FORGOTTEN MEN

In June of 1950 when our country was committed to a far away land called Korea, a place we knew nothing about we enlisted. We went away to basic training and then advanced training. Then most of us got to go home on leave before being committed to war.

Then we were sent to Camp Stoneman, Calif. and then to San Francisco where we boarded ships bound for Japan. I was loaded onto an old W.W.I German ship that was captured. Then named it the U.S.S. General Hase. Maybe many of you have heard of it. Many of us didn't know what this war was all about, but we loved our country so much that we went.

When we got to Japan, which took about 28 days of misery and seasickness we were sent to Camp Drake. From there we were shipped to Korea and our outfits as replacements. We were pretty much shunted because no combat vet wants to make friends because they don't want to see more friends get killed. Later as combat vets we found out the horrible truth of this.

As we fought from one battle to the next we saw many of our comrades fall. As we went along we found many that had been captured and made to dig their own graves. Then they had their hands tied behind their backs with their boot laces. Then shot through the head.

Across the 38th parallel to the Yalu River, the Chosin Reservoir, to Pork Chop Hill, to Heart Break Ridge. Many of us lost limbs to the freezing weather. Frost bite was common to us because we had inferior clothing and weapons. Our weapons froze. In the summer the weather was so hot. When we used our water cooled 50 caliber machine guns and we ran out of water, we had to urinate to keep them going. Some got so hot they just burned out.

Some of us were captured and forced on a long death march. We were taken to prison camps that were worse than pig stys. We were fed food that even the pigs wouldn't eat. Many of us died from malnutrition and many died from dysentery. We were so filled with lice, we were eaten up. Many had infected limbs that turned to gangrene and died. We were tortured. We were taken out nude into the freezing weather and made to stand for hours. Many died from overexposure. They wanted information from us.

We are the forgotten soldiers. When we came home we did not ask for a parade. We were so glad to be alive and home that we didn't really care. Many of us came home with arms and legs gone. Many of us came home blind. Many of us came home not really knowing they were home. Many of us were sent home for military funeral. Many of us didn't come home. Many of us are still over there. We are the forgotten soldiers. Many of us still lie in unmarked graves, crying out, but not heard because we are the forgotten soldiers. We are heard only by God and He alone.

We are the forgotten soldiers. We are the forgotten men. We fought under the U.N. flag but this was called a conflict or a police action where no police did we see.

The CITY OF OTTAWA, ILL has adopted this drawing for its Vehicle Tax Sticker 1993-1994.

"Stand and be proud to say you are a Korean War Veteran"

Stan, keep up the good work you are doing for the Korean Veterans!

Each year on the anniversary of the independence of Korea from the Imperial Japanese Army, (August 15, 1945) the Korean American Senior Citizens of Santa Clara County, CA invite all Korea War Veterans to attend their celebration. We are treated to lunch (Korean food) some speeches, and a drawing for gifts. Also each veteran is given a plaque in appreciation for their dedication to Korea and the Korean People. We always look forward to attending.

Mr. Park, the president of the Korean American Senior Citizens asks if anyone would like to speak. The past three years I have volunteered to speak. First I thank the Korean American Senior Citizens for their friendship and generous hospitality then I address the Korean War Veterans.

A few excerpts from my speech are:

"Because of the sacrifice we and our fellow soldiers made, 40 million people are living in freedom today. Something never before experienced by the people of Korea.

"Although forgotten and ignored by our nation, the citizens of Korea love and respect you for saving their nation.

"No matter how you feel about Korea or the war stand and be proud to say "I am a Korean War Veteran".

—CLIFF MEYER; 7143 Valeriana Ave.; Citrus Heights, CA 95621-1962.
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Graybeards was advised that under the Right-to-Privacy Act, addresses will not
be furnished.

THE "KOREAN WAR
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IS NOT BY KWVA!

We were in 19th Quartermaster in Yong
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these men since that time. Please contact me: ANGELO PALERMO; 765 Fourth
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TOP PHOTO: L to R — William C.
Hicks from Georgia; me, Angelo
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WITH ALL politicians —
the chief cause of problems is ...solutions.
PICTURED above is a Korean Royal Marine saluting a wreath which has just been placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Graybeards (The veterans; please do not confuse title with KWV/VA newsletter). The National Cemetery is one of the stops during the week of tours in the "Korea Revisit Program." Another highlight of the week is a trip to Panmunjom where the veterans view the "Bridge of No Return" and cross into North Korea by going to the north side of the negotiating table. Most Graybeards are surprised to learn that Armistice talks are still in progress, 40 years after the cease-fire. To participate in the "Korea Revisit Program" scheduled for the Fall of this year, see the ad on page 28.

IF YOU ALSO BELONG TO THE VFW AND/OR AMERICAN LEGION PLEASE READ THIS

The two largest veterans organizations in the United States are the VFW and the Legion (not necessarily in that order). None of us will dispute that. And neither will we dispute that both organizations do a great deal of good, and the members work hard and are dedicated to the efforts. As a matter of fact, Graybeards Editor Stan Hadden joined the VFW in 1943 while overseas when a friend back home signed him up and paid the dues. And Stan is a Lifetime Member of VFW.

The point of this story is this: National offices of both VFW and the Legion, in Washington, DC, have continued to refuse to publish any story submitted by us urging them to publicize the copyright scandal surrounding the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Viet Nam Memorial Statues.

We do not know why they refuse to help us. They have failed to answer any of our letters to date.

"It is my personal opinion," said Stan Hadden, "that as a lifetime member of VFW I am entitled to at least an answer from the national office."

While Glenn Sheridan was in Topeka VA for PTSD I painted this on his garage door, as a surprise. — Dorothy Wacker, P.O. Box 177; Murdock, MN 56271. She then added: "I'm still in VA; put in my application for SS disability. May have to go on Medicare and have surgery. Glenn was a Navy medic attached to 1st Marines in Korea."

IT'S ACT NOW OR loose!

A proposed Bill has been presented to a member of Congress on May 11 by a group of Viet Nam veterans.

That bill requests Congress to take several actions that will result in killing the copyright privileges on all memorials, now being given away by ABMC/KWVMAB.

Their action will help Korean War veterans.

What will you do to help the struggle? Will you write your Senator and your Congressman/woman?

See pages 7 and 9.

ARMY

17th Infantry Regiment: reunion October 15, 16, 17, At Sheraton Inn, Fort Smith Arkansas. Contact: RALPH COLLEY; 408 K Street; Barling, AR 72923.

I served in Korea from December 1950 until November 1951. I was assigned to the 1st Ord M.M. Co.

We had our first reunion last August (1992) in Chicago, Ill. Only about 24 men and their wives showed up but we had a good time.

We are getting together again this year. We are looking for anyone who served in the 1st Ord M.M. Co. during 1950 and 1951 in Korea. Please contact OWEN WEIBLE, 21233 Palos Verdes Bl.; Torrance, Calif 90710.

300th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, the "Cowboy Cannoneers". Reunion Sept 13 & 15, 1993 at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Contact: RILL DAY, Chairman; 4019 Prestwick Place; Riverton, WY 82501. Phone 307-856-6546.

58th Ord Ammo Co (WWII and Korea): We are trying to locate veterans from WWII and Korea to notify them of our 8th annual reunion. This year, it will be in Owensboro, Kentucky, September 2-4, 1993. We will be housed at the Executive Inn. Contact: Robert D. Lambert, Sr.; 1605 North Marshall Rd.; Middletown, Ohio 45042-3350. For registration and current newsletter, phone (513) 423-5600. Note: we were attached to the 83rd Ord. B.T.N., 314th ORD. Group in Korea.

Osaka Army Hospital, 1950-1953.

Reunion tentatively scheduled for September 1994 in San Antonio, TX. Contact Wilson A. Heefner, M.D. 7205 Park Woods Drive; Stockton, CA 95207-1409; (209) 951-4748.

The 424 FA BN is having their 4th Annual Reunion October 8, 9 and 10, 1993 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. For information, contact James J. Milbank, 3242 Nolen Avenue; Walker, Iowa 52252-9653. Paul Guerrero, 4352 Mann Street; Oak Forest, Illinois 60452. Or Andy Gillette; 2495 Blatkis Row; Mansfield; Michigan 49660.

I served with the 424 Baker Battery in Korea. I have read a few books on the forgotten war and I have never read anything about the 424 BN or the "Big 8's", as we were called. We supported the infantry in all major attacks like in Old Balpy, Porkchop and others, but it seems like nobody remembers the Big 8's in their stories. But some of us cannoneers are still around and I hope that we can get to all the 424 FA BN Cannoneers. —PAUL GUERRERO.

MARINES

The unique group of Marines, "Summer of 48", consisting of former Marines who every other year make the trek to Paris Is., S.C. as graduates of Recruit Training during 1948 are having their first husband/ wife (boy friend/girl friend?) reunion in the Inner Harbor of Baltimore, Md. on 9/14, 15 and 16, 1993. For details contact our C.O., Col. Joe Brancati, 39 Ruxton Road, Plumview, N.Y. 11803.

NAVY

I am looking for members of the crew of the USS Gulfport P.F. 20. The Gulfport was a Navy ship manned by a United States Coast Guard crew. Reunion dates: Sept. 15-19, 1993 Clarion Hotel Cinn. Ohio. Contact: Richard H. James; 172 Steele St; New Britain, CT. 06052.


U.S.S. Finch DE-332 — WDE-428

Sixth Annual Reunion and 50th Anniversary — Sept 29th - Oct 3; San Antonio, TX. Contact: Bob Stevens; 409 Dellwood St.; Tilton, IL 61833.
THE NAMES
By Kathleen Cronan Wysenick
Member of The National Board of Directors, 1992-1995.
I want to express my views regarding the controversy of having "the names" inscribed on our Memorial. My thoughts are both personal in nature, and as a Member of the Board of Directors, since I sincerely believe my position should be made known to our membership.

On Veterans Day, 1988, the columnist, "Dear Abby", published a letter that I had written seeking donations for the Memorial. Subsequently, her generous readers contributed over $600,000. It was my naive assumption that our KIA/MIA and POWs' names would be given an appropriate place of honor on the wall that is to be constructed on the memorial site.

In retrospect, my motives were selfish, in that I wanted to be assured that my first husband, Lt. Richard Cronan, USAF, a jet fighter pilot, who was KIA over North Korea on his one and only mission, would be accorded his rightful place in the history of our war.

In short course, after my letter was printed, I was contacted by hundreds of K- Vets. They shared painful memories with me, and at times we wept together over the pain that lingers to this very day. From these combat vets, I learned first-hand the statistics of a war on far-away frozen battlefields, that occurred 1950-1953.

These brave vets taught me names I had never heard of... Heartbreak Ridge, Iron Triangle, Pork Chop Hill, Chosin Reservoir, Inchon, Chorwon, Pusan. All and more, are forever seared in my heart.

I was taught by our Ex-Pows, about brain-washing, and unspeakable torture. Daily my respect for you grew until each and every one of you were encompassed in my goal: a long-overdue Memorial in our nation's capital. I will never cease fighting for the recognition of your courageous deeds and have the Memorial that YOU have labored so long and hard to accomplish.

Some in our Association have had their letters published in previous issues of Graybeards, opposing "the names" lest we become a "copy-cat" of the Vietnam "Wall". Some said our Memorial would in essence become a "waiting wall".

To you who hold that view, I ask: Does the "Wall" have a franchise, precluding us from honoring our fellow K- Vets, who fell in Korea, making the Supreme sacrifice?

Have you driven through small towns, all across America, where Memorials have been lovingly built, with the names of their local soldiers, who died in the Revolutionary War, up to, and including, Desert Storm?? Some hold the view that it would not be "practical" to have "the names", as we do not have a complete and accurate list.

So What? At least put the names up that we DO have, and we can add, or delete, as the facts later present themselves.

Do I think that by insisting that "the names" be an innate part of the construction, will only serve to delay or impede, further progress? Well, aren't we, at present, already mired in D.C. gridlock, subject to the whims of self-serving bureaucrats?

I have frequently travelled to Honolulu, for the express purpose of visiting Punchbowl, the Arlington of the Pacific. I have walked up the stairs to The Courts of The Missing, where on column after column, the heroic names of our 8,177 MIAs are etched in stone. I have placed tropical leis at each column, I have prayed in the chapel, beseeching God for the return of our precious remains, to be buried in American soil. I have observed grayheaded men trace the map of Korea, locating a combat area, where their Buddies fell. I have seen these grandfathers show their grandchildren where the threat of global Communism was halted at the 38th Parallel.

How can we "Tell America" about the "forgotten" war if we permit bureaucrats in Washington, DC to deny the history of our war, or let them refuse to place on public full view "the names" of our dead, who rest in eternity?

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:

YES! I WANT TO HELP!

I AM ENCLOSEING WHAT I CAN GIVE AT THIS TIME.

FOR TELL AMERICA ABOUT THE KOREAN WAR CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MADE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.
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P.O. BOX 127 — CARThERS, CALIFORNIA 93609

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS: (PLEASE PRINT)

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!

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.
PHOTO ABOVE: Taken in Korea in the Fall of 1950 — it is "M" Co., 27th Reg., 25th Div., 75 Recoiless Rifle Platoon. I cannot give you the names, but I am in the center with my hands on the left shoulder of one of the Korean soldiers that was in our Platoon.

BELOW: shows the Suncoast Chapter members participating in the recent Fun Parade sponsored by Florida Power Corp. In St. Petersburg, Fla. Names are left to right: George Schauerte, Chuck Dawson, Ed Hunter, Bernie Christy, Ray Smith, Joe Finch, Herb Gilbert and Joe Sheehan.
—CHARLES L. DAWSON; 7503-119th Ave. N.; Largo, FL 34643. 813-538-9504.

NEW
GRAYBEARDS
EDITOR Sought

"STAN: I want to thank you and say I really enjoy reading Graybeards and I think you are doing a great job. I know it takes a lot of work to put this all together. For those who complain I'm sure they wouldn't touch your job with a ten-foot pole. When you try and do something good there are always complainers."
—PAT FILIODO: 255-11 87th Dr.; Floral Park, NY 11001.

We printed Pat's letter as an example of the very many we receive. Because there's something we want to tell you now:

I do all the work by myself, except for the typesetting and printing. I use my six-dollar typewriter for all writing. I work every day for Graybeards and KWVA. And it is all for free — I do it as a labor of love.

Now I must stop. My health has been severely battered this winter, especially my eyesight. It's time for a professional team to take over.

And the battle to have the Memorial built in a timely fashion — to include the names of KIA/MIA on the Memorial — to fight to the bitter end the effort to copyright the Memorial (a deed that I consider to be highly insulting to the memory of every man and woman who has ever served in uniform for this nation) — these have taken their toll.

I am discouraged to see that the bureaucrats in Washington, DC are allowed by too many members of KWVA to go ahead with their plans to copyright the Memorial — to build an outhouse for a place to put the names in a computer — and I constantly recall the words of Chamberlain when he returned from his meeting with Hitler and said "Peace at any price."

And I ask myself: Are you willing to have a Memorial at any price?

Stan Hadden is not.

I thank all of you for letting me be your editor for almost five years.
—STAN HADDEN; P.O. Box 131; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. Phone 304-535-2259.

Louisiana Chapter

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Metairie, LA 70055

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The following was a part of their outstanding newsletter for April:

THE MILITARY ASSOCIATIONS’ "HOTLINE":

If you are concerned about the recruiting of homosexuals into the armed forces, you may do something about it by simply calling 1-900-454-1776. This call will cost you $4.65 and in return you will receive personal letters with your letterhead. These letters are written to President Clinton; our two Senators and your Congressman. Within a couple of days, you will receive your letters for signature along with envelopes. Simply sign and mail and your feelings about this issue have been put on record.
THE WAR OF THE DONKEYS; GUERRILLA WARFARE IN KOREA

"Stan: I have enclosed the attached for two reasons — (1) it is now declassified, and (2) my comrades need to know we existed as a unit. We were declassified in 1984.

"The Forgotten War has a truly 'forgotten Unit' — the 8240th UNPFK: "United Nations Partisan Forces (Infantry) Korea". Many of these were Airborne Rangers and formed into partisan (guerrilla) leaders on the off-shore islands on the coast of Korea in 1951.

"Many of us were infiltrated into the interior by airborne. By the time I left Frozen Chosin in March 1953 we were approximately 18,000 strong. Our offshore incursions tied up an estimated 350,000-plus commie troops in the rear that would have otherwise been sent to the front. There they would have been used for pushes.

"Our men paid a price — once with a price on their head and second as POW.

"Now that the wraps are off I feel recognition is now due. If there are any other "DONKEYS" or "WOLFPACK" groups members out there, please contact me.

"In 1952 Special Operations (Forces) was formed and today we proudly wear the Green Beret of Special Forces. We all fought the war as were assigned; except for 30-plus years we of the 8240th were committed to silence.

"My hat is off to every GI that fought in Korea. I picked up my Purple Heart in the Chorwon Valley in 1952."

—NAT W. YOUNG; 13318 Canaan Bridge Dr.; Houston, TX 77041.

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Following are a few excerpts from the story, written by Maj. Shawa M. Darragh, sent by Nat.

Whatever the origins of the Korean War, it appears that both U.S. military and intelligence planners were caught unprepared for the events that unfolded in the wake of the North Korean invasion. To all but a handful of Americans, Korea was an obscure country, rarely mentioned and of little interest.

The State Department was as ignorant of the fact that Korea had been a major supplier of one of the world's strategic metals, tungsten, as military planners were of the existence of an emerging anticomunist guerrilla movement in the agricultural heart of North Korea. The burden of defending what little was left of a U.S. toehold on the peninsula left little time for studied reflection.

By October, 1950, with several newly organized Airborne Ranger companies attached to the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, U.S. forces had taken the enemy capital of Pyongyang and were chasing what was left of the so-called North Korean People's Army toward the Yalu River.

As the military government teams rolled behind the combat forces, they discovered that not all the North Korean people's armies were fighting for North Korean Premier Kim Il Sung. Several, in fact, had been fighting his government since early 1947. One such hotbed of anticomunist activity was centered in Hwanghae Province.

With the arrival of United Nations forces, both guerrillas and guerrilla sympathizers came out into the open. Needless to say, the newly arriving military government teams viewed the guerrillas' claims as combatants with suspicion. In some cases they were hired to assist in maintaining order and to identify former communist collaborators, but in most their employment awaited the arrival of South Korean officials who naturally tended to favor the groups allied with Republic of Korea (ROK) President Syngman Rhee. Whatever civic potential these groups had was undercut by the November, 1950, Chinese intervention which swept the UN forces back south.

To British and American naval units off the coast, the sight of multitudes of refugees spilling over the tiny villages of Wolsa-ri, Tok-tong and Mongampo-ri was hardly unexpected. What did come as a shock was the obvious existence of an organized guerrilla movement among the refugees. While the Navy evacuated civilians, poorly armed guerrillas fought off North Korean attacks and pleaded for naval gunfire support. This was soon provided through an ad hoc arrangement while the task force commander cabled Far East Command (FECCOM) Headquarters that some kind of North Korean resistance movement apparently existed.

Meanwhile, Col. John H. McCree had considered the possibilities of combining the expertise available in the Airborne Ranger companies with the added dimension afforded by the existence of North Korean guerrillas in a memorandum to
the FECOM staff. His recommendations on "attrition warfare" proposed the formation of a joint staff composed of the U.S. and ROK armies, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy and ROK Marine personnel charged with the responsibility of guerrilla and penetration operations against North Korea. These were to be raiding operations conducted unilaterally or in conjunction with North Korean guerrilla forces for the purpose of freeing prisoners of war or hitting selected targets in the enemy's rear.

This command, in its various forms, underwent a variety of name changes during the Korean War which escaped public attention. Designations included Special Activity Forces, Miscellaneous Division, FECOM, the Far East Command Liaison Detachment—Korea, the Combined Center for Reconnaissance Activities—Korea and the United Nations Partisan Forces—Korea (UNPF-K).

Command of the guerrillas was a purely internal affair. Thus, the guerrillas ran their own show, subject to the constraints that they were dependent on the Korean Navy for base support and defense, on the Korean marines for instruction, and on the Americans for logistical succor.

As the conventional war stabilized on the mainland, guerrilla operations intensified. A headquarters for directing both intelligence and resistance operations had been established at Kanghwa-do, which had its own jump school near Seoul. More important, four guerrilla bases operating under the names Baker, Virginia, Cuba and Leopard had been established off the coasts of Hwanghae-do. As guerrillas flocked to the islands they were met by the fledgling United Nations Partisan Forces, supplied with arms and munitions, trained and launched back into the fight. The number of guerrilla bands grew accordingly, and by late 1951, there were at least seven such bands which had taken to calling themselves "donkeys."

The term "donkey" was an enigma to U.S. personnel working with the guerrillas. Some believed it came from the fact that village elders and government servants had traditionally ridden donkeys, while others thought it was a reference to how the guerrillas looked when carrying the generator incident to the operation of the ANGRC-109 radio. The term was probably more closely related to the Korean words for "lighters of liberty," which includes the term dong-il (liberty).

Each donkey was divided into the combat personnel on the islands organized into battalions numbering from 70 to 200 men each and personnel belonging to "interior" units (that is, agents, auxiliary and combat personnel living behind the lines or in mainland guerrilla strongholds). Since guerrillas are dependent on timely intelligence for their survival, the reliability of these interior personnel of en determined the success of the donkeys, whose strength waxed or waned with the fortunes of war. During a one-month period, a particular donkey might must a mere 200 men, while several months later it might count well over 2,000.

If UN troops found it impossible to distinguish North Korean infiltrators from South Korean refugees, the North Korean People's Army faced a similar problem in Hwanghae-do. Donkey after-action reports are replete with instances in which guerrillas passed themselves off, with devastating results, as farmers, fishermen, low-ranking party functionaries, high-ranking party officials, and North Korean People's Army officers.

Each donkey was commanded by a gun leader elected by a simple majority vote of its membership. This was usually someone who had been well known and respected in their part of Hwanghae, even among the newly formed guerrilla bands, and it was not expected that he exercise military command. Rather, he imparted motivation, purpose and political direction to the movement and dictated policy to the military leadership. Once elected, he had the power of life and death over his subordinates subject to the stipulation that he could be removed from office by a two-thirds vote.

This independence of action served the movements well, but it proved vexing to U.S. commanders and staffs accustomed to the stability inherent in conventional military organizations. While gun leaders set their sights on Hwanghae-do, U.S. military leaders were developing other ways in which this combat support force could be employed to assist UN combat operations.

Former guerrilla members were soon conducting ground reconnaissance and observation activities in support of tactical and strategic intelligence operations, mounting raids against selected targets deep within North Korea, and accompanying U.S. Army and Marine air and naval gunfire fire-direction teams on missions along the eastern coast of North Korea. Thus, what became known as the United Nations Partisan Forces—Korea blossomed into a full-scale special operations command conducting, among other forms of unconventional warfare, a guerrilla war in Hwanghae Province.

Casualties in such a campaign can be heavy. In November, 1951, for example, donkey 15 lost one British Army captain, one British naval officer, one British Navy petty officer and one U.S. Army sergeant—killed out of a total UN advisory contingent of five. The guerrillas themselves suffered corresponding losses; conditions on the mainland were much worse.

The hazards of such an undertaking should not be underestimated in this age of air mobile extraction and medical evacuation. There were no helicopters readily available for use in North Korea, so use of evacuation itself was hazardous and risky, and captured partisans were often brutally tortured so that removing them was impossible. For morale purposes, wounded personnel behind the lines who could not be evacuated were shot.

The second major change took place within the donkeys. With the prospect that they would never return home came a despondency that severely affected their morale. Junior leaders began to question gun leaders. Gun leaders and cadre began to question both U.S. and ROK intentions. Some guerrillas slipped away to begin anticomunist operations on their own, and political infighting and bickering increased.

The United Nations Partisan Forces—Korea, whose members for so many years wore the combat patch of their original Korean War unit and strung off all references to any Hwanghae-do guerrilla days as a "classified assignment," was impetus for and the immediate forerunner to modern special forces and the 1st Special Operations Command. While many aspects of its operations still remain classified, it was certainly the first headquarters that sought to fuse Special Forces and Rangers into a single command for the purpose of conducting guerrilla operations, long-range raids and other direct-action operations related to unconventional warfare or unconventional support of combat forces. That fact will, I hope, be reflected when Army historians assemble the lineage and honors of this new command. Recognition of the UNPF-K is long overdue.

GO BACK AND READ PAGES 7 & 9 AND ACT NOW!
Korean War Memorial of Wisconsin

The Village of Plover, Wisconsin is pleased and proud to provide a site on the island in Lake Pacawa for the Wisconsin Korean War Veterans Memorial. The above artist’s drawing shows an inspiring tribute to the 132,000 "sons and daughters of Wisconsin who served in the cause of freedom in the Korean War."

It is scheduled for completion in June 1994 but your help is needed and will be appreciated. Donations may be sent to: KWWMAW; 6205 Hwy V, Rt 1; Caledonia, WI 53108. CHANCY J. DUNDAY, president of that chapter, sent this letter:

We started our memorial project in 1987 after talking about it for years. We had originally chosen a site near Highway 51 between Coloma and Westfield at the Rest Stop on the South bound lane. We worked with this site from 1987 until 1991. During this time we tried for local support with little or no success. Then we found we might have some problems getting a "use" permit from the State. About this time the Village of Plover offered us a site in their park located at Highway 51 and County Trunk B. So in 1991 the Board decided to take their offer and moved the Memorial site to Worzella Pines Park on the island in Lake Pacawa at Plover, Wisconsin. The Village deeded us the land for 99 years with renewal options. The local support is inspiring and we, at last, are moving forward. The groundbreaking will be May 22, 1993 and the Memorial will be in place June 1994. We hope to have your continued support.

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CHARLES EDGAR MAIN

Charles Edgar Main, age 66, of Georgetown, De, died Thursday, in Milford Memorial Hospital due to cancer. Mr. Main was a machine operator for Townsends, Inc., Millsboro for 20 years working there up until his death. Prior to that, he worked at the Laurel Feed Mill as a dump operator for 10 years. Prior to that he drove a truck for Charles Graves at Gravel Hill. From the age of 13 until he moved to Georgetown in 1956, Mr. Main was a coal miner in West Virginia. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He attended the Church of God in Georgetown. He is survived by his wife of 39 years Clyetta Main; a son, two daughters, eight grandchildren, one brother and four sisters.

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Sgt. Charles E. Main and I were buddies at Camp Crawford Japan and Korea. We were in 31st. Regt. 7th. Div. We landed at Inchon, September 1950.

We were hauling supplies somewhere near The Chosin Reservoir.

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REUNION NOTICE

1999th AFA BN (Armored Field Artillery Battalion) (Army Korea 1950 - 1954) will hold its 6th annual reunion September 11-12, 1993 at the USA Inn, York, Nebraska. For more information contact: GERALD HEIDEMAN; R1, 2 Box 268; Waco, NE 68460. Phone: (402) 728-5435.

Sgt. Main was driving a captured Russian truck and I was riding shotgun. It was dark when the Chinese opened fire from the hill on our left. We jumped out and got behind the truck. Sgt. Main decided to get back into the truck. Later I decided to do the same. When I opened the door, he stuck his M1 in my face. Thank God the safety was on, I suppose he thought I was the Chinese. Together we left Korea, July 1951.

I was able to locate him again October 1992. We talked on the phone a long time. He said, that made his day. That was on a Saturday. He was due to go to Johns Hopkins Hospital on Monday for a test. He died April 1, 1993 of cancer.

Another buddy has died before The Korean War Memorial is built. He didn’t know about The Chosin Few or The Korean War Veterans Association. He wanted to join, but God had other plans.

His family has requested that you list his death in our newsletter. They would appreciate a copy being sent to; Mrs. Charles E. Main; 104 Murray’s Rd; Georgetown, Delaware 19947.

—JAMES A. ADKINS; 1903 Pump Road; Richmond, Virginia 23233.
GENE PUTNAM (in his motor scooter) surrounded by members of the Hammond Color Guard. Left to right: W. Perry, D. Goerlich, N. Bentele, Chet Shaw, A. Sonn (kneeling), V. Steinkamp, and F. Pray.

Stan, I forgot in my last letter to tell you that "GENE" RAYMOND PUTNAM KWVA Member #2054, Quincy, IL passed away this last summer. Gene was an Army Photographer 51st Sig Bn I Corp 1951-52 Korea.

A lot of pictures Gene took during his tour of duty in Korea were sent into our history book and published. Gene was honored by having many of his photos placed in the Truman Library Archives in Independence, MO. He was a great KWVA member, even when he was seriously ill, and he would insist on doing his duty as our Chapter Photographer.

(SEE PHOTO) Gene was on full oxygen and we had a parade in Quincy. He had his sister get his scooter and down he came to get our picture. If we were all as good a member as Gene was this outfit (The KWVA) would have nothing to worry about. A good trooper right to the end.
—NORBERT Bentele; 711 S. 16th St.; Quincy, IL 62301.

I am sending these photographs taken on the Vermont side of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Bridge that crosses Lake Champlain between Rouses Point, N.Y. and Alburg, Vermont. You can also see the memorial that was erected on the Vt. side. I also included the photo of Ft. Montgomery, on the Canadian border, to emphasize the historical importance of this area of our country. The bridge was dedicated by Gov. Kunin of Vermont and Lt. Gov. Lundine of N.Y. state, in 1987. Gov. Cuomo of N.Y. was visiting Moscow, in Communist Russia, so he did not attend the ceremony. —CURTIS DANKER; 44 Wescott Road; Schuyler Falls, N.Y. 12985.

THIS CAN HAPPEN TO THE KOREAN WAR MONUMENT

The attorney for a group of Viet Nam veterans opposing copyright of their memorial, might have been referring to the Korean War Veterans Memorial when he said:

"That’s a public monument. That thing is there for all to see, for all to photograph, for all to sketch and draw,” said attorney David Fillipelli, Jr. "That statue is there for a purpose. It is the focal point for a national monument."

"This statue has been placed on federal property indicating that all taxpayers are responsible for its upkeep. It is difficult for us to understand why we should keep paying for this statue over and over again, only to benefit Mr. Scruggs and Mr. Hart. Perhaps we should be paying for the use of the Lincoln, Washington, Jefferson Memorials as well."

ADJUSTING TO ARMY LIFE

Having been born with one blind eye, and having lost half of my right leg in an auto accident in 1950, the draft board sent me for a physical for the Army. Seeing my slight problems in 1951, I was then drafted, and reported for duty, and was assigned to the 9th Division at Ft. Dix, for Basic.

I complained about the rifle range and my eye, so they gave me a rifle with no ammo. Then I mentioned my leg, they said when you march keep that leg on the curb, and the other on the ground, and no one will notice.

All kidding aside, I would like to hear from any of my old buddies from the 2nd Engineer Group, Hq. company. I am sure they will never forget the area around the YongDongPo.

I have been retired from the telephone Company, after 34 years. It would be nice to hear from you guys again. —FREDERICK SEEMANN; 34 Oaktree Lane; Levittown, NY 11756.
"OUTRAGED VETERANS SEE THROUGH THE RUSE OF THAT TV SERIES. . ."

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The following letter expresses the author’s feelings about the TV show M*A*S*H. It came from RICHARD E. COATE; 205 Hicks St.; Brooklyn, NY 11201.

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Over a month has passed since The Star and Stripes published my article, "The Role Of The Medics In The Korean War: a Remembrance." The publication of the article is and will continue to be a significant contribution to the Korean War Veterans Association’s funding drive to "Tell America About the Korean War." Not only does its publication aid in dispelling the M*A*S*H (4077) myth, it gives credit where credit is long overdue — the real medical heroes of the Korean war, the medics whose efforts under fire saved an inestimable number of lives at risk of their own.

Maverick that he was, we can all be thankful that Colonel Arnold Melrowsky bucked army bureaucracy to accomplish what he did. Untold thousands of combat veterans who suffered head and spinal injuries are alive today for his courage. It is my fervent hope that he will not be ignored by future historians of the Korean war. Col. Melrowsky’s great accomplishments, once they are brought to the attention of the American people again, should displace the fictional maverick, the mythical "Hawkeye" whom springs to mind at the mention of Korean War medical personnel. The latter was conceived as a composite character concept who also bucked army bureaucracy that he perform his duties in M*A*S*H 4077 the way he saw fit, saving many lives in the process.

It’s a theme which runs throughout the movie and TV series. "Hawkeye," as linchpin of the black comedy, was established as a morally outraged doctor who rails against the horrors of war — his wit and farcical antics geared to trigger gales of artificial laughter in the process, all in the name of verisimilitude. The objective: to grab and hold audience attention over competitive TV programs in the same time slot, generating enormous advertising revenues for the vested interests. It was a formula that worked and unfortunately still works — at the expense of outraged Korean war veterans who see through the ruse.

Both CBS and 20th Century Fox have spent fortunes in media blitz, advertising M*A*S*H (4077) as an hilarious comedy (made in heaven) about the antics of doctors who resort to all sorts of whacky antics as a distraction from their duties. And Alan Alda’s public relations man worked overtime in building the actor’s public persona as “Mr. Nice Guy,” cementing forever the association between the mythical "Hawkeye" and Alan Alda the star — an American icon with no less than saintly attributes.

A staff member of Stars & Stripes was kind enough to forward to me the letter from Fred Smoger, of Saint Cloud, MN, as one who served with the 4th MASH unit during the Korean War. Mr. Smoger wrote with authority when he stated — in a 1983 St. Cloud newspaper article: . . . "My principal objection to the program is that it tried to transpose dialogue and ideas more suited for the Vietnam War into a setting in the Korean Conflict."

"The original "MASH" movie was produced as a protest to the Vietnam War. The physical setting is 90 percent accurate but the lurching actions of the cast, from Hawkeye on down, would have placed them in the "Big 8" stockade in Tokyo before the next station break. They tried, but failed, to portray the true pain and sadness that encircled each member of the unit and the patients they served."

George W. Goodwin, of Pilot Knob, N.Y., having read the Stars & Stripes article, mailed me a xerox copy of an article published in The Post star in Glen Falls, NY. Written by staff writer Jeremy Bloom, the following excerpt reads: "Korea was one of the most horrific conflicts this nation has ever known. And yet, all that most Americans know of Korea today is what they saw in "M*A*S*H," the feature film and later television series about a mobile army surgical hospital unit stationed in south Korea."

"The vast majority probably have no idea of what it was about, (other than a venue for actor Alan Alda’s wisecracks). It was, in fact, beginning in 1950 the first major conflict of the Cold War, when Communist North Korea, backed by China and the Soviet Union, invaded the non-Communist South."

"The temperatures were below zero in the mountains and over 100 degrees in the summer," says Clyde Antis. "If Alan Alda had been freezing in the snow like I was," adds LaRose, "he wouldn’t be wise cracking like he did on that TV show."

The above are but a few who decry the disservice that M*A*S*H (4077) has done to the Korean war veteran. The article, as it was published in the "Stars and Stripes," will be circulated as a part of the grass roots effort to dispel the M*A*S*H myth and "Tell America About The Korean War." Again I extend my belated thanks to "Stars and Stripes" for publishing my article.

CENTRAL LONG ISLAND CHAPTER
P. O. Box 835
Bayport, NY 11705

This very active chapter has compiled and is handing out with its recruiting drives, a nicely-done booklet titled "A Brief History of the Korean War". If you think you can use something similar, you are advised to contact them.

LET’S TELL AMERICA!
"I know we were all told never volunteer. Well that was then and this is now. This year our fund raising efforts will be aimed at helping raise money for the National K.W.V.A’s campaign to "TELL AMERICA". I am sure you have heard about this in your GRAYBEARDS. If not, it is a program to tell the American people about the Korean War. As I wrote that, I had to stop and say to myself what a shame that we, the men and women who fought that war forty years ago, have to now go and tell the people what the war really meant. But we must do it, and that is why we have decided to donate our efforts this year to raising money to "TELL AMERICA", and that is why we need you.

"We cannot do it with five or six, or even ten or twelve men. We plan to cover the entire area of Central Suffolk. We plan to go out on weekends to any place that we will be allowed to set up a table and raise funds. We will be starting in May and, if we have to, we will go on to October. But maybe if more of you step forward and say I want to help because I want people to know what we did, we will not have to be out that long. If you can spare a weekend or two, please call the Command Post or any officer listed in our newsletter. Give your name and we will be in touch."

—Bill Beaty; Secretary

Too many of us have been fussed about nit-picking the By-Laws. One major member resigned in early 1991 and insists that everybody else is wrong. That’s how the Memorial got all messed up. We let 'em do it!
The most recent pay raise for congress included a cost of living clause that gives members automatic raises each year... $89,500 increased to $125,000!! President Gerald Ford received $228,000 pension and he was on the job for only four years!! Former House Speaker Carl Albert received $114,213 pension last year and has drawn $1.4 million since he retired in 1977 when his pay was $44,600.

Now... look how the Military Widows are being remembered—with budget cuts. Congress has passed and the President has signed the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992. Some of the actions this law brings about are as follows:

Reinstates Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits for remarried eligible survivors whose second or subsequent marriage ended in death or divorce, but only if it happened before November 1, 1990. Since there was such little media attention, affected widows (who are not informed of the law by the Department of Veteran’s Affairs) in the process of terminating marriages during these budget cuts, made financial settlements based on the assumption that they would have their DIC Benefits reinstated. The only articles about the effects of the 1990 action under the provisions of the 1990 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA), which prohibited reinstatement of DIC for remarried spouses, were in newsletters or magazines along the line of Graybeards. Even though this 1992 Act rectifies an injustice, it affects only a small number of those who have lost or will lose benefits under the 1990 law.

Decreases the amount of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) Payments to surviving spouses of E-7s and above who died on active duty or later from service related causes. This is a monthly compensation paid by the Department of Veteran’s Affairs. The benefits have always been paid on a sliding scale related to the member’s rank at the time of death. In 1992 the surviving spouse of an E-7 received a monthly payment of $762 and a spouse of a General or Admiral $1,580.

The 1992 law establishes a flat monthly rate of $750 or what they are currently being paid, whichever is higher. These rates will remain the same until 1995 and beyond, but payments for dependent children will rise 30% or more, each year during this same period.

This Benefits Act requires an in depth study of veteran survivor benefits to include, “feasibility of limiting the period of entitlement of survivors to survivor benefits; plus replacing monthly payments with a lump sum; providing benefits through more insurance coverage or other premium-based payments; also modifying health care benefits and benefits to children survivors.” The study is to be submitted to Congress no later than April 1, 1994.

OF THE FIFTY PLUS MEMBERS of the COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 103D CONGRESS, FIVE WOMEN SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE. They are Patricia Schroeder, Colorado; Tillie K. Fowler, Florida; Marilyn Lloyd, Tennessee; Jane Haman, California; Elizabeth Furse, Oregon.

Write to your elected officials, especially these women, stress that it is time to give an equitable entitlement to the forgotten widows. Congress has still not acknowledged our military forgotten widows. There are so few of them left... the entitlement would only be in-force for a very few years! These women were in the generation that made homemaking their sole advocacy. They have no pensions from a career outside the home.

But, write every congress-person, committee and President Clinton! Tell them that it is time to pass equitable laws that are fair and considerate of military widows.

Keep the letters short and friendly, politely tell how the issues personally affects you and sent a thank-you note if they vote in a favorable direction.

Donations can be made to: THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MILITARY WIDOWS; 4023 25th Road North; Arlington, Virginia 22207.

"TO YOU WHO PLAN FINANCIAL GAIN FROM OUR MEMORIAL..."

$42,465 ANONYMOUS KOREAN WAR DEAD
To whom it may concern:

When military persons lose their lives in their country's war, it would seem reasonable that their grateful nation would soon erect a suitable monument and thus accord them their rightful place in our proud history. Forty years after the Korean War, we are still waiting. "They" say competition of the much scaled down National Korean War Veterans Memorial, bearing none of the dead's names, will be finished in 1995.

The relatives and friends must have suffered the added grief of thinking that their loved ones were relegated to obscurity in "THE FORGOTTEN WAR". I suspect that many of them felt even worse when the only wide reference to the Korean War was the sitcom known as M.A.S.H.

A few years ago I and an associate had occasion to attend the ground breaking for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel, N.J. We met several Gold Star Moms there and found that three of them had lost their sons in the Korean War, one of whom had been awarded The Congressional Medal Of Honor. Those gallant mothers displayed their love and respect for the N.J. Vietnam War dead. I am certain that they had a few unspoken thoughts about their own loss in a prior war.

Whomever, singly and collectively, acted to delay the long overdue Memorial; must realize that fewer and fewer Korean War Veterans and their families will be alive by completion of same, especially the moms and dads. Thank God that those that answered their call of their country didn't move as slow.

To all of you that have or plan financial gain in the future from our memorial; may you bathe in the ocean of tears shed by all for the Korean War casualties, futilely struggling to wash your soul clean.

To all those who object to placing names on the memorial, as done on the Vietnam Memorial: May you dream of someday approaching the gates of Paradise and finding it guarded that day by the spirit of a Korean War casualty. That he said to you; "Sir: there is a slight delay for your name does not appear on my golden scroll passbook. It may take another 40 or so years to check the other scrolls for your name."

You were then presented with a special parchment to read. It stated: NO GREATER LOVE HATH GOD FOR PERSONS THAN THOSE THAT GIVE THEIR LIVES TO SUSTAIN THEIR COUNTRIES.

ARE YOU OUT THERE

Would like to hear from any member of Co. "L", 32nd Regt. of 7th Div who served in 1950. Especially seeking Richard V. Johnson, Howard Smith, F. Hundleby, and Lonnie Stout. Please write me. I can also share with you some information about others who served with us. Contact JAMES A. WOODY, Rt. 1, Box 1064, Maysville, Georgia 30558. (706) 652-2828.

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Looking for lost buddy, JOHN E. SCHULTZ, (AF6244901) served together Guam, May of 1948 member of the 514th Weather Recon Squadron (V.L.R.) Very Long Range; transferred together with Homer E. Brooks, Jr. to the 20797 Weather Squadron at Yokota AFB, Yokota, Japan. Please contact Russell H. Conant; 89 Forest St., Milford, MA 02363, (508) 946-0845.

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I was hoping that someone in KVWA might know a good friend of mine who was stationed at Randolph AFB in 1954. He was from Bartow, Florida. His name was HAROLD C. BYRD and he was a first lieutenant in the Air Force (maybe army) in 1954 at Randolph. He was shipped out to Korea in the early part of 1954 and I never heard from him again. Is there a list of Korean Veterans where I could check about him? I would like to know if he was killed, missing in action, or a veteran. Please contact: ROBERT HOLLIS; 523 Polly Rd.; Sunnyvale, Texas 75182.

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Co A 17th Inf in particular 1st Rifle Platoon. All of 1952. Would be great to hear from anyone. I've been in touch with Dan Vamrole of NY. Contact: JAMES L. MULLANEY; Box 68; Kingsville, MD 21087.

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All of a sudden it's 42-43 years ago. I served with Co C, 79th Eng Bn, APO 301 Oct 31 thru Oct 32. Anybody out there remember me? Would like to correspond with men who were part of C-79th. Contact: LARRY BARULI, 38 East 46th St. Bayonne, NJ 07002.

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Reading Graybeards you'd think the Army was the only branch of service fighting in Korea. I was with the 8th Air Force. Believe me, we dropped a lot of napalm bombs over there. We were stationed in Hokkaido, Japan. It was hard to sleep at first when we arrived over there but we soon got used to it. I would like to hear from the old timers that were stationed at Bergstrom AFB Austin, TX during the war. That was our home base, especially JOE NOVAK of PA, my drinking buddy. I'd like for you to have a reunion before long. Come on, let's hear it for the Air Force! —HERMAN HOLMAN, 2501 S. Holman-Smithfield, Seina IN 47383. Phone 317-284-5000.

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I served with the 363rd Ord Amn Co Sep 1952 to Jan 1954 Korea. Nickname "HUTCHE." Anyone remember me? Please write or call JOHN B. HUTCHINSON; 9565 Millinary Rd.; Amelia, Va 23002, Phone 804-301-11.

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Sergeant FORD, with whom I served on Okinawa, was sent to the 29th US Infantry Regiment under command of Colonel Rupert Davidson GRAVES. I don't recall Sergeant FORD's first name, but he also served with me in the 5th Armored Division at Cp Chaffee, AR before transfer overseas. He was a fine soldier and a great friend. After the 29th was sent to Korea, Sergeant FORD was killed in action; survived by his wife and (I believe) three or four children. I would like to know anyone who knew him: and the address of his widow or any of his children. Contact: COL JAMES DARWIN STEPHENS; 650 South Broadway, Box 503; Georgetown, KY 40324-0503.

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I knew 1st Lieutenant Howard BECICKA, who served with me in the 5th Armored Division at Cp Chaffee, AR, from 1948 to 1950. We both were shipped to Okinawa in early 1950, before the Korean War began. He was an appointee to the RA with assignment to Company A, 29th US Infantry Regiment. When the 29th was sent to Korea, Lieutenant BECICKA, later promoted to Captain, distinguished himself in combat against the communist Chinese forces. I know he was wounded, but I also have a bit of information which states that he was possibly KIA — not a POW. Any information about him would be appreciated; or of his widow and/or children. Contact: COL JAMES DARWIN STEPHENS; 650 South Broadway, Box 503; Georgetown, KY 40324-0503.

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DO YOU REMEMBER ME:
THEODORE C. CAULEY, Feb 1952 Co K, Abbevill Proving Ground, Korea. The bombing and strafing by a Mg 15, Kamuiwa Valley near Hill 1062 of Co A, Forward, 727th Ord. Bn. Of the 25th Inf Div when Sgt. Frederick C. Cross and three other soldiers were killed and eight wounded. Do you remember me that at that time?

There was a sniper pit that me and Lt Col Lloyd Smith went through, near the 27th Inf.

There was a plane crash near Duchon-ri near the mess hall of Co A, forward, 725th Ord Bn that killed the pilot. I need vital statistics of 1952-1953 when anyone might have seen me. I was a small arms repairman; also combat army jeep driver, light truck driver, and cook from June 1953 to Oct 1953. Please contact: Theodore C. Cauley, 509 N. Main St., Dux, IL 62830.

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I am looking for members of the 74th Eng. (C) Bn (KOREA) of the 36th Eng. (C) Bn. For history and/or reunion. Mainly 1952 and 1953 but all inquiries welcome. Have heard from original members who landed Pusan Sept. 11, 1950. Write to: Jim Anderson, 701 Fifth St.; Yutan, NE 68073 or phone (402) 625-2761.

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COMBAT INFANTRYMEN'S ASS'C:
— All Korean Vets who served in the Infantry and were awarded the Combat Infantry Badge are invited to enter the ranks of this elite ass'n. It is the only all-ground combat ass'n. in the United States. New York state army veterans who rec'd the Combat Infantry Badge should contact Norman S. Kantor, 138 Locust Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y. 10805. Send a self addressed legal size envelope with stamp.
Connecticut Register Of
Remembrance Asks: Did You
Know Any Of These Names?

"We in CONNECTICUT CHAPTER
ONE, KWVA would appreciate your
printing in the GREYBEARDS an article
on Connecticut’s War Veterans Memorial
Register of Remembrance, a first in the
nation. Their first task is our state’s search
for casualties of the Korean War.

"We need help with the unverified
list and ask that you print it in the hopes
that someone may be able to provide
information and verification."
—LEN DUBE, Sec. CT Chapter 1; 410
Funston Ave., Torrington, CT 06790.

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The committee’s name and address are: "Connecticut War Veterans Memorial
Register of Remembrance Commission;
State Capitol, LOB; Hartford, CT 06106."

"Their purpose is to create a
Memorial Register of Remembrance for a
Connecticut War Veterans which shall include,
in a separate book for each war
from the time Connecticut became a colony
through the present, the name of each
Connecticut veteran who died in each such war.
The register shall honor the memory
and the names of Connecticut men and
women who gave their lives for Connecticut and the nation and in defense
of the sacred liberties of all mankind.

If you know anything at all about one
or more of the following names, it shall be
appreciated for you to contact the
commission at above address:

Adamcik, Erwin; Norwich: DOW
11/21/52 Army. Allen, Arthur; North
Bloomfield; Army Jan 1951. Alling, John Jr;
Orange 1LT; Marines. Andrews, Richard, New
Britain; PVT; Army. Axelson, Harold; Norwalk;
PFC; Army.

Benoit; Plainfield KWD #76. Birchard,
Spencer Darien; 12/19/51. Marines. Blackwell,
Robert; Greenwich A2C 4/29/52; A Force.

Boland, Fred; Bridgeport; PVT; Army.
Burrows, Henry; West Haven; SGT;
Marines. Bowen, Anthony John; Forestville;
Marines. Brece; Calvin Howard, Jr; Ansonia;
PPL; Marines. Bredeur; Ronald F. Suffield;
PPL #37; List A. Force. Carros, John
Westbrook/Bristol; (Ret Jet Pilot); Navy.
Ceriello, Vincent; Torrington; PFC; Marines.
Christi Robert; Hartford; PFC; A. Force.
Christina; Rosario; CPL; No town. Army.
Coleman, Lawrence; New haven; SGT KWDL
"53; Army. Conners, Thomas; Hartford.
Downs, Royal; Hartford 1/8/53; A. Force.
Dumond, Filman, New Haven; Army.
Fenton, Edward T.; Groton; CPL DBN
(D105); A. Force.

Credit Cards May Now
Be Used To Pay
National Dues

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An 800 — Phone Line
installed for fast
info on Korean War

HARRY WALLACE, Second Vice
President and Membership chairman
of national KWVA, has announced some
procedural changes that will go into effect
during the month of June, 1993. Highlights
of the changes are as follows:

"Probably one of the most helpful
changes," said Harry, "is the installation of
an 800 telephone number for national
KWVA. We have taken this step because of
the increasing workload caused by
incoming telephone calls from across the
country. The callers often ask about similar
veterans organizations, for instance, as well
wanting to know more about KWVA.

Gedney, Kendall; New Haven; LT Jet
Pilot; Navy. Gedney, Raymond; No Town; PFC
2/9/52; Army. Girou, Emile; Willimantic; SGT;
Army. Grabin; New Britain; CAPT; A. Force.
Griswold, Harry; Groton; PFC; Marines.

Harkness, Harry; Stonington
(Pawcatuck). Henry, Albert; Bridgeport; SGT
DNB12/13/51; Army. Hensons, Richard,
Wallingford; 1LT FOD11/29/50; Army.
Hinz, Robert; New London; 2LT Marines.
Higley, Howard; Manchester A1/3 8/6/52 A
Force.

Kleinauf, Howard F.; New Haven;
Army. Lysangt, Joseph; Bristol; CPL; KIA
12/6/50; Army.

Martin, John G.; Woodbridge; Major
KIA; A. Force. Meyer, Albert; Hartford; Army.
Mitchell, Bernard; No Town; SGT; A. Force.
Monaco, Frank; Waterbury; CPL KIA 3/28/51:
Army.

Nelson, William F.; New Haven; 1LT
Army. Padin, Raymond E. Coventry; SGT;
Army.

Roberts, Gordon G.; Greenwich; SGT
1STCL; Army. Rippin, James A.; New London;
LTCo; A. Force.

Sirmans, Donald S.; West Hartford; I.T.
Skinner, Henry J.; Hartford; MSGT 7/9/53.

Tucci, Raymond, Chaplin; CPL.
White, David N.; Bridgeport; 1LT Army.
Woodcock, Francis E.; West Hartford (Elwood);
Army.

Vance, L.P.; No Town; MAJ (1st Div)
Marines.

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"Our second major change," Wallace
said further, "will provide for using major
credit cards in payment of dues. We feel
that credit card usage will make it easier
for many members to pay or renew dues;
we also believe this change will increase
dramatically the number of veterans who
choose a life membership."

In order to accomplish these major
changes, it has been necessary to divide the
work of membership administration into
several parts.

One function will not change — that
of Membership Chairman. The Second
Vice President, under authority of KWVA
By-Laws, is and remains Membership
Chairman. Chairman Wallace will continue
to receive your dues payments and all new
membership applications. He will continue
to receive your credit card payments.

Harry Wallace will continue to send
your membership card, just as in the past.
He will sign off on all membership cards.
Under our By-Laws structure, the Second
Vice President will continue as the final
authority on matters of membership
qualifications.

"We are going to have two computer
data bases," said Wallace. "One will be in
my office, where I will continue compiling
data in order to immediately answer any
and all questions that might arise in
connection with payment of dues.

"Dick Adams and I have asked our
new secretary-treasurer, Roger Scape, if he and his wife Vicki will help carry the
burden of maintaining the growing
computer data base. To accomplish that,
we are going to install our second computer
equipment in Phoenix office space as soon
as possible. The 800 telephone number will
be received there, and it is hoped that Vicki
will agree to do all the hard work that
probably will come her way. That number
is 1-800-843-5982. (1-800-THE-KWVA).

"The Phoenix office will be primary
backup for the Baltimore facilities.

"In order to meet requirements of
credit card usage, it has been necessary
to modify the layout of the membership
application. The new form is on the last
page of this edition of Graybeards.

"Basically all we have done is
redesign to show the words Visa and
Mastercard plus a space for your card
number and expiration date. These changes
meet specification laid down by BankOne,
the clearing house for cards coming to
KWVA," concluded Wallace.

PLEASE PAY
YOUR DUES NOW
ROY IS UPSET

Dear Sir: It really upsets me that the system can't seem to do anything right.

It has been 40 years since the Korean War and we still don't have a memorial. It looks like to me that all of the Korean War Veterans will be dead before you ever finish the memorial.

The bottom line here appears to me that this is the Korean War Veterans Memorial, not the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial. So let's get it up and quit playing politics. I want to know where were all of these people with their copyrights when the bullets were flying.

ROY NEAMAN; 2421 Clay Street, Space #17; Sacramento, CA 95815

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Editor's note: thanks for the letter, Roy. But maybe you have missed some of the point? The Vietnam Memorial figures in the battle over copyright because IT IS A SAMPLE OF WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN to the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Please read the stories in Graybeards again — and contact your senator for help.

KWWA is not building the Memorial.

But ABMC is — they are the ones for you to fuss at. See pages 7, 9, 13, 22.

CURRENT UPDATE AND LATEST INFO ON KOREA REVISIT FROM LT. HONEY

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AS OF APRIL 28, 1993

September 13-18th — Colonel Lee has increased the spaces for this trip, therefore, I will probably be able to fulfill your requests for spaces.

For our Marines, there is scheduled an Anniversary Ceremony, at Inchon, September 15th.

September 27th - October 2nd — Currently, there are many spaces available for this trip.

October 18th-23rd — This trip is "sold-out" with a waiting list.

Some of our Members have called/written me, as they are a bit confused regarding airfares quoted in my April article. The fares include a flight on a domestic airline, from YOUR nearest airport to connect with the KAL flights at either JFK/New York, O'Hare/Chicago, or Los Angeles International, roundtrip, per person. The Far East destination fare of $100.00 (Hawaii stop-overs, enroute home, $50.00, RT, PP) are IN ADDITION to the Korean flights fare, and do NOT include hotel accommodations. Currently, the designated travel agents have contracted with a Hong Kong hotel, for the approximate cost of $80-85 per night, single or double. They will also make hotel reservations for you at other Far East hotels, i.e. Singapore, China Mainland, etc. and Honolulu.

I very much appreciate your patience and understanding, during the period of uncertainty, confusion, that I may have caused, while I waited for KVA-Seoul, to confirm the dates/alotments on the September/October Revisit Trips. Hopefully, this will not occur next year. I will be meeting with KVA Officers, this June, when I accompany the June 21st trip, to discuss the necessity of receiving the '94 trips info, for publication in the January issue of Graybeards, as I am cognizant that most of our Members must schedule their vacations, etc. months in advance of trip.

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Officers are:


The chapter will be forming an Honor Guard and although we have several volunteers, we need more. Roger Nitchman will be giving the initial guidance for this group. Most of us are a little rusty doing the military shuffle however we should shape up pretty quickly.

WORDS OF WISDOM: People may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do. Alvena Walter, Chaplain.

The editor received a letter from Tom Chilcott with an article from the 3rd Infantry Division News concerning one of our members. Units of the 3rd Division were at the Chosin Reservoir when the Chinese entered the Korean War. Dog (Delta) Company, 10th Engineers was detailed the construction of General Almond's CP. A member of that company and one of the few survivors was Franklin D. Kestner, Sr. who has written the book "To The Last Man" that tells about the trip out.

Frank sent a numbered lithograph titled "Eternal Band of Brothers" depicting the three days of battle at Chosin. The original painting was done by Charles H. Waterhouse. USMC, and number 32 was given to Frank. The lithograph was presented to the company at its station in Schweinfurt, Germany by BGen Eric K. Shinn, on behalf of Frank. The letter also states that Frank and Phillip Kubles, the company commander at that time, will be at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri on May 7th. Tom was in the company during Korea and states that he plans to be at Leonard Wood, also.
This article was sent by LtCol SHERMAN W. PRATT (USA Ret); 1512 20th St.; S. Arlington, VA 22202. He added this comment:

"This writer was one of four Greeks who came over for the groundbreaking last June 14. He submitted the article in his own writing and I smoothed it out a bit for publication in Graybeards. I don't recall seeing much from foreign nations in Graybeards."

The 13th Hellenic Flight

Greeks In The Korean War

by BG D.I. MASTROYANNIS

Hellenic Air Force

Sometimes we Greeks feel that our American friends, preoccupied with their own distinguished role in the Korean War, tend to overlook that there were also other UN Forces there helping to fight the war. Included in those allied forces was an air squadron and an infantry battalion from our Greek Armed Forces.

Almost immediately after the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, Greece dispatched contingents to join other UN Forces in defense of the ideals of Peace, Liberty and Independence. An infantry battalion arrived in November, 1950 to become apart of the 7th Regiment of the 1st Cavalry division, and an air squadron arrived to offer its services.

The air squadron was the 13th Flight (Squadron) of "Dakota" transport planes. The unit took off from the Eleftheris Air Field near Athens and arrived in Korea 38 hours later on November 11th, 1950, eager and ready for duty. The Flight consisted of seven C47 planes with 67 officers and men. It participated extensively in operations from November 1950 until May, 1955, well after the cease fire of July 1953. During the period, the flight was augmented with three additional planes.

Beginning in December, 1950, the Greek airmen operated first as a part of the 21st, and later the 6461st American Transportation Squadrons. During their operations, the Greeks struggled under the most adverse conditions concerning weather, enemy hostility, and unsuitable airports which often were located in mountains masses or along the hazardous sea coasts. The planes were frequently subjected to enemy ground fire when flying in forward areas.

The operations of the Greek squadron included the following:

- Transport of men and materials, including wounded UN personnel and captives to and from the most forward areas.
- Air drops of ammunition, food and other materials to isolated and cut off UN ground units.
- Intelligence and information gathering flights at near ground elevations, and "flight dives" to and over enemy positions and hostile terrain.
- Refueling missions to forward UN troop positions to include areas behind enemy lines.

On one occasion on April 12, 1950, the Greek 13th Flight Squadron participated with other UN and American air units in an "air bridge" to assist the American Marine Division in a critical situation when heavily and desperately engaged with enemy forces. On that mission, to evacuate over 1,000 causalities and wounded, the Greek airmen, with others, were required to land on and take off from a narrow, frozen and unimproved field in a snow storm and while under enemy fire. This was but one of the many times when the Greeks also performed difficult and dangerous missions with great merit and dedication far and beyond what would normally be expected of them.

Statistically, the Greek 13th Squadrons activities consisted of:

Total War missions ........................................... 2,916
Flight hours .................................................... 13,777
Wounded transported ......................................... 9,243
Passengers transported ..................................... 70,568
Supplies transported (tons) ................................. 17,000

During the struggle, 12 officers, petty officers, and other aircraft personnel sacrificed their lives in the cause of Liberty and Justice and the worthwhile objectives of maintaining peace and security for which the war was fought. The Greek Korean War units, and many men individually, were cited for their heroism and gallant services by National leaders in America and Korea and by our own Greek government.

In our country, the dedication and courage of our Korean war veterans, and especially those who died there, has been recognized by including the word "Korea" on our Unknown Soldier Monument at the Parliament Building on Constitution Square in the heart of Athens. We Greeks are proud of the magnificent performance of our servicemen in the Korean War.

We are even more proud to have participated in one of history's most remarkable military operations, and our comrades from other UN countries can and should feel the same. The objective in the Korean War was not greed or aggression or the satisfaction of a tyrant's ego, but rather, the noble cause simply of preserving the peace under the banner of an international organization created for that purpose. No such other war has ever been fought.

The Korean War thus was unique and stands alone and unsurpassed in Civilization's Hall of Fame and Honor.

—D. I. MASTROYANNIS; 3 Neossookon, Piraeus 18536 GREECE.
I served in Korea as a platoon leader Sfc, with the 5th Regimental Combat Team, H Co., attached to the 24th Inf. Div. from 51-52 and am proud to be a gray beard warrior, membership number 11371.

I received my first copy of Gray Beard (Jan. issue) last week, and would like to commend you on a job well done. I find your publication rich, informative and addictive. I have read it over and over again since receiving it and look anxiously forward to the next issue.

Stan, I would like to pass along a couple of ideas for your consideration. As you can see, I have enclosed some of my art work for your approval. It may be used all, in part, or not at all with my permission at your discretion. One way or another, the art work is yours to keep.

Let's start with my illustration of the "Ole Gray Beard". The reason for the three illustrations is to give you an idea of the various color combinations we could select for our T-shirt design.

The black on white T-shirt are sample a friend of mine printed up to give you an idea of what we can do with this caricature. They are yours to keep.

If you decide we can do something with this, I will send you a transparency ready for silk-screening as my contribution. I thought this might be a good fund raiser for the National Organization.

While drawing the "Ole Gray Beard" caricature I came up with the new idea and design for the cover sheet of your publication. See at top of page. Here again Stan, it is only a suggestion and if any of this has any merit at all, please feel free to contact me at the number and address enclosed.

"My very best regards to you".
—BUD PARKER: P.O. Box 1174; Beach Haven, NJ 08008; (609) 492-3869.

EXCELLENT, BUD! Thank you and I will pass on to the Board. Your professional drawings came too late to arrange printing in color.—Stan.

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KOREA OCCUPATION, THE BEGINNING OF A FORGOTTEN ERA

It starts with the landing of GIs just after WWII to disarm Japanese troops and free American POWs. 1948 - 1949.

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ABOUT 30 OR MORE GIs DIED WITHOUT BEING CONFIRMED

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In his own words.

Hi, Stan, in regards to your Greybeards Issue of June 92 Vol #7 No. 4 Page 17, there was a comment on the subject that you had nothing on Korea's occupation era before the Korean war: so I'm sending you this article on "Korean occupation. The beginning of a Forgotten Era." I hope you do like it and run it in the KWVA's Greybeards. I think you'll make a lot of (hundred of thousands) ex-GIs happy who served in this era.

It starts with the landing of GIs just after WWII to disarm the Japanese troops and free the American POWs. That's it. I won't tell you any more of it. You have to read it for yourself. Also there is a short on the author (that's me). You will find out why I thought for awhile the brass thought that my home was in Korea, not here in Michigan.

Even tho this story was written by me, I had a lot of help by ex-GIs who served in different units and at different times. There were no newspapers or correspondents in Korea at that era. So about 30 or more GIs had died without being CONFIRMED. Even tho we all knew about them, I did not include their names.

Richard Stinson, Detroit, Mich. is 62 now and is retired. He was born in Charlevoix, Mich. in a barn on the "Walter Farm" April 23rd, 1930. At 5 years he climbed the Old wooden water tower in Charlevoix and couldn't get down, (too scared). His sisters helped him down.

At 8 years old, he got his first airplane ride. At 12, his family had moved to nearby Petoskey, so his mother could work as a surgical nurse in one of the hospitals.

At 17, with a couple of years behind high school, Stinson joins the army. With his mother's permission, of course.

Trip one: At Fort Wayne, Detroit, Mich, he enters the army as an engineer (pick of the army). He leaves with a group for Fort Knox, Ky. on a troop train. He has basic in the 32nd Tank Bn (A Co) 3rd Armed Div. 14 long weeks of basic training. And a Christmas '47 at home on his first leave. After basic his company is shipped out to Korea, by way of Camp Kilmer, NJ. They get on a troop ship (former SS America '30s) Edmund B. Alexander with other troops from Fort Jackson, 50 officers and 250 women dependents and their kids. They sail around the Florida Keys into the Gulf, through the Panama Canal, Honolulu (for a visit) and to Japan. At Camp Zama, Japan, they get their orders, most of them to Korea. The 48th FA Bn (it became the 55th FA Bn later) from Mar 48 to Jul 49.

Trip two: November 1950 from 76th FA Bn, Ft. Riley, Kansas to Korea. By way of Camp Carson, Colo. I was sent to the 95th FA Bn until May 51 (I went home on a emergency leave, my mother was dying with cancer). I was sent on temporary duty to Ft. Custer, Mich. as an MP. Nov 51 was back in Korea with the 195th FA Bn, X Corps, supporting the 1st Marine Div, 7th Inf Div 25th Inf Div, and couple of ROK Divs.

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CHAPTER 1. Japanese Occupation

In 1905, the Japanese troops invaded Korea, thus bringing to an end of Korea's customs and traditions. This period was the most sorrowful for the Korean people. They lost their freedom, language. The Japanese had all Korean learn and speak Japanese. As far as the Japanese were concerned Korea was no more. It was now part of Japan. Civilian personnel from Japan came and took over all businesses and skilled trades. The Korean? He was only a laborer. The Korean never had a chance to develop into skilled technicians. Many of these Koreans migrated into Manchuria and China. Thus, these other two countries were alerted for Japanese movements.

In the years to follow, the Japanese construction engineers built new wider roads and bridges, braging to the Korean people that they were most sincere about building up their country. Ha! It was to being in Japanese armor and heavy equipment. Troops barracks and compounds were built up all over Korea. Airports were also built. More troops were brought into the country as compounds were built. As warehouses went up, supplies were brought in. As hangars and landing strips were built, fighter planes were flown in. The main port was Pusan. To get to Seoul, it would be easier to build
They landed at Pusan and set up military government units in each city and town. This put 72,000 GIs in Korea. The XXIV Corps was headquartered in Seoul and furnished personnel for the UN Palace. The 7th Inf Div was responsible for Seoul and nearby towns and the 38th parallel. The 6th Inf Div was responsible for Incheon, Osan, Tagu, Taejon and Cheonju Island. The 40th Inf Div was responsible for Pusan and nearby towns and areas. But soon the 40th was sent home to Fort Ord, California for deactivation. The 6th Div expanded to Pusan’s area, too. Longtimers from the 40th were now under the 6th. Being a small military government in a local town meant bad and good things. They were always surrounded by Koreans, mostly the children. Their mission was to teach the Koreans new methods. Better farming, better living conditions, teaching a vehicle, etc. Giving the starving kids food for work.

After a meal, a GI learned the hard way that you just don’t hang around a garbage hole after a dinner. After filling a hole with leftovers a GI stayed at the hole. All at once a large group of Korean neighbors ran for the hole. They stomped the GI down as they all fought for the food. After the food, they all ran off. The GI was taken to the Aid station and sent to the hospital. These were hungry times for the Koreans.

In 1946, the XXIV drafted and shortened time home. The longtimers from the units like the 713th Flame Thrower Tank Bn at Uijonbo merged with the 754th Heavy Tank Bn at Seoul/Hap/Soo Won mountains area. Other units did the same. Infantry divisions found themselves with a regt short and arty bn short. The armored services were down-sizing to meet a new goal of peace time service. Divisions in Japan were also hit. But in Germany, they had to keep up well trained and full units. The brass figured that the next outbreak of war would be there. That was the number one reason that in Korea, we were forgotten. Most GIs and ex-GIs would tell you that, you could tell it to be Korea.

As the Russians built up a new communist government in North Korea, So was the NK army. All industry was turned to making war goods and some sold to the communist block countries (even communist Chinese guerrillas). And the NK bought Russian built T-34s tanks. Terrorist groups were also trained and sent south to interfere with South Korea’s food shortages and stage rice riots all over the south. These NKS would form larger groups using South Korean sympathizers (young South Korean communist). GIs were to be on full alert. These young Commie groups would also attack military installations all over South Korea. The Commies would also attack the military trains carrying supplies all over the south. GIs would soon guard these trains from further incidents.

In 1946 in Pusan, GIs await five star Gen Douglas MacArthur in formation on the main street of Pusan.

This would be one of the few trips that the general would make to Pusan, Korea. This still during the rice riots. And just before the big push for the draftees and short timers to go home. Back home, the US was getting back to peace time affairs and that meant getting the WWII veterans home and into jobs. No one there or even the newspaper cared about what went on in Korea. Much less even heard of the place until the Korean War broke out.

It was a very long process for the UN to establish elections for a new government. First to establish was the Military Government, Commanded by Maj Gen Win P. Dean and his staff, Korean generals and civilians from the UN. Through here the Korean army was being formed and later named by Pres. Rhee, Republic of Korea Army (ROKs). One civilian was the head of the National Police force. All police in South Korea were under the National Police. During the commie-backed riots, this outfit handled the incidents with a hard fist. And they did a good job. If the commies were attacking GI military installations or compounds, the national police took care of it. These people were mean and the Koreans were scared of them. These same police force took care of commie-backed riot stagers during the election. The GIs were on alert but not needed. When GIs were issued the M2 carbine, the old M1 carbines were issued to the National Police, instead of packing them up for shipment back home.

CHAPTER 3. Train Guard Duty

The attacks on the supply trains and supplies being stolen by Koreans brought the Train Guards onto the trains. The 7th Infantry division was responsible for the guards. Me being with C Coy 48th FA Bn meant that I would be most honored to go as a guard. Along with other men from the 31st Inf Regt, 57th FA Bn, 13th Combat Engineers. The 31st FA Bn was pulling MP duty around Seoul.

About 5 from each unit was sent to the rail yards at Seoul. A top kick at the yards would give us our orders and what box cars we would be guarding. We would show up with our weapons (M2 carbines,arty and engineers) and MI rifles for the Infantrymen, a box of C rations and a five gallon can of water. Plus our full field pack. And plenty of ammo. We'd make a sack in our box cars, and store our gear.
We would shoot the shit with the other guys until the train was ready to go. Then we stayed in our cars. We also made a pact that if attacked by commies, catch them in a cross fire. Best way to make them run. This trip would take us up to Soo Saku/Sou Won area, the 32nd Inf Regt supply depot near the 38th parallel and south through Wonju, Osan, (6th Inf Div Area) Taegu, Taegon, and all military installations to Pusan and the Depot for Chonju Island, in the southeastern tip of Korea. Then back to the yards at Seoul. This could take up to two weeks (but mostly 10 days). On one of these trips, it was my turn to nap and I got stabbed in the back. The other guards ran them off. I was sewed up at Wonju hospital and put back on the train. It would be my only wound that I got in my three trips to this place that God forgot (and a lot of people back home).

On another trip, we were hit by a large commie group at a turn near a mountain. The commies came down from the mountain, shooting and carrying torches. But like rehearsal, we caught them in a cross fire and shot the shit out of them. They grabbed their wounds and ran. That was it, no more trouble with the trains.

Worot got out that we meant business and the thieves even left us alone. One time a GI brought a Korean farm woman in a box car where we were all shooting the breeze waiting for a shipment to be unloaded. He paid her a couple hundred Korean won to give sex. As he took off her dirty white blouse, her skin was nothing but scurry looking and filthy. He threw her off the train with her blouse after her. We all laughed at him. On another trip, a GI from the 31 Inf Regt had a M1 rifle with a sniper's scope on the side of it. He saw a Korean woman walking along a road near the tracks and shot the large water vass off her head. She got mad and shook her fist at us. I guess she had carried that vase for miles. Oh well! A GI and his rifle!

I was taking a GED high school course at the time and spent alot of time studying. In early 1949, I passed the GED(USAF) test. One good thing came out of this trip. I had promised my mother that I would do it.

Another one of our occupational duty was called, "Road Block Duty". We left our 105mm Howitzers in the vanity compound and set up camp on a main road out of a town. After setting up our pup tents and the mess and CP tents, us men in the firing bryd would set up the road block on the highway. Our mission? Every so often, we do this to take back equipment that were stolen from workers and thieves from military installations around that area. And at least 99% of all Korean vehicles had a US auto part on it. So with each gun crew on duty there was a auto mechanic with us.

As we stopped a Korean vehicle, we would have it pull along side of the road. Then we would check it out. They had everything from tires, radiators, generators, starters, batteries, blocks, transmission, etc. Sometimes we stopped a whole 21/2 ton truck or a jeep (1/4 ton). A generator to supply a house with lights. When we got ready to move out, we created a junkyard. It was a long walk home for these people. If we stopped a Korean employee from a military installation, we grabbed his ID and he was fired on the spot. And his ID was sent to where he had worked. The only vehicle that we passed was all "Honey Carts" then we got clean off the road for them. Along with the train guard duties, the road block duty was given to the ROEs as they got trained, or after the Korean Independence Day ceremony.

During those days of the occupation, it was rough to go on pass into town. The brass said to go in numbers of fives or more. Then we went by shuttle bus with an armed guard riding shotgun. But there were places to go and see. They had "Buddah Gardens" around Seoul and other smaller towns. We met up with about 300 orphans from an orphanage with a couple of nuns and helped them with the children. We got to know them and helped take them to places. It was a lot of fun.

CHAPTER 4. Korean Customs

It was customary for the Korean women to walk 10 paces behind her husband. And if your husband was talking to another man as they walked, the women would walk together 10 paces behind them. As other Oriental people, they will bow for you when meeting you or parting. They are a mighty proud people and polite.

Now you take the city boy, Lee, he wears a black or gray suit, he can be a business man or a school boy. His suit comes with a briefcase. It's part of his suit. It is custom that he carries it at all times, even looking for work, shopping or going to school. The city girl, Jane. She wears a black or blue skirt and sweater, with a white blouse. She heads for school or work. The males ride their bikes or shick-a-shaws (taxi) to work or school. The suburbanites ride in by trains. They are so packed in that if they stick their heads out the windows, they can't pull them back inside. It's nice when you're driving a 21/2 and put the mirror at their level and bump heads.

Now comes the low-on-education country boy and farmer. He works his farm and builds Honey Carts to go into the city to haul out fertilizer (or human shit) to store in his honey hole (storage hole) until it's needed on the rice paddies. His clothing? A dirty white shirt and a baggy dirty pair of pants that remind you of MC HAMMER'S. When his boys are old enough they will build their own wagons and help bring in the fertilizer. They will marry and bring their wives to help on the farm. The country girl, Kimmy. She helps in the rice paddies and noodle yard. When she marries, she mostly likely will go to her husband's farm. Her clothing is a white or black skirt (to her ankles), a dirty white blouse that comes down to her nipples, so she can feed her baby while working. They learn young to carry water in vases above their heads. It is their job to get water to the farm. Some times they have to walk for miles to accomplish a job. When the evening is here the male (city or farmer alike) will exercise. Mostly with a heavy object. The women and girls? They exercise playing teeter tooters while standing up and jumping down on their end of the teeter to see how far up they can send the other girl. It's fun to watch them do it.

The Korean at the time was a primitive person. If he or she had to urinate, they would stop and do their thing. (If you tried it, they would draw a crowd and laugh at you). Seeing they had no toilets, they built "Waste Boxes" around the city. If you had to go (which wasn't recommended) you would go into this room. There was a ditch (about a foot and a half wide and three or four foot long). There was a harness above it. You would pull your pants down and put your feet into the harness and straddle the hole and do your thing. Hey! Watch your wallet, it may fall into the hole, HA! After this ditch gets full, a honey dipper will come in and shovel the stuff into a bucket for the next honey cart. Want a job? The farm hands will just squat in the rice paddies.

As you come ashore on a LST, you will quickly notice the change of smell from the mossy smell to the fertilizer. This will stay with you until you leave, and it gets worse when it's hot out. As you should know, water flows from mountains and hills to town. Between these two points are lots of farmers. Farmers clean off their oxen, wagons, dipping tools, and bathe in these streams. The army and towns people would take this water for house hold use. The army and towns people would take this water for house hold use. The army said it purified it, but you knew where it came from. But you drank it in coffee, tea, cooked with it, baked with it, shaved and showered with it, and even brushed your teeth in it.

I still wonder how many Korean veterans are disabled from this. If their are any disability children in their clan? It does start you thinking. Toxic waste water and air? I have a handicapped daughter (38)
and a grandson and granddaughter, with an unknown diseases. The only ones on either side of the family. The VA says "if you were fit when discharged, your still fit, no help" But it does give you something to think about.

CHAPTER 5. Elections and a new free country.

As the elections were being prepared, the commies started their riots right on schedule. US troops were alerted but kept a low profile. The national police took over and stopped it through out the land. A lot of Koreans got hurt and some died but it never got to the point that the elections were cut out. They went on and a free country was decided. Their assembly was formed and the elected Korean president Syngman Rhee. A month later, the new adin took their seats. They decided to have their first celebration August 15th 1948. But before the adin was set up the Korean army officers from the military government sent out for a quick build-up of the New ROK army.

Recruiters were sent out to pick up new recruits. They were furnished with a couple of ROK soldiers and a 21/2 ton truck. They would pull up in front of a group of young men and throw them in the back of the truck. When the truck was full, off to boot camp with them. Hah! We should have done this with our protesters and draft dodgers. Instead of leaving them in college. After a while the mothers would send their daughters on errands instead of their sons. Imagine, sending your son out to buy a loaf of bread and not see him until he graduates basic. Send your man to work and not see him for 6 months. That's what happened to those young Korean men. But the ROK army got built up fast. The call went out for special volunteers to train these new men (volunteers from all over the US Army).

Thus the new mission was formed. It would be called upon to teach Koreans new techniques of infantry, arty and engineer warfare. This outfit would be called the Korean Advisory Group (K MAG). They would wear the patch of the former Maj Gen Dean's Military Government. The Bell shaped patch with white dove on it. I thought it was a dove. This 875 man volunteer unit had its work cut out for them.

Anyway, August 15th 48 came and C Btry 48th FA BN (my unit) was picked to go to Kimpo Airport to wait for the arrival of Gen Mac from Japan. We put on Khaki Class B uniforms and took our 105s and set them up at a certain area of Kimpo. We had blank ammo and got it ready. An Divarity officer took our picture for the division booklet.

In a while later a plane from Japan lands. It was the BAATAN. As the general's foot hit the ground, we gave him a 19 gun salute. Then Gen Mac got in an ol Packard four door and went into Seoul. He was Pres. Rhee's guest speaker at the Korean's doings. Later he came back to Kimpo to board his plane. When he did we gave him another 19 gun salute.

After the Btry was ready to go, we headed for the range to fire a live round to get the blank carbon out of the tubes. Then went back to the arty compound to clean up the guns and equipment. We didn't realize it but it was a day of new change in our lives. It meant no more occupation duty. No more train guard and road block duties. The city streets were safer now that the recruiting for new ROK army was in full swing. A lot of commies got caught up in the army and were discovered and shot. A GI could run all over town now. Our main job now was arty training and that we did. We learned all the jobs from Chief of firing battery down to the last cannoneer. It came in handy later on.

K MAG was in full swing, it was broken down into smaller units to be sent to each ROK bn or regt. Families were permitted to come with their soldier boy. Which I thought was a bad idea. The place wasn't fit for Gls, not alone their families. K MAG had all those ROK divisions to train. A high officer said that Tanks would be of no use in Korea so don't give Tank training to the ROKs. What a mistake this was, huh?

CHAPTER 6. Occupancy duty ends

Soon the UN Committee moved out of the Duk Soo Palace and back to safe hands of the UN Assembly. Their job was done here. As Gen Mac had promised the Korean president, that the US forces would dwindled down to a division by October 48, XXIV corps and the remainder of the 6th Inf Div left for home with their "short timers". Their longtimers came to the 7th Inf Div in Seoul. The downtown Seoul service club closed with the deactivation of the XXIV Corps. This also included all smaller supporting units. The only combat troops left was the 7th Infantry Division.

Back at C Btry 48th FA BN in the Divarity compound, we got used to the every day training classes of arty, gunnery. We held classes in the morning and played around the 105mm Howitzers in the afternoon. We did what the artymen call "Cannoniers Hop". We even learned each others job (in case someone got hurt or wounded). Officers gave us info on forward observing and men from the FDC (Fire Direction Center) gave us lectures on FDC. It's no wonder that when war did come that the arty was so dead accurate. Especially the 48th FA Bn/555th FA Bn, in which later they became.

Every now and then we'd go out on field problems to fire off ammo to get rid of it. Ever so often we'd go out on convoys to let the people know that we were still around. We'd see a ROK Infantry Regt walking along the highway and salute them. And along with them were units of K MAG, earning their money. The young men who were kids when the GIs first came were now interpreters for K MAG and the ROKs. It was only fitting. They knew both Korean and American slang. So did the orphans, who had nuns as heads and teachers.

Do you veterans often wonder about what happened to your "House Boys"? They mostly ended up in the services of ROK or as interpreters for the Rhee adm.

Anyway, as fall came, I was asked by my btry commander if I would like to work for the officers mess/club for the winter months. I agreed.

CHAPTER 7. TDY with the Officer mess/club.

What I didn't know is that my C.O. was also my officers mess/club officer. But of 1st Lt Ford was an ok guy. Rumor was that he played foot ball in college back home. After I was checked in at the OMC, I was given the rest of the day off to straighten my gear away. The next morning I got started on unpacking and cleaning the 6 pot belly stoves, 4 for the mess hall and two for the club (the last third of the building). I used gas and fuel oil mixed to clean up the stoves, pipes, carburetors and hoses. When I got done, I put them up in sand boxes (in case of fire) and lit them up. Some of the officers thought that we got new ones. Brig. Gen Roger M. Wickes thought that I swiped them from somewhere. He was our Divarty C.O.

After I had the fires going and had alot of time on my hands, Gen Wickes told Lt. Ford that he wanted me to serve him and his staff at meal times instead of his Korean waiter. So I got stuck with another job. The next morning I accidentally spilled coffee on Gen Wickes sleeve. His staff had a harry. But Gen Wickes just said that it was my first time and I was probably nervous (I was). But I settled down and served him every morning. Plus my bn C.O. and Lt Ford my btry C.O. Hey! I had to look out for my interest, huh?

In Oct 48, two cockies and I went with the club jeep out bird hunting. We drew shotguns from the Service Btry supplyroom. Up in the hills we went. We saw about three birds all daylong. I shot one in the tail feathers and he swooped
down over a hill or two. We looked for him but couldn’t find him. After while we drove back to the mess hall.

Orders came down for all service club women workers to fly to Japan. They were eating at the OMC. So our divvity service club was now being operated by a couple of GIs from Hq Btry. We were wondering if the brass had issued them dresses.

Thanksgiving Day came and we all enjoyed a good dinner with a bellyache. But it sure was good. With all the trimmings. Then we all sat around and listen to the football game on the USAF’s network radio. We had our choice, we could listen to that or turn it on Korean music. Korean music sounded as if they were banging pots and pans around.

Soon we were decorating the place for Christmas and New Years eve. This would be my first Christmas away from home. The year before, at Ft Knox, they gave us a 14 day leave. I was home for Christmas 47. But at Thanksgiving and Christmas times, I got a little homesick. Thinking about what they were doing at home for the holidays, I guess all of us were doing that. We were all mostly 18 by now. But the officers and NCOs were WWII rejects or just out of college. Christmas was also a good dinner. Now it was the last day of December 48. Lt Ford asked me to help Mr. Lee (our bartender) in the club that night.

Officers were having their wives fly over from Japan and the single officers were having a group of young Japanese girls come for the New Year’s eve dance. That night I was dressed in my Class A uniform, with my PFC stripes neatly sewn on my sleeves. I was helping Mr. Lee serve booze to the officers and their guests. I already had taken care of my stoves for the evening. And Ted the maintenance man said he’d take care of them later that night.

After the dancing got started and I saw a young Japanese girl sitting by herself. I calmly walked over to her and asked her to dance. She looked at my PFC stripes and said, with her nose up, “I don’t dance with anyone lower than a 2nd Lt.” I looked at her and gently replied, “Who in hell is lower then a 2nd Lt?” Lt Ford and a group of his friends were right behind me. They spilled their drinks and burst out laughing. Soon it got all around the club.

Later, after 1949 had appeared, I was outside getting some nice cool air, standing by the club jeep. A 2nd Lt did come out staggering, he was loaded.

He ordered me to drive him to his quarters. I said yes and we jumped into the jeep. His breath was so strong that I thought I was drunk. As we flew around a turn, he didn’t hold on. He fell out flat on his ass. He got back up finally and said for me to get back to the club. He walked the rest of the way, which wasn’t far. I got back and told Lt Ford about it. He doubled up and laughed. He went around telling his friends about it. Every now and then an officer came by or when I was serving them, “Hey, remind me to never let you drive for me” And I laughed.

Soon the orders came down for the units to take down all 7th Inf Div signs. Pack them up and take them to divvity Hq. We got the news that the 7th Inf Div was going to Sendai, Japan. ‘Hah! We were soon to learn that we wasn’t going anywhere. Just all the generals staffs, a group of officers and a few NCOs, so the 7th Inf Div went to Japan alright but mostly on paper. It would be built back up with new breed from the states.

The 5th Inf Regt was just relieved from Constabulary duty in northern Italy and was being sent home. It got orders to send its guides on to Korea, colors and all. For a few days we were no name units. All the short timers went home from the different units. The long timers went to the old 31st Inf Regt, old 48th FA Bn, and the 13th combat Engineers BN and the recon co. So we (tary) became the 555th FA Bn, the infantry became the 5th Inf Regt, and the engineers became the 72nd Engineers Combat Co. The recon became the Tank Co.

It was now almost spring and so it was time for me to return to my gun section at C Btry. I cleaned and packed away all the stoves, grabbed my gear and bid my friends “So long”. I was happy to get back to the gun section. At the DMC I had it made, but it got tiresome. A lot of these guys, I knew back from basic, and we shot the shit a lot.

The brass put out a contest to find the right shoulder patch for the newly joined combat team. With the 5th Inf Regt, the 555th FA Bn (Triple Nickelers), the 72nd Combat Engineer Co, and the Tank Co, together made up the 5th Regimental Combat Team (5th RCT). So we all wanted a patch of our own. So Gen Mac’s promised to Rhee that by 49, we would be down to a combat team was right on schedule. We had a week to draw up a patch. I drew one up with cross cannons on it, but the brass said, that the infantry wouldn’t wear it. It was something like the KMG/KMAG’s but with cross cannons instead of the white bird. Oh well! A guy in the infantry won the contest with the five pointed red shit house. A point represented each bn. And one for the engineers and tank cos, and any btry or co, added on later to make up a bn. The other four; 1st, 2nd, 3rd bns, and the 555th FA Bn. Any other btry or companies would be added with the Tank and engineer co.s This is what the originator of the patch had in mind. Also the cut house design was for the outhouse w/shit and shower rooms in them.

With the same old training every day, the time went fast. And with the good job KMAG was doing with the training of the ROKs, as we know that Gen Mac had promised, that as the ROKs were built up, there were to be less combat troops in Korea. Rhee didn’t want any other troops in his country. Just US funds to do as he pleased. In June 49 we put cosmonile on our 105s. We spent more time riding around the country, using up the fuel at the POL dump.

We spent our time with classes, close order drill, physical training. Oh, yeah! We went on pass a lot and seen the Korean girls, that was common, without explanation. Yeah, use a condom, ha. ha. And later take a pro. We never heard of aids. But there was plenty of OD around enough for everyone. The ROKs took over the 38th parallel (with KMAG officials) and patrolled the 150 mile line. It was their turn to report all NK traffic or build up along the line. They sometimes traded shots with the NKs. That was an everyday thing.

When the 32nd Infantry Regt had it, the Russians were watching on the other side. A guard patrolling at night along his part of the long fence. Walking with his feet up to his boot tops in snow with the wind howling past his ears, worried if and when the Russians were going to attack as they had threatened. He could hear a gun shot or a grenade go off in the distance. It was damn sure a dangerous position to be into. Specially when this was supposed to be peace time. I often wondered why the brass didn’t make a medal. Like a KOM of Korean Occupation Medal for us. This was not Japan, men signed up to go back to Japan. I didn’t have to. I really signed up to go back to Korea. I reenlisted but never asked to go back to Korea. I never lost anything over there. But I felt sorry for these guys in KMAG, even tho they were all volunteers. They got there too late to get the JOM. I thought at least the brass could have given them a AFEM medal. Maybe they could have given us all one. It was our butts on the line here.

CHAPTER 8. From Hell to Paradise

Then in July 49, the orders came down, the last combat troops in Korea was now ready to leave. South Korea had enough army to defend its own country. We were clear to leave. But where? On the 29th of July, we loaded up our junk and coupled up our 105s and convoyed to Inchon, “The Best damn Port in the Pacific” (as what the sign said on a
building at the port). The 5th Inf Regt was first to board the ship. They beat us there.
And had hot lunch on the ship. When we got there, we had C rations, sitting around
our equipment.

After lunch we got on board the ship.
We put our gear away down in our assigned compartment and went back up on
deck to watch the merchant marines load up our trucks and 105s. It was a nice hot
day. But the smell of Korean fertilizer was gone and in its place was the molded smell
of moss of the reeds in the harbor. Ahhhhh, what a smell! Everyone on deck asked,
"Where are we going?" One thing for sure, pay day was two days away, if we got paid
in military script, we were going to northern Japan (two days) or Okinawa.
If we got paid in US currency, it meant we
were going to a US possession, like
Panama, Alaska, Hawaii, or even Porta Rico.

The next morning we passed right on by the spot where we were supposed to be in
we were going to Japan. Same goes for Okinawa. The Philippines was out of our
minds. It was Navy, Marines, and Air
Force land.

It was payday and we were still
heading east-northeast. It was now too far out of the way to land in the Far East. The
rumors had it that we might be heading for Fort Ord, California, that's where the 6th
Inf Div went. We all got paid in good ol
US currency. It felt good. Maybe we were
going home. Hah! The brass told them that we were heading for Hawaii. PARADISE!
To Schofield Barracks to train for
maneuvers against the 2nd Inf Div from
Fort Lewis, Washington.

Except for a storm, we had good weather most the way. We passed the
International Dateline and had an extra day that week. It made up for the 6 day we
had going the other way.

On the day that we got to Hawaii, the
ship's captain told us over the PA system
that the islands would be coming into view.
We grabbed our cameras and headed for
the main deck. The brass were on the upper
deck. Hey! What's going on here? All we
could see, was somethings out there
that looked like dashes on the horizon. But soon you could see the mountains.
Then came the beaches and small crafts. The islands
seem to reach out to us, as to say "Aloha-
Welcome to Paradise". Then we saw
people on the crafts and swimmers all
waving at us. This was a beautiful sight.

Back in South Korea, it was just
another work day for the men of KMA
Their Camp was called Camp Sabingo.
They were broken down to small units for
each BN. It would be alot easier to teach
and stay with their Korean units this way.
Especially the single men. Their job was to

Teach the ROKs new techniques of modern
warfare, like infantry, arty gunnery, and
combat engineers. The brass said that tank
training would be useless in Korea, on
account of the terrain. How wrong they
were, alot of GIs and ROKs lost their lives
later on account of this.

Back in early 1948, the army sent
advertisements all over the army
installations (including Germany) for
instructors volunteers to serve in training
the ROK army. Most GIs never heard
of Korea. And they could even take their
dependents with them. They got volunteers
from all over. Young GIs that had good
jobs all over the states that thought that
their jobs were boring and wanted different
scenery took the bait. What a shock it must have been for them and their dependents
when they got to their destination. I
thought that it was too filthy for just the GI,
not to bring in their families. But the
KMAC groups did their jobs and well.

The KMAC groups went out on field
problems, too just like cadre and instructors
in basic training units back in the states.
In the field, they ate Korean rations. With the
ROK units on the 38th parallel, KMAC
units reported spotting NKs building up
troops and mostly heavy equipment on
their side of the parallel. The brass from
Japan came over and drove up in nice shiny
cars and jeep. The commies would spot
them for miles and hide everything. They
would then head back, pleased that
everything was quiet and ok.

In June 1950, a KMAC photographer
and a Korean general flew a liaison plane
over into North Korea and took pictures of
the build up, The pictures were flown to
Gen. Headquarters in Japan. The build-up
was clear in the minds of the brass. But a
commie working at the Gen Headquarters,
sent a message back to North Korea that
the build up was spotted in aerial pictures.

The attack was on. The North Korean
army pushed across the 38th parallel. Their
T-34 Russian built tanks not stopping for
anything. The ROKs had no anti tank
weapons to use on them. ROK soldiers
threw had grenades at the tanks and fired
their rifles at them. Then they threw themselves at them, being crushed to death.
This was war. A Korean war. The Allies
defense line was between Japan and Korea.
That meant to the commies that Korea was
up for grabs. KMAC being a mission and
not a combat unit, with no promise that the
US or the allies would come back, sent
their dependents and married men to Japan
on a Norwegian freighter. The rest drove
their jeeps, 3/4 ton trucks, and 21/2 ton
trucks to airports to be flown to Japan.
They all ended up at Maj. Gen. William F.
Dean's 24th Inf Div Headquarters. He in
turn chewed out the officers and sent them
tall back to their ROK units in Korea. At
this time KMAC was down to about 475
officers and enlisted men. After driving
through Seoul, they didn't have much
further to go. maybe about 1.5 miles. The
North Korean army were good fighters.
A lot of them had training in China's revolt.
And their onslaught was pushing them to
Seoul. It seemed like nothing was stopping
them.

Some KMAC personnel helped with
getting the Korean president and his wife
on the train to points South. To Taeug,
Taegon, then to more safer, Pusan. With the
N.K.s tanks and men coming on to their
heels, the ROKs either retreated, defected,
taken prisoner, or were killed. The Korean
War was on.

Some KMAC personnel were killed
right away during their retreat. Some were
captured and their hands tied behind them
and shot in the back of the heads. The
North Koreans generals thought they had a
quick and easy victory, just a foot race
to Pusan and it would be all over. How wrong
they were. The UN Allies did not forget
their newest ally in South Korea after all.

In August 1949, when we were in
Hawaii, we prayed that those brave men of
KMAC along with their families would get
the hell out of Korea, too. It was bad
even tough enough for a combat unit, but it was worse
to end families over there, too, with the
filthy air you had to breath all the time,
toxic water supply you had to drink and
cook with. The nasty bitter cold winters
and the hot mosquito infested summers.

I wonder how many exGIs and their
families had terrible diseases from this
experience? I know I have a daughter with
an unusual crippling disease that kept her bed
ridden for over 38 years. A son who died
with a hole in his heart and crippled, too.
He was 8 years old. Two grandchildren who
have unusual handicapped in their legs or
arms. Could this have come from service in
Korea? The army and the VA say "NO". If
you were discharged in good health, you
had no ailments later due to services in the
army. What do you think? How many of
you Korean Occupationers and Korean
War Veterans have unusual ailments to you
or your families? It is something to think
about.

The end of trip #1.

Thank you, RICHARD STINSON.
We regret that our limited space
did not allow for using your photos. We
will try to print them in a later edition of
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SHE NAMED IT "OPERATION RE-UNITE"

The January Graybeards printed a request from a ROK veteran seeking an American GI friend from the war.

Subsequent events led to a plan spearheaded by Kathleen C. Wyosnick (of the KwVA Board) in which she and certain contacts within the Korea government and newspapers will seek to use a computerized database for finding information.

She will keep the membership informed, through Graybeards, of progress as it occurs.

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