ARE WE TO MECKLY ACCEPT THAT 33 - 54 THOUSAND AMERICANS DIED IN KOREA FIGHTING FOR IDEALS OF FREEDOM SO A MEMORIAL CAN BE BUILT IN THEIR HONOR AND OUR GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS CAN TURN A PROFIT FROM THE SALE OF SOUVENIRS?

WE KNOW NOW who is to be given copyright royalties by ABMC... and they say 25 percent is for "the government".

ABMC plans to give another 25 percent to the architect for "administering" the royalties... but fails to tell just how many of our 16 million dollars the architect has already been paid for "design" work... or how much MORE the firm will be paid by ABMC.

ABMC plans to give the other 50 percent of the royalties to "the sculptor and muralist"... on top of what they will be paid for their labor and materials!

See page 8 for a copy of the actual letter written last August 11, 1993 by Col. William E. Ryan, Jr., of ABMC.

GRAYBEARDS does not like the situation at all — and if YOU want to keep on fighting — as Graybeards is doing — there is a suggested letter on page 9 for you to copy and send to our government.

He called most of us "TURNCOATS" — see page 21.

Shall KWVA sue the government? or try through public pressure to force ABMC to change? See page 8.

Why should Americans sue in order to get fair treatment from our government? See page 8.

"I do not need this type of harassment from Col. Ryan." See page 19.

"When you go home, Tell them of us and say: For your tomorrow We gave today."

The inscription quoted above is on a London, England monument remembering soldiers of the Australian 14th Division who were killed in WWII. It was sent to Graybeards by Dr. N. GILLMOR LONG of Mountain Home, AR.

Korean War Veterans Association
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Harpers Ferry, W. V. 25425
Phone: 304-535-2259

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THE PRIMARY PURPOSES OF KWVA ARE:
1. To seek out the truth about our 8179
M.I.A.'s and 389 P.O.W.'s that didn't return.
2. Raise the awareness of the American people
about the Korean war and those who served in it.
3. Raise and contribute funds for establish-
ment of the National Memorial in
Washington, D.C.

The Korean War Veterans Association
was founded in July 1985. The place
was near Arlington National Cemetery - where we
hold the first of our annual ceremonies to commemo-
rate those who died, who are missing, and who
were prisoners of war. Thirty-nine Charter Members
enrolled in our Association at the first
meeting.

TAPS
They died before we built the Memorial;
we will remember them:
FRANK MATUK; MSgt USMC Ret.
Member of Gulf Coast Chapter. Died June
1993.
WAYNE B. SAGER; December 1992,
San Clemente, CA.
ROBERT S. THOMAS; 2718 Maplewood Ave.;
Bellingham, WA 98225. May 3, 1993
ARTHUR T. MACKEY; June 13, 1993; 1203
Spruce Avenue; Elmere; Wilmington, DE
19905. Army, Korea, 1950. QM & HQ Det.
98th AM. BN. — Korean serv. Med. w/2
Brn. Stars. From his brother PHILIP A.
MACKEY.

STEVE LAKATA, August 1993. Newark, DE.
PERRY MCLEARY, August 10, 1993. USAF.
Santa Clara County, CA.
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Springfield, IL.
CARMINE J. MASSARO, July 9, 1993.
Haskell Heights, NJ.
NORMAN A. RHODES, August 1, 1993.
Yuma, AZ. "45th Inf Div in a Tank BN as
1st Sgt, but don't know the unit. We have
lost another comrade who will not see the
Memorial become a reality." —from Al
Ramirez.

BOB HALL, August 1993. Redding, CA.
Inf Regt 3rd Inf Div. Reported by Bill Fortier.
Tucson, AZ.
WILLIAM L. LEETHY (charter member
KWVA) died July 7, 1993; age 64; Troy,
Ohio. Remembered by Donald Meek and others.

MARVIN W. SAUER, 28th Inf Div, Germany;
at Port O'Connor, TX.
ALBERT W. BOEHN, 45th Inf Div, Korea; at
Shiner, TX.

CLARENCE H. MOORE, JR., Waelder, TX.

WILLIAM A. "BILL" DURNIN
I'm sorry to have to report on a great guy
and a dear friend to me. Bill Durnin, from
Philadelphia died late Thursday night at a hospi-
tal in Pittsburgh, PA.

William A. Durnin. Died July 30, 1993,
Burial Monday, Aug. 9th, 1 pm Arlington
National Cemetery, Virginia.

He was awaiting a liver transplant, was
doing fine and then, surprising to the hospital
people, his condition turned very bad Thursday
evening and he passed on. Send donations to
Chapter 38, K.W.V.A.; 4230 0 St.;
Philadelphia, PA 19124, in lieu of flowers.
Sincerely LOU SELMI, JR.

WILLIAM D. HAYES

It is with a sad heart I wish to inform
you my husband, William D. Hayes
(KWVA), passed away on May 5, 1993 at
Griffin Hospital in Derby, CT after a ten
month battle with cancer. Bill was 61
years old.

Bill served in Korea with the HQ
Battery, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Division
from February 1952/53 on the Western
Front about 20 miles south of the 38th
parallel and was classified as a "telephone
technician". Bill didn't talk much about the
time he served in Korea, But I know he thought
about it a lot.

He was honorably discharged in July
1954 as a CPL with a Korean Service
Medal W/3*, United Nations Service
Medal, National Defense Service Medal
and Good Conduct Medal. He and the former
Barbara Ryan were married on May
14, 1955. (We would have celebrated our
38th wedding anniversary this year.)

In addition to his wife, he is survived
by two daughters, Lynn Leach and Marcia
Hayes; one son, William; five grandchildren;
Jennifer Konopka, Christopher and
Justin Leach and Stephanie and William
Hayes, Jr.

We both were looking forward to
seeing the Korean War Veterans Memorial
in D.C. upon its completion.
—BARBARA L. HAYES; 27 Robin Rd.;
Seymour, CT 06483.

"I have a 60 minute personal video
tape of the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier"
Arlington National Cemetery. This includes
the Korean War Veterans wreath laying cer-
emony, July 1993. If interested contact:
SAMUEL COSMAN; 1906 Rambling Ridge
Ln. 101; Baltimore, MD 21209."
Enclosed is a notice on the death of Jake Lindsey; he was my cousin and I noticed in Graybeards that someone asked to know who each Medal of Honor recipient dies. Perhaps someone will remember him, and my thanks to you for a job well done.—CHARLES T. LINDSEY; 6390 Southfield Road; Detroit, MI 48228.

JAKE LINDSEY
Recipient of the Medal of Honor
WAYNESBORO, Miss. — Jake Lindsey, a Medal of Honor recipient nicknamed the "one-man army" for his exploits in World War II and the Korean War, has died of a heart attack. He was 67.

Mr. Lindsey, who died Monday, July 18, 1988, at his home, was awarded 16 medals. He was the 100th U.S. infantryman to receive the nation's highest military honor.

When he was presented the award before a joint session of Congress in 1945, President Harry S. Truman was said to have whispered to him: "Td rather have the Congressional Medal of Honor than be the president of the United States."

A Mobile (Ala.) Press Register article at the time reported that despite a knee wound, Mr. Lindsey "accounted personally for 20 killed, an untold number wounded, and three captured during one World War II engagement against the Nazis."

Mr. Lindsey killed 15 Chinese in one night during the Korean War, said Ron Busby, a specialist for the First National Reserve of Beaumont, Texas, which is producing a movie on Lindsey, Call of Duty.

After retiring as a staff sergeant in 1963, he spent 10 years with the U.S. Forest Service.

Please be advised that my father, RONALD P. MCKEOWN, passed away on May 28, 1993. He was 65 years old.

I am proud to say that my father served in the Korean War from November of 1950 through November of 1951.

I was honored to have joined my father during the Korea Revisit Trip in October of 1991. I will treasure the memories of this trip forever! I fully enjoyed the entire trip, especially Seoul, the day trip to Parnumon, the War Museum and National Cemetery. The reaction of the Korean citizens seeing our identified tour bus travel through the streets of Seoul is what I'll remember most, and which sent shivers down my spine. The Koreans would stop in the street and cheer, applaud and wave to these individuals who had risked their lives for them in war over forty years ago. This spontaneous display of gratitude brought tears to everyone's eyes. It was great!!

I also enjoyed the "history" lesson from my father and the other KVs resulting in my full belief that the Korean War was indeed THE FORGOTTEN WAR. You Korean War Veterans are very much appreciated, but unfortunately more so in Korea than here in the United States. This disgrace will be offset somewhat by the final resolution of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Your efforts will prevail.

Our family would be most appreciative if he would be remembered in your prayers. Also, please include his name in the next edition of THE GRAYBEARDS' obituary.

Thank you, KEVIN MCKEOWN; 270 Loring Avenue; Pelham, New York 10803. 914-738-4923.

Dear Editor: Would you please, in your next issue of "Graybeard" remember my childhood friend (like a brother) SFC RICHARD F. CRONIN. He was KIA, September 22, 1951 at Heartbreak Ridge, Satae-ri, Korea. He was with 23rd Inf Regt., 2nd Inf. Division. May he rest in Peace. Another member of the Unknown and forgotten. Not by me!


It is with heavy heart that I inform you of the death of one of my dearest buddies SSgt. OTTO E. KNORRE, JR, who passed away 5 January 1992 after suffering a heart attack.

Otto was with Hq. Co. 1st Bn. 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division from August 1948 until he was severely wounded during the battle of the Kum River, July 1950.

You might want to publish this in your next issue of "The Graybeards" so that all of his friends will know of his passing away. Thank you, WILLIAM F. BOREK; 356 Osprey Drive; Hampstead, NC 28443. 30 May 1993.

WE CALLED HIM "SHORTY"
It was a term used fondly by those of us who knew him well. His name was ROBERT STORKSON. He died April 15, 1993. He was severely wounded when the B-29 on which he was a crewmember was hit by Migs on a bombing mission over Anju, North Korea on Jan. 10, 1953. Despite his wounds, he bailed out, and was captured. After he was repatriated, he returned to civilian life, married, raised a family, and ran a successful business. He died as he lived, with great courage, and love for his family and friends. Once again one of our heroes died before seeing a Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. HOW MANY MORE? —JEAN EARL. (No address by request.)

SEND GET-WELL CARDS TO HARRY WALLACE
A lot of you don't know HARRY WALLACE but you do know of him and his connection with your membership.

Harry is still suffering severely from open wounds received in the Iron Triangle with the 7th Division. Advancing age does not really help, either.

He holds the CIB and two Purple Hearts. He now faces possible amputation and is being personally attacked by the KVA Nat'l Sec/Treas.

Will you please send a get-well card to Harry Wallace; P.O. Box 12205; Baltimore, MD 21281. It would be a lot of fun to see Harry open 10,000 get-well cards. As one KVA wife says: "Harry is the nicest member."

"I hope your crusade in the copyright business is successful. It needs a nationally-known investigation team or reporter! Very strange!" —Margaret DeBolt; writer and reporter; Savannah, GA.

THE STAN HADDEN DISCLAIMER
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MESSAGE FROM KWVA PRESIDENT
Response to Nick Pappas article in the August Graybeards:

Nick's first point is that "members" at the 1993 Reunion asked him what is wrong with National. There were nearly 700 people attending the Reunion. If all 700 had asked the question we would have had a revolution.

Nick made it appear that nothing is happening. This is simply not true. He knew the answers to his questions.

One of his questions - Why have we not opened an office in Washington D.C.? - Answer: To suggest squandering a large sum of money to employ someone to manage our finances, set up an office, receive mail, answer mail, answer the telephone, etc. just does not constitute national judgement. This office is in place at the present time in Phoenix, AZ. All necessary office equipment is in place, we have two people full time (at no cost to the association). We have a 800 number (1-800-843-5982). There is no requirement to expend $80,000 to $100,000 per year for something that is available free of charge. This has been available to us for only the last 5 months.

Nick knows also that the KWVA is working on a ByLaws/Procedures Manual. The Chairman is Leonard Dube; 410 Funston Ave.; Torrington, CT 06790 (203-489-3389).

If you think something should be in this procedures manual, call Len and tell him.

We are now working on a major campaign, "Tell America." The chairman is Emmett Benjamin (305-255-6355). Again Tell America is alive and vibrant. It is not bogged down in red tape.

While Nick’s article was being printed the United States and North Korea were putting together an agreement to begin the return of the United States Korean War remains. As you read Nick’s article, North Korean Officials were in Hawaii visiting our Central Identification Lab. The Chinese were there earlier this year. KWVA has participated since 1989 in helping with the strategy that made this possible.

We have watched with concern the handling of a copyright on our memorial also no names on our memorial. Our members are writing to their legislative representatives. Our letters are routinely referred to the ABMC who in turn ignores the complaint, and in turn complains about our attitude.

Nick is our first Vice-President. He has every right to run for President, and has every right to criticize the management of the KWVA.

There are three points where he is absolutely wrong!

As first vice-president, he is in charge of fund raising. In the year he has been in office we have not had any fund raising program. He should not criticize when he does not contribute his share.

As first vice-president, he participates in management decisions. He makes his complaints in public. As an officer of KWVA he should make his thoughts known to the Executive Council. The elected officials of the Executive Council should have a right to hear his complaints first, and take appropriate action. If he is still dissatisfied the issue is properly taken before the general membership and they should decide. What Nick did, in his rush to become president, was to take away the right of the Executive Council.

Lastly, Nick is talking out of both sides of his mouth. He should decide which side he is on. According to his last dispatch Nick has formed his own government — a committee, he calls his advisory group. There is nothing wrong with his action, if he were not an officer. But Nick is first vice-president and he has a duty to tell us who is helping him. The KWVA is not a secret society and we cannot survive with secrecy in a democratic society. I call upon Nick to tell us who is with him and what they stand for. If he chooses not to say who they are, he really should resign.

As president, I am supposed to represent all views. So is Nick, for he is first vice-president.

Dick Clevenger

*SEE "FOOTNOTE" ON PAGE 7

YES! USE COPIES OF GRAYBEARDS ARTICLES FOR NEWS RELEASES
SOME HAVE ASKED is it OK to copy or re-print something from Graybeards ... and yes, it is okay to do so. We would like you to give credit when possible but will not argue about it. Feel free also to make as many copies of the application blank (on last page) as you want. Thank you.

"WE DO HAVE THE POWER TO CLEAN HOUSE IN WASHINGTON"

"Stan, good grief, DO NOT GIVE UP... WE ALL NEED YOU AS THE EDITOR. Without you surely the KWVA will fall apart. I can see there is some division in the ranks, long before I even joined up. With your writings and timely information, I hope we can all come together and become ONE. The gov't would love to see us veterans fall apart, because one person is ZERO; as a unit WE DO HAVE THE POWER to clean house in Washington, and we are right — even is it is ever so slow right now.

"Just remember: I'M MAD AS HELL... AND I AIN'T GOING TO TAKE IT ANY MORE." When I get really upset, I stop to think and ask myself...

"Wally", when everyone around you on Little Gibraltar, were falling, either wounded, or killed out right, how on earth did you walk thru a steady stream of machine-gun fire, and get to the top of our captured hill.???

"LUCK HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. True, I almost did not make it, and I went thru the experience of seeing the "long dark tunnel or hallway" (I knew I was dying), but suddenly, matters reversed themselves, and I came back. I saw no bright light at the end of this hallway, nor did I see GOD. But, I did realize what took place, and I was sent back, without a doubt whatsoever in my mind.

"Everyone in the company thought I had been killed (KIA) and would you believe, the company carried me as such for several months, and the Department of Army, or who ever, sent a "DEAD REGRETS" TELEGRAM, homeward bound. When I wrote to my Platoon L.t. he quickly got that mess cleared up.

Therefore this story comes out, but not only was it NOT MY TIME to depart this planet, but the fact is... "My mission, here on this earth, was not finished as yet" and that's why I am still here. I firmly believe this. Therefore, to this day, knowing the above, I work for my fellowman, and what I start, I go full tilt toward that end.

"I am not going to say, I Quit. I am not going to say, 'I've had enough' I am not going to get depressed I shall and will carry on, no matter what. I know, "HE" is on my side and I therefore take a DAY AT A TIME. Things WILL CHANGE for the better."

—WALLY TWEEDLE; 2995 Maple Ave.; Millersport, OH 43046-9740.
Col. Lewis L. Millett, Medal of Honor, Wants Names On Memorial

"STAN — As for the names on the wall. First I would like to ask who the hell's pictures are they proposing to put up in the first place?? Secondly: somebody all the names of those who died should be somewhere where the whole country can observe and remember.

"To quote my friend Sgt. Major Keith Payne, Royal Australian Regiment, (Korea, Vietnam, Malaya) Victoria Cross, US D.S.C. who recited this poem:

_They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old._
_Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn._
_At the going down of the sun, and in the morning._
_We shall remember them, lest we forget,_
_LEST WE FORGET!!!"

"Everyone can remember and never forget if their names are carved in our Nation's capitol."

Col. Millett Then Commented On The Graybeards August Poll

"As for the questions on the Graybeard poll:

(NO) 1 - Congress is at the bottom of the public approval list just below used car salesmen of California.
(YES) 2. We would do the work and Congress would get the money and credit. I will apologize to some of my friends in Congress on a personal basis.
(YES) 3. The Armed Forces are supposed to stop invasions and sure as hell we're being invaded.
(YES) 4. After paying 3.2 billion in medical care bills (California) for illegal immigrants I think it is about time to surrender or annex Mexico. Put them on an airplane and parachute home!!"

"MAD AS HELL BUT I NEVER EXPECT TO SEE THE MEMORIAL"

"STAN — I received my issue of the Graybeards yesterday, too am mad as hell. I will be 85 years old in eight more days.


"I have a cancer that cannot be operated on. So now I never expect to see the finished KWVA Monument because of the ABMC and all the other screwballs that have to do with monuments of this kind.

"I went to Korea with 3rd Eng. Combat BN, 24th Div. in July 1950. Went from Pusan to the Yalu and back. Saw most of my friends who were with me in Japan and WWII K.I.A. or wounded. I want their names on the monument even though I will never see it. God bless and keep your powder dry. Remember Pearl Harbor!"

—(M/SGT.RTD) CHARLEY M. CLARK; RR1 Box 34; Searboro, IA 50242.
DOUGLAS WARREN
PRESTAGE
M.I.A. June 20, 1952
We don't have much to go on here. This MIA has two living sisters that would like to hear from anyone that might have known their brother.

MIA DOUGLAS WARREN
PRESTAGE — Serial #56055364. Missing in action on June 20, 1952, near Inje, Korea. He was a Cpl or Sgt with the 5th Regimental Combat Team. No other information available.

Anyone that might remember this MIA, please contact: Mr. David Huerta, 46 E. Gibbons, Porterville, CA. 93257. Phone (209) 781-2177.

SFC ADDISON SCHANTZ, JR.
M.I.A. 28 NOV 1950
Dear Editor: I am a veteran of 3 wars and have tried many ways of getting information about my brother. Now even my service record have disappeared.

I am trying to find information concerning my brother S.F.C. ADDISON SCHANTZ Jr., service number RA19285453. He served with the Hq & Hq Co. 5th Cav Regt and was listed M.I.A. 28 Nov 1950 at Kuno Ri, Korea. A letter from Major General Bergin dated 25 September 1953 stated the Communists have reported he died in their custody at Pyokdong #5 North Korea.

No information was received from P.O.W.s on his return concerning his capture or death.

I heard an unrecognizable voice read a statement over the radio in late June 1951, that was purportedly written by him, long after the date he was reported dead.

Was he one of the P.O.W.s taken to Russia or China? Can someone remember him? Any information regarding my brother would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for any help that you or your readers can provide me. Sincerely, AL SCHANTZ; 1651 21st Street; Kingsburg, CA 93631.

CPL ALFRED LOPES, JR.
2ND INF DIV
M.I.A. FEB 13, 1951
My brother, Corporal ALFRED LOPES, JR RA15297270 was a member of HQ

BTRY, 15th FA BN 2d INF. Division and became a MIA on February 13, 1951 when his outfit got involved in heavy combat as his unit was breaking an opposing forces roadblock in the vicinity of Hoensong, Korea. When his unit arrived in the town of Wonju, DS 083343440033 he was missing. He is an original member of the 389 MIA listed and believed a POW as stated by returning POW's. If you know of any information regarding his situation please contact 1st LT Rober Lopes USMC (Retired) at P.0. Box 655, Palm Springs, California 92262. Tel (619) 322-5807.

PFC WALTER M. NORRIS, JR.
G CO 3RD BN
1ST MAR 1ST DIV
K.I.A. APRIL 24, 1951
Dear Sir: I am writing this letter with hopes that you may be able to locate someone that served with my brother in Korea, November 1951 thru April 1952.

P.F.C. Walter M. Norris, Jr.;1114840; G. Co. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines; 1st Division.

Following the chronology of 15 letters or so, I've traced his route but, is limited and vague (as follows):

- Nov. 3, 1950 in Korea.
- Dec. 25 Christmas in Pusan/Masan.
- Jan. 25 Yonchon - guard duty.
- Feb. 18 Chong-Ju
- Feb. 19 Chong-Ju supposed to move 35 miles west on Wonju.
- March 19 in battle 16 days Hill 930 reaching 38 degrees, went into Res.
- March 20 sends pictures clipped from Magazine of Hagaru-ri, in convoy column and cut off by Chinese WAS THERE.
- April 4 Big push to 38th 1st Marine Reg. going in res.
- April 14 on move again.

April 18 letter from interpreter P.F.C. Kim Chang Shao.
April 24, 1951 Killed in Action.

I would appreciate any names or information you could furnish. Mr. and Mrs. W. Norris, Sr. are both deceased, which is why I had to wait so long to pursue this painful journey of discovery. They never were able to talk about Walter, Jr. after he was returned to us. So, I waited until they were gone to resolve my own questions. Thank you again, for any help.

—MRS. PATRICIA (Norris) MARKLEY;

CPL HARRY M. SCHAAD
KIA AUG 31, 1951
It's hard to believe the Korean War started 43 years ago yesterday, but it didn't escape my notice.

MANY, many thanks for publishing my request for information on the exact locations of Sandbag Castle and Luke the Gook's Castle.

I have received numerous letters and phone calls on the subject and have been able to plot the exact locations on my map. I have shared this with several others with whom I flew as an Army aviator in that sector. It has also brought a great deal of other interesting information, including the order of battle for the 40th Infantry Division to which I was assigned. That was a real find!

Now I have one further request. Would you please publish another notice along these lines:

CPL HARRY M. SCHAAD, JR., US 56073078 killed in action August 31, 1951 while leading his squad on a bunker clearing mission near Hugunt'u-rung, North Korea. He was assigned to 1st Company, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division at that time. Anyone who knew Harry, were with him that day, or can give me a location for Hugunt'u-rung please contact: Norman R. Zehr, 3931 Mossy Rock Lane, Evergreen, CO (303) 674-1522.

Thanks again, Stan. Please keep up the good work. It is very important to many of us, and we owe you a great deal for your splendid efforts. NORMAN R. ZEHR; 3931 Mossy Rock Lane; Evergreen, Colorado 80439. 26 June 1953.
THE EDITOR'S

THINKING CAP

The following remarks are strictly personal opinions of the Editor of Graybeards, Stan Hadden. They are identified as being such in accord with the request from the Board of Directors meeting in Bloomington, MN last July 24.

OPINION FROM YOUR EDITOR

STAN HADDEN

When I put together page one of this Graybeards I looked at these words:

"When you go home, tell them of us and say: For your tomorrow, WE gave today."

I am one of the first 39 to join KWVA; my membership number is 15. I was the first to be elected Second Vice President; I served on the Board of Directors from the first day of KWVA until July 28, 1993.

As your editor since 1988 I believe I know the feelings and beliefs of the average member as well as — possibly better — than any other person sitting on the KWVA Council.

I have watched before, and am watching now, the infighting and jockeying of a few for position within our framework. I have watched people sit as a Director and do absolutely nothing for KWVA’s objectives and principles. I am watching a vicious attack upon our 2nd Vice President by the Nat’l Sec/Treas.

I am dedicated totally to our fight to KILL the copyright on OUR Memorial; and to demand the names of KIA/MIA be on the Memorial wall. Not on the back of the wall, but on the front.

Where will KWVA be After The Memorial Is Built?

I firmly believe that all veterans of America, with our families and our friends, must band together and act again to save our nation from an onrushing political and economic disaster.

And one way we can demonstrate our ability and willingness to do so is to battle to the ultimate end and force ABMC to build the Korean War Veterans Memorial with the names and without a copyright.

For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today

From that point we can go forward again for the United States of America and tell them: "For your tomorrow, we gave our today." That is the future we must give to our descendants.

THIS IS MY OPINION

I respect all those who want to have the annual July meeting in Arizona but I say to you: our destiny as an organization hinges upon a show of unity now and in 1994 and in 1995.

We must band together now. We must stop the infighting. Now. Today. We must force Congress to listen to us. We can do those things by one simple act, as follows:

Hold the 1994 annual July 24-28 meeting and memorial ceremony in the Washington, DC/Arlington, VA area. Work together to bring thousands upon thousands to our capitol city.

I support that position.

I ask for your help. Please send a flood of letters!

I fully realize that I am going against the present Council and Board of Directors. I tried to argue this case at the Bloomington meeting and was denied the opportunity when Resolution Number 10 was turned down. My conscience and my heart will not let me remain silent on this issue. So now let's see what happens.

*FOOTNOTE*: The figure 80,000 - 100,000 per year in Dick Adams' message includes about $50,000 FREE LABOR GIVEN by Editor Stan Hadden.

I QUOTE FROM OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE:

"A reminder to the people who control the ABMC and KWVMA—

"We know you people are all honorable and patriotic citizens of the United States but we will call this to your attention:

"The Declaration of Independence of the Thirteen United States of America, in its second paragraph states this clearly:

"'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, DERIVING THEIR JUST POWERS FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED...''"
You Asked: **WAS THE COPYRIGHT PART OF THE ORIGINAL PLANNING PROCESS?**

NO. IT WAS NOT.

Graybeards asked 13 questions of ABMC in June 1993. ABMC said "YES" to question number 2 — but THEIR OWN RECORD SAY'S OTHERWISE:

On October 9, 1990 — "Executive Summary Chapter A" which came to Graybeards from ABMC, on pages 2 and 3 described certain actions by Cooper-Lecky and others in selecting a sculptor. Their report DOES NOT EVEN MENTION THE WORD "copyright". It did include this phrase: "A selection jury . . . selected three finalists."

On that same day, same report, pages 6, 7, 8, and 9: details the process by which ABMC/KWVMAB/Army Corps of Engineers/Cooper-Lecky/John Beardsley mailed the sculptor requirements "To a carefully targeted list of sculptors." Nothing in this planning, advertising, or briefing of finalists even suggests the need for copyright agreements.

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LOOK AT THIS: the above paragraph said they used a "targeted list of sculptors". However — we have been told by a reliable source that the statues will be made of stainless steel with "no faces" and will be "sand-blasted" to give a "mate" finish.

That same source told Graybeards there is only one sculptor of national reputation who can work in stainless steel. So why did ABMC even bother with a "targeted list"?

"FOR THOSE WHO Fought for IT, FREEDOM HAS A FLAVOR THE PROTECTED WILL NEVER KNOW."
—Don Swanson; Gulf Coast Chapter.

QUICKIES ON THE MEMORIAL

Due to the method planned for etching 2,000 faces on the wall — in a rain or a heavy dew the stone soaks up the moisture and WILL APPEAR TO BE A BLANK WALL.

Engraving is done in a vertical stance; the names COULD be engraved on the FRONT and the faces on the back of the wall. NAMES would be engraved so deep that they would be visible in rain or shine.

There is a report from a reliable source that work on etching the faces in the stone has been put on temporary hold. Apparently your letters and phone calls are having some effect.

THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314

August 11, 1993

Mr. NAME BLANKED OUT

20 Mass. Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20314-0500

Phone 202-872-0533.

Fax 202-872-1375.

Dear Mr. NAME BLANKED OUT,

Thank you for your recent letter.

As you can imagine, because of the Graybeards' publication, we have had a great number of inquiries from the House and Senate concerning copyright and other matters. In the interest of replying to your letter as quickly as possible, I am enclosing a recent letter to Senator Byrd which should answer your questions.

Subsequent to the letter to Senator Byrd, Cooper/Lecky the Architect of Record for the memorial, has entered into an agreement with the sculptor and muralist which relinquishes one-half of the copyright royalties to the artists concerned with our approval. Of the remaining one-half, one-quarter will go to the Federal Government and one-quarter will go to Cooper/Lecky for administering the royalties. The Vietnam Memorial shares the royalties equally with the sculptor.

The memorial is progressing well. At their June 1993 meetings, the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission approved the final design drawings for the memorial. The construction contract (Phase II) has gone out for bid and should be awarded early in October of this year. We expect construction to begin not later than January 1994 and be completed in sufficient time to dedicate the memorial on July 27, 1995, the 42nd Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. Most importantly, sufficient funds have been raised to construct the memorial, provide for its maintenance, and reimburse the Federal Government for its Appropriation.

Thank you for your continued interest.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Colonel, ADA
Director of Operations and Finance

Enclosure

This is the letter from ABMC that reveals who will divide the copyright royalties under the ABMC plan.

We ask you to consider sending a copy of this along with a copy of the letter on next page. Thank you.

Someone insisted that KWVA must SUE the government if we really want to have the names on the Memorial, and NO copyright.

Graybeards asks: WHY should free Americans have to sue the government to have our wishes met?

There is NO LAW forcing ABMC to copyright the Memorial. Why does the Army Corps of Engineers insist on "protecting their clients' right"? Since when are we — the people — not the "clients"? Who does the Corps of Engineers work for?

Tell us if you think KWVA should file a lawsuit!
To President Clinton and Members of Congress:

This is a letter from an American citizen who votes and pays taxes. I have written you recently about my concerns that you might have been mis-informed about the problems of our Korean War Veterans Memorial to be built in Washington, DC.

Now I have learned through the pages of "GRAYBEARDS", the magazine of the national Korean War Veterans Association, that appointees on the American Battle Monuments Commission have arbitrarily decided to copyright OUR Memorial — they have decided to split the profit four ways — and Col. Ryan of ABMC said "one-quarter will go to the Federal Government".

Am I to understand that the Korean War is to be remembered only as a source of income from the sale of souvenirs? Surely that is not what is meant by "getting the deficit under control"? and reducing government spending"?

I believe that the behavior by ABMC should be investigated because it is not "customer responsive" as President Clinton has ordered. We have said hundreds of times before now — that WE DO NOT WANT OUR MEMORIAL COPYRIGHTED. And further — we have repeatedly said that we DO WANT THE NAMES OF OUR KIA/MIA to be engraved in the eternal stone of OUR Memorial.

The ABMC is appointed at the pleasure of the President. A simple command from the White House ordering compliance with these requests would solve this entire inflammatory matter.

Your prompt attention and answer shall be appreciated.

Sincerely,

P.S.: Yes, we are proud to agree that this is a form letter being sent by GRASS ROOTS AMERICA. Our lobbying effort is not for hire. Nor will we hire others to do our talking. We are America's veterans of war and peace, with our families and our friends...and we want you to know that the time has come for all our elected officials to work in harmony with the wishes of the people.

ACTION IS GETTING HOTTER AROUND GRAYBEARDS
A personal observation by Stan Hadden, Editor.

New material coming to Graybeards from many angles strengthens the Editor's opinion that we must have our national KWVA OFFICE in the Washington, DC area. And soon.

BLAINE FRIEDLANDER has been our official Liaison and Counsel for KWVA. News broke on September 15 that Irene Mandra's brother was the Korean War POW identified as being held in a Siberian gulag in 1963 and 1966. By day's end, Blaine talked with the White House, the Pentagon, and Irene's family.

As a result, the Pentagon has invited Blaine to further discuss how KWVA might be helpful.

Blaine has been a hard worker in the campaign to have the names on the Memorial, and to kill the copyright. It is my judgment that KWVA must have a national office in the DC area and I favor Blaine as its executive director. Please write the Board of Directors of KWVA. Ask them to consider this move, and tell them your opinion. It is vital that you be heard from and soon.

See also on page 14.
The enclosed thoughts came to me after a visit to the Korean War Memorial in Baltimore on Memorial Day. My late company commander's name is there on the wall of our memorial. He was K.I.A., Korea 1951. Keep up the fight to have the name of all Korean War K.I.A.'s placed on the national monument. My address is:
ROBERT P. WOLFE; 3203 Juneau Pl.; Baltimore, MD 21214-3415.

REMEMBRANCE
The shell scarred hills now bloom again,
Silent now the guns. 
Where young men died when country called, 
Fathers, brothers, husbands, sons. 
We knew them well, brave comrades, 
We see their faces yet. 
We hear them say, 'Remember Us'. 
As though we could forget.

So now the ground is broken 
To remember them in stone. 
A hallowed place for quiet thoughts 
Of years so quickly flown. 
So now their country pays a debt. 
For so long overdue. 
But wait! Where are those heroes' names, The fallen we once knew?

They were no faceless spirits, 
They loved, they laughed, they cried. 
They knew the heat of battle 
They lived, they fought, they died. 
Now carve their names in deeply 
Names that years cannot erase 
A name to be remembered. 
For each remembered face.

Sound the bugle soft and slowly 
And softly roll the drum. 
For while we stand and honor them 
We know they too shall come. 
They too shall be there with us 
From Valhalla's distant shore 
The long forgotten heroes 
Of a long forgotten war.

"IT IS USELESS for the sheep to pass 
a resolution favoring eating only vegetables — while the wolf remains of a different opinion."

MILITARY PROPAGANDA DOCUMENTS WANTED
Researchers seeking U.S. and foreign propaganda leaflets, safe conduct passes and military currency from WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama and Desert Storm for research/museum project. All material received will be promptly acknowledged. Mail to: W. G. HARRISON, Army, Retired, 5546 N. Sixth Street, Fresno, CA 93710.

Additionally, I have museum quality memorabilia to donate to established organizations. Please write using unit letterhead.

By MAGGIE THE BOOKWORM

HAVE YOU FELT THEIR PAIN?
Bookworm, Bookworm, Have you read their stories? 
Have you felt their pain? 
Bookworm, Bookworm, Have you felt their sorrow? 
of things that they have seen? 
Bookworm, Bookworm, Have you seen the weariness of thoughts of years 
gone by? 
Of comrades who were standing there side by side? before the cloud of 
death came by and took them there that day? 
Bookworm, Bookworm, Oh me, Oh my, 
Where is the magic that would take the pain away? 
Bookworm, Bookworm, Have you felt their pain?

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

'BOOKS-------BOOKS-------BOOKS'

Circle of Courage; Au: Al Chamberlin; Pub: Vantage Press, NY. 
Journey Through Shadow, Story about POW's; Au: Conley Clarke; Purchase from Au. 
General Dean's Story; Au: William F. Dean; Pub: Viking Press 1954. 
The Bloody Road to Pannunjon; Au: Edwin Palmer Hoyt; Pub: Stein & Day 1985 NY. 
Why War Came in Korea; Au: Robert T. Oliver; Pub: Fordham Unive. Press 1950. 
With MacArthur in Japan; A personal History of the Occupation; Au: William Joseph Sebald; Pub: W.W. Norton 1965 NY. 
Korean Tales; Au: Melvin B. Voorhees; Pub: Simon & Schuster 1952 NY. 
The Thunderbird Tradition; Au: Pendleton Woods; Pub: 45th Division Museum.

GRAYBEARDS normal schedule for publication is around the first of these months: September, January, April, and June. YOUR DEADLINE is about August 15, December 1, March 15, and May 15. Sometimes we publish a special — we cannot predict that schedule. Plans are being made to publish six times annually but that schedule is not yet available.

I thank BERNARD HOGANSON; 
310 Pacific Ave.; Staten Island, NY 10312; 
for his help in editing portions of Graybeards.—Stan Hadden.

FOR POW LEAVE PAY
CLAIMS, WRITE:
Defense Financing & Accounting (FYC) - Korean POW 
Kansas City Center 
Dept Management Div. Claims Br 
Kansas City, MO 64197-0001

MIDDLE AGE occurs when you are too young to take up golf and too old to rush up to the net.

What this country needs is a good five-cent nickel and something it will buy.
PATRIOTIC AMERICA IS GROWING

Just three years ago, "Military Matters" started with one tee shirt and license frame in its inventory. One year ago, they added "Pork Chop" to their initial "Hamburger Hill" logo to emphasize the importance of the first large-scale post-WWII war against communism.

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WANNA SELL YOUR CIVIL WAR RELICS?
I will buy them.
STAN HADDEN; P.O. BOX 131
HARPERS FERRY, WV 25425.
304-535-2250.
PD. ADV

These photos are from JOHN L. MOORE (1st Sgt. USA Ret); 561 Old Mill Road; New Oxford, PA 17350.
Phone 717-624-8190.

Two Commie slugs pierced the jeep windshield in which JOHN L. MOORE was riding with LC John McKnight in early December 1950. They were on their way to Kapsan after leaving the Iwon beachhead; 17th Inf Regt 7th Inf Div.

At left is JACK HITCHER and two other members of HQ and HQ Co 17th Regt (Buffaloes) 7th Div, 1951.

Above: These posters were hanging on a wall when the Buffaloes entered town near Iwon in Dec. 1950. On left, unidentified; center, Capt McKnight, Asst S-3; and at right is his driver.

At left: The sign reads: "Welcome back to Hwachon. A peace lovin' town. We aim to keep it that way. The Buffaloes."

"The most foolish thing in the world is to bow to the rich until you are unable to stand in the presence of honest men." — from an ancient proverb.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION—the only KWVA By-Laws currently in effect are those printed in the September 1992 Graybeards on pages 10, 11 and 12.

A version prepared by outside legal counsel was handed to the Council at the Bloomington meeting but is NOT VALID. The Board of Directors did not authorize that writing and the general membership has not seen any of it.

"We Need A Basic Outline"
For Media Interviews
August 13, 1993 — TOM CLAISON, President of Minnesota Chapter #1 had a radio interview with a local station in Minneapolis. Subject was the Memorial and the many problems we all know about.

"It was a shotgun interview," said Tom afterwards, "with little to no dialogue with Pat (radio personality) prior to remarks. It was tough to keep up with his interruptions and at the same time outline our certain basic points to cover.

"We should have a basic outline with four or five major key facts — with answers prepared ahead of time — so as not to digress from the script." Tom added.

However, from reading a transcript of the show it seems that Tom did put his points across — but as he said it was tough.

"Is this because they want to make money?" asked the radio interviewer, referring to Tom's remark concerning copyrights.

"Yes," shot back Tom. And the veterans of the Korean War are not at all happy with what is going on.

THE FORGOTTEN WAR... REMEMBERED KOREAN WAR VETERANS SECOND EDITION NOW AVAILABLE

The KWVA 2nd Edition is now available for purchase. Published by Turner Publishing Company in Paducah, KY the book has 256 pages and includes a reprint of the first edition, all-new war stories and photographs, additional biographies, and 1993 membership roster. The book is a 9 by 12 inch "coffee-table" edition, hardbound with a handsome cover featuring a black and white photo of "The Universal Soldier." Available for $48.00 plus $5.00 for shipping and handling - multiple order discounts are available - call 502-443-0121. Or write P.O. Box 3101; Paducah, KY 42002-3101.

ATTENTION KWVA 2ND EDITION BOOK PURCHASERS

Turner Publishing Company wishes to apologize to Mr. Douglas Fargo for the error made in his biography. We misspelled his last name as Fagor and it should be Fargo, we also misspelled his hometown which should be corrected to read Charles Town. We acknowledge our error and apologize. We hope all who have purchased the book will note this correction in their personal copies. It will be corrected when we reprint the book.

BRITISH SOLDIER SEARCHING FOR TWO HE SAVED

Perhaps you can be of some service to a fellow Korean War Veteran, who is searching for two GI's whose lives he most probably saved while in the Land of the Morning Calm.

I received a letter from a Mr. C.E. Dane (address follows), a British soldier posted to Korea during the period of 1952. He relates a story about being in a rest camp for a few days when an American truck, carrying South Korean porters, overturned while descending a mountain road near the Brit's rest area. He describes that "They were in a bad way" when he helped rescue them from the overturned truck, so did not have a chance to exchange names.

He subsequently returned to the front lines, and now after 41 years, would like to establish contact with either or both, if they are still with us.

The information as given above is all there is. No real location, no date, no other help in establishing identification, except there were two American soldiers trapped in the cab of the truck. If anyone reading this recognizes the circumstances outlined as something he lived through, or knows of a buddy who experienced similar circumstances, please take a moment and write to Mr. C.E. Dane, #1 Swallowdale, Clacton On Sea, Essex CO15 4HA, United Kingdom.

—DONALD G. COFSKY; 36 Tilegate Glen; Fairport, NY 14450; 716/223-7782.

40TH ANNIVERSARY KOREAN WAR WATCH
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VFW AND AMERICAN LEGION KICK KOREAN WAR VETERANS OUT OF MAINE CEMETARY

"AUGUSTA, Me. July 15, 1993 — Maine's Korean War veterans had planned to observe the 40th anniversary of the Cease Fire in Korea later this month by breaking ground for a memorial, but state VFW and Legion members have blocked construction in the state's only veteran's cemetery.

"Instead of breaking ground, the veterans will formally remove their dedication plaque and march out of the cemetery accompanied by relatives of those whose remains were never recovered from the 1950 to 1953 war.

"We were just two weeks from pouring the foundation, when the state yielded to the political clout of the state's two largest veterans organizations," said Ken Buckley, memorial team leader for the Maine Korean War Memorial.


"Although minor objections about taking too many burial spaces and putting up a separate monument for one war surfaced, no formal complaints were made until the American Legion of Maine introduced resolutions at both VFW and Legion conventions in June demanding that the state prohibit the memorial from being built.

"The state's Veteran's Coordinating Committee also decided at the last minute that the memorial honoring 54,246 dead Americans and listing 233 men from Maine including three Medal of Honor recipients should not be built.

"Buckley said Durbin told him that it would be unwise to proceed with the groundbreaking because of the political pressure exerted by the two large organizations.

"Korean veterans who have been raising money for the memorial claimed that opposition was unfounded because the cemetery does have other memorials. But the State Veteran's Services Supervisor Howard E. Eisman denounced Korean War veterans in a letter to the capitol newspaper — the Kennebec Journal — stating bluntly:

"We will oppose intrusion upon our cemetery by 35 people who are not an active part of the veterans community."

"A military retreat is planned with Canadian veterans July 31. Meanwhile, Korean War veterans are searching for a new site. Their campaign is ironically called: "One More Hill."

Filed By: Ken Buckley, Memorial Team Leader, Burton-Goode-Sargent Chapter 1, Maine Korean War Veterans Inc.; 207 Forest Ave., Bangor, Me. 04401. Day: (207) 990-8132, Night: (207) 942-6850.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE NOV. 1952 RIOTS AT CHEJO-PO ISLAND?

Dear Stan, If space permits please include this letter and pictures in the next issue of Greybeards.

Very often, we read or hear about the P.O.W. riots at the Island of Koje-do. Historians fail to mention or just plain don't know that another P.O.W. riot occurred on the Island of Chejo-po perhaps not as large in scope, but one with the same propaganda and historical significance.

With advancing age, my memory may not be as clear as when I was a youth, but what I am relating is fact. This uprising occurred on or about November 1, 1952. 56 prisoners were killed and 106 seriously wounded.

I was with Baker Company, 35th regiment, 25th Division. After a few months duty at the Mundubu-ni Valley close to the Bloody Ridges, Heartbreak and Bloody, we were shipped out to the Island of Chejo-do for guard duty.

After our tour of duty there, we were assigned to Jackson Heights in The Iron Triangle, Kumuhu Valley. If anybody out there was on duty at this time and remembers the P.O.W. riots, I would like to hear from you: PAT R. VIGIL; 317 60th St. NW.; Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105. March 28, 1993.

PLEASE SEND COPIES OF PAGES 8 AND 9 TO YOUR CONGRESS PERSON.

L to R: RUDY KUSSEL and PAT VIGIL on Chejo-Do Island.

PAT VIGIL on right w/P.O.W. 1952
KWVA DOES NOT OPERATE LIKE OTHER VETS ORGANIZATIONS

By Stan Hadden, Editor

Most of us belong to one or more veterans group. The VFW and American Legion are often quoted in letters to Graybeards so let me say a few words about what makes KWVA different.

KWVA and Graybeards offers you something different — through the "What's Your Opinion?" poll we ask you to step right up and let your voice be heard. The questions are shaped from your letters to us. Then, based upon the answers you mail in, YOUR message will be presented by a method similar to this example:

Vice President's Gore's report on downsizing government was released on Tuesday, September 7, 1993. It was the lead story on the evening TV news and headlined in the morning papers.

KWVA officers conferred and at 8:45 a.m. on September 8 the letter to VP Gore was handed to KWVA's liaison man in the White House. He read the letter and with a grin said it would be in President Clinton's and VP Gore's hands that same day. (Please see the actual letter on page 35).

(1) We ask all members with their families and friends to join in a letter-writing and telephone campaign to Congress.

(2) People across the country will join with you in trying to reach Congress. We realize that Congress does not know how to cope with the huge number of people's voices now submerging Washington, DC — but we are going to keep on trying to be heard.

If you and I keep on plugging away we will succeed. Our country has come too far in human achieve-

ments for us to now sit down and let the bums take over. You and I and our families have given far too much for our country to now give up.

We firmly believe this is how KWVA will live on — long after the Memorial is built.

So that's where GRAYBEARDS comes in — we are trying to echo YOUR VOICE TO GOVERNMENT. Will you help? Will you try and find more members to join KWVA? Will you send your letters? Will you realize that we are all too old now to worry about building bars for social activities? Will you make your phone calls?

What do we have to lose? Our Country, that's what!

We must stand together and fight now — we must fight the ABMC and eliminate that copyright! We must force ABMC to put the names of the Korean War KIA/MIA on the Memorial wall!

SEE PAGE 9: the cost of a national office in the Virginia area would be about that of a year-round typist. Harry Wallace needs help; he does not need the bad words from Phoenix. Stan and Blaine will help him. What do you say?

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If you want it printed in GRAYBEARDS, please send to STAN HADDEN, Editor; P.O. Box 131; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. Phone 304-535-2259 EST.

Please understand that we are a one-man editorial staff and cannot re-write your story from newspaper or magazine articles.

OUT THERE

"SEEKING 7TH CAVALRY KOREAN WAR VETS 1950-53" who served in the Forgotten War from 1950-53 to join the 7th Cavalry Regiment Assn. also for correspondence. I served with Fox Co. from Sept. 51 and left Japan Apr. 53. There are a lot of you guys out there that different guys in our association are looking for so why not join? It really is a great organization. Please write or call Walter C. Schrank, Fox Co. Garry Owen, 327 Starlite Way, Fremont, CA 94539-7642 or call (510) 656-4782 anytime weekdays after 5:30 PM.

I'd like to hear from anyone who was stationed with the 44th MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) from July 1953 until August, 1954). JULES KURTZ; 16 Cherokee Avenue; Rockaway, N.J. 07866.

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Former Members of 3rd AIR POLICE SQDN. Iwakuni, Japan a/o K-8 Kunsan, Korea June 1950 - July 1953. If interested in a Sqdn Reunion, Contact Doyal S. Thornton, Rte. 3, Box 3134, Cleveland, GA 30528. Phone (706) 865-5618.

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I am looking for JOUQUIN N. TREVINO he was from San Antonio, Texas. We took basic together at Ft. Jackson, S.C., 16 weeks. We both put on orders for Korea. We left Ft. Lewis, Washington on the William H. Gordon, we went to Sasebo, after drawing weapons etc. We were both assigned to the 3rd Inf. Div.,

THE FORGOTTEN MAN

JOE WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT WOMEN IN COMBAT?

IMPOSSIBLE! THEY COULDN'T STAND EVERYONE ELSE WEARING THE SAME OUTFIT!

TRUE! I WAIT TILL YOU HEAR MY OPINION ON GAYS IN THE MILITARY!

by LARRY CHAMPAGNE
65th Inf. We got to Korea in Dec. 1952, went on line in the "Iron Triangle" area. M.G. Platoon, I haven't seen him since June 1953, all other efforts have failed. If you see this article Trevisco, please write me at —DEN W. VAN HISE; 3826 Apt. B; Towne Point Rd.; Portsmouth, VA 23703-2742.

I served on the MSTS transport USNS GENERAL J.C. BRECKINRIDGE as a Gunners Mate in 1950-51. If any Navy or Marine crew members knows of any reunion for this vessel, I would be very interested in hearing from them. Paul R. Coutier, RD2, Troy, NY 12182 (518) 235-5480.

I am trying to locate anyone who served with the 3923rd Amphib USN at Inchon in 1950-54. Please respond to JOHN MONROE, 704 Leonard Street, Piqua, OH 45356.

1ST CAVALRY DIV: Before 25 Nov 50 I was sent on a recon by my company commander up into the First Cav Div Area. This was to some walled city to the North of the Chongvon River and to the West of the Kunri area. What was the name of that walled city? I was then a platoon leader in Co B, 2nd Engr C Bn, 2nd Inf Div. Please contact: JAMES F. MALONE; 12703 Jones Rd.; Apt. 908; Houston, TX 77070.

PFC ALFRED L. VALIQUETTE — I was in Korea and was wounded on the day of the cease fire, It happened just a few hours before the cease fire. The medic that took care of me had his name on the tag he put on me. I was told to report to collection but I stayed right there. Conditions were worse in the rear. His name is PFC Alfred L. Valiquette if you recognize your name please get in touch with me.

It's very important to substantiate a claim. I was in Love Co, 31st Inf. Rgt. 7 Div. 26 July 1953. Thank you so very much. —ROGER PINEAULT; RR 1 Box 581; Auburn Street; Littleton, NH 03561-3596. 603-444-3355.

Wish to contact/locate PFC RICHARD A. PETERS. Served with A Company, 325 ABN Inf Regt. 82nd ABN Div. 1951-52. Shipped to Korea Sept 1952 assigned to 1st platoon K Company, 9th INF Regt. 2nd Div. Burned with Napalm about March or April 1953 on 'Little Gibraltar Hill'. I believe he was from the Bakersfield, Calif. area. Please contact: Ron McCracken, 8524 Rolling Rock Ln.; Dallas, TX 75238; Phone: Home 214-343-2738; Work 817-967-3622.

2nd CHEM MOR BN 1950-51: Looking for anyone who was there, or any books about us. Please contact: V.P. Leavel Jr.; 4717 Dirz Ave.; #1; Fort Worth, TX 76107.

I served in the 4th platoon of the 31ST INF. CO. L. 7TH INF DIV. I was a Cpl. in charge of Mortar. The men I would like to get in touch with are: Fred H. Heuerman ("Doc"); Jim Shigler; Jerome Patterson; Morton Weissman; Charlie Kobry; Joe E. Amaro; Bruno Boaccorsi; Eugene A. Cerny; Louis Souzy; Edward J. Charboneau; Ronald Jacob; Oscar Carroll; Oscar Bibeault; Maurice Propps; Richard Weitzel; Bill Zimmerman; Thomas Grim; Harry Gibbons; Ed. Marciano; Tommy Reynolds; Thomas Kelly; Dana L. Colby; Thomas H. Weidensaul; Wilfred C. Frederick; Frank Perkins; Howard Cavanaugh; Warren Prescott; Joseph C. Jean; Earl S. Kitchen; Joe Farrell; Loring Tripp; John Litostansky; Victor E. Wiatrowski; Gordon Plautz; Jack Mans; Pat Harley; Fred P. Hurtubise; Richard Anderson; John D. Kohane.

If you see your name here please get in touch with me. Thank you. Roger Pineault (nicknamed Frenchy); RR 1 Box 581 Auburn St.; Littleton, NH 03561-9536.

CO, L. 5TH CAV. REG. 1ST CAV DIVISION NORTH KOREA.

I am looking for anyone that served with me in 1951, and survived the Korean ambush on Sunday, February 2, 1951 at 12:00 p.m.

Please contact ERNEST ROMERO; 2181 Lecary Ave.; El Centro, CA 92243; FAX (619) 953-3855; Phone Home (619) 352-1747; Office (619) 353-0800.

1st Co 19th Inf Regt 24th Div — I am looking for GEORGE WRIGHT of Detroit, MI; JOHN MUZE of Dayton, OH; ANDREW J. NICKOL; MILFORD LIEGEY of LaCortes, PA; LtGen (Ret) WILLIAM B. CALDWELL of Midland, GA; THOMAS W. BROWN of Falmouth, VA; TONY WILLIAMS (1st Sgt) of Bradford, PA; all these were 1951 addresses. Please contact me: CARL E. HATMAKER; 310 E. Aerona Dr. #112; Oklahoma City, OK 73110.

809th Engineer Aviation Bn

I am looking for anyone who can help me locate my unit's history in Korea. I was with SCARWAF (Special Category of the Army With The Air Force); 809th Eng Aviation Bn, C Company, Korea 1952-1953. Thank you. —JAMES F. MCDONELL; 2580 Sturn Lane; Florissant, MO 63033-2343. Phone 314-837-5908.

2nd ROK PARTISAN INF REGT

Please help me locate old Wolfpack members of the 8240th AU (UNPKF) who were assigned to the 2nd ROK Partisan Infantry Regiment at Kanghwa between January and May 1953. There were also 1st Division Marines (AMTRAK), Army Engineers and Air Force personnel on Kanghwa-do but after 40 years my memory of those days needs prodding. I would like to compare similar experiences shared by others in a book manuscript now in progress. Photos and personal anecdotes would be greatly appreciated along with permission to publish. Of course the photos will be returned.

Does anyone remember Fort Heaven? —THOMAS E. LYNN; 545 Birch Lane; Lawrenceville, GA 30244.

AMERICANS W/CANADA

AMERICANS W/AMERICA

"I am trying to get in touch with Americans who served in the Canadian forces in Korea or Canadians who served in the American forces. Please contact: Fred Gaffen, Military Historian, 82 Florizel Avenue, Nepean, Ontario, Canada, K2H 9K1. Tel: (613) 996-1388."
FAMILIES OF MIA ASKED TO SEND FOR DNA KIT
Harley Coon, MIA Chairman, and President of the Ex-Korean War Veterans attended the most recent MIA-POW briefing at the Pentagon on September 8, 1993.

LTC Johnie E. Webb, Jr., head of the Central Identification Laboratory at Hickam Field Hawaii, reported that the 68 remains now at CILHI have not been identified because of records destroyed at the St. Louis fire and a lack of records, but the effort continues.

LTC Webb is making arrangements for a DNA Kit. This is a blood test for mothers, sisters and relatives on the maternal side of the MIA or not returned POW. The DNA results are then compared to bone tissue of the returned remains. Kits will be available soon.

Also CILHI is looking for any photos or information you may have about any MIA or not returned POW to assist.

Graybeards will try to have LTC Webb write a complete discretion for the January Graybeards.

Meanwhile if you want to send information or want to use a DNA Kit please write to:

Johnie E. Webb, Jr.
LTC, United States Army
Central Identification Laboratory
310 Worcester Ave.
Hickam AFB
Hawaii 96853-5330.

YEARBOOK from Reno reunion 1992: A copy may be ordered at a cost of $6.50 from the following:
On-Site Yearbook Co; KWWA
Reno, July 1992; P.O. Box 1410;
Costa Mesa, CA 92628. Phone 800-
634-2017 and ask for Greta.

NEW STAMP FOR POW-MIA

There has been a request for support for the making of a stamp commemorating POW’s and MIA’s, by Anna De Angelis (Gold Star Mother) of Uniondale, NY.

Supporters should request that the Postmaster General initiate a postage stamp which bears the national logo for all Americans Missing in Action and held prisoner-of-war. The logo serves to create awareness and concern over the Missing-In-Action and Prisoners-Of-War issue.

Letters should be sent to: The Honorable Marvin Runyon, Postmaster General; United States Postal Service; 457 L’Enfant Plaza SW; Washington, DC 20260. Send a copy of this article!
Things have changed. We do not erect statues to Generals anymore. We place names on a wall in order that future generations may understand the spirit of sacrifice that free men enjoy to insure the growth of freedom.

THAT IS WHY NAMES MUST BE ON THE FRONT OF THE WALL! We, the people, paid $15,000,000,00 for the construction of the memorial as a testament of the Korean War Sacrifices. We intend that this splendid treasure be spent and that the artisans (Architect, Muralist, and Sculptor) be well paid. We intended that the resulting memorial be the property of the people (Publici Juris). We did not intend that the artisans collect a royalty. We did not intend the KWVA, or any other group be required to pay an additional sum as a royalty.

THAT IS WHY THERE SHOULD BE NO ROYALTY! That is why KWVA and the KWVA Executive Council established the goal of convincing one president, 51 senators and 218 representatives of the high honor and esteem we hold the KIAs, MIAAs, and POWs and our wish to recognize for eternity their sacrifices by having them named on the front of the memorial’s wall.

That is why we wish to eliminate a royalty and allow all people to use the memorial to educate and remember those who served our nation during this trying period, and the reasons therefor.

KVKS
KOREAN VETERANS KEEP IT SIMPLE
1. To accomplish our purpose:
   a. We must communicate. We will form five member groups, each with a role:
      (1) To communicate with your chapter, your state, your department, your region or national as applicable;
      (2) To communicate with a local office of your two United States Senators;
      (3) To communicate with your chapter, your state, your Member of the House of Representatives;
      (4) To communicate with one of the local media: newspaper, radio, television, etc.; and
      (5) To receive communications from other groups.
   b. We shall communicate. Each group must make contact once a week, and advise your next link in the chain at least once a week.
   c. We shall strive to have the highest quality communications.
      (1) Keep your communications SHORT;
      (2) Keep your communications SIMPLE;
      (3) Keep your communications SWEET;
      (4) KEEP YOUR COMMUNI-

CATIONS UP! At least once a week.
2. And what is our message?
   a. We are MAD AS HELL!
   b. We wish to have the names of KIAs, MIAAs, and POWs on the front of the wall.
   c. We wish no copyright, no how.
3. If we are to be successful, I suggest the following:
   A. We need, as our goal, to increase our membership to
      1. 40,000 members by December 31, 1993; and
      2. 100,000 members by July 27, 1993; and
   B. Continue Communication
   C. We need a broader outreach program. I attended the New York Department Meeting on Saturday, September 11, 1993 in Albany N.Y. I wore the KWVA blazer. An airport employee came over and asked about the Korean War Veterans. I gave him an application. He commented, "I did not know you guys existed." And New York is our biggest department with 1,603 members. There are 277,000 or more eligible people in that state alone!
   D. NOVEMBER 2, 1993. Under the aegis of the Vice President for membership and Tell America and we need to have people at the several polling places on November 2, 1993, all over the nation to tell our story and solicit members.
   E. FEBRUARY 18-20, 1994. We will meet in Baltimore for the Mid Winter Conference. All members are invited.
   F. FEBRUARY 21-23, 1994. We will be prepared to have a meeting of our members and their representatives on Capitol Hill. This is the year that the veterans groups have mid winter conferences, and we do have a message.
F. JULY 24-28, 1994. Bill Norris will have a gathering at Washington, D.C. KWVA is scheduled to be in Tempe, Arizona.

This Tempe meeting should be changed to Washington because:
(1) KWVA should have only one annual reunion.
(2) KWVA needs to act in accordance with wishes of those who oppose the copyright and want the names on the Memorial wall.
(3) It will then be possible for those wanting to demonstrate en masse in Washington, DC during the reunion, to do so.
(4) KWVA will thus get maximum publicity and will succeed more in getting our message across to America.

G. ELECTION DAY, 1994. WE SHOULD BE MOST ACTIVE IN THIS CAMPAIGN, NOT TO POLITIC FOR A PARTICULAR CANDIDATE, BUT TO TELL OUR STORY AND RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS. There are 4,600,000 Korean War Veterans and we have 11,000 members.

H. FEBRUARY 19-21, 1995. This mid-winter conference should be in Washington, D.C.
I. JULY 24-28, 1995. THIS IS THE BIG ONE, THE DEDICATION OF THE MEMORIAL. WORK IS UNDER WAY. THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE GROUPS SEEKING TO MANAGE WHAT SHOULD BE OUR BIGGEST AND BRIGHTEST MOMENTS. THE WORD I HAVE IS THAT WE WILL BE ASSIGNED A MINOR ROLE, IF ANY, UNLESS WE BEGIN TO WORK TOGETHER.
4. If you wish more information, kindly contact: Blaine P. Friedlander; 2341 Dale Drive; Falls Church, VA 22043-3019; 703-560-4716; FAX 703-849-1183.

WELCOME, JOE WHOSTIS!

"As I read the August issue of Graybeards, tears came to my eyes. I don't know if it was from frustration or remembrance — or both. . . . Keep up the good work and keep up the fire and P.S.: I like "Joe Whosit"; just don't let him become "Joe Who Sits." —HAROLD L. PUTNAM (9th Inf Regt); 720 S. Pine River St.; Ithaca, MI 48847.

"I love the character created by Larry Champagne." —QUIN JONES; Mesa, AZ.

"Forty years ago I caught the disease 'Korea' and now I am bald, short, and imbicilic-looking. I would have a white beard, but beards itch. I thank Larry Champagne for remembering." —BLAINE FRIEDLANDER; Falls Church, VA.

"I'm gonna sue Larry for stealing my nose." —Col LEWIS MILLET, Medal Of Honor.

"No, you can't do that, colonel. It's my nose," said JOE BECK of Philadelphia.

"To show a Korean War veteran as a toothless, bald, white-bearded and imbicilic-looking is a disgrace."—HAL O'CONNELL; Braintree, MA.

"Shucks, I am old at age 75. And I don't have a tooth of my own in my head. And I am gray-bearded. I really think Joe Whosit is a hit with the veterans of America."—STAN HADDEN; Harpers Ferry, WV.
FAMILY MEMBERS
SUGHT
M.I.A. NOV. 6, 1951
A P2V Navy Neptune plane was shot
down by the Soviet Union in the Sea of
Japan on November 6, 1951, during the
"cold war" in Korea. Pat Dickinson, a sister
of one of the crewmen (Jack Denny Lively)
is very interested in locating and speaking
with others that had a family member on
this plane.
Names and last known address are as
follows: Judd C. Hodgson, Dakota, IL;
Sam Rosenfeld, San Francisco, CA;
Samuel Rueben Gaggert, Fleet P.O., SF,
CA; Paul Riley Fosier, Fleet P.O., SF, CA;
Erwin Doyle Raglin, Fleet P.O., SF, CA;
Paul Gus Juric, San Bernardino, CA &
Newark, OH; William Samuel Meyer,
Richview, IL and Ralph Andrew Wigert,
Jr., Oahu, HA.

Please contact PATRICIA DICKIN
SON; 506 Shue Drive; Newark, DE 19713.

READ PAGE 21 AGAIN.

1ST ENG BN HQ CO
AND NEEDS YOUR HELP
"I was burned around Jan. - Feb '52
when a stove exploded in our tent. I was hit
in the face and both hands. I had a cast on
my head and my hands were bandaged for
a month. I was treated in our M.A.S.H. unit
of the 1st Eng Bn Hq Co.
"I returned home but can't get any
benefit from the VA on any medical
problems. They said I never had any problem
while in Korea.
"I have 2 affidavits, from New York
and one from Colorado. If I could get some
more it would help my case. Anyone in the
communication center or with the Hq.
Co/Eng Bn who saw me in Korea Feb -
Mar '52 who remembers would be greatly
appreciated.

—JOSEPH PICCIONE; 3276 S.E. St.
Lucie Blvd.; Stuart, FL 34997. 8-29-93.

If there is a possibility of several things
going wrong, the one that will cause the
most damage will be the one to go wrong.

IF YOU WANT a copy of Graybeards
mailed first class to anyone — please
send the name/address PLUS four first
class mail stamps to: Graybeards; P.O.
Box 131; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

WHAT HAPPENED TO $ $
I GAVE YEARS AGO?
Please publish the following in the
GRAYBEARDS:
Several years ago, perhaps 15 or
more, I started receiving solicitations in the
mail from THE NATIONAL COMMIT
TEE FOR THE KOREAN WAR MEMO
RIAL, Myron McKee, Chairman. I sent
donations as long as I could, but finally
wrote telling them that I could no longer
afford it. I never heard from them again.
Has any of the GRAYBEARDS readers
heard of this organization? Does anyone
know about that memorial? I would appreci
ate it if the responses, if any, are printed in
the GRAYBEARDS. I know several oth
ers that also contributed at that time and
have the same questions.

—GEORGE W. GATLIOFF; Rt. 6,
Box 178; Malvern, AR 72104.
HADDEN ON RADIO 70-STATION OUTLET
SEPTEMBER 10, 1993 — Editor STAN HADDEN took part in a radio interview by telephone hookup to Washington, DC. Host was MIKE SPONDER of the Ellen Radnor Show and was on the air for 15 minutes. The show was heard on their 70-station outlets ranging from Kentucky to Massachusetts.

Hadden explained the details of the war and the problem we are experiencing with ABMC. When he stated his question "Is the purpose of the Memorial merely to provide a source of income through the sale of souvenirs" for the government, MIKE responded: "I find that unacceptable, that our government would even consider such a thing. The names MUST be on the Memorial. Our trillion dollar budget does not need "income from a souvenir stand.

MID-WINTER COUNCIL MEETING IN BALTIMORE
The KWVA Council will meet on Friday, February 18, 1994 through Sunday February 20 in Baltimore, MD. If you are interested in attending and want more details, please contact: HARRY WAL-LACE; P.O. Box 12205; Baltimore, MD. Or phone 410-327-4854 EST.

"WHEN THE SHEPHERD is angry with his sheep, he sends them a blind guide." (Ancient proverb) . . . Could it be that is one reason we have so many apparently non-seeing people in charge?

Will This Kind Of Action Lead To Term Limitation Movement?

Graybeards received many letters containing copies of Congressional replies on the Memorial... and every one of them contained either a quote from ABMC or pages of explanations from ABMC.

We did not see a single Congressional letter that directly gave the Congress persons' yes or no answer.

As CHARLES BOWAR of Kennebec, SD said: "I could have written Col. Ryan myself without Senator Pressler's help and got the same stupid answer."

Editor's note: The thinking voter will see immediately how the "underground government" has taken over the halls of Congress. As Pres. Teddy Roosevelt said in his term: "The servants have taken over the master's house."

I DO NOT NEED THIS TYPE OF HARASSMENT FROM COL. RYAN"

"Dear Blaine; I am informing you and all members of the Korean War Veterans Association about this matter.

"I was very disturbed at hearing that the copyrights contract for our memorial in Washington, D.C. was signed on August 11, 1993 with the designers without K.W.V.A.'s knowledge.

"Because of my concern, I called Col William Ryan, the man in charge of the Battle Monument Commission at 1:30 P.M. on Sept. 2, 1993. I called to ask him about the copyrights, and I never had to listen to such nonsense just to get a single answer.

"First he stated that you, Blaine Friedlander and our editor Stan Hadden were personally involved to secure the copyrights in order to make personal satisfaction. I questioned him, "Do you mean for them to make a living on our Memorial?" He replied, "Yes."

[Editor's Note: It is an outright falsehood to say that either Blaine Friedlander or Stan Hadden is involved in any way with the effort to copyright the memorial or make a profit from it.]

"I was insulted by such statements as, Our K.W.V.A. was not a recognized organization like Vietnam Vets. Assn. and the V.F.W., etc. Also that we did nothing to raise funds for our Memorial, that he and his friends did all the work to raise these funds.

"He also stated that he have hampered our memorial funds being held in escrow account in Washington, DC. I did all I could to keep myself from reacting to those insults.

"He also stated that he was the one to get the Memorial Coin approved, and he was the one who got the automobile from Hyundai Corp. that we raffled off to raise money for the Memorial.

"I said to him that if we the K.W.V.A. had not started the idea of putting up a memorial in memory of our fallen comrades, then no one involved in the creation and building of this memorial would be making a living. This memorial was brought about by all our members and all the tax payers in this country.

"There were many other statements that Col Ryan made. It was surprising to hear this conversation from a military officer of his stature.

"This is how our conversation went to the best of my recollection, I thought that you and Dick Adams and all the officers and members of K.W.V.A. Should be advised.

"This phone call was made at my own expense, not from any funds of the K.W.V.A.

"As an officer of the Association, a former Sgt. infantryman from July 5, 1950 to June 1951 and a dedicated life member of the K.W.V.A. I do not need this type of harassment from Col. Ryan.

"We should all be working together in the best interest of the Korean Veterans and the people of the United States.


EDITOR'S NOTE: This conversation reports many statements by Col. Ryan that simply are not the true facts. It came to Graybeards the day we went to press and time did not allow for more response from our members and officers. May we suggest to Col. Ryan that he now withdraw from any control of OUR Memorial construction?

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"AT THE RENO BLOCK POSITION I THINK I MET YOUR BROTHER"
WE PRINTED IN APRIL THE STORY OF CORPSMAN JOE KEENAN AND HIS FAMILY'S SEARCH FOR INFORMATION. THIS IS THE RESULT:

Dear Stan, I am truly grateful that you included my request in "Graybeards". I received a number of letters and calls from Marines telling of their respect and admiration for Corpsmen. Chuck Hall of Wichita, KS even wrote a poem in Joe's honor.

We hit payday with the enclosed letter from Chief Polley. A follow-up phone call dismissed any doubt that they were together. He told me, although blinded, he was working with a Corpsman from Fox Co that they called Joe. He heard a Marine remark that they now had two blind Corpsmen.

You make Graybeards the most interactive of any veterans magazine. You'll probably never know the extent of the good you've done. The Keenan family certainly appreciates you. Welcome home dear friend. MICHAEL P. KEENAN, SR.; 95 Ponderosa Drive; Hanover, MA 02339, June 17, 1993.

HERE IS CHIEF POLLEY'S LETTER:

Dear Michael Keenan: I read your letter in the Graybeard magazine and it took me back to the night of 25-26 March 1953 and my own experiences during those hours.

I was a Corpsman with 1st Platoon, Charley Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines at the time and had just been relieved on outpost Reno on the previous day. I was relieved by a big old boy from Texas who we called "Bean Hill". He had fallen on his way out to our position and cut his hand and I almost sent him back to the Company Aid Station for treatment. If I had I would have either died or spent the rest of the war in a POW camp as he did. He was not released until Operation Little Switch at the end of the war.

My Platoon was the first unit on scene after the Chinese had overrun the outpost and blown both the entrances to the cave in. The cave was not really a cave but tunnels which were used as shelter. We were the unit that Fox Company was trying to relieve when they were badly chewed up.

I was hit in the left chest and shoulder while we were trying to reach the south entrance of the tunnel and relieve the outpost. We were pinned down by very heavy small arms and mortar fire and the whole unit was pretty well beat up. My platoon Corpsman was a fine man named Francis Hammond and he treated me and ordered me back to the position you refer to as Reno Block.

I did not make it back without incident however since we were again taken under heavy fire, two of the three men with me were killed and I was hit in the face and eyes by dirt and shrapnel.

The remaining Marine helped me back to the Reno Block position since I had been blinded by the dirt and flash injuries.

It was at this point that I feel pretty sure that I met your brother. I was told that the people in the emergency treatment area were both Charlie and Fox Company people and as I was trying to help, as best I could under the circumstances, there was another wounded Corpsman trying to help people in the area and I heard a man call him Joe. I never saw the man of course since I was only able to see very bright flashes at the time but it doesn't seem probable that there could have been coincidental occurrences in that short period of time.

Sometime during those long morning hours this man and I became separated and I was evacuated to Able Med for treatment and from there Yokosuka Japan. HM3 Hammond was killed shortly after I was evacuated. I was told later that he had also been wounded twice before I was sent back but didn't tell me. He was killed by a near direct hit by a mortar round.

Ham was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions that night and had a ship, the U.S.S. Francis Hammond (FF-1067), named for him. The ship was decommissioned in July 1992 and I had the honor of being invited to attend by her Commanding Officer. I received the Navy Cross for the same action although I have always wondered if I was really deserving when I compare my actions with those of Ham and your brother.

I came back to the states and was planning to get out of the Navy and go back to school but the day before my discharge I changed my mind and reenlisted. I continued my career for thirty years and am now semi-retired and wandering through life at a somewhat slower pace but still reasonably happy.

Although I have served in many commands in many locals including multiple tours in Viet Nam, I can't remember any single day in those thirty years that affected me as deeply as that March day in 1953 on a small hill called Reno.

If that fine young man I met that night was your brother Joseph, and I feel very strongly that he was, then you have every reason to be proud. He was a brave and dedicated individual who served his fellow man with courage and gallantry and deserved to be honored by all his fellow men. I know that this does not compensate for the loss of a brother or friend for I have lost many in my career, but it is always good to know that a loved one died with honor and dignity.

I sincerely hope that you find the man who served with your brother and that he is able to shed more light of the happenings of that night.

Using the terminology of the sea services Joseph, I wish you and your family "Fair Winds and following seas and a final landing on a friendly shore."

Respectfully; PAUL N. POLLEY HMC, United States Navy (Retired) 208 Potomac Drive; Georgetown, KY 40324. 502-863-6793. 16 May 1993.

NEW HAVEN PAYS SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO KOREAN WAR VETERANS

This year's Annual Memorial Day parade paid special tribute to veterans of the Korean War who were never honored by a parade in New Haven, CT.

Korean War Veterans were invited to this 125th Annual Parade for special recognition.

The invitation from Mayor John C. Daniels stated "The participation of organizations and veterans such as you in this annual event has helped to keep alive the memory of veterans of all wars."

The letter was sent to ROGER HINZE; 12 White Oak Trail; Old Lyme, CT 06371.
GRAYBEARDS DID NOT SAY IT

This letter came:
"Aug. 19, 1993. KWA: Dear sir: I don't like the way we are thought of by the Arizona chapter; and I think by you as well. Please cancel my membership in Korean War Veterans Association. Thank you. T.L. O'CONNELL: 4255 LM: 211 West Hillview; Winslow, AZ 86047."

A PHOENIX, AZ NEWSLETTER DID SAY IT

The article that upset Mr. O'Connell (and 3 others who phoned) was in the chapter newsletter "The 38th Parallel" published last August 1993 by ROGER SCALF who also is National Secretary and Treasurer of KWA. The front page of his chapter newsletter listed the names of the 23 people identified as the "TURNCOATS" who refused to return to the United States at end of the Korean War. Here is a reproduction of that page:

THE 38TH PARALLEL

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Aug. 1993

THE VICTORY THAT BEGAN THE FALL OF COMMUNISM

1918-1993

THE WARRIORS OF THE FORBIDDEN WAR REMEMBER THE 23 TURNCOATS

1. Sgt. Andrew Fontana
   Denver, CO

2. Capt. Edward Dickey
   Chambersburg, PA

3. Capt. Claude Bledsoe
   Kenvir, KY

4. Sgt. Alvin B. Sather
  无论, PA

5. Pfc. Julie Tate
   Carlisle, IL

   Ellis, KS

7. Pfc. Kenneth L. Maloney
   Honolulu, HI

8. Sgt. Richard G. Gorden
   Providence, RI

   North Platte, NE

10. Pfc. Scott R. Walker
    Atlanta, GA

11. Pfc. Wayne D. Skidmore
    Statesville, NC

12. Cpl. John M. Best
    St. Louis, MO

13. Sgt. Roy A. E. Doughlas
    Saint Amant, LA

14. Pfc. Otis L. Ball
    Motley, MN

15. Cpl. Lewis W. Griffin
    Jacksonville, FL

    Allentown, PA

17. Cpl. Lawrence R. Sullivan
    Oklahoma City, OK

18. Capt. William A. Conn
    Monroeville, PA

19. Capt. Clarence C. Adams
    Memphis, TN

20. Sgt. Howard H. Hagar
    Corpus Christi, TX

    Oklahoma City, OK

22. Capt. William E. Wilkerson
    Shawnee, AL

23. Capt. Michael B. Wilks
    Fort Ann, NV

National Convention

The National Convention of the Korean War Veterans Association was held in Bloomington, IN. Chapter #1 of the Minnesota Korean War Veterans were given honor and did a fantastic job.

New Directors of the KWA

Congratulations to the new members of the Legislative Council:

Dick Wasserlight
Marina, CA

Ken Cooke
Canfield, OH

Sam Bokshis was elected to the post of KWA President, who resigned. These were only 23 votes cast of a membership of 10,000. Did you exercise your right to vote?

The office of President, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice and two vacancies on the Board will be filled in 1994. If you have questions on how to vote and will call this number: 1-800-840-9552 (1-800-840-9552)

STOP THE COPYRIGHTS

On page 3 of "The 38th Parallel" newsletter was this editorial comment that Mr. O'Connell is referring to: (see below):

I HAVE A PROBLEM!

I have a problem understanding why only 362 members cast votes for directors in the recent election. You raised hell about the old by-laws that said you had to be present to vote and you got the by-laws changed so you could vote by mail. Some of the excuses we heard were astounding. The most common excuse for not voting was "I didn't pay attention to the detailed instructions in 'Graybeards'". And yet you have the audacity to ask "WHY ARE WE FORGOTTEN?" You supplied the answer to your own question. We are forgotten because YOU have forgotten!

Maybe you should have joined the 23 listed at the beginning of this newsletter. I think that's how much you care.
ASKS SUPPORT IN MOVE TO INCREASE PENSION FOR MOH RECIPIENTS

"In the June 1993 issue of the Graybeards, you printed an article on page 16 relating to increasing the stipend for Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. I heartily agree.

"Forty percent (40%) of the "Bravest of the Brave" are living below the poverty line. This is an injustice to our comrades in arms. This affects some of our members and we must all help to correct this situation confronting them.

"President Dick Adams and our Board of Directors did not act on this issue at our 19th Annual Reunion in Bloomington, Mt. I ask them now, and all of our Korean War Vets, to write their Congressman in support of HR #1796. I believe Sens. Dole and Lautenberg are proposing companion legislation in the Senate. Let's allow our Medal of Honor recipients to live in dignity.

"We are very proud that our Chapter #1 has two (2) Medal of Honor recipients as members. Thank you." —BILL VAN ORT (Recording Secretary)
Minnesota Korean War Veterans, Chapter #1; 1101 Parkwood Lane; Stillwater, Mn 55082-5456-16. (612) 439-7161.

Hi Gang, Hey, you and I, are going to wage a REAL WAR...we shall work together, and I think, we WILL WIN. 'to coin a phrase'...I AM MAD AS HELL AND I AIN'T GOING TO TAKE IT ANY MORE', a quote from JACk GARGAN, of Tampa, Florida, Founder of T.H.R.O. (Throw The Hypocritical Rascals Out.) Hopefully, you have heard about him...?? Remember this..."THE PEN is mightier...THEN the Sword." —WALLY TWEEDLE; 2995 Maple Avenue, Millersport, Ohio 43046-9740

NEW CANADA LIAISON OFFICER TO KWVA USA

I want to advise you that I have now been appointed Liaison Officer for KVA Canada to KWVA USA. Anyone with, or seeking, information please write: GEORGE SCOTT, CD; 7 Chryssia Ave.; Toronto, Ontario, Canada M6N 4T4.

LARRY CHAMPAGNE, creator of "Joe Whosits" sent this "group caricature from a little reunion that I made. We were inducted and trained together, then split and served in the Korean War. The names are from left to right: BARRY DELUCA, Franklin, MA; LEO LETONDRESS, Burrillville, RI; me, LARRY CHAMPAGNE; MIKE DeLILLIO, Manahawkin, NJ; EARL FRANKLIN, Foster, RI; NORMAND DEROISERS, Smithfield, RI; and ALFRED CONTRACTES, North Smithfield, RI."

"LAST CALL FOR 1993 REVISIT TRIP TO KOREA"!!

As of Saturday, August 27th, 1993 there are spaces still available for the October 13-23rd trip, due to an increase of quotas recently provided by KVA Headquarters, Seoul.

AIRFARES (Korean Airlines) round trip, per person, from the western states of Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona........ $870.00
From East, Midwest, and South.................................................. $1090.00

The above fares include a flight (Domestic Airline) from your nearest airport to connect with the KAL flights at either: JFK-New York, O'Hare-Chicago or Los Angeles International.

Far East destinations: $100.00 P.P., in addition to the above fares. Hawaii stop-over, $50.00, P.P.

If you would like to go on the October Trip. Please contact the Travel Agent, Tom Jin, ASAP: Tom Jin, President; Dearborn Travel Agency; Chicago, Illinois.
Phone: 800-251-3724 (except Illinois 312-332-1107); FAX: 312-332-6305

1994 TRIPS: I anticipate the following, but I will NOT have the specific dates or airfares until after January.

April, usually the first/middle of the month, maybe May again, June 21-26th (The June Trip is always scheduled these dates, so our K-Vets can participate in Ceremonies, the 25th) September and October (KVA will probably again schedule one of these trips to include Korean Armed Forces Day, October 1st). In 1993, the President of South Korea held a reception for our Vets on June 25th and October 1st, and it is my assumption that this will occur again in 1994.

To "reserve" spaces on the 1994 Trips, please call or write Tom Jin, President:
Dearborn Travel, Inc.; #3 First National Plaza Suite 555; Chicago, Illinois 60602.

1 will have current up-dates in future editions of Graybeards. Kathleen "Lt. Honey" Cronan Wyosnick; P.O. Box 3716; Saratoga, California 95070. Phone: 408-253-3068; Fax: 409-973-8449.
Preliminary copyrighted sketch for stained glass window for the Recruit Chapel at M Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island commemorating Marines in the Korean War. The artist/designer is well-known Marine Combat Artist, Col. H. Avery Chenoweth, USMCR(RET), a veteran of Korea (A-1-5), Vietnam and the Gulf War.

TO ALL MARINE VETS
As most of you know, the Parris Island Recruit Chapel is a beautiful modern structure which is a central attraction of the Recruit Depot, visited every week at graduation by hundreds of parents, friends and former Marines. It has a number of rather generic stained-glass windows and a recently installed one commemorating the 5th MARDIV on Iwo, which was designed by noted Marine Combat Artist and Korean vet, Avery Chenoweth.

Next to that is a four-paneled window reserved exclusively to commemorate Marines in the Korean War. This is especially important in light of the general public's ignorance of that war; the window is an unparalleled opportunity to create a lasting monument to all (forgotten) Marines of that war.

Each of the four 5' x 2 1/2 panels will depict (1) Bean Patch - Inchon, (2) Chosin Reservoir, (3) "see-saw" 1951, (4) Panmunjom - DMZ, and will include 1st MAR DIV and 1st MAW patches, the USMC, US and UN flags, as well as cherished details like a BAR, M1 carbine, parkas, herringbone greens, Shoe-paks, 75mm recoilles rifle, and the old HRS-1 chopper, etc.

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Mail to: JACK CURCIO; 5 DOE POINT; DATAW, SC 29920

installation costs are estimated at $25,000, which has to be raised from donations and generous benefactors. It is time that the Marine Corps remember the Korean War!
YOU WROTE IT

Yes, Stan, I have already sent my copies to my Congressman and Senator on the Memorial. I sure pray it's an all-out effort by all of "US"... sending in their letters now. I'd be willing to bet that most of us thought the names of our KIA/MIA would automatically be put on the Memorial, back in the beginning 8 or 10 years ago. And now to learn about what's being planned by ABM is a blow. —DEN W. VAN HISE; 3826-B Towne Point Road; Portsmouth, VA 23701-2742.

Graybeards Editor: I'm glad I joined the K.W.V.A. because I enjoy your paper so much, it's so personal. I really enjoyed "In His Own Words, The Story On The Korean Occupation" by Richard Stinson. I was very ignorant about the country that so many of our men died for.

I'm sending the paper to my ex, who served in Korea, hoping he will join K.W.V.A. and get involved with our memorial. Sincerely, JANET I. ROBINSON. (of CO)

The 9th Annual Reunion of the Korean War Veterans Assn. held in Bloomington, Mn, 24th to 28th July 1993, was a great success due to the hard working and dedicated members and their spouses and friends of Minnesota Korean War Veterans, Chapter #1. Our people performed beautifully to assure that those attending the reunion had a good time. Chapter #1 enjoyed this challenge.

Our national organization needs strong leadership and they need our help. I will be working hard to increase membership participation in our national election next year.

—BILL VAN ORT; 1101 Parkwood Lane; Stillwater, MN 55082-5456-16. (612) 439-7161.

Deer Lt. Honey: My first letter was sent to you to make sure you were aware of the terrific impact the "Revisit Trip" had on me. It will be something I will never forget, and above all almost like "an ending" to my story of Korea. Also, who ever was the person that first arranged these revisit trips should be thanked for thinking of the vets that served in Korea.

I am honored that you sent a copy of my letter to Colonel Lee, more than anything I would want him to know how thankful we are and how the Korean people showed nothing but honor to us as returning Vets during our stay in April.

Sure you have my permission to send my letter to Graybeards, I hope that it will help make up the minds of my buddies to take this trip to Korea.

Sincerely, JIM DAROS; 79 Flamingo Rd.; Levittown, New York 11756.

Dear Lt. Honey: It has been 11 days since my return home from Korea, and I just can't get over the wonderful trip it was. We (the KWVA) were treated like VIP's no matter where we went. Everything you wrote about for the tour not only was true but to a degree far superior to even put into words. The hotel, food, bus tours, side trips, dinners, etc. were just about impossible to describe. We were taken where ever we wanted to go if it were possible to get there, but I have to say in the 40 years the country has undergone a complete change.

Because of this change the people of Korea bowed to us, thanked us and even went so far as to kiss our hands. We met school children who thought we were the greatest - teachers who bowed to us and thanked us and the old population that remembered us as United States soldiers sent there to help save their country. During our stay there they never let us forget that without us there would be no country for them.

It was a good feeling - a feeling that made me feel "thanked". Especially since here in this country we are fighting so hard for a monument in Washington D.C. to honor us.

When I got off the plane - greeted by wife - the first things I said to her was "I will remember this trip till the day I die." I meant it.

P.S. Went over the Freedom Gate Bridge to Pyongyang the 2nd time in 43 years. A terrific thrill.

—BRUNO L. (JIM) DAROS; 79 Flamingo Rd.; Levittown, New York 11756.

"My name is Larry Stallmeyer. I have been wanting to write you for some-
time but always been too busy or something.

'I was first with the 45th Inf Div. Then transferred to the 44th, E.C.B. I went in on Jan. 52 and came out on Jan. 54. I served 16 months over there from Pusan to north of Seoul. I am proud I served.

"One thing that gets me is on Memorial Day; you never hear about Korea, all you hear about is Viet Nam. I guess we should have all went to Canada and avoided the draft then we could have BEEN PAROINED AND COME BACK HEROES. I think the ones that came back from Canada should have been arrested on the spot and sent to prison for desertion, if not sent to the firing squad.

"I did not receive a one of my medals until 1992 — 40 years after I was drafted — beside not getting a parade.

"That is all I am going on about as it seems it don't do any good to bitch to no one, not even your senator. God bless America!

—LARRY B. STALLMEYER; 5930 Bridgetown Rd.; Cincinnati, OH 45248.

Dear Stan: I am JAMES L. WALSH (7th Div 31st Bn). It is my pleasure to renew my membership and I sincerely congratulate you and your colleagues for the great work you are doing. —85-31 68th Ave.; Flushing, NY 11374.

...That brings up another point: Has KWVA ever had an officer of the association attend any state convention of such as VFW, Purple Heart, Legion, etc., to address the KW-vet Memorial program? I know they received funds for the Memorial from most all of the other vets associations. Some of the memberships of other groups are Korean War vets but probably don't know about KWVA so they don't know the facts about the Memorial. I found out at my own VFW/AmVet etc posts. The people (veterans-citizens) are not getting the information. Can articles from Graybeards be used for news release at local papers? ... —JOHN L. MOORE (1stSG USA Ret); 561 Old Mill Road; New Oxford, PA 17350.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks, John. Your suggestion is very good and I, as
You Wrote It

Editor, for one would be willing to travel at my own expense to a few selected points and dates. My personal income and time are limited but I would be glad to help in any way I can. And YES, use Graybeards articles for news release whenever you want.

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I am enclosing a copy from your June issue (page 21) that shows a tank of third platoon Heavy Tank Company, 17th Infantry Regiment, entering Heyosanjin on November 21, 1950. The tank is "35" and is commanded by SFC Richard L. Smallwood (top left on tank) and driven by Carl B. Flowers. I was driving tank "34" as we entered the town. My tank was commanded by Sgt. Roy Luther, our gunner was Clinton L. Alford, the loader was Carl L. Otten, and our bow gunner was John E. Myers. That picture is used on the KWVA applications and I often remember that day that I stepped on the Yalu River. I also happen to be the very last American to leave the Yalu when we retreated.

I have just started a newsletter for my Tank Company, 17th Infantry Regiment, and am enclosing my first copy. I plan on going to Korea in September and then on to the regimental reunion in October at Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Anyway, I hope your health improves, and again, thanks a lot for one hell of a job "well done."

—JOHN E. SULLIVAN; 3820 N.E. 23rd Avenue; Lighthouse Point, Florida 33064. (305) 785-6908.

Editorial Opinion: The situation surrounding building our Memorial is now critical. The ABMC is going ahead with its plans to copyright and to leave the names off. So that leaves public pressure. Pressure that must be brought by veterans and their families and their friends. We have no other choice. ABMC and apparently too many members of Congress refuse to listen to our plea. We are having great problems trying to reach the White House.

What do you believe we should do? What will you do? We must speak out!

Dear Stan: I take pen in hand today to express a few thoughts that have been eating away at me for sometime. I have heard somewhere that 1.5 million men and women had passed through Korea during our 3 yrs. 1 mo. war, and when I joined the KWVA it was for the purpose of helping to see that the men who died or were M.I.A. would appear on our Memorial. We raised $16 million and we still can't have the ones they deserve.

What we need to do is increase our KWVA membership, I have heard we are only about 10 or 12 thousand strong, out of the 1.5 million who were over there.

Where are the men of the 2nd, 24th, 1st Marines, 40th and 45th etc. How do we reach them, only when we have turned our outfit into one of Big membership, will we hear and listened to.

I myself have been able to do just enough to help in our ranks. I talk to Korean Vets in our V.F.W. and A.L. post and they just don't care, maybe we need some kind of incentive to offer them in order to get them in our ranks, you would think that every one who served over there in what ever capacity would want to see the names of the dead and M.I.A. on our Memorial so history will remember the great sacrifices that had to be made by so many.

Maybe each state should mail to every Korean Vet some type of a notice informing them that there is a K.W.V.A. and explain its purpose to them or the mailing could be made from the Nat'l Hqtrs. Staff using some of the money from the Tell America about Korea fund.

Well Stan I'll close now, I don't know if any of this will help, but I'm glad I have you on my chest. You can publish it in the next Graybeards.

I am also enclosing a copy of a P.U.C. our Btry "C" rec'd and the 2nd Inf. - you can publish it if you want in "Graybeard" and anyone in the 2nd INF or BTR'C 937th - on 16 to 22 May 1951 can have a copy if they send me a self addressed envelope and 25¢ for a scroocopy. I got mine from the Dept. of the Army when they issued my medals.

(Formerly S/Sgt BTRY "C" 937th F.A. BN. 1951). EMMETT P. HEALY; 1101 Belair Dr.; Darien, ILL 60561.

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REUNIONS

PLEASE NOTE that Graybeards is normally published and mailed in January, April, June and September. The usual deadline for receiving your news story or reunion notice is about one month earlier. If you do not observe that deadline there is no assurance your notice will be printed — or it will be timely for your purpose.

99th Field Artillery Bn
REUNION June 12, 1994 at the Imperial Palace Hotel and casino, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: ROBERT & KATHRYN STEFANOU; 1952 Magnolia Dr.; Henderson, NV 89014. Phone 702-454-6639.

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8221st Army Unit who served in Korea from 1950 to 1954. Our next reunion is in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in September 1994. At this writing we have located 65 veterans and looking for at least 130 more. We landed at Wonsan, North Korea 5 November 1950 and our unit was disbanded early October 1954 just south of Yanga, South Korea. Any members of the 822 AU Field Artillery Topographical and Meteorological Detachment are encouraged to contact: GEORGE PAKKALA; 10401 Wystone Ave.; Northridge, CA 91326-3041.

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USS BETELGEUSE AK-260: 4th reunion to be held June 16-18, 1994 in Pensacola, FL. Contact me: ARTHUR L MILLER; 8612 Delhi Rd.; N. Charleston, SC 29418. Phone 803-797-7727.

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USS SATyr ARL-23: first reunion will be held Sept 15, 1993 in Atlanta, GA through Sept 18. Contact me: JAY A. KLEINSMITH; 8005 Nancy Lane; Ellenton, FL 34222. Phone 813-729-4259.
GRAYBEARDS

September 1993

From The Desk of
the First Vice President
NICHOLAS J. PAPPAS
209 Country Club Dr.
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971
302-227-3675.

By this letter, I hereby announce my CANDIDACY for the National PRESIDENT of the KWVA for 1994 - 1996. I do not intend to rehash past organizational problems, but am looking to our future. Being a small organization, members are well aware of what has been happening within KWVA during the past several years.

NEEDED — NEW LEADERSHIP

My primary "concern" as 1st Vice President was always, "WHAT" is required to make the KWVA a UNIT-ED, dynamic and well functioning veterans organization, with long term goals, "responsive" to its membership's interests. Current KWVA leadership has ignored these concerns, hence my candidacy for President.

The following "MANAGEMENT PLAN" is my campaign agenda. Its purpose is to improve and stabilize the KWVA and set goals beyond the 1995 Memorial dedication:

1. Conduct a top-down management review of KWVA organizational structures, by-laws, functions, assigned duties/responsibilities of all National Officers and appointed Chairpersons, operating procedures, workloads, and programs. Review will include recommendations to: (a) improve management practices; (b) tighten organizational controls/responsibilities; (c) resolve financial/budgeting/tax/issiuues; and (d) define informational/reporting requirements as well as increasing Executive Council meetings, if needed. The results will be more operational efficient/effective organization.

2. Formulate a marketing/public relations concept to tell America about the Korean War, nationally and at the grassroots level. It will include methodologies to attract new members, a comprehensive strategy to rapidly increase or establish KWVA chapters/state departments/regional directors and a plan to determine communications and media requirements for use at all levels of the KWVA.

3. Produce programs to increase KWVA revenues through advertising in the Graybeards, point of sales, direct mail, design/selling of Korean War minted plates, raffles, and other fund-raising techniques. This to be in concord with the above marketing/public relations concept.

4. Implement methods to improve/consolidate "communications" links that are now uncoordinated, fragmented and non-responsive, between the National Officers, Board of Directors, Chapter/Departments and individual members. Methods to include monthly or bi-monthly President letters, Council advisement papers or columns in every issue of Graybeards by all National Officers and Chairpersons on their activities/programs, resolutions published in the Graybeards, prior to all KWVA business meetings and procedures to have all letters sent to Council Members answered. Additionally ensure all correspondence signed by any member in their official capacity as KWVA national Officers, Board of Directors and Chairpersons is distributed to all Council members, except if it is to be published in the Graybeards. Request all Chapters to send their newsletters to Executive Council members. Elimination of executive sessions by the Council, to ensure all minutes of Council business meetings are published and a matter of public record.

5. Initiate actions to meet and have working relationships with national and local officers of all veteran organizations to address mutual interests; i.e. legislation issues that impact veterans and national security, VA decisions that affect benefits, POW/MIA problems, etc. Concurrently, appoint a special Committee, chaired by the 2nd V.P. to coordinate and work with other Washington, DC veterans groups in planning for the 1995 Memorial dedication ceremonies and activities. The Memorial is not ours, but a National monument and tribute to all Korean veterans, who so gallantly served. We must all work together to make the 1995 dedication a memorable one.

6. Recommend an annual travel budget for use by National officers and the Board of Directors. Travel expenses could include Executive Council Business Meetings, speaking to chapters/state departments, etc. Additionally, this would allow more members, many on limited funds to run for elected offices. Specific details of the budget to be spelled out by the Executive Council and presented annually for consideration and approval, disapproval or change by the general membership at the Annual Reunion business meetings.

7. Establish the Executive Office in the Washington DC area as approved by the general membership at the 1992 Reno Reunion. It will be staffed and funded according with the functions, duties and responsibilities delegated to that Office by the Executive Council.

8. Set up a tax-free foundation to establish and maintain a United Nations Korean War museum/library to house documentary materials and display artifacts of the Korean War. Funding to be solicited from public/private donors, as well as United Nations Allies. Location could be in New York with the United Nations or the Truman Presidential Library in Independence, Missouri, where many "documents" of the Korean War are currently housed. This would ensure a living memorialization of "The Forgotten War" and our place in American history.

9. Continue requesting Congressional/Presidential action to establish July 27, the Korean War Armistice Day, as a permanent working federal holiday despite disapproval by the Executive Council at the 1994 Reunion. Recommend the Annual Reunion be changed to June 23-26 with the Annual Memorial service held on July 27 in Washington DC.

To integrate and implement the aforementioned 9-point "Management Plan", two (2) permanent standing Committees will be established; a Finance Committee and a Publications Committee, each chaired by a member of the Executive Council. Because of a lack of required "professionalism" on the Executive Council to execute the management plan, committee memberships will include appointees from the general membership with professional expertise/qualifications in financial/tax management, public relations, fund raising, marketing and advertising. Ads will be published in the
Graybeards, requesting members with the requisite qualifications and time to volunteer to serve on these committees. Size and functional responsibilities of committees will be published at a later date.

Each individual point of the Management Plan will be presented directly to the general membership at the 1994 Reunion for their consideration, approval, disapproval or change. Reasons for inconsistencies in our current By-laws pertaining to the meaning of amendments/resolutions and subjective interpretations of voting and/or approval/disapproval authority by the Council.

I have set up an Advisory Committee, made up of KWVA members to 

fine tune the plan and advise me on election issues. Membership comments/recommendations to improve or change the plan will be greatly appreciated. Your inputs will help make the KWVA a more membership oriented organization.

With your VOTE and continued support, the "Plan" will be implemented. The future of our organization depends upon dedicated and active leadership. I can "provide" that leadership.

A VOTE FOR ME IS CHANGE AND PROGRESS.

Nick Pappas

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THE GENERAL GOT A THIRD STAR BUT THE GRUNT REMAINED A CORPORAL

A new book titled (IN MANY A STRIFE) a biography of the late General Gerald Thomas USMC has just been published by US Naval Institute and Colonel Allen Millett.

On page 295 it mentions the general meeting with a Corporal Paul Martin, Reconn Company First marine Division.

This event took place after the Reconn company return from patrolling the Chunchon valley. General Thomas toured the company area and first asked Cpl. Walter C. Cole for comments and Cole said the marines did it again the enemy failed to annihilate us and his morale is higher all the time. Then the general asked Cpl Joseph E. McDermott for comments and McDermott agreed with Cole and added that the air support is not as good as 1950 when we had our own air wing. He called it late air support instead of close.

Then he asked Cpl Paul G. Martin who said that the forward battalion could be surrounded since the Chinese Communist teach small unit isolation as a priority and continued telling more on Mao Tse Tung (MIGHTY MAO) lectures as the general moved on.

Cpl Martin was criticized by his senior NCOs and officers for trying to advise a general how to command his division.

He was called the "no-star general."

Martin left the Marine Corps with the same rank of Corporal.

42 years later Martin reads the Book and saw page 295 and on page 296 learned that General Thomas has requested permission to move the whole 7th Marine regiment up with the isolated battalion and on May 17, 1951 the enemy did attack Item company seventh marines.

Paul G. Martin hopes the officers who criticized him will read the book.

--PAUL G. MARTIN; 434 Marine Avenue; Brooklyn, NY 11209.

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INFORMATION PLEASE

I am trying to locate a pal from Korea 51-52. 2nd Div 38th Reg, Mortars.

We called him Marley from Allentown, PA. If anyone knows his whereabouts please write me. Thanks. Also would like to hear from others in photo or whoever was in our company at that time.

Photo left to right: me, Steven, Marley and Doc, our medic.

Chuck Quigley (alias Sgt. Owl) 7664 Newton Ave. No.; Brooklyn Pk, MN 55444.

ALL VETERANS DID NOT SERVE ON THE FIRING LINES

Graybeards received a copy of a letter sent to the senators and congressmen from Massachusetts — it was signed by 36 veterans and citizens of America. It asked the members of Congress to immediately take action to insure that the Korean War Veterans Memorial be built with names of KIA/MIA on it, and WITHOUT the copyright now being pushed onto us by the ABMC.

The letter came from WILLIAM FUREY; 174 Main St.; Winthrop, MA 02152. He also said this: "I was with USMC 1947 - Feb 1950, A and B Companies 4th Marine Regt. In 1949 we changed our colors to 6th Marines under Col. Litzenberg. I went to Casual Co in November 1949."

"I was recalled with 2nd Inf Bn, Boston, July 27, 1950 but I did a tour state-side and was released in '51. Just a bit of a request that a little be said about 'those of us that also served, but only got to sit and wait.' We were in all parts of the world. Thanks."
NOW YOU CAN GET THE SPECIAL FIRST DAY ISSUE OF KOREAN WAR SPECIAL STAMP!

The Korean War Veterans Committee of Massachusetts, Inc. gave a big boost to our TELL AMERICA program when they sent their donation of one thousand dollars last July.

That hard-working, dedicated group conceived, planned, raised the money for, and built their own state Memorial for the Korean War. (See page 30 of April 1993 Graybeards).

We owe big thanks to WILLIAM "RED" MASON who led the project, and his able aide LOUIS M. PELOSI.

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NEWSLETTER: Paul F. Kuhn, MA.

Graybeards Poll Shows 100 Percent Believe Congress Not Doing Its Job

Responses to the August poll are as follows:

(1) Is Congress doing its job? 100 percent of answers said NO.
(2) Do you want to work with Congress? 88 percent said YES.
(3) Armed forces to guard borders? 91 percent said YES.
(4) Want laws changed on illegals? 100 percent said YES (one said NO).
(5) Continue handing out our money? 96 percent said NO.
(6) Let Congress keep on using Treasury as petty cash? 100 percent said NO.
(7) Ask Pres. Clinton help on Memorial? 90 percent said YES.
(8) Work together as veterans for America? 100 percent said YES (one said NO).
(9) Move 1994 reunion to Arlington? 59 percent said YES.
"I ALLEGED THESE COPYRIGHTS ARE FRAUD!"

"Dear KWVA Members: For over a year I have been trying to have the shared copyright on the "Three Servicemen" statue part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial removed, and I see no progress in this copyright problem.

"The Vietnam Women's Memorial statue has a copyright and is to be dedicated Nov. 11, 1993 at the VVM.

"Now the Korean War Veterans Memorial does not have the K.I.A. and M.I.A. names, but also has a hidden copyright.

"The American Battle Monument Commission and the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board and National Park Service claim the copyrights help provide long term maintenance on the monuments. I filed Freedom of Information on the Nat'l. Park Service asking how much (royalties from the copyright has been received for the Vietnam Memorial) each year since Nov. 1984. The Three Servicemen statue was dedicated in Nov. 1984 with the shared copyright held by the sculptor F.E. Hart (a war protestor-draft-dodger) and the Vietnamese Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. which is headed by Jan. C. Scruggs.

"Nat'l Park Service told me they have never received anything from 1984 to now of the copyright royalties.

"Then you might think the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. used the copyright royalties to add the additional names to the VVM. Wrong! each year that names have been added to the VVM wall, the cost has been picked up by a foundation, such as the Ford Foundation in 1986 or a corporation; Prudential this year.

"I allege these copyrights on National Monuments are fraud! Yes, write President Clinton on the KWVM not having a KIA and MIA names and a hidden copyright, but you better get more than 20,000 letters to him.

"I suggest hitting President Clinton's staff with letters instead, like David Gergen. Just a few hundred letters on them and they will comment to Clinton!

"Returning to Congress try to get at least 75 to 125 letters or petitions to your Congressman or woman to get their attention to the problem.

"I have had two Congressmen tell me they are going to introduce a bill in Congress to remove copyrights from Nat'l Monuments, but for some reason, — I call it the shadow government comes in, — and they drop their action to bring a bill in Congress. Ask the congressman why they evade the answer.

"Write letters to "Dear Abby", Ann Landers, etc. Write or phone TV programs like "Date Line", "20/20", "Inside Edition" to do a story on the KWVM and Nat'l Monuments copyrights.

"Go on local cable TV to tell how the KWVM won't have the KIA and MIA names and has an unwanted hidden copyright!

"East coast KWVA members (should) find a day the ABMC and KWVMAB are meeting and demonstrate at 20 Mass. Ave NW, Washington, DC 20314. Let me know when and I'll be there with you with a few of our POW/MIA The Last Fire Base VVM vigil site people. Invite the press and media for the demonstration.

"Anyone visiting Wash. D.C. make up a banner out of a sheet or vinyl wallpaper and affix it to the snow fence surrounding the KWVM site. Not sure where the KWVM site is? Just stop at "The Last Fire Base" POW/MIA vigil site across from the Lincoln Memorial. Look for our POW/MIA Flag.

"Sitting in your easy chair and reading "The Graybeards" won't get the names on the KWVM which fully deserve to be on the memorial, period! The KWVM copyright has to go also. Ask Ted Sampley — two-tour Vietnam Veteran U.S. Army Special Forces, married to a daughter of a M.I.A. who was taken to U.S. District Court for making and selling T-shirts to help the POW/MIA issue with the Three Servicemen Statue image that is to honor Vietnam Veterans.

"The same thing can happen on the KWVM. Let's make the KWVM the way the Korean War veterans want it!"
—BILL OPFERRMAN; PO Box 3918; Trenton, N.J. 08629.

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION

Graybeards ran a "test pattern" of questions in August having to do with political beliefs of veterans. The result was interesting but certainly cannot be taken as a final gauge of national feelings. Among the answers coming in was this following excerpt from an astute writer:

"MY main concern, as a friend, was to point out . . . that none of us are happy with the way the powerful, securely embedded, political and administrative public servants of the people appear to have taken over; to have usurped the rights of Americans to a government 'of the people, by the people, for the people.'

"It seems that the powerful who hold political office must hand a secret scroll and membership to newcomers — listing routes to accomplishment of more power and secret benefits. Along with that secret gift goes the do's and don'ts to avoid rocking the boat holding their treasures and powers (I'll vote for your bill if you'll vote for my bill kind of power) because once the politicians are in office the campaign promises that put them there are too often gone with the wind (hot air, that is). And the political appointees are chosen, as a rule, only because they will favor the thinking of the one who appointed them."

It is true that power in Congress rests in the seniority system and whatever committee a member chairs or serves on. Senator Boren of Oklahoma has suggested reducing the number of sub-committees from 218 to 109. Therefore, the

GRAYBEARDS POLLS ASKS:

1. Should Congress, without further debate on correcting the wrongs in its chambers, now cut the present 218 sub-committees in half to 109?   YES ☑ NO ☑ OTHER ☑

2. And when that is done, do you favor Congress increasing its number of actual work-days from 45 to at least 110 days per year? (NOTE: the average non-government wage-earner must work 220 days per year).   YES ☑ NO ☑ OTHER ☑

3. Do you think NAFTA (trade agreement with Mexico and Canada) would cost the jobs of too many American citizens?   YES ☑ NO ☑ OTHER ☑

Complete this form and mail to: Stan Hadden, Editor; The Graybeards; P.O. Box 131; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425-0131
"ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO HONOR OUR WAR DEAD?"

"At our installation of officers for Indiana #2 at the V.F.W. Post last July 30, Art Flowiow, President of Indiana #1, was the installing officer, and in his brief remarks he stated that there will be no names on the memorial.

"Are you telling me that we are not going to honor our Korean War dead? Are they not as deserving as the dead of the Vietnam War? Why can't they have a complete memorial?"

"This situation gets more and more difficult to understand. The old saying "don't change a horse in the middle of a stream" could apply here.

"Stories in the Legion and V.F.W. magazines tell that the memorial has sixteen million dollars collected already, what more do they want?"

"Members of Indiana #1 are going to put up a memorial of their own. The ground that the Memorial is to be built on was donated to all veterans of all wars by a family in Fort Wayne, regardless of which branch, creed, or color they are."

—DAN SHIELDS, SR.; 1052 Rainbow Dr.; Lafayette, IN 47904-2310.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Yes, Dan, we are telling you that the ABMC does not intend to put the names of our KIA/MIA on the Memorial. And we are also telling you that ABMC plans to copyright the Memorial and divide the profits according to the story you will read on page 1 of this Greybeards. That's what Greybeards has been hollering about since July 27, 1989. Have you been sending your letters to Congress and the White House?

And maybe you don't want to hear this, but: the national offices of VFW and American Legion apparently always refuse to even publish or mention our problem with ABMC!

Be sure to read Col. Ryan's letter on page 8.

Then look at the letter on page 19 written by KWVA National Director Lou Selmi, who was in Task Force Smith.

Now what's your opinion?

JOE BECK (on left) presented his own personal plaque to Editor STAN HADDEN during the Bloomington business meeting. The award reads: "Presented to Stan Hadden, Editor Greybeards in appreciation of your efforts above and beyond your duty."

Joe paid for the plaque from his own pocket; he said "Stan deserves this and I am speaking for a lot of people who feel the same way I do." Then he insisted in a telephone call that the Editor must publish this photo — so here it is.

MY HUMBLE THANKS TO YOU, JOE.

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JOE BECK; 809 Thompson St.; Rockledge, PA 19046. Phone 215-663-9637.

NOTICE OF NEW CHAPTER ADDRESS

"To all chapters and individual members," The address of the temporary president of KWVA, Chapter #2, Delaware is as follows:

"Stephen Laka, Jr. 1919 E. Zabenko Drive; Woodmill Village; Wilm. DE. 19808."

Thank you. Sent by: Philip A. Mackey; Temp. Sect./Treas.; KWVA, Chp #2, DE Member #9110.

"Stan: A sincere thank you for your efforts in the Aug. 93 issue of Greybeards. If only some other veterans organizations would also tell it like it is. Keep up the good work!" —CLAYTON J. SPEISER; 1912 Lyndale Ave. So.; Sioux Falls, So. Dak. 57105.

THE FORGOTTEN MAN

by LARRY CHAMPAGNE

IMAGINE... COPYRIGHT ROYALTIES ON A MEMORIAL SOUVENIR STAND...

I SHOULD COPYRIGHT MY NOSE...JOE BECK AND COLONEL MILLET WANT TO CLAIM IT...

BUT I CAN'T AFFORD 25% TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR CONGRESS TO SPEND...

WHO DO THEY THINK I AM, JIMMY DURANTE?
Dear Editor: Just a few lines to say thank you for The Graybeards. I know that this service is a bit above the normal. I enjoy each issue and pass them on to a retired Air Force type who lives in Goettingen.

I have included a few old pictures. No. 1: Col. (then Capt.) Ben Carroll III on the Yalu River (17th RCT, 49th FA Bn) reached the Yalu as spearhead of the 7th Inf. Div. Ben died this spring but lives in the fond memory of each member of the 49th FA.
Photos at left: HUGH LANGHAM; B Btry 82nd FA Bn, 1st Cav Div, north of Suncheon about Oct 13, 1950.

I am looking for any members of the 2nd ORD MM CO. who served in North Korea Oct 1950 - Dec 1950. I have several pictures taken at that time, I will share same. HUGH E. LANGHAM; 5251 Noble Ln.; Mobile, ALA 36619. 205-666-1802.

THE 2ND ORD. 3RD DIV
10TH CORP.
IN NORTH KOREA

"We landed at Wonsan, Korea about midnight 10-26-1950. It was very cold so we built a fire to warm by. Soon after the assault troops landed and made us put out the fires; they told us we had landed ahead of them by mistake and the area wasn't cleared.

"The next morning as we moved through Wonsan we saw a big sign hanging across the road that read "Welcome 1st Marine Div. Compliments of 1st R.O.K. Div." Thanks to them we were not killed in our invasion of the beach. We moved through town to near the air base where we stayed for several months. We were then moved by road to Hamhung, Korea. We were ambushed several times on the way, but we didn't have any body hurt and didn't lose any equipment. We made it to Hamhung with all our men and equipment.

"We repaired equipment from the front for awhile then some of our company began transporting ammo and equip to the troops north of us, mostly the 7th and 31st near Majon about 30 miles from us to the north.

"One day as I was enroute to Hungnam I was stopped by an officer in a grey jeep and the officer wanted to know where I came from, I told him Hungnam. He told me the town was to be evacuated as the battleships would soon be firing on the town in support of retreating front lines and sent me back to my company to tell my C.O. When I told my C.O. he tried to contact Div. Hqts to get orders. It seemed they had already evacuated and had left us and a map company without giving us orders to evacuate. The officer in the grey jeep was a spotter off the battleship "Missouri".

"We moved to Hungnam and began loading on ships to be taken to Pusan, Korea. We left Hungnam 12-24-1950 in the afternoon. As we were leaving the planes were destroying all the equipment that was left behind. We also could see the battleships firing many rounds.

"It was so cold in the hold of the ship (Morgantown Victory) we were on, that all corps froze but no one complained. We were all happy to be alive. We went to Pusan where we moved up to Tague. I was then transferred to the 1st Cav Div. where I finished my tour. Leaving Korea about the middle of Dec 1951. This was several weeks after my Div. left for Japan, as I was sent to hospital in Pusan for an injury before I could rejoin my Div. in Japan. When I was in the replacement depot in Pusan I had one of the biggest and best thrills of my life. I met one of my buddies from home. I met Robert Livingston, he and I ran around together at home. I cried when I saw him, we had some long talks about home and the war. He was wounded and just got out of the hospital and was headed back up the front line.

"This is what I remember of what we did and where we went. This is what this kid of eighteen years old at the time did and saw in North Korea. I joined the K.W.V.A. and when I went to the first meeting I met my buddy again. Robert had made it home alive too. God blessed us both."

—HUGH E. LANGHAM; 5251 Noble Ln; Mobile, ALA 36619.

RAY PATTERSON and GEORGE KRAUSS pose with a mockup statue at the Memorial site in Washington July 26.
Personal notebook of LT. DOUGLAS FARGO. One page laconically notes this:
"Van Deneer, Harvey, 1155 — Morphine, right shoulder top through to muscle of arm upper. Sniper."

Various safe conduct pass with leaflets — scattered or dropped or shot throughout the American lines by the Chinese.

These items are from the personal souvenir collection of former LT DOUGLAS FARGO; 157 Tuscaloosa Hills; 106 Hickory Court; Charles Town, WV 25414. Phone 304-725-0817.

"THEY TOOK CARE OF THE PROBLEM"

The April 1993 Graybeards featured the story of Doug Fargo and some of his men in Co L, 32 Inf Regt, 7th Div. Here is a letter sent to Doug by one of his men:

"Hello, Lieutenant Fargo:

"After receiving the Graybeards and reading some of the articles takes me back to a time when we were attached to "Item" Co.

"They occupied most of the hill positions. We had the finger positions that damned near went to the bottom of the hill. My position was the last bunker, then RICHARD MELLO and KIM, our Korean soldier that was with us.

"They had the heavy weapons: .30 cal machine gun, bazooka and automatic carbines.

"Me! I had the B.A.R. and some new young replacement whose name I can't remember. I remember one night when Mello and I were on guard talking to each other over the sound power, when he said 'Tony, you hear that clicking sound?'

"I said yes. Then he yelled at me over the phone: 'Tony! You're right in front of your bunker! They had cut through our barbed wire.

"His vantage point was on higher ground than mine. The front of my bunker was a straight steep drop. I heard Mello fire down with the 30 caliber.

"I scrambled to my feet and climbed up on the sand bags and let go with 20 rounds of my B.A.R. Got knocked off the bags by a grenade they threw my way. I got back up and let go of two more clips, and a few grenades of my own.

"Between Mello, Kim and myself we had one kill and a lot of blood in the snow where we must of hit some of the others.

"I remember talking to you over the sound power for us not to go down there. But by that time we were already back. (I didn't want to get chewed out so we didn't; tell you, Sorry, sir!)"

"What stands out most in my mind is what you said to some officer you were with, when you came down and stopped in front of my bunker. It was some kind of front line inspection, I think someone said.

"You said to him: We had a little bit of problem here last night. But my boys took care of it.

"I was inside my bunker when I overheard you talking to him. Lieutenant, you made me feel proud! Real proud, to have served in your platoon."

—TONY OLIVARES.

FACES ON THE MEMORIAL STATUES ARE PLANNED TO BE BLANK WITH MAYBE A "BUTTON" FOR A NOSE
Southern Colorado Chapter Searching For Area Names KIA/MIA To Put On Memorial

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
We humbly request your assistance in this very delicate matter. We are in the process of erecting a Korean War Veterans Memorial Monument. We would like to do this so that we, Southern Colorado Veterans, can honor our fallen comrades who lost their lives in "The Forgotten War".

We are requesting a list of Southern Colorado Veterans from Pueblo, Trinidad, Walsenburg, and surrounding towns in Southern Colorado, who died during the Korean War. We would like to engrave their names on the monument, as a final tribute, that they may not be forgotten. We would like the following information:
Full Name
Hometown
Branch of Service

As Commander, of the Korean War Veterans, Southern Colorado Chapter, I am sure I speak for all the families in our great State of Colorado who lost a loved one in this conflict. We would greatly appreciate any assistance in this matter. Thank you. J. R. Duran, Commander. P.O. Box 810; Trinidad, CO 81082.

PLEASE USE COUPON BELOW:

KOREAN WAR VETERANS SOUTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER
June 25, 1993. Dear Fellow Korean Veterans: We humbly request your support, on behalf of our Korean War Veterans, who gave their lives in the Forgotten War.

We are in the process of erecting a "Memorial Monument" to honor our brave heroes. We follow Veterans are desperately in need of your financial support. What we are asking of you, is to let your heart do the giving.

Name: ________________________________ (Please print)
Address: ________________________________
City: __________ State: ________ Zip Code: ________
Home Phone No. __________ Business Phone No. __________
Please accept our contribution toward the Korean War Veterans Memorial monument in the amount of $________
Please make your contribution payable to "KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL" FUND.
Mail to: KOREAN WAR VETERANS, SOUTHERN COLORADO CHAPTER
P.O. Box 810; Trinidad, Colorado 81082
died: 54,246 Wounded: 103,284 M.I.A.: 8,177

OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER
P.O. Box 244 Clarion, OH 43915
A new Chapter was formed in the Ohio Valley with 37 members current. Charter went on its way to National 6 May, 1993.

Officers elected were: President, Ed Fellabaum; Vice President, Bob Small; Sec-Treas., Emil Samol; Historian, Bob Ramsey; Judge Advocate, Bob McCulloch; POW-MIA Officer, Charles Hare.

In its first newsletter the Chapter stated their concerns about the War Memorial, costs, copyright deals, names on the wall and design changes. They recommended writing to their Representatives to get to the bottom of this. Too many fellow Korean War Veterans will never live to see the Korean War Memorial. Keep up the good work we can win...

Ed wrote: "Nowhere near a Graybeards...but it's ours!"

EASTERN LONG ISLAND CHAPTER
SGT Edwin L. Beckwith Memorial Post
P.O. Box 164
Southampton, LI NY 11969

In accordance with the KWVA By-Laws, Section 3, Officers. As per this section, the results of such elections shall be transmitted to the National Secretary. The following officers were elected to office in this Chapter, which was held on June 10, 1993. All official correspondence should be forwarded to the above address.


Boise, Idaho — On July 24, 1993 a memorial was dedicated in Veterans Memorial State Park to honor 126 Idahoans who were killed in battle during the Korean War.

Four decades after their death they were recognized for their sacrifice.

Generations of families traveled from across the state and as far as Utah, Washington and Alaska to remember their loved ones at a ceremony dedicating a granite memorial to the dead from that war. The memorial is seven feet tall, four feet wide and eight inches thick.

Many couldn't hold back tears. "We were definitely forgotten," one lady said quietly, holding a tracing of her brother's name in her hand, Another said "we found it uplifting and touching, very moving and in keeping with the beauty and solemnity of the occasion." A veteran said "a long time coming."

The largest crowd ever to attend a ceremony in Veterans State Park was on hand for the dedication.

Many in attendance were veterans who clearly remembered the names of battles fought long ago.

"Idahoans from all branches of service gave their lives. Your memory will last longer than the stone upon which the names are engraved," Army veteran Chick Wittner told the crowd gathering in the morning sunshine. "You will not be forgotten."

The Hon. Albert Gore, Jr.
Vice President of the United States
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

Re: National Performance Review

Dear Mr. Vice-President:

The Korean War Veterans Association appreciates your report today to reduce the size and cost of government.

We agree with the need for immediate action and will urge our members carefully study your proposals and communicate with their Congressional representatives to urge bi-partisan support for this most urgent review.

Be advised that our membership represents the entire spectrum of political thought. I am under the impression that all of our thoughtful members applaud your effort.

Please accept our thanks for your efforts, and we look forward to working with our public servants and our fellow citizens in making the needed changes.

Sincerely,

Richard Adams

cc: The President of the United States
Execution Council, KWVA
Editor, Graybeards

MEMORIAL SEEKS FUNDS

Members of the Veterans Memorial Committee culminated almost two years of planning by breaking ground for the memorial that's to be built in Piqua, Ohio. The memorial is designed to serve as a living memorial to honor any veteran of the active or reserve armed services, whether they served in peacetime or time of conflict or war.

Gene Bowser, a member of the Veteran's Memorial concept committee and a member of the Korean War Veterans Association say he is behind it 100 percent. "It's nice to know that the city of Piqua is backing a veteran's memorial for all veterans."

According to latest figures the committee needs to raise another $15,000 to reach the $105,000 goal they need to totally finance the project. Dedication bricks are being sold at $25 each to obtain the funds. They can be purchased at the Piqua Chamber of Commerce.

—GENE L. BOWSER; P.O. Box 57; Piqua, OH 45356-0057.
"I ASK THAT YOU WRITE ME OF YOUR CONCERNS"

"To Members of KWVA — On the afternoon of July 26, 1993, it was announced at the annual reunion in Bloomington, Minnesota, that I was elected to the position of a National Director of KWVA. It was a great feeling!

"Since I was elected as a director at large, I knew that I represented all the membership. I am new to the position and have many things to learn. I now ask for your assistance. I ask that you give your concerns about our problems and especially the corrective actions needed. I have my own ideas but I would like yours also.

"One of my concerns is the small percentage of those voting for the new directors as just a little over three percent voted. This was the first election where each member had a chance to vote and one did not have to attend the reunion. The ballot was in the June issue of "Graybeards" and only needed to be completed and mailed by a certain date. Why did so few vote? What was the reason? What needs to be done to improve the voting percentage? Next year we elect a President, a First and Second Vice-President and four-three year Directors. Who will vote?

"We need to complete our work for a strong National. Requests for information and actions needed have been sent to all units desiring to be affiliated with us so the officers of these units need to respond and respond quickly. If there is additional instruction needed, you are to contact the Secretary/Treasurer. We haven't the time to daily.

"There has been an idea discussed this past year that we should make an extreme effort to increase our membership for the dedication of our memorial in Washington, DC in 1995. Your ideas and help are needed.

"Our "Tell America" project has a chairman who will welcome your ideas. Contact Director Emmett Benjamin with your suggestions and support as soon as possible. This effort should also help recruiting new members.

"I would like to have one or two members from each chapter be a contact for me in your area and hope this will have the blessing of the chapter officers. I ask that you write your concerns and send them to me. If you have an urgent problem, I will welcome your call and those on the contact list will receive information that I hope will be helpful to all.

"Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to be one of the first to invite you to Tempe, Arizona, next July for the 10th annual reunion of KWVA. We will have a few surprises for you and hope you enjoy them. You may be the winner of the raffle sponsored by the Department of Arizona. Imagine winning two round trip tickets to Korea! Come have "Fun in the Arizona Sun"! Hope to see you there. Will appreciate your responses."

—DICK WAINWRIGHT; 9001 E. Rosewood St.; Tucson, AZ 85710-2659.
Aug. 18, 1993

"I wear my blue KWVA cap..." with pride

I would like to add my comments in regard to those who served in the Korean War and whose service was in the United States Air Force.

I am not sure what Bob Storkson, in a previous Graybeard publication, meant when he said "...I don't see anything representing the Air Force...", however I consider myself a Korean War Veteran (it is stamped on my DD 214), as I enlisted in the USAF in April 1951 for four (4) years.

My only brother was drafted into the Army earlier and was in Pusan, Korea at the time I enlisted. My goal was to meet up with him in Korea. Another reason for the enlistment was that a bunch of us thought it was a good thing to do the time.

Unfortunately, meeting up with my brother did not come about as we was even...
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tually assigned to a REMCO outfit (Rear Echelon and Maintenance Company) at an airbase in Japan. (USAF AIC, 17th TAC, Hospital, 7th Bomber Wing. (L) (FEAF), 613th Air Base Squadron, MIHO), I was told that I could not go to Korea, even though my brother was there. My assignment was with the 6135th Air Base Squadron a support squadron for REMCO. I was given the job of chief clerk at the base infirmary (hospital), and was eventually cross trained as a medic. The air base name was Miho, a former Kamikaze base. We also supported a permanent radar station on a nearby mountain.

I will never forget the base commander telling us to be proud of what we were doing at Miho, and to this day I still am. Believe it or not we repaired and armed B-25 Mitchells; had two PT boats as high speed sea rescue vehicles for downed pilots and/or crews; and a squadron of Grumman aircraft including drones painted red, for naval target practice. An ammunition dump also resided right outside of the main gate to the base.

We were throughout the years, laughed at; referred to as "boy scouts"; called "Little boy blues" after the blue air force uniform came out; and I was even mistaken for a bus driver once; but I was then and continue to be proud of my service and my support in the "forgotten war". I wear my blue KWVA cap and my jacket with pride. They help to make people aware that there was a Korean War.

-PHILIP A. MACKEY; #1 Ivy Lane; Maple Square; Newark, DE 19713.

UNC And KPA Have Maybe Agreed On A Working Group

WASHINGTON.—D.C., Aug. 25, 1993 - The Dept. of Defense, Public Affairs office, today released the following story. You may phone them at 703-697-5131 for more information.

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The United Nations Command (UNC) and the military representatives of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the Korean People’s Army (KPA), have recently agreed to establish a working group dedicated to resolving the issue of unaccounted for servicemen from the Korean conflict and especially toward implementing a regularization of the repatriation of remains of United Nations ser-

"FOR THREE WEEKS WE HELD THE FINAL LINE ON THE WESTERN FRONT"

"While some of us received no medals or awards, we feel that our stories about the last six, vicious days of War need to be told, so I hope that you can include some of the following experiences in the Graybeards.

"On the night of 8 July 1953, we were on the Main line of Resistance ("MLR") just behind Outpost (OP) East Berlin. We were the Heavy Machine Gunners of Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, attached to Item Company, 3/7.

"Across from us, the communists had 320 artillery Battalions facing the 1st Marine Division front, supporting 2 or 3 infantry divisions.

"When the communist artillery started firing on our positions, the rounds fell on us like rain. Every round that landed in the trench killed or badly wounded 2 or 3 Marines. We were bunched up like sardines because we knew an attack was imminent.

"The shells were coming in so heavy it was almost impossible to move. The Chinese infantry attacked OP East Berlin while their artillery pounded us. They were all over the OP like ants.

"Our gun was knocked out early that night. Shrapnel had punctured the water jacket. The remnants of our machine gun section became riflemen. Most of us had only .45 caliber pistols. So we took weapons off the dead or wounded Marines. I grabbed a BAR since I had been a BAR man in Able Company, 1st Bn, 9th Marines at Camp Pendleton.

"All of our Corpsmen were dead.

PFC Walter Eicholz laid down his rifle and started working on the wounded upon and down the trench line while we laid fire down toward OP East Berlin. We had taken many casualties and were low on ammo and first aid supplies.

"During the fighting, Eicholz jumped out of the trench and ran to West Berlin, right through the Chinese. He came running back to the MLR with a wounded Marine over his shoulder. On his next trip to the OP, he brought back bandoliers of .30 caliber ammunition, a knapsack filled with grenades and another wounded Marine. He made seven trips to OP East Berlin before he was killed. There are many marines alive today because of Walter’s heroism.

"He carried seven Marines to safety through intense mortar and artillery fire. To this day, I still can’t believe that any of us survived. We wrote Walter up for the Congressional Medal of Honor but were told it would be knocked down to the Navy Cross, since the 7th Marines had too many Congressional Medals of Honor.

"It wasn’t until last year that I found out it was lowered still further to a Silver Star — a direct insult to this fine young

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Marine and those of us who served with him. I do not mean to dishonor the Silver Star — it is proudly worn by many a Marine, soldier, and sailor and certainly recognizes their acts of valor, but Walter’s heroism and conspicuous gallantry under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and that of the Naval Service, deserving the Congressional Medal of Honor.

"We were under constant mortar and artillery fire until we were pulled from the MLR around the 15th of July. We went back up on the 18th and our ranks were filled with newly-arrived replacements from the 35th Draft. God bless every one of them!

"If you were alive after two months, you were considered an "old timer". We old timers were shell-shocked, but had a much better chance of surviving than the new replacements.

"The 3rd Battalion was called the Ghost Battalion. There were a handful of old timers left. PFC Schoendorf, PFC Joseph Ray Hue and I were from Weapons 3/7 with fellow marines from 1-3-7, SGT Vern Schmidt, PVT Omar Stevens, PFC Robert Quattroncchi, PFC Walter Zaleski, PFC Ed Olinski, PFC Jack Orth, PFC Jerry Rice and PFC Mike Schiolsky from H-3-7; they were veterans of Operations Dagmar, Frisco, Vegas, Reno, Carson, Berlin and East Berlin, Outpost Battles.

"A good buddy died of wounds on the hospital ship the same day we were pulled from the MLR. He was a big kid from Covington, KY, PFC Albert F. Schindmeyer. He lost both arms and legs from a shell burst in the trench on 9 July. PFC Robert Witherspoon, from Ennon Valley, PA, was killed by the same round. Schindmeyer and Witherspoon were machine gunners in my squad. Our two Corpman were killed — HN3 James Rooney from Milford, MA and HN3 Anthony Smith from South Esterville, Iowa.

"PFC John Schoendorf, Brooklyn, New York, and I manned the same heavy machine gun. We named her "Sudden Death, Jr." after our gun that was knocked out of action on 8 July. All the guns in our platoon had names. I think there was one named "Semper Fi", but I can't remember the names on the other guns. After so many years, some things just slip away."

We went back up to the MLR on 18 July. John Schoendorf and I were set up on the MLR facing the saddle between OP's Berlin and East Berlin. East Berlin was on high ground, just a little to our right front. Since we were about 70 yards from East Berlin, we had a clear field of fire on the saddle in front of us and the rice paddies between us and East Berlin.

"On the night of the 19th of July, John Schoendorf and I were told that we would be going to OP Berlin for 3 days. When we arrived at the Berlin Gate, on the MLR, we were told that the platoon had left without us. I spoke to the Lieutenant in charge of the platoon that went out to Berlin on the sound powered phone and told him we just missed him but we would come on out on our own since I had been on Berlin several times before. He said "No, come out the following night with the Supply Train". John Schoendorf and I went back to our old position and relieved the two riflemen manning our gun. They were sure glad to see us since they weren't familiar with the weapon.

"I was sitting on the gun table looking down at the rice paddies in front of us and listening to the crickets and other night noises. As long as the crickets were chirping, we knew the Chinese weren't amongst them. All of a sudden, around 2200 hours, it seemed like a thousand lightning bolts struck at the same time on our positions.

"One round hit right in front of our gun, blowing me back into the bunker. When I came to a short time later, I returned to the gun. As far as the eye could see, there were Chinese. They were on the saddle going up to Berlin and in the rice paddies in front of us. Because of all the shells and flares, the light gave us 100% visibility. As I looked to the left front, I was able to see the skyline of OP Berlin. I saw three Marines try to surrender and watched helplessly as the Chinese beat them with rifle butts and then bayonetted them.

"John Schoendorf and I were mowing down the Chinese on the saddle and in the rice paddies just below us. I didn't want to fire on East Berlin for fear of hitting Marines there, even though I could see the Chinese all over the hill.

"While I was on the gun, John Schoendorf got fighting mad, grabbed a box of grenades, crawled on top of the bunker and started throwing them down on the Chinese. I had to pull him back into the bunker. I told him it looked like we were going to die, that he'd never see Brooklyn and I'd never see Chicago again, but at least we were going down together and take as many of them with us as we could.

"I don't know how many rounds we fired from 2200 to 0600 hours, but we changed the barrel twice. We engaged a Chinese machine gun from East Berlin. I saw the red tracers hammering right at me, finally realizing that East Berlin had fallen and the Chinese were firing one of our guns. I fired a burst just above where the tracers were coming from and that silenced him.

"I don't know how many Chinese we actually killed. John and I estimated we killed somewhere between 200 and 300 Chinese that night. We fired old Sudden Death, Jr. for eight straight hours.

"We were the only machine gun to survive that first volley of shell fire. All of the other machine guns on Op East Berlin were knocked out. We covered the slopes on Berlin — the saddle in front of us, East Berlin much later in the night, and the rice paddies in front of us.

"The trench line from our position all the way to OP Detroit just east of East Berlin across 76 Alley was nearly waist deep with empty shell casings. We were two busy Marines — a 19-year-old from Brooklyn and an 18-year-old from Chicago.

"At daylight, the Chinese brought up a 76mm recoilless rifle. As I was up looking down at the bodies, they fired, knocking out our gun. Schoendorf heard it coming and pulled me down just as the shell hit the gun.

"So, Schoendorf and I became riflemen again, the second time this month. Just after our gun was knocked out, a lieutenant crawled into our bunker. When he saw our gun was out of action, he told us we were joining his platoon to retake East Berlin. I grabbed a BAR and John got an M1.

"The Lieutenant told us to wait for word from him to assemble at the jump off point to retake East Berlin, about 30 yards east of our bunker. By now, there wasn't much trench line left. Unknown to us, while we waited in a bunker at the East Berlin gate, the plans to retake East Berlin were cancelled.

"All day long, the Chinese fired that 76 at our bunker. John and I had our backs to the forward wall. I know the Chinese were playing with us. The shells were all around the gun aperture. At any second we expected a round to come through the aperture into our bunker. Finally at dusk the
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shelling stopped. I told John I was going to check with the lieutenant and find out what was happening. I crawled out of our bunker and into the trench line. The Trench line was full of mud and water. It had rained heavily during the whole month of July. Sometimes we were in water up to our necks in the low sections of the trench line.

"I expected to find Marines huddled for the assault. What I saw really shocked me. Up ahead of me, the Chinese were swarming our trench line. They were looking for Marine survivors. I got back to our bunker and told John our situation. We knew we couldn't fight it out with them—sheer suicide and we weren't going to surrender. So, we crawled out of our bunker down to the barbed wire and laid there among the dead Chinese. We watched them enter our bunker. I had a poncho made into a jacket that I left in the bunker. A Chinaman came out of our bunker wearing it. That was my pride and joy and I really hated that guy for taking my jacket. We stayed there until the next night. We decided to make our escape and hopefully find the new Marine positions. We met up with three other Marines from I-3-7 who were also hiding in the rice paddy. We made our way up to the ridge on the old MLR.

"We planned to go down the reverse slope one at a time. Since I had the BAR, it was decided I'd be the last one down the trail to 76 alley and the rice paddy. Just before my turn came to go over the ridge, I spotted a group of Chinese walking below me in the old trench line. Very slowly and quietly, I made my way over the ridge. Once I was over the ridge, I ran down to the path to the '76 alley so fast I passed all four of the Marines who were ahead of me. We finally made contact with our lines. Later, we ended up as replacements with H-3-1 until cease fire.

"I have enclosed an article on PFC Brian "Moose" Mcran. He also should have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, or at least a Navy Cross. Moose was with the Supply Train on East Berlin on the night of the 19th. When the Chinese hit, they were in the trenches almost as fast as the first rounds came in. He was protecting some wounded Marines when a Chinese officer started to throw a grenade at them. Moose grabbed the officer and pulled him against his body. The grenade exploded between them, killing the Chinese officer and wounding Moose in the stomach and groin.

"As Moose was lying there, the officer's men were so enraged they started to beat him with their rifle butts and then bayonnet him. After all that, they put a grenade between his legs. It exploded. They threw his body on top of the barbed wire that was surrounding OP East Berlin.

"Unbelievably, Moose was still alive. He began crawling back to the MLR, 30 yards away. Everyone thought he wouldn't make it. Well, he did — the tough Irish kid from Brooklyn made it.

"PFC Robert Quattrocchi was with I-3-7 until June when he was transferred to H&S Co. When we got hit the 2nd time in July, he left the Battalion HQ and walked up to the MLR trying to find his old company, I-3-7. Instead, he found H-3-7 and was with them until the cease fire.

"Let me leave you with these statistics. This is what was told to us after the cease fire. We were wiped out twice in July. Our Battalion had 1,100 Marines on the 4th of July and after cease fire we were down to less than 100.

"S-2 informed us that on 8-9 July we received 19,000 rounds of incoming. From 10-12 July, the 3/7th Marine Sector received 54,000 rounds of concentrated fire. I believe that this the most fire ever endured by any American unit in the history of combat. Not much is written about those last days before the truce.

"Later, after the cease fire, we were in a reserve camp just below the Kansas Line near the Imjin River. They moved what was left of 3/7 to a remote area near the Imjin River. We had no contact with any other unit from the 1st Marine Division.

"Vern Schmidt and Jack Orth never returned to 3/7. They were both badly wounded and returned to the states. Omar Stevens, Robert Quattrocchi and I stayed with 3/7. Ray Huot was transferred to Shore Party at Inchon shortly after the cease fire. There were others who should be mentioned, but time and the darkness of battle fog my memory. To them I bid a fond 'Semper Fi'.

"I guess because there was no one left to witness our actions, no one knows the story. For three weeks, we held the final line on the Western Front and prevented the Chinese from breaking out and entering the corridor to Seoul.

"Please take the time to consider our efforts. We don't want our Marine buddies who fought so well and died so bravely to be forgotten. Those of us who survived have paid a far greater price than the buddies we lost. Semper Fi!"

—ROY (Seabags) SEABURY; 6940 N. Wildwood Ave.; Chicago, IL 60646.

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July 25th has come and gone. The National Reunion was held in Minnesota and a gathering was held in Washington, D.C. Because of prior commitments, or a lack of funds, many of our members, myself included, were unable to attend either event.

I can sympathize with the members throughout the country who have campaigned for the right to have the National Reunion held in other locations besides Washington, D.C. I also feel for those members who say that Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier from Korea is where we should be on July 25th.

So I would ask the members of the Executive Council and the Board of Directors of the National Association of the Korean War Veterans to put on their thinking caps and try to come up with a solution to what is becoming a very perplexing problem to our organization.

—BILL BEATTY, Secretary and Editor.

WE, THE GRATEFUL, REMEMBER

From Battery Park Memory Service
June 26, 1993

My fellow Americans. A short 43 years ago Korean and American soldiers stood side by side, locked in combat with a vicious communist enemy.

Young Americans came thousands of miles across the ocean to help keep the land of my birth free. The sacrifice of those young Americans created today's economic miracle "The Republic of Korea". 54,000 men gave their lives so that a Nation might live. Countless others crowd the Veterans Hospitals of our land.

We, the survivors are here today to express our appreciation. We, the survivors are here today to honor their memory. We, the survivors, are here today to pledge our support to make this society the grand society that our comrades bled and died for.

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VA WILL ASK FOR PENSION CASES TO VERIFY EXPENSES

TERRY L. MCGEE, director of Veterans Services in Meadville, PA wrote:

"The Department of Veterans Affairs has instituted a policy that is potentially harmful to veterans and widows of veterans. I believe the intentions were honorable and just, however, the way the program is put into effect is dishonest and unjust.

"The VA will, starting this fall, demand receipts for the medical expenses on people on VA Pension. The problem with this is that the pensioners will NOT be given advanced notice of this requirement. Consequently, a lot of receipts will have been thrown away. The result will be an overpayment will be created because the VA says they will adjust the benefits if the pensioner will not or CANNOT furnish the receipts.

"I understand that this policy is to help eliminate misuse and fraud. But, it seems unfair to our low income veterans and widows. Why couldn't the VA send a letter to these people stating that next year they would be expected to start keeping all medical receipts? At least then it would be a fair move on the part of the VA."

He made a strong case that the KWVA Council and Board of Directors should please "take the time to look into this injustice on the part of the VA towards our veterans and their dependants."

For more information, ask your own VA rep or contact Terry at phone 814-336-1151 ask for extension 314. Or write him at Dept. of Veterans Services; Crawford County Court House; Meadville, PA 16335-2696.

I would like to locate the G.I. who knows the rest of this story.

"In December of 1951 our Company had just finished our basic training (Signal Message Center) at Camp (Forty) Gordon, Georgia and were moved to Fort Dix, New Jersey for our final assignment orders. The orders were cut and I was assigned to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. Others were assigned to Europe. One of these in the company was named "Bennett" (the company was large enough that we didn't learn each other's first name). My search, at this time, would be much easier if I knew his first name.

"Well, he learned I had orders for stateside (Camp Chaffee), and since he was just married, wanted to stay stateside. He asked me if I would like to go to Europe. (I had just finished my studies) History of Art and welcomed the opportunity to see first hand all the art treasures Europe had to offer and which I had studied about.) "Sure, I'd like to go, but fat chance we'd have to exchange orders!"

"Bennett insisted we go to the personnel officer — argued our case that having the same MOS was all the Army would be concerned about — we were interchangeable. Bennett and I persisted with the officer till he finally agreed. He recut our orders and I went his way and he went my way. I was half way to Europe in the Atlantic when I learned from one of the old timers on board that Camp Chaffee was a staging area for assignment to Korea.

"Now it is 42 years later, we are both in our mid-60's and I'd like to locate this long lost army buddy. So Bennett if you're reading this article, or someone can put me in touch with him, drop me a line. My special thanks to Clara (Mrs. Keith) Bennett for putting me in touch with you, and The Greybeards".

From: TFD GOLUBIC; 3221 W. Orchid Lane; Phoenix, AZ 85015. Tel. (602) 973-4351. 7-20-93.

If basketball had never been invented, where would they hold high school dances?

Everything comes to those who hustle while they wait — so said Thomas Alva Edison.
RENAMING OF THE NEW MARTINSVILLE BRIDGE TO BE THE "KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE"
(Picture enclosed courtesy "Wetzel County Chronicle"). L-R: Ed Fellabaum, President-Founder, Ohio Valley Chapter, KWVA. William "Fuzzy" Angus, Quartermaster of VFW Post 4634, New Martinsville, W. Va. Fuzzy promoted renaming of the Bridge. The Honorable Dave Petelth, Wetzel County Delegate sponsored the Resolution.

A Major landmark in West Virginia was renamed to honor Korean War Veterans on Memorial Day weekend, May 31, 1993. The New Martinsville West Virginia Bridge was renamed the "Korean War Veterans Memorial Bridge."

William "Fuzzy" Angus, Quartermaster of VFW Post 4634, New Martinsville, W. Va. noted lack of recognition in the Wetzel County for the Korean Vet. He approached Delegate Dave Petelth about renaming the Bridge. Delegate Petelth sponsored the legislation, which was approved in April 1993. Color Guard and Firing Squad for the renaming ceremony were furnished by VFW Post 4634 and The American Legion Post 86 Paden City, "Blue Blazers". Post 86 was commanded by Anthony "Buck" Goots, who served with the 7th Cav Rgt. 1st Cav Div., Korea 1950.

Delegate Petelth's uncle, Jack Petelth is a member of the Ohio Valley Chapter, KWVA. Jack arranged for the Ohio Valley Chapter invitation to the ceremony. Jack is a former member of the 32nd RGT, Hyv Tk Bn, 7th Div. Korea.

Ohio Valley KWVA members attending were: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Petelth, Mr. & Mrs. Merle Berry, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Small, Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Haught, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Fellabaum, Al Furling, and Robert Pollock.

P.S. Stan! Good to talk to you the other day. I hope this story makes the "Graybeards". The bridge has got to be the largest Korean Memorial of record, what do you think?

Stan, the Graybeards magazine, has a lot of personality in it. It gets rave reviews from all who see it. . . . other Vet Newspaper is equal, in my opinion!

Submitted: Ed Fellabaum, Life #8620, Pres. Ohio Valley Chapter-KWVA, 3 July, 1993. P.O. Box 244; Clarington, OH 43915.

INDIANA MEMORIAL WILL HAVE NAMES ON BRICKS
Indiana Chapter 1 has launched a drive to raise $80,000 for building their Memorial Walkway in Ft. Wayne. ART FLOTOW is heading the effort and said: "All veterans and nurses who served during the era June 25, 1950 through January 31, 1955 are eligible to have their name inscribed on a Memorial brick. Bricks can be ordered for $50 each. They will not be walked upon but will form a surrounding channel for visitors to tread. To place your order or to get more information, contact ART FLOTOW; P.O. Box 12727; Fort Wayne, IN 46804 or phone him (219) 747-7254.

WHO WILL MARCH ON WASHINGTON?
"Stan As I note the continuing battle we face with our Memorial, I think it is time to take a poll — ask who wants to join a KWVA march on Washington, DC to once and for all settle this issue.

"Perhaps a straw vote in the next Graybeards, along with discount air tickets might be in order, with the KWVA Board approval. What do you think?"

"As I have pointed out in the past, there is absolutely nothing said or published about the commander in chief of all service branches in the American Legion, VFW, KWVA or Viet Nam vets, that our forces are being dodged or neglected. A president who can make no decisions needs to be impeached."

—RICHARD J. FISCHBACH; P.O. Box 648; Shelbyville, IL 62565-0648. 9-2-93.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Well, what's your vote? It would take a lot of organizing and a lot of people. Is the U.S.A. worth it? Write Graybeards; P.O. Box 131; Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

USCGC TANEY
Friends of the Baltimore Maritime Museum have announced planned public release of the history of the USCGC Taney. The ship currently serves as a floating museum, at Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Written by LT (jg) Brian J. Whetsine, USCGR, the history will trace the Taney's 50 years of service, from its commissioning in 1936 to its decommissioning in 1986.

Pictures and stories detailing the Taney's wartime exploits in WWII, Korea and Vietnam as well as its service in search and rescue, drug interdiction, coastal patrol, and weather monitoring missions are featured.

To place an order, please call Friends of the Baltimore Maritime Museum at (410) 783-4754.

WHAT IS A MEMORIAL WITHOUT NAMES?
IT'S JUST A SOUVENIR.
A number of readers have asked why Graybeards does not publish something more often about a Chemical Mortar Battalion. Our answer, of course, is that if we don't get it in the mail, we cannot print it. The following came from V. P. LEAVEL, JR.; 4717 Diaz, #1; Fort Worth, TX 76107. It was originally written by Charles Cooper (USA Ret); 5310 Colorado River Rd.; Blythe, CA 92225.

2D CHEMICAL MORTAR BATTALION

The Battalion arrived in the theater after the breakout from the Naktong Bridge. The United Nations Forces were on the loose. Seoul had been recaptured and the armored columns were crossing the 38th Parallel. The moment of complete victory seemed close at hand. Some of our young hot bloods were moaning their fears that we would never get up in time to shoot. They now know different for the 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion has already served under three flags - American - ROK - British in the campaign.

The Battalion debarked at Pusan on 9 October 1950. A week was required to unload the equipment from six cargo vessels and to prepare it for use. Orders were received assigning the Battalion to the 8th U.S. Army.

On 16 October 50, with all equipment in order and combat loaded the Battalion left Pusan on its long trek to the north. Despite terrible road conditions, hopeless traffic jams and minor guerrilla activity, the Battalion closed into a small settlement about ten miles north of Seoul on 18 October. Here we received orders attaching us to I Corps. Gasoline was in short supply but we managed to secure enough to fill our tanks the night of the 19th and the Battalion rolled north again at 0500 on the 20th. That night the Battalion closed into a bivouac area below Pyong-Yang, the capital of North Korea. I Corps attached the Battalion to the 10th AAA group which was the Division Artillery of the 1st ROK Division. One mortar company was placed in direct support of each of the ROK regiments.

The Units were married up on the southern outskirts of Pyong-Yang on 21 October. The city was taken with very little resistance and the 1st ROK Division moved north to Suchon and made contact with elements of the 187th U.S. Airborne regiment which had dropped there a few days earlier.

Col. Bell was in command of the 2nd Mortar Battalion during its training at the Army Chemical Center, MD., and led it in battle until February of 1951 when he was returned to the States to give experienced training to the Chemical Corps troops.

The 1st Division again pushed north taking Kunu-ri then Yong-Boyan. Up to this point the war had been quite easy, resistance was slight, the weather was mild and the principal operation of the Battalion consisted of continual reconnaissance with very little shooting and the mass transportation of ROK infantry on our trucks.

Near Yong-Boyan the resistance stiffened but was brushed aside and the 1st ROK Division moved north again, forced a large river and took the town of Unsan. There we were stopped cold. At once it was obvious to everyone that we had bumped up against a strong and quite different defense. The enemy had commanding terrain and he had organized it well. Counter attacks were launched against us and in force. These were well planned and led with skill. Early in the fighting at Unsan the officers of the 1st ROK Division believed the enemy to be Red Chinese but their claims were ridiculed at first.

The situation became increasingly sticky. On our right the 6th ROK Division had a regiment badly cut up and we lost all contact in that direction. Nor had we any contact with the left. The enemy attacked in increasing force and intensity. The 1st ROK Division pulled in its flanks for better security. On the morning of 1 November the 8th Cavalry, 1st U.S. Cavalry Division moved into Unsan to assist the ROK Division.

The 8th Cavalry Regiment moved into position on the Division's left replacing the 12th ROK Regiment which moved with our Company C to protect the Division's rear. The 11th ROK Regiment with our Company A in direct support was on the Division's right flank guarding the ford. The 15th ROK Regiment with our Company B in direct support held the center.

During the night of 1-2 November the Chinese Communist Forces launched a coordinated attack in great force and our losses were heavy.

Company A with the 11th ROK Regiment also played a tremendous part in this battle. The situation was fairly quiet during the early part of the evening, but about midnight the blow fell. When the 8th U.S. Cavalry and the 15th ROK Regiment were knocked out earlier in the night all routes of escape were closed except the one across the ford which was guarded by the 11th ROK Regimental Combat Team. The South Korean Soldiers put up a good fight and Company A supported them to the bitter end. Defensive fires were started at about 2300 hours and at ranges over 3500 yards. The 11th ROK Regimental Combat Team was enveloped on both flanks and its center pushed back relentlessly. The final protective fires were laid down by Company A at 0430 at a range of 600 yards. Immediately after this mission was fired the Reds broke through. The remnants of ROK infantry were completely swamped. Company A lost most of their equipment during this fighting but the mortarmen fought with great determination and succeeded in cutting their way out, picking up a few of their vehicles as they came.

There were many acts of individual heroism during that terrible night. Elements of the 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion, in addition to their own wounded, brought out scores of 8th Cavalrymen and ROK infantrymen. The splendid stand of the 15th ROK Regimental Combat Team gave the division several hours of precious time and the last-ditch stand of the 11th ROK Regimental Combat Team held the ford until daybreak when all remaining United Nations forces were safely south of the river. Without the unwavering supporting of the 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion's 4.2 mortars neither of these tasks could have been accomplished.

With the first light of 2 November the Battalion licked its wounds and reorganized to continue to fight. Company C had come through unscathed. Company B had two platoons left with enough equipment to operate. Company A had lost most of its equipment and was no longer of combat value. Neither was the 11th ROK Regimental Combat Team for that matter, so all came out even. Company B was built up in strength by volunteers from the survivors of Company A and the mortars remained in direct support of two remaining regiments of the 1st ROK Division.

The 8th U.S. Army ordered all

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United Nations Forces to pull south of the Chung-Gang river. An orderly withdrawal was accomplished and the 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion reached the south shore of the river near Anju the night of 4 November. The Battalion along with the rest of the AAA group was relieved of attachment to the 1st ROK Division and attached to the 24th Infantry Division. The 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion was sub-attached to the 5th U.S. Infantry Regimental Combat Team and it moved immediately to the town of Kuni-ri where it went into defensive positions guarding the right flank of the 8th U.S. Army.

For the next three weeks the 8th U.S. Army was engaged in bringing up fresh troops building up men and supplies for the planned Thanksgiving offensive. There was considerable fighting in the Kuni-ri sector as our forces jockeyed for positions from which to jump off. During a period of less than one month the Battalion was attached to two corps and sub-attached to five divisions and with its companies, to ten regimental combat teams. While all this was going on the Battalion remained constantly in action. All this shuffling about would have been very confusing but for the fact that the Battalion was quite accustomed to fending for itself and also quite efficient in supplying its own needs. Solely through its own efforts the Battalion secured eight mortars, sufficient vehicles and other equipment to re-establish Company A on a two platoon basis and as an effective fighting force. All of this equipment was brought up by road from Pusan, a monumental task in itself. The very day the mortars arrived Company A was committed. Once again we were in business with three companies even though two of them had but eight mortars each. Personnel had been reassigned to give all companies about equal strength per mortar. Headquarters Company was stripped down to the bare minimum.

The Thanksgiving offensive started several days before Turkey Day. The Battalion was then attached to the IX Corps and by them to 2nd U.S. Infantry Division. The division sub-attached the entire Battalion to the 9th U.S. Infantry Regimental Combat Team. We had worked previously for this fine regiment and its commanding officer was so impressed by our operations that he attached his entire organic heavy mortar company to the 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion. Despite our heavy losses in Unsan morale was high and our mortar men were full of fight. Weather continued to be good though it was getting quite cold.

The 9th U.S. Regimental Combat Team jumped off and attacked up a river valley in a northwesterly direction. From the very beginning the going was tough but the 9th slugged it out with the Reds and took Wanni and then a string of little towns along the river and finally the town of Kujang-Dong. A few miles northeast of here the advance bogged down badly. Enemy resistance was fierce and there was every indication of a tremendous buildup of Chinese Reds. The situation deteriorated very rapidly. Once again the division that we were supporting had no contact with friendly troops on either flank. The Chinese attacked again and again and in increasing force. Company C, in direct support of the 2nd Battalion, 9th U.S. Infantry Regimental Combat Team, was badly cut up one night with severe losses in men and equipment.

On the night of 26 November the Chinese communist forces, having cut off the 2nd U.S. Infantry Division from all other United Nations Forces, attempted to annihilate the division. The fighting was terrific but the men of the 2nd U.S. Division stood firm though they suffered very heavy losses. On 27 November the division withdrew in the direction of Kuni-ri. The 2nd Battalion of the 23rd U.S. Infantry Regimental Combat Team and the 2nd Battalion of the 9th Regimental Combat Team covered the withdrawal. Both of these infantry battalions did a magnificent job. With what was left of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry, we set up a blocking position north of Wanny where the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry passed through us. These rear guard actions continued until all elements of the 2nd U.S. Infantry Division had cleared into the vicinity of Kuni-ri. The 23rd Infantry Regimental Combat Team took up delaying positions northeast of Kuni-ri and the 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion placed its two remaining companies in direct support of two battalions of this regiment. They remained firing up to the last minute when orders were given by the 23rd Infantry Regimental Combat Team to withdraw, saving all equipment if possible and destroying what could not be taken. The battalion got out with all of its equipment except one quarter-ton trailer which was stripped and destroyed. A most fortunate decision on the route of withdrawal saved the battalion from the disastrous ambush of the 2nd U.S. Infantry Division that night and the following day.

The first night on the long, long retreat was a difficult one, but the battalion came through it in good order. Our radios worked perfectly until after dawn and the unit maintained its combat integrity. We came out along the river road, then south from Anju to an assembly area south of Sunchon. We were immediately relieved of attachment to the 2nd U.S. Infantry Division and attached to the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade.

We were worked hard by them but we did not mind because our employment was always tactically sound and designed to utilize to the fullest extent the fire capabilities and flexibility of our 4.2 mortars. We quickly developed a profound respect for these Britishers as professional soldiers in the finest sense of the word. We had implicit faith in their ability to do their job and they in turn had full confidence in us.

The 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion had its own niche with the 27th British Brigade which had no heavy mortars of its own. The United States Regiments all have their own heavy mortar companies and the Chemical Mortar Companies are frequently used solely to supplement the fires of the organic mortars. With the British we were their organic heavy mortars and usually their light artillery as well, as the brigade had no guns of their own.

The 27th British Brigade at that time consisted of three rifle battalions, the Argyle and Sunderland Highlanders, the Middlesex Light Infantry and the Royal Australian Rifles. It had an anti-tank troop (platoon) and some transportation units. We placed Company A in direct support of the Argyles. The Middlesex Battalion broke up the road block above Sunchon where survivors of this division passed through us to the south.

The Eighth U.S. Army was withdrawing down two main routes. To the 27th British Brigade was given the mission of covering the withdrawal along the westerly road while another British Brigade (the 29) covered the westerly road. The 2nd

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Chemical Mortar Battalion was with the 27th British Brigade all the way. The two roads converging at Pyong-Tang where the 29th Brigade held the bridges while we passed through them. South of Pyong-Tang we again took the easierly road while the 29th Brigade covered along the road to the west.

There was little fighting during the long retreat although the situation got sticky on several occasions and shooting became quite brisk. The 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion took full advantage of its opportunities as rear guard and managed to re-equip itself very well as we moved to the south. We also learned much concerning the tactics of rear guard actions.

The Eighth U.S. Army stopped just south of the 38th parallel and the 27th British Brigade went into position north of the town of Ouijang-bu. Here we re-established Company C using equipment that we had again brought from Pusan, plus that which we had picked up along the way. The entire Battalion was re-organized and this time Headquarters Company was stripped down to practically nothing. Company B had been built up to 12 mortars while Companies A and C had eight mortars each. Company A was with the Middlesex, Company B with the Australians and Company C with Argyles. Contact with the Chinese Communist Forces had been broken off and for much of the month of December our weeks consisted of preparations of defensive positions and long range patrolling.

During Christmas week the Chinese Communist Armies again attacked with great force and it soon became evident that the United Nations Forces could not hold along the 38th parallel nor even retain possession of Seoul, the capital of South Korea. The order for withdrawal was given and again the retreat was to be covered by the two British Brigades. As the 29th Brigade had held the bridgehead at Pyongyang, it was the 27th Brigade's turn to hold the bridges across the Han River at Seoul, so we buttoned up for the next big job.

Getting back to Seoul proved to be a sizable job in itself. The 27th Brigade was to block the road into Ouijang-bu and hence into the capital city to permit the movement of all United Nations forces into the city and across the river. The Reds came down rather fast and it was touch and go for most of the night. The three battalions of the 27th Brigade leap-frogged very nicely. The Australians with our Company B were cut off but they chopped their way out in short order and the entire Brigade closed into the city just before a cold dawn, having set the Chinese well back on their hocks and with very light casualties to our side.

We were very confident of our ability to hold the bridgehead in Seoul. For two weeks while we were north of Ouijang-bu we had thoroughly reconnoitered and prepared defensive positions. Firing was carefully planned and the data computed. We even ran in our telephone lines. But in the evening of the day that the Brigade reached Seoul the entire order was changed and we were given a new sector and different bridges to guard. The order came in too late for reconnaissance in daylight.

We took up positions in the dead city and pitched black night with orders to hold until the last United Nations soldier had crossed the Han River to the south shore. The Brigade had a battalion of 105 howitzers and these were emplaced on the south bank. The Chinese Communists drove in an effort to catch the United Nations Forces north of the river but the 27th British Brigade held fast and inflicted such terrific casualties on the Reds that their attack lost momentum.

A magnificent job was done here by the 27th U.S. Infantry Regimental Combat Team which was the last unit to cross the Han River before our Brigade. The commanding officer of the 27th U.S. Infantry RCT visited the 27th British Brigade Command Post during the night and gave us a time table showing when each element of his command would reach the bridge approach.

Before dawn the 27th U.S. Infantry Regiment Combat Team broke contact in the middle of a vicious fire fight and entrapped. The colonel's march table was executed exactly as planned. Our radio operator at the bridge approach ticked off each element of the Regiment as it arrived and all check point times were right on the button. This most difficult operation, so skillfully planned and brilliantly executed, was reassuring to the 27th British Brigade.

We gradually pulled in and reduced the bridgehead and about 0330 in the morning started to "milk out" the battalion, then the companies of the 1st Battalion until all were safely across the river. The Brigadier with a small command group remained in Seoul until the last of his troops were on trucks and rolling across the bridge. When all had cleared the bridge was blown.

The Eighth U.S. Army took up new defensive positions some distance south of Seoul. The 27th British Brigade, with the 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion still attached, occupied a sector in the center of the front south of Inchon. Here, though the weather was bitter cold, the fortunes of the battalion began to improve. We received the first replacements since our arrival in Korea, one hundred fifty men. They were nearly all enlisted reservists and former artillerymen. They arrived late in January and were as fine a group of men as any commander could desire. We welcomed them with open arms. They increased the strength of the Battalion by nearly fifty per cent. We secured more equipment and soon had all three companies organized with three platoons of four mortars each. The 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion was in full scale business again.

All other United States Army Combat units received large numbers of replacements. The rations improved and most important of all, General Ridgeway gave new confidence to his fighting men. He told us in effect that he was not in the real estate business; that regained territory meant much less to him than dead Chinenen. He named his next offensive "Operation Killer" and that meant just what it said.

Early in February our attack was launched. It got off to a good start and it progressed just the way that General Ridgeway said it would go. Advances in miles or yards were small but the box score on dead was very high indeed. The infantry did not barrel along the roads in trucks, but instead they combed out the hills on foot. Sometimes we made only a few yards but the yardage thus gained was all ours. And in the matter of reserves General Ridgeway was very tough. All units of all echelons would always have a strong reserve and there were no exceptions made.

The combat man appreciated this kind of leadership and this type of operation. It meant that they got a decent break; that all of the advantages were not held by his enemy. The men of the 2nd Chemical
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Mortar Battalion jumped off on "Operation Killer" all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed and full of fight.

The story of the 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion will not be completed until the war is won and the Battalion is home again. But no matter how glorious their future triumphs may be, no group of men can ever give more loyal devotion to their commander than that which I received from the 2d Chemical Mortar Battalion.

SEQUEL

After Col. Bell left, the 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion continued to be at the center of activity and on 24 September 1951 the 100,000th round of ammunition was fired by the 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon of Charlie Company. In the prior four months Charlie Company fired more rounds than either of the other companies. Charlie Company also holds the record for the number of rounds fired in a 24 hour period, on 21 September 1951 they fired 3697 rounds, while supporting the 23rd Infantry Regiment. For action performed from 31 August 1951 to 3 September 1951 Baker and Charlie Companies received a letter of commendation from Major General Ferenbough, commanding General of the 7th Infantry Division, and Charlie Company received a commendation from Col. H. D. McGowen, 17th RTC Commander.

The total number of rounds fired by 24 September 1951 by companies are A Co. 15,825; B Co. 30,125; C Co. 55,444; total 101,394.

The 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion continued in this manner until I have been told, it was transferred to the infantry because of its outstanding record in their support.

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GREEKS IN THE KOREAN WAR

The following letter was received pertaining to the article "The 13th Hellenic Flight — Greeks In The Korean War: that appeared in June 1993 issue of GRAY-

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Mr. D. I. Mastroyannis (BG); 3 Neossokon; Piraeus 18536 Greece.

Dear BG Mastroyannis:

I was a Combat Crew Member (Radio Operator) on B-26 Light Bombers from June, 1951 to May, 1952. I served with the 5166th Air Weather Squadron and was stationed at both Taegu A.F.B. (K-2) and Kimpo A.F.B. (K-14). We flew all of our Combat Missions out of these Air bases during this time.

I definitely remember the 13th Air Squadron and saw their Aircraft and Airmen on many occasions! They were always on the go! Very Busy! In fact, on one occasion I flew with them on one of their C-47’s from Kunsan A.F.B. back to my squadron at Kimpo A.F.B. I barely had time to sit down before the plane was headed down the runway for takeoff.

The officers and other aircraft personnel were very friendly, professional and kind. I was very impressed with their dedication to duty, bravery and flying skills. All of us flyers knew about the Greek Air Forces contribution to the Korean War. All Greece can be very proud of these men. I remember and honor them! I was delighted to see the article in the "Graybeards" publication.

I wish you, your family and all of my Greek Flying Comrades the very best of health happiness and success. I would enjoy hearing from you!

Thank you for your time and consideration, Paul F. Kuhn, Commissioner, Veterans Services; Maiden Government Center; Two Hundred Pleasant Street; Malden, Massachusetts 02148.
"...SPY NESTS WERE PERCHED IN CONGRESS' OWN BACK YARD PASSING COMBAT ORDERS TO THE COMMUNIST ENEMY..."

"Most Americans are too young to remember the Korean War. Veterans and their families remember it as the forgotten war. Some ignore the war as if it never happened. A few dared to call the war acts of treason!"

"In 1953 Army Secretary Robert Stevens considered it "utter nonsense" that during the Korean War the Communist head of the UN's military staff, Constantine Zinchenko, reviewed all orders going from the Pentagon to General MacArthur and gave them to the enemy before MacArthur received them."

"This article is in its own words as written by NORM JEFFERS (KWVA #540); 1048 Bermuda St.; Port Charlotte, FL 33950; Ph. 813-625-1944."

"Among those who disagreed with Secretary Stevens was Congressman James B. Utt from California who affirmed this fact in a speech in the House of Representatives on January 15, 1962. Also, in a report of the Committee of the Judiciary of the 84th Congress, titled, "The Korean War and Related Matters" we find this testimony: 'Consequently, all battle plans passed through the hand of the head of the UN Military Secretariat and were known to the enemy before our commanders got them in the field.'"

"Army Secretary Stevens believed this as "utter nonsense" because of MacArthur's spectacularly successful amphibious landing at Incheon which caught the enemy completely by surprise."

"In his 1990 book, titled, Korean War Almanac, Retired Army Colonel Harry G. Summers Jr. wrote, "When the war began General MacArthur specifically ruled out censorship, which he called "aborrent". Contradictory as it may sound, it was the newsman who pressed for censorship when serious security leaks were beginning to develop."

"On August 30, 1959, MacArthur issued operation plans for the Incheon invasion, but despite the specific orders given him by the JCS directive on August 28 he did not send a copy to Washington. MacArthur feared security leaks in Washington and held his cards close, advising Washington in one cable that it would be "unwise" to describe fully in a message his plans. For two weeks the JCS repeatedly requested the operation plans, but MacArthur continued to delay the order until eleven o'clock the night of September 13 when Col. Lynn Smith reported to the Pentagon with twelve volumes of documents weighing 35 lbs. By the time Smith finished his briefing to the JCS the following day, the landing of American forces were to commence in four hours."

"MacArthur had won his point, but paid a costly price. When Truman decided to fire MacArthur, not a single member of the JCS raised a voice in his defense."

"MacArthur's actions and his contempt for those in Washington saved lives at Inchon because he was absolutely correct, for the Soviets had a nest of highly placed espionage agents in the British embassy in Washington, men with access to most intimate details."

"Some of the above information about MacArthur is from a 1982 book, "Korea-The Untold Story Of The War", by Joseph C. Goulden. The information came about via the Freedom of Information Act and brought forth by Goulden's trip to a federal archives dump in Suitland, Maryland."

"In 1985 the west acquired the deathbed statement of the famous British spy, Donald Maclean, the KGB spy who headed the American desk of the British Foreign Office. As secretary of the British-American Combined Policy Committee on Non-technological Atomic data, Maclean had access to all American nuclear secrets and passed them to the Soviets. On his deathbed, however, like a dying artist claiming his unrecognized masterpiece, he declared that his greatest coup was passing on to Stalin the secret orders of President Truman to General MacArthur to limit any military action to the Korean peninsula and not to cross the Chinese border. Before the traitor to Britain revealed Truman's secret orders to MacArthur, Mao Zedong had adamantly refused the Kremlin's request that China enter the war, because he feared that American forces would invade China. However, with information supplied by the KGB spy, Stalin convinced Mao that U.S. forces would be ordered by Truman to fight only in Korea."

"On November 26, 1950, ten days before Truman "muzzled" MacArthur by Presidential Order, some 300,000 Chinese "volunteers" swarmed across the border. This was the turning point of the war, and to this day Washington will not admit the treasonable acts that lead to that tragic day. On this Memorial Day those in Washington continued to blame MacArthur for mis-
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judging the Chinese. In reality he became another victim of Communist subservience in America.

"When Russia was America's ally, President Roosevelt said, "I do not believe in Communism any more than you do but there is nothing wrong with Communism in this country; several of the best friends I have got are Communist."

"In 1945, three years before Alger Hiss was exposed as a Communist agent he was the principal American representative in discussions of plans for the United Nations and its charter; his dual role was as Secretary General and top State Department official for UN affairs; from this chair he could channel his choices into key positions in the newly forming UN Secretariat.

"Furthermore, under a secret agreement made in 1945 by U.S. Secretary of State Edward Stettinius, a Communist would fill the second most important UN post, that of Under or Assistant Secretary for Political and Security Council Affairs. During the Korean War that position was filled by Constantine Zinchenko, a Communist from an Iron Curtain country.

"At the beginning of the Korean War there were 43,000 Communist party members in America, they believed that communism was for the good of the country—a utopia. They never criticized the Soviets for any brutality and they have admitted they were slaves to the Communist party. Stalin, the serial killer, represented the ultimate-honor-compassion-wisdom.

"From the beginning of the Cold War, the trials of Alger Hiss and that of the Rosenbergs were the most celebrated. The FBI was blamed for the loss of the atomic secrets. According to records the FBI mobilized all its resources in its search, an unprecedented manhunt, thousand of photographs of possible suspects were examined. The Rosenbergs became the FBI's scapegoat and were executed on June 19, 1953. (Forty days before the armistice in Korea). About half of the spy ring escaped, five served a short prison term.

"Elizabeth Bentley, a former Communist, exposed two Soviet spy rings in which assistant U.S. Treasury Secretary Harry Dexter White and Lauchlin Currie, executive assistant to FDR, and about 90 others had participated. On May 29, 1952, she testified that at least two other Soviet spy rings were operating in government. She had leased of their existence from her Soviet superiors, but never knew who was in them, or what branches of government they operate.

"On December 29, 1954, the last "loophole" through which subservience in government might be detected was plugged by Eisenhower. All security files of executive department employees were placed "off-limits" by congressional committees by President Eisenhower. Congress then couldn't learn if an employee was cleared despite FBI warnings. Neither of the spy rings had been exposed to this day.

"When an infamous Communist hunter, Senator Joseph McCarthy, was heard on TV and radio, he said the U.S. government was infiltrated by a Moscow-directed conspiracy and he claimed that the shameful mess Korea was interwoven with Communism in America. And like today, some Americans laughed. The press, Hollywood and the bureaucrats said, among other things, he was "witch hunting."

""The tragedies what he said and tried to prove was more deeply denied. He was simply buried in controversy his charges provoked.

"The eight weeks of televised hearings was staged in a climate of untrue, twisted, and slanted coverage. In addition, McCarthy didn't have a pretty face for TV; he was old, cold, all business, and his deep, booming voice, and heavy bushy eyebrows made him look like a witch."

""The character of some of the broadcasters were questionable, for example, Edward R. Murrow's time vice-president of CBS, service leftist causes dates back to 1935 when served on the board of the Institute of International Education, an organization which encouraged young American schoolteachers to take their summer training at University of Moscow—and they subsidized their trips."

"Today, we see the precharacter-assassinate many, especially on the right, but the precedent set by Murrow hasn't been equalled. The character assassination Murrow did in editing and reporting made McCarthy look like a snarling Pharaoh and it brought protest from McCarthy's most bitter enemies.

"Ironically, while McCarthy's television "side show" was headline news, and believed by most Americans, the spy nests were perched in Congress's own back yard passing all combat orders and other intimate details to the Communist enemy in the terrible mountains of Korea. A forsaken place where 20,000 Americans died in a single year, many of them were "sitting ducks" for ambush! A war where the field commanders were ordered by Truman not to pursue the enemy. A limited war in which the President of the United States guaranteed the enemy safe haven across a river, where his stockpiled his munitions and assembled his killers. A presidential-declared war in which the commander-in-chief had no intentions of defeating the enemy. An unprecedented war where the enemy could retreat to his own ground and be safe, taking as many POWs with him as he cared to. It was no wonder that there was an unusual high number of POWs (7400) in 37 months of war. At least 4500 never returned and over 389 are unaccounted for; that's the highest percentage (60+) of Americans to vanish as POWs in any foreign war in American History!

"This ties in with statements made at the 1992 POW/MIA congressional hearings. Senator Bob Smith, vice chairman, said, "To know hundreds of Americans, perhaps more, were removed to China when American forces pushed the enemy back to the Yalu River between China and Korea. "It gave us goose bumps to hear this, "it was something we've long suspected, but we've never had the proof...Every single Korean official we talked to confirmed this."

"Why should the transfer of POW's across borders be such a surprising issue? A few years before the war in Korea, thousands of German POW's were transported thousands of miles across the ocean to be placed in fence enclosed compounds throughout the U.S., where they worked on military bases. In Korea, Americans were ordered not to pursue the Chinese.

"My opinion is that most of the 4500 American POW's were transported across the border where the Communist used them for torture or let them rot in some prison.

"After Truman lost the election and the war ended, it was to late to correct the mess in Korea. When congress investigat-

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ed, the top Korean commanders, MacArthur and his successors, testified:
"General George Stratemeyer, Air Force commander, Far East, said, "You get in war to win it. You do not get in war to stand still and lose and we were required to lose. We were not permitted to win".

"General Mark Clark, one of MacArthur's several successors said, "I was not allowed to bomb the numerous bridges across the Yalu river over which the enemy constantly poured his trucks, and his munitions, and his killers."

"General MacArthur told the congressional committee: Such a limitation upon the utilization of available military forces to repel an enemy attack has no precedent, either in our own history, or so far as I know, in the history of the world."

"President Truman had this to say about General James A Van Fleet; "I sent him to Greece, and he won that war. I sent him to Korea, and he won that war. He's the greatest general we ever had."

"When General Van Fleet testified to Congress, the Eighth Army Commander had this to say about Truman's UN "police action": "MY own conviction is that there must have been information to the enemy from high diplomatic authorities that we would not attack his home bases across the Yalu."

"This letter portion concludes any debate over who gave orders in the Korean War. It's a shame Mr. Truman and Mr. Stevens were not at the death-bed of Donald Maclean, to tell the traitor, "What utter nonsense!"

At the 1992 POW/MIA hearings in Washington, Retired Army Colonel Delk Simpson whom in 1955 was the Military Attache in Hong Kong, testified about a heated discussion between himself and Hong Kong's American Consul General Drumray. The argument was over the border meeting of Airman Steve Kiba, an American POW who was to be released by the Communists in Peking on August 4, 1955. When Col. Simpson persisted that he was meeting Kiba at the border, the Consul General insisted he not go, and said, "I don't give a damn if they never come back".

The Consul General was referring to the 944 American POW's left behind when the Armistice was signed two years earlier.

Steve Kiba was one of the POW released during the Eisenhower "peace in honor" administration. Few people at the, except mothers, wives, and children were even notified.

"Unfortunately, this pathetic and unforgivable attitude continues. For example: On March 7, '91, David Brinkley of the media elite, at the end of ABC's TV show, "Primetime Live, "Following World War II the defeat in Vietnam", 73-year-old Biskley denied the Korean War existed!
other denial came from the CBS TV show in Fort Myers on March 30, '91, when Christina Penza was interviewing General John Hunt and a Gulf War veteran on a show called "Perspective", whereverend Hunt replied, "The troops' home today didn't have the problems they had after World War II and Vietnam". They simply ignored Korea as if it never happened! Here is another; Last yrs, Steve Otto, a journalist with the Tampa Tribune wrote, "Korea, a war that most of us today would not know about except the MASH TV series. I have a question for Mr. Otto, where does this fault lie?"

"1.5 million African servicemen stepped on Korea soil the 37 month war, with nearly 185,000 killed, 103,284 hospitalized, others who were brainwashed and shell shocked, including illness, disease, and frostbite. They are home unappreciated by their fellow-Americans, searched for scarce jobs and only rolled back into the mainstream American society, and just faded away. There is where some of the problem lie. Without the knowledge of the future power of television, we veterans deviated from our Korean proverb, which simply is, "The squeaky wheel gets all of the action".

"In my opinion, the war that ended 40 years ago last month, should have been called "Korea: Secret War". In all of my flying through Korea, Japan, and Formosa, I never saw or heard of a news writer, and now of no servicemen who did. Almost of my mission, combat or others had frictions. Even the transporting of bgdages from Seoul to Ashiya, Japan were classified, other missions such as the head load of munitions I transported to Fojos (Taiwan) was secret. The munition were bound for French Indo China! There were any media around most likely they would have required special permits. Or was Korea like the other war that stopped Communist aggression? The nine year war in Afghanistan, where there was almost no news coverage. Was this lack of news coverage due to the terrible environment or because the press was busy elsewhere?"

"According to the recent release of tens of thousands of secret files in the national archives, there were over 15,000 secret spy missions flown world wide against Communist in the 50's. It began in 1949 after the Soviets tested an atomic bomb, some 100 bomber-cargo-type aircraft were used on the so-called ferret missions, even the loss of 24 Americans with 31 aircraft down and 138 aircrew members unaccounted for, were kept secret. And these secrets missions did not include the efforts of the Korean War when another secret war was in operation against Communist Korea and China. Recent reports state that the word in the Pentagon and the State Department during the 50's were: do not pursue the enemy and do not increase tension with the Soviets. Bob Hall, spokesman for the Pentagon, was quoted as saying, "Don't try to judge this period by 1993 standards, in the 50's there was a very tough Cold War going on and the Soviets weren't very forthcoming".

"In the early months of the Korean War there was another spy plane operation. This covert operation was under the CIA, the director of that intelligence unit was CIA agent Hans Tofte. The CIA used their own private air force. One of the aircraft they used was the Curtis C-46 which was leased from "Civil Air Transport", an airline based in Taipei. Their covert missions were parachuting South Korean guerrillas into North Korea and China where they performed sabotage and intelligence missions.

"Following the recapture of Seoul the third time by American forces the 5th Air Force moved from Tokyo and relocated near Seoul. At that time the small secret psychological warfare went into operation. When I was assigned there, my primary mission was the continuation of airdropping guerrillas into North Korea and China via parachute from Air Force C-46 Commandos. Other missions were saturating the front lines with millions of leaflets, island resupply, harassing the enemy and other diversified missions."

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"The hundreds, perhaps more, of spy missions flown by the CIA and the 5th Air Force are not included in the ferret mission, even though thousands of the ferrets were flown during the Korean War era. (June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955).

"Unnoticed in the 50's, the world super powers were paying a great tribute to a Chinese theorist of 2,400 years ago, his name was Sun Tzu. It was Sun Tzu who invented the full intelligence system, the prototype of the KGB. Calling it the "divine skein", Sun Tzu regarded the intelligence system as the prime striking force in waging war.

"Under this system were five classes of agents: Native people who reported on living environments; inside agents as such as corruptible enemy officials who ascertained enemy plans, providing intelligence on enemy strength and weaknesses; double agents of spies who could be turned around by bribing or threats and by furnishing false information to the enemy and those who moved in and out of every territory.

"Unfortunately, the last Communist threat to the free world is now represented by a small country where the first real Cold War began. North Korea. A Communist ruled country half the size of Florida that in 1950, without warning, attacked its defenseless neighbor, South Korea, resulting in a terrible war with a least four million military and civilian casualties, of which 1,660,000 were American servicemen.

"In closing: I agree with Pentagon spokesman, Bob Hunt, when he said there was a tough Cold War going on in the 50's. However, Korea was a bloody war within the Cold War and has its own identity and should be acknowledged with individual respect. And that identity is; A war where American field commanders were ordered by President Truman not to pursue or defeat the North Korean armies; a war where Sun Tzu's intelligence system was one of the prime striking forces against the United Nations advancing armies.

"The bits and pieces of evidence I have found over the past 35 years add up to treason during war time. It was a crime that these treasonable acts occurred and it is a crime that this part of the war was left out of history. There was no full investigation even though some of the truth is buried in government files, and some of the truth came at a later date and was simply ignored. But the real truth may have been expressed in the pathetic attitude of the American Consul General in 1955 Hong-Kong! There are too many unanswered questions?"

END OF THIS FOOTNOTE TO HISTORY.

This is the 3rd platoon of Co. B, 3rd Inf. Div., taken in late 1951, somewhere near Chor-Won (not sure of the spelling). We are trying to contact as many as possible, of this platoon, for a reunion in September, 1993. It is being held in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The contact people are myself: Bobby J. Rankins, 1709 Ayers Street; Dyersburg, TN 38024, telephone 901 285-5122 or Lee Corkill, 4860 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90027, telephone number 213 661-8006. I will appreciate any help you can give me in gathering these friends together. Also, please return this picture to me. A SASE is enclosed for that purpose.

The first picture taken in Japan on Easter Sunday shows the two of us meeting for first time since beginning our military careers.

John (Jack) Steinpeck served aboard the U.S.S. Missouri BB 63, a gunner's mate. I (Edward Steinpeck) was aboard the U.S.S. Leonwee (APA-195) as a pipe fitter. When my ship arrived at Yokoska from Korea, the Missouri was also there. I (Edward) went aboard the Mo to find my cousin. When Jack heard that he had a visitor on the Quarter Deck, he was very surprised. We spent time getting re-acquainted. The first picture shows us at the 1945 site of the surrender of Japan.

The second picture shows Jack and me at Town Green at another monument, this time at New Haven, CT. We had both been asked to be Honorary Grand Marshals at the 125th Memorial Day Parade 1993 that honored the "Korean Vets". The Grand Marshal of the event was Col. K.D. Gertz, who served as a hospital corpsman (U.S.N.) during the Korean War. Sgt. Frank Carrano who was in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, served as one of the Honorary Grand Marshal also.

Jack Steinpeck is now financial secretary for the U.S.S. Missouri Association. I was recently retired from the military, serving in the reserve program. Sgt. Carrano is serving with the YD-National Guard. We are now members of the Korean War Veterans Association of Connecticut.

Hope this will be an interesting news item for the "Graybeards."

—EDWARD J. STEINPECK; 30 Susan Lane; North Haven, CT 06473-1931.

Call to order: 9:00 A.M. July 24, 1993
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Roll Call & guests
President Adams read resignation from Board of Richard Alexander dated 8/21/93. Board voted to accept his resignation.

Stan Hadden moved to amend the agenda and place, as initial order of business, a full discussion with recorded roll call votes on all motions concerning the specific authority, duities, instructions, budget and other related acts or communications to the KWVA membership now being exercised by the appointed secretary/treasurer, this motion requires that this discussion and all motions and votes take place by the Executive Council be reported on the agenda at the general business meeting on July 26, 1993. Motion seconded. Stan Hadden handed out document to all Board members stating his comments on Agenda Item H as previously distributed and on letter written to him by Roger Scaife concerning bill from Lowman Printing Company.

Discussion was held on duties of secretary as stated in the bylaws. Discussion was held on whether bylaws in notebooks handed out for meeting were bylaws we are now operating under. Discussion was brought back to motion on floor to change agenda. Vote was taken and motion was passed. Roger Scaife explained that the bylaws in the notebook are the same as those approved July 27, 1992, with the exception of changes recommended by the IRS and the attorney. Roger Scaife was instructed to highlight those changes for discussion later.

After additional discussion it was moved, seconded and passed that the Board take a 20 minute recess to read and digest information handed out by Stan Hadden.

Meeting was resumed at 9:50 a.m. Scooter Burke made list of 6 points raised by Stan Hadden. (1) regarding the Editorial Committee, Scooter Burke moved that we vote that suggestion down. Motion was seconded.

Len Dube expressed concern that Board members are not bonded. Discussion was held that Tom Maines was tasked to go forward with getting insurance to cover all officers and directors. Additional discussion followed and the Board heard from two members, Vernon Marguate and Arthur Horning giving their opinions on the Graybeards. Vote was called and motion was passed that there be no Editorial Committee.

(2) regarding the invoice for $225, Scooter Burke moved that we reimburse Stan Hadden for this disbursement. Motion was seconded and passed.

(3) regarding CPA, it was clarified that Dick Adams gave Roger Scaife instructions to get the CPA. Roger Scaife stated that he has paid all CPA bills out of his own pocket. Concern was expressed that the Board ought to know who he is and CPA shouldn't be telling us anything except to make sure our books are correct. Motion was made, seconded and passed to engage CPA and pay him with organization funds to reimburse Roger Scaife for monies he spent.

Roger Scaife reported on what he has been doing to get GEN4 and what IRS looks for. (4) regarding communications, Scooter Burke referred letter to John Kenney and asked official address for the KWVA. The official address is Caruthers, CA. Scooter Burke stated he felt President Adams ought to have signed letter. Further discussion was held on the Korean War Veterans Foundation and ceremony at Arlington Cemetery. (5) regarding authorization of expenses, it will be included in the budget for the Graybeards when the budget for next year is set up. Scooter Burke said his other point was already taken care of.

READING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Roger Scaife explained that minutes were one out previously with bold faced type being the changes suggested with person's initials in brackets who requested change. It was moved, seconded and passed to not read all of the minutes and just point out the changes. Line 120 re: names of committee members — Blaine Friedlander said committee members were not appointed. Line 123 re: life membership card dates — Blaine said part lined out was motion voted on & Stan Hadden explained his change was just a suggestion. Motion was made, seconded and passed to strike "not" from line 125 and add "upon request." Line 305 — strike "this is incorrect." Line 361 — strike Richard Alexander and put in Len Dube. Line 388 — re: letter on homosexuals Emmett Benjamin asked for copy of letter sent and let minutes stand. Starting at Line 414 — Roger Scaife said cannot be published — every member who attended the executive session is sworn to secrecy. After line 412 put "Executive session held." Roger Scaife was instructed to put executive session minutes on separate sheet marked confidential. Balance of changes read were accepted. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept minutes as amended.

AGENDA ITEM A-1. Income producing ads. The question was raised whether we want to make a profit and pay taxes. After discussion, motion was made, seconded and passed that we start taking in outside advertisement in the Graybeards and go forward with investigating new procedures to generate more revenue.

AGENDA ITEM A-2. Membership drive. Status was given on Tell America Fund. Roger Scaife reported $449 in the fund as of 6/30/93 and Dick Adams just received a check from Massachusetts for $1,000. Emmett Benjamin presented a check from Florida for $1,000. Discussion was held. Stan Hadden suggested a committee be put together under the 2nd Vice President with one member of the Board as Chairman and to get some from the general membership. Dick Adams appointed Emmett Benjamin as Chairman of the committee. After further discussion it was decided that Stan Hadden put ad in the Graybeards asking general membership who might be interested in the Speakers Bureau for the KWVA. Further discussion was held. Len Dube volunteered to help Emmett Benjamin. A 3 month time frame was given the committee to research various ways to recruit membership.

AGENDA ITEM A-3. Opinion polls. Discussion was held. Stan Hadden was instructed to put opinion surveys in the Graybeards.

AGENDA ITEM A-4. Memorial. Stan Hadden suggested we take an official definitive position on the names on the memorial. Discussion was held on the contract being let for site preparation and it was understood that the contract has been let and it takes six months for ground to impact. Scooter Burke offered his opinion that the memorial concept, design, names on wall, and location and date of KIA/MIA cannot be changed. Stan Hadden differed in his opinion that names on wall and copyright go together. Additional discussion was held, and it was suggested we take resolution before the general membership.

Scooter Burke introduced Cap Chong Chi who made presentation to Kathleen Wyosnick of list of Air Force who served in Korea and gave us additional information on KIA/MIA's.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. for lunch.

Meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM A-4. Memorial. Stan Hadden made motion that we back names on memorial and state our position against the copyright. Discussion was held. It was moved, seconded and passed that we take the resolution as published in the Graybeards on the copyright and add a resolution to be prepared by Blaine Friedlander on the names of the wall — this resolution subject to presentation before the Executive Council — and then bring the complete resolution before the general membership.

AGENDA ITEM B-1. Resolutions. The following resolution were presented by the Resolutions Committee consisting of Kathleen Wysoknick and Billy Smith.

Resolution 1. As submitted by Dr. Robert Hall requesting our endorsement to recall "The Medics War" to get errors removed and rectified. The committee recommended we pass. Motion was seconded and resolution approved.

Resolution 2. As submitted by C. H. Halverson asking our help to protect endangered species at the DMZ. The committee recom-
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mended we reject. Motion was seconded and resolution was rejected.

Resolution 3. As submitted by Roger Scaife regarding use of name of Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. The committee recommended we pass. Motion was seconded and resolution was approved.

Resolution 4. As submitted by Dick Adams to allocate 50 cents of each members annual dues to a reserve fund each year for scholarship for KKV descendants. The Committee recommended we approve. After discussion, motion was made, seconded and passed to have resolution read $1.00 instead of 50 cents. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve resolution as amended.

Resolution 5. As submitted by Hansel Hall listing objectives of this organization. Discussion was held on the objectives as already set out in the bylaws. The committee recommended approval. This was seconded and resolution was approved. Dick Adams instructed Roger Scaife to incorporate these objectives into these already in the bylaws. Dick Adams also introduced Stan Hadden to publish these objectives in the Graybeards.

Resolution 6. As submitted by Hansel Hall regarding convention standing rules. Discussion was held. Motion was made, seconded and carried to table this resolution at this time and Hansel Hall to bring back on the morning of the 25th.

Resolution 7. As submitted by Roy Hendra from State Dept. of NJ. Committee recommended we reject. Motion was seconded and passed to reject this resolution.

Resolution 8. Withdrawn by Nick Pappas.


Resolution 10. As submitted by Stan Hadden on Operation Heal The Wounds. Committee recommended rejection. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to have Resolution 14 considered along with Resolution #10. Further discussion was held. Stan Hadden withdrew his resolution #10.

Resolutions 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15. Were ruled out of order because labeled resolution to amend bylaws. Len Dube referred to our bylaws which state "Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Executive Council," and stated we need to identify a means to change the bylaws. Discussion was held, Blaine Friedlander gave his legal opinion that any member of the Board can bring forth any proposed amendments to the bylaws before the Board.

Resolution 11. Nick Pappas was asked to speak on his resolution. Discussion was held on publishing the resolutions in the Graybeards and putting these resolutions before the general membership. Additional discussion was held on the bylaws. Hansel Hall asked the Chair to consider appointing a permanent bylaws committee to get bylaws into compliance with the law. Dick Adams appointed Hansel Hall as Chair of the bylaws committee and Len Dube and Roger Scaife to the committee. The resolution committee recommended we reject resolution #11. It was seconded and the resolution was rejected.

Resolution 12. Nick Pappas presented his resolution on proposed amendment to the bylaws on termination of membership. After discussion and Nick Pappas agreeing to have this made a policy instead of an amendment to the bylaws, Dick Adams instructed the bylaws committee to work on a Standard Operating Procedures Manual. The resolution committee recommended approval of the manual. It was seconded and passed.

Resolution 13-I. Establishment of regional directors. Under discussion, Nick Pappas referred to our set goal of 54,000 members and feels we need to lay this in place now and wants to ask for volunteers from the Chapters. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed that this resolution as proposed by Nick Pappas be published in the Graybeards for members to respond.

Resolution 13-II. Establishment of National Finance Committee. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed that we have an audit committee to work with the secretary next year.

Resolution 13-III. National Publication Committee. Withdrawn because it was already discussed that Stan Hadden would have final authority.

Resolution 14. As submitted by Nick Pappas for annual meeting on June 24. The resolution committee recommended rejection. It was seconded and the resolution was rejected.

Resolution 15. As submitted by Nick Pappas for Korean War Armistice Day. The resolution committee recommended rejection. This was seconded. After discussion, vote was called and resolution committee's recommendation to reject was upheld.

The Resolutions Committee was recommended for a job well done.

AGENDA ITEM C. Life membership dues based on age. Roger Scaife presented report with life actuarial table he got from insurance company and suggested dues for different age groups. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to reject the committee report and stay with what we have.


AGENDA ITEM F. POW/MIA. Harley Coon showed picture of Memorial in Dayton, OH which will list 8,177 MIA and quoted cost of $250,000. He also reported on request for donations he put in the Graybeards to which received no replies. Harley Coon gave his opinion that there is no way anyone is still alive in Korea. Harley also stated his concern that he was not notified on the return of the 17 remains prior to that return and that our congressional liaison should be on top of this. Harley says he will have statement for Stan Hadden to publish in the Graybeards from the convention he is going to in Baltimore. Harley asked our legal liaison to make appointment with Chinese delegate so we can go in back door to get into North Korea to get some of the remains. Dick Adams asked that Harley Coon and Blaine Friedlander keep him informed on the meeting with the Chinese. Emmett Benjamin expressed concern over lack of replies to Harley's request for donations for the Memorial in Dayton and said he will donate $100. Dick Adams and Roger Scaife also donated $100 each. Harley thanked Stan Hadden for his support.

AGENDA ITEM G-3. Commemorative coins. Dick Adams asked Board if we want to sell a part of the 500 commemorative coins. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to sell off a quantity of 100 coins at the going price. Dick Adams instructed Lou Selmi, Billy Smith, and Emmett Benjamin to check in their areas for the going price.

AGENDA ITEM G-5. Executive council meeting in February 1994. Dick Adams suggested we have meeting in Washington, D.C. to start getting ready for 1995. Scooter Burke moved we have it in Baltimore. Motion was seconded and passed.

AGENDA ITEM G-2. Reunion 1995. Dick Adams instructed the committee to start working on the 1995 reunion and report at the February 1994 meeting. Scooter Burke urged them to make the hotel their key item.

AGENDA ITEM G-6. Quartermaster. Roger Scaife gave excuse for Col. Gene Young who could not be here due to death in family. Dick Adams read letter he received from Dixon Poole of The Military Shop stating as of July 31, 1993, he would no longer act as quartermaster for the KWWA and enclosing invoices. Roger Scaife reported on quotes received from Artcraft Embroidery and Col. Young's offer to act as quartermaster for nothing. Scooter Burke expressed concern over possible lawsuit from Dixon Poole, and Roger Scaife reported he had talked to attorney and since agreement was verbal and Poole terminated it we had no problem. Discussion was held on profit margin desired by National and whether Chapters should take the orders. A motion was made, seconded and passed the Col. Young be tried as quartermaster for one year on a verbal contract and see what happens. Upon discussion and Blaine Friedlander's recommendation, it was moved, seconded and passed that we hire attorney to answer Dixon Poole's letter.

Discussion was held on filling vacancy.
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left by Richard Alexander. It was decided to fill that vacancy at the meeting on the 25th of July, 1993.

AGENDA ITEM H-1. Financial report. Roger Scafl explained report as given to each Board member in their notebook. He fielded questions on various questions. Roger Scafl asked Stan Hadden for help in getting SS# for Sandy Ballas. Dick Adams instructed Roger all he had to do was send her Form 1099. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept Treasurer's report subject to future audit. Roger Scafl was complimented on most comprehensive report seen to date.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on July 25, 1993.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

AGENDA ITEM H-3. GEN#. Roger Scafl gave background information on tax exempt and donor exempt filings. He noted that the following requirements must be met: (1) Need EIN# from every chapter or department. He qualified that if you are using your own SS# on the bank account, you are personally liable. Len Dube advised that some people are confused by the form. Dick Adams informed that we will present this at the general membership meeting on July 26, 1993. (2) Need certification from all Chapters that they will abide by the bylaws of the organization. (3) Need to file the 3-years previous Form 990. (4) Need to provide copies of the bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, financial statement, and most recent issue of the Graybeards. (5) Need to include check for $500 to the IRS. It will take approximately 80 days to receive GEN#. Roger explained difference between 501c3 and 501c19 exemption status.

AGENDA ITEM H-4. Roger Scafl reported on the 800# usage that went into effect on April 26, 1993. He asked the Board to refer to his report in the notebook, and he called to the Board's attention the last item in the report regarding con artists using veterans documents and VAs recommendations to avoid this problem. Discussion was held and Dick Adams suggested continuing to carry the expense of the KWVA until the Board meeting in February 1994 and then look at it again.

AGENDA ITEM H-5. Dick Adams advised the Board that National is now accepting the Mastercard and Visa credit cards for dues and quartermaster. It was decided to keep using the credit cards.

AGENDA ITEM H-6. 1994 reunion. Dick Wainwright gave the report in the absence of Col. Gene Young. Dick Wainwright reported that they have table here with some items to welcome members to Arizona next year. He reported on the raffle tickets for two for a round-trip ticket to Korea they are selling at $5.00 each to raise money. He said they will get information to Stan Hadden for the Graybeards October issue. Dick Adams brought up problems they are having this year with registrations. Hansel Hall suggested Dick Wainwright get with the Minnesota group and have them let him know of problems they are having.

AGENDA ITEM H-8. Canadian rate of exchange. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed that we specify dues as $15.00 US dollars.

AGENDA ITEM H-9. Standard Procedures Manual. Dick Adams instructed the bylaws/manual committee to get this to him as soon as possible. Dick Wainwright suggested we have 3 or 4 Chapters review it for their input. Dick Adams instructed the committee include other forms and information on how to get military records in the manual.

Dick Wainwright asked for the floor and asked about National accepting dues for Chapters. General discussion was held whether National should get involved with Chapter business. Bob Morga asked for the floor to state his agreement with Dick Wainwright and telling about problems with his Chapter, Billy Smith made the motion that National should not accept dues for departments or chapters. Motion was seconded and passed. Discussion was held on Chapters not knowing whether their members are also National members. Nick Pappas made motion that Chapters and State Departments get roster of all members within their Chapter and state every three months. Bob Morga asked for floor and spoke about problems with Chapter and National dues separate. Discussion was held. James Jahns asked for floor and suggested National assign each Chapter an ID#. Motion was made, seconded and passed that Roger Scafl work out setting up Chapter and State ID#s on his computer base and each Chapter and state will get a quarterly report on their memberships.

AGENDA ITEM H-11. Report on TV, newspaper and radio coverage. Roger Scafl reported on his personal experiences with the media and urged all members to make use of their public access stations.

AGENDA ITEM B-3. ROK project. Kathleen Wyosnick reported on her project in its infancy with note that she will give us update in future. Kathleen asked that anyone who is looking for someone send it to her with ROK serial # if possible. She has newspaper in Seoul willing to publish names.

AGENDA ITEM B-4. Affiliation with Canadian KWVA. Billy Coe, as liaison to Canada, reported he sent packet but has received no reply. Kathleen Wyosnick reported on annual convention she attended in Victoria, and suggested Billy Coe put something in the Graybeards for anyone interested in forming sister chapters with Canada.

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Dick Adams informed everyone that the sale of the commemorative coins will be published in the Graybeards.

AGENDA ITEM E. Congressional liaison report. Blaine Friedlander reported this is the worst year he ever experienced with fighting among members of Congress, and feels we are now in the period of time where we can grow. (1) On the copyright issue, he talked about the morality of allowing people to maintain a copyright while public owns and pays for the statue and the Federal Court citing that artists have right to keep this copyright. He says our goal is to change that law. He talked about the response from Capitol Hill and that Senator Sanghai will sponsor and promote our efforts. (2) On the names on the wall issue, he pointed out that a year ago Stan Hadden made this motion and it was rejected, but a lot of us have changed our minds and we do feel we should have the names on the wall. Blaine presented the following resolution to be added to the resolution on the copyright and to be put before the general membership: Whereas the purpose of the Korean War Veteran Memorial is to honor all those who served during the Korean War and inasmuch as it is fitting and proper that members of the armed forces who were killed, wounded or missing in action be especially recognized for each member's sacrifice; therefore, the President of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. be and he is hereby instructed to inform the public and appropriate officials that the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. respectfully makes demand that the names of all Korean War Veterans deceased, missing in action, and who served as POW's, be placed on the wall in Washington, D.C. (3) On organization, Blaine Friedlander offered to get Roger Scafl 4-digit congressional district numbers for use in assigning chapter and state ID's. Blaine stressed the need for our national membership to become more involved and asked that 5 or 6 people from each congressional district write letters; there are 218 congressmen and 51 senators we need to convince. (4) On the health care issue, he advised there is a good chance in September of the hospital system in VA being merged with public health care and we should be concerned that every veterans receives adequate health care. (5) Blaine Friedlander reported that he has prepared letter to the Vice Foreign Minister of Democratic Republic of Korea that will be published in the Graybeards making demand on North Korea to return all of the remains of UN troops. Blaine handed out three releases that have been filed thus far by the Task Force on Terrorism & Unconventional Warfare House Republican Research Committee and notes that this is information that has not appeared in the press. (6) Under cosmetic issues, Blaine told about living memorial of Cuban refugee chang.

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Roger and Vicki Scaife were complimented on the preparation of the notebooks that were given to all Board members.

Emmett Benjamin asked for help in new role as Chairman of the Tell America Committee. Anyone with ideas should mail them to him at the address as published in the Graybeards. Bob Morga asked for the floor to tell about his association with KMAC. Dick Adams stressed that he and Emmett Benjamin be advised of anything people are doing on Tell America.

Scooter Burke asked for clarification on when the Board would vote on the nominations to replace Richard Alexander, and it was agreed the Board would vote during lunch on July 26. Len Dube suggested letter of appreciation be sent to Richard Alexander.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Board convene in an Executive Session on July 27, 1993, at 8:00 a.m.

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and passed that the Board recess to Monday, July 26, 1993, at 9:00 a.m. for the general business meeting.

I certify that this is a true copy of the minutes of the Executive council meetings of July 24th and 25th, 1993.

Minutes General Business Meeting July 26, 1993

Called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Original members of the KWVA were asked to stand for record. Ex-POW's were asked to stand for record. Chapter Presidents were asked to stand for record. Chapter Presidents were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

Roll call of officers was taken and all were present except Harry Wallace, who was excused.

Nominations to fill the unexpired term of office for the Board of Directors were asked for from the floor. Members were told nominations were already in for Len Dube, Ed Greiger, and Bill Van Ort as put forth in the Executive Council Meeting of July 25, 1993. Motion was made, seconded and carried to close the nominations. Members were told that the Executive Council, per the bylaws, would vote on who would fill the vacancy over the lunch break and report back after lunch.

Stan Hadden reported on status of the Memorial. Blaine Friedlander read the letter he prepared for President Adams signature to send to (unintelligible). Various members gave their opinions on the letter and change was made of the words "We wish" to "We will" tell America.

Additional discussion followed. Dick Adams introduced Harley Coon as President of POW/MIA. Harley Coon stated he endorsed letter 100% and asked to sign the letter, which he did.

Dick Adams introduced Emmet Benjamin as Tell America Committee Chairman. Emmett Benjamin spoke to membership on the purpose of the Tell America campaign, and asked any members with ideas to mail them to him at the address published in the Graybeards. During the general discussion that followed special mention was made of the five video tapes as offered for sale by Tom Maines. It was agreed that an ad for these video tapes be put in The Graybeards, and that these tapes were a good tool for the Tell America campaign.

Dick Adams explained we are in the process of making a Procedures Manual, and a committee with Hansel Hall as Chair has been established. After general discussion, Dick Adams directed Bob Morga to work with that committee on some of his ideas.

Harley Coon asked for the floor and explained he was asked by the Minnesota Chapter to see if members were willing to sign a petition to the President asking for a Senate Select Committee to work on the POW/MIA situation. After Harley read the petition to the membership, motion was made, seconded and carried to endorse the petition. Harley Coon also reported on the Memorial in Dayton, OH, which will list 8,177 MIA. He also reported on the MIA/POW issue. He emphasized he is not discouraging anyone in believing that anyone is still alive but asked members to look at reality. He also reported on his attempt to form better relations with the North Korean Government so we can negotiate going in to get remains of prisoners.

Dick Adams introduced Bernie Melter, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs for the State of Minnesota. Mr. Melter told about the National Association of State Directors of Veteran Affairs who meet once a year and suggested individual representing our Association come and speak to them about the Memorial. Mr. Melter read Letter of Proclamation from the Governor of Minnesota.

Member Joe Beck made presentation of plaque to Stan Hadden as Editor of Graybeards in appreciation of his efforts above and beyond the call of duty.

Secretary/Treasurer Roger Scaife gave financial report and status of the National Group Exemption Number with the IRS. He explained the SS4 forms he mailed to all Chapters and stressed the importance of getting the Employer ID numbers from them. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the financial report subject to future audit.

Discussion was held on the life member-
ship dues. Members were told the dues for life membership are $150.00 US Dollars and can be paid in six installments or on Visa or Mastercard.

Discussion was held on the Quartermaster and members were informed that Dixon Poole of The Military Shop as of July 31, 1993, would no longer accept orders for the KWVA. Members were told that the Executive Council approved Col. Gene Young to assume the duties of Quartermaster in the name of the KWVA, and comparative costs on certain items were reported to the members. It was explained that the Chapters will receive price lists.

Noel Roberts asked for the floor to give his personal statement regarding the Memorial and the KWVA. He told about his donation of two commemorative coins to the KWVA which are being raffled off in memory of Scooter Burke’s wife, Mackie, who died last year. He instructed these funds are to go into the Tell America fund.

Dick Wainwright reported on the 1994 Reunion in Tempe, Arizona.

Dick Adams reported on the 1995 convention we are planning to have in Washington, D.C., and told members we plan to do the dedication of the Memorial and need everyone’s help. Anyone who can help was instructed to contact Blane Fredriander.

Dick Adams explained the 800# which goes into the office of the Secretary/Treasurer - 1-800-THE KWVA - and no charge to members. Hours for the 800# were given as 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. MST.

Dick Adams again explained the use of the credit card for dues payments. Discussion was held, and members were advised if they want any charge made on their membership card or a replacement card there would be a $2.00 charge.

Dick Adams advised members about the commemorative coins we are going to sell and explained this will be published in The Graybeards and sales will be on first come, first serve basis.

Recess was called at 11:55 a.m. and the Executive Council met to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term on the Board of Directors. Vote was done by secret ballot and count was called. Len Dube -7, Bill Van Ort - 5, Ed Greiger -1.

The meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

Harley Coon presided over the drawing for the California basket, and winner Joe Donlon was announced. The proceeds went to the Memorial to be built in the San Mar (unintelligible) Cemetery for all those left behind in Korea.

Scooter Burke gave his personal statement regarding medals and introduced Dr. Robert Hall who is having a seminar here at the Reunion on July 27.

The Resolution Committee gave a report to the membership on the resolutions brought before the Executive Council at their meeting on July 24. Discussion was held on various resolutions.

The results of the election for Board of Directors as tabulated by the CPA firm of Ernst & Young were given. The new Directors are Maurice R. "Dick" Wainwright, Kenneth B. Cook, Lloyd L. "Scooter" Burke, and Harley J. Coon. It was reported that only 362 members sent votes in. The result of the vote by the Executive Council to fill the vacancy on the Board was given as Len Dube. Discussion was held on somehow making ballots for next election more prominent in The Graybeards.

Kathleen Wysocki gave report on the Revisit Program. General discussion was held.

Bob Wacker gave status on project "Forgotten Daisies."

Discussion was held on KWVA’s stand on homosexuals in the military and aids cases in the VA. Dick Adams reported on letter sent or Gen. Powell.

Roger Scalf advised members on the Veterans’ Administration recommendations to safeguard their military documents and explained these recommendations will be printed in the next issue of The Graybeards.

It was announced that the Board will convene in an Executive Session at 8:00 a.m. on July 27, 1993.

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and carried that we close the general membership meeting of the 40th Anniversary of the Korean War at 3:40 p.m.

Benediction was asked for and given by Emmet Benjamin.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the business transacted during the general business meeting of 26 July, 1993.

Roger Scalf
Secretary/Treasurer

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The Korean War veterans know — better than most — just how the oft-described “liberal” news media refuses to recognize the Forgotten War and its gigantic impact upon the world of today. Prominent among those writers is one George Will, a primit columnist and sometime TV talking head. The following letter to him tells it like it is:

"Dear Mr. Will: 21 June, 1993

In 1950 I was a seventeen year old infantryman and by the time of my eighteenth year I had been shot three times by the Chinese in Korea. Thank God I survived through today so that I could read your column, "Giving the 50's their due" and that, true to the media's form, you did not mention one word of the Korean War. You did write whole paragraphs about the "important" things of the 50's: the movies; the music; and 'Howl,' by that great writer Allen Ginsberg, about whom every American child should read in current history books.

"Your ideas of what to honor about the fifties is incredible and an insult to 54,240 dead, 103,000 wounded, 7,000 P.O.W.'s, and 8,177 M.I.A. Americans from the truly Forgotten War — Korea.

"I shall continue to read your drivel: However, I do not expect you to give the consideration of a reply to this writer's viewpoint — a not so Silent Generation!"

—WARREN G. MCDONALD (U.S.A. retired); President, 32nd Infantry Regiment Association; Box 535294; 1131 Avenue T; Grand Prairie, Texas 75053-5294.

When judging your friends, it is well to remember that they are judging you with the same godlike and superior impartiality.

Great minds have purposes — others have wishes.

PROCLAMATION IN FLORIDA

Pete Strumberger holds Governor's Proclamation calling for State of Florida and country to put KIA and MIA on the New Korean War Memorial. Pete says that every year on June 25, he'll be there fighting for this until it is done. With him are members of Florida's Legislature.
"THE CHINKS WANTED THAT HILL BACK..."

"It was many years ago and a cold rainy night, Oct 26th, 1951 when many troopers as well as myself were either K.I.A. or wounded. Co E 5th CAV had jumped off late on the 25th, around 4:00 pm."

"Our Batt. had been roughed up pretty bad. The chinks wanted that hill back so bad they threw some big stuff our way all night. During the night ammo almost gone, our 3-60 MM mortar knocked out."

"Thanks to SMITH and DOERMANN who got there with enough small arm ammo to hold out and keep us from being overrun."

"I would like to see or hear from anyone who was there that night. Our acting Co 1st LT HARRIMAN was a real pro and would like to hear from him as well all the men of Co. E."

"I especially would like to hear from the 4th platoon mortar section, squad leader ED KATECKI, RAY McGEE, VELUIM GRAHAM. Also BILL SCHRODER from OKLA. who kept our spirits up and kept us laughing."

"Stan, I am sending along a picture of our mortar section. Please return the picture. You will find a stamped envelope enclosed. I want to thank you for the hard work and effort you put into the K.W.V.A."

—WILLIAM H. "BILL" CRUMP; 50517 Athens Quincy Rd.; Aberdeen, MS 39730. (601) 369-2279.

"P.S. Since we paid for the memorial any money should go to and for the upkeep at the memorial."

You will be well advised to subscribe to VETERANS VOICE, an informative tabloid newspaper written for and by veterans. Contact 354 W. Windsor Ave.; Lombard, IL 60148 for details.

When Ray Wilkinson and Art Dube re-visited South Korea in April they wore their Purple Heart uniforms. A retired ROK general complimented them as it was his first time to see that uniform; he thanked them for coming back to see how his country has grown and changed; and for their wartime help. In photo, left to right: RAY WILKINSON, ART DUBE, Col. ALICE GRITSAVAGE and her niece DEE J. EIGEG. Sent by Ray Wilkinson; 36 NE 63rd St.; Ocala, FL 34470.

Memorial day, 1993, in Broken Arrow, OK., a memorial service was held at Floral Haven Cemetery and was dedicated to the Korean War Veterans of Oklahoma. Over 1500 were in attendance. The cemetery provided a full-size American flag for each day of the Korean War. 1128 flags were flown during the dedication and left to fly the following week. The cemetery designed and made the flag, in the photo, and was flown during the dedication. The flag was presented to Dick Sharp of the Oklahoma Chapter Of The Chosin Few, for safekeeping. This is a 12' x 20' size flag. A real prize to hold.

The Oklahoma Korean War Veterans will be asked to sign a panel and this panel will be attached to the back of the flag. The flag will be given to the Oklahoma Veterans museum for display and safe keeping for posterity.

I would like this information to be placed in The Graybeards. I don't know how many Oklahoma Veterans there are in the KWVA — they may see this and contact me and I'll tell them when and where to sign.

—HAROLD L. MULHAUSEN; (Oklahoma Chapter Of The Chosin Few; A-1-7 U.S.M.C.) 6405 S. Douglas Ave.; Oklahoma City, OK 73139. (405) 632-7351. 6-17-93.

TO THE MEMBERSHIP

This edition carries several blunt statements that do not agree with the KWVA Council decisions. I do not intend to start arguments but certain things need to be said publicly. That's what I did. — STAN HADDEN, Editor.
"OUR FALLEN COMRADES WERE SMILING ON US BECAUSE, YOU SEE, WE DID NOT FORGET THEM"

Indiana Chapter #1 KWVA had a 40th anniversary remembrance and ground breaking at Veterans National Memorial Shrine in Fort Wayne, Indiana. It's something that I shall never forget. Attended by a large contingent of the Korean-American community with remarks spoken both in Korean and English.

Following the formal part of the program, medals for Valor were sent by the South Korea government and presented by Mrs. Antoinette Lee to former members of the US Armed Forces of that era.

In addition, men who served in WWII, Viet Nam and Desert Storm were also in attendance. Men of the Korean War drove in from as far away as Detroit, MI to participate. Following our remembrance a fellowship which included hot dogs, hamburgers, cookies, doughnuts, potato chips, lemonade, and ice tea most of which were donated by local merchants.

Looking back on July 24, 1993, saluting our fallen comrades, remembering the 40th anniversary of the ending of the Korean War and ground breaking I can only say our fallen comrades, I believe, were smiling on us, because, you see, we did not forget them.

Thanks MEL ALDRIDGE, Publicity Chairman; Indiana Chapter #1 KWVA. 116 East Berry St.; Suite 1300; Ft. Wayne, IN 46802.

I regret not having the space to use all your letters and photographs sent, but space is limited. Thank you for understanding. —STAN HADDEN, Editor.

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